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## MERKEL GOES TO WTCC MEET WITH 14 MEMBERSHIPS

Committee from Lions Club Secures Representative Number of Local Firms; W. O. Boney Selected as Director.

With fourteen accredited members in the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, W. O. Boney was named as Merkel's director on the board of this organization at a meeting held Tuesday following the regular Lions club luncheon, at which most of the WTCC members were present.

As chairman of the committee to enlist memberships here Dee Grimes reported the following firms and individuals: Farmers & Merchants National bank, Farmers State bank, Drs. Grimes & Sadler, West Texas Utilities company, Merkel Mail, Merkel Drug company, Bragg Dry Goods company, W. O. Boney, Pauline Johnson, Nichols Ice company, Ira Windham, L. R. Thompson, Chas. H. Jones, and C. K. Russell.

At the Lions luncheon an invitation was also read by Henry C. West which had been received from Thos. E. Hayden, Jr., mayor of Abilene, in behalf of the city of Abilene and the board of commissioners asking the people and business men of Merkel to attend the state convention of the WTCC which assembles in Abilene this Thursday for a three day session.

P. O. Anderson presided at the weekly gathering of the Lions and in the absence of Rev. J. T. King, the appointed toastmaster, Booth Warren acted in that capacity. In recognition of the approach of Memorial Day the club members stood at attention, facing the flag, while Miss Melba West at the piano played "The Star Spangled Banner."

Following the invocation of Rev. E. A. Walker, the following guests were introduced: Ira Windham, Ralph Duke, Jack Anderson and Clyde Payne, Sweetwater banker. The latter made a short talk when he responded was Jack Anderson, introduced as an "orator like his father," also a golf expert.

The matter of Merkel's representation in the activities of the WTCC convention was left with a committee, consisting of Sam Swann, chairman, Booth Warren, Stan Johnson, Dr. W. T. Sadler and Chas. H. Jones. It was later learned that the usual plan of decorated floats by delegations would not be followed this year, but the committee desires to urge everyone that can possibly do so to be in Abilene Saturday afternoon when the delegations will parade.

The Merkel Booster Band, by the way, went over Thursday morning to enter the WTCC band contests in the second year class and this gives assurance that Merkel will be heard from on various occasions during the convention.

J. S. Bourn is to be toastmaster next week.

## Petition Signed Seeking to Draft Lynch Davidson

Greenville, May 29.—A petition signed by 35 Hunt county citizens requesting that the name of Lynch Davidson of Houston be filed as a candidate for governor was sent Albert Sidney Johnson of Dallas, secretary of the democratic executive committee, Wednesday by L. J. Taggart, prominent Hunt county farmer.

Taggart sent along with the petition a check to cover the fees for registering the Houstonian's name.

In a letter to the secretary, Taggart said he hoped the democratic voters everywhere who desire a safe and sound business administration will join "petitioners in urging Davidson to make the fight."

Davidson was endorsed for the office at a mass meeting, composed mostly of farmers, here more than a month ago. Three-fourths of the petition signers were farmers.

## Prospects Brightened By Fourth Taylor Well

With Mid-Continent's No 1 Lindsey estimated as good for 200 to 300 barrels and three other wells in the same vicinity making 40 to 50 barrels, Taylor county's prospects for a commercial field are brightening up.

The Mid-Continent well, shot at a depth of 2,412 feet several days ago, ran over 200 barrels on the swab. It was shut down Tuesday after two 500-gallon tanks had been filled and operators are not expected to swab again until two 500-gallon tanks now under construction are completed.

A north offset to the Lowe well, Mid-Continent's producer is about six miles southeast of Merkel, near View. A 20-foot sand was struck at 2,392 feet.

Efforts to obtain a pipeline have not yet been successful, but operators in that section are continuing negotiations for service.

The Dunagin well on the Hunter place is reported to be making 45 barrels on the pump, with about 10,000 barrels already in storage.

The Lowe well is making about 45 barrels and the Cody about 40, both flowing.

Gibson-Johnson's test on the Big-ham farm, has been drilled to the line at 2,400 feet. Pay is expected at about 2,449.

Mention was made in The Mail last week of two new operations, the Eastland Oil company's test on the Teaff farm and the W. G. Clark well on the Kendall tract.

## Sanitarium Notes.

M. L. Spence is in the Merkel Sanitarium with a broken leg, sustained Sunday when the horse he was riding fell on the pavement west of town.

J. D. Ashby is doing nicely after a tonsil operation on Tuesday.

Mrs. C. W. Morton of View underwent an operation for gall bladder at the Merkel Sanitarium Saturday and is reported doing satisfactorily.

## KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Mrs. A. O. Speaker, mother of Tris Speaker, once famous major league ball player and manager, died Thursday at her home in Cleburne at the age of 84.

Tom Pritchard, 101, Rannels county's oldest citizen, died here Sunday, leaving no relatives, his wife having died 22 years ago and his only child having died 73 years ago.

Subject to later revision, the census supervisor has announced the population of Fort Worth as 160,892, showing a gain of 54,466, or 51 per cent over ten years ago.

Belton, where Ma Ferguson was reared and attended school, will witness the opening of her new campaign for governor, the opening date having been set for 8 p. m. June 7.

When a shark attacked him while he was swimming in the gulf near Port Arthur, A. B. Waittigney, connected with an oil company there, sustained severe lacerations on the lower part of his body.

Although a cousin of United States Senator Morris Sheppard, Paul Lovens, New Braunfels "dirt farmer," in announcing as the twentieth candidate for governor stated that he is not for the 18th amendment.

Ruth Roth was killed and her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Roth and her sister, all of Brooklyn, N. Y., were injured late Tuesday when their sedan overturned on the highway near Pecos.

Convicted of slaying 17-year-old Earl Hamilton, witness against him in a liquor case, who was killed in Haskell county Oct. 24, 1928, Will Fritts, 37, was sentenced by a jury at Eastland to 99 years imprisonment.

When the honorary degree of doctor of laws was conferred on Amon G. Carter, publisher of the Ft. Worth Star-Telegram, at Technological college at Lubbock Monday, it was the first honorary degree granted by that institution.

Charged with the fatal shooting of a man first identified as R. C. Hill and later as Jack Johnson, carnival follower, April 2, near Cisco, Danny Leach, Cisco youth, was found guilty of murder and assessed a penalty of 15 years in the penitentiary.

Because the commission "wanted somebody it could manage, not a city manager," Dr. J. K. Campbell, appointed city manager of Temple when the new commission went into office, has resigned and is to be succeeded by C. B. Hutchinson, retired banker.

En route from Bastrop to attend her father's funeral in Waco, Mrs. J. W. Milton, 50, was instantly killed and her husband, who is pastor of the Baptist church at Bastrop, and their son were injured when their car, which Mr. Milton was driving, struck loose gravel and turned over twice.

Swept from their horse by the swollen waters of a creek, J. W. and D. L. Trapp, young sons of D. L. Trapp of Beardstown, were drowned Thursday night, high waters having washed out a large hole at a ford, and it was believed the horse lurched into the hole.

The Gulf & West Texas railroad has asked the Interstate Commerce commission to extend from July 1 to October 1 time set for beginning of construction work on the projected San Antonio-San Angelo line, as San Antonio is now completing its quota of subscriptions.

Claim for \$100,000 in insurance on the Grayson County courthouse, destroyed by fire May 9 when a mob lynched George Hughes, a negro, has been made by the county commissioners, involving a clause in the policy covering the case of destruction by incendiary rioting.

Jumping into the darkness from a height of 3,200 feet, E. F. Keissig, flying cadet of Kelly field, San Antonio, saved his life when his ship crashed three miles south of Texon, landing with his parachute a mile and a half from where the plane struck, exploded and burned.

## Our Next "Cow Day" Wednesday June 4

Merkel's next "Cow Day" will be Wednesday, June 4, when, according to the plan of the Lions club and the merchants of Merkel for a monthly tradeshant, a Jersey cow, a sow and a pen of chickens will each be sold for \$1.00.

Large crowds have attended each of the previous "Cow Days" here and some special features will be provided for next week's program.

## BLANTON SEAT TO BE HELD UP BY VAGUE LAW

Election Board Awaits Official Returns From Counties in District; Then Uncertain as to 40-Day Provision.

Austin, May 29.—Efforts to speed up legal procedure in order to permit Congressman-elect Thomas L. Blanton to take his seat, struck a snag here Wednesday when Mrs. Jane Y. McCallum, secretary of state, refused to accept returns which had been gathered up by Blanton's sons, Thos. L. Jr., Matt and Joe, in a hurried tour over 13 counties of the 17th district.

Mrs. McCallum notified county officials they would have to send the returns direct and is awaiting a ruling from Attorney General Bobbitt on whether returns can be opened less than 40 days from election. Bobbitt is en route to Abilene.

Meantime Bobbitt announced late last night he had not been requested by Mrs. McCallum to make a ruling on necessity for a 40-day delay in canvassing the returns.

Blanton, who was named in a special election May 20 as successor to Representative R. Q. Lee of Cisco, deceased, hurried to Washington and had planned to take his oath of office last Saturday. However, Representative Robert H. Clancy of Michigan launched a one-man filibuster preventing the Texan from being sworn in. Clancy claimed the 40-day delay was necessary under Texas election laws.

Inasmuch as unanimous consent of the house is necessary before a new member can be seated, unless he has proper credentials, Blanton turned to his sons to gather the returns and take them to Austin to speed the canvassing.

The state election board, composed of Dan Moody, Attorney General Bobbitt and Secretary of State McCallum, held a conference in Austin upon learning Blanton had been denied his seat immediately and it was Moody's opinion that Blanton's certificate of election could be issued as soon as returns were legally canvassed and presented to the board.

Returns of Coleman, Lampasas and Burnet counties were filed Wednesday by counties and previously returns of Stephens, Mills and Rannels counties had been filed.

Thomas Blanton, Jr., sent telegrams from here asking county officials of the 13 counties where he and his brothers had gathered returns, to send duplicate papers, sealed and properly marked.

## Midnight Fire Here Consumes Dwelling

Fire shortly after midnight Monday night resulted in the almost total loss of the dwelling in South Merkel owned by W. E. Lowe and just vacated Monday by N. A. Dowell, fire chief.

It is thought that the fire was probably caused from burning trash, caught up by the wind.

The property is valued by Mr. Lowe at \$1,200, with \$700 insurance.

## Record of Births.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Fay Sipes, Trent, Sunday, May 25, 1930.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Ace Richardson, residing in oil field, Sunday, May 25, 1930.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Embry Lee Hatfield, Mt. Pleasant Monday, May 26, 1930.

## Play at Elm Grove.

The Elm Grove school will have their closing exercises this Friday night. The pupils will render dialogues and plays and also give several readings. Outsiders will give a play the same night, entitled "The Face at the Window." Everyone is invited to attend and a hearty laugh is assured. There is no admission charge.

## To Those Needing Feed.

I cannot get any more heads—I have plenty of ground Higera heads and staff ground together; also good oats; and will have car of choice Oklahoma prairie hay on track at once. See me for prices on all feeds.

L. L. Murray.

## King George Is Ill.

London, May 29.—Illness of King George prevented his attending the third court of the season at Buckingham palace, it was officially announced Wednesday.

## Graf Zeppelin Sails Northward En Route Home

Natal, Brazil, May 29.—Around the "Lion's Nose" and northwest ward the Graf Zeppelin Wednesday night swept on a 4,500-mile cruise to Havana, Lakehurst, N. J., and home to Germany.

The Graf passed the easternmost tip of South America at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, the hour of siesta in this tropical city.

For a second time the population was thrilled by the view of the silvery conqueror of the skies. Thousands watched all day and held their lingering gaze upon the Graf as it faded in the distance.

The Graf Zeppelin, delayed for several hours, left Pernambuco at 9:13 a. m. The big airship was drenched by an incessant rain storm of several hours. At takeoff it weighed many tons more than usual.

The Graf voyage began Sunday, May 11, at 11:18 a. m. at Friedrichshafen, Germany. Dr. Eckener stated before he left Pernambuco today that he expected to arrive at Friedrichshafen by June 9. The Graf is due at New York not earlier than Sunday.

## Vacation Plans of Faculty Members

What the members of the faculty of the Merkel Public schools will do in vacation period is always interesting information. While most of the teachers are planning to attend summer sessions, others will remain at home or make summer trips.

Misses Evelyn Curb, Vennie Heizer and Lucy Tracy will go to the University of Texas at Austin for summer work.

Mrs. Jack Anderson and Miss Roberta Sloan will attend C. I. A. at Denton, while Misses Imogene Hayes and Jessie Rodden will go to North Texas State Teachers college at Denton.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin S. Davis have gone to New Mexico for the summer and Supt. Burgess, after his return from Lubbock, will teach in Simmons university for the summer term.

Mrs. Jeneva Young and Miss Vera Baker will spend the summer at their homes in Abilene and Miss Ora McDonald will also be in Abilene for the summer, while Miss Addie Williams will go to her home in White-wright.

Miss Donna Loyless will go to St. Louis to take postgraduate work in Washington university, while Miss Orpah Patterson expects to attend Simmons.

Ralph Duke has already begun employment with the Nichols Ice company here.

Those contemplating remaining at their homes here are Mrs. Jas. H. West, Mrs. Holland Teaff, Mrs. Len Sublett and Misses Julia Martin and Alzada Pogue.

## THIRTY-ONE ARE GRADUATED FROM MERKEL SCHOOLS

Dean E. V. White of C. I. A. Delivers Address to Class; Lucille Cole is Valedictorian, Second Honors to Odell Hunter.

Monday evening in the presence of an assembly of parents, relatives and friends, which taxed the capacity of the Methodist church, thirty-one dignified High School Seniors in cap and gown were awarded long-coveted diplomas in recognition of their having completed the required course of study in the Merkel Public schools, and, thus armed, they emerged at the close of the exercises ready to commence life in a wider and different field, the field of experience and accomplishment that leads to the ultimate goal of a happy and well-spent life.

A former Taylor county educator, E. V. White, now dean of C. I. A. at Denton who served as principal and superintendent of the Merkel schools more than a quarter of century ago, delivered the address to the class. A unique feature of the graduation program was the fact that the speaker's father, J. V. White, of Roscoe, who taught the Merkel school in 1884, forty-six years ago, was seated on the platform to hear his son's address.

The professional was played by Miss Donna Loyless, followed by the invocation by Rev. T. C. Willett. The Seniors sang two songs, "Oh, Month of May" and "Farewell," and the benediction was given by Rev. J. T. King.

## HONORS AWARDED.

Supt. Burgess awarded honors and certificates and presented diplomas.

Honor students of the class were Lucille Cole, valedictorian, and highest ranking girl, whose average was 95.02; Odell Hunter, salutatorian with an average of 94.06; Tracy Campbell, highest ranking boy of the class, averaging 90.65.

As highest ranking boy in the class, Tracy Campbell was awarded scholarships to 34 of the state's colleges and universities, while Lucille Cole, as valedictorian and highest ranking girl, received scholarships to 49 colleges and universities.

Other members of the graduating class were: Tula Miller, Buster Horton, Orion Tittle, J. D. Ashby, Pauline Toombs, Etyel Spurgin, Helen Kelson, Marcella Pinckley, Nina Vantrees, Milton Case, Willie Mae Schwartz, E. L. Turner, Nadine Tippett, Wesley Butler, Albera Butler, Maurine Davis, Lee Darden, Louise Booth, Harold Boney, Dorice Brown, Gwendolyn Vickers, Eleanor Mae Hamilton, Verma T. Beasley, Hilda Rister, Frances Frederickson, Beryl Hunter, J. T. Darsey, Jr., and Clinton Bryan.

BACCALAUREATE.  
The baccalaureate sermon was delivered Sunday night by W. H. Adams (Continued on Page Four)

## THE TOWN DOCTOR

"DOCTOR OF TOWNS" SAYS

### DON'T BLAME YOUR LUCK—IT MAY BE YOUR LOOKS.

Not long ago a community of some twenty thousand people took it upon themselves to interest a manufacturer in placing a branch factory in their city. They gathered much information as to transportation, accessibility to raw materials, labor, power rates, etc., and placed the matter before the manufacturer, together with full and complete plans of the property they desired to sell. They interested this manufacturer, in fact, much more than they realized.

This manufacturer, being a 1930 business organization, secured the services of men trained in analysis work, and had them "look the town over" before a definite answer was given.

A report of the findings was made and in due time the city was notified, in a gentlemanly manner, that due to "certain circumstances and conditions" they, the manufacturers, would not "at this time" be interested.

The "certain circumstances and conditions," as evidenced by the check marks of the report, should be a lesson to every community in the country. When this manufacturer returned the report to the analysts the following excerpts of various paragraphs were recited:

Business district ordinary; no building ordinance; street paved but dirty; no regulation of store location signs; hallways and stairs to second stories dirty and unkempt; city administration building run down to near state of dilapidation; free privilege of billboard erection; no ordinance on building wall signs; vacant lots within confines of business district used for junk yards and dumps.

Report showed that, of scores of people contacted, more than 80 per cent stated they preferred to trade with local stores but only 5 per cent confined their purchases to them. Reason for which was, first, lack of merchandise; second, indifference of stores and store help to their likes (Continued on Page Two.)

## MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail June 3, 1910.)

### MERKEL INVENTION.

The Selectophone is the product of Merkel Country Electrical Genius and local parties associated with Kansas City financiers make arrangements for manufacture and sale of Selectophones in \$100,000 company. The Selectophone is the invention of D. W. Jones of the Dora community and is for use on party lines; can be attached to any make of telephone and cuts out all subscribers on the line except the ones who are talking.

### METHODIST REVIVAL.

Rev. J. M. Sherman, local pastor, is the most powerful minister who has filled their pulpit since the pastorate of Rev. J. A. Hayter who held one of the greatest revivals in the history of our little city twenty years ago. This reference to Rev. Hayter brought under discussion a bit of interesting history which can not be too often repeated. This revival marked the closing of the last saloon ever operated in our city and the closing was the voluntary act of the proprietor, prompted by an inspiration to lead a better life as the result of this revival.

The saloon was the property of J. W. Brooks, always a good man, and was located on a site now known as the entrance to the Kent Street Wagon

Yard. Jack Hailey of Abilene was instrumental in the work and upon the agreement of the proprietor to close his place of business and destroy his stock of beer, wines, liquors, etc., it seems that a note for their value was made payable to his order and signed by a number of our good people who are yet residents of our city. Just before sundown the intoxicants were moved to a vacant lot, probably now used as a site for the Church of Christ, and a great bonfire was made. As soon as the flames were under headway Mr. Brooks, the saloon-keeper, consigned the note he had taken for their value with his goods to the conflagration and he never asked or received payment.

H. L. Rudmose has accepted a position with the Fort Worth National bank.

Miss Lucie Newton of Trent visited in our city this week.

Luther Swafford, employee of an abstract company, Abilene, returned to his work Monday after a visit here.

Earnest Witt of Hamlin spent this week with friends in the City of Clover.

# HONOR ROLL LISTS NAMES OF 119 PUPILS

The following named students of the Merkel High Schools for the last six-weeks period of the year made a 90 or more in department, have not made less than 75 on any one subject, have not been tardy nor absent, and have made a general average of 90 or more. The list contains the names of one hundred nineteen pupils, which is about 20 per cent of those enrolled.

A second list of sixty-three pupils is attached, who have been neither tardy nor absent during the whole nine-months' period of school.

A third list attached below contains the names of nineteen pupils who have been on the honor roll every period for the entire year.

The honor roll for the last six-weeks' period is as follows:

### GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

*First Grade, Mrs. West.*  
Harvey Davis, 91; Guy Mancill, 91; Mary Hendricks, 90.

*First Grade, Mrs. Teaff.*  
Billy Cox, 93; J. C. Thomas, 93; Billie Rose Scranton, 91.

*Second Grade, Miss Pogue.*  
Mary Jo Russell, 94; Ralph Russell, 94; John Willett, 93; W. I. Wozen-craft, 93.

*Second Grade, Miss Curb.*  
Mary Nell Morgan, 92; Raymond Denny, 92; Joyce Hayes, 91; Mabel Murray, 91; Mildred Bird, 90; Pearl Mathews, 90.

*Third Grade, Mrs. Anderson.*  
Charles Iddings, 91.

*Third Grade, Miss Heizer.*  
Marie Davis, 96; Dana Derstine, 95; Leroy Denny, 91; Tally Holloway, Jr., 90.

*Fourth Grade, Miss Patterson.*  
Junior Grimes, 97; Weldon Davis, 95; Murphy Dye, 94; Herman Car-son, 90; Elma May Gamble, 90.

*Fourth Grade, Miss Williams.*  
Joe Young, 93; Jack Sublett, 91; Lawrence Thornton, 91.

*Fifth Grade, Mrs. Davis.*  
Jaunita Huskey, 98; Horace Boney, 93; R. L. Blair, 92; Coehre Morrison, 90; Beth Holloway, 90; Katherine Copeland, 90.

*Fifth Grade, Miss Hayes.*  
Louise Toombs, 95; Harold Morgan, 95.

*Sixth Grade, Miss Rodden.*  
Clara Frances Largent, 95; Aline McAninch, 94; Billy B Gambill, 94; Mary Helen Lancaster, 94; Jesse Mar-garet Berry, 93; Thelma Mathews, 93; Annie Lee Dubose, 90; Blanche Denny, 90.

*Sixth Grade, Miss McDonald.*  
Ethelda Tucker, 95; Irene Salter, 95; Bernie Mae Blumbert, 92; Fern Toombs, 92; Jackie Salter, 92; Alice Russell, 92; J. V. Patterson, 91; Ben Sublett, 91; Clifford Williams, 91; Mary Zoe West, 91; A C Sears, 90; Truett Patterson, 90.

*Seventh Grade, Mr. Duke.*  
Wilma Gardner, 96; Waldeline Hus-key, 96; Clifford Blumberg, 91; Wil-liam Cypert, 91; Wycliffe Malphurs,

91; Ruth Davis, 90; La Verne Holden, 90; Vivian Lassiter, 90.

*Seventh Grade, Mrs. Sublett.*  
Julia Proctor, 94; Caribell Mans-field, 94; Annie Lee Owens, 94; Mabel Morton, 92; Valeria Parks, 92; Sarah Sheppard, 92; Hazel Reeves, 90; Har-old Reese, 90.

*Eighth Grade, Miss Martin.*  
Ivah Lou Malphurs, 96; Opal Hus-key, 95; Florence Rider, 95; Imogene Middleton, 94; James West, Jr., 93; Margaret Miller, 93; Howard Stan-ley, 92; Duncan Briggs, 92; Mildred Richardson, 92; Joyce Wheeler, 92; Mardell Shouse, 91; Audra Ely, 91; Maurine White, 90.

*Ninth Grade, Miss Sloan.*  
Leo Tucker, 94; Isadore Mellinger, 94; Aura Ely, 94; Lela Patterson, 94; Willie Evelyn Boaz, 93; Oleta Moore, 93; Pauline Slater, 93; Bernice Clark, 92; Ouida Mae Hulsey, 91; Kathleen Mashburn, 91; Robert Mancill, 90; Woodrow Wilson, 90; Ideen Ely, 90.

*Tenth Grade, Miss Baker.*  
Elvis Richardson, 95; H. H. Cope land, 94; Audrey Ferris, 94; Margar-ette Turner, 93; Velma Lee Holden, 92; Elsie Lassiter, 92; Lois Clark, 91; R. D. Ely, 91; Lona Bryan, 90; Fred Guitart, 90.

*Eleventh Grade, Mrs. Young.*  
Lucile Cole, 95; Frances Frederick-son, 95; J. T. Darsey, Jr., 94; J. D. Ashby, 92; Milton Case, 92; Louise Booth, 92; Gwendolyn Vickers, 92; Tracy Campbell, 91; Dorice Brown, 91; Nadine Tippett, 91; Eteyl Spur-gin, 90.

**HONOR CERTIFICATES.**  
The sixty-three pupils of the Mer-kel Public Schools whose names fol-low have attended the Merkel Schools for the entire year, and during this nine-months period have been neither tardy nor absent. When the circum-stance that Merkel had had an un-precedented epidemic of measles is considered, this number is large. The lower grades were harder hit than was the High school, there being more of them who had not already had measles. This accounts for there being more pupils in the High school than in the Grammar school.

Grammar School—Lloyd Robertson,

Jack West, Clara B White, J. R. Graham, Thomas Jones, Wilma Gard-ner, Waldeline Huskey, Rodgers Der-rick, Hollis Floyd, William Hughes, Jessie Margaret Berry, Blanche Den-ny, Annie Lee Dubose, Mary Helen Lancaster, J. V. Patterson, Truett Patterson, A. C. Sears, Jackie Slater, Mary Zoe West, Horace Boney, Juani-ta Huskey, Robert Grimes, Jr., Jack Sublett, Lawrence Thornton, Clayton Leach, Clyde Cribley, Tally Holloway, Jr., Billy Cox.

High School—Sandifer Hollings-worth, Gordon Murry, S. C. Russell, Jr., Mardell Shouse, Jack Tucker, James West, Jr., Duncan Briggs, Von-cile Gilbert, Opal Huskey, Thelma Leach, Margaret Miller, Mildred Richardson, Joyce Wheeler, Maurine White, Gerald Derrick, Terrell Mash-burn, Marshall Stalls, Kathleen Mash-burn, Woodrow Wilson, Lela Patter-son, Truett Meeks, Elvis Richardson, Lona Bryan, Jess Higgins, Velma Lee Holden, Elsie Lasater, Mattilou Lar-gent, Norma Patterson, Tracy Camp-bell, J. T. Darsey, Jr., Dorice Brown, Lucile Cole, Nadine Tippett, Gwen-dolyn Vickers, Willie Mae Schwartz.

FOR ENTIRE YEAR.  
The following named students have been on the honor roll every period for the entire year. This means that in addition to being present in school every day this year and not being tardy that each student has made 90 or more in department for the year, has never dropped below 75 on any subject, and has each period made a general average of 90 or more.

Grammar School—Billy Cox, Jack Sublett, Lawrence Thornton, Louise Toombs, Junita Huskey, Jackie Slater, Fern Toombs, J. V. Patterson, Wilma Gardner, Waldeline Huskey.

High School—Mardell Shouse, James West, Jr., Opal Huskey, Marg-aret Miller, Lela Patterson, Velma Lee Holden, Elsie Lasater, Elvis Richardson, Lucile Cole.

**BANK NOTICE.**  
On Friday, May 30, (Decoration day,) and Tuesday, June 3, (Jeffer-son Davis' birthday,) both being leg-al holidays, the undersigned banks will remain closed all day. Customers will please take notice and make their arrangements accordingly.

**FARMERS STATE BANK.**  
F. & M. NATIONAL BANK.

Come in and see our Saturday Special. You won't be disap-pointed. Boston Bargain Store.

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## THE TOWN DOCTOR

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and dislikes. Three lines of standard merchandise were not carried and, because of this, report showed that the citizens who were required to purchase these lines out of town also purchased merchandise that was carried by local merchants.

Not only did the report show this fact, but it proved conclusively that local merchants and merchants' as-sociations knowingly had allowed this condition to exist for years without making any effort to correct it.

The report further showed that the people in general were contemptuously familiar with both the advantages and the oppressive ugliness of the com-munity. That civic pride was evidenc-ed in a passive manner only, and that by far the majority of the citizens contacted stated it would be a "good thing" to arouse the interest in the community but added "there's not much use."

Approximately 90 per cent of the business people contacted bewailed the fact that there was lack of employ-ment, therefore lack of business; yet only 10 per cent were willing to spend either time or money to make the com-munity attract by the elimination of these things that repelled.

When asked why the community had not secured new industry, three of the so-called leading citizens gave "tough luck" as a reason, but the nota-tion made by the manufacturer on the survey report stated; "This town does not 'look good' to us."

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

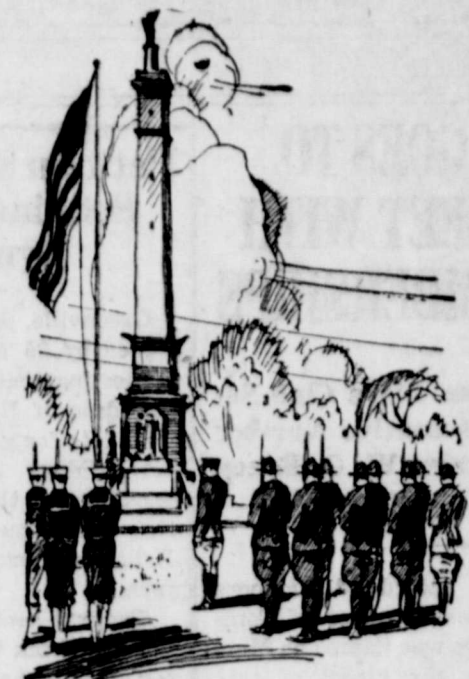
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W. HOMER SHANKS.  
Conveyancer.

Cheap Federal Loans, long time. Farms and Ranches. Draw deeds, re-leases, land papers, only \$1.00. 20 years experience. Room 1, Penney Bldg., Abilene, Texas.

There are 254 counties in Texas, ranging in size from 149 square miles (Rockwall) up to 5,935 (Brewster,) Georgia, with 160 counties, comes next.

Advertise in the Merkel Mail.



### A TRUE MEMORIAL SPIRIT

Each year as we observe Memorial Day, our thoughts are mostly for the ones who silently sleep in the last resting place of the departed.

But to the true American, it should mean more. It should recall and revive the Spirit of Patriotism which caused the slumbering heroes so valiantly to make the supreme sacrifice.

### THE OLD RELIABLE

## FARMERS AND MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK

MERKEL, TEXAS

J. T. Warren  
Sam Butman, Sr.  
Booth Warren



G. F. West  
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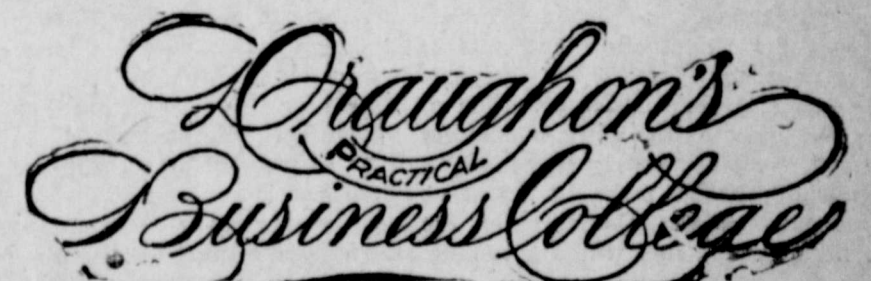
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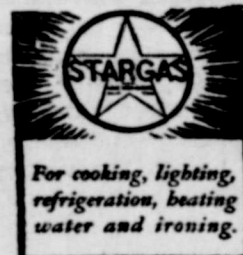
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# "MA" ENTERS CONTEST AFTER COURT BARS JIM

Austin, May 29.—Adopting the platform of her husband, held ineligible to hold office by the supreme court, Mrs. Miram A. Ferguson, wife of former Governor James E. Ferguson, Saturday formally announced her candidacy for governor.

She announced she would accept her husband's platform "with only one change."

"Instead of promising to veto all liquor legislation as he promised to do, I want to strengthen our liquor laws and see if some improvement cannot be made in their enforcement," she said. "We who have been prohibitionists all these years, have suffered much discouragement recently, and I want to see one honest effort made to outlaw the liquor traffic before we give up the struggle."

### STATE'S FIRST WOMAN GOVERNOR.

Mrs. Ferguson served as governor from 1925 to 1927, having been defeated for reelection by Governor Moody who was attorney general during her tenure. She was elected in 1924, after James E. Ferguson, impeached and removed from the governor's office during his second term in 1917, was refused a place on the ballots.

"To those who may think that a woman cannot make a good governor I refer them to the two administrations preceding and succeeding mine," Mrs. Ferguson said. "I leave it to the fair minded to say if the record of my administration suffers by the comparison."

She gave notice that in event of her election she would "receive the aid and advice of my good husband."

"If consulting with one's husband be treason, then make the most of it," she said. "It appears to me that one of the things that is the matter with this country now is that we do not have enough of the old fashioned fire-side talks and confidences like our fathers and mothers used to have when they were laying the foundations of this republic."

### HER LIQUOR PLATFORM.

Mrs. Ferguson said, she favored passage of laws providing that no one shall be allowed to hold any office, legislative, judicial or executive that "in any way drinks or uses intoxicating liquors unlawfully obtained, or that no person shall take any office to which he or she may have been elected until an affidavit of said person is filed with the clerk of the county stating that said person has not during six months preceding the making of said affidavit, drunk any (bootleg) intoxicating liquor unlawfully bought or obtained." She would fix it so that if the affidavit "is prov-

en to be false it shall forfeit said office and be subject to prosecution for perjury."

Also, she would not have any trial for the prosecution of liquor law violations proceed "until the judge, prosecuting attorney, sheriff and clerk, and deputies of said court in which said case is to be tried, shall each file an affidavit that they, as said officers, have not used intoxicating liquors within the six months preceding the making of such affidavit."

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## 16-Year Old Boy Drowning Victim

Sunday afternoon while in bathing in Mulberry creek with his brother, Thomas, and two of his friends, Wilburn and J. P. Click, Oscar Gay was suddenly seized with cramps.

The boys did all that they could to rescue him but failed. The water was about ten feet deep and it was difficult to recover the body, but after about an hour the lifeless body was caught and brought from the watery grave.

Oscar was sixteen years, eight months and twenty days old when he answered the summons from On High. He leaves his father, mother, and several brothers and sisters to mourn his going.

Funeral services were held at the Mt. Pleasant Baptist church, at 10:30 Monday morning, conducted by Rev. C. D. Pruitt, assisted by Rev. O. E. Tatum of Merkel, with interment in the Merkel cemetery. Funeral ar-

rangements were under the direction of Asa Sheppard of Merkel.

The writer joins the friends of the family in extending heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved. May you look over to Him that "doeth all things well."

A Friend.

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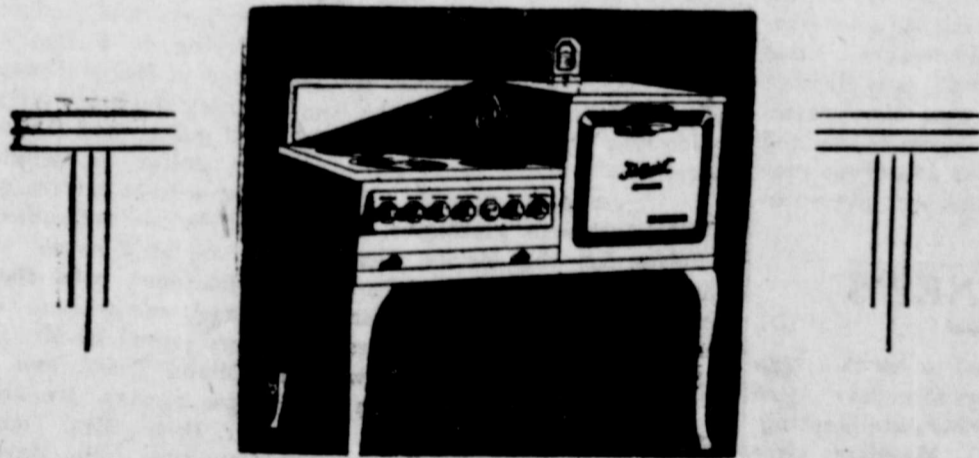


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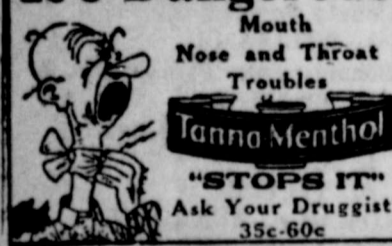
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**AT THE METHODIST CHURCH.**  
 We are to have our annual Sunday School Day at the Methodist church next Sunday. The Sunday School hour will be given to the program. We are expecting every member of the Sunday School to be present and on time. All others who are not in Sunday School would enjoy our program and we would be glad to have you with us. A part of the program will be the baptizing of children. All those who have children of the proper age and desire to have them dedicated to the Lord in baptism will please have them present at that hour. The pastor will be in his pulpit at the evening hour, a message and a welcome awaits you at the Methodist church.

T. C. Willett, Pastor.

**EPWORTH HIGH LEAGUE.**  
 Subject: "Youth and Friendships of Other Lands."  
 Leader: Joyce Wheeler.  
 Scripture, Romans 1:14 and John 10:14-16.  
 "Making Friends," Marie Stanford, Hunter, Leader.  
 China, Duncan Briggs.  
 Brazil, Mildred Richardson.  
 Mexico, Imogene Middleton.  
 Young America, Vivian Lassater.  
 Benediction.

**CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE.**  
 Regular services as follows: Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. N. Y. P. S. 7:30 p. m. Preaching following W. F. M. S. 2 p. m. each Tuesday. Wednesday night Bible study 8 p. m. Saturday night Prayer service 8 o'clock.

We were delighted with the remarkable increase in attendance in all of our services this past week, also for the increased spirituality noted in the Sunday services.

Rev. R. B. Williamson from Abilene filled the pulpit at the Sunday evening hour and brought us a good message at that time.

Due to the fact that the present pastor has tendered her resignation as pastor of the Merkel church, and also, since the board does not meet until Thursday night, it will be impossible for us to give the detailed announcements for the Sunday services at this time. However, all the regular services will be held, and should the new pastor not be present, and should it be necessary for me to fill the pulpit Sunday morning, the text will be found in II Cor. 13-11. Read it and then pray for the services. A welcome for all. Come.

Leona Forbes, Pastor.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.**  
 Nearly 900 were present at the five reporting Sunday Schools in Merkel last Sunday, the total being 897. The Baptist organization had the largest number present with 335, while the Methodists were second with 309. Attendance at the other Sunday Schools was: Church of Christ, 108; Presbyterian, 87, and Nazarene 58.

**MEN'S PRAYER MEETING.**  
 Next Sunday the Men's Prayer service is to be held at the Presbyterian church at 2 p. m. with Everett King as leader. The subject will be the 15th chapter of John. Last Sunday R. L. Griffin was the leader and the service was held at the Baptist church. The men of the various churches in the city are putting much interest and enthusiasm in these services and everyone in the city and this section is invited to attend.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.**  
 Sunday School at 10 a. m. The interest of the class depends on your being present with a prepared lesson. Preaching service at 11 a. m., followed by a communion service. Offering will be taken for the Reynolds Home. Evening service will begin at 8:15. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8:15. Come worship with us.

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

**THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.**  
 All regular services Sunday and through the week. Sunday School at 10 a. m. with congenial classes for all who come. Preaching by the pastor at 11 a. m. and 8:00 p. m. Come find a welcome in any or all of our services.

—Reporter.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST.**  
 All regular services for next Lord's day as follows: Bible school at 10 o'clock, with the Bible class for men meeting at the tabernacle. Sermon at 11 o'clock. Development classes at 7:30. Sermon at 8:30. Other meetings during the week at usual hours. "Having therefore these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God." (2 Cor. 7:1.)

J. C. Malphurs, Minister.

**URGES CAUTION AS TO INFERIOR FEEDS**

Two cases of blind staggers in this section have come to the attention of Rev. R. A. Walker, who is known for his ability and skill as a veterinarian. In one case, the horse died, while the other may get well, says Brother Walker. He attributes the prevalence of the disease among horses and mules to inferior feed and urges care along this line as the best preventative.

**STITH NEWS**

Everyone was glad to see the rains and all of the farmers are busy. Some have crops up and others are planting.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Mashburn were guests of Mrs. Dunagin in Abilene Sunday.

Miss Imaree Dwiggin has returned home from San Angelo, where she has been visiting for the past two weeks.

Miss Hazel Armwine has returned from school.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Walsh visited Mrs. Thomas near Warren Sunday.

**THE MERKEL HOME LAUNDRY.**  
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**Announcing Baby Daughter.**  
 Friends have received news of the birth of a baby daughter to Rev. and Mrs. Henry Weldon of Sweetwater. Mrs. Weldon will be remembered as a former Merkel girl, Miss Girlie Howard.

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**MATTERS MUSICAL**

Merkel Booster Band under the direction of G. A. Hartman will enter the Chamber of Commerce Band contest Thursday morning in Abilene. They will also parade the down town streets Thursday afternoon and take part in the feature parade of the convention Saturday afternoon in which all delegations will participate.

Miss Ethel Hamilton will sing a request program over KFYO, Abilene Thursday evening from 7:30 to 8:00. Miss Christine Collins will be accompanist.

**RECITAL.**  
 The following program by pupils of Mrs. Samuel Rider was rendered in a manner creditable to both teacher and pupil at the Presbyterian church Tuesday evening:

Invocation Pastor  
 Falling Leaves Orchestra  
 Piano Solo Flower Song  
 Thelma Leach  
 Guitar Duet Spring Song  
 Lottie Butman—Mrs. Lee Montgomery  
 Violin Solo Old Favorite  
 Billy Woodrum  
 Saxophone Duet Selected  
 Dorothy Nell Ector—Mable Corinne Morton.  
 Violin Solo Lulabye  
 Clayton Miller Leach  
 Piano Solo Mable Corinne Morton  
 String Ensemble Old Black Joe  
 Violins—Billy Woodrum, Dee Hall, Clayton Miller Leach, Dorothy Nell Ector, Mable Corinne Morton, Hazel Greer.  
 Guitars—Everett Harman, Mrs. Montgomery, Lottie Butman, Emma Tucker, Vernon Pierce, Letha Bell Griffin, Louise Smith.  
 Saxophone Solo Sadie Mable Corinne Morton  
 Violin Solo Cradle Song  
 Dee Hall  
 Piano Solo Frivolity  
 Sybil Stewart  
 String Ensemble Cello  
 Patty Joe Stocton, Lomoin Ellinger, Gladys Robinson, Jewel Dennis, Murphy Stocton, Louise Smith, Gracie Bell Hastings, Vernon Pierce, Letha Tucker, Emma Tucker.  
 Class Ensemble National Hymn  
 Class

**COMMENCEMENT**

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of Abilene Christian college at the Methodist church. The program began with the processional by Miss Donna Loyless, followed by a hymn by the audience, "God of Our Fathers," and the invocation by Rev. R. A. Walker. A quartet, Charlie Largent, L. B. Scott, Chas. Jones and C. W. Delmer, sang "As Thy Will is Done in Heaven," and Miss Mona Margaret Jones beautifully rendered "My God, My Father." An anthem, "March On," was rendered by the choir and after the sermon the benediction was pronounced by J. G. Malphurs.

**GRAMMAR SCHOOL.**  
 With forty-one graduates, closing exercises for the Merkel Grammar school were held Friday night at the Methodist church. Wilma Gardner was valedictorian with an average of 95.37, second honors being awarded to Waldeline Huskey, with an average just slightly lower of 95.17. Both of these honor pupils were on the honor roll for every period this year.

The processional was played by Miss Donna Loyless and the class sang two choruses, "The Anvil Chorus," and "Woods in Spring." The invocation was given by Rev. R. A. Walker and the benediction by Rev. T. C. Willett.

The address to the class by Rev. J. T. King was filled with apt illustrations along the line of character building.

Certificates were presented by Supt. Burges to the following pupils: Milton Shannon, Jack West, Raymond Wilson, Cecil Williams, Monroe Wozencraft, M. L. Spence, Harold Reece, Lloyd Robertson, Eloise Mancill, Caribel Mansfield, Katherine Mashburn, Mable Morton, Annie Lee Owen, Valeria Parks, Julia Proctor, Alice Reeves, Hazel Reeves, Sarah Sheppard, Clara B. White, Della Smith, Ruby Brown, Frances Adcock, Clifford Blumberg, Howard Carson, Cecil Clark, William Cypert, Ruth Davis, Hail Derstine, Rogene Dye, Grisham Dowell, David Gamble, Wilma Gardner, J. R. Graham, Neoma Grayson, Ralph Hayes, La Verne Holden, Wanda Hunter, Waldeline Huskey, Thomas Jones, Vivian Lassater and Wycliff Malphurs.

**SOCIETY**

**TAYLOR-McANINCH.**  
 A quiet wedding in the presence of a few friends and relatives took place Sunday morning at eight o'clock at the Methodist church when Miss Nina McAninch became the wife of Mr. J. M. Taylor. The ceremony was performed by Rev. T. C. Willett.

The bride, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. McAninch, is an ex-student of McMurry and West Texas State Teachers colleges. She has proved her success as a teacher, having taught in Taylor and Jones counties for a number of years.

Mr. Taylor is the son of Mr. R. F. Taylor of Quitman, Texas, a prominent merchant and business man of that city. The groom is a law student of the State university and was employed as principal of the Comper school the past year.

Immediately after the wedding the couple left for Dallas, San Antonio, Quitman and other eastern points. They will then make their home in Austin where Mr. Taylor will attend State university from which he takes his degree.

**SCHOOL GROUP FETED.**  
 The school year was gayly yet respectfully ushered out with a party given by Miss Lucy Tracy in the delightful home of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. McDonald last Saturday evening, May 24, at eight-fifteen o'clock, honoring the members of the Senior class, High School faculty, and Merkel High School Players club.

The guests were received by Miss Tracy, Mr. R. A. Burgess, Mr. M. S. Davis, Miss Julia Martin, Mrs. Claude Young, Mrs. Burgess, who presented each with an attractive purple and gold program of the evening's activities, Miss Winnie Heiser, and representative members of the Senior class and Players club, Miss Beryl Hunter, Miss Dorice Brown, and Mr. J. T. Darsey, Jr.

The entertainment of the evening was spiced with wit and humor, made thoughtful with sentiment, and enraptured with music.

Miss Mona Margaret Jones sang beautifully two numbers: "Lift Up Thine Eyes" and "Painting the Clouds with Sunshine." J. T. Darsey, Jr., effectively toasted "The Year's Activities." Miss Pauline Toombs read the charming story, "The Independent Pair," and Miss Margaret Miller gave the humorous "At the Matinee." Elvis Richardson toasted "The Faculty"; Mrs. Young, sponsor of the Senior class, "The Seniors"; Mr. Davis, "The Merkel High School Players"; Miss Martin, "Friendship"; Tray Campbell, "Ones Left Behind"; and Miss Frances Fredrickson, "Memories"—all in poetry and very significant. Miss Donna Loyless rendered a wonderful piano solo. Miss Nadine Tippet, with Miss Loyless accompanying at the piano, sang "The Dance of the Paper Dolls," in which she had cleverly and quite realistically substituted the names of her fellow-Seniors. With Miss Loyless again accompanying, a quartet, composed of Misses Maurine Davis, Tula Miller, Willie Mae Schwartz and Nadine Tippet, sang "Trying to Forget." A trio, composed of Buster Horton, at the piano, Wesley Butler, playing the harmonica and guitar, and Orion Tittle, playing the guitar, so delighted the guests that several encores were asked.

Delicious refreshments of punch, served at a novel "well" which was emblazoned with the colors of the school, sandwiches, cakes, and mints were served by Mrs. McDonald, Mrs. Holland Teaff, and Miss Heizer to these guests: Mr. and Mrs. Burgess, Mr. Davis, Mrs. Young, Misses Dora Garroute, Julia Martin, Mona Margaret Jones, Donna Loyless, Louise Booth, Dorice Brown, Albera Butler, Lona Bryan, Verna T. Beasley, Lucile Cole, Maurine Davis, Eleanor Mae Hamilton, Beth Hamm, Beryl Hunter, Odell Hunter, Frances Fredrickson, Helen Kelso, Margaret Miller, Tula Miller, Nadine Tippet, Pauline Toombs, Willie Mae Schwartz, Himalawa Swafford, Nina Vantresse, Gwendolyn Vickers and Messrs. J. E. Boaz, Harold Boney, Clinton Bryan, Tracy Campbell, J. T. Darsey, Jr., Wesley Butler, Buster Horton, Etyl Spurgin, Elvis Richardson, Orion Tittle, E. L. Turner.

Following the luncheon, everyone sang "The Eyes of Texas"; with the last notes was ended the most charming party of a very successful school year.

**EASTERN STAR TO INSTALL OFFICERS.**  
 Installation of officers will be the chief order of business at the meeting of the Eastern Star Saturday night, May 31. The following officers have been elected: Viola Ensminger, worthy matron; M. C. Graham worthy patron; Vennie Green, associate matron; B. C. Hamner, associate patron; Aura Johnson, secretary; Nan-nie Causseaux, treasurer; Willie Neill,

**ANNOUNCEMENTS POLITICAL**

(Subject to the action of the Democratic Primary in July.)  
 For District Attorney 32nd district: J. R. (Bob) BLACK, (Re-election.)  
 For District Attorney 104th district: EMMETT ROBINSON.  
 For Sheriff: H. T. O'BAR, (Re-election.)  
 C. R. (Chas.) WALDROP.  
 N. L. SEALE.  
 BURL WHEELER.  
 For County Clerk: W. P. BOUNDS, (Re-election.)  
 For County Treasurer: AUSTIN FITTS, (Re-election.)  
 For Tax Collector: EARL HUGHES, (Re-election.)  
 For Tax Assessor: J. T. HOWARD, (Re-election.)  
 H. F. LONG.  
 MRS. FLORENCE VANCE.  
 For District Clerk: BELLE WELLBORN, (Re-election.)  
 For County Attorney: GRAY BROWNE.  
 WILEY L. CAFFEY.  
 For County Superintendent: M. A. WILLIAMS.  
 For Commissioner, Precinct No. 2: W. H. FRAZIER.  
 P. A. DILTZ, (Re-election.)  
 W. L. BLAIR.  
 RUFIE TITTLE.  
 THOMAS A. BEARDEN.  
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 For Public Weigher, Precinct No. 5: S. A. (Sam) BANKSTON.  
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**PERSONAL MENTION**

Mrs. M. E. Campbell is visiting her son in Abilene.

Mrs. George E. Caple visited relatives in Waco last week-end.

Mrs. E. E. Cribble and children visited friends in Cisco Sunday.

C. J. Glover, Jr., visited relatives in Waco and Austin last week-end.

Miss Christine Collins has as her guest Miss Lillie Dean of Dallas.

Miss Lena Rose Black of Big Spring is the guest of Miss Louise Booth.

Glenn Elliott has gone to Hobbs, New Mex., and may decide to locate there.

Miss Vivian Berger of Trent is visiting with Miss Rodgers in Lamesa.

Miss Sue Craven of Paducah is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Gamble.

Mrs. W. O. Boney has as her guest her niece, Mrs. C. B. Martin, of White Deer.

Miss Vivian Berger has as her guest Miss Ella Lee Rogers of Lamesa.

Miss Alva Wheeler is home from Roscoe where she has been teaching school.

Miss Nora Jackson of Weatherford is visiting her sister, Mrs. O. L. Burgin, of Trent.

Miss Martha Bird, who has been teaching school at Graham, has returned home.

Miss Melba West is at home with her parents after teaching the past year at Baird.

Miss Addie Holler spent the week-end with her niece, Miss Carrie Coffey, in Abilene.

Supt. R. A. Burgess and Mrs. Burgess left Tuesday to spend several days in Lubbock.

Mrs. C. R. Tittle has gone to Austin and will be accompanied by her son on her return.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Butler returned Monday from a pleasant visit to Lamesa and Snyder.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Bryant and son, Lee, have returned from a visit with her mother at Coleman.

Misses Margaret Morris and Lora Alsbrook of Lamesa are the guests of Miss Mary Collins.

Miss Oleta McCluskey of Bronte was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. McAninch the past week.

Miss Flossie Campbell has returned home for the summer from Yaletta, where she has been teaching.

Misses Bess Touchstone of Dallas and Evelina Turner of Lubbock are guests of Mrs. T. V. Touchstone.

Miss Irene Swann, who has been teaching school at Roswell, New Mex., has returned home for the summer.

Miss Maurine Creed, principal of the Mt. Pleasant school, has returned for the summer to her home at Roxton.

Miss Jesse Sutphen has returned home from Wichita Falls where she has been teaching school the past year.

Misses Mary Hughes and Inice Brown are home from Venus where they have been teaching the past year.

Miss Maggie King of Brady, who is deputy county clerk of McCulloch county, is a guest in the J. T. King home.

Mr. and Mrs. Mason Pee and family and Miss Beta Floyd of Sweetwater visited relatives here over the week-end.

Misses Laura Ella Gregory and Lenore and Lillian Kiker, all of San Angelo, were week-end guests of Miss Thelma McAninch.

Rev. J. T. King has returned from Brady where he went to visit a member of his former church there, J. E. Bell, who is very ill.

D. W. Burgin of Stith, who has been seriously ill at the Merkel Sanitarium, is sufficiently improved to be taken to his home.

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**CONDUCTRESS, and Floy Hamner, associate conductress. All members are requested to be present and visitors are invited.**

**WHITNEY-WELLS.**  
 The marriage of Miss Ruth Wells and M. L. Whitney was solemnized in Silver City, New Mexico, on Saturday afternoon at the Methodist parsonage with the Methodist minister officiating.

Miss Wells is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Wells on Be' Heights. She was a graduate of the High School in 1922 and a secretary to the dean of State Teachers college at Silver City for several years. She retains a host of friends here who wish for her all possible happiness.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Whitney of Miami, Okla. He is at present engaged as superintendent of schools at Columbus, New Mexico. Mr. and Mrs. Whitney will be at home in Columbus, New Mexico, after a honeymoon spent in Cloudcroft, New Mexico.

**SENIORS HONORED.**  
 Miss Louise Booth entertained most graciously on Tuesday evening, complimenting the Seniors of 1930 with a lawn party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Booth. A pretty color scheme of pink and green was given emphasis in all party appointments, culminating in favors of sweet peas for each guest. Games of 42 furnished diversion and delicious refreshments were served to Misses Lennah Rose Black, and Missie Dye, guests of the class, Mrs. Young and Miss Tracy, teachers, Misses Eleanor Maye Hamilton, Nadine Tippet, Willie Maye Schwartz, Nina Vantresse, Helen Kelso, Odell Hunter, Frances Fredrickson, Maurine Davis, Beryl Hunter, Verna T. Beasley, Gwendolyn Vickers, Marcella Pinkley, Dorice Brown, Messrs. J. E. Boaz, Jr., Wesley Butler, Milton Case, Tracy Campbell, Clinton Bryan, Lee Darden, Orion Tittle, E. L. Turner, Buster Horton and J. T. Darsey.

**MOOREHOUSE-EVANS.**  
 The wedding of Miss Ruby Evans and Deaton Moorehouse was solemnized in the home of the bride's aunt, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Estes, on Thursday morning at 8 o'clock in the presence of only a few relatives and friends. Miss Leta Fae Goodyear of Anson, cousin of the bride, was the only attendant. The Rev. T. C. Willett officiated with the ring ceremony.

Miss Evans was unusually lovely in a pastel gown, she carried a bouquet of roses and sweet peas. She has been employed as a teacher in the Comper school for the past year and because of her charming personality has won many friends.

Mr. Moorehouse is an automobile salesman of Benjamin, but will be located in Sayre, Okla., where they will make their home.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS POLITICAL**

(Subject to the action of the Democratic Primary in July.)  
 For District Attorney 32nd district: J. R. (Bob) BLACK, (Re-election.)  
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 For Sheriff: H. T. O'BAR, (Re-election.)  
 C. R. (Chas.) WALDROP.  
 N. L. SEALE.  
 BURL WHEELER.  
 For County Clerk: W. P. BOUNDS, (Re-election.)  
 For County Treasurer: AUSTIN FITTS, (Re-election.)  
 For Tax Collector: EARL HUGHES, (Re-election.)  
 For Tax Assessor: J. T. HOWARD, (Re-election.)  
 H. F. LONG.  
 MRS. FLORENCE VANCE.  
 For District Clerk: BELLE WELLBORN, (Re-election.)  
 For County Attorney: GRAY BROWNE.  
 WILEY L. CAFFEY.  
 For County Superintendent: M. A. WILLIAMS.  
 For Commissioner, Precinct No. 2: W. H. FRAZIER.  
 P. A. DILTZ, (Re-election.)  
 W. L. BLAIR.  
 RUFIE TITTLE.  
 THOMAS A. BEARDEN.  
 JOHN J. TOOMBS.  
 For Public Weigher, Precinct No. 5: S. A. (Sam) BANKSTON.  
 I. N. BROWN.  
 DENT GIBSON.  
 DENZEL COX.  
 A. D. FULTON.  
 T. D. COMPTON.  
 HOUSTON ROBERTSON.

Harris with 91,192 automobile registrations has more automobiles than any other county in Texas. Kenedy with 107 has the fewest.

Nearly 3,600 tractors were placed in operation on Australian farms last year.

**PERSONAL MENTION**

Mrs. M. E. Campbell is visiting her son in Abilene.

Mrs. George E. Caple visited relatives in Waco last week-end.

Mrs. E. E. Cribble and children visited friends in Cisco Sunday.

C. J. Glover, Jr., visited relatives in Waco and Austin last week-end.

Miss Christine Collins has as her guest Miss Lillie Dean of Dallas.

Miss Lena Rose Black of Big Spring is the guest of Miss Louise Booth.

Glenn Elliott has gone to Hobbs, New Mex., and may decide to locate there.

Miss Vivian Berger of Trent is visiting with Miss Rodgers in Lamesa.

Miss Sue Craven of Paducah is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Gamble.

Mrs. W. O. Boney has as her guest her niece, Mrs. C. B. Martin, of White Deer.

Miss Vivian Berger has as her guest Miss Ella Lee Rogers of Lamesa.

Miss Alva Wheeler is home from Roscoe where she has been teaching school.

Miss Nora Jackson of Weatherford is visiting her sister, Mrs. O. L. Burgin, of Trent.

Miss Martha Bird, who has been teaching school at Graham, has returned home.

Miss Melba West is at home with her parents after teaching the past year at Baird.

Miss Addie Holler spent the week-end with her niece, Miss Carrie Coffey, in Abilene.

Supt. R. A. Burgess and Mrs. Burgess left Tuesday to spend several days in Lubbock.

Mrs. C. R. Tittle has gone to Austin and will be accompanied by her son on her return.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Butler returned Monday from a pleasant visit to Lamesa and Snyder.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Bryant and son, Lee, have returned from a visit with her mother at Coleman.

Misses Margaret Morris and Lora Alsbrook of Lamesa are the guests of Miss Mary Collins.

Miss Oleta McCluskey of Bronte was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. McAninch the past week.

Miss Flossie Campbell has returned home for the summer from Yaletta, where she has been teaching.

Misses Bess Touchstone of Dallas and Evelina Turner of Lubbock are guests of Mrs. T. V. Touchstone.

Miss Irene Swann, who has been teaching school at Roswell, New Mex., has returned home for the summer.

Miss Maurine Creed, principal of the Mt. Pleasant school, has returned for the summer to her home at Roxton.

Miss Jesse Sutphen has returned home from Wichita Falls where she has been teaching school the past year.

Misses Mary Hughes and Inice Brown are home from Venus where they have been teaching the past year.

Miss Maggie King of Brady, who is deputy county clerk of McCulloch county, is a guest in the J. T. King home.

Mr. and Mrs. Mason Pee and family and Miss Beta Floyd of Sweetwater visited relatives here over the week-end.

Misses Laura Ella Gregory and Lenore and Lillian Kiker, all of San Angelo, were week-end guests of Miss Thelma McAninch.

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# POULTRY

NOT NECESSARY TO VARY CHICKS' DIET

## Same Mash From 36-48 Age Until Maturity.

The Cornell mash mixture for baby chicks eliminates the old practice of changing the feed every few days. The same mash is fed from the first feeding at 36 to 48 hours to maturity, and at eight weeks a grain mixture is added, says Prof. L. M. Hurd at Cornell university.

The chicks are allowed constant access to the mash, but it is best to feed so that fresh mash can be added twice a day. There should be enough hopper space so that all the chicks may eat at the same time. Fine grit may be given from the start and oyster shell when the chicks are about four months old. Charcoal is unnecessary, he says.

Cod liver oil should be fed at the rate of one-half pint to every 100 pounds of mash during the period when mash is fed, especially if the chicks are indoors most of the time. When grain and mash are fed, one pint is used with each 100 pounds of mash. If the chicks run outdoors daily, no oil is needed after eight weeks.

The Cornell mash contains 45 pounds of yellow corn meal, 10 of wheat bran, 15 of flour wheat middlings, 10 of fine ground heavy oats, 10 of 50 to 55 per cent protein meat scrap, 10 of dried skim milk or dried buttermilk, 2 of steamed bone meal, and one-half pound of salt. The grain mixture is 60 pounds of cracked yellow corn and 40 pounds of wheat.

The grain mixture should be in hoppers, always accessible to the chicks. They should not eat more grain by weight than mash until they are three months old. It is sometimes necessary to restrict the grain to get proper mash consumption, says Professor Hurd.

## Two of Most Effective Destroyers of Vermin

Two of the most effective vermin destroyers are blue ointment applied to the skin beneath the vent in about the amount of a bit the size of a grain of corn, and the powder sodium fluoride, applied in pinches well worked down to the skin of a half dozen parts of the hen's body.

A more recent application is to the perches instead of to the birds. This consists of the poisonous liquid Buleaf 40, a very concentrated tobacco preparation. A ribbon of this is spread from an oil can or other convenient container along the top of each perch shortly before the fowls go to roost. The fumes arising kill the lice, according to various authorities who have tried the method.

## Open Shed Shelter Is Favored for Turkeys

A form of shelter for turkeys which has proven very satisfactory when it is necessary to construct shelter, is the open shed of the machinery shed type. One end can be closed at the front and the roosts placed in that end, so that they will always be protected from wind and storm. This type of structure affords excellent ventilation, ample room for exercise, and all the protection that is necessary. Another advantage of this type is the fact that the shed can be used for sheltering small machinery in the summer.

## Rat Poison Discovered Is Harmless to Humans

Don't throw up the sponge when a rat runs off with a chicken, and bewail "bad luck." Science says, "Let's get the rat," and starts out to do it. As a matter of fact, and this may be news, too, there grows off the coast of Italy, in the Mediterranean sea, a big, bulb, called squill. Scientists with the United States Department of Agriculture found that the essence of that bulb would kill rats. It will not kill and is not poisonous to hen, dog or man.

## Lice Deterrent

Thick cream on the head of a pout as a deterrent of head lice is better than grease, for grease will also kill. Camphorated oil applied very lightly between the quill feathers with a fine paint brush will do the work, but it must be used economically. Poultis must not be confined at night in a newly painted coop, painted either with paint or lice killer.

## Broiler Feeding Tests

Broiler raising tests were conducted with Single Comb Rhode Island Reds at the North Carolina State college. It required seven pounds of feed to raise and fatten a two-pound broiler for market. This includes both mash and grain. The feed cost amounted to 20 cents. The chick at 20 cents and other costs at 10 cents will make the two-pound broiler stand you 50 cents when ready to sell. Fall is a good time to raise a few hundred broilers.

# LIVE STOCK

MOTOR AGE CAUSE OF FARMER'S LOSS

## Land to Maintain Animals Used to Produce Food.

The ease, speed, and wide range of travel resulting from the motor age are bringing disaster to the farmer, according to Wayne Dinsmore, secretary of the Horse Association of America.

The reason is that the automobile, truck, and tractor since 1900 have displaced or have prevented from coming into existence a total of 18,703,000 horses and mules.

Nor is this all. The displacement of these work animals means that 54,257,500 acres of land—the amount that would have been required to maintain such animals—has been converted to the production of food for man, seriously depressing farm markets.

In 1900, Mr. Dinsmore further points out, there was one horse or mule for every 3.08 persons in our total population; now, there is but one horse or mule for every 5.92 persons in our population.

The decline, he declares, has cost the farmer three markets—namely, the normal increase in demand for horses and mules; the normal increase in demand for hay and grain; and the greater demand and higher price the farmer would be receiving for all other farm products. Mr. Dinsmore holds that it requires the product of four acres of fertile corn-belt land (or its equivalent) to maintain a city work horse, and the product of two and a half acres of such land to maintain horses or mules on farms.

He believes that horses and mules should be used wherever and whenever they will do the work as cheaply and as efficiently as other forms of power; that is, that they should be used for all short-haul, frequent-stop work in cities, and for all field work on farms. Mr. Dinsmore declares that if horses or mules are used in five, six, eight, nine, ten, or twelve-unit outfits on farms, and are intelligently maintained on pasture, they are the cheapest, most efficient form of motive power to be had; and, he adds, "a general return to horse use will result in the diversion of increasing acres to production of power instead of continuing in production of food of which we have too great a surplus, particularly with all other leading countries of the world increasing production of the same foodstuffs and competing against the American farmer."

## Lambs Eat Very Little Corn While in Field

Lambs do not usually bother the ears in a corn field until a good share of the foliage and weeds is consumed. Particularly is this true if the corn stands up well. Occasionally a flock of lambs begin eating corn when first turned into the standing corn.

Finishing in the corn field is common with some experienced feeders. Usually the finishing is done in the feed lot near the barn with a ration of corn and legume hay.

A fair average gain for good, thrifty lambs is one-fourth pound each per head daily. If the death loss is light this average is possible under good conditions. The lambs are housed during severe continuous storms by careful feeders.

It is possible to show a profit on a load of 300 to 320 feeder lambs when fed for 90 days with a 20-pound gain. This profit is possible even if the selling price is the same as the purchase price per hundredweight. The purchase price, of course, should be figured on a freight and commission-paid basis.

## Shipping Precautions Will Save Many Hogs

Shippers of live stock are paying more heed to the condition of their stock before shipment, proper preparation of cars for loading, and proper loading of the cars. This is indicated by a check of two trainloads of hogs received in the course of a period of intense heat at one of the large terminal markets. Inspection showed that in the first trainload there were no dead hogs and only two cripples. In the other train two hogs had died and four were cripples. This was an example that bears out the opinions of supervisors who report to the United States Department of Agriculture that fewer hogs are killed and crippled in transit than was the rule a few years ago. In the past it was not unusual to find from two to ten hogs dead in many cars when a high temperature prevailed at the time of shipment.

## Less Tuberculosis

That the campaign to eradicate livestock tuberculosis is succeeding is proved by the decline in the number of cattle and hog carcasses condemned for tuberculosis under the federal meat-inspection service of the United States Department of Agriculture in the fiscal year 1929. The number of cattle carcasses condemned, per million of cattle slaughtered, declined from 430 in 1928 to 390 in 1929; in the case of hogs, the number declined from 1,150 in 1928 to 990 in 1929.

## MODEL GAS KITCHEN ON WHEELS.



The Lone Star Gas company has recently introduced a novel method of demonstrating compressed natural gas delivered in portable steel cylinders to homes not having pipe line gas service.

A model kitchen has been especially designed and constructed on a truck chassis. This traveling kitchen tours the suburban communities of Texas giving special demonstrations with compressed gas.

The interior of the truck is equipped with standard gas appliances, including a cook stove, water heater, refrigerator, lights, and a small wall heater. These appliances receive a supply of

gas from a standard installation mounted on the rear in a steel cabinet exactly the same as the installation for service in the home.

Two cylinders are included in the installation. As one cylinder becomes empty it can be cut off and the other turned on; the empty cylinder can be replaced without interrupting service.

The Community Natural Gas Co. of Sweetwater, the distributor of Stargas in this territory, will bring this kitchen to the Merkel district for public inspection on the following dates: Merkel, Monday, June 2, at 10 a. m.; Trent, 11 a. m. on the same day.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

### FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Pure red top cane seed, free of weeds and Johnson grass, 6 cents per pound. Sam Butman, Sr.

FOR SALE—Used farm implements; also one Farmall tractor. Adams & Leverett, Abilene, Texas or see Harry Barnett.

FOR SALE—One two row John Deere cultivator in good condition price \$30.00 cash. Cultivator can be seen at Mr. John Hail's place northwest of Merkel. Clements-Middleton Co. Box 1424, Abilene, Texas.

FOR SALE—One 4 burner Kesco oil stove, one safe, one sewing machine, one washstand, one bedstead and springs, floor covering. G. F. Turner, Route 1, Box 21, Merkel, Texas.

COTTON SEED—For sale, culled and recleaned, Antone and Kasch; also some baled sorghum. Pierce Horton, 7 miles north of town.

FOR SALE—One choice milk cow and young calf for sale. Lee Baker.

### FOR RENT

FOR RENT—New stucco five room residence all utilities, gas, lights, city water, sewer connection, etc. Close to school and church. \$12.50 per month. See G. W. Boyce.

FOR RENT—A house with all modern conveniences. One 4-room house newly papered with water, gas and lights; also one 3-room apartment nicely furnished. Phone 265J. S. F. Haynes.

FOR RENT—5-room furnished house. See Bob Hicks or call 43 or 63.

### WANTED

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

WILL BUY your fat calves, cows and hogs. Phone 9, Patterson's Market, or see J. A. Patterson.

### LOST AND FOUND

LOST—Black mare mule, about 14 hands high; strayed with black bob-tailed Jenny. T. H. Russom, Merkel, Route 5. Phone 9008F22.

### LODGE NOTICES

Merkel Chapter Royal Arch Masons meets on first Thursday night of each month. Visitors cordially invited. Joe Hartley, H. P. O. R. Dye, Secretary

### CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank all of our friends and neighbors who were so kind to us during the sad bereavement caused by the tragic loss of our son and brother; especially do we wish to thank those friends whose beautiful flowers helped to assuage our grief. J. G. Gay and Family.

Come in and see our Saturday Special. You won't be disappointed. Boston Bargain Store.

On higher education—university and state-supported colleges—Texas spent in 1929 \$9,093,243.

## Bob Shuler Visits Clinic in Temple

Temple, May 29.—Rev. R. J. Shuler, militant Los Angeles, Cal., pastor who was released from jail there on a contempt of court charge just before flying to Dallas to attend the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was here this week for examination at a clinic. He formerly was pastor of the First

Methodist Church here.

Shuler said he was here "just checking up on my physical condition after my stay in jail."

He asserted the Methodist conference did two things:

"It gave a preacher the right to be a good citizen and gave men the right to do the preaching awhile, without any help from the women."

"Women are fine," he added, "but there are too few of them who succeed in the professions."

# NOTICE

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Any Size Big Sweep, each	25c
8-Inch Cultivator Sweep, per pair	15c
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Lettuce	large firm heads	5c	Flour	Our Special, 48lb. sack	\$1.47
Potatoes	No. 1 red 10 lbs.	40c	Canned Fruits	so-called gallon can	59c
Cabbage	Colorado hard heads, lb.	5c	Kraut	juice No. 2 1/2 can, 2 cans	25c
Bananas	good size green tips	24c	Bacon	sugar cured sliced lb.	28c
Tomatoes	fine large lb.	10c	Lunch Meat	all kinds	28c
Coffee	bulk No. 1 Peabody, 4 lb.	98c	Cheese	Longhorn	28c

COMPLETE ASSORTMENT OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES. EVERYTHING OBTAINABLE. WE STRIVE TO PLEASE YOU.

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Abilene Winters Eliasville Merkel

### Couple Seek to Return Favor of Man; Now in Jail

San Angelo, May 29.—Malcolm M. Mitchell and J. M. Weaver sat on their bunks in the city jail here and wondered if the Bard of Avon's philosophy on gratitude would click in modern days.

They were charged with possession of 72 gallons of whiskey.

When their automobile ran out of gasoline, they were carried to a filling station for more.

"We feel like we owe you something. Just take this half gallon as a reward," they told their benefactor.

"Thanks. I'll take all you've got. And you too," he responded.

His badge identifying him as a federal prohibition agent had not been in sight.

### Abilene to Feature Two Day Air Show

Abilene, May 29.—One of the really big features of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce convention in Abilene will be seen at the municipal air terminal Saturday and Sunday when West Texas will lift her eyes skyward to witness one of the most gigantic aeronautical exhibitions ever staged in this section.

The Saturday show will be participated in by 32 U. S. Army planes from four government fields. Manoeuvres will include attack, pursuit and bombardment formations. Sixty men will comprise the army personnel taking part in the air circus.

The two days of aerial feats will formally dedicate the new \$150,000 municipal airport here. Thousands of West Texans and visitors from other states are expected to take part in the celebration. Admission to the air shows will be free. A small charge will be made for automobile parking and for reserved seats.

The Saturday performance will open in the afternoon at 3 o'clock following the convention delegations parade, will extend through 6 o'clock. A glider flight—the first performance of its kind ever seen at the Abilene port—will open the Sunday afternoon program at 1:30 o'clock. Second number on the program will be stunt flying exhibitions by Howard Woodall, prominent air entertainer.

The first of three 30-mile races will come at 2:30. The race is for commercial ships of less than 200 h. p. and prizes will be \$75, \$50 and \$25. The second race, with prizes of \$100, \$75, and \$25, will follow at 3 o'clock. Any power closed commercial ships are eligible.

A second stunt flying exhibition will be seen at 3:30 and at 4 o'clock a 30-mile air dash will be open to any power commercial ship. Prizes will be \$100, \$75 and \$25. A glider flight will follow at 5 o'clock.

Prizes in a model plane contest will be awarded on a basis of flight distance and duration.

### Dora Doings

We regret to report that Mrs. Roberson, who resides near Nolan, is very sick at this time.

A little baby was born to Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Oliver Monday, but it lived only a few minutes. The remains were laid away at Slater's chapel late Monday afternoon.

Since school is out and the teachers have gone to their homes for the summer, we feel lonesome here, although Friday we had a picnic at the school with two ball games.

Claude Jenkins and family of Noodle were week-end visitors here.

Miss Ruth Conrad of Clyde was here for the closing exercises of school and also to visit relatives.

Elias Pruitt and family of Butman visited Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Perry Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tyrone and baby and Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Hardy were visitors in San Angelo Sunday.

John W. Robins of Clyde was here for a short while last Sunday in the interest of the gin.

Come in and see our Saturday Special. You won't be disappointed. Boston Bargain Store.

If you have any visitors, Phone 29 or 61.

See  
**W. D. HUTCHESON**  
Local Representative  
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Abilene, Texas  
**Granite and Marble Monuments**  
Phones Bus. 69 Residence 179

### Judge Brady Leaves Jail for First Time Since Fatal Stabbing

Dallas, May 29.—John W. Brady of Austin, former high court judge, was released on \$5000 bail Tuesday after District Judge C. A. Pippen had overruled his motion for a new trial.

Brady was sentenced to three years' imprisonment by a jury in Judge Pippen's court upon conviction of the murder of Miss Lehlia Highsmith, Austin court stenographer, Nov. 9. He will be out on bond pending action on his appeal.

The former Austin jurist had been in jail since the stabbing. He said that he and Mrs. Brady, who had stood by him throughout would visit friends here for several days after which they would return to Austin.

Sureties for the bond were W. B. Head, utility official, and John Morrisey and W. J. Harris, capitalists, all of Dallas.

Brady's first trial at Austin ended in a hung jury. He was sentenced here May 17.

### Pro Enforcement Up To Attorney General

Washington, May 29.—President Hoover Tuesday signed the Williamson bill providing for transfer of the prohibition enforcement on July 1 from the treasury to the department of justice.

The measure is designed to bring closer co-operation in the enforcement and prosecution under the law. It has the approval of the law enforcement commission, as well as of Secretary Mellon and Attorney General Mitchell. It was passed by congress after President Hoover had recommended the transfer.

Under it, the enforcement duty will be taken from the treasury for the first time since the prohibition law became effective. Secretary Mellon will share with the attorney general the responsibility for controlling industrial alcohol, and Dr. James M. Doran, now prohibition administrator, is expected to remain in the treasury department in charge of this work.

In 1929 the State of Texas appropriated \$22,780,193 for its public schools—this exclusive of local and district school taxes.

Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office.

### NOODLE NEWS

The farmers are all very busy planting their crops, although some few are through.

Lee Williams is sporting a new Farm-all tractor and seems to be a very busy man at present.

Little Betty Pearl, the 14-months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Alderson, is slowly improving after a two weeks' sick spell.

Mrs. John Alderson is on the sick list this week.

While conditions look fine around Noodle, a good rain would help considerably.

Our school is out this week and, of course, everyone is busy with exams.

Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Crick of Noodle Dome visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alderson last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Jenkins spent the week-end at Dora.

Miss Nina Vantrees of Stith visited her aunt, Mrs. J. M. Sloan, Sunday.

S. T. Rattan visited homefolks at Matador Sunday.

Misses Eunice, Mildred and Lila Bird of Clyde are visiting their aunt, Mrs. J. S. Bird, this week.

Miss Gertrude Morgan is visiting friends here this week.

Brother Tatum filled his regular appointment at the Baptist church Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Jenkins and

daughter, Leona, were visitors at Dora Friday.

Several from here attended the singing at Trent Sunday.

Misses Mildred McCoy and Anna Lane of Dora are visiting their aunt, Mrs. Claude Jenkins, this week.

Fred Rattan of Abilene was a guest Sunday of his brother, S. D. Rattan.

Friday will mark the close of this year's school session and there will be a short program Friday night. Everyone is invited to come.

### TELEPHONE THE MAIL

The Mail will be glad to receive news of entertainments or visitors in Merkel homes, as well as other news items of a general nature. If you have company, entertain friends or return from a trip please telephone 61 or 29.

### BANK NOTICE

On Friday, May 30, (Decoration day,) and Tuesday, June 3, (Jefferson Davis' birthday,) both being legal holidays, the undersigned banks will remain closed all day. Customers will remain take notice and make their arrangements accordingly.

FARMERS STATE BANK.  
F. & M. NATIONAL BANK.

### CASTLE PEAK NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sandusky and children visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Coats near Nubia.

Mrs. Eula Provine and daughter, Nola, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Luther Osborn.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Malone have been confined to their beds with the measles, but we are glad to say that they are up again.

Mrs. J. B. Rosson and daughters, Addie Mae and Clarice, accompanied by Mrs. J. A. Scott and daughter,

made a business trip to Sweetwater Monday.

Mr. Ed Sandusky of Weslaco is here visiting his brothers, J. D. and W. R. Sandusky.

The largest post office in the United States not on a railroad is in Texas. Canton, county seat of Van Zandt County, carries that distinction with annual receipts of \$7,000, double daily mail service from Edgewood ten miles away and five rural mail routes.

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# COURT HOLDS BUYER OF LIQUOR NOT LIABLE

Washington, May 29.—The supreme court Monday ruled that buyers of liquor are not guilty of violating the Volstead law.

The decision was rendered on the government's appeal to sustain an indictment charging James E. Farrar of Boston with violation of the law.

The court's decision was unanimous. Justice Sutherland declared that congress had purposely omitted making the purchaser of liquor guilty.

Justice Sutherland read the opinion.

Regarded as the most important liquor case in the high court since the early days of prohibition, the government's case was personally directed by Attorney General Mitchell to settle a question which has agitated wet and dry circles for months.

A clear cut case was presented to the court. Farrar was indicted in the federal court of Massachusetts. Farrar was alleged to have bought two pints of liquor from Frank Rotondo, of Medford. The indictment was squashed and a direct appeal was taken.

In prosecuting its appeal before the high court, government attorneys maintained that the question was of vast importance in enforcing the national prohibition law.

A contrary view was taken by William H. Lewis of Boston, negro ex-attorney general, who appeared for Farrar. He maintained that if a liquor buyer is guilty he cannot be com-

pelled to give evidence and therefore would cripple government prosecutions.

### HINGED ON VOLSTEAD LAW.

The case hinged entirely on interpretation of the Volstead law. The section of the law making offenses under the 18th amendment does not include simple purchase of liquor.

The government, however, contended that the law should be construed broadly as to the purpose of the 18th amendment to halt use of liquor as a beverage.

The Volstead law does prohibit purchase of liquor by holders of permits to purchase, such as druggists, doctors, unless they abide by terms of the permit, and the government said this provision could be stretched to include simply buying by any one.

Defense counsel cited the Congressional Record of debate when the 18th amendment was enacted. The senate refused to name purchase of liquor in the amendment. This, it was contended, was evidence that congress wanted to exempt the liquor purchaser.

Although government attorneys had for years made no effort to prosecute liquor buyers, the question was raised to public prominence when Senator Sheppard, (democrat,) of Texas, introduced a bill to make the buyer guilty and the attorney general decided to find out whether the law already had done that.

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Policemen armed with notebooks and pencils were stationed Sunday at filling stations, cigar stores and other places of business to record violations of the vice and immorality act of 1798. Any person observed exchanging "currency of the land" for merchandise, or vice versa, was asked his name and address and informed that his name would be presented to the Mercer county grand jury.

Other officers of the law stalked through the residential streets straining their ears for strains of non-religious music from radios, pianos, cornets or other instruments. When they detected such sound, they knocked at the door of the citizen and took his name.

The crews of trains, trolleys and the like violating the 132-year-old taboo were duly recorded. Originally the law permitted only drug store purchases of necessary medicines and the driving of buggies for urgent reasons. An amendment permitted walk-

ing or driving for pleasure. Only one train a day is legal.

Director of Public Safety La Barre said the police would continue their check-up next Sunday and the next. Sunday's crusade came after the sudden rebellion of shopkeepers and theatre owners last Sunday, when they opened their doors and did a thriving business.

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### Trent News and Personal Notes

Miss Estelle Terry left Wednesday for California to spend the summer.

Miss Fannie Bell Wells of Sweetwater spent the week-end here with friends.

C. S. Robinson of Midland was transacting business in town last week.

Miss Fannie Scott spent the week-end in Abilene.

Miss Lillie Harris is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Cliff Estep.

Miss Estelle Terry visited part of last week in the W. L. Boyd home in Hamlin.

Mrs. R. B. McRee and daughter visited in Lubbock last week-end. Mrs. Susie Sloan, Mrs. McRee's sister, returned with her for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Melton Sherman, Mrs. Ed Sherman and Miss Florence Sherman spent Sunday in Cisco, and Mrs. R. T. Wise came home with them for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Overmire of Fort Worth were recent guests of Mrs. Overmire's son, Byron Dingle, and also Mrs. R. B. McRee.

Miss Audy Freeman and Mrs. Geneva Tomlin are here at the bedside of their sister, Miss Opal Freeman, who is critically ill.

Friends of Mrs. G. McLaughlin will be glad to know that her condition is improved.

Mrs. S. D. McLeod has gone to Mineral Wells for an extended visit with her son, Bob, and his family.

Mr. and Mrs. John Strawn and Algie Steen were called to Greenville Saturday to attend the funeral of their uncle.

Mrs. G. M. McElmery has as her guests Sunday her two sons, Walter and Alonzo, and their families and Luther Stolser and family.

Miss Ferne Martin of Temple is visiting friends here.

Miss Madaline Payne is home from Oplin where she taught the past term.

Mr. and Mrs. O'Kelley of Abilene spent Sunday with their son, Hunter O'Kelley, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Armour have moved back here from Rock Spring.

W. C. Nalley, an old-time resident, but now living in South Texas, is visiting his sons, Joe and Jess, and his daughter, Mrs. M. G. Bryant.

Miss Opal Nalley is here for a visit.

### HEBRON NEWS

All of the farmers are busy working in the fields.

Uncle Harvey West, Charley West and Grandfather and Grandmother Clark visited J. H. Clark Sunday.

A. E. Heath and family visited Lige Harris Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. S. A. Pence entertained the young folks with a party Saturday night.

Willie Harris returned home from Paducah Sunday.

Miss Mary Pence visited her brother, S. A. Pence, last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Harris visited Jim Bird of Stith Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Pannell motored to Abilene Sunday.

Mrs. Jack Sharp visited her mother at Horn Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Williamson visited Lige Harris Sunday.

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### Zion Chapel News

Mr. and Mrs. Burley Bond of Goodwin spent the week-end with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Bigham of Tye visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Merritt, last Thursday and attended the closing school play.

Mrs. H. M. Warren and three children of Knox City are visiting her sister, Mrs. E. C. Spurgin, having come especially to attend the graduating exercises of her nephew, Ectyl Spurgin.

Mrs. Vernie Merritt and little son and Miss Deavers of Kale visited friends here last Wednesday.

Grandma Harris has returned to her home in Anson after spending the week visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Spurgin of Noodle visited the former's mother, Mrs. R. R. Spurgin, one day last week.

Farmers in this vicinity are very busy; most of them are through planting, but are killing weeds.

Although some better at the present time, Mrs. Ramsey is still not able to be up.

Mrs. M. D. Goodyear and little son of Anson are visiting her sister, Mrs. Ola Spurgin. While here, she attended the graduating exercises of Merkel High school.

Mr. and Mrs. John Moore and two children of Van Horn visited her mother, Mrs. R. B. Rains, last Friday and Saturday. Mr. Elias Rains accompanied them home for a few days' visit.

Our school closed May 23 after a successful year's work, with Mr. J. M. Taylor as principal and Misses Nina McAninch and Rubye Evans and Mrs. M. K. Milner assistants. The Wednesday evening program was a decided success and the play, "Poor Father," was postponed until Friday on account of the weather.

Miss Carrie Whittaker of Pecos is visiting her sister, Mrs. Marshal.

#### BRIDAL SHOWER.

On last Wednesday afternoon Mesdames Chancy, Tarvin, Spurgin and Lanier were hostesses for a bridal shower in the auditorium of the Commerce school building, announcing the engagement of Miss Nina McAninch and Mr. J. M. Taylor. The rooms were beautifully decorated in pink

and orange and the following program was rendered:

"Asking the Parents," Mrs. H. R. Chancy.

Duet, Mesdames Spurgin and Lucas.

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Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served to Mesdames Horton, Spurgin, Childress, Touchstone, Marshal, Lucas, Davis, Adkins, L. V. Spurgin, Milner, Loving, Welborn, Stouth, Allred, Newman, Tarvin and Clemmer and Misses Rubye Evans, Foy Milborn, Lavern Bonds, Ina May Childress, Rena Terry, Robbie Horton, Rubye Touchstone, Thelma McAninch, Faye Loving, Dueberry, and Flora and Lila Adkins.

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