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HOMER D. WADE IS ELECTED MANAGER DALLAS CHAMBER

Severs Connections with West Texas C. of C. After Seven Years Service; Successor Will Be Selected June 20.

Dallas, June 13.—Homer D. Wade, manager of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, Friday severed connections with the organization he helped make famous. Wade, widely known for his work with the West Texas organization, was named manager of the Dallas Chamber of Commerce by its directors, and immediately accepted the position.

Although Wade's salary was not made public, it was learned that it would be in line with that paid other managers which was \$12,000. He was given 30 days in which to conclude his affairs with the West Texas Chamber.

Working with Wade will be C. J. Crampton, Dallas, executive secretary, a newly created position.

Mr. Wade was born on a farm in Leo County. He was once a rural school teacher. He then became a country newspaper man and later city editor of the Waco Times-Herald. He was discovered by Stamford in 1907 by E. W. Sparks, who was trying to find a secretary for the chamber of commerce.

Stamford was a new town, backed by the Swensons, and Wade served there for seven years. Then came a period of five years during which he served as the Washington representative of the Swenson interests, and helped to develop Freeport, where his people had great sulphur interests.

Back to Stamford came Wade in 1921, as city manager. In that post he served nearly two years, resigning to take the assistant management of the West Texas chamber of commerce. He was its legislative manager, and as such organized the Texas Conservation association, in which he took especial pride. He received a large share of the credit for getting an appropriation of \$600,000 for a hydrographic survey of the state.

It was in 1922 that Wade threw in with the WTCC, at the Plainview convention, and at the Amarillo convention in 1926 he was made general manager, succeeding Porter A. Whaley, who had resigned to become manager of the San Antonio chamber of commerce at a reported salary of \$12,000.

A meeting of the executive board of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce at Abilene on June 20 has been called by A. M. Bourland, president of the organization, to select a successor to Mr. Wade.

Pastor Officiates At Brother's Wedding

Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of the Presbyterian church, has returned from Honey Grove, where he went to perform the marriage ceremony for his brother, William Travis Walker of Abilene, and Miss Claire Galbraith of the above city.

In the Paris Morning News of June 11 the following account of the wedding appears:

"Honey Grove, June 10.—A pretty afternoon wedding took place here Saturday, when Miss Claire Galbraith daughter of R. H. Galbraith, became the bride of William Travis Walker of Abilene. The ceremony took place at 4 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Mantius, Rev. R. A. Walker, brother of the bridegroom officiating. Following an automobile trip to New Orleans, Mr. and Mrs. Walker will be at home in Abilene."

Trent Lady Breaks Leg.
Mrs. W. A. Abbott, who had the misfortune of breaking a bone in her left leg below the knee, was brought to the Merkel sanitarium late Monday afternoon for attention. The fracture was due to a weak ankle which caused her to fall when she turned around while engaged in household duties.

Midland Retains Berth.
After voluntarily surrendering their franchise in the West Texas league on June 5, it is announced by D. L. Snodgrass, president of the circuit, that the "Midland club is now financially sound and will play out the season."

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Charlie Croft, 35, oil field worker, was killed near Pampa when a band wheel of an oil rig fell upon him.

While wading with other children in a small tank near his home, James Helms, six year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Helms, was drowned Monday.

Oleta Cook, 11, of Ranger, is in a critical condition due to a fractured skull following the tipping downward of a two-wheel trailer from which she was swinging in play.

Attorney General Claud Pollard, who is mentioned as a prospective candidate for governor, will make an address July 3 at the formal opening of the new oil office building at Midland.

Albert Fore, 34, is being held at Ballinger in connection with an unsuccessful attempt to rob the Security Bank of Wingate. He was wounded in both legs by Duncan Hensley, president of the bank.

Ralph Habertson, San Benito, Texas, described as an expert wolf hunter, has gone to Winchester, Ky., to lead an expedition against a wolf that has played havoc in that section for a year.

The first bale of cotton reported in the lower Rio Grande valley was picked Tuesday. The bale is believed to be the world's first of this year's pick and was grown on the farm of H. Henson.

When a truckload of boys and girls were returning to Texarkana from a medicine show, the machine collided with a bus, killing Earl Ward, 15, and Morris Norris, 18, and injuring three others.

When he slipped down a 25 foot embankment on his farm near Dallas, Dr. Peyton L. Campbell broke his hip and lay in a creek bottom unaided for 13 hours, being rescued by a deputy sheriff.

After an investigation of the triple gas blast tragedy at Abilene which wiped out the Gene Lawler family the Taylor county grand jury reported they were unable to fix any criminal liability upon any party or parties.

V. Ray Adams, Bartlett rancher, was acquitted at Corsicana Saturday of the slaying of Orville L. Mathews, Dallas banker, as the result of an election bet on the outcome of the Mayfield-Connally senatorial race.

The jury in the trial of Mrs. Levi P. Stallworth of Amarillo for the slaying of Mrs. Grace Morrison of Plainview in front of an Amarillo hotel on May 13 was discharged after approximately 43 hours of deliberation.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Gump and Tom England, all of Dallas, were killed when a large touring car in which they were riding turned over six miles south of Durant, Okla., Monday morning and Mrs. England received serious injuries.

When she tripped on a hydrant on her sister's lawn at Taylor, Miss Lou Willis sustained a broken shoulder but thinking it was only wrenched she got into her car and drove home. It was discovered her shoulder was broken when a physician made examination.

Dennis Lavender, Abilene youth, won the Texas amateur golf championship at Dallas Saturday by defeating Lanham Connor, Dallas crack player, 1 up. It was the first time in the 23 years history of the Texas Golf association that a final match had gone the full 36 holes.

When the driver failed to make the turn at the bridge across Groesbeck creek near Quanah, the car crashed through the concrete balustrade but was caught underneath by the braces torn away, saving the occupants of the car, O. J. Lockwood and young daughter of Gould, Okla., from plunging into the creek waters 25 feet below.

Two were killed as hunters' guns were discharged last week-end in the eastern section of Red River county, one death being that of Ben Moore House, 9, as the result of the accidental discharge of a target in the hands of a younger brother and the other being Hubert Mays, 21 and married, who was standing over a gun he had been using when the weapon was discharged.

REV. SAM MORRIS TO LEAD REVIVAL STARTING SUNDAY

Two Weeks Meeting Will Be Held at Baptist Church, With Services Twice Daily; Pastor Parrack Invites Everybody.

Beginning next Sunday and continuing for two weeks, Rev. Sam Morris of Abilene will lead a revival meeting at the Baptist church here, of which Rev. Ira L. Parrack is pastor.

Rev. Morris needs no introduction to Merkel or the surrounding communities, as he preached in most every community around here while he was a student at Simmons. He has served as pastor of some of the best churches in this territory and has held many successful meetings.

Speaking of the revival services, Rev. Parrack said:

"We will be glad to have friends of Mr. Morris from other communities to attend the services during the meetings arranged and group prayer each day, at 10 a. m. and 8 p. m. There will also be cottage prayer meetings arranged and group prayer meetings held in connection with the evening preaching services.

"To those who have not heard Brother Morris, we are glad to say that every sermon he brings is filled with interest and enthusiasm and his deep spiritual nature shows through all the while. A cordial invitation is extended to the public in general to hear this man of God while he is here.

"The music will be in charge of local forces and other singers of the town and surrounding communities will be welcomed in the choir to help lead the singing. Of, course, there will also be lots of congregational singing and every one will be urged to join in and make the music count for the glory of God."

Dunn Brothers Again In Grocery Business

In the advertising columns of this issue of the Merkel Mail the announcement is made by W. F. Dunn and J. M. Dunn, Jr., that they have purchased the Dunn Bros. Grocery and Market from F. E. Drummond, the former owner, and in connection with the large stock of groceries and fresh meats which they carry they will also have a complete line of fresh fruits and vegetables at all times.

The Dunn Bros. Store passed into their hands last Saturday and these two young men will both be actively connected with the business as formerly.

Fireboys Make Run To Sweetwater Blaze

The fire truck from the Merkel department, with Morris Horton and W. M. Douglas on duty, responded to the call from Sweetwater at midnight last Friday and assisted in extinguishing the blaze which had been raging for two hours and which destroyed the upper story of the Archer building in that city, caused much damage to the stocks on the first floor and water damage to adjoining firms.

The fire truck from Roscoe also answered the call.

Fire Chief N. A. Dowell stated Saturday before leaving for the Firemen's State convention at Galveston that the Merkel department was glad of the opportunity to assist the neighboring city. He also said that the call was received at exactly 12 midnight and the fire truck reached the fire at 12:28, making the distance of about 26 miles in the 28 minutes with allowance of time out for dressing and getting started.

New Skating Rink Opened Wednesday

The first session for skating at the Merkel skating rink was opened Wednesday evening and it is announced by F. H. Latham, the owner, that skating sessions will be held every night during the week from 8 till 11 and on Saturdays, starting at 2 p. m. A fine maple floor has been installed and every facility for the enjoyment of skating is at hand.

Mr. Latham, the proprietor, is well pleased with the interest which has been shown in the new enterprise and will have other announcements to make from time to time.

SALE \$16,000 BONDS GRAMMAR SCHOOL REPAIRS OKEYED

According to a wire received Tuesday from the State Board of Education at Austin, the issue of \$16,000 worth of school bonds for the repairs and improvements of the Merkel Grammar school building was purchased by the above board at par and accrued interest.

Supt. Roger A. Burgess stated to a representative of the Merkel Mail that work would start in about ten days now, since the bonds have been sold and the funds will be available at once. As stated in last week's issue, the contracts for both the heating and the general contract have already been let by the school board.

MEN'S CLUB HEARS REV. FRED ROGERS

With Fred Rogers of Stamford, former pastor of the Presbyterian church here, as the principal speaker, the members of the Men's Fellowship club of the Presbyterian church enjoyed a most helpful evening on the occasion of their monthly meeting at the church Tuesday.

J. A. Sears was in charge of the program and presided at the meeting. Special musical numbers included a duet by Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Scott and a solo by Miss Boog Sears. Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served by the ladies of the Missionary Society, several of whom were present also for the meeting.

Taking as his subject "The True Value of Man," the speaker as usual brought an interesting message and friends of his former pastorate here were indeed glad of the opportunity to hear him again.

Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of the church, also made a brief talk on the repairs which the ladies of the Missionary Society were considering, including repapering and repainting the interior.

Fifteen Mile Event To Be Feature Card July Fourth Races

Abilene, Texas, June 13.—The feature of the Automobile Race program to be held on the West Texas Fair speedway in this city on Independence Day, July 4, will be a 15 mile event in which a guaranteed purse of \$650 will be given the winner and smaller amounts to the next three to finish.

There will be four other competitive events on the card in addition to the time trials which will start at 1:30 p. m. The fair association is putting up a total of \$2,500 as prizes for the various winners and will in addition divide a percent of the receipts among the contestants. The race meet will be conducted under the sanction of the contest board of the American Automobile Association and D. H. Jefferies, veteran race official, will have charge of the program as official AAA representative and starter.

Each of the five races will start eight cars. The first contest on the program will be for ten laps of the five-eighths mile dirt track. This will be open to the eight cars making the fastest time in the trials and will pay \$250 to the winner.

In the second event, also a ten-lap grind, the cars winning the first three places in the first race will be cut out and the next eight high cars in the qualifying round will be started. First money will be \$175. The other two events will be five mile races.

Ford Coupe Stolen.

A new Ford Coupe belonging to Dr. R. I. Grimes and containing the medicine cases of Dr. W. T. Sadler was stolen Saturday afternoon from in front of the Merkel sanitarium and no trace of same had been heard up to noon Thursday. Dr. Sadler had just driven the car up and entered his office, leaving his medicine cases in the car. Within a few minutes when he started to leave, the car was gone.

Negroes In Auto Crash.

Two negroes received serious cuts and bruises when an automobile in which they were riding with three other negro men went into a ditch and crashed into a telephone post on the Merkel-Abilene highway near Tye shortly before 7 o'clock Monday morning. The five were in a light touring car en route from Abilene to Sweetwater.

COMING FROM SEVEN COUNTIES BOY SCOUT FLAGDAY RALLY HERE

R. O. ANDERSON GOLF WINNER

Captures Prize in First Flight With Rufe Tittle Leading Second Flight.

R. O. Anderson won the championship flight of the local golf tournament by defeating W. L. Diltz 1 up after winning the third round of play over Claud Dye 1 up on 21 holes.

Rufe Tittle became the winner of the second flight when he defeated Wren Durham 5 up and 4 to go.

The consolation flight is under way, but only one match had been played in the second round up to Thursday noon.

When the winner of the consolation flight is determined by the elimination matches, the winners of the three flights, the championship flight, the second flight and the consolation will play a threesome for the prize of a pair of golf shoes offered by E. Yates Brown of the Boston Bargain store to the champion over all.

THIRD ROUND RESULTS.
Results in the third round, or semi-final matches, were:

First flight:

R. O. Anderson eliminated Claude Dye 1 up, (21 holes.)

W. L. Diltz won over L. B. Scott 5 up and 4 to go.

Second flight:

Rufe Tittle defeated E. Yates Brown 1 up.

Wren Durham beat W. O. Boney 5 up and 4 to go.

(Durham won his second round from Dillingham 1 up, which match had not been played at the time of last issue.)

WINNERS IN FINALE.
In the finals, R. O. Anderson eliminated W. L. Diltz 1 up, winning the championship flight.

Rufe Tittle won over Wren Durham 5 up and 4 to go, carrying off the honors in the second flight.

CONSOLATION FLIGHT.
Results in the first round of play of the consolation flight that have been played since last report are:

John West eliminated C. K. Russell 5 up and 4 to go.

Herbert Patterson beat Hugh Mayfield 1 up on 19 holes.

Clesby Patterson won over Booth Warren 2 up and 1 to go.

Van McSpadden defeated J. A. Sears 2 up.

Grissom's at Abilene In 21 Store Merger

Abilene, Texas, June 13.—A mercantile merger, involving twenty-one stores with an expansion program to acquire fifty stores by the end of 1930, was announced here Saturday night.

The merger brings together the Grissom stores, headed by J. E. and Hardy Grissom with stores in Abilene, Colorado, Coleman, Big Spring, Haskell, Quanah, and Vernon; Joyce-Pruitt Company with stores at Roswell, Clovis, Carlsbad, Portales, Hope and Artesia, all in New Mexico; the Carter-Houston stores of Plainview and Dimmitt, and the Wadley-Wilson stores at Midland, Odessa and Pecos.

Headquarters will be in Abilene, the three corporations constituting a holding company known as Sunset Stores, Inc., owning the stock of the two operating companies, known as the Grissom-Robertson Stores, Inc., operating the Texas houses, and Joyce-Pruitt Company operating in New Mexico.

Liberal Subscription Received.

As an evidence of his regard for the Merkel M. E. Church South and his interest in Christian education, Sam Butman, Sr. has sent for the credit of the Merkel church a very liberal subscription to the endowment fund of McMurry college. The subscription was all the more appreciated, because it was unsolicited.

On Way to Hawaii.

San Angelo, June 13.—Ira Yates, who has large holdings in the famous Yates oil field, left Monday for Hawaii.

Lions Club and Merkel Boy Scouts Will Be Hosts for Chicken Dinner.

Commemorating the 152nd anniversary of the adoption by the continental congress of the Stars and Stripes as the national emblem of the United States, Boy Scouts of the Chisholm Trail area, seven-county district, will gather at Shannon's Lake today, (Friday) for an archery, swimming and signaling meet. Two boys are expected from each troop and Scoutmaster Herbert Patterson of Merkel will have charge of the all day program.

A chicken dinner will be served to the boys as a compliment from the Merkel Scouts and the Merkel Lions club. Henry West will be toastmaster and a full attendance of the local Lions club is urged.

The archery event will be staged under the direction of Jim Potts and Jarrett Jones, members of Abilene scout troop No. 8. They will explain the making of bows, bowstrings and the feathering and tipping of arrows. It is stated that two scouts from the local troop, J. T. Darsey and Benjamin Sheppard, are about ready for Eagle badges and they will probably be awarded them during this month.

Improvement of the Chisholm Trail camp ground at Buffalo Gap will be discussed at the dinner. A plea will be made for people interested in scout work to construct some of the buildings and improvements as memorials, according to a statement by Ed Shumway, Scout executive of Abilene, who will be present.

APPROVE CAMP LEASE.

Present from Merkel at the dinner session in the crystal ball room of the Hilton hotel at Abilene last Saturday night when local chairmen, scoutmasters and Boy Scout leaders from eight towns of the Chisholm Trail area approved the camp lease from the city of Abilene for 53 acres of land northeast of Lake Abilene to the Chisholm Trail area council for 40 years, were Dee Grimes, Herbert Patterson and T. G. Bragg.

Many Merkel Ladies At Quarterly Meeting West Zone at Trent

Sixty women, representing missionary societies of Methodist churches in Abilene, Caps, Tye, Merkel and Trent attended the quarterly meeting of the west zone, Abilene district, held Tuesday in Trent.

Mrs. T. V. Touchstone of Merkel, zone leader, presided for the meeting; and visitors in attendance included Mrs. Hanson of Luaders, leader of the north zone, and Mrs. W. H. Myatt of Nugent, secretary of the district.

During the business session Mrs. R. A. Burgess of Merkel was named secretary. The next meeting, which will be in September, goes to the Tye church.

Besides Mrs. Burgess and Mrs. Touchstone, others in attendance from Merkel were Mesdames H. M. Rainbolt, E. Beene, Floyd Dowell, T. C. Willett and W. A. McSpadden and Misses Mossie Sears and Molly Frank Touchstone.

Lineman Operated On.

J. A. Tracy, lineman for the Southwestern Bell Telephone company, was operated on last Thursday night for appendicitis at the Merkel sanitarium and is recovering satisfactorily, according to reports Thursday.

CONTRIBUTORS TO CEMETERY FUND

Following is the list of contributors and the amount of each to the cemetery fund, as reported to the committee up to Thursday morning, together with the amount previously collected:

J. W. Campbell \$5.00

Mrs. F. E. Allyn, Eskota 7.50

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No. 10 leaves Merkel 9:33 a. m. instead 2:52 a. m.
 Arrives Ft. Worth 3:00 p. m.—Dallas 4:00 p. m.
 Connecting with Sunshine Special for St. Louis, Memphis, New Orleans and beyond.

No. 9 leaves Merkel 5:55 a. m. instead 5:05 a. m.
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WHAT'S DOING In West Texas

Anson is doing a great deal of building. A theatre with a capacity of 450 on the main floor and 100 in the balcony is to be erected by Knox Pittard. The plans call for a modern theatre front, three entrances, the foyer of tile. Floor will be of cement and tile. The dimensions will be 30 by 120 feet.

Hereford celebrated the opening of a new \$80,000 Baptist church by starting a revival in it. All precedents in church construction were broken in the decoration, seating and architecture of the distinctive church. One thousand auditorium or theatre chairs are in supply. The rose colored, roof, eaves, and circular-topped windows suggest the Spanish motif.

The De Leon Free Press recently celebrated its 40th birthday. It was established late in June in 1889, eight years after the establishment of the town, and has been published continuously ever since.

O'Donnell Methodists are spending \$3,500 remodeling their church. Seven Sunday school rooms will be built, besides other improvements. When completed this will be a splendid edifice, and up-to-date in every respect.

Tahoka is to have a new business block. C. A. Hill of Lamesa has announced that he will erect a brick building 50x125 in size to house a chain grocery store and an automobile agency. The old Howell building, one of the first garages erected in this section, will be razed for the new structure.

A Big Spring building is nearing completion. It is the \$55,000 Read building which contains seven stores on the ground floor, and a 25 room hotel on the second floor. It extends the business district one block on East Seventh. Other buildings nearing completion are the Alta Vista apartment house, Studebaker plant and six-story Petroleum building.

Silverton's new High School building will cost \$80,000, and will be completed by August 15. The school board will make plans to organize both a Junior and a Senior High school, according to C. D. Wright, president of the board.

Brownfield is rushing its street paving. At a meeting of the city council recently, a Wichita Falls firm was employed as engineers on street paving with instructions to start actual construction as soon as possible. It is thought that the proceeds of the bonds recently voted will provide for the paving of several additional blocks.

The Coleman Chamber of Commerce recently elected Sim O'Neal to serve another year as secretary of the civic body. Elmo V. Cook, head of the agricultural department and teacher of agriculture in Coleman High school, tendered his resignation to accept a position as agricultural agent in Bosque County.

Borger, the world's largest carbon black manufacturing center, has ten plants now operating or nearing completion, with 63 units, consuming 315,000,000 cubic feet of residue gas daily. Four hundred and seventy five thousand pounds of carbon black for tires, etc., are made every day.

The Wichita Falls cheese plant is buying 27,000 pounds of milk a day from farmers and dairymen in the area, which means an income of \$600 daily and \$20,000 monthly from a source that was non-existent only a few months ago. Other creameries and purchasers of milk in that city swell the total considerably.

Perryton will soon have a modern three story hotel. It will contain 41 rooms and will supplement another good hotel under construction containing 26 rooms. Paving of 14 1-2 blocks in the business district is under way and a \$50,000 theatre, equipped with vitaphone is nearing completion.

Read the advertisements in this paper. There's a message in every one of them that may enable you to save money. At least you will know where to find what you want without doing a lot of hunting and asking questions, and you also know the merchants appreciate your patronage because they solicit your business and make special offers.

Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office.

Henry Has to Float A Loan of Two Cents For Postage Stamp

Atlantic City, N. J., June 13.—Henry Ford, the multi-millionaire motor manufacturer, purchased the first Edison Jubilee stamp sold at the National Electric Light convention here but he was forced to borrow two cents to do it.

The stamps were placed on sale in a special booth, by arrangement with the postoffice department, and Mr. Ford was the first person to appear before it when it was opened. Unfortunately, the clerk was unable to change a large bill, the only money the automobile king had in his possession.

Ford glanced hurriedly about him for some one to help him out of his dilemma, whereupon J. F. Quinlan, executive director of the Golden Jubilee of Light, which is being held in conjunction with the electrical convention, stepped forward with the necessary two cents.

Ford assured Quinlan that he would repay the loan promptly.

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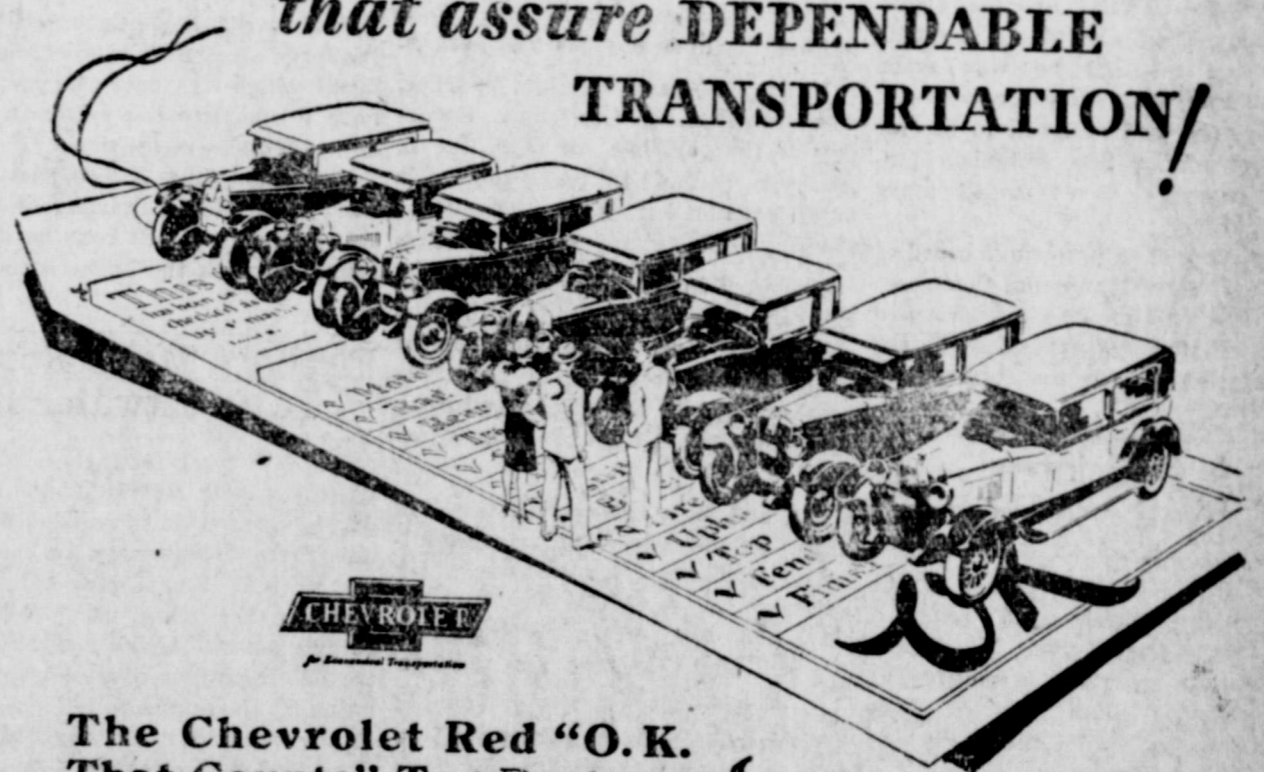
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MORRIS SHEPPARD
(1913-1929)

Morris Sheppard, son of John Levi and Alice (Eddins) Sheppard, was born in Wheatville, Morris County, Texas, on May 28, 1875. His father, a native of Alabama, was a prominent lawyer and judge of Texas and served in the National Congress in 1899-1902.

Morris Sheppard attended the common schools of Daingerfield, Pittsburg, Cumby, Austin and Linden, and was graduated at the University of Texas in 1895. He graduated in law two years later and afterwards spent a year at Yale University and received the degree of Master of Laws in 1898, at the same time winning the Wayland prize for debating and delivered the master's oration at the Yale Law School commencement. He began the practice of his profession at Pittsburg, Texas as a member of the firm of Sheppard, Jones and Sheppard.

Mr. Sheppard removed to Texarkana, Texas, in 1899, which became his permanent home. Early in his career he became interested in politics. In October, 1892, he was elected to the 57th Congress to fill the unexpired term of his father, who had died, and was elected thereafter to the 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st and 62nd Congresses. As chairman of the house committee on Public Buildings, he undertook to rehabilitate the antiquated system by which federal structures were erected throughout the country. The committee had charge of planning the new departmental buildings in Washington, which cost many millions of dollars, and he also favored the erection of a suitable permanent fireproof building for the preservation of the archives of the government.

At the Democratic primaries of July, 1912, Mr. Sheppard was nominated for United States Senator to succeed Senator Joseph W. Bailey and was elected by the State legislature in the following January. At that time he was elected not only for the unexpired term of Senator Bailey, who had resigned, but also for the following term beginning March 4, 1913 and expiring March 3, 1919. He was re-elected in 1918 and again in 1924 for the term ending March 3, 1931.

Senator Sheppard has served as a member of the committees on Agriculture and Forestry, Census, Trans-

portation Routes, and the District of Columbia, and as chairman of the committee on Expenditures in the Department of Agriculture. He is now a member of the committees on Commerce, Education and Labor, Irrigation and Reclamation and Military Affairs. He was the author of the 18th Amendment to the federal Constitution, establishing national prohibition; the war-time prohibition measure; the act for prohibition in the District of Columbia, and the act for prohibition in Hawaii, and was the leader of the fights in the Senate for the enactment of these measures into law.

During the discussion of the 18th Amendment in the Senate on January 16, 1919, Senator Kenyon, of Iowa, said:

"Mr. President, * * * I rise for the purpose, however, of felicitating the distinguished Senator from Texas (Mr. Sheppard) whose name will ever be associated with this movement. It must be a satisfaction to him to feel that while the defenders of the liquor traffic may sneer at his efforts, the mothers of the Nation and the Christian citizenship of the land are thanking God that there came to Congress a man with the courage, persistency, vision, and love of humanity that he has manifested in standing amidst all the storms of abuse, not only in the Nation, but around the Capitol, and fighting through the good fight to the end.

"With due regard to the many services performed by other senators in this body in days gone by, it is my humble judgment—and I know it is the judgment of millions of people in the United States—that no greater service has ever been performed to humanity or righteousness and to the real best interest of this Nation than has been by the Senator from Texas. I extend to him my heartfelt felicitations upon this day, truly one of triumph for him, and I extend to the State of Texas congratulations that they have in this body the man who has been the leader in this great movement."

Senator Sheppard was one of three senators from the South who voted for the Federal Woman Suffrage amendment when it was proposed in 1914, the other two being Senators Loa, of Tennessee, and Ransdell, of Leo, of Tenn., and Ransdell, of La.

The amendment was defeated at the time, having but one majority, two-thirds being necessary. When the amendment was later adopted, a much larger number of Southern Senators supported it than before. In fact, but for the votes of senators from the South it could not have mustered the two-thirds majority necessary to submission. During his service in the House and Senate, Senator Sheppard has been instrumental in the enactment of numerous other measures of great importance to Texas and the nation.

Senator Sheppard is an active member of the Woodmen of the World, one of the largest fraternal insurance orders in the United States, and has been sovereign banker or national treasurer thereof since 1899. He is a man of scholarly attainments and gifted with rare elocutionary and oratorical talent. His voice has a silvery ring; he has a vocabulary of great range, with an easy and confident manner of speech, and is said to be the peer of any orator in the national Congress. He is frequently called upon to deliver orations on patriotic occasions.

It was stated that Senator Sheppard's speech in defense of keeping upon the coinage of the United States the symbolic inscription "In God We Trust," was an epic prose poem. A collection of his addresses was published under the title "Fraternal and Other Addresses" in 1910.

Senator Sheppard was married on December 1, 1909 to Lucile, daughter of Noah P. Sanderson, a lumber dealer and cotton-seed oil merchant of Texarkana, and has three daughters, Janet, Susan and Lucille Sheppard.

**Woman is Victim of
Ruse By Gypsies**

San Antonio, June 13.—In place of \$2,000 in bills which she believed were in a bundle, Mrs. Antonia Martinez of San Antonio found only crumpled newspapers Monday morning and realized she had been swindled by two gypsy women, she told police Monday.

Saturday Mrs. Martinez met the two on the street, she told police, and they warned her that unless she gave them \$2,000 her two sons would die. They also told her that if they were given the money, they could cure her daughter. Mrs. Martinez obtained the

money from the bank and tied it in a bundle. Then the two women "prayed" over it and returned the bundle to her, telling her to keep it unopened until Monday.

About half the commercial winter spinach crop of the United States is produced in Texas from 20,000 acres sown to that crop.

Ty Turns to Golf.

Ty Cobb never would play golf while he was active as a baseball player, but he spends much of his time playing now that he is through with baseball. And he likes it.

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LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS.

Moore Bros. of Hilton shipped a car of mixed cattle from Merkel last Sunday.

On account of the interest in the local golf tournament and due to the fact that a number of the firemen are away attending the Firemen's State convention at Galveston, the ball game between the Firemen and the Lions club which had been announced for this, (Friday) afternoon has been postponed for another week.

The Lions club did not meet on their regular date of Tuesday this week, but postponed the luncheon until today, (Friday) when they will join with the Boy Scouts in their Flag Day rally at Shannon's Lake.

Curb and gutter work is now under way in connection with the paving of Oak street by the General Construction company of Fort Worth and owing to the favorable weather rapid progress is being made.

Reunion of 1928 Seniors.

On Monday evening the Seniors of 1928 met for their first reunion since they finished high school. The class was well represented considering the fact that some are away on vacations and some are still in school.

They assembled at the Methodist church and left there at seven o'clock for Buffalo Gap. After arriving at the picnic grounds some of the class enjoyed a swim in the nice pool, while others of the class enjoyed the music. A delightful picnic lunch was served to the following class members, Bessie Westenhaver, Rex Roberts, Mildred Haman, Nola Neill, Max Roberts, Irene Perry, Berdelle Adcock, Burnis Tucker, Roy Propst, Sterling Sheppard, Marjorie Bradley, Tolbert Proctor, Clark Mundy, Ruby Jo Higgins, Martha Bird, sponsor of the class, and D. J. Neill, visitor.

A wonderful time was the report of everyone that went and the plan of the class is to have another reunion before many months pass.

Drive Begun to Rid State of Mosquitoes

Dallas, June 13.—A bulletin entitled "Mosquitoes Mean Malaria," giving instructions on how to destroy the wiggletail, which becomes a full grown mosquito in 8 to 10 days, has been sent to city and county health officers of Texas by Dr. J. O. Anderson, State Health Officer. Among the instructions in the bulletin are the following:

"Drain all pools of water. No water means no mosquitoes. Fill up abandoned wells and cesspools. Clean premises of tin cans, as they hold water. Screen your home completely with 16-mesh screening. Spray with oil all pools that can not be drained, or not stocked with top minnows. Consult your city health department for help in eliminating all kinds of mosquitoes."

In commenting on the bulletin Price Cross, president of the International Travelers Assurance Company, Dallas said the fight should be extended to include the fly.

"It is not generally known what progress has been made by our health officers in their campaign to enlist the support of the people in destroying places of fever germ carrying mosquitoes and the common house fly as well, since the fly is known to be one of the carriers of typhoid fever."

In his statement Price reviews the campaign instituted by health authorities in 1923 with the dengue fever and malaria epidemics of the previous year fresh in their mind. He added his company paid health claims of \$50,000 during the summer of 1922.

"Fever afflict lazy people, those who are too indolent to put up a fight to rid themselves of the pests," Price said. "It is not claimed that any campaign will eliminate mosquitoes and flies entirely, but a long and steady fight by all of the people, cooperating with health officers, will greatly reduce the misery and financial loss caused by fevers."

In 1926-27 Texas spent \$46,500,415.31 on its public school maintenance, of which \$25,949,185.31 was from local taxation. State apportionment was \$15 and from local taxes \$19.23.

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PERSONAL NEWS NOTES

Miss Louise Dowey is the guest of Miss Fannie Bell Boaz.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Boaz have gone to Dallas on a business trip.

Mrs. Lloyd Jones of Muleshoe is the guest of Mrs. T. V. Touchstone.

Miss Maxie Banner has returned from her vacation visit to Slaton.

Buster Hall and John E. Rains, Jr., Stamford were week-end guests of Joe S. Largent.

Mr. and Mrs. John Swayne of Paducah, Texas, are visiting Mrs. J. R. Toombs and other relatives.

Kirby Beckett and Lige Gambia have returned from a business trip to El Paso.

Wren Durham spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Durham, in Albany.

Burl Wheeler and family of Abilene were Sunday guests of Judge and Mrs. W. W. Wheeler.

Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Hamm have returned from a visit with their daughter, Mrs. Guy Darsey, in Fort Worth.

Mrs. Della Campbell of Paducah is visiting her mother, Mrs. Frank Sears, and other relatives.

Miss Lois Norton of Haskell was the house guest of Mrs. W. T. Sadler last week.

Miss Elener Noble of San Antonio is the house guest of her cousin, Miss Mona Margaret Jones.

Mrs. S. T. Gandy and children, Elenor May and David, are visiting in Fort Worth this week.

Tolbert Proctor and W. A. Whiteley are home for the summer from Texas Tech at Lubbock.

Mrs. Thomas Durham, Misses Tommys, Doris and Nell Durham are week-end visitors in Merkel.

Miss Hazel Lee Rainbolt returned Friday from McMurry where she received her B. A. degree.

Mrs. K. S. Beckett of Big Spring was a guest in the home of her son, Kirby Beckett, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hamm and son Ted are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Guy Darsey, in Fort Worth this week.

James H. West and two children have returned from a two weeks' visit with Dr. and Mrs. O. J. Shaffer in El Paso.

Dr. and Mrs. R. I. Grimes, Miss Mary Elizabeth and Robert Jr. Grimes returned Tuesday from a vacation spent at Corpus Christi.

Miss Mary Hughes from C. I. A. at Denton is at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hughes, for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Hamblet of Breckenridge were passing guests with relatives here en route to Midland.

F. J. Smith has with him for a visit his daughters, Mrs. R. B. Underwood and baby of Bryan and Miss Annie Laurie Smith of Wichita Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Esker Curtis are visiting friends in Anson since Tuesday. Later in the summer they will go to San Diego, Calif. for an extended stay.

On her return from Dallas Thursday, Mrs. N. D. Cobb was accompanied by her granddaughter, Billie May Cobb, who will visit for sometime with her grandparents.

Mrs. S. P. Nesmith paid a recent visit to Abilene to see her new niece, the young lady being the daughter of Mrs. Jack Laird of Odessa, sister of Mrs. Nesmith.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell McElyeand two daughters, Lorena and Elizabeth Ann, of Fort Worth were the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Cagle.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Thompson were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butman, Sr., and report a sumptuous dinner and a delightful visit.

Miss Mary Hutcheson returned from McMurry college Saturday. Leaving with her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson, at the end of this week, they will visit in Dallas and Temple.

Miss Kathleen Eisland of Stanton is visiting her uncle, Mr. T. M. Smith, Miss Eisland formerly lived here and has been attending the University of Texas where she received a Bachelor of Journalism degree.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. Dee Grimes and children and Miss Lucy Tracy are enjoying a vacation trip at the Hardeman Camp on the Llano this week.

Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Huddleston will leave Saturday morning for an automobile trip to California to spend five or six weeks. They expect to visit at San Diego and other cities up and down the coast.

Mrs. W. L. Harkrider, Mrs. Roy Largent and children, and Misses Nadine Tippett and Elizabeth Harkrider have returned from a short vacation at Houston. Miss Harkrider will attend summer term at McMurry.

While Dr. and Mrs. M. Armstrong

visited with their son and family, Dr. Frank Armstrong in Fort Worth, Mrs. John Cox came over from Abilene to keep house for her parents. With her was Mrs. Dee Kenedy of Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Largent and Miss Mattie Lou Largent enjoyed an automobile trip to Boonville, Mo., last week. They were accompanied home by Joe Sutphen Largent who attended Kemper Military College at that place.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Dye and two children left for Corpus Christi Tuesday, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lawler of Abilene.

Miss Burdelle Adcock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Adcock, is home from Abilene Christian college for the summer.

Mrs. A. Morton and daughter, Miss Mabel Corinne, returned Sunday from a visit with Mrs. Morton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Chance of Roby. Other visitors in the Chance home at the same time were several relatives from Mission in the Rio Grande valley.

Milton Deavers, who has been at the Baptist sanitarium in El Paso, is now at the U. S. Veteran Bureau hospital in Tucson, Ariz. His mother, Mrs. H. A. Deavers, who has visited with him for sometime in El Paso, has gone on to Tucson where she will continue her visit.

Mr. and Mrs. George Coker and son, Billie George, of Dallas, who were week-end guests of their parents, Judge and Mrs. N. B. Cobb, left on Monday for Corpus Christi, being accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Truman Dickey of Dallas. Mrs. Dickey is a niece of Mrs. N. B. Cobb.

Hoover's Yacht Falls Before Economy Plan

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Birthday Surprise Party.

As each new year comes in it brings for every one the all important day known as his birthday and such was the fact when on June 6 Mrs. F. A. Polly was lured to the home of Mrs. A. M. Dougherty where a group of friends awaited the honoree.

A friendship book was passed and each individual wrote a message of birthday wishes.

While the crowd was busily engaged in conversation the hostess quietly slipped the birthday tokens by the side of the honored guest which were soon untied by her. After the gifts had been admired the birthday cake was presented to be cut first by Mrs. Polly, after which each guest cut his own piece eagerly looking for the symbol that would reveal his fortune.

Refreshments of sandwiches, potato chips, punch and cake being served to the group the guests departed wishing Mrs. Polly many more happy birthdays.

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COMPERE NEWS

Lots of work is going on in this community but the hot winds make the crops begin to look sick. We hope we will get another rain before long, as we need it.

Oscar Lucas and family have returned after a short visit to Dallas. His Grandmother Smith came home with them and is visiting in Noodle this week.

Mr. Esfell has reason to feel joyful since most of this community went together and assisted him with a working. There were 45 men and girls working in the field and a good dinner was spread for them when they came in at noon. The ladies who brought and cooked the dinner were Mesdames Horten, Marshall, Ola Spurgin, Climer, R. D. Lucas, Nova Lovin and Tavie Tarpley. There were 22 children. The dinner was plentiful and there was lots of work done for Mr. Esfell.

The singing at Compere Sunday afternoon was enjoyed by a large crowd.

Mrs. R. D. Lucas visited her brother at Nugent Sunday.

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Ruth Too Ill to Play Cheers from Stands

New York, June 13.—Babe Ruth may be too ill to play baseball these days but he can't keep away from the game that made him famous.

With his wife, the former Claire Hodgson, the Babe was a spectator at Sunday's game between the Yankees and the Browns. The famous slugger didn't go near the Yankee bench but sat in a box along the right field stands.

He stood up and cheered when his friendly rival, Lou Gehrig, hit his thirteenth home run and was dissuaded only with difficulty from tossing away his expensive hat when "Columbia Lou" shot his fourteenth into the right field bleachers later.

Still a bit weak from a severe cold, Ruth was able, nevertheless, to talk a good game of baseball.

"I hope they keep up this hitting against the Browns and the Tigers," he said. "I'll be back to help them against the Athletics—the only team we have to beat."

Use The Mail Want Ads.

Charges Her Escort Struck Her With An Automobile Crank

Dallas, Texas, June 13.—Police hardly can blame a man for "throwing a temper fit" when his automobile, in which he is riding, with his best girl, fails to manipulate. But he should not throw pieces of the vehicle at the lady just because she tries to tell him how to start the car.

A young woman came to police station late Sunday night and reported that her escort had struck her on the arm with the crank out of his car.

The escort was arrested a short time later and lodged in jail on an aggravated assault charge. When police found him he had removed several parts of the car and was still working with it in an effort to get it to run. The crank was brought to headquarters to be used as evidence in the case.

Typewriting paper at Merkel Mail office.

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DARSEY-HULSEY.

A charming consummation of love's inevitable romance was solemnized Monday at the twilight hour when Miss Cora Lee, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. H. P. Hulsey, became the bride of Mr. Wade Darsey, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Darsey. The wedding was marked by its simplicity and quiet elegance; the well-chosen flower decorations were in harmony with the pink and green tapers which illuminated the sanctuary and conspired to produce a scene almost fairy-like. Each participant enacted the part assigned to them with ease and grace.

Mrs. Will D. Williams gave a piano selection Meditation Op. 90 by Beihl as a fitting prelude to Miss Hazel Rainbolt's pre-nuptial voice number "Love's Old Sweet Song," she sang with that richness of expression and technique which wins for her a foremost place among vocal artists. She was attired in a dainty costume very appropriate to the occasion.

The bridal party entered to the professional from Mendelssohn's "Mid-Summer Night's Dream." The bride who was accompanied by her father, was becomingly attired in a rose-beige Georgette, with uneven hem line which was made beautiful by the ripple skirt—a harmonizing picture hat and beautiful flowers completed the costume. The maid of honor, Miss Valerie Dye, was attractive in green chiffon with accessories to match. The flower girls, Gene Hulsey and Mollie Frank Touchstone, were dainty in their filmy frocks as they scattered rosebuds along the way.

The groom was attended by Mr. Robert Dennis as best man.

The bridal couple was met at the altar by their pastor Rev. T. C. Willett who in a very impressive ring service pronounced them man and wife. The bridal party wended their way from the altar to the beautiful, sweet strains of the recessional.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Darsey left immediately in their car for a ten days' trip including Mexico City, Carlsbad Cavern, Davis Mountains, El Paso and many other places of interest. Mrs. Darsey traveled in an ensemble suit of navy blue and red crepe roma.

Her father and family moved here four years ago from Greenville, Texas. She has been a faithful worker in the church, social and intellectual affairs and will be greatly missed by her friends. Mr. Darsey was reared in Merkel and his straight forward business principles hold him in high esteem by all who know him. He is now connected with the postoffice at San Angelo where an up-to-date home awaits them.

SHOWER FOR BRIDE-ELECT.

On Monday afternoon of last week Mesdames Roger A. Burgess, T. V. Touchstone and Frank Golliday were gracious hostesses to Miss Cora Lee Hulsey, charming bride-elect of Mr. Wade Darsey, in the spacious entertaining rooms of the Methodist church. The rooms were colorful with roses and summer flowers.

Miss Boog Sears sang "All For You" in her usual pleasing manner. A number of interesting and amusing readings were given by Mary Joe Russell, Mollie Frank Touchstone, Billie Louise Sears, Marjorie and Margarette Sears of Abilene. Also some clever toasts were made to the honoree. At the conclusion of the program little Marjorie and Margarette Sears presented a beautiful array of lovely and useful gifts to the bride-elect.

A refreshment plate of ice cream bars and angel food cake with sweet pea corsages were passed by the hostesses to a large group of friends who registered in the bride's book throughout the afternoon.

IDLEWISE.

A pretty mid-summer party was given Tuesday afternoon complimenting members of the Idlewise club with Mrs. George White the hostess.

Sweet peas adorned the house and their pastel colorings were reflected in game accessories and drinks for the afternoon.

At the culmination of the games a delicious melon course was served to Mesdames R. O. Anderson, Jack Anderson, F. C. McFarland, Sam Cummings, Harry Cookston, W. T. Sadler, Jim Sears, Misses Flora Frances Anderson, Johnnie Sears, Eula Melburn, Iva Bragg, Christine Collins, Mary Eula Sears, Lorena Dry, Boog Sears and the hostess.

BOURN-SHARP.

A wedding of interest to many friends in Merkel was solemnized in Abilene last Friday afternoon at 3:30 when Miss Deci Sharp and J. C. Bourn were united in marriage at the

Church of Christ parsonage, with Rev. J. B. Sheppard officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mayor and Mrs. J. P. Sharp, was graduated from the Merkel High school and attended Abilene Christian college. J. S. Bourn, or "Slats" as he is known to his friends, is agent for the Community Natural Gas company here, his former home having been in Rockwall.

Both the bride and the groom are popular young people of this city and they will make their home here.

They returned Tuesday from a honeymoon spent in Fort Worth and Dallas.

EDDINS-GUITAR.

The many friends of Miss Lucille Guitar were surprised to learn of her wedding on last Saturday in Abilene to Mr. Robert Eddins of Sweetwater.

The bride is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Guitar. She has taught in the Grammar school for three years and through her capable, charming personality has won an enviable place for herself in all social and religious activities of the town. Her education was received at C. I. A. Denton, and Sul Ross at Alpine.

Mr. Eddins' parents formerly lived in Abilene but now reside in Estelline. He is associated with the Western Wind Mill company at Sweetwater.

After a honeymoon spent in the Ozarks Mr. and Mrs. Eddins will be at home in Sweetwater.

VISITORS FETED.

Mrs. W. T. Sadler entertained last Friday afternoon in honor of her house guests, Mrs. David Wright of Colorado and Miss Lois Norton of Haskell.

The party was an outdoor affair and all party accessories and flowers were in mid-summer decorations.

Games of bridge were employed as a happy diversion until tea time when the hostess assisted by her sisters, Mrs. Robert Mayfield and Miss Louise Booth, passed a refreshing salad course to Mesdames David Wright, Misses Lois Norton, Eula Melburn and Elenor Moore, Misses Mona Margaret Jones, Flora Frances Anderson, Lucy Tracy, Lola Dennis, Martha Bird, Boog Sears, Iva Bragg, Mary Eula Sears, Mesdames Harry Cookston, Claude Young, Jack Anderson, W. S. J. Brown and Gene Harvey.

FIDELIS MATRONS.

Mesdames Charlie Higgins, Bill Fugat and Warren Higgins were joint hostesses in entertaining members of the Fidelis Matrons class in the home of Mrs. Fugat on last Friday afternoon. The house was prettily decorated in lovely flowers.

Entertainment for the afternoon was opened with a devotional followed by a business session.

Mrs. K. S. Beckett of Big Spring gave a most inspirational talk and a clever contest culminated the program.

Delicious refreshments of cream and cake was served to Mesdames Sam Swann, Claude Perry, Noble Renshaw, Floyd Fry, Earl Baze, Bill Haynes, Ira Windham, Dave Windham, C. L. Boswell, Kirby Beckett, K. S. Beckett, Byers Petty and the hostesses.

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LOST—Package of dress materials in business section of Merkel. Reward. Phone 154J.

LODGE NOTICES

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FARM STOCK

SHIPPING LOSSES MAKE LARGE ITEM

One of Big Faults Is Overloading Cars in Summer.

Losses sustained by swine producers of the United States in marketing their hogs amount to the astonishing sum of more than three million dollars yearly. This tremendous waste can be charged directly to the carelessness of shippers and the negligence of transportation companies. In the language of the day, "Something ought to be done about it."

"One of the biggest factors in causing these heavy losses is the overloading of cars, especially in hot weather," says E. F. Ferrin of the division of animal husbandry of the University of Minnesota. "This fault is chargeable chiefly to the carrier which compels the shipper to pay freight on a greater weight than can be loaded without risk. Cars in need of repairs cause crippling or damage to hogs in transit."

Holes in floors, nails projecting on the inside of cars, cleats on floors, and unsafe doors, are all minor causes of loss which could be remedied by the railroad company. The carriers are further at fault in delivering unclean cars for reloading, although an order of the Interstate Commerce commission expressly provides that cars must be cleaned.

"But the carriers cannot be held for all the loss. The disposition of the shipper to take a chance induces the practice of overloading. Improper bedding of cars, and neglect to remedy minor defects in cars delivered to the loading station. In shipments of mixed cars of cattle and hogs, flimsy partitions which break down result in losses. Proper bedding of cars will save much loss. In hot weather sand soaked with water is by far the best material. In very cold weather losses could be prevented by tacking one width of building paper along one side of the car near the floor. This protection is necessary only on the side of the car which will be toward the north as the car is moved to market. Most of our live stock goes to market in an eastward or westward direction."

Render Assistance to Sow When Farrowing

At farrowing time the herdsman should be on hand to render assistance if necessary, but should otherwise not disturb the sow. In large herds it has been found an exceedingly profitable plan to have an experienced man nearby during the night at this time to inspect the sows every three hours. The farmer with only a few sows will find that a few night trips to the hog house at farrowing time will save many a litter, and prove a most profitable investment of his time and energy.

In the case of heavy, clumsy sows, or those which are very restless at farrowing time, it is a good plan to separate the pigs from the dam by placing them in a warm box or half barrel as they are farrowed. Sows properly handled before farrowing will not usually resent such separation. When the sow has become quiet, and as quickly as possible after farrowing is over, the pigs should be, one by one, carefully replaced at a nipple and watched until their safety is assured. If the sow is very cross and irritable, it may be necessary to keep the pigs away from her for a longer time, returning them to nurse every two or three hours. A chilled pig may be revived by immersing it up to the head in water as warm as the hand will bear.

Live Stock Facts

Remove the ram from the flock as soon as the breeding season is over.

Ten litter methods grow hogs for market when prices of pork are most profitable.

Hogs should sell on profitable levels all through this year, judging from the supplies available.

Good hog men put in all the time possible with their herds, and often are able to nail what might be future trouble right at the outset.

Buttermilk or skim milk cannot very well be compared to barley because barley is a dry feed containing only about 10 per cent moisture while buttermilk and skim milk contain about 90 per cent of moisture.

Young pigs prefer their barley and oats ground. Usually there is nothing to gain by grinding corn.

Buttermilk that is free from dilution with wash water from the churns is practically equal pound for pound to skim milk for feeding to hogs.

The farmer who keeps 50 brood sows and averages four pigs to the litter can hardly compete with the farmer who keeps 25 sows and averages eight pigs to the litter. 200 pigs being produced in each case.

Prominent Leaders Lueders Encampment

The program is complete for the Lueders Baptist Encampment, and every effort is being put forth for the greatest work in its history. The encampment will begin July 16 and extend through the 28th. The camping facilities are the best that have ever been offered and the grounds are in excellent shape.

Dr. Lee R. Scarborough, President of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Seminary Hill, Texas, will be the inspirational speaker. He is one of the greatest pulpit orators in the south and those in charge of the encampment are expecting the largest crowds in its history.

The camp is located near the Bankhead Highway on the highly improved road leading from Albany to Stamford. The clear fork of the Brazos River at this point affords splendid grounds.

Among the leading lights on the program will be Dr. and Mrs. B. L. Lockett, who are just returning on a furlough from Nigeria, West Africa.

Rev. Ira L. Parrack is a member of the board of directors of the encampment and will teach a book, "Growing a Church." Rev. Parrack is considered a great addition to the encampment, coming from one of the two advanced Sunday schools of the South.

Oldest Operating Car Versus Latest

Linus-Monthlery, France, June 13.—Automobile progress, on a race course, was exemplified here recently by the oldest operating car and today's edition of the same make.

The new car gave the old one a handicap of four to one and beat it.

The 1895 model failed to make its one circuit of the track while the 1929 car circled the track five times. The old car is owned by the Abbe Gavois, who has become a national character through his frequent trips to Paris in his old car.

It ran at less than 15 miles an hour while the new one made 75.

To add to the interest, the two passengers of the old car were arrayed in all the habiliments considered proper for driving 34 years ago, including goggles, while the new car was manned by a young fashion-plate of today.



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May Biggest Month In Chevrolet History

Detroit, June 13.—May was the biggest month in the history of the Chevrolet Motor company. Production for the month totalled 161,214 cars and trucks, breaking all records.

Under pressure of the greatest demand in Chevrolet history, its 16 giant factories in May experienced the busiest period the company has ever enjoyed.

May was the third consecutive month to set a new all-time monthly production mark. It far surpassed the March record of 147,273 units and topped the April achievement of 157,522 units.

To accomplish this record performance Chevrolet plants averaged 7,000 cars and trucks daily; an average of 777 cars and trucks were built every hour; an average of 13 were built every minute—and one was built every 4.6 seconds!

Legal covers at Merkel Mail office.

Too Much Advertising In Radio, Says Prexy

Chicago, June 13.—Major Herbert H. Frost, president of the Radio Manufacturers association, told the fifth annual convention of that body Wednesday that many radio programs contain too much advertising and that the coming season would see a revision of broadcast practice in this respect.

"Sales talks over the air do not build good will and they do lose listener," Major Frost stated. "Station owners realize the folly of 'too much talk,' but many of them are unable to convince program sponsors. It is here the educational work is needed."

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But the telephone will be left at home, drawing full pay in an empty house!

Something should be done about this!

Vacation rates for idle telephones

One solution (provided you're planning a vacation of 30 days or more) is to place your telephone on vacation half-rates while you are away.

It's a convenient way to save money. And—this to folks who sometimes have their telephones taken out—it spares you inconvenience on your return. That's because:

1. You pay just half the regular rate.
2. Service is reconnected quickly after you return—usually within 24 hours after you notify us.
3. You keep your present telephone number. (You'd lose it if you had your telephone removed!)
4. Your name remains in the telephone book.

If you wish, while you are away we will refer your calls to another telephone—that of relatives, for instance.

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CREEP-FEEDING LAMBS FAVORED

Young Animals Are Ready Quicker and Weigh More.

Three-fourths of the annual income from sheep raising may be realized from the lambs if they are handled properly and creep-fed, says S. F. Russell of the Missouri College of Agriculture. It is because of this fact that the college has developed the Missouri plan of sheep movement, which has for its goal the production of market-topping lambs. The plan is being followed intensively in northeast Missouri. In this section of the state, including 22 counties, there are 405,000 head of sheep. This is nearly one-half of the total number in Missouri, and 100,000 head more than in the entire state of Tennessee.

The major portion of income from these flocks is from the production of market lambs. During the same period wool has sold at 35 to 40 cents a pound and returned about \$3 per fleece. A comparison of these two sources of income from sheep raising shows the importance of developing the lamb industry.

One essential that will help to produce top lambs is creep-feeding. A desirable grain mixture to start lambs is one consisting of two parts cracked corn and one part bran. When lambs are about two months old reduce gradually the bran content of the ration until it is eliminated and feed five parts shelled corn to one part peaseed linned-oil meal until lambs are marketed. Here are six reasons why creep-feeding pays:

1. Lambs will be ready for market two weeks sooner and will weigh five to ten pounds more per head.
2. They will shrink less in shipping.
3. Fewer "culs" will be produced.
4. They will dress a higher percentage.

5. They will bring more dollars to the producer, because fat lambs are in greatest demand.

6. They will make more economical use of the grain they consume than at any other time during their lives.

In creep-feeding lambs the following essentials should be carefully observed: (1) Put creep, if possible, in shed where sun shines. (2) Have your creep ready for use by the time first lambs are two weeks old. (3) Keep troughs clean. (4) Feed all lambs will eat. (5) Don't stop the grain when the ewes are turned on grass.

Mineral Mixtures Are Beneficial to Swine

The following mineral mixtures for hogs are recommended by Carl P. Thompson of the animal husbandry department of the Oklahoma A. and M. college for those who wish to mix their own:

- (1) Air-slaked lime or ground limestone two parts and common salt one part;
- (2) bone meal, spent bone black or bone flour two parts and common salt one part;
- (3) wood ashes two parts and common salt one part;
- (4) air-slaked lime or ground limestone one part, bone meal, bone black or bone flour one part and common salt one part.

Thompson recommends that the mineral mixture be placed before the hogs at all times to permit them to eat what their appetites call for. If it is desired to put the mineral in their feed add one pound of the mixture to 100 pounds of feed.

Market Discriminates Against Heifer Calf

The market seems to discriminate against heifer calves and apparently quotes higher prices for steer calves of equal finish and quality. Very often such difference in market price results from the fact that the heifer calves have been on full feed too long. If they had been marketed 30 or 60 days sooner, they would have returned a greater profit. Heifer calves, which are full fed on grain as long as steer calves, will carry more surface fat as well as more internal fat. Their carcasses are not as desirable.

Avoid Market Losses

When ready for market, hogs should be assembled a sufficient length of time prior to the date of shipment to allow them to become rested. They should not be crowded into small pens or houses nor fed heavy rations. If they are driven to the loading point they should not be rushed on the way. The loading chutes should not be too steep, should be made secure, and have the sides protected so that the animals will not fall off.

Oil Kills Lice

It is not much trouble to get rid of lice on hogs, since either crude oil or the waste oil taken from the crank case of your car will do the job. Sprinkling with a garden sprinkling pot or a sprayer is a convenient way. It is a good plan to put all the hogs in a pen or stall with just room for the hogs to crowd in close together. Then sprinkle them well over their backs on all sides. The oil will spread entirely over them if they are left in the pen for three hours.

Orders to Tighten Up Pro Enforcement Are Given by Hoover

Washington, June 13.—President Hoover wants action in prohibition enforcement—real action.

Impatient because of existing conditions, and unwilling to wait two years while his civilian law enforcement commission leisurely studies the abstract question of what makes the American people so lawless, Mr. Hoover has called upon congress to get busy, and ordered the prohibition bureau to tighten up everywhere.

As a result congress has before it a request from the White House to appoint a select committee to work during the summer so that legislative wrenches may be applied to the enforcement machinery when congress meets again in the fall, and the treasury is engaged in another of its spectacular efforts to mop up the wringing wet Detroit sector.

Meanwhile, the law observance committee headed by ex-Attorney General Wickersham continued its sessions in a downtown office building, examining cabinet members and other government officials behind closed doors. Secretary of the Treasury Mellon and Attorney General Mitchell spent most of the day yesterday giving their views to the commission.

All around the capital, it seemed, the prohibition developments were erupting, or smoking preparatory thereto.

In his request to congress to appoint a select committee to study legislative needs during the recess with a similar committee from the government departments, Mr. Hoover plainly indicated he considered existing conditions to be deplorable. He said he wanted to secure "the utmost expedition in the reorganization of enforcement activities, and referred to changes "so greatly needed" to im-

prove effectiveness of existing laws.

Dr. Doran, chief of the prohibition bureau, is almost optimistic. He characterized enforcement as "moving full speed ahead," and pointed to the arrest of 51,308 persons from July 1 to April 1—more than ever have been arrested before during a similar period.

"The preliminary findings of a survey of enforcement conditions in all states," said the doctor, "shows a surprisingly better situation of co-operation than was anticipated.

"A majority of governors of states are cooperating with the federal forces. The exceptions are in those states that have no local enforcement laws."

They have been getting particularly good cooperation, he said, from the Connecticut constabulary, the Texas rangers, the Pennsylvania state troopers and the New Jersey state troopers.

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Detectives Wonder Why Wrong Woman Jumps from Window

St. Paul, Minn., June 13.—"Open the door," said the detectives, "in the name of the law."

A woman's voice answered this summons last night, saying: "Just a minute until I change my clothes."

The minute became ten, and the detectives went in. The woman, Mrs. Ethel Brown, 26, had jumped from the two-story window, and was severely injured.

The detectives wonder why she jumped. She wasn't the one they were looking for.

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Pecos, June 13.—A rodeo and cowboy reunion will be held here June 21 and 22, with Indian races as features. Entries are being received from cowboys, in West Texas and Southeastern New Mexico.

Among the races will be several by Navajo Indians, who will be brought here from reservations in New Mexico. In one race an Indian will run 10 miles against 10 white men who will run a mile each. The feature race will be a 100-mile race between a horse and an Indian in an endeavor to break the Indian record of 11 hours and 30 minutes for that event.

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Trent News and Personal Notes

Mesdames Massey and Boyd gave a lovely party Friday afternoon at Mrs. Boyd's beautiful home in honor of Mrs. W. J. Beckham of Lamesa, the afternoon being given over to music, readings and contests. The color scheme of pink and blue was used throughout the rooms and carried out in the refreshments. A delicate plate of round and heart-shaped sandwiches, potato chips, mints and lemonade was served to 32 guests. Out-of-town people present were Mesdames R. M. McGinnis, C. L. Blankenship and Wesley Johnson of Abilene; Mrs. Wright Boyd, Lamesa; Mrs. R. H. Reeves, Blackwell; Mrs. Tryman Collins, Merkel; and Misses Mary Boyd and Alice Bigham of Abilene. Many nice and useful gifts were received by Mrs. Beckham.

Mrs. Sam Rosson and children of Lamesa are visiting Mrs. Rosson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Smith.

Mrs. Geneva Tomlin of Arlington is visiting her mother, Mrs. Pauline Freeman.

Mr. and Mrs. Pierce Bonner and daughter of Clyde were guests of Mesdames Ted Malone and R. P. Hutchinson recently.

Little Miss Ross Lee Sorrell spent last week with her sister, Mrs. T. G. Hamner.

Miss Jean McRee was the week-end guest of Mrs. Cug Thompson of Colorado, Texas.

A jolly birthday party was given Charlene Powell Thursday, celebrating her eighth birthday. Those enjoying the party were Leona Bell, Ruby Lee and Opal Smith, June Gafford, Helen McLeod, Mildred Craig, Virginia Chloé McRee, Toots and Jean Moore, Billie Joe Bowers, D. A. Hutchinson, Wickford Massey and Mack Williamson.

R. H. Reeves and family of Blackwell were visiting old friends here Friday. They were en route to Abilene where Miss Opal will enter Simmons university for the summer.

Mrs. Roy Miller of Merkel was visiting friends in our city last week-end.

The Bowers home was the scene of a gay gathering at Sunday noon when Mrs. Bowers was surprised on her birthday and lunch was served picnic style on the lawn to about 40 guests.

Mrs. Winslow Beckham, Mr. and Mrs. Wright Boyd and son have returned to their home in Lamesa after a visit here. They were accompanied by Mrs. McLeod and daughter, Helen, and Miss Odessa Moore.

Miss Erna Lee Danly is home after visiting in Abilene.

Fred Pribble and son visited friends here last week.

Little Miss Zada Lee Adkins of Cross Plains is the guest of Mrs. Marvin Murdock.

Mrs. Davis Jones of Abilene spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Stevens.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlton McLeod and children of Abilene are spending several days with relatives here.

Mrs. Elbert Rogers was the honoree of a beautiful party given by Mrs. George Gafford Wednesday afternoon. About 30 guests were present and Mrs. Rogers received many nice gifts.

W. C. Nalley, Misses Emma and Opal Nalley and little Miss George Helen are home from south Texas, the Misses Nalley having taught there the past term. George Helen has been with them since Christmas attending school there. These fine people have been cordially welcomed home.

Mrs. Idral Howell and two child-

ren of Ft. Worth have come for an extended visit with Mrs. Howell's father, J. A. McRee.

Mrs. Norman is visiting her sister, Mrs. R. B. McRee.

Claud Matthews of Elk City, Okla., after a visit here, was accompanied home by his wife and little son, Billy, who have been visiting her parents here, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Sherman.

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Beasley spent the week-end in San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Ireland of Midland were guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Crain and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hall the first of the week.

NOODLE NEWS

Most all of the farmers are through planting and are fighting the weeds. Misses Broxie Justice and Odell Stone left Monday for Abilene to enter school.

Mrs. O. R. Bird and daughters of Clyde were Sunday visitors in the home of J. S. Bird.

W. J. Bicknell and Howard Garner attended the T. P. singing at Colorado Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Eoff visited their daughter at Roscoe Sunday.

Miss Odessa Bicknell gave a party Saturday night in honor of her house-guests, Misses Gladys and Wilma Herring of Robstown, Texas.

Mrs. Milt Incus has gone to Dallas to visit her mother.

Layne Jinkens and Mrs. Arthur Steele of Sweetwater visited their parents Sunday and little Miss Maurine Steele accompanied them home after spending a week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Jinkens.

R. D. Reese has returned home after spending several months in East Texas.

Misses Jetta and Reeta Fay Cooper spent last week in Hawley.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Eoff motored to Sweetwater Sunday.

UNION RIDGE NEWS

A Sunday school entertainment was given June 1 at the home of Mrs. W. A. Harris and every one had a most enjoyable time.

Farmers are taking advantage of the favorable weather conditions and are very busy in their crops.

Misses Ruby and Nina Skidmore of Golan spent last week with Mrs. O. R. Douglas.

Miss Mable McRee and her mother were the guests of Mrs. Charlie West of Merkel Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Douglas motored to Abilene Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Douglas and Mrs. W. E. Sublet of Oklahoma were the guests of Mrs. M. A. Douglas last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Douglas of Stanton also visited Mrs. M. A. Douglas last week.

We are glad to have Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Shelton and family move to our community.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
Sunday school at 10 a. m. Sunday is Father's day, the service at the 11 o'clock will be in keeping with the day. No evening service on account of revival meeting at the Baptist church. Come worship with us.
Wm. Elliott, Supt.
R. A. Walker, Pastor

One hour special 9 till 10 Saturday morning 81x90 Hemstitched Sheets for 88c at Boston Bargain Store. Only two sheets to a customer.

Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office.

Fairbanks Will Be Seen in "Iron Mask" At Majestic Theatre

Douglas Fairbanks will be seen in "The Iron Mask," a thrilling sequel to "The Three Musketeers," coming to the Majestic Theatre, Abilene, today (Friday). In this latest United Artists sound presentation, the imitable Fairbanks is again cast as the dashing, daring D'Artagnan, the foremost swordsman in France and the Captain of the King's musketeers. A typical Fairbanks picture, "The Iron Mask," combines daring adventure, skilful sword play, mysterious court intrigue and delightful romance in fascinating fashion.

As an added treat audiences will also hear Fairbanks speak from the screen for the first time in his career. However, the talking sequences mark an innovation in the technique of talking pictures, for Fairbanks, when he does speak, addresses his remarks to the audience. He urges them to ride with him and his three loyal friends, Althos, Porthos and Aramis, thru amazing adventures in those glorious days when men willingly risked their lives in the service of their king; when chivalry and love spurred men on to daring deeds of great courage.

As D'Artagnan, Fairbanks is, as always, thoroughly delightful and believable. The dash and nerve he imparts to his role is sure to win the approval of audiences everywhere. His leading lady is Marguerite de la Motte, last seen with Fairbanks in "The Three Musketeers." Others in the cast who do good work are Belle Bennett, Dorothy Revier, Nigel de Brulier, Ulrich Haupt, Leon Bary, Stanley Sanford and Gino Corrado.

The musical accompaniment accorded "The Iron Mask," was personally arranged by Hugo Reisenfeld, featuring a rollicking theme song, "One for All, All for One."

It also might be of interest to know that "The Iron Mask," is playing to capacity business at the Rivoli Theatre in New York, where it has broken all house records to date.

Broadway Stars in "Red Robe" at Fair

Dallas, Texas, June 13.—"The Red Robe," auditorium attraction at the 1929 State Fair of Texas, will bring the cast now playing on Broadway to Texas, according to the contract recently signed between the Shubert office in New York, and T. E. Jackson, president and Roy Rupard, secretary of the State Fair.

Walter Woolf, Marjorie Peterson and George Dobbs, stars of "The Red Robe" were at the 1927 State Fair in "Countess Maritza." Woolf is the leading man in "The Red Robe" and Peterson and Dobbs have a number of specialty dances.

Junior League Program.
"Wise Sayings in the Bible." Song. Prayer, Roll Call. Scripture, Proverbs 11:13 by leader, Nell Hughes. Proverbs 13:1 by Vivian Lasater. Proverbs 14:21 by George Hicks Buford. Proverbs 16:18 by Opal Hulsey. Proverbs 20:1 by Wanda Hunter. Proverbs 22:1 by Kennedy Whiteley. Bible story by Mary Grace Dunn. Benediction.

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Blair Items

Mrs. L. N. Brown went to Abilene Sunday where she is now under treatment at the Alexander sanitarium.

Mrs. T. J. Melton is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Hubert Dayenport, in Oklahoma for several weeks. Marshall Provine left Tuesday for a stay of several months with relatives in New Mexico.

Brother Williams and wife of Abilene visited Mr. and Mrs. King Friday. Mesdames Riley James, S. L. Serogins and Joe Abbott motored to Abilene Sunday.

Mrs. Eula Provine and daughter, Miss Nola, of Merkel, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Luther Osburn Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Meeks and son of Butman were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Meeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Cavette and son and Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Horton and daughter, Jimmie Nell, visited relatives at Sweetwater Sunday.

Willing Workers.

The Willing Workers club of the Grace Presbyterian church held its monthly meeting Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Sam Derstine. Mrs. R. A. Walker, president of the class, led the devotional service on "Confidence."

Mrs. McConnel, a guest of the class, gave several readings.

The business session was followed by a social hour during which those present took part in contests.

A two-course luncheon was served by the hostess, Mrs. Derstine, assisted by her daughter, Miss Mary.

Those present included Mesdames George West, teacher, W. M. Elliott, John Russell, S. G. Russell, J. L. Tucker, Marvin Smith, A. A. Baker, Butler, Misses Mary Kenney, Jennie Kenney, Lizzie Kenney, Dora Garrouette. Visitors Mesdames McConnel, Thornton, E. A. Jones, Miss Mollie McColly.

THE METHODIST CHURCH.

Our attendance last Sunday was larger than usual. Over three hundred people enjoyed the splendid opening services and Sunday school hour. Reverend Willett's sermon was especially interesting.

Out of town visitors last Sunday were Miss Hazel Lee Rainbolt, McMurry; and Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Cox, of Abilene, who are visiting Mrs. Cox's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Armstrong.

Sterling Sheppard from S. M. U. Dallas; and W. A. Whiteley from Texas Technological college at Lubbock are back with us.

Mrs. Tom Largent and daughter, Mattilou, are back from a recent visit to Kansas City.

CARD OF THANKS.

We want to thank each and every one for the kindness shown us during the illness and death of our dear wife and mother. May God bless you all.
W. A. Carpenter and children.

MacGregor Golf Clubs and Bags, Phillips Drug Store.

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Amarillo, June 13.—The El Paso Herald-Times, the Lubbock Avalanche Journal and the Amarillo News-Globe Monday were under the consolidated ownership of the Lindsey Nunn Publishing Company, former operator of the El Paso and Lubbock papers, and Gene Howe and Wilbur Hawk, former owners of the Amarillo papers.

Announcements Sunday were that Howe was vice president of the new organization and Hawk, secretary treasurer. They, with Dorrance Rod-

erick and Lindsey Nunn, were named as the chief owners and directors of the new company.

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