

## MOODY APPOINTS CUNNINGHAM AS DISTRICT ATTY

Former Prosecuting Attorney in 42nd District Court to Succeed Calhoun.

W. J. Cunningham of Abilene, veteran West Texas attorney and former prosecuting attorney in the 42nd district court, was appointed Monday by Governor Moody as new prosecutor of the 104th district court to succeed Clem Calhoun, who resigned to accept appointment by Governor Moody as prosecutor in the 84th district court at Borger, succeeding the late John A. Holmes, whose death resulted in Governor Moody's placing Borger and Hutchinson county under martial law.

Mr. Cunningham, who was born in Arkansas, has lived in Abilene for 30 years, having removed there from Waco. He has been an outstanding figure in West Texas criminal trials for more than a quarter of a century. While he has served as a defending attorney in many of these, he probably is more familiar as a prosecutor or special prosecutor.

Cunningham was appointed district attorney of the 42nd district court in October, 1903, by Governor S. W. T. Lanham and was elected to the office in 1904 and again in 1906. In January, 1907, he resigned the office and at a special election was named state senator from this district.

In 1918 he was again elected district attorney of the 42nd district, serving for four years. Each time that he was elected he was unopposed. He did not seek reelection in 1922 and since that time he has engaged in the private practice of law. During that time he has participated in some of the most important cases tried here.

Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham have three children, Mrs. James Chandler and Mrs. W. A. Morel of Abilene and W. J. Cunningham, who is in business in Dallas.

## FUNERAL RITES FOR MRS. J. O. HAMILTON

Pioneer Woman, 72, Dies Sunday Morning at Home Here; Burial in Rose Hill.

Another pioneer of Taylor county and long-time resident of Merkel, Mrs. J. O. Hamilton, age 72 years, passed away Sunday morning at her home here. Funeral services were held at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon at the Methodist church, with Rev. T. C. Willett officiating and interment in Rose Hill cemetery.

Mrs. Hamilton, whose maiden name was Jennie Banks, was born in Travis county May 2, 1857, and was married to J. O. Hamilton in 1876. Three sons were born to this union, two of whom survive, the oldest, Seth Hamilton, having passed away on last April 27.

Moving to Taylor county in 1891, the family has lived in and near Merkel since, Mr. Hamilton having been engaged for many years in the mercantile business here but now retired.

Mrs. Hamilton was a devout Christian and a consistent member of the Methodist church since the age of 18. She was one of Merkel's most respected citizens, always known for her qualities of gentleness, sincerity and helpfulness to others, and her loss will be even more greatly felt by relatives, friends and church workers as time goes on.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Hamilton leaves two sons, W. W. Hamilton of Snyder and Guy Hamilton of Chickasha, Okla., together with two sisters, Mrs. D. D. Ireland of Elgin and Mrs. Winnie Pope of Anson, and four grandchildren.

Among those present for the funeral from out of town, besides members of the family were Mr. and Mrs. Mason Pee of Sweetwater and Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Russell from Anson.

Funeral bearers were J. K. Pee, B. T. Sublett, S. M. Hunter, Herbert Patterson, W. W. Wheeler and Eli Case.

### Cattle Movement.

Two cars of mixed cattle were shipped from this market during the week, one by Collins and Baker on Wednesday and the other by Ellerby and Brooks on Thursday.

## BAIRD COACH GIVES PRAISE TO MERKEL FINE SPORT SPIRIT

The following letter, which has been received by Supt. Roger A. Burgess of the Merkel public schools from A. M. Coleman, coach of the Baird High School, speaks for itself and is a splendid testimonial to the fine spirit of sport exemplified by the team and coach, rooters and supporters in this city:

Baird, Texas, Sept. 30, 1929.

Supt. Burgess,

Merkel, Texas.

Dear Mr. Burgess:

Just a word to let you know that we enjoyed the fine sportsmanship shown by your team, coach and spectators toward us in the game last Friday.

It seems that everyone went out of their way to show us every courtesy. I assure you we appreciate playing a clean fighting team like yours.

May our athletic relations always be on that high plane.

Yours sincerely,

A. M. Coleman,

Coach, B. H. S.

## LUNCHEON HONORS PRESS VISITORS

Some sixty editors and publishers of West Texas with their wives were guests of the West Texas Fair at Abilene last Friday for the first designated Press Day in the history of that institution. Associated with the officers of the West Texas Fair as hosts was the Abilene Chamber of Commerce and the luncheon, which was given the newspaper men at noon at the Hilton Hotel, was in connection with the regular meeting of the Rotary Club with their wives. Covers were laid for 350 and the luncheon was complete in every particular.

Bob Lence, Rotary president, presided in the opening and Rev. J. P. Watson of Trent delivered the invocation. Judge James P. Stinson of Abilene was toastmaster and the program moved with plenty of vigor and was accompanied by spontaneous enthusiasm.

Some of the features of the program were a solo by Mrs. Leslie Grimes of Abilene, with Mrs. N. H. Moore at the piano; snappy talks by C. P. ("Daddy") Felger, veteran publicity man of the Lachman-Carson shows, and by Harley Sadler, well known West Texas showman, and the Winter Garden Follies closed the entertainment with a series of big time acts. Buddy Whalen, the show's announcer, was master of ceremonies and did some singing himself. Numbers were given by the Tripoli Trio, Miss Myrtle Lansing, dramatic soprano, and three dancing boys.

It was announced that press badges would be good for everything at the fair, including the carnival shows and Harley Sadler's and after the luncheon was finished the visiting newspapermen spent the afternoon and evening enjoying the attractions.

Members of the reception committee included J. C. Watson, assistant secretary of the West Texas Fair; Sam Malone of the West Texas Baptist; Bert E. Lowe, vice-president of the Citizens National Bank and representing the Chamber of Commerce; Ray McCorkle of the Abilene Times, and Max Bentley of the Reporter-News.

The publishers of the Merkel Mail had the pleasure and privilege of being present at the luncheon and of partaking of the other courtesies extended, all of which were greatly appreciated, and we are especially indebted to our good friend, J. C. Watson, who is not only assistant secretary of the West Texas Fair but is also assistant secretary of the Chamber of Commerce of Abilene and who is, more to the point, a former newspaperman himself.

### All Day Meeting at Tye.

An all-day meeting was held at Tye Thursday of the Woman's Missionary societies of the Methodist church of the west zone of the Abilene district, embracing some of the churches in Abilene and the churches at Merkel, Tye and Caps.

Among those attending from Merkel were Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson, Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt, Mrs. George Brown, Mrs. W. A. Whiteley, Mrs. Sam Butman, Rev. T. C. Willett and wife, Miss Lottie Butman and Mrs. T. V. Touchstone.

## MISS JONES WINS FIRST PLACE IN LOCAL AUDITION

Merkel Girl Selected by Judges and Will Enter State Contest October 24.

As winner in the local audition of the Atwater Kent foundation held Sunday afternoon in the crystal room of the Hilton hotel at Abilene, Miss Mona Margaret Jones will contest at a state audition to be held in Dallas October 24.

There were fourteen entries in the Abilene audition and it is a coincidence of singular note that Miss Jones drew place 13 in the contest, and as she was born on the 13th day of the month the figure 13 may well be considered her lucky number.

Leonard Burford of Abilene was winner of first place for men in the same contest wherein Miss Jones won first place for women. Luella Baldridge and Charles Wells, both of Abilene, took second places, respectively.

The singers, all classed as amateurs, were obscured from the view of the audience and of the judges by screens. Mrs. G. O. Creswell, Mrs. Hugh B. Tandy, Mrs. Morgan Jones, Charles H. Cope and Leslie Grimes served as judges. Mrs. Ellis Douthit was chairman of the local audition and working with her were Mesdames T. Wade Hedrick, Thomas E. Hayden, Jr., Claude Gill and George W. Fry.

Miss Jones' selection for the audition was "Pale Moon," by Frederick Knight Logan. She has attended McMurry college and studied voice with Mrs. Gypsy Ted Sullivan of Abilene for the past two years. This session she is studying under Miss Myrtle Dunn at Abilene Christian college.

Winners of the state audition to be held in Dallas Oct. 24 will take part in a district meet, of which there will be five in the United States. This will be followed by the final national audition to be broadcast from New York in December over a national network of radio stations.

The two winners of first place in the national audition will each receive \$5,000 in cash and two years' tuition in a leading conservatory. One year's tuition will be given winners of the second, third, fourth and fifth places, and \$8,000 in cash will be divided between them. Winners of state auditions will receive silver medals and winners of the district auditions will receive gold medals.

## Father and Son, Both Pastors, on Program

Rev. Ira L. Parrack, pastor of the Merkel Baptist church, will deliver the annual sermon at the meeting of the Sweetwater Baptist association, which is to convene with the View Baptist church for a two day session, Thursday and Friday, Oct. 10 and 11.

The report on "Old Ministers' Relief" is to be given by Rev. J. B. Parrack, also of Merkel, at the Friday morning session.

The address of welcome is to be delivered by G. W. Lawrie and the response made by Charlie Bryant. Lunch on the first day is to be served at the church.

In the two day session interesting reports as to all the activities of the church are to be submitted, including the Sunday School, the B. Y. P. U., Associational Missions, W. M. U., Ministerial Education and Christian Education, as well as state, home and foreign missions. The missionary sermon is to be preached by Rev. A. C. Powell.

Reports are also to be submitted from the board of trustees of Simmons University and the West Texas Baptist sanitarium.

### Record of Births.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Johnson of Trent, a baby girl, named Jeanine, Sept. 27, 1929.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Lee R. Reeves of Trent, a baby girl, Oct. 3, 1929.

### Held for Cattle Theft.

Five Pecos county cattlemen are out on bond awaiting a hearing before the grand jury on charges of theft of a herd of cattle belonging to Waddell and company, ranchers, alleged to have been taken from the Waddell ranch in Crane county and run across the Pecos into open range land in Pecos county.

## KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

S. M. McAshan of Houston was chosen a member of the executive committee for the Eleventh Federal Reserve district at the meeting of the American Bankers association at San Francisco.

F. D. Kelly, foreman, was burned seriously and ten employes of the tailor shop building at the Austin state hospital for insane were imperiled Tuesday when fire broke out in the structure.

G. R. Sanderford, ex-school teacher, was convicted by a jury in the 42nd district court at Abilene of aggravated assault and his punishment assessed at six months, in the county jail and \$100 fine.

John W. Edwards, 41, of Saratoga, was fatally injured Sunday when a flywheel of a gasoline engine used to run a rig at a wildcat oil well at Fannett, near Beaumont, flew off and struck him on the head.

John M. Work, 75, of Dallas died Saturday from burns received the previous day when his clothes became ignited from some unexplained manner at his home.

The trial of Clyde Thompson charged with slaying Lucian Shook Sept. 7, 1928, who was given the death penalty at a former trial, but the case was reversed, has been continued at Eastland until October 28.

Ned B. Morris, 69, of Houston, one of the best known practicing attorneys of the state and Assistant Attorney General under Gov. Jim Hogg, also a former president of the Houston Bar association, died Sunday.

Leon Kemp, 23 employe of the Southwestern Bell Telephone company, was killed at Dallas Saturday when he fell across the trolley wire of the Denton-Dallas Interurban line while he was string telephone wires.

Augustine Haidusek, 83, prominent resident of Lagrange who when admitted to the bar in 1869 gained the distinction of being the first Bohemian to practice law in the United States, died at his home Saturday while sitting in a chair.

Chief of Police H. F. Rucker has been indicted by the grand jury at Coleman on a charge of murder in connection with the slaying of Guy Green, who is said to have failed to stop at the command of the chief who was hunting a suspect.

Whitney Walker, notorious bandit, held at Borger on murder charges, and seven other prisoners in the Borger jail were transferred to the Hemphill county jail at Canadian after state rangers took over the Hutchinson county administration.

A. B. Crouch, former prominent grain dealer of Temple, Texas, who was arrested last week in Helensville, N. Z., on charges of obtaining \$150,000 from a bank in Temple fraudulently, has been remanded under bail of \$30,000 until October 9.

W. N. Blanton of Longview, who has been general manager of the East Texas Chamber of Commerce since that body was organized in 1926, has accepted a like position with the Houston Chamber of Commerce and will assume his duties Nov. 1.

October 28 has been set by District Judge J. E. Carter of Parker county for the trial of R. H. Hamilton, attorney of Amarillo, on a charge of slaying his son-in-law who had secretly married Hamilton's daughter and who was shot to death in Hamilton's office.

W. S. Hollifield, 67, printer and former newspaperman of Waco, who was a charter member of Waco Typographical union, organized in 1882, and who was one of the first three Waco printers to learn to operate a linotype, died Saturday at his home from apoplexy.

Fisher county Saturday voted a \$1,400,000 road bond issue by the majority of 1,077 for and 474 against, of which sum \$190,000 will be used to retire outstanding district bonds and the remainder will be equally divided for hard surfacing Highways 70 and 83 and for improving lateral roads.

## HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS TO INSPECT GRAMMAR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS

### BADGERS-BAIRD GAME ENDS IN TIE

Interesting and Hard Fought Contest Results in 13-13 Draw On Local Field.

Merkel and Baird battled to a 13-13 draw on the local High school field last Friday afternoon in a game that was full of spirited rivalry and punctuated with many feature plays. The Badgers took the lead in the first quarter and held it at the end of the half, only to see the visitors forge ahead with two touchdowns in the third quarter. Toward the end of the final period, however, Ashby accepted a pass and ran 55 yards, crossing the Baird line for a tie, to the delight of the rooters and Pep Squad.

Outstanding players for the Badgers were J. E. Boaz, defensive half, who was a consistent ground gainer, also Guitar and Tittle, who also showed much prowess in advancing the ball. Tittle also ranked brilliantly as an interference leader. W. J. Derstine is credited with putting up an exceptionally good game, throwing Baird many times for losses.

#### DETAILS OF GAME.

The game opened with a bang, both sides fighting for an advantage. Baird lost the toss and Captain Guitar chose the west goal. Baird received and returned the ball to the 40 yard line, kicked to Merkel's end of the field, where it stopped on the 2-yard line. Boaz kicked on first down and Baird was held on the 35-yard line, the ball going over. The Badgers got going and made 6 first downs in 14 plays. But the Baird defense stiffened and held, intercepted a pass and made 2 first downs in 4 plays by a reverse trick play. They were held on the 40-yard line and kicked to the 2-yard line where the ball was killed by a Baird player. The Badgers advanced to Baird's 30-yard line by end runs, passes and line bucks, with Guitar and Boaz doing consistent ground gaining.

Opening the second quarter Boaz made 13 yards through tackle, then succeeded in making a nice pass to Tittle, who shook off two tacklers and placed the ball on the 4-yard line. Boaz carried it over on the next play by a line buck, the guards and center opening the hole and Guitar leading the play. Boaz' kick for extra point was blocked. The half ended 6 to 0 in favor of Merkel.

Baird received on the kickoff and opened up with passes to short end and fake play in the back field, which netted them a touchdown early in the third quarter. They ran for extra point, taking the big end of the score, 7-6. The fourth quarter opened with Merkel in possession of the ball on her own 22-yard line. They were playing an aerial game, but a fast halfback of Baird intercepted and ran to the 6-yard line where they went over on a cross buck in one play.

#### BADGERS EVEN UP.

This got the ire of the Badgers up and they broke loose with end runs and line plunges, with Tittle and Boaz carrying the ball, and advanced to the 36-yard line in 4 plays. Here a pass was made to Ashby, who completed and ran 55 yards for a touchdown. Boaz ran around end for the extra point.

Merkel made 19 first downs to 11 for their opponents. From scrimmage Merkel gained 324 yards as compared with 229 for Baird. Merkel tried 18 passes, of which 6 were completed and 1 intercepted. Baird tried 13 passes, with 8 completions and two intercepted.

Officials were: Wilkes Tittle, referee; Hale Daniels, umpire, and Ralph Duke, head linesman.

#### Cotton Receipts.

Cotton receipts at the local yard passed the 3,000 bale mark on Thursday, the actual figures being 3,125 bales, according to T. A. Bearden, public weigher. Of this number 1,131 bales are still on hand in the yard here and 1,994 bales have been shipped.

### Interesting Program Has Been Arranged Beginning at 7:45 Tonight.

In order that the parents of high school pupils may have an opportunity to view for themselves the many improvements and additions that have been made at the Grammar School building as the results of the \$16,000 bond issue voted the early part of this year, these parents have been invited to come to the Grammar School tonight, (Friday,) where they will be shown through the building from boiler room to auditorium.

In the latter, which has been remodelled and seated with new opera chairs, an interesting program has been arranged beginning at 7:45.

Superintendent Burgess and all of the teachers will be present. At a later date a program will be given for the parents of children who are in the Grammar School and a special program prepared for this occasion also, but the invitations for tonight have been issued to High School parents and the Merkel Mail has been requested to give emphasis to this fact: program for High School parents tonight and a program and date to be announced later for the parents of students in the Grammar School.

The program for tonight follows: Invocation. Southern Melodies—Choral and Glee Clubs.

Greetings from the School Board—Pres. O. J. Adeock.

Reading: "Love Stronger than Locks"—Margaret Miller.

"How the Home May Help a High School Pupil Succeed"—Rev. Ira L. Parrack.

Vocal Solo: "Pale Moon"—Mona Margaret Jones.

Readings: (a) "The Cotton Picker's Song." (b) "The Gawdy Watahmelon."—Pauline Toombs.

Problems—Supt. Roger A. Burgess. Inspection of Grammar School Improvements.

### Toastmaster Asks Impromptu Talks

Impromptu responses to subjects assigned to the members by Rolfe Wagner, toastmaster at the weekly luncheon of the Lions Club, enlivened the meeting, which was well attended, and developed some quick snappy thinking on the part of the orators. Some of the subjects were innocent enough, others may have been promulgated with "malice aforethought," but each Lion met the situation with the feeling of good fellowship for which the organization is famous and this feature went over with a bang.

The club singing was led by E. Yates Brown, with Mrs. Brown playing the accompaniment. The invocation was delivered by Rev. Ira L. Parrack, after which the following guests were introduced: Ennis Hogan of Mt. Pleasant; L. R. Thompson, former Lion and director of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce; H. H. Hill of El Paso, representing the El Paso Times and West Texas Chamber of Commerce activities; J. J. Toombs, local cotton buyer; Miss Loyless teacher of piano in the public schools, and Mrs. E. Yates Brown.

A surprise number, (which was particularly a surprise to the members participating,) was the mixed quartet, each singing a verse from a different song, consisting of L. B. Scott, Both Warren, E. Yates Brown and Rev. Ira L. Parrack. It must have been appreciated, as no one walked out; and yet it might be stated, by way of explanation that the desert had not been passed; hence, there was a reason for remaining, despite the "harmony four."

It was the first appearance of Miss Loyless before the Lions Club and for their entertainment she rendered two piano numbers, first, the "Juba Dance," by Dett, which was followed by another pleasing selection for encore.

The program committee for the next four meetings was announced as follows, with the members acting as toastmaster, respectively, in the order named: George Woodrum, J. B. Bourn, C. E. Ogle and Max Mellinger.

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 Assistant Cashier  
 B. L. HAMILTON,  
 Assistant Cashier

### WARREN NEWS

Quite a number of the Warren bunch attended the singing at Stith Sunday.  
 Mason Barker and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Dyess went to Lamesa Saturday.  
 We are sorry to report Mrs. Chancy still sick.  
 A. B. Dyess and family spent Sun-

day with the H. A. Deavers family at Noodle Dome.  
 Walter Jones and family attended the fair at Abilene Saturday.  
 Mr. Dyess and family and Mrs. Thomas visited Saturday in the W. J. Harrison home.  
 Mr. Cooper, the teacher of our school, was seen in our midst this week. The youngsters are getting anxious for school to start.

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### Kelly Cadet Leaping From Falling Plane Mangled By Propeller

San Antonio, Texas, Oct. 3.—With his body mangled by the propeller of his spinning plane, Clark M. Whitcomb, 24, Kelly Field cadet, met his death Thursday morning when an attempt to jump from the falling plane proved futile.

The accident, which occurred ten miles northwest of Kelly Field at 7:30 o'clock, was witnessed by Mrs. C. A. Pepper, near-by resident.

Whitcomb had previously flown observation planes, but Thursday he took up a pursuit plane for the first time. While doing acrobatics in the plane at an altitude of about 2,000 feet, he put the plane into a spin. For some reason not determined by officers investigating the accident, the plane failed to come out of the spin.

The plane was in an upside down stand as it shot to the ground. At a low altitude Whitcomb attempted to escape the falling plane by a parachute jump.

Apparently he was caught by the propeller as he jumped, for his body was severely cut. The parachute was open.

The body was found 100 yards from the wrecked plane, which hit in a mesquite thicket.

Whitcomb would have graduated from the flying school Oct. 15. He had finished training at March Field, Cal. According to records at the field, he is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Whitcomb of Helena, Mont.

### Extinction Is Faced By American Eagle

New York.—The American bald eagle, whose likeness appears on the coat of arms and the coins of the United States, is said to be in danger of extinction.

This report is part of a pamphlet about "serious danger of extinction of many North American birds" signed by two associate curators of the American Museum of Natural History and by a New York business man.

The curators are W. DeWitt Miller and Dr. Willard G. Van Name, and the business man is Davis Quinn. Miller, whose field is ornithology, said that the museum has no connection with the pamphlet.

The publication says that there has been an "estimated total destruction of at least 70,000" American bald eagles in Alaska since the Alaska eagle bounty law went into effect in 1927. It says that bounties have been paid on 41,812 eagles.

Nine birds are listed as "beyond saving," including the trumpeter swan, whooping crane, California condor and flamingo. In the class of the bald eagle, "those possibly within the realm of saving," are 15 other birds, among them the wild turkey and the woodcock.

### Dora Doings

We regret to report Mrs. J. M. Kitchen on the sick list this week.

Grandpa Oliver is improving after having a cancer removed from his nose.

Mrs. Dunagan, Mrs. Dennis, Mrs. Wallis, Miss Louise Tyron and Miss Ruth Jones attended the fair at Abilene last Wednesday.

Mr. Corning and family of Hylton visited J. W. Wallis and family Sunday.

Modenia and Alton Whiteaker and Laura Wallis of McMurry spent the week-end here with homefolks.

Ernest Ensminger and family visited in Merkel Sunday.

E. P. Perry and family were Abilene fair visitors Thursday.

Brother Briggs preached at the Methodist church Sunday morning and evening.

Mrs. H. Phillips and Mrs. G. T. Rogers are on the sick list this week.

### Dr. Gambill Will Not Leave Merkel

There has been general talk among the natives that I was leaving Merkel.

This is not true. All I have is here and I expect to stay here indefinitely. Merkel is a good town in which to live. If you hear this talk any more, you may know it is my enemies and not my friends. I am here to stay, did not come to leave.

Wm. M. Gambill.

The only \$50 gold pieces ever minted by the United States government was for the Panama-Pacific exposition in 1915. More than 3000 of these were made.

Second sheets at Merkel Mail office.

Try a Classified Ad in the Mail

### Salt Branch News

Rev. Billie Ayers and wife of Abilene attended Sunday School here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Matlock and family of Trent were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson and family Sunday.

Several from this community visited the fifth Sunday singing at Stith. Mrs. Austin Robertson's sister and family of Rule visited with her Sunday.

Miss Beulah Wilson was the guest of Miss Braunell Armstrong Sunday. Several from this community attended the B. Y. P. U. association at Merkel Sunday.

Charlie West of Merkel visited Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hays Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Crockwell visited with her mother, Mrs. Dickey, of Eskota Sunday.

Stray dogs being admitted to humane society dog homes in London have diminished by 7,000 a year in the last four years.



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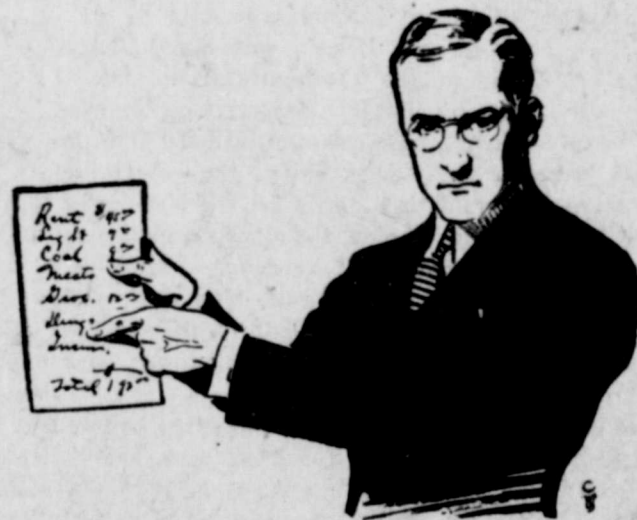
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Pay Your Bills Promptly

### at CIA Social High Mark of the Week

... Sunday hour has Mrs. D. statement is as astounding someone had suddenly said, world has ended and we are all home.

... students on the campus who have vigorously slept through Sunday afternoons from 2 until 4, the "quiet hour" of time-honored fame, are bewildered by the new ruling. Last year and as far back as even seniors can remember, that time has been kept sacred for rest, letter writing or study. A student dared not set foot outside her own room.

Today even youthful freshmen may wander as far afield as the shadowy minaret atop the Dnton courthouse. They may visit, walk, have dates, ride—may do any number of daring things under the eyes of the outraged upper classmen who grew wise under stricter rules.

One senior has figured that she will lose 72 hours of sleep because of the new ruling. "Quiet hour", which was once devoted to drowsy buzzes and friendly snores, has been converted into the social high mark of the week. It is the time for calls and afternoon tea.

### Clemenceau's 88th Birthday.

Paris.—Disdaining all formalities and observances, former Premier Georges Clemenceau of France passed his 88th birthday quietly Sunday at his cottage on the Vendee coast.

Despite his wish to treat his birthday like any other day, the wartime premier of France received a great many messages wishing him future years of health and happiness.

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.

The grave of David G. Burnet, first president of the Texas Republic, is in Lakeview cemetery, Galveston. He was born April 4, 1879, and died December 4, 1870.

### WICHITA MAN HAS GAINED TWENTY POUNDS

"I Feel Better Than I Have For A Long Time Since Taking Orgatone," He Says.

"The day I started on Orgatone I was in a very run-down condition, but since taking Orgatone I feel better than I have in about 18 months, and have gained about 20 pounds," was the remarkable statement made by T. W. Gouldy, repair man for the Texas Electric Service Company, who lives at 2002 1-2 Jones St., Wichita Falls, Texas.

"I have finished my second bottle of Orgatone, and I feel like a different person. For a long time I have been bothered with stomach trouble and my liver was in a very bad condition. The pain across my back was something awful and I knew that I needed a medicine for my general condition for I was very poor and the food that I did eat did not nourish me and I felt tired and worn out most all the time. I was nervous and restless and didn't sleep well at night. I suffered from constipation.

"Orgatone was recommended so highly I decided to try it and it has certainly proved a good medicine in my case. I am improving right along and am gaining daily in weight and strength and feel better than I have in about 18 months. My constipation is a thing of the past and in fact, my general condition has improved and I am glad to recommend Orgatone for what it has done in my case."

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

### 150 Persons in Cast Of "The Red Robe"

Dallas, Texas, Oct.—A cast of more than 150 persons, headed by Walter Woolf and including an orchestra, will come to Texas for the 25 performance engagement of "The Red Robe," as the auditorium attraction at the 1929 State Fair of Texas, Oct. 12 to 27, it has been announced here by T. E. Jackson, president. It is one of the largest casts ever sent out from Broadway. "The Red Robe" has been the talk of New York for the past eight months.

The advance sale of tickets to "The Red Robe," has been extremely heavy, according to Mr. Jackson, which gives promise of being the most successful of all the State Fair musical extravaganzas since the opening of the new auditorium in 1925.

According to newspaper critics of New York, "The Red Robe," is the best musical drama yet produced by the Shuberts. It is said to have prettier music, more splendor in its scenery, and to be of a period when knights and ladies wore the most fascinating costumes. The play was adapted from the novel "Under The Red Robe," by Stanley Weyman.

Texas expects to ship 5,000 cars of citrus fruit this year against 2,000 last year, with a shortage expected in other citrus areas by reason of freezes and the Mediterranean fly outbreak in Florida.

### 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.

### Bachelor, Heir to \$3,000,000 Found Dead in Bathtub

New York, Oct. 3.—Robert Randolph Ashner, 30, Brooklyn bachelor, who was to inherit \$3,000,000 at the age of 40, provided he was of "good moral habit" and had "lawful living issue," was drowned in a bathtub at Stuttgart, Germany, last week, it was learned Saturday. Ashner and his mother, the widow of a Brooklyn investment broker, were touring in Germany.

Sigmund Ashner, father of Robert, died about a year ago. His will, with its extraordinary provisions, excited much comment when it was filed for probate. Robert, an only child, always had plenty of money and, according to friends, spent it recklessly. The Ashner fortune now will be divided presumably under the clause in the will which would have become effective if the son, upon the age of 40, should have been judged immoral.

The widow, who received but \$12,000 annually while her son lived, will receive one-fourth of the \$3,000,000. Bertie Fink, a godson, will get another fourth and the remaining half will be divided among 30 relatives of the late broker.

Sigmund Ashner, who came to America as a German immigrant boy,

entered the tobacco leaf business and slowly built up a fortune through investments in real estate.

### D. S. C. of Soldier Son Killed in France Presented to Mother

Omaha, Neb., Oct. 3.—A gold-star war mother, who last saw her boy alive when he was 8 years old, has a token of his bravery—the distinguished service cross. She is Mrs. Viola Netherton of Dumfries, Iowa. Her son was Private Albert F. Cleary, who was killed in France in July, 1918.

She timidly walked into Seventh Army corps headquarters here, sought out an officer and announced, "I came after the medal my boy won."

The announcement took army officers by surprise. They had planned to present the medal with due military pomp, and had sent a letter to Mrs. Netherton, asking her when she could appear for a formal military presentation.

A clerk ushered the gold-star mother into the office of Maj. Gen. Johnson Hagood, Commander of the Seventh Army Corps, and while business continued as nothing unusual was hap-

pening, the General made the presentation.

Slowly he read the citation which related that "Private Albert F. Cleary of the 117th headquarters and military police, Forty-Second Division, did patrol duty at St. Hilaire-Au-Temple July 21, 1918, keeping troops under cover during an aerial bombardment until he was hit by fragments of an exploding bomb."

Widowed with three small boys, Mrs. Netherton explained to the General that she let others rear them. Albert was then 8 years old. When he enlisted at Gloucester, Va., at the age of 19, he was living with a family that had cared for him since her second marriage, Mrs. Netherton said.

The Texas Highway Department appropriates \$8,403,930 for maintenance of 18,000 miles of designated highway, nearly \$500 a mile.

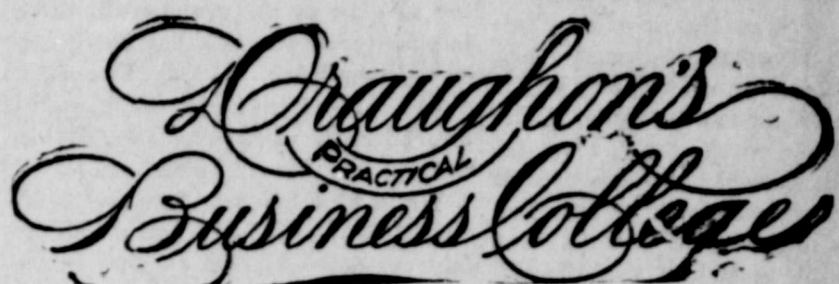
### 61st Trip to City Farm.

Dallas, Oct. 3.—An old man made his 61st trip to the city work farm Sunday. Arrested on a charge of intoxication, the man was unable to pay a \$10 fine so Judge P. D. Crawford sent him back to the farm. He has served sentences ranging from 10 to 90 days during the last 15 years.

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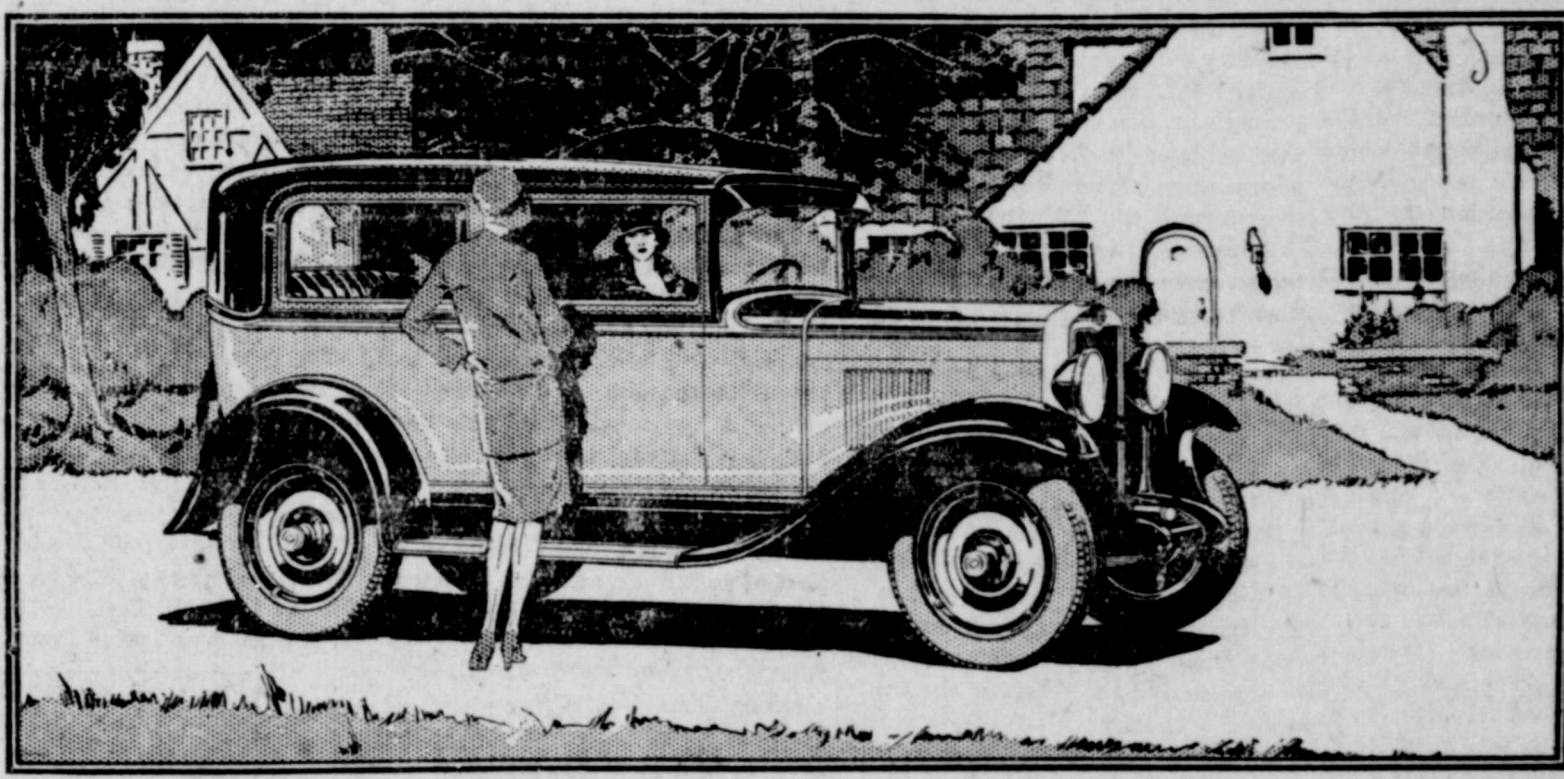


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FIRE PREVENTION WEEK  
COMING.

October 6 to 13 has been set aside  
as Fire Prevention Week. During that  
time public and private organizations  
and authorities will make an effort  
to instruct citizens in the fundamen-  
tals of doing away with our terrible  
fire waste.

In past years the fire rate has al-  
ways gone down during the week, only  
to rise again to "normal" immediat-  
ly after. It is the old case of a lesson  
going in one ear and out the other.

Fire is perhaps the greatest single  
menace to progress we must face.  
Every year it destroys property which,  
in terms of monetary value, would  
support whole governments, cover the  
country with paved highways, provide  
greater educational facilities or do any  
number of other great services. And  
on top of this must be placed the still  
greater destruction in human life.

During Fire Prevention Week we  
will learn of the danger of neglected  
wiring, carelessly disposed of matches  
and cigarettes, piles of refuse, poor  
building construction and so on. But  
unless our citizens carry the lessons  
learned through the other 51 weeks  
of the year nothing will be gained.

Make Fire Prevention Week the  
start of a Fire Prevention Year.

Young People Form  
Senior League Here

The young people of the Methodist  
church have organized a Senior  
League which is to meet every Sun-  
day afternoon at two o'clock. We have  
elected our officers and pledged our-  
selves to support them at every oppor-  
tunity. We are going to make a real  
league of a good beginning. All the  
young people are urged to get behind  
the officers and make a peppy league  
that will be an inspiration to our  
church.

Rev. Willett pledges himself to help  
and boost our league. Mrs. Hutcheson,  
our leader, is efficient and experien-  
ced in work with young people. She  
is our leader, but promises that she  
is going to leave the success and real  
work in the hands of the leaguers.  
Let us all get to work and make a  
league to be proud of. We are already  
planning for the special music, the  
public programs, the parties and the  
happy league hours that are to be.

Last Sunday afternoon we elected  
the following officers: Opal Patter-  
son, president; Beryl Hunter, vice-  
president; Addie Fae Patterson, sec-  
retary and treasurer; Odell Hunter,  
corresponding secretary; Mary Eliza-  
beth Grimes, Epworth Era agent; and  
Dahlia Watkins, reporter.

Those present last Sunday were:  
Nadine Tippet, Mary Elizabeth  
Grimes, Willie Mae Swartz, Odell and  
Beryl Hunter, Addie Fae, Lela and  
Shorty Patterson, Lottie Butman,  
Georgie and Lois Suber, Orpah Pat-  
terson, Dahlia Watkins, Rev. Willett  
and Mrs. Hutcheson.

We want many times this number  
next Sunday. All young people above  
fourteen are invited to come and bring  
others. We need boys especially.

Two o'clock every Sunday after-  
noon.

—Reporter.

Church of the Nazarene.

Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Preach-  
ing, 11 a. m. N. Y. P. S., 7 p. m.  
Preaching 7:45 p. m. Wednesday  
night prayer service and Bible study,  
7:30 p. m. Ladies' Missionary Society,  
each Tuesday, 2:30 p. m.

This week is the beginning of our  
revival meeting. Rev. Ralph C. Gray  
of Fort Worth will be here for the  
first service at the city tabernacle.  
Friday night at 7:30. Brother and Sis-  
ter Knight our singers, can not be  
with us until Monday due to the fact  
that they are engaged in a meeting  
at Snyder which does not close until  
Sunday.

We trust that all the Christians are  
praying for the revival, and will be  
present for the very first service. We  
hope that the weather will continue  
favorable so that we may continue  
the entire meeting at the tabernacle,  
but should it turn too cool we will  
move the services to the church.

Come and worship with us. We ex-  
tend a cordial invitation to all.

Leona Forbes, Pastor.

Twelve million Chinese in nine  
provinces are living under famine  
conditions.

THE BADGER WEEKLY

Published weekly by the students of Merkel High School and  
sponsored by the Junior Class of '30—Vera Baker sponsor.

REV. WILLETT AT CHAPEL.

We were very glad to have with us  
Monday morning at the regular chapel  
hour Brother Willett, pastor of the  
First Methodist church.

He gave us a very interesting and  
helpful message. In this message were  
some exceptionally good exhortations.

Among them were: "Think not too  
seriously of yourself; this is father  
and mother of selfishness, the most  
deadly of diseases. Selfishness has a  
twin brother who is grouch. Do not  
go around with a grouch. Keep your  
face smiling and sunny always. Even  
though school life does seem hard  
possibly you are getting what you  
deserve.

"At all times be yourself. Do not  
try to play to the grandstand. Stick  
to your team, whether they are losing  
or winning."

The only advice he gave his daugh-  
ter, he said, when she was leaving  
was, "Be a freshman and be good."

While he could not find the word,  
"pep," defined in our dictionaries he  
told us, however, that Colonel James  
Hunter wrote a book "Pep." He ob-  
tained his title from the three words:  
"Poise," "Efficiency" and "Peace,"  
thus creating this word.

The last of his exhortations was:  
"May you always make and keep  
friends."

THE PEP SQUAD.

The Merkel Pep Squad was called  
to order in the first meeting Sept. 12  
and after a discussion in the meeting  
the girls decided that the Pep Squad  
would not be complete this year with-  
out a number of boys joining. On the  
following day a meeting was called at  
four o'clock and a number of boys  
joined. Up to now the pep squad has  
a total of 30 members.

On Sept. 23 the Pep Squad accom-  
panied the football boys to Abilene  
where they met the Roby Lions on the  
gridiron at the Fair grounds. The Pep  
Squad did not lose any P-E-P  
throughout the game though Merkel  
was defeated 12-6. There was much  
appreciation of the Pep Squad when  
they formed the "M" for Merkel.

Friday afternoon, Sept. 27, the Pep  
Squad gave the same performance  
that they gave at Abilene and showed  
the same pep all during the game.

We are fighting with the  
B-A-D-G-E-R-S.

—Reporter.

SENIOR NEWS.

The Seniors met Friday, Sept. 27,  
for the purpose of choosing their flow-  
er, color and motto. The motto is "La-  
bor Omnia Vincit," ("work conquers  
everything.") The colors are orchid  
and green and the flower is the sweet  
pea.

The Senior rings have been ordered  
and will be here in a few days.

REGRET ILLNESS OF  
MISS SLOAN.

The entire high school heard with  
great sorrow and concern the announ-  
cement last Friday that Miss Sloan  
would be unable to hold her classes on  
account of illness.

HIGH SCHOOL NIGHT AT  
GRAMMAR SCHOOL BUILDING  
FRIDAY.

The Grammar School will be offi-  
cially opened to the parents of high  
school students tonight (Friday) with  
a very interesting program. All the  
building will be opened to inspection  
and the faculty will form the receiv-  
ing line. It is planned to put on a pro-  
gram later for the parents of Gram-  
mar school pupils. All high school par-  
ents are especially invited to attend  
Friday so that they may see the re-  
sults of their bond issue of recent  
date.

Watch for the big game with Has-  
kell Oct. 18.

OBSERVATIONS OF A SENIOR.

A few years ago the fad was to  
grow a moustache like that of Charlie  
Chaplin, but the Senior class pres-  
ident, Lee Darden, is following the  
style of John Gilbert in his mous-  
tache and the diminutive senior seems  
to be having a good crop, too, in spite  
of drouths, etc.

We nominate as our representative  
in the World's Championship Argu-  
ing Contest Tracy Campbell, who will  
even argue that Mrs. Young's favor-  
ite color is blue.

E. L. says never to look a blind pig  
in the eye.

Doris Brown is dissatisfied with her  
study halls, as she cannot get in more

than one hour of sleep without having  
to change class rooms.

Wesley Butler, after great urging  
by several of his female admirers, has  
finally consented to dye his hair red.

LIST OF MAGAZINES AND  
PAPERS IN LIBRARY.

Our Library is now well arranged  
and open for anyone who wishes to  
use it for outside readings, current  
events or for references of any kind.  
We have some new books and a num-  
ber of good magazines and papers.  
Those which now appear on the tables,  
are: The Merkel Mail, The Abilene  
Reporter, The Dallas News, The National  
Geographic Magazine, Hollands,  
La Prensa, The American Boy, Popu-  
lar Science, The American Magazine,  
Current History, The Golden Book,  
The Country Gentleman, Ladies Home  
Journal, The Saturday Evening Post,  
The Athletic Journal, Review of Re-  
views, Etude and Popular Mechanics.

The Library is in charge of the fol-  
lowing librarians: Oleta Moore, first  
period; Margarette Turner, second  
period; Mary Elizabeth Grimes, third  
period; Mattilou Largent, fourth per-  
iod; Audra Farris, fifth period, and  
Margarette Turner, sixth period. They  
are ready to serve you in any way if  
you call on them.

Miss Martin has the general super-  
vision of the library.

JUNIOR CLASS ELECTS  
OFFICERS.

In a class meeting, Friday, Sep-  
tember 27, the Junior class, spon-  
sored by Miss Baker, organized and  
elected as president, Joel Darsey; vice-  
president, Fred Guitar; secretary-  
treasurer, J. E. Boaz.

A committee consisting of Earl  
Wyatt, Willie Mae Swartz and H.  
H. Copeland was chosen to select the  
class colors, flower, and motto.

A social committee was also ap-  
pointed. The members of this com-  
mittee are: Mattilou Largent, Fred  
Guitar and Jess Higgins.

CHORAL AND GLEE CLUBS.

The Merkel Glee and Choral clubs  
have practiced untiringly since the  
opening of school in order to present  
several old Southern melodies Friday  
evening, Oct. 4, in the auditorium of  
the Grammar School. Their aim in  
giving a few numbers at this early  
date is to create more interest and,  
thereby, enlist more pupils.

The clubs have not, as yet, elected  
their officers but intend doing so the  
first of next week, at which time work  
for future programs will begin.

THAT OLE SCHOOL BELL.

The Ole school bell is ringin'  
The marms and profs are back,  
And here comes Mary, Sue and Jane,  
And John, and Tom, and Jack.

And sho' as I'm alive, chile,  
There comes Miss Sloan up here,  
And, by Joe, she's not a single pound  
Less' an she was last year.

And there's old coach a smilin'  
With that twinkle in his eye,  
A shakin' hands and greetin'  
Whomever passes by.

Then here's our superintendent  
A comin' down the stair  
With that same old cheerful grin,  
But a little less red hair!

Lo and behold those ball boys  
Are suited out once more!  
And if that ain't that Pep Squad gang  
A yellin' their throattles sore.

And Wesley's chewin' chewing gum,  
And Orian's writin' notes  
And Nadine's still a dreamin'  
Of that little love cote.

Mrs. Young is givin' orders,  
And E. L.'s usin' slang;  
And everybody's missin'  
That last year Senior gang.

And so we're reunited  
And all is goin' well  
And our mornin' naps are shortened  
By that ole school bell.

—Frances Frederickson.

Houston was selected as the 1930  
convention city of the Woman's Chris-  
tian Temperance Union over Denver  
Colo., at a meeting of the national  
executive committee held in Indianap-  
olis.

Dismantling of several plants in  
California and building of several in  
Texas during 1928 put Texas first in  
number of oil refineries in the United  
States.

Legal covers at Merkel Mail office.

Patrolmen Will Be  
Placed on Highways

Two motorcycle patrolmen will  
probably be placed on state high-  
ways in Division No. 8, before No-  
vember 1, Highway Officer Martin  
N. Koonsman announced at Abilene  
Monday.

The two men will be members of  
the state motorcycle patrol now in  
the process of organization for the  
purpose of assisting the traveling  
public. There will be fifty in all  
over the state, those duties will not  
be essentially those of "speed cops,"  
it is pointed out. These men, to be paid  
by state appropriation, will be selected  
by the state highway department and  
given a course in special instruction  
before being placed on duty.

Division No. 8 includes the follow-  
ing 15 counties: Taylor, Callahan,  
Eastland, Shackelford, Haskell, Jones,  
Stonewall, Kent, Nolan, Fisher,  
Scurry, Borden, Mitchell, Howard and  
Martin.

Commissioner Diltz  
Attends State Meet

County Commissioner Phillip A.  
Diltz joined the other members of the  
Taylor County commissioners court  
with County Judge Tom K. Eplen and  
R. L. Faucett, county auditor, who  
left Tuesday from Buffalo Gap via  
the Santa Fe to attend the annual con-  
vention of county commissioners of  
Texas to be in session at Houston for  
three days, Oct. 2-4. They expect to  
return Saturday.

A feature of the meeting will be an  
address by Ross S. Sterling of Hous-  
ton, chairman of the state highway  
commission, who will outline his plan  
of a state-wide bond issue for financ-  
ing Texas highways.

Many entertainments are schedu-  
led for the commissioners by the cities of  
Houston and Galveston.

Boy Scouts Grouped  
Into Four Patrols

The regular meeting Friday night  
of the Boy Scouts was largely attend-  
ed and the boys are actively engaged  
in Scoutercraft and Woodcraft work.  
The meetings are held in the workshop  
of the Burton-Lingo company and the  
boys are engaged in making tables  
and paper wracks, etc. Scoutmaster  
Herbert Patterson states that it is  
expected to have the pieces of wood-  
work on display about the first of  
November.

At the meeting Friday night, four  
patrols of eight boys each were for-  
med, with the following leaders and  
assistant leaders: Patrol No. 1, J. T.  
Darsey and Bennie Sheppard; Patrol  
No. 2, David Gamble and Burneal  
Scott; Patrol No. 3, Jim Patterson,  
Jr., and Virgil Perkins; Patrol No.  
4, Mordell Shouse and Donald Willett.

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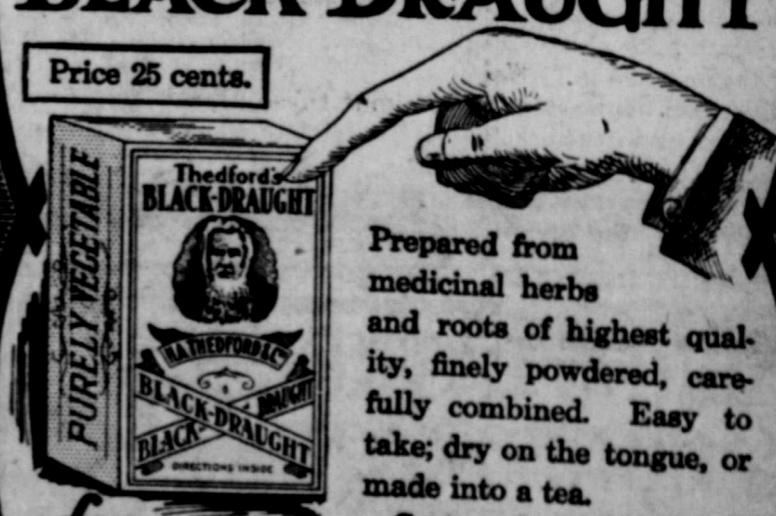
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### Personal Mention

Bill Sheppard is attending Simmons University this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Haynes were visitors in Anson Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Ben Campbell spent last Sunday in Lamesa.

S. F. Haynes returned Wednesday from a business trip to Stanton.

Mrs. J. P. Steele of Eastland is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Duncan Briggs.

Mrs. S. P. Nesmith and Mrs. George T. Moore were Abilene visitors Wednesday.

Miss Ila Mitchell of Winters was the guest of Miss Mary Parrack last week-end.

Miss Melba West left Sunday for Baird where she will teach this year in the public schools.

Miss Frances McGinnis is attending the Lady of the Lake school at San Antonio this year.

Miss Ima Parrack, who is a Sophomore at Simmons University, spent the week-end with homefolks.

Master George Seagle of Lamesa is visiting in the home of his cousins, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ben Campbell.

Mrs. Kenneth Sharp has returned from a month's visit with relatives in Tennessee and Kentucky.

Miss Bettye Lou Grimes was the guest of Emma Lillian Savage of Abilene for a short visit last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Weekly of Sweetwater were recent visitors with Mrs. Weekly's aunt, Mrs. Duncan Briggs.

Miss Allyne Riley will leave Sunday for Pleasant Valley, near Stamford, where she will teach school the coming year.

Mrs. E. D. Coates and son, John D. Coates, have removed to Dallas, where John D. will attend Southern Methodist University.

J. O. Wetzel of Fort Worth, who is a nephew of Mrs. J. L. Banner, is here for a visit of several days in the Banner home.

Mrs. Sam Swann accompanied Mrs. J. S. Swann to Morgan, where the latter was called on account of illness of a relative.

Mrs. Otto Bicknell and two daughters, Mary Joe and Bobbie Nell, left Monday for Mission for a few weeks' visit.

Messrs. Dutch Craig and C. A. Bosley returned the end of the week from a trip to McCamey and Wink and on through New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyton Howard former residents of Merkel, are removing

from Stamford to make their home once again in Merkel.

Miss Mollye Shannon, accompanied by Miss Norma Shannon and Mrs. I. W. Lackey, enjoyed a week-end in Fort Worth.

Congressman R. Q. Lee of Cisco spent a few hours in Merkel Saturday and was an appreciated caller at the office of the Merkel Mail.

Miss Billie McGarr of San Antonio is dividing the time of her visit in West Texas with her aunt, Mrs. H. F. Groene, here and her cousin, Mrs. George Overton, in Sweetwater.

Dr. and Mrs. Otis W. Little and daughter, Mary Virginia of Tuscola were Sunday night dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Caple.

Jim McGinnis, drilling contractor for the Texas company, who has made his home here for sometime, has removed with his family to McCamey.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer L. Easterwood left Thursday morning for Taft after a visit with relatives and friends. En route they will stop at Kerrville for a visit with relatives.

Mrs. J. S. Swann has gone to Morgan where she was called by the illness of her brother's wife, Mrs. O. W. Dean, and will probably be away for sometime.

A. L. Chance, who is a brother of Mrs. A. Morton, and his family, together with Mr. and Mrs. Claude Hol-

ley, all of Sweetwater, were Sunday visitors in the Morton home here.

Fred Mackey, who has been connected with the Bridgeport Supply House here for sometime, has accepted a position with a drug store in Coleman and removed there early in the week.

After a visit with her daughter, Mrs. H. C. Coit, in Dallas, Mrs. J. T. Warren has gone to Arkansas for a visit with relatives there. Mr. Warren accompanied her as far as Dallas, returning Monday.

Mrs. Rufie M. Diltz and daughter, Phala, from McCamey, and Delmar Compton from Midland spent the week-end with their parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Compton.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Golliday and Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Johnson returned Tuesday from a visit to Brecken-

ridge, stopping over in Albany on their return for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Durham.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Darsey of San Angelo were guests Sunday of their parents, Dr. and Mrs. H. P. Hulsey and Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Darsey. They were accompanied on their return home by Billy Bob Hulsey, the little brother of Mrs. Darsey.

Eddie Warren, editor of the Post of Post, Texas, and George F. (Jimmy) Smith, editor of the Scurry County Times-Signal of Snyder, paid a pleasant visit to the office of the Merkel Mail Friday en route to Abilene for Press Day at the West Texas Fair.

Messrs. Warren and Smith are president and secretary, respectively, of the West Texas Press association.

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### BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Little Miss Mable Claire Easterwood was the happy honoree Sunday at a party given at Shannon's Pool to celebrate her fifth birthday, with Miss Christine Collins the hostess. Outdoor games had been prepared, bow and arrow contests, kodaking and a number of readings by the guests made the afternoon hours very pleasant until tea time when Miss Collins was assisted by Mrs. Easterwood and Mrs. T. E. Collins in serving the huge pink birthday cake with cream and punch to Misses Mable Claire Easterwood, Bettye Lou Grimes, Elma Maye Gamble, Bettye Jane Diltz, Marilyn Sue Grimes, Dorothy Lee Shannon, Master Frank Jr. Grimes and Homer Cage Easterwood.

### HALLOWEEN PARTY.

Inaugurating the Halloween season, Mrs. T. E. Collins complimented members of the T. E. L. Sunday school class with a party suggestive of that approaching day at her home, on Tuesday afternoon. Halloween posters directed guests to their places and each guest was asked to make a Halloween hat as the first feature of entertainment. All contests and games were suggestive of the season and at the refreshment hour tables were laid in Halloween covers where a delicious salad plate carrying stick-ups and plate markers in Halloween motif was served with ice tea to Mesdames A. R. Booth, L. B. Scott, W. A. Buckner, Earl Teague, L. D. Angus, John Slater, Ross Wheeler, J. J. Toombs, Roy Miller, Jr., D. Fulton, Fannie Weaver, F. C. McFarland, Earl Lassiter, R. W. Conder, W. I. Crane and the hostess.

### BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON.

Mrs. Zack Turner was hostess to a number of her friends at her home on Rose street with a birthday luncheon. The dining room was beautifully decorated and made colorful with sweet peas and the luncheon consisted of baked chicken, dressing and accessories, with a variety of sweets. Besides wishing the hostess many happy returns of the day, the guests bestowed many beautiful and useful gifts as the thoughtful reminder of the occasion.

### Intermediate B. Y. P. U.

This is the beginning of a new B. Y. P. U. year and we would like to have all of the old members and any new ones that are able to attend. Come at 7 o'clock next Sunday evening and help make this a big B. Y. P. U.

The program is as follows: first part, Alvin Parrack; second part, Howard Carson; third part, H. C. Toombs; fourth part, Gerald Derrick; fifth part, John A. Jones; sixth part, Harry Boaz.

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# LIVE STOCK

### PREVENTION BEST FOR HOG CHOLERA

#### Too Late to Vaccinate After Outbreak Occurs.

Hog cholera has no cure and must be controlled by prevention, according to J. P. Williams of the New York state college of agriculture.

The disease is caused by an organism which can live a year or two outside of the animal's body. These organisms are found in almost all tissues of, and in all discharges from, the body of the diseased hog. Cholera may be spread in many ways; the germ may be carried on one's shoes or by animals, in infected straw or litter, or streams of water. All dead hogs should be burned or buried deeply. Do not go near a neighbor's sick hogs; they may have cholera, he says.

Vaccination prevents the disease. When vaccination is properly performed the animal passes through a mild attack or form of cholera which immunizes it against the disease for life. A small amount of virus, injected into the pig causes the disease. At the same time, enough hog cholera serum is injected to protect the animal against the disease.

Vaccinate pigs as early in life as possible. The larger the hog, the more serum is required and the greater the cost. Small pigs, also, are easier to vaccinate. To vaccinate a herd after cholera has broken out is costly and never entirely successful. If a hog-raiser hears of any outbreaks of cholera in his section or plans to show his hogs at a county or state fair he should consult his veterinarian about vaccination. Vaccinating should always be done by a competent veterinarian.

### Cod Liver Oil Favored for All Kinds of Stock

Why is it that cod liver oil, a by-product of the fishing industry, gives such marked results when fed to various classes of live stock? For some years its use in the poultry world has been widely recommended, and now some feeders find that it is giving excellent results when used as a supplement to the grain ration for growing pigs. It is high in protein content, but so is tankage, oil meal, etc. Scientists report that it is high in vitamin content and possibly to that may be ascribed a measure of its growth producing properties. Possibly too, since it comes from a sea product it contains a certain amount of iodine and this may be a factor in promoting growth and development in young animals. Since the good results obtained are reported from districts at some distance from the sea, where a deficiency of iodine might be expected, this factor may have more to do with its beneficial result than the vitamins. Whatever the cause, however, results of those who have tried it, indicate that a small proportion of cod liver oil in the ration is an important factor in making rapid gains in hogs, and at less cost than with rations in which it is not included.

### Alfalfa Probably Best Hog Pasture Obtainable

Alfalfa is probably the best hog pasture that can be obtained. It will support more hogs per acre than any other forage and has a longer growing season. It is followed closely by red clover, sweet clover and alsike. Sweet clover will not be very satisfactory the second year nor if it is allowed to grow rank. Rape, or rape and oats mixtures make good forage when legumes are not available. Blue grass is probably the most extensive used, but is the least satisfactory to the common forages. It is the one most likely to be infested with parasites because of its permanency, and has little feeding value for hogs during the hot summer months.

### Live Stock Facts

Corn, soy beans and a well balanced mineral, make a good ration for hogs.

Of the non-legumes, rape is the best forage crop for hogs where it can be grown successfully.

An acre of good forage usually can be depended upon to carry from 1,000 to 2,000 pounds of hogs.

A farm on which hogs are raised, as a major or minor enterprise, should have suitable pastures for hogs.

A good acre of land should produce ample pasture for 20 to 25 pigs from weaning to market age, and if the grower will bear in mind that "a constant supply of green feed is desirable rather than surplus at one time and shortage at another," he can gauge his planning and planting to secure it.

The market discriminates very severely against ram lambs and against all lambs that have not been docked. Castrating and docking are simple operations and easily performed while the lambs are young.

# FARM STOCK



### DIP TO DESTROY MANY PARASITES

#### Important That Task Be Performed Before Winter.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

For September the Calendar of Live Stock Parasites, issued recently by the United States Department of Agriculture, makes suggestions as follows:

"Now is the time to dip your live stock for lice, sheep ticks, true ticks, and mange. Later it will be too cold to do more than apply relief measures. Do it now while the weather is still warm and save yourself trouble later, as these pests are more troublesome in cold weather. Consult Farmers' Bulletins Nos. 1330-F (sheep parasites), 1403-F (lice, mange, and ticks of horses), 1085-F (hog lice and hog mange), 1017-F (cattle scab), 980-F (ear ticks), 909-F (cattle lice), 798-F (sheep ticks), and 713-F (sheep scab). Clean up lice on poultry. See Farmers' Bulletins Nos. 1337-F and 801-F.

"In the fall farrowing of pigs plan to use the swine-sanitation system as modified for farrowing on pasture in the fall. Consult United States Department of Agriculture Leaflet No. 5-1.

"A mud walkway for pigs provides a breeding ground for worm eggs and helps to load pigs with roundworms and kidney worms. At one packing plant in the North it was found that kidney worms and thread-headed worms cause an annual loss of \$80,000. The use of a concrete walkway is an aid in keeping down worm infestations, provided it is properly constructed and used. See Farmers' Bulletin No. 1085-F for directions for constructing and using concrete walkways.

"In regions where parasites interfere with sheep raising, breed ewes in time to lamb early, if you have the equipment, and market before the worms share your profits. Early lambs come before the parasites wake up from their winter sleep."

This calendar, compiled by Dr. Maurice C. Hall, of the bureau of animal industry, contains similar reminders for each month in the year and a general summary of year-round precautions against parasites. The calendar, which is Miscellaneous Publication 25-M, or any of the departmental publications listed by Doctor Hall, may be obtained free by applying to the United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

### Sheep Tick Infestation

#### Cause of Loss of Lambs

Sheep ticks, *Mulophagus ovinus*, are, strictly speaking, not ticks, but highly modified flies that have taken up a ticklike existence. The female retains the larvae in the abdomen until ready to pupate, when eight or ten are laid. These immediately attach themselves to hair and pupate. The pupal stage lasts from three to six weeks. While light infestation with sheep ticks produces no visible symptoms, heavy infestations cause loss of flesh and loss of wool. Since infestation of young lambs occurs by ticks that have left recently sheared wool, lambs should be kept a considerable distance from the stored wool. In severe infestation, dipping may be necessary.

### Sod Pasture for Pigs in Rainy Season Best

During the rainy season it would be well to have a sod pasture for the pigs. Here they may roam around on nice days getting the exercise and sunshine so vital to their growth. They will consume only small amounts of green forage, but this is very helpful in balancing their ration and in supplying the necessary vitamins. How much easier it is to keep the quarters clean if a sod pasture is used during the wet season.

For this purpose brome grass is perhaps one of the best grasses for forming a sod.

### Markets Discriminate Against Heifer Calves

The market seems to discriminate against heifer calves and apparently quotes higher prices for steer calves of equal finish and quality. Very often such difference in market price results from the fact that the heifer calves have been on full feed too long. If they had been marketed 30 or 60 days sooner, they would have returned a greater profit. Heifer calves, which are full fed on grain as long as steer calves, will carry more surface fat as well as more internal fat. Their carcasses are not so desirable.

### Gluten Feed Value

Recent experiments at the Kansas station indicate that gluten feed has a value per pound, in the steer ration, slightly greater than cottonseed meal. Linseed meal proved to be worth \$12 to \$15 a ton more than either cottonseed meal or gluten feed. However, linseed meal usually sells considerably higher than gluten feed, and so it would seem that more farmers should be feeding gluten feed than actually are to secure the greatest returns from their steers.

### Texas Indians Want Homes Scattered, to Live In "Wilds"

Austin, Texas.—Texas colony of Indians of the Alabama and Coushatti tribes, who have been living on a reservation in Polk county since before the days of Gen. Sam Houston, are not entirely pleased with the campaign to modernize their surroundings.

They prefer having the 50 cottages which will be built by the State, with \$30,000, appropriated by the Legislature, scattered over the approximately 4,000 acres of their reservation instead of arranged along surveyed streets in the form of a village. They would like to live their lives in "the wilds" as near as possible.

The Federal Government has spent about \$40,000 on the colony, building the schoolhouse for their use.

Texas not only promises to put adequate roofs over their heads, but it has made provision to see after their teeth and general health, having allotted \$1,500 annually for salary of a health nurse and \$1,000 for dental work. Twelve hundred dollars a year has been set aside for medical purposes. Twenty-six miles of fencing at a cost of \$7,500 will be built on the reservation. Texas is spending \$47,900 for the colony during the current biennium. Half of the \$3,000 annual salary of F. H. Fain, Indian agent, will be paid by the Federal Government.

Texas stands eighth in production of electric power for the first six months of 1929 with an increase of 25 per cent over the same period in 1928, a rate of growth which promises to give it much higher ranking within the next few years.

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### Former Rancher Dies At Home in Dallas

Dallas, Oct. 3.—John William Chalke, 64, pioneer Texas ranchman and former Deputy United States Marshal here, died Sunday at his home after an illness of several months.

He was a native of Dallas county but at the age of 15 he went to Calhoun county to become a cowboy. In 1905 he settled in Motley county and at Roaring Springs acquired vast tracts of ranch lands, part of which he farmed. He founded the J. W. Chalke Hardware company in 1907 and was one of the organizers of the First State Bank of Roaring Springs.

After more than 20 years in the Panhandle as one of its most prominent cattle operators, he returned to Dallas in 1922, taking up the deputy's post under Marshal Sam L. Gross.

Surviving are the widow, Mary Collett Chalke of Dallas, daughter of a formerly well known cattleman, and seven children: Mrs. Roy Burleson, Matador; Mrs. T. M. Cullum Jr., Dallas; Mrs. Russell Allen, Dallas; Miss Dora Chalke, Dallas; Miss Marie Chalke, Dallas; Victor Chalke, Dallas, and Walter Chalke, Paducah; two sisters, Mrs. Emma McClusky, Seymour, and Mrs. J. W. Hill, Dallas, and eight grandchildren.

### Sickly Boy, 7, Gains 15 Lbs.—Father Happy

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### 2,008 Midshipmen Enrolled.

Washington, D. C.—The United States Naval Academy opened its school term Saturday with an enrollment of 2,008, the largest regiment of midshipmen since 1924.

The enrollment did not include any of the candidates recommended by Representative De Priest, negro Republican from Illinois, for the two vacancies in his district. De Priest suggested eight candidates, several of whom did not appear for examination. Charles Edward Weir, the only one who passed written tests covering previous education, could not enter because of a physical defect.

Texas eliminated 25 grade crossings in 1928, standing fourth among the States in this important safety work.

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# West Texas Utilities Company

**LOCAL NEWS**

Sunday is regular meeting day.

Mrs. Jack Pannell visited Mrs. Dean at Blair Sunday. Mrs. Thomas Harris left Fort Worth last week to make home.

William Burleson visited at Comere Sunday.

Paul and Jacky Pannell were in Merkel Sunday.

**In Memory of Aunt Mollie Hogan**

Funeral services for Aunt Mollie Hogan, (as she was called by all who knew her,) who died Monday, Sept. 16, at the age of 69 years and six months at the home of her brother, H. F. Darden, of the Mt. Pleasant community, were held at the home Tuesday afternoon, Sept. 17, the services being conducted by Rev. Perry King of Abilene. The body was laid to rest in the Drummans cemetery by the side of her husband, who died 19 years ago.

Aunt Mollie was a resident of this community for 25 years. She was Mollie Jane Darden before her marriage to F. E. Hogan Dec. 19, 1878. To this union were born three daughters, two of whom preceded her to the grave a number of years. Aunt Mollie was converted at the age of 24 years and joined the Baptist church of which she was a true and consistent member; it can be said she followed the straight and narrow path for her entire life and she was loved by all who knew her.

She is survived by one daughter, Josie Hogan, two brothers, H. F. Darden and R. S. Darden of the Mt. Pleasant community, and one sister, Mrs. S. A. White of Abilene, all of whom were in attendance at the funeral.

**225 Miles High-Lines Constructed Since Jan. 1**

Abilene, Texas, Oct. 3.—Since January 1, this year, the West Texas Utilities company has constructed in excess of 225 miles of high-lines, thus extending the total of these lines over the properties to approximately 2,300 miles.

One of the largest single units of construction was completed a few months ago between Sonora and Ozona, a distance of 36 miles. A line of the same distance was completed in March between San Angelo, Christoval and Eldorado. Santa Anna and Cross Plains, nearly 30 miles apart, were connected with 66 Kv line.

A great deal of construction has taken place in the extension of these power transmission lines to the pump stations of the various oil companies in West Texas. The Texas Co. has received more than 30 miles of extensions to three of their pump stations while the Humble Oil and Refining Co. has had 18 miles of power lines extended to three of their stations. For the same purpose, 18 miles have been built for the Shell Petroleum.

The construction of these lines has included 147.7 miles of 66 Kv lines and 64.9 miles of 12 Kv lines.

**THE CHURCH OF CHRIST.**

The regular minister, J. G. Malphurs, being away for a protracted meeting, the services for the last two Lord's days were conducted by Mr. Buford and Mr. Adcock. Next Lord's day Brother Malphurs will be in the pulpit for both sermons, at eleven o'clock and seven-forty-five. He will also have charge of the class for the young people at seven o'clock. We are glad to have visitors at all our services.

J. G. Malphurs, Minister.

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**The Laymen's Meeting.**

The men's prayer meeting last Sunday afternoon was conducted by S. M. Hunter and was attended by fifteen loyal workers. Much interest was expressed by everyone present and it is felt that much good will come from such services. Every layman of the town is cordially invited to be present next Sunday afternoon at three o'clock at the Presbyterian church where the services will be held and conducted by John Toombs. The subject for next Sunday will be found in the 8th chapter of Romans.

**BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

Pastor Parrack is back from the Albany meeting and will be in the services Sunday, preaching both morning and evening.

All regular services Sunday beginning with Sunday school at 10 a. m. Sunday starts a new year in our Sunday school. Last Sunday being promotion day, all classes below the Young People's department will be new classes. This will be a fine time to start to Sunday school and we hope that we may have at least 100 new pupils in the next few weeks. Each department and each class will seek to find the ones that should be in their classes or departments.

The pastor will be glad to greet a full house Sunday. Just out of a good

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meeting at Albany where 38 new members joined the church and many others were saved or reclaimed.

Remember our B. Y. P. U. service at 7 p. m. Let's have 100 in our four B. P. U.'s Sunday. Make up your mind to come and help make this service what it ought to be. You either need the work or the work needs you; so come along and line up with us in the training service.

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### Trent News and Personal Notes

Mr. and Mrs. James Bright left Thursday of last week for Glen Rose where they will remain for a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Louise Murdock of Big Spring visited relatives here a few days last week.

C. T. Beckham, who has been in various parts of Arkansas, returned home last week.

Rev. G. C. Williams and family of Dressey visited in the M. G. Scott home last Friday, stopping over en route to Sweetwater to visit relatives there for the week-end.

Messrs. E. Howell and R. M. Beasley made a business trip to Lamesa last week.

Miss Pearl Martin, who is teaching school at Hermleigh, visited friends here last week-end.

Florence Sherman is spending this week with her brother and family at Smith Field.

Miss Forrest Forrester, who is teaching school at Roby, spent the week-end with homefolks.

Byron Dingle and family visited his mother in Fort Worth last week.

Charles Reid made a business trip to Lamesa recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nalley spent Sunday with relatives at Putnam, also attending church while there.

Miss Reta Adrian is away for a two weeks' visit with her uncle, Frank Copeland, and family at Littlefield.

Maurine Smith spent last week-end with Miss Mattie White of Abilene.

Grandmother Winn left last Friday for an extended visit with her granddaughter, Mrs. Wesley Harris, of Seminole.

Miss Clea Vessels spent a few days in Abilene this week, shopping and visiting friends.

C. T. Beckham accompanied Misses Estelle Terry and Mary Body to the fair at Sweetwater one day last week.

Mrs. John Pruitt has as her guest her sister from East Texas.

Noble Forrester and family of Roby spent last Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Forrester.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Howell, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Boyd, made a trip to Lamesa last Sunday and attended church while there.

Mrs. Claude Butler, who has been quite ill, has recovered and is able to be up again.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Howell are happy to announce the arrival of a fine baby boy, who made his appearance last Sunday.

Pete Rutledge left Tuesday for Meadow where he has employment there in a barber shop.

The Methodist meeting will begin next Sunday at the morning hour, with Rev. E. E. White of Abilene holding the meeting. The church is looking forward to a great meeting.

Rodo Archer and Buster Edwards made a trip to Pecos the first of the week.

John Reynolds and family of Abilene were guests Thursday night of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Reynolds.

Mrs. J. A. Scott visited with Mrs. T. J. Williamson last Tuesday.

Miss Francis Vancourt and her sister, accompanied by Miss Lansford, all of San Angelo, were guests last Sunday in the home of Mrs. Alex Williamson.

A. C. Terry and family, also Miss Mary Boyd, were representatives at the B. Y. P. U. convention, which met at Merkel last Sunday.

Rev. McGinnis attended church at Abilene last Sunday.

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### New Officers Named By Trent P. T. A.

Trent, Texas, Oct. 3.—The Parent-Teachers association met at 4 o'clock October 1, in the school auditorium for the election of officers for the ensuing year with the following results: Mrs. Joe Nalley, president; Mrs. Alex Williamson, vice-president; Miss White, recording secretary; Mrs. Ruben Reeves, corresponding secretary; Mrs. L. E. Adrian, treasurer.

Committees were appointed as follows: program, Mrs. W. L. Boyd and Miss Burgess; membership, Mrs. Tom Williamson; hospitality, Mrs. Beuna McLeod; publicity, Mrs. A. C. Terry; finance, Mrs. Walker Steadman; health, Mrs. Reeves.

The committee to select a picture for the P. T. A. to vote on is composed of the following members; Mrs. Adrian, Miss Burgess and Miss Shepard. They were instructed to buy a picture, preferably, "The Blue Bonnet," as that is our state flower.

There was a good spirit manifested in the meeting and all plan a greater year's work. The retiring officers expressed their thanks to each one for their cooperation in the past and at the same time extended their cooperation in the future. Some new features have been added in the school work and the schools seem starting off in a fine way. It was stated that the P. T. A. stands for everything that will give our children better training for life and that the Trent P. T. A. is affiliated with the state and national P. T. A. Meetings will be held every two weeks and the next meeting will be the 15th of October. All mothers are especially urged to come and all others that are interested. There is a membership committee working and every one desiring to become a member is urged to give or send in their name.

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### Blair Items

M. and Mrs. Spurgin Scott and family of Trent have removed into our midst recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Phillips have been enjoying a visit during the past week from their daughter of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Osburn enjoyed a visit from their sister and family of Sweetwater, who motored over Sunday.

Members of the Junior Sunday school class of the Baptist church were graciously entertained by their teacher, Mrs. Carl Hughes, on September 22. Several guests also participated in the interesting games which whiled the time until the tea hour when a refreshment plate of ice cream and cake was served.

### HEBRON NEWS

The farmers are busy gathering their cotton.

Leo Harris and Palmer Skidmore left last week for Fort Worth, where they joined his brother, James Harris. Both are working for the state highway department.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Clark visited Mr. Clark's sister, Mrs. Leslie, at Sweetwater last Sunday.

Mrs. Miller enjoyed a visit last week from her nephew of Hale Center.

Willie Harris of Paducah spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lige Harris.

Mr. Owens and family left this week for McKinney, Texas.

Calen Whatley is at home this week from Abilene.

Several from Hebron attended singing at Stith Sunday.

Everybody is invited to come to preaching Saturday night and Sunday. Sunday school Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.

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**W. M. S. Program.**  
The Missionary Society of the Presbyterian church will meet Monday, Oct. 7, at 8 o'clock at the church. The program follows:  
Devotional, Mrs. Tucker. "Stand Away," Mrs. S. G. Russell. "Living Illustrations," Miss Mary Kenny. "A Christmas in the Arctic," Mrs. John Russell. "A Cure for Sorrow," Mrs. Elliott. "Eliza's Penny," Mrs. Anderson.

**PREBYTERIAN CHURCH.**  
Sunday school at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m., followed by a communion service. Offering for Reynolds Home. Evening service at 7:15. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:15. You are invited to worship with us in all the services.  
W. M. Elliott, Supt.  
R. A. Walker, Pastor.

**Junior League.**  
Song. Prayer. Reading 1 Corinthians, 15:58. da Hunter. Talk by the president. "We can pray," Mollie Frank Touchstone. "We can be cheerful," Mrs. Briggs. "We can study," Mrs. Willett. "We can help," Mollie Frank Touchstone. "We can discuss." Song. Benediction.

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<b>GRAPES</b>	Tokay, per lb.	10c
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