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## FEDERAL BOARD PROPOSES TO AID COTTON FARMER

### Will Advance Cash Through Cooperatives; Board Itself to Loan 25 Per Cent Value of This Year's Crop.

Washington, Aug. 22.—Cotton farmers are to receive the full cash equivalent of this year's crop in advance whenever they are "in distress and must have money," under plans announced by the federal farm board.

The funds will be advanced through the cotton cooperatives. The board itself will advance 25 per cent of the value of the crop, 65 per cent will be loaned by the federal intermediate credit banks, and the remaining 10 per cent will be paid from the capital reserves of the cooperatives.

How much money will be required was said by the board to depend solely upon the needs of the cooperative associations. It was expected the sums involved in this year's marketing operations will be between \$5,000,000 and \$10,000,000, but board members said they stood ready to go as far as the industry required.

The advances to be made by the board will be on cotton upon which "a definite value has been fixed by hedging in the future market," a statement accompanying the announcement said. The effect of the secondary loans to be made by the board would be "to permit the cooperative associations to make final settlement with a member grower when the latter desires to sell his cotton without forcing that cotton onto the market at a time when buyers may be already over-supplied."

"From the federal intermediate credit banks and the federal farm board," the statement said, "the associations will receive advances equal to 90 per cent of the fixed value, to this amount the cotton association will add 10 per cent from its own capital reserves, will pay in full the grower who is in distress and must have money, and will at the same time be able to merchandise the cotton in an orderly fashion as the spinning mills of the world require."

## Prominent Waco Mason Makes Visit

J. E. Caple of Waco, a member of the Committee on Work of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Texas, is here visiting his son, George Caple, and on Thursday examined a class from the local lodge.

On the 24th and 25th of the month he goes to Plainview and on the 27th and 28th he will be in Albany on a similar mission.

## Several Homes Now Being Completed

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Holloway will occupy their new home on North Front street Monday. This is a frame structure, four rooms and bath, with all modern conveniences, built by the Clay Lumber company with A. V. Dye as contractor.

Foundations are being poured this week for the six room frame house being erected by Commissioner P. A. Diltz in South Merkel, for which materials are being furnished by the Clay Lumber company with A. V. Dye as contractor.

Charlie Higgins has recently occupied his new home in South Merkel, as has also Claude Dye, the latter having bought all materials from Burton-Lingo company with A. V. Dye as contractor.

A. V. Dye is building a home on West Elm street, which is nearing completion.

## Cattle Shipments.

Three carloads of cattle were shipped from this point the early part of the week, with Fort Worth the destination.

Monday Jacobs and McCoy shipped a car of mixed cattle and also Ellerbe and Brooks.

On Tuesday W. H. Laney shipped a car of mixed cattle.

## Revival at Butman Closes.

The Methodist revival at the Butman tabernacle closed Tuesday night with 20 conversions and reclamations. Pastor M. V. Williams of McMurry college did the preaching and Brother Clement led the singing.

## KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Losses from fires in Texas in June totaled \$88,677, including nineteen fires of incendiary origin with losses of \$55,769.

Sally Elizabeth Anderson, 1-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Anderson of Seguin, died after eating rat poisoning before physicians could be summoned.

Miguel Malance, 15, after becoming entangled in the harness, was dragged to death by a mule after completion of a day's work plowing on a ranch near Genoa.

Crushed between a moving caterpillar tractor and heavy timbers of an oil rig, John McElroy, 18, of Rock Crossing, died before he could be taken to a hospital.

H. G. Evans, 72, secretary and treasurer of the Texas Bar Association and the oldest member of the Bonham bar, died Sunday evening following a short illness.

Pleasant Vessels, 81-year-old East Waco hermit, charged with murder of Joe Brown, a neighbor, in a quarrel over a dog, has been released on \$2,000 bond, pending examining trial.

Fire for the third time swept through the properties of the First Baptist church of Fort Worth Friday, of which Dr. J. Frank Norris is pastor, destroying its educational building.

Total bank clearings for the first seven months of 1929 placed Dallas seventeenth among financial centers of the United States by figures published in the August 10 issue of Bradstreet's.

After having been married for over half a century, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Reading of Breckenridge plan to commemorate their sixtieth wedding anniversary Aug. 26 by taking a ride in an airplane.

With the strict enforcement of the new city ordinance limiting downtown parking to one hour, Dallas will supply wrecking machines to go up behind the overparked car and carry it bodily off to the pound.

A permit was issued to the Galveston Wharf company for the estimated amount of \$1,500,000 for the construction of a reinforced concrete grain elevator, 230 feet high, with a capacity of 6,000,000 bushels.

On a plea of the "unwritten law," Mrs. Levi P. Stallworth, Amarillo was freed of killing Mrs. Grace Morrison of Plainview on the streets of Amarillo last May 13, after accusing her of intimacy with Mr. Stallworth.

J. H. (Scrap) Jones, county commissioner, Longview, is nursing ice pick wounds in the chest and his two brothers face charges of aggravated assault as the result of a fight in a domino hall over an alleged 10 cent bet.

The body of a woman found in Turtle creek, Dallas, has been identified by friends as Mrs. Ellen Koonce-Elliott, 69, former wife of a San Antonio judge, who since going to Dallas had served as governess for different families.

The 18-month-old child of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Whitmire, living seven miles west of Lamesa, who had disappeared from home only a few moments before, was found drowned in a small concrete watering tank near their home.

Dr. H. J. Ettlinger, acting director of athletics at the University of Texas since the resignation of L. Theo. Bellmont, was given permanent appointment and all members of the coaching staff were approved by the regents for one year.

Infection resulting from a mosquito bite, while he was operating his seaplane in Palacios during the national guard encampment, proved fatal to Henry E. Toneray, 34, first lieutenant in the air corps service, U. S. A., and Lone Oak commercial aviator.

A 70-foot whale, the first ever reported in the waters of the gulf coast, ran onto the beach five miles west of Pass Cavallo on Matagorda island and the crew of the Pass Cavallo light-house made the animal fast and plans to tow it to Port O'Connor if possible.

Lee Stinson of Snyder was selected to head the West Texas Retail Druggists association at the closing session of the convention at San Angelo Wednesday; Lee Ellis of Abilene was elected vice-president and Lawrence David of Sweetwater secretary-treasurer.

## EAGLE BADGES TO BE PRESENTED TO LOCAL BOY SCOUTS

### J. T. Darsey, Jr., and Benjamin Sheppard Will Receive Honors at Sunday Evening Services at Baptist Church.

Eagle Badges will be presented to two members of the Merkel Boy Scout troops at an impressive service to be held Sunday evening at the Baptist church, beginning at 8 o'clock. These two boys are J. T. Darsey, Jr., and Benjamin Sheppard and it is said that this is the first time a service of this kind has been held in Merkel. Each of these Scouts has more than 20 Merit Badges to his credit.

In order that everyone may be permitted to attend this service, it is announced that the evening services will be waived at the Presbyterian and Methodist churches and a large attendance is assured.

Dr. E. B. Surface of Abilene, who is chairman of the court of honor of this district, the Chisholm Trail area, consisting of seven counties, will have charge of the ceremonies and Judge James P. Stinson of Abilene, who is president of the Chisholm Trail area council, will also be present and take part in the presentation of the Eagle Badges.

From a membership of six, when the first Boy Scout troop was organized in Merkel in 1925, the Boy Scout movement has grown to where there are now two troops, numbering 39 Scouts. Rev. R. A. Walker and Herbert Patterson are Scoutmasters.

## COMPLETE DETAILS SALE OF PAINTINGS

Austin, Aug. 22.—Photographs, maps and correspondence which go with the two paintings, "Dawn at the Alamo," and "The Battle of San Jacinto," done by the late H. A. McArdle, and which hang on the walls of the Texas senate chamber, have been delivered to Governor Moody by the artist's son, Ruskin McArdle of Washington.

The 40th legislature appropriated \$35,000 to pay the heirs to the McArdle estate for the pictures, which had been loaned to the state. A part of the consideration was that the documents, maps and photographs which McArdle gathered in an effort to establish the authenticity of his paintings, should be delivered to the state. These papers will be placed in the state library.

## To Celebrate Opening Iatan Flats Paving

Mayor R. E. Thomason of El Paso and H. L. Birney, president of the Broadway of America, will be the chief speakers at the monster celebration for the opening of the new paved road through Iatan Flats in Mitchell county at 7 o'clock next Monday evening when this wonderful stretch of concrete road is to be thrown open to traffic.

L. R. Thompson has received an invitation from the Colorado Chamber of Commerce extending an invitation to the merchants, business men and civic leaders of this city to be present for the celebration.

## Building New Ice Station.

A vault is now under construction by the Nichols Ice company at the southeast corner of Kent and Elm streets, across the street from the Merkel Lumber company, for a sub-ice-station, which is to be completed at once and opened for the convenience of customers.

During the rush hours at the ice house on Front street, there has been some delay in waiting on customers and the new ice depot will serve to relieve the rush at the busy hours.

## Five Culverts Built.

Further improvements on the old Noodle Road, which was widened a few weeks ago by the donation of strips of land by the property-owners and by funds of Merkel merchants, are to be noted now in five new culverts, which have replaced the old ones, this being the work of Commissioner Rainwater of Jones county, who also provided for the grading of the road after it was widened.

## CONTRIBUTORS TO CEMETERY FUND

Following is the list of contributors and the amount of each to the cemetery fund, as reported to the committee up to Thursday morning, together with the amount previously collected:

Mrs. H. L. Hester, Trent	\$ 5.00
J. A. Stanford	2.50
Mrs. M. A. Pettus	1.00
Previously reported	444.00

GRAND TOTAL \$452.50

## AD VALOREM TAX RATE IS SETTLED

Austin, Aug. 22.—The automatic tax board agreed to levy 30 cents on the \$100 for ad valorem purposes and fixed the confederate pension allotment at seven cents, the constitutional limit, but failed to agree on a rate for school purposes at the meeting here Saturday.

The ad valorem rate for the past year was 22 cents, and the constitutional limit 35 cents. The levy for school purposes was 35 cents, the constitutional limit, making the rate 64 cents for the past year. Should the levy for school purposes be left at 35 cents, the rate for the year would be 72 cents.

It was not stated when the board would meet again to consider the levy for school purposes.

## Young People's Meet Is Well Attended

More than one hundred representatives from the young people's missionary societies of fourteen churches of the Abilene Methodist church, including several from this city, attended an all-day meeting of the societies held Tuesday at St. Paul's church in Abilene.

Morning and afternoon sessions were marked by addresses given by Miss Julia Lake Stevens of Nashville, Tenn., council superintendent of young people's work. Miss Stevens outlined a constructive program of social service, and brought many other valuable suggestions to her listeners.

Mrs. T. V. Touchstone, Miss Mollye Frank Touchstone and Miss Hazel Rainbolt were among those from Merkel and Miss Rainbolt spoke very interestingly of the Girls Camp under the auspices of the Northwest Texas conference.

## Sweetwater Ass'n Will Meet at Trent

The monthly conference of the Sweetwater Baptist association will convene September 2 with the Trent Baptist church, according to the announcement recently made by C. B. Owen, association missionary when the program was given out.

The all-day meeting will be opened at 10 o'clock with devotional led by Rev. J. E. Walker of Abilene. Rev. Ira L. Parrack of Merkel will speak during the morning on the subject, "Why I Like the Baptist Co-operative Program." The subject of Rev. W. R. Derr of Abilene is to be "Using Our Talents for the Glory of God."

The morning sermon will be delivered by Rev. A. C. Turner of Abilene. In the afternoon at 1:10 o'clock the association's executive board and the Women's Missionary Union will meet. Devotional will be led by Rev. J. W. Partin of Abilene. A report of revival meetings will be heard. Associational missions will be discussed and studied.

"Constructive Associational Missions" will be discussed by Walter Jackson of Abilene, educational director of the First Baptist church, and Rev. J. Perry King, also of Abilene, will speak on "Why and How a Victorious Round-up by Meeting of Association." An inspirational address will be given by Rev. E. K. Daugherty of Sweetwater.

## Epworth Junior Program.

Subject—David, Song, Prayer, Song, Scripture, 2 Samuel 7:26 by leader, Mollie Frank Touchstone. Leader's talk, "His Early Life," by Mildred Richardson. "How He Became King," by Nell Hughes. "David and Jonathan," Lois Whiteley. "David's Writings," Mary Grace Dunn. Bible Story, by Duncan Briggs. Benediction.

## LIONS CLUB DECIDES TO POSTPONE FARMERS' MEETING INDEFINITELY

### BOULEVARD STOPS AT CROSS STREETS

Boulevard stops at the intersections of Lamar, Edwards and Kent streets with the north line of Front street and at the intersection of Oak street with the south line of Front street have been established by the city council and proper markers have been placed at these intersections.

The ordinance providing for "Stop" regulations at these intersections, as well as covering any other boulevard stops which may be designated, is published in this issue of the Merkel Mail. The ordinance regulating parallel parking on Oak street has been in effect since the opening of that thoroughfare and is being generally observed.

Following the marking of Front street for 45 degree parking, Edwards street has also been lined up with markers for 45 degree parking and this affords a considerable convenience to automobile drivers.

### Revival Results in Many Conversions

The two weeks' revival which has been in progress at the Presbyterian church closed with the Sunday night services, between fifteen and twenty conversions having been the result of the meeting, while large numbers both inside the church and out were helped wonderfully by the sincere and simple preaching of the gospel by Rev. J. W. Joiner, pastor-evangelist of Waxahachie, who conducted the meeting.

### Artist Finishes Scene for Curtain

"Santa Paula Harbor," a South American scene of rare beauty, is the painting selected for the new curtain at the Grammar School auditorium and the work has just been completed by F. Le Gendre, artist of the Rainbow Scenic Studio, San Angelo. Mr. Gendre has been in Texas about ten years, having been formerly with the Sosman and Landis Scenic Studio in Chicago.

In addition to the Grammar School curtain here, the Rainbow Scenic Studio has contracts at Blair and Goodman which Mr. Gendre is completing and their representatives will be here for sometime yet engaged in these two contracts.

### Pony Express Rider Dies.

Sacramento, Cal.—Thomas J. Reynolds, 81, believed to be the last surviving pony express rider, is dead. Reynolds helped carry the news of the election of Abraham Lincoln to the Pacific Coast. Sixty-nine years ago his route was between Benica and Knights Landing, Cal., then thriving frontier towns.

### Visitors Here From Taft.

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Tackett and daughter of Taft, Texas, have been visiting their daughter here, Mrs. Clyde Deavers. Mr. Tackett is a prominent business man of Taft, having large interest in real estate, mercantile and other enterprises there, and is a leader in business, civic and religious affairs of his home town.

While here, Mr. Tackett transacted important business in Abilene and also made arrangements for his daughter, Miss Lillian, to enter Simmons University this fall.

### Receives Favorable Report.

Claude Derrick received a message Tuesday that his father, W. F. Derrick, of Farmersville was resting well after undergoing a serious operation at a sanitarium in Greenville. Mr. Derrick recently visited his son and family here.

### Son and Heir Announced.

An eight pound boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Brown at the home of Mrs. Brown's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Price in Oklahoma City, Okla. The father, Bill Brown, has just returned from a visit there with reports of a healthy and robust son and heir.

### Committee Unable to Secure Some of Speakers Desired; Regret Expressed.

On the recommendation of the committee on arrangements for the Farmers' Meeting, which was being sponsored by the local Lions club and which had been set for Friday night, August 23, it was decided at the regular meeting of the Lions club Tuesday to postpone this meeting indefinitely due to the inability of the committee to secure some of the speakers which it was their ambition to have here for this occasion.

A. T. Sheppard was toastmaster and Rev. R. A. Walker delivered the invocation. Club singing was led by E. Yates Brown, the feature number being "It Ain't Going to Rain No More."

Hale Lancaster, official tail twister, who had been a. w. o. l. for several sessions past and who was induced to come to the luncheon Tuesday after much unflinching persuasion and alleged force, enlivened the noonday meeting with penalties and fines and a general spirit of levity which was welcomed by all and which reflected the earnest and conscientious endeavor of the tail twister to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of his office.

Two special numbers were given by a quartet consisting of Lions Scott and Jones and Mrs. L. B. Scott and Miss Mona Margaret Jones, the first being "Sweet and Low" and the second "Santa Lucia," both of which were received with much appreciation.

As guest of R. O. Anderson, Finis Hogan was introduced as the mayor of Mt. Pleasant.

The president, Booth Warren, read the first monthly letter received from A. C. Kater, district governor of Lions clubs of Texas, in which it was stated that there are 230 clubs in his jurisdiction, arranged in 40 groups, with 14 deputy district governors.

T. N. Carswell of Abilene is the deputy district governor for the district in which Merkel is located and a letter was also read from Mr. Carswell, wherein it was mentioned that the Abilene Lions wanted to be hosts for the members in group No. 24, consisting of Abilene, Albany, Baird, Merkel, Roscoe and Winters, and asked for a suggested date which would be agreeable to the local club. As it is known that the Abilene regular meeting date is Thursdays, it was proposed by the president that the first Thursday in September, which will be September 5, be suggested as one that would be suitable for the members of the local club.

### Forty-Nine Attend Family Reunion

To honor Mrs. E. H. Curry of Elmer, Okla., but who spends much of her time here in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Mary Pogue, forty-nine children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren joined in celebrating her ninety-sixth birthday Monday at the home of her son, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Curry, in Abilene.

Much of the day was spent in talking of old times and in planning the next reunion, which will be held at Lovers' Retreat. An elaborate chicken dinner was served at noon and a kodak picture was made of Mrs. Curry cutting a handsome cake topped with ninety-six candles.

Mrs. Curry, who is remembered here by her friends as Grandmother Curry was born in Murry county, Tennessee, and before her marriage in 1850, was Miss Mary Elizabeth Akin. She is the mother of 11 children, seven of whom are living, and has 41 grandchildren, 51 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Children living are Mrs. Mattie Hutton, Elmer, Oklahoma; Mrs. Nannie Brown, Abilene; Mrs. Mary Pogue, Merkel; E. S. Curry, Abilene; O. Curry, Breckenridge; John Curry, Weatherford; I. V. Curry, Blake, Oklahoma. All were present except I. V. Curry and John Curry.

Mrs. E. H. Curry will remain in Abilene and Merkel until October, at which time she will return to her home.

# Farmers

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W. L. DILTZ, Jr., Cashier.

HERBERT PATTERSON,  
Assistant Cashier  
B. L. HAMILTON,  
Assistant Cashier

### WHAT'S DOING In West Texas

Ballinger is making plans for the entertainment of the Heart of Texas Press Association on September 9. The program will include a luncheon, an automobile ride, golf tournament and a special program of Ballinger talent. An attendance of 150 editors, publishers, reporters, supply men and others is expected.

Comanche's insurance key rate has been reduced 4 cents with the installation of the new pumper. This brings the key rate down to 40 cents. This will allow mercantile establishments to carry full value insurance instead of three-fourths as heretofore.

Rock Springs will have a new high line within the next three months according to the results of a survey of the Central Power & Light company. A sub-station is expected to be erected at a point somewhere near the property just acquired by the promoters of the fair grounds.

Childress' largest hatchery, the Scott and Welling, has increased its capacity from 32,000 chicks to 100,000, and a building is being prepared with facilities for hatching from five to ten thousand chicks at a time. Two or three men will be employed in the plant the year round.

The Graham Chamber of Commerce has started issuing a bulletin every month carrying details of the work done by the body. Civic improvements, service library, the fair, the stock law, advertising, airways, airport opening, highways, the membership drive and paving were topics covered this month.

Big Spring city development was given a boost when more than \$100,000.00 was raised in four hours by nine business men to assure the erection of a fourteen story hotel building. The building will cost approximately \$425,000.

Spur has changed the position of its White Way. The light posts until recently were in the center of the street but are now shedding their light from the curb. This expensive move was found necessary because the posts were a hindrance to traffic.

Matagorda, one of the oldest towns in Texas, recently celebrated the introduction of electric lights after existing as a town 101 years without that convenience. The Central Power & Light Co. is supplying the town.

The El Paso Herald is obtaining material for the special West Texas Chamber of Commerce edition which will be published shortly before the eleventh annual convention there October 24, 25, and 26.

Post has taken the first forward step towards the securing of a modern airport. The name of the town has been painted in a prominent place in box-car letters, and a committee appointed for investigation of West Texas Airports.

Littlefield postal receipts for the year ending June 30, 1928, totaled \$9,939.16; for the year ending June 30, 1929, the total was \$11,958.45, an increase in business amounting to \$2,019.29 for the past 12 months.

The Tulia Chamber of Commerce sponsored a movie to help finance the building of a band stand recently. The band played for the audience, and a large number of prizes were given at the "Country Store." All ladies present received free of charge a piece of silver ware at the entertainment.

Texas' population per square mile is 20.6 on the basis of the 1928 estimated total, the lowest of any of the Southern States and lower than all but twelve of the States of the Union. The highest density is in Rhode Island with 573.5 to the square mile, and the lowest is in Nevada with 0.7 persons to each mile of area.

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

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Mrs. W. A. McSpadden.

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Old Methods of banking are being eliminated. The better banks today are more careful in their business, more strict in their loan policies, more conservative in their investments, and carry larger reserves for the protection of their depositors.

The statement of condition which we issued to the Banking Department as of June 30th, 1929 showed that we had nearly 50 per cent of our deposits in Government Bonds and Cash. We had NO Borrowed Money, Bills Payable, or Re-discounts.

First and foremost a bank's service consists of safeguarding its depositors. We have always adhered to this ideal, and yet have always extended credit to those entitled to legitimate financing.

Depositors of the Farmers & Merchants National Bank enjoy the peace of mind and pride which comes from doing business with a bank that has a high ideal of conservative banking and lives up to it.

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# DAIRY FACTS

## FAULTY FEEDING LESSENS PROFITS

Faulty feeding is one of the chief causes of unprofitable dairying, says Dr. W. B. Nevens, assistant chief in dairy cattle feeding at the college of agriculture, University of Illinois, in "Feeding the Dairy Herd," a revised handbook which is now being distributed by the college to interested farmers and dairymen.

At the same time proper feeding alone does not guarantee the greatest milk production, he points out. Care and management and breeding and selection that will build up the capacity of the herd also must get attention. "It has been demonstrated, for instance, that poorly kept cows will give 50 per cent more milk with improved feeding and care, but after the level has been raised in this way, little more can be done except through a program of good breeding. Using sires of the best blood lines and replacing the poorest cows in the herd with heifers from the best cows usually will bring continued improvement in production year after year."

Doctor Nevens explains that a cow may use feed for five different purposes: Growth, maintenance, milk production, increase in weight and production of offspring. It is evident, then, that when cows are fed for milk production; these various functions must be considered with regard to the future development of the cow as well as to her immediate needs, he points out.

Liberal feeding, when intelligently done, usually pays more in the long run than scanty feeding. Although other things besides feeding has a bearing on the milk production of a herd, there is no doubt but that many dairy herds which make little or no profit could be put on a paying basis simply by giving more attention to this one factor—more generous feeding, he says.

He then points out that feeds are divided into two classes: concentrates and roughages. Concentrates—the farm grains and mill by-products—are heavy and contain little fiber or woody material. Roughages, such as hay, straw, silage, grass and roots, are bulky and contain lots of fiber, and in some cases water. Roughages with lots of water, such as fresh green grass, roots and silage, are known as succulent feeds.

Substances found in feeds are grouped into six classes: Protein, carbohydrates, fats, mineral matter or ash, vitamins and water. "Every dairyman should know these classes, should know what part they play in the nourishment of the animal and what common feeds will best supply them in the most economical and desirable form," Doctor Nevens says.

Young, tender pasture grass is more highly digestible than matured grass. From 65 to 80 per cent of the dry matter of farm grains and their best by-products are digestible, while only 50 to 75 per cent of the dry matter of the better kinds of roughage is digestible. Some of the poorer roughages, such as cereal straws and the hulls of various cereals which contain lots of crude fiber are low in digestibility and have little place in the ration of the dairy cow in milk.

Succulence, physiological effect, bulk, balance and cost are discussed as some of the other characteristics of spring grass which the dairyman should try to duplicate in rations used for barn feeding.

Under most conditions a dairy herd can be fed more economically on feeds that are raised on the farm where they are used than it can on purchased feeds, Doctor Nevens says in the handbook. It must be remembered, however, that cereal grains and nonlegume roughages are low in protein, he cautions.

### Dried Beet Pulp Often Used in Testing Cows

Dried beet pulp is a bulky, carbonaceous concentrate that has a slightly laxative effect on dairy cows, and is used quite often by dairymen when they are feeding cows on test. It is not worth quite as much as corn or barley in feeding value in the ordinary ration, and as it usually sells for more than corn it rarely pays to buy it as a substitute for corn merely as a source of nutrients. However, where a maximum yield is desired regardless of cost, such as cows on official test, it can be used to make the concentrate more bulky, and as such will be worth more than corn. Where a succulent feed such as silage is not available it makes a very satisfactory substitute, though usually more expensive. Where much is used it is better to moisten it before feeding.

### Cow's Producing Value

A cow's value as a producer depends upon her inherited ability to secrete milk, and her environment, or the feed and care. If a cow has not inherited the ability to produce milk, abundant feeding will not actuate her milk glands to secrete milk. On the other hand, a good dairy cow without feed and care is like a first class boiler without fuel. It is important to obtain a good dairy cow, but it is just as important to feed and care for the cow properly.

### All Heads Re-elected State Institutions

Austin, Texas.—Superintendents of the seventeen State eleemosynary institutions have been re-elected by the Board of Control for the next biennium, beginning Sept. 1. No superintendent for the new psychopathic hospital was chosen by the board as Gov. Dan Moody vetoed the appropriation in the proposed institution for the first year.

The superintendents name are as follows:

Austin State Hospital, Austin, Dr. C. H. Standifer; Texas School for Deaf, Austin, T. M. Scott; Texas School for Blind, Austin, A. C. Ellis; Confederate Home, Austin, A. W. Taber; Confederate Women's Home, Austin; Mrs. S. J. Thomas; Dumb and Blind Institute for Colored, Austin, J. D. Martin; Austin State School, Austin, Dr. J. W. Bradford; San Antonio State Hospital, San Antonio, Dr. W. J. Johnson; Terrell State Hospital, Terrell, Dr. George F. Powell; Rusk State Hospital, Rusk, Dr. William Thomas; State Juvenile Training School, Gatesville, E. H. Nesbitt; State Orphans' Home, Corsicana, J. S. Halley; tuberculosis sanatorium, Carlsbad, Dr. J. B. McKnight; Abilene State Hospital, Abilene, Dr. T. H. Bass; Girls' Training School, Gainesville, Mrs. Agnes Stephen; home for neglected and dependent children, Waco, Miss Jennie Burleson, and Wichita Falls State Hospital, Wichita Falls, Dr. C. W. Gastner.

### Gold Rush Follows Cloudburst in West

Lake City, Colo.—The dark cloud that brought a cloudburst into this vicinity a few weeks ago has had a golden lining, and a miniature gold rush is on.

The cloudburst sent streams of water coursing down hillsides over land known to be rich in gold and silver ores, and in many places the surface covering of apparently rich veins of metal has been washed away.

A landslide in one hill almost completely uncovered the vein of an already worked mine and made it no longer necessary for the owners to work underground to reach their gold.

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### Aged Vigilante Who Helped Foil Raid on State Treasury Dies

Austin, Texas.—Joseph Carl Petmecky, 88, the last survivor of a band of vigilantes who thwarted an attempted robbery of the state treasury by forty robbers in 1863, died at his home here Friday.

The pioneer Texan, who settled in Austin 81 years ago, was a native of Germany.

Heartened by many successful raids during the Civil war, the robbers decided to execute their greatest coup by looting the state treasury, then located in a temporary capitol building. Austin citizens became aware of the band's presence in the hills nearby and hurriedly gathered all men who could handle a gun and prepared to defend the building.

Petmecky, then 23, and companions came upon the bandits in the treasury building and a miniature gun battle was staged in the structure, the vigilantes putting the looters to rout after gold and silver had been strewn over the floor.

The bandits escaped with \$17,000 in silver, but they left almost \$500,000 behind.

Legal covers at Merkel Mail office.

### WARREN NEWS

Some of the farmers are through gathering their feed and others are about through.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Dyess and family and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Dyess returned the first of the week from East Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Rogers of White Church visited Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Harrison Saturday night.

Mrs. Luther Higgins visited Miss Helen McCormick the first of the week.

Miss Lena V. Harrison spent Saturday night and Sunday with Liddie Jones.

Miss Ima Gene Mangum of Trent was the guest of Miss Helen McCormick a few days last week.

Mrs. Frank Davis and Grandpa Davis of Stamford visited his daughter, Mrs. W. M. Jones, last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hima Jones and baby spent Saturday and Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Sangers.

Mrs. W. E. Shouse of Trent visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. McCormick last week.

Mrs. S. O. Patton and daughters, Wynona, Norma and Ruby, visited Mrs. Thomas and daughter, Hazel, Tuesday evening.

### 1925 Weather Viewed In Contrast This Year

The Bonham News, published in the county seat of Fannin county, has revealed an interesting contrast between the weather in 1925 and this year, which affords very interesting reading matter for those in this section. The article follows:

There is so much talk about the kinds of weather we had in this county in 1925, the year of one of our biggest cotton crops, and the present year, when a big crop is in prospect, that actual figures on the amount of rainfall will be interesting.

The records show the following precipitation, beginning with March, in 1925:

March .37, April 4.86, May 4.96,

June .83, July 1.21, August .06. Total 12.29.

Same period in 1929:

March 1.64, April 2.72, May 10.50, June 1.76, July 2.09. Total to Aug. 1st 18.71.

There were six more inches of rain in 1929 than in 1925, while the temperature ran much higher in July, 1925, than in 1929. For twenty days in July it ran from 100 to 108, and in August, 1925, there were twenty days that it ran from 100 to 109.

So it is seen by the foregoing that apparently the hotter the weather is, the more favorable it is for cotton.

Anyway, Fannin County folks are expecting a big cotton crop this fall and winter and we believe their expectations will be realized.

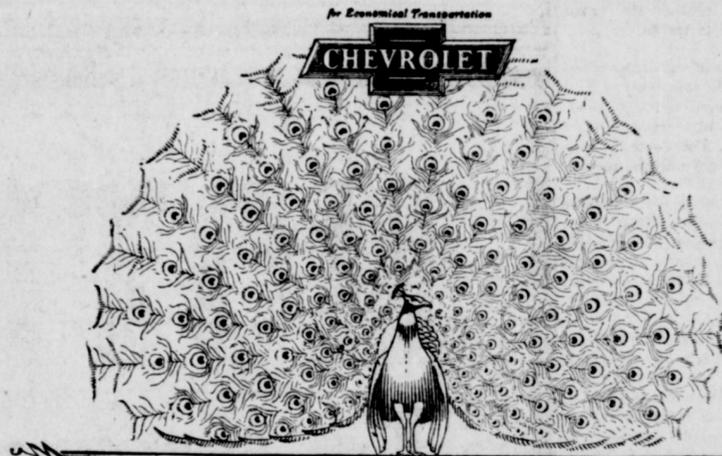
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**BRIDGE GAMES.**

Miss Willie Maye Swartz entertained a number of friends on last Thursday afternoon in the home of her aunt, Mrs. Clyde Foster, with bridge games. A delicate color theme of yellow and blue was emphasized in all party accessories and floral decorations. Mrs. Foster was assisted by Mrs. W. A. Buckner in serving a refreshing cream and cake course to Misses Ruby Duncan and Catherine Saunders of Abilene, Mary Collins, Verna Tee Beasley, Missie Dye, Willie Evelyn Boat, Nell Durham, Mary Elizabeth Grimes, Nadine Tippett, Mattie Lou Largent, Evna Lee Gilmore and the hostess.

**WATERMELON FEAST.**

The Intermediate department of the Baptist Sunday school was entertained with a watermelon feast on last Tuesday evening in Warren's pasture. Outdoor games featured the evening's entertainment, chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Garrett, Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Corder, Misses Louise Booth and Verna Tee Beasley and Roy Garrett.

**BIRTHDAY PARTY.**

Mrs. Cecil Guthrie complimented her niece, little Miss Gertrude Lou Poe, with a birthday dinner on last Wednesday, her seventh birthday. Guests who helped her to celebrate were little Misses Bettye Lou Higgins, Irene Jackson, Patsy and Clara Joyce Cox, Miss Hallie Pike, Mesdames Dorell Cox, J. E. Poe, John Pike and the hostess.

**BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Sunday school at 10 a. m. We urge that every one make special effort to be on time. Brother Bert Lowe of Abilene, Texas, will speak to us at the eleven o'clock hour in the absence of our pastor who is away in a meeting. Brother Lowe is not a minister but is a devout Christian layman, a great Sunday school worker and those that have heard him here before, especially in the Business Men's Bible class, will not have to be urged to be present Sunday morning. Vacation time is about over and we are expecting an increase in our attendance and we can have it if everyone will help this week by speaking to those who have been absent and also making special effort to get new pupils.  
W. J. Largent, Supt.,  
Sunday School.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.**

Sunday school at 10 a. m. The attendance and interest has been good the past Sundays. Now that the revival is over a further evidence of the good of it will be manifested in a continued interest in the Sunday school and other services of the church. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8:15 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening. Come worship with us.  
Wm. Elliott, Supt.,  
R. A. Walker, Pastor.

**Reunion of Ford Family**

The home of Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Ford on Oak street was the scene of a family reunion Sunday, August 18, when all of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Ford met together for the first time in nearly twenty years. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Ford, Mr. and Mrs. Edd Vantresse and family of Hodges; Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Ford and family of Stith; Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Ford and family and Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Ford, all of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Massey and family of Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Bird and family of Stith; Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Massey of Merkel, who were visitors for the day also.

An old-fashioned family dinner was the main feature of the day.

**Attended Druggists Convention.**  
C. E. Ogle of the Phillips Drug store and Warren Smith and Billy Cobb of the Merkel Drug company attended the sessions of the West Texas Druggists association at San Angelo Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

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**PERSONAL NEWS NOTES**

Mrs. S. P. NeSmith was an Abilene visitor Tuesday.

Miss Norma Shannon made a visit to Fort Worth last week.

Guy Hamilton of Chicago, Okla., is spending several days here.

Bob Allen of Abilene is visiting his sister, Mrs. Charlie Higgins.

Judge Will Hamilton of Snyder was here for a short while Sunday.

W. F. Patterson and family are in Los Angeles, Calif., for sometime.

Judge N. D. Cobb and family have returned from a trip to Houston.

El Case and family were recent visitors with old friends in Anson.

Miss Lois Dennis returned the last of the week from a visit in Dublin.

Dr. R. I. Grimes spent the first part of the week in Big Spring on business.

Mrs. J. E. Bell and Miss Venice Bell have returned from a visit to Eastland.

Mrs. Dan Weiss has returned after spending several weeks at Mineral Wells.

Milton Wiman, Jr., of Tulsa is visiting his grandmother, Mrs. M. E. Wiman.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin of Abilene were greeting old friends in Merkel Tuesday.

Miss Ruby Duncan of Abilene is the houseguest of Miss Willie Maye Swartz this week.

Mrs. Matt Dillingham and children spent last week in Abilene the guests of her parents.

Miss Ruby Hughes, head nurse at the Merkel sanitarium, is on the sick list this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Quay Hamblet have taken one of the Suptien apartments on Oak Street.

W. T. Maddox and family have returned from a two weeks' visit to points in Alabama.

Mrs. J. E. Fogleman of Anson has returned home after a visit with Mrs. E. C. Brown and family.

Miss Julia Lake Stevens of Nashville, Tenn., was the guest on Monday of Mrs. T. V. Touchstone.

Mr. and Mrs. Maunt Womack and family of Dallas visited during the week with Mrs. Frank Sears.

Miss Bobbie Kinsey and Miss Louise Booth spent Tuesday in Sylvania, the guests of Miss Kinsey's parents.

Mesdames E. A. Wiman and Lou Looney left Thursday for a visit with Arthur Wiman in Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Dimpfl of Abilene were visitors Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. A. A. Cornelius.

Little Miss Gracie Lu Helm of Cross Plains is making a visit with her aunt, Mrs. H. A. Brubeck.

Little Billie Joe Toombs is visiting with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sarratt, in Lindon.

Miss Helen Stokes is now in her new home here for the winter. She has been attending summer school in Abilene.

A. J. Canon returned last week from Lamesa, where he has been engaged in the erection of a cotton gin.

Misses Margaret and Louise Etchelberger of Waco are visiting in the home of their uncle, Lee D. Williams.

H. L. Watters and family of Cleburne are visiting in the home of Mrs. Watter's sister, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Baker.

Mrs. Richard Deeter, nurse at the

Merkel sanitarium, returned from Abilene this week where she spent her vacation.

Mrs. W. L. Hackmeider, Mrs. Roy Largent and sons and Miss Nadine Tippett visited in Brownwood last week-end.

Misses Alysie Riley and Gladys Middleton are expected to return Saturday from the State Teachers' college at Denton.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Hamilton were in Temple several days this week where Mr. Hamilton's mother is at a sanitarium.

Miss Flora Frances Anderson, after visiting with a collegemate at Dublin, has gone to Longview to visit another college friend.

Mesdames E. M. McDonald and T. G. Bragg and Miss Lucy Tracy visited their mother, Mrs. Barnes in Westbrook this week.

Miss Carrie Coffey, who attended summer school at Simmons, was a visitor earlier in the week with her aunt, Miss Addie Holler.

Mrs. K. E. Beckett returned to her home in Big Spring this week after an extended visit with her son, Kirby Beckett and family.

Mrs. George Foster of Los Angeles, Calif., returned this week after an extended visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McDonald.

Mrs. W. A. Thornton returned Thursday from a delightful visit with her daughter, Mrs. Effie Martin, in Tacoma, Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Matthews and Miss Mildred Matthews of Chandler, Ariz., are the guests of Mrs. Matthews' sister, Mrs. T. V. Touchstone.

Miss Dolphine Moore has accepted a position as stenographer and book-keeper with the Merkel sanitarium and began her duties Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Largent, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lassiter, Mrs. J. T. Warren and Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Booth are fishing and camping at Loeders this week.

Mrs. Ernest Hill and Baby Boyd left Sunday for their home in Burlington. Mrs. Hill was joined there Sunday by her husband who has been in school at Brownwood.

Mrs. Warren Smith and little son, Jackie Bonn, are visiting with relatives in Anson for a few days, while Mr. Smith is in attendance at the druggists' convention in San Angelo.

I. F. Gilbert and family, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Garner, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hobbs, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Gilbert, and Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Holloway were a party for Lake Cisco last Sunday.

Commissioner P. A. Diltz with his family left Saturday on his vacation, which will be spent in San Antonio, Corpus Christi and other places of interest. They will be gone about ten days.

Guests of the H. M. Rainbolt family Friday were their son, H. M. Rainbolt, wife and daughter of Big Spring and their daughter, Mrs. Howell Britain, with her husband and daughter from Abilene.

Mrs. Tennie Owens was called to the bedside of her daughter, Miss Lee Owens, at Cleburne and friends here will be glad to know that Miss Owens

is better according to reports received Wednesday.

Mrs. J. E. Boat and daughters, Fannie Belle and Willie Evelyn, are vacationing in San Antonio and Corpus Christi this week, also stopping in Temple and Waco for short visits with relatives.

Mrs. Sam Swann, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Forest Sears of Snyder and Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Wiles of San Angelo together with Miss Irene Swann, is spending sometime in Riososa, New Mexico.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Caple are Mr. Caple's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Caple of Waco, and their granddaughter, Miss Virginia Lakin, also Mr. and Mrs. Russell McElven and two daughters from Fort Worth.

Misses Lillian and Verna Tabor of Wilson, Texas, accompanied by their sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Steen, of Canyon, Texas, spent a few days with their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Slater and Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Sanders.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Morton and daughter, Miss Mabel Corinne, spent the week-end in Stephenville, which is Mr. Morton's old home. While there he visited the camp grounds which he remembered as a little boy and where both his grandparents had camped in years gone by.

**Shower For Mrs. Anderson.**  
On Thursday evening the ladies of the Mt. Pleasant community gave Mrs. Calvin Anderson a kitchen shower and quilting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Cody. All had a jolly evening and after the quilting was finished and the presents given the honoree ice cream and cake was served. Those at the shower were Mesdames Jess Anderson, Craig Humphrey, Dave Anderson, Erwin Humphrey, W. D. Anderson, E. V. Satterwhite, Howard Henly and little daughter, Cleo.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson are removing to Merkel where he has a position with the Sam Swann Gin.

We strive to give you the very best service at the lowest possible price and our patrons tell us we are doing both. We finish your flat work for 7 cents per lb., rough dry at 6c per lb. Let us wash your quilts and blankets and finish your shirts, dresses, pants, etc. We call for and deliver.

Merkel Home Laundry.  
Phone 294J

**Buys City Jail for His Chicken Roost**

Burksville, Mo.—The village jail brought \$7.50 at the auction sale of property of the dissolved village of Burksville here Thursday. Fred Rehnis said the clubhouse would do for a chicken house, and bought it. The auction brought a total of \$293.75, including \$211 for the town hall and the lot on which it stands, which was purchased by Louis Melching, who lives next door. Burksville dissolved itself as a village several weeks ago to keep from going into debt to maintain the three miles of road which formed "main street."

**Sugar Sugar**  
5 lbs. for  
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For Saturday, with each dollar purchase we will sell you a five pound sack of sugar for 25c.

Look at these prices and see what you can save here:

- Cotton Sacks \$1.00
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**SPECIALS FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY**

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	3 dozen _____	65c
<b>LETTUCE</b>	Large, Crisp Iceberg, _____	25c
	3 for _____	
<b>SPUDS</b>	extra nice, Burbank, _____	63c
	peck _____	
<b>PEAS</b>	Green Black eyes, _____	5c
	extra nice, lb. _____	
<b>ONIONS</b>	Prize-taker, Sweets, _____	5c
	lb. _____	
<b>CORN</b>	No. 2 Standard _____	10c
<b>TOMATOES</b>	No. 2 Hand Packed _____	12c
	No. 1 Hand Packed, 3 for _____	25c
<b>ORANGES</b>	small, sweet and _____	19c
	juicy, per doz. _____	
<b>CARROTS, ONIONS</b>	per bunch, _____	15c
<b>BEETS, RADISHES</b>	2 for _____	
<b>SAUSAGE</b>	Pure Pork, _____	25c
	per lb. _____	
<b>ROAST</b>	Beef Plate Ribs, _____	23c
	per lb. _____	
<b>DRY SALT</b>	good for boiling, _____	17c
	per lb. _____	

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**FOR SALE OR RENT**—My residence in Merkel, seven rooms, large barn, garage, with windmill, underground cistern; terms. W. S. Telford, Box 446, Merkel, Texas.

**FOR SALE**—Pair of canary birds, genuine German roller singer and hen, never been mated. Also nice cage for each bird. If interested see or write Mrs. Vernon Simpson, Box 518 Trent, Texas.

**For SALE**—One of the best improved farms in Taylor county, 182 acres; 3 miles south of Merkel; not rented. J. M. Province.

**FOR SALE**—Peter Schutler broad tire wagon in A-1 condition. See Booth Warren at Farmers and Merchants National Bank.

**FOR SALE**—New 5 room Stucco home, bath and basement; never been occupied; will sell right. Riddle Garage. Phone 53.

**FOR SALE**—At a bargain 4 rooms and bath, one block off pavement. Well, windmill and garage. Earl Thornton.

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**FOR RENT**—Three room apartment furnished, all conveniences. Riddle Garage. Phone 53.

**FOR RENT**—Two new 4-room apartments, never been occupied, unfurnished, all modern conveniences. See Irby Crane at Merkel Motor Co.

**A ROOM TO RENT** in one block of school building. See me at once. Mrs. T. F. Compton.

**FOR RENT**—4 room house in south part of town. Phone No. 7. Mrs. E. D. Coates.

**FOR RENT**—Four room house with lights and gas; close in; also a three room apartment, nicely furnished with all conveniences. Phone 265J Mrs. S. F. Haynes.

**FOR RENT**—Furnished bedroom; all conveniences. See Mrs. Robbins at Boston Bargain Store.

## WANTED

**WASHING AND GREASING** Modern grease rack. Cars washed and greased the right way. Highway Service Station. J. C. White, Manager.

**WANTED**—Man with small family to do ranch and farm work. Tom Largent.

## LOST AND FOUND

**TAKEN UP**—Four weeks ago bay mare mule. Owner can get same by proving ownership, paying for this ad and expenses. H. L. Wilson, Route 1, 3 miles east on highway.

## LEGAL NOTICE.

**AN ORDINANCE REGULATING PARKING OF CARS AND MOTOR VEHICLES ON OAK STREET AND OBSERVING STOP SIGNS.**

Article 1. Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Merkel Texas: Sec. 1. That Hereafter all Motor Vehicles parking on Oak Street within the City Limits of the City of Merkel, shall park parallel and within Fifteen Inches of the Curb, and any person violating this ordinance, shall be fined in any sum not more than One Hundred Dollars.

Sec. 2. That hereafter all motor Vehicles shall observe the Stop Signs within the City Limits, by bringing said Motor Vehicle to Full Stop before passing said Stop Sign, and any Person violating this ordinance, shall be fined in any sum not more than Fifty Dollars.

The fact that there is no ordinance now covering and regulating motor vehicles on the above subjects, creates an emergency, and the rule requiring ordinances to be read at three several meetings, is hereby suspended, and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect, from and after its passage and publication.

Passed August, 13th, 1929.  
J. P. Sharp,  
Mayor

Attest:  
Pauline Johnson  
City Secretary.

Texas has 253 organized and one unorganized county—Loving.

## LODGE NOTICES

**Merkel Chapter Royal Arch Masons** meets on first Thursday night of each month. Visitors cordially invited

Joe Hartley, H. P.  
O. R. Dye, Secretary

## Swimming Party.

Everett Watters, of Dallas, who was visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Patterson, was complimented last Friday afternoon with a swimming party at Shannon's Pool, given by Misses Opal Patterson and Edith Baker.

After guests had arrived a swim was enjoyed. Later iced cold melon was served to the following: Misses Verna T. Beasley, Euna Lee Gilmore, Anna Lou Russell, Stella Wilson, Edith Baker, Opal Patterson. Messrs. Harold Leeton, Everett Watters, Fred Baker, Milton Case, William Sheppard and Byron Patterson.

## Mrs. A. L. Farmer Complimented

Mesdames Minnie Reeves, Murry Farmer and Chat Burks were joint hostesses for a prettily planned party for a group of friends Wednesday, the fifteenth, complimenting Mrs. A. L. Farmer. Baskets of summer flowers made the entertaining rooms attractive and the table was laid in lovely linen for the dainty refreshment plate of ice cream and cake.

Those present were Mesdames H. Eddie Farmer, James Doan, Joe Ramsey, Grant Riggan, L. Walker, Pat Addison, J. B. Rosson, E. A. Douglas, Shortie Barnes, Roy Hunter, Moure Whisenhunt, Cynthia Hall, Carl Doan, Shortie Swafford, V. L. Doan, Mark Malone, Emmett Morris and families, Riley James, H. E. Campbell, Misses Thelma Reeves, Clarice and Addie Mae Rosson; Messrs. Reeves, James Doan, L. Walker, Whisenhunt, Murry Farmer, Chat Burks, Lawrence and Harry Reeves.

## METHODIST REPORT.

Rev. Willett announced Sunday morning that he would be engaged in a revival meeting at Fluvanna during this week and next. Rev. Otis Wall of McMurry will preach next Sunday, both night and morning, in his stead.

Upon our visiting list for last Sunday were: Rev. M. P. Burton, of the West Texas conference; Mr. and Mrs. Wade Darsey, who were visitors with Dr. H. P. Hulsey and family; and Miss Helene Stokes, of Abilene, who visited the Radio class.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Pee were with us Sunday after their trip to the Davis Mountains.

Oldest Coal and Feed Business in Merkel. Two cars good coal in transit at attractive prices.

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## Thirteen Rules Given For the Prevention of Fires in Cotton Gins

In a statement received by Fire Marshal W. L. Burns, J. W. DeWeese, state fire insurance commissioner at Austin, sounds a warning as to the danger of cotton gin fires with suggestions as to how to prevent them. It is declared in the statement that fires in cotton gins cause a large annual loss in the United States each year, in some seasons amounting to \$1,250,000.

Among the causes of gin fires are assigned the following. matches in cotton, static electricity, overheated bearings, friction between the saws and cotton stuck in the ribs, and sparks struck by the passage of metal and other foreign material through the equipment.

Thirteen rules for preventing fires in cotton gins are given as follows:

Thoroughly ground all metal and moving parts of the gin, thus eliminating the static electricity.

Educate the neighboring farmers and cotton pickers to keep the cotton as free as possible from matches and other foreign material.

Clean the plant thoroughly at least three times a week, thus freeing the premises from lint, through which fires spread.

Refuse to gin wet or even damp cotton which tends to hang in the ribs and to produce friction.

Keep the huller ribs and the gin ribs as clean as possible, and the saws sharp.

Clean out the condenser every night and after all fires.

Inspect all parts of the plant after closing, lest some hot box or smoldering cotton give rise to a fire.

Use automatic oilers on all bearings, thus preventing hot boxes and the dripping of oil from the boxes on accumulated lint or seed cotton.

Store no baled cotton on the platform or less than 100 feet from any building.

Prohibit smoking and carrying matches about the plant.

Keep all machinery in proper alignment.

Mark and segregate fire-packed gin bales.

Keep ample and efficient fire-fighting apparatus easily available at all times.

Fire protection equipment in the gin may consist of water barrels, tanks, pumps, and pails; hose and standpipe connections to a water-pressure system; chemical extinguishers and steam jets into gin stands, lint flue, cleaner, and pneumatic distributor.

## NICE GAS WELL.

Putnam, Aug. 22.—A nice gas well was brought in Monday on the Biggers-staff lease three miles south of Putnam. The well is making three million feet of gas and spraying some oil.

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## Eoff Family Reunion.

All the children of Mr. and Mrs. Will Eoff, who reside on Route Two, gathered at the home of their parents Sunday for a family reunion and it was the first time that they had all been together for a number of years, (so long that no one of them could recall just when it was, in fact.)

At the noon hour the table was prepared and eight were served at each table, the parents and their six children being first. Good eats, most anything one's appetite could call for, laden the table and nothing was overlooked to make the occasion one long to be remembered.

Those present were Mrs. Emma Harkins and two children of Roscoe, Mrs. Annie Walker of Madill, Okla., Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Eoff and two children of Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Eoff and Mr. and Mrs. Odell Eoff and two children of Noodle, and a granddaughter and great-grandson, Mrs. Coleman Harkins and son of Sweetwater.

All was not complete until a picture of the family was taken at Rodden's studio Monday morning.

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## Philathea Class.

On Tuesday night the Philathea class of the Methodist church met at the beautiful new home of Mrs. Claude Dye. Several games and contests were enjoyed until a late hour when Mrs. Dye, assisted by Miss Opal Patterson, passed iced cold watermelon to the following guests: Misses Anna Lou Russell, Hazel Lee Rainbolt, Edith Baker and Mesdames Touchstone,

Rolf Wagner, Floyd Dowell, Jerome Hutchison, W. L. Johnson, Claude Dye and Messrs. Everett Watters and Claude Dye.

## DUG WELL WORK.

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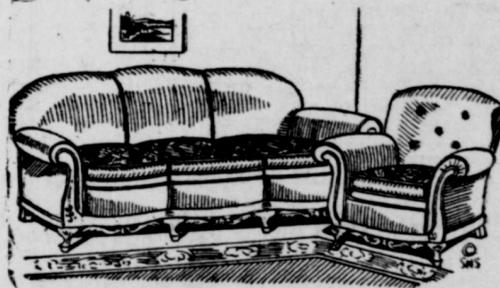
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## RIGHT START FOR CALF IMPORTANT

"Give the calf a good start. The first six months of its life is not only the most expensive time, but also the most critical period and the time when most difficulties appear."

The suggestion made by Prof. F. W. Atkeson, dairy husbandman for the University of Idaho.

"Most dairymen," he says, "make a practice of leaving the calf with its mother for at least the first day or possibly longer, depending on the condition of the cow and calf. The first milk, called colostrum, is high in minerals and protein which start the calf's development. It also tends to put the digestive tract in good condition and it develops disease-preventing antibodies in the blood.

"After the calf is removed from its dam it should be fed its own mother's milk for four or five days, after which time it may be given mixed milk from the entire herd. For calves of the smaller breeds, like Jerseys or Guernseys, from six to eight pounds per day, divided into either two or three equal feeds at regular intervals, may be fed. Larger breeds, like Holsteins, will need ten to twelve pounds per day. In a few days the quantity may be raised two pounds if the calf seems able to bear it. It is well to bear in mind, however, that more calves die from overfeeding than from underfeeding.

"The calf may be safely changed from whole milk to skim milk at any time after two weeks of age, the time depending upon such conditions as the value of calves and milk. The change should be made gradually by substituting one pound of skim milk for one pound of whole milk each day. As the calf gets older the milk allowance may be increased until at three months it is receiving from fifteen to twenty pounds per day.

"It must here be borne in mind that the fat removed from the milk must be replaced by grain. The calf should be encouraged to eat grain as early as possible and for the first three or four months should be fed all it will consume at each feeding. After this grain may be limited to three pounds a day. The calves should have water and salt before them at all times. Fresh, good quality hay should be fed regularly as early as the calves will consume it."

## Utensils of Dairy Must Be Thoroughly Cleaned

Everything that comes in contact with milk and cream needs washing and scalding after use. Milk contains an abundance of food for bacteria. When particles of milk are left in the milk utensils they soon sour and produce objectionable odors and flavors. Unless these breeding places for bacteria are removed quickly and thoroughly they cause the milk and cream of the next milking to become contaminated and spoil. It does not make any difference how clean and sweet the fresh milk may be, the cream cannot reach the creamery in good condition if handled in unwashed or unclean utensils.

After use the milk pails, strainer, dipper, separator and all other utensils should first be rinsed with cold water. This will remove the milk which adheres to them. This thorough rinsing makes the washing easier. Then the utensils should be washed with hot water that contains some alkali, such as washing powder. A brush and plenty of elbow grease is also necessary. After washing they should be rinsed and thoroughly scalded with plenty of boiling hot water.

Where the milking is done with a machine the rubber tubes and tea cups should be placed in a disinfectant solution and allowed to soak until the next milking. Then they should be rinsed out with clean water before using.

## In Selecting Herd Bull Carefully Study Records

When selecting a herd bull, see to it that he is not only of satisfactory individuality himself, but that his ancestry is a fair guarantee of a continuance of that individuality in his get. Satisfied on this point, study the pedigree. If you are a Holstein breeder for instance, you will want to know the conditions under which the seven day records were made, and you will also want to know how much 365-day record is in the more or less immediate ancestry. You will also want to know if the butter records were made with a normal Holstein percentage of fat, or whether the large butter records were made from a relatively small quantity of milk.

## Groom Cows Daily

When cows are kept in stables it is of special importance that they receive a daily grooming. If the long hairs on the flanks and udder are clipped it will aid in keeping these parts clean. In addition to grooming, it is important that a damp cloth be used to wipe off any dirt or dust from these regions before the cow is milked. Sufficient bedding, proper construction of the stables and frequent cleaning of both the stables and the cows will make for sanitary conditions.

## HEBRON NEWS

Miss Winnie Bayless and her mother have returned from Dallas where they were the houseguests of Mrs. Roy Meritt.

Miss Bobbie Kuse of Merkel was the guest Sunday of Miss Bessielou Pannell.

Mrs. Nettie Perkins and little daughter, Eileen, and sons, J. E. and Collin, and Miss Elizabeth Masters of Trent were guests of Mrs. Perkins' brother, Jack Pannell and family, Sunday afternoon.

Colan Whatley of Abilene was the guest Sunday of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Whatley.

Mr. and Mrs. James Harris and Baby Joan of Abilene were week-end guests of Mr. Harris' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lige Harris.

Mrs. Lige Harris had as her guest Sunday her sister from New Mexico and her brother, Mr. Miller and family, from the plains.

Misses Bobbie Kuse and Bessielou Pannell and Messrs. George West and Bell were in Sweetwater Sunday afternoon and tried the air with the famous Reg. Robbins of Fort Worth.

## Journey to Texas In Covered Wagon

Fort Worth, Texas.—Funeral services for Mrs. Elizabeth J. Raab, 74, were conducted Wednesday afternoon at St. John's Evangelical Church, the Rev. C. Wolff, pastor, officiating. Burial was in East Oakwood Cemetery.

Mrs. Raab died Tuesday afternoon at the home of her daughter, Mrs. R. L. Kenderline, 4621 Lafayette street. She was the widow of the late J. H. Raab, a pioneer builder and contractor in this section of the state.

Born in Germany in 1855, Mrs. Raab came to the United States at the age of 16, and for two years prior to locating in Texas resided in South Bend, Ind. In 1873 she and her husband, with fourteen other families, journeyed from Indiana to Texas in covered wagons, settling where Abilene now is. She had been a resident of Fort Worth for the last fifty-five years.

As railroad building bonuses Texas gave 35,000,000 acres of its public domain—roughly the equivalent of 43 counties of the average size of 900 square miles.

Texas leads all states in variety of bird life with nearly 600 different species.

## Your Phone Operator May Vary Her Answer

"Thank You," the courteous phrase that has been the telephone operator's response for the last few years, now will be augmented by other answers that will serve to make contact between the operator and subscriber more personal and natural, according to an announcement today by N. H. Moore, district manager of the Southwestern Bell Telephone company.

"All right, sir," "All right, Ma'am," "Yes sir," and "Yes Ma'am," are among the new phrases that will be used by the operators here in the future.

"Of course, I expect that Thank You' will retain its popularity," said Mr. Moore, "as it is quite the natural thing to say in most cases, but it no longer will be the stereotyped answer to all subscribers."

Mr. Moore said that this new latitude is phraseology merely is an effort to give patrons a more personal service.

## Sept. 27 is Press Day At West Texas Fair

Abilene, August 22.—Every Newspaper man and woman in West and Central West Texas is invited to attend the West Texas Fair in this city on Press Day, September 27, as guests of the fair association and the Abilene Chamber of Commerce.

Executives of the exposition are preparing to entertain at least 500 newspaper people on that day.

Full details of the arrangement will be announced shortly after the fall meeting of the "Heart of Texas" Press Association in Ballinger on September 9. At that time representatives of the fair and of the local chamber will meet with the members of that body and ask them for their suggestions as to the kind of entertainment they would prefer.

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## Reburial Notable Texans Discussed

Austin, Texas.—Plans for the removal of bodies of former Governors and other prominent Texans to the state Cemetery in Austin were discussed Wednesday by Lew W. Kemp of Houston and the Board of Control. An emergency appropriation of \$9,000 for the work was made by the Legislature and approved by Gov. Dan Moody.

After an investigation lasting more than a year, Mr. Kemp discovered the graves of some of the former Governors. Photographs of them were taken and are preserved in a document Mr. Kemp presented to the Houston Library. Mr. Kemp said the work of removal will take some time, and will be preceded by correspondence with relatives, whose consent must be obtained.

It is proposed to remove the bodies of eighteen Texans to Austin. Some are buried in unmarked graves in Texas and others in other States.

The body of James Pinckney Henderson, first Governor of Texas, is to be removed from Washington. He died there shortly after he had taken his seat as United States Senator from Texas. The body of Kenneth L. Anderson, the last Vice President of the Republic of Texas, will be removed from Anderson.

Other bodies to be removed include former Gov. Peter Hansborough Bell, buried in North Carolina, and Moseley Baker and Jesse Billingsley, Captains in the Texas Army at the battle of San Jacinto.

The committee named by the Board of Control to represent them in this work includes Mr. Kemp, chairman; Anita Dezavala, San Antonio and Miss Ima Hogg, Houston.

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## Small Sum in Savings Grows to Big Total

New York.—A convincing lesson in thrift lay behind the announcement Thursday that the Bank for Savings in this city, has discovered the oldest savings account in the United States.

John S. Throne opened an account in the bank 110 years ago with a deposit of \$10. A year later he added \$5. He let the money remain, but did not add to it thereafter.

His heirs now own the account and the executor still has the pass book. The \$15 deposited more than a century ago has drawn \$2758.86 interest and now amounts to \$2773.86.

## Will Vote As to Sale Lake Cisco

Cisco, Texas.—The first public revelation of negotiations for the sale of Lake Cisco to private a corporation under terms that will reserve to the city of Cisco all the advantages and protection of municipal ownership while relieving the city of the burden of indebtedness was made this week by Mayor J. M. Williamson before the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce to explain the four proposed amendments to the city charter, an election on which is to be held Sept. 23.

The price which the corporation proposes to pay for the huge reservoir, while not definitely fixed, is sufficient to liquidate all indebtedness of the city, bonded or otherwise, and create a reserve. The investment of this reserve would return revenue to pay the larger share of municipal expenses, thus

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only requiring a small tax to provide such additional civic improvements as the citizens might authorize.

The occasion of this announcement came in connection with Mayor Williamson's explanation of the proposed amendment No. 3 to the city charter, which gives the City Commission specific authority to sell the reservoir.

In the 1920 census Texas had 805,903 citizens of foreign white stock, which includes foreign-born and those of foreignborn parentage. Of these nearly half—360,519—were foreign-born.

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**T**HERE are marked evidences that a turning point is at hand in the distribution of population, that congestion in large centers of population has accomplished all the benefits possible, and further congestion will be harmful rather than helpful.

—While the so-called "drift to the cities" has been going on, things have been happening in the country, too, chief among which are the wide-spread distribution of electric power and the development of fast freight facilities.

—And so, as the disadvantages of metropolitan congestion now begin to reveal themselves, the solution is readily at hand in the smaller centers of population—a renewed industrial development of smaller cities and towns seems to be inevitable.

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### Largest Attendance in Its History Boy Scout Summer Camp

Over two hundred and fifty boys Scouts attended the Chisholm Trail Council summer camp held at Lueders which was the largest attendance in the history of the Chisholm Trail Council.

Visitors and inspectors from other council pronounced Camp Tonkawa one of the best disciplined and programmed they had ever seen and they highly praised the camp directors. There were no serious accidents nor sickness.

A record was made in Scout advancement and the camp was a very busy place. Over four hundred merit badges were passed; many scouts passed their Tenderfoot tests; a good number advanced from Tenderfoot to Second Class, several scouts reached the rank of First Class. Scout advancement did not stop at first class. Scouts appeared for Star and Life badges, nine boys reached the highest rank in Scouting, that of Eagle Scout, and several appeared for Eagle Palms which is an award in advance of Eagle.

Under the leadership of Eagle Scout Davis Scarborough, the Camp Tonkawa American Red Cross Examiner, one scout passed the Senior Red Cross life saving tests and 40 passed the Junior Red Cross life saving tests.

The 1929 Camp Tonkawa record is one of the best of any in Texas this year.

Five Boy Scouts from the Merkel troop stayed during the entire time of the camp: Burneal Scott, Mordell Shouse, Benjamin Sheppard, Jack Dawson West and Kennedy Whiteley, while Howard Carson and Dunn Swafford joined the campers for the last few days.

Second sheets at Merkel Mail office.

### 4,798,000 Bales is Estimate Texas Crop

Austin, Aug. 22.—Present conditions point to a 4,798,000 bale cotton crop of 500 pound bales in Texas, Federal Statistician H. H. Schutz reported in his monthly bulletin. Last year's crop was 5,106,000 bales. Allowing for abandoned acreage equal to the 10-year average, it is estimated that 17,968,000 acres remain for harvest compared with 17,743,000 picked last year. A yield of 128 pounds of lint per acre is indicated compared with 138 pounds last year and an average for ten years of 133 pounds. Condition on August 1 was rated at 64 per cent compared with 70 per cent at the corresponding time last year.

Rainfall and temperature have been slightly below normal in Texas, but there have been large areas which have had an unusual amount of hot, dry weather. The south one-third has had almost daily showers and severe insect damage has resulted, Schultz' report said.

Densest population in Texas is in Dallas County with 360.9 persons to the mile and the most scattered is in Loving County with 0.1 of a person, the population (1928 estimate) being 82 in an area of 753 square miles.

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### Cities Abandoning Municipal Operation of Electric Plants

Abilene, Texas, Aug. 22.—Records received by the West Texas Utilities company from the National Electric Light association disclose that 1,440 cities and towns, with a total population of 2,999,615 have abandoned municipal operation of their electric light plants and these communities now are served from company distributing systems.

Of these 1440 places, 14 are cities of more than 30,000 population, 19 are cities of 10,000 to 30,000 population, 40 are towns from 5,000 to 10,000 population, and 501 are towns from 1,000 to 5,000 population, while the balance 865 are hamlets of less than 1,000 inhabitants.

The records also show that 498 municipal systems, serving a present total population of 1,603,864, which at one time operated their own power plants, have sold or junked their generating plants to buy electricity wholesale from the systems of private companies.

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### Owen D. Young Labeled As Best Business Man

Cambridge, Mass. Aug. 22.—By vote of 200 prominent business executives studying at Harvard university business school, representing 27 states and three foreign countries, Owen D. Young, former Boston lawyer, who formulated the latest German reparations agreement, stood today as "the greatest business man in America." Young received 52 votes.

Henry Ford was second with 42.

Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office.

### RUPTURE EXPERT HERE

C. F. Redlich, Minneapolis, Minn., nationally famous Rupture Appliance Expert, will demonstrate without charge his unequalled method at the Grace Hotel, Abilene, Wednesday, Aug. 28th from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m.

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But there is also a lot of other news in this paper—if you know where to find it—about your own personal affairs.

That's part of the news you will find in the advertisements. There's valuable news in them about the things you will want; perhaps about things you have that others want.

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### Trent News and Personal Notes

Jo Ella McLeod returned Thursday after a week's visit with her brother, Carlton McLeod and family of Abilene.

Miss Jo Hill of Lubbock, a former school teacher of Trent, visited some of her friends here Friday. Miss Hill is teaching in the Honolulu Islands and says that she enjoys it very much.

Miss Clara Pickett of Rising Star arrived Saturday for a visit with her sister, Mrs. Claud Butler.

Misses Mattie, Cora and Tommie Scott are spending a few weeks in Abilene.

Mrs. Jim Blackmon and son of Hearne visited in the home of her parents last week, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Smith.

Rev. Marvin Burton, wife and son are here for a week's visit with her father.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Howell and family spent Sunday in Sweetwater with Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Terry.

Miss Euna Nally, who has been here with her sister for sometime, Mrs. G. Bryan, has returned to South Texas to resume her duties as teacher in the Mission schools. She was accompanied by her father, who lives there.

C. S. Robinson was here on business matters last week.

O. A. Smith and family visited relatives at Slaton last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Haralson and family of Montague, Okla., visited in the Boyd house this week. Mrs. Haralson is a sister of Mrs. Boyd's.

The infant baby of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Woodward, which died Tuesday night, was buried in the Trent cemetery Wednesday.

Mrs. Homer Terry and children visited relatives here last Monday.

Only one person was hurt when a car of tourists from Breckenridge on their return from Carlsbad Caverns turned over, due to the rear casing blowing out, about two and one-half miles west of Trent. The injured person was Mrs. I. L. Drake, though she was not seriously hurt. Occupants of the car were Mr. and Mrs. Story and Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Drake, all of Breckenridge.

Miss Clara Mae Sherman left Saturday for Fort Worth where she will visit her sister, Mrs. Jessie Cogburn, for a few weeks.

Mrs. J. D. Rawlings and children left last week for a visit at Pecos with her daughter, Mrs. E. E. Viggs and family.

Mrs. Della Kelley and children of Knox City visited her parents last week, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Reynolds.

C. T. Beckham, A. C. Terry and Mr. Seals attended services at the First Baptist church in Abilene Sunday where they heard Charlie Taylor preach.

W. O. Mangum and sons of Savannah, Tenn., visited his brother, E. L. Mangum, last week-end.

Mrs. Annie Boone and son Joe motored to Midland this week for a short visit with relatives there.

A. C. Patton and family of Madill, Okla., accompanied by Mrs. Elizabeth Patten of Sherman, paid their sister, Mrs. W. A. Hogue and family, a visit last week. They were en route to New Mexico and Miss Helen joined them here for a trip to Carlsbad Caverns and various parts of Texas. On their return Miss Hogue stopped with her sister, Mrs. Wallace Kelley, who lives at Farwell, for a few days' visit.

Miss Ruth Duncan is visiting her brother, Arthur Duncan and family of Coleman this week.

Clois Murdock of Mission visited with relatives here this week.

A joint birthday dinner was given by Mrs. Carl Murdock and Royce Dowdy in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Massey in honor of Mrs. Dowdy's and Mr. Murdock's birthday, which happens to fall on the same day, and for a number of years they have had dinner together. This event was, however, by way of a surprise to both parties and they received many beautiful gifts. Both on account of the complete surprise and the very happy manner in which it was done, both the honorees complimented Mrs. Massey

as knowing "just how to put things over."

Miss O. D. Robinson of Midland visited friends here the first of the week.

Mesdames J. P. Watson, M. G. Scott and Ross Young attended the all-day district meeting which was held at St. Paul's M. E. church in Abilene last Tuesday.

Grandmother Wright who has been away for a number of months, has returned and will be with her daughter, Mrs. W. L. Boyd and family for a while.

Mrs. Vollie Vessels and sister, Clea, spent the week-end with their brother, Dexter Vessels and family of Lubbock.

**SHOWER FOR MR. AND MRS. LESLIE BEASLEY.**

Mrs. Hale McRee was hostess at the home of Mrs. R. B. McRee, Sr., for a very enjoyable and unique shower honoring Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Beasley, bridal couple of this month.

Upon the couple's returning home from their bridal tour, a group of merry-makers greeted them with an old-fashioned buggy, requesting the groom to give his bride a "buggy ride through town," which he did to the thorough enjoyment of the people in general. The party then escorted the couple to the McRee home where other forms of amusements awaited them.

Miss Ruby Johnson favored the party with a cycle of love songs, playing her own accompaniment. Mrs. Rodo Archer then began the strains of "The Wedding of the Painted Doll," singing the song throughout.

Quite the most enjoyable event of the evening was a cleverly arranged series of events in the life of the bride and groom, wherein Mr. and Mrs. Royce Dowdy represented the bride and groom as they were approaching the matrimonial altar, where Charles Reed read a very hilarious ceremony. Mrs. T. G. Hamner and Hale McRee represented the bride and groom dressed in negligee and pajamas on the morning following the wedding. Mrs. Alex Williamson and Ed Bowers culminated the parade as the bride and groom ten years later.

Mrs. Rodo Archer then gave a musical reading, "An Old Sweetheart of Mine," by Riley.

Afterward Mr. Beasley was given a mirror and upon the face was a fortune to be read by Mrs. Beasley. They were directed by the fortune to a room where many beautiful and useful gifts awaited them.

At the refreshment hour punch and cake was served and the guest list included:

Mesdames R. B. Johnson, Everett Powell, Cal Hamner, B. C. Hamner, J. E. Bowers, R. L. Reeves, J. S. Brian, L. W. Ross, Alex Williamson, T. G. Hamner, Carl Murdock, Royce Dowdy, J. A. Smith, R. B. McRee, Jr., Frank Hathaway, E. E. Holt, M. G. Scott, Fred Hale, John Payne, Billings, J. L. Watson, John Strawn, Joe Nalley.

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Misses Maurine Smith, Ruby Johnson, Lucille Adrian, Rita Adrian, Lillian McRee, Nelda Slone, Jean McRee.

**ENTERTAINED IN ABILENE HOME.**

Last Monday evening Misses Rita and Lucille Adrian and their guests, J. Garnett Wilks and Miss Gertrude Wilks of Cordell, Okla., and T. O. Norton of Colorado City, were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Sikes of Abilene. Other out-of-town guests were E. Williams and John L. Dykes, both of Cordell, Okla., and George A. Klingman, Jr., of Washington, D. C.

Music was furnished by Jack Buford, Leonard Buford and G. A. Klingman and after refreshments were served the group went for a delightful boat ride on Lytle Lake.

Miss Wilks, the Misses Adrian, John L. Dykes, J. Garnett Wilks and T. O. Norton returned to Trent later in the evening, while the other guests departed for their homes Tuesday morning.

Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office.

### THELMA MATHEWS STEPS UP TO FIRST PLACE

Himalaya Swafford Follows a Close Second.

The second count of votes in the Piano Scholarship contest at the Boston Bargain Store, which is now creating considerable interest, was made Thursday morning.

Miss Thelma Mathews is now leading with 17,960 votes while Miss Himalaya Swafford is running a close second with 15,945 votes.

Third place is being held by Miss Nadine Tippett with 12,440 votes. Annie Lee Owens has made quite a substantial gain in the past week, now having 11,305 votes.

Miss Ida Mae Derstine and Miss Mary Helen Lancaster are following close.

Every purchase of five cents or more made during this month at the Boston Bargain Store will count in this contest. You will be given the votes with your purchases and it is your privilege to vote for your favorite contestant by writing her name on the back of the votes.

There are only nine more days of this contest with two more countings of votes.

Following is the list of contestants in the order in which they were nominated:

Mary Helen Lancaster	10,090
Himalaya Swafford	15,945
Annie Lee Owens	11,305
Nadine Tippett	12,440
Thelma Mathews	17,960
Ida Mae Derstine	10,765

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