

## WIDENING OF OLD NOODLE ROAD IS NOW COMPLETED

Fences Set Back and Road Graded and Improved: Will Williams Makes Report of Moneys Collected and Expended.

In making his final report of finances in connection with the widening of the old Noodle Road and the re-setting of the fences, W. D. Williams, through whose efforts the funds were raised, has issued a statement showing that the amount of \$99.00 was collected from all sources and that the expenditures totalled \$79.50, leaving a net balance on hand of \$19.50, which has been donated to the Merkel Cemetery association, as per the agreement of the proponents of the road in the beginning.

The Old Noodle Road, as the result of this effort, has been widened and the fence-posts reset from the stock-pen north of the city to Noodle, all the interested parties donating the right of way, and Commissioner Rainwater has graded up the road and put it in good condition.

"I wish to thank all subscribers," said Mr. Williams in his statement, "for their courtesy and willingness to contribute to the fund and think if they will go out and try the road they will think it a good investment."

The list of subscribers to the fund and the amount subscribed by each follows: Farm Bureau Gin, \$5.00; F. F. Hamm Gin, \$5.00; Farmers State Bank, \$10.00; Farmers and Merchants National Bank, \$10.00; Dr. C. B. Gardner, \$5.00; Clay Lumber Company, \$5.00; John Sears, \$10.00; Merkel Drug Store, \$2.50; J. H. McDonald Grocery, \$2.50; City Drug Store, \$1.00; Boston Bargain Store, \$2.00; Bragg Dry Goods company, \$2.50; Liberty Hardware company, \$2.50; Max Mellinger, \$2.50; Crown Hardware company, \$2.50; J. M. Garrett, \$1.50; Sears Variety Store, \$2.00; Quality Bakery, \$2.00; Merkel Mail, \$2.50; Burton-Lingo Lumber company, \$5.00; West company, \$5.00; Jones Dry Goods company, \$2.50; Phillips Drug Store, \$2.50; Quality Market, \$2.00; Brackeen-Hughes Chevrolet company, \$1.50; Barrow Furniture company, \$2.50; Merkel Motor company, \$1.00; J. T. Dennis, \$1.00. Total \$99.00.

The following landowners donated right-of-way: Mr. Sears, 1 mile; L. D. Williams, 1 mile; H. B. Horton, 1-2 miles; Roscoe Bland, 1-2 miles; Collins Brothers, 1 mile.

Expenditures were as follows: to Earnest Spurgin for resetting 1 mile of fence \$27.00; to H. R. Horton for grubbing and resetting 1-2 miles of fence \$50.00; extra grubbing, one day, \$2.50. Total \$79.50.

## NEARLY READY TO POUR CONCRETE

Only about one block remains to be worked before the curb and gutter work is completed on Oak street, according to H. H. Hester, superintendent of Construction for the General Construction company, and pouring of concrete pavement will begin the first of next week. This part of the job will require about two weeks, it is thought.

Pouring of concrete will begin at the south end of the street and work will be completed all the way on the west half of the street first. Then, beginning again at the south end of the street, the east half will be paved.

Electrical work will follow the paving work as it progresses and it is contemplated that the ornamental lights will be installed and ready for use by the time the paving work is completed.

## Clesby Patterson Wins Consolation Flight

Clesby Patterson defeated Hale Lancaster 2 up and 1 to go in the finals of the consolation flight, which was the last to be concluded of the three flights staged by the local golf club and which aroused considerable interest.

R. O. Anderson was the winner of the championship flight and after Rufe Tittle won the second flight Anderson defeated him 1 up in a close match.

## KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

A fractured skull sustained when he fell from the top of a tank at the Texas company in Port Arthur proved fatal for George Bussier of Converse, La.

W. L. Triplett, 29, alias Ralph Stewart, who was wounded as he fled from officers after robbing the box office of the Majestic theater at Fort Worth, died of the wounds.

An electric wire which twined about him like a serpent killed City Fireman R. L. Hendricks, 22, of Houston, while he was fighting a fire which destroyed two negro houses.

In returning indictments on three counts against Sheriff W. G. Rogers of Anderson county, the grand jury recommended that Rogers be ousted for the alleged driving of a car while intoxicated.

A stick of dynamite believed to have been tied to a time fuse destroyed a portion of the Odeon theater, stage at Fort Worth, but the audience had left the theater before the explosion occurred.

A man whose body was found in a shallow pool of water near Gainesville was identified as Hugh Lem Hill of Bonham through the aid of fingerprints. He apparently had a heart attack while washing in the pool.

T. J. Benefield, 29, died in a hospital at Beaumont of bullet wounds received when he was shot leaving a theater in company with a married woman. The husband surrendered immediately after the shooting.

Elizabeth Murray, listed in "Who's Who" as an author and lecturer, was taken from the Dallas county jail to the women's federal reformatory at Anderson, W. Va., after conviction on a charge of using the mails to defraud.

Edgar A. Barr, Fort Worth furniture store employe, is at liberty under \$5,000 bond on charges of murdering Roy Brock, railway shopman. Barr declares that he did not intend to shoot Brock, as the charge was intended for another party in whose home Brock was.

Miss Gladys Fisher witnessed the accident at Texarkana where Oscar Nash, pilot, was killed, and Howard Webb, passenger, was injured when their plane crashed into a tree at a temporary landing field. Miss Fisher had taken them to the field in an automobile, witnessed the accident and extricated the men from the wreckage, carrying them to the hospital.

## Local Barbers Attend Banquet at Abilene

Seven Merkel barbers attended the banquet at the Hilton Hotel at Abilene Monday night when more than 100 barbers and members of their families of Abilene and neighboring West Texas towns enjoyed a get-together meeting.

"Training for Service" was the theme of the banquet and J. E. De Spain, Abilene barber, was master of ceremonies, assisted by W. W. Winniford and C. W. Dick. Other subjects discussed were the new barber law, "The Relationship Between the Journeyman Barbers' Union and the Super-Service Club" and "The Barber of Tomorrow."

Those attending from this city were Bob McDonald, Hugh Mayfield, Clifford Garner, W. M. Douglas, Jack Hays, Homer Dunn and Irvin Lackey and all report a most enjoyable time.

## Lions vs. Fireboys In Diamond Contest

This afternoon (Friday) at 6 o'clock is the time of the long-awaited baseball game between the Lions and the Fireboys, the proceeds of which are to go to the Boy Scout fund. The line-ups of the two teams tell the tale of many ex-stars who are now engaged in commercial pursuits and when it is stated by one manager, (Stan Johnson of the Lions, to be exact,) that he does not think it necessary, or even expedient, for his team to go into training, the average fan can realize the talent that will perform. A large crowd is expected to be in attendance and the hour has been set as late as it is, so that those from the stores may attend.

## MISS LOYLESS IS ELECTED TO TEACH PIANO

At Tuesday night's meeting of the board, Miss Katherine Loyless of Burleson was elected to teach piano in the Merkel Schools for the coming year, and to take charge of the choral and glee clubs. Miss Loyless is a graduate of Central High school, Ft. Worth, has had four years in Texas Woman's College from which college she received the Bachelor of Music degree, has had one year's experience in teaching piano, and has had two year's experience as director of a church choir. Miss Loyless is an accomplished and college-trained musician and comes highly recommended.

The policy of granting credit for music only when taught by the teacher employed by the board will be continued in the future. This is the reason the board has spent so much time in looking over the field until they had secured one that they consider the best trained teacher available.

Teachers of piano should have as much training as any other teacher in the system and it is just as important that beginners in piano should have a well trained teacher as it is that beginners in the public school should have the best trained teacher in the system. In securing the services of Miss Loyless, the board and superintendent believe they have secured a teacher that will meet the requirements of the most exacting.

## SCHOOL OPENS SEPTEMBER NINTH

Besides attending to much other routine business at this meeting, the board also set Monday, September 9, as the date for the opening of the next session of school. Progress on the work at the Grammar School building indicates that the building will be ready long before that date.

## CHIEF DOWELL IN APPEAL TO PUBLIC

Requests Those in Cars to Drive to Curb When Fire is Sounded and Assist Fireboys.

To the Good Folks in and around Merkel:

I am asking this favor of you. When we have a fire alarm, please stay at the curb, or if you are in the street please go to the curb and wait until we get to the fire. Please do not come any nearer the fire than two blocks and give us a chance to fight the fire.

We do not charge a cent for our services.

Another thing, there have been some people who have run over our hose, which is a fineable offense all over the state of Texas. When you come so close to the fire with your car, you are more than likely to run over the hose. This hose costs the city of Merkel \$50 to \$60 per section.

By the good management of the city dads and the good work of the fire department, we now have the lowest key rate of any town in Texas of this size and we ask you to please work with us in every way so as to keep this good record for Merkel.

When we start to the fire we have the right of way over everything. So please do not get in our way. We cut all corners so as to get to the fire as quickly as possible and if you get in the way you may get hit and we may let some one lose his house and belongings.

Please do not park right up at any fire plug, as we do not know which plug we will use first. Also please do not park in the alleys so thickly that we cannot get through with the fire truck. We need the room worse than you do. Please help us and we will help you and won't charge you a cent.

N. A. DOWELL, Chief Merkel Fire Department.

## Services at Hope Church.

Beginning Friday, July 5, and continuing for ten days, services will be conducted at the Hope Christian church, 1-2 miles northeast of Stith, by Brother J. D. Boren of Lamesa. Services will be held twice each day and every one is cordially invited to attend.

## REVIVAL CLOSES WITH BAPTIZING SUNDAY 4 P. M.

Many Additions to Church During Meeting at the Baptist Church Under Leadership of Rev. Sam Morris of Abilene.

The meeting which is now being conducted at the First Baptist church here under the leadership of Rev. Sam Morris of Abilene will close with a baptizing Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. It is announced that this will make it possible for all of those participating in the Baptist meeting to join heartily in and help the revival meeting that is to begin at the Methodist church Sunday. Every one has been urged to come right on thru this week and then carry the revival spirit on after Brother Morris leaves.

The Morris meeting has grown in momentum from day to day and large crowds are attending both the morning and evening hours. The messages delivered by the devout young speaker are both inspiring and instructive and the church. Everybody is urged by the Rev. Ira L. Parrack, and church workers to attend and bring their friends so that the meeting may have the largest opportunity to do good in this community.

The subjects to be discussed Friday night, Saturday night and Sunday morning are as follows: "The Christian's Consecration," "The Christian's Farewell to the World" and "The Christian's Bequest."

## Miss Collins Will Study Under Famous Teachers in the West

For the purpose of further study in both voice and piano under famous teachers, Miss Christine Collins left Thursday for Los Angeles, Calif., where she expects to spend the summer. She is making the trip with Mrs. Gypsy Ted Sullivan Wylie, dean of Fine Arts of McMurry college, Abilene, who will teach as well as study. Miss Collins will have the advantage of voice training under Braggiotti and of piano with Herrmann, both of whom are artists and teachers of wide reputation.

It is the plan of Mrs. Wylie and Miss Collins to live at Long Beach, going in to Los Angeles for their study courses.

## START MONDAY ON HEATING PLANT

Rapid headway has been made by H. W. McDaniel, general contractor for the additions and repairs to the Grammar School, and it is stated that J. C. Korloth, who was awarded the contract for the new heating plant, will begin operations Monday.

In addition to the heating plants, a new sewerage system is to be installed, the building will be re-roofed and re-painted. The auditorium is also to be seated with opera chairs and the floor of the school auditorium is to be raised.

## Small Blaze Starts From Burning Trash

Fire, which resulted from a burning trash pile, destroyed the coal shed and another outhouse on the premises of M. D. Angus shortly after 1 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Damage sustained by Mr. Angus was estimated at about \$100, while overhead telephone wires and cables in the alley were damaged to the extent of about \$100. These were replaced Monday, according to Manager Bennett of the local telephone exchange.

## Will Drill Horn Well Down to Fisher Pay

The announcement was made the early part of the week that Sam Knepley et al's No. 1, Horn, in West Jones county, would be drilled to the Fisher pay at approximately 2,700 feet. It will be recalled that this well drilled through the Noodle Creek lime and shut down three or four weeks ago at about 2,500 feet. It is six miles northeast of the Bickley-Shabben field.

## CONTRIBUTORS TO CEMETERY FUND

The cemetery committee, which has been active in raising funds for the upkeep of the cemetery, has requested publication of the following notice to patrons of the cemetery:

"For the past two months we have been calling for subscriptions to the cemetery fund through the Merkel Mail. Quite a few have responded, but a large majority has not. We adopted this method to raise the money, because we thought it would be less trouble to you as well as to the committee. But if the people of Merkel and the surrounding communities do not respond, we shall be forced to have a committee call on you. Wouldn't it be much easier for you to hand your subscription in to either of the banks or the Barrow Furniture company? We must have the amount of money we are asking for or discontinue the services of the sexton. Please take notice and hand in your subscription at once."

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:

Mrs. L. O. Meeks	\$ 3.00
Ruth Simpson	2.00
Mary Hancock (Calif.)	5.00
Z. V. Moore and Wife	5.00
W. L. Diltz, Sr.	5.00
W. W. Cypert (San Angelo)	10.00
C. L. Tucker	5.00
Wm. T. Duncan Estate	10.00
Bal. from Noodle Road fund	19.50
Previously reported	\$64.50
GRAND TOTAL	\$335.50
Amount needed	\$1,000.00

## PRESIDENT WILL DIRECT AFFAIRS

Bourland Accepts Post Temporarily; Manager WTCC to Be Selected at El Paso Meet.

Andy Bourland, president, will direct the destinies of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce for the next four months, abetted and advised by a committee of four directors, two of whom are past presidents of the regional organization.

Decision to make Bourland acting manager, succeeding Homer D. Wade, was made by the executive board, advisory council and vice-president, in the all day session at Abilene on June 20. The president-manager will have full sway and, during the short time at which he will be at the helm, will draw the salary heretofore paid Wade, or \$833.33 per month. The change takes effect July 15, at which time Wade will take up his duties as manager of the Dallas Chamber of Commerce.

R. W. (Bob) Haynie of Abilene, one of the past presidents, is a member of the Big Four to "sit in" with Bourland until the general convention of the WTCC at El Paso, in October. The others are Clifford B. Jones, Spur, a past president; Ray Nichols, from Bourland's home town of Vernon; and Joe Wheat, Seymour, chairman of the committee. Wheat and Haynie are lawyers, Nichols is publisher of the Vernon Record, and Jones represents the Swenson colonization interests.

Decision of the directors to team the management with the presidency until the new board, to be named at El Paso, can at its leisure, select a permanent manager, was made after many hours of weary discussion which had produced no results, and was on motion of R. L. Penick, Stamford. Penick's proposal put an end to debate on two other motions—one by Pat Williams, Mineral Wells, proposing that a temporary manager be named from the WTCC staff; the other by Wheat, demanding the immediate election of a permanent man.

## Prominent Visitors Here

Ernest Stanley, ex-mayor of Levy, Ark., and Chas. L. Reist, secretary of the Retail Merchants association of Little Rock, Ark., en route to California stopped over here and visited with their old Arkansas friends, J. T. Warren and wife and Albert Booth and wife.

## LIONS INSTALL NEW OFFICERS FOR NEXT TERM

Booth Warren is Incoming President; R. O. Anderson, Vice-President; Gavel Presented by Dr. Armstrong in Set Speech.

Installation of the new officers, who will head the Lions club for the ensuing six months, was the principal event of the Tuesday luncheon, the new officers being Booth Warren, president; R. O. Anderson, first vice-president; H. C. West, second vice-president; Byers Petty, third vice-president; Sam Swann, secretary-treasurer; W. O. Boney, A. T. Sheppard and W. L. Diltz, directors; Hale Lancaster, tail-twister, and Dr. H. P. Hulse, lion tamer.

It was near the end of the hour's meeting when this part of the program was reached and it was staged with appropriate eclat, said eclat being an official photograph of the new body of officers as they were grouped about the head of the banquet table. As though by promontion. Booth Warren, the incoming president, invited the past presidents to sit about the table also and hence when Photographer Rodden pressed the bulb, both the just and the unjust were the victims of the streams of water that poured from the well known domicile of the "little birdie."

This and many other humorous episodes made the meeting a typical Lions affair, but the entire occasion took on a serious turn when President Booth bespoke the co-operation of all members in backing up the new officers. It was at his suggestion that a motion was made to voice the appreciation of the entire club for the splendid services of retiring president Dee Grimes with an official roar.

L. B. Scott was toastmaster and his speakers on the program earned his hearty approval of "That's a good speech" as each one made a snappy remark and sat down. Tom Moore cigars were distributed through the courtesy of C. E. McLarty, of E. Eppstein and Co., who was the guest of the club.

Dr. M. Armstrong made the presentation speech of the new gavel to the president, (a sledge hammer that would be a glory for a seasoned railroad spike driver.)

Definite announcement of the baseball game to be staged between the Lions and the Fireboys on this afternoon, (Friday,) at 6 o'clock was made.

C. J. Glover, Jr., was appointed by the new president as toastmaster for the next meeting, when standing committees will be announced.

## Two Merkel Men on Grand Jury Panel

Two Merkel men, Sam Butman and T. H. Spears, are members of the Taylor county grand jury for the summer term which was impaneled by Judge W. R. Chapman of the 104th district court Monday.

The other members are J. F. Morrison, J. H. Rucker and W. C. Mings, all of Abilene; M. G. Scott, Trent; J. L. Kincaid, Buffalo Gap; J. W. Heatley, Lawn; Jack Cannon, Hamby; J. M. Hardy, Bradshaw; J. A. Cumby, Ovalle, and A. B. Hurt, Wingate.

Six felony indictments were returned by the grand jury when it reported late Tuesday to Judge Chapman and after making its report the grand jury adjourned to meet later during the term of the court.

The case of D. W. Freeman of Midland, charged with murder in connection with the death of Warren Hudson, motorcycle rider, in a crash on the highway near here last month, has been set for trial July 8. Three other companions cases, in which Freeman has been indicted for driving while intoxicated, falling to stop and render aid after an accident and transporting intoxicating liquor, have not been set for trial. The Freeman cases were transferred from the 42nd district court when a continuance was granted Freeman at the time the murder case was called for trial in 42nd district court.

## A New Arrival.

Friends have received cards announcing the birth on Monday, June 24, of a 9-pound baby girl to Mr. and Mrs. Odie L. Latimer, Merkel, Texas, Route 5, whom they named Jimmie Lee.



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## WHAT'S DOING In West Texas

Paducah has broken ground for a new hotel. Charles Purden of Bowie will build a three story fireproof hotel on some lots on the northeast corner of the public square. The hotel is expected to be ready for occupancy early in the fall.

Haskell is planning a big July 4 celebration and is expecting the largest crowd ever to assemble in the town. A variety of entertainments have been planned including a barbecue and a series of motorcycle races.

Sweetwater building permits for 1929 neared the half-million mark recently with the May permits standing at \$123,095. May building permits were more than one-third the total for the entire other four months of 1929 and strengthened indications that this would be a banner year for Sweetwater building.

Floydada's recent building permits have been \$10,000 with the announcement of a lease of a building to J. C. Penny on which will be spent \$2000.00. H. P. Watson Variety Company will occupy a building on which will be spent \$2,600 remodeling. The Olympian theatre will move to its new \$40,000 home this month.

Tuscola has started ditching on Main Street preparatory to laying concrete curbs and guttering from the Santa Fe depot to the Abilene & Southern tracks, a distance of six blocks. It is intended to top the street with gravel and asphalt.

Petersburg's high school library will be left open during the summer on stated days. Magazines and books will be loaned and as much time as desired may be spent in the reading room.

Lampasas is making plans to build a band stand for their Gold Medal Band, which has \$100.00 of the approximately \$600 necessary. The band has gone under the name of the Gold Medal Band every since it won the title in the contest at the West Texas Chamber of Commerce convention.

Crosbyton has a farmer in the Owens community who has marketed over one thousand dollars worth of home raised hogs in the last month. He also buys and feeds out several hundred hogs each year. The farmer, Sam B. Anthony, allows his boys to finance their schooling by working on the farm.

West Texas today for June will be mailed to more than 10,000 members of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce this week. Some material for the publication is sent in by commercial executives, county agents and others, and some written by its editors and staff members of the regional organization.

Sherman's intensive sidewalk building campaign will keep the citizens from wading through mud, mire, sleet and snow next winter. Churches, schools, and other public buildings will be connected by sidewalks to every part of the town. Sand and gravel are being hauled at this time.

Turkey acquired its first unit of a chain of parks when two and one half acres was recently purchased for a recreation center. The Turkey Enterprise and the Lions Club have co-operated in getting the park, and the equal of the parks cost is soon to be installed in equipment.

Van Horn and Roswell, N. M. will entertain the Big Bend and Pecos Valley-Inter Mountain district conventions respectively of the WTCC during the fourth annual motorcade, the dates of which are from July 10 to 20. Approximately one hundred towns in the West Texas country will be visited by the motorcade.

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.

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## Dora Doings

G. W. Whiteaker and family are enjoying a visit from his sister, Mrs. Lyons from Kansas.

Friends are extending sympathy to Mr. Kitchens, whose mother died at Brownwood last Tuesday and was laid to rest in the Nolan cemetery Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Jenkins of Noodle were visitors here Sunday.

W. F. Hardy is on a vacation visit of a few days to East Texas.

Ernest Ensminger, Emmett Armstrong, H. Phillips and Velta Brownfield are doing jury service this week in Sweetwater.

The Christian meeting is in progress at Dora this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Black of Merkel were callers here Sunday.

Mrs. H. Phillips is able to be up after an attack of the flu.

Mrs. Paul Armstrong and son are visiting relatives in Oklahoma this week.

Brother Badgett filled his regular appointment here Sunday.

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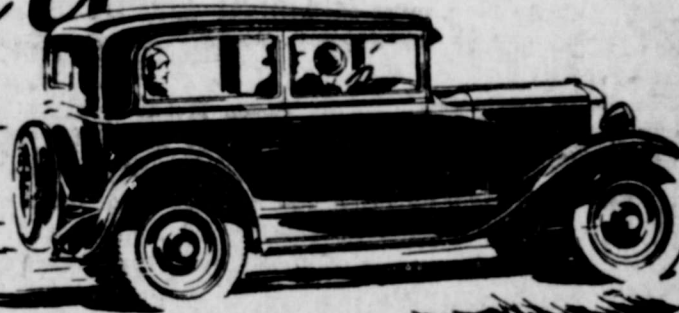
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### Six Fold Program For Presbyterian July Encampment

A six-fold program, providing for "worship, inspiration, instruction, fellowship, recreation and rest," has been announced for the annual Presbyterian Encampment at Buffalo Gap, July 6 to 14. Dr. E. B. Surface, pastor of the Central Presbyterian church here, is program chairman.

Dr. O. LeRoy Walter, chairman of Christian education for the Presbyterian churches of Illinois, is to be dean of the encampment and Dr. Illion T. Jones, pastor of Madison Square church, San Antonio, is to be speaker for the evening services. A number of other leading Presbyterian workers will be included in the faculty.

Dr. B. A. Hodges of Texarkana, field representative of the board of Christian education of Presbyterian churches in Texas, is to teach "The Life of Christ" and "Things We Ought to Believe."

Dr. Dudley Claggett of St. Louis will offer classes in stewardship, both for adults and young people and will also teach a course called "Your Presbyterian Church."

Mrs. Fred S. Rogers of Stamford will direct national mission study and Miss Hazel Smith, vacation church expert of Dallas, will conduct two classes in study of foreign missions. Mrs. B. A. Hodges will teach "Presbyterian Training."

The first social affair of the encampment, to be held the evening of the opening day, will be a banquet for young people, given under direction of Mrs. Rogers, young people's leader for the Abilene Presbytery. The first Sunday of the meeting, July 7, has been designated as young people's day, with an 11 o'clock sermon to be preached by Rev. E. H. Surface of Ranger, afternoon talks by Dean Walter and others and an inspirational service in the evening.

Recreational activities will include swimming, hiking, mountain climbing, croquet, volley ball and other diversions under trained directors.

One feature of the encampment will be the orchestra and choral club. All who play instruments are invited to bring them.

Vesper services are to be held each evening in the grove just west of the newly erected brush arbor, which will accommodate 800 to 1,000 people. This is to be used for daytime meetings.

The encampment grounds are piped with fresh water from a well and equipped with electric lights, modern sewerage system, swimming pool and shower baths. Tents may be rented on the grounds and campers are privileged to prepare meals camp fashion.

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Members of the program committee

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### B. Y. P. U. Program Lueders Encampment

The Lueders Baptist Encampment which begins July 16 and ends July 28, is making the greatest appeal ever for the attendance of the young people. A great B. Y. P. U. program has been planned, and will be led by Miss Grace Conn of the State B. Y. P. U. Department of Dallas. Other parties on the program will be: Rev. C. A. Baskin of Aspermont, M. B. Sasse of Sweetwater, Mrs. Jack Mosley of Electra, and Mrs. H. R. Whatley of Haskell.

Among the recreational features that will be especially appealing to young people will be the daily swimming program, basketball, tennis, croquet, golf, picnic, hikes, and miscellaneous stunts.

Walter Jackson of Abilene is president; R. L. Penick of Stamford is business manager; C. M. Caldwell of Abilene, assistant business manager; Rev. J. H. Littleton, chairman of program and finance committees; Mrs. J. E. Burnam, Abilene, secretary; and Joel V. Grimes of Avoca, treasurer. Y. P. Kuhn, Abilene; Taylor McCasland, Midland, and Mrs. Chas. T. Whaley of Sweetwater are the recreational leaders and it will be hard to find a group more capable of putting over a program of this kind.

Claude W. Lawson of Breckenridge will lead the singing, accompanied by Mrs. L. B. Howard of Stamford and Mrs. Claude W. Lawson at the pianos.

In one week recently over 2,000,000 pounds of wool were sold at Del Rio at an average price of 33c a pound.

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### COMPERE NEWS

Everybody in this community is almost up with their work, but rain is badly needed as the crops are beginning to burn.

Sadness came into the home of David Johnson this week when the infant baby was laid to rest in the Compere cemetery. The mother is reported a little better at this writing. The parents have the sympathy of the entire community in their sorrow.

The singing at Compere had a good crowd and we hope it will grow larger every Sunday, as it has done so far.

We want everyone to remember the four-corner singing at Compere next second Sunday afternoon at the regular hour. Everybody is invited to come and bring some one with you.

Mrs. Jessie Beachman and daughter and Mr. Tom Embry of Midland were week-end guests of M. D. Lucas.

In 1910, there were 360,000 telephones in service in New York City. Now there are over 1,700,000 and telephone engineers anticipate that the 3,000,000 mark will be reached by 1945.

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**Mrs. Stribling Buried.**

With Rev. J. P. Watson of Trent officiating and with interment at the Merkel cemetery, funeral services were held from the Trent Methodist church Saturday afternoon for Miss Jewel Stribling, age 32 years, wife of C. C. Stribling.

Mrs. Stribling was married in 1915 and, besides her husband, is survived by two sons, Leonard, 14, and Duncan, 11, and beautiful twin girls, Wilma and Wanda, age 5 years; also three sisters, Mrs. Thompson of Lubbock, Mrs. Byrom of Sylvester and Miss Jene Duncan of Austin, and one brother, C. A. Duncan.

Pall bearers were: O. A. Smith, Hale McRee, John Strown and W. Y. Steen.

**Reeves Family Reunion.**

At the home of Mrs. George L. Reeves, west of town, a family reunion was held Sunday of all 12 of the children and their children and the widow of the only deceased son and her two children. Prior to two years ago, this reunion had been an annual affair, but due to the removal of one son to Woodbury, N. J., the family has missed assembling together in this happy way for the past two years. The son and his family from New Jersey were able to come this year and the reunion was revived.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Lee Dickerson and four children of Sylvester; Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Reeves and three children of Woodbury, N. J.; Mr. and Mrs. John Cross and daughter of Rotan; Mrs. George Reeves and two children of Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Walker and daughter of Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. John L. Jones of Sweetwater; Jesse and Doc and five small children, all of whom are at home with their mother.

**Attend Family Reunion.**

Upon his return from the State Firemen's convention at Galveston, City Fire Marshal W. L. Burns joined his wife at De Soto in Dallas county for a reunion of the Bernard family at which more than 100 relatives from Texas, Oklahoma and California were present. Mrs. Lucy Bumpas of Sweetwater, who is a sister of Mrs. Burns and Mrs. L. M. Moore of Sweetwater, an aunt, were among those present.

Mrs. Mary Burns and four children of Canton and Mrs. W. A. Conners and son of Port Arthur are present guests in the Burns home here.

**AT THE METHODIST CHURCH.**

We will begin a revival meeting at the Methodist Church, next Sunday morning, the 30th of June. We are very anxious to make this meeting helpful to the entire community. Our object shall be to build up and strengthen the Christian, to help the backslider to regain the joy of salvation and to urge upon sinners Jesus Christ as their personal savior. We shall depend solely upon the old, old story of Jesus and his love accompanied by the Holy Spirit in the conviction and conversion of the lost and the edifying of the believers. If you would like to have part in, or have your friends come under the influence of such a meeting, then bring your friends and join with us. The pastor is depending upon every member of the church to not only enjoy this meeting but to help make it a blessing to the community.

Miss Mattie Swisher of Canyon, Texas, will be with us to help in the song service and with the young people and children. Miss Swisher has been greatly blessed in her work with the young people attending the West Texas State Normal at Canyon and is a soloist you will be pleased to hear. You will want to see and hear Miss Swisher for yourself. We do not only cordially invite every Christian in town to enjoy this meeting with us, but we will be disappointed if you do not. If you have an unsaved friend or loved one we would like to help you lead them to Christ. The whole town, whether saint or sinner, will find a warm welcome at any or all of these services.

T. C. Willett, Pastor.

Bank debts of 15 leading centers in Texas average \$950,000,000 a month. In 1920 the average of the same cities was \$700,000,000 a month. Crease of \$1,750,000,000 since 1920.

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Texas leads the Southern States in income tax payments.

**Trent News and Personal Notes**

Mrs. W. Y. Steen was hostess to members of the Woman's Missionary society of the Methodist church and their friends Monday afternoon. Mrs. John Payne, as committee chairman of entertainment, was assisted by Mesdames Joe Lowry and Ross Young. Many interesting games were played including "Bridal Honeymoon," in which Mrs. J. P. Watson and Mrs. Doug Bishop were awarded suitable prizes for their alertness. Mrs. W. E. Shouse and Miss Louise Watson were also prize winners in "Bridal Questions" and "Spice" contests, respectively. Much merriment was occasioned when reminiscences of their personal proposals were given. Mesdames Mangum and Gafford were declared best orators on that subject. The hostess served delicious cream and cake with dainty bridal roses as favors to the following members: Mesdames R. B. McRee, E. L. Mangum, W. E. Shouse, O. A. Smith, J. K. P. Winn, J. P. Watson, Joe Lowry, Ross Young and John Gafford. Visitors were Mesdames Faye Sipe, Douglas Bishop and daughter, White, John Payne, Frank Sipe, Misses Louise and Laverne Watson, Mamie Gafford, and Mr. W. Y. Steen, Rev. J. P. Watson and Master Billy Payne.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Hamner entertained friends Tuesday evening with a bridge party. At the close of enjoyable games, dainty refreshments of pink and white cream were served to the following: Misses Ora and Maurine Smith, Lillian and Emma Gene McRee, Rosa Lee Sorrelle, Messrs. Jack Boone and Leslie Beasley.

Edward Watson has accepted a position with Howard's Drug Store at Abilene.

Mrs. Nina Smith and baby of Hubbard visited Mrs. Walker and daughters last Monday. On her return home she was accompanied as far as Clyde by Goma and Carmon Walker where they will visit her mother, Mrs. Culyerhouse.

Mrs. R. B. Johnson and son are spending their vacation with relatives in Big Spring. They also expect to visit different points in West Texas and New Mexico.

Frank Kite was called to the bedside of his sister who lives at Clatenville last Tuesday.

Tilman Howell left last Thursday for Corpus Christi.

Mrs. Lottie Green of Brownfield was the overnight guest of her nephew's family, Mr. Segoe, en route to spend the summer with her daughter at Abilene.

Mrs. Mary E. Reese and daughter Bettie of Warren, Okla., were visitors last week-end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Curley Reese.

Harold Bowers of Abilene was a recent visitor with his uncle, J. E. Bowers.

Maud Boone has accepted a position with the City Drug store.

Lucille Adrian visited in Abilene last week with Mr. and Mrs. Baker.

Miss Barton of Baird was the weekend guest of Miss Dorothy Dodson.

Jean Terry of Sweetwater visited relatives and friends here last weekend.

Brother McGinnis, Baptist pastor, and his family are moving over this week for the meeting. They will reside in the Homer Terry house.

Bob Miller has returned from Del Rio.

Mrs. Cox of Abilene was the recent guest of her daughter, Mrs. Earl Stevens.

Mr. Lankford of Abilene was a business visitor here Thursday.

Roscoe Holt of Atus, Okla., was the recent guest of Emmett Holt.

Dora Cox has gone to Tulsa to spend the summer with relatives.

R. T. Hutchinson is moving to Clyde where he will be in the cafe business.

C. R. Hopkins has returned home after a week's visit in Hopkins county.

Mrs. Hannold is at home after a month's visit in Louisiana.

J. T. Briggs and wife left last Sunday to make their home at Ranger.

Mrs. Dee Malone has gone to Clyde to spend the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Phillips and children of Big Lake are here on a week's visit with relatives.

Jack Boone has returned to his home in Memphis after a visit with his mother, Mrs. Annie Boone.

A birthday party was given by Mrs. W. F. Steadman last Thursday afternoon in honor of her daughter, Mildred, who has reached her eleventh birthday. The hostess was assisted by Mrs. Lawrence Dowdy, Mrs. Hattie Gafford and Miss Inez Parker. After enjoyable games were played and the gifts bestowed, refreshments were served to the following guests: Misses Dorene and Gean Scott, Natalie Walker, Winnie Kate Bright, Lillian Grace

**Devout in Mexico To Creep Over Cobbles**

Mexico City, June 27.—The first public mass in Mexico since August 1, 1926, will be said at the Church of Neutra Senora de la Guadalupe—our Lady of the Guadalupe—Mexico's national shrine, next Saturday, the feast of Saint Peter and Saint Paul.

Pascual Diaz, newly appointed archbishop of Mexico, in a published statement said that while the task of taking inventory of the churches and their delivery by the government back to the Episcopate necessarily would take some time it would be rushed to completion in the case of the Guadalupe church for the Saturday service.

Other churches will be reopened by the priests as quickly as the governmental surrender process can be completed and priests can be sent back to them. The Mexican national cathedral on the site of the old Aztec sacrificial block probably will be kept closed until the novelty has worn off the new religious services since it is in a bad state of repair.

Prominent Mexico City Catholics have set in motion plans to have pilgrims to the shrine Saturday creep the entire distance on their knees. Numerous church groups have promised participation in the rite, which would be made over a 3-mile cobblestone route.

**More Statistics As To Marriage and Divorce**

Washington, June 27.—The old theory of married life that "the first year is the hardest" was exploded in the analysis just completed by the commerce department on marriage and divorce. It showed that more wives tired of marriage during the second year than any other period, while husbands found the third year the hardest to survive.

The survey, which covered the year 1927, revealed that "cruelty" was the principal ground on which divorces are granted. Desertion was a close second and infidelity third.

**Canning Demonstration.**

Under the supervision of Miss Annie Chambers, Taylor County Home Demonstration Agent, Friday was spent in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Frazier, southeast of Merkel, in canning large quantities of corn, okra, and beans. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Berryman, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Reidenbach, Mrs. Tye Sublett, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Harris, Mrs. G. H. Walker, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Frazier.

**Junior League Program.**

"Fine Things that Money Can Do" will be the subject. The program is as follows: Song, Prayer, Roll Call, Scripture, Thessalonians 5:5-8, by leader, Mildred Richardson. Talk No. 1, by Marie Stanford. Talk No. 2, June Juniors page 29, by Bertie Mae Leslie. Story, George's birthday, by Vivian Lasater. Benediction.

**Dr. McRee Visits Parents.**

Dr. Judson McRee of Dallas is spending the week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. McRee. Dr. McRee received his degree of doctor of medicine from Baylor School of Medicine at Dallas with the 1929 class and after the past year's work as accident surgeon with the Medical Arts Emergency hospital he will spend a year as interne with St. Paul's sanitarium at Dallas.

Reeves, Thelma Nalley, George Helen Lee, Briton Clinton, Faye and Kirby Steadman and Mildred Steadman.

**Will Be Necessary To Raise State Tax Rate to Maximum**

Austin, June 27.—The state tax rate will be raised from 64 to the maximum 77 cents in July.

This has been stated by members of the Legislature and confirmed by Treasurer W. Gregory Hatcher, member of the automatic tax board which will make the increase.

This means there will be \$7,000,000 more property taxes collected in the next two years than in the past two. Appropriations now being made are based on the maximum tax rate of 35 cents for support of the government, instead of the 22-cent rate that applies this year. Members of the appropriations and finance committees have conceded that the maximum rate will be required to meet the lowest of the two sets of appropriation bills.

And Treasurer Hatcher predicted the Legislature likely will create a deficiency beyond the total revenues under the highest rate allowed by the constitution.

Under the average rate of 23 1/2 cents for the past two years—25 cents one year and 22 cents the next—the state has collected \$38,046,148 ad valorem taxes for support of the government. Based on \$4,000,000,000 assessed valuations, to be reached next year for the first time, the 1930-31 rate of 35 cents will bring in an estimated \$45,000,000, Treasurer Hatcher said.

Other elements of the total state tax are 35 cents for education and 7 cents for Confederate pensions.

The automatic tax board, composed of Gov. Dan Moody, Treasurer Hatcher and Comptroller Sam Houston Terrell, will meet shortly after July 20 to fix the tax rate. The board is required to compute the rate, taking into consideration the assessed valuations and the total appropriations to be met, and is limited by the 35-cent maximum rate fixed in the constitution.

Native Texan Dies At 87 Years of Age

Mrs. Katherine Jackson, born in Milam county 87 years ago, was buried in the Hodges cemetery last Wednesday, following services at the Baptist church at Hawley, where she had lived for 42 years. Mrs. Jackson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Berry, came to Texas before the battle of San Jacinto and her oldest brother, Jack Berry, who died nearly 30 years ago at Baird, participated in that battle. She is survived by 10 children and 32 grandchildren. Death occurred at the home of Mrs. Jackson's daughter, Mrs. R. H. Grisham, at Hawley, Wednesday at 4 a. m.

**Guests From Abilene.**

J. J. Robertson, who has just returned from the Confederate reunion at Charlotte, N. C., accompanied by his daughter, Mrs. Ball and three daughters, all of Abilene, were the guests of his cousin, Mrs. J. T. L. Annis, last Monday.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.**

Sunday school 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. You are invited to worship with us. No evening service on account of revival at Methodist church. Session meeting Tuesday evening. Revival meeting will begin the 1st Sunday in August. Rev. Joiner will be with us again.

**Wm. Elliott, Supt.**

R. A. Walker, Pastor.

Genuine Garza Sheets special for Saturday—\$1.00 each Boston Bargain Store.

**Suit Filed by Dallas Man in Gas Explosion**

Abilene, Texas, June 27.—As a result of the gas explosion here June 4 in which Mr. and Mrs. Gene Lawlor and baby, Dorris, lost their lives, a suit for \$56,667.50 damages has been filed in 42nd district court by Edward H. Brown of Dallas, father of Mrs. Lawlor. The West Texas Utilities company was named as defendant in the suit.

Mr. Brown alleges negligence on the part of the company and its employees in setting the gas in the apartment at 1142 North Seventh street while it was unoccupied and without inspecting connections and jets inside the house. In his petition he further states that he had planned to spend his old age in the home of his daughter and son-in-law, and that loss of the family damages him to the extent of \$50,000.

Alleging "gross" negligence, Brown seeks an additional \$5,000 as exemplary damages. Damages alleged to have resulted from hospital, funeral and other expenses, and asked in the petition, amount to \$1,557.50.

The petition was filed for Mr. Brown by E. S. Cummings, former legislator from Abilene, and H. L. DeBusk, city attorney, comprising the firm of Cummings and DeBusk.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawlor and their baby died soon after they entered a vacant apartment and struck a match, igniting gas which filled the rooms and causing an explosion.

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**Indian Forced Out of Race With Horse**

Pecos, June 27.—Andrew Chimoni, Zuni Indian runner, failed in his attempt to out run a horse here Saturday, but the Zuni was ahead of the horse when a strained muscle forced the man to drop out of the race.

Chimoni, running against a specially trained thoroughbred horse "General" set out to beat his opponent in a race of 100 miles and at the end of the first hour had covered ten miles to nine for the horse. The Indian maintained his pace for almost another ten miles, but was forced to drop out on the nineteenth lap of the mile track with a strained muscle.

He was treated for some time by two Indian trainers and finally re-entered the race after the horse had covered 29 miles and was ten miles ahead of him. The injured leg, however, Zuni gave up at the end of the twentieth mile. The horse at this time had covered 39 miles.

General's victory was followed by another for his species. A second Zuni, who attempted to run 20 miles while a large bay horse was running 27, quit at the end of his sixth lap. The intense heat and unfamiliar altitude were blamed for his failure.

The Zunis do not profess to be able to run faster than a horse but they maintain that a well trained man can run longer and exhibit more stamina in an endurance test. General and the bay horse were ridden by cowboys.

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### LODGE NOTICES

Merkel Chapter Royal Arch Masons meets on first Thursday night of each month. Visitors cordially invited.

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### Funeral Rites Held Here for Mrs. Boring

Funeral services were held at the First Methodist church here at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon for Mrs. J. D. Boring, age 71 years, who removed from Merkel about 12 years ago and who died at Fort Worth. Interment was made at the Merkel cemetery, with Rev. T. C. Willett officiating.

Her husband, one son and one daughter are buried here and Mrs. Boring is survived by one daughter and two sons, Mrs. L. E. Martin of Handley, Texas, Emmett Boring, who lives in Ohio, and Will Buchanan of Fort Worth. She is also survived by three step-children as follows: Mrs. L. R. Crenshaw of Fort Worth, Will Boring of Tyler and Miss Bertha Boring, who was on her way to Europe at the time of Mrs. Boring's death.

Coming for the funeral rites were all of these and their families, except Emmett Boring of Ohio and Miss Bertha Boring.

Active pall bearers were: P. A. Diltz, S. G. Russell, Robert Hicks, C. Russell, Marvin Smith and Tye Sublett.

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### Many Thrill-Provoking Drivers Will Enter July Fourth Races

Abilene, Texas, June 27.—Some of the best known and most talented thrill-provoking automobile race drivers in the United States will participate in the speed classic to be held in this city on July 4 under sanction of the American Automobile Association.

Earl Hoveden, Duncan, Oklahoma, recognized as the ace dare-devil among race drivers in the southwest, has sent in his formal entry for the Independence Day program, which will be one of the seven biggest races offered in the United States this year by AAA.

Other prominent racers already registered with the race committee of the West Texas Fair association, sponsors of the big sport presentation, are Sam Jewell, also of Duncan, Oklahoma; "Slim" Harper of Longmont, Colorado; and Rex Edmonds of San Antonio.

D. H. Jefferies, Texas representative of the AAA contest board and director of the local race, says he has a score of other first-rate drivers lined up for the contest and he expects to have official entries from at least 30 drivers by July 1.

The car which Hoveden will put in the race here, a Fronty Ford, has made 115 miles per hour on dirt tracks during the past year. Some of the other contestants have machines which they say will do as well or better and indications are that all time records for the local track will be smashed during the four hour offering on July 4 on the five-eighths mile dirt speedway here.

During the past year Hoveden, who has been racing for several years, but who has been running into spills and other misfortunes, has had a turn in his favor and he has been setting the pace in race contests in the middlewest and has attained much prominence in racing circles.

When he comes to Abilene, he will be given plenty of competition and of-

ficials of the local race promoting organizations declare they actually think the program will be the most outstanding offered here in several years.

### Contract Nasworthy Dam on Concho Let

Contract for the building of the Nasworthy Dam across the Concho river near San Angelo was awarded to the Callahan Construction company of Chicago and Dallas, it was announced from the general office of the West Texas Utilities company at Abilene.

This project which is to be started immediately includes a 45 foot dam, 6,000 feet in length, top width of 20 feet, bottom width of 225 feet, the reservoir to have an average width of five-tenths miles, and to extend 3.2 miles up the Middle Concho river and 2.3 miles up the South Concho river from the dam, the average depth to be 7.6 feet and the storage capacity to be 10,500 acre feet. The dam is to be six miles southwest of San Angelo.

Rehabilitation of San Angelo's water supply will be complete with this dam. Seven dams on the Concho already belong to the West Texas Utilities Company. There will be three dams below the large dam proposed, each of which will impound 1,750,000 gallons of water, thus insuring adequate reserve for industrial and domestic supply for the city. The lake site will obliterate three of the present dams.

More than one-third of the cucumber acreage in the United States is in Texas this year with the early crop already beginning to move. The U. S. Department of Agriculture estimates the United States cucumber acreage at 16,040 acres and that of Texas at 5,880, an increase of 660 acres over 1928.

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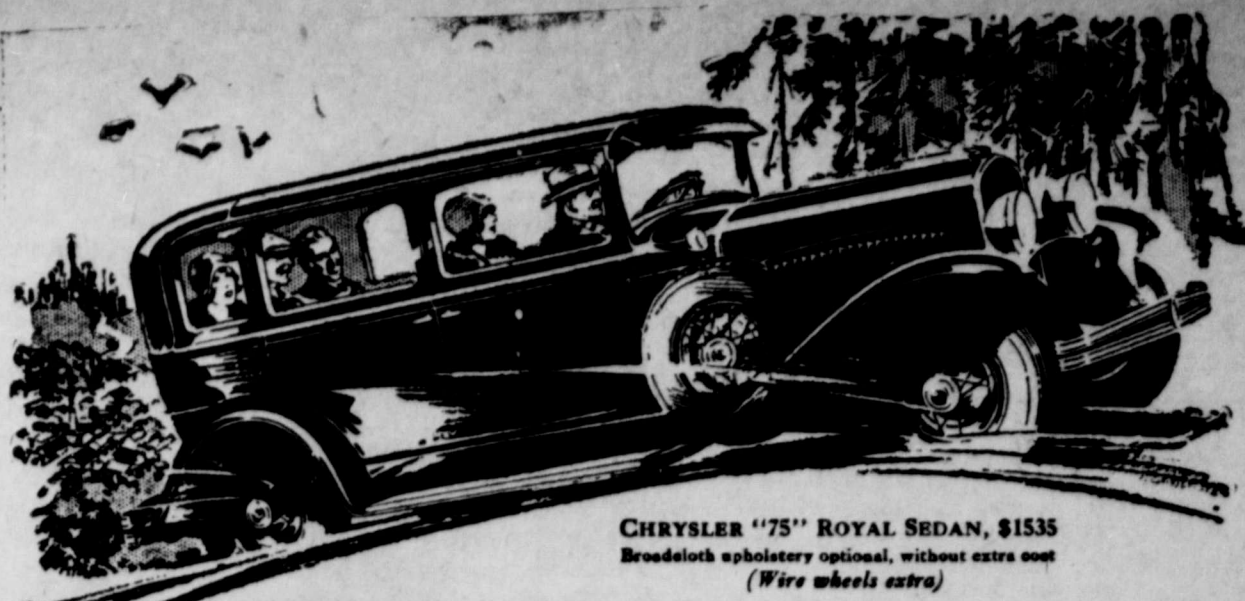
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# FARM STOCK

### CLEAN QUARTERS ARE MOST VITAL

#### Pigs Cannot Escape Parasites in Foul Pens.

Probably there is no more common or more serious parasite of domestic animals than the common roundworm of swine. These worms, says R. F. Bourne of the veterinary division, Colorado Agricultural college, ordinarily occur in the small intestines but are frequently found invading the adjacent organs, particularly the bile ducts of the liver.

It is practically impossible to raise pigs free from worms in quarters which have been used for hog raising for years because the soil is polluted with millions of eggs passed by animals of previous years, each egg containing a live embryo ready to launch its attack when ingested by the young pig. Because of this fact it is important that all farrowing pens be either located on clean ground or that they be thoroughly scrubbed with boiling water and lye. Ordinary antiseptics do no good in so far as destroying worm larvae is concerned.

Pigs born into a clean environment and kept free from contact with old infected pens escape the various hazards accompanying worm infestation. It is desirable to move them from these clean pens into open fields or pastures wherever this is possible and to keep them away from infected quarters until they are at least four or five months of age. A good deal can be accomplished by ordinary sanitary measures in removing the filth which accumulates in hog pens and in the use of sanitary wallows.

Removal of worms from adult pigs is best done by a qualified veterinarian since no simple treatment seems to be very effective.

#### Money in Raising Pigs by Saving Little Ones

The sure way to make money raising pigs is to save them. Every little pig that is lost increases the cost of those saved. Very commonly one-third to one-half the pigs farrowed die before weaning time. A pig at farrowing time is worth or has cost approximately \$3, and it pays well to keep as many of them alive as possible. Aim to be on hand when the sow farrows to see that everything goes well and that the little pigs get their first meal as soon as possible. Then, be sure they have a place to keep warm. Have a guard rail around the pen or a protected corner with most of the bedding in this protected place.

#### Shrinkage in Weight of Shipping Steers

When steers are shipped to market there is always some shrinkage or loss in weight. By proper handling it is possible to reduce this loss. Steers which have been getting a full feed of corn and alfalfa hay should have their grain somewhat reduced a day or two before shipping and given mostly prairie hay or fodder in place of alfalfa. Steers which have been getting a good deal of silage should be fed dry fodder before shipment to market. Arrange to ship so that the cattle will arrive at the stock yards during the night or early in the morning so they can take on a full before the buyers bid on them.

#### Live Stock Hints

Most men will do fairly well to keep an ordinary supply of live stock in good condition and, paying its way.

This year there is a nation-wide movement among sheep raisers to put on a docking and castrating campaign.

As in the case of all other live stock, care and attention are the main essentials in producing good hogs for early market.

A good hog oiler kept filled with old crank-case oil, diluted with coal oil, and a little coal tar dip added, will hold the lice in check and keep down mange or scurf.

Since prevention is always the cheapest remedy, all sheep should be carefully dipped twice each spring, soon after shearing. The cost is small, the benefit considerable.

At the earliest possible age the colt should be fed oatmeal and bran, oil-meal, corn and legume hay. He may be weaned at four to six months of age, depending on his condition.

Sheep will overeat of salt if it is supplied only at intervals. Keep it before them at all times.

Good beef calves that get a little grain in a creep along with their mothers' milk are being sold fat at weaning time at \$80 to \$90 per head.

Cheap pork comes with an abundance of clean water of the right temperature. Have fountains that prevent the hogs from making a mudhole about it. A healthy hog needs water close to his feed.

## TEXAS SENATORS IN U. S. CONGRESS

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Tom Connally was born near Hewitt, McLennan County, Texas on August 19, 1877, a son of Colonel Jones and Mary E. Connally; he attended public schools, and the Eddy High School, Eddy, Texas; was graduated from Baylor University, Waco, Texas, in 1896, and from the law department of the University of Texas in 1898 and was admitted to the State bar in the same year.

At Baylor University, Mr. Connally was editor of the first yearbook now called "The Round-Up." At the University of Texas he edited the University magazine and the weekly newspaper then called "The Alcade." He excelled as a student and debater at both institutions.

Mr. Connally left the lecture room at Texas University to enlist as a private soldier in the Spanish-American War and having received military training at Baylor University under Major Beaumont B. Buck, (later Major General Buck), was promptly promoted to the post of Sergeant Major of the Second Regiment, Texas Volunteer Infantry.

Mr. Connally removed from Waco to Marlin, in Falls County, in 1899, and engaged in the practice of law. He married Miss Louise Clarkson of Marlin. He served as a member of the State house of representatives 1901-1904. He was an untiring member of the Committee on the Judiciary of that body, and, with Hon. McDonald Meachum, a prominent attorney, now of Houston, was the author of the Anti-Trust Law which has curbed monopolistic influences in Texas for a quarter of a century and brought millions of dollars to the State treasury.

In 1906-1910 he served as prosecuting attorney of Falls County, Texas. Falls County then had many saloons and Tom Connally, who fought and voted for prohibition since 1903, made relentless warfare upon liquor-law violators during the four years of his service as prosecuting attorney.

Mr. Connally was elected as a Democrat to the 65th Congress, and took his seat on March 4, 1917. The following year he left the floor of the House of Representatives to join the United States Army and was assigned as Adjutant of the Twenty-second Infantry, Eleventh Division, a post which he held until December, 1918. While in the army during the World War he refused to accept his salary as a member of the House of Representatives. At the time of his discharge from the army he had been recommended for promotion and for appointment in the regular army.

Mr. Connally was re-elected to the 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th and 70th Congresses. In 1929, he was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention at San Francisco, and has served as a delegate to many State Democratic conventions. In the 70th Congress he was an active member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives and as such vigor-



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ously opposed the administration's Nicaraguan policy.

In 1924, Mr. Connally was a delegate and member of the American Group to the Interparliamentary Union at Geneva, Switzerland. He served as a member of two special House committees which investigated the affairs of the United States Shipping Board and Emergency Fleet Corporation, and made a trip to Europe with one of the committees.

Mr. Connally was elected as a Democrat to the United States Senate in November 1928, to succeed Senator Earle B. Mayfield, and took his seat on March 4, 1929 for the term ending March 3, 1935. He was the only new Democratic Senator elected. Upon announcement of his candidacy, the Dallas Dispatch said, editorially:

"Congressman Tom Connally's announcement of his candidacy for the United States Senate gives a refreshing hope of able, experienced representation for Texas in its junior sen-

#### ADMISSION PRICE

Admission prices for the July 4 automobile races to be held in Abilene will be as follows:

Adult, grandstand, \$2.00; Child, grandstand, \$1.25; Adult, bleachers, \$1.50; Child, bleachers, 75 cents. Reserved seats in boxes, Adult, \$2.50; Child, \$1.75. Reserved seats are on sale at the Abilene Chamber of Commerce. A limited number of cars will be admitted to the south side of the track. Each adult in such cars will be charged \$2.00; each child, \$1.25.—advertising.

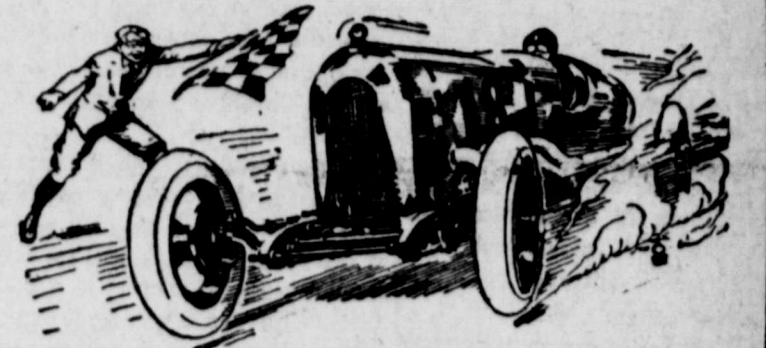
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# LIVE STOCK NEWS

## JAPANESE MILLET IMPERFECT FEED

### Experiments Show It to Be Inferior to Timothy.

Hay made from Japanese or barnyard millet, sometimes called Billion Dollar grass, is regarded as inferior to timothy hay as a food for sheep. While few data of an experimental nature are available showing the value of this roughage for sheep, the above statement as to its merits in comparison with timothy, and a general discussion of timothy hay as a roughage, will permit of some deductions, says D. S. Bell of the Ohio experiment station.

In practically all experiments which have been conducted timothy hay has been found a very inferior roughage for sheep feeding. At the college of agriculture, University of Alberta, Alberta, Canada, ewes fed timothy hay yeaned lambs one-half of which died before they reached the age of twenty-eight days. Not only was the loss of nursing lambs heavy but the ewes lost 27.8 pounds each in weight during gestation. This lot of ewes was compared with another lot of similar ewes fed alfalfa hay. This alfalfa-fed lot raised all of the lambs yeaned, and the ewes were thrifty and vigorous.

In Bulletin 120 of the Missouri Agricultural Experiment station is found this statement concerning timothy hay as a roughage for pregnant and nursing ewes: "Timothy hay proved to be such an inferior ration that it was not continued the second year." The data presented show that the ewes fed timothy hay and grain yeaned 17 lambs, five of which were weak at birth, and one born dead. The ewes lost an average of 7.67 pounds during the trial. Ewes fed clover hay and grain yeaned 16 lambs all of which were alive and strong at birth, and these clover-hay-fed ewes gained 6.53 pounds each during the test.

With Japanese millet ranking inferior to timothy hay as a roughage and with timothy giving such poor results little can be said in favor of the millet in question. The sheep raiser who is striving for efficiency and economy of production will do well not to use such hay for his ewe flock. If it seems desirable to grow millet for hay, one of the fustill groups—German, Hungarian, or common—would be more desirable, and even these are not meritorious to any extent.

### Prevent Cattle Losses on Sweet Clover Hay

The right precautions will prevent a good share of the loss of cattle on sweet clover hay or pasture. Moldy hay may contain poisons that will kill stock. Sweet clover hay seems to thin the blood of the animals and cause it to lose its clotting characteristic. Some other kind of hay should be fed with clover hay, or the animals should be changed to another kind of roughage after two weeks on sweet clover hay.

Bloat is caused by the rapid decomposition of the high percentage of organic matter in green feed. Bloat on sweet clover pasture may be largely prevented by starting the animals on some other green pasture and then getting them used to the clover slowly. In serious cases, the pressure may be relieved with a trocar. Every farmer who pastures clover of any kind should have one or more trocars on the place for emergency use.—University of Nebraska.

### Heifer Calves Finish Quicker Than Steers

Cattle feeders who are feeding steer calves and heifer calves together will observe that the heifer calves seem to finish out quicker than the steer calves. This is not due to the heifer calves making more rapid gains, but rather that they are somewhat smoother in conformation, and tend to put on surface fat sooner than the steer calves. The feeder who has a number of calves on feed should ship the heifer calves as soon as they show enough finish to sell well on the market.

### Best Veal Calves

No better veal calves can be produced than those that come from the disease free herds of Wisconsin, Holsteins, Brown Swiss, Shorthorns and Ayrshires. For those who prefer the lighter weights there are the smooth finished Guernseys and Jerseys. Veal has taken its place as a year round food and the Wisconsin farmers feel that their calves should sell on the same grade basis that are accorded other live stock.

### Hogging Down Corn

Hogging down corn is a satisfactory plan to follow in fattening hogs for market provided conditions are satisfactory for this practice. However, if there is much rainy weather during the period the hogs are running in the corn field, it is very likely that more corn will be required to produce 100 pounds of gain because some corn will be wasted in the mud. Tankage or other protein supplement will be required for the most economical pork gains.

### Auto Fees Date From Month License Issued Provided in New Law

County tax collectors throughout the state have been advised by the highway department that the bill passed by the first called session of the legislature held this year, providing for the payment of motor vehicle registration fees by twelfths instead of quarterly, is now in effect. Earl Hughes, tax collector for Taylor county, has received the bulletin calling his attention to the new law governing the payment of registration fees.

The bill was signed by the governor on May 23. When it passed the legislature it carried the emergency clause, and was effective from the time it was signed by the governor, according to a ruling by the attorney general's department.

The Texas Automotive Dealers' association, through its vice president and general manager, W. A. Williamson, sought a ruling from the attorney general's department stating that their attention had been called to the fact that some tax collectors were refusing to recognize the provisions of the act and were still charging registration fees on a quarterly basis. The ruling, by Assistant Attorney General Paul Page, stated that "since May 23 of this year it has been and is now the duty of the tax collectors of the state to be governed by the provisions of this act."

Under the old law, if a car was registered the last day of the quarter, the fee would have to be paid for that entire quarter. The new act provides that the fee charge date from the first of the month in which the car is registered. If a car should be registered during the remaining days of June, the person registering the same would pay from June 1, or seven months instead of nine.

The Texas Automotive Dealers' association has been active in urging the enactment of the revised motor vehicle registration law. The attorney general's department, in ruling on the question raised by the association, asked the highway department to bulletin all tax collectors and direct their attention to the provisions of the new law.

### Six Sets Twins Take Part in Wedding

Anderson, Ind., June 27.—Six sets of twins figured in a wedding here Tuesday night.

Alverta and Lavera Morgan, Vincennes, Ind., twins, married Paul Breitweiser of Chicago, and the Rev. Herman Smith of Flint, Mich., respectively, in a double ceremony.

Mildred and Miriam Fossmeier, twins of Indianapolis, sang before the ceremony.

Ruth and Mildred Cooper, and Berniece and Pauline Bond, Vincennes, Ind., twins, were bridesmaids.

Mary and Clara Weiler, also twins from Vincennes, were maids of honor.

Martha and Mary Lakey, four-year-old Anderson, Ind., twins, were flower girls.

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**VISITORS FETED.**

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A beautiful party theme of pink and green was given emphasis in all game accessories and party features. sweet peas were used in profusion throughout the entertaining rooms. At the culmination of the games Miss Maude Skinner was handsomely rewarded for high score and Miss Iva Bragg was lucky in the general cut. The guests were most graciously remembered.

Mrs. H. A. Brubeck assisted Mrs. Caple in serving a delectable salad and ice course in which the favored colors of the afternoon were reflected to Mesdames Eva Pendergast, W. A. Little, Miss Maude Skinner, Willie McGarr, Mesdames George Overton of Sweetwater, R. O. Anderson, Warren Smith, Jack Anderson, T. H. Bass, William Gambill, Lige Gamble, Misses Flora Frances Anderson, Boog Sears, Christine Collins, Iva Bragg, Johnnie Sears. Tea hour guests were Mesdames C. B. Gardner, W. T. Sadler, W. D. Williams, Ross Ferrier.

**MARRIAGE ANNOUNCEMENT OF FORMER VISITOR RECEIVED.**

Friends of the bride, who was formerly a student at Trinity University and who has frequently visited Misses Evelyn Curb and Melba West here, have received the following announcement of her marriage:

"Mrs. Lee Williams announces the marriage of her daughter, Bobbie, to Mr. Marvin Petty on June ninth, nineteen hundred and twenty-nine, at Sharp, Texas."

**TUCKER-GIBBONS.**

The many friends of Mr. Lewis H. Tucker, will be interested to learn of his marriage to Miss Virginia Gibbons of Borger at the Methodist parsonage in that city on June 15th, Rev. J. L. Willis performing the beautiful ring ceremony which made them man and wife. Miss Mabel Gibbons, sister of the bride, was the only attendant. They will make their home in Borger.

Mrs. Tucker is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Gibbons of Borger. She is admired by all for her pleasing disposition and charming manner.

Lewis, to be familiarly known, is the youngest son of Mr. C. L. Tucker. He is known for his manly character and sterling qualities.

**GLENER CLASS MEETS.**

The Gleaner class of the Methodist church met in picnic at Shannon's Pool Tuesday afternoon at four o'clock. Games were played, followed by a social hour, and revealing of the capsules was enjoyed by all present.

Refreshments were served to Mesdames Robert Hicks, J. E. Richardson, Len Sublett, W. M. Gambill, V. B. Sublett, Ross Ferrier, Earl Stanford, Lee Tipton, Elmer Lowe, Herbert Patterson, Roy Bacaus, Fred Latham, D. J. Vaughan, B. L. Hamilton, Roy Cox, J. D. Sandusky, Joe Bickley, Fred Guitar, Duncan Briggs, Reece Hail, Roy Harrell, R. R. Buford Therman Landreth, H. E. Petty, Dallas, and the hostesses, Mesdames O. R. Rodden, Tom Toombs, W. J. Hayes and S. M. Hunter.

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**PERSONAL NEWS NOTES**

W. R. Hampton and G. W. Boyce were Abilene visitors Monday.

Fred Guitar and L. B. Scott were in Lamesa Monday on business.

Mrs. H. E. Petty of Dallas is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Tipton.

Miss Laura Casey of Dallas is the guest of her sister, Mrs. R. A. Ellis.

Elmer Lowe and C. K. Russell were business visitors to Abilene Wednesday.

Miss Anice Palmer of Anson is spending the week with Miss Lola Dennis.

Mr. and Mrs. John Abbott from the plains were guests of Mrs. Joe Abbott Sunday.

J. S. Swann and R. O. Anderson returned the early part of the week from Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Thompson heard "The Desert Song" in Abilene Monday night.

Mrs. Duncan Briggs and daughter have returned from a visit with her sister in Eastland.

Mrs. R. A. May of Colorado is visiting her grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Banner.

Mrs. J. S. Stalls and sons and Harold King left Tuesday for Paris, their former home, for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Thomas have returned from a vacation visit to Quanah and Fort Worth.

B. C. Gaither has returned from his usual summer visit to his old home in Lawrenceburg, Tenn.

Clarence Demere, a former resident of Merkel, was here Monday, greeting old friends.

Ben Smith, who formerly lived here but whose home is now in Anson, was on our streets this week.

Mrs. J. Herral Bledsoe of Wichita Falls is visiting her mother, Mrs. Effie Rider.

Messrs. Earl Gump and Harry Wheatley were over from Coleman on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ben Ashby of DeLeon are spending this week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Ashby.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Meeks of Post City spent the week-end with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Brown.

Miss Florence Rider returned the first of the week from Wichita Falls where she has been visiting her sister, Mrs. J. Herral Bledsoe.

Miss Edna Marie Jones of Abilene was the house guest of Miss Christine Collins on Wednesday before the latter's departure for California.

J. T. Dennis, prominent Merkel merchant, and J. C. Cox of Sweet-

water started Monday for a fishing trip to the Llano.

Mrs. Susie Warner of Ranger is visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Floyd and other relatives. Mrs. Warner is a niece of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Laney and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Bickley of Chadwick left Monday for Brownfield and New Mexico to spend sometime on the Laney ranches.

Mrs. J. M. Dry and two daughters, Misses Lorena and Loyce, the latter from Clarksville, have gone to Missouri for an extended visit with relatives.

Fred Pribble and son, Fred, Jr., were passing visitors with relatives here Tuesday night en route to their home in Dallas from a vacation visit to points on the plains.

Wren Durham, Ralph Duke and Glenn Elliott have returned from a vacation visit to Galveston, cities in the Rio Grande Valley and adjacent points in Mexico.

Castle Ellis left Tuesday for a ten days' visit to Paris and Deport, Texas. He was accompanied as far as Dallas by Byron Curb, who will visit with friends there.

On their return to their home in Cleburne, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Burton were accompanied by his sister, Mrs. Jim Bird, with whom they had been visiting for sometime.

Mrs. R. A. Walker and daughters left Tuesday for Beardstown, Texas, for a visit with relatives. They were accompanied by Miss Maxine Skidmore, who has been a guest in the Walker home.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt and Miss Hazel Lee Rainbolt have returned recently from the plains. Miss Rainbolt will teach next year in Kirkland High school in Childress county.

Mr. and Mrs. Ona Reeves and family of Woodbury, N. J., Mrs. George Reeves of Merkel and daughter, Miss Hazel, and her niece of Rotan, visited Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell Saturday.

Miss Ruby Hughes returned Monday from a vacation visit to Birmingham, Ala. She made the trip with Mrs. T. V. Touchstone and Miss Molly Frank as far as Jackson, Miss., where the latter made a visit. Miss Lizzie Lou Hughes of Abilene, sister of Miss Ruby Hughes, also joined them for the trip.

Working with the Texas Board of Water Engineers and the C. S. Geological Survey, the Army Aviation photographic section has made topographical maps of about 12,000 square miles of Texas.

**All Things Ready for Singing Convention**

Signed by a committee consisting of A. C. Terry, Ben Quattlebaum, W. F. Steadman, W. Y. Steen, F. H. Rutledge and W. T. Walker, the following invitation to the Fifth Sunday Singing convention at Trent is being issued:

"The Fifth Sunday Singing Convention will meet at Trent Sunday, June 30, and this is your invitation to be with us. The tabernacle is ready and we are expecting a big crowd and lots of good singing.

"We expect to meet at 10:00 a. m. sharp so if you are not there at that time you are going to miss something from 10 until you arrive. There will not be a public dinner but don't come expecting to have to buy your dinner; if you prefer to bring your lunch along come right ahead and a place will be provided for you to spread it. There will be plenty of cold water on the ground. We are going to be disappointed if you are not here."

**Merkel Ladies Invited Visit Abilene Plant**

The advertisement of the Abilene Laundry company in this issue of the Merkel Mail has an especial appeal to the ladies of Merkel, as the Abilene Laundry company is extending an invitation to all ladies' organizations of every kind that have a president and secretary to visit the laundry on Wednesday and Thursday in groups of ten or more and they will mail a check to the president of the organization at 25 cents each for all who visit the laundry and register and allow the laundry company to show them through the plant.

The same invitation when extended to the ladies of Abilene met with a wonderful response and now the invitation is extended to the ladies of Merkel. Organizations contemplating making a visit are requested to phone Mr. Walker for club or class engagement.

**STAR PARASITE REMOVER**  
Will keep your chickens free of lice, mites, fleas, blue-bugs, healthier and producing more eggs or your money back. Merkel Drug Co.

**West Texas Press To Meet at Sweetwater**

Sweetwater, June 27.—West Texas newspapermen who convene in this city on July 12 to 13 for their annual convention are going to have at least one week's program jammed in the two days session which will include shop talks, oratory, luncheons, banquets, flying, fun, golf, trap shooting, business sessions and probably several other modes of business and social affairs.

To begin with, the program committee, consisting of Jimmy Smith, Snyder, Luther Watson, Nolan County News, Herschel Colbert, Sweetwater Daily Reporter and Monte E. Owen, secretary, board of city development, Sweetwater; George Hill, Winters and Eddie Warren, Post, have mapped out a program of business and entertainment that should make it worth while for every newspaperman in the state, much less West Texas, to be present. And even now the

program is still undergoing changes that will strengthen it and make it more interesting and helpful to the visiting pressmen.

**Attend Funeral at Slaton.**

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. White and Mr. and Mrs. George White attended the funeral at Slaton last Friday of Herschel C. Lamar, 32, who was killed Wednesday morning of last week at Wink, Texas, when he came in contact with an electric wire carrying 220 volts.

The deceased is survived by his widow and a six months' old baby, and also by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Lamar of Slaton, two brothers and a sister and other relatives.

**Field Secretary Here.**

Rev. I. N. Langston, field secretary, representing the Anti-Saloon League of Texas, with headquarters in Dallas, was a visitor in Merkel Tuesday.

Typewriting paper at Merkel Mail office.

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Saturday only, we will again offer you the opportunity to buy more of those

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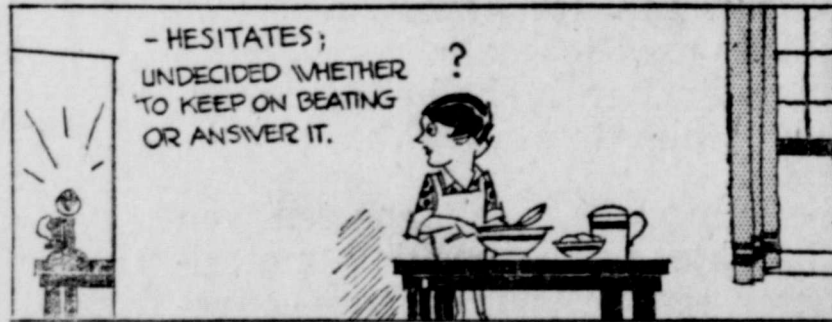
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- Big 3x6 Rug for ..... 49c
- Lace, finest quality, ..... 2 Yards for 5c
- Cups and Saucers each ..... 5c
- A Seven Piece Water Set for only ..... 49c

The Early Shopper Gets the Best Bargains So Come Early

**Sears Variety Store**

"Home of Bargains" Merkel, Texas

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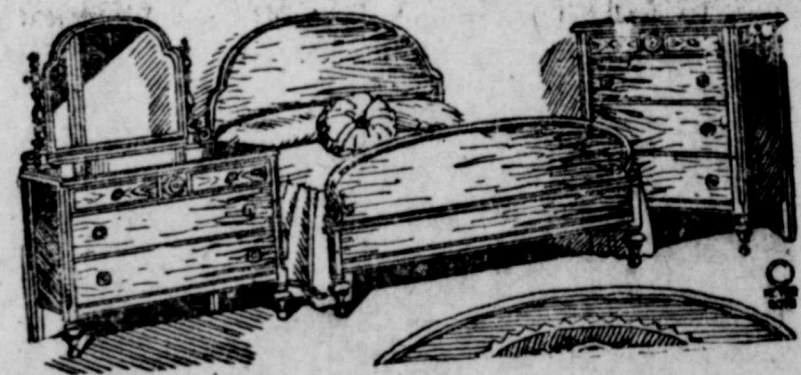


An advertisement of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.

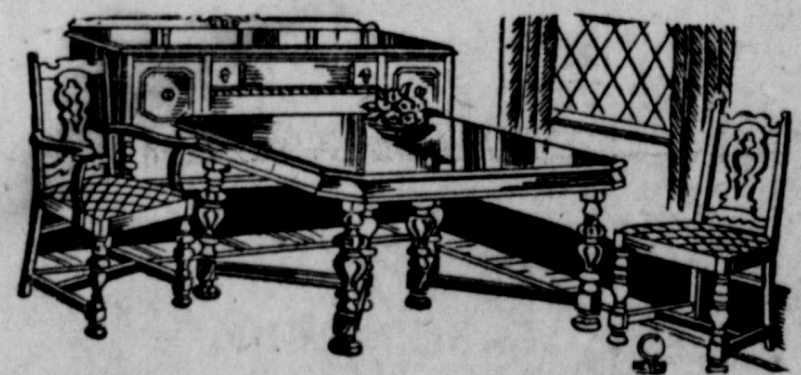
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Three Piece Fibre Living Room Suite, full length Settee and Two Rockers; very substantially built, good grade of Jacquard upholstery ..... \$29.95



Four Piece Suite, Walnut Finish—Vanity, Bed, Chest and Bench; an unusually good suite for ..... \$59.00



Slightly Used Dining Room Suite—Table, Buffet and Six Chairs—finished Two-Tone Walnut; a real buy at ..... \$49.00

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