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PRESIDENT LOWE OF ABILENE CLUB IN ABLE ADDRESS

New Officers Installed by Local Lions Club; Suggestions and Needs Discussed for Future of Club and City.

Speaking on the subject, "Home Town Opportunities," Bert E. Lowe of Abilene, vice-president of the Citizens National bank and recently installed as president of the Abilene Lions club, was the principal speaker at the Tuesday luncheon of the local Lions club, the program centering around the installation of new officers for the ensuing six months.

These officers, installed Tuesday, are E. Yates Brown, president; C. R. Tittle, vice-president; Henry West, second vice-president; Mat Dillingham, third vice-president; Dr. H. P. Hulsey, lion tamer; H. H. Jenkins, tail twister, and Sam Swann secretary, (re-elected.)

With W. O. Boney presiding, the club singing was led by E. Yates Brown, with Mrs. Brown at the piano. The invocation was given by Rev. J. T. King and the toastmaster, Ben F. Bird, was then introduced.

The club members considered themselves very fortunate in having the opportunity to hear Mrs. Doss Shepard of Dallas sing two numbers, the first being "Mighty Lak a Rose" and the other "A Little Bit of Honey." Mrs. Brown played the accompaniment.

The committee on installation of new officers, including Rev. J. T. King, Rolfe Wagner, Dr. L. C. Zehnpfennig and C. J. Glover, Jr., with the latter as chairman, presented first a resume of the activities of the club during the outgoing administration, presented by Dr. L. C. Zehnpfennig. Among the features to which especial attention was called were continuation of the trades day, styled Merkel's Cow Day, each month, originated in the previous administration; the Yard and Garden contest, for which the judging is about to start now; presentation of a book to each of the boys in the Senior Class, "A Great Man of Babylon," picnic and celebration honoring the director and members of Merkel's Booster band for winning honors in the WTCC band concert at Abilene recently, and furthering the plans for an emergency landing field near Merkel.

Following Dr. Zehnpfennig's review, Mr. Lowe held the wraps attention of all present in his happy and forceful discussion of the home town, its problems and its opportunities. He referred to the first impression he had of Merkel, as a city of enterprise and progress, and he cited the fact that first impressions are lasting ones. "There is no better place for a man to live out his allotted time than in this, his home town, where the citizens know each other, are united by bonds of fellowship and sympathy, advise and help each other." He used with appropriate application the

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KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Six men, one woman and one child lost their lives in Texas by drowning over the week-end, two of them football stars.

The body of Jimmy Reed, 45, a railroad employe, which was found dead in a bath tub at Swetwater, was sent to Victoria for burial.

J. D. Taylor, 34, was killed Tuesday when his automobile collided with a Goose Creek outbound interurban about five miles from Houston.

Without saying whom he will support Lynch Davidson, who withdrew from the race for governor, has issued a statement opposing election of Sterling, Ferguson, Love or Mayfield.

Slugged by hi-jackers who robbed his filling station on the outskirts of Rotan of \$25 Sunday night, Charlie Summers, 50, is said to be in a serious condition at his home there.

Seeking to extinguish a blaze in a laundry in a building he owned at Paint Rock, J. L. Bratcher, 59, filling station operator, sustained burns Sunday that caused his death eight hours later.

Edgar L. Smith candidate for state representative from Dallas county, was fined in county criminal court on a charge of aggravated assault on J. T. Hooks, a Dallas News reporter, at a recent political rally.

Tuesday, July 1st, witnessed the celebration at Sonora when the golden spike was affixed to the last tie on the last rail of the Santa Fe's branch line south from San Angelo through Christoval and Eldorado to Sonora.

Thomas Davis, whose first trial for the murder of Lucian Davis resulted in the death penalty, which was reversed by the higher court, was given five years with sentence suspended by a jury in the district court at Eastland.

In outfitting a mob attempting to seize a negro, who had confessed to attacks on eight white women, officers carried the prisoner from Port Arthur to Beaumont in the fire chief's automobile, negotiating the distance of 22 miles in 15 minutes.

Clayton McCollum, 22, of Alpine, whose father is a prominent Big Bend ranch man, a student at Sul Ross college in the winter, working in the mines during vacation, was killed Sunday by a dynamite blast in the Rainbow mines near Iterlingua.

Death in the electric chair was the punishment fixed by a jury in district court at Brownwood for Joe Shield, found guilty of the murder of his estranged wife, Mrs. Opal Mae Shield, with indictments also pending against him for the murder of both of his wife's parents.

Actual working machinery of the Texas Cotton Cooperative association in this district will be constructed at a meeting at Abilene next Monday when Lawrence Westbrook, organization director of the state body, will meet with representatives of branch offices that have been organized in this region of 39 counties.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail July 8, 1910.)

MERKEL MAN WEDS DALLAS GIRL.

At the home of the parents of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. John Clem, at Dallas last Thursday evening, Miss Alice Delle Clem became the wife of John A. Bell of our city and the young couple arrived Tuesday to make this their future home. The bride formerly lived with her parents at Pecan Gap, San Angelo, and the groom is the son of one of our most estimable pioneer families and is a successful young business man.

The sympathy of the entire community goes to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Coats of our city in the loss of their daughter, Florence, which occurred at their home on Thursday morning at 12:15 o'clock. The funeral services were conducted at their home yesterday, the Rev. J. M. Sherman officiating.

A reunion of the Saffles family was held Wednesday at Warren's Tank. Forty or fifty pounds of fish were caught and with many other good things provided a feast for the large party. Jim Saffles of Waco shared honors with Rev. J. W. Saffles as it was his 50th birthday anniversary.

Mrs. Merritt entertained her Sunday School class at the home of Miss Floy Gunn last week. Miss Gunn is a charming hostess but the part that was enjoyed the most was the delicious ice cream and cake so abundantly served. A unique feature of the afternoon was the rose contest. Miss Lula Sharp was the happy winner of the prize—a dainty handkerchief. Buster Groene was there! Tho' not invited he did ample justice to all the pleasures of the evening. Some might think Buster a Buttinsky but he's a Takeinsky, and we see where he's right. Those present were Jewel Hicks, Floy Gunn, Mary Teaff, Annie Collins, Edith Mayberry, Amy Gunn, Elizabeth Barker, Nell Tracey, Willie Swann, Ruth Howard, Lula Sharp, Agnes Lassiter, Florence Holmes, Wilma and Beulah Garrett, Amelia Porter, Jackie and Mary Jennings, Hattie Miller, Eva Calvert, Fay Allen, Lois and Mildred Hogue, Josie Smith, Bessie Touchstone and Ruth Wheeler.

Mr. and Mrs. Pope Rister spent Saturday and Sunday in Abilene.

Judge W. T. Potter and G. W. Boyce were among the Abilene visitors Saturday.

OLD TIME TEXAS COWBOYS UNITE ELECT OFFICERS

R. L. Penick of Stamford Heads Cowboy Reunion, Inc., and Plans for Annual Round-Up Made; 357 Register.

Stamford, July 3.—The first gathering of West Texas ranchers sponsored by the Texas Cowboy Reunion, Inc., came to a close Saturday night but not until after the range pioneers had formed a permanent organization which will hold its annual meetings in connection with future round-ups here.

Those old timers who had done a man's work on ranches in this section for a year prior to 1895 met at the city hall auditorium here, talked over old experiences for awhile, and decided they had such a big time at this reunion that the event ought to be a yearly affair.

The Texas Cowboy Reunion was formed, and R. L. Penick of Stamford, one of the local men who helped put over the great show that has been in full swing for three days, was named its first president. Joe A. Matthews of Albany was elected first vice president; Dock Ellis of Throckmorton, second vice president; Bud Smith, Abilene, secretary and R. V. Colbert, Stamford, treasurer. A committee on by-laws includes C. E. Coombes of Stamford, chairman; John M. Gist, Odessa, and Joe Jay, Abilene. The ranchers voted for a steering committee of five to guide the policies of the organization. This group will be named by the president at a later date.

Three hundred and fifty-seven present and former cowpunchers—all of them men who served in the saddle on West Texas ranches 35 years ago—registered for the reunion here, and became charter members of the association.

There were 97 contestants—all of them West Texas cowpunchers—in the rodeo events which carried more than \$1,000 in prizes.

Among those from Merkel who attended the reunion were Sam Butman, S. Clyde Sears, J. S. Swann, John Collins, Jack Middleton, C. H. Jones, P. F. Dickenson, W. H. Laney, J. T. King, Joe Garland, L. R. Thompson, C. K. Russell, W. E. Lowe, W. L. Diltz, Sr. Claude Derrick, Bob Malone and family, Mr. and Mrs. E. Yates Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Warren Smith.

Five Prizes Offered In Flag Tournament For Fourth of July

Prizes for the five low scores for the July Fourth flag tournament sponsored by the Merkel Golf Club for members only will be 9, 7, 5, 3 and one golf ball, respectively.

Each player will be entitled to 70 strokes and the one advancing his ball the farthest on the 70 strokes will win the first prize.

Judging Delayed in Yard-Garden Contest

Due to the illness of one of the judges, it was necessary to postpone the time for judging in the Yard and Garden contest, sponsored by the Lions club assisted by a committee of ladies of which Mrs. Sam Swann is chairman.

It was announced last week that the judges would visit the homes and yards of those entered in the contest on Tuesday, the first of July, but they were prevented from doing so, as stated above. It will now be the last of the week or possibly Monday before the judging can be done.

July Fourth Will Be Generally Observed

July Fourth will be generally observed as a holiday in Merkel, with the banks, post-office and practically all of the stores closing all day. The drug stores and cafes will be open part of the day and some of the markets and grocery stores will be open a few hours early in the morning.

The golf club is featuring a flag tournament and the Lions club is sponsoring a big Fourth of July fireworks celebration at Shannon's lake.

Cattle Movement.

The only activity in cattle and livestock within the past few weeks was shipment of car of steers by Mrs. F. M. Morrison to Fort Worth on June 24.

RURAL SCHOOLS VOTE TO MERGE PER STATE PLAN

Two Taylor and Two Nolan School Districts Favor Consolidation By Decision Vote of 100 to 18.

By overwhelming majority, citizens of two Taylor county and two Nolan county school districts voted Monday to form an independent consolidated county line district. The election, involving the Valley Creek and Shep districts of Taylor and the Valley Creek and Hylton districts in Nolan county, resulted in 100 votes for and 18 against the proposed consolidation. Votes were cast at the Shep schoolhouse, with H. B. Gamble presiding as election judge.

Total area of the four districts is 140 square miles and the number of scholastics is 301. Assessed valuation of the districts is \$497,432 and the bonded indebtedness is \$10,000.

The election to determine whether the districts should unite to form an independent consolidated county line district followed the state board of education's recent withdrawal of its approval of Taylor county and Nolan maps, on which districts of each county had been given proposed groupings for rural school purposes.

Under the consolidation plans set forth in the two maps, the four districts were grouped for rural high purposes. The two Taylor county districts had voted in favor of the proposed consolidation and the Taylor county school board had approved the proposed union. The state department's approval of the two maps was withdrawn when the Nolan county board failed to concur in the action of the Taylor county board in the proposed consolidation of the four schools.

Other independent school districts of the county, aside from the city schools of Abilene and Merkel, are North Park, Lawn, Trent, Potosi and Tuscola.

Trustees of the new district are to be B. H. Prichard and H. A. Shepard of Valley Creek, H. B. Gamble and W. P. Bailey of Shep, J. R. W. Brown and T. O. McGinley of Hylton and Joe Franks of Upper Valley Creek.

Promoting Plans for Swimming Pool at Boy Scouts Summer Camp

On Tuesday Rev. R. A. Walker and Herbert Patterson visited Cross Plains and Baird in the interest of securing cement for the construction of the swimming pool at the Boy Scout camp at Lake Abilene near Buffalo Gap. At Cross Plains they were present at the meeting of the Lions club, which organization heartily endorsed the movement.

On Tuesday night, Herbert Patterson accompanied Scout Executive Ed Shumway of Abilene and C. C. Day of Anson to Hamlin for the Boy Scout court of honor held at the latter place. They also were active there in the interest of the swimming pool to be erected at the Boy Scout camp.

Death of Mrs. Miller.
Funeral services were held Thursday morning for Mrs. N. D. S. Miller, age 73, mother of Mrs. Lige Harris, at the latter's home north of town, where Mrs. Miller had been living. Rev. O. B. Tatum officiated and the body was shipped to Claude, Texas, for interment.

Lila Lee Seeks Health.
Hollywood, July 3.—Lila Lee, motion picture actress, has halted her film career temporarily under the advice of a physician, it was learned today. She was ordered to spend several weeks in Arizona in order to win back her health. Miss Lee barely managed to complete her last motion picture, "The Gorilla," it was said.

Kited Near Million.
Cincinnati, July 3.—Armor W. Shafer, whose alleged \$1,000,000 check-kiting manipulations were said by state and federal authorities to have forced the closing of two banks here, pleaded not guilty to three charges of embezzlement of \$210,162.50 from the Henry L. Doherty company, his former employers. His trial date has not been set.

BIG FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION OUT AT SHANNON'S FRI. EVE

WEDNESDAY TO BE NEXT "COW DAY"

Something different is promised for Merkel's next "Cow Day," which comes Wednesday of next week, July 9. Unusual interest has been manifested on each of these occasions and it can be said in advance that the next "Cow Day" will be no exception. The time is 4 p. m.

Donald Willett Wins Prize for Best Name Linger Longer Course

Linger Longer, suggested by Donald Willett, is the name of Merkel's first miniature golf course, located on the corner back of the Farmers State bank, with Clesby Patterson as manager. As winner of the first prize for the best name for the course, Donald has been given a free pass for one week. Tiny Tee was the name suggested by Mrs. L. R. Thompson, which was considered second best, and the prize for which is one day's free play. Third prize winner, for the name Sunny West, is Billie Bernice Gambill, who is entitled to one round free play.

For one night only, next Monday, July 7, ladies will be permitted to play free, according to the announcement published elsewhere in this issue of The Mail. There are no strings attached to this offer, says Mr. Patterson. Several other special prizes are offered, for which reference is made to the advertisement appearing in this issue.

Opening Thursday night, E. L. Turner, Jr., and A. S. Clark are proprietors of a cold drink stand on the same lot as the golf course. Besides cold drinks, they will also have sliced watermelon for sale.

ANOTHER COURSE AT SHANNON'S.
With the expectation to have his nine-hole course ready by the Fourth, Claude Dye has been busy at Shannon's Lake and Merkel's second miniature golf course will probably be ready for play for holiday pleasure seekers.

Senator Smoot Weds.
Salt Lake City, July 3.—Senator Reed Smoot of Utah, and Mrs. Alice Taylor Sheets were married Wednesday morning in the Latter Day Saints temple here. Herbert J. Grant, president of that church, performed the ceremony.

Surplus in Treasury.
Washington, July 3.—Secretary Mellon announced Tuesday that the government had concluded the 1930 fiscal year with a surplus of \$184,000,000.

Judge James P. Stinson to Deliver Patriotic Address; Band Concert, Musical Features, Swimming Events, Fireworks.

With the decision of the Lions club at their meeting Tuesday to install an amplifier for the big Fourth of July program at Shannon's Lake Friday evening, all plans are now complete for a gala affair, which is to be participated in not only by the people of Merkel but by those in all the communities adjacent to this city. Beginning at 8 o'clock with a concert by Merkel's Booster band, several musical numbers furnished by communities adjacent to Merkel furnish an extra added entertainment feature. These numbers include:

A vocal duet by Otis and Odessa Pribble, with guitar and mandolin, (from Blair-Nubia);

Salt Branch quartet, consisting of Houston Robertson, Hobson Robertson, Buster Horton and Mrs. Ollie Higgins;

"Young Yankee Doodle Dandy," by Carl Jackson, Jr., age 6, in costume, (from Noddy);

Ford Smith and his orchestra, (from Mt. Pleasant.)

One of the musical numbers of especial interest will be the Men's Glee club, Miss Christine Collins, director, in popular numbers with band accompaniment.

Judge James P. Stinson of Abilene, chairman of the county democratic executive committee, will make a patriotic address.

Following these features of the program there will be four lively aquatic feats, including swimming races for boys under 15 years of age and for boys 15 to 21, another race for girls—these to be open to all—and for which prizes will be offered. A diving exhibition is being arranged by Dub Harkrider.

The evening's entertainment is to conclude with a spectacular fireworks display.


Everyone is invited and especial attention is called to the fact that there will be no admission charge whatsoever. Soda water and ice cream cones will be available at popular prices.

The usual charge of 15c and 25c (Continued on Page Five.)

Record of Births.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Patton, residing northeast of town, Friday, June 27, 1930.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Dean, Blair, Saturday, June 28, 1930.



THE TOWN DOCTOR

"DOCTOR OF TOWNS" SAYS

HERE IS SOMETHING WORTH READING

If people would apply the same good business principles to their attitude toward their community as do "1930 Sellers" to the store, firm or business they represent, there would be fewer "dead" towns.

In a recent issue of a bulletin called "Better Selling" appeared an editorial from which every thinking citizen of every live community can get much good. Here it is with quotation marks omitted:

Did anyone with a secure position, drawing a regular salary and knowing that he or she could not or would not be fired for indifference, carelessness, laziness, impudence or inattention, ever advance any new idea, accomplish anything worth while or ever get anyplace? No!

The real things of life have been accomplished by men and women who counted the days and hours, not by the hands on the clock but by the results obtained; people who had a goal to be reached, a prize to attain, a reward to be earned; men and women who were big enough to "take telling" and who did take telling and who got out and worked to profit by that which they were told.

If I am ready and willing to work twelve hours a day and do work twelve hours a day, it is none of your business. If you are willing to work only six hours a day and work but six hours a day, it is none of my business. But, if I work twelve hours a day and you work but six hours a day, it is none of your business if my wife and children wear better clothes, eat better food, drive a better automobile and live in a better house than your wife and children.

Indifference toward Merkel on your part can keep it from ever "getting any place." Carelessness in what you say regarding it can cause inattention to it at a time when attention is most desired to obtain a worthwhile industry. Failure on your part to get out with others and work together for a common good can and will keep you from accomplishing anything.

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Tax Levy Proposed For Bachelors and Maids in Germany

Berlin, July 3.—Germany is looking toward its bachelors and bachelor girls to replenish its treasury.

A revised financial program, backed by Chancellor Heinrich Brüning and his new finance minister, Dr. Hermann Dietrich, was laid before the reichstag and the cabinet hopes to push it through the upper house and the reichstag as soon as possible.

Under its provisions about one fourth of the hundred million required to wipe out the government deficit will be taken from those unwed. It is estimated that the taxes levied against bachelors and bachelor girls will account for 110,000,000 marks (about \$25,000,000) of the 480,000,000 marks the finance minister is scheming to raise for balancing the budget.

The remainder of the deficit will be made up by slashing 100,000,000 marks of expenditures and laying a special tax on government employes and all persons with incomes running above 8,000 marks a year.

In other words, an unmarried woman who also is a government employe and earns 8,100 marks a year would be hit in three ways: for being unmarried, for holding a government job and for earning more than \$168 a month.

Coleman Rancher Has Terrapin 58 Years Old

Coleman, July 3.—J. A. Gafford of Silver Valley wants to know how long a terrapin will live. He has one in a 32-acre field at his place that is apparently more than 56 years of age. In 1906 when he and one of his boys were plowing they saw the terrapin and examined it. Across its back was inscribed "1872." At that time the terrapin was grown. Gafford's son, before freeing it, inscribed "1906" across its shell. The terrapin has been seen every year since in that 32-acre field and has crossed a nearby branch, so far as is known, but one time.

A British official has stated that almost one-sixth of the illness of British industrial workers is due to diseases classed as rheumatic.

Happy Mothers Enthusiastic About Konjola

Relates How New and Different Medicine Did Wonders For Her Little Boy of Twelve.



HARMON GLAZE.

Results are what count, and Konjola can be counted on for results. Sufferers want relief, not promises. Konjola has made a matchless record simply because it does the things it is designed to do. Take, as a typical example of Konjola at work, the case of Harmon Glaze, 12, whose mother, Mrs. Annie Glaze, Route 4, Lenoir near Little Rock, Ark., says: "My boy, Harmon, 12, had typhoid about five years ago, and his health since then was not good. He frequently had fever and had attacks of nausea. He had no desire to play and his appetite was poor. Nothing I gave him seemed to do any good. Konjola had helped me so much that I decided to give it to Harmon. Today, he is like a different person. He eats, sleeps, and plays like other children and is no longer subject to fevers. I am still giving him Konjola for it has done so much for both of us."

So it goes: Victory after victory wherever Konjola is given the chance to prove its merits. You can put your faith in Konjola feeling that you will be rewarded abundantly.

Konjola is sold in Merkel at the Merkel Drug Company and by all the best druggists in all towns throughout this entire section.

Texas National to Pay 25 per cent Dividend

Fort Worth, July 3.—Depositors of the Texas National Bank, closed on Jan. 31, will receive a dividend of 25 per cent of their deposits within the next 30 days.

The dividend announcement was made Friday shortly after noon by R. L. Van Zandt, receiver of the bank. Van Zandt stated he had just received a phone call from the comptroller of the currency authorizing him to begin the preparations of dividend checks for this amount. The checks, after their preparations here, must be forwarded to Washington to be signed and then returned for delivery. Van Zandt estimated that 30 days would elapse before the actual payment as this time would be required in checking the accounts, preparation of the checks and their forwarding to and return from Washington.

The total dividend will amount to more than \$1,000,000 and about 6,500 depositors will be benefited, Van Zandt estimated.

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 spec-

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THE TOWN DOCTOR

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lishing anything.

If some other community gets together and works consistently, persistently and harmoniously to make their town a better, more interesting, more attractive place in which to live, work, play and make money—that's their business. If you refuse to put your shoulder to the wheel alongside the men and women who are trying to push Merkel ahead; if you lie back and not only refuse to work but don't even shout encouragement—that's your business. But, don't crab if some other town takes business away from you, people move away and—yes, even if your enterprises close down and you are laid off.

Say what you please, think what you please; but the fact remains that empty houses, empty stores, empty factories and empty other things are

sure signs that somewhere along the line there have been some empty heads. No handful of people in any town can do anything, but all of the people, working in the right direction, TOGETHER, can do anything.

This Town Doctor Article, one of a series of fifty-two, is printed by the Merkel Mail in cooperation with the Merkel Lions Club.

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SPECIAL LADIES' NIGHT

Monday, July 7, from 6 p. m. to closing time, all ladies are invited to play FREE, no strings attached.

JUST FREE

SPECIAL OFFER

To the man making low score each week, until further notice we will give two days' free play the following week; second lowest, one day free play; third, one round free play.

To the lady making low score each week, until further notice we will give two days' free play the following week, second lowest, one day free play, third, one round free play.

No player may win award for low score two weeks in succession.

WATCH FOR YOUR NAME ON BULLETIN BOARD

To the FIRST PLAYER paring course, one week's free play will be given.

To each player making hole-in-one next Tuesday, July 8, we will give one round free play.

LINGER LONGER MINIATURE GOLF COURSE

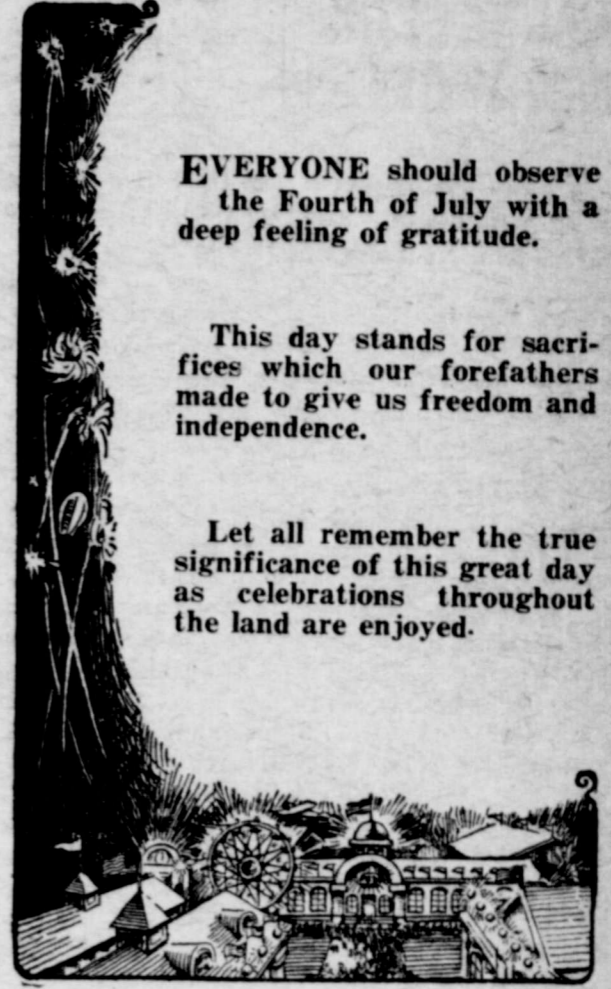
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As You Celebrate

EVERYONE should observe the Fourth of July with a deep feeling of gratitude.

This day stands for sacrifices which our forefathers made to give us freedom and independence.

Let all remember the true significance of this great day as celebrations throughout the land are enjoyed.



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ABILENE HOST CITY TO WEST TEXAS EDITORS

Plans for the annual meeting of the West Texas Press Association to be held July 11 and 12 at Abilene, are fast being formed. Six cities are seeking to land the convention for 1931. Headquarters of the year's affair will be at the new Wooten Hotel in Abilene, recently completed at a cost of one million dollars.

Cities who seek the meeting are Cisco, El Paso, Stamford, Carlsbad, New Mexico, Mineral Wells and Lubbock.

A feature of the session this year will be broadcasting of the banquet over radio station WBAP, with Harold Hough, "The Hired Hand" of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, at the microphone. Prominent figures of Texas newspaperdom will be heard in addresses including Col. Dick McCarty, of Albany; Amon G. Carter, Fort Worth; Dr. Joe J. Taylor, Dallas; Gene Howe, Amarillo; Charles E. Coombs, Stamford, president of the West Texas Chamber, Brady; Marcellus Foster, Houston; Governor Dan Moody and Earle B. Mayfield, former United States senator.

Technical addresses and twelve major roundtable discussions are also carded for the business program, which will be sandwiched with socialities. Luther M. Watson, Sweetwater; W. S. Cooper, Colorado City and Edward Warren, Post, will preside over the business sessions.

Officers of the association, which is the largest regional newspaper body in the United States, include: President Edward Warren, Post; Vice-President W. S. Cooper, Colorado; Secretary-Treasurer George F. Smith, Snyder. Members of the executive committee are Luther M. Watson, Sweetwater, Max Bentley, Abilene; T. Paul Barron, Midland; Wal-

ter Murray, Ranger; J. W. Roberts, Snyder. The program committee is made up of T. N. Carswell, Abilene; Homer Steen, Floydada; J. C. Watson, Stamford; H. H. Jackson, Coleman; G. L. English, Stamford and George F. Smith, Snyder.

On the membership committee are E. I. Hill, Tahoka; Tom Durham, Crane City, and George Hill, Winters, while the constitution committee lists W. E. Reid, Ft. Stockton; Bowen Pope, Hamlin; and Col. Dick McCarty, Albany. E. F. Butler, Clyde; Harry Adams, Lockhart and George Caple, Merkel, make up the resolutions committee.

Early reservations indicate an attendance of more than 300 newspaper folks.

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.

Decision to Hold 1929 Cotton Carryover by Farm Board Forecast

Washington, July 3.—Issuance of a statement advising cotton growers that the new Cotton Stabilization corporation is planning to withhold from the market the approximately 1,250,000 bales of cotton of the 1929 crop which it is to take over was indicated at the Federal Farm board.

A similar statement was issued recently for the Grain Stabilization corporation in order to insure growers that the large amounts would not be dumped on the market during the marketing of the 1930 crop. It was informally indicated then that the Cotton Stabilization corporation would adopt the same policy.

E. F. Creekmore, vice president and general manager of the American Cotton Co-operative Association, was conferring today with the Farm Board officials on the marketing plan for the 1930 crop. He said he was merely discussing details and no important changes in policy were likely.

Following the recent announcement of Portsmouth, England, officials that radio would be permitted in saloons, 257 applications were filed at once.

Leading countries in the manufacture of paper, in order of production, are the United States, Canada, Germany, the United Kingdom, France, Sweden and Italy.

Legal covers at Merkel Mail office.

Hotel at Houston Robbed of \$10,185

Houston, July 3.—The Rice Hotel here, owned and operated by Jesse H. Jones, was robbed of approximately \$10,185 in cash at 6:40 a. m. Sunday, according to a report made to police.

J. H. Pengilly, 32, general cashier, was found slugged, bound, gagged and in a semiconscious condition in the bath tub of a vacant room by a hotel employe. He said two well dressed, unmasked bandits assaulted him and relieved him of the money after accosting him with pistols as he entered his office on the third floor with silver and currency which he had just taken from a vault in the lobby.

\$125,000,000 Estate is Left by Thomas F. Ryan

New York, July 3.—The New York Times says the estate left by the late Thomas Fortune Ryan, financier, is estimated at a gross value of about \$125,000,000. The estimate is based on the completion of federal and state inheritance tax reports for filing.

The estate of Mr. Ryan, who died Nov. 23, 1928, will be the second largest to be taxed in New York.

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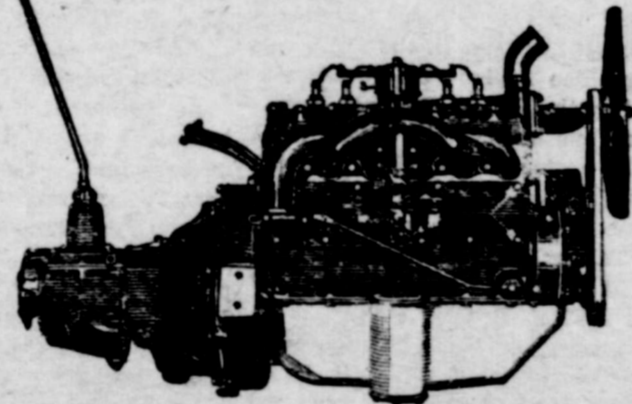
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That is the reason the Ford car has given such satisfactory service to millions of motorists all over the world and has been chosen by so many large companies that keep accurate cost figures. In every detail of construction it has been carefully planned and made for the work it has to do.

The design of the compression chamber is an important factor in the efficiency of the Ford engine. It is built to allow free passage of gases through the valves and to thoroughly mix the fuel



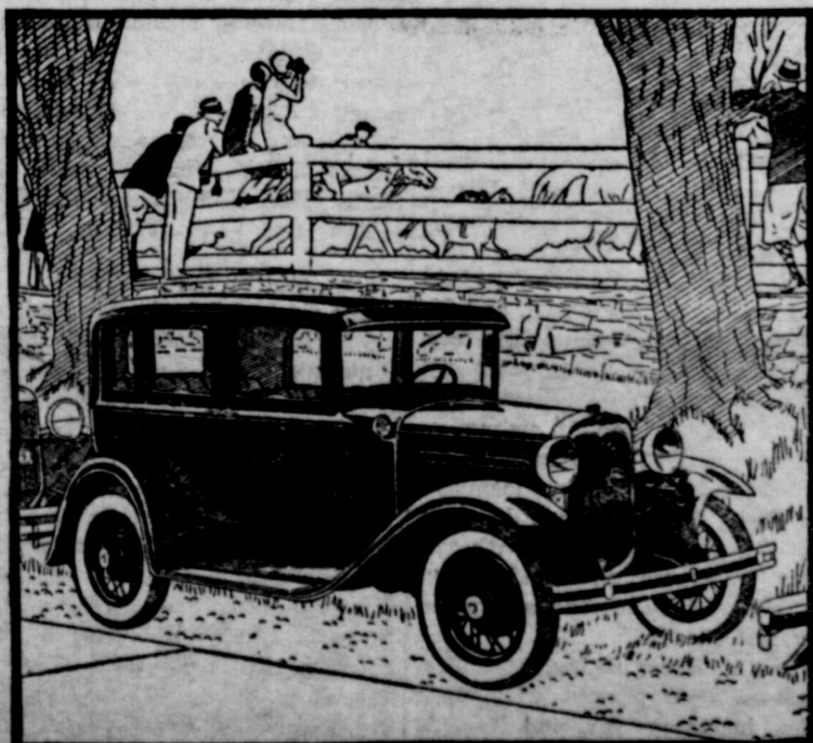
by producing turbulence within the cylinders during compression. The spark thus flashes quickly through the whole fuel charge, resulting in quieter and more effective engine performance. Other factors are the direct gravity gasoline feed, the specially designed carburetor, the new hot-spot manifold, aluminum pistons, chrome silicon alloy valves of larger diameter, statically and dynamically balanced crankshaft and flywheel, the simplicity of the electrical, cooling, lubrication, and fuel systems and accuracy in manufacturing.

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M. B. Rogers, of 522 Locust St., Sweetwater, Texas a resident of that city for several years and a well-known carpenter made an interesting statement regarding his experience with Argotane.

"A little over a year ago," said Mr. Rogers, "stomach trouble got hold of me. I lost weight and all my energy seemed to leave me. I suffered so terribly that I could hardly eat anything without my stomach giving out on me. I was all unstrung and would have dizzy spells which I think was biliousness and nothing seemed to do me any good and I had gotten to the point where I didn't know which way to turn for relief.

"After seeing the fine results of using Argotane in the case of some of my friends, I began using it myself and am now entirely free from all aches and stomach pains. I have gained several pounds in weight and have as much energy as I ever had and can work all day. I have two daughters that have gotten very good results from Argotane also and none of us would hesitate to recommend this medicine to anybody."

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THE DOG IN THE WOODS.
(Amarillo News.)

At the time of the business depression in 1921 a large organization published an advertisement entitled, "How far can a dog run into the woods?" Its courageous spirit and sound optimism are worth recalling in this year of 1930.

It is a stirring story; read it. "It was a big room. It was a big table. They were big men—fifteen of them gathered there for a directors' meeting of a large and prosperous company.

"Most of them wore long, long faces. The meeting was called to order. One after another they got up and voiced their dire predictions. Business was going to the demnition bow-wows, that was sure.

"Finally a keen-eyed, white-haired chap at one end of the table arose, a little impatiently. 'Gentlemen,' he said, 'if you will kindly pardon my falling into the vernacular of the day—you fellows, with your talk of business going to the dogs, give me a pain! I want you to answer just one question: How far can a dog run into the woods?'"

"The chairman looked unplussed, he searched the quizzical faces of his associates and was about to administer a reproof, when the speaker resumed:

"The answer is just this, gentlemen: When a dog has run halfway INTO the woods, from then on he is running OUT."

We let the reader do his own moralizing and draw his own conclusions.

OUR "BIG TEN" CITIES.

(Fort Worth Star-Telegram.)
The census returns show the 10 largest cities of the United States to be, in order, New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Detroit, Los Angeles, Cleveland, St. Louis, Baltimore, Boston, Pittsburgh. The most spectacular change since the 1910 record is the jump of Los Angeles from tenth to fifth place, pushing hard upon Detroit, which made an equally spectacular leap in the first decade of the present century and has held its place as fourth largest of American cities—a place which Charleston held in the first census taken in 1790. The only other change in relative rank among the first 10 is the passing of Boston by Baltimore. The two cities have run close together from the beginning. Boston led Baltimore in 1790 and Baltimore nosed ahead in 1800 and held its lead till 1880, when Boston went over it, a leadership the Massachusetts city has held since for seventh place among the cities of the country. Yet Baltimore gained only 7.2 per cent of its 1920 population, which to such meteors as Los Angeles and Detroit will seem very slight increase.

Chicago gained 24.87 per cent, adding 672,048 people to its total, including those within an area of 10 square miles added to its bounds within the decade. Despite the killings among gangsters Chicago has increased its population tremendously, adding more during the 10 years than New York added to its numbers. This fact increases the strength of the surmise that the greatest American city may yet be found on Lake Michigan instead of centered about Manhattan Island. Chicago now has a population of 3,373,753, and the president of the Association of Commerce of that city says that Chicago is fast moving toward first place among world cities and should reach that place within a few decades.

Sustain Painful Injuries.

When a rope caught his boot toe after being thrown from a horse on the road near the Boaz ranch Tuesday, J. E. Boaz, age 19, sustained painful injuries. His left shoulder is badly bruised and his right wrist was broken, while the left wrist was sprained. Considering the very painful nature of his injuries, he is reported by the attending physician as getting along fairly well.

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CHURCHES

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.
At the Baptist Sunday School last Sunday 306 were present, which was the largest number at any Sunday School in Merkel for the day. The Methodist Sunday School reported 268 present and the attendance at the other Sunday Schools was: Presbyterian, 82; Church of Christ, 78; and Nazarene, 38, making the total 772 for the five reporting Sunday Schools.

MEN'S PRAYER MEETING.

Due to the fact that other meetings were in progress at the same hour and that several were out of town, the attendance at the Men's Prayer service at the Methodist church last Sunday afternoon was somewhat smaller than usual, but was considered good, especially for the summer months. John Tombs was the leader. For next Sunday the meeting will be held at the Presbyterian church with Ford Smith as leader, the subject being the 17th chapter of Romans.

AT THE METHODIST CHURCH.

The communion, when rightly observed, is a great means of grace. It seems to me, if we ever needed that grace which God alone can supply, we need it now. The communion will be the central feature of our morning worship. The Epworth Senior and Hi-Leaguers will come in a body to partake of this Holy Sacrament.

At the evening hour the pastor will install the officers of the Epworth league. Come to Sunday School and stay for church. The day won't seem so long.

T. C. Willett, Pastor.

SENIOR LEAGUE PROGRAM.

Leader, Donald B. Willett.
Subject: "What Sunday Can Mean to Us?"
Scripture—Exodus 20:8-11; Luke 23:36.
Prayer.
Talks:
"The Aclent Hebrew Sabbath," Orpha Patterson.
"The Trend Towards God," Addie Fae Patterson.
"Ultra Sacred," Arline Willett.
"Rest and Joy," Ford Smith.
Business.
League benediction.

EPWORTH HI-LEAGUE PROGRAM.

Leader, Ina Berryman.
Scripture—Luke 16:1-12.
Hymn No. 193.
Prayer, Marie Stanford.
Hymn No. 264.
"Stewards with Christ," Imogene Middleton.
"Balancing Accounts," Mildred Richardson.
"What is Wealth?" Duncan Briggs.
Talk, Brother Willett.
Benediction.

NAZARENE CHURCH.

Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. Preaching at 11 by Sister Jones from Abilene. Attendance at Sunday School last Sunday was 38. Ladies' prayer meeting Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Prayer meeting Wednesday night at 8 o'clock.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. followed by a communion service. Offering for Reynolds Home. Evening service at 8:30. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening. Come worship with us.

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

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

The revival at the Baptist church closed Sunday night with a crowded house and three additions. The services were well attended throughout the week and it was said there was more Bible reading done during the meeting than in any one week in the history of Merkel. It was the general expression of the public that the pastor delivered a series of sermons of unusual interests, Christians rededicated their lives anew to Christ and sinners were converted. There were 15 additions to the church, ten being for baptism.

E. Yates Brown led the song service in his usual pleasing and appealing manner. Much credit is due Mrs. Burl Scott as pianist. She rendered faithful and efficient service throughout the meetings.

Many clasped the hand of the pastor Sunday night as they went away and said they wanted to lead and live better lives.

The pastor's Sunday morning subject will be "The New Life and How to Lead It." This will be very interesting to all Christians and especially to new converts.

All regular services during the

week. Sunday School at 10 a. m. A place for everyone.

—Reporter.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Good services on last Sunday. Hardly as many present as usual, attendance within 90 per cent of normal. Remember services on next Sunday. Bible study at 10 o'clock a. m. and communion services at 11 o'clock a. m.

Young People's study at 7:30 Sunday evening and prayer service Wednesday evening at 8:30.

Please come find your place and work for the interest of the church and for the good of yourself and others. We especially urge that you come and bring your children for the Bible study Sunday morning. Get others to come with you if possible that the young may be taught.

In love, The Elders.

Presbyterians Hold Meet at Buffalo Gap

Approximately 100 Presbyterians representing the churches at Merkel, Abilene, Stamford, Tye and Tuscola, attended fifth Sunday union services at the encampment grounds at Buffalo Gap last Sunday.

The evening sermon was delivered by Dr. E. B. Surface, pastor of the Central Presbyterian church who spoke on "The Weakness of a Giant."

The program opened at 1:30 in the afternoon with the Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of the Merkel church, presiding, and speakers on the afternoon program included Dr. B. F. Rhodes, T. S. Lankford and J. W. White of Abilene and R. W. Dowell of Tuscola.

Besides the Rev. Mr. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. William Elliott from the Merkel church were also in attendance.

Simmons Student is Elected BYPU Head

At the regular fifth Sunday session of the Sweetwater Baptist Association B. Y. P. U., which was held at the First Baptist church here last Sunday, the Rev. Ralph Grant, Simmons university student, was elected president of the organization, succeeding Earl Slaughter, resigned. Representatives from practically all Baptist churches in the area were present. The Abilene delegation was headed by the Rev. C. D. Owen, associational missionary, the Rev. A. C. Powell, pastor, University Baptist church; J. Lee Tarpley, educational director, University church; the Rev. A. C. Turner, pastor Immanuel Baptist, and Walter Jackson, educational director, First Baptist church.

Special musical numbers were presented by members of the B. S. U. of Simmons. The entertainers were the Donohue sisters, playing violin and saxophone, and Miss Virginia Peden, violinist. Accompanists were Misses Janice Miller and Wilma Tripp.

Speakers at the meeting were Earl King, Tye; Walter Jackson; J. Lee Tarpley; Mr. Sasse, of Sweetwater; and T. L. Burns, Sweetwater.

Officers Installed

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story of the boy who so often wondered about the house in the hills with the golden windows, only to learn that he, too, was living in a house with "golden windows," as seen by another's eyes.

In assuming the president's chair, E. Yates Brown spoke briefly of the responsibility resting on officers and members alike, of the opportunity for service and pledging his utmost ability for the future of Merkel and the Lions club. The other officers responded chiefly with suggestions as to needs and methods to be followed in accomplishing these needs.

Under the head of business, it was decided to arrange for a loud speaker for the July Fourth celebration. The West Texas Utilities company will floodlight the speaker's platform and park grounds and the president appointed a committee to assist Stan Johnson on the piano and truck committee. J. S. Bourn and L. B. Scott were named for this committee.

On suggestion of Dee Grimes, all members of the Lions club were named on the reception committee. Dee Grimes was made chairman of this committee.

Sam Swann and Matt Dillingham were named a committee to arrange for electric fans for the banquet hall during the summer months.

L. B. Scott is to be toastmaster next week.

Don't fail to visit Brown's Bargain Store's "Thank You" Days Event.



FOY-WEST.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry West announce the marriage of their daughter, Melba, to Sidney Westwood Foy on May 26, 1930. These announcements only recently received were the first intimation that friends of the couple had of their marriage which has been kept a secret and which was announced locally on the same day at an announcement party in the home of Mrs. Booth Warren. The Rev. Mr. Sherrill was the officiating minister and the only attendants were Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Reynolds of New Mexico, former Baird friends.

Miss West, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry West, is one of Merkel's most popular young ladies; talented and possessed of a graciousness of personality in the use of her talents that will long keep a place for her in the memory of Merkel people. She attended High school here, then Trinity university and State. She taught in the primary grades in her home school for several years before going to Baird to teach. Miss West has been a consistent worker in the Presbyterian church as pianist, also a leader in all social activities; her popularity will be exemplified in a series of parties filling the days until she leaves.

Sidney Foy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Foy of Baird, pioneer merchant of that place. For the past year Sidney has visited frequently in Merkel and has been enthusiastically received by Melba's host of friends. He is a young business man in the department of the Buick people in Dallas where they will make their home.

ANNOUNCEMENT PARTY.

Mesdames W. T. Sadler and Booth Warren were joint hostesses in a large party of elaborate appointments on Tuesday afternoon for the purpose of announcing the marriage of Miss Melba West to Sidney Foy. Games of bridge and "42" were played at tables beautifully appointed in pastel colorings, harmonizing with summer flowers, used in profusion throughout the entertaining rooms. All party favors were in the bridal motif and the announcement was made from a large white wedding bell on tallies bearing the names of the guests; Mrs. Sidney Foy's name was most conspicuous.

At the culmination of the games Mrs. Doss Sheppard of Dallas, with Mrs. E. Yates Brown at the piano, beautifully rendered "At Dawning" and "I Love You Truly."

Refreshments of creams moulded into hearts and Cupids, angel food squares and creamed mints all in pastel colors were served to Mesdames Sidney Foy, Doss Sheppard of Dallas, L. B. Howard of Abilene, Byrd Murphy of Plainview, Kirby Beckett of El Paso, Henry Coit of Dallas, James West, W. J. Largent, Dee Grimes, Forrest Gaither, Carl Lassiter, John West, E. Yates Brown, A. R. Booth, W. S. J. Brown, Edward McCrary, Myrtle Foster, Bell Kimbrough, Warren Smith, S. D. Gamble, Jack Anderson, R. O. Anderson, F. C. McFarland, C. H. Jones, Bob Mayfield, Claude Young, Misses Iva Bragg, Christine Collins, Doris Durham, Tommie Durham, Mona Margaret Jones, Lola Dennis, Johnnie Sears, Marian Sheppard of Dallas, Elizabeth Harkrider, Evelyn Curb, Lorena Dry, Martha Bird, Flora Frances Anderson and Louise Booth.

FIDELIS MATRONS.

Joint hostesses for the Fidelis Matrons at their monthly class meeting in the home of Mrs. Earl Baze on next Thursday, July 10, will be Mesdames W. W. Haynes, Byers Petty and Earl Baze. The teacher and officers urge each member to be present, as Forget-Me-Nots will be revealed at that time.

R. L. ADCOCK FAMILY ATTEND REUNION AT MENARD.

After having spent the week at the Scott and White clinic, Temple, Texas, Mrs. R. L. Adcock was joined Friday by Mr. Adcock and Misses Berdelle and Frances at Menard, Texas where Mrs. Adcock's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Williamson, held a family reunion June 27, 28, and 29. The Bethel camp grounds on the San Saba river, twelve miles east of Menard, was a delightful place to camp and boating, fishing, swimming and games of forty-two and bridge were enjoyed by the younger members of the party. On the 29th a delicious dinner of barbecued chevon, with salads, tea, ice cream, cake and watermelon, was served to the assembled family and guests.

All the children of Mr. and Mrs. Williamson were present with their families, including: Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Duke, Waco; Mr. Dutton Williamson and sons Robert and Dutton, Jr., Fort Stockton; Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Murr and sons, Orville, Winston,

PERSONAL NEWS NOTES

H. C. Berry left Thursday for Byers, Texas.

Miss Rose Laney spent the week-end in Blackwell.

Mrs. J. M. Garrett is spending several weeks in Mineral Wells.

Mrs. W. D. Rich of Abilene was a recent guest of Miss Nell Swann.

Miss Addie Holler is spending her two weeks' vacation at Gail, Texas.

Miss Annie Lou Russell was a recent visitor with friends at Strawn.

Miss Evelyn Curb was up from the University of Texas over the week-end.

C. F. Church, who now lives at Tahoka, was here on a visit early in the week.

Mrs. Florence Berry spent the week-end with Mrs. Max Ribble of Abilene.

Master Ralph Russell is visiting his sister, Mrs. Sam T. Redwine, in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Seydlar are spending the next two weeks in Rosenberg, Texas.

Mrs. Amy Sears spent the week-end on the ranch of Arthur Sears near Marjaneal.

C. L. Webb and family of Borger, Texas, are here visiting Robert N. Campbell and family.

Miss Loyce Dry returned early in the week to Clarkville after a visit with her mother here.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt went to Mineral Wells Sunday to attend the funeral of his sister, Mrs. Alice Zinn.

Mrs. John Cross and daughter of Rotan and Mrs. Lea Dickerson of Sylvester visited relatives here last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. James Sparks and Jimmie William, their grandson, of Hamilton visited T. H. Kell last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Reeves and family of Floydada were guests of their daughter, Mrs. Earl Walker, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Curb from Midland, who has been visiting his mother, Mrs. C. S. Curb, returned home Sunday.

Mesdames T. E. Collins and A. R. Booth attended the Baptist all-day Women's Missionary meeting at Caps Wednesday.

Mrs. Effie Hill and Baby Boyd and her little brother, Delois Grayson, spent part of the week with Mrs. Hugh Campbell at Blair.

Misses Missie Dye and Louise Booth and J. E. Boaz drove over to Big Spring Sunday to visit Miss Lenah Black and other friends.

A party consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Thomas and baby daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Thomas and children, Miss Hazel Thomas and R. E.

Glenn, and Davis and daughter Candace Ellen, Fort McKavette; Mr. Travis Williamson and son Wayne, Ft. McKavette; Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Williamson and daughter Colleen, Menard; Mr. and Mrs. Alvin, Menard; Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Adcock and daughters, Berdelle and Frances, Merkel; Miss Barbara Williamson, Menard, A. sister of Mr. Williamson, Mrs. W. T. Hancock, Menard, was present with her husband and son Austin, and there was also a brother, Mr. W. W. Williamson with his wife and children, Lawrence, Margaret, and Alton, Menard. The guests were Miss Ruby Duke, Belton; Misses Princess and Mary Hal Boyd, Waco; Mr. Marion Striegler, Menard; and Mr. and Mrs. Bethel, Menard.

THE WILLING WORKERS.

The Willing Workers class of the Grace Presbyterian church met with Mrs. L. L. Murray Tuesday afternoon for an interesting program. The devotional was given by Mrs. W. M. Elliott. Cream and cake was served by the hostess, assisted by Misses Madelyn and Mabel Murray, Elina Tucker, Louise Patterson and Robbie Walker, to the following members: Mesdames R. A. Walker, Jim Patterson, Sam Dertine, Jim Tucker, W. D. Butler, Ethel Tucker, W. M. Elliott, S. G. Russell and Misses Lizzie, Mary and Jennie Keny. Visitors were Mrs. Stalls, Mrs. Bob Condor and Misses Maimie and Velma Walker.

CLUB ORGANIZED.

The first of July found members of the P. W. G. club assembled at Shannon's lake for the first picnic of the year. Following a short business meeting, a plunge in the lake was enjoyed. After the swim came the eats—a regular old picnic supper.

Club members enjoying this outing were Pauline Johnson, Florence Berry, Ona Johnson, Lucy Patterson, Maxie Banner, Stella Wilson, Lizzie Latham, Delphne Moore, Ruby Hughes, Nettie Milliken, Mary Collins, Rose Laney, Missie Dye, Ethel Pee, Annie Lou Russell, Opal Patterson, Bessie Westenhover, Floss Fowler, Edith Berry, Grace Thomas, Connie Pogue, Luella Jackson, Ada Dennis, Duncan Briggs and Ruth Foster.

Windham have returned from an extended automobile trip which carried them to several points in Arkansas, including Gardon, Arkadelphia, Hot Springs and Little Rock.

Mrs. T. F. Compton, who has been at the Alexander sanitarium in Abilene some time, is sufficiently recovered to be able to return home.

Mrs. Earl Walker received serious burns on her face and arms last week, when she opened a pressure cooker, but she is showing some improvement.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. (Dutch) Craig who have been in Odessa for several months, have returned to Merkel and are being cordially greeted by their many friends.

Miss Hazel Lee Rainbolt and Mrs. T. V. Touchstone attended the W. M. S. zone meeting at Lueders last week and Miss Rainbolt remained over for the week-end.

Mrs. Morris and daughters, Miss Annie Morris and Mrs. Miller, and the latter's little son, all of Abilene, were guests Monday in the J. S. Swann home.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. McLean and their daughter, Mrs. Garry Littmore returned Sunday from a visit with another daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Clien Toombs, at Snyder.

Blanton McLean, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. McLean, who is attending Sul Ross at Alpine, decided to remain for summer school and will not return home for vacation.

B. T. Sublett and family left Wednesday for an extended automobile trip that will carry them to Alpine and Marfa and then to Carlsbad Cavern and Roswell, New Mexico.

James H. West, Jr. who has been visiting in El Paso, is in Long Beach, Cal., for the month of July, having made the trip overland in company with his aunt, Mrs. O. J. Shaffer.

J. C. Childress, local T. & P. agent, has gone to Dallas, where he will meet two of his brothers and from there they will go to visit their old home at Meridian.

R. L. Adcock, one of our popular rural route carriers, who is a delegate to the Carriers convention at Lubbock, left Wednesday for that place. He was joined here by Earl Slater and Oscar Pyat of Clyde.

J. Ben Campbell and family expect to attend the convention of rural letter carriers at Lubbock on the Fourth. Messrs. R. L. Wood and Jim Brown of Honey Grove joined them here for the trip.

Kingsley Williams of Galveston, who is connected with one of the larger cotton firms of the state, arrived Wednesday to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will D. Williams.

G. M. Sharp and sons, George and Dallas, have just returned from a visit to Mrs. D. C. Barnes at Dod-drige, Ark. Mr. Sharp and George went over to Savanna, Mo., where he had special treatment for his face, and he is now doing nicely.

After spending the week-end here with his mother and friends, Paul Causseaux left for Refugio where he will be located for awhile. William Sheppard and Max Swafford also came with him, Max remaining here, while William has returned to San Antonio.

Hubert Hamblet of Water Valley, Miss., has been a recent guest of his sister, Mrs. T. J. King. J. R. Parmer of Paris, Miss., was another guest in the King home and when the latter returned he was accompanied by J. B. Hamblet, who will visit with him for sometime.

On Monday evening Miss Delphne Moore had the pleasure of meeting Hon. John E. Davis of Mesquite, who was in Abilene in the interest of his campaign for state treasurer. While a stenographer in the state legislature, Miss Moore was employed by Mr. Davis, whose record covers nine terms.

MATTERS MUSICAL

The Men's Glee club will broadcast over KFYO, Abilene, Saturday evening from 8 to 8:30 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Delmer will again broadcast on Friday evening from 8 to 9 o'clock.

Babe Ruth Hits 31st.

New York, July 3.—Babe Ruth hit his thirty-first home run of the season Wednesday in the fifth inning of the first Yankee-Chicago game. Byrd was on second when Ruth connected with Dutch Henry's delivery. and the homer gave the Yankees a five to one lead.

With total wealth of \$10,898,000, 000, Texas ranks eleventh among the states. Among southern and southwestern states it ranks first.

With 36 carloads of machinery already on hand and more en route the new gauze mill at Marble Falls is expected soon to be in operation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS POLITICAL

(Subject to the action of the Democratic Primary in July.)

For District Attorney 42nd district:

J. R. (Bob) BLACK, (Re-election.)

For District Attorney 104th district:

EMMETT ROBINSON.

W. J. CUNNINGHAM, (Re-election.)

For Sheriff:

H. T. O'BAR, (Re-election.)

C. R. (Chas.) WALDROP.

N. L. SEALE.

BURL WHEELER.

For County Clerk:

W. P. BOUNDS, (Re-election.)

For County Treasurer:

AUSTIN FITTS, (Re-election.)

For Tax Collector:

EARL HUGHES, (Re-election.)

For Tax Assessor:

J. T. HOWARD, (Re-election.)

H. F. LONG.

MRS. FLORENCE VANCE.

For District Clerk:

BELLE WELLBORN, (Re-election.)

For County Attorney:

GRAY BROWNE.

WILEY L. CAFFEY.

For County Superintendent:

M. A. WILLIAMS, (Re-election.)

C. L. BLANKENSHIP.

For State Representative, 116th district:

R. M. WAGSTAFF.

For Commissioner, Precinct No. 2:

W. H. FRAZIER.

P. A. DILTZ, (Re-election.)

W. L. BLAIR.

RUFE TITTLE.

THOMAS A. BEARDEN.

JOHN J. TOOMBS.

For Public Weigher, Precinct No. 5:

S. A. (Sam) BANKSTON.

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LODGE NOTICES

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

Joe Hartley, H. P.
O. R. Dye, Secretary

Stated Meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710 A. F. & A. M. Saturday night, 8 p. m. Members urged to attend. Visitors welcome.

Andy Shouse, W. M.
C. L. Boswell, Sec'y.

WHITE FLAT NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stevens and children visited in the home of their parents Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Cox of Merkel, Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Graham entertained the younger set with a party Saturday night, all reporting a very nice time.

Mr. and Mrs. Seth Nugent, drove over to Sweetwater Sunday afternoon to see Richard Byrd on the screen.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Young of Sweetwater are visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Jones of Rotan were Sunday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bickley.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Kent of Sweetwater visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Duncan, last week-end and upon their return to Sweetwater were accompanied by Mrs. Billie Munsell and son Junior.

Mrs. J. C. Bickley has as guest her

niece, Miss Lula D. Hannah, of Hot Wells, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Seth Nugent drove over to Sweetwater Saturday afternoon to witness the ball game between two Sweetwater teams. Their son, Freeland pitched for the "lucky nine."

Freeland Nugent has returned from Big Spring, where he has been transacting business.

Harrison Bickley has returned home from Stanton after spending five weeks in the home of Lester Mashburn.

Earl Stevens visited his brother, Bill Stevens, of Big Spring Monday and Tuesday.

Melvin Horton and A. J. Bickley visited friends in the Canyon Monday night.

On last Thursday evening Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Cox of Merkel complimented their daughter, Mrs. Earl Stevens with a fish fry at her home. Those to enjoy this bountiful feast were Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sandusky and children, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Cox, all of Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stevens and children and Mr. J. S. Stevens.

Statement to Voters Issued by Wagstaff

TO THE VOTERS OF WESTERN TAYLOR COUNTY:

I will appreciate your support and influence in behalf of my candidacy for the State Legislature before the Democratic primary July 26th, 1930.

I was born and raised in Taylor county and have lived here all of my life. I was educated in the public schools and Simmons University and completed my law education at the University of Texas. I was called into service with the National Guard in 1916 to protect the Mexican border during 1916 and a part of 1917. At the outbreak of the world war I was authorized to raise a company of infantry in Taylor county and helped organize the Abilene company composed of Taylor county boys and including a number from the western part of this county. This company was later a part of the 142nd Infantry, 36th Division, and served over seas in France. Upon my return from the army in 1919 I began the practice of law in Abilene and have practiced law continuously from that time down to the present date.

I believe that one of the most important things before the next Legislature is the validation of West Texas land titles. I believe that the state of Texas should confirm all patents and sales by the state to lands sold in good faith to settlers, and should not be a party to attack upon land titles. I am opposed to excess and vacancy suits and will favor a law giving a land owner the right to purchase any alleged vacancy found upon or adjoining his lands upon the same terms as the original sale. I also believe that all suits involving title to land should be tried in the county where the land is located.

I favor the modernization of the penitentiary system, but I believe it should be accomplished upon the present lands owned by the state.

I favor the continuance of the Texas prohibition laws and will oppose any legislation which will weaken or interfere with the enforcement of the law.

I believe that the railroad commission of Texas should be authorized to regulate all utilities corporations, both private and municipal, as well as the present regulation of railroads and oil and gas matters.

I believe that the people of Texas are entitled to vote upon the question of a constitutional amendment for bonds to retire the outstanding county bonds and continue the building of the state highways. The amount of bonds should be limited and should not exceed the amount which could be paid out by the present gasoline tax.

I favor liberal appropriations for the support of rural schools.

I favor reforms in both civil and criminal procedure, especially changes affecting the defense of insanity and technicalities in criminal matters.

I believe that all of the above matters are of importance to the state of Texas and I will support all matters tending to the enactment of these measures into law.

Respectfully submitted,
R. M. Wagstaff.

Fireworks Display

(Continued from Page One) will be made by the management of the pool to those desiring to swim.

Rev. R. A. Walker is to be master of ceremonies.

The Lion committee on arrangements consists of Booth Warren, chairman; E. Yates Brown, Rev. R. A. Walker, C. J. Glover, Jr., Stan Johnson and H. H. Jenkins, the latter in charge of concessions.

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I explained that I wanted to take the oil with me; not have it sent. Undiscouraged, he replied that they like to have my name so they can write and invite me to call again when in the neighborhood.

All this ritual took some time, and I wondered why they don't take care of today's customers more expeditiously and let tomorrow take care of itself. And who wants letters from a filling station? I get the most interesting mail in the world, and I hate to have it diluted.

The next guy who demands my address is going to be surprised to hear that I live at the county poorhouse.—Fred Barton.

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THE WHY OF SUPERSTITIONS

By H. IRVING KING

THE POOR MAN'S CORE

IF A child in eating an apple merely girdles it—that is, eats around the apple's "equator" and leaves intact its upper and lower zones, it is a sign that he will never be rich. The common saying is that he leaves a "poor man's core." This very common superstition is probably based upon an instinctive and unconscious psychology. The child does not show that natural acquisitiveness of character which is the foundation of wealth. If he had that quality he would eat the apple to a "lean core," and "the child is father of the man."

But there may be lingering in the superstition, also, a remnant of ancient myth and magic. There is an old custom, still said to be practiced in Bohemia, in which the eating of an apple is connected with future abundance, which custom is based on sympathetic magic—a clear survival from primitive times. The first apple that a young tree bears is given to a woman who has borne a large number of children and she must eat it entirely up. By doing this she communicates by sympathetic magic her own fruitfulness to the tree which will, next year, bear an abundant crop. Should she eat the apple only partially the sympathetic magic would not, naturally, be so powerful and the desired abundance might not ensue. It will be seen that there is here the same idea found in the superstition of the boy and the "poor man's core"—viz.: that a complete consumption of the apple is necessary to insure future abundance.

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Switzerland has only 10,000 unemployed, and the number is decreasing. To stop gate crashing at football games, barbed wire entanglements have just been put around the Wembley stadium near London.

Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office.

Largest Summer Roll In History of S. M. U.

Dallas, July 3.—With the largest summer school enrollment in its history, Southern Methodist university is making plans for its biggest year in 1930-31, it was announced by President Charles C. Seecman. Summer school registration is 830 for the first term, compared with 779 last year.

The greatest number of degrees ever to be conferred at commencement in August will be granted by S. M. U. this summer, when 127 students receive diplomas. The June graduating class numbered 220, making a total graduating class of 347 this year, the largest in the university's history.

In 1930 S. M. U. will offer more than \$100,000 to aid deserving students by doubling the number of scholarships and increasing its loan funds.

Numerous opportunities for employment also are offered by S. M. U. and in Dallas, where leading business men cooperate in providing work for worthy students. An employment bureau to find places for its students is maintained by the university.

The greatest football schedule ever arranged for a Southern team has been planned for S. M. U. in 1930, with the Navy, Notre Dame and Indiana scheduled. Coach Ray Morrison's Mustangs will open their season September 25 at Dallas, meeting Howard Payne, followed on Oct. 4 by Knute Rockne's Notre Dame team at South Bend, Indiana. Two Texas games, Austin College at Dallas Oct. 10 and Baylor U. at Waco Oct. 18 will follow.

The Mustangs will then meet the University of Indiana at Dallas for its second inter-sectional clash of the season. On Nov. 1 they will play the Texas Longhorns at Austin and on Nov. 8, the Texas Aggies at Dallas. The third big tilt with a northern team will be Nov. 15, when the Ponies battle the Navy at Annapolis. Rice institute at Houston Nov. 22 and Texas Christian university at Dallas Nov. 29 will close the season.

Don't fail to visit Brown's Bargain Store's "Thank You" Days Event.

Meeting at Blair.

You are cordially invited to hear Elder Lester W. Fisher of Memphis, Texas, in a meeting for the Church of Christ at Blair, beginning July 5.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

How It Started

By JEAN NEWTON

WHY DO WE CALL IT "BANJO?"

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CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our sincere thanks to the many friends and neighbors who gave their kindest sympathy and beautiful floral offerings at the death and burial of our dear father, Mr. J. A. McRee.

W. L. McRee.
Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Howell and family.

On Election Day.

The ladies of the Woman's Missionary society of the Presbyterian church wish to announce that they will serve ice cream and cake on election day, July 26, at a downtown location the place to be announced later.

Texas shipped 7,811 carloads of cabbage and 5,559 carloads of spinach during 1929. Zavalla county led in cabbage shipments and Hidalgo in spinach with 3,412 and 4,047 carloads respectively.

Texas leads the United States in the number and value of "teacherages" maintained for the use of public school instructors. It has 1,330 such homes valued at \$1,784,007. Thirty-seven of them are for colored teachers.

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Baptist Encampment At Lueders Opens 8th

Everything is in readiness for the opening of the Lueders Baptist Encampment on July 8. The camp will continue until July 20. A splendid teaching program has been arranged for woman's work, Sunday School and B. Y. P. U.

The afternoon will be given for rest, croquet, baseball, basket ball, golf, horseshoe throwing, swimming, etc.

The encampment speaker this year will be Dr. Wallace Bassett, pastor of the Cliff Temple Baptist church, Dallas. He is said to be one of the greatest preachers and pulpit orators in the South. Dr. W. R. White, secretary of the State Baptist Mission board, will present a part of the time and will speak.

Hon. Pat M. Neff, ex-governor of Texas, will speak Sunday afternoon, July 20.

This year twenty-one new buildings have been erected, including two boys buildings, rock ice house, store building and other improvements.

The West Texas Utilities company has put wires down every street and alley in the grounds with a three-phase wire to enable those who build on the grounds to be able to cook with electricity.

A well has been dug on the grounds, giving splendid drinking water, in ad-

dition to the water system that has been extended over the grounds.

A well-arranged cafeteria will be in operation on the grounds and those who remain throughout the encampment will have their meals for the low sum of \$10.00 for the twelve days.

Fresh groceries, vegetables, fruits,

ice, milk, etc., will be sold on the ground at the regular price of such articles elsewhere.

Registration will be required of every one this year. A car will be registered for the sum of \$1.00 for the entire encampment, one time 50 cents, individuals without cars 50 cents.



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PHONE 61

The Merkel Mail

POULTRY FACTS

SWAT FLIES AND SAVE THE CHICK

Use of Traps and Destruction of Breeding Places Urged.

By G. T. KLEIN, Extension Poultryman, Kansas State Agricultural College.

Chickens may be of the opinion that flies are good to eat, but when the truth is known, flies are their worst enemies. For flies carry to them that most dreaded of chicken diseases—the tapeworm.

To prevent chicks from eating flies is not easy. Sour milk feeding during the summer months is one of the greatest hazards. If it is fed, the milk should not be too sour, and a small amount of milk fed at a time. The vessels should be washed once a day and kept clean and sanitary. Wet mash should be fed in very small quantities during hot weather. It should not be allowed to sour. Keeping the house clean and sanitary and dark much of the time makes it unattractive to flies.

The use of fly traps and the destruction of breeding places will help to reduce the trouble from tapeworms.

Tapeworm remedies should be used on most flocks. A combination of kamala and nicotine sulphate is the best remedy to use, although it should not be used unless the birds are infested with worms and then the flocks should be wormed during the late summer or early fall.

Keeping Mash Sanitary Will Prevent Disease

Often small contrivances will do a great deal of good in helping to prevent the spread of disease. One of the most important is to put a revolving board or stick above open mash hoppers. This can be arranged so that if a bird hops upon it, it will turn around. This will prevent the chicks from getting into the hopper and thereby avoid much trouble from droppings.

Self-feeders are usually built with projecting roofs that answer the same purpose. If droppings are kept from the mash hoppers there will be less wasted feed and at the same time there will be less trouble from both disease and parasites.

Desirable Weights for Many Chicken Breeds

Leghorn cockerels should weigh one pound at six to seven weeks, one and a half pounds at nine weeks, and close to two pounds at twelve weeks. Pullets should weigh two pounds at fifteen weeks, and three and one-third pounds at twenty-four weeks.

Heavy breeds such as Rocks, Rhode Islands, Wyandottes and Orpingtons should weigh one pound each at seven weeks, a pound and a half at nine weeks, and over two pounds at twelve weeks. Pullets should average two and a half pounds at fifteen weeks, and over four pounds at twenty-four weeks.

These figures were obtained after many experiments at the New Jersey state college of agriculture.

Poultry Hints

Clean, dry litter in the hen house adds greatly to the hen's comfort.

Chickens are kept on about 90 per cent of the farms of the United States.

A pullet that eats two bites while her sister is eating one is worth just twice as much.

If the cleanings from the poultry house are left where the chicks can scratch in them the droppings from one diseased chick may cause the death of dozens of others.

A good ration for geese would be equal parts of yellow corn meal, wheat bran, wheat middlings, ground oats to which add 15 per cent of meat scraps, one-half per cent of fine table salt.

Get new blood of a high-producing flock every year. See that they are not related.

Duck eggs are incubated at the same temperature as chickens, rather lower than higher if anything. The difference is that they require more moisture.

There is a difference of opinion in regard to rape pasture for hens. It is generally agreed that it darkens the egg yolk. Rape pasture is usually intended for young stock only.

Duck eggs are generally hatched in machines that have moisture carrying trays. Some go so far as to sprinkle them daily.

Poultry flocks are culled in the summer to remove the slacker hens, and in the fall to select the best individuals as future breeders.

Do not forget the old saying, "A stitch in time saves nine." If you are losing an abnormal number of pullets from disease or other causes, find out immediately what is the cause of it.

LIVE STOCK

CHEAP CORN GOOD FEED FOR SWINE

Crop Increase Means More Grain Will Be Available.

With an outlook increase of 8.6 per cent in the acreage to corn this year over the United States as compared with last year, corn will likely sell for a lower price this fall than usual.

"But what of that?" asks W. W. Shay, swine extension specialist at the North Carolina state college. "It is likely that corn sold as grain will bring around 70 cents a bushel this fall. Last year the corn fed to hogs by 45 demonstrators in North Carolina was sold for \$1.50 a bushel. An increase in the corn crop in this state means that we shall have more of the grain available as hog feed. If it were not for the industrial depression hogs would be selling now for \$12 a hundred. As it is, the price has been between \$10.50 and \$10.85 and the person who breeds and feeds his hogs properly can make a good profit at this figure."

The outlook for the future is better, says Mr. Shay. There is a decrease of over 18 per cent in the frozen, dry salt and pickled pork now in storage compared with April 1, 1929. Then too the total number of hogs on the farms of the United States as of January 1, 1930, was between 7 and 8 per cent less than on the same date of 1929.

Mr. Shay says he doubts if any farmer in North Carolina can find a better source of income or one that will return more profit than good corn and good hogs properly handled. The man who has these and knows what to do with them, and then has a milk cow, a flock of hens, and a garden may enjoy one income in early fall, another next spring, have plenty to eat and few if any pressing debts to pay.

Pastures Help to Make Good Profit From Hogs

Pastures and hogging crops are an important aid to profitable pork production in Minnesota and are indispensable when other feed is limited. By proper planning it is possible to have a continuous supply of grazing feeds from early spring until late in the fall, says H. G. Zavoral, swine specialist, University farm, St. Paul.

In a circular which Mr. Zavoral has prepared and which he will send free to any hog producer, he states that alfalfa, clovers and rape are the best pastures for Minnesota conditions and points out that rotating and alternating these crops aids in preventing disease and increases the carrying capacity of the pasture.

Nine different kinds of pastures are listed in the circular mentioned and a table given showing how much seed to plant of each crop or combination, the period of the year when it will be ready for grazing, and the number of pigs per acre each crop will properly carry. Six different crop combinations for hogging off are listed and accompanied by a similar table of information.

Hog Down Corn

Hogging down corn is a satisfactory plan to follow in fattening hogs for market provided conditions are satisfactory for this practice. However, if there is much rainy weather during the period the hogs are running in the cornfield, it is very likely that more corn will be required to produce 100 pounds of gain because some corn will be wasted in the mud. Some protein supplement will be required for the most economical gains.

Live Stock Facts

A creep should be provided where the lambs have grain at all times.

It is easy to make the mistake of giving the brood sows too much rather than too little bedding.

Raising the pigs on pasture rather than around old hog lots will largely prevent trouble from worms.

With regular pastures becoming quite short and dry, lambs should have access to the best kind of aftermath, unless rape or other temporary pastures have been provided.

Wether lambs which have been docked sell for higher market prices than ram lambs with long tails. It is good business to follow the practice which brings the most money.

Whenever possible, cattle should reach the central market and be unloaded during the early hours of the morning to allow them to be fed and watered before they are sold.

The farmer who keeps a flock of sheep can market the lambs to advantage when they weigh about sixty pounds. When such a practice is to be followed the lambs should receive grain from the time they are a few weeks old. Under this plan the lambs will not be weaned until they are ready to go to market.

New Department Starts Pro Enforcement Plans

Washington, July 3.—Completion of plans for taking over the work of prohibition enforcement July 1 have been announced by the department of justice together with a setup of twelve districts for enforcement purposes which conform in the main to the present districts of the federal circuit courts.

Under the prohibition unit of the treasury department Texas alone is known as District No. 17 in charge of Carl Jackson as prohibition administrator. Texas will become a part of the fifth district to include also the States of Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana. Robert E. Tuttle, prohibition administrator for Florida and Georgia, will be in charge as administrator of the new district, No. 5, with headquarters in New Orleans, Jackson becomes administrator for District No. 12 with headquarters in Seattle.

In a statement announcing the new setup Attorney General Mitchell pointed out it was never contemplated that the federal government should assume the entire burden of enforcement nor be called to create "an enormous police force" duplicating that of the states.

The transfer of the enforcement end of prohibition to the department of

justice was one of the remedies urged by the Wickersham Commission in the hope of obtaining more satisfactory enforcement of the law. It was accomplished through the Williamson Act recently adopted and is the only recommendation of the Wickersham Commission congress has adopted.

The prohibition bureau of the treasury department will be known as the bureau of industrial alcohol and will continue to issue permits for manufacture and use of alcohol and other intoxicating liquors for nonbeverage purposes, and of supervising activities of the permittees. It will continue under direction of Dr. James M. Doran.

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And he was right. Without his little indorsement, the check was a mere scrap of paper.

The little things of life, as you have often heard, are tremendously important. The small advertisements in this paper have messages for you that are just as important as the messages in the larger advertisements. Read the small advertisements as well as the larger ones.

Not only the so-called "want" ads, but the little "display" ads. Read them. Let them guide you to real merchandise values, real savings. Don't overlook them because they are small. Without the tiny detonator, or fuse, the big guns that shoot a distance of miles become merely tons of useless steel.

BE SURE TO READ THE SMALL ADS AS WELL AS THE LARGER ONES. THEY HAVE SOMETHING TO TELL YOU OF WHICH THEIR SIZE IS NO INDICATION.

Trent News and Personal Notes

Last Thursday evening the P. W. T. club went to the Shannon's pool at Merkel, taking with them three gallons of ice cream and cakes. Those enjoying the outing were Mr. and Mrs. Homer Terry, Jean and H. B. Jr., Mr. and Mrs. John Strawn, Dorothy Joe and Willadean, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Pass of Abilene, Misses Alta Grace and Mary Francis Robinson of Post, Miss Lois Fisk of Wichita Falls, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Williamson and Mark, Mrs. E. E. Holt and Jimmie Sue and C. C. Stribling and children.

Miss Lois Fisk is visiting with C. T. Beckham and family. On Monday she returned to Lamesa with Winslow Beckham, who was here on business.

Miss Naomi Rogers of Lamesa has returned from Hamlin where she has been visiting with Misses Florence and Dorothy Boyd and she is now visiting with her aunt here, Mrs. J. B. Winn.

Mesdames J. I. Leamon and J. B. Bonner are spending the week-end with Mrs. T. E. Collins of Merkel.

E. E. Holt has returned from Altus, Okla., where he went on business the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Dood of Abilene and Mrs. T. R. Wade of Lystra were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Rogers Sunday.

Mesdames T. G. Hamner, E. K. Sorrel and Evert Brazelton and Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Anderson of Eskota returned Tuesday for a trip to Lovington, New Mex., where they attended the big railroad celebration and visited Mr. and Mrs. Ketchen.

Mrs. Hattie Crain and her son from Greenville are guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Crane, trs. Crain will visit for several weeks, but Oscar will return soon for school at A. & M. college.

Ms. Effie Hightower returned to Abilene Sunday after a pleasant vacation here with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Murry attended the cowboy reunion at Stamford last week-end and also visited relatives at Anson on their return.

Mrs. Volley Vessel has as her guest her mother, Mrs. Russell of Slaton.

Mr. and Mrs. Clois Edwards and little daughter, Clois La Nell, spent last week in Dallas and Paris, returning home Saturday.

Messrs. M. G. Scott and W. A. Hogue attended the Stamford reunion last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Carton McLeod and children have returned to their home at Abilene after a pleasant two weeks' vacation here with relatives and friends. Miss Mollie McLeod accompanied them for a visit.

Mrs. S. D. McLeod, who has been visiting her son at Mineral Wells for sometime, returned home Saturday, accompanied by her son and family. The latter returned Sunday.

The six weeks' summer school closed Friday and the play, entitled "Professor Pep," put on by the teacher and pupils was greatly enjoyed by a nice crowd.

R. B. Johnson, Jr., had the misfortune of breaking his right arm Sunday afternoon.

Rev. Watson and wife and two daughters spent the night Wednesday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Mangum and on Thursday they were guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Scott. They will visit in Fort Worth before returning to their home in Coahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Robinson of Post were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Terry and Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Terry. Their daughter, Mary, Frances and Alta Grace returned with them after a week's visit here.

Rev. McDaniel of Simmons university delivered an able sermon at the 11 o'clock hour last Sunday, his subject being "Courage." He also had an interesting message for the night service. Brother Morgan of Simmons had charge of the song service and Miss Thompson did the playing.

We regret to lose from our town and section so many of our friends and neighbors. Those moving last week were Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Gafford to Vernon, Mr. and Mrs. L. Z. Titsworth to Rankin, and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Dowdy. They will be greatly missed and we hope for them all good luck possible.

Mrs. John Bonner of Clyde is spending the week in the home of Mrs. J. I. Leamon and visiting other friends.

Miss Oneda McWilliams has returned to her home at Stanton after a visit with her grandmother, Mrs. W. E. Shouse.

Mrs. E. M. Sherman visited in Blair last week.

Mrs. Lucy Galloway of Barnhart is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tid Smith, and she will visit some in Abilene also.

Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Anderson of Smithfield and Mrs. Ora Hopper of

Houston were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Sherman recently.

METHODIST CHURCH ENJOYS GALA DAY.

Sunday being rally day for the Trent and Union Ridge churches, they met in joint session at the church here. Sunday School began at 9:45, followed by preaching at the 11 o'clock hour by Brother Cecil Ambrose of McMurry College, who also gave a pleasing solo. His subject was taken from the gospel of Luke, using as a general text, "The Way of the Cross." At the noon hour an elaborate dinner was served home style to about 75 guests and members. The afternoon session opened at 1:30 with group singing followed by a prayer. The congregation was given a treat when Brother Wiley Caffey of the First church and Brother Billy Hughes of St. Paul's, Abilene, gave short talks. This was followed by a quartet from Abilene, consisting of Messrs. Dudley, Caffey, Caffey and Cowden. After a round table discussion of the Sunday School was given, the Union Ridge quartet gave a special number. Benediction was given by Supt. Lee Keys, superintendent of the Trent Sunday School.

W. M. S. MEETS WITH MRS. E. L. MANGUM.

The Woman's Missionary society of the Trent Methodist church enjoyed in a most delightful way a social with Mrs. E. L. Mangum, auxiliary secretary, Monday afternoon. The hostess named by her honor guests, Mrs. T. V. Touchstone of Merkel, zone leader, and Mrs. Susie Sloan of Headley, miniature programs were handed each guest on arrival and each part was carried out effectively. This was in the form of a devotional, after which Mrs. Touchstone impressively discussed "Why I am a Member of the Missionary Society and of What Importance is it to Me?" Response was made by Mrs. R. B. McRee. Misses Mediah Rawlings and Imogene Mangum entertained with a number of duets featuring negro spirituals. Miss Dorene Scott gave a piano number in which she revealed unusual talent. A social hour followed in which games and contests provoked much hilarity and excitement. Mesdames Beasley, Scott and Winn were presented with gifts as prizes in the written contests. A delicious plate and iced drinks was served to the following members: Mesdames Scott, Winn, Beasley, Mc-

Ree, Reid, Keys, Shannon and Payne, and these guests; Mesdames Susie Sloan, Headley, E. E. Cribley, Noodle Dome, T. V. Touchstone, Merkel, Misses Algie Steen, Dorene Scott and Billy Payne. The hostess was assisted in serving by Misses Mediah Rawling and Imogene Mangum.

IN HONOR OF MASTER BILLIE CAMPBELL.

A group of relatives and friends motored to Sweetwater Lake Saturday, June 26, for a picnic honoring the five year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Campbell. Leaving Trent at an early hour, the group spent the morning fishing and boat riding and at noon a delicious lunch was served in the park in the north side of town. The menu consisted of fried chicken and all the accessories with home made ice cream for dessert. Those present included Mr. and Mrs. Will Campbell, Mrs. E. M. Sherman and daughter, Florence, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Neill and family of Trent, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Melton and family of Nubia, Mrs. T. J. Melton, Mrs. Cynthia Hall and Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Swafford and baby of Blair.

Encampment Dates.

While the Presbyterian Encampment dates proper are July 7 to 13, inclusive, the young people's league will begin their sessions on Saturday, July 5, at Buffalo Gap encampment grounds. Sessions will be held Saturday afternoon and evening, with a banquet Saturday evening. On Sunday Dr. Burma, president of Trinity university, Waxahachie, will preach at the 11 o'clock hour and Rev. Eugene Surface of Lamesa will preach Sunday evening.

Grandson Arrives.

Announcements of the arrival of a son to Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Richards of Quincy, Mass., have been received here. His name is Robert Everett and he was born on June 21. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Richards of this city.

First Cotton Blooms.

Cotton blooms were reported on the W. L. Blair farm, on the Mt. Pleasant road, on June 28, according to O. C. Blair, who brought some of the blooms to The Mail office. These were the first to be noted this season on the Blair farm. He stated that some bolls, very small, however, were in evidence a few days later.

Dora Doings

On last Thursday our neighbor, Mrs. Sarah Roberson, of Nolan was called to the great Beyond after several weeks' illness. She leaves to survive her husband and five children with several grandchildren. They have our sympathy and love in this trying hour.

Mrs. Chapel Hardy was called last Sunday to the bedside of her mother, Mrs. Boyd, of Magnolia, Texas, who is very ill.

Mrs. Sallie Clark and children came in Wednesday for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Perry.

The Blackwell baseball club came to our diamond last Saturday and beat us, 14 to 11, but our team returned the game Sunday and it was 3-2 in our favor. The games for the season stand two and two.

Miss Novis Whitaker is in Abilene for a minor operation on her foot.

E. P. Perry and family and Forest Reynolds and family fished last week in the Devil's river. After catching all the fish they wanted they went sight-seeing in Ft. Davis, Alpine, Sanderson and Marathon, returning home feeling that this old world is a pretty good place after all.

Among those spending the week-end on the Concho were John Dudley and family, Willis Perry and family and

Mrs. J. T. Perry and son, Leonard. They report no fish, but a real good outing.

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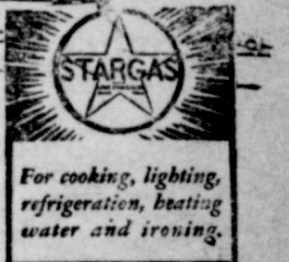
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