

THE MERKEL MAIL

MERKEL, TEXAS, FRIDAY, JANUARY 3, 1930.

On the "Broadway of America"

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AT WELL

Test Products - Barrels in 24-Hour Period Ending Sunday; 1,000 Barrels Additional Storage Provided.

Making free head flows at frequent intervals, Adams et al's No. 1 Lowe, near View, and four miles south of the Hunter No. 1, produced 125 barrels of oil in a 24-hour period ending Sunday. The production is coming from a depth of 2,389 feet, six feet in the producing lime.

The well made a number of heads Sunday and Monday, operators said Monday, the number not being counted. The hole after being cleaned out Friday night was not swabbed during the day Sunday, being permitted to flow throughout the period.

On Wednesday new tanks providing for 1,000 barrels additional storage were being put in place, as the previous 800 barrels storage-four 200-barrel tanks—were already filled. According to last reports, no arrangements had been completed for disposing of the stored crude oil.

The Lowe test struck production on Sunday, Dec. 22, at 2,384 feet, one foot in the oil-bearing sand. It swabbed at the rate of 50 barrels daily on Thursday of last week. When drilled to 2,382 feet Saturday, it swabbed at the rate of 150 barrels.

Drilling at the F. E. Shaheen No. 1 King, four miles northeast of Hawley in Jones county, scheduled to be resumed this week, is being held up on account of a broken cylinder head on the engine, the second in the last two weeks. Operations will begin as soon as the trouble is repaired.

Addison and Sander Corporation of Breckenridge are rigging up a location on Sweetwater creek about 17 E. Miles survey, the land being owned by G. M. Byrom. This is east north of Noodle Dome, near the Hudspeth well.

It was also learned during the week that Gibson and Johnson of Fort Worth would start drilling at an early date on lot 22 in the same survey.

Monday Night Band Concert Announced

G. A. Hartman, the new director of the Merkel Booster band, announces a band concert for Monday night, Jan. 6, at 7:30 on the street. He has been in charge of band for several weeks and reports that the boys are making rapid progress.

The following numbers will be played at the street concert Monday: "The Star Spangled Banner," "The Boy Scout Song," "The Boy Scout March," "The Boy Scout Intermezzo," "The Boy Scout Grand Entrée Concert," "The Star Spangled Banner," "The Boy Scout Song," "The Boy Scout March," "The Boy Scout Intermezzo," "The Boy Scout Grand Entrée Concert."

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of the Merkel Mail January 7, 1910.)

Miss Dorothy Lee Potter entertained the little folks with a dance at her home Dec. 31st. A charming time was reported. Those present were Ila McDonald, Roxey Moon, Amelia Porter, Jackie and Mary Jennings, Ruth Mackey, Hattie and Gladys Bell, Ramon Touchstone, Price Carrol, H. C. Burroughs, Emmett and Ennis Grimes, John Beary and others.

Fourteen Badgers Awarded Sweaters For Season of 1929

On Wednesday, Dec. 18, just before Christmas holidays fourteen Badgers were given letter-sweaters for their playing during the 1929 season of Merkel High. There was no set program for the awards but they were called to the office of Coach Melvin S. Davis where the sweaters were unexpectedly presented to them.

Those thus honored were: Joel Darsey, captain-elect; Fred Baker; Terrell Mashburn; J. D. Ashby; Orion Tittle; J. E. Boaz; Fred Guitar, captain; W. J. Derstine; Paul Collins; Raymond Petree; Jeff Chancey; Byron Patterson; Lee Darden; Milton Case.

All Awards to Ladies On Second "Cow Day"

A most gratifying crowd was present Friday, Dec. 27, for Merkel's second "Cow Day," which verified the popularity of this movement, being sponsored by the Merkel Lions club in cooperation with the merchants and business men of this city.

With Rufe Tittle in charge as master of ceremonies, the fine jersey cow was sold for \$1.00 to the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Rosson, who reside near Blair. The sow was sold for the same price to Miss Opal Patterson and the pen of chickens went to Mrs. P. A. Diltz. As a matter of fact, it was strictly ladies' day, as far as the buyers were concerned.

Hatchery Equipment Expected Jan. 10th

The Merkel Mail has been advised by C. D. Smith of the Merkel Hatchery that due to the annual inventory of the Buckeye Incubator company from which he is buying his equipment the latter was not loaded out as soon as was expected.

He states that it was loaded the first of this week however, and it will take about one week for it to reach here. He hopes to have the hatchery in operation by January 10.

Clarence Saunders Store in New Home

Monday and Tuesday witnessed the removal of the Clarence Saunders store from the corner location to the building four doors east on the same side of the street, which was formerly occupied by the West Texas Utilities company.

Accordingly, Mr. Collins was able to greet his customers in his new location at the beginning of the year, just as he announced in his advertisement last week, with his complete stock all ready to serve his customers.

Ben T. Merritt resigned his position as local editor and book-keeper of the Mail office to accept a position in the Farmers and Merchants National Bank.

Dr. J. M. C. King has moved his office from the Harris and Armstrong Drug store to an office with the Burroughs building.

LEADER IN STATE B. Y. P. U. WORK TO SPEAK SUNDAY

"Big Chief" Gardner, State Secretary, Comes To Local Baptist Church; Young People Especially Urged To Hear Him.

Merkel is to be honored with the presence of the state B. Y. P. U. secretary next Sunday morning. "Big Chief" Gardner himself is to speak at the 11 o'clock hour at the local Baptist church. Mr. Gardner is said to be the best known and most loved worker in Texas.

He is especially popular with the young people, having worked with them continuously for a number of years. All of the young people especially are urged to hear him Sunday morning. Of course, the older people are going to hear him also for any man that has such a reputation as he has will always get the ear of the older people.

He has directed B. Y. P. U. activity in Texas from the days when it was just a venture and has seen better work being done each year. He has brought Texas to the front ranks among southern states in B. Y. P. U. work. He is the author of a number of books on B. Y. P. U. work and is counted as one of the best B. Y. P. U. workers in the south.

His visit at this time is to help the local association get ready for an associational wide B. Y. P. U. training school to be held early in February. He will be in conference with workers from over the association at the South Side Baptist church in Abilene Sunday afternoon and it is fitting that he should be in Merkel Sunday morning as this is one of the churches included in the new district in associational B. Y. P. U. work. Visitors from all of the other churches in this district are invited to hear Mr. Gardner Sunday morning.

In speaking of the service Sunday morning, Rev. Ira L. Parrack, pastor of the Baptist church, said:

"We would be glad if we might have workers from all the churches in the district to be with us in the service. Mr. Largent says for you to get here by 10 a. m. and visit our Sunday School also.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for many of the workers not only of Merkel but of nearby churches to hear this man who has done more for the youth of Texas in the last few years than any other man. He loves young people, he understands their problems and he helps them. Come and hear him Sunday morning.

"A cordial invitation is extended to the public in general to hear this good man."

Record of Births.

To Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Farmer, residing south of town, boy, Dec. 19, 1929.

To Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Breeden, boy, Dec. 20, 1929.

To Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Zimmerman, Blair, girl, Dec. 21, 1929.

To Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Hawkins, girl, Dec. 21, 1929.

To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clarence Ryhnes, residing northwest of Merkel, boy, Dec. 22, 1929.

To Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Duncan, Trent, girl, Dec. 24, 1929.

To Mr. and Mrs. Antony Gooden, girl, Dec. 24, 1929.

To Mr. and Mrs. Emory A. Jones, boy, Dec. 25, 1929.

To Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Betterton, boy, Dec. 26, 1929.

To Mr. and Mrs. Burl B. Merritt, residing in the canyon east of town, boy, Dec. 27, 1929.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Felix H. Herrington, 49, Bell county farmer, was killed at Nolanville Saturday when a rifle was accidentally discharged as it was being placed in an automobile by Ernest Hambrick, an employe of a garage there.

Dovee Mason, 22, was shot and killed at Amarillo while butchering hogs on a farm when a gun in the hands of his helper, who was shooting the hogs, was accidentally discharged.

Nina Fay, 16-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Davidson of Broadway, near Paris, died 24 hours after drinking kerosene from a can that had been left on a stove.

Judge R. S. Brooks, 68, prominent in the social, civic and business life of Houston for the past 27 years and one of the co-founders of the Texas company, died suddenly at his home Saturday.

The legislature will be convened in special session January 20, the date being definitely announced Thursday by Governor Moody as the time set for the convening of the fourth special session of the 41st legislature.

Judge Thomas S. Christopher, Lamar attorney and vice-president of the Dawson County Bar association, has formally announced his candidacy for congress to succeed Marvin Jones, the present congressman from that district.

Two persons were fatally injured at Amarillo Monday when a plane piloted by Lieut. Robert H. Gray, manager of the Amarillo branch of the TAT company, crashed on the golf course of the Hillcrest Country club of that city.

Otto Ahlschier, 57, was fatally burned at Galveston Monday, as he sat asleep in a chair by his radio. Neighbors were awakened by the barking of dogs to find his house in flames and, while he was rescued by firemen, he died before reaching the hospital.

Following the resignation of Omar Raiford as president of the Abilene chamber of commerce, to which he was elected in December, Hill P. Simmons of the Abilene Laundry company was elected to succeed him at a meeting of the executive board Thursday.

Three negro boys were dead as the result of an airplane crashing into a crowd that swarmed over the flying field at Hearne Sunday, the plane being piloted by Miss Dorothy Stocker, 17, Houston stunt flier, said to have a private pilot's license and considerable flying time to her credit, who was flying alone at the time.

Praises Management Of Public Utilities

"Judging from the expressions of those who use them," said one of Merkel's prominent citizens in pondering over the passing of 1929, "Merkel is fortunate in the management of its public utilities."

Continuing he said: "The West Texas Utilities company under the management of Matt Dillingham and his corps of assistants has rendered a fine service to the community and at a cost that is charged in towns of the size of Merkel.

"The Southwestern Bell Telephone company is improving its service daily and have arranged to install better equipment late in the new year.

"The ice plant under the management of Ted Nichols has given prompt and satisfactory service with promise of additional improvements in 1930.

"The fact that impresses us and is most valuable to the utilities mentioned is the uniform courtesy of the management and the employes and the fine civic spirit of each of them."

Record of Rainfall During Year of 1929

E. M. Black, volunteer weather observer, has been kind enough to furnish the Merkel Mail with the following report of the rainfall totaling 14 1-8 inches for the year. Mr. Black keeps a record of the weather, including rainfall, snow, frost, etc., and these figures will be of interest to all our readers.

The following is Mr. Black's report: (All months omitted were dry.)
March 12-1 1-2 inches; 14-5-8 inch; 27-3-8 inch; total, 2 5-8 inches.
May 8-1-4 inch; 15-1 inch; 17-7-8 inch; 23-1-2 inch; 24-1 3-8; total 4 7-8 inches.
July 6-1 7-8 inches.
Sept. 5-1 inch; 6-1-4 inch; 7-1 inch; 16-3-4 inch; total, 3 inches.
Oct. 12 and 13—first frost; 24-2 3-4 inches.
Nov. 15—snow; 16—big frost.

LIONS' ANNUAL LADIES' NIGHT BANQUET STAGED AS NEW YEAR'S PARTY

OFFICERS NAMED FOR NEW TERM

As part of the business proceedings of the Tuesday night banquet of the Lions club, the secretary, Sam Swann, read the report of the nominating committee of officers for the ensuing year as follows:

R. O. Anderson, president; W. O. Boney, first vice-president; E. Yates Brown, second vice-president; C. R. Tittle, third vice-president; B. H. Lancaster, tail-twister; Dr. H. P. Atlesey, lion tamer; Dr. R. I. Grimes, S. D. Gamble, A. T. Sheppard and Charlie Jones, directors. These officers will be installed next Tuesday.

By way of tribute to the retiring president, Booth Warren, on the suggestion of R. O. Anderson the Lions gave three lusty roars which echoed throughout the building.

County Taxes May Be Paid at Office Here

For the accommodation of the citizens of Merkel and this section of the county, Earl Hughes, tax collector of Taylor county, has arranged to place the tax rolls with L. R. Thompson, as has been the custom in the past, and all those desiring to pay their county taxes can call at Mr. Thompson's office and pay their taxes there, avoiding a trip to Abilene.

Badgers Open Season With Double-Header

The Badgers of the Merkel High will open the cage season with a double-header this Friday night in the building just south of the Queen theatre. The first game is between the Badgers and the ex-Merkelites and will start at 7:30. The second is between the Badgers and the Noodle High. Admission price is 25 cents.

On next Friday, January 10, the Badgers will play Abilene High, the event celebrating the dedication of the new gym at Abilene High.

Feb. 7 and 8 are the dates for the Taylor county tournament to determine the representative of the county in the district tournament which leads in the state tournament. Ovallo, Lawn, Tuscola, Bradshaw, Trent, Tye, Buffalo Gap, Wylie, Potosi, Guion, Blair and all rural schools are allowed to participate and the winner will go to the district.

Competition in the county will be keen with Ovallo, Lawn and Bradshaw out for revenge over defeats handed them by Merkel last year.

Officers Elected By Young People's Union

Earl Slaughter of Abilene was elected head of the Sweetwater Baptist association B. Y. P. U. for 1930 at the meeting of about 200 union members at the First Baptist church here last Sunday afternoon. Other officers named were Fred McPherson, vice-president; Geraldine Hill, corresponding secretary, both of Abilene; Mary Parrack, Merkel, pianist; M. B. Sasse, Sweetwater, recording secretary, and R. M. Crabb, Sweetwater, chorister.

To facilitate inter-church organization of the unions, a third district of the association was declared at the session Sunday, including the following churches: Salt Branch, Tye, Trent, Merkel, Blair, Live Oak, Mt. Pleasant, Caps and View.

Districts 1 and 3 will meet in regular monthly session at the Caps Baptist church Sunday, Jan. 12, when officers will be elected for district 3.

The next meeting of the associational union will be held at Merkel, permanent meeting place, Sunday, March 30, next fifth Sunday.

Sunday School Attendance.

The attendance at Sunday School at the Church of Christ last Sunday was unreported and hence the total can be given for only four churches, there being 611 present at the four Sunday Schools reporting. The Methodists led with 265, while the attendance at the Baptist Sunday School was 246, at the Presbyterian Church the attendance was 67 and at the Nazarene Church the attendance was 33.

Mexican Boy Prodigy from Eastland is Featured Entertainer; Sixty-Three Present.

In the pleasing variety and cleverness of its program features and the perfection of detail of the table appointments and menu, the Annual Ladies' Night banquet of the local Lions club, which was staged Tuesday evening as a New Year's party as well, proved to be another success in the history of this lively and progressive civic club and some 63 who were present for the occasion certainly had a most enjoyable time.

Juan Segovia, 13-year old Mexican boy prodigy from Eastland, who made such a favorable impression at the state convention of Lions clubs in San Angelo last summer, was secured as the chief entertainment feature and he came in for encore after encore, being requested to render still other songs after the completion of the set program. He was accompanied by Mrs. C. W. Delmer at the piano and at the numbers he sang were "Val de la Paloma," "Oh, Night of the Stars," "Honey," and "Ramona."

The speaker for the evening was E. Dudley, principal of the High School, whose "New Year's Resolutions," was presented in a masterful manner. He is a member of the Rotary club of Abilene and is that of the finished speaker. His fund of quotation from the masters of philosophy and poetry such that his audience felt the inspiration as if direct from the original. He preaches his subject with the remark that he did not consider New Year's resolutions as a sign of weakness outlined briefly thoughts and suggestions along this line. First, "Why not?" meaning to profit by the past but not to spend one's time going over yesterday's mistakes. Second, "I will," which he inferred that the way was to start anew. He made a number of resolutions to be made in art, literature and in life more pleasing with whom one is associated. "Kindness is the word," he said.

W. O. Boney was the able toastmaster and he had been assisted in preparing the program by a committee consisting of L. B. Scott, H. P. H. C. W. Delmer and C. H. Jones. C. W. Delmer and C. H. Jones, details were looked after by E. Y. Brown, Rufe Tittle and Stan John. The club hostess, Mrs. F. C. Meland, arranged the tables and was gratulated for the excellence of banquet features.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS.

In the beginning, following the invocation by Rev. R. A. Walker, guests were introduced by the president of the club, Booth Warren. A list of town guests were L. E. Duda, Abilene; B. E. McGlammer, secretary of the Lions club of Eastland, who is sponsoring the musical training of Juan Segovia; Juan himself and friend, Aurelio Gonzales, also of Eastland, and Pete Parker, cashier of Exchange National Bank of Eastland. Guests of the club itself were named and introduced as Miss Dona K. Lless, Miss Lucy Tracy and Mr. Yates Brown.

Incidental music during the evening was rendered by Mr. and Mrs. Delmer, assisted by Herbert Delmer. Mr. Delmer is a Lion himself and his graciousness of his wife in this feature lent one of the most pleasing effects of the evening.

RADIO PROGRAM.

By way of novelty the radio program, in which the new television was presented in Merkel for the first time, Charlie Jones, name Human-Shanks Bragg black-face regalia was visible soloist while from the radio "Mummy" songs rendered by daughter, Miss Mona Marg came to delight the listener followed this, introducing the black-face, who furnished entertainment by his application of ship in the Lions club.

C. W. Delmer, as announcer at station L-I-O-N, showed by his otherwise diversified talents as musician and automobile driver his handling of the radio program reflected much credit.

During the radio program, consisting of four numbers, (Continued on page 2)

If You Demand The Utmost!

However exacting your requirements, however precise your tastes, however much you are accustomed to in the way of service, we CAN please you.

We are cooperating with our depositors and friends in many different ways every day and are never happier than when rendering a service that is "just a little more than expected."

To try our Friendly Service is to become a life-long friend

The Farmers State Bank

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS:

J. S. SWANN, President	HERBERT PATTERSON, Assistant Cashier
R. O. ANDERSON, V. Pres.	B. L. HAMILTON, Assistant Cashier
DAVID HENDRICKS, V. Pres.	
L. L. DILTZ, Jr., Cashier.	

NEW Clubbing RATES For January

Abilene Morning News, until Dec. 31, 1930	\$4.70
Merkel Mail 1 Year	1.50
Total	\$6.20
Both Papers, during January only	\$5.50
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Ft. Worth Star Telegram, ten months	\$6.25
Merkel Mail 1 Year	1.50
Total	\$7.75
Papers, during January only	\$7.00

THESE RATES ARE GOOD ONLY
DURING THE MONTH OF
JANUARY

FOR PARTICULARS CALL AT

MERKEL MAIL

Decrease in Phone Rates Means Saving of \$333,500 to Users

The nation wide decrease in long distance rates, which went into effect New Year's day, means an annual saving of \$333,500 to telephone users in Texas, it was estimated Wednesday by N. H. Moore, district manager of the Southwestern Bell telephone company. Saving to telephone subscribers in the entire country will reach 5 million dollars yearly, he said.

The reduction, which is the fourth voluntary rate cut to be made by the Bell system in a little more than three years, will center principally on day "station-to-station" calls—that is, calls placed to a distant number rather than a specific person. It applies on charges to points 60 to 300 miles distant and will amount to 10 cents in most instances, 5 cents in the few remaining cases.

"Person-to-person" calls (for a particular person, and evening and night "station-to-station" calls will not be changed except in a few minor cases.

Report charges on "person-to-person" calls, however, will be dropped from 5 to 40 cents on calls to points 140 to 2,200 miles away. Report charges are made when the telephone but not the person wanted is reached.

"Growth in the use of long distance has been a fundamental cause of the reduction" Mr. Moore said. "To meet this growth a wide spread system of long distance cables fast and storm proof is being developed, overhead wire facilities have been enlarged and faster methods of handling calls have been put in use."

Warning to Income Tax Payers Issued

Dallas, Texas, Jan. 2.—Abuses by taxpayers of the privilege of securing an extension of time in which they may file their income tax returns will no longer be tolerated, according to orders issued by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue and announcements made in this district by Collector Geo. C. Hopkins.

Heretofore, tax experts with a long list of clients have been in the habit of asking and securing extensions, chiefly on the ground that they have more clients than they can physically attend to around March 15.

"The Commissioner of Internal Revenue has authorized me to advise all taxpayers and all representatives of income taxpayers that only in those cases shown to have genuine merit will extensions of time for filing be granted," said Collector Hopkins today.

"The records show that for several years the extension privilege has been abused, and that in many cases taxpayers or their representatives have habitually requested extensions year after year so that delayed returns have been the rule rather than the exception.

"It is believed, therefore, in these, as well as in many other cases the delay was occasioned primarily by undue exercise of the privilege afforded taxpayers of securing extensions of time rather than by meritorious causes, hence the recent instructions to all collectors to grant extensions only upon the showing of a good and sufficient cause. In other words, extensions will be granted only in those cases in which, by reason of the circumstances involved, the taxpayers could not have filed timely returns through the exercise of ordinary diligence."

CARD OF THANKS.

We take this method of expressing our thanks to our many friends for their assistance and kindly visits, to our loved husband and father during his illness and especially to the faithful physician who so kindly attended him and for every expression of love, sympathy and consolation to us by our many friends; also do we wish to express our sincere gratitude for the beautiful floral offerings and for every word or deed that in any wise contributed to our comfort in this sad hour.

May God's richest blessings abide with each and every one is our prayer.
Mrs. J. L. Harris and children.

ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of The Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Merkel, Texas, will be held at the office of said bank on Tuesday, the 14th day of January, 1930, at 5:00 o'clock P. M., for the election of directors and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Booth Warren, Cashier.

EASY MONZEY.

If you want that cheap, long-time Federal Land Bank money, only 5 1/2 percent, on farm and ranch land, see W. Homer Shanks, Room 1, Penney Bldg., Abilene, Texas.

Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office.

1-9-3-0

The candle of the old year flickers and dies. Tomorrow we have swung once more "around the great circle" to find ourselves at a new starting-point.

You have been a good friend of this bank and we know of no better time than this to make grateful acknowledgement of your many favors. We thank you both for your personal loyalty, and for the active influence you have exerted, which has made so many friends of yours also friends of ours.

We desire to repay your kindness with a fuller measure of helpful service to aid you in all your undertakings. In this spirit we salute the NEW YEAR with you and wish you happiness, good health and good fortune.

THE OLD RELIABLE

FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK

MERKEL, TEXAS

J. T. Warren
Sam Butman Pr.
Booth Warren
W. S. J. Brown
Geo. T. Moore

G. F. West
Geo. L. Paxton
F. Y. Gaither
A. J. Tucker
Rosie Laney

You're The Doctor

If your credit is healthy, you made it so; if it is unhealthy the chances are you have no one to blame but yourself. When it comes to your own credit standing—
You're the doctor.

Every time you open a new account; every time you secure credit from any source you have an opportunity to improve your Credit



POULTRY

TURKEY RAISING SHOULD DEVELOP

Survey Reveals Industry One of Most Profitable.

That "turkey production in the West should become one of the major farm enterprises if economic conditions remain as good as they have been during the past three years" is the belief of F. B. Headley, chief of the department of farm development of the University of Nevada agricultural experiment station.

Basis for his conclusion, Headley says, is a cost of production study carried on by his department during the last three years on five farms in Churchill county. Other profitable enterprises on the farms surveyed, according to the experiment station man, were alfalfa production, dairying and the raising of chickens, but turkeys brought in greater return for capital and labor expended.

Cost of producing the average turkey, which weighed 13 pounds dressed, on the basis of more than 5,000 birds covered by the study, was \$3.52, or approximately 27 cents a pound.

"The bulk of the cost in producing turkeys is for feed," Headley says. "On most farms pasture constitutes an essential part of the ration and it is probable that the low cost of production is due in large part to the excellent alfalfa and grain stubble pasture that has been available."

Other conclusions concerning turkey production drawn by Headley from the survey are that the interest on investment is low, that "large flocks require less time per bird than the smaller flocks, and that over 75 per cent of all costs is for labor and feed."

Popularity of Frozen

Eggs Fast Increasing

While at one time practically all eggs kept in Pennsylvania cold storage warehouses were "in shell," several million pounds of eggs "out of shell" have been reported in storage this year during the past few years, according to the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture. On June 30, the cold storage report for the month showed 4,657,000 pounds of eggs out of shell in storage, just ten times as much as were in storage on the corresponding date in 1914.

Increasing popularity of the frozen egg is explained by the buying habits of consumers. "In the past, eggs were purchased by breaking them into containers to be frozen as whole eggs, egg yolks, or egg whites for the use of the baking industry. After being frozen solid, the eggs are kept at a temperature ranging from zero to five degrees below zero. These are then made available to bakers at any time during the year. Many bakers report that these eggs give the most satisfactory results when kept in frozen condition for about three months."

Well-Ventilated House

Needful During Winter

A farm poultry house that will help keep egg production high during winter months must be well ventilated, says Prof. E. R. Gross, agricultural engineer at the New Jersey experiment station, New Brunswick.

To maintain a warm, well-ventilated henhouse three things are needed, advises Professor Gross: Tight walls, doors, and windows; ventilating flues, which may be constructed of wood at low cost, and limited overhead space. To make the building tight, close all the cracks, cover the outside walls with roll roofing, or cell the inside walls. Reduce the air space by ceiling overhead or by constructing a straw loft.

Ventilation and warmth go together. If the house is tightly built and has all doors and windows closed, the birds will give off heat enough to raise the inside temperature considerably above that on the outside. But when the house is tightly closed, moisture begins to accumulate and the air becomes stale. Ventilation is needed, therefore, to carry away the moisture and to bring in fresh air.

Disappointment Sure

Compounding the ration of the laying hen, particular attention should be paid to the inclusion of the necessary vitamins. Yellow corn and green feeds provide much of vitamin A. Vitamin B is carried in wheat, corn, green feeds, alfalfa meal, alfalfa leaf flour and others. Vitamin D, or its equivalent, is supplied by making use of direct sunshine or by resorting to cod liver oil, the latter being an outstanding source of this most essential substance.

Keep Ground Clean

Clean and fresh ground may be made available by moving the house to new ground each year, or by having a regular rotation of crops.

Sanitary ground is particularly necessary in the handling of chickens growing stock.

Poultry runs should be disced or plowed with oats, rye, or clover. Discing or plowing is essential.

FARM POULTRY

GREEN FEED BIG WINTER DEMAND

Increases Egg Production and Is Profitable.

Green feed added to the laying hen's ration in winter has increased egg production and has proven profitable wherever used.

"When the green feed pasture is exhausted with the coming of frost and cold weather, it is then necessary for the poultryman to provide such feed," recommends C. F. Parrish, poultry extension specialist at the North Carolina State college. "There is a wide variety of feeds that may be used to avoid monotony. Rape, alfalfa, oats, clovers, wheat, rye, barley, mangels and other feeds may be used. Sprouted oats are also used effectively by some growers. The oats are fed when the sprout is about three inches long and make an excellent succulent to supplement the scratch grain and mash."

Mr. Parrish says that it is not difficult to build a home-made oat sprouter. All that is needed is a number of trays with holes punched in the bottom to allow excess water to escape. The seed oats are spread thinly over the trays to prevent the formation of mold growths. Sprouted oats secured in this manner are fed at the rate of from one to two ounces per day per hen. A good producing hen will consume from 25 to 30 pounds of this feed in a winter.

Hanging cabbage about 18 inches from the floor will afford the laying hen needed exercise and will give her the succulent green feed needed. Beets may be used the same way.

When it is impossible to supply green feed, cod-liver oil may be mixed with the mash or grain ration to supply the same food elements. In mixing this oil with the feed, Mr. Parrish suggests that a small amount of the feed be taken and the cod-liver oil worked in thoroughly and this used as a stock mixture with the remaining food. One pint of the oil to each 100 pounds of feed is enough to use.

Lack of Water Causes

Early Molt by Layers

Water supplies an important and indispensable part of the ration. Hens can go longer without feed than without water and still live.

The hen's body is made up of over one-half water and the eggs which she lays are approximately two-thirds water.

Heavily producing hens which are deprived of water often go into a molt, and that means a marked cutting down in egg production.

Since the fowls in the laying pens drink often, taking small quantities at a time, it is essential that proper provision be made so they may satisfy their thirst at all times.

Practice Culling All

Seasons on Any Flock

"Culling should be practiced at all seasons of the year and on all stock when its use is advisable," says the Maryland experiment station. Any bird observed at any time which is sick or unthrifty should be removed from the flock at once. Delay in removing such birds often results in the spread of serious diseases throughout the flock. If such birds are in a serious condition they should be immediately disposed of by burying or burning.

Poultry Notes

The Bronze and White Holland breeds are popular.

The logical solution for raising poultry on any farm is a rotation of range area.

The essentials of good winter quarters for poultry are that the place should be clean, dry, well-lighted and free from drafts.

Heating drinking water for the hens with coal or wood is much cheaper than letting them heat it with food.

A shutter ventilator, or baffle, may be used in place of one sash of a window to give better ventilation during the winter when the poultry house is closed.

The question of whether or not hens should be confined to the house during the winter is debated by poultrymen and diverse opinions are found among them.

Arranging roosts that they can be raised will give greater access to the droppings boards for cleaning.

A scratch-mash ration has been found better than an all-mash ration for hens, and even for chicks after they are six or eight weeks old.

Even when one is practicing a system of sanitation in regard to the ranges and yard, he should not overlook the fact that clean brooder houses and laying houses are vitally essential.

Opportunity Offered To Enter Coast Guard

Washington, D. C. Feb. 13.—The United States coast guard will hold a competitive examination for appointment of cadets June 18-20, 1930.

An exceptional opportunity is offered young men of the right caliber between 18 and 22 years of age, to complete their education at government expense and to become commissioned officers in the United States coast guard, one of the military services of the United States afloat and ashore.

Cadets are trained and educated at the coast guard academy, New London, Conn., and each summer are taken on an extended practice cruise. Cadets receive the same pay and allowances as midshipmen in the navy (\$780 per annum, quarters, subsistence and medical attendance.)

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Educational examination for cadets precedes the physical and takes two days. Applicants for cadetship of the required moral character who present satisfactory certificates that they have completed the equivalent of a four year high school course and have received fourteen credits in subjects prescribed by coast guard headquarters are required to take a written examination in mathematics (algebra and geometry), English and history. A high school graduate should be able to pass the examination.

The examination is strictly competitive and is open to young men who possess the qualifications with respect to age, education and character. Examinations will be held at such places throughout the United States

where it is found practicable to have examining board and the number of candidates warrant.

The successful candidates who are tendered appointments will be required to report to the superintendent of the coast guard academy on or about August 15, 1930. They will be allowed five cents per mile to cover travel expenses from the place of appointment to New London, Conn. Upon arrival at the academy a cadet will be required to deposit the sum of \$200 to be applied to the purchase of necessary uniforms and equipment. Pay and allowances received are adequate to cover all expenses while at the academy.

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CHURCHES

BANNER SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE FOR NEW YEAR.

For the first time since Dec. 15, which was the banner day for Sunday School attendance in Merkel since the Merkel Mail began keeping the records, at which time 861 was present, the attendance last Sunday passed the 800 mark, 819 being present, to be exact. The Methodist Sunday School attained the mark of 315, showing a gain of 21 over the previous Sunday, while the Church of Christ passed the 100 mark for the first time since the record was inaugurated. Besides the Methodist church, the attendance at the other Sunday Schools was as follows: Baptist, 277; Church of Christ, 105; Presbyterian, 90, and Nazarene, 82.

MEN'S PRAYER MEETING.

At the men's prayer service held at the Baptist church last Sunday, the largest number yet noted in attendance was present. W. W. Toombs was the leader. For next Sunday, Thos. A. Bearden is to be the leader, the service to be held at the Presbyterian church at 2 o'clock. The subject will be the first chapter of John.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE.

Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. N. Y. P. S. 6:45 p. m. Preaching 7:30 p. m. Wednesday night prayer service and Bible study 7:30 p. m. W. F. M. S. each Tuesday 1:30 p. m. This week's slogan—"Before passing judgment on a sermon, be sure to try it out in practice."

We were indeed sorry so many of our people were sick and unable to attend services last Sunday and hope that all will soon be up again and back in their respective places of duty.

The subject for Sunday morning will be "The Three Fires." Read 1 Cor. 3:13-15, 2 Thess. 1:7-9 and Matt. 3:11. Subject for the evening hour, "The Life-Giving Look." N. Y. P. S. 6:45 p. m. Going to church is a habit—a bad one.

Staying away is a meet us at church Form good habit welcome for all. next Sunday. A. Jona Forbes, Pastor.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

School at 10 a. m. We all miss you when you are absent. Feel better when we have done our part in making a better Sunday school and church interest. Preaching service at 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening. Glad to have you worship with us. W. M. Elliott, Supt. R. A. Walker, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Bible classes at 10 o'clock. Sermon and worship at 11 o'clock. Development classes at 6:30. Sermon at 7:30. Ladies' Bible class each Tuesday at 2 p. m. Midweek prayer service Wednesday night, the meeting for this week will be at Mr. Bill Clark's.

"Wherefore, my brethren, give the more diligence to make your calling and election sure . . ." and "work out your own salvation with fear and trembling . . ." Peter and Paul. J. G. Malphurs, Minister.

AT THE METHODIST CHURCH.

All regular services at the Methodist Church next Sunday and next week. Sunday School begins promptly at 9:45, and the morning preaching service at 11 o'clock. The Senior Epworth League at two p. m., the Junior at 2:45 and the Epworth High at 3 p. m. The evening service begins at 7:30. You will find a hearty welcome at all of these services. The services of the week include the Woman's Missionary Society, which meets every Monday afternoon at 2 p. m. and prayer meeting at 7:30 on Wednesday evenings. T. C. Willett, Pastor.

JUNIOR LEAGUE PROGRAM.

Song. Prayer. Song. Scripture, by leader, George Hicks Buford. Talks—"Work is good for us," by Nell Hughes. "What we owe others," by Fern Toombs. "Consider the bees," by John Russell Willett. Benediction.

BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Sunday is the beginning of our B. Y. P. U. revival in Sweetwater association. Each church in the association is urged to put on a week of teaching and of inspiration. Rev. W. F. Ferguson of Sweetwater is to help in this work at Merkel. He expects to be with Sunday evening and will preach for the evening hour. He is one of the most inspirational preachers. Merkel is to be congratulated for him for this week's work.

He will teach our Senior and adults each evening during the week and will also deliver an inspirational address each evening during the week.

Each afternoon we will have a meeting in Abilene for all the Taylor county churches, at which meetings reports will be heard from each church and some leading worker will bring an inspirational address and conferences will be held to discuss problems in every field.

All regular services Sunday with the B. Y. P. U. revival taking the place of the usual week day evening services. It is hoped that we may have a full attendance Sunday evening to hear the first address from our visiting worker. Come find a place to work and worship.

Ira L. Parrack, Pastor.

B. Y. P. U. INTERMEDIATE.

"For Love of Country." Fred—H. C. Toombs. Ruth—Sarah Sheppard. Grandfather—Harry Boaz. George Washington—Howard Carson.

Betsy Ross—Lois Beasley. Stonewall Jackson—Benny Sheppard.

General Lee—Alvin Parrack. Abraham Lincoln—Cullen Tittle.

SENIOR B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM.

Subject: "The Way Out." Introduction—Fanny Belle Boaz. Scripture lesson, Isaiah 53:4-6. Margaret Canon; John 1:35, 14:6. Mary Parrack; Hebrews 9:12-15, W. J. Largent; Romans 3:23-25, Tom Cooper.

"Jesus Fulfills God's Promise," Mrs. Tom Cooper. "Jesus Fulfills God's Demands for Men," Miss Addie Williams.

"Jesus Can Satisfy the Sinner's Needs," Mary Collins. "Jesus is the Only Way of Salvation," Comer Haynes.

"Jesus is Able to Save to the Uttermost," Himalaya Swafford. "Not All Shall be Saved," by group captain.

Everyone is invited to come to B. Y. P. U. Sunday at 6:30. Interesting lesson and a special number.

TYE W. M. S.

The Tye W. M. S. met in the home of Mrs. Dee Teaff Tuesday afternoon, at which time Mrs. R. F. England led the devotional, reading the 103rd Psalm. The members are studying the Bible course from Genesis to Revelations and they seem more interested in studying each successive book than the one before. The society is working hard to reach the standard of excellence and will meet next with Mrs. Exa Thomas. Those present were Mesdames Henry King, J. B. Boyett, Arch Teaff, Holder Kinney, Pitts, J. F. Hodo, Exa Thomas, Blanche Teaff, J. J. McCartney, E. R. Clack, and Misses Etha Ely, Vera Ely, Lanora Kinney, Loren and Marie McCartney.

Zerker-Pannell.

Miss Evelyn Pannell and Mr. Kemper Zerker were married in Dallas Friday evening at 8:30 and left immediately afterward on the Sunshine Special for Los Angeles, Calif. Mrs. Zerker formerly resided north of Merkel. They will make their home in Dalas.

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B. Y. P. U. Revival For Three Counties

A simultaneous B. Y. P. U. revival will be conducted in the Baptist churches of Taylor, Nolan and Jones counties Feb. 15-23. T. C. Gardner and his assistant, Miss Grace Conn, of Dallas will assist the missionary, Rev. C. D. Owen, in sponsoring the revival.

The revival in the Sweetwater association district will be under the supervision of Mr. Gardner, while that in Jones county will be directed by Miss Conn.

An initial meeting of all workers in Taylor and Nolan county churches will be held at the First Baptist church in Abilene Saturday, Feb. 15, at 2:30 p. m. Mr. Gardner will preside and explain details of the revival. All churches in the association should obtain books for study-course at this meeting. Books for the Jones county association may be obtained at the Anson Baptist church on Sunday afternoon in a similar meeting conducted at the same hour by Miss Conn.

Inspirational meetings will be held each afternoon at 2:30: at the First Baptist church at Abilene, for Taylor county churches; at the First Baptist church in Sweetwater for Nolan county churches, and at Anson for churches in Jones county. There will be B. Y. P. U. study courses taught in the churches of these counties at 7:30 each evening during the period as mentioned above.

A commencement service with awarding of diplomas for work done by the churches in both associations will be held at 2:30 p. m. Sunday, Feb. 23. The commencement service for Taylor and Nolan counties will be held at the Merkel Baptist church, with Mr. Gardner presiding. A similar service will be held for Jones county at the same hour at Anson, with Miss Conn presiding.

First Meeting New District 3 B. Y. P. U.

The first monthly meeting of the newly organized district No. 3 of the Sweetwater Baptist Associational B. Y. P. U. will convene with the Tye Baptist church Sunday, Feb. 16, at 2:40.

The theme is "Growing through Daily Bible Reading and Prayer," and the program follows:

2:40 P. M.—Devotional, Austin Robertson.

2:50 P. M.—Business session, Count number present from churches; offering; appoint next place of meeting; miscellaneous.

3:00 P. M.—Special music, by Tye Union.

3:05 P. M.—Why Study the Bible, L. H. Hollowell.

3:20 P. M.—Growing through Daily Bible Reading, Miss Mary Parrack.

3:40 P. M.—Prayer Problems of Young People, Miss Gertie Mae Landers.

4:00 P. M.—Special music, by Caps Union.

4:05 P. M. Benediction.

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Operating the only West Texas street railway system and the only system between Fort Worth and El Paso, the company's position is also unique in having one of the shortest systems in existence. End to end the car tracks measure 5.6 miles. Traversing this short line from early morning until late at night, the two street cars traveled 139,500 miles in 1929. Suppose that car tracks were built around the boundaries of the state of Texas. In the course of a year, these two street cars could travel around the entire state 52 times. Suppose street car tracks were built from Abilene to Los Angeles. Traveling continuously for a year, those cars could make the trip 102 times.

Suppose Cy Leland would receive a kick-off and run the entire length of the field for a touchdown. He would have to perform this feat nearly 2,500,000 times to equal the distance traveled by these two cars. Suppose Cy Leland could run the length of a football field continuously in 10 seconds flat. He would have to run, without resting once, for more than 284 days to equal the distance traveled by the two cars. The distance from Abilene to New York City is nearly 2,000 miles. Suppose car tracks were built to that metropolitan center. The two cars could, in a year, make the trip 72 times.

The West Texas Utilities company is serving 45 counties in West Texas with an area of approximately 45,000 square miles. Suppose street car tracks were built around the boundaries of this group of 45 counties served. The two street cars could circle these counties 107 times in one year. Two street cars starting from Abilene could travel the circumference of the world more than 5 1/2 times, return to Abilene, and have enough left over to run out to Merkel and back.

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CHANGE OF VENUE FOR BRADY CASE

Austin, Feb. 13.—A change of venue for the second trial of John W. Brady, former judge of the third court of civil appeals charged with the murder of Miss Lehlia Highsmith was agreed to at a conference before District Judge J. D. Moore here Wednesday morning. The place for the second trial is still undetermined. Judge Moore said he will designate it Saturday morning after making investigation.

The jury in the first trial, which lasted nearly three weeks, was discharged late Saturday after having failed to reach an agreement in almost four days and nights. The jurors stood 11 to 1 for conviction, nine for the death penalty, two for a life sentence and Welter, the foreman, held out for acquittal.

Brady was charged with murder in connection with the stabbing of Miss Highsmith, 28-year-old court stenographer and alleged intimate of the former civil appeals court judge. Miss Highsmith was stabbed to death in front of her apartment the night of Nov. 9.

Brady, arrested at the scene of the crime, submitted docilely and pro-

fessed surprise and sorrow when informed the next day the girl was dead. The defense, admitting he was the girl's slayer, pleaded that years of alcoholic indulgence had warped his mentality until he was unable to tell the difference between right and wrong.

Cattle and Livestock.

Two cars of mixed cattle were shipped from Merkel on Wednesday, one car being shipped by Collins and Baker and the other by McCoy and Lowe, both being destined for Fort Worth.

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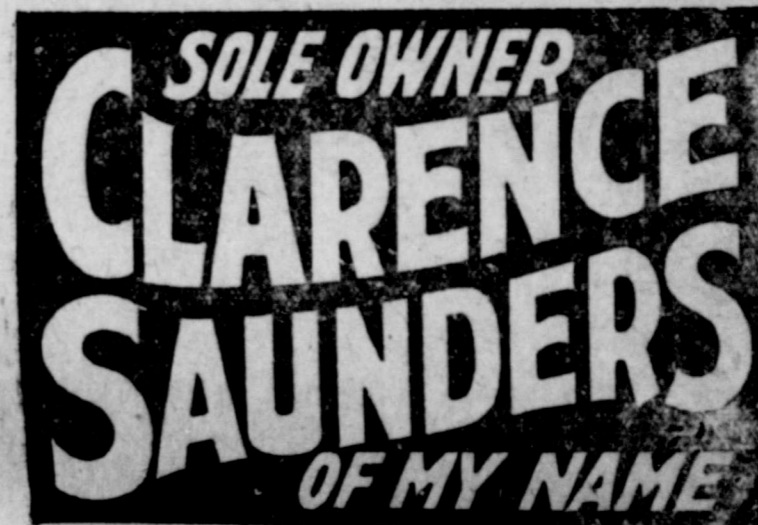
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