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RED CROSS TO PROVIDE SEED FOR FARMERS

Taylor County Drouth Relief Committee Maps Plans For Assisting Stricken Families; Interviewer to be here Monday

Through funds obtained from Red Cross district headquarters grain seed will be delivered upon certified applications within the next week to aid hard-pressed farm families of the county, following a program that is being mapped out by the Taylor county drouth relief committee. This committee, of which Ocie Hunt, Bradshaw banker, is chairman, met at Abilene Tuesday and details of a survey covering all sections of the county and proper method for handling the distribution of the seed were worked out. All members of the committee were present, including Tom K. Eplen, county judge; C. M. Heald, county agent; Miss Caroline Chambers, county agent; J. T. Warren, Merkel, W. A. Minter, J. E. Kendall, W. R. Lence, Mr. Montgomery and W. R. Keeble, member of Governor Moody's drouth relief committee, who selected the county committee. Mrs. Beeno Schmidt, secretary of the United Welfare association, was added to the county committee.

Monday is the date set when Mr. Heald, one of the interviewers named by the committee, will visit Merkel to receive applications from persons in Salt Branch, Blair, White Church, Cross Roads and IXL.

That names of all families needing seed may be quickly ascertained three interviewers were appointed to go into the various communities of the county and receive applications in the form of questionnaires, which will furnish information regarding the number of stock to be pastured and the amount of seed needed. According to Red Cross specifications, a single family may receive from one to ten bushels of grain for planting. The Texas Mill and Elevator company of Abilene has agreed to supply wheat to the Red Cross chapter at cost, Louis Montgomery, chairman, announced at the committee meeting and the distribution among farmers is to be without cost to them, now or later.

Mr. Heald, Miss Chambers and Mr. Hunt are to receive the applications for the seed and a schedule of interviews, in addition to the Merkel date Monday, is announced as follows: Tuesday morning Miss Chambers and Mr. Heald will be at Tuscola and that afternoon one of the two will go to Ovalo and the other to Lawn. Residents of the Dewey and (Continued on Page Five)

GAY PARADE THROUGH COLORFUL OLD BOSTON

THOMPSON NAMED COUNTY AUDITOR

Monday morning found L. R. Thompson, Merkel real estate and insurance man, assuming his duties as Taylor county's new auditor, to which place he was appointed out of a field of 44 applicants to fill the unexpired term of the late R. L. Faucett. The appointment was made by Judges W. R. Chapman and M. S. Long of the 104th and 42nd district courts, respectively.

Mr. Thompson will dispose of his real estate and insurance business here and remove to Abilene as soon as is practicable, he stated to a representative of The Mail in speaking of the appointment.

Removing here in 1919, he bought a controlling interest in the Farmers & Merchants national bank which he retained until 1925. Later he served as an official of the Kress State bank for about six months and then returned to Merkel. For the past three years he has been engaged in the real estate and insurance business here.

Mr. Thompson is a native of Rockport, Mo. After attending public schools in Missouri, he was graduated from Cornell college, Mount Vernon, Iowa, after which he entered a career of teaching and school work. He became professor of civics and economics in the Northwest Missouri State college at Maryville and he also served as county superintendent in Missouri for a number of years. In 1910 he left the teaching profession to enter the banking business, being connected with banks at Zenith, Sylvia and Williamsburg, Kans.

For the past eight years, Mr. Thompson has served as a member of the Taylor county board of trustees, tendering his resignation last Saturday when notified of his appointment of the office of auditor.

The Mail joins his host of friends in extending congratulations to Mr. Thompson on his good fortune in securing this appointment, although regretting that it means the removal of him and his estimable wife to Abilene.

Southwest Conference.

Results of last Saturday's games, which included three inter-sectional classics, were:

Rice 20, St. Edward's 0.
Texas 0, Centenary 0.
S. M. U. 14, Notre Dame 20.
Baylor 7, Purdue 20.
A. & M. 0, Nebraska 13.
Arkansas 6, Tulsa U. 26.

American Legion In Greatest Parade of World War Veterans Ever Staged.

Boston, Oct. 9.—Seventy thousand marching men, who trod the muddy roads of war a dozen years ago, marched in gay parade Tuesday through streets where once the cannon of another war roared.

Perhaps to the boys of the American Legion, as they swung along, their heads high, their faces gleaming with the memories of '18, there was little thought for the boys of '76. But, about them as they stepped briskly through the streets of historic old Boston, there was much to remind them of the men who fired the first shots for the liberty for which they fought nearly a century and a half later.

Past old Boston Common, which echoed to the impassioned cries of revolutionary orators, over Beacon Hill and down the hill beside the weatherstained walls of Kings Chapel, where the soldiers of Great Britain worshipped, they marched, surrounded by the ghosts of the past.

They swung beneath a victory arch that turned their faces toward Faneuil Hall, "Cradle of Liberty," and trod the spot where British rifles cracked in the "Boston Massacre." The ramnant unicorns of the old state house from whose balcony the Declaration of Independence was read to the populace, gazed down upon them as they passed, as they have gazed upon the marching men of every war in the country's history.

In unbroken array, eight abreast, the men of the Legion marched in what their officers said was the greatest parade of world war veterans—a greater array than gathered in one marching unit even during wartime days. From 10 o'clock when the first units got under way, there was no let up through the day and darkness fell as the last rank reached the end.

They were from Alaska to Panama, from Main to the Philippines, a scattering few from the more distant points, a regiment or more from nearby states. At 9 o'clock they began to form and the first to start had reached the end of the five mile route before many of the delegations had gathered at their starting point.

Colorado Swamps Badgers 50 to 0

Outweighed about 35 pounds to the man, the Badgers met defeat at Colorado in last Friday's game, 50 to 0. Due to their opponents' weight the Merkel boys could not gain but little through the line, but in aerial attack they completed five out of seven attempts at forward pass. Colorado made twenty-six first downs to the Badgers' five.

This Friday afternoon Merkel meets Anson on the latter's gridiron in their first conference tilt of the season. Local supporters, who have followed the team, feel that it will not be because they do not fight if the Badgers do not come out victors.

By blocking one of Darsey's punts Colorado scored one touchdown in the first period and twice in the second, winding up the first half with 19 points. They broke lose in the latter half of the game to score 31 points.

Darsey starred for the Badgers, both offensively and defensively, taking most of the tackles and gaining much of the yardage.

Merkel's lineup:

Ends, Sheppard, Shannon; tackles, Mashburn, Baker; guards, Coates, Collins; center, Middleton; halves, Graham, Derrick; quarter, Darsey (captain); full, Tucker; substitutes—Vickers for Graham, Ferrier for Middleton, Ferrier for Coates.

Wins Highest Honor At Baby Conference

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Cowan Hudson of San Angelo will be delighted to learn that their little daughter, Doris Jane, won the highest honor in the Better Baby conference held each year as part of the San Angelo fair.

Not content with winning the first prize in the two-year-old class, Doris Jane also took the special prize awarded to the most perfect and physically fit child of the whole conference. Last year she won first prize for being perfect.

She is the only grand-daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Higgins of Merkel.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

The petition of the T. & P. railroad to put into effect a two-cent-a-mile passenger rate between Fort Worth and Big Spring will be heard at Austin Monday.

The dates for the thoroughbred horse racing meet at Arlington Downs, promoted by W. T. Waggoner and his two sons, have been announced for Nov. 1 to 11.

Having survived 14 days' burial in a ditch near the state school for the deaf at Austin, a cat was uncovered still alive when a trench excavator resumed work.

Clifford, 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Knox of Hereford, died of injuries sustained when an automobile struck the scooter he was riding across the street.

Tom Hickman of Fort Worth, captain of Texas rangers will be one of the judges in the second annual world championship rodeo to be held at the Texas State Fair Oct. 11 to 20.

Passing the 500,000 bale mark last week, Corpus Christi attained fourth place among the cotton ports of the United States, being outranked by Houston, Galveston and New Orleans only.

Private Robert Anthony Melthione of Philadelphia, doing guard duty at Fort Brown, Brownsville, was electrocuted when he stepped on a live wire torn loose from a pole by high wind that accompanied a deluge of rain.

An open safety pin, swallowed Friday morning by Myrtle Thornton, one-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Thornton of Waco, resulted in the infant's death four and a half hours later at a sanitarium there.

Forcing Walter King, negro messenger for a grocery chain, who was driving a truck, into a curb on a busy corner, two young white bandits robbed him of \$8,000, Friday's and Saturday's receipts of the stores.

Declaring the need for money more acute now than it was before the recent rains, Senator Pink L. Parrish of Lubbock has asked Governor Moody to call a special session of the legislature to appropriate funds for the stricken farmers.

Reporting total permits for the week of \$1,306,942, including the 18-story building of the Dallas Power and Light company for \$600,000 and the new Y. M. C. A. structure for another \$600,000, Dallas took the lead in building permits in Texas, with Beaumont second.

Walter Price, 40-year-old cotton picker, was instantly killed on the Sherman-Denison highway when he had stopped to repair a wagon wheel and two cars traveling in opposite directions sideswiped in attempting to pass his vehicle and one of them was thrown into him.

Unable to reach a verdict after deliberating more than 20 hours, the jury in the murder trial of John Alsup, former Fort Worth policeman, for the slaying of George Terrell, negro, in connection with the alleged "framed" attempt to rob a Polytechnic bank last April, was dismissed.

Galveston's first woman bank president was named Saturday when Mrs. R. Waverly Smith, widow of the late R. Waverly Smith, who had been president of the bank for a long period of years, was elected president of the First National bank of Galveston, the oldest national bank in Texas.

Following the resignation of R. S. Sterling, chairman of the state highway commission, W. R. Ely of Abilene was appointed to succeed him as chairman and D. K. Martin of San Antonio, a former member of the highway commission, was named as third member of the body by Governor Moody Monday.

Merkel Takes Many Prizes at the Fair

Merkel entrants in the exhibits of the West Texas Fair are being congratulated for winning several prizes. Among them, the following are noted:

Missie Dye, who won three first prizes and one second in embroidery; Miss Ona Johnson, second prize, antique quilt; Miss Olive Garoutte, first prize, tatting;

Mr. W. O. Massey, first prize, quilt; Mrs. F. Y. Gaither, first prize, baby Afghan shawls, and Burneal Scott, first prize, white loaf cake in children's department.

Mrs. J. T. Dennis was an assistant from Merkel to Mrs. Rupert Harkrider, chairman of the woman's department of the West Texas Fair.

NEXT "COW DAY" TO BE DATE FEW DAYS BEFORE CHRISTMAS

ATHLETICS WIN BIG SHOW AGAIN

Shibe Park, Philadelphia, Oct. 9.—Collecting five doubles and two home runs for a total of 18 bases, the Athletics Wednesday won their fourth game of the World series with the Cardinals by the score of 7 to 1 and captured their second successive championship and their fifth of all time under the leadership of Connie Mack.

After the Cardinals had evaded the series with Sunday's game, two each, the A's claimed a victory in Monday's game at St. Louis when Jimmy Foxx drove out a homer in the ninth inning with Cochrane on ahead of him, netting two runs and the only runs of the fifth game of the series.

Three Inches of Rain Falls in Three Days

"Bigger and better," that's the way to describe the way old Jupiter Pluvius has been playing his visits to Merkel and this section. From Friday through Sunday a slow, ground-soaking rain fell here almost continuously, measuring a total of almost three inches. 2.99 inches is the report furnished by B. M. Black, volunteer weather observer.

Nearly four inches of rainfall was recorded in September, which means that since the first of September almost seven inches of rain has fallen in this section.

Benefits to growing wheat and other feedstuffs can hardly be estimated and, in addition, the soil is getting such a seasoning as it has not received in several years.

Meeting Friday Night Of Parramore Post

This Friday night, October 10, beginning at 7:30 and lasting for one hour only, members of Parramore Post of the American Legion will meet at legion headquarters in the city hall at Abilene.

A special entertainment program has been arranged and all legion members in this section are expected to attend.

M. W. Carrio is post commander, and Dent Gibson of Merkel is one of the vice commanders.

Record of Births.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Byers Petty, Tuesday, October 7, 1930.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Horton, residing three miles northwest of town, Tuesday, October 7, 1930.

"Cow Day" in November Will Be Passed So That Program on Larger Scale May Be Staged in December.

Prior to the announcement of the awards for "Cow Day" Wednesday, the announcement was made by E. Yates Brown, president of the Lions club, which organization with the cooperation of the Merkel merchants is sponsoring a monthly "Cow Day" here, that there would be no "Cow Day" in November, efforts and plans to be concentrated on a program out of the ordinary and on a larger scale than heretofore for a date to be set later, but just a few days before Christmas. Further details and definite date will be announced.

Awards of ten \$5 due bills, good at any of the stores cooperating with the Lions club in the "Cow Day" program, were made Wednesday to the following: Bernal Clinton, Merkel, Route 5; J. H. Ensminger, B. M. Tipton and M. L. Estes, Merkel; Roland Toombs, Merkel, Route 5; Austin Robertson, Merkel, Route 1; W. M. Patton, Eskota; C. S. Mundy, Merkel; C. W. Tipton, Merkel, Route 4, and E. R. Higgins, Route 1.

Yates Brown, president of the Lions club, was master of ceremonies, assisted by a committee composed of H. H. Jenkins, A. T. Sheppard and Rev. R. A. Walker.

LION'S LUNCHEON.

At Tuesday's luncheon of the Lions club, most of the time allotted to business was devoted to discussion and plans for "Cow Day."

After the club singing, led by Yates Brown, with Mrs. Brown as accompanist, the invocation was given by Rev. J. T. King. Following this, the toastmaster for the day, W. T. Nichols, was introduced. Popular song numbers by a trio of talented young ladies of Merkel, consisting of Misses Christine Collins and Iva Bragg and Mrs. Sidney Foy, the latter now of Baird, with Miss Iris Garrett at the piano, proved unusually pleasing.

When called on for an after-dinner speech, J. S. Bourn responded willingly but convinced his fellow Lions that he needed time for preparation in order to do his very best. Taking advantage of having the floor, he assumed his new duties as tail twister and proceeded to assess penalties promiscuously, not allowing the toastmaster to escape.

W. T. Nichols was named as chairman of the membership committee, others already on this committee being Matt Dillingham and Rev. R. A. Walker.

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MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, October 14, 1910.)

Woodroof Bros. are opening a new store at Waxahachie which will be in charge of E. L. Woodroof, the senior partner. The business here will be in charge of W. D. Woodroof. We regret sincerely to lose our good friend, the big one, and his estimable lady but wish them success in Waxahachie.

Uncle Iz Allen is not going to the coast and will sell his bathing suit cheap, also a lot somewhere.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry James of Abilene were visitors in our little city a few hours each day this week.

Pope Rister is at Abilene with the J. W. Bogar Co. and invites the calls of his Merkel friends.

EPWORTH LEAGUE PROGRAM.
1st scripture lesson by Bert Hudgins.
2nd scripture lesson by Ono Johnson.

"Historical setting of the lesson," by Miss Josie Etwery.

Prayer and how we must wait," by Miss E. Love Hawkins.
Reading, by Frank Smith.
Solo, Miss Leno Largent.
Announcements—benediction.

Rev. W. C. Taggart of Abilene has accepted a call as pastor for the First Baptist church of this place.

Henry West was chopping wood on Sunday and a piece flew up in his

face, doing much damage. He says he is going to let his wife cut the wood from now on.

Our town is so good our pool hall just closed up for want of support. That's better than having to organize a Coxey's army to tear up the place.

Joe Bettes was here on business this week.

John Daniels was awarded \$23,000 in a damage suit concluded at El Paso last Friday against the Southern Pacific railroad. The plaintiff, accompanied by Dr. J. A. Adkisson, stood the trip fine.

Mrs. Massengale of Abilene is the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. L. Harkrider.

The following committees have been appointed to help with the Sunday School rally at the Methodist church Sunday.

Program—M. E. Mackey, Rev. J. M. Sherman, Mrs. G. H. Adams, Miss Laura Cary.

Music—Miss Allie Jennings, Miss Mamie Heizer, Mrs. L. Sparkmann.
Decorations—Mrs. M. Armstrong, Mrs. J. F. Shaffer, Mrs. J. W. Jennings.

Advertisement—B. W. Hudgins, Miss E. Love Hawkins, Jack Province.

Henry Rose and J. M. Pate have consolidated their barber shops to cut down expenses.



CREDIT IS SOMETHING YOU CAN'T BUY.

There is one thing I have never been able to figure out, and that is why a man, who having been extended credit by a merchant, and when owing that merchant, will get to another merchant or another town and pay cash for merchandise, when he could have bought and paid cash to the merchants who favored him when he didn't have the cash.

I asked a man who did this for an explanation. At first he said he didn't know, then admitted he was afraid the man he owed would think he should pay the \$20.00 on the bill instead of buying more, and he wanted what he had bought. Such an attitude is wrong, it isn't fair to the merchant or the debtor.

Credit is something you can't buy. You have to earn it and a man with good credit has something as valuable as money and it should be guarded the same as money.

The credit of the people of a community is an important factor, when it comes to industrial extension, much more so than many people realize. How the people of a community pay their bills is an item often seriously considered by industry in considering a town for location of a factory.

Not long ago a representative of an organization of negotiators told me a certain town was rejected as possible location for a factory with an annual payroll of six figures, by one of his clients because the records for a period of several years showed the native residents to be poor pay. This client, he said, made it a policy that all employees must pay their bills promptly and an employee sued was equal to discharge, therefore the client would not consider that town.

This country has been built up on credit, but there are many communities that are being torn down by it, because some people take advantage of it.

To have a good, live town, you must have up-to-date snappy stores, and no merchant can have the kind of stores you would like to trade in

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Forty-Six Perish As World's Largest Dirigible Blows Up

Beauvais, France, Oct. 9.—The British airship, R-101, leviathan of the air, crashed on a wooden hillside south of here shortly after 2 a. m. Sunday, took fire and was destroyed.

Of the fifty-four passengers aboard forty-six either were killed by the impact or burned to death, another has died since and seven were saved. The passengers killed included the British Air Minister, Lord Thomson, and the director of commercial aviation, Sir Sefton Brancker.

The disaster, the greatest the air has known since the French airship Dixmude cruised out over the Mediterranean with fifty-two persons aboard in December, 1923, never to return, occurred as the giant ship, the largest in the world and sister to the R-100, which visited America last July, sailed southeastward across France on its maiden voyage of any length, a trip to India and return.

A heavy wind and rainstorm which the airship encountered shortly after it crossed the English channel was believed to account for the disaster. Weighted by the rain, the dirigible lost buoyancy, and finally bumped into the ground once or twice south of Beauvais. Then it struck a hillside there, and in ten seconds had caught fire and was ablazing inferno.

An explosion which occurred immediately after the dirigible plowed into the hillside rocked the country for miles around and brought peasants running for miles to the place of the disaster. So great was the heat from the blazing ship, however, that they could do nothing toward rescuing those aboard.

Among the R-101 dead, besides Lord Thomson and Sir Sefton Brancker, were Squadron Leader Palstra of the Australian air force, and W. H. L. O'Neil of the British India office. Of the fifty-four aboard, twelve were passengers, five officers and

thirty-seven were members of the ship's crew.

Of the eight survivors, one, a rigger, W. G. Radcliffe of Bedford, died of his injuries here in the morning. Another is so seriously injured his life is deemed of, while the other six have burns and injuries which probably will maim them for life. H. J. Leech, foreman and engineer of the Royal Airship works, who was acting as pilot at the time of the disaster, was perhaps the least injured of the survivors, and from him possibly the most coherent account of the catastrophic has come.

THE TOWN DOCTOR

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if his capital is tied up in slow accounts.

Owing a man money is nothing to be ashamed of, in fact it is a credit to you. You should be ashamed, however, if you can pay what you owe and don't, or owing one merchant spend your cash money with other merchants.

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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MONEYMAKERS.

When you want to trade your land or residence for Abilene home or other property anywhere, list it with me. Also have easiest loans on land.

W. Homer Shanks, Abilene
Room 1, Penney Bldg., Abilene

Mail want ads pay dividends.

666

Relieves a Headache or Neuralgia in 30 minutes, checks a Cold the first day, and checks Malaria in three days. 666 also in Tablets.

Copious Rains Big Help to Sheepmen

San Angelo, Texas, Oct. 9.—With the falling of the heaviest rain over all of the West Texas sheep and goat country in eighteen months, the wool and mohair men Sunday were "sitting on top of the world."

Yearling ewes, which were being sold last week at \$4.50 each, were marked up to \$5.50 and \$6.00 and lamb prices over all this territory were advanced 1c a pound.

Some of the big sheep and goat countries had not had more than 1 1/2 inches of rain in eighteen months and there had been some forced selling and shipping of both classes of animals. This was all ended Saturday night and Sunday sheep men and goat raisers were predicting an increased valuation for their flocks and herds amounting to a good many millions dollars for the state total.

The rain had soaked every county in the sheep and goat belt by Sunday night and was continuing to fall when darkness came.

Past experiences of the sheep and goat raisers prove that a plentiful crop of weeds will be available by the middle of the week to be followed immediately by grass. In addition to the immediate value of the rain, it will result in the breeding of many ewes which owners had intended not

to breed this fall, and a greatly increased crop of lambs will result next spring.

An innovation this fall in the sheep country will be the planting of large acreage in small grain on the big ranches. Bankers are urging this course on the sheep and goat raisers in order to insure a feed supply in future drouthy seasons. Such planting will immediately follow the present rainfall.

Americans on a liner crossing recently from New York to England started the fashion of wearing evening clothes for breakfast.

Read the advertisements in this paper. There's a message in every one of them that may enable you to save money. At least you will know where to find what you want without doing a lot of hunting and asking questions, and you also know the merchants appreciate your patronage because they solicit your business and make spec-

In the first six months of this year the United States sold 40 per cent more wheat to the Orient than in the corresponding period of last year.

When you suffer from NERVES She Suffered from NERVES

It relieved Mrs. Miller's Nerve Pain. She suffered greatly from Nerve Pain and I tried taking no help until I started taking NERVINE and received relief in 10 minutes. That saved and kept it on. I feel NERVINE hard and take it whenever I feel Nerve Pain.

C. M. PRESLEY
Jeweler
Watches—Diamonds—Silverware
Abilene, Texas 209 Pine St.

Statement of Condition The Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Merkel

Close of Business September 24, 1930.

RESOURCES

Loans, Time and Demand	\$321,619.08
Warrants (City of Merkel)	5,000.00
Overdrafts	92.68
Real Estate on Hand	13,357.79
Furniture and Fixtures	6,750.00
Stock in Fed. Res. Bank	2,250.00
5% Redemption Fund	312.50
Bill of Ex. (Cotton)	7,355.75
U. S. Bonds (Owned)	30,500.00
Cash & Sight Exchg.	77,939.11
AVAILABLE CASH	115,794.86
Total	\$465,176.91

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus	25,000.00
Undivided Profits	15,499.20
Circulation Account	6,250.00
Rediscounts	18,090.68
Bills Payable	NONE
Other Borrowed Money	NONE
DEPOSITS	350,337.03
Total	\$465,176.91

The above statement is correct.
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MERKEL MAIL WANT ADS FOR RESULTS

West Texas Utilities Company

"This New Home Comfort Rate Makes Electric Refrigeration Even Cheaper"

"You've more than likely wanted one of the modern Electric Refrigerators but have hesitated because of operating costs. Let me explain how cheaply you can use electric refrigeration under the schedule of the new Home Comfort rate.

"The average five-room house without an electric refrigerator, electric range, or water heater uses most of the service included on the initial and second rates, so you would simply connect the electric refrigerator on the lighting circuit, use the one meter, and practically all of the additional service for refrigerator or other use would be recorded on the new low rate of 4c per kilowatt-hour—3c where service is also used for heating or cooking. This means that you could use an electric refrigerator at about one-third the initial rate.

"Many other appliances will be just as economical to operate. I'm going to explain some more for you next week."

And Remember—You Can Make Your Own Average Rate

Initial rate 12c
2nd rate 7c
Low rate 4c or 3c

**Revision of Texts
Asked By West Texas**

Abilene, Oct. 9.—West Texas complaints against publishers of certain textbooks used in the public schools of Texas will be presented to the board of education on Oct. 13.

The West Texas Chamber of Commerce has announced it would send a committee to Austin bearing a protest that descriptions of West Texas territory contained in geographies do not reflect the truth. The board will be asked to demand "substantial revisions and corrections" in new editions to be published. The committee will be headed by Charles E. Coombes, president of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce.

The chamber still has before it a recommendation of its publicity committee to bring damage suits of \$1,000,000 against publishers whose geographies identified West Texas as "a semi-arid land generally unsuited to agriculture."

**Bag Limit on Ducks
Is Reduced to 15**

The duck season will open October 16, and from then through January 31 it will be legal to shoot ducks provided one doesn't go outside the county without a hunter's license and provided the day's shooting doesn't net more than 15 ducks.

Bag limit on ducks has been reduced from 25 a day to 15 a day during the hunting season, it was announced Monday by W. T. St. John, district game warden.

Hunting licenses may be secured from Mr. St. John, he has announced. The fee is \$2, and the license is good until next August.

Texas has what is probably the oldest "little theatre" in America. Organized thirty-five years ago in Carmine, small community in Fayette county, it has functioned continuously since, according to The Billboard.

Advertise in the Merkel Mail.

Office supplies—Mail office.

**Texas Marriages Drop
As Divorces Increase**

Washington, Oct. 9.—Marriages dropped in number, but divorces increased in Texas in 1929, as reported by the United States Department of Commerce. The number of marriages was 63,173, compared with 76,340 in 1928. The decrease, says the department, was due largely to a change in the marriage laws, effective June 12 last, requiring three days' notice to be given before the issuance of a marriage license. In 1916 the state recorded 54,103 marriages.

While marriages fell off more than 17 per cent, divorces increased nearly 2 per cent, compared with 1928. The number of divorces last year was 18,386, compared with 18,073 the year before. In 1916 the divorces numbered 8,504. The number of annulments in 1929 was 164.

Taylor county shows 454 marriages and 146 divorces in 1929 and 701 marriages and 132 divorces in 1928.

Two hundred men who have been members of labor unions for 50 years or more were guests of honor recently at Transport House, Westminster, England, headquarters of the British Trades Union congress.

On the sixtieth anniversary recently of the British Red Cross it was announced that the public had subscribed more than \$115,000,000 to the organization.

**Dr. Carl's Discovery
Stops Gas, Constipation**

In his private practice, Dr. Carl Weschke first perfected the simple mixture now known as Adlerika. Unlike most remedies, Adlerika acts on BOTH upper and lower bowel and removes old poisons you would never believe were in your system. Stops GAS bloating in 10 minutes! Relieves chronic constipation in 2 hours! Let Adlerika give your stomach and bowels a REAL cleaning and see how good you feel! It will surprise you! Merkel Drug Co.

**Largest Bull Brings
Top at Sweetwater**

Sweetwater, Oct. 9.—Twenty-five of the finest registered Hereford animals in West Texas went on the auction block here Friday for a total of \$3,960, an average of \$159 per animal. Thirty-five animals were offered for sale in the annual auction of the Sweetwater Hereford association, held at Fair Park barns.

George E. Brasher of Uvalde paid top prices for any animal, securing Superior Mischief 32nd, bull consigned by C. M. Largent & Sons of Merkel, for \$420. Top price for cows \$290, was paid by D. G. Hunewell of Stephenville, for Mabelle 53rd consigned by E. P. Neblett & Son of Sweetwater. Average price for bulls was \$150 and for cows \$175.

More than 100 buyers were here for

the sale. They were guests at a barbecue served at Fair Park at noon. Walter L. Boothe is sales manager and J. N. Dulaney is secretary of the association.

Texas has one and a half times as many farms as any two other states in the Union, 465,646. Texas has about 14 per cent of all farms in the United States.


Endowment of \$200,000,000 for the University of Texas from its oil royalties and bonuses alone is predicted within forty years by the land commissioner. In little more than seven years it has received over \$13,000,000 from this source.

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Statement of Condition of

**FARMERS STATE BANK
IN MERKEL**

At Close of Business September 24, 1930.

RESOURCES

Loans	\$191,525.20
Banking House	15,000.00
Furniture & Fixtures	7,500.00
Other Resources	4,843.05
Bills Exchange	\$14,908.77
City Warrants	1,500.00
Cash Due from Banks	34,110.83—50,519.60
Total	\$269,387.85

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 40,000.00
Surplus Fund	10,000.00
Undivided Profits	4,645.46
Bills Payable	35,000.00
Other Borrowed Money	NONE
Deposits	179,742.39
Total	\$269,387.85

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**FARMERS STATE BANK
IN MERKEL**

Capital \$40,000.00
Paid-in Surplus \$10,000.00

BANKS

OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE
FARMERS STATE BANK IN MERKEL
at Merkel, Texas, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 24th day of September, 1930, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, Texas, State of Texas, on the 10th day of October, 1930.

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts, on personal or collateral security	\$181,973.02
Loans secured by real estate	9,658.34
Overdrafts	1,393.84
Banking House \$15,000.00, Furniture & Fixtures \$7,500.00	22,500.00
Cash in Bank	3,870.87
Due from approved reserve agents	24,052.86
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check on demand	187.60
Other Resources	6,000.00
Bills of Exchange (Cotton)	14,908.77
Expenses & Interest Paid	3,608.99
TOTAL	\$268,153.79
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 40,000.00
Surplus Fund	10,000.00
Undivided profits, net	3,411.40
Individual Deposits subject to check, including time deposits due in 30 days	127,655.02
Time Certificates of Deposit	50,301.78
Cashier's Checks Outstanding	1,785.59
Bills Payable	35,000.00
TOTAL	\$268,153.79

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Taylor:
We, C. M. Largent, as President, and W. L. Diltz, Jr., as Cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

C. M. LARGENT, President.
W. L. DILTZ, Jr., Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of October, A. D. 1930.
JACK ANDERSON,
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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.

Ft. Worth Livestock

Fort Worth, Oct. 9.—Cutter and low cutter cows moved freely Wednesday and most sales appeared strong, in some cases 10 to 15c higher. Trade in butcher cows, slaughter steers and other classes of cattle ruled fully steady.

Short fed slaughter steers brought \$7.50. Plain grassers were reported at \$5. Well finished yearlings topped at \$9.50 and butcher heifers were listed \$6.50 down. Good fat cows sold up to \$5 and butcher grades found an outlet \$3.25 to \$3.75. Low cutter cows sold from \$2.35 to \$2.75 and one load of strong weights moved at \$3.

Slaughter calves were at a fresh advance of about 25c. Packers paid up to \$7 for good heavies and brought the less desirable, weighty average from around \$6.25 down. Fairly good light weight vealers sold at \$7.03; good medium mixed steer and heifer calves sold at \$7.50.

Hog sales denoted a steady to 25c lower market. Good to choice 200-pound rail butchers topped at \$10. Good 170 to 250-pound truck hogs cleared from \$9.70 to \$10. Packing sows sold from \$7.25 to \$8; steady to 50c higher. Feeder lambs moved to \$3.25.

Cattle Movement.

On Wednesday C. M. Largent and Sons shipped three more of their show cattle to Dallas for exhibition at the State Fair of Texas together with the lot of fine Herefords which Willie Joe Largent has been showing at other fairs in the past few weeks.

On Monday R. L. West shipped a car of milk cows to Weatherford.

Cotton Receipts.

Receipts of cotton for the season, as heretofore reported in The Mail each week, have been correct as far as they went, but some 251 bales or more have been shipped from Merkel that have not been taken into account in previous tabulations. Total receipts for the season to Thursday morning, including cotton ginned at Noodle and

shipped from here, round out exactly 2,000 bales. This includes 1,127 bales received at the local cotton yard and 622 bales received at the co-op station on T. & P. platform, besides the 251 bales brought into Merkel for shipment. On Thursday morning there were 390 bales on hand at the cotton yard, according to Public Weigher Houston Robertson, while Agent Childress shows shipment of 1,610 bales of this year's crop.

We are giving "Cow Day" tickets just as heretofore. Bob Martin Grocery Company.

Called to Pastorate Of Kentucky Church

Ray Garrett, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Garrett of this city and who will receive his degree this year from the Southern Baptist Theological seminary at Louisville, Ky., has been elected to the pastorate of the Beech Grove church of Beech Grove, Ky., which is the church where he was ordained last spring. He is also pastor of the church at Kiddville, Ky., dividing his time between these two charges.

To Distribute Seed

(Continued from Page One)

Rogers communities will report at Lawn.

Thursday afternoon of next week Miss Chambers will be at Caps in the forenoon and at Tye and View in the afternoon and Friday she will be at Potosi.

Residents of the Bradshaw, Shep. Moro, Guion and Drasco communities are to call on Mr. Hunt at Bradshaw.

Names of farmers found eligible for receiving seed will be turned over to Mr. Montgomery, who will issue an order for the amount needed.

When all orders for a single community are in, plans will be made for delivering the grain so that farmers may not have to make a trip to Abilene to receive it.

"Cow Day" Plans

(Continued From Page One)

For next week's luncheon C. W. Delmer is to be toastmaster, his assistants being W. O. Boney and Booth Warren.

If you have any visitors, Phone 29 or 61.

Merkel Teachers Are Named As Director

Two teachers of the Merkel Public schools, Mrs. Len Sublett and Miss Hazel Williams, were named members of the interscholastic league committee of Taylor county, Mrs. Sublett being named in the arithmetic division and Miss Hazel Williams in essay writing, at the Taylor county teachers institute, which was held at North Park school, Abilene, last Friday and Saturday.

O. L. Howell, superintendent of the North Park school, was named director general of the Taylor county division of the interscholastic league to succeed E. B. Pruitt, and other members of the committee, besides the two Merkel teachers named above are:

Ross B. Jenkins of Trent, declamation; F. W. Hogue of Ovalo, debate;

Mrs. T. C. Weir of Abilene, who teaches at Buffalo Gap, spelling; Bailey Johnson of Rogers, rural school division; W. C. McKenzie of Potosi, athletics, and Miss Edna Marie Jones of North Park, music memory.

Ben L. Graham, head of the Wylie school, was elected president of the Taylor County Teachers association to succeed C. L. Blankenship. Clyde Deavers of Blair was elected vice-president of the county association and Miss Cassie Williams of Potosi, secretary.

Ellis island has been greatly enlarged by filling in of earth, much of it being ballast brought on incoming ships.

Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office.

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Forecast 1930 Cotton Crop 14,486,000 Bales

Washington, Oct. 9.—A cotton crop in 1930 of 14,486,000 bales was forecast Wednesday by the agriculture department on the basis of a condition 53.5 per cent of normal on Oct. 1.

This production estimate is 146,000 bales or 1 per cent more than the forecast a month ago and about 342,000 bales less than production in 1925.

Indicated average yield for the county is 154.7 pounds per acre which is 0.4 pounds below the average yield for the ten year period 1919-1928.

Since September 1 cotton prospects have declined 46,000 bales in Texas, 25,000 in Mississippi and 17,000 in Tennessee. These losses are compensated, however, by increases in other states where the crop is turning out better than was indicated a month ago.

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY Specials

Lettuce	solid head	5c
Bananas	yellow fruit, dozen	19c
Raisins	4 pound package	38c
Cocoa	2 pounds	35c
Flour	"Our Special," 48 pound sack	\$1.25
Grapes	fine Tokays, 3 pounds	25c
Milk	Armours large size, 3 for	25c
Steak	any cut, pound	20c
Bacon	dry salt, good grade, pound	20c
Bacon	smoked, good grade	24c
Bacon	sugar cured, good grade	30c
Compound	8 pound pail	97c

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Bachelor is Chosen Governor of Georgia In Landslide Vote

Atlanta, Oct. 5.—A primary landslide has given the democratic nomination for governor, tantamount to election in Georgia, to Richard B. Russell, Jr., 32-year-old bachelor son of the chief justice of the state supreme court. Russell, who has twelve living brothers and sisters, will be the youngest governor in the history of Georgia.

If he remains unmarried until seated in June, 1931, in succession to Governor L. G. Hardman, he also will be the third bachelor governor of the state, the others being General James E. Oglethorpe, founder of the state, and Alexander H. Stephens, vice president of the Confederacy.

New Postal Charge On Collect Packages

A charge of C. O. D. packages for storage if left over 15 days after notification was begun by the postal department on October 1. The charge is five cents per day.

Postmaster O. J. Adcock explained the new regulation thus: any collect on delivery parcel which the addressee fails to remove from the post office within 15 days from the first attempt of delivery or the first notice of arrival at the office of address may be returned to the sender, charged with return postage, whether or not any parcel bears any specified time limit for delivery and a demurrage charge not exceeding five cents per day may be collected when delivery has not been made to either the addressee or the sender until the expiration of the expired period.

He further explained that the sender could avoid the accumulation of demurrage charges by putting a fifteen day return notice on the package. Otherwise it will be held 30 days if return instructions are not given. The sender may also say in connection with the 15 day return notice that if the addressee wants to pay the demurrage charge it may be held over.

Texas leads the states in main pipe lines for transporting gas—6,000 miles. (Authority: Manufacturers' Record).

Bob Shuler Must Pay Court Fine

San Francisco, Oct. 9.—The California supreme court, in holding the Rev. Bob Shuler, militant Los Angeles preacher, guilty of contempt, decided the constitutional guarantee of free speech does not protect a citizen when he comments on pending court cases in an attempt to interfere "with the orderly administration of justice."

The decision upheld the conviction and punishment of Shuler for criticizing Superior Judge Marshall McComb of Los Angeles on his conduct of the trial of Jacob Barman and Ben Getzoff on charges growing out of the



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Julian Petroleum corporation collapse several years ago.

The Los Angeles superior court sentenced Shuler to 20 days imprisonment and fined him \$100. Shuler, pastor of Trinity Methodist Episcopal church, South, served 15 days of the sentence and then appealed, contending he had not committed contempt because his comments were made out of court and that the Los Angeles tribunal was without jurisdiction.

The supreme court upheld Shuler

on one of the four counts on the ground that in one case his criticism had been delivered after the trial in question had closed and the court's decision tendered. Having served the time required for three counts, Shuler may go free by paying the fine. His attorneys announced he would do so.

Legal covers at Merkel Mail office.
Read Merkel Mail Want Ads.

Baltimore Editor Dies.
Baltimore, Oct. 9.—Richard H. Edmonds, 73, founder and editor of the Manufacturers' Record, died at his home here Friday after an illness of several months. Mr. Edmonds, a native of Norfolk, Va., founded the publication, devoted to commerce and industry, especially in the south, a half century ago.

Second sheets at Merkel Mail office.

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REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE
FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK
Of Merkel, in the state of Texas, at the close of business on Sept. 24, 1930.

RESOURCES	
1. Loans and discounts	\$321,619.08
2. Overdrafts	92.68
3. United States Government securities owned	30,500.00
4. Other bonds, stocks, and securities owned	7,250.00
6. Furniture and fixtures,	6,750.00
7. Real Estate owned other than banking house	13,357.79
8. Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	20,701.64
9. Cash and due from banks	56,083.02
10. Outside checks and other cash items	1,154.45
11. Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer	312.50
14. Other assets Bills of Exchange (Cotton)	7,355.75
Total	\$465,176.91

LIABILITIES	
15. Capital stock paid in	\$ 50,000.00
16. Surplus	25,000.00
17. Undivided profits—net	15,499.20
20. Circulating notes outstanding	6,250.00
21. Due to banks, including certified and cashiers' checks outstanding	5,947.47
22. Demand deposits	284,064.31
23. Time deposits	60,325.25
26. Bills payable and rediscounts	18,090.68
Total	\$465,176.91

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Taylor, ss:
I, Booth Warren, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
BOOTH WARREN, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of October, 1930.
ROSIE LANEY,
Notary Public

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POULTRY

MAKING PROFITS
RAISING SQUABS

Careful Attention Must Be
Given to Details.

(Prepared by the United States Department
of Agriculture.)

Squab production will return a fair profit to persons who are willing to give careful, regular attention to the right kind of pigeons. Poultry men sometimes raise squabs as a specialty, but more commonly as a side issue to general farming or backyard poultry raising. Poultry specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture point out that it is advisable to start on a small scale and observe market conditions. Details concerning the method of housing, selection of breeding stock, and management of pigeons are described in Farmers' Bulletin 684-F, "Squab Raising," recently issued in a revised edition.

The greatest difficulties that confront the beginner, the bulletin explains, "are procuring good breeding stock and finding a market for the squabs. The profits in this business have been greatly over-estimated. In successful plants producing market squabs only, the average annual return above cost of fuel is between \$2 and \$2.50 for each pair of breeders. To be successful at the business, the squab raiser must give careful attention to details and have a thorough knowledge of squab production."

The following important points in squab raising are mentioned in the bulletin. A variety of good-quality, hard grains, including pens, should be fed; the pigeon pen should be dry, well ventilated, and free from rats and mice; and a double nest should be provided for each pair of breeders. Supply fresh drinking water, protected from dirt, and provide a separate pan for bathing. The squabs should be marketed as soon as they are feathered under the wings. Copies of Farmers' Bulletin 684-F may be procured from the Office of Information, United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

Turkey Business Shows Satisfactory Increase

Turkey raising in the United States has been regarded as a side issue and gamble, but increasing knowledge of parasitic diseases and their control is putting the industry on a more stable basis, says J. R. Lee, poultry husbandman of the United States Department of Agriculture. "There are now more than 3,500,000 turkeys on farms in this country, and they constitute 1 1/2 per cent of all poultry. The 1929 crop of market turkeys indicated a decided advance in the business as compared with 1928. The estimated increase was about 9 per cent."

Pullets Beginning to Lay Need Proper Mash

Pullets ready to start their careers as layers are ready for the feed of their elders. At this age they need a laying mash which contains more animal protein.

The University of Wisconsin suggests as a mash for pullets about to start laying, equal parts of ground corn, ground oats, wheat bran, standard middlings, and meat scraps. Salt is added to the mixture, at the rate of five pounds when 100 pounds of each of the five ingredients are used.

Poultry Hints

Chicks, when first started, make excellent forage for chicks.

Pullets' eggs usually do not bring as high a price on the market as do hens' eggs; therefore, it is to the advantage of the poultryman to bring the eggs up to normal size as soon as possible.

Grain, oyster shell and water are other essentials in a laying ration. Milk is an excellent poultry feed and may be substituted for one-half the meat scraps in the mash, if it is kept before the birds all the time.

Alfalfa is an ideal pasture for poultry. It is perennial and probably offers the most nourishment of all the plants you might grow.

Good Thanksgiving turkeys are well fed and fattened. A fat turkey carries a great deal of flesh and the meat is of higher quality.

There is so little difference in the merits of the White Rocks and Barred Rocks that few experts would venture to recommend one in preference to the other.

Egg size can be increased, quite often, by feeding milk in some form. If skim milk is plentiful on the farm, it is advisable to mix a wet mash with milk instead of water. Milk may also be provided in the drinking fountains.

There is nothing which will improve the quality of summer eggs more than the production of infertile eggs. This means that all roosters should be removed from the breeding flocks just as soon as hatching eggs are no longer needed.

FARM STOCK

FARMERS SAVE BY
BUTCHERING HOGS

Every Step Explained in Detail
by an Expert.

Every step in butchering hogs on the farm is explained in detail and illustrated in pictures in a recently issued bulletin by Fred H. Leinbach, assistant professor of animal husbandry at the Colorado Agricultural College.

Farmers can save the butcher's profit and the cost of butchering, cutting and curing by doing the work themselves, it is pointed out. Two men can easily kill and dress six medium-sized hogs in a half day, it is stated.

Among the various topics discussed in the bulletin, are: Necessary tools and equipment, which need not be expensive or elaborate; methods of killing, sticking, scalding, hanging the carcass, opening the carcass, splitting, chilling, cutting, rendering lard, curing, sweet pickle or brine-cured pork, smoking and storing.

Pictures in the bulletin illustrate clearly the method of sticking, the cooled carcass ready to be trimmed, separating the head at the atlas joint, separating the ham from the carcass, removing the shoulder, separating the loin and side meat, the five main cuts from each half of the carcass, removing the neck bone from the shoulder, separating the Boston butt from the shoulder proper, trimming the shoulder, trimming the ham and the ham trimmed and ready for curing.

Copies of the bulletin will be sent to anyone interested. Requests should be made for Bulletin 283-A, "Farm Butchering of Hogs," and should be sent to the college extension service.

When to Feed Wheat to Various Farm Animals

Stock farmers who grow wheat are often tempted to feed at least a part of the crop, especially in years when the price of wheat is low. This brings up the question of just how low the price of wheat must go to make it advisable to feed the crop rather than to sell it upon the world market. Ordinarily, the practice is to sell wheat and, if necessary, especially in the feeding of hogs, to purchase corn with a part of the money. This is due to the fact that the price of corn per bushel is usually not over two-thirds of the price of wheat per bushel. But some years large crops of wheat, or less than average crops of corn, bring about a situation in which the price of wheat and the price of corn are quite close together.

It is impossible to avoid such situations occasionally; the reasons are entirely outside the control of the individual farmer. In 1919 there were about 75 million acres of land in the United States growing wheat. By the year 1924 but 50 million acres were seeded to wheat. On top of this fluctuation in acreage for the United States we have a fluctuation in average yields of about 25 per cent.

Mange Cutting Profits From Pork Producers

South Dakota authorities estimate that one-fifth of all the hogs put on the market are infested with mange. This materially reduces prices because first-class hams cannot be cut from mangy hogs. Mange is caused by a mite which bores holes in the skin. A new generation appears about every 12 to 14 days and each female lays from 10 to 25 eggs. The best treatment is to dip with a thick oil that will not run off quickly. This will kill all the live mites. Treatment should be repeated in about 12 to 14 days in order to kill all of the mites that have hatched in the meantime. A warm lime sulphur dip is also effective.

Live Stock Facts

The only sure way to kill lice and ticks on sheep is to dip each animal in one of the standard dip solutions.

Cattle for experimental feeding at the Iowa State college are generally purchased in the fall or early winter months. They are usually fed about 180 days.

It is estimated that hog cholera is responsible for the death of about 6,000,000 hogs a year. This year the situation is particularly acute on account of the smaller number of hogs which have been vaccinated.

Mange usually starts around the head or nose but soon spreads over the sides and finally over the entire hog.

Farm management records show that the amount of live stock per farm is one of the important factors in determining farm profits.

Pigs make the most economical gains while they are growing rapidly, and consequently require more feed to produce 100 pounds gain as they become more mature.

Large Concourse of Friends Pay Last Tribute to Donahue

New York, Oct. 9.—In the heart of the theatrical district, where so recently boards clattered nightly with his rhythmic dancing, funeral services were held last Friday for Jack Donahue. Requiem mass was celebrated in St. Malachy's Church in West Forty-Ninth street, which was crowded with actors and admirers come to pay their last respects to the comic dancer who lifted himself from a medicine show to Broadway stardom. Outside, from Broadway to Eighth avenue, the street was packed so full that for more than an hour all traffic had to be diverted.

The services were attended by many from the theatrical world, prominent actors, directors and girls who had danced in the choruses of one or another of Donahue's successes. Ed Wynn was there, and Oscar Shaw, Thomas Meighan, Jack Hazzard, Lynn Overman and a host of others.

Only a few weeks ago "Sons O' Guns" closed its long Broadway run in a theatre just a few blocks below the church from which Donahue was buried. He took his dancing feet on tour with the same show, but his health began to fail, and they lost

their nimbleness. A little more than a week ago he had to leave the show in Cincinnati and return to New York under medical care. He died Wednesday.

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Many people feel that when they give their business to some firm outside their own community it is just the "hard luck" of the local firm which loses the business. This is not the case.

Purchases made in your community start that amount of money in circulation in your community. Rent and taxes are paid with that money; shoes, dresses, groceries, radios, hats, needles, thread, automobiles, tires, gasoline, dentistry, school supplies—everything that is sold by anybody is bought with a part of the money that is paid for anything bought and sold in your community.

It is not any more a matter of local loyalty to buy at home than it is a matter of self-preservation. When you buy a pair of shoes, for instance, somewhere else which you might have bought at home, you not only take business away from your local shoe merchant, but you take money away from our local bank and the whole town loses just that amount of circulating wealth.

It is just good, sound business practice to buy things at home.

BUY AT HOME AND HELP YOUR TOWN TO GROW

Trent News and Personal Notes

Mrs. W. J. Reynolds has returned home after an extended visit with her son, John, and family of Dripping Springs.

Mrs. Childress and little daughter of Anson spent last week in the home of her sister, Mrs. Curley Edwards.

Mrs. Clay Reid and son of Wichita Falls were here Saturday attending to business and greeting old friends.

Mr. J. C. Roberts and Miss Nerver Kiser of Midland were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Roberts last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Beasley have returned home after a week's stay in Scott and White's hospital at Temple.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Beckham and little son of Lamesa were week-end guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Beckham.

Hudson Roberts of Gladwater was a recent guest in the home of his brother, J. P. Roberts.

Mr. Joe Nalley and Mrs. Garnett Bryan were called to Dublin last Tuesday to see a sister, Mrs. Walter Buechee, who has been seriously ill for sometime.

On last Thursday Mesdames Joe Brown, Bud Brown, Gordon Howell, Homer Terry, J. B. Winn, J. P. Roberts, A. W. Woods and A. C. Terry and Miss Estelle Terry spent the day with Mrs. E. Massey in Hamlin.

Rev. and Mrs. Ural S. Sherrill and children were called to Cross Plains Saturday to attend the funeral of John W. Booth, a brother-in-law to Mrs. Sherrill. They returned Sunday afternoon.

Miss May Hamner was a recent visitor of Miss Thelma Titsworth of Rankin.

Miss Lou Ella Steen of Clyde is visiting relatives here.

HOME ECONOMICS.

The following is the program for the Home Economics club for Oct. 14 at 3:30 at the High School auditorium, to which an invitation is extended to all:

Song, Home Economics Girls.
 "Our Cooking Class," four girls.
 Reading, Sarah J. Johnson.
 Journal reading, Lena Bright.
 Reading, Jo Ella McLeod.
 Play, "Sewing Society," seven girls.

TRENT METHODIST CHURCH.

For the past two Sundays our crowds have been small on account of the rain, but we urge a full attendance next Sunday rain or shine. We have a good dry church and comfortable seats. It's only about five to twenty-five minutes drive from your home, and you'll find an hour or two spent at church Sunday morning in worship will put cheer and gladness into the day for you. "Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together." The pastor will preach at both morning and evening services Sunday. Only one month remains until our annual conference. Let's make it the best month of the twelve. Now is a time to exercise faith and courage and well we may for, "There hath not failed one word of all his good promises." 1 King 8:56. Sunday School meets promptly at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

HOLIDAY NOTICE.

On account of Columbus Day falling on Sunday, the following banks will observe Monday, October 13, as a legal holiday by remaining closed all day. Customers will please take notice and make their arrangements accordingly.

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TELEPHONE THE MAIL

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

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 Sun., Mon.
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 Tues., Wed.
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Outlook for Upward Trend is Excellent

Abilene, Oct. 9.—The output of electric energy throughout the nation during 1930 indicates favorable business conditions and the outlook for an upward trend is excellent, according to a recent investigation conducted by the National Electric Light association and made available from the general office of the West Texas Utilities company here.

Figures on electric output are generally considered to be an excellent barometer of business conditions, as electric consumption reflects immediately the industrial operations of the country.

According to the survey, output for the nation as a whole has in no week since the readjustment started fallen under 4 per cent for the corresponding weeks of the high levels of 1929. In most weeks these levels have been exceeded.

Total sales of electric power to all classes of customers for the first seven months showed an increase of 1.4 per cent over 1929 and an increase of 14.4 per cent over the same period in 1928.

Industrial use of power showed a slight decrease for the first seven months of 1930 under 1929. This decrease was 2.4 per cent but the 1930 industrial use was still 9.9 per cent over the first seven months of 1928.

According to West Texas Utility

company executives, the national figures reflect practically the same picture of general conditions as do the figures for the West Texas Utilities company. It was pointed out that "These comparisons indicate that fundamentally the industry of the United States has not been seriously affected by the recent period of readjustment and would seem to show that the nation can expect an early return to normal. The outlook is decidedly encouraging."

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The lower Rio Grande valley of Texas has 6,001,101 citrus trees, 958,853 of which were planted in 1929. Texas citrus orchards represent a total value of \$143,000,000.

Frogs to Dedicate Stadium Tomorrow

Fort Worth, Oct. 9.—Oct. 11, 1924, the Horned Frog eleven of Texas Christian university dedicated a new playing field, now known as Clark Field. The dedicatory exercises consisted chiefly of a 17-to-10 victory over Oklahoma A. & M.

Oct. 11, 1930, the Frogs will dedicate their new \$350,000 stadium. The coincidence in the date, and the fact that the opponents again come from out of the state, from the north, has given Christian supporters a "hunch" that the dedication will again be celebrated with a victory.

T. C. U. played for the last time on old Clark field against Austin College Saturday, Sept. 27, gaining a 33-to-7 victory. During the six years in which the field has been in use, the Frogs have won 23 games, lost 7 and tied 3 in a total of 33 played on the home gridiron. The Purple has scored a total of 522 points on Clark field, while opponents have rolled up 219.

T. C. U. has met fourteen colleges

and universities in home games during the six years of play on Clark field. They are: Texas A. & M., Texas university, Daniel Baker, East Texas Teachers, Texas Tech, Baylor University, Southern Methodist, Rice, North Texas Teachers, Oklahoma A. & M., University of Arkansas, Simmons, Centenary and Abilene Christian college.

BUSINESS CHANGE.

I have sold my half interest in the Bob Martin Grocery Company to my partner, Bob Martin, who will continue the business in the same name, Bob Martin Grocery Company. I wish to take this opportunity to thank all my friends and customers for their liberal business and for every courtesy that has been shown me in the past 16 years with this firm and assure them that every courtesy has been appreciated.

It is my desire that you continue to trade at the Bob Martin Grocery Company and I assure you that you will receive the same courteous treatment that it has been our aim to give you in the past.

To those that we have accommodated

and that still owe the Bob Martin Grocery Company, this will notify you that your account is in the hands of Bob Martin and will be due the firm of Bob Martin Grocery Company.

W. M. Elliott.

I have bought my partner, W. M. Elliott's half interest in the Bob Martin Grocery Company and will continue the business as the Bob Martin Grocery Company. To all of Mr. Elliott's friends and mine also, I want to assure you that I have appreciated your business and beg of you to continue with me as you have in the past, and I assure you I will appreciate it and will do my best to serve you as courteously as possible.

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APPLES, Washington Johnitas, nice size, dozen	25c
GRAPES, Tokays, 3 lbs.	25c
CRACKERS, Nationals, 2 lb. caddys	28c
LARD, Armours Vegetole, 8 lb.	\$1.00
MATCHES, good and cheap, 3 boxes	10c
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OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE HOME STATE BANK

at Trent, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 24th day of September, 1930, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, State of Texas, on the 10th day of October, 1930.

RESOURCES

Loans and discounts, on personal or collateral security	\$108,449.28
Loans secured by real estate	4,964.50
Overdrafts	397.54
Securities of U. S., any State or political subdivision thereof	300.00
Other bonds and stocks owned	58.16
Banking House \$4,000.00, Furniture & Fixtures \$1,400.00	5,400.00
Cash in bank	2,760.55
Due from approved reserve agents	77,185.48
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check on demand	4,803.93
Other Resources—Cash Collections	75.00
Bills of Exchange (Cotton)	299.86
TOTAL	\$204,694.30

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 25,000.00
Undivided profits, net	23,143.07
Individual Deposits subject to check, including time deposits due in 30 days	156,151.23
Cashier's Checks Outstanding	400.00
TOTAL	\$204,694.30

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Taylor:

We, J. T. Warren, as President and L. E. Adrian, as Cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

J. T. WARREN, President.
 L. E. ADRIAN, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of October, A. D. 1930.

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"Getting out my heaters too early?...."



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"YOU HAVEN'T heard about my famous 'Alaskan' bridge party? I thought everyone knew about it by now. It happened about this time last fall. The weather seemed ideal. I worked like a Trojan and resolved never to attempt such a large party again. Along about ten o'clock that morning I thought it was getting chilly but I was so busy that I didn't notice it much. At two o'clock I began to worry because it was decidedly cooler, and by four it was so cold everyone was playing in their wraps. I was simply frantic... every heater I had was stored away... anyhow, it was too late to get them out. You can't imagine how embarrassed I was, because practically every

friend I have was there. It cured me though... the weather will never trick me again!"

Now is the time to get out your gas heater to avoid any uncomfortable periods and perhaps embarrassing situations. Weather statistics show that during the fall in this section of the country we always have unexpected cold snaps blow up with but a moment's notice. Drop in at your local gas company or gas appliance dealer and inspect the latest model heaters they have on display. There is a gas heater, especially designed, for every room of your home. You will enjoy their new beauty and be glad to learn of their increased efficiency.

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