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LIST ANNOUNCED DEMO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMEN

30 Precinct Chairmen to Meet
Next Monday with County
Chairman James P. Stinson;
Ticket to Be Made Up.

Including vacancies filled and chairmen appointed for the newly created precincts, the complete personnel of the Taylor county democratic executive committee has been announced by County Chairman James P. Stinson of Abilene.

The next meeting of the committee will be on Monday, June 16, when the officials will determine the order in which names of all candidates for all offices shall be placed on the tickets for the party primaries on July 26. All county, precinct and district candidates in Taylor county, which comprises one legislative district, have until midnight Saturday, June 14, to file requests to have their names placed on the ballot.

Following are the names of all precinct chairmen who make up the county executive committee, the first ten precincts being in the city of Abilene:

- Precinct 1, courthouse, Z. D. Hailey.
- Precinct 2, fire station, 5th and Butternut, B. L. Ellis.
- Precinct 3, city auditorium, fair park, R. D. Green.
- Precinct 4, Carothers Motor company, North 1st and Orange, H. H. Ramsey.
- Precinct 5, fire station, 4th and Cedar, Charles Wright.
- Precinct 6, fire station, 1601 Orange R. E. Burns.
- Precinct 7, North Park school building, Homer Hutto.
- Precinct 8, Peurifoy Tourist camp, T. C. Richardson.
- Precinct 9, K. C. Hall, Bankhead highway, Harrison Blackburn.
- Precinct 10, McMurry Filling station, R. L. Over.
- Precinct 11, Caps-Abilene, Ben Peavy.
- Precinct 12, Tye-Abilene, E. W. Dinwiddie.
- Precinct 13, Buffalo Gap, J. Warren Clark.
- Precinct 14, Jim Ned, W. W. Gladden.
- Precinct 15, Moro, J. D. Elliott.
- Precinct 16, Nubia, W. C. Neill.
- Precinct 17, Merkel, W. O. Boney.
- Precinct 18, Guion, W. A. Graham.
- Precinct 19, Shep, A. B. Sheppard.
- Precinct 20, Potosi, James Gilbreath.
- Precinct 21, Trent, A. W. Wood.
- Precinct 22, Caps-Merkel, Fred Rucker.
- Precinct 23, View, T. Y. Landingham.
- Precinct 24, Tuscola, J. E. Casey.
- Precinct 25, Ovalo, James Hurt.
- Precinct 26, Iberis, J. B. Lovett.
- Precinct 27, Tye-Merkel, W. R. McCartney.
- Precinct 28, Lawn, R. F. Cannon.
- Precinct 29, Blair, Z. V. Moore.
- Precinct 30, Bradshaw, C. M. Hunt.

Third of Varsity Grads Will Go to Devil, Prexy Says

Austin, Texas, June 12.—Degrees of the University of Texas were conferred on 614 graduates by Dr. H. Y. Benedict, president, at the forty-seventh annual commencement services Monday in Gregory gymnasium.

Dr. Benedict delivered the commencement address, which was unusually brief, in which he analyzed the true value of a degree. Tracing the history of the university since 1883, Dr. Benedict said that more than 60,000 "exes" had left the university and more than 15,000 degrees had been conferred. The cost of this education to the state was more than \$20,000,000, he said, which averages more than \$1,000 to each graduate and between \$400 and \$500 to each student.

The graduates were classified according to schools and degrees. More than 100 master's and doctor's degrees were awarded while forty-five were conferred with honors.

According to Dr. Benedict's classification of the graduates, one-third will never be heard from again, one-third will "go to the devil" and one-third will be of service to the world. It is the last third from which the state derives its profit.

ANNOUNCES FOR REPRESENTATIVE

R. M. Wagstaff, Abilene Attorney,
Will Run for Place Now
Held by Carlos Speck.

R. M. Wagstaff, Abilene attorney, announced Wednesday that he would make the race for the state legislature as representative from the 116th (Taylor county) district. Wagstaff is a candidate to succeed Judge Carlos D. Speck, who has announced that he does not intend to seek re-election. Mr. Wagstaff was born and reared in Abilene, educated in the public schools there and attended Simmons university and the University of Texas. He has lived in Taylor county all of his life, except three years, when he served in the Texas National guard on the Mexican border and overseas in France. For the past ten years he has been engaged in the practice of law in Abilene.

LONG OUT OF RACE.
Judge M. S. Long, who several weeks ago announced for congress, issued a statement last week regarding his withdrawal from the race, in which he explained he would have "neither the money nor the time to make the campaign for congress."

His four-year term on the 42nd district court bench has two years yet to run, expiring in 1932.

His withdrawal leaves only two candidates in the field for congress, Thomas L. Blanton, recently elected to fill the unexpired term of R. Q. Lee, and V. Earl Earp of Sweetwater.

DAN MOODY TAKES SELF DEFINITELY OUT OF RUNNING

Withdrawal Speech Leads to Hot
Exchange of Words with For-
mer Governor Ferguson; Cer-
tify Fourteen Candidates.

With Senator Thomas B. Love of Dallas asserting that he would not support Mrs. Miriam A. Ferguson of Austin or Frank Putnam of Houston, candidates for governor, or, R. L. Henry of Houston, candidate for United States senator, were they the nominees of the party primary and former Governor James E. Ferguson "daring" Governor Moody to run while Governor Moody was on his feet requesting that his name be not certified as a candidate for a third term, the state democratic executive committee meeting at Austin Monday developed into one of the most exciting political sessions in Texas history.

NO TEST PRESCRIBED.
Ferguson's challenge to Gov. Dan Moody came as a climax to the meeting, which failed to prescribe any kind of a test for candidates in an effort to keep Senator Love's name from the primary ballots.

After he read the prepared statement asking that his name as a candidate be not certified, Gov. Dan Moody expressed hope the democrats would not nominate either Mrs. Ferguson or former United States Senator Earle B. Mayfield, declaring that former Gov. James E. Ferguson, who was held ineligible to hold office by the supreme court was "running under Mrs. Ferguson's petticoat," and that Senator Mayfield was "unfit to hold public office."

Ferguson, who was sitting only a short distance from Gov. Moody, got to his feet and shaking his finger at the governor, shouted:

"I dare you to run; you coward."

MOODY'S COMEBACK.
"I met you and defeated you; there can be no greater coward than one who betrays public trust and seeks to destroy good government, and I anticipate your ignominious defeat," Gov. Moody retorted, his face flushed. Ferguson got up again and repeated his challenge but Governor Moody had returned to his chair.

Some one tried to defend Senator Mayfield, but his voice was lost in the din caused by the run-in between Ferguson and Gov. Moody.

The names of former Lieutenant Governor Lynch Davidson of Houston and Senator Pink L. Parrish of Lubbock, who had been "drafted" as gubernatorial candidates when friends filed their candidacies, were certified. Davidson was in the hall and did not protest, but refused later to make formal announcement. Parrish was reported not in the state.

NOT CONTESTING FRIENDS.
"I have many loyal friends in Texas with whom I would not want to contest for another term in the governor's office, and the chairman of the highway commission happens to be one of them," Governor Moody said to the committee. "I am due him nothing but friendship and gratitude for a public service well performed and I am his friend. It seems, however, that it is proper both for him and for me, since he holds appointment under me, that I say in this connection that he had not been brought into the campaign by me or as an administration candidate but so far as I am concerned and so far as he or the administration is concerned, he runs on his own initiative and merit."

Moody was referring to R. S. Sterner. (Continued on Page Four)

Grand Jury Returns Ten Indictments

Ten true bills were returned by the 104th court grand jury when they adjourned Tuesday afternoon after a two-day session. It will be subject to call during the remainder of the term of court.

Members of the grand jury, of which Sam Canon is foreman, are S. A. Bacon, Will Parnelly, C. D. Parnell, W. T. Reddell, Abilene; T. C. Richardson, Hawley; Walter Taylor, Tuscola; F. Y. Gaither, Z. V. Moore, Merkel; A. D. Bozer, Ovalo; Sid Parnell, Lawn, and Henry Roberts, Guion.

The indictments returned included one charge of bigamy, two for theft of chickens, one for seduction, one for possession of intoxicating liquor for the purpose of sale, two for carrying a pistol, one for theft of over \$50 and one for burglary.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

G. E. Colbert, Jr., 17, freshman at A. & M., died Tuesday of a broken neck and partially severed spinal cord received while diving in Blue Lake near Orange.

Texas ranger during the war between the states and resident of the same Cooke county farm for 77 years, Isaac Gregory died at Gainesville at the age of 88.

Galveston was selected over competition with San Antonio, Mineral Wells and Austin by the democratic state executive committee as the 1930 state convention city.

The T. P. Singing convention, which closed a highly successful two-day session at Abilene Saturday, selected Gorman for the 1931 meeting place and re-elected all its officers.

Stating that it would interfere with business connections, W. H. Bledsoe of Lubbock, former state senator, has announced his withdrawal from the race for lieutenant-governor.

The honorary degree of doctor of laws was conferred on R. B. Creager of Brownsville, republican national committeeman, by Southwestern university of Georgetown, his alma mater.

Two Houston men, William Strauss, insurance, and Paul Wakefield, veteran newspaper man, have been appointed state campaign manager and director of publicity, respectively, by R. S. Sterling.

First concrete was poured Thursday on state highway No. 4 between Anson and Abilene and the entire 22 miles is said to be ready for concrete. The road will likely be completed in October.

Louis L. Farr, 64, well known San Angelo banker and ranchman, who had lived in West Texas since 1884 and was San Angelo's first city engineer, died Tuesday at a Temple sanitarium.

When he approached to investigate a dynamite charge which failed to go off, T. H. Langley, 62, an employe of the Texas Power and Light company at Mineral Wells, lost an eye and suffered other severe injuries.

J. M. Gage, San Saba ranchman, narrowly escaped being bitten by a rattlesnake, which had nine rattles, when, as the snake struck, his fangs hung in Gage's boots near the ankle, tearing a small piece of leather out.

Protesting innocence to the last breath, "Dagger" Pruitt, 22, went to the electric chair Friday morning for the murder of William Mann, Dallas high school youth, in the presence of his girl companion in January, 1929.

After having been shut in for 25 days in a caved-in closed part of a Malakoff mine, a mule was found to have lived off of bark from the props and other pieces of timber in the tunnel, when rescuers opened the cave-in.

Beside the body of W. F. "Bill" Cummins, well known El Paso salesman and broker, found in a hotel room late Monday, was a farewell note: "The public always is curious. There is not a reason in the world for doing this. I am just tired of living."

Frank M. Gibson, 21, of Norman, Okla., college student, who was "hitch-hiking" to El Paso to enlist in the citizens' military camp and who was riding on the running board of the automobile, was killed at Sweetwater when the car collided with another car.

John Alsop, former Fort Worth policeman, was sentenced to 20 years in the state penitentiary for the slaying of Will Tate, one of the two negro bank robbers he shot and killed in the alleged murder conspiracy in connection with the attempted robbery of the First State bank of Polytechnic April 10.

After celebrating their last day in America by taking three audiences at the New York Hippodrome by storm, the Cowboy Band of Simmons university sailed Wednesday on the giant steamer, Leviathan, for Europe where they are booked for two months of concerts.

The body of Mrs. Henry Herron, who had lived in Dallas seven years, but who formerly lived in Albany, was found by firemen sitting upright and leaning against a ruined wall of the fire-charred ruins of a wash house and garage at the rear of her home.

Crusade Started by Agents on Sellers Of Poison Liquor

New York, June 12.—Dressed as down-and-outers, more than fifty prohibition agents began a crusade against places alleged to be selling wood alcohol and other poison liquor in the vicinity of the Bowery. Prohibition Administrator Maurice Campbell led the raids.

The investigation was intended to determine the source of poisoned liquor which has caused thirty-two deaths in the city during the last thirty days.

Poison liquor has been blamed for many deaths recently among the frequenters of Bowery speak-easies.

In a drug store on the Bowery the manager was arrested by agents, who charged he sold them a bottle of denatured alcohol for 25c. A drum and 500 bottles marked "Poison—Denatured Alcohol" were seized. In another drug store the owner's wife was arrested for selling alcohol for 25c a bottle.

A bartender and another employe of an alleged speakeasy on the Bowery were arrested and agents seized a gallon of what they described as whiskey-colored alcohol.

IRWIN NAMED AS NEW HIGH COACH

Man Who Directed Stanton to
Championship to Take Charge
of Badger Squad.

The new M. H. S. coach is Russell Briggs Irwin, A. B. from Simmons university, 1929, and coach of Stanton High last year when that school won the district championship over such towns as Midland, Odessa, Colorado and Big Spring. He will teach science.

His home is Oplin Callahan county, and he taught last year at Stanton. While attending Simmons university, he was on the regular squad and participated in games with both T. C. U. and S. M. U.

He was elected at a special meeting of the school board held Wednesday night and has announced that he will be here several weeks ahead of the opening of school to arrange preliminaries and to start football practice.

The only other vacancy in the teaching staff of the Merkel Public schools, teacher of reading and spelling in the intermediate grades, was also filled at the meeting Wednesday night, when Miss Janie Rose Head of Ovalo was selected. She has her A. B. degree from Simmons and taught last year at McCauley.

Record of Births.
Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Clint Maddera, Blair, Saturday, June 7, 1930.
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Lucas, Comper, Sunday, May 8, 1930.

MEMBERS OF BAND LIONS' HONOREES AT PICNIC PARTY

Nearly Sixty Present when Local
Civic Club Plays Hosts to Di-
rector Hartman and Members
of Merkel Booster Band.

Plans of the Lions club to honor the Merkel Booster band, winners of a silver loving cup as second prize in the two-year class of bands at the WTCC band contest, with an open-air concert, picnic supper and swimming party Tuesday evening, were modified somewhat on account of the light rains that fell during the afternoon. Instead the concert was given downtown in front of the Lions club banquet hall and the supper was served from long tables arranged along one side of the hall.

The swim was one part of the program that was not altered in any particular and, after the concert and repeat, the boys with their sweethearts drove out to Shannon's Lake and took advantage of the courtesy previously extended them by John Shannon as his part of the compliment paid the band boys.

Including the band director, G. A. Hartman, and his wife, the band boys and their sweethearts and the members of the Lions club and their wives there were nearly sixty present for this most enjoyable affair.

With each appearance of the hometown band, their training shows further improvement and their concert Tuesday evening was thoroughly enjoyed. One of the numbers played was "The Gypsy Festival" overture, which Mr. Hartman had used as their contest number and with which they won the prize of the silver loving cup.

Rev. R. A. Walker, as chairman of the committee on arrangements, was master of ceremonies, the chief of which after the concert seemed to be the delectable supper plate provided by the club hostess, Mrs. Frank McFarland.

Following a brief talk, in which the director and band boys were praised for their accomplishment in winning the honors for Merkel, and the invocation by Rev. J. T. King, tempting (Continued on Page Four)

Boy Scouts Enjoy Overnight Hike

With Scoutmaster R. A. Walker and Herbert Patterson in charge, seven local Boy Scouts enjoyed an overnight hike and camping party in Couch's pasture last Friday night. They cooked their own supper over a campfire and had a general good time. Scouts participating in this fun were J. T. Darsey, Jr., Jim Patterson, Howard Carson, Virgil Perkins, Warden Boswell, Truitt Patterson and Byron Bull.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail June 17, 1910.)

City in Clover is to have electric lights soon. W. E. Brittain, the electric light man, states that he will begin at once the erection of his building and expects the arrival of his machinery some time next week.

Mrs. Z. F. Green expired at her home, after a short illness, yesterday morning. She leaves a husband in very feeble condition and a son, Ed Green, and daughter, Mrs. S. L. Gamble.

Alderman B. C. Gaither celebrated his regular annual birthday anniversary Saturday and admitted to us confidentially that he had passed the 50th milestone and was now drawing on the last year of the three score span. He persists in the belief that he is yet a very young and handsome man and continually begrudges the fact that he was not born with riches and better business ability instead of good looks. He was presented with a handsome gold watch fob by his "little son, Davenport, and here's our congratulations.

Roy Elliott is at Albany on business this week.

Little Gordy Bland, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bland of our little city, died at their home Sunday.


Miss Faye Allen returned from a visit to Sweetwater Sunday.

Miss E. Love Hawkins left Sunday for her home in Tennessee.

Miss Faye Lowery attended the commencement exercises at the Stamford college last week.

Miss Clara Fields, a charming young lady from Fort Worth, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jud Sheppard last week.

Misses Eula and Mollie Sears left Sunday night for Nashville, Tenn., where they will join President A. N. Eshman's party of pleasure seekers. They will visit in Cincinnati, Detroit, across into Canada to Niagara Falls, Buffalo, Albany, down the Hudson to New York City, Philadelphia, Washington, with a day on the Potomac, Mt. Vernon, Asheville, Chattanooga, back to Nashville, then "home, sweet home."



THE TOWN DOCTOR

"DOCTOR OF TOWNS" SAYS

IF YOU THINK IT WON'T, IT WON'T

About three o'clock one afternoon I sat in a barber chair in a town of about seven thousand population. Without warning a "guest" of the shop tossed aside the paper he was reading and said, "This Town Doctor dope may be all right for some towns but it will never do any good here."

I was all interest immediately, more so when someone asked, "why not?"

"Well, because it won't" replied the "guest" and turning to the barber who had me in charge asked "Will it Bill?"

Bill said, "I guess it won't" and went on shaving.

The door opened and a customer entered. The "guest" immediately demanded "Have you read what the Town Doctor has to say this week?"

The customer replied that he had and, asked whether such would be of any value to the community, of which they were all a part, he replied "Well, I don't know if it will do any good here or not; but even if it did I don't see where it would get me anything."

"Me neither" agreed the guest, and the subject drifted on to something else.

As I stepped from the chair I addressed the "guest" with "May I enquire as to your line of business?" He appeared rather surprised but replied "I'm a carpenter, but I'm not workin' at it now." "Why?" I asked. "No work," was his answer.

I then asked the customer "You may think it strange, and none of my business, but what is your line?" "Foreman out at (naming a local factory) but they been shut down for three weeks."

I then turned to the barber and asked, "How's business?" "Slow, awful slow—you see things are pretty quiet here" to which I again asked "Why?"

I would like to give here the exact answer and remarks that these men made, but The Mail, being a good newspaper, would not print

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OUR STATE SENDS MOST TO JAIL IN DRY CASES

Washington, June 12.—More prisoners are confined in the Texas state prison for violation of the prohibition law than any other state in the union and more are confined there for violation of the state prohibition law than in thirty-two other states combined, Representative Carl G. Bachmann (Rep.), of West Virginia, declared in the House Friday.

Speaking on congestion in state and federal penitentiaries, Representative Bachmann dealt with conditions in Texas, Ohio and his own state to bring out the salient points. On Jan. 1, 1930, according to the speaker, there were 635 prisoners confined for violation of the Texas state prohibition law, which is more than were confined for violation of state prohibition laws in thirty-two states combined.

Texas was named one of nine states in which there were confined as many prisoners the first of this year as in the other thirty-two states combined. Texas also ranks third among the states in the number of prisoners confined in federal penitentiaries, the number being 615, Mr. Bachmann said.

TEXAS CONVICTS MOST.

"For the fiscal year 1929," Mr. Bachmann continued, "there were 621 prisoners sentenced by the federal courts in Texas, to the five federal prisons. This is more than were sentenced from any other state during the year.

"There was none sentenced from the state of Nevada during the year."

Mr. Bachmann cited the prison population of the five federal penitentiaries showing the number of inmates had increased from 7,194 in 1927 to 11,270 on Jan. 1, 1930, an increase of over 4,000. In addition there were on April 1, 13,500 federal prisoners confined in 1,100 county jails throughout the country, according to an estimate of the United States Prison bureau, Mr. Bachmann asserted. All of these were serving sentences of one year or less. A total of 26,500 federal prisoners were confined in all institutions on April 1, 1930, the speaker added. The normal capacity of the five federal prisons is 6,987.

An analysis of the laws violated by these 26,500 federal prisoners shows that 27 per cent were sentenced for violation of the national prohibition act, Mr. Bachmann said. He added that the number sentenced to federal prisons for violation of the liquor laws had increased from 964 in 1927 to 2,130 in 1929 and continued:

"Approximately 66 per cent or about two-thirds of all prisoners received in the five federal prisons during the fiscal year 1929 were received for a violation of three federal statutes: Twenty-five per cent for violation of the national prohibition

Abilene Housewife Gives Statement

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No extravagant claims are made for Argotane the new stomach preparation now being introduced here, but that it will restore your system to a perfect state of health if suffering from stomach, liver, or kidney trouble. This is backed up by statements of local people who have used this treatment and are loud in the praises of it. Below is a statement made by Mrs. S. M. Cocerel of 1123 N. Seventeenth, Abilene, Texas.

"For over a year I have been in a very bad condition from stomach trouble. For about a year everything I ate soured and formed gas. I had pains and cramps in my stomach that would make me miserable for an hour or two after every meal. I was very bilious and dizzy and had severe headaches. I was weak and nervous and was in a general rundown condition.

"I heard so much about Argotane that I decided to try it and before I had taken the first bottle I felt greatly relieved and since I have continued to take it I feel perfectly well. I never felt better in my life. My stomach is in fine shape and I can eat any thing I want and never suffer with pains and cramps like I used to. My dizzy and bilious spells are gone and I haven't had a headache since taking Argotane. I am not nervous as I was and I sleep fine every night. Argotane is a good medicine and it certainly has helped me and I know it will help others who give it a fair trial."

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

THE TOWN DOCTOR

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it. Suffice it to say that the "reason why," according to them, was not their fault, nor had they anything to do with bringing about the condition, or correcting it, the town and all the people in it except themselves, was "dead," and there wasn't any use to try to make it otherwise.

Towns are people. People are all more or less alike—as they think, so are they. And just as most of the people in a community think, just so is the community. Let enough people think a thing is so, and it might as well be so; on the other hand let enough people think a thing is not so, and in course of events it will not be so.

Those men in the barber shop, even the out-of-work and therefore devoid-of-pay, thought it would do no good to try to "build" and otherwise make better the community in which they lived and worked; and as long as they maintained that view it wouldn't do any good. And if their opinion was the opinion of the majority of the people in the community it wouldn't do the community any good regardless of Town Doctor Articles, or anything else.

Merkel or any other community is just as good, just as 'live, just as attractive as the majority of the people think it is. Business will be just as

good as the same majority are willing to make it.

Quit thinking Merkel is dead, or that it won't do any good to make it better. Get it out of your head that what you do, think and say won't make any difference. Get it into your head that you can make things better.

Get together with others who have the same idea, and you can make Merkel whatever you want to make it.

If you think you can't you can't. If you think it won't, it won't.

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MERKEL MAIL WANT ADS FOR RESULTS

Gallant Fox Ridden By Earl Sande Wins Rich Belmont Stakes

Belmont Park, N. Y., June 12.—Gallant Fox, with the bruised and bandaged Earl Sande in the saddle, answered the challenge to their greatness Saturday by scoring a smashing triumph in the rich Belmont stakes capturing the three-year-old championship of the American turf and the palest shadow of a doubt. It was the big test for William Woodward's big bay son of Sir Galahad 3rd and Gallant Fox met it by running the legs off Harry Payne Whitney's famous Whichone, the favorite, in a finish that was startlingly decisive in every respect.

The Fox established a new record for the Belmont stakes by running the mile and a half in 2 minutes, 31 3-5 seconds. This surpassed the time of 2:32 2-5, set by Crusader in 1926, when the distance was increased and equalled the following year by a chance-shot. The time was short of Man o' War's track record of 2:28 1-5 for the mile and a half.

The victory added \$66,060 to his owner's winnings and shot his total beyond the \$200,000 mark as a threat to the big money winners of the turf for all time. In four races this spring, Gallant Fox won \$183,840.

The outcome of Saturday's race was a distinct shock to the "wise money" which had rated the Fox somewhat lightly in spite of his great record and established Whichone fourth on favorite, at 3 to 5, with the Fox quoted at 8 to 5.

The Woodward colt acted as if startled by these circumstances for he was impatient to be off, bolting from the barrier and galloping an eighth of a mile down the track before Sande was able to turn him. They were off a moment later and the Fox was first to the rail running at the flank of Swinfield. Questionnaire was third and Whichone fourth and they had these positions in the run around the first turn.

As the small field rounded into the home stretch, Whichone moved into second place and it looked like a real race. The Whitney colt was then a length and a half back of the Fox but the former's challenge was short lived. The Fox bounded away from the favorite, setting the outcome in a few strides and galloping past the grand stand in a magnificent finish to win easily.

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Los Angeles Ranks As Fifth U. S. City

Los Angeles, June 12.—The Angeleno, long held in ridicule for his enthusiasm for Los Angeles, is having his round since the official announcement of the city's population as 1,231,730.

From tenth city of the United States with population of 576,673 10 years ago, Los Angeles has zoomed over the hurdles to claim the ranking position as the fifth American municipality.

The increase for the period was 115.71 per cent, or a gain of 655,057 since 1920.

Los Angeles county, not including the city, showed a population of 967,827, bringing the city-county total to 2,199,557, a 134.88 per cent increase for the decade.

Virtually every other city in the belt showed remarkable gains. The nation's fastest growing city, Beverly Hills, home of many motion picture celebrities and Will Rogers, nationally known critic and funnyman, headed the list with a gain of 245 per cent.

Beverly Hills population 10 years ago was only 674 people compared with 17,428 now.

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Kiddies Don't Like Sophisticated Talks

Denver, Colo., June 12.—Moving picture fans still opposed to the talking pictures have been given another argument by Mrs. Thomas G. Winter of Pasadena, Cal., an expert, who testified the innovation has robbed America's children of considerable entertainment.

Mrs. Winter, a public relations director for a producers organization, was prepared to explain the modern moving picture to 5000 women attending the biennial convention of the General Federation of Women's clubs. Understood pantomime; but the talkie children could understand most of the stories on the screen because they understood pantomime; but the talkie and its gradual sophistication in speech has robbed the child of a good portion of its movie entertainment, Mrs. Winter said.

The producers are meeting a need for the child's film, catering to that portion of the audience which makes up about eight per cent of its paying clientele of the average theatre, she added.

Youth Paralyzed by Fall

Longview, Texas, June 12.—Clifford Felts, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Felts of this city, fell from a moving car Sunday night at 12 o'clock, the bumper of the car striking him between his shoulders and the back of his neck, causing serious injury to his spinal cord and paralysis of his legs. He was taken to a Dallas sanitarium Monday for treatment.

Plans Under Way for July Fourth Race Program at Abilene

Abilene, June 12.—Plans for the annual Independence Day automobile and motorcycle race program at Abilene are being perfected this week. The five-eighths-mile dirt track is being treated with calcium chloride and entry blanks are in the mail for a hundred or more race car pilots and cyclists.

One hundred laps of automobile races on the card are interspersed with five and ten-mile motorcycle dashes. The total purse is \$3,200, the speed car events drawing \$2,500 of the money. Time trial awards will be made for both race classes.

With sanction of the American Automobile association and the American Motorcycle association, the races will be staged by the West Texas Fair association of which Louis Montgomery of Abilene is president.

The race program will begin at 1:30 in the afternoon with time tryouts. Main track events are scheduled to start at 3 o'clock.

M. B. Hanks has been named to referee the events. G. A. Creswell is official starter and W. R. Calhoun, assistant starter. The AAA representative is D. H. Jefferies.

Attendance and interest in this year's Fourth of July dirt track contests are expected to outstrip races of previous years.

More than 500 marriages were solemnized in London civil offices alone at Easter time this year.

St. Louis Population 817,234. St. Louis, Mo., June 12.—The 1930 population of St. Louis was announced Monday as 817,234, an increase of 44,437, or 5.7 per cent.

The figure, announced late Monday, fell short of estimates by the chamber of commerce, which had hoped St. Louis would go above Cleveland, now sixth largest city with 901,482.

Drift of population to suburbs was the apparent reason for the comparatively small growth since 1920 within the city limits, which have not been changed since 1885. The population of St. Louis city and St. Louis county, which are separate, is expected to exceed 1,000,000, while the population of the metropolitan area, including St. Clair and Madison counties, Illinois, is expected to reach 1,300,000.

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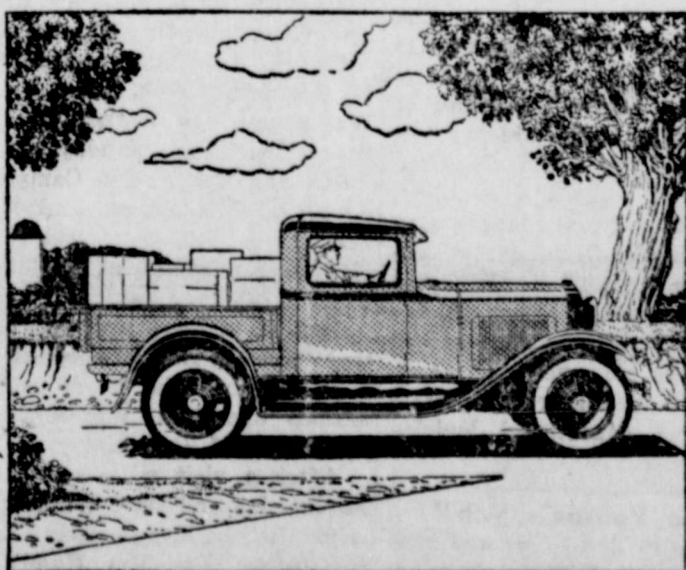
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**PROHIBITION AS LEADING
THINKERS SEE IT.**

For a further study of the topic, "What is a Texas Democrat," statements by two of the democratic candidates for United States senator furnish diametrically opposite views as to the efficacy of prohibition.

On the one hand Senator Morris Sheppard, as the proponent of the prohibition amendment and an ardent prohibition leader, sums up the present status as follows:

"Prohibition is stronger in the United States today than ever before. Since it became a part of the national constitution on January 16, 1920, every seat in the federal house of representatives has been voted upon four times, and each seat in the federal senate at least once, a third of the senate seats having been voted upon twice. The result is a larger majority for prohibition in both these bodies at the present than at any previous time. During this period of nearly ten years the American people have made more progress in three fundamental phases of human welfare, to wit, savings, life insurance, and home building, than in all the 131 years of this republic before the advent of national prohibition. So far as the great majority of the American people are concerned, they have traded the smaller liberty to drink intoxicants and to get drunk for the larger liberty to acquire homes, to save against misfortune and old age, to clothe and nourish their families in decency and comfort."

Countering this defense, Robert L. Henry of Houston, representative in the lower house for twenty years from the Waco district and a colleague of Senator Sheppard part of that time, drew ten counts against the national prohibition act in a speech delivered in Dallas last Friday night, using the following language:

"Prohibition has caused a steady increase in crime during the last ten years; American youth is drinking more today than ever before; American women are convinced that prohibition is a failure and a menace to the family life of the nation; in place of the old-time saloon we now have uncontrolled speakeasies; the youth of our nation are rapidly acquiring a taste for hard liquor; insurance statistics for 19,000,000 policy-holders show an increase of 600 per cent in deaths from alcoholism in the last ten years; the kitchen has now become the saloon; a law that permits one group to tell another how it shall live, eat, think, dress and pray will disappear in one way or another just as sure as the tides ebb and flow; both sexes now get drunk together and you can buy a cocktail shaker in every notion store in our country; the last ten years have shown that it is absolutely impossible to enforce prohibition."

As between these two viewpoints, many, who are considered conservative in their thoughts and decisions, agree with James M. Cox, former governor of Ohio and democratic candidate for president in 1920, who now believes that prohibition has had a trial and has proven a failure and that our present situation can be improved.

"As between the old saloon order, with its brewery controlled politics and what-not and the present set-up, I would prefer the latter," Governor Cox is quoted as saying, "But we all prefer not being compelled to choose between these two extremes. Both are impossible."

As the Wichita Falls Times succinctly observes, "What a great many people are wanting is temperance and the welfare and benefits that come from it regardless of how it may best be promoted."

Nine-Pound Boy Announced.
A telegram was received Wednesday by Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Ashby, announcing the birth of a nine-pound boy to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ben Ashby at DeLeon on Tuesday, June 10.

Blue Front Garage Reopens.
With Joe J. Barron as manager, announcement of the reopening of the Blue Front Service Station and Garage is made in this issue of The Mail. Mr. Barron is an automobile and garage man of several years experience, having been connected for sometime with the Dickenson Motor company at Tuscola and with which firm his service extended to the first of the year. Besides first class automobile repairing, a complete gas, oil and tire service will be offered and cars washed and greased. Mr. Barron with his family have removed here to make Merkel their home and are being cordially welcomed.

CHURCHES

MR. HARTMAN WITH SEVERAL MEMBERS OF BAND TO PLAY ORCHESTRA SELECTIONS AT THE ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE SUNDAY MORNING AT THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
Sunday School at 10 a. m. The Sunday School must be supported by the membership of the church, to make what it should be.

Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 8:15 p. m. Mr. Hartman with some members of his band will be with us at the 11 o'clock hour.
W. M. Elliott, Supt.
R. A. Walker, Pastor.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.
With 296 present last Sunday the Methodist Sunday School led in total attendance, the Baptist being second with 285. Attendance at the Church of Christ Sunday School was 88, with 68 present at the Presbyterian School. No report was received from the Nazarene church, the total from the four reporting Sunday Schools being 735.

MEN'S PRAYER MEETING.
Next Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock the regular Men's Prayer service will be held at the Nazarene church, with Rush Buford leader. Again last Sunday a goodly number were present at the Presbyterian church for this service in which men of all the churches of the city unite and at this service Everett King was the leader.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.
We will have the usual services next Lord's Day at the usual hours, except there will be no preaching that we know of now at 11 o'clock. Some one will make a short talk and the communion will follow to close by 12 o'clock noon.

We urge all members of the church that can do so to be present at all the services of the church.
In love, The Elders.

AT THE METHODIST CHURCH.
All services next Sunday and next week as usual. The Sunday School meets promptly at 9:45. It takes just a little more religious determination to get up on Sunday morning and get around in time for Sunday School. But you will find it worth far more than it will cost. Deal fair with God. Come next Sunday morning and hear the announcement about the big picnic the Sunday School is planning for Saturday and Sunday, 21st and 22nd of this month at the Presbyterian Camp Ground at Buffalo Gap. Everybody and their dogs are going. Camp-fire, fried bacon, onions and black coffee and a regular camp meeting time Saturday and Sunday.

The pastor will be in his pulpit at both hours next Sunday. Glad to have you worship with us.
T. C. Willett, Pastor.

EPWORTH HI-LEAGUE.
Subject: "Bible Stories That Inspire."
Leader, Mildred Richardson.
"Joseph, a Dreamer," by the leader.
"Gideon and his Army," Imogene Middleton.
"David and Goliath," Marie Stanford.
"Ruth," Duncan Briggs.
"Esther," Joyce Wheeler.
Hymn and Benediction.

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.
We had a good day last Sunday with five new members. Let us make it a better day next Sunday, by every one being present and on time. Sunday School 9:45, W. J. Largent superintendent. Every member of the church is expected at Sunday School. The pastor will deliver a stirring message to the Christians at 11 a. m. and at 8:15 p. m. he will bring a great evangelistic message. The public warmly welcomed.
Reporter.

JUNIOR B. Y. B. U. PROGRAM.
1. Preparation for the Supper, Dot Swafford.
2. Jesus Washes the Feet of the Disciples, Ora Derrick.
3. Jesus Leaves, Katherine Copeland.
4. The Supper, R. T. Blair.
5. Jesus Talks to His Disciples, Bobbie Copeland.
6. Jesus Prays, Coehne Morrison.
7. Jesus is Betrayed, Horace Boney.

ASSOCIATIONAL B. Y. P. U.
The Sweetwater Baptist Associational B. Y. P. U. will convene with the Tye Baptist church next Sunday at 2:30 p. m. The program is as follows:
Subject: "How We May Grow in Grace."
2:40 p. m.—Song service.
2:55 p. m.—Devotional, led by Ray

Garrett, Merkel.
3:10 p. m.—"Has the Average Church Member the Same Privilege to Walk with God as did Enoch?"—Rev. C. D. Owens, missionary.
3:30 p. m.—"The Influence of an Association," Austin Robertson, Salt Branch.
3:40 p. m.—Business.
Song.
Benediction.

Moody and Ferguson Exchange Hot Words

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ling of Houston, whom the governor had previously said, in confessing he had planned to run for a third term, "he would not like to oppose."

In an interview later in the week, Moody indicated that, although having withdrawn from the governor's race, he had no intention of viewing this year's tussle from the sidelines. Instead of retiring from the scene, he is going to give one of the candidates his whole-hearted support and will say Monday who that candidate is to be, according to the same statement. "I think there will be other withdrawals from the ticket before Monday when the county chairmen begin to print the names," the governor is quoted as saying.

Referring to the Ferguson-Moody clash before the state committee Monday, Governor Moody later gave the following statement to the newspapers: "My conversation with Jim Ferguson yesterday was the first I had had with him since he called me on the telephone while Mrs. Ferguson was governor and I was attorney general, and proposed that I give the legislature a favorable opinion on the proposition that it could pass an amnesty bill restoring to him the right to hold public office again. I had often longed to tell him to his face what I thought of him and I richly enjoyed doing so yesterday."

CREAGER LEFT OFF.
The name of R. B. Creager, republican national committeeman from Texas, had been submitted for governor in the democratic primaries, and upon his request it was not certified. The committee voted not to certify the names of any candidates for state offices who asked that they be eliminated.

Following is a list of candidates on the democratic state ticket as certified by the committee:
Governor: Senator Thomas B. Love, Dallas; Mrs. Miriam A. Ferguson, Austin; Lynch Davidson, Houston; Pink L. Parrish, Lubbock; Frank Putnam, Houston; Earle B. Mayfield, Austin; R. S. Sterling, Houston; Barry Miller, Dallas; James Young, Kaufman; C. C. Small, Wellington; Dr. C. E. Walker, Grapevine; T. N. Mauritz, Ganado; Paul Loven, New Braunfels; C. C. Moody, Fort Worth.

NEGROES BARRED.
The committee in effect went on record barring negroes from the primaries through the adoption of resolutions inviting all eligible and legally qualified white electors who declared their allegiance to the democratic party, who would take the statutory pledge: "I am a democrat and pledge myself to support the nominees of this primary," to participate in the primaries.

Efforts to devise some kind of a pledge for candidates to insure their support of the nominees of the primaries, in view of the supreme court's holding that Senator Love could not be barred because he had failed to vote for former Governor Alfred E. Smith of New York, party presidential nominee, in 1928, came to naught. Chairman Wilcox counseled the committee continuously that he did not believe the supreme court's decision in the Love case could be followed if a test for candidates, other than the statutory pledge, were applied.

Sanitarium Notes.
W. T. Cox, who resides south of town, underwent an emergency operation for appendicitis at the Merkel Sanitarium last Thursday night and is now doing nicely.

Changes in Schedules.
Effective next Sunday, June 15, slight changes will be made in the time of arrival of T. & P. trains here.

No. 3, westbound, will leave at 3:18 p. m. instead of 3:15, as at present. No. 4, eastbound, will be moved up from 2:32 p. m. to 2:18 p. m.
There will be no change in the westbound night train No. 7, which leaves at 4:58 a. m., but No. 6, eastbound, will leave at 2:05 a. m. instead of 2:03.

SOCIETY

THE GLEANERS CLASS.
The Gleaners class of the First Methodist church met at the home of Mrs. Fred Guitar Wednesday afternoon with Mesdames Guitar, Elmer Lowe and Duncan Briggs as joint hostesses. The program included an inspiring talk by Mrs. Len Sublett on "Friendship," a song in which class members and invited guests joined and a piano solo by Miss Duncan Briggs, followed by prayer led by the class teacher, Mrs. L. R. Thompson. After the business of the class was attended to, the house was turned over to the hostesses. Refreshments of sandwiches, potato chips, olives, macaroons and iced tea were served to the following: Mesdames R. A. Burgess, Fred Latham, Len Sublett, L. R. Thompson, M. R. Hale, Mack Buzbee, W. S. J. Brown, Doc Vaughn, R. R. Buford, Herbert Patterson, Underwood, Frank Iddings, Gardner, J. E. Richardson, Wm. M. Gambill, Vickers, Eli Case; visitors, Miss Maurita Penny of Winters, Misses Duncan Briggs and Mildred Richardson, together with the hostesses.

T. E. L. CLASS PARTY.
The T. E. L. class of the Baptist church made a happy occasion of Wednesday by spending the day in the suburban home of Mrs. W. J. Largent.

At noon each one opening a covered dish they had brought revealed a complete chicken dinner with ice cream and cake for desert. An informal social and business program was enjoyed throughout the afternoon. The following guests and members partook of the hospitality: Mrs. Olla Bourn, Fort Worth, Mrs. George Bullock, Stanton, Mrs. J. W. Saffle, Plainview, Mesdames M. D. Angus, A. R. Booth, Everett King, Joe Owens, Sam Swann, Earl Lassiter, Carey, Claude Derrick, Roy Miller, T. E. Collins, Hale Lancaster, Conder, Thos. Bearden, Ross Wheeler, Earl Teague, Reeves, John Toombs and Booth Warren.

BAND BOYS

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plates of fried chicken, potato salad, deviled eggs, bread and butter sandwiches, pickles, fried pies and lemonade were served to the following: Bandmaster G. A. Hartman and wife, Byron Patterson, Mabel Corinne Morton, Milton Case, Albert, Herbert, Clarence and Ola Mae Hartman, Jack Patterson, O. B. Boden, Ray Garrett, Terrell Mashburn, Izzy and Meyer Mellinger, Cecil Clark, Fred Baker, Harold and Horace Boney, H. H. Copeland and Ollie Walters, members of the band, Misses Nadine Tippett, Maurita Penny, Nell Durham, Marie Stanford, Imogene Middleton and Gwendolyn Vickers, Rev. R. A. Walker and wife, Rev. J. T. King, Messrs. and Mesdames W. O. Boney, Dee Grimes, R. A. Burgess, A. T. Sheppard, A. Morton, E. Yates Brown, C. R. Tittle, B. H. Lancaster, H. H. Jenkins, J. S. Bourn, S. D. Gamble and Booth Warren, Mesdames Olla Bourn, Fort Worth, and Harold De Moss, Houston, Messrs. Stan Johnson, C. K. Russell, Ben Bird, Perry Dickenson and C. J. Glover, Jr.

Bledsoe Withdrawal Pleases Waco Man

Waco, Texas, June 12.—The announcement that former State Senator W. H. Bledsoe of Lubbock has withdrawn from the race for lieutenant governor was pleasing to the supporters of Senator Edgar Witt of Waco. The Lubbock man was looked upon as a formidable candidate, due to his long service in the legislature and his wide acquaintance in west Texas.

When informed of Bledsoe's withdrawal, Senator Witt stated that he now felt certain of winning the nomination in the first primary. An earlier development, favorable to Witt's candidacy was the announcement that Hon. Tom W. Perkins, of McKinney, formerly a state senator, would not make the race for lieutenant-governor.

Senator Witt has served longer than any other member of the present senate, with one exception. He was elected in 1918 while still away in the army, and has served continuously since. He has been very active in prison reform, judicial reform, state university and educational legislation.

"Yimmie Yonson's Yob."
Everyone is invited to see and hear "Yimmie Yonson's Yob", a three-act play to be presented by the young folks of the IXL community at the Butman tabernacle Saturday night, June 14. No admission charged.

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PERSONAL NEWS NOTES

Sterling Sheppard is home from S. M. U. for summer vacation.
Winston Polly is visiting his uncle, Ben F. Polly, at Mineral Wells.
Miss Maurita Penny of Winters is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Eli Case.
Judge N. D. Cobb and family left Tuesday for a vacation visit to Christoval.
Mrs. W. G. Leach, Miss Thelma and Clayton Miller, are visiting relatives at Roby.
Friends will regret to learn that Miss Olive Garoutte is still on the sick list.
Miss Elizabeth Harkrider is home from McMurry for the summer vacation.
The Fred Baker family returned Saturday from a visit with relatives in Thalia.
Dr. C. B. Gardner and family have returned from a visit to their old home, Elnora, Ind.
Mrs. Jack Anderson was expected home Thursday from a visit with her parents at Leonard.
Mr. and Mrs. Booth Warren have as their guest her cousin, Mrs. Harold De Moss, of Houston.
Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Fox and D. R. Thompson enjoyed a visit with relatives near Eastland Sunday.

Lester Patterson, who attended North Texas A. & M. college at Arlington, is home for vacation.
T. A. French and Lonnie French of Beaumont are the guests of their cousin, Mrs. G. W. Boyce, and family.
Mr. and Mrs. E. Q. Warren of Knox City, former residents of Merkel, are visiting his mother and other relatives.
Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Buzbee and daughter, Miss Minnie, returned Monday from a visit with relatives at Ovalo.
Miss Addie Fay Patterson has entered Draughon's Business college at Abilene for a private secretarial course.
Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Jackson have as their guest Miss Lois Houston, of Eastland, who is a sister of Mrs. Jackson.

Miss Arline Willett has returned from southwestern university at Georgetown and is at home with her parents.
Miss Venice Bell, who has been attending Warner Memorial institute at Eastland, is home for the summer vacation.
Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Black visited daughters at Sweetwater and Roscoe early in the week and report abundant rains there.

Jas. H. West, Jr., will leave Friday morning for an extended visit with Dr. and Mrs. O. J. Shaffer and family of El Paso.
Edwin Wade has taken up book-keeping, automobile accounting and CPA courses at Draughon's Business college at Abilene.
Mrs. J. S. Pinckley and daughters, Marie and Vannie, returned Monday from a visit with relatives in Denton and Gainesville.
Miss Harriett Rogers returned Wednesday to her home in Abilene after a short visit with her aunt, Mrs. J. J. Russell.

Among those doing jury service at Abilene this week are Tom Allday, J. T. Darsey, Fred Baker, Sie Hamm and L. E. Riney.
Tracy Campbell has just entered Draughon's Business college Abilene, for a course in book-keeping, accounting and typewriting.
Mr. and Mrs. Luther Swafford and two daughters of Kansas City, Mo., are the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Largent.
Mr. and Mrs. John G. Sadler, who formerly lived here, have returned to their home in Gatesville after visiting friends and relatives.

Miss Lorena Dry, who has taught school at Ennis for the past several terms, is spending the summer at home with her mother.
Miss Mary Campbell, who has been teaching school at Amarillo, is at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Campbell, for the summer.
Rev. R. A. Walker, accompanied by his brother, Ralph, went to Paris Wednesday, but Brother Walker will return before the Sunday services.
Mr. and Mrs. J. Ben Campbell and daughter, Miss Mary, and Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Polly attended the T.-P. singing convention at Abilene Sunday.
Mrs. R. L. Bradshaw, who left Saturday for the Baptist hospital at Fort Worth where she is to undergo a serious operation, was accompanied by Mrs. A. M. Dougherty.

After a visit with her brothers, Messrs. Ira and Dave Windham, Mrs. Alma Bell of Beggs, Okla., returned to Graham with Mrs. Hamilton Bell to visit there several days.
Friends will be glad to know that Miss Vera Baker, who went to the Baptist sanitarium at Abilene last Thursday for an appendix operation, is improving satisfactorily.
After a week's visit with relatives

and friends, J. J. Russell, Jr., left Wednesday for Great Falls, Montana, where he is in the employment of the Texas and Pacific Coal and Oil company.
Mrs. Robert Hicks and son, Junior, are visiting her parents at Wills Point. Mr. Hicks drove over to take them and was accompanied on the trip by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Hicks.
To visit relatives at Tulsa, Okla., Mr. and Mrs. Ira Windham flew from Abilene Tuesday. Mr. Windham will return soon, using the air route, but Mrs. Windham will remain for an extended visit.

Our veteran drayman, T. G. Ferguson, accompanied by Jesse and Miss Minnie, have returned from a vacation spent in the Rio Grande valley. While away they visited another daughter, Mrs. I. D. Simpson, at McAllen.
Mrs. W. L. Burns is attending a family reunion in Dallas county, being joined by her sister, Mrs. Lucy Bumpas, of Abilene and by her aunt, Mrs. L. M. Moore, also of Abilene. The latter is 83 years of age.
Having resigned as minister of the Church of Christ, effective with last Sunday's service, J. G. Malphurs has gone to Kentucky to conduct special meetings during the summer. His family have removed to Clyde where they will make their home.

Recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Boswell were J. R. Robinson of Dallas, state manager of the West Coast Insurance company, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Lee Bell of San Angelo. Mr. Bell is state agency supervisor for the West Coast company.
Mr. and Mrs. Stanley King and son, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Hamblit of Water Valley, Miss., and Castle Ellis were a party to visit Carlsbad Caverns over the week-end. Mr. Hamblit is a cousin of Stanley King and is assistant postmaster in his home town.
Passing visitors on Wednesday were Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Allen and son of Cynthiana, Ky., who made a fraternal visit at The Mail office. Mr. Allen is editor and publisher of the Cynthiana Democrat and they were en route to California for a summer visit.

Having resigned as pastor of the Nazarene church here to accept the church pastorate at Mountain Air, New Mex., Miss Leona Forbes left for her new home last Thursday. She was accompanied by Mrs. Gussie Bledsoe, who has been making her home with Miss Forbes.
Spending the week-end in Dallas, Mrs. Frank McFarland and son, Frank, Junior, were accompanied by Misses Christine Collins and Iva Bragg. Modene Sheppard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sheppard, returned with them to visit in the McFarland home.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Baker returned Monday from the annual Baker and Watters reunion at Forrest Park, Fort Worth, which was well attended. Mrs. Baker's brother was there from Kansas City, whom she had not seen for 27 years. They report a pleasant trip and a jolly good time.
Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Merritt of San Antonio are visiting the family of his brother-in-law, F. A. Saunders. Mr. Merritt was formerly one of the publishers of The Mail, when it was owned by Merritt and Fryar in 1904. He was later employed in the office as printer and pressman.

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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

Blair Items

Mrs. Jim Cavette, Anna, Arthur and Louise Addison are getting along nicely with the measles.

Mrs. Kell and son of Austin spent part of the past week with her son, G. A. Kell, who is Santa Fe agent here.

S. F. King of Dallas visited friends here this week.

Roy Doan and family of Rotan and D. C. Doan and family visited with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Doan, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis and family of Nolan visited recently with the latter's sister, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Maddera.

The three small children of Mr. and Mrs. Chalmers Patterson of Lubbock are the houseguests of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Spears, for an indefinite period.

Mr. and Mrs. George West of Trent stopped over here a few hours with Mr. and Mrs. John Neighbors, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Blackburn of Butman were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Pyles.

Quite a few from here attended the T.-P. singing at Abilene Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Pat Brewer of Trent are staying several weeks with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Barnes.

Viola Dulin of Rotan visited over the week-end with her sister, Mrs. Ira Cavette.

Ms. Cynthia Hall and granddaughter, Margie Melton, of Nubia dined with Mr. and Mrs. Shortie Swafford Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clint Maddera are the proud parents of a new baby girl. The little lady weighed 8½ pounds.

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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.

C. L. BLANKENSHIP.

For Commissioner, Precinct No. 2:

W. H. FRAZIER.

P. A. DILTZ, (Re-election.)

W. L. BLAIR.

RUFÉ 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.

White Church News

Summer is here and our friends are visiting.

Mr. Charlie Shuff of Sweetwater spent a few hours in the Canyon Saturday, greeting friends.

Miss Bell Patterson of Castle Peak spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. A. D. Barnes.

Miss Lena Lee Demere entertained a large crowd with a party in her home Saturday night. Those attending it from Merkel included the Misses Vera, Mamie and Velma Walker.

Mrs. Willis Evens of Sweetwater was visiting in the Canyon Sunday. She was accompanied home by her daughters, Miss Fern and Nauruell, who had spent a few days in the Canyon.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Wise of the Anson community spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Fraser Demere.

Mrs. Nettie Perkins and children of Trent spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Brown.

Columbus Riggan and family have moved back to the Canyon.

Mrs. Bailey Frazier of McAdoo, Texas, is visiting relatives here for a few days.

Floyd Dennis and family of Dora spent Sunday with his father, Sam Dennis.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Pannell of Union Ridge spent Sunday afternoon with her sister, Mrs. Frank Demere.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Brown of Abilene spent the week-end with their sons, Burl and Bill.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Malone were called to Sweetwater Monday afternoon on account of the illness of Raymond Malone's small son.

Frank Demere is doing jury duty in Abilene this week.

CANYON NEWS

Did some one ask if the wind was blowing? Well, yes quite a bit. But we are hoping it will rain soon.

The farmers are all busy plowing and chopping cotton.

Miss Lena Lee Demere entertained a host of friends Saturday night with a lawn party.

Mrs. J. L. Perry, with her mother, Mrs. T. V. Randolph, and sister, Mrs. Edna Savage, and small daughter, returned from a tour through Texas last Monday, the latter leaving for California Wednesday.

Little Bobby Glen Peterson, who has been ill for the past two weeks, is improving.

The Ladies Sewing club met at Mrs. Tommie Russoms Thursday afternoon, with 26 ladies present.

Mrs. Lottie Williams, of Trent, spent Saturday night and Sunday with Misses Evelyn and Nadine Perry.

Roosevelt Memorial

Washington, June 12.—President Hoover asked congress for \$25,000 Monday for a memorial to Theodore Roosevelt on the boundary between the Clark and Flathead National Forests in Montana, marking the summit of the Rocky Mountains there.

The monument, an arch, would be erected under an act approved June 2, to provide for commemoration of Roosevelt's leadership in the cause of forest conservation.

C. L. Blankenship for Co. Superintendent



C. L. BLANKENSHIP

In the regular political column of The Mail this week appears the announcement of C. L. Blankenship as a candidate for the office of county superintendent of public instruction. Mr. Blankenship, who is 37 years old, taught three years at Trent and the past term at Lawn.

In making his announcement, Mr. Blankenship said:

"As one who aspires to do more in an educational way, who wishes to help serve more people, I now place my name as a candidate for county superintendent of Taylor county. Upon these merits I am asking the public to place their support and confidence; I am a native born Texan, acquainted with the progress, nature and needs of her people in general. I have taught twelve years in her public schools. I taught my first year before the world war, and gave 21 months service in the army. I have been teaching since that time. I have been in this section for the past seven years, have taught the past four years in this county. The other schools were in the near and adjoining counties of Fisher, Scurry and Nolan.

"I firmly believe, after having spent practically all my life in rural districts and having met with the advantages and disadvantages of rural school life, that I shall be able to fill the office of the people, for the people. Having placed your confidence in me as your supervisor I shall endeavor to do all in my power to further the interests of the schools and shall at all times be ready to discuss school problems of the individual school. I wish to adopt no plank or policies that would be in any way contrary to the needs and desires of our county schools. We have a wonderful county with colleges right at our door and why not be awake to every advantage worthwhile?

"Having been president of the Taylor County Teachers' Association for the past and present years I am acquainted with the teaching force of this county to a great extent and through that source and the inter-scholastic league I am already familiar with the problems and conditions at hand.

"With no prejudice toward the present officer, I am asking the people to give another who aspires to help, a chance to further the county's needs. "I believe in honesty, partiality to none, fairness to all."

Texas is drained by 3,680 rivers, bayous and creeks, including only creeks of sufficient importance to carry a name. The runoff into the Gulf of Mexico is estimated at 33,000,000 acre-feet annually. Mileage of the 3,680 streams is estimated by the State Board of Water Engineers at 125,000 miles.

WHITE FLAT NEWS

Mrs. Earl Stevens had as her guests Thursday, her mother, Mrs. L. W. Cox, and sister, Mrs. J. D. Sandusky, of Merkel.

Mrs. Seth Nugent was a Merkel visitor Wednesday.

Misses Mattie, Velma and Decia Horton were guests Tuesday afternoon of Miss Ailene Bickley.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Kent of Sweetwater visited in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Duncan Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Seth Nugent and son, Freeland, were in Abilene Friday transacting business.

Mrs. Annie Stevens and son, Roy, of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Denzel Cox of Merkel, visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stevens Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Martin and family of Noodle were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lon Martin Sunday. G. M. McElmurry and J. S. Stevens were Abilene visitors Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Statser were recent visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Patterson of Noodle Dome.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stevens and children, and Mr. and Mrs. Seth Nugent were Merkel visitors Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Forrester have as their guests for the week-end, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Kelly.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bray had as their guests for the week-end Mr. and Mrs. Albert Harris and children of Arizona.

Mrs. G. McElmurry and Mrs. Earl Stevens visited Mrs. Seth Nugent Monday afternoon.

Miss Clarice Duncan is confined to the bed with measles at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. George Keagan were shopping in Sweetwater Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bickley had as guests their son, Harrison, and Lester Mashburn of Stanton.

Mr. and Mrs. Cundas, who are leaving soon for their summer vacation, entertained the young folks with a party Friday night. All report a very nice time. Mr. Cundas is principal of the White Flat school.

Saturday afternoon while in bathing in Sweetwater creek Truman Duncan was seriously hurt. It is supposed that he struck a rock in diving.

Miss Retha Freeman spent the week-end with Miss Florence Keagan.

Misses Ruth and Ola Duncan were recent visitors with Miss Maye Hamner of Trent.

WHITE FLAT NOSES OUT WHITE LILY.

The White Flat team won another victory Sunday afternoon by defeating the Sweetwater White Lily team in one of the most exciting games of

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the season, 7 to 6. Nugent was successful in getting twelve strikeouts and allowing only three hits. Winter of the White Lily team allowed seventeen hits and no strikeouts. This was the first game the White Lily team lost this season.

The line-ups:

White Flat—Reagan, c; Tittle, 2b; Freeman, cf; Weaver, 3b; Nugent, p; Weaver, lb; Vessel, ss; McElmurry, lf; Diggins, rf.

White Lily—Bardwell, lb; Watson, c; Witt, 3b; Witt, ss; Singer, 2b; Homes, lf; Jones, rf; Virgil, cf; Winter, p.

Score by innings— R H E
White Flats 040 201 0—7 17 3
White Lily 002 040 0—6 3 3

Bequeaths Simmons \$50,000.

Abilene, Texas, June 12.—The entire estate of Mrs. Mollie Sinquefield Pope, 90, who died Saturday night, was left to Simmons university, it was announced Monday. The estate is valued at between \$40,000 and \$50,000.

Mrs. Pope was the widow of Dr. O. C. Pope, third president of Simmons, and was buried Monday next to her husband on the Simmons campus. Services were conducted by Dr. Millard Jenkins of the First Baptist church, which was organized by Dr. Pope in 1881.

Attends Brother's Funeral.

Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Woods attended the funeral in Abilene Wednesday morning of her brother, Ross Burks, who died last week in Reno, Nev. Mr. Burks, who was formerly a grocer in Abilene, died of injuries received while removing a stone from a construction project in Reno. Burial was in the Odd Fellows cemetery at Abilene, with Rev. T. S. Knox, pastor of the First Presbyterian church there, officiating.

R. & R. PALACE Sweetwater Week of June 15

Sunday-Monday
"Song of the Flame"
Bernice Claire—Noah Beery
Tuesday-Wednesday
Maurice Chevalier
"The Big Pond"
Thursday-Friday
Zane Grey's
"Light of the Western Stars"
Saturday
"Free and Easy"
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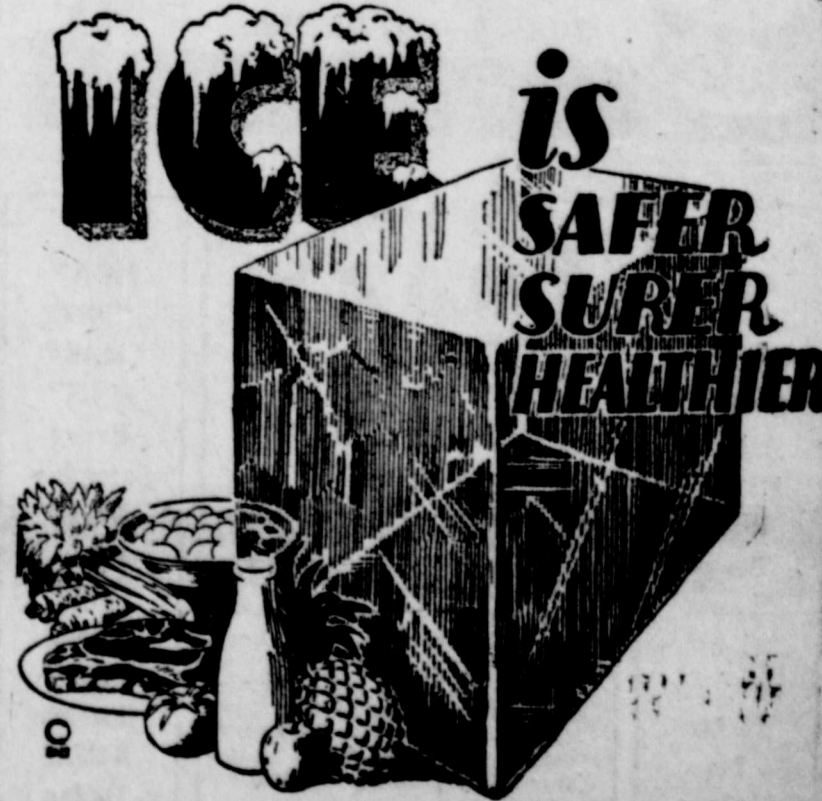
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Home Obsolete Says Divorce Court Judge

New York, June 12.—The "sweet" has been taken from "Home, Sweet Home." It doesn't mean a thing anymore, due to childless marriages and other things.

After studying the facts in 64 undefended divorce cases tried before him in one day, Brooklyn Supreme Court Justice Harry E. Lewis reached this conclusion recently.

"A home used to be the location of our birth, the place where we entertained our friends and where we held all our family functions," said Justice Lewis.

"Today we are born in hospitals, we entertain in our clubs, we eat in restaurants, we entertain our visiting friends in cabarets, and we are buried from funeral parlors."

The cure for it all would be more children and fewer divorces, according to the learned judge.

"Presence of children attracts the husband to his home and keeps the mothers from the gossiping neighbors and bridge parties," he declared. "Absence of children promotes discord and their presence makes harmony."

"I know of scores of cases where the husband remains home merely for the sake of his love for the children. If such men did not have children they would leave their wives and either get or give a divorce."

The modern woman is so anxious to get rid of her husband that she is willing to forego alimony and earn her own livelihood, Justice Lewis said he concluded from studying nine divorce cases out of ten.

"She is perfectly willing to work out her own financial salvation as long as she gets rid of him, and then, inevitably, she will marry somebody else in a desperate attempt to find happiness," said the justice.

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Guthrie "Brakie" Wins \$49,000 on \$1 Ticket

Guthrie, Okla., June 12.—When Luther Smith of this city won \$49,000 this week on a \$1 ticket bearing the name of Ilaid, runner-up in the Epsom Downs Derby, he made some plans but one of them was not that of forsaking a job as brakeman on a branch line of the Santa Fe which pays him \$150 a month.

The "brakie" had to leave just about 15 minutes before the news came in Wednesday and he talked to his wife over the telephone from Skedee that night. Here is what he said:

"Stay right in there, mom, I'll finish the run as usual."

He did. And Mrs. Smith said further he had not planned to give up his job.

The Smiths have two children, a boy and a girl. The latter is in Kansas visiting relatives. They live in an apartment and have no automobile. The family has been in Oklahoma about four years, coming here from Emporia, Kans.

News of the race came in Wednesday morning over the radio. Luther could hear the yelling of the crowds, and the opening announcements but he had to run for his train. He never heard of his luck until late that night at Pawnee.

Then came a wire from England notifying him that "pasteboard" No. "FL-880" was worth \$49,000.

About the most significant plan in the Smith family program is the purchase of a small car. Mrs. Smith laughingly said they would get that "when we get good and ready."

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Signs Say Jim Reed May Reenter Politics

St. Louis, Mo., June 12.—Political leaders throughout the country Sunday speculated on whether Jim Reed had returned actively to the political arena.

In Missouri democratic leaders appeared unanimous in the opinion that Reed would campaign for the presidential nomination in 1932. Mr. Reed was a candidate "to the end of the road," as he worded it, at the 1928 Houston convention, but the boom for Alfred E. Smith had gained such headway that the fiery Missourian was unable to head it off.

Mr. Reed, in his first important speech since his retirement from the senate two years ago, addressed a large crowd at a state-wide rally at Sedalia Saturday night, and many close observers believed the reaction would determine whether the former senator would set the White House as his goal.

They talked Jim Reed for president openly at the rally, and party lead-

ers regarded it as significant that Mr. Reed did nothing to discourage it. Tom Pendergast of Kansas City, long a powerful democratic leader in Missouri, said he felt certain Mr. Reed would "have a chance" in 1932.

Dewey's Bugler Dies.

Worcester, Mass., June 12.—Chas. W. Mitchell, the United States Navy bugler who sounded the call, "Commence firing," on Admiral Dewey's orders that started actual hostilities in the Spanish-American War, died Monday.

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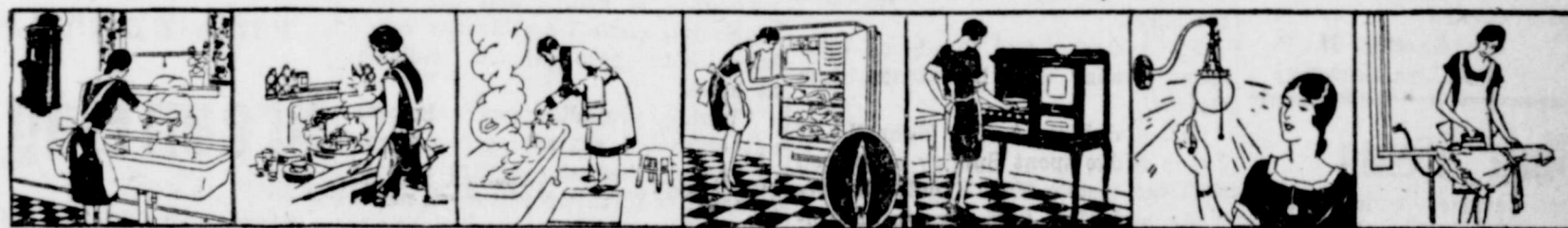
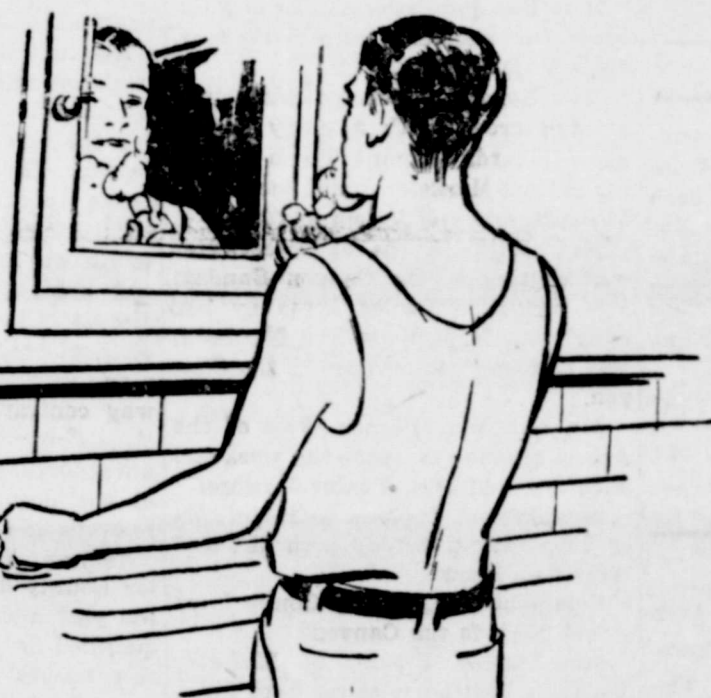
The Mail will be glad to receive news of entertainments or visitors in Merkel homes, as well as other news items of a general nature. If you have company, entertain friends or return from a trip please telephone 61 or 29.

Some of the items in the London zoo's food bill are: Six tons of nuts for monkeys, 50 tons of herring and whitebait for the seals and polar bears, 1 ton of canary seed, 25,000 eggs, and 20,000 pounds of condensed milk.

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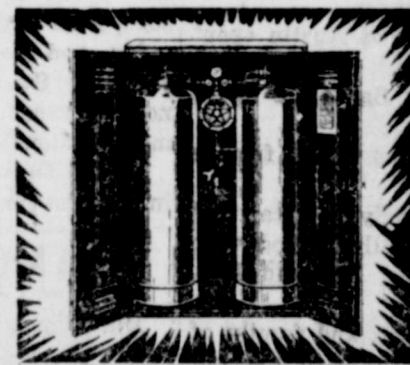
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The 23 pounds of alfalfa saved 39 pounds of corn worth 58.5 cents, and 8 pounds of tankage worth 32 cents, a total of 90.5 cents worth of feed saved. This is equivalent to \$78.70 a ton. A similar test at Ohio showed a value of \$83.52 and still another experiment there showed a value of \$85.72 a ton for alfalfa hay in the pig rations. This seems like an excessively high price to pay for any hay. However, G. Bohstedt of the Wisconsin station asserts that if such a price would be paid for alfalfa hay under these conditions, the feeder would just break even on that particular transaction.

It was found that alfalfa is most valuable as a feed for growing pigs, especially when started on full feed shortly after weaning. It is less valuable for older pigs as it is not as essential for fattening purposes as for growth. About 5 per cent of the ration can well be alfalfa hay for all pigs, especially young sows and brood sows. Fine stemmed, leafy alfalfa is best and it is preferably chopped, though the best quality hay may be fed whole from a rack.

Alfalfa Hay Valuable Roughage for Horses

Alfalfa hay is an excellent roughage for horses, being more palatable than timothy or prairie hay, richer in protein and lime. For those reasons, it is particularly valuable for balancing rations that are poor in those respects, such as corn, says A. L. Harvey, horse expert at University farm, St. Paul.

Many horse owners do not use alfalfa at all for their work horses. They think it affects the kidneys, causes the horses to sweat excessively and is apt to cause heaves. Experiments have proved that no bad effects are obtained if alfalfa hay is not fed in excessive amounts. Not more than one and one-fourth pounds of alfalfa per one hundred pounds of live weight should be fed, and even that amount may be too much for some horses.

Many farmers report that they have obtained best results when they replaced about one-half of the usual ration of timothy or prairie hay with alfalfa hay. This method is to be recommended to beginners or when the second or third cuttings of alfalfa are fed.

Prevent Ewe Paralysis by Exercising Caution

Acliosis or paralysis is a disease or condition of pregnant ewes that comes about lambing time in years when the ewes have been fed on fattening rations without proper exercise, according to Dr. G. S. Weaver, South Dakota State college. The ewes become lame, weak and finally paralyzed and may live three or four days after this happens.

An examination will usually reveal a pair of twins or triplets. The trouble can usually be prevented by cutting down on the ration and enforcing exercise, and feeding a laxative ration. Alfalfa hay or other legume hay is a good preventive. When it is discovered that the ewes are constipated, give each a drench of a fourth pound of epsom salts.

Pastures Too Small for Number of Porkers

Seventy-five per cent of the special hog pastures are too small for the number of hogs turned on them. There are too few rape pastures provided for hogs, and when they are provided, are apt to be little garden-patch affairs that by the middle of summer are reduced to crops of stubs amidst clouds of dust.

One acre of rape pasture on rich soil is not any too much for ten sows; and if, perchance, the growing hogs do not eat it close in summer, they will enjoy and prosper on it late into the fall. Frost does not damage rape.

Severe on Sheep

Summer is the most severe season of the entire year on sheep flock. During the heat of the day the sheep seek shade under trees, barn, or shed and many times the sanitary conditions are not what they should be for their proper protection. During the spring and summer months sheep parasites multiply very rapidly. It must be admitted at the present time that the parasite problem is the greatest drawback to sheep raising in the farming states.

POULTRY

LAYING HENS ARE ANXIOUS TO QUIT

Good Plan to Keep Them in House Until Noon.

"Laying hens are looking for any excuse to quit laying at this season of the year," says R. E. Cray, extension poultry specialist at the Ohio State university. "But there are several ways to fool them."

Cray recommends that the layers be kept in the house until noon or the middle of the afternoon, to increase their consumption of mash ration. The morning grain feed should be reduced or eliminated, and wet mash should be fed at noon, to the amount of four or five pounds to each 100 birds. Regular dry mash, moistened with milk, is suitable for this meal. At the same time the amount of milk which is being fed to the layers should be increased if possible.

Comfort for the laying hen in hot weather is an important factor in determining whether she will or will not quit laying. The laying house should be well ventilated and kept as cool as possible, for this reason.

Green feed in liberal amounts will help maintain the laying record of the hens and pullets, as well as contribute to their general good health.

Influence of Minerals on Growth of Chicks

Experiments at the Wisconsin station show that chicks which were fed the Wisconsin ration of eighty parts ground yellow corn, twenty parts middlings, five parts chick size bone meal, five parts chick size ground limestone and one part salt, with free access to skim milk, did much better in recent tests than chicks that were fed rations in which part of the minerals were left out. In ten weeks the chicks which were fed the regular ration given above weighed 509 grams. A similar lot in which the bone meal was left out grew to an average of 486 grams, while a lot that failed to have limestone included in their ration weighed 353 grams. At the age of nineteen weeks the chicks weighed 1,107, 902 and 460 grams, respectively, for the different lots.

The above tests show the need of including minerals in the chick ration. A ration containing milk or milk by-products, combined with minerals in the approximate proportion used in the Wisconsin ration, forms the basis for most of the successful chick starting mash. Yellow corn is a good ingredient for one of the grains as it contains a plentiful supply of vitamin A. The kind of other cereals used does not matter so much, so long as they are easily digested and attractive to the chicks.

Natural Mother Found Best for Young Chicks

"Give me a mother with feet and feathers instead of a brooder," an old-fashioned poultryman insists. He has his hens set in batteries of twelve, such hen and her brood to herself, the divisions being made with poultry netting. Corn and water are supplied to the hens to discourage their gobbling up the more expensive chick feed. The coops and yards are moved often to fresh ground, but the hens are not let out until the chicks are weaned. The edge of the strawberry bed, garden or corn field are the favorite parking places of this breeder for his hens and chicks.

Feeding Green Corn

A common method of feeding green corn is to chop it into short pieces and allow the hens to pick it off the cob. In such cases the poultryman should be careful to see that the birds' crops are full at night. Even though some of the green corn may be consumed it would be a good idea to feed some shelled corn at night to insure birds going to roost with full crops. The chief dangers from green corn feeding are intestinal disorders and partially filled crops, but if the poultryman realizes these dangers he will introduce new corn to advantage.

Vigorous Hybrids

In a study of hybrid vigor in poultry at Kansas experiment station, White Leghorns and Rhode Island Reds were used. In the pure breeds the mortality of the birds up to three weeks of age was 5.6 and 6.3 per cent respectively, while that of the hybrids was 1.4 per cent. The hybrids of both sexes outgrew the pure bred offspring. The mating of the Leghorn males and Red females produced more rapidly growing offspring than those of the reciprocal cross.

Poult's Worst Enemy

Lice are the worst enemy poult has to fight. They are usually found between the quill feathers of the wing. Lice will kill a poult quicker than they will a chick. Poults are very sensitive to strong odors. In treating them for lice it is well to use as little lice powder as possible, but be sure it is fresh. Sodium fluoride is used by the pinch method on poult after they are three weeks old. The hen that is given eggs of any kind should be well dusted with sodium fluoride.

Hoovercrat Loses Senatorial Toga

Charlotte, N. C., June 12.—Senator Furnifold M. Simmons went down to defeat Saturday at the hands of the democratic party of North Carolina, which he had led for more than a quarter of a century.

The veteran North Carolina legislator, oldest member of the senate in point of service, ran more than 60,000 votes behind Josiah W. Bailey, Raleigh attorney, in the democratic primary for senator, on issues that revolved largely around Simmons' failure to support Alfred E. Smith in the 1928 presidential election.

The vote in 1,513 of the state's 1,799 precincts gave Bailey 178,896, Simmons 117,969, Thomas L. Ester, a wet candidate, 889.

Senator Simmons, from his home in New Bern, N. C., conceded his defeat in the following statement:

"To the best of my knowledge from returns I have received, I have been defeated," he said.

Mr. Bailey entered the primaries with the avowed intention of "punishing" Senator Simmons for his failure to support the party's presidential nominee. He had the support of the state democratic "machine" which Simmons built up and which seldom in the last thirty years had failed to support the senator's candidates.

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Austin, Texas, June 12.—Miss Zoe Anne Alford of Seymour, who will enter the University of Texas next fall as a freshman, has been awarded the Prather Scholarship for freshman girls, according to Dr. H. T. Parlin, dean of the University College of Arts and Sciences. This scholarship was established and endowed by the children of W. L. Prather, former president of the University. The annual stipend is \$300. The scholarship was held during 1929-30 by Miss Mary Grace Milam, also of Seymour.

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Trent News and Personal Notes

Mrs. A. W. Woods honored members of the T. E. L. class at her home on Thursday from 3 till 5. Following various games, a treasure hunt afforded a rather exciting time. Mrs. Joe Brown and Mrs. C. T. Beckham being the ones to find the treasure. Then, as the circus has made the town, the menagerie was complete in every way and everyone recalled happy childhood days when the circus was the one great event of the year. A delectable plate of sandwiches, olives, iced tea and mint in rosebuds was served to Mesdames Beckham, Joe Brown, Terry, McLain, Massey, Williamson, Miss Cora Scott and the hostess.

A storm cloud like the one we had last Thursday evening did not scare away a hungry bunch. Be the one that went to "Shady Rest" especially when there are 12 frying size chickens all dressed for the occasion, all to be barbecued over a pit of hot coals, made ready by Al Steen and Emmett Holt, and the bean sizzling and coffee steaming was enough to make even a hungry "hobo" think he had arrived at "the Big Rock Candy Mountain." The graves that partook of this feast were Mr. and Mrs. Algie Steen and children, Mr. and Mrs. John Strawn, Dorothy and Willadean, E. E. Holt and wife, C. C. Stribling and mother, Mrs. Buena McLeod and Helen, Homer Terry and wife, Jean Terry and Marjorie Adrian. After the cats, "2" finished up the perfect evening.

Miss Alice Bigham, who has been teaching school at Abilene the past term, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Alex Williamson the past weekend.

Oscar Tomlin, J. Frank and Miss Kathryn Freeman of Fort Worth and Mrs. Merritt of Mineral Wells were here at the bedside of Miss Opal Freeman, who is still critically ill. Mrs. Oscar Tomlin and they returned with them after a two weeks' stay here with her sister.

Mrs. S. E. Pass of Abilene spent last week-end with her grandmother, Mrs. T. J. Williamson, and other relatives.

Hubert Beckham, Mrs. C. T. Beckham and Hubert McLeod were in Lamesa the first of the week, visiting Mr. and Mrs. Winslow Beckham. Hubert McLeod will remain several weeks on a visit.

Miss Rena Trevathan of Wichita Falls is visiting her mother, C. T. Beckham, and family.

Mrs. E. Howell was a recent guest of her daughter, Mrs. Ellis Smith, near Lubbock.

Messrs. Ben and Leonard Quattabim were called to Arkansas last Friday on account of the serious illness of their mother.

Mrs. Mims of Fort Worth arrived Friday for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tid Smith, and her sister, Mrs. Tom Williamson.

Miss Maurine Smith was the weekend guest of Miss Mattie White of Abilene.

Mrs. T. G. Hamner has as her guest last week Miss Lura Wilks of McGregor.

Miss Zada Lee Adkins of Cross Plains is visiting in the homes of her

uncles, Carl and Marvin Murdock. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Harris and children, who live in Arizona, are spending their vacation with Mrs. Harris' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eray. Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Kelley of Farwell visited their son, Wallace, and wife and their daughter, Mrs. Bernie Forrester, and family recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Barnes had as their week-end guests Mr. and Mrs. John Riley of Big Spring. Mr. and Mrs. Stalway Armor of Rankin spent Sunday with relatives here.

Misses Opal Nalley and George Helen Lee are visiting in DeLeon with Miss Nalley's sister, Mrs. Clements.

Mrs. Queen, who will be remembered as Mrs. W. A. Abbott, spent several days here attending business and seeing old friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil R. Rutherford and little son, Junior, and Mrs. Billings stopped over a short while Tuesday morning en route to Tulla to visit Mr. Rutherford's brother. They will visit Carlsbad Caverns before returning to their home in Abilene.

Cecil, Lewis and Clois Murdock were here Tuesday for a visit with their brothers, Carl and Marvin.

Mrs. P. B. Cole and children of Lamesa are visiting her mother, Mrs. J. T. Archer, and sister, Mrs. Marvin Murdock, this week.

Mrs. Algie Steen entertained a number of little folks at her home Friday afternoon, honoring Doris Margaret's ninth birthday, and the little lady received many useful gifts on this occasion. After games were enjoyed, refreshments of lemonade and cake were served to Wickford and Jimmie Ed Massey, Ida V. Estep, Willadean and Dorothy Jo Strawn, Helen McLeod, Mark Williamson, T. G. Murdock, Billie Joe Bowers, Deverie and Elsie Bishop, Wanda and Wilma Stribling, Kathleen, Norvell, Coyce Shannon, Lavern and Mignon Uzzell.

Mrs. Carl Murdock entertained a number of young folks at her home Monday evening in honor of Gene's birthday. Games were played and contests enjoyed, after which refreshments were served to about twenty guests.

"LITTLE ERNESTINE MASSEY HONORED."

A gala affair for a large group of children was the fifth birthday party

for little Ernestine Massey, arranged by her mother, Mrs. Ed Massey, when she entertained Wednesday, June 4, at her home in North Trent. The children were entertained with games and contests and an enjoyable hour was passed in story telling after pictures were made. Orangeade, cookies and all-day suckers were served to Billie Dick Payne, Buddie Harold Winter, Junior Archer, Wanda Murl, Billie Don, Jeannine Dingle, Doris Harris Morris, Zuma Joyce Steen, Gregory and Bobby Ruth, S. D. McLeod, Catherine, Clyde, Norwell Shannon, Helga Beasley, Billie Jean Wells, Avis Junior Neill, Willie Joe Hamner, Louise Smith, Helen McLeod, Robert Warren, Dorothy Joe Strawn, Mary Alice, Nelson Sherill, Veneta McDonald, Lassie and Truman Freeman, Laverne, Mignon, Douglas, Uzzell, Johnnie, Gladys Roberts, Elsie Bishop, Jimmie Ed Jerry, Wickford, Ernestine Massey, Mesdames John Payne, Bud Winter, McLeod, Algie Steen, Leamon, Dingle, Falkner, and Miss Viola Smith.

METHODIST CHURCH NOTES.

Brother Sherrill filled the pulpit at the eleven o'clock hour Sunday, using as his general subject, "The Necessity of Being Born Again."

There were several visitors at the Sunday School hour: Mrs. Maga

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The Woman's Missionary society met in a business session Monday afternoon at 3:30. After a round table discussion of reports and future plans, delegates were chosen for the zone meeting to be held in Merkel June 17th. Those present were Mesdames R. B. McRee, J. K. P. Winn, J. R. Gafford, Mamie Gafford, M. G. Scott and John Payne.

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