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ANSON LIONS TO STAGE PROGRAM FOR LOCAL CLUB

Neighboring City Lions Invited to Furnish Program; Definite Date To Be Arranged; Merkel Club to Have Halloween Party.

Invitation has been extended to the Anson Lions club to put on the program for the local Lions at their next luncheon, which will be Tuesday, Nov. 4. President E. Yates Brown extended the invitation by long distance Wednesday and was advised that the Anson club meets on next Wednesday, when the matter will be taken up.

It will be remembered that the Merkel Lions staged a program for the Anson club on September 17, at which time a delegation of eleven Lions and participants on the entertainment program journeyed over to the Jones county capital.

If the Anson Lions elect some other date, instead of the one on November 4, as suggested, Rev. R. A. Walker is to be toastmaster for the next luncheon, assisted by H. C. Jones. According to a new arrangement, proposed by the club president, another Lion will be named in advance to assist Tail Twister J. S. Bourn in arranging a special stunt for each meeting. C. J. Glover, Jr., was named in this capacity. If, however, the Anson Lions come for the next luncheon, these appointments will hold for the succeeding luncheon.

A committee of ladies, wives of Lions, was named, with Mrs. Booth Warren as chairman, to plan a Halloween party for some evening during the "spooky" season for the Lions and their wives. Other members of this committee are Mesdames Dee Grimes, Burl Scott and Sam Swann.

In the absence of the appointed toastmaster, President Brown presided at the Tuesday luncheon. After the club singing, with Mrs. Brown at the piano, the invocation was given by Rev. R. A. Walker. During the luncheon, incidental piano numbers were pleasingly rendered by Mrs. Brown. The only guest present for the luncheon was Mr. Gilbert, connected with the Community Farm Credit company of Dallas, a guest of W. O. Boney.

Southwest Conference.

Last week's results:
T. C. Ue 3, Texas Aggies 0.
University of Texas 17, Oklahoma 7.
S. M. U. 14, Baylor 14.
University of Arkansas 7, Rice 6.

Oil Belt.

Last week's results:
Abilene 38, Brownwood 0.
Cisco 62, Big Spring 0.
Breckenridge 28, Eastland 0.
Ranger 39, Sweetwater 7.
San Angelo 20, Mineral Wells 13.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, October 28, 1910.)

Master Mythka Scheidler is spending this week on John Cozart's place near the Canyon.

A. J. Young is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Charlie Milliken, at Trent.

Jas. Baker is among our renewals this week and is one of the few who have taken this paper since its first inflection upon the unsuspecting public by Mary Jane Cox.

Roscoe Sharp, a talented youngster of our little city, has been located at Sinton, Texas, where he is doing the business, managerial and local editorial work for the San Patricio County News.

Miss Sallie Orr of Putnam is here this week visiting Merkel friends and relatives.

Mrs. H. C. Williams underwent an operation at the Temple sanitarium this week.

W. R. Walker and Miss Lucy Lane left this morning for a visit in Abilene and it is for the first time in the history of the popular hostelry that the entire responsibility rests solely on the shoulders of the proprietor and running it as he pleases.

BADGERS TO MEET HAMLIN FRIDAY IN CONFERENCE TILT

The only conference game that the Badgers play at home comes this Friday afternoon at 3:30 when they meet Hamlin. The Merkel High squad have played every game this season under a great handicap of weight, as the boys are all light, comparatively speaking. But what they lack in weight has been made up in training and in the fighting spirit which has been evidenced in each of the games. Coach Irvin has developed the lightweights into a strong squad of fighting Badgers.

A large crowd should be present for the game with Hamlin. Come out and help the boys win. It's the only conference game on the home lot this year.

STAMFORD WINS.

Merkel was defeated 38 to 6 by Stamford on the latter's gridiron last Friday afternoon. The Bulldogs had many flashing, tricky plays, which proved rather effective. They scored in the first few minutes of play on a long pass and a short run by the receiver of the pass. Stamford scored again the first quarter, but Merkel also crossed the line late in this quarter.

In the second quarter the Bulldogs by tricky runs and short, but effective, passes scored again, and in the last half, scored two touchdowns in the third quarter and one in the last quarter. The Badgers never gave up and put up a game fight through the entire game.

Darsey played a good game, offensively and defensively. Coates also played a good game on the defense, while Wilson was good in leading the offense. Baker and Mashburn each played a good steady game.

The Badger line-up was as follows: Ends, Sheppard, Russell; tackles, Baker, Mashburn; guards, Collins, Coates; center, Middleton; Halves, Wilson, Graham; full, Tucker; quarter, Darsey, captain.

Substitutes—Vickers for Graham, Clark for Collins, Ferrier for Sheppard, Toombs for Baker.

Attends Funeral at Rochester.

G. W. Cypert, former minister of the Church of Christ here, went to Knox City Sunday to attend the funeral of his brother-in-law, H. L. Matheny, age 70, who died there Saturday night at 7 o'clock. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Rochester. Mr. Matheny was a preacher for 48 years in the Church of Christ and had resided in Haskell county 26 years.

Poll of Editors Cancelled.

Washington, Oct. 23.—The poll of editors upon their views on prohibition was called off Saturday by Prohibition Director Woodcock "lest its purpose be misunderstood."

BARACA CLASS.

The Baraca held a most interesting and enthusiastic meeting Friday evening. The following committees were appointed: Membership and Christian Work—Frank Ferrier, chairman, Simpson Christopher and Leslie Ryan; Mercy and Help—Ira Shaffer, chairman, Ernest Duckett and Tobe Paylor; Social—Bert Hudgins, chairman, Tiry Sublett; Missionary—Ernest Duckett, chairman, Robert Roberson; Literary—Rufus McNeas, chairman, Dennis McDonald; Temperance—Frank Smith, Webster Ernest, Homer Rainbolt; Finance—John Moore, chairman, Ross Ferrier. All members who missed this meeting missed a treat. Let us urge that all members attend.

Bert Hudgins, President.
Simpson Christopher, Secretary.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

A proposal to sell the municipal light plant at Terrell to the Texas Power and Light company was voted down, 361 to 334, in a special election Tuesday.

The Commercial hotel, which has been a landmark at Gilmer for seventy-five years, burned Sunday afternoon, the origin of the fire being undetermined.

Rev. Atticus Webb was re-elected superintendent of the Texas Anti-Saloon league for another two years by the board of managers, meeting in Dallas last Saturday.

Contract is to be let within the next thirty days and construction work to be started before Jan. 1 for an \$80,000 office building at Sweetwater by the Southwestern Bell Telephone company.

The appointment of Adrian Pool, of El Paso, member of the legislature and nominee for re-election, as member of the state board of control seems practically certain, according to reports from Austin.

Ben Connally of Marlin, son of U. S. Senator Tom Connally, and Hugh Dunlap of Cleburne have been named as University of Texas candidates for the Cecil Rhodes scholarship, the selection to be made December 6.

Municipal improvements now under way at Port Arthur, including extensive street paving, sewer extension and bridge and sea wall projects, amounting to \$2,674,238, are giving employment to nearly 900 men.

Eugene S. Blasdel, wealthy oil and grain man and former mayor of Amarillo, died suddenly last Thursday, presumably from a heart attack, while on a hunting trip with his family in the Blue River canyon of Arizona.

The bonded indebtedness of Cameron county, which has a valuation of more than \$51,000,000, is \$7,533,000, representing \$5,142,000 for highway construction as its largest item, the next item being \$1,374,000 for flood control.

The trail of four bandits, who staged a daring daylight hijacking on one of Dallas's busiest corners Monday, netting them nearly \$16,000, as hundreds of persons looked on, has apparently been obliterated, as no trace nor clue has been reported.

Miami, Roberts county, in the Texas Panhandle, reported freezing temperature for a period during the 24 hours ending at 8 a. m. last Friday, according to the U. S. weather bureau at Dallas, to be the first point to register a minimum of 32 degrees this season.

Halfback Johnny Connell and Captain O. C. Ray of the Cisco High school team were declared ineligible by the district committee meeting at Abilene Wednesday night, the charges being violation of the four-year participation rule.

A man, identified by letters in his pocket as J. W. Purviance, 40, of Norman, Okla., wearing the colors of Oklahoma university and who was apparently in Dallas to attend the football game between Texas and Oklahoma, dropped dead on a street there Saturday.

As an aftermath of the successful break from the Taylor County jail Sept. 28, in which five men got away, W. L. Keshalo, 24, Abilene warehouse superintendent, was convicted of conveying a saw into the jail to aid prisoners to escape, receiving a five year suspended sentence.

After falling two stories and landing squarely on his head, a negro laborer on the T. & P. station building at Fort Worth, got up and walked to an ambulance to be carried to a hospital for examination, which revealed that a knot on his head and a few bruises were the extent of his injuries.

After opposition developed to such an extent that it was apparent a majority of Scurry county voters did not favor the \$600,000 road bond issue, which was to have been voted on last Saturday, the county judge and commissioners court allowed the election to go by default by failing to send out supplies to polling places.

SECOND ANNUAL RACING CLASSIC STARTS NOV. 1

Three Hundred Blooded Horses, Including Many Turf Notables, Expected at Arlington Downs; \$35,000 in Purses.

Fort Worth, Oct. 23.—Texas owned horses will take the leading part in the annual racing classic which is to be staged at Arlington Downs Nov. 1-11, it appeared here today following a checkup of track notables in the Downs' visiting stables. They will be run against some of the world's most famous turf notables coming here from as far as Toronto, Canada.

Three hundred blooded horses are expected to be at Arlington Downs for the ninetyday meeting. Half of this number already have arrived and are undergoing daily workouts on the track. More than one third of the horses already here are Texas horses. Their owners and the number of animals already registered include: H. C. Rummage, Fort Worth, 10; C. E. and D. J. Simmons, Fort Worth, 4, with others coming in; G. F. Jenkins, Fort Worth, 20; Dr. William Bloss, Midland, 2; W. H. Askey, Gonzales, 3; W. H. Ford, San Antonio, 4; T. O. Atwell, Miles, 3; Jess Elrod, San Angelo, 2; I. E. Clark, Schulenberg, 10, and Houghton Brownlee, Austin, 15.

Mr. Waggoner will enter 12 of his own horses in the races, running against these visitors for the prizes of \$35,000 which he is putting up himself. In this string will be the famous Pansy Walker, considered the most noted three year old filly in the country today.

The horses of C. E. and D. J. Simmons include Laura Negley, one of the leading two year old fillies under the Simmons' banner. She has been named for the Texas Breeders Futurity, a \$2,500 stake for Texas bred two year olds. This is another of the races supported by Mr. Waggoner in his program to encourage breeding in this state. Entries for this race closed Dec. 31, 1927.

Other noted thoroughbred owners who are shipping horses to Arlington Downs for the meet include: W. C. Morris, Toronto, Ont., Canada, 11; E. E. Buchanan, Byars, Okla., 3; J. H. Edwards, Collinsville, Ill., 11; O. L. Foster, Chicago, 8; Cook and Allen, Cicero, Ill., 8; Otis Tuttle, Venita, Okla., 1; Sapp & Sharp, Okmulgee, Okla., 10; J. D. Mikel, Cicero, Ill., 15; Dillon & Buckland, Cicero, Ill., 6; and J. W. Owen, Chicago, 3.

Paving of Buffalo Gap Road Assured

Abilene, Oct. 23.—After months of planning, hardsurfacing for the 12-mile stretch of road between Abilene and Buffalo Gap practically is assured, G. B. Tittle of Abilene and J. R. Trammell of Iberis, county commissioners, have announced.

With one exception property owners along the roadway have agreed to move their fences to provide for an 80-foot right of way, and if the agreement holds, preliminary work will be started at once, Mr. Tittle said.

Under present plans the road will be graveled and topped with asphalt, the commissioner stated. The cost will run in the neighborhood of \$2,500 per mile, Tittle estimated. Contracts for the hard surfacing probably will be let early in January.

The road will be constructed of funds from the road and bridge funds of commissioners' precinct 1 and 2. Local labor will be used in the work of moving fences, clearing additional right of way and building the roadbed, the Abilene commissioner stated.

The present road, which before the paving of highway 30-4, was a part of that thoroughfare, was first graveled about 20 years ago.

Survey of the road will get under way at once.

Record of Births.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Otis Spratling, residing north of Noodle, Friday, October 17, 1930.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Walker, residing south of Trent, Friday, October 17, 1930.

Bean Strangles A Child.

New Orleans, Oct. 23.—Donald Angelo, 3 years old, slowly choked to death in the home of his mother here from a bean lodged in his throat. His 11-year-old brother, Ralph, a mute, looked on unable to shout a warning.

OCTOBER RAINFALL DOUBLES THE SAME MONTH LAST YEAR

Including Wednesday night's rainfall, which amounted to 1 1-8 inches, according to the records of B. M. Black, volunteer weather observer, the total for the month of October so far has been 5 1-2 inches.

The rain Wednesday night was accompanied by a brisk norther, but during Thursday the sun came out shortly before noon and warmed things up right away again.

As compared with October of last year, the rainfall so far is just double, the precipitation last October having been 2 3-4 inches. In September last year the rainfall was 3 inches, while in the same month this year it was 4 inches.

Total for September and October combined this year is 9 1-2 inches, compared with 5 3-4 inches for the same two months last year.

School Fair Will Be Held As Part of County League Meet

Plans for the Taylor county inter-scholastic league meet, to be held in Abilene next spring, moved a step forward Saturday with election of three additional directors and appointment of committees to assist in securing awards for winners in the various events.

New directors named are Miss Ganevera Middleton, Moro, picture memory; Miss Edna Marie Jones, North Park, choral singing, and H. G. Harris, Bradshaw superintendent, extempore speaking. Miss Jones is also director for the music memory contest.

The directors, in session Saturday afternoon at the office of County Superintendent M. A. Williams, also decided to conduct a school fair in connection with the league and Mrs. H. H. King of Abilene, who teaches at Potosi, was named general chairman. She is to be assisted in plans by a committee composed of Mrs. T. C. Weir, Buffalo Gap teacher; Miss Hazel Williams of Merkel and Miss Edna Marie Jones of North Park. Banners are to be awarded schools whose booths win first, second and third places in the school fair.

Medals are to be provided for winners in literary events and cups for athletic victors and a banner for picture memory. Each director is to solicit financial assistance from business men in his district for supplying medals and Abilene business men will be invited to help in providing cups.

Each league director was instructed to write each teacher in his division and insist on enrollment for league participation, and to be ready for report on progress of his work at a meeting of the Taylor County Teachers association, to be held shortly before Thanksgiving day. Dates (Continued on Page Five.)

MASS MEETING NEXT TUESDAY COLORADO CITY

After Conference with Governor Moody in Austin, West Texas Representatives Call Drouth Parley for Immediate Action.

Austin, Oct. 23.—The drouth relief issue was sent back to farmers and bankers of 54 West Texas counties and to Ross S. Sterling, nominee for governor, after a conference of about 25 representatives, headed by Guy Dabney of Eastland, with Gov. Dan Moody Tuesday.

Failing a definite conclusion here, Mr. Dabney issued a call for a huge mass meeting representing all the counties at Colorado City next Tuesday afternoon, when he said a committee of 400 to 500 will be organized for a vigorous line-buck toward the goal of a special legislative session to provide immediate grant of funds to counties to finance a new crop.

The new delegation may march back to Austin to renew the demand, or may decide on other action, Mr. Dabney said.

Gov. Moody said, after the conference, the committee here was to "sound out" Ross Sterling for his attitude on calling a special session.

Moody raised the new issue that the present legislature expires at the general election, November 4, and any session after that would be of the new body, prior to its regular session, and that he would hesitate to convene the new body. He doubted getting a quorum of the old.

Governor Moody said his discussion with the Dabney committee disclosed that the counties can issue warrants without legislative action, and that these warrants could be financed. Finance corporations to handle them was discussed. He said the committee agreed that most of the money needed by the farmers was to be used next year, and that some belief was held legislative action in January or congressional grants in December would meet the need.

A partial list of the delegation included: Guy Dabney, C. P. Newberry, W. E. Tyler, Ray Landreth, Eastland county; T. E. Powell, Baird; W. N. McCulloch, S. H. Gray, Coleman; A. H. King, Garland Emlau, Throckmorton; T. T. Ginn, Aspermont; R. E. Baskin, J. H. Beverly, Seymour; W. E. Lowe, DeLeon; J. W. Robinson, Custine; Judge Davis, Brownwood; Roy Harvey, DeLeon; J. P. Greene, J. H. Smoot, C. C. Thompson, Colorado City.

Tuesday afternoon a committee of farmers from Central Texas asked for a cotton acreage reduction session. Governor Moody did not turn down either request but from his attitude indicated a special session for either purpose was a remote possibility. (Continued on Page Five.)



THINGS CAN'T BE SO VERY BAD—

—When September of 1930 shows a more definite and general improvement in employment than any September for the last three years. No bunk about it, no guessing either for the statement is based on the report of The American Federation of Labor.

—When the savings accounts in banks all over the country show an increase month to month.

—When a dollar will buy more of most anything than at any time of years.

—When you and I can buy a staple such as sugar for five cents a pound and big business can get "call money" for one per cent.

—When about all that is needed to make things hum is a little backbone and some good old fashioned courage.

—When to all appearances we have too much of everything, rather than too little.

—When the picture shows are packed, ball parks filled to overflowing, race tracks jammed, foursumers waiting at every tee, and soda pop and ice cream factories working overtime.

—When around every construction job you'll find good automobiles waiting to transport workmen owners to modern homes.

—When every business is not getting near all the business there is to get out of the business they already have.

—When communities knowingly pass up opportunities to increase col- (Continued on Page Two.)

Dam at San Angelo Fulfills Its Mission

Abilene, Texas, October 23.—Buffeted fiercely for 32 hours by raging, storming flood waters from the South Concho, Spring and Dove creeks, the West Texas Utilities Company dam at San Angelo held back and controlled billions of gallons of water pouring in from the Concho watershed, which if it were not for the dam might have wrought incalculable damage. Electric service was continued from the Concho plant above the dam without a moment's interruption throughout one of the worst floods in West Texas history.

First flood waters stormed into the lake at approximately one o'clock Monday morning, when the big rise of the South Concho river made necessary the opening of the first sluice gates. By 4 o'clock Monday afternoon the South Concho had receded, and Dove creek started flooding. By 11 o'clock Monday night, Dove creek had receded and torrents of water flowed from Spring creek, this last flood lasting until 10 o'clock Tuesday morning.

The highest water recorded was at Lone Wolf dam, north of the new Nasworthy dam, where flood waters were roaring fourteen feet over the top of the wall. At the Ben Fickland dam, the South Concho was estimated to be more than three quarters of a mile wide. The fourteen foot rise at the Lone Wolf dam was considered to be the crest of the flood.

Sluice gates in the new Nasworthy dam are fifteen feet high and twenty-five feet long. It took thirteen of the fifteen gates, each gate discharging in excess of 50,000 gallons of water per second to control the flood.

When the first rise of the Concho flowed into the lake, water could not be discharged fast enough. At one time it was twenty inches above the top of

the sluice gates, but was brought rapidly under control.

Through the use of the Nasworthy dam as a controlling element, it was possible to keep the water in the lake at an even level, and discharge flood waters in such time as to almost completely eliminate the high crests which might have resulted in damage to property. The only damage reported was the loss of several boat landings and boats and the washing away of a small amount of fence.

West Texas Utilities company engineers, from both San Angelo and Abilene, spent the greater part of two days and nights contesting the supremacy of the man-made dam and the raging elements. The Nasworthy dam survived the gruelling test without damage, it was reported.

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THE TOWN DOCTOR

(Continued from Page One)
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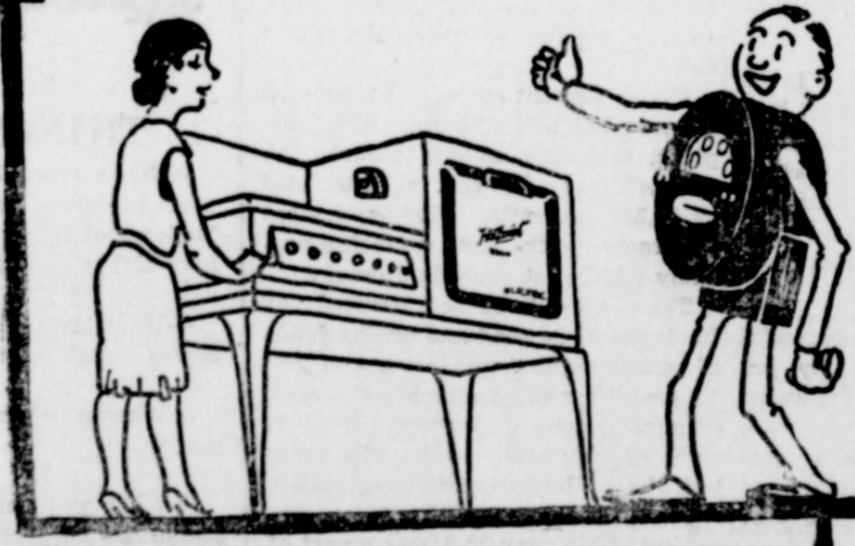
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Drinking Has Decreased 80 Per Cent, Fisher Says

New York, Oct. 23.—Prof. Irving Fisher of Yale said Saturday drinking had decreased 80 to 90 per cent under prohibition.

Speaking over a National Broadcasting Company chain under the auspices of the National Grange, he asserted prohibition was much more of a success than the public had been led to believe.

It can become a still greater success, in fact, becoming so, according to the observations of the new prohibition administration," he said. The public, he maintained, has been deceived through unfair presentation of statistics and through loss of perspective—forgetting the drunkenness prevalent before 1918.

"Let them read 'Ten Nights in a Barroom,'" he suggested.

Mr. Fisher said 153 statistical studies on such subjects as divorce, vice, accidents, poverty and delinquency, had with a few exceptions, shown a 35 per cent improvement since the institution of national prohibition.

"Of course," he said, "some of the improvement is due to other causes. But the big improvement almost always came with prohibition. This can scarcely be mere coincidence. There are too many such coincidences."

He said there was no question of the economic value of prohibition and mentioned estimates on this ranging from three to ten billions a year. The professor said the public had been

most deceived concerning the amount of liquor now being consumed. He said he believed millions were amazed to read the recent estimate by Amos W. W. Woodcock, chief of the Prohibition Bureau, which placed present alcohol consumption at 40 per cent of the pre-prohibition figure, but Mr. Fisher contended this was "ultra-safe."

"After Mr. Woodcock's statement, I hope the well-informed man will not allow the anti-prohibition propaganda to deceive him into thinking there is now anywhere near as much drinking as before prohibition."

One of 44 Students to Receive Scholarship

Denton, October 23.—Miss Lucille Cole, of Merkel, a freshman Spanish student at the Texas State College for Women (C. I. A.) was one of the forty-four students representing every section of the state, who received scholarships to the college in recognition of their scholastic records in high school. Miss Cole is the daughter of Mrs. R. E. Cole.

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

Kentucky has led the states in tobacco since the civil war.

Circus Elephant Falls On 11-Year-Old Boy

Blackpool, England, Oct. 23.—A circus elephant which was brushing against a railing along a pathway near the circus here Sunday lost its balance and toppled over, killing an 11-year-old boy.

The boy, Joseph Robert Elgey, walking along the pathway, had tripped and fallen just as the elephant toppled. The big animal's knee came down on the boy's back, killing him instantly.

An eyewitness of the accident said the elephant appeared to be quite peaceable. After killing the boy it rose and stood still until led away by attendants.

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come out to the field to say good-bye to his circus friends, who had given their last performance at Blackpool on the previous night.

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PROBLEMS OF EMPIRE.
(The Dallas News.)

Texas in area and natural resources often has been called, and rightly, an empire. It is the coming empire State, and within a generation will be admittedly a leading Commonwealth in the Union.

But this coming leadership demands that those who control the destiny of the State should have vision and foresight sufficient to plan in a large way a program as a guide for action in later years. Topsy "just grewed," but scientific growth is based on intelligent surveys of situations and wise judgments.

Texas has enormous natural wealth, but the wealth from the production of it enriches outsiders; little remains within the State. It has much capital in its financial centers, but comparatively little of it is invested in Texas industries. The purchasing power of its almost six millions of population is huge in amount, but the goods purchased mostly come from outside the State.

Through ignorance the fertile lands of Texas are declining in fertility because of erosion and a one-crop system; its magnificent forests have been shamelessly wasted and practically no attempts made to timber cut-down areas suited only to reforestation. It is an empire of natural wealth, but its economic leaders accumulate wealth for themselves with small forethought for the future generations of Texans.

The best wealth of Texas consists of the energy and brain capacity of its people. Among these is much dormant talent that should have opportunity for expression in action. But more than half the population are so poor that their standards of living are necessarily low. In consequence, their children are worked prematurely, and obtaining merely the rudiments of education, they become stunted in body and mind—the greatest waste of a wasteful State.

What Texas needs is a definite program set for the younger generation to accomplish in the next twenty-five years. The resources of Texas should enrich Texas and Texans. Its farming population should own their lands, not be tenants in a condition quite like serfdom. Its empty forest lands should be reforested and exempted from taxation for the period of growth. Small industries should be established in every village and town of the State to supply work and to put on sale Texan-made goods. "Made in Texas" should be a guaranty of excellence in material and manufacture. Above all, the younger generation should be free to acquire a generous education, combined with a training for vocations on the farm and in the future industries of Texas.

Texas needs local Chambers of Commerce, civic improvement societies and city planning. It needs a new Constitution, a reorganized government, wise legislators who can think in terms of an empire State. It should place obligations on its professions to give to its people health, good laws, spiritual insight. It should aim to develop that broad intelligence that appreciates the value of the artistic in connection with vigorous applications of the many varieties of science to the problems of the State.

Talk Texas, think Texas, help make Texas famous for its comfortable homes and its wide-awake intelligent citizens.

BUSINESS FOR SALE.

Owing to a change in employment, I will move to Abilene on or before November 1st and my insurance business will be for sale. If no purchaser, satisfactory to me, makes a worth while offer I will continue in the business and will have some one in Merkel represent me, who will give efficient service and will merit a share of your business.

All renewals will receive the same attention as heretofore. The title of my business does not include the desk, chairs, typewriter, steel case and gas stove, as these articles belong to the Chamber of Commerce and the Retail Merchants Association and will be delivered to any place in Merkel designated by any one having authority.

Myself and wife leave Merkel with a feeling that we are leaving some very dear friends, but we are not going far away and will always be glad to welcome them to our home in Abilene.

L. R. Thompson.

The English channel is more salty in summer than in winter.

CHURCHES

STEWARDSHIP REVIVAL SERVICES EVERY NIGHT THIS WEEK AT THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH; DR. SANDEFER HERE THURSDAY NIGHT. "Come thou with us and we will do thee good." Come to our Stewardship Revival. Services will continue every night this week. The crowds are growing, the interest deepening with each service.

Be sure to hear Dr. J. D. Sandefur Thursday night at 7:30.

Sunday at 11 a. m. the pastor has selected as his subject "Give an Account of Thy Stewardship." At 7:30 p. m. his text will be "He shall be driven from light into darkness and chased out of the world." This is God's dreadful announcement to the lost.

Sunday School at 9:45, Chas. West, acting superintendent. Meet your Lord in the Sunday School class and let Him continue to speak to you through the preaching service. B. Y. P. U. meets at 6:30 p. m., Comer Haynes leader. Help our young people to grow in grace.

Visitors and strangers welcome.

J. T. King, Pastor.

W. M. S. CIRCLES.

The W. M. S. circles of the Baptist church will meet in joint session at the Baptist church next Tuesday at 3 o'clock.

SENIOR B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM. Subject: "Our Mission to Our State."

Introduction, Group Captain. "His Last Words," Lona Bryan. "State Missions," Ida Mae Derstine. "The Mission Program," Mary King.

"The Educational Program," Florence Berry.

"The Service Program," Benjamin Sheppard.

"Fulfilling Our Mission to Our State," Harold King.

MEN'S PRAYER MEETING.

John Toombs is to be the leader of the men's prayer service next Sunday afternoon and the Methodist church is the place of meeting. The subject will be the fourth chapter of 1st Peter. Last Sunday the meeting was held at the Nazarene church, with L. L. Murray as leader.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

By a difference of one, the Methodist Sunday School led in attendance last Sunday, with 226 present. The Baptist Sunday School reported 225 in attendance. The total at the five reporting Sunday Schools in Merkel was 539 last Sunday. The number present at each of the other Sunday Schools: Presbyterian, 60; Church of Christ, 56, and Nazarene, 22.

NAZARENE CHURCH.

We have Sunday School every Sunday at 9:45 a. m. The attendance was small last Sunday on account of the rain; only twenty-two (22) were present, but we are expecting a large increase in attendance next Sunday.

Preaching at 11 a. m. and at 7:15 p. m. each Sunday. Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7 p. m. We extend an invitation to all who will to come and worship with us. We feel that you will be a blessing to us and we will try to be a blessing to you.

J. I. Northcut, Supt.
W. P. Sibley, Pastor.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. The attendance has gained during the last four rainy Sundays, which is an evidence of increased interest. Be on time, so that we may close in time for those who may want to attend church elsewhere to do so, as the pastor will be in Baird. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock.

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

AT THE METHODIST CHURCH.

Our Sunday School superintendent, Mr. Herbert Patterson, is creating quite an interest in his school by calling on the different departments for the opening exercises. They vie with each other in putting on these programs and they are varied and interesting. The children will have charge next Sunday. This program alone will be worth your coming to church. Let's encourage them with a full house next Sunday.

The Missionary committee was greatly encouraged by the hearty response received from the appeal sent out last week. They are hoping that next Sunday will bring back to them every envelope sent out. If you forgot it last Sunday, please don't forget it next Sunday. Read their letter over again carefully, do the best you can and the Lord and the committee will be satisfied. They want to make a record by accounting for every envelope sent out and they are counting on the loyalty of the membership to help them do this. So please bring or send your envelope to church so they won't have to call on you for it.

The pastor will be in his pulpit at both hours next Sunday. A message and a welcome for you.

T. C. Willett, Pastor.

HI-LEAGUE PROGRAM.

Subject: "Christianizing Commerce and Industry."

Scripture—Acts 18:1-3; 19:23-24. Leader, Marie Stanford. Hymn No. 187. Hymn No. 153. Prayer, Imogene Middleton.

Talks: (1) "Have the Principles of Jesus Affected Industry?" Opal Buzbee. (2) "Can Industry in America be Called Christian?" Duncan Briggs. (3) "What are the Most Serious Problems which Stand in the Way of Christianizing Industry?" Lois Beasley.

(4) "Does Christianity Hold the Solution?" Jack Patterson. Quartette.

Hymn No. 208. Prayer, Brother Willett. League benediction.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Attendance at church last Lord's Day was good for a rainy day. We are glad to have the rains and glad for you to come to church. Let us continue to come and bring someone with us when we can.

All regular services for the coming week and there is a cordial invitation extended to every one to come.

Bible study Lord's Day at 10 a. m., communion service at 11 a. m., Young People's program at 6:30 p. m., Ladies' Bible study Tuesday 3 p. m. and prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.

In love, The Elders.

"Navy Day" Comes on Roosevelt's Birthday

October 27th is Navy Day, the one day in the year which has been set apart to better acquaint the American people with their Navy, its wonderful history, its peacetime missions, and its ships and men. It is particularly fitting that the birthday of President Theodore Roosevelt has been designated for annual commemoration as Navy Day, for it was during his administration that the Navy received that impetus which resulted in the United States taking its proper position in the front rank of nations.

In order to fittingly celebrate the occasion, the entire United States Fleet is divided, and ships, singly and in groups, are sent to all seaports. Flags are flown from every masthead. Parades of bluejackets march the streets ashore. Holiday is declared. All ships are thrown open for inspection by their shareholders, the American people, and the Navy is "at home."

The country-wide celebration of Navy Day is under the auspices of that group of patriotic citizens, the Navy League of the United States who, with President Roosevelt, believe, "The United States Navy is the surest guarantor of peace, which this country possesses." But the Navy is not only an instrument of war; it is a powerful influence for peace; it is a pioneer in many industrial developments; and its effect on our national life, both international and domestic, is so great that even estimation fails.

October 27th is an appropriate date for Navy Day for another reason—for on that date in 1775, the first resolution to authorize American warships was introduced in Continental Congress. Since that time the United States Fleet has had many changes; it has decreased at times and has expanded at times; public opinion and disarmament conferences have resulted in fleet reduction; we now have a Navy of which we may well be proud, and we shall retain the firm conviction that regardless of the task set before it, in peace or in war, the Navy will merit the simple praise, well expressed in two words, "Well done."

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Any work left at Merkel Drug Company will be promptly taken care of.

SOCIETY

CHORAL AND GLEE CLUB.

On last Friday morning the Choral and Glee clubs gave their first program in assembly.

The president, Fred Baker, had charge of the program. He introduced the other officers to the student body and announced the numbers.

The program was as follows: "Old Pals are the Best Pals After All" Glee club.

"Since You Came," Choral club.

"Twilight Hours," Choral and Glee clubs.

Piano solo, Thelma McAninch.

"When the Corn is Waving,"

"Last Night the Nighthawk Woke Me," Choral and Glee clubs.

"By the Mississippi," Girls' quartette.

Piano solo, Holly Perry.

Duet for colored girls, Margaret Miller and Nell Hughes.

"Let the Rest of the World Go By,"

"Texas," Choral and Glee clubs.

Mt. Pleasant News

It has been a good while since the Mt. Pleasant correspondent has written to The Mail, but don't be shocked—we are not dead.

People are now planting wheat and trying to gather the crops.

We had Sunday School and preaching last Sunday for the first time in four weeks.

Mount Pleasant school opened last Monday with a good attendance. The teachers are Mrs. Irvin Humphreys, Misses Anna Bell Bailey and Bill Satterwhite.

Miss Etta Pruitt visited Miss Eleanor Hogan Sunday.

Those who attended the "42" party at Mr. and Mrs. Craig Humphreys' home Monday night were Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Humphreys, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Darden, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Humphreys, Lee Darden and Miss Emma Bell Boyett.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Whisenhunt and Mr. and Mrs. Willie Thomas and family visited the J. W. Thomas family Sunday.

Our community was shocked to hear of the death of the little Mauldin child. Mr. and Mrs. Mauldin lived in this community before going to Levelland some few weeks ago.

Point Isabel is no more. The new rivers and harbors bill changed it more appropriately to Port Isabel and it is now so listed in the latest post office directory.

Leases on 2,000 acres on the salt dome in Brazoria county near Freeport have been acquired by the Freeport Texas Co., which will start prospecting for sulphur.

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Dora Doings

Farmers are busy trying to find a time dry enough to sow wheat. Several were fortunate enough to have some planted before the rain and it is up almost ready for pasture.

Mrs. and Mrs. G. W. Whiteaker and Brother and Mrs. Biggs attended the funeral of Mrs. Amelia Hawkins, an aunt of Mrs. Whiteaker, last Monday at Merkel.

Mrs. James of Ranger returned home Thursday after an extended visit here with her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew James.

Among those on the sick list are Mrs. Steve Barton, Little Burl Dennis and Mrs. O. S. Moore.

Miss Novis J. Whiteaker left Sunday to take up school duties at Butman Monday.

Miss Laura Wallis, teacher at Elm Grove, spent the week-end at home. Alvie Tyrone and family visited his parents at Eastland Sunday and Monday.

Next Sunday evening is singing evening at Dora. So come over and bring your books.

We are glad to welcome Mr. Terry and family of San Angelo to our community for this next year.

Leo Huff and Hoyt Shelton are driving nice looking coupes now and rumor is they will not ride by themselves long.

Night football equipment is being arranged for the new Fair Park stadium, Dallas, with a seating capacity of 45,000. Night tennis is being played in many tennis courts while night baseball, the first of which was seen this year, promises to be almost a general thing in minor league cities in another season.

The government of Greece has arranged for annual demonstrations of tractors, agricultural machinery and equipment to determine the types best suited to local conditions.

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Bishop Cannon Files Suit for \$5,000,000

Washington, Oct. 23.—Attempts to discredit Bishop James Cannon Jr. of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and malign the character of the present Mrs. Cannon were charged Thursday in a \$5,000,000 libel suit the bishop filed against William Randolph Hearst in the District of Columbia Supreme court.

The churchman charged that last July 24 and 27 the New York Evening Journal and other Hearst newspapers printed accounts damaging to his character and to the character of his present wife, the former Mrs. Helen Hawley McCallum, his secretary. The first Mrs. Cannon died two years ago.

The bishop and Mrs. McCallum were married in England last July and went on an extended honeymoon to South America.

Statements caused to be published in the newspapers complained of on information obtained by special agents between April 3, 1930, and Sept. 27, 1930, Bishop Cannon said, have injured his reputation, brought him into disgrace and disrepute and impaired his influence.

During the first six months of 1930 in Texas 226 new gas wells were completed—almost as many as the 240 completed during the entire year 1929. Initial volume of the 226 wells was 4,152,500 million cubic feet as against 4,420,500 million cubic feet of the 240 completed in 1929.

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- COFFEE, Folgers, 2 lb. tin 85c
- PEACHES, table, heavy syrup, 2 1-2 lb. 20c
- SARDINES, American 1-4's, can 5c
- MACARONI, Gooch's Best, 4 pkgs. 25c
- CAKES, National's Snow Peaks, lb. 25c
- MACKREL, Salmon style, good to cook, can 12c
- MAYONNAISE, Kraft's 12 oz. jar 20c
- CANDY, assorted, 3 bars 10c
- SPUDS, No. 1 Idaho's, 10 lbs. 30c
- ORANGES, nice size, Texas fruit, doz. 40c
- APPLES, bulk, nice, firm, peck 40c
- SOAP, Lighthouse, 10 bars 35c

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SEE HARRY BARNETT for anything in the McCook-Deering line. Adams and Leverett, Abilene, Texas.

FOR SALE—Dark Cornish cocks and hens; also setting eggs. Bob Lucks at Liberty Hardware Co.

FOR SALE, RENT OR TRADE—Four room house, like new; piano, organ, typewriter; all kinds of stoves, new and second hand. City Furniture, Joe Garland, Prop.

FOR SALE—Good farm, 5 miles up the river from Truby, adjoining D. Poland's place in Jones county. Write D. Arrington, Lufkin, Texas.

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FOR RENT—Two and three room furnished apartments. J. L. Riddle. Phone 91.

FOR RENT—Five room house. Burton-Lingo Co.

FOR RENT—Two stucco five-room residences, all utilities, close to school and church; known as the Hampton houses; \$10.00 per month. See G. W. Boyce.

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FOR RENT—Three four-room houses and one three-room house. Clay Lumber Company.

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WANTED—Stock to pasture. See Mrs. R. B. Rains, Route 1, Box 93.

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.

Modern Dry Cleaners Reopens Thursday

Under the management of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Blake, formerly of Abilene, the Modern Dry Cleaners reopened for business Thursday at the same location, opposite the postoffice.

Announcement of the opening of the establishment under new management appears in this issue of The Mail.

Mr. Blake was engaged until recently as a building contractor in Abilene. He had previously been connected with the dry cleaning business and is thoroughly experienced along this line. For the opening days, his brother, G. T. Blake of Bonham, proprietor of the Blake's Cleaners of that city, will be here to assist Mr. and Mrs. Blake.

The latter with his daughter have taken the Riddle cottage in South Merkel and are being cordially welcomed as new citizens.

McGehee Assumes Bakery Management

Effective Thursday, A. A. McGehee, who was formerly proprietor of the Quality Bakery for five years, retiring from the business about three years ago, assumed the management again of Merkel's only bake shop. Announcement of the change in management appears in this issue of The Mail.

J. H. Jackson, who has operated the Quality Bakery for the past several years, expects to go to Dallas within the next few days to locate there. General regret is felt at the loss of Mr. and Mrs. Jackson from our midst and best wishes of many friends follow them into their new home.

Mr. McGehee, the new manager, is well and favorably known here, as he is proprietor of the same shop for several years, and his return is just another evidence that, after all, Merkel comes more good place in which especially upper first became available for the rest of the world about the eighth century through the Arabs, who learned the art of paper making from Chinese prisoners captured in Asia.

22-Month-Old Baby Meets Tragic Death In Windmill Shaft

Royse Alvin Mauldin, babe of 22 months who died near Levelland last Thursday morning—far beneath the earth, wedged tightly in a windmill shaft beyond the reach of human hands—was the only child of Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Mauldin, formerly of the Mount Pleasant community south of here.

About 60 days ago, Mr. Mauldin and his family, who had been farming on the George Moore place, left for Levelland where Mr. Mauldin was employed picking cotton. Mrs. Mauldin, the little child's mother, is a daughter of E. H. Thompson, farmer, living in the Stith community and Mr. Thompson, accompanied by his step-son, Melvin Barker, went to Levelland Thursday just as soon as news of the child's tragic end was learned.

The little boy had been away all day Wednesday with his father, who was working at a church, returning late in the afternoon. While playing in the yard, a newly-drilled well shaft in the yard of the Mauldin cottage, which was thought to have been carefully covered up, was the direction the little child took and, as he walked across a plank placed over the top of the 12-inch hole, he fell in. It is thought he dropped about 22 feet at first and every effort was made by untiring neighbors and workmen to rescue him from the encasing walls.

Efforts to lift the child's body with ropes with nooses at their ends failed and, finally despairing of lifting the child in this manner, the workers began sinking a shaft nearby and at sunrise the following morning (Thursday), they succeeded in removing the tiny body from a spot 38 feet beneath the surface of the ground, to which the body had slid.

Among the workers assisting was a number of oil men and these had placed an order for a spudder from Wichita Falls, should they fail in their attempt to reach the body by sinking a shaft alongside.

Funeral services were held at the Levelland cemetery Friday, with Rev. Mr. Settles, Baptist pastor, officiating.

R. N. Mauldin, the child's father, came to Taylor county from Red River county. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mauldin, now reside at Clarksville.

UNION RIDGE NEWS

The Union Ridge school is progressing nicely, but attendance is not very regular, as yet.

Mrs. W. M. Carey is on the sick list this week.

We are glad to report that Mrs. H. C. Barnett is up again, but is not able to do her work.

Mr. and Mrs. John Dunn and family of Merkel were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Shelton Sunday.

Everyone is urged to remember that next Sunday there will be church service at the usual hour. This has been a very enjoyable year and few of us can realize that Brother Sherrill has been with us almost a year.

Miss Lucille Jones was the guest of relatives at Noodle this week-end.

Ft. Worth Livestock

Fort Worth, Oct. 23.—Trading generally slow on all classes of slaughter cattle Wednesday. Bidding was 15 to 20c lower on slaughter steers, steady to 15c lower on cows and 25c or more on slaughter calves. Common steers sold at \$4.50; others from \$8 down. Bulls sold at \$5; common lights \$3.50 down. Yearlings and heifer common packages sold \$3.50 to 5.

Canner cows cleared \$2.50 to 2.75. Fat cows around \$4.50. Heavy calves sold at \$7.50 and light South Texas calves at \$7; calves were in the \$6 notch.

Stocker calves sold at \$7 and \$7.50 and a lot of stocker yearlings at \$7 and three loads of stocker steers at \$6.75 or steady.

Truck hogs steady to 15c lower. Bulk truck hogs sold from \$8.75 to 9 with best hogs at \$9.10. Most packing sows \$7.50.

Cotton Receipts.

Cotton receipts for the season up to Thursday noon total 2,402 bales for Merkel, 181 having been received during the week. Shipments by the T. & P. to date are 2,166 bales and there are on hand in the cotton yard 336 bales. Public Weigher Houston Robertson has received 1,336 bales at the cotton yard, while Austin Robertson, representative of the Cotton Co-op, has received 767 bales. The remainder, 299 bales, has been received from other sources, brought here for shipment.

Beaumont is to have a \$500,000 medical and dental aris building.

See the Philco Baby Grand Radio for sale by O. R. Dye.

Personal Mention

Miss Eulala Deavers left Thursday to teach school near Lamesa.

Miss Mollye Shannon and Mrs. Pauline Lackey are spending the week-end at Ft. Worth.

Mrs. Ruby Johnson of Trent was the week-end guest of her sister, Mrs. John West.

Mrs. Belle Kimbrough has returned from a pleasant visit of several weeks in Fort Worth.

Miss Godie Richie of Abilene is spending several days with Miss Emma Toombs.

Delmer Saunders of Lamesa visited last week-end with his sister, Mrs. O. R. Rodden.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. May of Colorado were week-end guests in the J. L. Banner home.

Mrs. Ara Brown of San Angelo is to be a guest for sometime in the J. L. Banner home.

Miss Hazel Lee Rainbolt was home from Kirklund to spend the week-end with her parents.

Last Sunday Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Holt of Ballinger visited her father, Mr. J. S. Thomas.

Mrs. T. V. Touchstone returned Wednesday from Midland where she had gone on business.

Misses Christine Collins and Iva Brage are visiting several days with the Misses Dean in Dallas.

Mrs. Ted McGehee and little son, Teddie Joe, of Lubbock are guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Ashby.

Miss Maurine Tipton is teaching again this year at Hodges, school having opened there last Monday.

Returning with her son, Joe Cypert, Mrs. G. W. Cypert will visit her sons and daughters in Port Arthur.

Mr. Olia Bourn of Fort Worth was a recent guest in the home of her son, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Bourn.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Hunter and children spent the week-end with Misses Beryl and Odelle at Lubbock.

Howard King was over from Simmons to spend the week-end with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. T. King.

Mrs. W. L. Harkrider accompanied Mrs. Roy Largent to her home in Brownwood for a visit of sometime.

Mrs. J. A. Pruitt and baby, Jimmie, of Sweetwater were week-end guests of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lowe.

Mr. and Mrs. Emory Jones and little son, Marvin Estes, are visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Smith, in Stanton.

After visiting in Dallas and Fort Worth for several weeks, Mrs. George Brown and Miss Madden returned home early in the week.

After a stay of several months with his half-brother, Hubert Hamblet, and other relatives in Lafayette county, Mississippi, J. B. Hamblet has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Berry and granddaughter, Laura, and Mrs. Fred Baker and Miss Edith visited relatives in Vernon and Thalia last week-end.

Miss Ruby Hughes, who was formerly head nurse at the Merkel Sanitarium, has assumed her duties as surgical supervisor at the Big Spring Sanitarium.

Messrs. R. O. Anderson and Claud Comegys left Sunday for St. Louis, being joined at Haskell by Courtney Hunt. They will return the latter part of the week.

Mrs. Frank McFarland and little son, Frank, Junior, left Tuesday for Dallas where they will visit her brothers, J. D. and R. C. Sheppard, and their families.

Her many friends will be glad to learn that Mrs. W. A. Whiteley has returned home from Brownwood where she has had to remain for the past

eight months on account of serious illness. She first went there on account of the illness of her mother and, taking sick there, was herself in most serious condition for several weeks.

Mrs. H. C. Williams, who has been visiting friends here, returned to Knox City Saturday with her daughter, Mrs. E. Q. Warren, and will visit there for sometime.

After spending the week-end with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Conner, Mrs. S. A. Reid of Clyde has gone to visit her daughter, Mrs. Will Miller, on Elm creek.

W. W. Bain is again the guest of his granddaughter, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Scott, after spending four months at the home of another grandson, W. O. McCrary, at Spur.

After spending several days with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. William O'Briant, Messrs. Frank, Bill and Buck O'Briant returned to Los Angeles, Calif., Wednesday.

Mrs. J. M. Garrett has been in Brown Sanitarium at Cisco for the past two weeks and reports of her improvement are learned with much pleasure by her friends here.

Rev. Ira L. Parrack, pastor of the Baptist church at Chillicothe and formerly pastor of the First Baptist church here, is visiting his parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Parrack, and is being given a most cordial welcome by old friends.

Funeral Services For Mrs. Hawkins, Age 78, Held Here Monday

Mrs. F. S. Hawkins, age 78, who died Sunday afternoon at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Alice Wood, in Abilene, was laid to rest in Rose Hill cemetery Monday afternoon, following services from the Methodist church here at 3 o'clock. The Rev. J. E. Harwell, pastor of the Oak Street Methodist church of Abilene, and the Rev. V. B. Atteberry, pastor of Nazarene church, also of Abilene, officiated.

Mrs. Hawkins, "grandma" to the children of the Sunshine Day Nursery where Mrs. Wood has been matron for almost 18 years, had lived in Abilene much of the time for fifteen years with another daughter, Mrs. Josie Whitaker, and Mrs. Wood. The nursery children who were notified of Mrs. Hawkins' death came to the home only to speak words of sympathy to Mrs. Wood and then returned to their own homes for the day.

Mrs. Hawkins, whose maiden name was Cornelia Scott Armstrong, was born in Kentucky, and as a small girl moved to Johnson county, Texas, a member of one of the pioneer families in that section. Besides her two daughters in Abilene, she is survived by one brother, W. M. Armstrong of Rising Star, who reached Abilene Sunday afternoon shortly after her death.

Mrs. Hawkins, until a few months ago when she developed a serious heart trouble, had been in good health all her life.

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School Fair

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for the league meets are to be set at a later session of the directors.

Complete list of directors follows: O. L. Howell, North Park superintendent, director general.

Ross B. Jenkins, Trent superintendent, declamation.

F. W. Hogue, Ovalo superintendent, debate.

Mrs. T. C. Weir, Bufalo Gap primary teacher, spelling.

Mrs. Len Sublett, principal of Merkel grammar school, arithmetic.

W. C. McKenzie, Potosi principal, athletics.

Miss Edna Marie Jones, North Park music teacher, music and picture memory.

Miss Hazel Williams, Merkel, essay writing.

Bailey Johnson, Rogers, rural school division.

Mrs. Len Sublett of Merkel was named secretary of the directors committee at the Saturday meeting.

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The cotton acreage committee sponsored the reduction bill proposed by J. E. McDonald, democratic nominee for commissioner of agriculture. The governor already has written governors of southern states suggesting a south wide conference to discuss reduction, but the project has not definitely developed.

Reopens Tourist Hotel.
Mrs. N. A. Harper, who until recently has conducted a lunch room at Loraine, has moved to Merkel and reopened the Tourist Hotel on Front street, corner of Kent. She has equipped a cafe with lunch stand and tables in one of the buildings down stairs and furnished the rooms in the hotel upstairs. Mrs. Harper was also formerly in the hotel and cafe business at Sweetwater.

Sterling county has an unique record among Texas counties—no Sterling county citizen has ever been sent to the penitentiary; no murder trial has ever been held in the Sterling county court house; the Sterling county jail is empty and its doors are open.

Thomas A. Edison has five children, three by his first marriage and two by his second.

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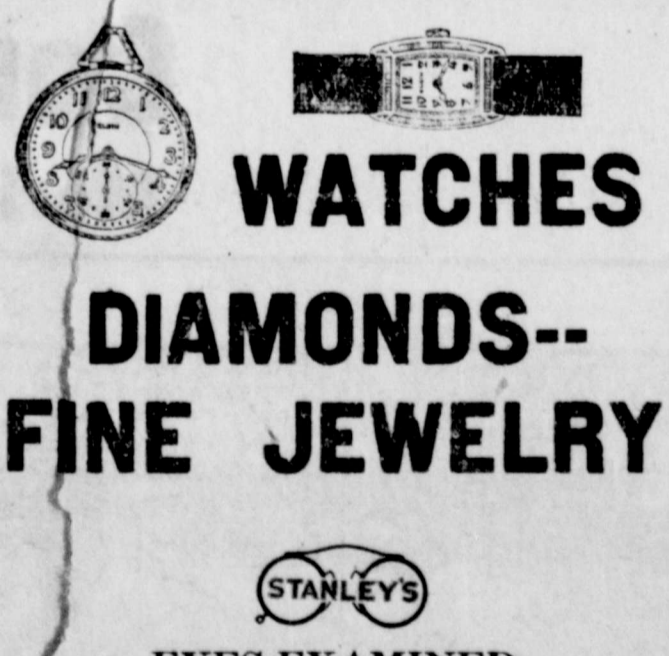
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Texas Cities Show Substantial Gains in Retail Store Sales

Austin, Oct. 23.—Increasing seasonally by 37 per cent compared to a three-year average of 31 per cent for the period, retail department store sales in Texas showed a substantial gain in September over August business, according to the Bureau of Business research at the University of Texas. Total business for the first nine months of 1930 was 93 per cent of that during a corresponding period of 1929 compared to 91.3 per cent at the end of the first eight months of the year.

The most substantial increase in percentage as compared to the previous month's business was in Corsicana, where September sales were 81.2 per cent greater than August. This increase compared with the three-year average increase of only 34 per

cent for that city during September as compared to August. The improvement was not sufficient to bring September volume up to that of 1929, and the margin between total business of 1930 and 1929 widened from 6.9 per cent at the close of August to 8.2 per cent at the end of September.

San Antonio, with a September business of 42.6 per cent greater than August and 12.6 per cent greater than September, 1929, came nearest to the 1929 levels in total business for the entire year. Sales in Austin, Dallas, Houston and Corpus Christi also increased considerably during September over August. Volume of sales in the "all others" group which includes many of the smaller towns improved slightly more than the usual increase for the month, but not so much as the state as a whole. Entire turnover for the year in this group has been 17.2 per cent less than during the similar period of 1929, compared to a decline for the state as a whole of only 7 per cent.

Louisiana Has First Recorded Earthquake

New Orleans, Oct. 23.—Louisiana has experienced its first recorded earthquake.

A tremor of 10 to 25 seconds' duration was felt here Sunday and some residents rushed from their homes in alarm. There was no property damage, however, and no one was injured. The quake also was felt in Morgan City, Amite, Franklinton, Baton Rouge, Point A La Hache, and Sidell.

At Morgan City 200 persons attending mass fled from the church. They returned later, however. In many cases residents believed the tremors were caused by heavy blasting.

Prof. R. A. Steinmayer, head of Tulane university's geology department, named three possible sources of the quake—the Mississippi delta, the

submarine slope of the Gulf of Mexico, and the mountain area of Mexico.

Civic Clubs Give Stores Big Boost

Muskegon, Mich., Oct. 23.—Members of seven Muskegon luncheon clubs were confident they had made a long stride toward ending business depression in the community through the "Spend a Million Week" campaign in which almost the entire population joined.

Books of more than 30 representative business firms were opened to an auditing company which expected to make public figures showing that hundreds of thousands of idle dollars had been put into circulation through the drive.

The spending drive was started by

Leonard Reitdyke, president of the Kiwanis club, and was adopted by seven clubs with total memberships of 300. Each of these 300 men pledged himself to spend \$100 during the last week and to get five non-club residents to spend as much.

Lewis Stone and Third Bride Honeymooning

Yuma, Ariz., Oct. 23.—Lewis S. Stone, 50, veteran character actor of the stage and screen, and Hazel Elizabeth Woolf, 29, of Playa Del Rey, Calif., were honeymooning here Monday. They were married by the Rev. Herbert Brook of the Yuma Methodist church.

The marriage was a surprise. The final decree of divorce separating Stone and his second wife, Mrs. Florence Oakley Stone, the actress, be-

came final Friday and the trip from Hollywood began the next day. Stone's first wife, Margaret Langham, died in 1917.

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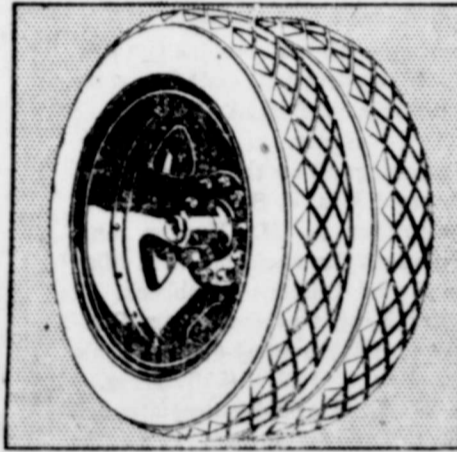
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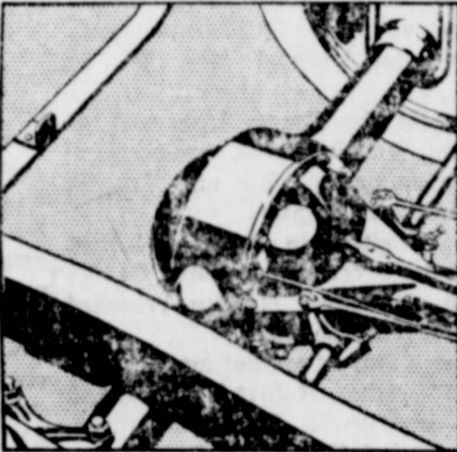
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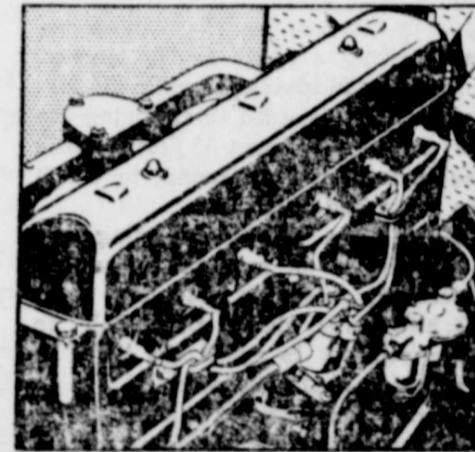
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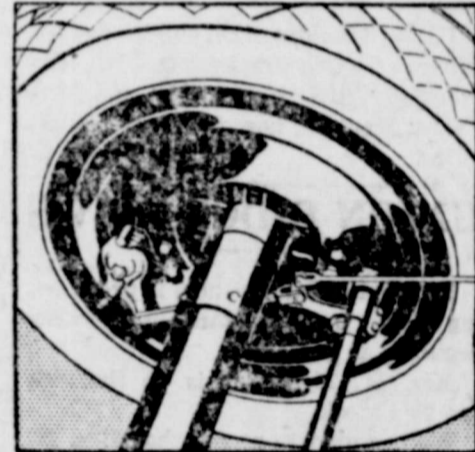
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INCREASED SIZE AND PRODUCTION

Large Cows Were Curiosity Only Fifty Years Ago.

According to the United States Department of Agriculture, our yearly average milk production per cow in 1850 was 1,436 pounds, in 1880 it was 2,004 pounds, in 1900 was 3,646 pounds, and in 1927 was 4,600 pounds. During the same period, a much greater increase has been evident in the black and white herds both in size and production.

In 1896, when the Holstein cow Texalar made a record of 74 pounds of milk daily for ten days, she was hailed as a wonder. Now there are more than 250 Holsteins that have exceeded that production in the United States not only for ten days but for an entire year of 365 days.

Back in the eighties, according to W. B. Barney of Des Moines, Iowa, member of the committee that verifies the qualifications of Holstein judges, and one of the oldest living exhibitors of the breed, large cows were a curiosity 50 years ago, while today they are common. During this period, he asserts, the breed as a whole has increased considerably in size as well as production.

No doubt better feeding and breeding methods have been an important factor in this development, but size is also a factor. How important is the factor of size is indicated by J. C. McDowell of the United States Department of Agriculture in his recent investigation of the D. H. I. A. records of the nation. He found that a 600-pound variation in the weight of the Holsteins considered showed an additional income of \$33 each over feed cost, or \$5.50 for each 100-pound increase in weight. He states that this increased net return should be considered as additional net profit.

Amount of Feed Needed to Maintain Dairy Cow

It is usual to feed all cows in a herd the same amount of grain, regardless of their production. To illustrate the amount of feed necessary to maintain a cow and furnish enough protein and energy for milk production, the following examples are given:

1.—A Holstein cow weighing 1,400 lbs. and producing 46 lbs. of 3.5 per cent milk needs: 42 lbs. corn silage, 17 lbs. hay (half clover and half ordinary hay) and 12 to 13 lbs. grain (18 per cent to 20 per cent protein).

2.—A Holstein cow weighing 1,400 lbs. and producing 22 lbs. of 3.5 per cent milk needs: 42 lbs. corn silage, 17 lbs. hay (half clover and half ordinary hay) and but 4 to 5 lbs. of grain (18 per cent to 20 per cent protein).

After a cow freshens, the grain may gradually be increased to about 12 to 15 lbs. for a Holstein cow producing 46 lbs. of milk and kept at nearly that amount for three or four months, when the grain may be gradually reduced during the next six months.

When cows have been overfed, a good time to reduce the grain or change the grain ration is when a change can be made from a low-grade hay to a better grade, or from poor succulent feed to good succulent feed, or when one has a surplus of milk.

For greater profit, feed more protein hay, grown on soil which has been limed and has had an application of superphosphate, and less high protein grain.

Big Problem of Manure With Many Dairy Herds

It looks as though sanitation is to be the keynote of successful dairy farming in the future. In the early days, when there were three to six cows on 100 acres, there was little thought given to sanitation and little required. There was not enough stock around to seriously pollute the premises. Now with 20 to 30 head of stock in the same building, all using the same yard and the manure a corresponding greater accumulation, sanitation is a real problem. Prof. W. R. Graham, professor of poultry husbandry at the Ontario Agricultural college, in advising that all growing pullets be kept from the farm buildings, remarked: "The soil around the average farm barn is not dirty—it is filthy." If the soil of the barnyard is fatal to poultry, can it be healthy for calves and heifers? Filthy yards and stables may not generate disease, but they are favorable to the multiplication of disease germs and make disease eradication almost impossible. Clean premises are important just in proportion as we increase our live stock.

Cull Poor Animals

As a large percentage of the dairy cows on farms are bred to calve in the spring, this is an excellent time to consider the cheapest method of properly raising the calves. This is especially true now that dairy cattle are somewhat cheaper than they were two years ago, or even last year, and they are likely to continue to be cheaper for several years. This is not only a good time to cull out and sell the less productive cows, but to cull the calf crop as well.

POULTRY

WATCH AMOUNT OF FEED PULLETS EAT

Drop in Mash and Grain Used May Bring Slump.

A coming slump in egg laying of early hatched pullets can be detected by watching the amount of feed consumed, warns the poultry department at Cornell university.

A flock of 100 leghorn pullets laying 50 per cent must eat from 24 to 25 pounds of grain and mash daily. A decline of only two pounds of feed from the necessary amount that should be eaten by one hundred birds, is enough to cause a falling off of egg production.

The feeder's problem is to have the flock eat the required amount daily. For various reasons, some difficult to determine, the birds may refuse to eat what they should. At the same time they become increasingly inactive. If the slump continues, a partial molt may result. Such conditions may start as the result of changes in feeds and feeding and general management, outbreaks of disease, poor ventilation, or poor breeding, but probably most frequently from violent changes in the weather.

It is best to try to check the slump before it has progressed far. If, however, the birds have dropped off in production, the next best thing is to bring them out of it as quickly as possible, in either case there are several practices that may prove helpful at this season.

Increase the hours of artificial illumination, if necessary, so that the birds have a 14 hour day. Feed cod liver oil, mixing 1 pint in each 100 pounds of dry mash or 1 ounce daily in the scratch grain or in the wet mash for 50 hens. Feed a wet mash composed of the regular dry mash moistened with skim milk or water, preferably just before the night feeding of grain. Continue to keep the dry mash before the birds. Liquid skim milk is advised even though there is powdered milk in the mash. The revised Cornell mash formula calls for 50 pounds of dried skimmed milk or buttermilk in every 500 pounds of the mixture.

Breeding Peafowl for Ornament and Profit

On a farm peafowls may be kept without much trouble. They are very ornamental birds, and always arrest attention. It is perhaps expensive to start off with a pen of these birds, which would require to consist of four hens and one cock, but doubtless they would return a profit in hatching eggs and in young birds for sale.

When birds are first installed it is necessary to watch that they do not wander too far away, which they might be inclined to do, before they get settled down to a new place, which they will do in two or three weeks' time. The owner should endeavor to encourage them to roost in an open-fronted shed. Like the turkey the peahen likes to select a hedge to hatch out her young. As a rule she will sit when she has laid from 8 to 10 eggs. The incubation period is one of 28 days, and the youngsters are, as a rule, very active and bright. The mother hen broods them for a long time.

Rotate Chick Ranges to Avoid Coccidiosis

Rotate chick ranges as you would crops. They should not be allowed to range on the same ground oftener than once in three years. Rotating the range will avoid coccidiosis and intestinal parasites that live on the ground for several years after the chicks have been taken off.

Any range with plenty of grass is desirable for sanitation and economy. A green range is more sanitary than one with only bare ground. The growing grass hides and utilizes most of the organic waste.

Feed bills are cut materially if ample range with good grass is available. It will supply a tender, juicy feed, along with all the necessary minerals and vitamins.

Time to Fight Mite

Summer is the time when lice and mites do their most deadly work in the poultry flock. Lice live on the birds, while the mites hide in cracks and crevices in the nests, roosts and droppings boards in the day time and get on the birds at night and suck the blood. Both of these pests sap the birds' vitality and lower egg production. The birds should be treated for lice and the houses cleaned and disinfected, the droppings boards, roosts and nests being painted.

Fattening Turkeys

Begin on the first of October by gradually increasing the feeds morning and evening. If the birds are fed enough they will not move about very much. There is no advantage in shutting them up. The more milk fed the better the bird; so feed as much buttermilk as possible during this time.

Keep all hoppers and troughs clean at all times. Provide the birds with deep wooden troughs for wet mash, made from 10-inch or 12-inch boards or planks.

Shepard Dies in Chair After Blinding Self

Huntsville, Texas, Oct. 23.—Joyce Shepard, a killer blinded by his own hand, was put to death in the state prison electric chair early Friday. He murdered Sheriff Bob Smith of Fisher county and his deputy, Jake Owens, but was convicted only of the Owens slaying. He was pronounced dead at 12:16 a. m.

Shepard gouged out both eyes with a nail loosened from a ventilator in his cell, fashioning a handle with a bit of string. That was two weeks ago and was revealed only Thursday night when newspaper men were permitted to enter death row to interview him.

The confessed killer of Sheriff Bob Smith and Deputy Jake Owens of Fisher county died without seeing the instrumentality of his punishment. Two weeks ago he blinded himself. The act was the most ghastly note in his long malingering—a malingering whose earlier manifestations presumably led Robert Blake, executed some time ago, to write before he died a sketch which formed the basis for "The Last Mile," prison melodrama playing Broadway.

Near the end Shepard signed a sworn affidavit that he alone killed Smith and Owens and that Lloyd

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His conduct had been the most bizarre of any man the prison officials had observed in a long time, but he died like most all the rest—trembling, unsteady of voice and afraid.

Will Coach Yankees Again.

New York, Oct. 23.—Arthur Fletcher, former manager of the Philadelphia Nationals, again will act as a coach for the New York Yankees next season. Joe McCarthy, newly appointed Yankee manager, announced Fletcher had accepted terms for the 1931 season. Fletcher has been a Yankee coach since the 1927 season.

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.

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Trent News and Personal Notes

Mrs. C. R. Rutherford and little son, Junior, were guests in the J. E. Bowers home last Saturday.

Mrs. Sam Rosson and children of Robstown came last week for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Volley Vessels had as their guests last Saturday Mr. and Mrs. Willard Rogers of Buffalo Gap.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Winn, J. B., Jr., and Elizabeth, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Beckham, visited in the home of A. J. English of Hermleigh last Sunday.

Mrs. Garnet Bryant received a message from her brother, Roy Nalley, who has been in South America for sometime, that he was in Houston and would be here soon for a visit with home folks and friends.

Mrs. T. L. Stevens has as her guests Mrs. J. W. Nichols and daughter, Miss Lillie Nichols, and a little granddaughter, Joy Onetta Mosely of Miami, Fla.

Miss Opal Freeman's many friends will be glad to know that she is at home after an illness of several months in a hospital at Wichita Falls.

Mesdames W. F. Steadman and Alex Williamson were Abilene visitors Tuesday.

Mrs. Bernie Bell of Merkel spent the day Wednesday in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Campbell.

Miss Majory Adrian, who is attending school in Abilene, was home for the week-end.

News has been received here that Miss Odessa Moon of Graham is in a Fort Worth hospital for an operation. She has many friends here who wish her a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Forrester, accompanied by Mrs. Buena McLeod, carried their little daughter, Wilma, to Dallas Monday for X-ray treatment and word received Wednesday was that she was resting, but the sender of the message could not tell just how much improved she was.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Walker are announcing the birth of a fine baby boy on last Friday, October 17, named Willie Winston Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Kelly of Farwell are here for a visit.

Brother Parks of Roscoe will preach at the Baptist church next Sunday and everyone is invited to come.

The Trades Day here last Saturday was well attended and the business men were well pleased with the results. The announcement is made that these events will continue each

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Mrs. A. L. Climer, who resides at 1609 Cleveland Street, Waco, Texas is authority for the remarkable statement that Argotane brought prompt and wonderful relief from suffering that had extended over a period of eight years.

Mrs. Climer is well known in Waco, and her many friends will be interested in her statement.

"I suffered mainly from indigestion," Mrs. Climer told a representative of the Argotane company. "Right after each meal, I would bloat up with gas, so badly at times that it would make my heart flutter and I would have difficulty in breathing. I was constipated a good part of the time, and could not eat very much. When I did eat, almost everything I touched would disagree with me, my system was in such a condition that I have always felt rather sluggish—no interest in anything or energy to do the simplest household task.

"I don't know what I would have done had I not started taking Argotane, which was recommended to me by a friend as a really good medicine, likely to help me where other medicines had failed. I hate to think of how long I might have suffered if I hadn't begun this scientific treatment.

"As it is, I am wonderfully improved. I can eat what I want in comfort and never suffer from indigestion. I am not constipated, and I feel so much better in every way. Life is much brighter and I take a lively interest in everything now.

"There is no denying that Argotane has been a great help to me, and I would recommend it to anyone, especially those suffering from stomach troubles, constipation or indigestion."

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

Saturday. Everyone is invited to come.

Preaching at Noodle.
On account of our fourth quarterly conference which meets at Trent on the first Sunday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock I will preach at Noodle, or Cross Road next Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock. Whether it rains or doesn't rain, we want you to come to all our services for that day, which will be our last day for this conference year. Services at Union Ridge: at 10 a. m. Sunday School; 11 a. m. preaching; and 7 p. m. preaching. Don't bother about the weather—come to church. Let all who have the "Fidelity" banks have them present at Union Ridge at 11 a. m.

U. S. Sherrill, Pastor
W. O. W. Circle.

The regular meeting of W. O. W. circle was held October 17, with good attendance. We are meeting only once a month, beginning November 7—every first Friday. As that will be a business meeting everyone should bear this in mind and come out. You are all needed.

—Reporter.

Blair Items

School opened Monday morning with 75 pupils enrolled; principal, Clyde Deavers; teachers, Misses Derrick, Vera and Maimie Walker of Merkel. Several interesting talks were given by the patrons of the school.

D. C. Doan and family and V. L. Doan and family of Roscoe spent the day Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. James Doan.

Mrs. Sam Phillips visited her daughter, Mrs. Thompson, of Abilene the past week.

Etsel Farmer returned home Sunday after several weeks' stay with his cousin, Criswell Doan, of Roscoe.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Latimer visited Mr. and Mrs. Wid Matthews of Nubia over the week-end.

Earl Pribble returned the last of the week from a business trip to New Mexico.

In fitting up one of the present-day giant liners, 4000 mattresses are required.

See the Philco Baby Grand Radio for sale by O. R. Dye.

Protests Use As Jail.

Baltimore—Fort McHenry, birthplace of "The Star Spangled Banner," is now used as Maryland headquarters for the federal prohibition forces and it is proposed to establish a federal jail there, former representative John Phillip Hill has written protests to Washington.

Former Kaiser Wilhelm of Germany is 71 years old.

He was born in 1859.

Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office.

Office supplies—Mail office.

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY Specials

Grapes	fresh Tokays, 3 pounds	25c
Lettuce	hard head	5c
Coffee	Peaberry, pound	20c
Post Toasties	2 for	25c
Soap	10 bars	33c
Candy	fresh bars, 3 for	10c
Bread	fresh, 2 loaves	15c
Butter	fresh country butter, pound	30c
Cocoa	2 pounds	35c
Bacon	smoked, pound	24c
Bacon	sugar cured, sliced, pound	30c
Flour	Our Special, 48 lb sack	\$1.25

LARGE ASSORTMENT FRESH VEGETABLES. YAMS AND APPLES. WE GIVE COW TICKETS.

Dunnam Bros.

BREAD NOW Two Loaves For 15c

Effective Thursday, Oct. 23, A. A. McGehee Assumed the Management of the QUALITY BAKERY.

Business will be continued at the same location and patrons are assured of the same High Class Breads and Pastries that I have always given you.

REMEMBER YOU CAN NOW BUY TWO LOAVES OF BREAD FOR 15c AT YOUR GROCER'S QUALITY BAKERY A. A. McGehee, Manager.



Saturday Specials at Bragg Dry Goods Co.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25th WILL BE DOLLAR DAY

It Will Mean A Saving of More Dollars Than Was Ever Known. Come See the Astonishing Values of Merchandise Items Priced to Sell for

\$1.00

Positively Nothing Sold at These Prices Before Saturday—Remember One Day Only. You Can Buy Such Items As Ladies' \$2.95 Silk Pajamas, \$1.95 Rayon Gowns, Children's Sweaters, Men's Shirts and a Hundred Other Items for \$1.00. See this Merchandise on Display in Our Show Window and On Tables Inside.

An Extra Special Item Is a Dollar Blanket, the pair

\$1.00

Another Is 3 Pair Men's 50c Silk Hose for

\$1.00

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4 DAYS SPECIAL

Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Monday

The Modern Dry Cleaners, Under New Management, are Now Open For Business At Same Location, Opposite Postoffice.

DURING OUR SPECIAL--WITH EACH SUIT OR DRESS CLEANED, WE WILL CLEAN AN EXTRA SUIT OR DRESS FREE

Be Ready for our Collecting Service Thursday Morning. Satisfaction Guaranteed. Phone Us For Further Service.

THANK YOU

The Modern Dry Cleaners

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Blake, New Managers