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WHAT'S DOING In West Texas

Snyder will entertain 150 4-H boys at a two-day picnic on July 19 and 20 through the courtesy of W. O. Logan, county agent. Prizes will be offered by merchants and camp will be made at Wolf Park with swimming privileges given by the Snyder Golf club. Two plane rides with "Slim" Lowry, new government licensed pilot in charge.

Sweetwater is completing plans for the Fourth annual convention of the West Texas Press association which opens July 12 for a two day session. Round table discussions will take up aviation and free plane rides through the courtesy of the Texas Air Transport company will be given every registered delegate wearing a ribbon.

E. H. Whitehead, publicity manager of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce for the last four years, resigned to become assistant manager of the South Texas Chamber of Commerce, at Corpus Christi, effective July 10. One of his accomplishments was making West Texas Today, official publication, a magazine instead of a newspaper.

Wheeler is building a new sanitarium. The building will be frame with stucco finish on the outside and sheet rock on the inside and when completed will be 72 by 72 feet with 22 rooms, hallways running both ways through the entire building. A large basement will be part of this fine acquisition.

The Cisco co-operative Livestock Marketing association shipped two cars of hogs and one of cattle to the Fort Worth market recently. The cattle brought \$1,600. There were one hundred sixty two head of hogs. R. L. Poe remained in Fort Worth to observe the results of a new tattooing machine used on the hogs.

Levelland's three newest brick business structures on the east side of the square are being completed and will soon be occupied by the Hockley County Realty company, the Levelland Drug Store and other concerns.

Hereford's new creamery will be installed as soon as two carloads of machinery have been received. One car contains vats and churns and the other the refrigerating plant to be used for keeping the cream at the proper temperature to make butter.

Plainview's third annual Texas Panhandle Plains Dairy Show will be held in Plainview on April 7, 8, and 9 of 1930. The dates are one week later than those of the two former shows and the change is made in order to get away from the first of the month rush usually encountered by business men over the section.

Winters is making progress in cream shipments. Two years ago, about 100 cans of cream per month were shipped out. This year the shipments are averaging 285 per month. Cream brought about \$15,000 into Winters in five months.

Twenty-five applications have already been received to make the trip with the Fourth Annual Motorcade of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce to the Carlsbad caverns. B. M. Whitaker, agricultural manager, is in charge and detailed information can be obtained from him in Stamford.

Spearman dealers recently received 15 Chevrolet trucks to supply the demand of farmers who desire to haul their wheat crop to town. A sufficient number of railroad cars to carry the grain to the markets has been assured.

Del Rio water works system is being installed. The bottom of both of the 1,000,000 gallon tanks have been laid and the forms are being placed for the pouring of concrete on one of them. Each tank will be 28 feet high and 80 feet wide. Walls are 10 inches thick and well reinforced with steel.

Governor Defeated In Cow Milking Contest

Tyler, Texas, July 4.—Governor Dan Moody participated in a milking contest here recently but was disqualified when the cow kicked over the bucket and Col. C. C. Walsh, governor of the eleventh federal reserve bank district, captured first honors. The contest was a part of the celebration incident to the opening of a new milk products plant here. Governor Moody told the guests that he had been reared in the dairy business and that he was 15 years old before he knew what it was to sleep after 4 o'clock in the morning.

Paris Police Learn Tourists' Languages

Paris—Five hundred Paris policemen now speak some foreign language and one of them boasts eight.

English is the most generally spoken. There are many who know enough of several tongues to answer questions by tourists and there are quite a few with a very thorough knowledge of several languages, sufficient to handle the frequent police cases involving highly excited foreigners who forget the little French they knew.

All of these policemen wear armbands announcing in a phrase what foreign languages the bearer speaks.

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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PAULTAY

FINDS NEW WAY TO STORE EGGS

Small Amounts of Carbon Dioxide Will Be Big Aid.

Eggs can be better preserved if they are stored where there is a certain amount of carbon dioxide in the air, according to Paul F. Sharp of the New York State College of Agriculture, who has just published the results of some experiments on eggs in Science.

Eggs stored in ordinary air spoil rapidly after they lose the carbon dioxide which is a part of the egg. As soon as an egg is laid it starts to become more alkaline and this hastens decay. This alkaline tendency, however, can be easily and conveniently neutralized and controlled if the eggs are placed where the air contains small amounts of carbon dioxide.

This discovery has a practical result because carbon dioxide can be introduced into cold storage rooms in amounts which greatly retard the destructive changes in the eggs and yet the amount in the air will not be enough to prevent workmen from entering the storage rooms. Carbon dioxide can be used also in shipping containers and in refrigerator cars.

A convenient source of this gas can be used, such as the solid form or the gas form in cylinders. Professor Sharp says the only method of preserving eggs which approaches this one in cheapness and practicability is the oil dipping method in which eggs are dipped in a suitable oil which very nearly seals the pores. The carbon dioxide method is superior to the oil method, because the whites of the oil-dipped eggs become cloudy in storage. Those preserved by the carbon are not cloudy after the eggs are removed from the air which contains the carbon dioxide.

Concrete Runs Outside • Brooder House Are New

Concrete runs outside of the brooder house are a comparatively new addition to poultry farm equipment but are coming into use because of several advantages. They enable one to use a brooder house without danger from contaminated soil near them, save the labor of moving portable buildings and make it possible to keep chicks near the dwelling or barns, says a writer in the Rural New Yorker. As they do not have to bear heavy weights, a two-inch thickness of concrete is sufficient, except at the edges, where double that thickness is needed to prevent breaking.

They should be smooth for easy cleaning, have a slope for drainage, two or three inches, according to size, and need not be roofed. They, of course, may be of any desired size, so that they give an ample outside run, preferably not less than that required inside for the same number of chicks. They may have permanent fences or movable wire covered frames to set upon the concrete. Movable frames will facilitate cleaning. They may be lightly covered with sand, loam or litter, though the essential thing is that they be kept clean to prevent infection from droppings picked up by the chicks running upon them.

Poultry Hints

Early-hatched pullets produce fall and winter eggs.

Overcrowding in the poultry house discourages production of eggs.

Sitting hens should be dusted with sodium fluoride before being put on the nest.

Gather the eggs frequently to avoid the dirt that may be carried in on the hen's feet.

Chicks hatched so as to begin laying the first of October are usually the most profitable.

As many farmers have found, profits with poultry can easily be increased by better feed and care.

When possible it is well to have a pen where the little pigs can go for food but to which the sows do not have access.

A colt may be fed on cow's milk provided the milk is not too rich in fat. Use the milk from a cow that does not give very rich milk.

Unless pullets are laying by October they will miss a great deal of the high-priced egg period. If they start laying much earlier than this, there is danger of a fall moult.

A small poultry flock properly fed and cared for is more profitable than a large flock given indifferent care.

Protein is a constituent of feeding stuffs which is used by chickens for building muscles and tissues. In addition to the production of eggs.

Early feathering and early crowing mean early maturity. Early maturity means early profits. Always select the cockerels that feather first and then select from them the one that crows first.

Filipinos First Yo Yo Spinners, Says T. C. U. Student

"Almost every person in the Philippine Islands, from the time he is a small child, knows how to play yo yo," says George Soriano, yo yo-playing, poetry-writing native of the Philippine Islands, who is enrolled as a freshman student for the summer term in Texas Christian University at Fort Worth. Soriano's home is in the city of Bauang, province of La Union, Philippine Islands.

"Contrary to reports, the game yo yo is native to the Filipinos and not to the Chinese," he states. "It is a sport that has been peculiar to our people for many years, although the new generation is tiring of yo yo somewhat and is turning to the newer games, as tennis and other American sports.

"But yo yo is my best game," he says. "I enjoy it, and since a small boy have played yo yo, which is mostly a children's game. There is no English equivalent for the word. Yo yo is merely a native expression applied to the game."

Soriano came to T. C. U. from a high school in Ponca City, Okla., where he has a brother, Ponce, and where George had been living for two and a half years, ever since he came to the United States. He now resides with a brother, Ben Soriano, at the Forest Park Apartments on University Drive, Fort Worth.

Texan Nears World's Bulldogging Record

Alliance, Nebraska.—Dick Shelton, cowpuncher of Fort Worth, Texas, lacked one-fifth of a second of tying the world's record for wild steer bulldogging in the annual western Nebraska Panhandle stampede here late Thursday. Shelton put the animal on its back in six and two-fifth seconds. In the next event, the roping of wild calves Shelton was hurled to the ground, receiving a broken leg.

Everett Bowman, of Fort Thomas, Arizona, was winner in calf roping.

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Chicago Jaywalkers Enjoy Car Dodging

Chicago.—After nearly three weeks of harassment, the lowly "jaywalker" has about proved his right to the freedom of the streets in Chicago.

Traffic cops have tried to take this liberty of free street crossing away from the city pedestrian in the downtown Loop area, but old customs are found hard to break. The physical effort of trying to keep 1,000,000 persons in order who cross these streets each day is proving too much.

Chicago took the leadership in radical traffic regulation plans, when she barred automobile parking on the downtown thoroughfares. There was strenuous objection, particularly from business houses, who contended that trade was adversely affected. But no parking now is an established practice, which has speeded travel through the congested district approximately 35 per cent.

The plan to curb the jaywalker—the pedestrian who crosses the street against the traffic lights, or in the middle of the block—was supposed to be the next step in making the streets

100 per cent effective for the motorist.

People on foot, however, have had a different idea. They have come to enjoy this adventure of car dodging and the whistle and admonition of traffic cops apparently can't keep it away from them. Still the police are not discouraged and propose to continue the experiment for another week.

Capt. Frank Matchett, police traffic chief, finds that the effort so far made has resulted in a slight reduction in the already low accident rate, and he finds that automobile traffic has had some further speeding up as a result of the partial regulation.

69 Years As Organist.

Creton, England.—Mrs. Frances Dunkley has started her seventieth year as organist of the parish church. She is 91.

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In a recent radio talk, a well known speaker had the following to say to the merchants of the small towns:
'To any merchants who may be listening in, I have a word of advice. Do not GIVE your local newspaper a dollar. Instead, BUY twice as much advertising as you think you can afford for a period of one year, then watch your business grow.
'The newspaper is an accurate mirror of the town in which it is published. If your town is a live town, one that can meet the intense competition of today, the newspaper will be filled each issue with snappy invitations to trade at the various business places of that town. Your newspaper is your weekly or daily contact with the people of your trade territory. Use it liberally and you will be surprised at the results. The merchants in any town where a real newspaper is published could afford to pay the subscription to the paper for every resident within thirty miles—they would get their money back many times over by increased contacts for their advertising messages.
'Boost for your newspaper. It is always boosting for your community and the boost you will give pay you big dividends.'

HEBRON NEWS

A nice rain fell here on Monday, July 1.
Mrs. Miller from Lubbock is visiting her daughter Mrs. Lige Harris.
Miss Bessie Lou Pannell is home from Dallas where she was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. William Pannell and Miss Evelyn Pannell.
Miss Floy Ingram of Venson is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Thomas Harris.
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pannell were in Abilene Sunday.
Miss Hazel Heath entertained friends with a party Saturday night.
FROM THE METHODIST CHURCH
The Methodist revival began Sunday morning. We want to see the Sunday school take such a part in our revival that it will be a great blessing to everybody in Merkel. The Sunday school can do a great deal by its prayers and attendance.
Tell your friends of our meeting—and come!
For last Sunday morning our visitors were:
Miss Elaine Baker of Rotan, who is visiting Miss Aline Willett.
Mr. and Mrs. Wade Darsey, now of San Angelo, who are visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Hulsey.
Mrs. Earl Stevens of Trent, who is visiting Mrs. Lee Cox.
Miss Laura Cary, of Dallas who is visiting Mrs. R. A. Ellis.
Miss Mildred Wilhite of McMurry, the District League secretary, who is visiting Miss Hazel Lee Rainbolt.
All of One Year Old.
At the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Sharp last Friday, Mrs. R. E. Lee and Mrs. Joe Owens entertained in honor of the first birthday of little Dorothy Nell Lee. Ice cream and cake was served to the following little tots: Mable Murray, Margaret Sharp, Novine Joe Harris, Margaret, Billie Joe and Bedford Dunn, Frances, Roy and Wesley Owens and Robert Jr. Lee.
Evidence of Appreciation.
'My office has been a clearing house for new citizens of Merkel who wanted to find houses, apartments or rooms for rent and home owners and property owners, who had houses and rooms to let,' said L. R. Thompson to a representative of the Merkel Mail one day the past week, and Mr. Thompson continued: 'This has been largely a service of a gratuitous nature and with no thought of any return although appreciation has been generously expressed by all parties concerned. To my surprise within the past few days two of the parties to whom I have extended favors in this way requested me to write insurance policies for them, although it is my custom not to solicit any business in connection with courtesies extended through the above clearing house.'

Wise County farmers around Decatur are planting cucumbers for market with their yield contracted by a Ft. Worth pickling firm. Texas has 5,680 acres sown to cucumbers this year, an increase of 660 acres from 1928.

12 RULES FOR SAFE DRIVING

As a contribution towards greater safety and more pleasant driving conditions on the highways of the country this summer, the Ford Motor company has listed twelve rules as suggestions to motorists and has distributed them to dealers over the country.
Announcement of the suggestions was made today by L. B. Scott, Ford dealer in this city, who will display the list prominently in his place of business.
'These rules,' said Mr. Scott, 'are merely common sense applied to automobile driving. Every experienced motorist knows all of them. It is our hope, however, that by stating them concisely and posting them where they will come to the attention of a great many motorists, we can so emphasize them as to make a real contribution towards greater highway safety.'

The twelve rules are:
1. Courtesy comes first. Consider the rights and privileges of others.
2. Keep your mind on your driving and anticipate sudden emergencies.
3. Learn the "feel" of having your car under control.
4. Obey all traffic and parking regulations.
5. Keep to the right and comply with road marking signs.
6. Signal for the stops and turns. Watch the car ahead.
7. Slow down at crossings, schools, dangerous places.
8. Never pass cars on hills, curves, crossings.
9. Adapt your driving to road conditions—rain, ice, soft spots and ruts.
10. It doesn't pay to take the "right of way" too seriously.
11. When you drive, remember the times when you're a pedestrian.
12. Know the law. It was passed for your protection.

Pastor Parrack on Vacation.
Rev. Ira L. Parrack, pastor of the First Baptist church here, was voted a two weeks' vacation by the members of the church at the Sunday morning service and has gone to Palacios with his family.

Fishing Party Returns.
Messrs. J. T. Dennis and H. H. Hand, with J. R. Cox of Sweetwater, have returned from a ten days' fishing trip to the South Llano and Medina rivers. They report a most enjoyable time with good fishing and other vacation pleasures.

Cheese factories, requiring smaller volume of milk and having fewer transportation difficulties, can be profitably located in small or isolated communities in which a creamery could not be successfully located, according to H. L. Wilson of the U. S. Bureau of Dairy Industry. A cheese plant can be profitably operated on as little as 500 pounds of cheese a day, he says, which would require the milk from around 400 cows.

Exports through Texas harbors in 1928 were valued at \$797,149,493—second only to those of New York.

Trent News and Personal Notes

The Baptist revival which is coming to a close has produced good results and the town and community as well as the church feels spiritually blessed. Brother Miller of Memphis is doing some fine preaching, assisted by earnest church workers.

Postmaster Royce Dowdy and Rural Carrier No. 2, Joe Nalley are attending the state convention of letter carriers, which is being held in Dallas this week.

The singing convention met last week with full attendance. There was some good singing and every feature was carried out in good shape.

Mrs. Lena Mays of Fort Worth is visiting her mother, Mrs. J. W. Pomroy, for a few days.

Miss Della Goode and Allie B. Walker were married quietly last Saturday evening in Frederick, Okla., with Messrs. Ivy Goode and Briton Clinton in attendance as witnesses of the ceremony. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Goode and was reared here where she has a host of friends. The groom is a young man of excellent character, whose home is in Arkansas but who is at present employed by John Goode on his farm. Friends are extending best wishes to them for all happiness that life can bring in their voyage of life together.

Present at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Forrester, Sunday were the following: Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Forrester, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Tittle and family of Abilene, Miss Forrest and Bill Forrester, N. C. Forrester of Austin, and Mrs. F. S. Stephenson and daughter, Miss Fannie Dee, of Paris, Tenn. N. C. Forrester is a student at the University of Texas and spent Sunday with the homefolks en route to Slaton. He will receive his M. A. degree this term. He was accompanied by G. B. Tittle, Jr., of Abilene on this trip.

R. H. Reeves of Blackwell was here one day last week.

Mrs. Maga Mennis of Fort Worth arrived last week to visit her mother, Mrs. Tid Smith, for a few days.

Mrs. F. S. Stephenson and daughter, Miss Fannie D., of Paris, Tenn., were recent visitors with Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Forrester, en route to the Pacific Coast for an extended trip.

Mrs. M. L. Jones was called to Colorado Saturday to be in attendance on a sick daughter.

Miss Waurene Tittle of Abilene was a recent guest of Miss Forrest Forrester.

Miss Lottie Herring of Cado paid a short visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Washburn, last week and on her return home she was accompanied by her grandfather and baby sister, Mary Belle.

Dorothy Dodson left the early part of this week for Lamont, Okla., to visit with her father who lives there.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Hutchison visited last week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Campbell of Novice.

Mr. and Mrs. John Woodward and wife spent last week-end with relatives in Roscoe.

Grandmother Burks of Big Spring has come to make her home with her son, E. H. Burks.

Little Miss Ida V. Estep celebrated her birthday by entertaining a number of her little friends Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Rueben Reeves and daughter, accompanied by her brother, J. P. Stevens, visited their mother, Mrs. Lee Stevens, last week-end. The latter is now in Mineral Wells.

Helen McCormick of Merkel visited

with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Shouse, the first of the week. Mrs. Joe Nalley was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Rutherford in Abilene Monday afternoon.

Joe Strickland of Fort Worth visited relatives here last week and also attended the services at the Baptist church.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Martin of Loraine spent Sunday with Mrs. Martin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Scott.

J. W. Nichols, an old-time resident of Trent, but who is now living in Miami, Fla., visited with old friends over the week-end.

COMPERE NEWS

The singing at Compere was reported good and enjoyed by a large crowd. Next Sunday afternoon is regular preaching evening and every one is invited to come. Brother Parrack cannot be there, but is going to send another preacher in his place.

Second Sunday afternoon is regular singing at Compere and every one is urged to come and bring your book. We especially invite the singers from Merkel to come and bring their singing class and let's make it a real singing.

Lee Stanley is on the sick list this week.

Miss Virgie Marshall returned home last Thursday after a visit with her uncle in Mineral Wells.

Mrs. David Johnson, who has been ill, is reported as doing nicely.

CANYON NEWS

After a nice shower of rain, the people of this community are glad to let you hear from us again.

Uncle Dan and Aunt Dollie Mathews celebrated their fifty-fourth wedding anniversary at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butman, Sr., Sunday. Uncle Dan will soon be seventy-seven years of age, while Aunt Dollie will soon be seventy.

Mrs. Nelva Dudley Hudson and daughters, Pauline and Ruth, and Miss Magdalene Gilmore began a Pentecostal revival at the tabernacle Sunday night. Mrs. Hudson does the preaching and the girls play and sing.

Mrs. Butman has received word that her cousin, Hannah Jane Struble, is very sick. Cousin Hannah is now in Pennsylvania.

Misses Vera and Pete Ely of Tye were visitors in this community Sunday.

George and Bernald Crow of the Cross Roads community were also visitors in this community Sunday.

Elmer Huff of the Dora community spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Russom.

HOME LAUNDRY.
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Texas continues to lead in new railroad building, which is at a standstill in most of the States. A new project to begin at once and to be completed by Dec. 1, 1930, is an 86-mile extension by the Orient from Alpine to Presidio and a 65-mile extension from San Angelo to Sonora.

Texas leads the United States in oil refining.

UNION RIDGE NEWS

The crops in this community are looking fine since the recent showers. Miss Thelma McAninch spent last week-end with friends in Merkel. Mrs. Ollie Skidmore and children of Galon, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Douglas of Stanton and Mrs. C. J. Douglas and son, Ben, of this community left

Monday for the San Saba river where they will spend a few days fishing. Miss Margarette Werd and Mrs. Ella Murliden Miller of Abilene were guests for the week-end of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Douglas. Melvin Jones has left for the harvest. There is Sunday school here every Sunday at 10 o'clock. Everyone is cordially invited.

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FOR SALE—Plenty nice fresh honey. Phone 9047. Mrs. J. Ben Campbell.

FOR SALE—A few tons of maize, \$17.00 per ton. E. W. King, Route 5, 1 1/2 miles southwest of town.

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FOR SALE—White Sellers Kitchen Cabinet and other furniture. Mrs. C. S. Higgins.

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FOR RENT—New two room apartment nicely furnished, modern. Mrs. C. L. Boswell. Phone 171W.

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WASHING AND GREASING Modern grease rack. Cars washed and greased the right way. Highway Service Station. J. C. White, Manager.

LODGE NOTICES

Merkel Chapter Royal Arch Masons meets on first Thursday night of each month. Visitors cordially invited. J. A. Patterson, H. P. O. R. Dye, Secretary.

Mrs. W. P. Carey is Buried in Chicago

While funeral rites were held Monday morning in Chicago for Mrs. Mary E. Carey, 72, the Merkel Lumber Company here, one of thirty-three retail stores operated by two companies of which Mrs. Carey was president, was closed from 10 to 12 o'clock. Mrs. Carey died at her home in Chicago Friday.

Since the death of her husband William P. Carey, in 1915, Mrs. Carey had been president of Carey-Lombard-Young & Company, and the Wm. P. Carey Company, the two operating 33 retail lumber yards in Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas. Recently she made an inspection tour of some of the Oklahoma yards including the purchasing department at Oklahoma City.

Mr. and Mrs. Carey founded their first yard at Wichita, Kansas, in 1881. The local yard, established in 1881, has contributed to the city's development in home building and real estate improvement for nearly fifty years.

Mrs. Carey was widely known for her generosity. At Christmas, 1928, her employees received money gifts totaling \$100,000. She also contributed largely to charities.

Surviving are five children: Chas. D. Carey, vice president of the companies, Clarence J. Carey, secretary-treasurer; Frank F. Carey, May J. and Mrs. Catherine O'Connor, all of Chicago.

Merkel Man Enjoying Fishing on West Coast

A kodak picture showing a day's catch of fish at San Diego, Calif., landed by his friend, J. M. Williamson, of this city, who with his wife is enjoying the California coast this summer has been received by R. O. Anderson. A newspaper clipping which was enclosed tells the story, (which makes it a reliable fish story,) as follows:

"As an example of how the barracuda are hitting out at the kelp beds, the contest of Hugh King and J. M. Williamson is interesting. Monday afternoon King used a bone jig entirely while Williamson employed only live bait. A victory for the jig followed, it being responsible for 62 barracuda while race horse sardines were securing 58."

Mr. and Mrs. Williamson, who made the trip to California in their car, will continue to Alaska.

Buy a Classified Ad for Results

Dora Doings

This section welcomed a nice show-er Monday night, something like a quarter of an inch.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Perry are the proud parents of a ten pound girl. Mother and baby are doing nicely.

Mrs. Drew Clark and children of Clovis, N. Mexico, are visiting since Tuesday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Perry and other relatives.

Mrs. Frank Magee is visiting in Clyde this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Brown of Noodle were guests Monday of Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Brown.

Grandpa Wright of Waco is here on a visit with his son, H. E. Wright, and family.

O. S. Moore is sporting a handsome new Chevrolet.

Miss Pearl Elliott has returned to her home in Merkel after a week's visit here with relatives.

C. P. Perry, Ed Whisenhart and Ernest Reid went fishing Monday and report a nice catch.

We are sorry to report Mrs. W. G. Oliver on the sick list this week.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Slater have returned home after a pleasant visit in East Texas.

The Divide ball club played Nubia at the latter place last Friday, carry-

ing off the honors 11 to 1. The Nubia club returned the game Saturday and won 18 to 11.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks to our many, many friends who assisted in any way in the loss of our dear husband and father. For deeds done, words spoken, songs sung and the beautiful floral offerings and also do we thank Dr. Gardner for his services. May God's richest blessing be on each of you is our prayer. Mrs. J. I. Leamon and Children.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday school at 10 a. m. If you are in town, be at Sunday school Sunday. Let's keep the attendance up. Preaching at 11 a. m., followed by a communion service. Offering for Reynolds Presbyterian Home. No evening service on account of revival at Methodist church.

Wm. Elliott, Supt.
R. A. Walker, Pastor.

Junior League Program.

Opening. Scripture, John 13:34-35, by leader, Opal Hulsey. "Ralph's Reward," (page 8), by Mollie Frank Touchstone. "Dilly and Dally and the Byrd House," (page 5), by Eloise Manscill. Trees, (page 13), by Duncan Briggs. Bible Story, by Ina Mae Berlyman. Benediction.

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New Orleans Once In Texas League

Dallas, Texas.—The average baseball fan, if asked whether New Orleans ever had been a member of the Texas League, would answer in the negative and feel sure of his ground. But he would be wrong.

Since the league was organized in 1888 with Fred Turner of Austin as president, there have been at one time or another 21 clubs within its borders, and one of them was New Orleans. The Louisiana metropolis had an entry in the league for the last several months of the 1888 campaign, after several of the original starters had dropped out. The Crescent City finished fourth.

Of the 21 cities that have supported a Texas league team, Dallas and Fort Worth are the only ones with unbroken tenures. Thirty-five campaigns have been run off, and both cities were in at the start, at least, of every one. The list of cities with tenure in years:

Fort Worth and Dallas 35, Houston 30, San Antonio 28, Galveston 25, Waco 25, Shreveport 18, Beaumont 16, Austin 14, Wichita Falls 9, Paris 5, Corsicana 4, Oklahoma City 3, Sherman 3, Temple 3, Denison 2, and Cleburne, Green-Texarkana one each.

If the old South Texas league, which flourished for four years between 1903 and 1906, and played the same class of ball as the Texas league, were brought in, two other cities would be listed. They are Lake Charles, La., and Branham, Tex. San Antonio, Galveston and Houston each won pennants in the South Texas, the Buffs grabbing two.

Prior to the revival of the league in 1902 by Ted Sullivan, Doak Roberts, Joe Gardner et al, the Texas league finished but one complete season, that of 1896. The other seven attempts resulted in financial disaster or destructive squabbles. Since 1902 the league has failed to finish one schedule that of 1918 when the fa-

mous "work or fight" order put baseball out of business.

Of the 21 cities that have made up the Texas league, ten never won a flag. List includes Beaumont, Greenville, Paris, Texarkana, Sherman, Denison, Ardmore, Oklahoma City, and New Orleans.

Fort Worth and Houston each is officially credited with eight pennants, Dallas six, Waco three, San Antonio, Shreveport and Wichita Falls one each. The highest Beaumont ever finished was third in 1914, 1919 and 1924.

Town of Best is Soon to Expire

Best, Texas.—Its postoffice has been demoted to the third class; every week someone moves away; the jail has had only two occupants since Christmas; buildings pitched together five years ago are rattling in the wind—on July 30 the lease by which residents of this town acquired the right to create the first oil town in West Texas expires, and beyond the promise by the men who have an additional year's lease on the property that "everybody will be treated all right," Best is wondering.

There are vacant buildings on the main street and about some of them is the forlorn look of a place that has surrendered. The once imposing "turn to the right" sign in the main street is dilapidated, and the hotel is crying for paint and a window pane or so. The red picket fence around the jail is intact but the city hall is dusty and unused.

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Sheep-Shearers Will Contest in Montana

Great Falls, Mont.—The public is going to get a chance to become acquainted with the Professional Shearer, by witnessing his great skill in removing the fleece from the silver horde of the range.

Fifteen of the fastest sheep shearers in the United States will fight it out on the one hundred woolies apiece here, July 10 and 11.

The first of these 15 men who spreads his legs to permit his hundredth shorn sheep to lung into the finished pen, will carry a new title, that of United States Champ Sheep Shearer. He will also be richer by at least \$500, the largest cash sum ever paid any man for shearing 100 sheep. The chances are, he'll also win one or

more of the many other prizes, cash and trophies, that have been posted for the First United States Championship Sheep Shearing Contest.

Every man in this contest will be paid regular shearing rates for every sheep sheared by him during the contest.

Cash prizes will go to five men turning in the fastest time on 100 sheep first prize \$500, second prize \$250, third prize \$150, fourth prize \$75 and fifth prize \$50. The National Wool Growers Association will give a cash prize of \$100 for the best appearing finished pen of sheep. In addition, 20 additional prizes, ranging in value from \$5 to \$50 have been posted for special shearing events during the course of the contest.

Professional shearers are requested to write to Contest Committee, Montana Wool Growers Association, Plac-

er Hotel Building, Helena, Mont., for full details at once. They should write at once, so entry can be arranged well in advance of the big contest.

Panama Canal Makes Record.

Washington.—The cargo tonnage carried through Panama Canal from the Atlantic to the Pacific in May set a new record for all time with 920,360 long tons. The heaviest Pacific-bound tonnage in any previous month—\$75,641—was in October, 1928.

Texas chartered 228 corporations with capitalization of \$8,297,000 in March as compared with 247 and \$7,724,000 in March a year ago.

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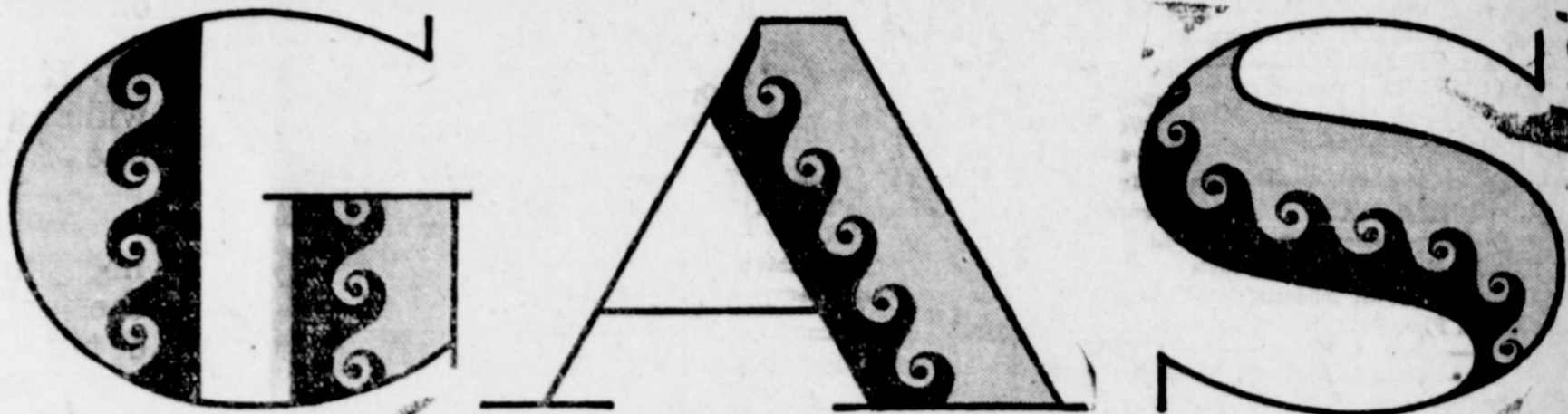
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Medal is Asked For Scout Saving Girl

San Angelo, Texas.—San Angelo Boy Scout headquarters has made application to the Carnegie Foundation, the American Red Cross and the Boy Scout National Court of Honor for rewards and badges of recognition for Scout Charles Fox, 14, who proved himself a hero here last week in saving Miss Naldia Spence from drowning.

Fox was presented with a gold watch by Miss Spence. The boy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Fox of San Angelo. He is a member of Troop 6 of the San Angelo Boy Scout organization.

New York City uses the telephone to the extent of 8,000,000 calls a day.



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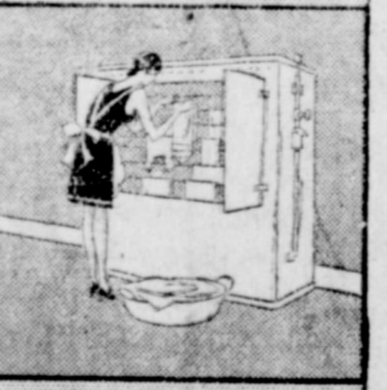
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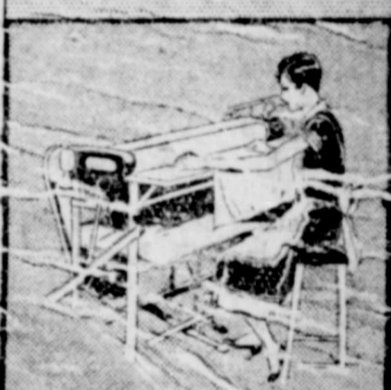
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POULTRY

PASTURING GEESE ON CLEAN RANGE

As General Rule Fowls Are Given Freedom of Field.

The raising of geese has not been specialized like duck raising, for the reason that geese secure most of their food by grazing. For this reason, geese are raised on most farms in comparatively small flocks. These facts are the principal reasons why geese raising offers an opportunity for most farmers to add another source of income to their spring poultry raising.

Geese may be pastured at the rate of 60 head to an acre, but, as a general rule, they are given free range. This is satisfactory so long as they are not numerous. However, if a large flock of geese is pastured on the regular pasture the live stock will not relish the pasture on account of the goose manure on the grass. Ordinarily, the number of geese raised on any one farm are not numerous enough to cause any trouble from this source.

Geese do not require a great deal of attention. After the first two weeks they are able to look after themselves if given a good range. The principal food of geese is grass, supplemented by insects and other low forms of animal life. If suitable range is not accessible it is not advisable to go into geese raising.

Houses that will protect the geese from rains in summer and from snow, cold winds and dampness in winter are the only essentials from the housing standpoint. Low, open front sheds are often used for this purpose. Care should be taken to see that the interior of the house is dry at all times. Geese like to swim and they will exercise in the snow practically all day, but they should have dry places to roost or they will contract rheumatism. The floor of such houses should be of earth. This should be covered with straw and renewed often enough so that it will be dry. A thin coating of sand often proves helpful in keeping the house dry.

Geese mate more successfully after they are two years of age than when mated earlier. This is more true of the females than of the males. Occasionally yearling geese will produce fertile eggs, but they cannot be depended upon. Small, undersized geese should not be used for breeding purposes. On the other hand, extra large, coarse geese are not as satisfactory as those of full development, but not so coarse. With most breeds the gander will mate with from three to four geese.

Ohio Station Advocates

All-Mash Chick Ration

The rearing of chicks to maturity on an all-mash ration is a rather new venture in poultry keeping, and we shall have to take the word of those who have tried it as to its value. This system has been developed and advocated by the Ohio agricultural experiment station, at Wooster, and is fully described in a bulletin issued by this station. They state that they have found the method successful on their experimental farm and equally so in the hands of other poultrymen of the state. Some other stations, where it has been tried, discount these claims somewhat. There is no question as to the attractiveness of the plan and the results at the Ohio station should be sufficient to give warrant for trying it out.

Those who have followed the teaching of poultry experts over a considerable period of years have learned that there is little that can be considered as absolutely fixed, even in the seemingly fundamental principles of feeding and care. Revolutionary findings are apt at any time to upset long accepted practices. The all-mash ration should not have scratch grains added to it, since it combines in itself both the scratch and the mash and the addition of more scratch grain would unbalance it. That is, it would change the proportion of protein foods to the other ingredients and presumably lessen its value. An all-mash should be more coarsely ground than other mashes, to make it more palatable.

Raising Turkeys

Turkeys can be raised by artificial methods with less loss and more profit than by the hen-hatched and hen-brooded method. Each year the matter of growing more than 20 or 30 per cent of the poults has become more difficult. That the association of turkeys and chickens is one of the leading causes for the heavy losses in baby poults and that turkeys can be raised in brooders and hatched in incubators are comparatively new developments in the turkey situation.

In Case of Roup

Should any of your flock begin to show symptoms of roup, no time should be lost in starting measures to prevent further spread. All houses, pens, coops and runs should be thoroughly cleaned and sprayed with a strong solution of a good coal tar dip disinfectant. Droppings, litter and wash of every description should be removed and burned. All unnecessary equipment of every kind should be removed from houses and yards and stored elsewhere.

Warning Given About Touring Through West

Washington, D. C.—Although a transcontinental journey by automobile can be accomplished with comparative ease, the motorist must take greater precautions with the car in the more sparsely settled sections of the West than is ordinarily the habit in the thickly populated areas of the East.

This statement has been issued by the American Automobile Association by way of advice to car owners contemplating a cross country run and who are more familiar with travel in the East.

"On first thought," said the national motoring body, "the motorist who has been in the habit of passing filling stations and repair shops at every turn may be dismayed at the idea of traveling scores of miles without any of these familiar roadside adjuncts. However, there is no cause for worry if ample precautions are taken with the car. This should also extend to food supplies and clothing for the occupants."

The A. A. A. said that before starting into a region that is sparsely settled like some of the Western States the first thing is to check gas, oil and water, as well as tires and car lubrication. Such preliminary precautions will assure a safe and comfortable journey.

Listing some of the things that will add to the pleasure of the trip, the A. A. A. said: "Checking every detail of the car before starting and don't overcrowd it. Obtain route in advance of journey from an A. A. A. motor club and don't depend upon wayside information."

"Start the touring day early, which

avoids the hours when the highways are crowded. If you are pressed for time, select routes that escape congested areas. Arrange in advance for hotel reservations.

"The question of running out of gas and oil is a comparatively negligible one in the populated areas, but is a serious problem in some sections of the West. Therefore, more attention should be given to the car when an area is reached where the population is scattered. Upon entering the desert, it is well to have an extra supply of gas and oil, as well as water."

Rivalry of Sires Is Renewed by Steeds

Chicago—Clyde Van Dusen and Windy City, crack Western 3-year-olds, are carrying on the rivalry of their sires.

Man-o'-War, daddy of Clyde Van Dusen, lost but one race in his spectacular racing career, and that to Upset, which sired Windy City.

While 2-year-olds, Van Dusen and Windy City finished even, each defeating the other twice. This year honors are even. Clyde won the Kentucky Derby, with Windy City far to the rear, and the latter turned the tables in the American Derby.

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Sore Gums-Pyorrhea

Foul breath, loose teeth or sore gums are disgusting to behold, all will agree. Leto's Pyorrhea Remedy is highly recommended by leading dentists and never disappoints. Druggists return money if it fails. Phillips Drug Store.

Marriage Law No Block to Swains Near Beaumont

Beaumont, Texas.—The new marriage law in Texas may be fine in other sections of the state but it is a blow to this county as far as issuance of marriage licenses. With Beaumont only two hours auto ride from points in Louisiana where licenses may be obtained in the old way the young swains are declared to be inclined to do that rather than loosen up with the medical fee and wait three days.

A total of 131 licenses to wed were issued up to June 13. After that was a lapse of five days before another was issued and up to June 22 only 11 more had marched up to the clerk's office for the nuptial papers. Records show that the ratio has dropped from approximately 10 a day to two a day.

Try a Classified Ad in the Mail

Gold Piece Brings \$7,900.

New York—For a privately minted \$5 gold piece issued in California in 1849 the sum of \$7,900 has been paid at auction.

The purchaser was a dealer acting for an unnamed collector. The coin bears on its face a shield depicting a cowboy throwing a lariat with a bear and a deer at either side.

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Many people feel that when they give their business to some firm outside their own community it is just the "hard luck" of the local firm which loses the business. This is not the case.

Purchases made your community start that amount of money in circulation in your community. Rent and taxes are paid with that money; shoes, dresses, groceries, radios, hats, needles, thread, automobiles, tires, gasoline, dentistry, school supplies—**everything** that is sold by **anybody** is bought with a part of the money that is paid for **anything** bought and sold in your community.

It is not any more a matter of local loyalty to buy at home than it is a matter of self-preservation. When you buy a pair of shoes, for instance, somewhere else which you might have bought at home, you not only take business away from your local shoe merchant, but you take money away from our local bank and the whole town loses just that amount of circulating wealth.

It is just good, sound business practice to buy things at home.

BUY AT HOME AND HELP YOUR TOWN TO GROW

PERSONAL NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Lamar were visiting friends in Merkel Sunday.

Emery McDonald made a business trip to Fort Worth on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Savage of Abilene were dinner guests in the Dee Grimes home on Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Sublett were present for a July Fourth reunion of the Sublett family at Glen Rose.

R. O. Anderson and David Hendricks returned Wednesday from a business trip to Plainview.

W. S. Derrick of Farmersville is the guest of his son, Claude Derrick, and family.

David Stevens of San Angelo spent a few days this week in the Roy Largent home.

Miss Ruby Jo Higgins left Tuesday for Abilene where she has entered Draughn's Business College.

Mrs. Lulu Sadler of Palestine is a guest in the home of Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Sadler.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Fitts and Comer Clay of Abilene visited their many friends here Sunday.

Miss Jess Sutphen left the first of the week for Chicago where she will study art in the conservatory there.

Mary Anna Mayfield returned the last of the week from a vacation on the Scarborough ranch in Midland.

Miss Ernestine Brown of Aspermont was the week-end guest last week of Miss Lola Dennis.

Mrs. Sie Hamm has returned from a visit with her parents at Albany, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Durham.

Miss Emma Lillian Savage of Abilene is the guest of Miss Betty Lou Grimes.

Mrs. Dora Wagner of Abilene is the guest of her son, Mr. and Mrs. Rolf Wagner.

Miss Katherine Copeland of Abilene is the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. F. Fry.

Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Easters and son of Beaumont, Texas, visited her sister recently, Mrs. George W. Boyce.

Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Huddleston are spending the summer with their son, Dutch Huddleston, in San Diego, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Tippett and family have returned to San Angelo after a short visit with Mrs. E. N. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Grayson left the first of the week for a combined business and pleasure trip to the Rio Grande valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie West are making an extended auto trip, visiting Marlow, Okla., Wichita Falls, Fort Worth and Waco.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Harris have returned from a visit with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bullock, at Albany.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Derrick and family have returned from an auto trip to Wink and other West Texas cities.

Misses Flora Frances Anderson and Elizabeth Harkrider visited in Albany last week-end with Miss Tommye Durham.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. English of

Paducah are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Fry. Mrs. English is a sister of Mrs. Fry.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Largent returned from Dallas the first of the week where they had young Steve's tonsils removed.

Mrs. Lige Gamble is spending the week at a camp on the Boaz ranch. With her is David Gamble, Robert Grimes, Jr., Jack Dawson West and Sis Gamble.

Mrs. Martin Jensen and little daughter, Martha Lee, are here from Talula, La., for an extended visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Proctor.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg and Mr. and Mrs. E. M. McDonald paid a visit Sunday to Westbrook where the parents of Mesdames Bragg and McDonald reside.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Adcock and Miss Frances returned Saturday from a vacation visit to Menard. The other daughter, Miss Burdelle, went on to Waco to visit relatives.

Mrs. George White left on the second for the Carlsbad Cavern. She was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. West Edwards, and a party of friends from Mary Neal.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Swafford and daughters have returned to Kansas City after visiting in the C. M. Largent home. Mrs. Swafford is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Largent.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Coit of Dallas are announcing the birth of a son on Saturday, June 29. Mrs. Coit is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Warren.

Mrs. Bert Kimbrough and son, Jo Earl, of Fort Worth are visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McDonald.

Mrs. George Foster of Los Angeles, Calif., is a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McDonald.

Mr. and Mrs. Kirby S. Beckett, Jr., and daughters, accompanied by Katherine Coit, left Monday for Dallas. Mr. Beckett returned, but Mrs. Beckett will spend sometime in the Henry Coit home there.

Mrs. A. M. Armstrong of Crawford, twin sister of Mrs. N. J. Armstrong, the latter the mother of Dr. M. Armstrong, is a guest in the Armstrong home but is now confined to her room.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Petty have returned from their honeymoon trip to the western part of the state and on through Carlsbad Cavern. They will make their home in the Jim Swann home.

Warren Smith, Roy Largent, Tom Largent, Johnnie Wheeler, Luther Swafford, Dr. W. T. Sadler, Dr. Jensen of Louisiana, and John Tippett returned the first of the week from a fishing trip to Devil's river.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Delmer are to reside in the Garner house on Oak street. Mr. Delmer is one of the partners in the new Delaney-Delmer Chevrolet company and he and his family are welcome acquisitions to Merkel.

With July first, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cookston removed from Merkel.



MRS. TOM LARGENT ENTERTAINS.

Mrs. Tom Largent was the gracious hostess to three-foursome tables at bridge Wednesday, June 26, honoring her sister-in-law Mrs. Leno Swafford of Kansas City. Games of auction bridge were enjoyed until a late hour when a delectable ice and sandwich course was served to the following: Mrs. Leno Swafford of Kansas City, Misses Mary Eula and Boog Sears, Mesdames Frank McFarland, Lige Gamble, C. B. Gardner, Burl Scott, R. I. Grimes, W. S. J. Brown, R. O. Anderson and Gene Harvey. Tea hour guests were Miss Jess Sutphen, Mesdames Booth Warren, Dee Grimes, C. M. Largent and W. J. Largent.

SWIMMING PARTY.

Mrs. W. T. Sadler was hostess to a swimming party and picnic at Shannon's on Friday afternoon. Those taking part in the fun were Comette Ramsey, Cola B. Ramsey, Anna Cope, Lurline Benchier, Mrs. J. R. Horn, Jr., Mrs. W. V. Ramsey and Wayne Ramsey, Jr. of Abilene and Mattie Meryl Middleton of Stamford.

Mrs. Cookston leaving for Richmond, Texas, where she will sit awhile before joining Mr. Cookston in Pampa. Mr. and Mrs. Cookston made a host of friends here who sincerely regret to see them go.

Revival at Mt Pleasant.

A revival meeting will begin at Mount Pleasant on the night of the fifth of July. John Curb will conduct the song services and the pastor will do the preaching. Everyone is invited to come and bring your friends with you.

Revival at Butman Tabernacle.

A revival campaign started at Butman Tabernacle near Nubia Sunday night, June 30, and will continue every night for two weeks. Services will be conducted by Nelia Hudson and party from Los Angeles, Calif. Everyone is welcome. You are invited to come and bring someone with you. Nelia Hudson is well known in this vicinity, having formerly lived here.

Semi-Annual Dividend Paid.

The regular semi-annual dividend of six per cent was declared and paid to stockholders on July 1 by the Farmers and Merchants National Bank of this city. This dividend of six per cent is declared twice annually, on the first of January and the first of July.

The East Texas Chamber of Commerce will continue its efforts to secure an adequate system of State highways, "even though it is necessary to prolong the campaign over two years."

Frio County Ranch Sold for \$135,000

Uvalde, Texas. — Announcement was made here this week of the sale of 11,000 acres of the C. B. Woodward ranch in Frio County, some 50 miles southeast of Uvalde, to Ralph Harris, San Angelo cowman and former president of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers' Association. The land is located about 30 miles west of the town of Pearsall. The deal involved about \$135,000 cash.

The ranch is one of the prettiest in the State and has a frontage of four or five miles on the Frio River. It is stocked with about 2,000 deer and many wild turkeys. It is level, black land, with no hills. The ranch is half of the 22,000-acre C. B. Woodward ranch, and it was from Woodward of Pearsall that Harris made the purchase. Harris is said to now own or control about 150,000 acres of ranch land in Texas.

Texas is the leading Jersey cattle state in the Union. Ohio used to be.

A New Arrival.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Yates Brown are the happy parents of a nine-pound baby girl, born at 10:30 Tuesday night. Mother and baby are reported as doing nicely and the father is all smiles.

Served as Petit Jurors.

Among Merkel men serving on the petit jury for Taylor county for this week were Messrs. M. C. Graham, F. P. Hamm, W. L. Blair, W. H. Derstine, T. G. Bragg, O. B. Boden and F. Y. Gaither. They were excused on Tuesday morning for the week.

Will Return Aug. 1.

Word has been received that W. D. Hutcheson, who underwent an operation about ten days ago at the Scott and White sanitarium in Temple, is doing nicely and that he will be able to return to his home here about August 1.

Texas has 163 airports with 53 more under construction, planned or proposed.

Municipal Park Is Urged By President

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was of decided interest to every Lion present was a series of talks by members, giving in the language of the organizers of the Lions club the real meaning of what the Lions club stands for, its code of ethics, slogan, etc. These topics were given by the following speakers, with their subjects: "Our Name and What it Stands for," L. B. Scott; "Our Slogan," Byers Petty; "Lion's Objects," Dee Grimes; "Code of Ethics," Dr. M. Armstrong; "Who is a Lion," Henry West.

The president appointed a committee to work a co-operative plan of July Fourth closing by the merchants, this committee consisting of George Woodrum, C. E. Ogle and Byers Petty.

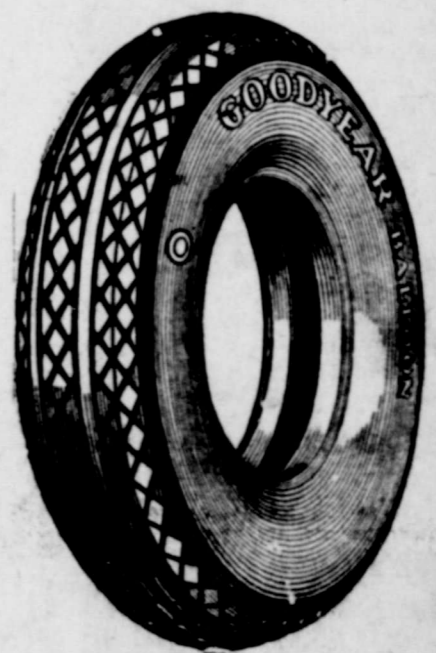
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