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TAYLOR COUNTY GETS ANOTHER OIL WELL

SUCCESS CROWNS FIRST MUNICIPAL CHRISTMAS TREE

More Than One Thousand Kids Are Remembered by Santa Claus; Program of Songs and Carols Rendered.

It was a real honest-to-goodness Santa Claus that visited the kiddies of Merkel and the surrounding communities Monday night on the occasion of this city's first Municipal Christmas Tree. More than one thousand little hearts were made glad when jolly Old Saint Nick distributed his gifts at the brilliantly illuminated tree. And it was not a strictly local affair. One of those rearing his quota of presents was from Seattle, Washington, and others in the holiday crowd were from Los Angeles and San Diego, Calif.

The Municipal Christmas Tree was sponsored by the local Lions club, the idea being launched at their weekly luncheon last Tuesday. Committees appointed by the president, Booth Warren, were joined by similar committees from the ladies' organizations of the city and the joint committees cooperated in staging one of the most successful civic affairs ever recorded in the history of Merkel. Credit is due each and every individual member of the several committees for their untiring efforts in providing the tree, the decorations, the program and, last but not least, the presents for the eager children of the grammar school age and under who assembled to welcome Santa Claus and to participate in his bounteous distribution of gifts.

Long before the appointed hour of the clock, large crowds thronged the streets, far exceeding the numbers for Merkel's first "Cow Day" and it was a happy, merry assemblage.

Booth Warren was master of ceremonies and the program began with a band concert by the Merkel Booster band, directed by G. A. Hartman. Then with Mrs. L. B. Howard at the piano, "Silent Night" was effectively sung by the massed voices, followed by a prayer by Rev. T. C. Willett.

The Carolers, led by Miss Christine (Continued on Page Four)

CHRISTMAS SONG

By LYDIA COONLEY WARD
in Farm and Ranch

Why do bells for Christmas ring?
Why do little children sing?

Once a lovely, shining star,
Seen by shepherds from afar,
Gently moved until its light
Made a manger-cradle bright.

There a darling Baby lay
Pillowed soft upon the hay.
And His mother sang and smiled,
"This is Christ, the Holy Child."

So the bells for Christmas ring,
So the little children sing.

Equipment Shipped For Merkel Hatchery

C. D. Smith, proprietor of the Merkel Hatchery, put out the good news Monday that the equipment was en route for the 16,128 egg hatchery and 900 chick electric brooder and that unless something unforeseen arises everything will be in readiness to start the operation of this new enterprise in Merkel on the first of January, just as he had planned and as has been announced previously in the Merkel Mail.

The hatchery will be located in the Daniels building on Front street, just east of the former Maverick Motor company building, and will be convenient of access for prospective customers.

New Band Director to Assume Duties Jan. 1

The first of the year will note the removal to this city of G. A. Hartman and family, Mr. Hartman being the new director of the Merkel Booster band whose services will begin at that time.

He comes from Winters where he has directed the band and is highly recommended.

There are now 18 boys who are members of the local organization which practices on Mondays and Fridays and Mr. Hartman has been on hand for the past several meetings to assist the boys in their regular practice.

EIGHT MERKEL BOY SCOUTS RECEIVE MERIT BADGES AT COURT OF HONOR HELD HERE

When they appeared before the court of honor at the Presbyterian church last Thursday night, eight members of Boy Scout troops 20 and 66, Merkel, received awards as listed below.

Members of the court of honor were T. G. Bragg, W. J. Sheppard, T. J. R. Swafford, Earl Lassiter, L. R. Thompson, R. A. Walker, C. L. Boswell and Herbert Patterson. Scout Executive Ed Shumway of Abilene was present for the ceremonies.

Four boys receiving badges as tenderfoot scouts were Clifford Blumberg, Virgil Perkins, Warden Boswell and Byron Bull.

Other receiving additional merit badges were:

Howard Carson, first class scout, path-finding.

David Gamble, star scout, path-finding, first aid, first aid to animals, swimming, horsemanship, animal industry, carpentry.

Jack West, star scout, path-finding, animal industry, swimming, horsemanship, first aid, carpentry.

Mordell Shouse, star scout, carpentry, first aid to animals, personal health, civics.

Benjamin Sheppard, bronze palm, leathercraft, horsemanship, book-binding.

SIX PASSENGERS ESCAPE INJURY

Safeway Stages Bus Crashes into Truck on Highway; No Fatalities.

When an inter-state bus of the Safeway Stages, operating from Dallas to Los Angeles, Calif., crashed into a truck parked partially on the highway just at the eastern city limits of Merkel about 10:30 Sunday night, the bus was caved in on the right side and badly demolished, while the truck, which was loaded with a caterpillar tractor, was turned over in the ditch alongside the road.

By a seeming miracle, however, the driver of the bus and six passengers escaped with no serious injuries.

D. L. Gann, whose home is in Odessa, Texas, was driving the bus and gave the following description of the accident to the Merkel Mail. He was coming west and driving about 30 miles an hour. A truck was approaching the opposite direction, followed by two or more cars, and the truck, into which he crashed, belonging to Meadows and Whittaker, Burkburnett, having no tail light and being parked partially on the highway, he had no knowledge of its being there until he was too near to stop. He swerved to the left but could not avoid crashing into the truck, demolishing the right half of his bus.

Four of the passengers were brought into Merkel and remained at the Woodrum hotel here until about midnight Monday when they were picked up by another Safeway bus and continued their route. Those stopping here were: Robert Dodd of Kansas City, who escaped without injury; W. M. Sterling of Tulsa, Okla., slight bruises; O. C. Dollahite, San Diego, Calif., bruised in chest; F. O. Murray, Los Angeles, Calif., injury to knee.

Two other passengers were carried to Sweetwater and joined the bus from that point. They were Mrs. M. F. Tichenor, Phoenix, Ariz., who suffered a bruised cheek bone, and Thomas McCraide of Chicago, Ill., whose lower jaw bone was broken.

F. M. Henry, driver of the truck, had come to a service station in Merkel to get a battery for the truck, which had stalled. He is being held on \$500 bond, set by County Judge Tom K. Eplen, on charges filed by State Highway Officer Martin Koonsman.

John Boles Comes Home.
Greenville, Texas, Dec. 24.—A home town boy is back home after "making good" in the big show.

John Boles is spending his first Christmas at home in five years, during which time he has established a reputation as a star in the talking pictures. He came here from Hollywood to attend a family reunion at the home of his parents. He is due to return to the Cinema capital Saturday to resume production of two pictures, "Marseillaise" and "The King of Jazz."

WOMAN KILLED IN AUTO CRASH

Members of Janes Family En Route to Christmas Reunion Meet With Tragedy.

A family reunion and Christmas celebration, planned at Sidney, Comanche county, was shattered when tragedy overtook a party of the guests en route from their home at Petersburg in a truck-automobile accident on the Bankhead highway near Tye about 3:30 Sunday afternoon in which one woman, Mrs. A. M. Janes, a grandmother, was killed, and her daughter Mrs. King Janes, and two grandchildren were injured.

Members of the Janes family were en route to a family reunion at Sidney in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Cox, parents of Mrs. King Janes, and the truck in which they were riding carried a load of gifts and toys, which were scattered in all directions in the ditch along the highway when the truck overturned after the accident.

The car was driven by King Janes, the son, and in the party besides his mother and his wife, were their four children. Two daughters, Shelah, 14 years of age, and Lois, 10 years old, were also injured, the former suffering a broken collarbone. Mr. Janes and his two sons escaped uninjured.

Janes said he was behind two cars and attempted to pass one of them, sounding his horn. As he did so, the car he was passing attempted to pass the one in front of it, striking the front wheel of Janes' car, running the truck into the ditch where it overturned.

The body of Mrs. A. M. Janes will be taken to Plainview for burial beside the grave of her husband, who died in 1922, according to the announcement made by an Abilene undertaking company.

New Year's Party

In lieu of the regular weekly noonday luncheon next Tuesday, Dec. 31, 1929, the Merkel Lions club will have Ladies' Night. There will be a banquet at 7:30 p. m. and they promise a very interesting program.

W. O. Boney will be toastmaster and his program committee is composed of L. B. Scott, H. P. Hulsey, C. W. Delmer and C. H. Jones. Other arrangements are being looked after by E. Yates Brown, Rufe Tittle and Stan Johnson.

Sunday School Attendance.

The attendance at the Sunday Schools in Merkel fell off some the past Sunday due to the decided change in the weather, the total being 767, nearly one hundred under that of the previous Sunday. The attendance by schools was as follows: Baptist 275, Methodist 269, Church of Christ 90, Presbyterian 84, Nazarene 49.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Crockett county amassed a majority of eight to one for a \$375,000 highway bond issue last Saturday, while four inches of snow mantled its dirt roads.

Pat M. Neff of Waco, former governor, has been elected chairman of the railroad commission to succeed Clarence E. Gilmore, former chairman, who died in October.

Rev. William Henry White, 85, for sixty years a preacher in the Cumberland Presbyterian church and the father of James C. White, managing editor of the Brownwood Bulletin, died at Brownwood.

The body of an unidentified white man, about 65 years old, was found frozen to death on the railroad tracks five miles east of Palestine Friday afternoon.

For the first time on record long distance telephone connection between San Antonio and the lower Rio Grande valley was broken Saturday night by snow on the wires.

Voting for the fourth time on a county-wide movement for good roads, Haskell county adopted a \$985,000 issue Saturday by more than the required two-thirds majority.

Lieutenant Elmer R. Miller, 25, Dodd field aviator, was killed at San Antonio when he failed to pull the rip cord of his parachute after making a practice jump from a plane.

John Boswell, manager of the Southwest Development service of the Dallas Chamber of Commerce, has been named manager of the Wichita Falls Chamber of Commerce to take effect January 1.

The railroad commission has issued an order forbidding motor buses to carry motion picture films as an aftermath of the recent bus explosion near San Antonio in which three people lost their lives.

Mayor Leroy King, 64, of Beaumont, who in business life was treasurer and general manager of the A. L. Carter company, died at a hospital there, following a gall bladder operation.

The decomposed body of a white man, whose only identification marks were laundry initials, "B. B. W.," was found by a Mexican in a cave in the wild, almost unexplored river country near Lajitas in southern Brewster county.

Harrell's crossing, five miles west of Cisco and one of the few remaining hazardous crossings on the Bankhead highway, will be made an overpass as the result of the allotment of \$35,000 by the state highway commission for its part of the construction.

Captain Clyde A. McNeil, war veteran and prominent in Brownwood civic affairs, was found guilty by a jury in district court on charges of robbery with firearms, in connection with the daylight robbery of the First National Bank there March 13, and was given 40 years penitentiary sentence.

Glenn A. Pace, former mayor of Borger, ousted during martial law in Hutchinson county, was cleared of all charges pending against him in that county when District Judge Pickens dismissed a liquor indictment against him on the grounds that he had been granted immunity in consideration of his resignation as mayor.

Second "Cow Day" at 4 P. M. Friday, Dec. 27

On Friday afternoon, two days after Christmas, at 4 o'clock Merkel's second "Cow Day" will be featured when a fine cow, a sow and a pen of chickens will each be sold for one dollar, as was done on the first "Cow Day," which was so largely attended and which created so much interest along the lines of development of dairying, hog-raising and poultry.

"Cow Day" is being sponsored by the Lions club of Merkel with the cooperation of practically all of the business houses here and is proving decidedly popular all around.

LOWE NO. 1 TEST ESTIMATED GOOD FOR 100 BARRELS

New Well Four Miles South of Dunigan Bros. Hunter No. 1 and Half Miles Northeast of Midcontinent's Taylor No. 1.

Another producing oil well for Taylor county seemed assured Monday.

With 2,000 feet of oil in the hole, Adams-Ferguson-Neely Hobbs' No. 1 Lowe, 4 1-2 miles south of the Hunter No. 1 held the attention of the operators. While no definite test was possible, estimates were that the test is a commercial producer, good for at least 100 barrels of high grade crude oil daily.

The showing of oil—comparable in promise to that in Dunigan Brothers No. 1 Hunter, four miles to the north, which conservative operators declare is worth 300 barrels daily settled production—was picked up at 2,384 feet, Sunday evening at 6 o'clock. The oil quickly rose 100 feet in the hole; after cleaning out, the test was left through the night and Monday morning the oil stood 2,000 feet in the hole.

Casing is set at 2,353 feet and the 31 feet of open hole is in excellent condition, owners of the well declared.

The Lowe Test is the third to be drilled in that vicinity within the past year. The Mid-Continent Petroleum company's No. 1 Taylor, one and a half miles to the southwest, picked up good showing at approximately the same depth. A thorough test showed it to be worth 15 barrels of oil per acre-foot and it was abandoned. The one-half mile to the north was abandoned when the test was insufficient.

The first showing in the Lowe test was picked up earlier in the hole, at 2,353 feet. The gas pressure was heavy but the showing of oil light and drilling was resumed. Gas pressure at present is between one-half million and one million according to the owners.

The test is hardly 400 feet north-east of the Santa Fe railway right-of-way.

Christmas Musicales

In observance of the Carol season, members of the Baptist church choir presented a program of unusual beauty on last Sunday evening. The numbers, mostly classical in nature, were rendered in anthems, solos and hymns; sung by talented musicians with full throated harmony that only the Christmas season can inspire.

Mrs. Yates Brown at the piano used "Now The Day is Over" as the professional for twenty-five choristers to find places for the first anthem, "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Morn," by Calkin, a glorious opening for any program.

A short prayer by Rev. Ira L. Par-rack preceded another anthem, "The First Christmas Morn," by Newell, followed by a brilliant four-hand piano number "Luitstiel Overture," with Mesdames L. B. Howard, and E. Y. Brown, pianists. The choir's next selection was "The Lord is Thy Strength," by Wooler, possibly the most melodious number of the evening. "The Christmas Story" was beautifully told by Miss Lucy Tracy and climaxed in "Rejoice in the Lord," Baines, by the choir. A hymn, sung for the first time to a Merkel audience "Some Morn, O Some Morn," by Mrs. I. I. Foreman, was the favored selection of the audience and brought out to excellent advantage the full part harmony of the choir.

Mrs. Brown played as an offering "The Palms" and Rev. Par-rack preached a sermonette on the "Child." "Joy To The World," with voice and choir in full voice, concluded the program.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of the Merkel Mail December 24, 1929.)

CLARK-WEST.
Wednesday evening of last week at 7:30 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. West, Mr. J. Houston Clark led to Hymen's altar, one of Merkel's fairest flowers, Miss Mae West, Rev. J. W. Saffles officiating, Mr. Silbert Dean and Miss Ethel Jenkins acting as waiters and only the close friends of the couple present.

USSERY-OEFF.
At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Eoff, on December 21st at 7 p. m., Mr. M. D. Ussery and Miss Myrtle Eoff were united in the holy bonds of matrimony, the Rev. W. W. Cypert performing the ceremony. Mr. Ussery is well and favorably known from childhood into womanhood in our midst and has entertained herself into the hearts of our people.

ON MARTIN'S LAKE.
Monday afternoon a large bunch of High School boys and girls took to the Martin Lake, accompanied by their teachers. The ice was in good condition for skating and several hours were spent in the sport. All report a jolly good time but Vernon Boring and Willie Largent ventured on thin ice and fell into the water. In an effort to regain a dryer place, Boring pulled Luther Grimes under also. Fortunately the water was not over the boys' heads and they soon found the bank.

Mrs. Austin Fitts has returned after a week's absence.

Buy your groceries Monday and Tuesday for the week. We will be closed Wednesday, Thursday and Friday to invoice.

B. C. Gaither & Sons
Miss Mae Allyn of Eskota was shopping in our city one day this week.

Rufus Adcock was among the school teachers in Abilene Saturday.

Mrs. J. M. Gilliam left Friday to visit relatives in Italy, Texas.

Ed Turner recently spent a day in Abilene attending to business matters.

Rev. A. L. Jobe left last week to fill appointments at Elgin and other places.

Large assortment of Burnt leather novelties at "Groene's."

I. N. Williamson and Joe Holmes were Abilene visitors last week.

Cordwood—Delivered on short notice. Mrs. E. M. Rust.

Davenport Gaither, wife, and Mrs. W. V. Cranford visited in Abilene one day this week.

J. W. Wheeler happened to a painful accident last Friday out on his ranch. While lassoing steers his thumb was caught between the horn of the saddle and the rope and almost mashed off, it being amputated by Dr. W. V. Cranford.



Trent News and Personal Notes

Miss Velma Rogers, who is attending school at Lubbock, came in Thursday to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lea Rogers.

The program rendered at the Baptist church last Sunday was well attended and enjoyed by all.

Cora Scott motored over to Abilene last week-end to join Misses Mattie and Fannie Scott and accompany them to Anson to spend the Christmas holidays with their brother and family.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Boyd and son, in company with little John Howell, made a trip to Lamesa last week.

B. E. Rutherford spent the week-end with his daughter, Mrs. Joe Nally.

Miss Maggie Payne came in last week to spend the holidays at home.

The school teachers have gone to their homes for the holidays and the children are at a loss what to do; it appears they are anxiously waiting for their return so as to start work again, which speaks well for our schools.

Allen Terry and Bernie Howell, who are attending school at Stephenville, are spending the holidays with the homefolks.

George Gafford and family of Meadow are spending the holidays with relatives here.

Miss Alice Bigham of Abilene is visiting here this week.

J. B. Scott and family of Tahoka spent several days recently here with his sister, Mrs. W. R. McLeod.

Mrs. Buddie Burks of Littlefield is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hamner.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Pass of Abilene are spending the holidays here with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor of Amherst spent a few days this week with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Winn.

Estelle Terry is here for the holidays.

Ruby Johnson is home from Denton to spend the holidays with her parents.

Master Wright Grant Boyd of Lamesa is spending a few days with his grandparents this week.

Mrs. Walker Steadman entertained the seventh grade with a most enjoyable party last Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. John Payne and son are here for the holidays.

for more than 4,000 people and dumb. as for you appreciate church

Men's Prayer Meeting.

The largest attendance at any of the meetings so far was report furnished by the secretary as to the men's prayer service which was held last Sunday at the Methodist church and some were in attendance from practically all of the churches of the city. The next Sunday service is to be held at the Baptist church at 2 p. m., with S. G. Russell as leader. Every man in Merkel and this community is invited to attend.

THE METHODIST REPORT.

The lessons for last Sunday morning were well permeated with the Christmas spirit. Rev. Willett's message was simply an old story told in a new and interesting way. The story of the crowded inn shown in a new light.

Many of the "home folks" were here last Sunday for the holidays. We

certainly are glad to see them at home again.

Among the visitors at Sunday school and church last Sunday are: Misses Inis Brown and Mary Hughes of Venus; Miss Mary Hutcheson from C. I. A., Denton; Miss Hazel Lee Rainbolt, of Kirkland; Miss Marie Pinckley of Gainesville; W. A. Whiteley, Jr., of Southwestern University, Georgetown; and Mr. and Mrs. Etsel Church and family of Abilene.

We hope that everyone enjoys their Christmas holidays. Make the New Year a happy one by keeping your church attendance record clean.

—Reporter

Second sheets at Merkel Mail office.

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A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS AND A
HAPPY, PROSPEROUS
NEW YEAR

We might write a page and never wish you more.

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CHAS. WEST H. W. MAYFIELD BOB McDONALD

AS THE HAPPY YULETIDE
APPROACHES

We wish for you and yours a full measure of the season's choicest delights. May your Christmas be filled with happiness and your New Year be one of prosperity, health and all things good.

CITY DRY CLEANERS

"Sudden Service"

Phone 189

Kent Street

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

..... AND A MOST PROSPEROUS

NEW YEAR!

Another Christmas is at hand and another New Year approaches. We are deeply grateful for the patronage we have enjoyed, and for the kindly favors that have been shown us in the year now passing.

It is our ambition to merit your good will and patronage, and to this end we shall continue in the future as in the past, to strive toward a better and more efficient service.

Again, we wish for you and yours, a most Merry Christmas, and a very happy, prosperous New Year.

FARMERS STATE BANK

Greetings of the Season

1930

The golden sun is setting
And our hearts are not forgetting
The Courtesies and favors
You have shown us in the past.

And we hope that we may serve you
In a way that may deserve to
Warrant us in hoping that
Such courtesies may last.

1929

"THE OLD RELIABLE"

Farmers and Merchants National Bank

Merkel, Texas

POULTRY

PLAN TO FATTEN HOLIDAY TURKEYS

The marketing season for turkeys is on about the middle of November to the last of December.

Confining turkeys during the fattening season has not proved successful. They will eat heartily for two or three days, but after this they will lose their appetite and begin to lose flesh rapidly. Naturally, they are wild birds and thrive only when they have access to open range. During the summer and fall they find an abundance of feed on the average farm; however, it is advisable to give them a small feed at night for the purpose of bringing them home to roost. Grasshoppers and other insects, weeds and grass seeds, green vegetation, berries and grain picked up in the fields and about go to make up the turkey's daily ration, and when all these are plentiful they are in splendid condition when the fattening season arrives.

A satisfactory plan for fattening is to begin by feeding small grain night and morning, not enough at a time but that the birds will walk away still a little hungry, and gradually increase the quantity, adding some corn, until they are given all they will eat three times a day. Along at the close of the fattening season corn, supplemented with fresh sour milk, may constitute the full ration. New corn may be fed safely provided the turkeys are gradually accustomed to it, otherwise scours may result.

Various kinds of nuts are a natural fattening feed picked up by turkeys on the range. In parts of Texas many growers, properly situated, depend solely on acorns for fattening their turkeys, and when the mast is plentiful the birds are marketed in fairly good condition.

Use Lights in Poultry House During Winter

A series of cautions for the user of lights in the poultry house is found in the Ohio state poultry calendar. They are as follows:

Grade and pen pullets according to age, condition, and laying qualities, so that each group may be properly handled.

Excessive fall production makes it hard to keep the flock in heavy production during the winter.

Don't use lights to produce more than a 14-hour day. Excessive use of lights means overproduction, followed by a slump.

To avoid a spring molt, discontinue lights slowly in the spring.

Use lights on breeders only after they lay 1 to 15, in order to help them to production.

Don't crowd production over 60 per cent, or otherwise the flock will become thin and molt.

Be regular in management and use of lights.

Feed grain liberally when using lights.

Always have feed and water available when lights are on.

Do not turn lights off too early in the spring.

Do not stop feeding early and late in the day when lights are finally eliminated.

Early Layers Usually Heavy Egg Producers

Pullets that begin to lay early usually are the heaviest producers in the flock and for this reason it is an excellent practice to mark them so that they can be given due consideration for their performance next year when it comes time to cull the flock. It is pointed out by L. E. Card, of the University of Illinois. Pullets that are extremely late in starting to lay are always certain to be the least desirable birds to use as breeders. In breeding for higher egg production, individuals of this type should be kept out of the breeding pens.

If the early-laying pullets are banded with numbered leg bands, all that is necessary is to make a record of the individual band numbers and the approximate date on which egg laying starts. Another equally satisfactory scheme is to use colored leg bands, in which case a different colored band should be used to mark the pullets that start laying in the different months.

Laying Hen Sings

A laying hen is usually a singing hen and happiness is encouraged by plenty of good oat or wheat straw on the floor. Practical poultrymen differ as to the respective merits of wheat, rye, and oat straw for litter. Each has been used without any noticeable differences as to wearing and sanitary qualities. Rye straw is somewhat stiff and oat straw breaks rather readily. The best advice is to use what is convenient and keep the house in good sanitary condition.

Cause of Fowl Typhoid

Thank your luck if you've never met up with Ebertheila sanguinarum. She's the germ that causes fowl typhoid, a most destructive disease. It acts much like fowl cholera, the birds becoming dull, droopy, with pale combs and a greenish or yellowish diarrhoea. Death usually isn't as rapid as with cholera. One mark of typhoid is that the liver enlarges and becomes a brownish or greenish color, while the kidneys look faded, as if cooked.

List Texas Towns Where Record Snow Fell During Storm

Following is the snowfall recorded at various Texas points Saturday. In many instances, the precipitation broke records of sixty years.

- 25-Inches—Hillsboro.
- 20-Inches—Blooming Grove.
- 18-Inches—Southern part of Kaufman County.
- 17-Inches—Goldthwaite.
- 16-Inches—San Saba, Kemp, Tyler, Waco.
- 15-Inches—Corsicana, Mineola.
- 12-Inches—Llano, Lampasas, Belton, Frankston, Brady.
- 10-Inches—Nacogdoches, Grand Saline, Moody, Lufkin, Livingston.
- 9-Inches—Daingerfield, Jefferson.
- 8-Inches—Hearne, Georgetown, Brenham, Bartlett, Lindale, Cold Springs.
- 6-Inches—Madisonville, Longview, Ennis, Bryan, Wills Point, San Marcos, Winnsboro, Kerrville, Timpan, Henderson, Rusk, Jacksonville, Center.
- 5-Inches—Palestine, Bastrop, San Augustine, Hughes Springs, Somerville, Austin, El Paso.
- 4-Inches and Less—Mount Pleasant, Big Sandy, Grapeland, Lagrange, Lockhart, Ballinger, Silverton, Fairfield, Beaumont, Del Rio, Eagle Pass, Gonzales, Texarkana, Laredo, San Angelo, Jasper, Luling, Uvalde, Navasota, San Antonio.
- 1-Inch and Less—Practically all the rest of the State.

Buddhism was first introduced in China in 65.

Lower Merger of West Texas Lines

Dallas, Dec. 24.—Merger of the Fort Worth Power and Light company with the Texas Electric Service company, announced Saturday as effective under a charter granted at Austin, will move the general offices of the new organization, to be known under the name of the latter, from Dallas to Fort Worth.

John W. Carpenter, president of the Texas Electric Service will serve as executive vice president of the new company, the presidency being taken by A. J. Duncan, president of the Fort Worth Power and Light company.

All directors of the Fort Worth Power and Light company will remain directors of the new organization, and it is expected that West Texas business men will be added to the board. The Dallas offices of the Texas Electric Service company will be maintained.

Among the 60 cities in addition to Fort Worth that will be served by the new company are Wichita Falls, Ranger, Eastland, Sweetwater, Big Spring, Breckenridge, Midland and Eagle Pass.

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.

Typewriting paper at Merkel Mail office.

Senior League Program

Subject: "How Can We Bring Good Will to Men in the New Year?"

Leader—Orhah Patterson.

Scripture Lesson: Romans 15:17-21, Jo Rhiney.

Prayer.

Talk: "The Growth of the Church," Odell Hunter.

"Song of Worship"—Psalm 118:14-21, by leader.

Talk: "Sympathy"—Lois Suber.

Talk: "Social Service Supt."—Roy Patterson.

Song.

League benediction.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday school at 10 a. m. Let's close the year with a good attendance and interest, win one. Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening. Best wishes to all. Come worship with us.

W. M. Elliott, Supt.
R. A. Walker, Pastor.

The first letter ever penned in America was written to Queen Isabella by Dr. Alvarez Chanca when he accompanied Columbus to America on the explorer's second trip.

A JOYFUL CHRISTMAS

We take this opportunity of wishing our many friends and customers a very joyful Christmas and A Happy New Year.

We hope that you, whose friendship has been the cause of our success, will continue to favor us during the coming year with this friendship, which we assure you, is deeply appreciated.

IN APPRECIATION OF YOUR FAVORS

We enter the New Year with the determination to excel our past efforts to please you, and to co-operate with you every hour of the coming year.

ELI CASE GROCERY

Phone 234

A Little Ad With A Big Meaning

Maybe we are not using as large space as some others but one thing we guarantee: Regardless of space or words no one can wish you a merrier Christmas or a Happier New Year than we wish for you.

J. M. GARRETT

Phone 155

IN TOKEN OF FRIENDSHIP

—A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO EVERYONE

The goodwill of our customers is our biggest asset. In token of the business friendship existing between us during the past year, we send the greetings of the season, and hope that your New Year will be a highly prosperous and happy one.

May we serve you better throughout 1930 is our wish, and to this end we shall devote every effort.

Will you give us this opportunity?

GULF REFINING COMPANY

W. F. Golladay, Consignee

A FRIENDLY WORD TO SAY IS IN OUR THOUGHTS TODAY

And the best way we can say it is from a heart filled with gratitude, for your patronage, for your friendship and for your association.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

CITY SHOE SHOP

Greetings

FROM

JONES DRY GOODS CO.

MAY YOUR NEW YEAR BE LIKE YOUR ARITHMETIC:—

- Your Joys Added
- Your Worries Divided
- Your Sorrows Subtracted
- Your Happiness Multiplied

WE WISH FOR ALL A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR AND

Merry Christmas

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THE ART OF DREAMING.
(Holland's Magazine.)

To our modern minds, accustomed to genuflection to the great gods Efficiency and Punch, the word "dreamer" has come to mean inefficiency and irresponsibility, vagueness and bad business judgment. When a man, for one reason or another, fails to achieve a measure of success equal to or surpassing our own goals, we say that he is a dreamer, that he is impractical.

It was but recently that an internationally prominent man made the statement, before a group of the most powerful business leaders of one country, that no great business was ever founded and made great without first being dreamed about. No great movement for common good, he went on, was ever realized and materialized without having its genesis in the dreams and vision of a man.

There can be no doubt that he spoke wisely and well. Ask the presidents of our giant commercial institutions about the start of their business. They will tell you of themselves as young men, toiling and hoping, working and visioning, driven by the vital spark within that is sometimes called ambition. Ask them what they most desire in an executive, and they will tell you that, all other qualifications being equal, they most value the man whose speech imagination and foresight and

cautionous executive has his place—and he seldom leaves it. The man or the woman with the gift of creative thinking is the one who steps up, up, up, up, up. It must be intelligent, controlled dreaming and thinking, it is true. But there are ever enough of the unimaginative breed to check and control. The latter are the critics. The others are the creators.

The man, the woman, the executive, who stops thinking, dreaming, visioning in the world today—particularly in the world of business—is lost. For in the business field will find him out. And there are and lists in business just as there are in literature and as for the ruler looks. Given these more valuable qualities, the neck can always be supplied. But lacking this, nothing can be supplied to take its place. The colt of racing blood can be taught to trot in harness, but the plow horse can never be taught the exhilaration of contest and victory.

It is not the dreamer who loses in the race today. It is the one who cannot or is afraid to think and dream who finds himself in the same rut as the years roll by.

Municipal Christmas Tree Scores Success

(Continued from Page One)

Collins, sang "O, Little Town of Bethlehem," and a Christmas solo was rendered by Mrs. L. B. Howard, accompanied by Mrs. E. Yates Brown. The massed voices joined in singing "Joy to the World" and the story of Christmas was told by Rev. Ira L. Parrack.

The program of song and music was enjoyed in its entirety, the beautiful sentiment of the Christmas season was never more effectively portrayed. It was an occasion of joy for all, the singers, the listeners, the Lions, the business men, the kiddies.

At the call of the trumpeter, Ed Lancaster, Old Santa Claus arrived in the fire truck, followed by Marvin Smith's truck, laden with the hundreds of bags of toys and goodies for the kiddies. Each bag contained a toy, an orange, almonds and an assortment of candies and the joy was unconfined as the kiddies formed in line to get theirs. Those under six years, then the boys of 6 to 7, followed by 8, 9 and 10, then the older ones. There was something for each and every one.

While it is early yet to plan for the future, the success of the Merkel's Municipal Christmas Tree assures that the wide-awake Lions club will repeat each Christmas season with something similar.

CARD OF THANKS.

We want to thank all of those who were so kind to assist by their contributions to the fund to bury our son and brother, Lee Rhynes, and especially do we extend our thanks to our good friends, Claude Derrick, Van Eckelson and Henry Ellerbee for aid and assistance rendered.

G. F. Rhynes and Family.

Printing paper at Merkel Mail



POULTRY
CULL AND MARK PRODUCING HEN

Fall is a season of year when flocks of poultry should be culled, according to L. H. Schwartz of Purdue university. Getting rid of the nonproducers now means better living conditions for the birds which are left. It gives the better birds a chance to produce eggs from now on when the price of eggs begins to rise. It will also reduce the feed bill.

Poultry flocks should, of course, be culled regularly. Any birds which show indications of positive sickness, poor laying capacity and lacking in vigor should be culled whenever seen. This is the time when a number of birds will take a vacation from laying. The nonlaying bird will show a comb which is either dried or beginning to dry up, a close space between the pelvic bones and keel and between the pelvic bones themselves. The longer they are out of laying the heavier may be the deposit of fat on the pelvic bones.

The birds may also be in a molt. All molting may not be due to poor laying. It may be the result of feeding a ration which is not high in protein. Purdue university recommends the following ration to feed to laying birds: Grain, 300 pounds yellow corn and 200 pounds of wheat; mash, 100 pounds each of ground yellow corn, wheat bran and middling, and 75 pounds of meat scrap.

It is very desirable also not only to cull the birds now, but to mark those which show every indication of being high producers. Those birds which show no molt have a large body capacity and have a large soft abdomen are the ones which should be marked as possible breeders for another year.

Many folks who have culled their flocks at this season of the year have received, actually, more eggs from the remainder of the flock than they did when they had the culls in with the whole flock.

Whitewash Henhouse in Fall for Winter Use

A coat of whitewash or cold water white paint on the inside walls of the poultry house will brighten up the interior and make it lighter during the winter months when the hen needs all the light she can get.

To make whitewash: Slack a half bushel of quicklime or lump lime with boiling water, keeping it covered during the process. Strain it and add a peck of salt dissolved in warm water, three pounds of ground rice boiled in water until it is a thin paste, a half pound of powdered Spanish whiting, and a pound of clear blue dissolved in water. Mix these together well and let the mixture stand for several days. Heat it and apply as hot as possible with a whitewash brush. Alum added to whitewash will make it stick better. Use an ounce to a gallon. Molasses makes the lime more soluble and makes it penetrate wood or plaster more deeply. Use a pint of molasses to a gallon of whitewash. A pound of cheap bar soap dissolved in a gallon of boiling water and added to five gallons of thick whitewash will give the finished job a gloss like that of an oil paint.

Let Wing Feathers on White Leghorns Alone

The practice of pulling out the wing feathers to prevent the birds from flying the fences (a vice especially peculiar to Leghorns) is both slovenly and harmful to the birds themselves. The butt end of the feather quill of a growing bird contains juices which are essential to its satisfactory development, and the wing feathers should therefore be cut, unless the poultryman wishes his birds to undergo a setback.

Probably it is cheaper in the long run to buy a good commercial pullet mash, ready mixed, rather than to mix one's own ingredients. Several well known firms of feed merchants supply excellent pullet mashes at a price which justifies the saving of labor and possible noting, however, that it is more than advisable to deal with a reputable firm in this matter.

Good Mash Feed

What is a good mash? That depends. If you have plenty of skim milk for your fowls, say a gallon daily to 30 hens, why then a mixture of such feeds as wheat middlings, ground oats, wheat bran and corn meal will do very nicely—high-grade tankage to tempt the appetite. But if you have no skim milk, the mash should contain 15 to 20 per cent of meat scraps or high-grade tankage with the other feeds mentioned.

Hens to Select

In selecting hens pick those that have capacity for feed. The little short, dumpy kind of a hen cannot consume enough feed to make her a profitable layer. Chickens with good capacity and good appetites are the ones that fill the egg basket. If chickens eat a lot of feed and still do not lay, it is time to look at the ration and find out what is lacking. One of the faults of many feeders is that they do not give their hens enough feed, rather than too much.

Personal Mention

Bob Croft was the guest of his father Sunday and Monday.

Mrs. Mac Angus has returned from a visit to Fort Worth.

Miss Ima Parrack is at home from Simmons for the holidays.

Miss Maimie Ellis is at home from Ft. Stockton for the holidays.

"Dub" Harkrider is home from McMurry for the Christmas holidays.

Miss Elizabeth Harkrider is home from McMurry for the Christmas holidays.

R. E. Cole is home from the University of Texas for the Christmas holidays.

Lester Patterson from Texas Tech is spending the holidays with the homefolks.

Joe Largent from Texas Tech is spending the holidays with his parents here.

Ruskin Smith, who is attending Abilene Christian College, is home for the holidays.

Miss Martha Bird, who is teaching school at Graham, is spending the holidays at home.

Mr. and Mrs. David Wright of Midland are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Young.

G. P. Bradley and Miss Ora E. Bradley of Tuscola were here on business Saturday.

Miss Venice Bell is home from Warner's Memorial college at Eastland for the holidays.

W. A. Whiteley, Jr., and Perry Shannon from S. M. U. are home to spend the holidays.

Miss Leona Forbes, pastor of the Nazarene church here, is visiting in Clovis, New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Dye and baby are over from Abilene Sunday to visit Mrs. Dye's parents.

Friends of Bob Dennis were glad to note that he was able to be up town one day this week.

C. F. Church, who recently removed to Tahoka, was being welcomed by friends here Monday.

Mrs. E. D. Coats and John D. Coats are home from Dallas to spend the holidays with relatives.

Miss Allene Childress is home from Baylor University at Waco to spend the holidays with her parents.

Miss Mildred Swafford, who is teaching school at Maryneal, is spending the holidays with homefolks.

Miss Mary Hutcheson of C. I. A. is spending the holidays with her parents.

and Mrs. J. Ben Campbell. Mrs. Akin is a sister of Mr. Campbell. They are accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Akin of Apache, Okla.

Miss Irene Swann, who is teaching at Roswell, New Mexico, and Miss Nellie Swann of Simmons university are spending the holidays with homefolks.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt drove over to Stamford to meet their daughter, Miss Hazel Lee, who was returning from Kirkland to spend the holidays here.

Miss Mary Campbell, who is teaching in the Amarillo schools, and Miss Ouida Campbell, a teacher in the Dimmitt schools, are spending the holidays with homefolks.

Kenneth Watkins, formerly connected with the Merkel office of the West Texas Utilities company, and now with the same company at Tuscola, was a visitor here Sunday.

On his return home for the holidays Sterling Sheppard was accompanied by Douglas Stone, also a student at S. M. U., who has now gone to his home at Portales, New Mexico.

After visiting her mother, Mrs. T. J. Toombs, and other relatives Mrs. Mose Cawthen has returned to her home at Alamogordo, New Mexico. She was accompanied by her niece, little Miss Bobby Lou Anderson, of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Akin and two boys, Griffin and Prof., of Carnegie, Okla., are visiting in the home of Mr.

with his mother, Mrs. M. V. 19. Other guests expected by Mr. Akin for the holidays are Mrs. L. A. Akin and her son Dean and his family from Colorado and T. A. Bullion and family from Roscoe.

IT'S CHRISTMAS TIME

As we see the holiday wreaths and observe folks rushing here and there buying gifts, speaking words of good cheer, and showing other signs of Christmas, we pause to think,

"IT'S A PRETTY GOOD WORLD AFTER ALL"

—and right away we catch the spirit of the season and this moment we are thinking kindly of our friends and take pleasure in sending out this message of good wishes. . . .

Joy to You and Yours on this Day of Glad Tidings—

WE ALSO THANK YOU

for the very liberal patronage extended us since we opened our store in this city and we trust to have the pleasure of serving you throughout 1930.

DUNNAM BROS.

TELEPHONE THE MAIL
The Mail will be glad to receive news of entertainments or visitors in Merkel homes, as well as other news items of a general nature. If you have company, entertain friends or return from a trip please telephone 61 or 29.

QUEEN THEATRE

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY
Dec. 25-26

Joan Crawford
In

"Our Modern Maidens"
With

Rod La Rocque and Douglas Fairbanks, Jr.
Also
International News

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY
Dec. 27-28

Ted Wells
In

"The Smiling Terror"
Also

Final Chapter
"The Vanishing West"
With
2 Reel Comedy
"A Close Shave"

MONDAY AND TUESDAY
Dec. 30-31

Lon Chaney
In

"Thunder"
With

Phyllis Haver and James Murray
Also Metro-Goldwyn News and
Two Reel Comedy

With Kindest Thoughts for You Not Only at Christmas But Always

Our patrons and friends everywhere are in our thoughts today, and as always, in the kindest sort of way. May health, wealth and happiness be yours, and 1930 be your best year.

MARINELLO BEAUTY SHOP

Phone 123 Mollye Shannon, Prop.

MAY ALL HAPPINESS BE YOURS

As the year nineteen hundred and twenty-nine is about to pass into history, and we turn our thoughts toward the new year, it is well that we remember our friends and patrons and wish them all happiness for the new year and in some measure express our thanks for their patronage in the past.

PHILLIPS DRUG STORE

Here's A Christmas Stocking Full For You

We hope that Santa Claus, in the distribution of his gifts will fill your stocking of hope to overflowing with just those things you need and want most and with health, happiness and prosperity added for good measure.

EVERYBODY'S GARAGE
Phone 72

YULETIDE GREETINGS—

Christmas comes by a beautiful road.
A road full twelve months long;
May each sunny mile be lit with a smile,
And cheered by a merry song.

P. A. DILTZ
County Commissioner Precinct No. 2

CHAMPIONS DETERMINED

umont, Texas, Dec. 24.—The Arthur school board Monday unanimously not to play off the tie with Breckenridge for the state scholastic league championship. Information was given the Beaumont Enterprise by George M. Sims, superintendent of Port Arthur schools, following a meeting to consider Breckenridge's offer to play off Saturday's scoreless draw at Waco on Port Arthur's field.

"The school board feels that Port Arthur fans have been given a rich football program this fall," said Sims, "and that neither the team nor the school should be asked to make further sacrifices. Considering the lateness of the season and the scholastic handicaps the players have already suffered we believe it for the best interest of all concerned that no more games be played. After all, the purpose of our schools is to educate boys and girls and not pursue athletics beyond a reasonable degree."

Sims said he spoke for the entire school board, which voted solidly on Breckenridge's offer.

Many Relatives and Friends Here For the J. L. Harris Funeral

To attend the funeral of J. L. Harris, which was held Thursday morning of last week, the following children and their families were present: Victor Harris and wife, Eliasville; Thad Harris, wife and three children of Eliasville; T. A. Harris Fort Smith, Ark.; W. P. Duckett, wife and two daughters, Comanche; S. A. Duckett, wife and daughter, Tulsa; W. H. Bullock and family, Albany; H. G. Edleman and wife, Moran.

Other relatives and friends from out of town were J. T. Biggs and family, Snyder; O. C. Biggs and wife, Wichita Falls; Mrs. Exa Hammond, Colorado; Claude Harris and wife, Roby; Miss Willie Harris, Roby; Mrs. Willie Houston, Stanton; L. D. Winan, Roscoe; Kenneth Watkins, Tuscola; Rev. Ivey Biggs and wife, Dora; Mrs. Hess Davis, Roby; Mrs. H. C. Williams, Knox City; Mrs. H. B. Naylor, Houston; J. H. Cook and wife, Caddo, and Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Lewis, Eliasville.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Lord's day will be the last service of the passing year. Have you prepared as much as you should to make the church better, the neighbors happier and your soul bigger? "1930" will be written on many grave stones, on many for people who have no intension of going so soon. If we knew we would be "weighed in the balances" of the Great Judge some time in 1930, would we persist in wasting our opportunities to get right with God? Because we do not know that our lives will be required so soon many will take a risk on their souls and give God another dare. Let's read the writing on the wall next Lord's day, "Mene, Mene, Tekel, Upharsin." (Dan. 5:25.)

Thursday night's cottage service at the home of Brother C. W. Tipton. We hope to have Mrs. Ray Lawler, a missionary returned from Africa, with us at this service. You ought to meet her.

All other services at usual hours. Let every soul be in his or her place. "Not forsaking our own assembling together, as the custom of some is, but exhorting one another, and the more as ye see the day drawing nigh." J. G. Malphurs, Minister.

Try a Classified Ad in the Mail

APPRECIATION 1929-1930

We desire to express our appreciation to patrons of this business for their loyalty and patronage during the closing year and to assure you that we will appreciate a continuance of your favors.

It will continue to be our aim, desire and ambition to gratify your every wish when you need our services.

HAPPY, PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO ONE AND ALL.

HOKUS-POKUS GROCERY

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Milk cows; we want to buy your cows and hogs. See McCoy and Lowe.

I HAVE ABOUT 150 tons of maze head in Lubbock Co.; price \$20.00 per ton at barn. J. W. Keeling, Lubbock, Texas, Route 4.

FOR SALE—At a bargain lots 1 to 6, inclusive, Block 24, Grimmett's Addition, Merkel, Texas. American Finance Co., (Owners,) Mercantile Bank Bldg., Dallas Texas.

MY PLACE FOR SALE at Noodle; will sell cheap. For terms see C. W. Seago at Jim Grayson's, Mrs. Lottie Green.

FOR SALE—Pair of 5-year old mules. A. W. Hunter, Merkel, Texas, Route 2.

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Seven room house, 2 blocks north business section. See Harry Woodrum.

FOR RENT—Neatly furnished apartment; close in on pavement; gas; lights, telephone and garage furnished. Jas. H. West.

FOR RENT—January 1st corner store building now occupied by Clarence Saunders Store. See Max Mellinger.

NEW TWO ROOM apartment, nicely furnished, private entrance, adjoining bath; gas, hot and cold water. Mrs. C. L. Boswell. Phone 171W.

FOR RENT—Former Sie Hamm home; 4 rooms and bath. See B. H. Lancaster at Clay Lumber Co.

FOR RENT—Good 5 room house; double garage. See E. C. Richards, Merkel, Texas.

WANTED

WASHING AND GREASING Modern grease rack. Cars washed and greased the right way. Highway Service Station. J. C. White, Manager.

May This Be A Christmas Of Many Surprises

Happiness seems to be appreciated more when it comes as a surprise and since we want your happiness to be the very best we are wishing you many cheerful surprises during Christmas and many unexpected joys and enrichment during the coming year.

Dowell's Auto Top And Shoe Shop

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

To friends and patrons Everywhere.

Merkel Produce Company
Phone 106

NAZARENE CHURCH.
At the Nazarene church last Sunday the pulpit was filled by visitors at both services. At the morning hour, Dr. Hendricks of Stith preached and at the evening hour, Homer Nelson,

who is a brother-in-law of the pastor, delivered the sermon.

The library of the British Museum contains 1,800,000 volumes.

Read Merkel Mail Want Ads.

LEGAL NOTICE.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS, Abilene Division

The Brown-Crummer Investment company, plaintiff, vs. The City of Trent, Texas, a Municipal Corporation, W. E. Hamner and Tom Vesael, City Commissioners of said City, and G. H. Stutts, City Secretary and Treasurer of said City, and the Inhabitants and Taxpayers of the City of

Trent, Texas, Defendants. In Equity. No. 774.

PUBLICATION NOTICE.
The President of the United States of America. Greetings:

To the Inhabitants and Taxpayers of the City of Trent, Texas:

You and each of you are hereby notified that The Brown-Crummer Investment Company has filed its Bill in the above entitled cause, praying for judgment against the City of Trent, Texas, upon the following described warrant and coupons, heretofore issued by the City of Trent, Texas, to-wit:

City of Trent Waterworks System Warrants, Series 1926.	
30 Coupons, numbered 3, due September 1, 1928, from Warrants Nos. 1 to 30, both inclusive, \$30.00 each,	\$900.00
30 Coupons, numbered 4, due March 1, 1929, from Warrants Nos. 1 to 30, both inclusive, \$30.00 each,	900.00
30 Coupons, numbered 5, due September 1, 1929, from Warrants Nos. 1 to 30, both inclusive, \$30.00 each,	900.00
City of Trent Waterworks Extension Warrants, Series 1927.	
Warrant numbered 2, due March 1, 1929,	1000.00
5 Coupons, numbered 2, due September 1, 1928, from Warrants Nos. 2 to 6, both inclusive, \$30.00 each,	150.00
5 Coupons, numbered 3, due March 1, 1929, from Warrants Nos. 2 to 6, both inclusive, \$30.00 each,	150.00
4 Coupons, numbered 4, due September 1, 1929, from Warrants Nos. 3 to 6, both inclusive, \$30.00 each,	120.00
	\$4120.00
Attorneys' Fees, at 10%	412.00
	\$4532.00

and further praying for judgement for interest upon the above described warrant and coupons from the date of their maturity, at the rate of six per cent (6%) per annum, and attorneys' fees at the rate of ten per cent (10%) of the face thereof, together with interest at the rate of six per cent (6%) per annum on said attorneys' fees from the date of the filing of said suit, to-wit, the 16th day of November, 1929; that said Bill further prays for the appointment of a Receiver for the City of Trent, Texas, and for a restraining order, restraining the City and its said officials from expending any funds in the City Treasury for any purpose, pending the final hearing of said cause, and a permanent injunction restraining the said City and its said officials from expending any of said funds, save and except for the payment of the above described two series of warrants, and for such other and further relief as the premises may warrant. And you are hereby commanded to appear before the District Court of the United States aforesaid and file your answer or other defense in the above suit in the Clerk's Office of said Court, pursuant to said Bill, on or before the 27th day of January, 1930, and to do and receive what the Court shall have considered in that behalf; otherwise the said Bill will be taken pro confesso. And this you are not to omit, under penalty of law.

Witness, the Honorable James C. Wilson, District Judge of said court, this 20th day of November, 1929.
George W. Parker, Clerk.
(Seal) By Ida M. James, Deputy.
F. E. Smith, Abilene, Texas;
Elcock and Martin, Wichita, Kansas;

Attorneys for Plaintiff.
I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the original thereof now in my office. Witness the signature of the Clerk, and the Seal of the Court This 20 day of November, 1929.
George W. Parker, Clerk,
(Seal) By Ida M. James, Deputy.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon Henry Lewis by making publication of this Citation one in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day thereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in the nearest County where a newspaper is published, to appear at the next regular term of the 42nd District Court of Taylor County, to be holden at the Court House, thereof, in Abilene, Texas, on the 1st Monday in January A. D. 1930, the same being the 6th day of January A. D. 1930, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 3rd day of December A. D. 1930, in a suit, numbered on the docket of

said Court as No. 8358-A, wherein Mamie Lewis is Plaintiff, and Henry Lewis is Defendant, and said petition alleging that plaintiff and defendant were married on or about the 1st day of July 1928, and separated on or about the 15th day of August, 1928. Plaintiff sues for a divorce on the grounds of cruel treatment, all of which is fully alleged in her Original Petition.

Herein Fail Not, and have you before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given Under My Hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 3rd day of December A. D. 1929.

Belle Wellborn, Clerk,
District Court, Taylor County.
(Seal) By Birdie Wilson, Deputy.

OUR BUSINESS WITH YOU HAS BEEN A REAL PLEASURE

Every business has its "ups and downs" and its bad days and good days, but with us it seems our patrons have been kind and thoughtful in helping to make every day a bright, cheery day for us. Therefore you may know, good friends, that we mean every word of it when we send you the season's best wishes and the hope that 1930 will bring you a delightful twenty-four hours for every day on the calendar.

BURTON-LINGO CO.

"Where Quality Not Price is Criterion"
Merkel, Texas

ALL JOY AND HAPPINESS

Be to you and yours this merry Christmas season. Your patronage is sincerely appreciated, and we trust that it will continue through the New Year.

And may the young year bring you added prosperity and happiness in all the enterprises which may engage your attention.

WE WILL GREET YOU IN OUR NEW LOCATION FOUR DOORS EAST OF OUR PRESENT STORE IN THE NEW YEAR.

CLARENCE SAUNDERS STORE

MERRY CHRISTMAS

At this season of universal happiness, we wish to thank our friends for their patronage. Ours has been the privilege, the opportunity for a service which we sincerely hope has accomplished its mission in bringing unqualified satisfaction.

We appreciate the confidence which has been placed in us, and now, on the threshold of the New Year, we dedicate ourselves anew to the continuance of this service, which we trust will continue to grow more inclusive and helpful.

CLAY LUMBER CO.

B. H. LANCASTER, Manager

HAPPY NEW YEAR

FARM POULTRY

BUCKWHEAT GOOD FATTENING FEED

Buckwheat is a pretty good fattening feed for turkeys. Some prefer barley and corn, however. Either barley or oats, if mixed with buttermilk and the hulls removed, would be a preferable mixture. The buckwheat has the objectionable quality of having a woody, fibrous hull which is not good feed. A mixture of all three or four would do pretty well.

Some records sent in give the costs of feeding one part ground oats with hulls removed and two parts buttermilk as being 6 1/2 cents per pound, while the cost of feeding on equal parts ground barley, oats, and corn with the oat and barley hulls removed and with the same relative amount of buttermilk, averaged about the same. A mixture of 200 parts corn meal, 100 parts ground oats, hulls removed, 50 parts red dog flour, 3 parts tallow, 700 parts buttermilk, averaged a cost of about 5 cents per pound.

Using equal parts ground oats and barley, hulls removed, one part beef scraps and eight parts buttermilk, the cost was shown to be 4 3/4 cents per pound. Of course, these costs were not figured lately, but the comparisons remain. The Cornell fattening ration of 100 pounds corn meal, 100 pounds buckwheat middlings, 100 pounds oat flour, 30 pounds beef scraps, and one part charcoal, is considered, too, a very fattening ration.

Sodium Fluoride Best for Destroying Vermin

Sodium fluoride is one of the best substances to use for getting rid of chicken lice. It can be purchased at almost any drug store. It can be applied by the "pinch" method, or by mixing with four parts of talc or fine dust and using a dusting can or by making a dip. The pinch method is most commonly used. In this method the hen is held in such a way that the feathers loosen up and one pinch is applied to the head, one on the neck, two on the back, one on the breast, one below the vent, one on the tail, one on each thigh and one on the underside of each wing. This application should be repeated in about eight days so as to kill the lice that were in the egg form during the first application.

The ointment is usually mixed with for 3 motions of grease. Three pean and are rubbed into the to the lice around the vent and the as for lice are present it is usual you to apply some lard with 10 per cent kerosene thoroughly mixed with it or with 5 per cent of carbolic acid.

Producing Capons for Consumption at Home

The matter of producing capons for home consumption has not had proper emphasis. Everyone is aware of the superiority of meat from unsexed larger animals and as a rule such male animals are never used unless operated upon. But the fact that capon meat is superior to rooster meat as steer beef is to bull beef is not generally realized. The farmer and poultryman should not be content with a low grade food stuff when it is very easily possible to have the best. The time will come, no doubt, when we will insist on capon quality in food as much as we do now for steer beef.

Poultry Hints

Man has to hustle, but a hen makes money "laying around."

Sick birds should be segregated and proper remedies applied. Probably vaccination is as good a remedy and preventative as can be used.

The value of clean feed in preventing poultry disease is being realized more and more by poultrymen. All feed should be given to chicks in lean troughs or hoppers.

It is a good plan, when starting to the turkey raising business, or in it now, to plan the production program over a period of more than year. If this is done yards can be planned so that they may be rotated so that the poulters can be raised on fresh ground.

For layers have the opposite characteristics of those given to be used in the selection of breeders. They have hick, rigid pelvic bones; but two or three finger widths spans between these and the rear of the keel bone.

If a strict separation of turkeys and chickens is to be secured, as is vitally necessary for success with the former, the producer is obliged to raise his poulters in confinement. In addition to the value of this method in preventing disease it also has its merits in that the poulters can be given closer supervision.

Hens don't stop laying to molt. They molt when they stop laying. Of course, it is natural for them to let up on production, so they can grow their winter coats.

WTU CO. Stock Sale Was Oversubscribed

Abilene, Texas, Dec. 24.—Despite the recent stock market crash, West Texas is continuing its progressive march of prosperity, according to the recent two months' sale of more than 2,000 shares of West Texas Utilities \$6 preferred stock.

The stock offering which began October 1 had a quota of 2,000 shares placed over the various districts of the company and this quota was broken when five shares more than that figure were sold at the last minute. During the month of October a total of 810 shares were sold, then came the disastrous stock market crash. Industry was to be altered and general business conditions affected, it was pointed out, but the crash, showing its worst nation-wide effect during November, seemed only to stimulate sales in West Texas for in that month 1,195 shares were sold to bring the grand stock offering total to 2,005 and the total number of shares held by West Texans to approximately 10,000. It was thought at the beginning of the stock offering that the quota set was rather high.

Five of the eight districts representing 33 of the 45 counties served by the West Texas Utilities company responded by breaking 100 per cent of their quotas by a goodly margin. This two months stock sales is considered one of the most successful ever conducted by the company and in face of the stock market failure and its supposed curtailment of prosperity the results are considered exceptionally good. It is evident that West Texans have placed little faith in the pessimistic outlook pictured for the near future. Knowing the value of and believing in West Texas makes it a "Land of Opportunity."

CLOSE NEW YEAR'S DAY.

On account of New Year's Day the undersigned banks will be closed all day Wednesday, January 1, 1930. Patrons will please take notice and make their arrangements in accordance.

F. & M. NATIONAL BANK.
FARMERS STATE BANK.

Of the 11,691 miles of Federal designated highways in Texas, 6,964 are classified as "improved," with 567 miles of graded and drained earth roads, 90 miles of "sand-clay," 519 miles of water-bound macadam, 2,937 miles of graveled, 886 miles of bituminous macadam, 884 miles of concrete and 29 miles of brick roads.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

The English inventor of khaki made a fortune.

Best Wishes for A Merry Christmas And Happy New Year

And assuring you of my sincere appreciation of the cooperation extended by all the citizens of Merkel in sustaining our good fire record during the year just drawing to a close.

W. L. BURNS
FIRE MARSHAL

To The People of Merkel and Surrounding Communities

We Extend Heartiest Christmas Greetings

May the New Year of 1930 Bring you Liberal Success and Joyous Prosperity.

Merkel Hatchery
C. D. Smith, Prop.

Five Now in Race For Lieutenant Governor

Austin, Texas, Dec. 24.—There are five avowed candidates for the job of lieutenant governor, subject to the democratic primary in July, 1930. They are:

Representative W. S. Barron of Bryan, former Senator J. D. Parnell of Wichita Falls, Sterling P. Strong of Dallas, Virgil E. Arnold of Houston, W. H. Bledsoe of Lubbock, Representative Ray Holder of Dallas county, who had hoped to be a candidate, announced the Barron candidacy, which is taken as a hint that the Dallas representative will not make the race for the second highest office in the gift of the people, but will contest with George Purl for the senatorial seat now held by Thomas B. Love, who hopes to be governor next year.

Strong was for many years the superintendent of the Anti-Saloon league of Texas. Bledsoe served for years in the senate. Arnold is a former representative.

Harlingen, one of the few Texas cities without bonded indebtedness, is considering a \$2,000,000 bond issue for a variety of public improvements.

Hoover Signs Radio Bill

Washington.—President Hoover has signed the bill extending the life of the Federal Radio Commission indefinitely.

The first American woman to receive an airship pilot license was Harriet Quimby of New York City in 1911.

With deep appreciation of your Friendship and Patronage in the past and trusting to have the pleasure of continuing to serve you in 1930 we wish you and yours

A Very Merry Christmas and

A Happy and Prosperous New Year

Pennant Service Station
W. R. Sumpter, Prop.

DAY-IN AND DAY-OUT

We have been meeting you, greeting you and serving you in whatever way we could. We have come to enjoy greatly our dealings with you and to expect you to come in regularly when there is a chance for us to supply a need, or just for a friendly call.

And now that it is Christmas again we take added pleasure in wishing that you may find in the glad-some season an opulence of joy and contentment, such as will make life happier for you all the year.

MERKEL DRUG CO.

TO EVERYBODY

BOTH YOUNG AND OLD

Whether you are our patrons or not—we want you to be, because our big "family" of satisfied patrons are a real joy to us. So we wish EVERYBODY a Christmas season full of true happiness and a New Year with each day crowded full of delightful experiences.

Already we are thinking of plans we intend to put into effect during 1930 that may serve and please you even better than in the past.

MERKEL LUMBER CO.

Wm. P. CAREY Co., Owners
Phone 62 Established 1881

HERE'S OUR CHRISTMAS WISHES FOR FOR

Good Health

Good Luck

Peace; Happiness

Many Friends

Much Prosperity

Complete Contentment

CHEERFULLY YOURS,

BOSTON BARGAIN STORE

THE APOSTLE OF GOOD CHEER IS WITH US AGAIN

Santa Claus is the greatest of our apostles of good cheer. He comes to spread happiness and to put it into the hearts of people everywhere to be of good cheer—to render unselfish service and to express appreciation to one another.

It is in this fine spirit that we come to you our friends and patrons, to express our appreciation of what you have meant to us in the past. We greet you and thank you and wish you boundless joy and prosperity during the coming years.

Delaney-Delmer Chevrolet Co.