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WHAT'S DOING In West Texas

Memphis' newest \$20,000 building is being erected by T. T. Harrison on the lot east of the Pounds Hotel and will be the future home of Kuhn Motor Company. The building will be 50 by 140 feet and will have a large show room in front. Three offices, a large rest room and storage space is included.

Hereford has shipped three carloads of butter to the eastern markets within one month's time. The Farmers Creamery has provided a ready market and interest in dairying is very much on the increase. Cream is being received regularly from a radius of up to 60 miles.

Moran impresses strangers as a "church town" because of its many beautiful churches. Close to \$70,000 is invested in buildings. A good attendance is reported at the churches and the influence of members is favorable on the growth of the town.

Alvord is watching the close of its watermelon season with satisfaction. More melons have been shipped from the town this season than any time since 1924 when 213 cars were exported. Two hundred cars had been billed up to a recent date by the Ft. Worth & Denver freight.

Sonora is soon to be covered by a special edition of the Devil's River News, which will be published on October 9, when several hundred people from Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Texas will compose a motorcade through the town. News of Sonora and Sutton county will be played up.

Clarendon showed a gain in cream production from eighty ten gallon cans the first week to 136 cans the last week of August, even though it was one of the hottest and driest of the summer months.

Friona's committee investigating the feasibility of installing a water system is making progress. The committee has secured all available information it can regarding the necessary steps to be taken and as to reliable engineers and contractors and work will no doubt be started soon.

Junction and the surrounding communities of London, Teacup, Ivy, Segovia, Evergreen, Roosevelt, Copperas and Nexville will soon have live Four-H clubs if the plan of County Agent R. E. Homann works out. \$225 in prizes has been offered by the Chamber of Commerce to stimulate interest.

The Stamford offices of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce were recently visited by the committee composed of R. L. Penick, Stamford, O. P. Thrane, Snyder, and Walter Cline, Wichita Falls, who drew up a preliminary report of changes in the constitution and by-laws of the WTCC to be read at the convention.

Carlsbad, N. M., is expecting a great number of Panhandle and North Plains delegates to the WTCC convention to pass through their city on the way to El Paso in October. The Carlsbad irrigation project and the Carlsbad Cavern will be two items of much interest to the visitors.

Jurez, Mexico, will play a great part in entertaining WTCC convention goers. The convention proper will end with a Spanish fiesta on the streets of the unique and picturesque old city.

El Dorado Lions will put on a publicity campaign in the near future. The outside world will be told of the advantages of the town and what the town has to offer in the way of opportunities. The coming of the railroad has been one of the greatest assets the town boasts.

Record Life Policy.
 New York.—Compilations made by the Spectator, a trade publication, show that Pierre S. Du Pont leads in amount of life insurance. He has \$7,000,000. Ten Americans have policies for \$5,000,000 or more, 312 for \$1,000,000 or more. Jack Barrymore leads his profession with \$2,000,000. Douglas Fairbanks, Mary Pickford and Constance Talmadge have \$1,000,000 each.

You will make a nice savings with our coupon books. Pay cash and save the difference. Quality Market.

The French Bastille was founded in 1369 and destroyed in 1789.

Big Purses Up For Arlington Events

Fort Worth, Texas, Sept. 19.—The richest race in the ten-day meet to be held by the Texas Jockey Club at Arlington Downs in November will be the Fort Worth handicap which will be run for a \$5,000 added purse. Two other stake events, the Three D handicap and the Dallas handicap will be for \$2,500 added.

The feature race will be a mile and a quarter in length and open to 3-year-olds and upward. The Three D event will be a six-furlong sprint for 2-year-olds. The Dallas handicap will be a mile for all ages.

Entry blanks have been mailed out and all nominations must be in by Oct. 20. Entry fee for the feature is \$25 to nominate and \$50 additional to start. It is \$10 and \$25 on the other two.

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.



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We are closing out our entire line of

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At wholesale prices and below—We are listing a few of the bargains below:

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SALE NOW OPEN BRADLEY MERCANTILE CO. STITH, TEXAS

Trent News and Personal Notes

Friends will be glad to learn that Byron Dingle, who has been in the Merkel Sanitarium for the last month is able to go home now.

Dr. and Mrs. Curry of Smiley were here this week attending to business matters, also visiting some old time friends, as they lived here a few years ago. They returned home Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Rutherford and son of Abilene, accompanied by Miss Elsie Mitchell of Littlefield, visited in the Bowers home Sunday. They also visited with Mrs. Joe Nalley.

Ross Young, formerly employed by the Scott Grocery store, has accepted a position with the Trent Oil company, which is located on Front street.

Mrs. J. E. Bowers, who is in Temple for treatment at the sanitarium there, is improving rapidly and will soon be home again.

Dr. Othel Watkins of Lubbock attended to business matters here last week.

Mrs. Copeland, who has been with her daughter, Mrs. L. E. Adrian, the last few days, has gone to visit with her daughter, Clyda Swann, who lives over on the Divide.

Mrs. E. L. Mangum entertained her Sunday School class Monday evening at the church and a delightful time was reported.

Tilman Howell, who has been away for the summer, has returned home to assume his duties as salesman in his father's grocery store here.

Little Miss Dorothy Lee Jacobs of Slaton, who has been visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Scott, for three weeks, returned home last week, accompanied by her grandparents.

Mrs. Archer visited her daughter, Mrs. Cole, of Wastella one day last week. She was accompanied by her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Murdock.

Miss Velma Rogers is preparing to enter Texas Tech at Lubbock next term and she anticipates leaving Thursday of this week.

Mrs. J. D. Rawlings and children have returned from Pecos where they spent the last two weeks with her daughter, Dagma.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Forkner and son, Robert Warren, of Seminole, Okla., are here for a month's visit with Mrs. Forkner's mother, Mrs. Rose Edwards.

Mrs. Ver Burros has returned from the Merkel Sanitarium where she went an operation for appendicitis.

H. Sulverhouse of Clyde visited friends here this week.

Lois McDonald attended the bedside of his sister, Mrs. Sherman Jones, last week-end, the latter being in the Merkel Sanitarium recovering from an operation.

A. C. Terry and family in company with Grandfather Terry and Mary Boyd, motored to Stephenville last Sunday to visit with their son, Allen, who is attending John Tarleton college there.

Luther Howell and family of Texarkana, Ark., accompanied by Marshall Howell and family of Lamesa, made a short visit with relatives here last week. They were en route home after spending a few days in Lamesa, Big Spring and other places west.

Earnest Massey and family, in company with Mrs. Alex Williamson and son, Mark, made a trip to Denton last week-end on business matters, also to visit Mr. Massey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Massey.

John Reynolds, wife and baby of Abilene visited with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Reynolds this week.

Grandfather Terry is in Meridian visiting his son, Wess Terry, and family.

On Friday night Johnnie Terry entertained a number of youngsters with a party, assisted by his sister, Miss Estelle. After much merriment in games and contests, ice cream and cake was served to Misses Donette Rogers, Neta Ball, Mary Jo Howell, Florence and Dorothy Boyd, Sallie Freeman, Fanna Maud and Sarah Julia Johnson, Faye Boyd, Ashia McLeod, Ada Mae Reneau, Edith Hale and Fannie Vessels, Messrs. Earl and Allen Morgan, Bob and E. L. Howell, John Hamner, Charles Hutchison, Jr.,

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W. L. Boyd, Jr., Eugene Murdock, Jack Brown, Harold and Johnnie Terry.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Chambless made a trip to the plains last week-end and while there Mr. Chambless sold his farm.

Our school teachers have begun to arrive and school will begin next Monday.

Salt Branch News

Everyone in this community is rejoicing over the fine rains.

Mrs. Hobson Robertson and baby were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Rister and family Sunday evening.

Misses Beulah Wilson and Marie Pinckley were the guests of Miss Braunell Armstrong Sunday.

Brother Ayers and wife of Abilene were the guests of the Petty family Saturday.

Ollie Higgins and family and Austin Robertson and family attended the Taylor reunion at Sweetwater Saturday and Sunday.

Horace Armstrong and Lester Paul Wilson were the guests of Lloyd Robertson Sunday.

Our regular preaching day will be every second Sunday. Everyone is invited.

J. O. Armstrong and family visited their son and brother of the Shilo community last Thursday.

Mrs. Thompson and children of Stith visited the B. Y. P. U. Sunday night.

Clarence G. Armstrong of Stamford was the guest of J. O. Armstrong and family Sunday.

Mr. Horton and family attended the Taylor county singing at Buffalo Gap Sunday.

A large number from this community attended the funeral of Milton H. Deavers at Merkel Saturday evening.

HEBRON NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Huston Clark were in Abilene Sunday.

Lois Burleson was on the sick list a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lige Harris spent the week-end with their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Harris, at Tuscola.

Miss Besselou Pannell was home from school Saturday night and Sunday.

Lois Burleson spent Monday in Abilene.

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Waco Newspaper Man States Platform

Under the caption, "Noted Editor is Opposed to Big Bond Plan," the Centar (Shelby County) Champion notes that Fred Robinson of Waco, "veteran newspaper man, publicist and patriot, who has been frequently mentioned as a suitable person to be governor of Texas, has some very pronounced and interesting views on the highway question and taxation incident thereto." Following which, it quotes a recent letter from Mr. Robinson in the Dallas News as follows:

"I oppose the proposed road bond issue of about \$300,000,000.

"I oppose the rerouting of roads and leaving off the smaller towns, thereby virtually destroying them.

"I favor closing the gaps on all important highways in one year, out of the funds in hand and without increase in taxes.

"I favor reducing the gas tax from 4c to 2c and reducing license fees to \$3 for cars costing under \$1,000 with maximum of \$5.

"I favor a Highway Commission of three members, elective preferred, that will be in session 365 days a year at annual salary of \$5,000 each, so that any citizen can present his road problems at any time, instead of having to get permission to come to Austin to secure a hearing.

"I favor a general reduction of state expenses, with lower taxes all along the line, as I consider this the best way to afford the farmers relief, as also the laboring man, and the average citizen.

"While I have made no decision as to entering the race, many of those who know me well are urging that I do so, and if there seems any considerable demand for my services to carry out the policies indicated, from the 1,000,000 automobile taxpayers of the State and (about) 2,000 smaller cities and villages likely to be disastrously affected by a continuation of present policies, I may enter the contest at the proper time, and will do my best to make things 'hum.'

"It will really be a contest of the people versus the politicians, with myself merely an incident, and striving to be of some benefit to my native state.

"And I may be pardoned for stating my full initials are F. B. R., which all can see are emblematic For Better Roads."

ANOTHER WICHITA HOUSEWIFE TALKS

"Orgatone Has Completely Relieved Me of My Stomach and Gall Bladder Trouble," Says Wichita Falls Woman.

"When it comes to getting rid of bad stomach and gall bladder troubles, Orgatone beats anything I ever heard of," says Mrs. J. R. Walkup of 1510 13th St., Wichita Falls, Texas.

"If there is anything that will make life miserable for a person it is a bad case of stomach trouble. I lost my appetite and could hardly eat enough to keep my strength up so I would be able to do my work. About every six or eight months I would have bad spells with my gall bladder, causing very severe suffering. But never found a medicine that would give me relief. I always felt tired and run down and was very nervous and had pains in my side.

"So many of our local people have endorsed Orgatone so highly I began taking it and it has certainly proven to be the right medicine for me. I feel like a different person and I have only taken two bottles. I can eat most anything I want, eat three meals every day and I can eat anything I want and always seem to be hungry. My stomach seems to be stronger and I'm not nervous and I don't have the aches and pains in my sides any more. In fact I feel better all around and I have not had a spell of gall bladder trouble since I began taking Orgatone. I am feeling better in every way than I have felt in a long time and there is no doubt about it. Orgatone is good medicine and I am glad to endorse it."

Genuine Orgatone may be bought in Merkel at Phillips Drug Store.



JAPANESE PARTY.

Mrs. W. A. Buckner charmingly entertained guests on last Thursday afternoon with a Japanese party in honor of her house guest, Mrs. Orval Pitt of Oklahoma City.

Japanese house decorations were used in profusion, in keeping with talies and score pads. Little Elma Mae Gamble in Japanese attire kept bon-bon dishes refilled and played Japanese selections on the victrola.

Games of bridge progressed until tea-time when dainty sandwich plates and hot tea were passed to Mrs. Orval Pitt, Misses Sue Craven of Paducah, Melba West, Mesdames George White, Pete White, Jim Sears, W. T. Sadler, Bob Mayfield, Warren Smith, R. I. Grimes and the hostess.

OLD SCHOOL SOCIAL.

The adult Sunday school department of the Baptist church entertained last Thursday evening in the basement of the church, honoring Mr. and Mrs. Willie Joe Largent who are to be away for an indefinite stay. Entertainment was in the feature of an old school with Miss Valerie Dye in unique costume of the school mar'm. The singing of school days opened the day followed by special readings and songs by various members of the class. Lessons were in the form of contests and at noon, refreshments in paper bags were passed and "The Well" turned out to be a well-filled punch bowl. Approximately fifty guests were in attendance.

GLENER CLASS ENTERTAINED

The Gleaner Class met Tuesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Fred Latham, with Mesdames W. M. Gambill, L. R. Thompson and E. Stanford as joint hostesses. Mrs. Bishop Hunter read the devotional, followed with prayer by Mrs. R. A. Burgess. The clothing which was donated by members of the class was all ready to be sent to "our orphan."

With Mrs. Frank Iddings presiding, the following business was attended to: dues and extract and donation money amounting to \$20.33 was paid into the treasury.

New officers were elected for the ensuing year as follows: Mrs. Iddings, president; Mrs. Patterson, vice-president; Mrs. Toombs, secretary; Mrs.

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Eli Case, reporter; Mrs. Thompson, teacher; Mrs. Sublett, assistant teacher.

After business was attended to, all enjoyed a song contest and social hour, after which lovely refreshments were served to the following members and guests: Misses Julia Martin and Anna Lou Russell, Mesdames Calvert, Martin, Russell, Oscar Buford, Rush Buford, Roy Baccus, R. A. Burgess, W. S. J. Brown, Eli Case, Ross Ferrer, Roy Harrell, Robert Hicks, Bishop Hunter, F. C. Hughes, Frank Iddings, Tom Largent, Herbert Patterson, J. E. Richardson, Clyde Sears, Len Sublett, Lee Tipton, Tom Toombs, A. Morton, Will Toombs, C. E. Ogle, D. H. Vaughn and the hostesses.

CLASS PARTY.

The Willing Workers Class of the Presbyterian Sunday school met Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Jim Tucker as hostess. A program on prayer was carried out by each member taking part. Mrs. Tucker was assisted by Alice Russell, Mabel Murry and her daughter, Elnor, in serving a refreshing plate to the following members: Mesdames West, Derstine, Russell, Patterson, Murray, O'Donnell, Elliott, Walker and Misses Lizzie, Jennie and Mary Kennedy and Dota Garoutte. Visitors were Mesdames Thornton, Hand, Weidenbach and Miss Selma Lee Russell.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Francis Higgins was complimented on her eighth birthday with a party given by her mother, Mrs. C. S. Higgins, assisted by Mrs. Roy Harrell. Supervised indoor games furnished an hour of fun for the group. At refreshment time guests were invited into the dining room where a birthday cake was found topped with eight light

ted tapers of rose color which was served with punch.

Invitations were issued to Gene Hulsey, Ann Leopard, Janell Black, Opal Busby, Jacquitta Slater, Dana Derstine, Doris Diltz and Lena Faye Harrell.

AT THE METHODIST CHURCH.

The choir gave us some splendid music at all of the services last Sunday. The Sunday School choir was led by Cyrus Pee and the church choir by F. C. Hughes. The special for the Sunday school was brought by Brother F. C. Hughes, a well rendered special by the choir at the 11 o'clock hour and a fine male quartet for the evening hour. You will not be disappointed in our choirs. Come and hear them.

The Sunday School is arranging its program for Promotion Day on the last Sunday in this month. Let every pupil be in his place on that day to receive his promotion certificate and be introduced to his new teacher.

The pastor will be in his pulpit at both hours next Sunday. A timely and helpful message is his aim. Come to church and bring your friends.

T. C. Willett, Pastor.

Special price on Dawson Fancy Egg Coal "The Economy Coal" Will have another car next few days at \$11.00 at the car. Swafford. Phone 44

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LEE BAKER

Holding Revival at Albany. Rev. Ira L. Farrack, pastor of the Merkel Baptist church, is in Albany where he is conducting a revival at the Baptist church there. The meeting got under way last Sunday and is to run for two weeks. It is reported that already four additions to the church have resulted from the meeting and much interest has been aroused.

Fountain pens for school use. Phillips Drug Store.

Typewriting paper at Merkel Mail office.

Fresh Oysters and Catfish arrive every Thursday. Quality Market.

Bladder Irritation

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Drug Prices REDUCED

SPECIAL Toilet and Cosmetic Goods

Beginning Saturday Sept. 21st, and continuing for one week we will have special prices on toilet and cosmetic necessities.

You will find some wonderful bargains in this assortment.

50c Luxor Face Powder for	39c
\$1.00 Mello Glo Face Powder for	89c
50c Day Dream Cold Cream for	39c
\$1.00 Golden Peacock Bleach Cream and \$1.00 Golden Peacock Cold Cream the two for	\$1.00
\$1.00 Bath Powder for	79c
\$1.00 Toilet Water for	69c
50c Day Dream Tooth Paste for	39c
50c Dr. West Tooth Brush and 25c Dr. West Tooth Paste the two for	50c
McKesson Almond Cream	39c
McKesson Shaving Lotion	39c

These are only a few of the specials to be offered at this time.

We shall be glad for you to visit our store this next week.

CITY DRUG STORE

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When you are in need of job work, think twice before you send it out of town. If you will have the Merkel Mail do your work, you will get some of this money back.

THIS IS SOMETHING FOR YOU TO THINK ABOUT

The Merkel Mail
 PHONE 61

POULTRY FACTS

LAYING HOUSES IN NEED OF CLEANING

Scrape and Scrub Various Utensils Made Use Of.

Information to poultrymen concerning fall cleaning of poultry houses is given in a statement just issued by Hoyt M. Wells, poultryman for the Colorado Agricultural college.

"The laying house for the pullets should be given a thorough cleaning," says Wells. "All dropping boards, roosts, nesting boxes, feeders and drinking containers ought to be scraped and scrubbed with a good disinfectant. Roosts may be painted with a carbolicum product to control red mites. Old litter should be removed from the floor, and if the floor is wooden or concrete, it should be scraped and sprayed with a good disinfectant.

"White-washing walls and ceiling will give greater sanitation and provide more light in the house in wintertime. White-wash may be applied best with a force spray pump."

This mixture gives good results: Slack lump lime with water to the consistency of cream. Take five quarts of this, add one pint of good coal tar disinfectant and one quart of kerosene, stir thoroughly, and add an equal amount of water. Strain the whitewash through a fine screen or a piece of burlap before using it in the sprayer.

"Window lights should be cleaned and broken ones replaced. Sweep down all muslin curtains, and replace with new muslin those that are too dirty or torn.

"This is the best time of the year to repair the roof, or put on a new one. Check over all seams on patent roofing for leaks.

"A good deep litter should be put in the laying house next, and new nesting material in the nest boxes. Remove old litter and replace with bright, clean straw every four weeks or oftener, if necessary."

Scratching Found Not Essential to Fowls

Three flocks of Rhode Island Reds and three White Leghorns at the University of Illinois indicated that hens do as well when fed grain in boxes as when they are obliged to scratch for it in deep litter. This method has the advantage of being much cleaner and more sanitary.

One lot of each breed was fed dry mash in hoppers and scratch grain morning and night in straw litter. A second lot received dry mash in hoppers, but the grain was fed twice daily in shallow troughs. For the third lot the scratch grain was ground and mixed with the mash and the whole ration self-fed in hoppers.

No high records were made, but the egg yields were not affected materially by the methods of feeding. The test ran for 31 weeks.

The grain mixture was shelled corn, 70 pounds and oats, 30 pounds. The mash was made up of 17 pounds each of ground corn, ground oats, wheat bran and flour middlings, 25 pounds of dried buttermilk, 5 pounds of bone-meal and 2 pounds of salt.

Poultry Facts

Shut up the broody hens each night.

Infertile eggs do not spoil as readily as fertile eggs do.

Eggs are a food which is quickly and easily digested.

Cleanliness is next to Godliness. In the chicken business it spells success or failure.

A little extra feeding now may give you more late summer and fall eggs. Hens won't eat much in the real hot weather, and a bit of extra weight put on them now will help them to lay later on.

Don't forget the water pans. Eggs are not produced without a constant supply.

For the gosling a mixture of corn meal, bran and ground oats mixed with the table scraps and moistened with milk or water to a crumbly consistency is satisfactory.

Records kept by poultry flock owners show that culling of flocks and marketing of unprofitable layers and surplus broilers are highly profitable practices.

Eggs from hens have a higher rate of hatchability than those from pullets, and produce larger and more vigorous chicks.

Maroon is good for turkey poult sweetens up their digestion. It's a good idea to keep a pan of it where the poults can help themselves.

There are mites in the poultry keep the chicks outside. They can live for six months to a year about the chicks, but the chicks die six days with the mites.

POULTRY

CULLING METHODS QUITE IMPORTANT

Much Money Lost Each Year by Unskilled Manner.

All the good methods in building a profitable poultry flock may be followed but if culling is not practiced, the results are disappointing.

"Culling is one of the most discussed phases of poultry work," says C. F. Parrish, poultry extension specialist at the North Carolina State college. "There is a great deal of money lost each year on unskilled and ill-timed culling. Most poultrymen are elastic in their culling practices, leaving weaklings, short and round backed birds, deformed or undersized chicks with the hope that these may develop into profitable birds. This is bad. Such birds are always costly. Culling must start with the baby chicks and space may be saved and disease eliminated if the baby chicks are rigidly culled."

This culling needs to be followed on through the growing stage and when the pullets are transferred to the laying house in the fall, the good poultryman will pull out the weaklings that may have been overlooked earlier. If egg production drops suddenly, it may be a case of poor feed or disease but when birds have gone eight months and have not laid, it means that they are from low-producing stock and should be disposed of.

The laying flock should be culled at least once each month, says Mr. Parrish. Then when egg prices drop in the spring, another rigid culling should take place with only the best hens in the flock kept in the laying house. The virtue of this plan is that the hens are marketed as they become culled and no birds are kept that are not paying their way in egg production. In such cases, also, the hens are not all dumped on the market when prices may be low.

To cull properly, Mr. Parrish suggests giving attention to the comb, health, eyes, molt, pelvic bones, flexibility of the abdomen, shank and beak, vent color and weight.

Rape Sometimes Used as Green Poultry Feed

Rape is sometimes used as green feed for poultry and the field will probably be all right as a goose pasture. In the fence corners and possibly throughout the field, there will be more or less other green plants and pasture grasses which will serve to vary the ration.

Some poultrymen have cut rape and used it for green feed for penned flocks on limited ranges. They plant it in drills and do not cut below the crown so the green feed can be harvested several times during the summer.

Geese will thrive on almost any kind of pasture grass that a cow will eat and will eat almost any grass or vegetable or growing plant that chickens will eat. Most goose breeders do not use rape for pasture, however, but keep the geese on clover pasture land or on low grassy areas not used for crops.

Profitable to Market Cockerels as Broilers

Those who have been advocating putting the cockerels off as broilers rather than keeping them longer in order to get more weight on them will be interested in the findings of the New Hampshire Agricultural college. After numerous experiments, they have satisfied themselves that it takes but seven to eight pounds of feed to produce a broiler weighing two pounds, while it takes anywhere from 12 to 20 pounds of feed for each succeeding pound up to six pounds. It is self-evident then that it does not pay market poultry men to hold their cockerels to get the six pounds in weight.

The poultry editor has always been advising you to get rid of your cockerels long before they eat their heads off, so to speak.

Gains for Chicks

Chicks make the cheapest and most rapid gains when they are young. It is therefore essential that an ample amount of good wholesome food be kept constantly before the birds. Mash hoppers should be of sufficient size so that a large majority of the chicks can eat at the same time, thereby avoiding the constant fighting and crowding for room to eat. The outdoor mash hopper of adequate size is very desirable for developing the young stock. All feeding utensils should be kept clean.

Grasshopper Control

Turkeys are a great aid in keeping grasshoppers under control. They require little feed and little investment in the way of buildings. Their need of a wide, free range makes it somewhat difficult to grow them in thickly settled countries. Grown turkeys are extremely hardy, but young poults need considerable care. A little water on the feathers, cold feet, a bit of spoiled food, or even one louse, will kill them at this stage. Poults should be watched until well feathered.

Creator of Diamond Dick Dies in Quiet Hamlet in New York

Auburn, N. Y., Sept. 19.—In an atmosphere the opposite of that which he created for his tales of Diamond Dick, and later of Nick Carter, George Charles Jenks, 79, author and newspaperman, lay dead in the quiet hamlet of Owasco to which he came 18 years ago after the heyday of his career.

He died Thursday night after an illness of two weeks.

Born in London, England, April 13, 1850, Jenks came to the United States in 1872 and began his newspaper work in Pittsburgh in 1882. Later, for six years, he was editorial writer for the Pittsburgh Press. Then he went to New York, in 1895, when he became a dramatic critic and started writing short stories.

Shortly after that Jenks began his famous series on Diamond Dick which continued for several years. At times he was forced to write as much as 10,000 words a day to keep pace with his publishers and even with that tremendous output his financial remuneration was comparatively small.

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gator of the Nick Carter series, Jenks continued the work and many an anxious mother finally located her Tom, Dick or Harry buried in either of the works, while in class rooms many an apparently studious boy was being thrilled with the tales under cover of a protecting textbook.

Besides the outstanding works Jenks was a prolific writer of short stories and magazine articles. He also wrote several books, foremost among which were "The Official History of the Johnston Flood," "The



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Tribute to Life of Late I. S. Simpson

Funeral rites were held at Mission, Texas, September 10, in the Church of Christ there for I. S. Simpson, 75, formerly of Merkel, who died there September 9. Foy E. Wallace spoke comforting words to his family and loved ones, among whom were a host of new made friends at that place.

Mr. Simpson was born at Crainsville, Tenn., May 28, 1854 and was married to Virginia Olive Freeman January 30, 1877. Eight children were born to this union, three of them dying in infancy, those surviving being Mrs. D. E. Tedford and H. D. Simpson, Mission Texas; Mrs. N. E. Cobb, Denver, Colo.; I. D. Simpson, Abilene, and Mrs. O. W. Dollahite, Albuquerque, N. Mex. His beloved wife and all five children were at his bedside when death came.

Mr. Simpson worked as station manager for the Western Produce Co. here for five years, going from here to Mission, Texas, where he died at the ripe age of 75 years, 3 months and 12 days. Of this time he spent 33 years a faithful member of the Church of Christ. It is said that Brother Simpson never wronged any man and his going will be lamented by all who knew him.

According to his last request he was laid to rest by the side of Christian people in Laurel Hill cemetery, Mission, Texas. The pall bearers were George Goodwin, Steve Tilson, J. D. George, Bill Russell, Le slie Hase and W. H. Kilgore.

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Mrs. J. M. Reeves left several days ago for Houston, Texas, to spend an indefinite time with her son, Ernest Reeves.

Alford Meeks, accompanied by his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wilson, of Southland, visited his daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brown, recently.

Mrs. Dewey Phillips and family of Abilene were houseguests the past week of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Phillips. Allen James and his niece, Bonnie Jewel Ward, of Ward County spent several days recently with his brother and cousin, Mr. and Mrs. Riley James and Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Scoggins.

Master Wallace Doan is spending several days with his father, V. L. Doan, of Colorado, Texas.

Mrs. Walker of Butman visited Tuesday with her sister, Mrs. E. J. Osburn.

Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Moore and family, accompanied by their daughter, Mrs. Riley James, motored to Abilene Sunday to visit, friends.

D. C. Doan left Wednesday for a business trip to Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Spears and

daughter, Miss Zuma, motored to Buffalo Gap Sunday for the Taylor county singing.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshal Owens and daughter, Miss Veronice, visited the latter's sister, Mrs. John McEver, of Sweetwater Sunday.

Jesse Pribble of Cross Roads attended the Church of Christ here Sunday.

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I. R. Trent, Man For Whom Neighbor City Was Named is Dead

Trent, Sept. 19.—Funeral rites were held at the Sweetwater Church of Christ Monday for I. R. Trent, 77, of Eskota. Mr. Trent was a native Texan and one of the earliest and most picturesque cattlemen of this section. George W. Cypert, minister of the Merkel Church of Christ, officiated. Interment was in the Odd Fellows cemetery at Sweetwater, with the services at the grave in charge of the Masonic lodge of Sweetwater and George E. Caple of Merkel as acting worshipful master.

Mr. Trent, for whom this town was named when the Texas and Pacific railroad was being built into this section, died at his home one mile north of Eskota, Saturday night at 9:30, following an illness from paralysis, which had been critical for the past three months. Partial paralysis of the right side set in more than 30 years ago, when Mr. Trent was injured when thrown from his horse.

Naming of the town of Trent for the pioneer cattleman resulted from his assistance to a widowed mother whose five-year-old son was killed by wolves when the Texas & Pacific railway was being built westward from Abilene. The woman was employed as cook at the railway camp, near the present site of Trent. The child was sent to a branch for water, but failed to return. Search by the railroad crew ended unsuccessfully and the child's body, partly eaten by wolves, was later found by Mr. Trent as he was branding cattle, two miles west of the camp. In appreciation for the service given the mother and her family, the switch was named for Mr. Trent.

In the early day, the Trent family received their mail at Buffalo Gap and hauled their supplies from Brownwood. Several times Mr. Trent was forced by drought to move his large herds into other territory. He built the first school house on his own land and the structure was used as a church for several years.

He was a member of the Church of Christ at Eskota and active in all community welfare work.

Besides his widow, Mr. Trent is survived by two sons, D. I. Trent and E. O. Trent of Eskota, and three daughters, Mrs. Sabra Smelker of Fort Worth, Mrs. Loreta Dunham of Maywood, Calif., and Mrs. Inez Allen of Eskota.

Sanitarium Notes.

Mrs. Joe Wash of Noodle Dome, who underwent an emergency operation for appendicitis at the Merkel Sanitarium last Thursday, is reported as recovering satisfactorily.

Mrs. Bessie McClung of Sylvester is improving steadily after a major operation at the Merkel Sanitarium.

Miss Ruby Joe Higgins and Miss Eva Sumpter have had tonsil operations recently at the Merkel Sanitarium.

The condition of Ernest Higgins, who underwent an appendix operation at the Merkel Sanitarium recently, is considered very favorable now.

William Hennessy of St. Louis, who was seriously injured in the bus-auto crash west of Trent last week, has regained consciousness and is improving nicely at the Merkel Sanitarium.

Arthur Ashmore of Fort Worth, who was also injured but less seriously in the same collision, and J. C. Zachary of Vernon, who was injured in another accident when his car collided with a truck on the highway, are both still at the Merkel Sanitarium but are reported as steadily improving.

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Texas Ranks First In 1928 Oil Output

Washington, Sept. 19.—For the first time in its history as an oil producing State, Texas ranked first in 1928, with a total of 257,320,000 barrels, according to the final summary of the year, announced by the United States Bureau of Mines. The total production of the country for the year was 901,474,000 barrels, which was a substantial gain compared with the previous year.

The Texas increase in production in 1928, was about 40,000,000 barrels compared with 1927. The total production of West Texas pools was 123,540,000 barrels. The Gulf Coast brought in 39,538,000 barrels and the remainder of the State, exclusive of the West, a total of 94,242,000 barrels.

With the value of the country's production for the year being well over \$1,000,000,000, it was considerably below the value of 1927, due to lower oil prices. The Texas average for 1928, was 92¢ a barrel, compared with \$1.14 in 1927. Therefore, the Texas oil value for 1928, was \$236,300,000 while in the previous year with less production it was \$248,550,000.

At the close of the year there were 35,750 wells in the State producing an average of 20.8 barrels.

BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Rev. W. R. Underwood, pastor of the First Baptist church of Albany, will preach at the 11 o'clock service. All other services on Sunday as usual, except there will be no evening preaching service. B. Y. P. U. services at 7 p. m. The attendance at the B. Y. P. U. service last Sunday was pleasing to the officers and leaders, the attendance being about 75, with 25 of them in the senior union.

THE METHODIST REPORT.

The Methodist services were very interesting last Sunday morning. Our attendance is increasing since the summer months and everyone is going to work and worship with new zeal.

We were honored with special music by Mr. Fred S. Hughes and the choir last Sunday.

We were glad to have the large number of visitors from the Presbyterian church with us. Every visitor is welcome to attend our services. God meant that His word should be taught to all the world. There are, in reality, no visitors in God's house.

Sunday school at 9:45 and church services at 11 o'clock every Sunday.

—Reporter

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Bible study Sunday morning at 10 o'clock, communion service at 11 o'clock and Young people's study Sunday evening at 7 o'clock. Ladies Bible study Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The usual Bible study and prayer service on Wednesday evening at 7:45. The Friday evening Cottage service will be at Mrs. Looney's. A hearty welcome awaits your coming to any and all of these services.

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Personal Mention

Joe Largent left Thursday to attend Texas Tech at Lubbock the coming year.

Mrs. Orval Pitt of Oklahoma City is the guest of Mrs. W. A. Buckner this week.

Miss Venice Bell left last week to enter Warner's Memorial University at Eastland.

A. C. Browning of Stamford was the guest Monday of his sister, Mrs. Duncan Briggs.

Mrs. W. J. Largent and children left Thursday for Plainview for an indefinite stay.

S. D. Gamble is enjoying a visit from his mother, Mrs. Chenault, of Houston this week.

R. E. Cole left for Austin Tuesday where he will enter school at the University of Texas.

L. B. Howard of Stamford, formerly a resident of Merkel, was a business visitor here Wednesday.

Mrs. R. O. Anderson accompanied her daughter, Miss Flora Frances, to school in Fort Worth Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Loring Hamblet were recent guests of Mr. Hamblet's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hamblet.

Miss Boog Sears was in Abilene this week where she participated in the Poston-Hemphill style show, Tuesday.

Mrs. Craven and daughter, Miss Sue Craven, of Paducah were guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Gamble last week.

Willie Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lige Harris, has gone to Paducah, Texas, where he will attend the High School.

Harold Hughes of Abilene was a recent visitor with his sister, Miss Ruby Hughes, of the Merkel Sanitarium.

Mr. and Mrs. Mac Fowler, who moved to Fort Worth a short while ago, are here on a visit with relatives and friends.

Miss Vannie Hamblet was here the latter part of last week for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hamblet.

L. R. Thompson was in Abilene Saturday to attend the meeting of the County Board of Education, of which he is a member.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Copeland, who are the parents of Mrs. J. F. Fry, have recently removed from Abilene to make Merkel their home.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Rodden and Miss Jessie Dodden returned Tuesday from Dallas where they were called by the serious illness of their sister, Mrs. Willard Knight.

Glenn Burgess of Lubbock was the guest of his brother here last week, Supt. Roger A. Burgess, on his way to Austin for his senior year at the University of Texas.

Miss Arline Willett, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. T. C. Willett, left Sunday for Georgetown, where she will enter the freshman class of Southwestern University.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Harris of Elliasville, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Bullock of Albany and Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Eddleman of Loraine were week-end visitors in the J. L. Harris home.

Rev. T. C. Willett is in Abilene this week attending the opening of McMurry College, also a meeting of the executive committee of the Conference

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Board of Missions and a Sunday School Workers' conference.

Miss Velma Walker was accompanied by her sisters, Misses Vera and Maimie Walker, to Paris where she is entering the State Junior College. The latter will return after a short visit and later will assume their duties as teachers in the Blair schools.

A LETTER FROM HOME.

Your son or daughter off at college or finishing school will welcome the home paper just like a letter from home. The subscription price for nine months for the Merkel Mail is \$1.50 for towns and cities outside of Taylor County. (In Abilene \$1.15 for term.) Subscribe now.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our thanks and appreciation to our friends and neighbors for the many acts of kindness, words of sympathy and beautiful floral offerings during the long illness and recent death of our dear son and brother. We wish to especially thank the telegraph and telephone operators for the splendid service given and the American Legion and Ex-Service men of Merkel and Abilene who were so thoughtful and did so many acts of kindness for the one who gave his life for the cause for which they fought.

May God's richest blessings rest upon each of you in our prayer.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Deavers, Carey, Eulala, Thelma and Avis Deavers.
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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Be on time, not only to be a part of a well attended and interesting class but for the good you may do and help you may get from it. Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:45. Men's prayer meeting at the Methodist church at 3 p. m. Glad to have visitors in all our services.

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Try a Classified Ad in the Mail

Mrs. Lindbergh Will Fly With Husband on 6,000 Mile Air Tour

Nw York, Sept. 19.—Over the air trail her husband blazed around the Caribbean, Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh will fly with him during September.

Pan-American Airways has announced that the Colonel and Mrs. Lindbergh would leave Miami, Fla., Sept. 20 to inaugurate the Miami-Dutch Guiana air mail line, following the route the Colonel blazed on his good-will tour last year.

Down through Havana, the Virgin, Winward and Leeward Islands they will fly to Paramaribo, Dutch Guiana the Southern terminus of the line and then on their return skirt the Northern Coast of South America to the Panama Canal.

From there they will fly back by easy stages to this country, stopping off in capitals en route where the Colonel was entertained on his first tripover those countries, when he flew alone.

Mrs. Lindbergh, under the Colonel's expert tutelage, has become quite an accomplished flyer but it was not thought she would be given much opportunity to show her skill in this flight as they will be traveling in large transport planes, with whose handling she is not familiar.

Colonel Lindbergh will fly 6,000 miles in his tour, and will visit sixteen countries in Central and South America. He will have a crew consisting of a co-pilot and a radio operator and a steward of the flight as far as San Juan, Porto Rico.

The first hop from Miami will be made in a trimotored land monoplane but from San Juan an amphibian plane will be used in flying to South America.

The new army airport at San Antonio, designed to be the aviation West Point, will represent an initial investment of about \$14,000,000 and a probable ultimate outlay of around \$50,000,000. It includes 800 buildings for housing the 2,200 officers and men and their families. When completed 250 planes can land or take off simultaneously and more than 300 planes will be used for training the cadets of the flying school to be established there.

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Fifth Sunday Singing.

I take this opportunity to r you of our singing convention at time is now near at hand. We all singers to meet at Stith Sunday ready to meet the song vice promptly at 8:30 and p ably 10, if we can get ready a time. Bring your books and have your brand on them. have a few copies of the n Vaughn books and if possible en for class work—cannot say for sure, but will try. We feel sure this will be a real convention, for it has never made a failure. I am naming a committee of three, Walter Vantrees, Walter Ford and Elmer West, whose duty it is to have everything in shape. Everybody come and bring some one with you; also bring your dinner and a little extra for the undersigned. Let's have a good singing in the forenoon as well as in the afternoon.

Tom Spears.

Buys City Dairy.

Lee Baker is now proprietor of the City Dairy, having purchased same from N. V. Nickelson during the last week. He will continue the business as usual but he has moved the dairy to his farm north of Merkel.

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