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October 21st Date Golden Jubilee of Incandescent Light

West Texas will join, on October 21st, with the Nations of the World in observing Light's Golden Jubilee in honor of Thomas Alva Edison. Business houses and residences over the properties of the West Texas Utilities Company have adopted the plan of extensively illuminating their stores and homes to commemorate the greatest of Edison's 1150 patented inventions, the incandescent lamp.

Light's Golden Jubilee, it is pointed out, will be one of the greatest tributes ever paid to man, living or dead, because it celebrates the achievement of a man whose deeds place him definitely among the immortals. It takes its bigness, its impressiveness, its constructiveness from the man it honors. The man of miracles.

Thomas Alva Edison, born February 11, 1847, came from an humble but well respected family. He was never favored with the advantages of an institutional training, other than that which he received from his mother and that received from his insatiable thirst for reading. Edison went to work at an early age. Starting as a "butcher," he sold papers and candy on a train. Even at this time Edison had fitted a small laboratory at home and, to devote more time to experimenting, he fitted another laboratory in the baggage car of the train he was working on. Later he bought a small press and printed a daily paper on the moving train. He was taught telegraphy and for five years he worked as operator in various Central Western States, continually experimenting. His first invention was a vote recorder, very accurate and efficient, but refused by the politicians at Washington, D. C., who were not enthusiastic over the machine's accuracy. He next invented a stock ticker, sold it for \$40,000 and reverted the money into an efficient laboratory. Then came the invention of the telephone transmitter which he sold for \$100,000. The greatest of all inventions, the incandescent lamp, came a short time later. During the World War, Edison gave his genius to the government when he experimented on and improved some 42 military problems. Even today Mr. Edison is not content to pause and indolently view his invaluable contributions to the progress of the world but, instead, prefers to spend nine hours a day in further experiments.

Plans have been made by the merchants of many West Texas cities to have their stores uniquely decorated with signs, pictures and merchandise relating to the justly famous Edison. All over West Texas replicas of the first lamp built by Edison will be on display. Stores will be decorated in the spirit of the Jubilee. Exact reproductions of The New York Herald of December 21, 1879, announcing the invention of "Edison's Light," the light which burned "without gas or flame cheaper than oil" will be distributed to thousands of West Texas readers. Governor Dan Moody will send out a proclamation, earnestly requesting that the day be observed with appropriate festivities and exercises, and that the hours of six to ten p. m. be set aside by all of the people of this state as a period for the celebration of Light's Golden Jubilee.

Indianapolis Gets IOOF Convention

Houston.—After going north to Montreal, Canada, last year and coming south to Houston this year, members of the I. O. O. F., and associate bodies will hold their international convention at Indianapolis in 1930.

The Odd Fellows eliminated their sick benefit requirement so that in the future a man may join the lodge for the social and fraternal advantages alone.

The sovereign grand lodge also adopted plans for creating life memberships in all branches of the order. Each jurisdiction will decide whether it will take in life members in its locality.

The highest award in Odd Fellowship, the grand decoration of chivalry, was bestowed upon 43 persons.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank all those who were so kind to us in rendering assistance and extending sympathy in the illness and death of our dear mother and sister and in many ways comforting us in our sad bereavement; also we wish to express our appreciation for the many beautiful flower offerings. May God's richest blessings rest upon each and every one of you.

Josie Hogan.
Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Darden.
Mrs. S. A. White.
H. F. Darden.

Read Merkel Mail Want Ads.

Flowers for Funeral Provided in Will

New York.—The fear that no friend or relatives would survive to provide flowers at her funeral led Miss Loretta L. Gallagher, aged invalid, to direct her executors to spend \$100 of her estate for the purpose, it was disclosed when her will was filed for probate.

Miss Gallagher's sole pleasure during her declining years when she could not stir from her bed in the Hotel Endicott, her lawyers said, was the presence of an abundance of flowers in her room. After her death on July 3, the wish expressed in her will was fulfilled.

A First Prize Baby.

Doris Jane, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cowan Hudson of San Angelo, was a first prize baby in the Better Baby Conference, held there last week during the West Texas Exposition. Baby Jane, who is nine months old, won over thirty-eight other babies, all less than one year old. Mrs. Hudson, her mother, was formerly Lois Higgins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Higgins, who live north of Merkel.

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Many Factors For Increased Mileage Revealed by Survey

Detroit, September 26.—Millions of cars could be saved annually by the automobile-owning public through more strict observance of the factors that control the gasoline mileage of the average automobile, it was revealed in a survey on fuel economy completed today by the Chevrolet Motor Company.

A gain of from two to five miles on the gallon of gas could be effected on the average, it was shown, if the motorist paid strict attention to the elements that govern fuel consumption.

The majority of items to be watched are rather obvious to the average automobile owner, but through an inadequate appreciation of their importance are commonly overlooked.

The survey sets down specifically a number of factors, which, if observed, should increase your mileage two to five miles to the gallon. They are: When standing or waiting for the light to change, don't race your motor. When you are to make a stop of more than a minute, turn off your motor.

Don't drive at excessive speeds unless the occasion demands. High speed traveling burns more gas.

Remember that the faster you drive the more gas you consume. So when you find that you are about out of gas and are heading for a gas station, take it slowly and your chances for negotiating the distance will be greater.

When starting, watch the choke. Don't drive with the choke out a moment more than necessary.

Be sure that your brakes are not dragging. This cuts down your mileage. Get your brakes inspected frequently.

Have your valves ground when they need it.

See that the idling adjustment on your carburetor is set at the proper point so that the mixture is not too rich. If it is not at the proper point it gives you inefficient idling performance and wastes gas.

Don't fill your gas tank full to the cap, some will escape through the vent in the cap.

Don't ride the clutch. Watch gas line for leaks at joints. Check it periodically to see that fittings are tight.

Be sure that spark is in fully adjusted position.

Avoid excessive use of brakes in traffic.

Observance of these suggestions, the survey points out, will save money for the motorist and add considerable mileage to your driving and reduce the number of necessary stops at the gasoline station.

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Salt Branch News

Austin Robertson and family and Houston Robertson were guests of the Horton family.

Misses Ora, Lora and Earnest Hill and Miss Audie and Odell Pomroy were the guests of Miss Beulah Wilson Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Petty and daughter, Gladys, were the guests of the J. O. Armstrong family recently.

Mrs. Hobson Robertson is visiting her sister at Stanton.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Petty visited the Petty family Thursday night.

We are glad to report that Earnest Higgins is improving after undergoing an operation at the Merkel Sanitarium.

Miss Hortense Armstrong was the guest of Mary Horton Sunday.

White Church News

Boll pulling is in full swing and the farmers are very busy at present.

Mr. and Mrs. Rube Henslee were the Saturday night guests of Mr. and Conley of Sweetwater are visiting Mrs. Bill Cogburn of Trent.

Mrs. Mary Harris and Mrs. Leona their mother, Mrs. R. A. Riggan.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Matterson and children spent the week-end in Hawley.

Brother Marvin Williams and wife of Abilene were visitors here Sunday afternoon.

Forrest Bailey of Big Spring visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bailey, last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Coates of Big Spring were Friday night guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Coates.

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Friends Unaware Fellow Employee a Hero With York

Brookline, Mass.—A quiet employee of the Brookline highway department approached his superintendent with a request for time off. Asked the reason, he reluctantly produced a letter from the Army War College inviting him, as one of the seven survivors of Sergt. Alvin C. York's famous exploit in the Argonne offensive, to come to the annual military exposition in Washington.

Otis D. Merithew, the modest employee, was, it developed, the Corp. William B. Cutting mentioned in Sergt. York's book. Wounded, he fought beside the sergeant the day 132 Germans surrendered to seven Americans.

Mr. Merithew said he had signed up for the army under an assumed name "for no particular reason." He was living at that time in Bridgeport, Conn. After the war he wrote the War Department, giving his true name,



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but his associates and friends here never knew until Saturday that he was Corporal Cutting.

Mr. Merithew not only got permission to make the trip, but he'll get full pay for his services while he is at Washington, his employers announced.

The army is so anxious to have Mr. Merithew present that the War Department has promised to send an airplane to take him to the capital.

Fresh Oysters and Catfish arrive every Thursday. Quality Market.

Eighty per cent of the deaths in the Spanish-American war were typhoid.

Wichita Woman Gained 15 Lbs. By Taking Orgatone

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"Those who have not seen me since I began taking Orgatone," continued Mrs. Abbe, "would hardly know me on first sight. I have undergone such a change. Why, do you know, I actually gained 15 pounds. It hardly sounds reasonable, but it's true. I suffered from nervousness and frequent dizzy spells for a good many years, and my sleep was so broken and I was so tired that I hardly felt like getting up in the morning. Everything I would eat tasted bad and my stomach was so upset that I could not eat more than one meal a day, and that was a very light one. The pains in my stomach were almost unbearable, and I was in dreadful plight. I lost weight until I got down to about 110 pounds—I was hardly more than a frame—and was sometimes confined to my bed for hours at a time.

"Finally I commenced to read about Orgatone and got myself a bottle, and my improvement commenced with the first bottle. I gained in weight and strength until now, my troubles are not only gone, but I feel just as strong and well as I ever did. I eat just anything and enjoy it and nothing hurts me a particle. My nerves are strong and steady, and I sleep so well that I am glad for night to come, and getting up time comes too early for me in the morning. Orgatone has certainly brought health and happiness to me and I can't say too much in its praise." Genuine Orgatone may be bought in Merkel at Phillips Drug Store.

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STATE ATTORNEY

Austin, Sept. 26.—Robert Lee Bobbitt, former speaker of the house of representatives and more recently district attorney at Laredo, was appointed attorney general by Governor Dan Moody Wednesday. He succeeds Claude Pollard who resigned effective September 17, but who continued to hold the office pending appointment of his successor.

In making the announcement Moody read a telegram from Wright Morrow of Houston expressing appreciation for the governor's offer to make him attorney general and expressing regret that he had decided to decline it.

Bobbitt took the oath of office, administered by Judge Morrow, whose former home was in Hillsboro, where he was a long time friend of the Bobbitt family, in Governor Moody's office. Mrs. Bobbitt and their little son, Robert Lee, Jr., were present in addition to the governor.

Bobbitt had been considered as a would-be a candidate for attorney general. He said he did not contemplate any immediate changes in the personnel of the attorney general's office.

Bobbitt was elected speaker of the house without opposition in the 40th legislature. He had served two terms previously in the house and had the distinction of being one of the few men to aspire to the speakership who was elected without an opponent.

The new attorney general is a native of Hill county. He is 40 years old. He was graduated from the law department of the University of Texas receiving his LL. B. degree in 1915. He entered the law firm of Hicks, Dickson and Bobbitt, with offices in San Antonio and Laredo, after his graduation.

Sweetwater B.Y.P.U.
Will Convene Here

Program for a B. Y. P. U. meeting of the Sweetwater Baptist association, to be held at the Merkel Baptist church next Sunday afternoon, beginning at 2:30 o'clock, has been announced by the Rev. C. B. Owen, missionary of the association.

Prayer and praise service will be led by Johnnie Lovell of Abilene and special music will be given by the B. Y. P. U. of the Abilene South Side Baptist church.

Topics and speakers for the program follow: "The Value of One," Miss Elsie George, Sweetwater; "Why Some Associational B. Y. P. U.'s Fail to Function," J. Lee Tarpley, Abilene; "My Plans as President of District No. 1," Fred McPherson, Abilene; "My Plans as President of District No. 2," Eugene Harden, Sweetwater.

M. B. Sasse of Sweetwater will conduct a Junior B. Y. P. U. memory contest and Mrs. W. H. Dunson of Abilene will have charge of an intermediate B. Y. P. U. sword drill contest.

Features of the business session, at 3 o'clock, will be reports of presidents and secretaries and awarding of banners.

The Sweetwater association includes Taylor and Nolan counties.

Methodist W. M. Society.

The Woman's Missionary society of the Methodist church will meet Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Roger A. Burgess. All the officers are especially urged to be present with written reports.

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PEP SQUAD.

E. L. Turner has been chosen as boys' yell leader and Louise Booth, Nadine Tippet and Willie Evelyn Boaz are his assistants.

The girls decided on a purple dress with a gold tie and gold belt. The boys purchased white trousers and shirts and black ties and a purple and gold sash. Altogether a better looking Pep Squad could not be found.

The squad turned out every day last week in order to learn some songs and yells before the first game.

The entire Pep Squad went to see the Merkel-Roby game at Abilene and everyone was in uniform. The Pep Squad was allowed to go down to the side lines instead of staying in the grandstand. The purple and gold colors were very pretty and the squad kept up plenty of cheers during the first half. During the interval between halves the "Peppers" lined up and marched out on the field. In the middle of the field, facing the grandstand they formed a huge M. The M was formed twice and then everyone marched back to the side lines. When the game was over they again marched out on the field and this time gave fifteen extra loud raahs for Roby and then fifteen more for Merkel. The squad expects to do even better at the Baird game this Friday.

Here is the present roll of the squad: Louise Booth, E. L. Turner, Willie Evelyn Boaz, Nadine Tippet, Tracy Campbell, Edward Watson, Mattilou Largent, Artie Lee Parden, Doris Brown, Mary Elizabeth Gimes, Bessie Lou Pannell, Verna T. Beasley, Margaret Canon, Ida Mae Derstine, Jess Higgins, Dalhia, Ola Smith, Gwendolyn Vickers, Zada Bell, Izzy Mellinger, Ceiphas, Harold Boney, Weldon Coates, Lowell Vickers, Clinton Bryan, Woodrow, Meyer Mellinger, Marie Joyce Wheeler and Imogene Middleton.

PUBLIC SLEEPING CLASS.

The Public Sleeping class is larger this year than ever before. Mr. Davis, the very efficient demonstrator-instructor, has a record of some 2800 hours of public sleeping to his credit and it is expected that the influence of this class will be felt all over the school as it is by far the most popular at present.

SENIOR CLASS ELECTS OFFICERS.

Last Thursday, September 19, the Senior class met and elected their officers for the year. The following were elected: Lee Darden, president;

J. T. Darsey, vice-president; and Doris Brown, secretary and treasurer.

The Senior class has an enrollment of thirty-two this year. The members of the Senior class are capable of doing good work and much is expected of them. All through the years they have been known as a class of high scholarship as well as much "pep."

NEW STUDENTS ENROLLED IN SENIOR CLASS.

The Senior class has shown a considerable increase in number due to the entrance of numerous students from other schools. Students from Trent school enrolled in the class are Clinton Bryan and Gwendolyn Vickers. Tracy Campbell, a former student of the Merkel school, has reentered here having attended school in Portales, New Mexico, the past several years. Other new students are: Buster Horton, Wesley Butler and Ectyl Spurgin.

GIRLS' BASEBALL TEAM.

The girls baseball team organized last week selecting Miss Baker as their sponsor, and electing Jess Higgins as their captain and Imogene Middleton, reporter. They have started practicing and hope to play some games soon.

CHORAL AND GLEE CLUBS ORGANIZE.

The Choral and Glee clubs have organized and will meet on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Work was started at once on a program to be given on High school night at the Grammar school auditorium. Eighteen people are enrolled in these clubs under the direction of Miss Loyless, director of music. Watch for their first public appearance!

PEP SHOWN AT CHAPEL.

There was much pep shown in Tuesday's morning's chapel. The captain and coach of our Badgers made some snappy speeches. Then, to see if any pep was left after a hard fought game, the pep squad gave some yells.

Mr. Burgess encouraged everyone to be loyal to the team and to our High school.

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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SPEAKER BRINGS HELPFUL MESSAGE

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lusty roaring at the Merkel-Roby game in Abilene and bespoke the same boosting spirit for the Baird game Friday and all remaining games of the season.

In appreciation of the interest of the hostess, Mrs. Frank McFarland, in the success of the club and of her efforts in its behalf, the club on motion of Charlie Jones voted to give their endorsement and backing to her candidacy in the popularity contest now being conducted by the Abilene Times, in which Mrs. McFarland is an entrant.

Rolfe Wagner is to be toastmaster at the next meeting.

FELT BAD AFTER EATING

"FOUR YEARS ago, I suffered with heartburn and bilious indigestion. Whatever I ate disagreed with me. Gas on my stomach made me very uncomfortable. My tongue was coated and my color was bad. I needed a good laxative, and so my mother-in-law gave me some Black-Draught and told me to take it. I found it helped me very much, so I bought it for myself. Seems it was the very thing I needed. It is a fine family remedy, and I use it when I need something for constipation. I also give Black-Draught to my children whenever they need something for colds or upset stomachs. Our whole family takes Black-Draught."—Mrs. G. C. Leary, 103 North Alston Ave., Durham, N. C.

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Captain Charles Stevens, veteran prohibition enforcement officer of San Antonio, who was himself under a charge of murder in connection with the shooting of Tom Chandler, Atascosa county farmer, on August 2 during a dry raid, was ambushed and killed in a gun battle on the Pleasanton road out of San Antonio Wednesday morning.

The one vote against Texas' annexation to the United States was that of Robert Bache of Houston, kinsman Benjamin Franklin.

One bee-hive usually contains queen, 300 to 400 drones and about 40,000 workers.

Second sheets at Merkel Mail office.

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For Saturday

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COFFEE Elegant, 3 lb. can, 5 lb
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BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENTS.

All regular services Sunday and during the week. Sunday school at 10 a. m. with places for all. We were pleased with the increase in attendance Sunday and hope to see an even greater increase for next Sunday. Rev. J. Perry King of Abilene, moderator of our association, will preach for us Sunday at both the morning and evening hour. Brother King has preached here in other services and needs no introduction to our congregation, but we invite our friends to hear him as we know he will bring messages that will bless the hearers. B. Y. P. U. service 7 p. m. with a place for you. Our graded training service has a congenial group to work with you if you will come along.

The meeting at Albany where your pastor is preaching is going fine—22 additions to the church the first week and a fine interest as we go into the second week. The pastor will be home Monday and will be glad to greet a full attendance of all officers and teachers at the workers meeting Monday evening. The last conference of the associational year will be held Wednesday at 8 p. m. A full attendance is urged as we elect all church officers for the year.

A cordial invitation is extended to all strangers and visitors to come to our services.

Ira L. Parrack.

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Bible study, Sunday, 10 a. m. Communion service, 11 a. m. Young people's study, 7 p. m. We invite all the young people who can come and join our young people in their program each Sunday evening. The cottage service for Friday evening of this week will be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Zack Turner. Prayer meeting service at the church building each Wednesday evening. Quite an interest is being manifested at this service. You are invited.

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Sunday school at 10 a. m. Be in your class on time, if possible. Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Session meeting Tuesday evening 7:30. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening 7:30. Glad to have visitors in all the services.

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Our revival meeting is to begin Friday night, Oct. 4, Rev. Ralph C. Gray of Fort Worth is to be our evangelist, with Johnnie Knight and wife of Wichita Falls as choir director and special singers. Those who have heard these workers before will be glad to know they are to be in our town again.

We extend a cordial invitation to all to attend our regular services as well as the revival meeting. We ask the Christian people to join us in prayer for the salvation of the lost of our town.

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MRS. EASTERWOOD HONORED

Miss Christine Collins entertained last Saturday afternoon complimenting her sister, Mrs. H. L. Easterwood of Taft, who is here on an extended visit with her people. The rooms were decorated with lovely autumn flowers where games of bridge were employed as the afternoon's diversion. A delicious salad course and iced drink was served at the refreshment hour by the hostess, assisted by Miss Iva Bragg. Invitations went to Mesdames Easterwood, R. O. Anderson, S. D. Gamble, F. C. McFarland, R. I. Grimes, C. H. Jones, Tom Largent, W. L. Diltz, Jr., Earl Lassiter, Ross Ferrier, Dee Grimes, T. E. Collins, Misses Iva Bragg and Christine Collins.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Dr. R. I. Grimes was the surprised honoree on last Thursday evening when his wife complimented him with a birthday party. The house decorations were gorgeous cut roses, providing a pretty setting for game tables appointed for bridge. Radio music interspersed progressions of the games until the refreshment hour when Mrs. Grimes, assisted by Miss Ruby Hughes, served a delectable salad plate and black coffee to Dr. Grimes, Mrs. H. L. Easterwood, Messrs. and Mesdames Dee Grimes, L. B. Scott, R. O. Anderson, C. H. Jones, Sam Cummings, George White, S. D. Gamble, F. C. McFarland and W. T. Sadler.

FAREWELL PARTY.

Mrs. Jim Sears, who is removing this week to Fort Worth to make her home, was the honoree Wednesday afternoon at a pretty party in the home of Mrs. John West on Oak street with the ladies of the Missionary Society the hostesses. Mrs. Sears was until her resignation the president of the society and Mrs. Henry West expressed many regrets that she was leaving and much appreciation for the happy association that had been theirs during Mrs. Sears' sojourn here. She graciously presented the honoree with a parting gift from her friends. Clever con-



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HOME COMING.

The beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Guitar on Oak street was the scene of a happy "Get-To-Gether" for their immediate relatives on last Thursday evening.

A sumptuous chicken dinner was served to the accompaniment of radio music. The guest list for this enjoyable occasion included Mr. and Mrs. Bob Eddins of Sweetwater, Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg, Mr. and Mrs. Dee Grimes, Mr. and Mrs. Holland Teaff, Misses Lucy Tracy and Vennie Heizer, Mr. and Mrs. Guitar and son, Fred Guitar, Jr.

Men's Prayer Meeting.

The men's prayer meeting of the various churches in Merkel was held last Sunday at the Methodist church with a noticeable increase in attendance. A fine spiritual meeting resulted and we feel sure that one was blessed. The next meeting will be at the Baptist church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock with S. M. Hunter as leader. Let every man try to come to this meeting and spend one hour in prayer and study. It will be helpful to you and to your church. The lesson text for Sunday will be the 22nd chapter of Matthew.

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Texas Cotton Crop Sept. 15 Estimated 220,000 Bales Less

Austin, Sept. 26.—A Texas cotton crop of 3,887,000 bales, the lowest since 1922, was estimated Saturday by George B. Terrell, State Commissioner of Agriculture, based on Sept. 15 conditions.

The figure is 220,000 bales below the Government's estimate of 4,107,000 bales of Sept. 1, which was believed in agricultural circles to be approximately correct at that time. The anticipated yield, however, has deteriorated rapidly during the latter part of August and September, Terrell said.

Banner cotton counties last season have felt the effect of a reduced crop and Ellis probably will be the only county to produce more than 100,000 bales, according to the commissioner. In 1927, Hill, McLennan and Williamson Counties together with Ellis exceeded this output. By districts, Commissioner Terrell's estimate is: Eastern district, 49 counties, 652,000 bales; northern, 22 counties, 496,000; western, 44 counties, 350,000; central, 44 counties, 1,125,000; southwestern, 37 counties, 475,000; northwestern, 58 counties, 790,000.

000 bales; northern, 22 counties, 496,000; western, 44 counties, 350,000; central, 44 counties, 1,125,000; southwestern, 37 counties, 475,000; northwestern, 58 counties, 790,000.

Late feed crops have been benefited by recent rains in some sections, but indications point to shorter feed crops than last year, Terrell was advised.

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POULTRY

CHICKEN HOUSES NEED IMPROVING

Lack of Light or Ventilation Discourages Hens.

Many old poultry houses are lacking in light or ventilation or both. Where ample light is already provided through windows but ventilation is inadequate, it is often best to remove the upper sash of the windows. If there are not enough windows, additional openings should be cut in the upper part of the front wall.

"Under Kansas conditions it is desirable to make these openings equal to about one-tenth of the floor space. Half screen over these openings will serve to keep the poultry in and rodents out," suggests Walter G. Ward, extension architect, Kansas State Agricultural college, in giving hints on improving the old poultry house. "Frames covered with a light weight of muslin may be provided in the front openings to protect the flock during very cold or stormy weather."

Many old chicken houses are unnecessarily high and are very cold during the winter months, continues the building specialist. He says a simple remedy is to construct a straw ceiling or loft. The straw is preferably carried on inch mesh poultry netting. For supports 2x4 inch cross ties placed every 4 feet will be practical. About 1 foot of loose straw is placed on the netting and small openings in each end above the straw serve to keep it dry. The straw is left in the poultry house throughout the year.

Find Sour Milk Good Ingredient of Protein

Sour skim milk in unlimited quantities gives a higher total and average egg production, higher profit over feed cost, and produced eggs at a lower feed cost than semi-solid buttermilk, dried buttermilk, meat scrap or sour skim milk whey. The dried buttermilk and semi-solid buttermilk pens gave a smaller percentage of large eggs and a larger percentage of small eggs than did the sour skim milk pen. Some skim milk whey is inferior to the other feeds in every way. The dried buttermilk pen gives the highest hatchability.

A comparison of semi-solid and dried buttermilk shows the semi-solid pen gives higher per cent production and eggs per pullet. The dried pen, however, gives slightly higher yearly average profit over feed cost per pullet, cheaper feed cost per dozen eggs and higher hatchability.

The results of experiments indicate that a vegetable protein supplement to sour skimmed milk, such as peameal, alfalfa meal, and beanmeal, is productive and profitable. In production and profit over feed cost, the supplements ranked: Peameal, alfalfa meal, beanmeal, then no supplement.

Poultry Hints

- Shut up or sell male birds.
- Cleanliness is the best preventive of poultry diseases.
- Brooder houses should be placed where the drainage is good.
- Store the eggs in a cool cellar if possible. Market them twice a week.
- Feed poultry yellow corn, cod-liver oil, milk and leafy feeds for vitamins.
- Young chicks should be encouraged to roost at an early age. The chicks will become accustomed to roosting if a low roost which slopes from the floor back of the hover to the rear of the house is provided.
- What kind of eggs are going to market this summer? Demand for them may be increased by proper care. Be sure the hens have plenty of clean, airy nests well filled with litter—one nest for every five or six hens.
- Round out the corners of the brooder house to keep the chicks from crowding.
- Artificial brooding of chicks involves the problems of providing a suitable shelter for them on ground which is free from worm parasite infestation.
- Be sure the old hens and young stock have plenty of ventilation during the hot summer months. Open the rear ventilator in the house and take out the windows.
- Small eggs produce small chicks. The size of next year's eggs depends first upon breeding, second upon feeding.
- Encourage chickens to roost while they are still young to prevent crooked breast bones and crowding and to aid ventilation.
- Barley is considered a very good feed for poultry. It is richer in protein and carbohydrates than oats, and has less crude fiber. In some sections it is made a substitute for corn.

POULTRY

DAMP FLOORS ARE MENACE TO FOWLS

Owners Who Tolerate Them Are Inviting Big Losses.

Damp floors in poultry houses are inexcusable. In the opinion of E. R. Cross, agricultural engineer at the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment station, Poultrymen who tolerate them are inviting heavy losses in their flocks and a general reduction in the efficiency of the birds that survive.

A dry wooden floor may be made of two layers of boards with building paper between, the top layer to be a good grade of matched flooring, so that it may be kept clean. Many poultrymen find it desirable to keep the floor 12 to 18 inches above the ground and to leave the south foundation wall open for air circulation. The other sides should be closed tight to keep out cold winds.

For a dry concrete floor, either of two methods may be used. The first is as follows: Build the foundation walls; level the ground inside, do not remove any soil; fill in with 6 to 8 inches of coarse sand, gravel, or cinders; and place 3/4 to 4 inches of concrete floor on top. In this construction, be sure the foundations are high enough for the fill of cinders and the floor. This raised floor with insulating fill will be dry.

The other method is to lay a two-course concrete floor with a layer of roofing paper between.

Sometimes the floor itself is not the cause of dampness. Then the remedy must be sought in a study of the care of the house ventilation, litter, or sunlight admitted.

Highly Concentrated Foods Hurt Turkeys

The turkey has a rather large digestive system and long intestines, accompanied by an ever-present appetite, so that if birds are compelled to satisfy this appetite on highly concentrated foods, indigestion is almost certain to result.

If this is not immediately relieved death will follow, and usually salts or, better still, castor oil will effect a cure.

Plenty of green food is essential to young turkeys, such as alfalfa (if quite tender), clover, lettuce, chopped onion tops and dandelion leaves. All green food supplied to turkeys should be cut a little way up from the ground to avoid black-head contamination that may chance to lurk in the soil.

Fertile Eggs Reason for Paltry Returns

Nature intends the egg to hatch a chick. To get the best food results from eggs we have to defeat nature's purpose by producing infertile eggs. A fertile egg is just as good as an infertile one if it is used at once, but it won't hold up under summer market conditions.

Sell or confine the roosters as soon as the breeding season is over. The hens will lay just as well without the male in the flock. Using early hatched cockerels is a good breeding practice on the farms. Selling them as soon as your hatching season is over saves a feed bill of from 90 cents to \$1.50 each. If you have particularly valuable males, confine them.

Difficult to Decide Sex of Young Poults

It is difficult to be absolutely sure of the sex of young turkey poults. The males will usually "shoot the red" and show development of the fleshy growth on the head a little sooner than the females, and they are also likely to grow more rapidly than the females. With the Bronze variety of turkeys the sex can also be detected by the plumage color as soon as they are well feathered. The breast of the females show the characteristic white tips to the breast feathers, while the males will show dark tips.

Changing Breeds

Several years ago it was common advice to avoid changing breeds of poultry. That was before the days of the large hatchery when poultrymen established a flock with a few settings of eggs, possibly bought at a high price, and then spent several years in developing their own flocks. A change meant starting all over. In many cases birds of both breeds would be retained and soon a pure-bred flock became a flock of crosses followed by a flock of mongrels.

Birds Not Wanted

Most poultry keepers realize that there are two courses open to them in regard to unwanted males. One plan is to destroy them as soon as they can be distinguished; and the other is to feed them well right from the first day and so bring them to a fleshy condition. The latter practice is sound so far as the early cockerels are concerned, but very few poultry keepers approve of it for later broods. Some poultrymen do not hesitate to can all surplus fowls.

Prince Superstitious Over 13 at One Table

Paris.—The Prince of Wales is superstitious about sitting down to a table where there are 13 guests.

This was revealed today by a person who told of a recent dinner party at Le Touquet, Belgium. The prince sent out invitations to 14 friends to dine with him at the Casino de la Foret.

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**Trumbull
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Ceremony**

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as Florence Trumbull, rnor John H. Trum- was John Coolidge, Coolidge, former gov-achusetts and 30th e United States. nation's most promi- ges among them Ex- olidge, and two United tors gathered with sim- of New England in the ame Congregational church

ne simple Congregational wed- ng service and a single ring cere- ony made John Coolidge and Florence Trumbull husband and wife. The marriage took place at 4. p. m. in the Congregational Church in the presence of eighty-two guests, limited to that small number in response to the wishes of the bride and groom.

Two ministers officiated. The wed- ding vows were read by the Reverend Kenneth Welles of Albany, N. Y., for- mer pastor of the Congregational Church at Northampton, where Ex- President Coolidge makes his home.

The Reverend J. Roy Wilkerson, pastor of the Plainville Congrega- tional church, read the preliminary service, consisting of the vows of the hurch and the announcement.

As the bridal party emerged from church Miss Trumbull smilingly sed to pose for the photographers, then saying "that's all," entered waiting limousine, John, whose was more sober, turned after

climbing into the car and smiled gen- ially at the crowd. Honeymoon plans of the bride and groom have not been revealed. It is known that they contemplate a tour of New England, apparently by motor car, which will embrace a visit to Plymouth, Vt., former President Coolidge's boyhood home, and per- haps a sojourn at the camp in Maine where the Trumbull family has fre- quently summered.

Dora Doings

Everyone is busy picking cotton these days, with the gin going stead- ily and a cotton grader and buyer on the ground.

Brother Scott of Abilene filled the pulpit of the Baptist church Sunday.

We regret to report that Mrs. Bob Cornelius, who is under the care of a physician, is not improving as rapidly as could be wished.

Mrs. B. E. Dunagan enjoyed a visit with her mother at San Angelo last week-end.

Miss Jewel Burklow has been added to our staff of teachers.

Leonard Perry returned home Sat- ursday after a month's visit in Clovis, New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Whiteaker made a business trip to Abilene Tuesday.

Grandma Hanks attended church in Sweetwater Sunday evening and heard Bishop Moore preach.

School takes up at 8 o'clock and turns out at 3 o'clock in order for the pupils to assist in gathering the cot- ton.

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With all of the trustees and more than 100 patrons of the school pres- ent, the eight-room brick school build- ing of the Goodman district—a \$32,- 000 structure serving the Noodle Creek oil section in Jones county— was dedicated with appropriate cere- mony last Thursday night.

The principal address was deliver- ed by President Batsell Baxter of Abilene Christian college, dedicating the building to the cause of education of young boys and girls.

R. H. Adams, principal, presided. Miss Cleo Nixon, elementary teacher, opened the program with a reading, "The Girl of the Golden West." R. N. Campbell, W. N. Williams and Walter Phillips, trustees, occupied seats on the stage.

The Goodman school opened its session Monday morning. The faculty consists of five members: Mr. Mc- Adams, Miss Nixon, Mrs. W. S. Cun- ningham, Mrs. Jim Waters and Miss Ethel Cook.

The new building is made possible by the development of the Noodle Creek field, trustees pointed out. The district's valuations now total \$1,085,000 which, with a tax rate of \$1 plus state aid resulted in the de- velopment of a cash surplus of sev- eral thousand of dollars. This, to- gether with the bond issue of \$15,- 000, finances the modernly equip- ped, steam heated building. The dis- trict's scholastic population is 179.

The building was erected by T. G. Farmer, contractor, plans having been prepared by Tackett & Son, Abilene architects. A home for the principal also is located on the six-acre campus.

There are about 800 islands in Scotland.

**Death Claims Mrs.
Mollie Jane Hogan**

Funeral services for Mrs. Mollie Jane Hogan, who died Monday, Sept. 16, at the home of her brother, H. F. Darden, of the Mt. Pleasant commu- nity, were held at the home Tuesday afternoon, Sept. 18, conducted by Rev. Perry King of Abilene. The body was laid to rest in the Drummans ceme- tery by the side of her husband.

Mrs. Hogan, who had been a resi- dent of this community for 25 years, was married to F. E. Hogan Dec. 19, 1878, and to this union was born three daughters, two of whom preceded her to the grave by a number of years. She was converted at the age of 24 and joined the Baptist church of which she was a true and consistent member. Of her it can be said that she followed the straight and nar- row path and she was loved by all who knew her.

Her husband died 19 years ago. She is survived by one daughter, Josie Hogan, two brothers, H. F. Darden and R. S. Darden, all of the Mt. Pleasant community, and one sister Mrs. S. A. White, of Abilene, all of whom were in attendance at the fun- eral.

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Trent News and Personal Notes

On last Sunday afternoon Mrs. M. G. Bryan honored her niece, George Helen Lee, with a birthday party at which some fifteen little guests were present.

Messrs. W. L. Boyd and Fred Hale made a trip last week to Houston. Mrs. J. E. Bowers, who had been in Temple for the past two weeks, returned home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Martin of Loraine spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Scott. Lee Rogers and family, accompanied by Miss Ina Patton, have returned from Lubbock where they entered their daughter, Miss Velma, in school at Texas Tech there.

Mrs. Lucy Gazaway of Barnhart is here on a two weeks' visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tid Smith. Edward Rogers, who is attending Draughton's Business college at Abilene spent the week-end at home.

Mrs. Arthur Brown and son left last Sunday for Memphis where they will join her husband who has employment there. En route they visited her sister at Amarillo, Mrs. Joe Boone.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Easterwood and two children of Taft are here on a two days' or two weeks' visit with Mr. Easterwood's mother, Mrs. John Woodward.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Dowdy in company with O. L. Dowdy of Abilene were Sweetwater visitors Saturday.

G. G. Dodd and family spent the week-end with the Lee Rogers family. Ledo Dowdy of Abilene was in town last Monday.

Ernest Massey and Wilbur Woods made a business trip to Amarillo Sunday.

James Waters and family of Stephenville, in company with Mrs. Adcock, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Dudley, Mrs. Waters and son Billie remaining. Mrs. Waters is one of the teachers out at Goodman and Billie will enter school there. Mr. Waters and Mrs. Adcock returned Monday.

Viola Smith is visiting friends in Abilene this week. Messrs. M. G. Scott and Dave Chapman made a business trip to the plains last Thursday.

Dennis Butler of Fort Worth is here on a visit with his parents. Mr. Butler lived here some few years ago, having moved to Fort Worth where he accepted a position as salesman. Due to his health failing a few months ago, he is here hoping to regain his health.

Mr. Murdock of Big Spring visited his sons last week-end, Carl and Marvin Murdock.

W. E. Hamner, who has been in South Texas buying cotton, is spending a few days with his family. A number of our town folks attended the fair at Abilene last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Osborn of Fort Worth spent Thursday night with Mrs. Annie Boone, en route home after visiting relatives in Texaco and Clovis, New Mexico.

Mrs. Beatrice Burleson spent Saturday in Abilene with her friend, Emma Dean Duncan.

Mrs. Joe Reid, who has been seriously ill, is recovering rapidly.

AT THE METHODIST CHURCH.

All services at the Methodist church next Sunday and next week as usual. Next Sunday is Promotion Day in the Sunday school. An appropriate program has been planned for each department. It is very important that each officer and teacher and pupil be present for this program.

Special music by the organized choir at all of the services next Sunday. Come to church and bring your friends.

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Wolters Silent As to Borger Status

Borger, Sept. 26.—Brigadier General Jacob Wolters, who came here Wednesday to decide whether martial law would be necessary to curb lawlessness which resulted in the assassination September 13 of District Attorney John A. Holmes, started back to Austin by automobile to lay his report before Governor Moody.

General Wolters refused to indicate the nature of his conclusions when asked whether he would return to the head of troops replied, "I hope not."

Clem Calhoun, special prosecutor, appointed by Governor Moody, accompanied the general and was as silent as Wolters.

The party left by automobile and did not indicate whether the journey would be broken at some town enroute, or whether it would push on to Austin.

Just before his departure Wolters concluded his series of conferences with business men and Mayor Glenn Pace.

He asked their opinion as to the benefits they expected from martial law, and whether the benefits would outweigh any possible detriment.

General Wolters also talked with County Judge H. M. Hood and County Attorney H. D. Meyers here.

Record of Births.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Wills, residing three miles northeast of Merkel, baby boy, Sept. 21, 1929.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Dean of Blair a ten pound baby boy, Sept. 25, 1929.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Thomas, a baby girl, Sept. 23, 1929.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Palmer, residing north of Merkel, a baby boy, Sept. 20, 1929.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Burfield, residing on the Sears ranch, a baby boy, Sept. 21, 1929.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley of Stith, a baby girl, Sept. 22, 1929.

Changes in Train Schedule.

East bound No. 10, Texas & Pacific Railway company train, which has been departing at 9:33 a. m., changed time last Sunday and will hereafter leave at 10:44 a. m.

Another change in schedule of Texas & Pacific trains of interest to Merkelites is the announcement that No. 1, west bound Sunshine Special will leave Abilene at 6:50 p. m., instead of 7 p. m., as heretofore.

Won 12 Contests.

Chicago.—The 1929 National league championship which the Chicago Cubs have won is the twelfth won by the team. Other years in which Chicago won the pennant were 1876, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1885, 1886, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1910 and 1918.

Celebrates 103rd Birthday.

Caterville, Ill.—Mrs. Serena Carter Sunday celebrated her one hundred and third birthday. She was married as a girl and had seven children, whom she reared following the death of her husband in the Civil War. She outlived all of them by a quarter of a century, and now makes her home with her granddaughter.

Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office.

DOUBLE FUNERAL HELD AT ANSON

Anson, Sept. 26.—A double funeral for W. W. Simpson, 68, and Jim Simpson, his 25-year-old son, was held at the family residence a mile and a half northeast of here Wednesday afternoon. The Rev. B. W. Thomas, pastor of the Anson Methodist church, officiated. Interment was in Mount Hope cemetery.

The two men were instantly killed Tuesday morning when a derrick fell upon them in the Bedford-Carthage Stone corporation quarry near Lueders, three minutes after the elder Simpson arrived at the quarry to visit his son, an employe there.

The father, with a 13-year-old son, went to Lueders from here Tuesday morning to get a wagon and team. They drove out to the quarry to see Jim, who had been working there about a year. Soon after they arrived two supporting cables broke under a strain and the derrick fell, horribly crushing father and son. The lad, Coffman, jumped back from the brink of the quarry in time to save himself, but was helpless to avert the death of his father and brother.

W. W. Simpson formerly lived near Merkel, where he was engaged in farming for a number of years and it was in 1925 that he moved to Anson, at which place he operated a tourist camp and filling station. Jim Simpson, his son, who was also killed when the quarry derrick fell, resided at Lueders with his wife and two small children, who survive him. One son, Alvin Simpson, still lives in this section, engaged in farming south of Merkel, and he attended his father's funeral at Anson. Besides the two sons mentioned, Mr. Simpson is survived by the following sons and daughters; Mrs. Cecil Pelton and Mrs. Lester Burleson of Anson; John Simpson, Haskell; Hardin Simpson, Lueders, and Cleo, Coffman and Dorothy May, at home.

Shaw Up in Air.

London.—George Bernard Shaw's latest ambition is to qualify as an air pilot, if no other reason than to keep up with the times, it was revealed here today.

During the last few weeks the celebrated Irish dramatist has made several practice flights.

Takes Poison at Movie.

St. Louis.—Miss Mary Beilan selected a moving picture theatre to take poison but will live.

Steals to Look Like Man.

Belfast.—Miss Effie Tyson robbed a tailor's shop so she could dress like a man and masqueraded for a month.

Finds Brooch Lost 27 Years.

Evanston, Ill.—Spading her garden, Mrs. Harriet Tansler found a gold brooch she lost 27 years ago.

Child Held as Prisoner.

Stockton, England.—Ruth Gurney, aged 14, was remanded for trial on a charge of poisoning her employer.

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Personal Mention

W. A. Whiteley and family returned Monday from a visit to Lubbock.

Miss Mary Hutcheson is attending the College of Industrial Arts at Denton.

Mesdames Harry Hall and John Cox of Sweetwater were shopping in Merkel Saturday.

Mrs. Robert McBean of Dallas is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Brown.

Miss Aileen Childress is attending Baylor University at Waco, having left last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Jones of Rising Star were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Delmer.

Miss Lola Dennis entered Simmons University this week where she will be a Senior this year.

Paul Turner, a former resident of Merkel, and his wife are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Foster.

Dr. Garrett Townsend and wife of Lampasas are guests of Mrs. Townsend's sister, Mrs. S. M. Bird.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Trantham of Amarillo are guests of Mrs. Trantham's mother, Mrs. L. R. Robins.

Mrs. A. Morton and Miss Mabel Corinne spent the last week-end with Mrs. Morton's parents at Roby.

H. L. Easterwood of Taft, formerly of Merkel is visiting relatives and friends here and in Trent this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Eddins of Sweetwater visited Mrs. Eddins' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Guitar, the last of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Harris of Corona, Calif., arrived Tuesday to be the guests of Mr. Harris' uncle, J. L. Harris and family.

Wilkes Holden of Tuscola, accompanied by his friend, Floyd Rippey, visited his mother for the week-end. Mrs. M. L. Holden.

Mrs. S. P. Nesmith visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Hodge, in Abilene the early part of the week and took in the fair.

Miss Berdelle Adcock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Adcock, left Tuesday to enter Abilene Christian college for her Sophomore year.

Among those from Merkel doing jury service at Abilene this week were C. R. Tittle, W. T. McAnich, A. H. Barnes and T. M. Allday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Fry and little daughter returned Thursday from a

visit with relatives and friends at Paducah, Chillicothe and Vernon. After a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Russell, J. J. Russell, Jr., has gone to Norman, Okla., where he will attend the University of Oklahoma.

Miss Mary Eula Sears has returned from an extended visit in Bristol, Virginia, and a two weeks' stopover enroute home with Miss Loyce Dry at Clarksville, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Farris of Colorado are the guests of their son, S. A. Farris and family. As pastor of the Blair church in former years, Mr. Farris has many friends in this section who will enjoy seeing him again.

After a visit with her sister, Mrs. S. P. Nesmith, Mrs. Jack Laird and daughter, Laverne, of Odessa returned to Abilene last Saturday to complete their visit with Mrs. Laird's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Hodge.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Cornelius and baby girl returned Tuesday from Chickasha, Okla., where they went to accompany Mrs. Cornelius' parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Dimpff, who have just removed from Abilene to Chickasha.

Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Buckner returned Tuesday from a week-end visit to Mexia. They were accompanied by their little daughter, Aylette, and Mrs. Buckner's aunt, Mrs. Annie Meyer.

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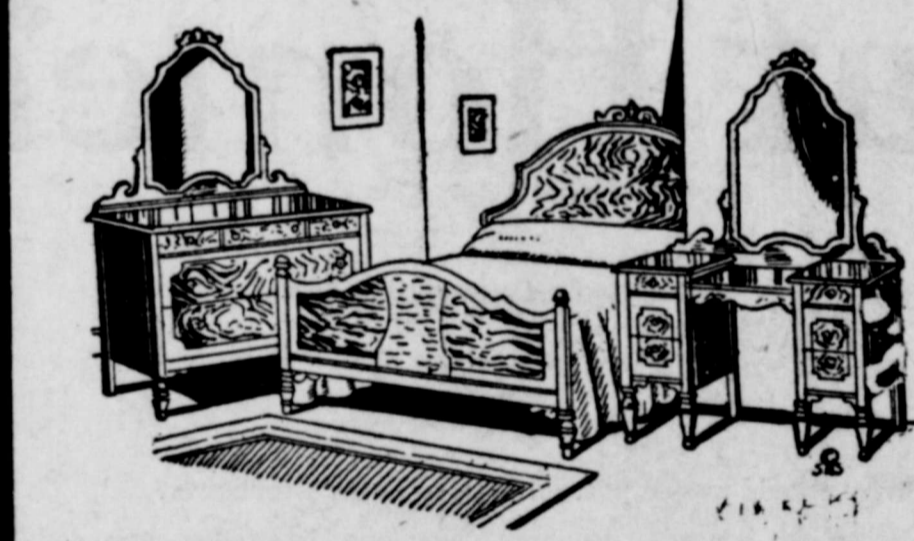
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