

14 BADGERS ENTER TRAINING CAMP AT SHANNON'S POOL

Briggs Irvin Takes Squad in Charge; Daily Workouts, Regular Rest Periods and Plenty of Swimming on Program.

Fourteen prospective Badgers under the direction of Briggs Irvin, new Merkel High coach, went into training camp at Shannon's pool Thursday afternoon and will remain for five or six days, returning in time for preliminaries of school opening on September 8.

Those in training at the camp are Terrell Mashburn, Cecil Clark, B. P. Middleton, Eris Ash, Mordell Shouse, Jim Patterson, Lowell Vickers, Gerald Derrick, Joel Darsey (captain), Howard Carson, Benny Sheppard, Fred Baker, Paul Collins and Milton Shannon.

Coach Irvin has announced that visitors to the camp will be welcome at any time, but that the best time for visitors would be from 4:30 on in the afternoon, when workout starts. There will be light workouts each morning, with definite rest periods and plenty of swimming.

Tents have been erected for the boys and the camp activities include a regular training table schedule.

The camp for the football boys is being sponsored by the Lions club and the business men of Merkel, the committee on arrangements consisting of L. B. Scott, chairman, Matt Dillingham and Supt. Roger A. Burgess.

LIONS CLUB MEETING

Besides details of the football training camp, several other important matters were considered at the Lions luncheon Tuesday, including plans for band concerts and weekly entertainments in the residential sections, and a talk by Henry West, outlining some things the club can do this fall.

Dee Grimes was toastmaster and after the club singing led by the president, E. Yates Brown, the invocation was given by Rev. R. A. Walker. During the progress of the luncheon, Miss Mona Margaret Jones favored the club with two beautifully rendered vocal numbers, "One Alone" and "Highways are Happy Ways," with Mrs. Yates Brown playing the accompaniment.

Guests of the club included Coach Briggs Irvin, Captain Joel Darsey, John Bond, former Taylor county sheriff and now sheriff-elect of Palo Pinto county, Miss Jones and Mrs. Brown.

Ice cold watermelons were served as courtesy of the Nichols Ice company through Ted Nichols, Lions club member. Appreciation was voiced by a lusty Lions roar as well as by total annihilation of the melons.

Speaking of the training camp, Coach Irvin named several of the purposes for which a training camp (Continued on Page Five.)

MERKEL'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO OPEN MONDAY, SEPT. 8

Entrance Examinations Set For Next Week; Also Registering of New Students and Registration of Seniors.

Everything is now ready for the Merkel Public schools to open on Monday, September 8. Beginning on Tuesday (Sept. 2) of next week, entrance examinations, registering of new students, registration of Seniors, return of summer text books, recording of summer credits other than those done in the regular summer school taught by Mrs. Young, and all other preliminary matters will be attended to.

FACULTY MEETING.
On Saturday morning at ten o'clock the faculty will have its first regular meeting of the year. This will be held in the study hall of the High School building, September 6.

School will open at nine o'clock on Monday, September 8. The first two days will be taken up largely with the issuance of books, registering regular students, assignments and other matters connected with registration. Students who have not during the week of September 2-5 attended to matters scheduled for that week will be compelled to wait until regular students are cared for. These matters should be attended to before school opens.

Students who are to attend the Merkel schools this year and who last year attended some other school should report to the office of the superintendent at the High School building on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday and have their credits transferred to Merkel. These students should bring along book-card, report card, and (if above 8th grade) should also bring along a statement of all credits done in high school grades. This should be written for at once so no delay will result. Students above the 8th grade cannot be enrolled until a complete statement of all high school work done is presented. These new students will be enrolled on September 2, 3, 4, or 5.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS.

Students wishing to take examination in any subjects below the high school grades will report to Mrs. Sublett at the High School building on Thursday morning, September 4, at nine o'clock. Then schedule will be arranged. It will be useless for students who have not done special work to take these exams upon which they formerly failed.

HIGH SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS.

Students who last year failed on any high school subject, and who during the summer have been doing some special study may take entrance examinations upon these subjects. Students who are coming from short- (Continued on Page Five)

"BUY-A BALE OF COTTON," MOVE BY TEXAS GOVERNOR

Proposed Plan to Take Five Million Bales of Cotton Off Market as Relief for Farmers Meets With Co-Op Approval.

Austin, Aug. 28.—Tangible relief for farmers of the south, stricken by low prices and drouth, was proposed by Governor Dan Moody Tuesday in a "buy a bale of cotton" movement in which governors of all southern states were asked to join.

Governor Moody estimated it would be possible to take five million bales of cotton off the market, stabilize and increase the price of cotton and add \$375,000,000 to the pocketbooks of southern farmers.

The investment to individuals over the nation would be approximately \$75, the cost of one bale and taking the similar movement of 1914 as a criterion, Moody declared that every person who bought a bale would be able to get all his money back. The \$75 would be a loan with the bale of cotton as security.

The Texas governor stressed two points in his proposal: First, that the governors' appeal be addressed, not only to the South, but to the whole nation; and second, that "distressed" cotton, not under contract by cooperatives, be purchased.

CO-OP DOESN'T OBJECT.

He said he had consulted officials of the Texas Cotton Cooperative, operating under funds from the federal loan board, and they had expressed no objections to the movement.

After he has heard from other governors of the South, Governor Moody planned to issue a proclamation addressed particularly to the people of Texas and generally to the nation. Other governors joining the movement probably will do likewise.

While plans of the campaign have not been formulated it was suggested that sectional and state campaigns might be launched.

THREE GOVERNORS REPLY.

Three governors have replied to his telegram to southern executives asking them to join him in a nation wide appeal. Governor Pollard of Virginia offered his whole cooperation. Governor Hardman of Georgia said he was in hearty accord with Moody except he thought more than 15 cents should be paid, and suggested a conference of governors and business men at Atlanta to discuss the movement. Governor Holloway of Oklahoma wired that he had just returned to his office and would give him a decision after he had considered it more thoroughly.

Ed Lancaster Winner Championship Flight

The championship flight of the Merkel Golf club tournament was won by Ed Lancaster, when Friday afternoon he was easy victor over Kenneth Watkins, 8 up and 7 to go. The winner of the championship cup had won close matches with Booth Warren and R. O. Anderson in succession earlier in the week, having defeated each by only one up, and was in great form when he met Watkins in the finals.

As runner-up, Watkins won a golf bag as his trophy.

In reporting the winner of the third flight, an error was made in The Mail last week. Spencer Bird was the winner of the cup in the third flight with W. O. Boney as the runner-up and winner of the golf bag.

Gold Star Mothers Have Returned Home

Three Taylor county gold star mothers returned Monday evening from France where they visited the graves of their sons.

They are Mrs. L. W. Rains of Merkel and two Abilene gold star mothers, Mrs. W. H. Wilson, who lives south of McMurtry college, and Mrs. A. C. Kilgore, who lives on Sandefer street, Abilene.

The mothers reported a "wonderful trip," with everyone "so nice to them."

7000 Go On Strike.

New York.—A general strike began Tuesday in the children's dress industry and union leaders said 7000 men and women had not reported for work.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Gasoline tax receipts for July will total approximately \$3,150,000, George H. Sheppard, state comptroller, said Tuesday.

Injuries received when the truck in which he was riding struck a cow proved fatal to Lester Allen, 17, at Tyler Monday. The cow was not killed.

August 29 has been set by the state railroad commission for the hearing at Abilene of the petition of the Texas and Pacific railway to discontinue its agency at Tye.

Guy Shields, 40, assistant general manager of the Southland Lines and nationally known in the motor bus industry, died in a San Antonio hospital Monday night.

Two fires at Lubbock Saturday night caused by lightning striking a transformer gutted the Temple Ellis office building and a feed mill, doing damage of \$200,000.

Mrs. M. A. Kelly of Sweetwater, 98 years of age, a native of Tennessee but who had never been interested in politics, cast her first vote in the runoff primary last Saturday.

Venturing into the depths of a 33-foot well to recover a lost bucket, Ross W. Cavin, 44, foreman of the Gray ranch near Brady, was crushed to death Sunday when the walls of the well caved in.

Known as East Texas "marrying justice," J. W. Pace of Marshall has resigned on account of failing health. He is now in his ninetieth year and in 16 years in office has performed 1,316 marriage ceremonies.

Death claimed Hays county's oldest teacher when Miss Mary Oldham, 85, for 44 years a teacher in the mountain district schools north of San Marcos and a resident of Hays county for 75 years, died Saturday.

Having escaped from the state penitentiary on April 4, Daniel Ramirez, awaiting trial on a charge of automobile theft, made a second escape from prison Monday night when he broke from the Alpine jail.

When gasoline was thrown over them inadvertently in an effort to avert an explosion, Mrs. M. H. Wilkerson, Abilene, was burned fatally and her mother-in-law and husband were both seriously burned also.

Two Sherman women suffered broken right arms Saturday in unusual accidents, Mrs. T. A. Wharton falling while preparing to cast her ballot and the other, Mrs. A. P. Finley, falling while inspecting work on some property.

Production schedules for each oil field in Texas have been fixed by the state railroad commission in a revised order without setting a maximum for the state, but the state total will be 764,000 barrels, as nearly as could be estimated.

The Abilene branch of the Texas Cotton Cooperative association was opened Wednesday, having at the helm as manager H. C. Pondrom, former Abilenean, who has been in the cotton business at Corpus Christi the past year.

A \$10,000 bond issue to be used in construction of an addition to the high school building, including a science laboratory, a library, a class room and a 500-seat capacity auditorium, was approved by the voters of Tuscola by vote of 106 to 55.

The intense heat of the state prison cotton fields near Houston claimed the lives of three prisoners one day last week, but in a statement by Lee Simmons, manager of the Texas prison system, officials of the farms were absolved of any blame.

Charged with having converted to his own use funds amounting to \$5,311 belonging to the state school for the deaf, F. M. Bailey, former assistant book-keeper, has confessed to the misapplication, according to information given out at Austin Wednesday.

Believed to be the first namesake for the democratic gubernatorial nominee, since his nomination, Ross Sterling Adams, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Adams, Fort Worth, who was born August 17, was named Sunday in honor of Texas' next governor.

Clem Calhoun, appointed district attorney for the 84th district after the slaying of John A. Holmes at Borper last September, has tendered his resignation to the governor, effective at once, to enter the practice of law at Amarillo, having formed a partnership with Mayor Thompson.

WHEELER ELECTED SHERIFF, HOWARD NAMED ASSESSOR

Total Votes in Second Primary Largest Ever in Taylor County; Diltz Re-Elected Commissioner, Robertson Weigher.

Exceeding the 6,898 total cast in the July primary Taylor county citizens rolled up the largest total vote ever polled in any of its elections last Saturday when 7,595 votes were counted in the sheriff's race. This exceeded the July total by 697 votes.

Only two county races were up for decision, Burl Wheeler winning for sheriff over the present incumbent by 547 votes. He received 4,071 votes, while H. T. O'Bar, running for re-election for his fourth term, got 3,524 votes.

In the other county race J. T. Howard, present incumbent, led Mrs. Vance by 262 votes. The count was Howard 3,853; Vance, 3,598.

Philip A. Diltz, present county commissioner from Precinct No. 2, received 662 votes, as compared with 588 for his opponent, Rufe Tittle, and Houston Robertson defeated Sam Bankston for the office of public weigher, Precinct No. 5, 585 to 491.

S. H. McAdams won the nomination for commissioner from Precinct No. 4. He will succeed Henry Newby. Sterling carried Taylor county overwhelmingly, receiving 4,800 votes against Mrs. Ferguson's 2,633.

TAYLOR COUNTY TOTALS.

The complete vote in Taylor county in each race follows:

Governor.	
Sterling	4,800
Ferguson	2,633
Lieutenant Governor.	
Strong	2,829
Witt	3,946
State Treasurer.	
Lockhart	4,619
Davis	2,093
Attorney General.	
Bobbitt	2,545
Allred	4,417
Commissioner of Agriculture.	
McDonald	2,355
King	4,061
Railroad Commissioner.	
Hatcher	2,089
Neff	4,757
Sheriff.	
O'Bar	3,524
Wheeler	4,071
Tax Assessor.	
Howard	3,858
Vance	3,596
Public Weigher, Precinct No. 5.	
Bankston	491
Robertson	585
County Commissioner, Precinct No. 2.	
Tittle	588
Diltz	662
County Commissioner, Precinct No. 4.	
McAdams	471
Meador	447

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ROSS STERLING'S MAJORITY OVER FERGUSON 91,600

Houston Publisher Views Election as Victory for Good Government; Fergusons "Will Never Seek Office Again."

Ross S. Sterling, millionaire Houston newspaper publisher and business man, was chosen by the voters of Texas in Saturday's run-off primary to be the state's next governor. His lead in the almost complete final figures was 91,600, with only 38 counties that had not sent in their complete returns and only a few small boxes in these counties missing.

The vote for governor was, based on a total accounted for of 850,744, divided as follows: Sterling, 471,172; Ferguson, 379,572.

Other winners in the state races were Edgar Witt for lieutenant governor, Allred for attorney general, Lockhart for state treasurer, McDonald for commissioner of agriculture and Neff for railroad commissioner.

STATEMENT BY STERLING.
Late Saturday night Ross Sterling issued the following statement to the voters of Texas:

"I am deeply and humbly grateful for the support accorded to me, and I wish to thank every citizen who contributed to the success of the cause I represented.

"I regard the outcome not as a personal victory but as a triumph of the people of Texas enlisted under the banner of good government.

"It is my hope that any animosities created by the heat of the campaign may be forgotten and the people of Texas united in a constructive era of progress in government.

"For my part, I shall strive to the utmost to justify in the fullest the confidence which the people have placed in me."

"NEVER AGAIN."

The first statement of the Fergusons since the Saturday election was made in an editorial Wednesday in the Ferguson Forum, signed "Pa and Ma," in which James E. and Miriam A. Ferguson said they "never expect to seek public office again."

"Every day," the editorial said, "we are asked what our plans? Our answer is that while we never expect to seek office again, we will always be at the command of our friends as private citizens with our bit and mite to battle for the interest of the people."

Mr. Ferguson, in a separate paragraph, said his wife has declined to send congratulations to Ross S. Sterling, who defeated her, because she considered he had violated the proprieties in his speeches with reference to the "two governors for the price of one."

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MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, August 26, 1910.)

SOCIETY.

Horn-Rogers.

One of the swellest home weddings that has ever taken place in the Merkel country was at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Rogers when Miss Ollie Rogers became the bride of Mr. Ollie Horn in the presence of a large concourse of neighbors and friends. The young lady is much loved as the organist at the little church at Hebron and Mr. Horn is one of Abilene's most respected young business men. Miss Inez Moon played the wedding march and Brother Saffles performed the ceremony. A splendid dinner was prepared and served and the day was spent most happily with relatives and friends. The bride was very charming in her champagne silk with gold silk trimmings. The young couple received many, many handsome and useful presents. They spent Sunday and Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Rogers, Tuesday and Wednesday night with Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Dennis, and left Wednesday for their future home in Abilene.

Misses Tommie Lou and Gladys Coggin gave a watermelon feast Saturday afternoon and the young folks report a fine time. Quite a number of the girls chartered "Dad" Wilson's transfer and behind his fiery gray they reached the scene of the festivities. Those attending were Fay Allen,

Lois and Mildred Hague, Zora West, Dorothy Lee Potter, Ruby Cauthern, Lenora Williams, Darline Williams, Amelia Porter, Frances Berry, Genevieve Rust, Myrtice Saffles, Hattie Bell, Madaline Adkisson, Emmett and Ennis Grimes, Emsy Burroughs, Que Rust, George and Robert Dorman, Bob Warnick, Conna Adams, Jack Walker, Walter Harris, John Berry, Clarence Hamm and Mac Cauthern.

On Wednesday afternoon of last week the hearts of the little folks were made glad with invitations from Master Jack Walker which were gladly accepted and at the appointed hour all the little guests assembled with happy faces to enter into the merry games of the afternoon. Clap-in and clap-out, Winktum, pop corn and other popular games were played. Sandwiches and punch were served to Gladys Wright, Dixie, Grlie and Ruth Howard, Fay Allen, Myrtice Saffles, Genevieve Rust, Jackie and Mary Jennings, Frances Berry, Amelia Porter, Dorothy Lee Potter, Zora West, Tommie Lou and Gladys Coggin, Wallace Bragg, Ed Scott, Dillard Coggin, Mac Cauthern, Carl Hamm, Clarence Hamm, Que Rust, John Berry, Raymond Tuchstone, Walter Harris, Conna Adams, Emsy Burroughs, Ennis and Emmett Grimes.



TOWN DOCTOR

"DOCTOR OF TOWNS" SAYS

SELLING A COMMUNITY IS LIKE SELLING ANYTHING ELSE.

The biggest business today is the selling business because, no matter what anybody does to make a living, they have to sell.

The most important thing in selling is knowledge of self. Many writers on selling will disagree with this, but if a man does not know what he has and what he lacks, he can not influence others—and influencing is selling, regardless of what is being sold.

When you, as a salesman, meet a customer, no difference what you are selling,—pickles or pianos, prayer books or peanuts,—if you don't know your own peculiarities how can you fit yourself to the mood, likes and dislikes of that customer? How are you going to adapt yourself to make a hit, get on the good side of that customer?

Knowing yourself is the only way you can develop the best you have in you; correct and eliminate the worst. We all have "latent possibilities," we all have faults, but nine tenths of us do not know what these possibilities are and we too seldom know, realize and appreciate the things we do, or fail to do, which make us disliked.

There are two kinds of acquaintances—the ones who don't care enough about us to take the trouble to point out what we do which they and others do not like; and those who are (or think they are) such good friends that they won't tell us for fear of hurting our feelings or losing our friendship.

The same is true with a business. A customer dislikes some practice of the business, something happens during contact, a salesperson "slips up" on something, or any of a dozen-and-one things occur that displeases a customer. The one type says: "Well, if the owners are so dumb that they allow such things, that's their look-out." The other says: "Someone ought to tell them about it, but I can't afford to take the chance." Both go elsewhere to trade, and the proprietors live on in ignorance that their business is going to the so-called "bow-wows."

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Growth of Southwest Will be Pictured in Full Page Ad in Post

Dallas, Aug. 28.—Revealing a sensational growth of southwestern cities as shown by the 1930 census, Industrial Dallas, Inc., the organization which is conducting a \$500,000 national advertising campaign to promote industrial and commercial growth of Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Arkansas, has just issued an analysis of census figures for this territory.

At the same time, Industrial Dallas, Inc., thru its president, R. L. Thornton, Dallas banker, announced that this information will be taken to the leading business executives of America in full-page advertisements in The Saturday Evening Post, The New York Times, The Chicago Tribune, Sales Management and other national publications.

The analysis shows that sixty-eight cities of 10,000 or more population show a combined average of 52.4 per cent gain in population since the 1920 census. Houston, Dallas, San Antonio, Fort Worth and El Paso—cities in Texas ranging from 100,000 to 300,000—showed an average gain of 66.7 per cent.

Perhaps the most enlightening figures for the entire territory come from West Texas, where ten cities of 10,000 and upward increased an average 188.8 per cent, with many smaller cities showing equally remarkable growth. The Rio Grande valley, the Gulf region, and in Central and East Texas, as well as throughout Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana, many cities have exceeded the national average for gain.

The analysis shows that thirty-eight Texas cities averaged a total of 62.3 per cent population gain each; 14 Oklahoma cities gained 62.8 per cent each; eight Arkansas communities averaged 36.7 per cent each; and eight Louisiana cities 28.7 per cent.

"It is the object of Industrial Dallas, Inc., to develop the commercial and industrial resources of the southwest, and we have learned by our past two year's experience that eastern industrial executives are primarily interested in market development. We feel that the story of growth which these census figures tell will be news of tremendous interest to those industries which are not already represented by branch factories, sales offices, warehouses, or distributing offices in the southwest, and to this end, we are publishing the full-page advertisement, beginning with the Sept. 13 issue of the Saturday Evening Post."

9-Pound Boy Born To Norma Shearer

Los Angeles, Aug. 28.—Mrs. Irving Thalberg, the Norma Shearer of screen fame, early Sunday became the mother of an eight-pound boy. Attending physicians said both the film star and the baby were "doing splendidly."

Thalberg, motion picture executive, said no name had been selected for the youngster, although "We'll probably name him Irving, Jr."

Miss Shearer retired from active work several months ago following the filming of "The Divorcee." She said she planned to return to the screen soon.

An old stone bridge which spans Timber Run near Zanesville, Ohio, has been in use 100 years.



"Nerves"

DO they harass you by day and keep you awake at night?

Don't neglect them. They'll ruin your charm and beauty, alienate your friends, interfere with your success.

When you're nervous, take Dr. Miles' Nervine. It's the prescription of a successful Nerve Specialist, put up in convenient form.

Dr. Miles' Nervine is now made in two forms—Liquid and Effervescent Tablet. Both have the same soothing effect on the nerves.

\$1.00 at your drug store

DR. MILES' NERVINE
Liquid

THE TOWN DOCTOR

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True, there are many business people who won't "Take telling." Many a friend has been told "you 'tend to your business and I'll 'tend to mine," by a store owner to whom the friend had imparted information regarding complaints heard discussed by the store owner's customers. It is a thankless job to tell anyone of his faults; but, take it or leave it, it's your faults, your weakness, that are most important.

And all of the above goes for a community, as well as an individual or a business.

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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HOLIDAY NOTICE.

Next Monday, September 1, (Labor Day,) being a national holiday, the following banks will remain closed all day. Customers will please take notice and make their arrangements accordingly.

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

OGENE Mouth Wash

Indications for its Uses are:

Pyorrhoea, Trench Mouth, Vincent's Stomatitis, Gingivitis, Bleeding and Receding Gums, Foul Breath after Extraction.

For Sale by

Merkel Drug Co.

Many Extensions are Completed by WTU Co.

Abilene, August 28.—Construction work being carried out by the West Texas Utilities company during the past two weeks has included the building of new and the improvement of old lines throughout the territory served by the company, according to reports received from the construction department.

Rural extensions completed during the past fifteen days were an 11 kv line east of Quanah and a 2300 volt line near San Angelo. Both lines were built to provide service for lighting and electric ranges.

Distribution systems have been improved in Aspermont, Ballinger, McCamey and Winters, with local extensions to connect new customers.

Oil field development showed considerable activity with the building of a 12 kv line at Bakersfield to serve the Continental Oil company with power for oil-well pumping, and a similar line constructed in the South

Vernon oil field to meet increased demands.

At Childress, 750 feet of three phase primaries were installed to furnish additional power to the Fort Worth and Denver City Railway shops.

Cowboys Will Play Under Floodlights

Abilene, Aug. 28.—When teams visit the Simmons University Cowboys this fall, they will not only get the new sensation of playing at night under floodlights, but will also find one of the best turfs in the state upon which to play.

Two men have been at work all summer putting the field in shape. It was sodded in the spring, built in a slight oval slope, and sprays and mowers have been used almost daily in putting the field in first class condition.

Idaho game laws impose a closed season on frogs to protect the diminishing supply. They are much in demand as a food delicacy.

THE CRAZY WATER HOTEL at Mineral Wells, Texas Wants You to Enjoy Its Unique Southern Hospitality

CRAZY WATER

A Natural Mineral Water

Has relieved thousands of people afflicted with constipation, indigestion, stomach trouble, rheumatism, diabetes, kidney and bladder trouble, sleeplessness, nervousness and other ailments brought on by faulty elimination. It will probably relieve you. Send us \$1.00 for a trial package of Crazy Crystals and you can make Crazy Water at your home. Crazy Crystals contain nothing except minerals extracted from Crazy Water by open kettle evaporation process.

We will refund your money if you are not thoroughly satisfied after drinking the water according to our directions.

Crazy Water Co.
MINERAL WELLS, TEXAS

HEAR "THE CRAZY MAN" Every Saturday Night at 7:37 From Radio Station KRLD Dallas 1040 Encyclopedia

"VACATION RATES"

ROOMS \$1.00 to \$2.00 NONE HIGHER
CRAZY WATER HOTEL
Mineral Wells, Texas



One Town or Many

Electricity is required at different times for different purposes.

This simple fact explains why a widespread electric system, serving many communities over a wide area, can operate more efficiently than small plants each serving a single community. Serving a larger number of people, with a greater variety of demands, the widespread system keeps its facilities working over more hours of the day.

There is another important advantage of the widespread transmission system over the small plant serving a single community. The transmission system can meet increased demands at once. No delay is necessary for increased facilities, as so frequently is the case with the small plant.

Community growth is thus encouraged and hastened.

The West Texas Utilities Company places at the disposal of 116 prosperous cities, towns and communities in West Texas, the "Land of Opportunity", 100,000 horsepower of electrical energy—generated by three Major Generating Stations and 22 Auxiliary Plants, and distributed over a network of more than 2,500 miles of transmission lines.

West Texas Utilities Company

In the lobby of the administration building of perhaps the largest industrial organization in West Texas hangs a slogan that is a challenge to every employee who reads it:

"TO ME HAS BEEN ENTRUSTED A RESPONSIBILITY—I HAVE ACCEPTED IT AND WILL KEEP THE FAITH."

Read it again—isn't it full of sober psychology, vibrant with determination and resolution? Isn't it about time that we, the citizenship of our trade territory, quit talking hard times and accept the situation as it is—resolved to put our shoulders to the wheel and to work out our own salvation and ultimate success, independent of outside aid and in spite of adverse crop conditions and unfavorable markets. This can only be accomplished thru sane thought, relentless labor, the adoption of a program of strict economy and a restoration of faith, one in another.

The economists agree that periods of depression move in cycles and that the low ebb of the present national crisis has been reached. That we are returning to an era of earned prosperity rather than a speculative one. That business is getting away from brass bands and back to brass tacks. That slowly but surely we may expect better conditions to prevail.

THE OLD RELIABLE

FARMERS AND MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK

MERKEL, TEXAS



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Reserve System

DON'T DELAY

Are you one of those who must be overtaken with disaster before you realize the importance of Insurance? Don't wait for the costly lesson of experience. Insure today.

Let us help you select the protection you need. Let us explain our hail insurance on growing crops.

W. O. BONEY
MERKEL, TEXAS

Farm Loans and all kinds of Insurance

Consult Your Insurance Agent as you Would Your Doctor or Lawyer.

Draughon's Business College

DALLAS LUBBOCK WICHITA FALLS ABILENE, TEXAS

\$150 A MONTH Our Affiliated Employment Departments, in closer touch with thousands of business concerns than any other, has evolved a plan that enables many young people, still in their teens, to command salaries of \$1,500 to \$2,400 a year in positions that are golden with opportunities for still further promotion. Hundreds of positions annually to select from when you master the nationally known Draughon Training. Mail coupon for details of this unusual plan today.

Name _____ Address _____ Age _____ (MM)

MERKEL MAIL WANT ADS FOR RESULTS

Business Survey By WTU Co. Shows Crops 75 Per Cent Normal

Abilene, August 28.—A recently conducted business survey of crop and business conditions throughout the West Texas Utilities company properties indicates that crops will run approximately 75 per cent of normal, with some improvement over last year's crop. Adequate rainfall is received in the next ten days to two weeks.

From the south end, reports are especially favorable. An increase over normal production is estimated for both cotton and feed, while grass is reported in good shape.

In the Panhandle, although production per acre will run approximately 10 per cent lower than normal, an actual increase will be shown due to the fact that many acres of new land are under cultivation.

Estimates vary from normal to 50 per cent below normal in other sections of the territory served by the company.

Though trade and collections are generally reported quiet, it is felt that this situation is due to a normal condition which will right itself within the next sixty or ninety days.

But slight increase is reported from the principal lines of industry, the main exception being the oil business.

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Advertise in the Merkel Mail.

Sept. 29-Oct. 4 Dates For West Texas Fair

Abilene, August 28.—Arrangements have been definitely completed for the fourteenth annual exposition of the West Texas Fair, which will be held from September 29 to October 4 inclusive. Special attention has been given to the livestock and agricultural exhibits and these departments promise to be the most interesting for many years.

The afternoon attractions in front of the grandstand include two days of football, three days of rodeo and one day of motorcycle races, with the appearance each afternoon of Ernie Young's "Six English Steppers" as an added attraction.

Ernie Young's Gala Review, "Spanish Nights," will play in front of the grandstand every night. This wonderful attraction is free every night except Friday. The Revue, "Spanish Nights," is a novel attraction that will furnish entertainment to the many thousands attending the West Texas Fair.

Many entries have already been received in the livestock department. Cattle, sheep, goats and swine from the leading breeders of Texas are among the entries already received.

The exhibits in the women's department will be more varied, and promise to be exceptionally attractive this year.

Spent Lots of Money For Her Trouble

"I Suffered But Without Relief Until Argotane ends Trouble," Says Waco Housewife.

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CHURCHES



REBEKAH SOCIAL.
On last Friday evening the Rebekahs and Odd Fellows met in a joint social at the I. O. O. F. hall.

RADIO AUDITION SET FOR SEPT. 14

Singers in This District Will Compete in First Audition at Hilton Hotel, Abilene.

Mrs. L. C. Johns of Abilene familiar to residents of this city for her interest in music and constructive promotion of the community's musical interests, is now conducting an active search for the best young man and best young woman singer in this section between the ages of 18 and 25 years, as possible representatives of Abilene in the fourth national radio audition.

A general committee will assist her in enrolling singers in this district, and in conducting the audition which is to be held at 3 o'clock on the afternoon of September 14 in the crystal room of the Hilton hotel, Abilene.

Winters, Moran, Merkel, Trent, Tye, Tuscola, Ovalo, Baird, Clyde, Anson and Abilene are included in the district of which Mrs. Johns is chairman.

Mrs. A. S. Hawes, Miss Ruth Crawford, Mrs. E. E. Traweck and Mrs. Jesse Walker have been named as members of the general committee.

Misses Mary Evelyn Brooks, Joyce Handy and Eula May Klingman are the sub-survey committee to enroll singers for the contest. Any member of either committee is qualified to give information concerning the audition.

SINGERS URGED TO ENROLL.

Mrs. Johns was appointed local chairman of the 1930 Audition by the Atwater Kent Foundation of Philadelphia and is anxious that some local singer shall participate in the division of the aggregate awards of \$25,000 in cash and ten scholarships that will go to the national finalists.

Contests will be held in the individual cities and towns throughout this state for the selection of local winners, one boy and one girl. From the local winners the state's contenders for territorial and national honors (one young man and one young woman) will be selected.

HERE'S THE PLAN.

From this point all expenses of participants in the contest will be borne by the Atwater Kent Foundation. The two state winners will be taken to a district contest and placed in competition with the winners from the other states in this district. From among them two districts, leaving ten contestants for the final audition. These boys and girls will be taken, by way of Washington, D. C., to New York, where the national finals will be before distinguished musicians.

Practically all of the winners of the 1927, 1928 and 1929 Radio Auditions are now well along the road to success, by virtue of concert engagements, professional broadcasting and more recently, the sound movies, for which young singers who screen well are in demand.

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MERKEL TO ENTERTAIN B. Y. P. U. ASSOCIATION SUNDAY.

The regular fifth Sunday meeting of the B. Y. P. U. of the Sweetwater Baptist association will be held at the First Baptist church here next Sunday. J. Ralph Grant of Abilene is associational president.

The session will be opened at 2:30 p. m. with the devotional conducted by E. B. Milam of Abilene. Special music will be provided by members of the Merkel Baptist church.

Speakers and their subjects will be: T. L. Burns, Sweetwater, "In What Way May the B. Y. P. U. Promote Missions?" Lowell Sharbutt, Caps, "What Type of Extension Work Should the Senior and Adult Unions Do?" and J. Ralph Grant, Abilene, "Some Hoped for Achievements in Closing the Associational Year."

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

With the exception of the Presbyterian and Nazarene Sunday Schools, which noted slight increases in attendance, the number present at the Sunday Schools in Merkel last Sunday showed a decided falling off. The total was only 650. Those present at the several church Sunday Schools were: Methodist, 245; Baptist, 229; Presbyterian, 69; Church of Christ, 55; and Nazarene, 52.

MEN'S PRAYER MEETING.

For the Men's Prayer service to be held at the Methodist church at 2 p. m. next Sunday, Rev. S. W. H. Busbee is to be the leader. The subject will be the fifth chapter of Matthew. Last Sunday L. L. Murray was the leader and the service, which was held at the Nazarene church, brought out the usual good attendance.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. There are some conditions that may exist that we cannot help, but we can maintain an interest in our Sunday School and church by regular attendance. Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. Glad to have visitors in all our services.

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

All the regular services at the church next Lord's day and throughout the week. You are invited to attend them all. Especially do we urge the members of the church to come. Bible study Sunday morning at 10, communion service at 11 a. m., Young Peoples' classes at 7 p. m., Ladies' Bible study at 4 p. m. Tuesday and prayer meeting at 8:15 p. m. Wednesday.

In love, The Elders.

AT THE METHODIST CHURCH.

Now that the election is over, the heat wave broken and school soon to begin, it is time we gird up our loins and take a new start in our church work. The Sunday School is planning for Promotion Day on the last Sunday in September. The prayer meeting is the best since I have been connected with the church. We are studying Revelations and what a time we are having. The other departments of the church are doing fine. It will do you good to worship with us.

The pastor will be in his pulpit at the morning hour next Sunday and the Epworth League will have charge of the services at the evening hour. We are expecting a good day next Sunday. Come and be with us.

T. C. Willett, Pastor.

SENIOR EPWORTH LEAGUE.

Subject: "Bringing the Assembly Home." Scripture—Matt. 7:1-7; 14-21. Prayer.

"The Genuine Life and the Insincere Life, a Contrast," Thelma McAninch.

"The Genuine Life and the Epworth League Assembly," Eleanor Mae Hamilton.

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THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

The place where true friendship prevails. The pastor has returned from a few days vacation and will be delighted to meet and greet the membership at the Sunday services. He has a great inspirational message for the church Sunday at 11 a. m. At 8:15 his subject will be "What Salvation Is."

Sunday School 9:45. Do not fail us at this hour. Our smiling and congenial superintendent, W. J. Largent, will be disappointed, if you do not come. B. Y. P. U. meets at 7:15 Comer Haynes, leader. Let us join this efficient leader in putting over a lar-

ger and better program. All are welcome.

—Reporter.

JUNIOR B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM.

Subject: "A Missionary Album." Scripture reading, by Ora Derrick. "The Missionary Album," by Jessie M. Berry.

"Paul, the First Foreign Missionary," by Mary H. Lancaster.

"David Livingston, Africa," by Thelma Matthews.

"Eleanor Chestnut, China," by Dot Swafford.

"Alexander Duff, India," by Don Swafford.

"Ann Hasselstine Judson, India," by Clara Frances Largent.

"Robert Moffat, Africa," by Rosemary Lassiter.

"Eliza Agnew, Ceylon," by Francis Higgins.

"Fidelia Fiske, Persia," by Horace Boney.

INTERMEDIATE B. Y. P. U.

Subject "Be Ye Therefore Ready." Part 1, Hail Derstine. Part 2, Dick Sharp. Part 3, Bussy Boaz. Part 4, Rogene Dye. Part 5, H. C. Toombs. All members are urged to come. Visitors welcome.

NAZARENE CHURCH.

We were glad to note the increase in attendance in the Sunday School. We had 52 in class. Hope you will continue to come and help push this good work.

Brother Sibley preached for us at the 11 o'clock hour, using Hebrew 5:1—"Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on into perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and faith toward God."

D. Hendricks had the evening hour. His subject was sin, its wreck and ruin wrought upon the human family, and the remedy provided in the atonement for sin's cure. He surely preached with unction and power.

—Reporter.

Zion Chapel News

Miss Lila Adkins is on the sick list this week.

Little Miss Mona Lee Osborne of Mineral Wells is visiting her father, Mr. Thurman Osborne.

Mrs. E. C. Spurgin and son, Lawrence, visited relatives in Anson Monday.

Mr. George Cook has returned home from Plainview, Slaten and other points in West Texas.

Mr. T. K. Marshal, who has been real sick from a spider bite, is better at this writing.

Miss Gertrude Harris, who has been attending school at Denton, has returned home.

George Tarvin of Abilene is spending the week with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Tarvin.

Misses Ruby and Ruth Gulledge of Abilene are visiting the Misses Cooke this week.

Many of the farmers are leaving here, going to different places to get work, due to the drouth. Some are taking their families.

The school board met last week and elected teachers as follows: Mr. Blankenship, Abilene, as principal Miss Gertrude Harris, intermediate teacher, and Mrs. Marvin Milner of Abilene, primary teacher.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Tarvin and little daughter, Doris Jean, visited Mr. and Mrs. Chester Bonds of Blair Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Allred had the bad luck of losing about 50 nice frying size chickens Sunday afternoon while away visiting, the loss being charged to their German police dog.

The best sale we ever had, because prices are less. Bragg Dry Goods Company.

After having been arrested and fined each Sunday since beginning of the Sunday operation of the theatre, J. C. Turnstill, manager of the Lyric theatre at Brownwood, was acquitted Tuesday in a trial for operating a picture show on Sunday, August 17.

Prices talk. Have you been to the sale at Bragg Dry Goods Company?

Texas has thirty-six towns and cities of more than 10,000 population. Seven of them are newcomers in the list and one of them had only 987 inhabitants ten years ago.

Boys' and Girls' Nainsook Union Suits. 25 cents each at Bragg Dry Goods Company.

Application Made For 333 Miles of Track

Ft. Worth, Aug. 28.—The Texas and Pacific has applied to the Interstate Commerce commission to build 333 miles of new railroad across the South Plains of Texas. The proposed project, which has been incorporated under the laws of Texas as the Texas and Pacific Northern Railway company, will start at Big Spring where a junction will be formed with the main line to terminate at points in the Panhandle.

Official announcement of the new project was made Monday by John L. Lancaster, president of the Texas and Pacific, in the following statement:

"Today (Monday) the Texas and Pacific Northern Railway company was chartered under the laws of Texas, and an application was made to the Interstate Commerce commission for authority to construct approximately 333 miles of railroad, extending northward from Big Spring, Texas, to serve Lubbock, Amarillo, Lamesa, Brownfield, Levelland, Littlefield, Dimmit, Hereford and Vega. The line will traverse one of the best agricultural sections of Texas, and will enlarge and improve its transportation resources. As its name implies, the new railroad will be constructed and operated in connection with the Texas and Pacific Railway."

"It is proposed to construct a first-class railroad, capable of rendering such high class transportation services as to merit a large part of the patronage of the cities, towns and country within its reach.

"I am confident the project will have the vigorous support of the citizens in the territory the line will serve, and that with it the Interstate Commerce commission will grant a certificate of convenience and necessity.

"Engineering parties are locating the line and when authorized by the Interstate Commerce commission, its construction will be pushed to prompt completion."

Baby Lost From Auto Not Seriously Injured

Abilene, Aug. 28.—"Where's the baby?" the J. H. Fulkersons asked each other when they drove into an Abilene filling station at 4:30 Wednesday morning.

The 10-month-old infant had been sleeping in an improvised rumble seat on the Fulkerson roadster when the family passed through Merkel. The mother, who had been watching her son, had fallen asleep, she said, after they left Merkel.

With T. A. Hackney, assistant police chief, and A. E. Lee, chief of the motorcycle squad, Fulkerson drove slowly westward. After driving for several miles, peering into the fringe of darkness beyond the lights of the car, the father saw his son sitting on the edge of the pavement.

The return to Abilene was made at a somewhat higher speed and the child was examined by an Abilene physician. The boy had not been seriously injured, although he fell from the car while travelling about 30 miles an hour. The family continued its journey to Grand Saline, with the child riding in the front seat.

Tonsil Operation.
John Terry of Trent had his tonsils removed Wednesday, the operation being performed by Dr. C. B. Gardner at his office here, and the patient is reported "doing nicely."

Texas has three electrically lighted baseball parks for night games—Houston, Waco and San Antonio. In the United States 38-cities are playing night baseball.

Everybody pleased with bargains found at Bragg Dry Goods Company.

NATION'S UNEMPLOYED.

(Fort Worth Star-Telegram)

The first census of unemployment in the United States, taken in connection with the decennial census this year, shows that as of April 1 there were 2,508,551 Americans out of jobs and looking for work. This number is 2 per cent of the total population, and approximately 5 per cent of the normal working population.

The first dependable figures on unemployment come at a time when there are widely divergent estimates of the number out of work, these estimates running up as high as 6,990,000. They are additional evidence that conditions are not nearly so bad as many have imagined.

Of the states, Michigan was shown to have the largest percentage of its population unemployed, with 3.3, Rhode Island and New Jersey came next with 3.2. South Dakota and Mississippi showed the smallest unemployment percentage, 1.2 of 1 per cent. Texas' percentage was 1.4.

Since April 1 thousands of men have gone back to work in Michigan, where the great automobile plants of the country are located. Industrial establishments in other states of high unemployment percentage have also put many back on their payrolls. The probability is that the unemployment now is considerably under 2,000,000.

It is noticeable that the two regions worst hit by unemployment are the chief industrial regions on each of the great coasts. New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, forming the Middle Atlantic group, showed unemployment percentages respectively of 2.9, 3.2 and 2.2. Washington, Oregon and California, forming the Pacific group, showed 2.3, 2.6 and 2 per cent unemployment.

To the Voters of Taylor County:

I cannot find words to express to you my appreciation for the fine support you gave me in the election. I would be glad to see each of you and tell you how much it meant to me to have your endorsement and to know you had not lost confidence in me. I am going to do my best to give you a fair, just and impartial service and maintain that high regard you have always manifested for me.

Your friend,
J. T. Howard.

(Political Advertising.)

To the Voters of Precinct No. 5:

I wish to express my thanks and appreciation for the splendid vote you gave me on the 23rd, which nominated me for public weigher. I never can forget the loyalty of such friends.

I also wish to express my thanks to my opponent for the spirit in which he took defeat.

To those who did not support me will say that I have fought but the kindest feelings and wish to assure one and all of the very best service at all times.

Respectfully,
Houston Robertson.
(Political Advertising.)

To the Voters of Precinct No. 2:

I want to thank all of my friends for their loyal support in both races for the office of county commissioner and, although defeated, I feel like I have the best and truest friends that a man ever had. I shall always remember the confidence you showed in me by the gratifying number of votes I received and by the many other evidences of your esteem and regard.

Respectfully,
Rufe Tittle.
(Political Advertising.)

County Totals

(Continued From Page One)
The tabulated vote for the public weigher's race, Precinct No. 5, follows:

BANKSTON	ROBERTSON
Caps, Merkel	13
Merkel	383
Tye, Merkel	12
Nubia	40
Blair	43
Totals	491

The tabulated vote for county commissioner, Precinct No. 2, follows:

TITTLE	BILTZ
Trent	89
Caps, Merkel	24
Merkel	349
Tye, Merkel	49
Nubia	32
Blair	45
Totals	588

The tabulated vote for county commissioner, Precinct No. 2, follows:

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Texas Co-ops Loaning 90 Per Cent of Value

Dallas, Aug. 28.—Without a day's delay, Texas cotton growers are to receive the benefit of the federal farm board loan policy announced Monday with advances of 90 per cent of the market value of their cotton being made through 35 offices of Texas Cotton Cooperative association headquarters of the association Tuesday.

Association classers, all of whom hold federal licenses, determine the grade and staple of cotton immediately upon presentation of samples at the various offices and issue drafts at once for the 90 per cent advance, it was explained. This cotton is placed in the seasonal pool, the grower receiving the average price, according to his grade and staple, the cotton being merchandised gradually through the year.

Association headquarters stated many farmers would be unable to satisfy debts against their cotton by selling on the present market, but that by receiving within 85 a bale of the present value, as they did under the seasonal pool plan, they risked only that 85 and had the possibility of profiting by future advances. There is no "comeback" on the owner of cotton in the seasonal pool in case the market goes lower, it was said.

Ross Sterling Wins

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OTHER STATE TOTALS.

Other totals were:
Lieutenant-governor: Edgar Witt 425,499; Sterling P. Strong 357,313. Attorney general: James V. Allred 464,813; R. L. Bobbitt 336,566. State treasurer: Charley Lockhart 412,700; John E. Davis 353,200. Commissioner of agriculture: J. E. McDonald 437,426; A. H. King, 306,514. Railroad commissioner: Pat M. Neff 451,273; W. Gregory Hatcher 330,202. Congress, thirteenth district: Guinn Williams 23,217; B. D. Sartin 20,991. Throckmorton was the only county in the thirteenth congressional district which had not made a complete report.

Sanitarium Notes.

Beginning Saturday, four tonsil operations were performed at the Merkel Sanitarium in as many days. The patients were Buford Books of Sweetwater Dr. L. C. Zehnpfennig, Mrs. Jack Anderson and Miss Julia Proctor, all of whom are recovering nicely.

Satisfied customers talk about the wonderful bargains found at Bragg Dry Goods Company.

More than 23,000,000 articles came to the head letter office of the post-office department in the last year.

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Mrs. Will D. Williams

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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.
C. L. Boswell, Sec'y.

School Preparations

(Continued from Page One.) term, unaffiliated schools and who plan to enter any high school grade must take entrance examination before being classified. All of the above students who wish to take any examination on any high school subject should report to the High School building on Wednesday morning, September 3, at nine o'clock when a schedule of examinations will be worked out.

Students who have twelve or more credits at the beginning of school will be classified as Seniors. The daily schedule will be ready and these pupils may on any day of registration week (September 2-5) register, selecting the courses they want. Seniors are registered in advance of the opening so that they can be sure to get the subjects needed. After a certain specified maximum number have registered for various classes, these classes must be closed. It is very important, therefore, that Seniors report on one of these four days and register in advance of the opening of school.

Training Camp

(Continued from Page One) is held; first, to promote acquaintance among the boys; second, to condition them for harder football practice, and, third, it affords an opportunity to learn the fundamentals of football. In discussing the topic "what the club can do for Merkel this fall," Henry West named several lines of endeavor, with particular reference to a municipal park as one of the goals the club should always have before it. In this connection, he remarked that the band could be used to more advantage in putting over the things for which we are striving and he pictured the band playing in the city's own park as a future possibility.

One of the outstanding needs of the immediate present was an educational campaign to aid in keeping Merkel dollars at home, the speaker said.

As chairman of the band committee, Charlie Jones suggested that band concerts would probably be arranged for each week in the future and would be held in the residential parts of the city from time to time.

E. Yates Brown is toastmaster next week and the five-minute talk on what the club can do is to be made by Booth Warren.

**DEATH CLAIMS
JOSEPH BARKER**

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the family residence in the Salt Branch community, with Rev. L. H. Davis, pastor of the Methodist churches at Stith and Tye, officiating, for John Lewis Barker, age 75, who died Saturday night at 11 o'clock. Interment was at Rose Hill cemetery. Mr. Barker had been in bad health for sometime and had been confined to his bed for the past three weeks.

He was born Feb. 11, 1855, in Herd county, Ga., the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Lewis Barker. In 1874 he was married to Sarah Martha Howell at Tallapoosa, Ga., and to this union seven children were born, of whom six now survive, besides his wife. The children are: Arthur Barker, Wichita Falls; Ephriam Barker, Healdton, Okla.; Oscar Barker, Honey Grove; Ezra Barker, Floydada; Mrs. Eudora James, Honey Grove, and Mrs. Minnie Higgins, Merkel. He is also survived by one brother, Lumpkin Barker, Dodd City, and one sister, Mrs. Emma Driver, Honey Grove. He had 25 living grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

All of the children that could do so visited him before his death.

Mr. Barker joined the Methodist church when he was only 15 years of age and had been a consistent and faithful church worker during his entire life. He moved to Taylor county about 25 years ago and had been engaged in farming. He was one of this community's highly respected and most useful citizens and had reared a large family trained to follow in his footsteps. He was a man that neighbors delighted to do him honor and no one had aught but kind words for this noble christian whose loss will be so greatly felt in the home and in all walks of life.

Pall bearers were W. M. Hays, Will J. Higgins, W. C. Lee, W. E. Petty, W. D. Butler and W. U. Beene.

Ely Proposes Local Labor to Build Roads

Abilene, Aug. 28.—W. R. Ely, state highway commissioner, yesterday put forward a proposal that while drouth conditions continue in West Texas contracts for state highway construction carry a requirement on contractors that local labor shall be employed, or preference given to local labor.

Judge Ely sent his proposal by wire to his fellow commissioners, R. S. Sterling and Cone Johnson, and called Governor Mody by telephone, to lay the plan before him and to ask him to call an immediate conference, those participating to be the governor, the commission, the state highway engineer, "and all others interested."

Garza, Sheets, 81x90, 98 cents each at Bragg Dry Goods Company.

IOOF Children Give Concert on Streets

The citizens of Merkel enjoyed a street concert by a party of 30 entertainers from the Odd Fellows home at Corsicana, who stopped over here Tuesday morning for a short while. They were enroute from Snyder to Abilene where they were to be guests of Abilene Odd Fellows and Rebekahs at a basket picnic at Fair Park at 6 Tuesday evening and later were to give a program at the Auditorium.

The children were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Ross C. Harris, superintendent of the home, and the entire party was travelling by bus.

Boys' and Girls' Nainsook Union Suits, 25 cents each at Bragg Dry Goods Company.

Record of Births.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Otho Ainsworth, residing 5 miles west of View, August 23, 1930.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Irvin, Noodle, Monday, August 25, 1930.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Thompson, 1 mile east of Stith, Tuesday, August 28, 1930.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Milton, 1 mile south of Trent, Wednesday, August 27, 1930.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Freeman, Trent, Wednesday, August 27, 1930.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Mannie Barnes, 1 mile east of Noodle, Thursday, August 28, 1930.

Prices talk. Have you been to the sale at Bragg Dry Goods Company?

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Tabulated Vote for Sheriff

Table with 3 columns: Precinct, O'Bar, Wheeler. Lists precincts from 1-Courthouse to 30-Bradshaw with corresponding vote counts.

Totals (complete) 3,524 4,071

FIFTH SUNDAY SINGING.

As the fifth Sunday is near at hand, I take this method of calling your attention to our singing convention to meet at the Baptist church at Hodges next Sunday, Aug. 31.

Also bring your lunch. So we can put in a full day singing and praising God in song service. Remember this is a service in which we can all come together in one spirit and one purpose to serve the Lord together with one faith.

I hope to have all our friends present at Hodges in our convention. If you know of any singers, invite them to come.

Respectfully, Tom Spears.

The largest telescope in the world weighs 3500 pounds. It is at the Ohio Wesleyan University.

Tabulated Vote Given For Merkel Precinct

J. T. Howard, with 610 votes, received the highest number of votes cast for any candidate in the second primary at the Merkel box, Burl Wheeler being second highest with 600.

Table with 3 columns: Candidate, O'Bar, Wheeler. Lists candidates for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, State Treasurer, Attorney General, Commissioner of Agriculture, Railroad Commissioner, Sheriff, and Tax Assessor.

Totals (complete) 3,524 4,071

Tabulated Vote for Assessor

Table with 3 columns: Precinct, Howard, Vance. Lists precincts from 1-Courthouse to 30-Bradshaw with corresponding vote counts.

Totals (complete) 3,858 3,596

Office supplies—Mail office.

UNION RIDGE NEWS

We were glad to have our pastor back with us last Sunday. He has just returned from Dallas where he has been attending school.

per guest of Rev. and Mrs. U. S. Sherrill of Trent Sunday.

Mrs. S. W. Taylor has returned from Clyde and is visiting her daughter, Mrs. O. R. Douglas.

Mrs. Joe Suggs and children of Andrews are visiting her mother, Mrs. H. C. Barnett. The latter and daughter, Lilly Claude, have returned from Holiday where they were visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Harris and Miss Minnie Dupree were in Breckenridge Saturday.

Rev. U. S. Sherrill of Trent was

dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Douglas and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Biggs of Merkel and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Wood of Abilene were also afternoon guests Sunday in this home.

Mr. J. M. Dunn left last week for Dallas.

Mrs. J. M. Harris and daughter, Joan, of Fort Worth are visiting relatives in this community.

Seventeen towns in the Rio Grande valley had 37,227 population and 92,784 in 1930, average gain 149.2 per cent.

WE SELL QUALITY that is not duplicated at these PRICES

Advertisement for tires comparing construction and values. Includes images of tires and a table with columns: Size, Our Tire, Mail Order Tire. Rows include Width, Weight, Thickness of Tire, Plies at Tread, Rubber Volume, and Price.

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Firestone Oldfield tires advertisement. Lists various sizes and prices, including 4.40-21, 4.50-21, 4.75-19, 5.00-20, 5.25-18, 5.25-21, 6.00-20, 6-ply, H. D. Truck Tires, and Firestone Batteries.

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Firestone Anchor Super Heavy Duty tires advertisement. Lists sizes and prices, including 4.50-21, 4.75-19, 5.00-19, 5.25-20, 5.50-20, 6.00-20, 6.50-19, 7.00-20.

Firestone Courier tires advertisement. Lists sizes and prices, including 30x3 1/2, 4.40-21, 4.50-21.

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A "Mail Order" or "Special Brand" tire is made by some unknown manufacturer and sold under a name that does not identify him to the public, usually because he builds his "first grade" tires under his own name.

Drive In Today and Let Us Equip and Service Your Car!

WEST COMPANY "Forty Years of Better Service" Merkel Texas advertisement.

R. & R. PALACE Sweetwater Week of Aug. 31 Sun.-Mon.-Tues. Will Rogers in "So This Is London" Wed.-Thurs. Fox Movietone Follies of 1930 Friday-Saturday "Sweet Mamma" Alice White Our Saturday midnite previews have been temporarily discontinued.

She Suffered from NERVES When you suffer from "NERVES" why not try Dr. Miles' Nervine? It relieved Mrs. Pasley as it has tens of thousands of others. "I suffered greatly from Nervousness and received no help until I started taking Dr. Miles' Nervine. That sure did help. I keep it on hand and take it whenever I feel Nervous."

QUEEN THEATER Friday and Saturday, Aug. 29-30 "THE BISHOP MURDER CASE" with BASIL RATHBONE LELIA HYAMS ROLAND YOUNG GEORGE F. MARION Seventh Chapter of "QUEEN OF THE NORTH WOODS" And Good Two-Reel Comedy.

REMEMBER You can save money on Auto Parts and New and Used Tires and Tubes Also have Gas Range for sale at FOX WRECKING CO.

SHOT GUNS AND PISTOLS The Hunting Season Is Only Three Days Off Look our guns over, and we will allow you to make a payment and hold the gun for you. SPECIAL PRICES FOR 10 DAYS 1-12 Ga. Western Field pump, almost new \$18.50 1-12 Ga. Winchester automatic shot gun, only \$20.00 1-22 Remington pump, good as new \$12.50 1-12 Ga. Remington pump shot gun, only \$17.50 1-12 Ga. Marlin pump shot gun, only \$12.50 3 Single bbl. shot guns, choice 12 gauge \$3.00 1-16 single bbl. shot gun \$3.00 1-22 Remington pump, good as new \$12.50 3-22 pump rifles, your choice \$4.00 1-12 Ga. Stevens pump \$12.50 New single bbl. shot guns, new 12, 16, 20 or 410 each \$6.45 Springfield double bbl. shot guns, 12, 16, 20, or 410 each \$16.45 HUNTING BAGS Army gas mask bags, each 50c These are made of heavy duck, and can not be beat for a hunting bag. Ammunition belts regular army belts for shot gun shells 50c THE ABILENE ARMY STORE W. A. TURNIDGE, Prop. Phone 8292, Abilene, Texas—915 South First Street

IT'S A GREAT LIFE IF YOU DON'T WEAKEN By Jack Rabbit. A cartoon strip showing a man asking if his wife takes in washing, and another man replying that she does, leading to a scene of laundry being washed.

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LIVE STOCK

FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE NOTICE

Bulletin on Serious Cattle Ailment Is Available.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Foot-and-mouth disease is one of the ailments of cattle against which the United States Department of Agriculture has waged most determined and sometimes spectacular campaigns of eradication. Though the disease is almost universal in the rest of the world, persistent vigilance has kept it from spreading throughout the United States and has stamped out the plague on the nine occasions it has gained a foothold here since 1870. It is not the most malignant of animal diseases but it is one of the most infectious. The loss to the country would be staggering if the disease ever spread generally.

John R. Mohler, chief of the bureau of animal industry, has led the offensive against the more recent outbreaks of foot-and-mouth disease in the United States. In Farmers' Bulletin 666-F, just published in a revised edition, Doctor Mohler brings up to date the history of the counter offensive, explains why the United States favors the plan of slaughtering all suspected animals instead of trying to quarantine or cure them, offers brief and simple descriptions of the disease and its symptoms, suggests precautionary measures, and describes foot-and-mouth disease in man. The section on symptoms and diagnosis tells how to distinguish foot-and-mouth disease from other affections.

Farmers' Bulletin 66-F, which was first issued in 1915, has been revised to bring it up to date, and reports the eradication campaign in California early in 1929. It is available for distribution, and will be sent free to those who request it from the office of information, United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

Good Pasture Useful in Producing Good Pork

Rape may be sown several times during the season, from May 15 to July 15. In some cases oats is sown with rape, but the reduced yield of pasture does not seem to justify any benefit that may result from this practice. A combination in which oats does well with Canadian field peas. Good pasture is secured when a bushel of oats and one and one-half bushels of peas are sown per acre at the normal oat planting time. It yields forage at a time when other crops are short, though it matures quickly, and prompt use must be made of same. The soy bean has use both for pasture and grain in pork production, although the latter's use is much greater. Hogs will graze soy beans, however.

Quantity and Texture of Wool Influenced

The production of wool, quantity and texture is materially influenced by feeds that are rich in protein for milk production also. Feeding can overcome many of the objections made by wool buyers and sheep poorly fed and improperly housed cannot be expected to produce the fleeces desired by the wool trade.

Shepherds need take care likewise to prevent the fleeces from becoming filled with chaff. A good fleece can be reduced to a lower grade by becoming chaffy. This may happen when the flock runs to straw piles or when hay or other feed and bedding are thrown carelessly over the backs of the animals. Successful flock masters recommend keeping the wool clean and dry, and it pays.

Live Stock Facts

Colic in horses is a result of or caused by indigestion.

Sows that are thin should be fed to gain in weight before they farrow in the fall.

Bloating seems more likely to occur when the animals do not have ready access to water, and when they do not obtain through water or otherwise a sufficient quantity of minerals.

If a sow has nursed a fairly large litter of pigs she is likely to be rather thin when bred. Hence she should be fed enough to put her in good condition again by farrowing time.

In addition to pasture, brood sows should be fed sufficient grain to keep them gaining a little. Enough grain should be fed to keep sows in good condition for fall farrowing, but they should not be given so much grain that they will become too fat.

Barley alone, used with alfalfa hay, is a poor lamb-fattening feed, but barley used with alfalfa and proper supplementary feeds, such as wet beet pulp, corn silage, corn fodder, cull potatoes and cottonseed meal, is fully equal in value to corn as a fattener.

ROUND WORMS IN SWINE HARMFUL

Injury Is Often So Great Pigs Never Recover.

The common round worms of swine are known as Ascaris Lumbricoides. They are commonly spoken of among veterinarians and parasitologists as Ascarids, but most swine producers speak of them only as round worms of swine.

The large round worms of swine attain a length of as much as 12 inches. The average size ranges from 6 to 12 inches and these worms are about one-eighth inch in diameter. They are pinkish in color.

When young pigs are very heavily infested with round worms the larvae (small worms) which find their way to the lungs in large numbers set up a condition of the lungs which is often spoken of as thumps. This is a form of pneumonia and is often severe enough to stunt the pigs to such an extent they never develop properly afterwards. Many of these pigs will linger for several weeks after severe round worm infestation and upon their death or being killed, if the lungs are examined, much evidence of the invasion of the larvae stage of the round worm will be found. The injury is so great with many young pigs that they never entirely recover.

As the worm eggs hatch out in the intestinal tract of the pig, the small larvae are taken up by the blood stream where they go to the liver and then to the lungs where they remain long enough to set up an inflammation which is often severe enough to develop into pneumonia. After a short stay in the lungs, the larvae travel up the trachea or windpipe and are resswallowed and then after finding their way to the intestines of the pig, develop into full size worms. This requires about two and one-half months.

It is estimated that a full-grown female round worm in the intestines of the hog may produce as many as 80,000,000 eggs. From this it is evident how great the contamination of hog yards and quarters must be after a number of worm-infested pigs have been kept in them for several weeks.

The eggs of the round worms are very resistant to weather conditions and to many chemicals. It is not known just how long the eggs will remain alive, but it is safe to conclude that the majority of worm eggs will remain alive for more than one year under ordinary farm conditions. Round worm eggs are resistant to many chemicals. This is due to the fact that they are encased in a tough gelatinous membrane or capsule. In order to destroy these round worm eggs, it is necessary to use some caustic material which will dissolve this membrane covering. The best product that we know of for this purpose is concentrated lye which should be used in boiling water—one pound to each ten gallons of boiling water. This solution will destroy practically all round worm or other worm eggs with which it comes in contact.

Feed Separately Ewes With Twins or Triplets

Ewes with twins or triplets really need more feed than a ewe with a single lamb and if you can go to the trouble of feeding them separately you will find it a great help in making twins as good as singles. Give these twin and triplet raisers all the grain they will clean up in a few minutes, twice daily, and all the clover or alfalfa they want. Also these twin and triplet lambs need a creep and special feed more than single lambs. A good creep feed for young lambs is first bran and oil meal mixed, then add ground oats, then ground corn. In a short time they will eat whole oats but one must grind the corn for a long time. Creep fed lambs go to market earlier, grade higher, weigh more and worry their mothers less. They will pay a mighty good price for the grain they eat.

Hogging Off Crops

For ten years, peas and corn have been grown for hogging-off at the Ebeley substation, North Dakota. The cash returns per acre from the peas ranged from \$18.65 to \$82.92; corn, \$20 to \$62.64. In four years, returns from peas were not great enough to show a profit; in the other six years the profit ranged from \$1.99 to \$20.28 per acre. The daily gain per hog on peas was from .95 to 1.33 pounds; on corn, 1.26 to 1.7 pounds. In five years peas produced more pork than corn.

Animals for Breeding

Proper feeding is very important, but it is by no means the only thing for the farmer to consider. Breeding is at least of equal importance with feeding. It is a well recognized fact among breeders of registered live stock and feeders of experience. Judging from the small percentage of pure-bred stock we have in this country, however, it is but fair to assume that the majority of live stock producers do not appreciate the value of improved blood for breeding purposes.

Lighted Firecracker Dropped Down Dress Gets Man Sentenced

St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 28.—For dropping a lighted firecracker down the back of a young woman's dress, Joseph Goodman, 20, was sentenced to six months in the workhouse Monday by Judge Butler in the Court of Criminal Correction.

Miss Mary O'Donahoe, charging common assault, testified that last Fourth of July Goodman slipped up behind her, pulled open the collar of her dress and dropped the firecracker. She was treated by a physician for burns between her shoulder blades. "This is one of the meanest tricks I ever heard of," said Judge Butler.

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Seals in the north Pacific have multiplied to such large numbers, due to protective legislation, that they have become a menace to the fishing industry in those waters.

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Tax on Slick Estate Over Four Millions

Oklahoma City, Aug. 28.—Oklahoma probably will receive approximately \$4,700,000 in inheritance tax from the estate of the late T. B. Slick, the world's wealthiest independent oil operator, who died in Baltimore last week, it was indicated Monday.

A final check by state tax authorities is expected to establish the value of Slick's estate at near \$34,000,000.

Attorneys now are at Clarion, Pa., seeking to probate the Slick will. It has been estimated that \$10,000,000 would be paid out in inheritance taxes and administration costs of the estate.

Pennsylvania authorities may claim a share of the tax, as the oil man continued to maintain a legal residence at Clarion.

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When you want to buy a refrigerator or a car or a piano, you don't need to look all over town to discover the kind you want. You read the advertisements in your newspaper. They bring you all the facts necessary to decide just which refrigerator or car or piano will give you the most satisfaction, how to pay, where to buy it.

You buy through the advertisements because they save time and effort. Because they enable you to command certain values. Because they assure you of getting reliable and economical products every time.

IT PAYS TO READ THE ADVERTISEMENTS

The Merkel Mail

Trent News and Personal Notes

Mrs. Homer Terry and daughter, Gene, and little son, H. B., were weekend guests of her father, Sam T. Howell, of Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Blackmon of Beaumont are here for an extended visit with their daughter, Mrs. N. L. McLeod. They will visit other children at Lamesa also.

Mr. and Mrs. John Strawn and daughters visited at Greenville last week and Miss Virgie Strawn, one of the teachers in our schools, returned with them.

Mrs. J. C. Cal Hamner had as her guests recently her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Johnson, of Ballinger and her niece, Mrs. Roger Hamblet, of Pecos.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Rutherford spent Saturday night with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ellery Smith. They were moving from Tuxedo to Knott where Mr. Rutherford will have charge of a gin.

School will open here Monday, September first.

FORMER TRENT BOY MARRIES.

The many friends of Jack L. Boone will be interested in the account of his marriage to Miss Ferne Martin of Temple, Sunday, August 24. Miss Martin is the charming and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Martin, a well to do and pioneer family of Bell county. She is no stranger to the people of our town and community, having taught in our school here and having also been saleslady for Bowers & Hammer Dry Goods company for more than a year. To know her is to love her.

Mr. Boone is the son of Mrs. Annie Boone, a pioneer family of high esteem, who grew to manhood in our midst and is popular with both the old and young. He has been connected with the Crosby Gin company of Memphis for sometime and they will make their home in Memphis. A host of friends wish them much happiness and success.

SHOWER FOR BRIDE AND GROOM.

On last Monday evening Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bowers entertained a number of their friends at their home, honoring Mr. and Mrs. Jack Boone with a shower of gifts. The occasion was meant to be a surprise for the bride and groom, but instead it was a surprise for the guests, as word was received at the last minute stating that they were honeymooning in San Antonio and other points south and would not be here until Thursday night.

But the host and hostess, being the good sports they are, went right on with the party and the evening was a rather enjoyable one. Tables were arranged for "42" and bridge, and a "bean guessing contest" and a real gypsy fortune teller finished the evening.

Toasts were given to the absent honorees by Mrs. Hale McRee and Mrs. Leslie Beasley; to the girls and boys left behind, by R. E. Dowdy. Miss Maurine Smith presided at the punch bowl. Besides those mentioned, iced punch and delicious angel food cake were served to the following guests: Messrs. and Mesdames M. G. Scott, Alex Williamson, L. E. Adrian, J. Cal Hamner, R. E. Dowdy, Carl Murdock, T. G. Hamner, Leslie Beasley, Hale McRee; Messrs. Claud Stribling, Cecil McRee, Charles Reid-Leonard Stribling, Jack Bowers, Billie Joe Bowers, T. G. Murdock; Mesdames Buena McLeod, R. B. McRee, Sr., Hattie Gafford, J. S. Reid, Annie Boone, and Misses Bessie Yarborough, Virgie Strawn, Lillian McRee, Vivian Walker, Marjory Adrian, Dorene Scott, Virginia Cloe McRee, Gene Scott and the host and hostess.

To the Voters of Taylor County:

I wish to thank every citizen who contributed to my success in the race for sheriff. I am deeply and humbly grateful to each of my friends. I shall strive to the utmost to justify in the fullest the confidence placed in me.

Sincerely,
Burl Wheeler.
(Political Advertising.)

The best sale we ever had, because prices are less. Bragg Dry Goods Company.

TURKEYS WANTED—I will pay eleven cents per pound for No. 1 turkeys, old and young. Bring them to Dunn Produce, next to Dunnam Grocery. Pierce Horton.

Everybody pleased with bargains found at Bragg Dry Goods Company.

According to statistics of the United States bureau of education, out of every 1000 children who enter school, 634 reach the eighth grade, 342 enter high school and 139 graduate from high school.

Moody Names Drouth Relief Committee

Austin, Aug. 28.—Governor Moody Monday appointed a group of 20 to act as a drouth relief committee for Texas and named O. B. Martin, director of the experiment stations at Texas Agricultural and Mechanical college, as chairman.

The first meeting of the committee to consider drouth relief measures will be held in Wichita Falls Friday morning.

Other members of the committee are: L. M. Hogsett, general freight agent of the Fort Worth and Denver Railway, Fort Worth; J. A. Kemp of Wichita Falls, Dick McCarty of Albany, D. A. Bandeen of Stamford, J. M. Crews of Childress, J. S. Silberg, American Red Cross, Wichita Falls; L. M. Thompson of Throckmorton, G. A. Phillips of Paducah, E. B. Smith of Quanah, H. F. Fletcher of Alpine, A. M. Cooper of Baird, Andy Bourland of Vernon, Judge Edgar Hutchins of Crosbyton, Slim O'Neal of Coleman, J. K. Crews of Matador and J. A. Lacey of Turkey.

The committee will meet Friday at College Station and will start an immediate survey of the drouth stricken area. A preliminary draft of relief plans was expected to be made immediately after the conditions have been laid before the committee.

W. S. Fuqua, Amarillo banker, now is in Washington as the banker member of the committee conferring with other bankers of the country on drouth relief plans and measures. He was appointed Friday by Governor Moody.

The primary purpose of the committee will be to assist families whose crops have been destroyed by the drouth, through the winter and to prevent unnecessary sacrifice of livestock. The committee also will be charged with the protection of the public health.

Plans to relieve unemployment as an aid to the farmers and for private loans through state and national agencies also will be drafted by the committee.

Reduced freight rates on livestock, feed and foodstuffs also are included in the relief program.

Blair Items

Mr. and Mrs. Mayberry of California and Otis Moore of Port Arthur are the houseguests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Moore.

Mrs. Mae Horton and sons motored over from Waco to Blair to spend the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Doan.

Mrs. Alice Helmes and children from Winters and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Moore of Seymour, Texas, have been visiting the past few days with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eli Brooks.

Mrs. Jessie Wilson and son of Red Springs have been visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moore, for sometime.

Mrs. Mattie Farmer and son, J. H., of Snyder spent several days recently with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Campbell.

Guests Wednesday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Riley Jones were Brother and Mrs. Walker of Abilene.

C. H. and V. L. Doan returned Wednesday from Poth, Texas, after several weeks visit.

Mrs. Burton Provine of New Mexico and daughter, Miss Ione, of Abilene, spent the week-end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Doan.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Spars and Miss Zamer visited relatives at Claytonville Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hughes and family were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds of Trent.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Horton and daughter, Jennie Nell, and Mr. and Mrs. Marcina Doan have gone to San Antonio and other points for an indefinite stay.

Paul Farmer celebrated his seventh birthday the twelfth with a fishing party. Those present were J. B. Borden, Estel Farmer, Edna Carter, Freda Farmer, Edward, Ira, Darrell Farmer, Mrs. Murry Farmer and Mrs. A. L. Farmer acting as hostesses.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Doan and family of Roscoe visited his brother, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Doan, Saturday.

H. A. Freeman of Trent and Miss Opal Johnson were married on the sixteenth. Miss Opal is the charming daughter of Mrs. Maggie Irvin and we join with many friends in wishing this young couple much happiness.

HOLIDAY NOTICE.

Next Monday, September 1, (Labor Day,) being a national holiday, the following banks will remain closed all day. Customers will please take notice and make their arrangements accordingly.

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PERSONAL NEWS NOTES

Miss Mona Margaret Jones visited Sunday in Big Spring.

Mrs. T. J. R. Swafford is visiting her sister in Tyler.

Elmo Collins has gone to Lamesa to accept employment there.

Mrs. J. T. Dennis and Miss Lola Dennis left Wednesday for Pecos.

Mrs. S. D. Gambie and two children are visiting relatives in Fort Worth.

Mrs. Duncan Briggs and daughter, Miss Duncan, visited in Eastland last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Black spent the week with relatives at Nolan and Dora.

Ben Bird and his mother, Mrs. S. M. Bird, have returned from a visit to Waco.

Mrs. R. L. Bland and children of Abilene visited relatives here Wednesday.

Misses Vada Floyd of Sweetwater and Ethel Hamilton are visiting in San Antonio.

Mrs. Jack Anderson is again at home after attending summer school at Denton.

Mrs. J. M. Dry and Miss Lorena Dry are visiting relatives in Dublin and Sherman.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Holt are visiting the latter's sister, Mrs. W. D. Butler, this week.

Misses Azaline and Eula Sumpter are visiting in the T. E. Sumpter home at Brownwood.

A. V. Dye was down from Hobbs, New Mexico, to spend the week-end with his family here.

Glen Elliott has returned to Hobbs, New Mex., after visiting several days with his parents here.

Mrs. R. A. May from Colorado was over Sunday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Banner.

Miss Berdelle Adcock has as her week-end guest her schoolmate, Miss Viva Curb of Petersburg.

Miss Nadine Tippett has returned from a visit of several weeks with her father at San Angelo.

Miss Gladys Caple of Waco is the guest of her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Caple.

Miss Flossie Campbell will leave Saturday for Ysleta, Texas, where she will teach again this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Forest Gaither and two children visited this week with her mother in Elk City, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. Len Sublett had as their guests last week Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Christopher of Lamesa.

After a stay of three weeks in Dallas for surgical attention, Dean Murray returned home last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bragg of Chillicothe were guests in the T. G. Bragg home early in the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson McCrary and family of Commerce are visiting their grandmother, Mrs. Frank Sears.

Miss Elleta Foster of Noodle has returned home after several days visit in the Will D. Williams household.

Mrs. Della Campbell and daughter, Miss Julia, of Tullia are visiting their grandmother, Mrs. Frank Sears.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Holt and children of Lamesa visited in the W. D. Butler home Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Hutcheson of Wilson, Texas, are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson.

Sunday guests in the H. M. Rainbolt home were Mr. and Mrs. Sam Rainbolt, Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Fryar and daughters, Albany; Mr.

and Mrs. Homer Rainbolt and sons, Amarillo; H. M. Rainbolt, Jr., and daughter, Big Spring; Mrs. E. A. Hargrove and son, Big Spring, and Mr. and Mrs. Howell Britain and daughter, Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Dickenson have as their guest his mother, Mrs. A. A. Dickenson of Riveria, near Corpus Christi.

Mrs. Sidney Foy of Baird, who is the guest of her parents, is accompanied by Misses Doris and Anna V. Foy, also of Baird.

R. D. Ellis of Big Spring paid a visit Tuesday to his uncle, R. A. Ellis.

Miss Elizabeth Hartridge is visiting relatives in San Angelo.

Mrs. Hamilton Bell left Wednesday for Refugio, where they will make their home, Mr. Bell having gone on two or three weeks ago.

After visiting relatives here, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Matthews and daughter, Miss Mildred, returned Friday to their home in Chandler, Ariz.

After a visit with his son, W. R. Sumpter, W. S. Sumpter of Bartlesville, Okla., has gone to visit another son, T. E. Sumpter, of Brownwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Parigen of Dallas are visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Huddleston. Mrs. Parigen is a niece of Mr. Huddleston.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. West, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Clark, have returned from a visit to their sister, Mrs. Beulah Tipton, at Wichita Falls.

Carlton Dennis of the United States border patrol service, with headquarters at Marfa, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Dennis.

C. E. French of Dallas, who has been visiting his sister, Mrs. G. W. Boyce, and family, left Tuesday for Pecos to visit his sister, Mrs. M. M. Leeman.

On their return from Del Rio, Rev. and Mrs. J. T. King were accompanied by their daughter, Mrs. Carl Yoas, and Carl, Jr., who are now guests in their home.

Misses Alleyne Riley and Gladys Middleton, who have been attending the State Teachers college at Denton,

returned home last Friday and are now visiting at Iatan.

Rev. J. T. King, and Mrs. King and Miss Mary and Carroll returned Monday from a trip to Del Rio. They were joined at Brady by another daughter, Maggie King.

Mrs. J. L. Banner is visiting the J. O. Watson family in Sweetwater.

Miss Mamie Ellis is at home after attending summer school at Sul Ross Teachers college at Alpine.

Mrs. J. F. Dunnam and children, who had been visiting in Knox City for the past two weeks, accompanied Mr. Dunnam on his return last Sunday from a visit there.

Mrs. A. B. Patterson, Miss Opal and Byron, Mrs. S. A. Ferris, Haselstine and Audrey, Miss Gwendolyn Vickers and Jack Patterson are a party that left Sunday for Carlsbad Caverns, returning Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Len Sublett, accompanied by Mrs. Sublett's mother, Mrs. T. H. Christopher, left last Saturday for a visit to Galveston, Corpus Christi and the Rio Grande valley.

Mrs. J. E. Boaz and two daughters, Miss Fannie Belle and Willie Evelyn, accompanied by Miss Margaret Cannon, left Friday to visit with Misses Roberta Sloan and Addie Williams in Whitewright.

Mrs. B. A. Clark and children and Mrs. Harry L. McCandless and children who have been spending the summer with their sister, Mrs. Len Sub-

lett, left last week for their home in Angeles, Calif.

On her return to Brownfield, after visiting her grandmother, Mrs. M. E. Campbell, Miss Lola May Tittle was accompanied by Mrs. Campbell and her sister, Mrs. Bill Fugat, for a visit in her home.

Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Reeves family of Floydada spent the end with Mr. and Mrs. Ear Hazel and Eldon Reeves.

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Bananas	Dozen	15c
Lemons	Dozen	25c
Soap	10 Bars Swifts	35c
Pork & Beans	3 cans	25c
Matches	6 Boxes, extra fancy	19c
Sugar	19 Pounds	\$1.00
Hominy	Large can	10c
Coffee	4 Pounds (special)	90c
Cheese	pound	25c
Spuds	10 Pounds	33c
Roast	Ribs	10c
Steak	Everyday price	20c to 25c

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