

TAYLOR COUNTY 1930 VALUATIONS TOTAL \$24,691,980

East Year's Rolls Greater by \$136,000 Than This Year, But Assessments for 1930 Exceed Previous Year Due to Increase.

Taylor county's assessed property valuation for 1930 is \$24,691,980, and taxes assessed, including county, state, special and school, total \$474,454.02, according to report of J. T. Howard, county assessor, approved Tuesday by the Taylor county commissioners court, in monthly session.

Although last year's valuation was \$24,822,405, greater by \$130,425 than this year's, the total of assessed taxes for 1929 amounted to \$465,003.01, less by \$9,451.01 than the revenue assessed for 1930. The increase in taxes is the result of a higher county rate, 97 cents on \$100 valuation, Mr. Howard explained. The 1929 county rate was 94 cents, the levy having been raised this year to care for outstanding road bonds.

The loss in valuation this year is largely due to a decrease in personal property, the assessor said. Back tax assessments are also smaller, he stated.

State taxes assessed for 1930 on county property are \$170,380.56; special taxes \$13,554.85, and schools \$51,002.34, the three, with the county item of \$239,516.27, totaling \$474,454.02.

Assessed valuation of Taylor county's 563,935 acres of land is \$4,854,880; city property, \$12,727,460, and personal property \$4,628,160.

The county's 104.47 miles of railroad is assessed on a valuation of \$1,651,915, with the following estimates: rolling stock \$147,580, value of road beds \$961,860, and intangible assets \$542,475.

Telegraph and telephone properties were listed at \$53,710; pipelines \$400,870, and banks \$375,285.

Drilling to Start On Cade Tract By First of Month

Drilling is due to start before the first of November by the Southern Oil company of Fort Worth on a well on the L. R. Cade 80-acre tract, adjoining the Coats well in the Phillips lease.

Tom Largent was instrumental in negotiating the details of the drilling contract and it is good news to the people of Merkel and particularly to those directly interested in the oil game that some activity is renewed in the local field.

Gold Star Head Dies.

San Francisco, Oct. 16.—Funeral arrangements were made here Friday for Mrs. Leah H. Davis, national president of the Gold Star Mothers, who died after a short illness.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, October 21, 1910.)

Good-Roads-Bond-Issue is all we can find in the Merkel Mail, Oct. 21st, 1910. The voters had an awful time putting over the bonds for roads we've been enjoying for twenty years.

HOGAN-RINEY.

Mr. F. E. Hogan and Miss Maude Riney were married at the home of the bride Sunday. Those present were Misses Gertrude and Zella Hogan, Sallie Toombs, and Messrs. Will Toombs, Ira Stanley, Ira Moore, Joe Riney, Homer Hogan and Mr. and Mrs. Jet Riney.

All had a nice time and a good dinner and we wish them a long and happy life.

C. M. Largent loaded out his prize-winning Herefords this week for the Dallas Fair and will, as usual, cop the best premiums.

The Rock Crossing school will be to work Monday. Prof. Low Barnett proper have charge of the school and expect an enrollment of thirty pupils.

Four thousand dollars and five class gravel pikes are expected but if it doesn't rain more to finish up

Red Cross Allots 175 Bushels Wheat To 32 Applicants

About 175 bushels of wheat were allotted to 32 applicants as the result of the Red Cross survey made here last Monday. County Agent C. M. Heald and Miss Caroline Chambers, home demonstration agent, were both in Merkel on that date to receive applications from those desiring to secure aid according to the Red Cross plan of distribution of wheat without cost to a certified list of farmers needing such aid.

J. T. Warren, as member of the Taylor County Drouth Relief committee, had Merkel's allotment of wheat hauled from Abilene for distribution from the Lions hall here as a convenience to those receiving the seed.

TYE IS SERVED BY MERCHANT AGENT

Freight shipments from Tye over the Texas & Pacific railway are now being handled by J. W. Hassey, recently appointed merchant agent for the road, following the closing of the Tye station. The new arrangement went into effect October 8, at which date the T. & P. office was discontinued.

Two passenger trains, an eastbound and a westbound, Nos. 3 and 4, make daily stops at Tye to pick up passengers. Hassey maintains the road's business in the postoffice, across the street from the station.

A. J. Grantham, station agent who had been located in Tye for 11 years, has been transferred to Pyote as a T. & P. operator. Mr. Grantham formerly lived in Pyote in 1913 and 1914, when he served that point as station agent. He sold his home in Tye last week.

Way-bills for outbound shipments from Tye are made in Abilene as the nearest open station. Mr. Hassey signs bills of lading in Tye. Incoming shipments are unloaded there from local freights and deliveries made by Mr. Hassey from a railside warehouse.

Sustains Broken Back.

In an automobile accident near Post late Saturday afternoon, Mrs. Gene Hargrove of Abilene, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt, sustained serious injuries, being carried to a sanitarium at Lubbock, where it was learned that her back was broken. She and her husband and little son were on their way back to their home in Abilene when the accident happened. Reports received since the accident are encouraging, but it was, of course, impossible for Mrs. Hargrove to be moved to an Abilene hospital and, hence, she continues at the sanitarium in Lubbock.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Walter Coffman, Jr., celebrated his third birthday by falling from a third story of a hotel at Denison, escaping with only a few scratches.

An unidentified man, about 50 years old, was fatally injured in Ft. Worth when he was struck down by one automobile and run over by another.

The Robert Mueller municipal airport, which cost the city of Austin \$75,000 and is located two and one-half miles east of the city, was dedicated Tuesday.

Amendments to the city charter of Dallas proposing the council-city manager form of government, to be effective May 1, carried by approximately two to one.

Fainting at the cemetery as she attended the funeral services of her father, Joseph W. Watcher, Mrs. George Otis Cadden, 39, of Victoria died a few hours later.

Fulling that little red wagon, Lloyd Hayes of Sanger, Texas, arrived at El Paso Wednesday, paying in full his election bet on the Ferguson race for governor to Hubert C. Stinson.

Furniture valued at \$200,000, belonging to Dwight Morrow, former ambassador to Mexico, passed through the port at Laredo Wednesday, bound for Morrow's Englewood, N. J., home.

Collections of \$32,221,520, subject to possible refund of \$2,292,535, in the state gasoline tax were reported for the fiscal year, ending August 31, by George H. Sheppard, state comptroller.

R. W. "Rich" Brown, rancher, was drowned in the Cagaby river near his ranch 25 miles south of Canadian, when he was attempting to cross the river on his horse, which became entangled in a submerged fence.

Although a gridiron is only 100 yards long, Captain Nelson of the Austin High school team, by receiving the ball back of his own goal line, ran 110 yards for a touchdown in Saturday's game with Temple High.

Mrs. Louise Lebaron was given five years in prison, but sentence was suspended, by a jury in district court at Coleman after a trial on a charge in connection with the death of an infant killed in an automobile accident a year ago.

A hanging attempt made by a 36-year old prisoner, being held on a charge of intoxication, at a Houston police station was thwarted when another prisoner found the man with a rope made of a blanket around his neck.

When a burglar was chased from the room of George Purl of Dallas, state senator-elect, the burglar carried away the latter's trousers, a purse containing personal papers and a small amount of money and a watch.

Plans are being made at San Angelo to send 150 good will ambassadors into Mexico about November 1 and the envoys will probably ride a special train commemorating the completion of the Santa Fe extension from Alpine to Presidio.

Suspension of a student, who was said to have appeared at a university dance in an intoxicated condition, has been announced by Dean V. I. Moore, dean of the student life of the University of Texas, based on action by the faculty discipline committee.

Sustaining only slight bruises, Morris Lee Ledbetter, 14, picked himself up after he had been thrown 30 feet clear of the wreckage when his car was demolished by a fast passenger train of the Cotton Belt when it was hit on a grade crossing, near Carrollton.

Fire which started from an overheated motor in the Continental Oil company's \$65,000 tri-motor plane at Big Spring Tuesday was quickly extinguished. The plane is of the newest type, equipped with bed, shower, kitchen and electric heating device.

Record of Births.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Martin Roundtree, of Noodle, Sunday, October 12, 1930.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Price, Sunday, October 12, 1930.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hendry, Monday, October 13, 1930.

SPINNER, BANKER AND FARMER ALL ASKED TO HELP

Cotton Trade Leaders Adopt Resolutions in New Orleans Meeting to Restore Confidence in Cotton Market.

New Orleans, Oct. 16.—Resolutions to restore confidence in the cotton market in the present low market price were adopted here Monday night in a meeting of cotton trade leaders called by the American Cotton Shippers association after E. F. Creekmore, general manager of the American Cotton Cooperative association, had announced that the cooperative organization intends to use the cotton future markets for hedging purposes for the protection of the price and basis of its cotton.

The platform adopted asked the spinners to anticipate their future requirements for this year and next, the bankers to lend money to the producers contingent upon a substantial reduction in acreage, and advised the farmer to harvest his crop, hold for better prices and reduce his acreage.

Acting on the observation of D. E. McCuen, of Greenville, S. C., president of the American Cotton Shippers association, and chairman of the meeting, the delegates decided at this time to withhold discussion of any amendments to the federal farm act that it might have more mature consideration.

Addressing the assemblage and asking them to have confidence in the administrations of the federal farm board, the department of agriculture dealing with the problems confronting the farmer, business and industry, were Chairman Alexander H. Legge of the farm board; Carl Williams, cotton member of the board, secretary of commerce Lamont and Mr. Creekmore.

Prolonged and sometimes heated discussions featured the executive session of several hours in which criticisms were hurled at the American Cotton Cooperative association, the challenge accepted, apologies made and the remarks expunged from the record.

BADGERS LOSE TO ANSON SQUAD 18-0

Again greatly outweighed, the Badgers were defeated 18 to 0 by Anson on the latter's field last Friday. This was the first conference game for either team and, although the loss was a severe jolt to Merkel's hopes of winning the district, it did not by any means put them out of the running, if they win the rest of their conference games. This they have a good chance to do as well as the opportunity of a tie for this half of the district.

This Friday afternoon Coach Irvin and his Badgers squad journey to Stamford for another conference game. The boys say they are determined to do or die in this melee.

The first half of the game with Anson was fought in or near midfield, neither team threatening seriously, but in the third quarter when a good return of a punt placed the ball on Merkel's 12-yard line, Anson, after being held twice for downs, went over for a touchdown on the third attempt. By recovering a fumble Anson was able to score again early in the fourth and then manage for their third touchdown later in the same quarter. All attempts for point failed.

The Badgers opened up with a passing attack in the final quarter and would have scored had not the game ended so quickly afterward. One of the features of the game was Merkel's strong defense, with Darsey as the star, defensively and offensively, while Coates also played an excellent game defensively.

The line-up for the Badgers follows: Ends, Sheppard, Shannon; tackles, Mashburn, Baker; guards, Coates, Collins; center, Middleton; full, Tucker; Halves, Derrick, Wilson; quarter, Darsey (captain.)

Substitutions—Vickers for Derrick, Derrick for Vickers, Russell for Sheppard, Sheppard for Russell, Clark for Coates, Ferrier for Clark, Toombs for Ferrier.

Next Luncheon of Lions Club Comes Tuesday, Oct. 21

According to the new plan of meeting only twice a month, which became effective with the month of October, the next luncheon of the Lions club will be Tuesday of next week, October 21.

At this time C. W. Delmer is to be toastmaster. He will be assisted by W. O. Boney and Booth Warren, whose special duty it is to see that each Lion is advised of the stated meeting of the club and to boost attendance.

Until further notice, the Lions are to meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month instead of each week as heretofore.

FRAZIER CHOSEN ON SCHOOL BOARD

Henry Frazier of Merkel, land owner and former Taylor county commissioner, Saturday was named to the board of county school trustees, succeeding Lynn R. Thompson, also of Merkel. Mr. Thompson resigned his place on the board a week ago when appointed to the office of Taylor county auditor.

Mr. Frazier's appointment was made by the board of trustees, in a called session held in the office of M. A. Williams, county superintendent.

He has been a resident of this city for more than 20 years and served two terms as county commissioner from this precinct. He was also formerly a member of the city council here.

Mr. Frazier is well fitted for the duties he will assume as a member of the county school board and his many friends here are greatly pleased at his appointment by the board.

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Another Inch of Rain.

A repetition of the slow, ground-soaking rain, which fell the week-end before, but not in such large proportions, was welcomed in this section, beginning Saturday afternoon and continuing through the night, all day Sunday and part of Sunday night and with light rains on Monday. The total precipitation during this period was exactly one inch, according to the report of B. M. Black, volunteer weather observer, bringing the month's total to nearly four inches to date.

Public Building Plan.

Washington, Oct. 16.—More than \$100,000,000 in new public building contracts will be let by the treasury in 1930 in carrying out an expanded building program which the administration planned as an aid to business recovery.

COAST-TO-COAST AIRMAIL SERVICE GETS UNDER WAY

Giant Tri-Motored Transport Ships Take Air at Los Angeles, Dallas and Atlanta to Initiate Southern Route.

Giant tri-motored transport ships took the air at Los Angeles, Dallas and Atlanta Wednesday in an inauguration of the first regularly scheduled coast-to-coast airmail and passenger service over the southern route. Fitting ceremonies were held at each stop along the route.

Four ships flew westward from Atlanta, eastern terminus of the Southern Air Fast Express company, carrying among others, Postmaster General Walter F. Brown. From Los Angeles, west coast terminus of the route, another plane took off with Atlanta as its destination.

At Dallas, two other planes took off, one for Los Angeles and the other for Atlanta. Each carried mail and passengers.

Dallas, lying approximately midway between Atlanta and Los Angeles, will serve as an overnight stop for both east and west bound planes until a portion of the route between Dallas and Los Angeles can be lighted for night flying.

The schedule from coast-to-coast is 19 hours actual flying time. The Atlanta-Dallas-Fort Worth hop with intermediate stops, at Tuscaloosa, Ala., Jackson, Miss., and Shreveport, La., requires seven hours while the leg from Dallas to Los Angeles will be flown on a schedule of 12 hours.

Stops between Dallas and the west coast terminus are Fort Worth, Big Spring and El Paso, Texas, and Phoenix, Tucson and Douglas, Ariz.

Senior Girls Win Over Juniors 35-11

The High School baseball girls played the Grammar School girls Tuesday afternoon and won a very decided victory, the score being 35 to 11.

Vivian Lasater and Rogene Dye tied for the highest number of scores on the High school team, and Billie Bernice Gambill ran in the highest number on the Grammar school team. Jess Higgins (captain), Rogene Dye, and Lena Bryan made home run hits. Miss Orpha Patterson called the game.

Miss Patterson, coach for Grammar school girls has been training her team for quite awhile. Great work is expected of them in the county meet this year. Such a bad defeat of the team Tuesday was probably due to the absence of one or two of their best players.

Mr. Riddle, who has charge of the High school baseball girls, has produced a real team this year. They are expected to win over Trent Thursday.



A FEW MORE POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

A pretty good slogan for every merchant today is the old one "Don't pass us B U Y," and it would be good advice for every consumer, for right now is the best time for everybody to "buy something."

How is business anyway—your business? Don't give that old worn out stock answer before you think it over, seriously. When you have thought it out on a fair and square basis, then ask yourself this question. "To what extent am I personally responsible for it?"

The biggest three words in 1930 Selling (and everybody is selling you know) are Think, Work and Adapt.

A man from the West tells some men in the East that they cry too much and plan too little. Just a nice way of saying "cut out the squawking and go to work." Good advice and I know some firms who, having had that told them several months ago, profited by it. "Believe it or not," these very concerns are doing more business in 1930 than they did in 1929—not only doing more business but making more money.

Thomas Edison once said that "the American people will go to any extreme to avoid the necessity of thinking." That's rather cruel, but 1930 is sure proving it. Why not do a little individual thinking? Why not get away from the opinion of the unthinking majority? Especially if that opinion is a depressing one. Never in the life of anyone under fifty has there been the opportunity to "get going to get it" that there is right now. The wise ones are already on their way.

The lights that control the traffic of business are green. They may look red to you, but remember there are lots of people who are color blind and don't know it. Take your foot off the brake and stop.

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Tipica Orchestra At Abilene Oct. 22

Abilene, Oct. 16.—The "romance of Mexico in melody" will be presented here October 22 in two performances when the Mexican Tipica orchestra appears here on that date. Called "the most colorful musical organization in the world," the Tipica orchestra is now making its second tour of America.

While the orchestra makes a specialty of Mexican folk music, it also plays the classics and American jazz. With some of their own Mexican instruments, unknown in this country, they are said to give an added quality to the American pieces, a softer, haunting quality.

The organization is made up of 40 picked musicians, mostly graduates of the National Conservatory of Music at Mexico City. They are led by Senor Juan Torreblanca, Mexico's premier maestro, recognized today as one of the world's great orchestra conductors.

The two performances will be given at the auditorium at Simmons university, with the school sponsoring the attraction. Something new is being offered in a 25c matinee for school children. Although no money will be made on this show, the management has decided on this policy of school matinees as a part of their policy to contribute to the artistic appreciation of this section.

Get your share at a dime a pair—Children's Hose—Saturday Special at Brown's Bargain Store

Expecting car McAlister Coal about 20th. Have plenty Magnolia coke on hand. Don't forget us.

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WTUC Announces More Extensions in This Area

Abilene, October 16.—The West Texas Utilities company construction program for the next two weeks will feature expansion and development in both electric and water properties, and indicates considerable oil field activity in the Vernon and McCamey Oil fields.

Three extensions to the Dalhart water system will be made, involving the laying of 1025 feet, 750 feet, and 400 feet of two inch main to strengthen the water distribution system and connect new customers. 5400 feet of two inch main extensions will be added to the new system at Dumas, where extensive improvements have been carried forward.

New lines and extensions to be built in the Vernon oil field include a three mile line to deliver power to the Zenith Oil company, a single phase extension to the Cosden Oil company for additional lighting demand and new lines and equipment to serve the Easter Oil corporation and the Empire Fuel company. An extension will be built to the World Oil company lease near Bakersfield to deliver power for oil well pumping.

Distribution systems will be extended and improved in Dalhart, Rowena, Hawley and Hamlin.

Repairs will be made at the Lake Pauline dam, near Quanah, to replace rip-rap that has been destroyed by fishermen and to fill in washes.

An appropriation has been made to cover the cost of mapping Operating District "H," headquarters at McCamey, which includes the towns of Best, Big Lake, McCamey, Iranan and Rev-Vis.

At Abilene, a 6 x 36 foot concrete platform will be added to the west end of the general warehouse.

Substation improvements will be made at Cross Plains, where consid-

erable new equipment will be added. At the Vernon substation, one mile of static wire will be installed on the Oklahoma, Chillicothe and Electra circuits feeding the substation. This work was made necessary because of the severity of lightning in the territory. The static wire will protect valuable substation equipment.


Work on the outlined program is scheduled to go forward at once, with completion dates set in the near future, according to word from the construction department.

THE TOWN DOCTOR

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on the gas. Just because the other fellow can't shift gears is no sign that you have to sit there and watch him, telling the world he is a bum driver. Besides that, you're holding up traffic.

Now is a mighty good time for all business people of every community to think about where their automobiles will be parked during business

She Suffered from NERVES



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

DR. MILES' NERVINE

hours of these fall days. Parking their cars where customer cars could be parked proves Edison's statement, and is one sure way of putting a brake on business—their business.

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

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"Normal household necessities utilize the first two steps, so with the new Home Comfort rate, this burglary insurance is even more economical, for it is billed on the low rate of 4c per kilowatt-hour—3c where service is also used for heating or cooking.

"The next time you spend an evening out—leave lights burning in one or two of your rooms. Notice the sense of security with which you enter your home—then check your light bill. You will be surprised at the extreme economy of this efficient Burglary Insurance. Watch for me next week, I'll have some more ideas for you."

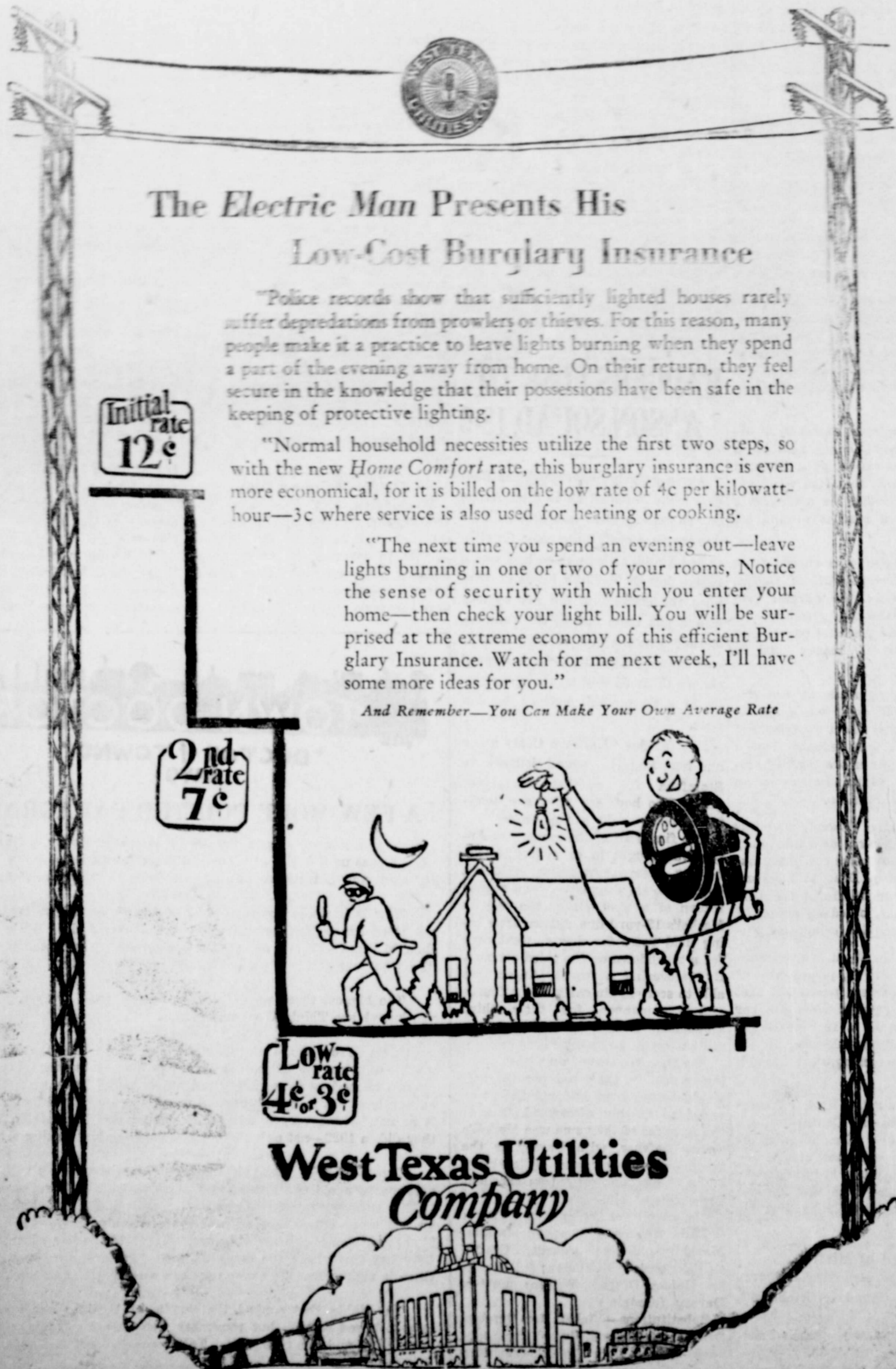
And Remember—You Can Make Your Own Average Rate

Initial rate
12c

2nd rate
7c

Low rate
4c or 3c

West Texas Utilities Company



Lindy Buys 160-Acre Farm Near Princeton

New York, Oct. 16.—Colonel and Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh have bought a farm near Princeton, N. J., and hope presently to make it their eastern home.

The farm contains a little more than 160 acres, Colonel Lindbergh told the Associated Press. Most of it is hilly and covered with dense trees and hard land, but it will be possible to make a landing field for small planes and the colonel intimated that might be done.

The Lindberghs contemplate building a home on the farm "sometime" and although the colonel has no intention of changing his legal residence from St. Louis he and his wife plan to make the Princeton place their residence when they are in the east. They now have a New York apartment and also spend some of their time at the Englewood, N. J., home of Dwight W. Morrow, Mrs. Lindbergh's father.

The Princeton acreage is not far from the estate of Gerald B. Lambert, one of those who helped finance Lindbergh's New York-Paris flight.

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Mail want ads pay dividends.



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Cripple Burned to Death in His Car

Bonham, Oct. 16.—F. C. Priestly, county clerk of Fannin county, was burned to death in his automobile in Sulphur creek bottom between Ladonia and Bonham Monday.

Priestly took his wife to Ladonia, their former home, and then set out for Bonham. Subsequently, he turned again toward Ladonia.

Men working in a nearby field suddenly heard shouts for help and saw an automobile in flames and a man sitting at the wheel. Apparently he was dead when the men reached him, but they put a wire about the body and pulled it from the burning car.

No one could explain the source of the fire. Priestly was a cripple and probably unable to jump from the automobile. The body was burned almost beyond recognition.

For Sale.

A few choice pigs, \$3.50 each. See Angus Garvin on Warren Ranch.

Typewriting and carbon paper at Mail office.

ARGOTANE WINS PRAISE WELL-KNOWN WACOAN

Mrs. S. M. Truitt Declares She Feels Different Person Since Argotane Brought Relief.

"Yes, Argotane has helped me wonderfully," Mrs. S. M. Truitt told a representative of the Argotane company. Mrs. Truitt resides at 204 Bower St., Waco, Texas, and is well known there.

"I suffered for five years from stomach trouble and a general run-down condition," continued Mrs. Truitt, who by the way, looks mighty healthy now. "I lost my appetite entirely and had to force myself to eat enough to keep me on my feet. But whatever I ate would disagree with me. The food would sour on my stomach and I would bloat up after every meal. I had lots of gas that caused pains in my stomach, and I suffered from indigestion all the time.

"Not being able to eat regularly was bad enough for a person in my condition, but in addition to this, I was very nervous and could not rest at night. This loss of sleep further prevented me from ridding my system of disease, and I always felt tired and sluggish.

"When you stop to think of it, it is all the more surprising how Argotane relieved me so promptly and wonderfully. Here I had been suffering from this trouble for five years, yet I have taken only two bottles of Argotane and am so much improved that I can eat anything I want to and am never bothered with indigestion or bloating from gas. I can sleep like a log and am not a bit nervous. On the whole, I feel like a different person.

"It was hearing so many good things about Argotane that influenced me to try it, and I can say that everything I heard was true. I recommend it highly because it has helped me so much, and I want others to know about it."

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

HEBRON NEWS

We had another good rain Saturday night and everyone is surely looking forward to good crops for another year.

Mr. William Burleson is on the sick list this week.

Mr. Leo Harris has returned home from Fort Worth where he has been working.

Several farmers are sowing grain for winter pasture. Messrs. Dale Burleson and Paul Pannell were in Merkel Sunday.

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.

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Try a Classified Ad in The Mail

Married 68 Years. Hutchinson, Minn., Oct. 16.—Mr. and Mrs. Henry Harrison Harding Saturday celebrated the 63th anniversary of their marriage. The secret of a long, happily married life, they said, is good cooking and good housekeeping.

Read Merkel Mail Want Ads.

INDIGESTION RELIEVED
... QUICKLY
 This Purely Vegetable Fill aids nature as a laxative in its digestive duties. Often one of these little pills taken after meals or at bedtime will do wonders, especially when you have over-eaten or are troubled with constipation. Remember they are Dr. Carter's formula, young and old can take them. All Druggists 25c and 75c red pkgs.

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Effective Now Annual Bargain Rates:

Abilene Morning News 1 Year	\$4.70
Merkel Mail 1 Year	1.50
Total	\$6.20
Both Papers 1 Year	\$5.50
Star Telegram, Daily and Sunday	\$7.15
Merkel Mail 1 Year	1.50
Total	\$8.65
Both Papers 1 Year	\$8.00
Star Telegram, Daily Only	\$5.95
Merkel Mail 1 Year	1.50
Total	\$7.45
Both Papers 1 Year	\$6.50
Dallas News, Daily and Sunday	\$7.45
Merkel Mail 1 Year	1.50
Total	\$8.95
Both Papers 1 Year	\$8.00
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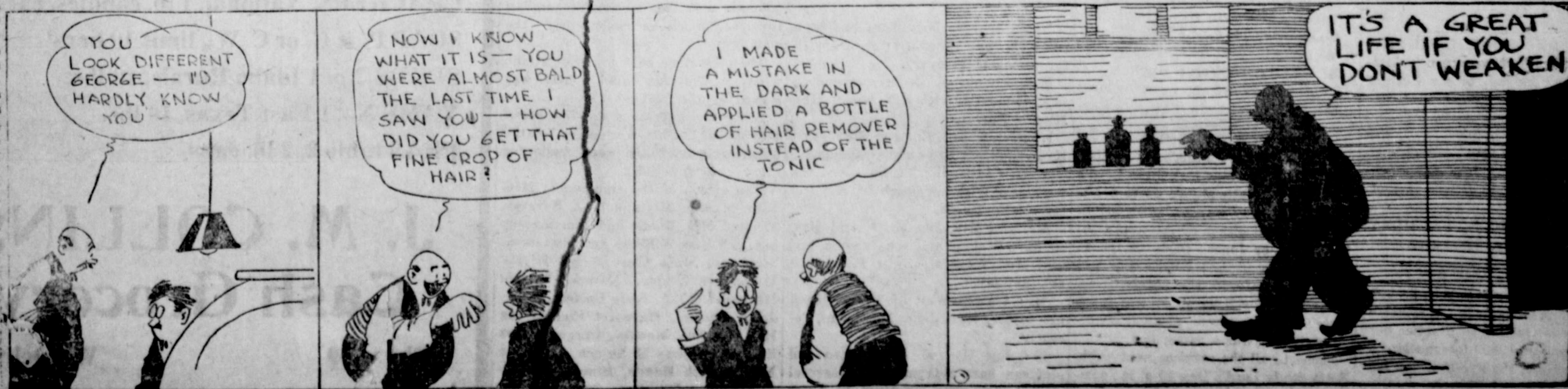
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THE WORLD'S TIRED FEELING.
(Fort Worth Star-Telegram)

Roger W. Babson, able student of economic affairs and distinguished business diagnostician, makes the arresting declaration that what is the matter with the world and the world's business is that the people of the world are mentally and physically "tired out." Mr. Babson says that during the next few years the physicians can do more than the statisticians toward bringing back prosperity.

The reason why exhaustion, ascribed to the letdown from the severe mental and physical strain developed during the World War and continued since, is at the base of present business depression, is thus explained by Mr. Babson: The facts are that the world does not need to accumulate economic wealth; it already has that in great store. There is a financial surplus of almost everything—silver, sugar, coffee, rubber, cotton, wool, oil, wheat and other foodstuffs. There is a surplus wealth of steamships and railroad cars to transport these commodities, and a surplus of mills and factories to turn them into marketable goods. Money is loaning at 2 per cent, savings banks deposits are increasing and life insurance is being sold in an unprecedented volume. The world is overstocked with raw materials and goods awaiting buyers. Statisticians say that the technical solution of this problem is "to increase the circulation of money"—that is, to get people to spend more instead of save more and hence actively use the ten billion dollars worth of savings which are now idle.

Now, says Mr. Babson, people buy 80 per cent of their purchases irrespective of how they feel, but the other 20 per cent—which 20 per cent really determines whether business is good or bad—depends on how they feel mentally and physically. Therefore, the best thing that industry can do toward speeding up business is to take active step to eliminate that tired feeling which is universal throughout the world today.

There is no doubt that men and women have let down. Captains of industry are tired out. Executives are tired out. Although they are going to business every day, being dependent on their salaries, many of them are merely going through the motions. They lack vigor, initiative and vision, the ability to think of new ideas and the ability to put them into effect. To a certain extent this also applies to office help, wage workers and all others, because that tired feeling is contagious. The world is tired out physically.

Economists argue that it is foolish to speak of hard times in a Nation which has a surplus of all forms of wealth accumulation. Money has been driven into retirement from active work by sheer weariness of those who possess it, says Mr. Babson. It appears to be a sensible conclusion.

Dr. Fain Becomes Citizen of Merkel

Dr. G. B. Fain, well known Abilene physician and surgeon, opened offices here this week in the Boney building on Front street and will engage in the general practice of medicine, with special attention to obstetrics and diseases of children.

Dr. Fain is a member of the Taylor County Medical society and has practiced for 37 years. He served three years in the army during the war, attaining the rank of major in the Medical corps.

Dr. Fain will be a worthy addition to the ranks of professional men in our city and The Mail joins with the citizens of Merkel in welcoming him to our midst.

THE MERKEL HOME LAUNDRY.

Don't forget that we are now located three and one-half blocks south of Warren Higgins garage and are better prepared than ever to serve our customers. Our phone number is 77. Use it. We want all the families and business houses in Merkel as our customers. We call for and deliver promptly. Thank you.

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DR. W. T. SADLER.
wishes to announce that he expects to return to Merkel early in the month of November to resume his practice here after completing an internship of several weeks at the Presbyterian hospital of the City of Chicago.

Advertise in the Merkel Mail.

CHURCHES

NAZARENES HAVE NEW PASTOR.

The new pastor of the Nazarene church, Rev. W. F. Sibley, and family arrived last Saturday and he held his first services here Sunday. Rev. Mr. Sibley has been pastor of the Nazarene church at Jester, Okla., for the past six years. He will be remembered as having held a special meeting here during the past summer. He and his wife and one daughter, Miss Naomi, have already removed here and have taken residence at the parsonage adjoining the church. Besides this daughter, there are five other children residing elsewhere.

The local Nazarene church is fortunate in securing such an able pastor as Brother Sibley and he and his family are being extended a most cordial welcome to our city.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

With 236 present last Sunday, the Methodist Sunday School led in attendance in the five reporting Sunday Schools in Merkel. The total attendance was 605, which exceeded the number for the past several Sundays. 204 were present at the Baptist Sunday School and attendance at the other Sunday Schools was as follows: Church of Christ, 69; Presbyterian, 63, and Nazarene, 33.

MEN'S PRAYER MEETING.

L. L. Murray will be the leader of the men's prayer service, which is to be held next Sunday at the Nazarene church at 2 p. m. The subject will be the first chapter of John. In the absence of the appointed leader, for last Sunday, W. T. McAninch, the service was led by S. M. Hunter.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Attendance better last Sunday. Let's make an effort to have it still better next Sunday. Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:15. Glad to have you worship with us.

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

AT THE METHODIST CHURCH.

Another fine day at the Methodist church in spite of the rain. No use to stay away from the Methodist church just because it is raining and you think no one will be there. They came last Sunday. The Junior Quartette substituted for the regular quartette, who were in Abilene singing for the Victory Men's Bible class of the First Baptist church. The Juniors made a hit with the congregation and they will be singing for us often. The regulars will be on hand next Sunday with special music at both hours.

That was all a mistake about the pastor dividing time with Baird. Baird has a good preacher in the person of Dr. B. W. Dodson. So come on to Sunday School and stay for church. A welcome and a message awaits you.

T. C. Willett, Pastor.

HI-LEAGUE PROGRAM.

Subject: "How Do I Know I Am a Christian?"

Hymn No. 8.
Hymn No. 39.
Scripture—John 3:19-24.

Talks:

1. "Aims of the Meeting," Milton Shannon.
2. "The Value of Certainty," Jackie Slater.
3. "Who Is a Christian Anyway," Mildred Richardson.
4. "How About Feeling?" Joyce Wheeler.
5. "Putting Ourselves to One Kind of Test," Cecil Clark. (b) Billie B. Gambill.

JUNIOR LEAGUE PROGRAM.

Song.
Prayer.

Scripture reading—Luke 2:25-39.
Talk by president, A. C. Sears.

Bible story, Mollie Frank Touchstone.

Bible story, La Verne Hughes.
Song, Armie Love and Fern Toombs.
Benediction.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Fine rains and everybody feeling better, but the rains last three Lord's Days cut our attendance quite a bit. Last Lord's Day we had better attendance than at either of the weeks before. Brother Jones from A. C. C. preached for us last Lord's Day and every one enjoyed the service fine. Attendance for Bible study was much better. We were well pleased, especially since it was a rainy day.

Come to all the services next week. Bible Study Lord's Day 10 a. m., communion service 11 a. m., Young People's service 6:30 p. m., Ladies' Prayer

service Tuesday 3 p. m. and Prayer and Bible Study service Wednesday 7:30 p. m.

In love, The Elders.

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Sunday School at 9:45 and all regular services Sunday and next week. B. Y. P. U. at 6:30 p. m., followed by preaching at 7:30. You are welcome to all of these services.

—Reporter.

W. M. S. CIRCLES.

Baptist W. M. S. circles will meet next Tuesday promptly at 3 o'clock. Every lady of the church is invited to attend one of these meetings. Blanch Rosa Walker circle meets with Mrs. Jim Swann and the Elkin Lockett circle meets with Mrs. Carson.

Fort Worth Named Next Meeting Place Presbyterian Synod

Seymour, Oct. 16.—The Texas Synod of the Presbyterian church, U. S. A., went on record in session here urging the importance of educational work to offset "vicious attacks" being made on the eighteenth amendment to the constitution. Dr. D. P. Templeton of Richardson made a report on the attitude of the general assembly in regard to the support of the prohibition amendment.

Dr. John H. Burma, president of Trinity university, Waxahachie, and outgoing moderator, preached the opening sermon and presided at the Thursday night service.

Dr. Floyd Pope, pastor of the City Temple, Dallas, was named moderator; the Rev. J. E. Ferguson and D. D. Houston were elected chairman of the synod's general council, and heads of four major committees were named as follows:

National missions, the Rev. Everett E. King, Fort Worth; foreign missions, Dr. E. B. Surface, Abilene; Christian education, Dr. Floyd Pope, Dallas; ministerial pensions, George C. Poston, Fort Worth.

The First Federated Presbyterian church of Fort Worth was named host church to the synod next year. The synod of the United States church also will be asked to meet jointly with the Texas group.

Record Crowd First Day of State Fair

Outnumbering by nearly 33,000 the first day's attendance last year at the State Fair of Texas at Dallas, 84,961 fair-goers turned out Saturday to establish an opening day record. The previous banner first day was in 1916, when 82,110 attended. Last year's first day attendance was 52,063.

Opening day this year had been designated by the management of the fair as Press Day and more than 500 members of the Fourth Estate and their families representing 261 newspapers took cognizance of the occasion not only to enjoy themselves but also to show their friendliness toward and support of what has been termed "the largest state fair in the world," now celebrating its forty-fourth year.

Mr. and Mrs. George E. Caple of The Mail joined the newspaper men for the gayeties of opening day and thanks to Paul Jones, genial publicity manager, those gayeties were galore, including courtesies of every sort, from free rides on all the devices on the fair grounds, operated by Tommy Tomlinson, to complimentary cards to the famous Shubert show at the auditorium, featuring Jack Haley and Gino Malo in "Sons 'O Guns."

While in Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Caple were entertained in the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. Jones.

Blair Items

Uncle Johnnie Neighbors has been real sick, but his many friends wish for an early recovery.

Mrs. Bonner of Clyde is spending several months with her cousin, Mrs. Minnie Reeves.

Hugh Campbell, Emmett Morris and H. E. Addison are on the sick list. J. H. Campbell of Caps spent the past week with his daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Meeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moore and Mrs. Richard Melton and sons visited Mr. and Mrs. Buck Moore of Mt. Pleasant Sunday.

Mrs. George West of Trent visited her sister, Mrs. John Neighbors, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Ashburn and children have returned after several weeks' stay with relatives in Knox City.



WILLING WORKERS CLASS.

The members of the Willing Workers class of the Presbyterian church held their regular monthly meeting Tuesday afternoon. Mesdames T. M. Smith and Emory Jones were joint hostesses at the home of Mrs. Smith.

Mrs. S. A. Derstine led the devotional, followed by an interesting program in which all took part. The social hour was joyously spent in a Halloween contest and telling ghost stories. A delicious salad course and iced tea was served to Mesdames John Russell, Ethel Tucker, G. F. West, A. A. Baker, S. A. Derstine, J. A. Patterson, L. L. Murray, R. A. Walker, W. M. Elliott, Misses Mary Jennie and Lizzie Keny, Dora Garrott, Amanda Curtis, Mary Derstine, Vera, Marale and Velma Walker, Madeline Murray, Ola Smith, Louise Patterson and the hostesses.

GLEANERS CLASS PARTY.

Twenty-eight guests attended a party given for the Gleaner class of the Methodist church in the home of Mrs. Fred Guitar on Oak street, with Mesdames Guitar, Largent, Turner and Vernon Sublett joint hostesses.

Many beautiful roses gave added charm to the party which was a joyous affair as pals' names were revealed.

The president called the meeting to order by having the guests sing after which Mrs. Herbert Patterson led the devotional, followed by prayer by Mrs. Thompson. Mrs. Delmer played a number of beautiful selections while financial business was attended to.

After the social hour the hostesses served a refreshment plate consisting of sandwiches, stuffed apples topped with whipped cream, olives and hot chocolate to the following guests: Mesdames Thompson, Richardson, Vickers, Homer Patterson, Iddings, Tom Toombs, Buzbee, Lowe, W. S. J. Brown, Gambill, Hale, Herbert Patterson, Will Toombs, Briggs, Hunter, Vaughn, Case, Dee Grimes, Latham, Ray Cox, Oscar Buford, Rush, Buford, Ray Baccus, Delmer, Burgess and the hostesses.

REBEKAHS-ODD FELLOWS.

The Rebekahs and Odd Fellows met last Friday evening in a joint gathering which was enjoyed by all present. The Ford Smith band furnished the music for the evening and delightful refreshments were served at the close of the program. All members not present missed a treat.

SLUMBER PARTY.

A slumber party was given at the home of Miss Kathleen Mashburn in honor of Miss Inez Robbins' seventeenth birthday. Games of "42" and bridge were enjoyed until 12 o'clock when a midnight lunch was served to the following: Misses Inez Robbins, Edna Wilson, Thelma and Tula Miller, Audie Lou Mitchell, Nona Welch of Abilene and the hostess.

M. H. S. PLAYERS CLUB.

On last Friday evening Misses Ola Smith, Margaret Turner, Gwendolyn Vickers, Oleta Moore and Vera Richie were gracious hostesses for the M. H. S. Players club in Miss Tracy's studio. This was the first meeting of the club and the hostesses are to be congratulated on the splendid entertainment. Games of progressive "42" were enjoyed during the evening. A quartette composed of "Sis" Boaz, Ida Mae Derstine, Margaret Canon and Mary Elizabeth Grimes, sang two numbers, "If I had a Boy Like You," and "Springtime in The Rockies." Thelma McAninch gave several piano selections and another special feature was a reading by "Little" Mr. Stanley Lee Riddle. The club then went to the Grammar School auditorium where a play, "The Marriage Proposal," was presented by Miss Beth Hamm, Mr. Paul Collins and Mr. Benay Sheppard. The scene of the play was laid in the living room of a Russian family. The young lover's bashfulness, the petty quarrels and the humorous ending furnished much merriment for the audience.

The club came back to the studio where a delicious salad course was served by the hostesses.

After the refreshments the president called the house to order for the business hour. Plans were made for other club functions.

The guests of the club were: Miss Julia Marth, Mr. and Mrs. Burgess, Mr. and Mrs. Riddle and son, Stanley Lee, and Miss Williams and club members were: Lois Clark, Lona Bryan, Velma Lee Holden, Norma Patton, Margaret Miller, Elsie Laster, Gwendolyn Vickers, Margaret Canon, Ida Mae Derstine, Mattilou Largent, Inez Robbins, Thelma McAninch, Madeline Murry, Beth Hamm, Himalya Swafford, Mary Elizabeth Grimes, Margaret Turner, Benjamin Sheppard,

Best Theme and Poem Fire Prevention Week

In observing National Fire Prevention Week, which began October 6, the fifth, sixth and seventh grades of the Merkel Grammar school did especially interesting work in drawing and English classes.

The fifth and sixth grades made original cut paper fire prevention posters. Harold Morgan in the sixth grade made the best poster. Since the seventh grade drawing work has been centered on lettering, pupils in that grade made rule books for fire prevention.

In English classes themes and poems on some phase of fire prevention were written.

The following theme by Fred Baker and poem by Juanita Huskey were selected as the best in the department:

A FIRE GHOST.

(By Fred Baker-Seventh Grade.)
Two ghosts perched upon the edge of a garbage can and began talking about the damage each had done in his life. One was the Ghost of a Cigarette; the other was the Ghost of a Mouse. They tried to excel each other in talks of mischief that they had done.

The Cigarette Ghost spoke first.
"Well do I remember the day when a smart young Senior bought me from a clerk in a drug store. He smoked all of my brothers and sisters and left me alone in the package for an hour.

Weldon Coats, Zada Bell, Oleta Moore, Vera Richie, Joel Darsey, Gerald Derrick, Elvis Richardson, B. P. Middleton, H. C. Toombs, Iris Ash, Fred A. Baker, Sis Boaz, Paul Collins, Marshall Stalls, Marie Stanford and Ola Smith.

SPEECH CLASS GIVES PROGRAM FOR HIGH SCHOOL.

On last Monday morning the Speech Arts class gave its first program of the year in assembly.

As chairman, Mattilou Largent represented the "Spirit of Good Literature," who brought to mind several choice selections.

The program follows:
"Out to Old Aunt Mary's," (James Whitcomb Riley)—Oleta Moore.
"Children," (Longfellow)—Margaret Canon.
"The Whooping Cough School," a story,—(Emma Speed Sampson)—Madra Elaine Nickson.
"Breaks, Breaks, Breaks," (Alfred L. Tennyson)—Willie Evelyn Boaz.
"The Old Man Dreams," (Holmes)—Ida Mae Derstine.
"William Tell," a pantomime—Ross Ferrier, Benjamin Sheppard, Gerald Derrick and B. P. Middleton.
"The Meaning of Our Flag," oration—Ola Smith.
"The Rainy Day," (Longfellow)—Vera Richie.
"The Militarist," (Booth Tarkington)—Margaret Miller.
"The Pioneer," Margaret Turner.

When he again opened the package, I noticed that we were in a boarding house where many high school students stayed. He struck a match to my head and began to smoke me. I wasn't in a very good humor so I burned his nose and tongue and filled his lungs with smoke. Choking and coughing, he threw me into a waste paper basket and left the room. I made quick work of the waste basket and soon the house was aflame. In two hours the boarding house was a pile of ashes.

"Ha! Ha! that was funny, ho! ho!" said the Cigarette Ghost as he scattered ashes everywhere and winked his little red eye in glee.

"Ha! Ha! that must have been funny," replied the Mouse Ghost, "but let me tell you of my experience."

"I lived in the closet of Bill Jones' house. Bill Jones was the happiest man in Smith Town. Why shouldn't he be? He had a nice new home, twin baby sons, and a raise in wages. He was going to take his wife and sons to the country for a vacation. The minute I heard the key turn in the lock, I ran to the gas stove, jumped upon it, and began to chew on the match box. I soon had the inside wall afire. When Bill Jones came home, he saw a pile of white ashes where his little white house had stood. Oh! it was a shame to hear him moan. If he had only used a mouse proof match box the joke might have been on me."

"Ha! Ha! Ho! Ho!" squeaked the Mouse Ghost as he tumbled into the garbage can in a fit of laughter.

FIRE PREVENTION.

(Juanita Huskey-Seventh Grade.)
Keep your rubbish in a can,
Keep your house all spick and span;
Keep your yard in condition first rate,
See that your attic is kept clean and straight
That's fire prevention.

Don't let your gas stove burn all night,
Turn out the gas when you turn out the light;
Keep matches always by themselves
In metal boxes on high shelves;
That's fire prevention.

Never put candles on a Christmas tree,
For cotton and candles don't agree;
Use a flashlight when looking at the gas,
Don't throw your cigarette stubs in dry grass;
That's fire prevention.

DR. H. P. HULSEY.

wishes to announce that he has moved his office to his home on Oak street, first house on east side of street south of the railroad, where he will be equally as well prepared as formerly to render the same efficient service at a much lower scale of prices.

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PINEAPPLE small flat, sliced or crushed
2 cans 25c
CRACKERS, National, 1 lb. caddies, each 16c
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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.

Freeman Adjusted Guilty of Failure To Stop and Aid

After deliberating 50 minutes a jury in 42nd district court Wednesday night found D. W. Freeman guilty on a charge of failure to stop and render aid after an automobile collision and assessed a penalty of four years in the penitentiary. The indictment grew out of a motorcycle-truck accident near Tye, May 26, 1929, in which W. W. Hudson of Abilene was fatally injured.

The verdict was returned shortly before 10 o'clock, following a night session for arguments of attorneys, which began at 7 o'clock. Testimony in the case, which opened Wednesday morning, was closed at 5:30 p. m.

Freeman was tried last year on a charge of murder in connection with the fatal accident. He was convicted and the jury assessed a penalty of 20 years. The case was reversed on appeal.

Former Congressman Sentenced. Baltimore, Oct. 16.—Manuel Herrick, former Oklahoma congressman, arrested in August while working at a liquor still in southern Maryland, was sentenced Saturday in federal district court to six months in jail for the manufacture and possession of liquor.

Sunday Sale Costs \$50. The sale of a pair of shoes, Oct. 16.—Sale of a pair of shoes to a youth last Sunday, cost a merchant \$50, when he was fined that sum by Judge Cavin Muse for violating the Sunday closing law.

Share a dime a pair children's shoes — Saturday at Brown's Bargain Store

Personal Mention

Hubert Harris and son, A. R., have returned from Levelland.

Mrs. Loring Hamblet was over from Colorado for the week-end.

Mrs. Howard Parker of Knox City is visiting her mother, Mrs. J. F. Dunnam.

Hoyt Rogers is here from Fort Worth visiting his mother, Mrs. John Schwartz.

W. O. Boney and Dr. Wm. M. Gambill were visitors to the Dallas Fair last week-end.

Fred Latham left Monday on a business trip to Dallas. He expects to return Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Foster had as their guest last week Earl Beach from McCamey.

Messrs. Ennis Grimes and Virgil Touchstone of Chillicothe were visitors here Sunday.

Miss Oma Ruth Primm of Sweetwater was the week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lowe.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Douglas and son, Billie Bob, visited Sunday with relatives near Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Guthrie have as their guest his mother, Mrs. C. B. Guthrie, of Nowata, Okla.

Paul Causseaux arrived Tuesday from Crystal City for a visit of several days with his mother.

Mrs. S. P. Martin left last Thursday to visit a daughter, Mrs. Ethel Penny, near Sulphur Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McCormick have gone to Carlsbad, New Mex., where they will be for sometime.

Mrs. Homar Dunn and children returned Tuesday from a visit with relatives at Fort Worth and Dallas.

J. S. Hutson and Miss Mary Keny are visiting in Dallas and Fort Worth this week and will go to the Dallas Fair.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ben Ashby and son, Joe Ben, Jr., of De Leon visited home folks and friends in Merkel this week.

Messrs. and Mesdames T. G. Bragg and E. M. McDonald drove over to Westbrook Sunday to visit their mother, Mrs. J. S. Barnes.

Mrs. H. K. Reeves and children from Floydada are here visiting relatives and friends, while Mrs. Reeves attends to business matters.

Miss Delphine Moore, after visiting last week-end with Miss Vera Yarrow in Fort Worth, joined Mr. and Mrs. George E. Caple on their return trip from the Dallas Fair.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Watts of Stratford, Okla., but who have property interests here, have been here for several days, returning to their home Wednesday.

Fred Hughes, formerly engaged in the automobile business here, but whose home is now in Dallas, is spending the week here looking after business matters.

Mr. and Mrs. George Smith of Sweetwater and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Costephens of Roscoe spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Costephens.

Mesdames A. R. Booth and W. T. Sadler, together with J. E. Boaz, drove over to Denton to see Miss Louise Booth, who is attending C. I. A. and who joined them for the week-end in Fort Worth.

R. L. Adcock and family spent the week-end with relatives at Menard and on their return were accompanied by their daughter, Miss Berdelle,

who had been visiting on her grandfather's ranch there for sometime.

Mr. and Mrs. Eli Case went to Winters late Tuesday on learning by phone message that her sister residing there was very low, but she rallied late in the evening. Mr. and Mrs. Case returned home Wednesday.

Dr. M. Armstrong accompanied his sister, Mrs. Florence Robinson, of Big Spring to Fort Worth early in the week for an examination by specialists there. He returned home Wednesday and his sister is again in Big Spring.

Marvin Smith, accompanied by his brother, Otho Smith, of Trent, has gone to Stanton to be at the bedside of their father, W. D. Smith, who is seriously ill. Mr. Smith, the elder, formerly lived here and many friends will regret to learn of his serious illness.

Ft. Worth Livestock

Fort Worth, Oct. 16.—A fair demand and steady prices for most classes of slaughter cattle featured trading here Wednesday. Bulls were about 25c higher and slaughter calves showed a gain of about 25c.

Slaughter steers cleared at \$5.85. Bulls sold at \$4.50 or about 25c higher. Weighty bulls sold at \$4.50 with common lights around \$3. Common packages sold from \$3.50 to 5.

The bulk of the canners sold from \$2.50 to 2.75 with cutters around \$3. Fat cows sold at \$4.50.

Slaughter calves were about 25c higher with a load of 256-pound calves selling at \$7.85. Slaughter calves cleared from \$6 to 6.50; culls around \$3.25.

Stocker cows sold at \$3.75 and \$4.35 with yearling steers at \$7 and steers weighing around \$8.25, of fair quality at \$6.

Rail hogs sold up to 10 to 15c higher while the bulk of truck hogs were 10 to 15c lower. A few sold at \$9.50, but most of the hogs sold from \$9.35 and down. Packing sows up to \$8.

Cotton Receipts.

Total cotton receipts for Merkel for the season up to Thursday morning had reached 2,221 bales. Of this number 1,740 bales have been shipped by the T. & P., according to Agent Childress's records and 471 bales are being held in the yard by Public Weigher Houston Robertson.

Up to this time, the Cotton Co-operative association through Austin Robertson, representative at the depot platform, has received 689 bales, while Public Weigher Robertson has received 1,248 bales. Receipts from other sources, brought here for shipment, of 284 bales brings the total to the figure of 2,221 bales, as cited above.

Cattle Movement.

On Wednesday C. M. Largent and Sons shipped one of their Hereford bulls to J. J. Roberts at Alpine, which is the only cattle movement of any kind reported this week.

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Worth \$6,000,00 Once, Says Now Flat Broke

Los Angeles, Cal., Oct. 16.—In a career of twenty-odd years in the film business, Francis X. Bushman, according to his story, collected \$6,000,000 in salary and worked in some 400-odd pictures.

Last year he acted in three—all independents. Out of the 365 days which make up a year, he passed exactly sixteen in film make-up. Even those three jobs were slim ones.

At the Hollywood Playhouse in the comedy-drama called "Thin Ice" is this man who used to be one of the greatest matinee idols of the screen.

A few years ago, his name on the marquee of a theatre, was the signal for a rousing big night at the box office.

He lost the money he had left from the \$6,000,000—most of it had already been spent as he rode gayly along the crest of good times in the movies—on the stock market.

When he went to get a job in vaudeville—a safety gap these last and more lean years—he found there was no vaudeville. The talkies had destroyed that, too.

Francis X. Bushman, ex-matinee idol of the screen, last year found himself flat broke.

"I couldn't believe it," he remarked. "I didn't realize such things happened. I hadn't had such a feeling of insecurity since I was a struggling young actor in stock."

Saying which, Mr. Bushman strolled

led out of the theatre toward a parking station. A colored chauffeur suavely manipulated the gears of a large and heavy expensive automobile so that it stopped by the side of Mr. Bushman. That gentleman stepped into the luxurious back seat, waved a gay good-bye and the reporter was left with the thought that being broke in Hollywood is different!

Practice at Falling Does Man Good Turn

Detroit, Oct. 16.—When Sanford Drouillard, at the age of 3, tumbled out of an apple tree, he started on his career as a fall-guy. Since that time Sanford has fallen out of practically everything, and he isn't scratched yet.

Friday Sanford had his eighth serious fall in the past three years. Working on a painters' scaffolding three stories above the pavement, he tumbled off, did a neat back spin and bounced when he landed on a sidewalk. A patrolman who couldn't be convinced that Sanford was uninjured took him to a hospital where he was pronounced a perfect physical specimen.

"It's just because I've had so much practice," said Sanford.

Get your share at a dime a pair—Children's Hose—Saturday Special at Brown's Bargain Store

Texas is the second largest producer of rice in the United States. Estimated production for 1930 is 7,380,000 bushels.

Son of Ty Cobb Is Yale Grid Aspirant

New Haven, Conn., Oct. 16.—If you want to know whether the lot of a son of a famous athlete is an easy one, ask Tyrus Cobb Jr. His answer is a great big "No."

"The people think you ought to be as good as your dad," explained the offspring of the former major league player whose name has been inscribed in capital letters in baseball's hall of fame. "And that's tough."

Young Cobb is a freshman at Yale, a broad shouldered auburn-haired youth of average height with an easy grace and a ready smile.

He has reported as a backfield candidate for the yearling football team. Whether he will make the grade remains to be seen.

He shies at publicity. The less said about his efforts on the gridiron, the better he will like it. Then if the junior Cobb comes through he figures it will be in spite of his father's name as an athlete and not because of it.

"You see," he says, "I don't want the people to think of me as Ty Cobb's son. I want to be on my own. I want to do things myself."

It's a fair guess that the "Georgia

Peach" had something to do with his son's determination to play life's game in his own way. The old outfielder is a wise father as well as a smart ball player.

Baseball isn't one of young Ty's sports, it seems. He did not list it when he filled out his eligibility card for football. Instead he put down, swimming, hockey, tennis and squash rackets. They say he is a clever tennis player.

Yale, crowded with the sons of noted fathers, will know more about Ty Cobb Jr. when a year has passed and he has had his chance to plug his way to the top.

To Move Prohi Office.

Fort Worth, Oct. 16.—Removal of Texas prohibition enforcement headquarters from Fort Worth to Dallas early next year has been announced by Victor J. Buthod, deputy prohibition administrator in charge of en-

forcement for the northern district of Texas.

Try a Classified Ad for Results

The University of Texas has conferred 14,506 degrees since its establishment in 1883.

Advertisement for NICHOLS ICE CO. featuring an illustration of an ice chest and the slogan "ICE is SAFER SURER HEALTHIER". Includes address and phone number 203.

Advertisement for R. & R. PALACE Sweetwater, listing a week of October 19 with shows like "Girl of the Golden West" and "One Mad Kiss".

Advertisement for Konjola, claiming to end Neuritis and Other Ailments. Includes a testimonial from Mrs. Louise Lee.

Advertisement for Konjola medicine, featuring a portrait of Mrs. Louise Lee and a testimonial about her relief from neuritis and other ailments.

Advertisement for KILGORE JEWELRY CO. featuring watches and diamonds, with a Stanley's logo and contact information for Abilene, Texas.

Advertisement for MEXICO'S AMBASSADORS OF MUSIC, featuring the TIPICA Orchestra of Mexico performing at the Simmons University Auditorium.

Large advertisement for Max Mellinger's Big Stock Reducing Sale, featuring illustrations of men's suits and ladies' dresses, and promotional text about low prices and new fall merchandise.

Comic strip titled "DOROTHY DARNIE" by Charles McManus, showing a woman and a child talking to a doctor about a headache.

Poultry Points..

Readers interested in poultry raising will find much of interest and value in the poultry material printed in these columns. It is all from authoritative sources, much of it from the United States Department of Agriculture, and can be relied upon as practical information. You can safely quote it when discussing any phase of poultry raising with your friends and neighbors.



EXTRA COCKERELS MAY BE CAPONIZED

Males Not Otherwise Needed Are Easier to Keep.

Caponizing fatten easier and at less cost, says the New York state college of agriculture. Male birds not sold as broilers, or otherwise used, may be caponized if they are to be held over. Market quotations on capons usually begin in November and are several cents more a pound than those for cockerels, especially for the holiday trade.

When successfully caponized the bird does not have the appearance of a cockerel. The comb and wattles do not develop and the saddle and hack feathers grow long. Caponizing a bird makes him more quiet and peaceful, and causes the flesh to retain the fine flavor and texture of broiler meat. Capons will stand closer confinement than cockerels.

Breeds used for capons depend on the market demands. For the production of large capons, Orpingtons, Light Brahmas, and Jersey Black Giants are satisfactory; for smaller capons any of the American breeds, such as Plymouth Rocks, Wyandottes, and Rhode Island Reds are adaptable. Leghorns make such small capons that it is doubtful whether it pays to caponize them.

Cockerels selected for caponizing should be about 8 to 10 weeks old and weigh about 1 1/2 to 2 pounds.

Caponizing demands skill, and it is advisable to watch an experienced operator. Cornell has an illustrated bulletin, E 143, on capon production, which may be obtained by applying to the office of publications, New York state college of agriculture, Ithaca, New York.

Keep Waterers Clean During Summer Season

During the summer months it is very easy to neglect the waterers and feeders. As the chicks approach maturity, it becomes constantly easier for them to step in and roost upon the waterers and feeders. This increases danger of contamination. Disease also is spread by the working in of dirt and filth from the floor or ground, into the waterers and feeders. This danger can be lessened considerably by keeping clean feed and water before the chicks at all times and by placing the feeders and waterers so that chicks will not mix in the dirt.

Dry Henhouse Floor

E. L. Dakan, head poultryman at Ohio state university, is practical. Last year when it became necessary to put up a new poultry house at the university, Dakan decided to make the floor just like most farmers would do it. In other words, they leveled off the soil as best they could, first making sure that the floor was higher than the outside surface. Then they put down a layer of tar paper to keep the water from rising from below, then put down a two-inch layer of concrete. And all last winter this proved to be one of the driest of the poultry house floors.

Kill Red Mites

Red mites can be controlled more easily by starting early than if hot weather comes before we start, says R. L. Cochran, Iowa State college poultryman. In warm weather the mites multiply very rapidly and are hard to get rid of. They can live for months without food and live by sucking blood. It is certain they will stunt or kill young chickens and stop hens from laying. Four days after the female mite lays her egg it hatches and the young mite starts his career.

Lime for Hen Yard

It has not already been done, the bare poultry yard should be plowed or spaded at once and under cultivation for several weeks possible. There is some evidence of value as to the value of air-slaked lime as a soil disinfectant, but it is pretty sure to prove an advantage to any crops that may be raised. Frequent stirring of the soil is really in preventing or reducing contamination, so crops that are cultivated are best.



FEW REASONS FOR TEST VARIATIONS

Cream Separator May Be Blamed for Differences.

When cream tests vary there is usually a reason, and before doubting the test it is well to consider the things that will cause the differences, suggests E. S. Guthrie of the department of dairy industry at Cornell university.

A difference of ten turns each minute on the separator crank will change the test nearly three and a half per cent. The temperature of the milk at the time of separation, if at 70 degrees instead of 90, lowers the cream test and lets more fat go in the skim milk.

Cows which may be added to the herd or a fresh cow may change the herd test. Under uniform conditions at the college a 3 per cent milk gave a 23 per cent cream, a 4 per cent milk a 30 per cent cream, and a 5 per cent milk a 39 per cent cream. The percentage of fat in the skim milk increased with the richer milk.

Cleaning the separator is not only a good sanitary practice but it is essential to efficient separation; clogged and dirty tubes hinder the normal flow. Mr. Guthrie cites Cornell extension bulletin number 151 as useful in the care and operation of a cream separator. It will be sent free to anyone who applies for it to the college of agriculture at Ithaca, New York.

Proving Dairy Bulls Is Becoming of Importance

Proving dairy bulls is becoming an important and, apparently, necessary part of the breeder's program in his needs for better cattle. The dairy extension service of New Jersey recently reported some very good evidence of the breeding value of three bulls in that state.

Twenty-two daughters of a Holstein bull, sold by Henry Schmidt to the Newark Milk company farm, averaged 11,919 lbs. milk and 382.8 lbs. butterfat at an average age of three and one-half years.

"Old Contemptible," a Guernsey bull owned by Locust Lane farm, has 10 daughters that averaged 375 lbs. butterfat. Nine of these were two-year-olds. The average mature equivalent of these records is 528 lbs. butterfat.

The senior Holstein herd sire of the New Jersey Agricultural college herd has 10 daughters that averaged 13,500 lbs. milk on official test in Class C, 10 months' division. This was 11 per cent more than the production of their dams at comparable ages. This bull is a son of a proven sire and was secured from the United States government dairy farm at Beltsville, Md.

Importance of Quality of Legume Hay for Cow

Over in Michigan there is a herd that has a six-year average of 13,000 pounds of milk per cow. This is splendid production. It would be a creditable average for one year. For a six-year period it is wonderful. The owner of the herd, Mr. Hunt, was interviewed and gave his views on feeding to Hoard's Dairyman. His main emphasis was not on this or that grain mixture but on the quality of the legume hay fed. He believes there is an important relationship between the quality of the hay and the health of the herd. Well cured legume hay contains essential vitamins which aid in assimilation of minerals, and minerals have a very important bearing on health.

Dairy Hints

Cows in milk need plenty of water at all times.

Many of our dairy herds are unprofitable because of underfeeding.

Plenty of succulent feed for the dairy herd means more milk in the pail and a smaller expenditure for the more expensive grain.

Take a look at the heifers out on pasture. They may be short of water or feed or both. It pays to keep the young stock growing.

Soy beans, oats and peas, Sudan grass, and the millets are emergency hays. Of these soy beans are the best. They are nearly equal to alfalfa in feeding value.

Proper culling of dairy herds will help to reduce the surplus of dairy products and to increase the profits of individual herds.

An abundant supply of hot water is essential if the dairy utensils are to be washed and sterilized properly. Many farmers who are using a gas engine as a source of power for their milking machines or cream separators are finding that water can be heated quickly and economically by the use of an exhaust water heater attached to their gas engines.

New Legion Chief Has Great Record

Topeka, Kans., Oct. 16.—A former Kansas prosecutor who resigned to answer his country's call to the colors and who was cited for gallantry in the World war has been chosen by his buddies as commander of the American Legion.

Ralph T. ("Dyke") O'Neil, Topeka attorney and the new Legion commander, was attorney for Osage county, near here, when the United States entered the war in 1917.

One of the finest American officers to cross the Meuse river during the St. Mihiel offensive in the closing days of the war, Captain O'Neil was cited for gallantry in action as a result of his effort under machine gun and shell fire in carrying forward telephone wire necessary to establish communications.

Long a leader in Legion activities, O'Neil was elected national vice commander at the Paris convention in 1927. He previously had served a term as commander of the Kansas department of the Legion and another as commander of Capitol post No. 1, Topeka.

A native Kansan, O'Neil is a graduate of Baker university at Baldwin, Kans., and of the Harvard school of law. He is 42 years old.

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Payne Children Paid \$12,000 in Insurance

Amarillo, Oct. 16.—The scheming of A. D. Payne, Amarillo attorney who caused the death of his wife by a dynamite blast, then killed himself with an explosive while in the jail here, came to at least partial fulfillment Saturday when his children were paid \$12,000 by the Lincoln National Insurance company.

Payne, in a written confession before his death, said he planned his wife's death and his own in order that their children might have the money from their insurance policies.

The payment Saturday was in settlement on the two policies, \$10,000 on Payne's life and \$5,000 on his wife. The company paid \$9,000 on the larger policy, \$3,000 on the smaller one.

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Trent News and Personal Notes

Mrs. Ross Jenkins and little son are spending the week in De Leon with relatives.

Mrs. W. J. Dowdy of Abilene returned home Saturday after a few days' visit in the home of her son, Mr. and Mrs. Royce Dowdy.

Messrs. V. J. Jones and M. M. Phillips of Gladwater were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Roberts.

Mesdames Beckham, Williamson, McLeod, Woods and Roberts attended the Baptist association at Sweetwater on Thursday, the eighth.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Smith and Willie Gene of Lubbock were week-end guests of their parents, Messrs. and Mesdames J. M. Smith and E. Howell.

Rev. Houston Scott and sister, Miss Mattie, of Abilene were guests of relatives Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Terry have moved to Clyde.

Mr. O. A. Smith was called to Stanton last Friday on account of the illness of his father.

Mr. M. G. Scott made a business trip to the plains the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Young have moved back from Sweetwater. Mr. Young is an employee of the Holt Oil company.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Norton of Sterling City were guests Friday of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Adrian.

Miss Mary Jones and Mr. Clarence Duncan were married last week. Their host of friends wish for them all happiness and success.

The merchants and business men of our city are putting on a trades campaign beginning next Saturday. Some very nice prizes are to be given away absolutely free. Everyone is urged to be here.

The P. T. A. met last Tuesday with a good attendance and an interesting meeting. The time of the meeting was set for every two weeks and the next meeting will be Wednesday, the 29th. Mesdames Alex Williamson, Rado Archer and John Strawn were elected for program committee.

Mesdames J. Cal Hamner and Jack Bright attended the Taylor County council last Saturday and Mrs. Reuben Reeves was elected a vice-president.

MEHODIST CHURCH NOTES

A good rainy day congregation attended Sunday School and preaching services Sunday. A lively interest was shown in the Sunday School lesson by those present. The class work was very interesting and doubtless very profitable to all. Come next Sunday promptly at 10 a. m. "rain or shine."

At 11 a. m. the pastor brought a message to the church from a text in 1 Kings 8:56 "There hath not failed one word of all his good promise." The congregation was very attentive and responsive. He urged the people to greater faith and trust in God, since He has so marvelously manifested His interest in us, and shown His deep concern in our welfare, even to the gift of His only Son.

At 7:30 p. m. the text was John 13:10 "He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet." Though we have received the "washing of regeneration," the fact of our daily contact with the sins of the world in our labours, our abiding in Christ, what a foot bath means to tired, aching feet at the close of day in regard to a restful sleep, the pouring forth of God's grace afresh into our hearts as we worship in His presence when the days work is over means to the faithful, but weary soul.

Even though it rains next Sunday don't fail to come to church. A very cordial welcome awaits you.

Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.

"NEW BANK" OPENING IN TRENT.

In spite of what has seemed a depression, prosperity in our community justifies the opening of a new bank in Trent. A thrifty and conservative people have demonstrated that drouth and so called hard times need not be a deterrent of progress. Sunday will be Bank Opening Day at the Methodist church when fifty Fidelity Banks will be opened. The contents of these banks are an offering to the Superannuate Endowment Fund. This will serve you notice to bring your bank that a record may be kept of all the banks. Don't forget. First, second and third prizes will be given those having largest amounts in their banks.

...ext Sunday week, October 26, will be Bank Opening Day at Union Ridge. Let all bankers in that community take due notice and be present with well filled banks. The fourth Sunday will be last preaching date at Union Ridge before our annual conference November 12 at Sweetwater.

The New York city police department represents a standing army of 19,000 men.

A ROMANCE of GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Once upon a time there was a rich "Duke" whose mother was exceedingly anxious that her son marry a beautiful young heiress who lived across the way. So one day she decided to "Fatterson" on the back once or "even twice" and coax him to go with her to transact some business with the girl's father. Her plan was to "Sublett" her land to her wealthy neighbor in order to win his approval.

The day set aside for the visit was "Hayesy" and cool, but that did not matter for they drank hot "Coffey" before leaving for their neighbor's home.

As the vain mother "Anderson" were nearing their destination, a huge boulder weighing a "Shelton" rolled from its place on the mountain side and crashed into their vehicle injuring our hero seriously. The beautiful young heiress seeing the accident, ran to the "Curb" to see the victims of the tragedy.

When she saw the young man she fell in love with him and had her servants carry him to her house for treatment. She doctored him with "Sloan's" liniment, and soon he revived.

When he opened his eyes, they fell upon a vision of loveliness at his bedside. He resolved to die "Irvin" her for his very own. But "Heizer" lips did not return his love so he decided to go away to "Teaff, Holland," and never return.

When the beautiful heroine learned of his intentions, she uttered her favorite outburst, "Oh! Pogue," and ran to find him.

Needless to say the wise scheming mother completed her plans and saw her son married to the rich young girl. And they lived "happy" ever after.

THE END.

Every head of a family, man or woman, is welcome to guess at weight of sack of Sun Bonnet Sue Flour to be given away absolutely free November first. Come in and register your estimate. J. H. McDonald Grocery.

A LETTER FROM HOME.

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Dora Doings

(Too late for last week.)

This section enjoyed an old-fashioned rain in an old-fashioned way that broke an old-fashioned drouth Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Rogers announce the arrival of a grandson October 7.

Ham Ware and Miss Lorena Evans surprised their friends by getting married last Saturday.

The Methodist quarterly conference at Slater's chapel last Saturday was postponed on account of rain.

Miss Neoma Scroggins is on the sick list this week.

G. W. Hawkins of Stanton is visiting relatives here for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Ensminger were shopping in Merkel Monday.

D. Bland and family of Merkel visited their father, Mr. Rape, last week-end.

A GOOD PLACE TO EAT.

You will find the best cooking in town at Velma Clark's, Kent St., across from the fire station. Short orders a specialty; Chili, Hamburgers and Sandwiches of all kinds. Your patronage solicited.

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Apples	Evaporated, 3 pounds	45c
Cabbage	3 pounds	10c
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