



### Boy Needs Doctors To Complete Trick of Disappearing Dollar

Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 14—Three doctors had to help Lloyd Schmidt, 15, complete his amateur magician act.

The lad made a silver dollar disappear Wednesday—down his throat. The physicians used an X-ray, a tiny electric light, elongated pinchers and a hollow tube to make it reappear.

Brought to a hospital here from his home at Sterling, Neb., Schmidt was in no pain and could breathe easily. Dr. J. W. Thomas and two associates decided, however, to make the removal before the coin did further damage. Young Schmidt went home not much the worse for his experience.

Dr. Thomas said it was the only case of swallowing a dollar that he knows of.

### WTU Co. Creates New Operating District

Abilene, August 14—Announcement was made today from the Abilene general offices of the West Texas Utilities company of the formation of a new operating district comprising recently acquired properties in Dallas, Sherman, Hartley and Moore counties. District headquarters have been established at Dalhart, with J. A. Brewer appointed district manager.

Stratford, Dumas, Hartley, Texline, Chamberlain, Conlen, Phillips, Altman, Capps and Exum are the towns included in the new division, to be known as District "D."

The new district is located in the center of a rich farming, ranching and natural gas territory. A commercial producer has been brought in south of Altman and many desirable oil locations have been leased in that territory.

Pickford to Wed.  
Salinas, Calif., Aug. 14—Jack Pickford, screen luminary, and Miss Mary Mulhern, former New York stage actress, filed notice of intention to marry here at the Monterey county clerk's office.

The dial of the clock built for the Colgate Company in Jersey City, is 38 feet in diameter and the hands weigh half a ton.

### Abilene Father Endorses Orgatone (Argotane.)

His Son Was in a Very Run Down Condition—Argotane Proves To Be a Good System Builder.

Mr. J. A. Stowe, of 2417 S. First St., Abilene, Texas, makes the following remarkable statement regarding his son's health and what Argotane did for him:

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"We read so many local statements in the newspapers about the benefits people had derived from Argotane and decided that he should try it. It seemed to be the right medicine for him. He is in much better health now than he has been for several years and his health is improved greatly. He can eat most anything he wants now and seems to be stronger and have more energy than he did. Argotane has proven to be a mighty good system builder and tonic in my son's case and has helped him more than anything else and we both are glad to recommend it."

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### THE TOWN DOCTOR

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a stiff upper lip.

If Mrs. Jones, who has always purchased porterhouse steaks, goes into the butcher shop and for a change orders hamburger the butcher becomes scared and right away goes home to his wife and says: "Things are terrible—Mrs. Jones, who always buys porterhouse, came in today and bought only hamburger. Business is going to the dogs, so cut down on everything. Make the children wear their old clothes, cut out desserts, start doing your own washing, tell the kids they will have to walk to school and carry their own lunch or come home for it."

Right away the butcher's wife starts singing the "blues," telling all her friends that rich Mrs. Jones is buying only hamburger, and in no time at all it's all over town. The butcher's wife goes down to the department store and tells the salespeople that she can not take the dress she has had laid aside because "everybody" is buying nothing but hamburger.

The other ladies who have heard the tale tell their husbands how Mr. Butcher is about to go broke, and then these merchants happen to think that Mrs. Smith, who always bought this or that, bought something—and they

get panicky, and do the same thing as the butcher.

A traveling man comes along and is asked how business is elsewhere—he hasn't been writing as many orders lately, due chiefly to the fact that he is an order-taker rather than a salesman; and he recalls that just that morning he read in the paper that the market was going lower and lower. And, although he hasn't a dime's worth of stock, he likes to think he has and makes others think he has. And he remembers too, that the boss back at the main office has been riding him because he doesn't sell more than he did last year. He sees a good alibi for himself and says, "Well, we are bound to have a tightening up due to the market." And then business is bad.

In no time at all the chief topic of conversation at service club luncheons and other gatherings is "how tough business is, or is going to be." And right then it starts being tough.

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

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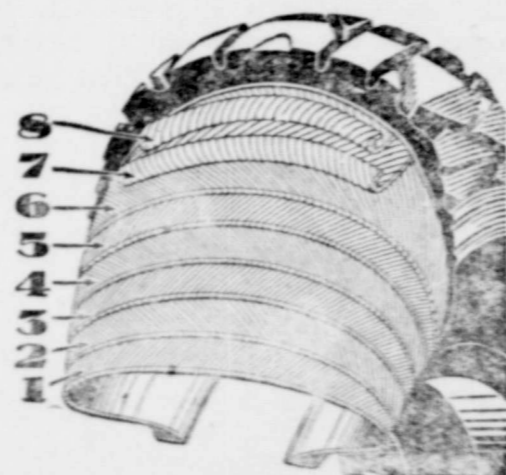
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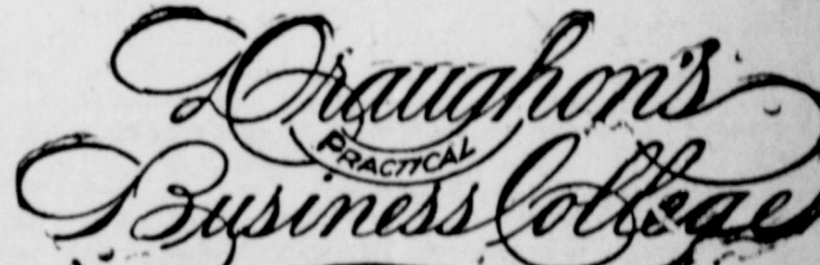
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**16,987,570 Gain for U. S. in Population**

Washington, Aug. 14.—The forty-eight states and the District of Columbia have 16,987,570 more persons than they had in 1920.

The census bureau Friday announced the 1930 compilation as 122,698,190, as compared to 105,710,620 in 1920, a gain of 16.1 per cent.

The total of continental United States and its possessions and territories exclusive of the Philippines, was 124,848,664. In 1920, including the 10,350,640 in the Philippines, the total was 117,859,495.

The census law does not apply to the Philippine Islands. A compilation is taken there as the insular government directs, the last count being in 1928. This was the figure added to the 1920 census.

The revised figures as announced by the bureau gave Texas a population of 5,821,272, an increase of 1,158,044 or 24.8 per cent since 1920. The preliminary report showed a population of 5,810,683, or an increase of 1,147,455 or 24.6 per cent.

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**Wealthy Widow Soon to Enter Convent Abroad**

New York, Aug. 14.—Mrs. Nicholas Brady, widow of the New York utilities executive and one of the wealthiest women in the United States, soon will enter a convent abroad to become a nun, the New York World said Friday.

A story from the World correspondent in Rome said Mrs. Brady had an audience with Pope Pius XI recently at which she discussed her plans. It was asserted that after her novitiate is completed she may establish a religious order of her own and become its mother superior.

The widow whose husband died last March leaving to her his entire fortune, estimated at \$50,000,000, is a sister of Francis P. Garvan of New York, head of the Chemical Foundation and former alien property custodian, and of John S. Garvan, in his day a star pitcher of the Yale baseball team.

She has been in Europe this summer and was reported to be visiting in London now. The correspondent said Monsignor Spellman, who was attached to the Brady household for some years, is in Munich, Germany, inquiring for a convent to which Mrs. Brady may retire completely from her friends and acquaintances.

The largest single oil refinery in the world is located at Port Arthur, Texas. (Authority; Manufacturers' Record.)

Well and refining machinery exported from the United States last year were valued at \$25,000,000.

**Hoover Celebrates 56th Birthday**  
Orange, Va., Aug. 14.—President Hoover, celebrating his fifty-sixth birthday anniversary simply Sunday, was presented with a few gifts, while as a centerpiece a large cake with fifty-six candles was placed upon the table.

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By Charles McManns







### Theft of \$1 Watch Sends Day Laborer To Prison for Life

New York, Aug. 14.—Theft of a \$1 watch will send Stephen Lynch, 28, a day laborer and an ex-convict, to prison for the rest of his life. A jury in the court of General Sessions Friday found him guilty of robbery in the first degree.

Lynch had served two prison terms. One in 1921 for attempted robbery and the other in 1923 for attempted assault. Under a provision of the Baumes law conviction for first degree robbery, where the party has previously been convicted of a felony, must be followed by imprisonment for life. Lynch will be sentenced Aug. 18.

Lynch and a companion entered a speakeasy July 4, forced Michael Murphy, a paver, into a chair, and took his \$1 watch away from him after threatening him with a knife. Just at that moment a patrolman passed. He rushed in and collared Lynch.

An opportunity for Lynch to plead guilty to a misdemeanor and thus avoid the possibility of sentence to life imprisonment was offered him, but he said he would "take the chance" and plead not guilty to a charge of first degree robbery.

The jury Friday recommended mercy when it returned its verdict but the imposition of a life sentence is mandatory.

### Men Outrun Horses.

Montreal, Aug. 14.—Man a better runner than a horse? Five teams of men finished ahead of six teams of horses in a 26-hour relay race here. The winners, H. B. McNamara of Australia and Ollie Wanttinen of Finland, beat the nearest team of horses by 11 miles in the 211 1/4-mile race.

When in Abilene, see "MADAME VIRGINIA" Reader and Adviser Advice given on all matters. 1365 Butternut St.

Five Texas cities are listed among the ninety-three "largest American cities" in the 1930 census.

### Doorman at New York Opera 47 Years Dies

New York, Aug. 14.—Thomas Jacob Bull, who probably knew more opera stars and patrons than anyone else, died Thursday. He had been head doorman at the Metropolitan Opera House since its opening 47 years ago.

From the night of Oct. 22, 1883, when the Metropolitan threw open its doors for its premiere with Italo Camanini and Christine Nilsson singing "Faust," until the end of the season just closed, Bull was at the door taking tickets. In that time he missed only 14 performances. That was during the season of 1922 when he was ill for two weeks.

He knew Caruso, Tetrizzini, Sembrich, Melba, Nordica, Farrar and a host of lesser stars of the operatic world. The brilliant throngs of opera goers were known to him by name and face. Boxholders never needed show their credentials more than once. He remembered them.

Caruso, he once said, had not impressed him at first as a great singer, but "grew" on him as the seasons passed.

He kept a diary which is almost a complete history of the Metropolitan with the names of the operas, the stars even to the hour and minute on which the curtain rose and fell between acts.

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And the Lord hear him and saved him in the old-fashioned way.

There were two additions by letters, two by statement, two reclaimed and one surrendered to the ministry, two to a special work, eight by baptism.

We wish to thank everyone that

helped in any way in making this meeting what it was; especially do we thank those that furnished the material for the tabernacle: Burton-Lingo company, the posts; P. A. Diltz, the lumber for the framing, and Jim Toombs, for the bagging for the covering of the tabernacle.

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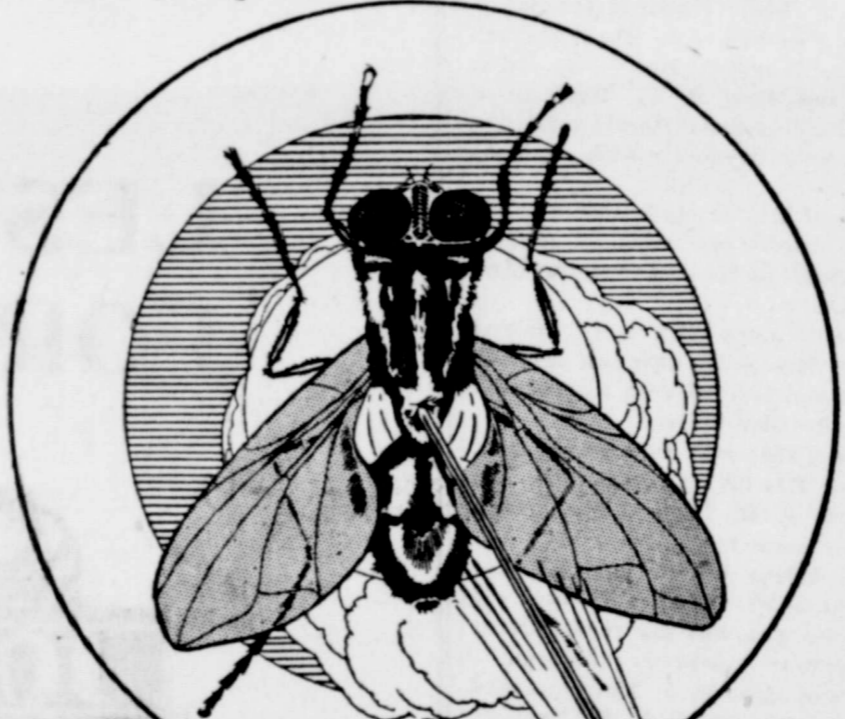
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# POULTRY

## ESTIMATED COST OF RAISING PULLETS

### Seven Months' Time and 30 Pounds of Feed.

Poultrymen should have available from \$1 to \$1.50 to spend for every pullet they plan to raise, declares Charles N. Keen, assistant professor of poultry at the Colorado Agricultural college.

"To bring into production a dual purpose pullet—one which may be utilized for meat or egg production—about seven months' time and 30 pounds of feed are required," Mr. Keen says. "To bring into production a pullet of the Leghorn type, about five and one-half months' time and 24 pounds of feed are necessary."

Other interesting figures which have been compiled from authoritative sources, but which are of course average figures, are given by Mr. Keen, who believes they will be of special interest now that the new chick season is beginning. It is emphasized that good management in most cases should produce better than average results.

Since it generally takes about two eggs to get one husky chick, and since nearly three chicks must be hatched to get one good pullet, it has been estimated that it really requires about six eggs to obtain one good pullet.

Several good authorities declare that it costs about ten cents to produce a chick. A six-year-old Rhode Island Red should weigh about three-fourths of a pound. A six-week-old Single Comb White Leghorn should weigh about seven-tenths of a pound.

A Rhode Island Red should weigh two pounds at about eleven weeks of age and should have consumed about 7.2 pounds of feed. A Single Comb White Leghorn should weigh one and one-half pounds at about ten weeks of age and should have consumed 6.5 pounds of feed.

### Sanitary Management Is Baby Chick Need

If the baby chicks are to keep their health and grow vigorously, we must practice proper sanitary management. We must keep the house clean, the ground clean, and the feed that is given them must be clean and wholesome. The feeding utensils and drinking fountains must be kept as clean as possible. It is a good idea to always keep a good disinfectant on hand, and every time the house is cleaned to use a solution of the disinfectant. The house should be cleaned out at least once each week and disinfected whenever necessary. It should be disinfected thoroughly after each brood is placed on range, to guard against any contagious diseases.

### Hard-Boiled Eggs Safe Food for Baby Chicks

It is common practice to feed the infertile eggs tested out from the incubator to baby chicks. In so doing it incurs the danger of infecting the chicks with pullorum disease (formerly called bacillary white diarrhea). Where eggs form a part of the chick's diet they should be boiled for at least five minutes and preferably longer. This boiling will destroy the germ of the dreaded chick disease, and then it is a perfectly safe and good practice to feed the boiled eggs to baby chicks. One should not run the risk of infecting the brood by feeding the raw eggs.

### Feed for Poults

Little turkeys should not be fed for the first day or two, as they are absorbing the yolk of the egg from which they came and this is what nature intended that they should get. After two days they may be fed chopped hard-boiled egg and corn bread crumbs for the first week, or soaked stale bread in milk and squeezed dry. When they begin to get out on the range, they may be fed morning and night only, as they get much from the range.

### Young Duck Ration

A widely recommended ration that has been extensively used by duck raisers, is as follows: As a starting ration a mash made up of equal parts of rolled oats and dried bread is fed. It is found desirable to add a small quantity of sand, one part to twenty parts of the mash, and moistened. As much as the ducks will clean up readily is fed five or six times daily. After the ducks are six days old equal parts of bran, yellow corn meal, rolled oats and dry bread can be fed.

### Geese Mate in Pairs

Geese generally mate in pairs, though a young gander will sometimes mate with more than one goose. Later he will usually pick a favorite. When mature the easiest way to tell a gander is to listen to the voice. A gander has a voice which is a cross between a whistle and whisper. A young male hatched in June has an excellent chance, but if he is kept in a pen with a lot of other birds of different ages he probably will not be ready by February.

# FARM STOCK

## MORE LIVE STOCK NEEDED ON FARMS

### Growing Demand for More Milk, Beef and Poultry.

A growing demand for more milk, butter, beef and poultry makes it absolutely necessary that farmers increase their live stock production if they continue to "live at home."

"The rapidly increasing urban population has brought to the farm door the opportunity of buying those things that at one time were of necessity produced on the farm," says A. C. Kimrey, dairy extension specialist at the North Carolina state college, "but it is also increasing the demand for all kinds of live stock products. In neglecting to increase his dairy herd and poultry flocks, the farmer is neglecting a wonderful opportunity to not only produce a good living but also make a good income from the farm."

In the early days of our history, states Mr. Kimrey, when the markets were few and far apart, it was not only good business but a necessity to produce everything needed on the farm. This naturally led to the production of crops that were adapted to slow marketing such as cotton, tobacco and grain. But now, he states, it is not only necessary to produce the things needed on the farm but also to produce those things most in demand at the nearest market which, in most cases, is at the front door. The constant demand today is for food products from live stock.

According to Mr. Kimrey, live stock, pasture and feed crops in reasonable proportion will enable every farmer in North Carolina to utilize a maximum per cent of his acreage and will at the same time, produce a decent living and a marketable surplus of live stock products.

"This is the only permanent solution, and as long as the farmers of North Carolina refuse to follow this system, just so long will they have a small and insufficient farm income and a standard of living not in keeping with other live stock producing sections," says Mr. Kimrey.

### Bulletin on Docking and Castrating Lambs

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)  
Farmers who raise sheep for the sale of lambs will be interested in Farmers' Bulletin 1134-F, "Castrating and Docking Lambs," which may be obtained free from United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

This bulletin emphasizes the value of docking all lambs and castrating the ram lambs which are to be marketed, in order to get maximum gains and good prices when finished. Undocked ram lambs are often discriminated against, the bulletin shows, to an extent ranging from \$2 to \$5 per 100 pounds, in comparison with castrated and docked lambs of the same age. This is due largely to the greater uniformity and more attractive appearance which castrated and docked lambs present when marketed.

Owners of range flocks have long appreciated the value of castrating and docking, but these practices are not so general in the case of farm flocks. The bulletin describes and illustrates the operations of castrating and docking to aid farmers in performing the work safely and effectively.

### Live Stock Hints

Comfort is essential for maximum profits from any kind of live stock.

Cockle burrs are poisonous to lambs and small pigs if eaten in large quantities.

Only good quality hay, or that which is of bright green color and leafy in character, should be fed to hogs.

Pigs which make good gains during the suckling period have a decided advantage over pigs raised by sows which are poor milkers.

Early pigs require more attention at farrowing time and for a few days after they are farrowed to avoid losses due to cold weather.

A little extra protein feed should be supplied during the last four to six weeks before the sows are due to farrow. It may be furnished by feeding a pound of tankage per day for every four sows, or about two gallons of skim milk per day to the same number of sows.

Leguminous hay supplies desirable proteins, minerals and vitamins in the ration. Aside from the nutrients furnished, however, another benefit derived from feeding the whole hay is that of compelling the sows to exercise.

After pigs are weaned brood sows running on good pasture need only a limited amount of grain to carry them through the summer in shape to farrow again the fall. The young growing sow needs more grain than mature sows.

## Forecast 1930 Cotton Bales at 14,362,000

Washington, Aug. 14.—An indicated cotton crop of 14,362,000 bales of 500 pounds gross weight was forecast Friday for this year by the department of agriculture basing its forecast on the condition of the crop Aug. 1, which was 62.2 per cent of normal.

The Aug. 1 condition indicated a yield of 155.3 pounds per acre compared with 155.0 pounds last year and 155.1 pounds, the 1919-28 average yield per acre.

Last year the Aug. 1 condition was 69.6 per cent of normal, and the 1919-28 average condition on Aug 1 was 67.2 per cent.

The indicated production was calculated on the basis of the area in cultivation July 1 this year less the ten-year average abandonment, or 44,252,000 acres.

The producing area for Texas is given as 16,835,000 acres, the condition 61 per cent and the indicated production 4,496,000 bales.

Total 1929 crop for the United States was 14,821,499 bales and for Texas 3,940,992.

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