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TAYLOR COUNTY BALLOT CONTAINS HUNDRED NAMES

Official Demo Ballot Drawn Up By County Committee; Pledge in Full Authorized by Party Leaders; Session Harmonious.

C. A. Mitchner of Irion county, candidate for United States senator, gets first place on the official ballot to be voted at the democratic primary in Taylor county July 26. The county democratic executive committee met Monday morning and certified the list of candidates for the official ballot. Others in the race for United States senator will be placed as follows: Morris Sheppard, second and Robert Lee Henry, third.

E. L. Whitaker of Abilene, who announced last week for representative in the state legislature from the 116th district, notified County Chairman James P. Stinson Monday of his withdrawal from the race, leaving only two contestants for this place: R. M. Wagstaff and W. E. Martin, both Abilene attorneys.

By unanimous vote of the committee, it was ordered to place the party pledge in full on the ballot. The pledge reads: "I am a democrat and pledge myself to support the nominees of this primary."

The name of C. E. Walker of Tarrant county drew first place on the Taylor county ticket in the governor's race, and Virgil E. Arnold of Harris county first place in the race for lieutenant-governor.

S. M. N. Marrs, candidate for reelection as state superintendent of public instruction, and eight county candidates are unopposed. The Taylor county men who are unopposed are: Earl Hughes, tax collector.

Austin Fitts, county treasurer. Miss Belle Wellborn, district clerk. J. R. Black, district attorney, 42nd district.

W. F. Bounds, county clerk. Tom K. Eplen, county judge.

P. B. Ford, justice, precinct 1, place 2.

Mat Lambeth, justice, precinct 1, place 1.

OFFICIAL BALLOT.

The official placing of candidates for all offices in Taylor county from congress to public weigher follows: (Continued on Page Four)

Record of Births.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Purser, Trent, Thursday, June 12, 1930.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Gouge, Salt Branch, Thursday, June 12, 1930.

Boy, named Rolfe Herbert, to Mr. and Mrs. Rolfe Wagner, Friday, June 13, 1930.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Bate-man, Phillips lease, Friday, June 13, 1930.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Massey, Salt Branch, Friday, June 13, 1930.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Kegans, Trent, Saturday, June 14, 1930.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Carey, residing five miles northwest of town, Wednesday, June 18, 1930.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail June 24, 1910.)

Wanted—A Big General Rain, a Regular Sod-Soaker and Gully Washer, and P. D. Q. Merkel County Farmers.

BANKHEAD-WALKER.

At the home of the parents of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Gazzaway, Miss Gladys Walker was married to Mr. Charlie C. Bankhead Sunday afternoon at five o'clock, Elder George W. Cypert officiating. After the ceremony refreshments were served to the intimate friends of the couple who were present.

ATWOOD-RICHIE.

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. W. W. Atwood was married to Miss Josie Richie, Rev. A. A. Baker performing the ceremony.

Mrs. H. C. Burroughs and children returned Wednesday from a delightful trip through the country to Roscoe and Westbrook.

G. W. Johnson and W. B. Also-brook have returned from their trip to eastern points, Glen Rose being the main stop they made.

GENERAL RAINS VISIT OUR PART OF WEST TEXAS

This section of West Texas was visited by general rains Friday and Saturday of last week, Merkel and Taylor county receiving their portion Saturday night. The rainfall here at that time, according to B. M. Black, volunteer weather observer, was three fourths of an inch, although in nearby communities both to the north and south as much rain as three inches was reported. Several places reported one and one-half inches.

The heaviest rain reported in West Texas was on Friday night when over a three hour period beginning at 6 o'clock five inches fell at Haskell, putting most of the town under water.

In order to secure perfectly accurate measurements of rainfall, a government weather gauge is one of the needs in Merkel right now. Mr. Black has his own apparatus, which is fairly accurate, and The Mail depends on him to keep us posted. But if the citizens and merchants of the town should purchase a government gauge and place it at the disposal of Mr. Black, Merkel could then boast of official figures as to rainfall and other conditions of the weather. This suggestion is made by The Mail with the hopes that steps will be taken at once to supply the equipment necessary.

W. F. Denny Case is Postponed to July 7

When the case of W. F. Denny, former city marshal of Merkel, charged with assault to murder in connection with the shooting March 3 of P. L. Frederickson in front of the city hall here, was called in 104th district court at Abilene Monday, motion of defense attorneys for continuance was granted by Judge C. O. Hamlin of the 90th district court, Breckenridge, who was disqualified in a civil suit there, and who had exchanged benches with Judge W. R. Chapman, 104th district judge.

Judge W. R. Ely and Dallas Scarborough, representing Denny, sought the continuance because Joe Garland of Merkel, a material witness in the case, was ill. Seventy-five witnesses were subpoenaed for the trial. The state is represented by W. J. Cunningham, J. F. Cunningham and T. A. Bledsoe.

State Department Issues Pro Edict

Austin, June 19.—It's against the law to drink liquor in Mexico.

At least with employees of the Texas railroad commission.

Pat M. Neff, former governor, is chairman of the railroad commission. Other members are C. V. Terrell and Lon A. Smith.

Recently an order was issued to employees of the commission that drinking liquor, during office hours, or any other hours, in Texas or out; or having liquor in one's home, or making homebrew or being around where liquor is drunk will result in dismissal of the employe from the state service.

Mrs. J. A. Woodard and little son left Wednesday for a visit with relatives at Roscoe.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Walker and Misses Bera Stallings and Sophia Howard spent Sunday at the Santa Fe camps with Mr. and Mrs. Shotwell.

A number of the young friends of Miss Dethel Jenkins met at her beautiful home in South Merkel last Saturday night. Delicious refreshments and excellent music were enjoyed by Misses Wheeler, Paylor, Hill, Roberts and Jenkins; Messrs. Williams, Baker, Sublett, Sharp and Evans.

A number of Ben Merritt's friends, laden with gifts, gave him a surprise last Wednesday evening on his eighteenth birthday. Those present were Misses Fannie Burroughs, Clara and Margie Saffles, Winnie Warren Mary Lee Hicks, Edith Mackey, Elma Sheppard, Laverna and Lizzie Swafford; Messrs. Ruford Evans, John Adams, Barney Garrett, Willie Joe Largent, Robert Hicks and quite a number of other young ladies and young men.

PRESIDENT SIGNS SMOOT-HAWLEY TARIFF MEASURE

After Close Vote in Senate, House Republicans with Fourteen Democrats Give New Bill Big Majority.

Washington, June 19.—President Hoover, in a simple ceremony at the White House, signed the Hawley-Smoot tariff bill Tuesday and turned over to the treasury the job of putting into effect overnight a law which has required congress nearly a year and a half to write.

Legislative action on the measure, with its increased duties on sugar, shoes, lumber, cement, bricks and nearly 2,000 other products was completed late Saturday when the house adopted the final form of the conference report. The vote was 222 to 182.

The senate finally approved the measure Friday by the two-vote margin of 44 to 42.

The 69 majority given the conference report by the house was not as large as republican leaders had anticipated, although they claimed it would have been greater with a larger attendance.

Fourteen democrats, including the Louisiana delegation, two of the Florida members, Conroy of Massachusetts, Hill of Washington, Hudspeth of Texas, Lea of California, and Taylor of Colorado, joined 208 republicans for the measure.

In distinct contrast with the senate, where some of the republican leaders were publicly dubious about the efficacy of the measure, the house republicans rushed it through its concluding stages, jubilantly cheering. They allowed only three hours' debate.

Democrats, led by Floor Leader Representative John Garner of Texas, predicted the increased duties of the measure would wreck havoc with their republican opponents at the polls next November.

But they were in a helpless minority, aligned against a cheerful majority whose leaders proclaimed their bill would be a boon to suffering agriculture and industry.

Defending the bill of which he is coauthor, Chairman Willis C. Hawley of the house ways and means committee lauded the general protective principle.

Mr. Hawley spoke of the measure as an agricultural bill, although he said its protection would be nationwide, not sectional. The South, he said, received more protection than from any previous measure. Agriculture. (Continued on Page Four)

PATMORE DEATH EVIDENT SUICIDE

Abilene, June 19.—Testimony at a coronor's inquest yesterday of Mrs. Beryl Polley and her daughter, traveling companions of Walter P. Patmore, 34, of Los Angeles, Cal., whose body was found in a pasture north of Tye Tuesday afternoon, strengthened the general belief of officers investigating the case that the death was suicide. Coroner M. C. Lambeth did not return a verdict yesterday.

Patmore's body is being held at the Kiker-Knight funeral parlors. Efforts to locate his mother, who was said to reside in Quebec, had been unsuccessful last night. Mrs. Polley and her daughter planned to take a bus for Los Angeles last night, after the elder woman had sent messages to her husband in Washington, D. C. It was thought he might come here to assist in the case.

Mrs. Polly and her daughter, who drove here with Patmore Monday night, left for Los Angeles Tuesday, after they could not locate him, they told officers. The sheriff's department located them in Pecos and they returned here Wednesday morning.

Patmore had driven his car from Abilene early Tuesday morning. The car was found parked in a lane, his body in an adjoining pasture. A .22 bullet had been fired into his right temple, and a pistol of the same calibre and an empty shell were found near the body. A systematic inquiry was underway at once. Assisting Lambeth in the case were W. J. Cunningham, district attorney; Sheriff H. T. O'Bar and his deputies, and Detective W. S. Britton and members of his squad.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Jack Coons, 10, inmate of the state orphans' home at Corsicana, drowned in a tank when he slipped from a raft on which he was riding with other boys.

Murphy Dale Simpson, aged 4, was killed instantly in a yard near his home in Beaumont when an automobile hurtled over the curbing after a collision and struck him.

Archie Poole, 29, employe of the pipe line department of Magnolia Refinery at Beaumont died of scalds suffered when a steam heater of the plant burst as he walked under it.

B. B. Samuels, president of the defunct Texas National bank at Ft. Worth, has been charged in three complaints with forgery and passing of false instruments totalling \$33,266.54.

James Cude, 18, of Waco was killed when his motorcycle struck a mule grazing along a road in the edge of Fairfield, while Mack Sanders, his companion, who was riding tandem, was injured.

Badly mangled as a result of having been dragged all night at the end of a rope attached to his cow pony's saddle, the body of Carlos Morris, 45, was found on 69 ranch, near Sweetwater Monday.

Dr. J. A. Simpson, Laredo physician, will oppose Congressman John N. Garner of Uvalde and minority leader of the house, his name having been certified by the republican county executive committee.

Dennis Lavender of Abilene, former state and present West Texas champ, added the Dallas Country club invitation meet to his long list of conquests by winning from Eddie Connor, a Dallas boy, 8 to 7.

The million dollar bond issue for Pecos county carried Saturday by a vote of 709 to 371 and as a result the Old Spanish Trail and other highways in the county are to be paved with the proceeds augmented by state and federal aid.

Elected president of the Texas District and County Clerks association at Del Rio at its meeting which closed Saturday, Miss Belle Wellborn, Taylor county district clerk, is the first woman to head the organization, which began 38 years ago.

While her studio in California was forwarding her mail to Hawaii, Clara Bow as Miss Daisy Hamilton lounged about her Dallas hotel where she went to "loaf and rest." Her seclusion was shattered in less than 24 hours when her identity leaked out.

Three children of Jim Cadenski, Walker county tenant farmer, were blown to bits by a dynamite explosion at Huntsville Wednesday, when as they were crossing one of their fields they walked into a blast set off by employes of the Texas company.

In the party of Brooks field flyers that brought 28 army planes to Kingsolving field at Abilene last weekend was Christy Mathewson, Jr., 23, son of baseball's most famous figure, who will wind up his basic training June 28 and is to win his wings in about four months.

A new record for customs collections in a single day at Galveston was made Saturday when the Imperial Sugar company paid \$870,328 on 149,193 bags of Cuban raw sugar in storage, just prior to the president's signature to the new tariff bill which provides an increase.

The two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Jubela of Seguin strangled to death Tuesday night when it got its head wedged in between the bed and the mattress, after having been left playing on the bed when its mother went to a neighborhood store to buy some groceries.

The three-year-old daughter of Sam B. Spence, district attorney at Wichita Falls, was killed when she fell out of an automobile window under the car's wheels as her mother was backing out of the driveway at a friend's house. The mother is in a hospital in a serious condition.

Two children, Walter Robie, Jr., 6, and his 4-year-old sister, Irene Robie, were drowned five miles east of Galveston near the bank of the ship channel when, while wading in the shallow water near shore, they suddenly stepped into the ten foot channel which had recently been dredged as a yacht harbor.

FIRST MINIATURE GOLF COURSE TO OPEN NEXT WEEK

It will be the first miniature golf course in the county to be ready for play. Cleby Patterson and a group of workers have been busy since last Friday clearing the lot of the former back of the Farmers State bank and laying out the nine-hole course. It is ideally located for the purpose and the opening of the course is eagerly awaited by the sports fans of the town.

As a prize for the person suggesting the best name for the course, a free pass for one week is offered by the management; one day's free play will be given to the second best name, and the third will be entitled to one round free play.

Suggestions should be presented in writing or mailed either to The Merkel Mail or to Cleby Patterson before Tuesday, June 24, 8 p. m. The winning selection will be announced in next week's issue of this paper.

Young Lady Injured In Auto Collision

Miss Willie Evelyn Boaz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Boaz, received internal injuries Tuesday evening about 7:30 in an automobile collision on the highway just in front of Pete White's filling station. She was carried to the Merkel Sanitarium for an examination and then removed to the home of her sister, Mrs. Warren Smith, where she is confined to her bed. The attending physician reported Thursday morning that she was resting fairly well.

The accident occurred when the Pontiac sedan, driven by Howard King, Howard Payne student, and in which Miss Boaz was riding with Harold Boney and Miss Margaret Canon, turned into the highway at this point, colliding with a smaller car, driven by a Mexican boy by the name of Martinez. The other occupants of this car were Martinez' brother and the latter's two-year old baby, none of whom was injured to any extent.

Eagle Scout Darse Awarded Scholarship

J. T. Darse, Jr., an Eagle Scout of the Merkel troop of Boy Scouts, was awarded the scholarship to the University of Texas, which is offered annually to an Eagle Scout of the Chisholm Trail area. The executive council of the area acted upon his application last Friday.

The local Boy Scouts met in special session Tuesday night at the Methodist church, with Scoutmaster R. A. Walker and Herbert Patterson, both being present. The boys will meet a camping place just for the boys of the local troops and all those who attend will be required to advance their work to entitle them to this privilege.

TOWN DOCTOR

"DOCTOR OF TOWNS" SAYS

THERE ARE TOWNS THAT ARE GETTING SOMEWHERE.

It has been my experience that the fellow who does the most crabbing about what his community should have and what the people should and should not do, is the very fellow who does the least.

Some people are always ready to come to the party, but they are scarce as hen's teeth until the show starts, and they are always the first ones to make excuses and leave just in time to get out of paying the fiddler.

This kind of people are always ready to take but never to put. If things are right they will take all the credit and shout to the world what a wonderful thing they did; but if things don't pan out one hundred per cent it's always the other fellow's fault. They would rather pull back than push forward, even though it takes more effort to pull than to push.

Sometimes you'll even find this kind of person in chambers of commerce and Lions clubs, but as a rule they are found sitting on the outside of the ball grounds waiting for a "doer" to knock a fly ball out of the lot so they can get a ticket for carrying the ball back in. And when they get in, due to somebody else's effort, they are the first ones to give the home team the razz-dazzle first tough break they get.

Every community has a few such people, but some communities are full of them. They are the people George Ade referred to when he uttered the now famous saying "about all that some towns need is a few first-class funerals." I have often thought that Mr. Ade surely had just gone through an attempt to induce some community to think about themselves and following through by doing something for themselves, when he made this remark.

There are towns that are going places and getting somewhere. There are communities that have come to the realization that because their community has always been in existence, as far as the present generation is concerned, is no reason that it will continue to exist. Such (Continued on Page Two.)

MEN'S GLEE CLUB ENTERTAIN LIONS AT WEEKLY MEET

Four Popular Numbers Afford Pleasing Entertainment; Celebration Planned by Lions for Fourth of July.

Chief entertainment feature for the weekly luncheon of the Lions club was the Men's Glee club, of which Miss Christine Collins is director. This organization of young men formed themselves into a Glee club some three months ago, of which nine of the members participated in the happily rendered and highly appreciated program given for the Lions.

Four numbers, "College Gang," "When Noney Sings Those Old Time Songs," "On the Alamo" and "Happy Days," were the numbers selected from their repertoire and that they were sung in most effective manner was made manifest by the hearty reception accorded each number. Glee club members entertaining the Lions were Ray Garrett, Cleby Patterson, Ralph Duke, A. J. Tucker, Charlie Largent, Byron Curb, Castle Ellis, J. D. Long and Baylor Amason, with Mrs. E. Yates Brown as accompanist. W. O. Boney presided at the luncheon and after the club singing of "America," led by Miss Collins, with Mrs. Brown at the piano, the invocation was given by Rev. J. T. King.

As toastmaster, C. J. Glover, Jr., called for the introduction of guests, Wren Durham being the only one present besides the Glee club personnel. Due to court business requiring his attention, the invited speaker, W. W. Hair, an Abilene attorney, was unable to be present.

It was stated by the presiding officer that a meeting of the directors would be held this week to elect officers for the ensuing six months, the latter to assume their duties the first meeting day in July.

A committee was appointed to work out plans and arrangements for some sort of July Fourth celebration in Merkel, the details to be announced later.

Henry West is to be toastmaster next week.

Local Banker Named On State Committee

Both Warren, cashier of the Farmers and Merchants National bank, has been notified that he has been appointed by President John Q. McAdams of Winters, president of the Texas Bankers association, on the standing committee on membership of that body.

Notice of the appointment was received from Sam R. Greer, president of the Peoples National bank of Tyler, who is chairman of the committee and who advised that he would call a meeting of this committee at an early date.

Engineer Who Pulled First T. & P. Train To Fort Worth Dies

Sherman, Texas, June 19.—Robert Harvey, 83, commander of Mildred Lee Camp, U. C. V., died at his home here Sunday morning following a short illness. Mr. Harvey had just returned from Biloxi, Miss., where he attended the annual convention of the United Confederate Veterans. He took ill soon after his return.

Funeral services will be held Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock and burial will be in West Hill cemetery beside his wife, who died eight years ago.

Mr. Harvey was a retired locomotive engineer and was the engineer who pulled the first Texas & Pacific train into Fort Worth from Dallas in the spring of 1876. J. D. Starling of Fort Worth was the conductor. The train was loaded with merchandise and was followed immediately by two other trains loaded with material for construction of the road. Mr. Harvey's engine was No. 11.

He was later transferred to the transcontinental division, between Sherman and Texarkana, and served many years.

He came to Texas in 1873 from Indianapolis, Ind., where he had gone from Tennessee after the Civil War to work in the railroad shops. He first ran an engine for the Houston & Texas Central railroad and was in Shreveport during the yellow fever epidemic, and with Yardmaster R. S. Murray ran the only train that went into Shreveport from Marshall, hauling supplies for the yellow fever sufferers.

In 1874 he was sent to Dallas and put in charge of the famous old switch engine, the Thomas A. Scott, the only engine in the service that was given a name.

Retiring from the road, Mr. Harvey was Sherman's second water superintendent after this town had a water service. He also served as an alderman for ten years, and for twenty-five years or more operated seven cotton gins at different points in the county.

He belonged to the Methodist church and was an active church worker. He is survived by three sons, Earl, Harvey and Robert Harvey Jr.

U. S. Judge W. L. Estes Dies at Texarkana

Texarkana, Ark., June 10.—Death Saturday cut short the 10-year career of Judge William L. Estes as federal judge of the eastern Texas district and served to deny him what friends hoped would be an appointment to a new fifth circuit court judgeship. He was 60 years old.

His death came at 11 a. m., after several days during which it was believed he might recover from effects of two apoplectic strokes which left the left side of his body paralyzed.

The first stroke, a slight one, came at Beaumont last week as he was engaged in judicial duties, after the severe strain of the unsuccessful \$1,000,000 libel suit brought by R. B. Creager of Brownsville against Collier's Weekly, which he heard at Brownsville.

Ordered to return to his home, Judge Estes rested easily until Tuesday night, when he suffered a severe cerebral hemorrhage. After rallying briefly, he became worse Friday and after a second restless night, began sinking. He was unconscious during the last few hours.

The fur crop of Texas last year was valued at \$3,000,000. About \$2,000,000 of it contributed over \$50,000 in taxes to the state, only pelts of certain of the fur-bearing animals being subject to the tax.

Part of Plato's philosophy was to the effect that the mind was always superior to the body and should at all times control it.

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Big Alligator Gar Smashes Window Causing Near Riot

Waco, Texas, June 19.—A near riot resulted on Austin avenue, Waco's main business thoroughfare, Saturday afternoon when an alligator gar, 6 feet 4 inches long and weighing nearly 100 pounds, escaped from the show window of a local fish market. The big fish, one of the largest of its kind ever seen here, was caught in the Brazos River, five miles below Waco, Friday. Its first attempt at liberty was made Friday night, when it shoved a wooden grating loose with its huge alligator-shaped nose and fell on the floor of the market.

During the busiest part of the Saturday afternoon shopping hour the gar smashed the window with its powerful tail, leaped out and wiggled to the edge of the sidewalk, where it was captured, taken to the rear of the market and dispatched with a hammer.

From July 16, 1929—date of the new gasoline tax law going into effect—to May 1, 1930, the state of Texas collected \$20,819,388.23 in gasoline taxes. One-fourth of it went into the available school fund and the remainder into the highway fund.

THE TOWN DOCTOR

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communities can "take telling," and are doing just that. They are alive—they think, feel and act. They are the towns that are growing, when business is good and fast getting better.

The people in these communities are "sold" on their town and "sell" it to others, after getting ready and suitable for sale; the merchants work together, go after and get what they require. Everybody who amounts to anything belongs to an up-and-at-'em organization which works for the betterment of the community, and every one of these organizations works with and for all the others.

You know where you stand. You know where Merkel stands. I don't have to tell you, and you don't have to tell anyone else; for all anybody has to do to see where you and your community stands is to look at it.

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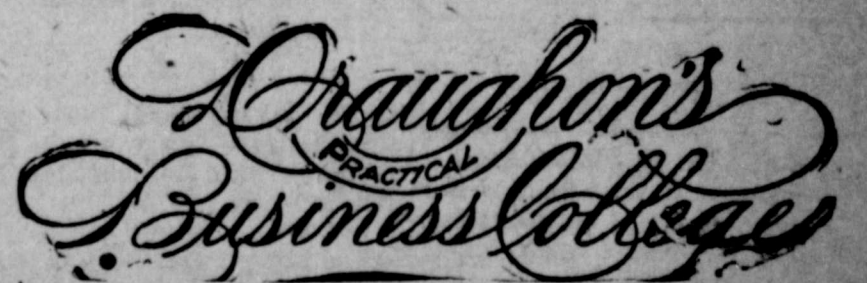
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MERKEL MAIL WANT ADS FOR RESULTS

CHI POLICE HEADS FALL IN WAR ON GANGSTERS

Chicago, Ill., June 19.—Police Commissioner William F. Russell and Detective Chief John Stege resigned under fire Monday, swept aside by the pressure of public indignation over the gang murder of Alfred J. Lingle, police reporter for the Chicago Tribune.

Under the terms of the resignations neither Russell nor Stege leave the police department, although surrendering the positions of high command. Russell becomes a captain assigned to civil service, and Stege's demotion makes him captain of the Irving Park police department.

Deputy Commissioner of Police John Alcock was named acting commissioner, pending a reorganization of the executive personnel of the department, and Deputy Detective Chief John Egan was appointed as temporary successor to Stege.

Capitulation of the two white-haired police executives one week after the assassination of Lingle in a pedestrian subway under Michigan boulevard, climaxed seven days of agitation by newspapers and civic organizations for a new deal in law enforcement for Chicago.

Editorially the papers of the city united in a campaign to expose alliance between gangsters and police officials, raising more than \$65,000 in rewards for information leading to the capture of Lingle's killer.

The fastest dog, the greyhound, may reach a speed of 35 miles an hour. The fastest any man has run 100 yards so far is at the speed of a little more than 21 miles an hour.

German engineers are reported to be considering plans for the draining of the North sea in order to add more land to their country and obtain deposits of coal and other minerals.

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Bryan Named Next Host, State Firemen

San Angelo, June 19.—Bryan was selected by acclamation as the next convention city and C. E. Jenkins of Bryan was installed as president at the closing business session of the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' association here.

D. B. Clark of Beaumont was placed in line for eventual advancement to the presidency by being elected fourth vice-president. Advancing vice-presidents were E. V. Easterling of Del Rio, first; Frank Williams of Winters, second, and C. N. Humason of Lufkin, third.

Practically all other officers were re-elected.

The first electric transmission system in the United States was at Folsom, California. The power lighted Sacramento.

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Another Abilene Housewife Talks

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"I was just about down and out from the health stand point, but since taking Orgatone (Argotane) I feel better than I have in months," said Mrs. Wm. Hartshorn, of 1235 17th St., Abilene, Texas.

"I've suffered for a long time with stomach and kidney trouble. Almost everything I ate would bloat up and be very uncomfortable for hours afterward. I was severely constipated and for the last six months I've had to take a strong laxative every night, and then would have sharp pains and cramping spells, just the same. At times my back and sides would ache something terrible, and I couldn't rest or sleep at night, at all. I was in a very nervous condition. I saw where Orgatone (Argotane) was helping so many people and decided to try it.

"I feel like a different person, and now eat just anything I care for and it doesn't hurt me at all. I don't have the gas or bloating spells any more, and the best of all, don't suffer from constipation. My headaches are all gone, and I rest and sleep fine every night. I'm not nearly as nervous as I was. I feel better than I have in months and Orgatone (Argotane) has certainly helped me. I know that it will help anyone who is suffering as I was, and if they will just try a bottle they will be convinced of it's worth as I am."

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

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Texas Press Elects Ray Nichols As Head

Corpus Christi, June 19.—Ray Nichols of Vernon was chosen president of the Texas Press association to succeed Harry Schwenker of Brady as Texas editors closed their 51st annual convention here Saturday.

Other officers chosen were: R. L. Scott of DeLeon, vice president; Sam Harbin of Richardson, secretary; B. P. Harigel of LaGrange, treasurer; Mrs. Lee Rountree of Bryan, poet; Dick McCarty of Albany, orator; Marvin Hunter of Bandera, historian; E. G. Senter of Dallas, association attorney, and H. P. Hornsby, Uvalde, Deskin Wells of Wellington and H. H. Jackson of Coleman were named on the executive committee.

San Angelo was chosen for the 1931 convention by unanimous vote.

Complete line of office supplies at Mail office.

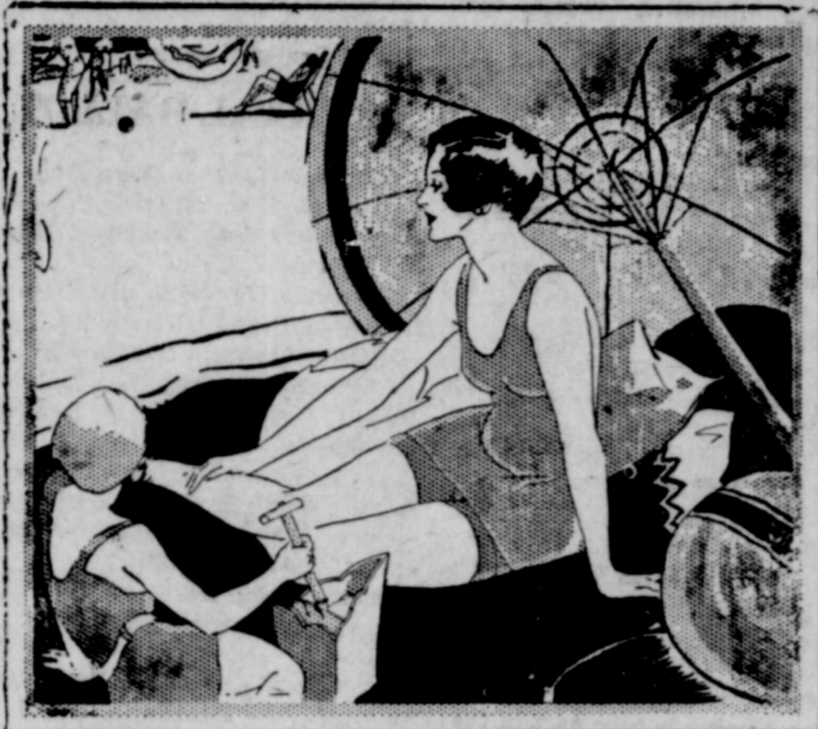
Bebe Daniels Becomes Bride of Ben Lyons

Los Angeles, June 19.—Bebe Daniels Saturday night moved out of the "rumor column of romance" in film-land to become the bride of Ben Lyons, one of the screen's well known juvenile lovers.

For many newspaper writers and filmdom, the wedding, set for 8:30 p. m. meant the end of reams of printed conjectures and floods of gossip about who finally would entice the dark-eyed sweetheart of the screen to the altar.

Although a veteran of pictures, Miss Daniels approached her first matrimonial venture. Lyons also was starting from scratch. Most of Hollywood's celebrities were invited to the ceremony. Film work will delay honeymoon plans.

Miss Daniels is 29 and her fiance 31.



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Hundreds of women in this community use our service every week. Many of them, doubtless, are your neighbors. They know the joy of worry-free washdays . . . and they know, too, that our way safeguards health as well as clothes!

We are as convenient as your telephone. Call now, and a routeman will stop at your home to explain the different services we offer and help you select one suited to your needs. Start to enjoy that extra day of freedom this week.

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

FOR SALE—Three registered Jersey bulls out of State—accredited herd; priced right. John S. Hughes.

FOR SALE—One year old Jersey male. T. W. Neill, Trent, Texas, Route 1.

FOR SALE—Few more bales Johnson grass, 50c per bale, 7 miles north-east of Merkel. Herman Abernathy.

FOR SALE—A few tons of maize, \$32.50 per ton. See Comer Haynes.

BRIGHT, well matured bundle came at \$20.00 per ton. See Lee D. Williams near Noodle.

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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.

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LOST AND FOUND

LOST—Key ring with 7 or 8 keys. Please return to Merkel Mail or L. L. Murray. Reward.

LOST—String of pearls last Thursday, south part of town. Reward. Return to J. A. Patterson.

WANTED

WANTED—to hear from owner having farm near Merkel for sale. Write me full description and lowest cash price. John D. Baker, 1418 First National Bank Bldg., Dallas, Texas.

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

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.
W. J. CUNNINGHAM, (Re-election.)

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.)
E. 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, (Re-election.)
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.
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NOTICE

While you are on your picnic at Buffalo Gap, do not forget to visit Red Top Station. Plenty of ice cold drinks, candy, cigars, hamburgers and quick lunches.

Mack Cox.

If you have any visitors, Phone 29 or 61.

PERSONAL NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Horace Hill of Galveston is visiting her mother, Mrs. B. Jenkins.

Mrs. A. M. Jones of Abilene was the week-end guest of Mrs. J. T. Dennis.

Mrs. Tom Pence of Pyote is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Porter.

Mrs. Earl Lassiter had as recent guests Mesdames Rufus Grisham and L. B. Howard of Abilene.

Mrs. D. W. Sanders and little son of Detroit, Mich., are visiting her sister, Mrs. O. R. Rodden.

Mrs. Johnny Cox of Abilene is the guest of her parents this week. Mr. Cox was over for Sunday.

Miss Lois Dry arrived from Clarksville Tuesday to spend two weeks with her mother, Mrs. J. M. Dry.

Postmaster O. J. Adcock and family visited the early part of the week in Plainview and Lubbock.

L. A. Delaune and son, Irving, of Beaumont are guests of their cousin, Mrs. G. W. Boyce and family.

After a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Swann, Mrs. Forest Sears has returned to Snyder.

Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Petit are removing to Alexandria, Texas, much to the regret of their many friends.

Recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. West were their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Tatum of Wetumpka, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Holmes and baby from Borger, Texas, are visiting his father, Joe Holmes, and other relatives.

Upon her return from a visit to Coleman, Miss Ruth Copeland was accompanied by her sister, Mrs. I. K. Ricketts.

Mr. and Mrs. Booth Warren and children and their guest, Mrs. Harold De Moss, of Houston spent the week-end in San Angelo.

Glenn Elliott, who went to Hobbs, New Mexico, several weeks ago, was back for a short visit, returning to Hobbs last Friday.

Mrs. A. Morton and daughter, Mabel Corinne, left Tuesday to visit her parents at Roby and they will also visit her sister at Stamford.

L. L. Murray and family have returned from a pleasant visit to Pampa, being accompanied home by Mrs. Murray's mother, Mrs. J. W. McConnell.

Wren Durham and Miss Dorice drove out to Crane to spend the week-end with their father, who is editor

and publisher of the Crane County News.

O. R. Dye and family on their vacation trip have visited Carlsbad Caverns, Roswell, New Mex., and other interesting points in New Mexico, also El Paso.

Grandma Baker and family were delighted Wednesday with a visit from her two grandsons, Hugh Baker and J. B., Jr., Warnick, from Phoenix, Arizona.

Dr. H. P. Hulsey and family, also Mr. and Mrs. Wade Darsey of San Angelo, returned Wednesday from a visit with Dr. Hulsey's mother at Greenville.

Uncle Bill Sheppard, T. G. Bragg, E. Yates Brown, W. S. J. Brown and John Sears are spending the week with others from Abilene fishing on the lower Pecos.

Passing guests with Mr. and Mrs. George Caple were Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Spencer of Waco, who are removing to Lubbock, and W. H. Smith of Philadelphia, Pa.

Mrs. C. W. Delmer and two children returned Wednesday from a visit with her sister, Mrs. L. A. Delaney, at Wichita Falls. Mr. Delmer drove over Tuesday to accompany them home.

Misses Johnnie and Irene Warren have gone to Knox City to visit with their brothers, E. Q. and H. M. Warren, Miss Irene hoping to recuperate from an eight weeks' spell of sickness.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Gamble and two children and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lowe are spending their vacation in Old Mexico, leaving Wednesday. They expect to visit Mexico City among other places.

Mr. and Mrs. George Swain, the latter the only living sister of Mrs. N. J. Armstrong, and their son, Robert, and daughter, Mrs. Ima Cearley, of Moffett, were week-end guests of Dr. and Mrs. M. Armstrong.

Mrs. J. T. Warren accompanied Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Andrews of Abilene as their guest for a visit to relatives in Little Rock, Conway and El Paso, Ark. They expect to return the latter part of the week.

Members of the Harkrider family from Merkel, who attended the family reunion last Sunday at Lovers Retreat, near Mineral Wells, when ninety-one were present, representing 32 separate families, were: Mr. and

Mrs. A. T. Sheppard, Sterling Sheppard, J. T. Warren, Mrs. Kirby Beckett of El Paso and three children, Betty Booth, Barbara and Kirby Sue, W. L. and Elizabeth Harkrider and Mrs. Roy Largent of Brownwood.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Canon had an especially welcome visitor Wednesday in Mrs. Herring of Dalton, Ga., a cousin of Mrs. Canon's whom she had never seen. Mrs. Herring was accompanied by relatives from Cisco.

Reports received by friends here are to the effect that Mrs. R. L. Bradshaw, who was operated on at the Baptist sanitarium at Fort Worth last Saturday, is doing nicely. Dr. Frank Armstrong performed the operation.

Attending a family reunion in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Telford, Mayor and Mrs. J. P. Sharp drove over to Abilene last Sunday. There were four of the children present and a number of grandchildren.

Mrs. John Buzbee and Don Delvin of Crane, Texas, are visiting with her friend, Mrs. D. A. Lee, and Mr. Buzbee's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Buzbee, and other relatives. They will also visit in Waco before returning home.

Going by automobile to California, Miss Irene Swann was accompanied to El Paso by Jas. H. West, Jr., who will visit there, and at El Paso she was joined by her friend, Miss Burie Powell. Miss Swann will continue her art studies at Berkeley.

After a visit with her parents here, Mr. and Mrs. Esker Curtis of Ranger left Wednesday morning for Los Angeles, Calif. Mr. Curtis will attend a summer school for coaches, conducted by Howard Jones, coach of the University of Southern California.

Morris Amory Haynes.

Announcement cards have been received telling of birth of a son, Morris Amory, to Mr. and Mrs. Morris Haynes, at Anson, June 8, 1930. The young man weighed seven pounds. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Haynes of this city.

NOTICE

All parties owning land on either side of the highways running east and north from Stith are requested to meet with the Jones County commissioners at Stith on Monday, June 23, at 2 p. m.

Oilecloth Special Saturday only, 19c per yard, at the Boston Bargain Store.

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FRIDAY AND SATURDAY Specials

Bananas	Yellow fruit dozen	24c
Lettuce	hard head each	5c
Corn	Round-Up, 2 1/2 can 3 for	33c
Post Toasties	2 packages	19c
Soap	Quick Naptha 10 bars	35c
Honey	5 pounds Extra	65c
Sugar	25 pound sack	\$1.43
Gallon Fruit	Apples and Plum	49c
Hominy	large can, 2 for	25c
Jello	any flavor 3 packages	25c
Cheese	Longhorn, pound	26c
Butter	Old, pound	24c

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CAUTION STILL RULE IN AUTO PRODUCTION

Detroit, June 19.—Automobile manufacturers as a whole have resigned themselves to the belief that current output represents the high spot of the season. This fact is recognized each succeeding week as car builders continue to be satisfied with the cautious policy that they have so strictly adhered to since the first week of the present year.

Total May output will show but little, if any, gain over April, and present production is only two-thirds of that for the corresponding period of 1929. The sale of low priced cars as has been the rule for many months, continues most active. Considerable weakness is shown in the medium-priced group and no improvement is anticipated until mid-summer model announcements are made.

At least five new "eights" will be placed on the market this summer. Others may be added, and there is liable to be more or less price adjusting before the summer is far advanced. At present, however, the sixes show more sales, notwithstanding the fact that a certain few manufacturers have discontinued them entirely and are devoting themselves exclusively to eights.

Just what the motorist can buy next year is still an unanswered question. However, there will be something new in every field—the fours, sixes, eights and sixteens, and it is quite certain that something in a 12-cylinder car will soon be available.

The Hudson Motor Car Company, after adoption of a new vacation policy, will close the plant from June 23 to July 14.

The Ford schedule for June is placed at approximately 185,000 units which is about 12,000 less than the May output. Chevrolet's June schedule calls for a production of about 100,000 units, a slight decrease from that of May.

Ford continues to astonish the automobile world with an output of 40 per cent of the entire production of the industry of the United States.

Goodyear and General Tire companies have announced a reduction of as high as five per cent on most popular sizes. Other companies are expected to meet the new prices at

an early date. The decreases were coincident with the sensational drop in crude rubber prices, both in New York and London.

Cowboy Reunion at Stamford June 26-28

Stamford, June 19.—One of the features of the Texas Cowboy reunion to be staged in this city June 26, 27 and 28, will be a reunion and get-together of the pioneer cattlemen of the state.

A permanent organization of the old timers will be formed to hold annual meetings in Stamford. Only those who saw actual service in the saddle and on the ranges of the region prior to 1895 will be eligible for membership in the organization.

The program of the three-day affair will include many entertainment features. On each afternoon a western cowboy rodeo will be staged and an old-fashioned ranih danre will be given each evening.

All early-day citizens of West Texas will be given special invitations to attend the affair and the directors of the offering say that people of all ages and classes will find a full program to interest and amuse them.

The rodeo will be held in a natural amphitheatre a mile west of the business district of Stamford. Comfortable seats will be provided for several thousand and the arena and stock pens have been arranged so as to allow presentation of the contests and exhibitions in a quick and efficient manner.

Much interest in the contests is being taken by cowboys on the ranches in West Texas and indications are that there will be at least 100 entrants in the events in which attractive cash prizes will be given the winners.

Of the 1929 cotton crop totaling 14,821,499 bales, Texas produced 3,940,000—more than 2,000,000 bales ahead of the next state, Mississippi, with 1,915,500 bales.

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Legal covers at Merkel Mail office.

Survey Shows Crops Good In West Texas

Abilene, June 19.—West Texas crops are in satisfactory condition, at present, according to a survey just made over the 45 counties which the West Texas Utilities company serves. This is due to the good rains which have been had during the spring and early summer at all points over the section.

Crops as a whole over the West Texas properties will average normal to 15 per cent increase in production if rains continue through the full growing season as they have this year to date. Though cotton and wheat crops have shown a near normal production, feed crops have been above the average this year. Trade and business conditions are reported to be much better than thirty days ago but are still sub-normal.

While crops are in a satisfactory condition at present and promise an average to above normal production, at least moderate rains must continue through the summer to insure their full success.

Texas has 8,000,000 wild pecan trees with an annual crop of 40,000,000 pounds or 75 per cent of the total produced in the United States. Topping and budding of wild trees would increase the value of the Texas crop to \$200,000,000, according to Congressman Buchanan of the Austin district.

Canada is the third gold-producing country in the world. The Transvaal is first and the United States second.

Second sheets at Merkel Mail office.

Five-Day Week For Houston Employees

Houston, June 19.—Park Superintendent Clarence L. Brock, in carrying out Mayor Walter E. Monteith's "economy" program, put into effect the five-day week Saturday.

Nearly 100 laborers of the park department stayed at home. They were told that for several months they would not work on Saturday—a half day for all city employees, for which all have been paid a full day's wage.

Meanwhile the mayor promised that the administration would do all it could to relieve unemployment, in answer to the federal census report of 7304 jobless Houstonians.

"We are trying to start all of the projects that can be turned loose," the mayor added.

The first commercial telephone switchboard was at New Haven, Conn., 52 years ago. Its capacity was eight subscribers' lines.

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Chicago Club Women In Billboard War

Chicago, June 19.—Those tall, ugly, overbearing silent vendors, popularly known as billboards, are in the way here.

This is the viewpoint of a group of women's clubs in the city who are urging the removal of all billboards because they lend nothing to the enhancement of local civic beauty, obstruct the view, and not only serve to cheapen the property upon which

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The Merkel Mail

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THE VALUE of sound design, good materials and careful craftsmanship is especially apparent in the new Ford after the first twenty-five thousand miles. Long, continuous service emphasizes its mechanical reliability and economy of operation and up-keep.

As you drive the Ford through many months and years you will develop an increasing pride in its appearance and a growing respect for the substantial worth that has been built into it. From every standpoint—in everything that goes to make a good automobile—you will know that you have made a far-seeing, satisfactory purchase.

Wherever you go, you hear enthusiastic praise of the car and this significant, oft-repeated phrase—"I'm glad I bought a Ford."

A FORD owner in New York tells of a 13,000-mile trip across the United States and back in sixty days and says "the car was extremely economical to operate, comfortable and speedy." A grateful father tells how the Triplex shatter-proof glass windshield saved his wife and children from serious injury.

To test tires, a large company drove a new Ford day and night, for an average of 500 miles every twenty-four hours. It was still giving satisfactory service after 105,000 miles.

A Ford car that had fallen into Fernan Lake was submerged for twelve days before being raised. After a new battery and carburetor bowl were installed, it was driven back to Spokane under its own power.

Many police departments have written of the special advantages of the Ford in crowded traffic because of its alert speed, acceleration, and ease of control. An increasing number of fleet owners are also purchasing the Ford because their cost figures have given conclusive proof of its economy of operation and up-keep.

In addition to important triumphs in Germany, France and Italy, the Ford won six out of seven leading places in a contest in Finland, first and second in the Rafaela races in Argentina, first and second in the

run from Copenhagen-to-Paris-to-Copenhagen, three gold medals in England, first ranking in the durability test over the tortuous Amancaes road in Peru, and first place in the 1930 reliability run conducted by the Royal Automobile Club of Sweden.

This contest was an exceptionally severe test of endurance and sturdy construction because it was held in the dead of winter and covered 600 miles of steady running over snow-covered country roads and mountainous hills.



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KEEP HOGS CALM TO AVOID LOSS

Beating or Exciting Animals Is Cause of Deaths.

Just because a hog gets pigheaded about entering a railroad car for shipment to market is no reason for the drover to do the same thing. Irritating as it may be to coax and gently urge the animals up the chute, it saves money in the end.

Congestion of the lungs is responsible for 63 per cent of the dead hogs found in market shipments, and is due to overexertion and excitement of the animals before they are loaded.

"Don't drive fat hogs or sheep rapidly, beat, or excite them," says the Live Stock Loss Prevention Association of Ohio, in a recent statement. "Haul heavy hogs to market, even in cool weather, and unload them carefully. Drive fat cattle slowly and give them ample time to reach the yards. In summer bed the cars with sand. Don't use clay. And don't put cold water on the backs of overheated hogs. Wet the floor of the car."

The association also recommends that the stock be allowed at least an hour, or better four hours, to stand in the yards before they are put into the cars. In hot weather hogs should have water to lie in before they are loaded. Bins of ice hung in the cars will help to keep the air cool, and the drip of melting ice will keep the floor moist.

The Live Stock Loss Prevention Association is made up of representatives of producers, shippers, packers, railroads and other agencies interested in reducing the loss in transit to market.

Horses Coming Back to Popularity With Farmer

The "hayburners" are coming back into popularity in Illinois, according to E. T. Robbins, who has just completed a series of meetings in 19 counties of the state where farmers have been studying big hitches which will enable them to use more horses. The use of horses is attractive now as corn and oats are both cheap, Mr. Robbins states.

Some farmers told of plowing an acre or two more land a day by changing their four horses from abreast to two and two, which removes side draft.

Uses the power more effectively. There was general agreement that farming with horses is economical both in overhead and upkeep. Some men told of managing their horses so there was no depreciation in teams. They mentioned small investments in equipment for horse farming. Some of the men remarked that summer pasture at night and stalk fields and straw stacks reduced cost of feeding horses to a low figure.

At each of the 19 meetings photographs and moving pictures were used to show how teams of from four to twelve horses were hitched to big plows and driven with two lines.

Fizzle With Hogs

Some fail to attain success in maintaining the health of their animals through inexperience in hog raising. Many have inherited faulty notions concerning the nature of the hog, its habits, feed, and care. These individuals do not accept advice readily. Others do not seem to comprehend that the word "sanitation" is applicable in any way to a hog. One of the most deplorable and prolific causes of losses from cholera is carelessness.

Live Stock Facts

Do not wean spring pigs until they are eight weeks old.

Scrub farmers are a greater handicap to any state than scrub live stock.

Stomach worms are a serious pest, and permanent pastures where sheep are grazed are very likely to be infested with stomach worms.

When a sheep chokes on dry feed like oats or bran, use a dosing syringe, fill the mouth slowly with water. This softens the dry feed and nearly always gives relief.

Feed bottle lambs on straight cow's milk, a fresh cow is best. Do not dilute with water or add any sugar, and keep the bottle absolutely sanitary. Better give too little than too much, and feed it at regular hours.

If no legume hay is fed, a horse should be given one to one and one-half pounds of linseed oil meal per day to supplement the ration of ear and prairie hay.

If little pigs are too closely confined to a small pen for a few weeks after farrowing there is danger of loss from thumps. The trouble, common to young pigs, is caused by too much milk and too little exercise and occurs when the sow is fed heavily and the sow and litter are confined to a small pen.

POULTRY

FEED LESS GRAIN DURING SUMMER

Keep Fowls Confined and Increase Their Mash.

Summer feeding schedule for laying hens calls for reduction in the amount of grain and increase in the amount of mash, poultry specialists at the Ohio State university have notified Ohio poultrymen who are keeping records in co-operation with the county and state extension service.

"Gradually reduce the amount of grain feed and increase the mash consumption in order to maintain summer production," says one of the specialists, P. B. Zumbro. "It is wise to feed all the grain in the evening in order to make the birds hungrier for mash during the day.

"Another good plan is to keep the birds confined to the house until afternoon, if the house can be properly ventilated. This will stimulate mash consumption and at the same time allow ample opportunity for green feed.

"Another way is to put mash hoppers where you find the birds during the day—under a tree, in a shed, or wherever they congregate. Mix enough milk with the ordinary mash to make it crumbly wet, and feed such quantities as the hens will consume in a half-hour."

Clean Feed Essential to Complete Success

Clean feed is essential to the complete success of a sanitation program. It is not sufficient to mix or buy clean feed. The entire ration must be kept clean until the chickens have an opportunity to eat it. No feed of any kind should be scattered in the litter or on the floor for the growing chicks. Nor should it be scattered on the ground unless care is taken to throw it in a fresh place each day in order, as some one has said, to give the chickens a clean tablecloth. Grain, as well as mash, can be hopper fed with very good results, especially after the chickens are partly grown.

After the chickens are ranging out-of-doors move the feed hoppers to a new location once a week. If possible, they should be in the shade at least a part of the day in order to encourage the chickens to eat freely. The water fountains should be so arranged that there will be no permanent puddles of water or mud as these make the finest kind of place in which worm eggs can rest while waiting for some chicken to pick them up.

Avian Tuberculosis Is Widespread in the West

Avian or bird tuberculosis is widespread. The first case was discovered in a prairie chicken by Dr. L. Van Es when he was pathologist for the North Dakota agricultural college. The latest surveys of the United States bureau of animal industry indicate that 6 per cent of the flocks on physical examination in 28 states showed tuberculosis. The disease affects a greater percentage of the flocks in some of the middlewestern states.

Avian tuberculosis must be eradicated before tuberculosis is entirely eliminated from hogs. Campaigns are under way in the middlewestern states, where avian tuberculosis is the greatest, to stamp out the disease.

Poultry Facts

Goose eggs require 30 to 35 days in which to hatch.

Eggs are rich in valuable minerals and are a great source of vitamins.

Grit in some form is essential to ducks, and should be kept before them at all times.

Now that practically all chicks are hatched the male birds should be sold or used on the home table. Practically no male birds on the average farm should be kept more than one year.

It is important that the hens be provided with some source of green feed constantly.

A good way to feed hay to poultry is to cut it into inch lengths and then put it into a wire-netting basket feeder and keep it before the hens at all times.

Turkey hens like to find their own nests. Some time in advance of the laying season, make nests where it is convenient for them to lay, in a secluded place.

The size of eggs is almost, if not quite, as important as their number. Set eggs from hens which lay standard-sized eggs.

Early chicks are the only type of chicks that will mature soon enough so that they will be matured and start laying at the best season of the year.

Dust wallows are a source of much pleasure to the hens during the summer months. Spade up the fresh, moist earth in the shade, and the hens will do the rest.

Blair Items

Sam Phillips, Riley James and Mrs. John Neighbors, all of whom have been on the sick list, are getting along nicely.

Burton Provine and daughters, Miss Jane and Helen, accompanied by Miss Oleta Peppers of New Mexico, spent several days in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Doan, while en route to Abilene, where Misses Jane and Helen entered business college.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moore visited relatives in Seymour over the weekend, at the same time looking over land matters.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed McCrary and little niece, Mrs. Ora Mayfield and daughter and Clyde Mayfield of Merkel spent Sunday afternoon with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mayfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Meeks and son, E. J., spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. John Meeks.

Miss Clarice Rosson, after spending the week-end with Miss Mabel Scott of Trent, was accompanied on her return by Mr. and Mrs. Jess Scott, who attended services at the M. E. church.

Zeb Moore and Claud Doan attended court at Abilene this week.

Mrs. Rice and Mr. and Mrs. Morgan of Dallas, who stopped over at Merkel, visited Mr. and Mrs. Herman

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Messrs. Peppers, Reed and Shields of Trent attended services at the Baptist church Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Campbell visited with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Campbell of Noodle Dome one day recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hughes and family visited home folks at Trent one day recently.

Pet Patterson and G. W. Hughes with their girl friends attended services at the Baptist church at Castle Peak Sunday night.

Mrs. Luther Osborn spent Saturday night with Mrs. Eula Provine of Merkel.

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By EDISON R. WAITE
Shawnee, Oklahoma

- THAT newspapers are the backbone of a city.
- THAT they use straightforward, practical methods in boosting the home city.
- THAT they are the great market place where business houses offer their services and merchandise.
- THAT they are always leaders in worthwhile projects for the development of the city.
- THAT they always teach thrift and help to promote prosperity and growth.
- THAT they serve their city in a way that brings progress.
- THAT they arouse the citizens to take active interest and pride.
- THAT a city cannot progress unless it has a program and carries out that program to a successful conclusion.
- THAT programs of importance will never be a success without the active support of the newspapers, and with them they must have the moral as well as the financial support of every citizen.

BOOSTERS SHOULD DO AS THE NEWSPAPERS DO—NEVER STOP BOOSTING—NEVER HALT FOR A MINUTE, FOR IF THEY SLOW UP OR LET THEIR ENTHUSIASM WANE, IF THEY OVERLOOK ANY OPPORTUNITY TO BETTER THEIR CITY, IT WILL GIVE A SETBACK TO THOSE THINGS SO ESSENTIAL THAT THEY HAVE ON THE WAY.

The Merkel Mail

Trent News and Personal Notes

The town and community was shocked and grieved Tuesday afternoon when the news went out that J. A. McRee had died suddenly. He was in town for a few minutes and complained of not feeling well, got in his car and drove home. His daughter, who is visiting him, called for a doctor, but he died before anyone could get to his assistance. Funeral arrangements are held in abeyance, pending the arrival of his son, Wilbur, who lives in Minnesota.

W. B. Harrison of Houston and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Gardner of Gainesville were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Murray.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Steen of Evergreen, Colo., are visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Algie Steen, Mr. and Mrs. John Strawn and Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Holt.

Mrs. Ruby Adams of Abilene is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hutcheson this week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Kelly, Weldon Kelly and Mrs. B. Tittle of Abilene returned from Dallas Sunday.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Forrester will be glad to know that their little daughter, who has been seriously ill in a hospital in Dallas, was able to be brought home Monday and is improving.

Mrs. Lloyd Coppedge of Rotan and Mrs. Buster Edwards attended the "Permanent Wave" convention at San Angelo Tuesday and Wednesday.

A forty-two party was given by Miss Viola Smith at her home Friday evening, honoring Miss Naomi Rogers of Lamesa and Miss Oneda Bell of Merkel. Assorted candies were passed during the evening to the following guests: Misses Marie Benfield, Oneda Bell, Asha McLeod, Naomi Rogers, Ermadean Duncan, Imogene Mangum, Viola Smith, Messrs. Delmer and Elmer McLeod, Bud and Bob Howell, Johnnie Terry, John Hamner, James McAdams and Melvin Howard.

Mrs. Lee Keys entertained her Sunday School class at the home of Mrs. C. R. Shannon Thursday afternoon. Following games and contests, refreshments were served to the following: Otha Ruth, Kathrine, Cozart, Dorothy Jo Strawn, Elsie Bishop, Margaret Relyhan, Jean and Dorene Scott, Kathleen and Clois Shannon and Mesdames Keys, Scott and Shannon.

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Payne and son, Billy Dick, accompanied by Mrs. W. E. Shouse, were visitors to Stanton over the week-end. Miss Oneda McWilliams, granddaughter of Mrs. Shouse, returned with them for an extended visit.

Miss Opal Freeman, who has been critically ill for the past five weeks, has entered a hospital for treatment.

Miss Idessa Moon of Graham is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Alex Wilpamson. When she returns home Thursday, she will be accompanied by Mrs. Buena McLeod and Helen, who will visit there for several weeks.

Hubert Beckham is in Wichita Falls on business this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Williamson visited friends and relatives in Wichita Falls the past week.

Mrs. Aline Falkner and children have returned to their home in Oklahoma after a pleasant visit with her mother, Mrs. Rose Edwards.

Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Crockett of Waco are here for a visit with their daughter, Mrs. O. L. Bishop.

Mrs. Weaver visited in Roscoe last week, being accompanied on her return by her little granddaughter, Johnnie.

Mrs. E. Howell and children spent the week-end with her daughter and family of Big Lake and Little Miss Wilma Kate Phillips returned with them for a month's visit.

Miss Naomi Rogers of Lamesa

spent a few days last week with friends and relatives here.

Mrs. Rankin, Miss Landrum and Mr. Clois Murdock of Mission were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Murdock.

Miss Fern Martin has returned to her home in Temple after a pleasant visit with friends here.

Mrs. Bert McRee, Jr., is visiting in Dallas this week.

Miss Maurine Smith is the guest of Miss Fay Smith of Stanton this week.

Ellis Outline stopped over for a visit with W. E. and Cal Hamner and John Woodard on his way to East Texas from a business trip to Hobbs, New Mex.

Miss Higginbotham of Roccoe with her little nephew, L. C., came in Monday for a visit with Mrs. Weaver.

METHODIST CHURCH NOTES.

Rev. Ural S. Sherrill filled the pulpit last Sunday at both the morning and evening services. Those missing these sermons are missing a real treat. Giving profound Biblical Scriptures and using religious parables, these topics are a benefit and credit to our town and community. Hear his next sermon and be convinced. Every subject is taken from Scriptures of the salvation of souls. If you have no church choice you are cordially invited to come and worship with us.

Sunday School, 9:45; preaching service, 11; evening worship 8:15.

Prayer meeting and choir practice will be held each Wednesday evening at 8 at the church. However, this service was postponed this week on account of the death of Mr. Alex McRee.

TRENT WOMEN ATTEND W. M. S. AT MERKEL.

Trent was well represented at the Zone meeting held in Merkel Tuesday, June 17. Bringing in a good report and taking part in all activities, Trent stood as one of the highest records of this west zone. This is due to the coherent band of workers always striving for something better along with a steady courage of noble religion. Those enjoying Merkel's most gracious hospitality and the inspirational gathering were: Mesdames M. G. Scott, E. L. Mangum, E. E. Bribley, S. H. Estep, W. E. Shouse, R. B. McRee, R. B. Johnson, O. A. Smith, John Payne, Billy Payne, Oneda McWilliams of Stanton, J. K. Winn and the pastor, Rev. U. S. Sherrill.

WHITE FLAT NEWS

Miss Ola Duncan returned Sunday from a visit with her sister at Sweetwater.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bickley and children were Merkel visitors Wednesday.

Marvin Watts has returned to Coahoma after visiting several days with friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Duncan of Sweetwater are week-end guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Duncan.

Mr. and Mrs. Seth Nugent were shopping in Sweetwater Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Martin of Refugio are here for an extended visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lon Martin.

Miss Ailene Bickley visited Mrs. Earl Stevens Tuesday afternoon.

Quite a few from here attended the ball game at Goodman Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Annie Stevens and Miss Velma Walker of Abilene were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stevens Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. T. K. Kent of Sweetwater were visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Duncan, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Scott of Noodle Dome were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lon Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sandusky and children of Merkel visited in the home of Mrs. Earl Stevens Sunday afternoon.

Freeland Nugent was a Merkel visitor Wednesday.

J. T. Keagan from Dallas is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Keagan.

Miss Ailene Bickley spent the week-end in Merkel with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Bickley.

Freeland Nugent had as guests Saturday night: Melvin and Fred Horton, A. J. Bickley and Marvin Watts of Coahoma. Games of 42 were enjoyed until a late hour.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stewart entertained the young folks with a party Saturday night and all report a very nice time.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Jones of Rotan were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bickley Sunday.

A large crowd from here went to Sweetwater Lake Sunday afternoon to witness the ball game between the Lake team and White Flat. Mr. and Mrs. Luther Statser were

Sweetwater visitors Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Seth Nugent had as guests Monday afternoon: Mrs. Earl Stevens and Mrs. Gladys Edwards of Trent.

SWEETWATER LAKE TEAM WINS 6 TO 3.

After winning five straight victories the White Flat team lost to the Sweetwater Lake team 6 to 3. The Lake team managed to get a good start in the first few innings scoring in the second, fourth and sixth innings and the White Flat team scored in the fifth and seventh. For six innings

Nugent pitched great ball, holding the Lake team to six safe blows, struck out twelve batters and yielded no walks. Tittle was successful in getting seven strike outs and allowing only eight hits.

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