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## DALLAS BANKER MOVES TO OUST CO-OP OFFICIAL

### Pessimism of E. F. Creekmore, General Manager of Cotton Association Not Considered in Line With Trend of Times.

Dallas, Sept. 18.—Nathan Adams, first vice president of the Dallas chamber of commerce and president of the First National bank of Dallas, one of the largest financial institutions in the south, told the directors of the Dallas chamber Wednesday that he thought E. F. Creekmore, general manager of the American Cotton Co-operative association, should resign.

"He was employed to sell the cotton of the south," Adams said, "yet he talks about the 'deplorable conditions.' In the first place, I resent that statement. I deny that there are any 'deplorable conditions,' else I have been in the banking business fifty years for nothing. And any salesman who goes around talking about 'deplorable conditions' ought to be fired."

Mr. Adams expressed his views at a directors' meeting at which Senator Tom Connally and Congressman Hatton Summers were present. Senator Morris Sheppard was invited but was unable to attend.

The directors of the Dallas chamber took no formal action but Adams said afterward that it would be suggested informally to officials of the American Cotton Co-operative association that a more cheerful attitude perhaps would benefit the organization in its work.

"I didn't ask the directors to demand Creekmore's resignation," Adams explained, "but I would like to do so, if I could get anything with it."

## Local Nimrod Lands Five Pound Bass

A Merkel Nimrod, Dr. Wm. M. Gambill, had the supreme pleasure of landing a five-pound bass Saturday at Stewart's tank, about 12 miles from here. He had previously caught another of the same tribe, weighing over four pounds.

In exhibiting the head to friends uptown, Dr. Gambill said that he caught this bass on a fly rod, using a Lord Baltimore black fly.

## Citrus Fruit Advanced.

Brownsville, Sept. 18.—Valley citrus fruit is more advanced now than is usual at this time of year and indications are that shipments will be heavier at the opening of the season on Oct. 1, according to J. M. Del Curto, state entomologist.

## 'LITTLE RED WAGON' TEAM STOPS HERE ON TREK TO EL PASO

The "little red wagon" team, en route from Sanger, Texas, to El Paso as a result of an election bet, spent an hour or more in Merkel Monday, arriving shortly before 11 a. m.

Hubert C. Stinson, who sits in the seat and rides because Ross Sterling won the nomination for governor, happens to be a cousin of Judge James P. Stinson of Abilene. The other member of the team is Lloyd Hayes, who is "still pulling for Ma."

They left Abilene shortly after noon on Sunday, after having been entertained extensively there, and spent the night at Tye, coming on here Monday morning. They endeavored while here to purchase a wheel for the carriage, labelled "American Coaster," but could not get the proper manufactured article.

## Two Counties Form Local Credits Body

A local intermediate credits corporation for Jones and Fisher counties is being formed, and probably will be the first to complete organization in the Central West Texas territory.

The corporation is being formed in conformity with the statement of M. H. Gossett of Houston, that the Federal Intermediate Credits Bank of Texas, of which he is president, is the only route open for federal financial aid for farmers in drought-designated areas. The local corporation serving a county or larger territory, will work closely with the credits bank, including re-discounts of paper, and will be allowed a maximum of six per cent interest. Efforts will be made to broaden and liberalize the bank's requirements as to credits, opening a way to farmers to get money with their crops as security.

Defying superstition, the 13 banks of Jones and Fisher counties are throwing together to form a \$50,000 corporation, giving them a borrowing capacity of \$500,000. At a conference held in Anson Tuesday night, \$25,000 of the stock was quickly pledged. The banks expect to take "slightly more than 50 per cent," reported J. J. Steele, who presided, "with business interests in the towns of the two counties absorbing the balance."

"We are wiring to Judge Gossett for the necessary papers," said Mr. Steele, "and an organization committee has been completed. Members are Tate May, Hamlin; Guy Patterson, Rotan; J. R. Pratt, Stamford, and myself."

The thirteen banks are located at Anson, Stamford, Hamlin, and Leuders, in Jones county; and Rotan, Roby, McCaulley and Sylvester in Fisher county.

## BADGERS PLAY LORAIN ON LOCAL GROUND THIS WEEK; SCHEDULE OF OTHER GAMES

In the first game of the season, played here last Friday, the Badgers lost to Putnam High by the score of 13 to 0. The visitors intercepted a forward pass to score their first touchdown and registered the second on a completed forward pass.

The Badgers squad is a comparatively new team, with only four letter men represented. They had had the advantage of some early training but were relatively green and the team work so necessary for success on the gridiron had not yet been perfected.

First downs, however, in the game with Putnam were about equally divided, the Badgers having a slight advantage in this line as well as in running plays.

Schedule for the remainder of the season has been just about completed.

The next game comes this Friday with Loraine, to be played at 4 o'clock on the local field.

Friday, Sept. 26, the Badgers will meet Roby, but the place has not been determined yet.

Other dates are:  
Oct. 3—Colorado at Colorado.  
Oct. 10—Anson at Anson.  
Oct. 17—Stamford at Stamford.  
Oct. 24—Hamlin at Merkel.  
Oct. 31—Haskell at Haskell.  
Nov. 7—Roscoe at Roscoe.  
Nov. 14 and 21 are open dates, but return games will probably be arranged with one or more of the above teams.

## STAGE PROGRAM FOR ANSON LIONS

### Delegation of Eleven From Local Club Visits Neighbors in Jones County Capital.

In providing the program for the regular weekly luncheon of the Lions club at Anson on Wednesday, the local Lions club under the leadership of its president, E. Yates Brown, added another feather to their cap. Including those taking part on the entertainment program, eleven went from Merkel for the occasion, including Mr. and Mrs. E. Yates Brown, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Delmer, Miss Mona Margaret Jones, Chas H Jones, Warren Smith, A. J. Tucker, Rev. J. T. King, Matt Dillingham and C. J. Glover, Jr.

Luncheon was served at the Anson hotel, which is the meeting place of the host Lions. E. M. Connell, their president, presided and, after the roll call by J. Spurgin Reeves, secretary, and the invocation by Rev. Mr. King, the program chairman, O. S. Gilbreth, turned the meeting over to the visitors from Merkel.

Numbers on the musical program included a duet by Miss Jones and Mr. Tucker, with Mrs. Brown at the piano, saxophone numbers by Mr. Delmer, with Mrs. Delmer accompanying, a solo by Miss Jones, and a quartet from the Lions club, including Tucker, Smith, Jones and Brown. In introducing whom the Merkel president could not refrain from calling attention to the unique cognomens of its personnel.

President Brown explained the "buddy" system, being sponsored by the attendance committee of the local club; Matt Dillingham told of the training camp provided for the football boys; Charlie Jones praised our municipal band, which has given weekly concerts through the summer, which has accompanied the Lions on trade trips and which cheers the gridiron squad to greater efforts, and Rev. J. T. King concluded the program with a description of the ideals and spirit of fellowship for which Lionism has always stood and which is so truly exemplified in the association of the local Lions club.

## Fright and Shock From Lightning Is Blamed For Death

Houston, Sept. 18.—A bolt of lightning which struck near her bedroom window was blamed Monday for the death of Miss Dorothy Gillin, 24.

Miss Gillin was sleeping with her mother when the lightning flash and accompanying thunderclap awakened them. The girl sat up in bed, her mother said.

"Did it frighten you?" Mrs. Gillin asked the girl.

"Yes," replied Miss Gillin. "Then she fell back and gasped," said Mrs. Gillin. "I immediately called a physician but she was dead when he got there."

The physician said the girl died from the shock.

### Bought By Standard Oil.

New York.—Stockholders of Sinclair Consolidated Oil corporation at a special meeting today, approved sale of the company's half interest in Sinclair Crude Oil Purchasing company and Sinclair Oil company of Indiana for \$72,500,000.

## ABILENE MAYOR ADDRESSES CLUB

### Weekly Meeting of Lions Hears Hayden in Well-Balanced Discussion; Quartet Sings.

Mayor T. E. Hayden, Jr., of Abilene, was the principal speaker at the weekly luncheon of the Merkel Lions club Tuesday and the program features were furnished by a quartet, also from Abilene, consisting of Ray C. Leavenett, W. A. Jones, Bill Smuthers and Henry Sibley with Miss Smuthers as accompanist. A duet was rendered by Mr. Smuthers and Miss Smuthers.

The club singing was led by the president, E. Yates Brown, with Mrs. Brown at the piano, and the invocation was also given by Mr. Brown.

In beginning his address Mayor Hayden referred happily to the visit of the Abilene chamber of commerce goodwill evangelists here on Tuesday of last week, taking occasion to compliment this city as extending one of the finest receptions accorded the Abilenians anywhere. It was here, he said, that the first band anywhere on the various trips welcomed them.

After discussing the purposes and usefulness of a civic club, he gave an encouraging view of the current period of depression, recalling a similar era early in 1921 when, by the end of the year, the wheels of industry had started turning again and faster than before and prosperity returned in even larger proportion.

## Hero of Westerns Stops Here to Buy Oats for His Horse

Merkel entertained an important visitor shortly before noon Tuesday, when Jack Hoxey, hero of western thrillers, stopped here to purchase oats for his famous pony, "White Eagle." The latter was riding in a trailer. Two dogs constituted important parts of his entourage.

Only a short stop was made by the famous movie character and very few were aware that he was in the city. He was accompanied by his wife.

## Pioneer Passes Away At Fredericksburg

Fredericksburg, Sept. 18.—Funeral services were held here Sunday for Jacob Gold, 88, pioneer Gillespie county citizen, freighter, trail driver and Confederate veteran.

He emigrated from Coblenz, Germany, as a boy of 8, with his parents, landing at Galveston and journeying to the New Braunfels colony over the wilderness trail. He took up farming later.

In 1862 he became a member of the intrepid company 3, first Texas cavalry, in the Confederate army, under the command of Captain Frank Vanderstucken. He was incapacitated for six months with wounds suffered in a battle at Alexandria, La., but rejoined the Confederate cause and continued in its army until the close of the war.

### Mrs. Russell's Condition Better.

Reports Thursday morning from the bedside of Mrs. C. K. Russell, who submitted to a major operation at the Alexander sanitarium in Abilene Monday morning, were to the effect that she was some better, although her condition on Wednesday was considered serious.

## KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

After receiving \$1,000 lease money on his farm, George Rouland, 70, farmer, who lived 12 miles north of Henderson, dropped dead.

Two unmasked men robbed the Mount Belvieu State bank, 50 miles east of Houston, of between \$7,000 and \$10,000 and escaped in an automobile.

One of the first police chiefs in the country to hold an airplane pilot's license is L. T. Robey, head of the El Paso police department for the past three years, who started his studies last spring.

The annual Simmons-T. C. U. football game will be played at Breckenridge October 4, following negotiations between the two schools concerning a possible transfer of the game to Parramore field at Simmons.

The case of Annie C. Slaughter versus C. C. Slaughter company of Dallas, involving disposition of several million dollars worth of property, was dismissed by a federal judge at Dallas on the grounds the court was without jurisdiction.

Abilene Christian college and McMurry college will send their football teams against each other Saturday, Sept. 27, in an official T. I. A. A. contest, the first matched intercollegiate game ever played between two Abilene teams.

Abilene was selected as the host city for the April meeting of the West Texas Judges and Commissioners association at the semi-annual session in El Paso and Tom K. Eplen, Taylor county judge, was named secretary-treasurer of the body.

In order to answer the call of the school room, Johnnie Fry, 12-year-old Houston boy, who traded the comforts of his home for a treetop July 15, descended from his perch Monday, claimant of the world championship, with 1,478 1-2 hours to his credit.

Acting on a petition signed by business men, asking that the city ordinance be repealed and that the city take a "hands off" attitude on violations of state Sunday laws, the city council of Brownwood voted to repeal the ordinance prohibiting Sunday picture shows.

V. C. Hogg, 55, millionaire of Houston, Texas, and oldest son of the "great commoner of Texas," the late Governor James Stephen Hogg, died Friday in a hospital at Baden Baden, Germany, after having been stricken with gallstones while touring Europe.

Four persons, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Cousins, and their two small sons, 6 and 2 years old, respectively, were killed Sunday and another son has slight chances of recovery from injuries sustained when a passenger train demolished their automobile at a grade crossing near Georgetown.

## PANTHERS TAKE OPENING GAME DIXIE SERIES

### Southern Champions Boot in Three Runs in Eighth Inning to Hand Tight Mound Duel to Texans, 4-3.

Memphis, Tenn., Sept. 18.—The Ft. Worth Panthers, winners of four Dixie series pennants, showed some 7,000 howling fans how to score three runs on no hits and took the first game of the series, 4 to 3, from the champion Chicks of the Southern association Wednesday afternoon. The Cats bore the Texas League standard in the inaugural of the tenth Dixie title battle.

Doc Prothro's Chicks, seeking to avenge two previous Dixie pennants won from them by Fort Worth, got everything but runs, while the Cats, in the wild eighth, scored three runs on two walks and two errors.

The Chicks took a one-run lead in the second, yielded a tie score in the fifth and went into the lead in their half of the same inning, 3 to 2. Then came the eighth and gloom for Memphis.

Beck walked Moore and Mallon, first two up. Beck threw Bonowitz's bunt to third when there was no third baseman there, and Moore and Mallon scored. Then McDaniel, Chick first baseman, dropped a throw and Bonowitz went first to second, and then across the plate on a sacrifice fly. Both teams went out in short order in the final inning.

Dick McCabe, Manager Snyder's first nomination for mound duty, gave up seven hits to Beck's six.

Four victories take the pennant. The second game will be played here on Thursday. Friday will be an idle day while the teams travel to Fort Worth for the next three, and if the series has not been decided by Monday another game will be played here Wednesday. A toss-up will decide the host to the final game should still another be needed.

The Chicks went into the series fighting for the winner's share of the receipts and the chance of being the third Southern Association team to win the intersectional title. Birmingham won it last year, the second Southern Association club to do so. Mobile beat Fort Worth in 1922. The Cats have won four, while Dallas, Wichita Falls and Houston have divided the other three.

Score by innings: R H E  
Fort Worth 000 010 030—4 6 3  
Memphis 010 020 000—3 7 2

## Attending Presbytery.

Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of the Presbyterian church here, and Wm. M. Elliott, member of the session, went to Brownfield Tuesday to attend the meeting of presbytery there. They were expected to return Thursday.

## MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, September 16, 1910.)

### COX-HARRIS.

Mr. Jim Cox and Miss Lola Harris were married Sunday afternoon in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Boden, M. S. Dunning, pastor of the Southside Christian church officiating.

### COX-GRIFFIN.

Mr. E. B. Cox was married to Miss Minnie Griffin on Sunday afternoon in the home of the bride's parents, Rev. C. B. Smith performing the ceremony.

### PHILATHEAS ENTERTAIN.

The Philatheas entertained a number of members and invited guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Mackey on last Thursday evening. The violin and piano numbers were especially worthy of mention; the singing contests were very interesting but the funniest thing was the blind-fold couples feeding each other with spoons. Punch was served to Pet Sears, Dethel Jenkins, Mattie Paylor, Tenny Brown, Fanny Burroughs, Tenny Pope, Virginia Hamblett, Beulah Tally, Fay Lowery, Jessie Stephen, Edith Mackey, Leno Largent, Inez Moon, Laverna Swafford, Virgil Touchstone, Charley Jones, Forest Sharp, John Adams, John West, Earl Stallings, Robert Hicks, Duke Evans, James West, Clifton Mackey, Merle Alsbrook, Bill McLaurine, Lytton Howard and Lester Magness.

Miss Zora Whitaker was hostess to a number of friends last Thursday

evening. The program was literary and musical. Miss Gladys Christopher won a beautiful water color sketch as a souvenir. Little pink and white icing baskets of cream were served with cake to Maude Jenkins, Katherine Mathis, Gladys Christopher, Mary Lee Hicks, Clara and Margie Saffles, Winnie Warren, Lyska Pitzer, Messrs. Rufus McNeese, Tiry Sublett, Ben Merritt, Frank Ferrier, Simpson Christopher, Bill Largent and Wilmer Williams.

Miss Rubye Jones returned from a trip to Snyder today.

Burl Wheeler returned from Fort Worth where he sold a couple a cars of cattle.

Misses Fannie Moore and Euphia Cybert left this week for Baird where they have accepted positions as operators of the telephone exchange.

Grandma Leeman returned from a visit in Oklahoma City and is again with her daughter, Mrs. Alice Templeton.

Miss Love Bass of Lindale is the guest of Mrs. Jim Black and Mrs. M. D. Ussery.

Charley Craven of Paducah was a visitor here Monday.

W. B. Alsbrook attended to business in Abilene this week.



"DOCTOR OF TOWNS" SAYS

MANY ARE CALLED BUT FEW LISTEN.

Every community is called upon to make the most of its natural advantages. It is not a case of "many are called but few are chosen" when it comes to communities making the most of that which the good Lord has given them—it's a case of all are called but too few listen.

Or if they hear the "call" they sit back and say, "Well, that can't be right, for we have never done it that way." Therefore when the time comes for an industry or some interested party to "choose" a town for some particular purpose they are not invited to the party.

In traveling over a half million miles of North American highways and byways it has been my pleasure to see and study, and therefore know, many habits of man, both large and small. Many, and in fact most of them, have tried, at least now and then, to make the most of the stake nature gave them; they have, even though only off and on, made an effort to do that which they thought would help make the community a better and more attractive place to live and work. Whether or not the effort was based on sound feasible workable plan does not enter into it—the fact that the attempt was made is enough.

Some, and I might say altogether too many, accepted nature's gift as a matter of course, and everybody took all they could get without putting anything back. As is always the case under such conditions, the time came (or is near at hand) when there was nothing more to take and then—"dead town."

When any living thing dies you know it is dead, and there is someone to bury it. When a town dies even those who are a part of it do not always know it, and there is no burial.

Now I have seen other communities, which recognized, with full appreciation, the "gift" nature had bestowed upon them. They made manifest their appreciation by improving it on the only plans approved by the giver—common sense, sound judgment and natural laws of cause and effect.

These towns were always ready and willing and eager to listen to

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### New York Governor Advocates Repeal of Federal Prohibition

Albany, N. Y., Sept. 18.—Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt a few days ago broke a two-year official silence concerning the prohibition question to announce himself for repeal of the eighteenth amendment and substitution of the federal statute granting each state the right to control the sale of intoxicants.

In a letter to United States Senator Robert W. Wagner, made public here, the governor included the subject of prohibition among the topics, he believed should be stressed at the democratic state convention in Syracuse the latter part of this month and added he was "positive in saying that there must be some definite assurance that by no possibility at any time or in any place the old saloon can come back."

The governor urged that not only should states be given control of liquor but that there should be "definite recognition of the extension of home rule to the lower subdivisions of government—in other words, a recognition of the right of cities, villages or towns by popular vote to prohibit the sale of intoxicants within their own borders."

The eighteenth amendment, the governor said "has not furthered the cause of a greater temperance in our population." He expanded this statement by quoting a resolution of the American Legion which said, the law had "led to corruption and hypocrisy" and added the declaration "I personally share this opinion."

The governor's expression of attitude had been awaited almost since the moment he took office on New Year's day, 1929.

The announcement was regarded with special interest in view of the frequent recent mentioning of his name in connection with the presidential candidacy for 1932. Although the

governor has refused to comment or even indicate indirectly his intention to run for re-election this fall, such action has generally been presumed by members of his party and republicans.

**WHEELER FAVORS REPEAL.**  
Washington, Sept. 18.—Senator Burton K. Wheeler, Montana democrat, ranked among the drys in congress, issued a statement Saturday saying he had come to the opinion "that national prohibition is a failure and that each state should be left to regulate the liquor traffic as a majority of its citizens deem advisable."

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### THE TOWN DOCTOR

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any sound plan based on "good business" that would build their community. These are the towns that are getting some place, and they will continue to do so as long as they adhere to that way of doing things.

Merkel can be that kind of a community if it makes up its mind to be. That is not idle talk—it is plain fact.

No town or community where this will be printed is so far gone that it cannot do the same. You may not believe it, but about the only thing that can possibly keep your town from snapping out of any rut it may have happened to fall into, is the fact that you do not, will not, believe it. If you will believe a thing is so, and there are enough other fellows just like you, it will be so!

Try getting together with fellows who think "can." Refuse to associate with those who think "can't." Remember that the fellow who says "It can't be done" is always interrupted by some fellow doing it. Why not be the kind of a fellow who does things? This Town Doctor Article, one of a

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John McCormack in  
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**MERKEL MAIL WANT ADS FOR RESULTS**

### Heart Attack Fatal For Milton Sills, 48, During Tennis Game

Lo Angeles, Sept. 18.—Milton Sills, 48, for many years one of the best known actors in motion pictures, died unexpectedly of a heart attack while playing tennis with his wife and son at their suburban home Monday night.

Sills, formerly Doris Kenyon, an actress, said her husband apparently was in the best of health when the game started. First intimation anything was wrong came when Sills staggered and fell to the court.

Friends of the actor, visiting in the Sills home, carried Sills into the house and summoned the Sawtelle police inhalator squad. He died at 6:45 p. m., fifteen minutes after being stricken and without gaining consciousness.

Sills, who once was an instructor of mathematics at Chicago University, was one of the athletes of the screen. Recently his health had not been good. He was confined to his home several weeks last spring with a nervous disorder.

Sills advanced rapidly to stardom in the films after a successful stage career. Like any of those with whom he rubbed elbows in the theatrical world, his start was much by accident.

He was born in Chicago January 12, 1882, and was educated at Hyde Park high school and the University of Chicago. He took up teaching as a vocation and became a college instructor in mathematics. He was the son of William Henry and Josephine Sills.

Evincing a mild interest in amateur theatricals, Sills one day was seen by a prominent producer, who made him an offer. Sills accepted and took to the stage as his profession. His first training came in

### Waco Woman Makes Convincing Statement

Wife Gives Statement on Husband's Health Before and After Taking Argotane.

"My husband had a minor case of stomach trouble," said Mrs. Homer Wallace, 2816 N. 16th Street, Waco, derived from the use of Argotane, representative in her home recently about the benefits her husband has derived from the use of Argotane. Mr. Wallace is the well known laundry truck driver here.

"For about three months, Mr. Wallace has suffered with his stomach," continued Mrs. Wallace. "He lost his appetite entirely and everything that he did eat would disagree with him. He had a bad spell of the 'summer flu' and never did seem to get over that entirely. He had indigestion a lot, and was bothered with gas on his stomach. He always had that tired worn out and sluggish feeling, and it seemed that he was getting to be in a general run-down condition.

"Some of my friends recommended Argotane to use as being good for such troubles as my husband had, and we began to notice that it was so highly recommended everywhere, that we decided that he ought to try it. Well, he bought himself a bottle and has just finished it. And believe me, he is surely changed for the better. He can eat most anything now, and he has an awfully good appetite. He is not bothered with indigestion or gas at all, and he never seems tired or worn out now. We are very glad to recommend this new medicine, Argotane, for it has done my husband so much good, and he says it surely is a fine medicine."

Genuine Argotane may be bought in Merkel at the City Drug Store.

plays produced by Belasco, Frohman, Brady and the Shuberts. He rose to leading roles and the Broadway of 20 years ago suddenly accepted him as the matinee idol of "This Woman and This Man," "Just to Get Married," "The Governor's Lady," and others. He also appeared in a series of Shakespearean plays.

### Dives For Slipper His Wife Lost; Dies In Water Tragedy

Dallas, Sept. 18.—A woman's slipper was the cause of a week-end tragedy that brought sorrow to the home of a Dallas family Monday.

Accompanied by several friends, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hale and their infant daughter Saturday night motored to Record crossing for a week-end outing.

They went swimming and when Mrs. Hale lost her slipper in the water, her husband laughed and cried "I'll get it for you." He poised himself on the water's edge and dived but failed to come to the surface again.

Forty-five minutes later searchers recovered his body. Final rites for Hale were held in Austin Monday.

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### CASTLE PEAK NEWS

Mr. W. T. Cox, who has been sick for quite awhile, is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Sandusky and Elmer Sandusky from Bronte, Texas, visited their brothers, J. D. and William Sandusky, last week.

J. D. Tucker and George Crow of Cross Roads were Saturday night guests of Clarice Rosson and Mabel Jacobs.

Harold Hughes of Abilene spent last Monday night with G. W. Hughes.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stevens and family of Trent visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Cox, last Wednesday.

Mr. John Fulton of Winters visited friends and relatives here Tuesday and Wednesday.

Messrs. V. H. Patterson and G. W. Hughes were Abilene visitors Saturday night.

D. Malone of Abilene is staying an indefinite time with his uncle, Bob Malone.

Ray Cox and Roy and Carl Baccus have gone to the Plains to pull bolls.

Mrs. C. C. Barnes and daughter,

Nan Margaret, of Abilene spent Sunday with Mrs. A. H. Barnes.

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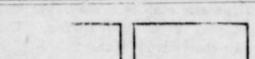
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**CROP PRICES TO RISE.**  
 (Dallas News.)

The smallest general crops in the United States in twenty years, due to a severe summer drouth, should result in substantial price rises which eventually will prove of immense benefit to American agriculture. The population of this country has increased steadily in the last ten years. Crop shortages of many major commodities will remove the troublesome export surpluses. When corn is 700,000 bushels under production of a year ago it means that surplus wheat will have to be fed to live stock in increasing amount and thus aid a depressed commodity.

Texas crops on the whole are more nearly average than those in many of the Middle West States. A survey made by the federal government indicates that Texas will have 8,000,000 bushels of surplus corn to sell. Other Texas surpluses are 6,600,000 bushels of oats, grain sorghums 1,300,000 bushels, and rice showing a surplus above last year of around 1,000,000 bushels. The only major Texas farm crop which is selling far below cost of production is cotton. It shows little or no sign of improving prices, due to a complex world situation, slackened demand for raw cotton and general business depression. But even cotton prices should improve sooner or later.

There are indications that the live stock industry will show marked improvement within the next six months. The culling of dairy and beef cattle owing to short pastures and scant feed will benefit these industries ultimately. Severe declines in cattle prices always result in tightening up of cattle credit, which leaves the production of these animals in the hands of those best qualified to carry on. In much the same way severe cotton price depression is always followed by heavy acreage curtailment, which in turn enables growers to obtain a higher price for a shorter crop.

**A PROPHET OF REPUTE.**  
 (Ft. Worth Star-Telegram.)

Mr. Roger Babson, the eminent statistician, who achieved considerable extra notice last fall through prediction of the stock market crash, delivered at a time when nearly every other prophet in the field was engaged in demonstrating that a crash was impossible, now appears in a prophetic role which no doubt pleases him better. Mr. Babson is quoted in press dispatches as saying Wednesday: "It is just as evident today that business is now bound to improve as it was evident a year ago that the high pace of early 1929 could not be kept up. Under the existing circumstances it is very possible there may soon be a stampede of orders and congestion of freight in certain lines and sections."

Mr. Babson's reputation as a forecaster of the economic weather, which was boomed to great heights last fall, is not likely to suffer diminution by reason of the happenings in the next few months. The American people will not be delayed much longer in their realization of the psychological features of the existing depression. These once recognized will be promptly thrown overboard, thus accounting for a large bulk of the causes of the depression. A few lines will show the way back to the prosperity level, and suddenly all will join in the march.

Talk about overproduction, says Mr. Babson, is "largely hysterical," adding that the real problem lay in speeding up the circulation of money. This is another way of saying that what is needed is spending of money, which includes, of course, getting money into the hand of the spenders. Industry itself has the chief obligation in this respect. The endless chain building toward prosperity works the same as that building toward depression.

Production, employment and wages are cut down, thereby giving the consumers less to spend and causing their minds to dwell darkly on the future, which lessens the demand for goods and causes further decreases in production, employment and wages. Production, employment and wages are increased, thereby giving the consumers more money to spend and causing them to regard the future optimistically, which increases the demand for goods and produces further increases in production, employment and wages. It is simple enough; the problem is to get the chain moving in the right direction; or, having let the control slip, to get the movement in the wrong direction stopped. That is industry's job.

# CHURCHES

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.**

The disagreeable elements of wind and sand storm combined to cut the attendance at the five reporting Sunday Schools in Merkel last Sunday to 597. The attendance as reported by the various organizations was: Baptist, 234; Methodist, 222; Church of Christ, 66; Presbyterian, 55, and Nazarene, 20.

**MEN'S PRAYER MEETING.**

H. H. Toomb was leader of the Men's Prayer meeting at the Presbyterian church last Sunday instead of A. R. Johnston. The latter will be leader of the service at 2 p. m. next Sunday, which is to be held at the Nazarene church. The subject will be the third chapter of 1 Corinthians.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.**

Sunday School at 9:45. Everyone should attend who possibly can and should be prompt. Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:45. You are cordially invited. Visitors and strangers especially welcomed.

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

**NAZARENE CHURCH.**

Sunday School at 9:45. There were 20 in classes last Sunday. Brother Akin of McKinney preached at the 11 o'clock hour, his theme being the three-fold secret of a great life, which was very much enjoyed by all who heard him.

Brother Hendrix preached at the evening hour. His subject was that of heart purity, backing up his statements with "Thus saith the Lord." Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening at 7:30. You are invited to attend.

—Reporter.

**THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.**

"The place where good fellowship prevails." Let every member of the church come to Sunday School next Sunday and stay for church. The pastor has selected a wonderful text for his sermon at 11 a. m.: "Ye are the light of the world." Christ addressed this text to Christians. As a Christian, you cannot afford to miss hearing this sermon.

Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. B. Y. P. U. meets at 7 p. m. Bring your friends and visitors to the great evangelistic service at 8 p. m.

—Reporter.

**INTERMEDIATE B. Y. P. U.**

Subject: "Making the Most of our School Opportunities."  
 Carolyn, Thelma Matthews.  
 Tom, Hall Derstine.  
 Emma, Caribel Mansfield.  
 Madge, Annie Lee.  
 Bob, Carrol King.  
 Fred, Wayman Richards.  
 Jim, J. P. Lassiter.  
 Song, Burneal Scott and Margaret Miller.

**SENIOR B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM.**

"The Definition of Worship," Margaret Canon.  
 "The True Object of Worship," Mildred Hamm.  
 "The Purpose of Effects of Worship," Miss Valerie Dye.  
 "Idolatry Forbidden," Vennie Heizer.  
 "Modern Forms of Idolatry," Lucy Tracy.  
 "The Nature of True Worship," Stella Wilson.  
 "Elements of Spiritual Worship," Bill Haynes.

**AT THE METHODIST CHURCH.**

Sunday School meets promptly at 9:45. Arrive any time after this and you are late at Sunday School. Preaching service begins promptly at 11 o'clock and the benediction said at 12 o'clock. Two hours and fifteen minutes in the worship of the Lord on Sunday morning will do you good. You need the church and the church needs you. Come to Sunday School and church next Sunday.  
 T. C. Willett, Pastor.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST.**

Bible study at 10 a. m., communion service at 11 a. m. Young Peoples classes 7 p. m. Sunday Ladies Bible study 3 p. m. Tuesday and prayer service Wednesday 8 p. m.

Brother Wallace of Abilene will preach for us Sunday afternoon at 3:30 and again at 8:00 p. m. You are cordially invited to all these services.  
 In love, The Elders.

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**Father of Merkel Woman Found Dead**

Abilene, Sept. 18.—Funeral services for A. E. Steadman, 54, West Texas salesman for the Banner Creamery and resident of Abilene for five years, who was found dead in his room at a Big Spring hotel at 2 p. m. Thursday, were held at 4 o'clock Friday afternoon at the Kiker-Knight chapel, with E. W. McMillan, minister of the College Church of Christ, officiating. Burial was in the Cedar Hill cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Steadman came here five years ago from Fort Worth where he was associated with the Alta Vista creamery. Prior to their residence in Fort Worth they lived at Keller, Mr. Steadman had been an active ice cream salesman for 35 years.

A. E. Steadman was born in Atlanta, Ga., October 21, 1876, and was married to Miss Della Maude Flemister in Fort Worth, in 1900. He was a member of the Church of Christ and the Masonic order.

Besides his wife, he is survived by three children, Mrs. Allen Lewis and Oran E. Steadman of Fort Worth and Mrs. H. H. Jenkins of Merkel; his mother and four brothers, Walter Steadman of Trent, Henry Steadman of Bonham, Clarence Steadman of Cedar Hill, near Dallas, and Charles Steadman of McAllister, Okla. With the exception of the brother in McAllister, all relatives were here for the funeral.

Active pallbearers were Kade Leggett, Oscar Williams, Homer Rutledge, Esley Rutledge of Sweetwater, O. D. Dillingham, George W. Yantis, C. K. Posey, Alfred Alexander.

Honorary pallbearers were Dr. L. J. Pickard, A. D. Fletcher, Jim Fatterson and W. V. Patterson of Merkel; John McCoy, N. J. Merchant, Moss Anderson, Jack Wallace and Lee Jones of Fort Worth; Percy Jones, G. C. Brock, Cecil Folliard, Virgil Bradley, F. H. Robertson of Lubbock, Addison Watley of Lubbock, Z. E. McDonald of Fort Worth, J. E. Grisdon.

Mrs. H. H. Jenkins, wife of the owner of the City Drug store, is one of three children of the deceased and the sympathy of many friends is extended Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins in their bereavement.

**Dora Doings**

Everybody is busy picking and baling cotton in this section.

Mrs. Andy James, Mr. Tom Whittington, Miss Polly and Wyatt Oliver are on the sick list this week.

Some folks say lightning doesn't strike twice in the same place, but it does, for Mr. Scroggins got a colt killed last spring and again Sunday two mules were killed by lightning at the very same place.

Miss Doris Jones returned home Tuesday from Clovis where she has been visiting for sometime.

Mr. and Mrs. Burnie McCray are the proud parents of a 9-pound son.

Wayne Hardy Tyrone arrived early Saturday morning to live with Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Tyrone. Mother and baby doing nicely.

Mrs. Della Perry spent last week with her mother, Mrs. H. West, at White Church.

Mrs. Willie Perry and Lola Dudley visited their sister, Mrs. Pruitt, at Butman last Tuesday.

Mrs. J. K. Porter and son, O. Z., were in Abilene Saturday.

**Cotton Receipts.**

Total cotton receipts in Merkel for the season up to noon Thursday amounted to 641 bales. Of this number 462 bales have been received at the cotton yard by Public Weigher Houston Robertson, while shipments through the co-op at the T. & P. depot platform total 179.

In this connection, Public Weigher Robertson wishes to announce that scales for public weighing are available just east of the Farm Bureau Gin.

**Cattle Movement.**

On Wednesday Collins Brothers shipped two carloads of cattle to the Fort Worth market.

**THE MERKEL HOME LAUNDRY.**  
 Now is the time to have your blankets and quilts cleaned before the winter weather sets in. Our price for quilts of average weight is 25 cents, while price on blankets is six cents per pound. Phone 294 J and we will call for and deliver. Thank you.  
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**CADUCEUS CLUB.**

Mrs. R. I. Grimes opened her lovely home on Oak street last Monday afternoon to members of the Caduceus club of Abilene. The membership of this club is made up of the wives of the members of the Doctors' auxiliary of Taylor county. The house was beautifully decorated with goldenrod and other autumn flowers.

Bridge games were employed as the afternoon's diversion; high score prize going to Mrs. J. M. Estes and cut prize to Mrs. W. V. Ramsey. After the social hour, a business meeting was held; Mrs. J. M. Alexander was elected to succeed Mrs. W. V. Ramsey as president and it was voted to convert the club into a luncheon club and meet at one of the Abilene hotels in the future.

Delicious tomatoes stuffed with chicken salad, cheese sandwiches, olives, potato chips with coffee was served to Mesdames W. B. Adamson, J. M. Alexander, Stewart Cooper, Van Bailey, C. L. Pritchard, Mack Buttle, P. S. Wolfe, J. M. Estes, W. V. Ramsey, all of Abilene, Mrs. R. A. Webster of Clyde and Mrs. O. W. Little of Tuscola. Guests were Mesdames S. D. Gamble and Frank McFarland of Merkel.

**GOING AWAY PARTY.**

Misses Mary Elizabeth Grimes and Willie May Swartz entertained on Saturday evening, complimenting Miss Nadine Tippet, who is leaving this week for Houston, in the home of Miss Grimes. Bridge games, music and dancing proved a happy diversion for the young people. Punch was served throughout the evening.

The guest list included Misses Nadine Tippet, Elizabeth Harkrider, Thelma Leach, Louise Booth, Missie Dye, Verna T. Beasley, Onida Bell, Zada Bell, Messrs. G. B. Tittle, Jr., D. O. Huddleston, Ralph Balfanz of Abilene, Sterling Sheppard, Orion Tittle, Clyde Mayfield, Kenneth Mayfield, J. E. Boaz, Edward Lancaster and the hostesses.

**DRAMATIC CLUB ORGANIZED.**

On Tuesday morning September 16, the Dramatic club, known as the "M. H. S. Players Club," was organized with the election of Elvis Richardson as president and Lona Bryan as secretary and treasurer. Elvis was reporter of the Dramatic club last year. In the play, "The King's English," given during "Better Speech Week" last year, Elvis was the "king," therefore, the club feels they have a very efficient president. Lona was also in the Dramatic club last year. She was in the play given last spring, "The Man in the Bowler Hat."

The Dramatic club is to be a very important organization of M. H. S. this year. Plans have been made for an interesting year's work.

The president has already met with two committees in making these plans. The club will meet on the second Friday of each month.

The members of the club are: Lona Bryan, Margaret Turner, Ola Smith, Velma Lee Holden, Norma Patton, Gwendolyn Vickers, Vera Richie, Oleta Moore, Lois Clark, Zada Bell, Mary Elizabeth Grimes, Thelma McAninch, Inez Robbins, Marie Stanford, Ida Mae Derstine, Willie Evelyn Boaz, Mattilou Largent, Margaret Beth Hamm, Madeline Murry, Elsie Lasater, Himalaya Swafford, Margaret Miller, Joel Darsey, Gerald Derrick, Fred Baker, Eris Ash, Benny Sheppard, H. C. Toombs, Ross Ferrier, Marshall Stalls, B. P. Middleton, Paul Collins, Elvis Richardson and Weldon Coats.

**CARD OF THANKS.**

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for their many deeds of kindness shown during the recent sickness in our family. The test of love comes at such times. We pray God's blessings on all.  
 The Rainbolt Family.

**Record of Births.**

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Granville Truitt, residing in the Goodman community, Wednesday, September 17, 1930.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Bunk M. Tipton, Thursday, September 18, 1930.

**Speeds Up Atlanta Output.**

Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 18.—The Atlanta Ford Motor company plant, according to recent announcement, will start Monday on an increased production schedule with 150 additional employees. The new schedule calls for 25 additional car units a day in the plant, bringing the total to 135 cars a day.

In 1771 there were 200 crimes punishable by death in England.

Americans in Shanghai, China, now number 241 firms and 3,322 individuals.

**MATTERS MUSICAL**

Misses Edith Baker, Estelle Terry, Ima Gene Mangum and A. J. Tucker will enter the Atwater-Kent Audition in Abilene on Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Robert Mayfield will sing at the eleven o'clock service at the Presbyterian church on Sunday.

**Personal Mention**

John Collins left Thursday for Fort Worth.

Mrs. Duncan Briggs is visiting her sister in Eastland.

Mrs. Geraldine Sharp of Halliday, Texas, is visiting Merkel friends.

Mrs. Belle Kimbrough has gone to Fort Worth for several weeks visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Dowell will spend the winter at Telegraph, Texas.

W. U. Shannon of Memphis, Tenn., is visiting his father and other relatives.

Mrs. C. R. Tittle has gone to Austin to place her son, Weldon, in school there.

Mrs. C. B. Smith returned Wednesday to her home in Waco after visiting friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ferguson of Loraine visited Tuesday in the T. G. Ferguson home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Craig, who have been at Odessa for sometime, have returned to this city.

Jack Pannell, Jr., left Sunday afternoon for Austin where he will enter the School for the Blind.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Dennison of Odessa were passing visitors Monday with Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Craig.

Miss Elizabeth Harkrider is attending the University of Texas this year, having left Tuesday for Austin.

Mrs. H. B. Young of Holdenville, Okla., spent the week-end with Mrs. W. L. Johnson, Sr., and family.

To enter the Houston Business college at Houston, Texas, Miss Nadine Tippet made her departure Tuesday.

Mrs. Naylor Eoff of Noodle left Monday to visit friends and relatives at Sweetwater, Roscoe and Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Perry and two children have returned to Merkel after an absence of several months in Fort Worth.

Misses Ethel and Eleanor Maye Hamilton left Tuesday for Stephenville where they will enter John Tarleton college.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. (Doc) Brubeck, former residents of Merkel, visited friends here over the week-end and left for Fort Worth Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Berry of Clyde, Texas, and Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Berry and baby of Globe, Ariz., are guests in the H. M. Rainbolt home.

Miss Lorena Dry has gone to Ennis to resume her duties as teacher in the

High School there, after spending the summer with her mother here.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Young has as their guests Tuesday Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Hogan of Los Angeles, Calif., who stopped over here for a short while.

Having gone to Denton to accompany Miss Louise Booth, who enters C. I. A. this year, Mrs. W. T. Sadler and J. E. Boaz returned home Tuesday.

Mrs. L. R. Robins of Odessa, is here visiting Mrs. Earl Tea; has been very sick the past few days, but was reported much better Thursday.

Frank Milligan of Provo, Utah, who has been visiting his sister, Mrs. W. G. Leach, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Milligan, returned home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Morgan, formerly of Lubbock but who are removing to Shawnee, Okla., were recent guests of her mother, Mrs. J. C. Calvert.

Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Carson of Washington, D. C., stopped over here for a visit with their friends, Mr. and Mrs. S. Young, as they were en route to Tahoka to visit their parents.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Caple for the week-end were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Smith, and their two small daughters, and his mother, Mrs. J. E. Caple, all of Waco. C. D. Hutchins, who has been buying cotton in South Texas at Alice, Robstown, Corpus Christi and other points in Nueces county for the past several weeks, returned home Tuesday.

Miss Nell Swann was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. J. S. Swann, and her sister, Mrs. Sam Swann, when she went to Meridian the latter part of last week. She will teach school there this year.

Returning Saturday from Mason, where he has been employed by his brother, E. W. King, Howard King, son of Rev. and Mrs. J. T. King, entered Simmons University on Tuesday for his Freshman year.

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**LOST AND FOUND**

LOST—100 pound sack of wheat Wednesday morning between railroad and south part of town. Notify Tom Douglass.

**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.

**Ft. Worth Livestock**

Fort Worth, Sept. 18.—Cattle trading was a little slow here Wednesday and some classes—cows especially—were receiving lower bids.

Plain and common steers sold at \$4 and \$6. Bulls sold around \$4.50; common light \$3.50 down. Slaughter yearlings sold at \$10.50.

Morning bids on all classes of cows 15 to 25c lower. Bids on canners ranged from \$2.35 to 2.65. Better calves strong to 25c higher in spots. Steer calves sold up to \$8 with heifers at \$7.40.

Yearlings steers sold to stocker buyer at \$7.50 and a load cleared at \$6 with a load of heifer yearlings at \$5.50.

Rail hogs steady; top \$10.25; truck top \$10.20; packing sows \$7.50 to 8. Sheep about steady; fleshy feeder lambs at \$5; bidding \$3.75 on some wethers.

**Invited to Visit Mexico.**

Miss Mary Tucker, a graduate nurse, who is connected with the Fort Worth City hospital, has written her mother that she is one of a group belonging to the Public Health Nurses of America, who have been invited by the Mexican government to spend five days in the City of Mexico as their guests. The date of November second has been named for the trip.

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**Entire Community Saddened By Death Of Mrs. Henderson**

The entire community was saddened to learn of the death of Mrs. Anna Wilson Henderson, which occurred on Wednesday of last week at her home 12 miles north of Merkel. Although she had been in declining health for the past several months, she was seriously ill only four days.

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon from the family home, conducted by Elder G. W. Cybert, with interment in Rose Hill cemetery.

Mrs. Henderson was born in Greenville, Hunt county, Texas, Dec. 8, 1868, the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. A. D. Wilson, who were pioneer citizens of that county. She was united in marriage with Thomas H. Henderson Sept. 22, 1901, at Alba, Texas, at which place they resided until 1919 when they removed to Merkel where they have since made their home. To this union were born five children, all of whom survive. The children are Mrs. Inez Smith, Mrs. Irene Eoff, Thomas W., Atwell and Ina Faye Henderson, also a stepson, Ernest N. Henderson and two sep-grandchildren of Alba, Texas.

Besides the husband and five children mentioned above, she is survived also by four brothers and two sisters: J. H. Wilson of Mineral Wells, J. W. Wilson of Bomarton, J. A. and J. C. Wilson, Mrs. Ellen Wright and Mrs. Willie Wright, all of Alba, Texas. All were present except the two sisters.

Mrs. Henderson obeyed the gospel in 1916 and lived a consistent member of the Church of Christ since that date.

**Coleman Mayor Resigns.**

Coleman, Sept. 18.—Mayor R. H. Alexander has resigned his office, effective at once, and will leave for Dallas to accept a position with the Federal Reserve bank. Alexander was elected last April over E. P. Scarborough, who had served for several years.

**Nueces Gins 137,765.**

Corpus Christi, Sept. 18.—Nueces county had ginned 137,765 bales of cotton at the close of business Saturday, thus breaking all its former cotton ginning records for any one season. Indications are that Nueces county will gin at least 150,000 bales when all the cotton is gathered.

**Boulder Dam Started.**

Las Vegas, Nev., Sept. 18.—A spike of Nevada silver, sledged by Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur, secretary of the interior, into a railroad tie Wednesday, marked the official beginning of work on the \$165,000,000 Boulder dam project.

**Coste at Indianapolis.**

Indianapolis, Sept. 18.—Major Dieudonne Coste and Lieut. Maurice Bellonte, French trans-Atlantic fliers, landed at the Mars Hill airport here at 11:22 a. m. (Central Standard Time), Wednesday after a flight from Cleveland.

Severely burned when matches with which he was playing ignited his clothing, Tommie Dean, 4-year-old Dallas child, died in a hospital a few hours later. He had been saved from sudden death by his sister who used a garden hose to extinguish the flames that covered his body.

The intended showing of Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey circus at Shamrock last Sunday was cancelled by the management after Governor Moody had ordered state rangers there to prevent the exhibition.

Edward Ranft, 21, of Irving, near Dallas, was instantly killed when struck by the bucket of a drag line of a gravel company.

Texas subdivision have issued \$721,925,076 in bonds of various sorts since 1893, according to Texas Tax Journal, including more than \$100,000,000 in bonds for school buildings. The highest total for any one year was \$135,504,100 in 1927-1928.

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### Scores of Friends Visit Pershing on His 70th Birthday

Washington, Sept. 18.—General John J. Pershing, retired, acknowledged his seventieth birthday Saturday with many a salute and hand shake, but nevertheless remained at his desk long after all other war department offices had closed.

During the day an almost constant stream of callers moved through the door marked "General of the Armies." Singly and by twos, nine generals came to pay respects to their former commander, and at one time a stack of more than 150 telegrams collected from many parts of the world were taken to his flower-covered desk.

The felicitations of President Hoover were brought by Lieutenant Colonel Campbell B. Hodges, military aide at the White House, while other government officials, civilian friends, army officers, and even an admiral were in the long line which came to congratulate the former leader of the biggest army this country has ever known.

Pershing himself, white-headed and wearing a dark business suit and blue tie, showed few signs of his three score and 10 years. His greetings were crisp and his step springy as he moved about the suite of offices that not so long ago served as President Hoover's workroom of state, following the White House fire.

During the afternoon as govern-

ment offices closed for the customary Saturday half-holiday, and the stream of callers diminished, General Pershing continued the routine tasks which daily occupy his time. He answered correspondence coming to him as head of the battle monuments commission and custodian of the resting places of American dead in France. Later he discussed with publishers matters pertaining to his just-finished memories as a leader of the American expeditionary force in France.

But also, in moments in leisure at his desk overlooking the green of the White House grounds, he recalled other birthdays and events of the 70-year span since he was born in a tiny house near Meadville, Mo.

There was a day 44 years ago, when as a recent graduate of West Point, he celebrated his first army birthday as a second lieutenant in the cavalry. There was another day many years later when he celebrated a birthday as a commander of forces in action along the Mexican border.

And it was just 12 years ago Saturday, the general recalled, that he was celebrating with his staff one of the greatest victories of the war, that at St. Mihiel, which was won under his command, by American troops and American officers.

Complete line of office supplies at Mail office.

### Much Construction Work Under Way By Utilities Company

Abilene, September 18.—Current construction work being carried forward by the West Texas Utilities company includes the extension of lines to new customers, the rebuilding and improving of city distribution systems and the installation of street lighting equipment, according to an announcement from the general offices of the company here.

Important new lines under construction are: a 6600 volt line from Ovalo to Bradshaw, a distance of approximately eight miles, to form the third phase of the system connecting the two towns; the running of a three phase 11 kv line to the W. D. Swan oil lease in Jones county to supply service to the C. C. Julian Oil Royalty company for its drilling operations; the extension of a three phase primary line to the new Santa Fe Railroad terminal north of San Angelo to serve the shops with power for electrical equipment, and the extension of a primary line to a new residential district in McCamey.

In Abilene, 20 street lighting standards will be erected on Sayles Boulevard, from South Ninth Street to South Fourteenth Street. Lighting equipment will also be installed on the

Colorado River bridge at Ballinger.

Distribution systems will be improved in Aspermont and Anson. A new line will be built to serve the new Aspermont High school and an extension will be run to the city pump station and water wells at Anson.

75 new grounds are being installed on the 17 mile transmission line between Vernon and the town of Harold.

Anticipating an early recovery from the current depression, the company is extending and improving present equipment in order to be ready for the increased activity which always follows sub-normal conditions in West Texas.

In 134 Texas counties so far reported on by the census bureau the percentage of unemployment in April and May was 1.4.

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## The Merkel Mail

"IT'S A GREAT LIFE IF YOU DON'T WEAKEN"

By Jack Rabbit



# POULTRY

### DRESSED TURKEYS SWELL PROFITS

#### Operative Project in Nebraska Is Success.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)  
Increased profits from turkey growing as the result of co-operative marketing of the dressed fowls has proved an incentive to farmers in the North Platte irrigation district in western Nebraska. "Marketing dressed turkeys in car lots," says D. H. Propps, of the bureau of agricultural economics in the Yearbook of the United States Department of Agriculture, "is one of the most practical of co-operative marketing projects."

"The growers in a county or district," Mr. Propps explains, "determine approximately the number of turkeys available for sale. Representatives of the growers get in touch with prospective buyers and receive from them sealed bids which are opened at a stated time. The entire number is then sold to the highest bidder, who then fixes the dates on which he wishes the dressed birds to be delivered. The farmers dress the turkeys the day before delivery and cool them overnight on the farms. The birds are weighed, graded and paid for as they are delivered. The purchaser bears all expenses and assumes all responsibility after the birds are received."

Turkey growers realize from 50 cents to \$1 for the labor of dressing. This represents from 15 to 20 per cent of the value of the turkey, and is fully three-fifths as much as the entire feed cost of raising and fattening the birds in the North Platte district. In 1927 the growers sold nearly 25,000 birds, and netted about \$18,000 for the work of dressing. At turkey-dressing time neighbors often change work, and if one grower is inexperienced he can usually get a neighbor to show him the best method of dressing the birds. Farm dressing is usually better done than in commercial establishments and buyers consider this when bidding for the turkey crop. The fact that turkeys move to market so largely just in advance of Thanksgiving and Christmas is a point favoring the co-operating sellers.

#### Before Winter Sets In Clean Up Poultry House

Before winter sets in the poultry house should be given a thorough cleaning. All the old filth should be removed, the walls, etc., brushed down, and the place made as clean as physically possible. This should then be followed with a drenching with a good disinfectant. In fact if mites were present the house should be sprayed with kerosene oil emulsion and the roosts and parts adjacent should be painted with crank case oil or a similar product. Thorough treatment now may prevent the mites hibernating and causing trouble next spring and summer. The cleaning and disinfecting process should not be confined to the walls and roof but also to the floor. One advantage of the concrete floor is that it can be easily cleaned. If the poultry house has not had its fall clean up it should be done at once. To put pullets into unclean quarters and to needlessly expose them to disease is to court trouble. It's another case of the ounce of prevention.

#### Insulation of Curtains to Keep Out Icy Winds

All that can be done to the farm poultry house in the way of insulation or storm curtains or banking around the outside, will tend to keep out the icy winds and hold in the bird heat to make the pullets more comfortable. But ventilation must not be reduced to a point that makes the house damp. A damp poultry house always seems colder than a dry ventilated house at the same temperature. Dampness seems to be a cause of colds and low vitality and both conditions may cause roup or at least a low per cent of egg production.

#### Helps Avoid Worms

One authority has stated that worms have very little chance of obtaining a foothold in chickens that have a gizzard well filled with insoluble grit. This authority claims that all eggs and cysts of the worms are ground and damaged so much by a gizzard full of grinding material that no worm infestation results. At any rate, it wouldn't hurt to see that the young growing stock is given plenty of coarse, insoluble grit and pure, fresh water.

#### Cooping One Rooster

The practice of cooping one male in a pen of, say, twenty fowls, and letting the alternate bird run with the flock day and day about, is better perhaps than allowing the two birds to run together. It has been found, however, that the cooping of the male in the pen excites it so much that, instead of resting and gaining strength, the opposite effect is noted. The "resting" bird should be cooped out of sight of the pen. It will feed better.

# LIVE STOCK NEWS

### VACCINATION OF PIGS PAYS WELL

#### North Dakota Expert Says It Is Good Business.

Many farmers are wondering whether hog vaccination is necessary or worth the expense.

Dr. G. S. Weaver, extension specialist in animal disease at South Dakota state college, believes that it is good business management to vaccinate the pigs.

Considering the number of outbreaks of cholera at the present time, there seems to be plenty of chance for exposure, he says. Probably fewer older hogs are now immune than for several years, which would mean a more serious outbreak if the disease sets a real start.

The best time to vaccinate is when the pigs average about 40 pounds in weight, or when they are about six weeks old. It costs less to vaccinate pigs of this size than it does older hogs, and the pigs are easier handled. They are just about the right age to insure a permanent immunity. In a case a pig dies after treatment the loss is not great at this age.

Successful vaccination depends on the thoroughness of the operator and the sanitary conditions. Pigs that are affected with "necro" or infested with worms will not get along as well after vaccination as thrifty pigs. The man who puts in the serum should know his business and as a general rule the veterinarian is best qualified. Pigs that are kept in dirty pens and lots cannot be expected to do as well after vaccination, since unsanitary conditions help them lose their resistance. A thrifty pig properly vaccinated will do well after vaccination if kept in a clean pen and fed on a light diet.

#### Use Creosoted Planks for Hog House Floor

If at all possible, either pressure or tank creosoted lumber should be used for the sills and floor of a hog house, because it will last several times as long in contact with the ground, is immune against damage from termites or white ants, and the creosote discourages the harboring of lice and mites. Individual and colony hog houses made entirely of creosoted lumber are now on the market at prices probably below what the farmer can buy lumber for and build them himself, while in other cases the sills and floor boards are creosoted and the rest heavily painted.

In some localities pressure creosoted lumber is available, or the farmer can cut his lumber ready to put together and then creosote by the tank method, using a long galvanized tank. If neither of these seem practicable, several heavy brush coats of creosote just before the parts are put together will help a great deal to prolong the service obtained.

#### Wise Farmers Raising Colts Well for Future

Since farmers are not raising half enough colts to take care of their future needs, it is wise to grow what are raised, well. The colts should be fed in addition to the mother's milk. When three or four weeks old, the youngster will start nibbling grain from the mother's feed box. In a little while it will take grain from its own box. Increase the allowance to take care of what the colt eats.

Then exercise the youngster. Let him run with the mare at night in the pasture or with other colts during the day when the mothers are at work. Do not allow it to follow the mare through the day when she is at work as the colt then gets more exercise than it should have.

#### Live Stock Facts

Before winter sets on in earnest disinfect the quarters for swine.

The farmer with live stock is a manufacturer as well as a producer of raw materials.

A cheap bull is about the most expensive investment a live stock man can make.

The thrifty animals of whatever kind appeal to buyers and always at a better price.

Smaller amounts of feed are required for a pound of gain when pigs grow rapidly than when development is slower. Putting pigs on full feed early is a profitable practice.

Rape, because of its high protein content, is a desirable crop to be sown with corn that is to be used for hogging-off or sheeping-down.

Alfalfa pasture and shelled corn proved a better fattening ration for helters in Nebraska tests last year than did alfalfa hay and corn.

Lime-sulphur dip is effective against hog mange. It is more effective when warm. It can be bought already mixed and it is only necessary to follow directions on the container.

#### Gold Star Mother Dies in France

Verdun, France, Sept. 18.—Mrs. Grace W. Kinsbury of Smith Center, Kan., died here Friday. She is the second Gold Star mother to die in France in the course of pilgrimages to the graves of war dead.

Mrs. Kinsbury suffered an attack of uremic poisoning Monday of last week. Her case was recognized immediately as grave by army medical officers and she was put in the care of nurses. She rallied Thursday morning.

Mrs. Kinsbury was a member of party "S" which arrived a week before. She went to Verdun with others of the group whose sons were buried nearby.

#### War Ace Takes Air Again, But Asleep; Tumbles 25 Feet

New York, Sept. 18.—Col. Eddie Rickenbacker, former World War ace and automobile racer, is nursing several injured vertebrae as the result of a recent twenty-five-foot fall in a sleep walking expedition.

Colonel Rickenbacker said Thursday, while he was tightly bandaged, the injury was not serious and he expected to be normal again within a few weeks. He said he had fallen from a balcony of his home at Riverdale on Hudson to the lawn last Sunday morning during an attack of somnambulism. These attacks have been frequent since the war, he said.

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### Trent News and Personal Notes

School was opened last Monday with a real good attendance. The faculty consists of Ross B. Jenkins, superintendent; Leroy Reeves, principal; Mr. Franks, Misses Mary Sheppard, Nona Burgess, Virgie Strawn, Annie Joyce and Mrs. Reeves.

On last Monday night Mr. and Mrs. Alex Williamson entertained in their home in a most charming way a number of their friends, naming as honor guests Messrs. Hays and Stinson, the men who are making the trip on an election bet on the highway from Sanger to El Paso. Mr. Stinson is the one riding in the little red wagon drawn by Mr. Hays. Games of "42," checkers, with music, readings, songs and jokes were enjoyed throughout the evening. At the refreshment hour iced melons were served to about 50 guests.

Oscar Bishop has received the sad news of the death of his brother, Wollie, of Prescott, Ariz., on Sept. 9. Wollie made his home here until about ten years ago and has many friends who are extending sympathy to the bereaved.

Mrs. J. A. Brown and Miss Winnie had as their guests Monday night Miss Lelah Duke and Mrs. Earl Anthony of Brownfield.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Lawler, old time residents of this place, but now residing at Clovis, New Mex., stopped over for a few hours Monday with friends. They were en route to Dallas on business.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Huey and Misses Sarah, Bernice and Helen Graves, all of Anson, spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Murray. Joe Boone of Amarillo was the week-end guest of his sister, Mrs. Hosea Winn, and his mother, Mrs. Boone.

Mr. Walter O'Kelley and Miss Francis O'Kelley of Abilene were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hurttell O'Kelley.

Miss Natalie Walker has returned home after spending the summer with her sister, Mrs. Fowler, of Pampa.

Mrs. J. R. P. Winn left Tuesday for Seminole. She expects to be away until the first of the year.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Williams have removed to Lamesa.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Estep of Hamlin visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Estep, Sunday. Misses Mary and Dorothy Boyd accompanied them home.

Messrs. Gus Brewer and W. Y. Steen of Clyde were attending to business here last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Atwell of Hobbs, New Mex., spent the week-end with relatives en route to Fort Worth on business.

Mrs. G. W. Mennis, Mrs. Sid Smith and little daughter and Dow Williamson spent last week visiting at San Angelo and Barstow.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Forrester as their guest the last of the week Mr. Lee Rutherford of Brawley, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Pass of Abilene are announcing the arrival of a baby girl christened Peggy Jo.

Winslow Beckham of Lamesa spent a few days here the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Bray and two little daughters of Merincy, Ariz.,

are guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bray.

### Forced to Return to Japan, Bromley to Try Another Pacific Hop

Tanabe, Japan, September 18.—Forced to return to northern Japan Sunday after a flight of 1200 miles over the Pacific ocean toward Tacoma, Wash., Harold Bromley announced Monday night he would make another attempt to fly to America as soon as his plane could be refueled and made ready. Experts said this would require several days.

The plane must be dug out of the sandy beach at Shitsukari, near here, some minor repairs made and a short hop taken to Samishiro Beach, from which Bromley and his navigator, Harold Gatty, soared away at 5:08 a. m. Sunday on a perilous journey over windswept seas.

Bromley ascribed his failure to a broken gasoline feed pipe, from which he and Co-Pilot Gatty were sprayed. Their faces chafed and eyes inflamed, they held the plane on its course as long as possible, and then turned back, determined to try again.

On landing, Bromley said his plane had flown 2,400 miles in nearly 25 hours. He said his fuel was sufficient to have carried him to Dutch Harbor in the Aleutian chain of islands, extending thousands of miles from Alaska's mainland.

Whether a landing was possible at Dutch Harbor for a land plane was doubtful.

Bromley's perseverance caused wonder and comment. Three planes were wrecked in his attempts to take off from America to Japan and only after weeks of disappointment was he able to obtain a runway in Japan long enough to enable his plane to lift 1,020 gallons of gasoline in the air for the 4,532-mile flight to Tacoma.

### NUBIA NEWS

Farmers in this community are busy gathering their cotton. The crop is short and will soon be over with.

Brother Marvin Williams filled his regular appointment Sunday and Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butman, Sr., and daughter, Miss Lottie, have moved back to their ranch home. We are indeed glad to have them back with us.

Brother Williams and wife were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Hunter Sunday.

Mrs. Chas. ... with her mother, Mrs. Jim Perry, and Grandmother Perry.

Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Lackey of Merkel visited their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Hunter, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Darner, Mrs. Bois Presley and Miss Lena Lee Demere, all of the White Church community, visited our prayer meeting Sunday afternoon.

Miss Nola Neill motored over to Abilene Thursday to have her school contract signed. We will miss her greatly, but wish her much success in her teaching.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Martin of Littlefield are visiting in the Hunter home.

Dressmaking Wanted—Mrs. J. F. Dunnam, south end of Oak street.

### Six Full Days of Entertainment For Visitors to Fair

Abilene, Sept. 18.—Six full days of education and entertainment will be on tap when the West Texas Fair opens at Abilene on September 29 to continue until Saturday night, October 4.

A three-day rodeo, offering attractive purses, to be held on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of the week will be a feature of the exposition. Plans are rapidly going forward to make this one of the outstanding round-ups of this section. Eight main events are on the program, bronk riding, steer riding, calf roping, wild cow milking, bulldogging, mule race, goat roping, and a musical chair race. Black mule calves are to be used for the roping, Brahma steers for bulldogging and Mexican steers for milking.

In addition to these rodeo programs, other grandstand attractions will include two high school football games on Monday and Saturday. A series of motorcycle races, a sport grown to be a favorite in this section, will be offered on Tuesday. Every night before the grandstand Ernie Young's revue will be presented, a professional show with a huge cast, elaborate costumes and settings and an original routine of entertainment. This will be free every night except Friday, at which time a legal wedding will be solemnized between a local couple under the direction of Ernie Young.

The Lachman-Carson shows have been secured for midway entertainment and a special attraction is the terrapin derby to be run off sometime about the last of the week. Thirty-five hundred trained racing terrapins are to be imported and any person may enter one of these upon payment of a two dollar entrance fee. Present indications are that the first purses will run over \$3000.

Entry blanks for the rodeo or terrapin derby may be secured from the West Texas Fair Association, Abilene, Texas.

### Dallas Publisher Gives Park to City

Dallas, Sept. 18.—Edwin J. Kiest, publisher of the Dallas Times-Herald, Friday presented to Dallas a park site of 176 acres in memory of his wife, the late Mrs. Elizabeth Patterson Kiest. The site adjoins Dallas on the southwest, is well wooded and drained and presents splendid possibilities for development along natural lines.

Kiest has been planning a suitable memorial to his wife for several years.

Mrs. Kiest died July 7, 1917, after they had been married nearly 25 years.

In giving the park site to Dallas Kiest said only that the land was given for park purposes in perpetuity and he desired the park board to use its judgment in developing it.

### CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank our good friends and neighbors for their many acts of kindness during the illness and death of our wife and mother.

Thomas N. Henderson and family.

A movement to stop back-seat driving has been started in England.

Typewriting and carbon paper at Mail office.

Unusually **LOW** ROUND TRIP RATES Until October 15th



|                |           |
|----------------|-----------|
| San Antonio    | \$17.20   |
| Houston        | .....     |
| Abilene        | ..... .70 |
| Corpus Christi | 23.15     |
| Ft. Worth      | 7.10      |
| Austin         | 14.00     |
| Waco           | 10.30     |
| Beaumont       | 20.75     |
| Laredo         | 23.15     |
| Dallas         | 8.77      |
| El Paso        | 16.60     |

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Ferrier Filling Station  
Phone 210.



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|                |                         |            |
|----------------|-------------------------|------------|
| Bananas        | dozen                   | 15c        |
| Beans          | fresh green, 3 pounds   | 25c        |
| Sugar          | 19 pounds               | \$1.00     |
| Salad Dressing | large jar               | 25c        |
| Potted Meat    | fine for lunches, 6 for | 24c        |
| Plums          | green gage, gallon      | 54c        |
| Peaches        | gallon                  | 54c        |
| Matches        | 6 boxes                 | 15c        |
| Salmon         | 2 cans                  | 25c        |
| Bacon          | dry salt                | 19c        |
| Steak          | pound                   | 20c        |
| Roast          | pound                   | 10c to 15c |
| Chili Meat     | 2 pounds                | 35c        |

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Just the right size for Dove and Quail.

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