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SWEETWATER HOST TO THE WEST TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

Two Days' Entertainment is Round of Profit and Pleasure; Abilene Gets Next Meeting; Eddie Warren is President.

Two days of unusual programs providing many capable addresses on professional subjects and a round of entertainment were brought to a close Saturday noon when the fourth annual convention of the West Texas Press Association elected officers for the coming year and selected Abilene as the meeting place of next year's convention.

Advertised as a convention that would stress the development of aviation, the 200 newspaper men and women present were given concrete evidence of the rapid development of aviation in West Texas when for two hours Friday afternoon they were taken on rides from Sweetwater's big municipal airport in a special 14-passenger tri-motored Ford plane of the Southwest Air Fast Express and a seven-passenger Travel Air plane of the Texas Air Transport, both of which lines operate from the Sweetwater airport.

A banquet and dance were held Friday night at the Bluebonnet roof garden. Wit and oratory crowded the banquet program, especially when Joe Taylor and Jim Lowry debated the question of the "Relative Merits of Butter-milk and Pot-likker." Taylor defending the cabbage broth and Lowry the lacteal by-product, each of them resorting to the history of the world and many Biblical passages to prove his point.

Special tribute was paid by the association to Homer D. Wade, retiring manager of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, when Col. Dick McCarty of Albany enlarged on his accomplishments for West Texas, and presented him with a handsome desk set, also giving Mrs. Wade a beautiful bouquet of gladioli; and the association itself, by letter, formally branded him "First in our wars, first in peace and first in the hearts of this region."

Social events included airplane rides, a luncheon Friday, rides about the city, a Country Club tea for the ladies and the annual banquet at the Bluebonnet hotel Friday night at which Paul T. Vickers of Midland was toastmaster.

The association's annual golf tournament was held Friday afternoon. The loving cup offered by Bill Parker of the Olmsted-Kirk company of Dallas was won by Ralph Shuffler of Odessa with an 18-hole score of 84.

To W. A. Phett of Robert Lee went the prize of a pass to El Paso and return on a T. A. T. plane, when his name was drawn from a hat during the banquet. Many envious editors demanding to know whether he had the nerve to take the flight, received the reply: "Sure, I'll go. I'll make it when the West Texas Chamber of Commerce meets in Juarez next fall."

A trip Saturday morning through the immense manufacturing plant of the United States Gypsum Company ended the entertainment of the convention after which the sessions were closed with the election of officers and appointment of committees for the coming year.

The following officers were elected: Eddie Warren, Dispatch, Post, president; H. H. Jackson, Democrat-Voice, Coleman, vice-president; George "Jimmy" Smith, Scurry County Times-signal, Snyder secretary-treasurer.

Executive committee, Luther M. Watson, Nolan County News, Sweetwater; T. Paul Barron, Telegram, Midland; Max Bentley, Reporter & News, Abilene; Walter Murray Marsh-Fentress publications, Ranger; J. W. Roberts, Index, O'Donnell.

Membership, E. I. Hill, Tahoka; Tom Durham, Albany; George Hill, Winters.

Constitution and by-laws, Bowen Pope, Hamlin; W. E. Reid, Colorado; Ralph Shuffler, Odessa.

Resolutions, E. F. Butler, Clyde; Harry Adams, Lockney; Geo. E. Caple, Merkel.

Car of Cattle Shipped.
A carload of cattle was shipped to Fort Worth Wednesday by Jasper McCoy and Wheeler and Vaughn.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

When the post-office at Center was destroyed by fire, only a few C. O. D. parcels were lost as most of the valuables were in the safe.

Ground was broken Friday on the \$7,000,000 Texas & Pacific Railway company passenger and freight terminal project at Fort Worth.

Fire losses in Tyler during June amounted to only \$36.65 and for the past three months they have been less than \$200 there.

Clyde Spracher, aviator for Texas Air Transport, Inc., died at Fort Worth Tuesday from injuries received when an airplane he was stunting crashed Friday.

The bill increasing the tax on gasoline from 2c to 4c per gallon was signed by Governor Moody at 10:07 Monday morning and went into effect immediately.

Fred Beaumont, 30, died at Dallas after 12 days of unconsciousness. He was a special delivery mail carrier and was injured when his machine collided with an automobile.

Senator Benjamin F. Berkeley of Alpine was elected president of the senate, succeeding Senator Gus Russek of Schulenberg, who has served during the third session.

W. A. Priest, sheriff of Winkler county since its organization in 1910 with the exception of one term, tendered his resignation to the county commissioners court at Kermit Tuesday.

The \$400,000 road bond election held at Lyford, Willacy county, on April 20 was declared null and void after evidence brought by contestants on grounds of alleged election irregularities.

After being unconscious for more than 130 hours from head injuries received when she fell from a car, Lois Boltz, 14, of San Antonio is believed to have a slight chance of recovery.

When confiscated liquor which was being destroyed near the county jail in Dallas became ignited, presumably by a match being thrown into the fluid, three automobiles were burned up.

District Judge J. D. Moore of Travis county will preside at the sanity hearing at Georgetown July 22 for Harry J. Leahy under death sentence for the alleged slaying of Dr. J. A. Ramsey, Mathis physician.

Found guilty on a charge of robbery with firearms in connection with the robbery of a Texas City bank on November 1, 1927, Johnny Martin was assessed 25 years in the penitentiary by a jury at Galveston.

Death of his uncle, a multimillionaire lumberman of Rock Island, Ill., will bring Charles D. Rimers, Fort Worth stamp dealer, a fortune of \$262,000. The latter is at present visiting in Santa Barbara, Calif.

A horse afflicted with the rabies, which ran amuck near Webberville, pursued a negro across a field, dispersed a crowd near a rural store and fell dead while galloping down the roadside.

Viola Davis, 18, of Itasca, member of the Camp Fire Girls' picnic party ofFILES Valley Orphanage near that place, was drowned Friday in the swimming pool at the amusement park of the orphanage.

The Lueders Baptist encampment, sixteen miles southeast of Stamford, which will last for twelve days and which more than ten thousand people are expected to attend, began Tuesday morning, with Dr. Lee Scarborough the principal figure among the speakers.

Damage estimated at a quarter of a million dollars was caused at El Paso by one of the most disastrous cloud-bursts in its history when walls of water from clouds over the Franklin mountains swept into the streets, carrying boulders as large as office desks.

Jeanette Hutchison of Dallas was released on bond of \$1,000 at Waco on charges of negligent homicide, when her car collided with that of Mrs. R. F. Martin, resulting in the death of Mrs. Martin. She states that she did not see the boulevard sign at the street section where the cars collided.

BRICKBATS AND BOUQUETS LEND ZEST TO TOAST LIST AT LIONS CLUB LUNCHEON

Brief and snappy responses were made by members of the Lions club to the following subjects as assigned them by Toastmaster Charlie Jones at the regular weekly meeting Tuesday:

Booth Warren—"Is it good business for a banker to get too clubby with a Lion?"

L. B. Scott—"Why a good fellow should own a Chevrolet?"

Rolf Wagner—"Why it behooves a fellow to be well pressed?"

Dr. W. A. Buckner—"How I pull Lions' teeth without fear?"

Rev. Ira L. Parrack—"My reason for not making par on the golf links?"

J. H. Jackson—"Three reasons why my bread is tough?"

Ted Nichols—"Should every brother Lion's wife own a Frigidaire?"

Supt. R. A. Burgess—"How to conquer the boy?"

Dr. M. Armstrong—"Which is the most painful, or the toothache?"

Rufe Tittle—"Which is more profitable, golf or croquet?"

B. T. Sublett—"Why I recommend International implements?"

Sam Swann—"Which is the most respected: a lyn' ginner, a lyn' farmer or a Lion secretary?"

W. O. Boney—"Should the Lion or Lionsess carry the accident policy?"

C. E. Ogle—"Which will get a Lion down the quicker, patent medicine or a doctor's prescription?"

J. S. Bourn—"Which is the worse, marrying or gassing?"

S. D. Gamble—"Three reasons why I personally use patent medicines?"

C. W. Delmer—"Why a good fellow should drive a Ford?"

J. A. Sears—"The advantage of buying your Yo Yos from the Variety Store?"

T. G. Bragg—"The weight and length of the fish I caught?"

Stan Johnson—"Advantages and disadvantages of flappers?"

Dee Grimes—"Who profited most from my sale, you or me?"

Hale Lancaster—"Why I deliver No. 2 pine when No. 1 oak is ordered?"

Sie Hamm—"Why I take life so seriously?"

Dr. H. P. Hulse—"Do I use good or wood alcohol in rubbing?"

S. P. Nesmith—"Why I am strong for tent shows?"

George Woodrum—"The difference between bootleg, gas and home-brew?"

R. O. Anderson—"Why I never lose interest?"

Henry C. West—"Should non-residents be allowed to drive on Oak street free of charge?"

C. J. Glover, Jr.—"The Merkel Mail, would be of more advantage to us, printed or unprinted?"

Max Mellinger—"Why I mark my goods down to 98 cents?"

E. Yates Brown—"The care and feeding of babies?"

C. K. Russell—"Why I make such scores at golf?"

Rev. R. A. Walker—"Good Fellowship."

Kirby Beckett, Jr.—"The mistakes Walter F. made in building his car."

Dr. R. E. Grimes—"Why I recommend yo going for convalescents."

GOOD FELLOWSHIP STRESSED AT LIONS

Good Fellow Charlie Jones is Toastmaster; Rev. R. A. Walker Is Speaker.

Good Fellowship was the theme of the weekly luncheon of the Lions club with Charlie Jones, past master of toastmasters in charge of the list of speakers as well as the order of business. He utilized a very clever scheme of place cards for each of the members with an assigned subject disclosed on the back of the card. Speeches were limited to one minute but the toasts brought such sparkling responses in wit and irony that the stunt went around the table all too quickly.

Subjects and their assignments will be found in another column of this issue of the Merkel Mail.

Rev. R. A. Walker followed with an address on the subject of "Good Fellowship," which evidenced careful preparation and which furnished much food for thought for every one in attendance.

After the invocation by Rev. Ira L. Farrack, guests were introduced as follows: Natham Razy of the Thorne Investment company of Abilene; Bud Sears, former Merkelite and now of Abilene, and O. M. Sharp, son of Mayor and Mrs. J. P. Sharp of this city, and now of Fort Worth. Each responded in brief appropriate remarks, expressing their pleasure at being present and complimenting the Lions on their good fellowship.

With Mrs. Delmer at the piano, two very pleasing saxophone numbers were rendered by C. W. Delmer, who is a Lion himself.

After the meeting was turned back to the president, Booth Warren, he appointed a committee to provide fans for the next luncheon. This committee consists of Dee Grimes, Sam Swann and Mat Dillingham.

The president read correspondence between the Lions club and the officials of the Texas and Pacific Railway company, which showed that negotiation had been started in an active way with reference to securing a new depot for Merkel. Responses indicating that Merkel's interest would be taken care of, if the plans of the railroad company permitted, were received from J. L. Lancaster, president of the company of Dallas, A. E. Pistole, division superintendent, of Big Spring, and O. B. Webb, assistant to the president at Dallas.

BABY CRUSHED TO DEATH AT TRENT

Three Year Old Child Instantly Killed as Car Backs Over Curb Into Wall.

Trent, Texas, July 18.—A tragedy, which cast its shadow of sorrow over this entire community, occurred here Monday night at 8:30 when Bobbie Joe English, three year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe English, was instantly killed when he was crushed between the rear end of an automobile and a wall of the Massey-Woods service station here.

As Gus Martin, Sweetwater building contractor, was backing his car up to the service station the clutch hung and the automobile went over the station curb, crushing the child against the wall and causing instant death. The child was standing near his mother, seated at the front of the service station when he was struck by the car. The father, an employe of the station, also witnessed the fatal accident which was declared unavoidable, according to coroner's verdict by W. W. Wheeler, justice of the peace of Merkel.

Overcome by the shock of the tragedy, Mr. Martin was attended twice by a physician before being able to go to his home in Sweetwater Monday night at 12 o'clock. He was unable to return for the funeral but his daughters attended.

Besides his parents and a baby sister, the little boy is survived by his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. English and Mr. and Mrs. N. L. McLeod, pioneer Trent citizens.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 5 o'clock from the Baptist church. Rev. Joe Wilson, pastor of the Baptist church of O'Donnell, and W. G. Cypert of the Church of Christ of Merkel conducted the services.

Out of town relatives here for the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. C. L. McLeod of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Robert McLeod of Mineral Wells, Otto Blackman of Lamesa and Tom Russon of Sweetwater. Robert McLeod and Mr. Blackman are uncles of Mrs. Joe English; C. L. McLeod is her brother and Mr. Russon is a cousin.

Revival at Noodle
A revival meeting will start Saturday night at the Church of Christ at Noodle, with Elder W. G. Cypert of Merkel doing the preaching. Mr. Roland from Abilene will lead the singing.

CONCRETE ALL LAID WEST SIDE OF OAK START OTHER HALF

Laying of concrete on the west side of Oak street was completed Tuesday afternoon and this part of the street will be open to traffic in about ten days, according to the statement of H. H. Hester, superintendent of construction for the General Construction company.

Work of pouring concrete on the east half of the street was begun at once, the same plan being followed on this side as on the west side, viz., beginning at the south end of the street and working north to the railroad tracks.

It is estimated that this part of the work will require about ten days. In other words, the west side of Oak street will be opened for traffic at just about the time that laying of concrete on the east side is finished.

Presbyterian Church Supplies Choir Friday Night at Encampment

The Presbyterian church here supplied the choir for last Friday night's services at the annual Encampment at Buffalo Gap, among those going from here being Miss Lucy Tracy, pianist, Misses Mona Margaret Jones, Vera Walker, Mary Derstine, Norma Shannon, Ruby Johnson, Eunice and Nina Belle Russell, Mesdames E. A. Jones, T. M. Smith, Jim Tucker, J. R. Barnett, Messrs. and Mesdames Henry West, John West, Booth Warren, L. B. Scott, Harry Barnett and Messrs. W. M. Elliott, Jim West and A. J. Tucker.

Castle Peak School Bond Election Aug. 8

A \$1,250 bond election will be held in the Castle Peak school district No. 26, south of Merkel, August 8. Date of the election was set Monday by County Judge Tom K. Eplen in response to a petition filed Monday morning by 22 property owners in the district, asking that the election be held.

Money received from sale of the bonds, if the election carries, is to be used for construction and equipment of a one-story frame school building in that district.

Alabama Editor is Pleased with Merkel

J. C. Smith, a former newspaper man of Florence, Ala., was a caller at the Merkel Mail office on Wednesday. He and his wife are now visiting their daughter in Abilene, Mrs. Edwin J. Jennings. Mr. Smith has recently disposed of his newspaper, the Florence Herald, and besides seeing his daughter this visit to Texas was largely with a view to seeking a new location, preferably in this section.

He was well pleased with West Texas and had many complimentary words for the little city of Merkel.

Trent Showman on Vacation.
George Gafford, manager of the Gaffon theatre at Trent, accompanied by his wife and three children, left Tuesday for a vacation trip to the Carlsbad Cavern and the mountains in New Mexico.

While he is away, the Gaffon theatre at Trent will be temporarily closed, but will open August 4, with the feature picture, "Dangerous Curves," starring Clara Bow supported by Richard Adlen.

Mt. Pleasant Revival Closes.
The Methodist revival at Mount Pleasant, at which the pastor, Rev. M. V. Williams, has been doing the preaching, closed Tuesday night with seven conversions and a great revival of the whole church.

A meeting will be started tonight, Friday, July 19, at Blair at which the pastor, Rev. Mr. Williams, will do the preaching, assisted by Brother Marvin Clement and wife of Clyde in the singing.

Camping and Fishing Party.
For a week's outing Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Sheppard and their son, Sterling, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Cox, Mrs. W. L. Harkrider and her daughter, Miss Elizabeth Harkrider, and Miss Nadine Tippet are camping and fishing on the Nail Ranch, north of Abilene.

On Tuesday Messrs. Booth Warren, T. G. Bragg and John West joined them for a day's fishing.

STATE VOTERS GIVE APPROVAL TO AMENDMENTS

Majorities in Cities is Cut Down by Rural Count; Less Than 10 Per Cent Cast Ballots in Tuesday's Election.

Unofficial returns tabulated by the Associated Press from more than 100 counties, cities and towns, indicate the two constitutional amendments had been accepted by the Texas electorate.

Early returns, mostly from the larger cities, showed a ratio of nearly three to one in favor of the amendments, but as rural districts, especially those of the Panhandle, reported the majority was cut to a little better than two to one.

The last compilation approved the measure to increase the salary of the governor from \$4,000 to \$10,000 by 21,145 votes to 10,134 against. The amendment to add six more justices to state supreme court was favorably reported by a vote of 21,670 to 9,757.

In event official returns confirm the seemingly apparent adoption of the increased salary amendment, it would not become effective until January, 1931, at the close of Governor Moody's term. Mr. Moody has repeatedly declared he would not approve any advance in remuneration unless it was to take effect after he leaves office.

The supreme court amendment would become effective forty days from now, should it be officially declared adopted after the canvass. The new court would come into life with appointment by the governor of the six new court would come into life with court would constitute a quorum and it would require the assent of at least five members to establish a decision.

TAYLOR COUNTY RETURNS.
Taylor county's vote on the two proposed constitutional amendments, although very light, went decidedly against both measures. Only 1,047 votes were polled in 25 of the 26 boxes of the county. The count for the court increase amendment was 362 for and 678 against; and 399 for the governor's salary increase and 629 against.

The City of Abilene went against the court amendment by 12 votes, the count in the four boxes there being 232 for and 244 against. The governor's salary increase was approved by city voters, the ballot being 264 for and 203 against.

The vote in the city of Merkel was 26 for the court increase, 87 against; 32 for the salary increase, 80 against.

Several Operations Attracting Attention

Several operations in the Merkel area are holding the attention of oil men, including two rigs that have just been built.

The rig is up for the Roxana Petroleum corporation's test in the French pasture, only four miles south-east of Merkel, and the Midcontinent Oil & Gas company is building rig for its No. 1 A. B. Cody, one-half mile from their Taylor No. 1, near View.

T. P. Coal and Oil company is drilling around 400 feet on its No. 1 W. H. Smith, located a short distance north of the Shaheen-Bickley pool.

W. G. Clark's No. 1, G. L. Miller, near the south line of Jones county, has reached 1150 feet. It went out of the red at about 900 feet and has been in shaly lime for about 250 feet.

Sam Knepley et al's No. 1 Horn, south east of Noodle Creek, is drilling at 2800 feet.

W. G. Clark's No. 1 Newman, about two miles north of the Shaheen-Bickley pool, is drilling below 400 feet.

Former Schoolman Is Practicing Law

John L. Camp, who was principal of the High School here during the session of 1927-1928, was a visitor in Merkel Saturday, accompanied by his wife. After a year of study in Austin, Mr. Camp has been admitted to the bar and has recently formed a partnership with Hon. Lee R. York of Abilene. The firm name will be York and Camp, with offices in the Mims building.

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WHAT'S DOING In West Texas

Paint Rock's exports during one week recently included one car of sheep and three cars of mixed stock. Eighteen cars of grain and fifteen cars of wool have been shipped to date. Last year's cotton crop is expected to be equalled this year.

Abernathy's \$15,000 Struve cheese plant is still running to capacity, milk being brought in from a wide territory. The present capacity of 10,000 pounds of milk per day can be doubled with the purchase of another large vat.

Hamlin has been experiencing a prosperous increase in residence building. Five new homes of permanent construction are being built in the most desirable locations. Modern improvements, as sidewalks, sewer, lights and natural gas, are being used.

Hereford's Chamber of Commerce officials traveled 1200 miles in five days and visited seventeen towns and 15 counties, in securing \$4,500 for the Panhandle Plains, Inc., which will be used to advertise the opportunities that exist in the vast Panhandle Plains area for the farmer, homeseeker and investor.

Roswell, N. M. entertained the fourth annual motorcade of the WTCC on July 16 when the Pecos Valley-Intermountain district convention of the organization was held. An interesting program on which Governor Dillon and other notables had prominent parts preceded a visit to the irrigated farm section, the reception and entertainment.

Van Horn was visited by the WTCC motorcade on July 13 and the Big Bend district convention held there. Mayor R. E. Thomas of El Paso, Col. R. Durill, Col Perkins of Alpine, Dr. H. W. Morelock of Sul Ross Teachers College, Hunter Metcalfe of Marfa, and President Bourland of the WTCC were speakers on the constructive program.

Hale Center had shipped 300 cars of wheat and other grain by both elevator and independent shippers up to a little over a week ago. It is estimated that over 80 per cent of the wheat has already been harvested. The 1929 crop promises to be one of the largest from the standpoint of yield in many years.

Stephenville's milk receipts at the local receiving station of the Southwest Dairy Products company passed the 500 gallon per day volume recently. Another milk route is expected to be inaugurated soon to care for the supply.

Coleman County's increase in valuation over last year has been announced as \$1,500,000, the total valuation for this year being \$16,000,000. The increase is due to oil and the newly constructed buildings in Coleman, and these influences have operated about equally in causing the raise.

Pecos building permits amounting to \$40,000 were granted for structures downtown and along the highway recently. Construction of a \$40,000 building by the American Telegraph and Telephone co. is expected to begin shortly. Plans for a new courthouse are being rushed.

Big Spring's Petroleum building was accepted by the directors recently and a formal opening held shortly following. The building was constructed by a stock company composed of local citizens. A \$10,000 bonus to be used for the purchase of the site was given by the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce.

Brady's newest building and loan association, the Central Texas, with headquarters at Brady was perfected recently with an authorized capital of \$15,000,000. This is the second building and loan association at Brady and was organized as an evidence of faith in the growth of the community.

With a lot of interest the results from the Texas sunflower crop are being awaited. Probably 3,000 acres of land in Dawson Co. have been planted to the crop, according to a Lamesa dispatch. One man made 600 to 700 pounds of seed per acre last year and sold it at 5c to 6c a pound, with the result that he announces he will plant 1,500 acres this year.

Bargains: We have connections with oil companies, oil brokers and investors in real estate. It will pay you to list your holdings with us.
L. R. Thompson

Longhorn Graduate Making Strong Bid For Wheat Honors

Amarillo.—A 21-year old youth, E. M. Carter, Jr., of Plainview, has more than a fair chance of being crowned wheat king of the southwest this year, grain men of this section believe.

Carter, who was graduated from the University of Texas last year, is harvesting a 6500-acre crop southwest of Amarillo, averaging more than 30 bushels to the acre, or an estimated total yield of 195,000 bushels.

After completing his course at the university, the youth's father, pioneer merchant of Plainview, offered to set him up in business. Young Carter then leased 10 sections of ranch land from W. R. Piper of Dallas for eight years and spent last summer breaking the sod and preparing for his first crop.

Fifteen combines are running on the Carter farm.

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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RESOURCES

Loans, Time and Demand	\$334,662.78
Overdrafts	115.48
Furniture and Fixtures	6,750.00
Real Estate	2,733.89
5% Redemption Fund	312.50
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	2,250.00
U. S. Bonds (Owned), Cash and Sight Exchange	\$215,913.34
TOTAL	\$562,737.79

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus	25,000.00
Undivided Profits	17,926.54
Circulation	6,250.00
Borrowed Money	NONE
Bills Payable	NONE
Rediscounts	NONE
DEPOSITS	\$463,561.25
TOTAL	\$562,737.79

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MERKEL, TEXAS

Salt Branch News

Ollie Higgins and family, Austin Robertson and family and Mr. and Mrs. Payne spent the Fourth in Abilene.

Among those who went to the river on the Fourth were W. J. Higgins and family, Houston Robertson and family, Guy McCain and family, E. H. Thompson and family, Mr. C. Beene and J. J. Rister and family.

Messrs. Jarrett Pinckley, Bernard and Willie Hay spent the Fourth in Denton.

Mr. Armstrong and family were in Noodle Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Allen were the guests Wednesday of their daughter, Mrs. Vestal Hicks, in Sweetwater.

Rev. and Mrs. Stone visited on the Fourth in the home of their daughter, Mrs. Hays.

Granna Robertson spent Sunday with Mrs. George Reeves.

We were glad to have Brother Ayers of Abilene to preach for us Sunday.

W. E. Petty and family, Porter Petty and Miss Braunell Armstrong spent the Fourth at Clyde.

Mrs. W. B. Robertson, Gen. Jones and Hobson Robertson and family returned Tuesday from a 12 days' fishing trip to Roswell and Tatum, New Mexico. They attended the Jones reunion held in the home of A. D. Jones at Roswell. All were present except one sister, Mrs. J. W. Teaff, of Merkel. A trip to the White Mountains and the Carlsbad Cavern was greatly enjoyed by them.

We are looking forward to our meeting, which will start July 26. Bro. Odis Rains will conduct the services. Everyone is invited to come. There is work for all.

We also invite you to be with us in our B. Y. P. U. each Sunday night.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

UNION RIDGE NEWS

The health of this community is good at the present time and nearly everyone is busy in their crops.

W. A. Hellburn and J. A. Douglas of Comanche were guests Monday of Mrs. C. J. Douglas.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Weed of Abilene visited Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Douglas.

Miss Margrette Weed and J. T. Weed of Abilene and Miss Ruth Biggs of Comanche were guests Sunday of Miss Lenana and Mary Bell Douglas.

Cottonseed Crushing Has Large Increase

Washington.—Cottonseed crushed in the 11-month period, Aug. 1 to June 30, totaled 5,007,306 tons, compared with 4,620,787 tons in the same period a year ago, the census bureau has announced.

Cottonseed on hand at mills June 30 total 63,401 tons, compared with 30,266 tons a year ago.

Cottonseed products manufactured during the 11 months and on hand June 30 included:

Cake and meal produced 2,254,923 tons, compared with 2,079,289, and on hand 142,014 tons, compared with 45,241.

Linters produced 1,072,555 bales compared with 869,482, and on hand 101,007 bales compared with 59,028.

CHAMP POTATO PICKERS. Muskogee, Okla.—Potato pickers are swarming into this territory in all types of vehicles to prepare for the coming season. Back for the 18th year is the Adams family, composed of the father, mother, 11 children and sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, grandchildren and others of the family. All 11 of the Adams children were born in a wagon used to make trips to potato fields.

Legal covers at Merkel Mail office.

Blair Items

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hester of Knox City visited the latter's sister, Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Barnes, over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hughes had as their houseguest the past week their mother, Mrs. Reynolds, of Trent.

Mrs. Chalmer Patterson of Lubbock spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Spears.

Mr. and Mrs. Sears Ruck of Sweetwater were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Scroggin.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Doan and family of Rotan visited Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Doan Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Scott and granddaughter, little Dorothy Fay, of Trent, were visitors here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moore and Mr. King motored to Hawley Sunday.

Francis and Nell P. Scoggins are visiting for several days with relatives in Sweetwater.

Rev. Badgett, Mr. Loudermilk and Miss Ruth Gay Heart of Abilene were

guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell one day this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Shorty Swafford spent the week-end with relatives at Blackwell, Texas.

Mrs. G. N. Brown returned recently from an extended visit with her daughter at Baird, Texas.

Mrs. A. L. Farmer and children, Edsel, Edward and Travis, are spending sometime with relatives at Snyder.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Brown spent the past week with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Meeks, of Southland.

Intermediate B. Y. P. U.

Subject: "The Young Christian and Thrift." "An Old Fable," Benjamin Sheppard. "Two Examples," H. C. Toombs. "What Others Have Said About Money," Alvin Parrack. "What Jesus Taught About Saving Money," Harry Boaz. "The Right Motive in Saving," Howard Carson. "For What Should We Save?" Irene Rister. "How Can Young People Save," Phyllis Cheek. "Thought Questions," Christine Rister. All are cordially invited to the Intermediate B. Y. P. U. at 7:30.

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Dora Doings

Mrs. J. T. Perry is enjoying a visit from her brother, R. G. Hewitt and two children, from Sherman.

The ball game here Saturday with Frog-jaw was decidedly in favor of the Divide club.

Miss Ouida Cross visited in Abilene last week.

Emmett Armstrong and O. S. Moore and family are fishing on the Clear Forks for a few days this week.

E. F. Perry and Ben Price made a business trip to Abilene Wednesday.

Mrs. L. V. Magee is visiting with her daughter, Mrs. Ford Faillips, near Roscoe.

H. S. Wright and family visited friends in Peyton Sunday.

B. B. Shelton of Abilene is here for a few days' visit with relatives and friends.

New Arrivals.

A ten pound baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hawkins in southeast Merkel on Tuesday.

Wilma Ray is the name of the young lady, weighing ten pounds, who arrived Wednesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Richardson on the Noodle road north of Merkel.

Will Adjourn Saturday.

Austin, July 18.—Although sine die adjournment has been put off until Saturday noon, the third special session of the 41st legislature had virtually completed its work today.

With all appropriation bills, totaling \$47,792,935, having gone to the governor, as well as the measure withdrawing from the market unsurveyed public school lands and beds and channels of rivers, only minor business remained unfinished.

It will be almost solely a matter of adjourning from day to day until Saturday in order to save bills introduced yesterday and today from the constitutional inhibition that they be not considered if introduced within three days of final adjournment.

Governor Moody has indicated he would accept the appropriation bills as re-passed with totals more than \$3,000,000 under the measures disapproved by him at the end of the second special session on July 2. He intimated he would veto some items from the bills to reduce the total of all appropriations authorized by the regular and special sessions of the 41st legislature to approximately \$50,000,000.

Old Settlers Reunion.

Old settlers of Taylor county, in annual reunion at Buffalo Gap today, will hear an address by Dayton Moses of Fort Worth, attorney for the Texas Cattle Raisers' association. His address will begin at 11 a. m. Born and reared in Southwest Texas, and having spent a considerable part of his life in McCulloch, Menard and Mason counties, Mr. Moses has a wide acquaintance with frontier life in Texas.

E. N. Kirby, pioneer Abilene attorney, will also speak at the reunion, his address coming immediately before the noon-day dinner.

The program is to open at 10:30 o'clock, with S. E. Clark of Buffalo Gap and W. H. Free of Abilene leading the assembly in singing "America." The invocation will be by the Rev. R. C. Pender, veteran Abilene minister, and Mr. Bledsoe will welcome the guests.

A selection by the Abilene Christian College quartet will precede the address by Mr. Moses and a Wingage quartet will sing before the talk by Mr. Kirby.

The afternoon program will include music by the Z. D. Hailey quartet of Abilene, an old fiddlers' contest, a vocal number by S. E. Clark and selections by a double quartet.

T. A. Bledsoe of Abilene is president of the Old Settlers association.

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Trent News and Personal Notes

The home of Mrs. Rodo Archer was the scene on Monday at 12:30 of an attractive bridge luncheon naming Miss Maurine Falkner as honoree. After a dainty luncheon of chicken salad, bread and butter sandwiches, potato chips, cheese crackers, olives, ice tea and ice cream, bridge was enjoyed throughout the afternoon. High score was claimed by Mrs. V. Elliott who was awarded an attractive bottle of bath salts, while Miss Ora Smith was favored with an imported linen handkerchief at the cut. Miss Falkner was presented a box of dusting powder as guest favor. At the tea hour refreshments of cooling punch were served and the party disbanded to enjoy a swim in the Shannon pool at Merkel. The guest list included Misses Ora and Maurine Smith, Lillian and Jean McRee, Ona Harkins, Maurine Falkner, Mesdames Hale McRee, Royce Dowdy, T. G. Hamner, Marvin Murdock and V. Elliott of Presidio, Texas.

Brother Hardy of Abilene is supplying for Rev. Mr. McGinnis in the Baptist pulpit. Brother McGinnis will be away until sometime in August.

Mrs. Watson, editor of the Trent Texan, attended the meeting of the West Texas Press association at Sweetwater last week and reports a very nice time, including a joyride in an airplane.

W. L. Boyd made a business trip to Lamesa last week.

Mrs. Earl Stevens had as her guests last Monday Mrs. Odie Smith of Del Rio and Mrs. Sandusky of Merkel.

Miss Maurine Falkner of Ft. Worth has been for the past week the guest of her grandmother, Mrs. Mary Archer, and of her aunts, Mrs. Marvin Murdock and Mrs. Rodo Archer.

Mrs. Hale McRee and daughter visited with Mrs. McRee's father at Lamesa last week.

Mrs. Ellis Smith and daughter spent Sunday in Abilene with Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Rutherford.

Mrs. J. L. Taber and Miss Verna Taber of Tahoka visited a few days last week with Mrs. J. E. Perkins.

Mrs. A. W. Woods honored a few of her friends with a birthday dinner last Monday.

Little Misses Christine and Gloria McLeod of Abilene visited their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. N. L. McLeod and Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Adrian last week-end.

Mrs. Ray Brown and son of Sweetwater visited her sister, Mrs. J. E. Perkins, last week-end.

Jim Bright and B. C. Moore made a trip to Blackwell last week.

W. E. Hamner and family, accompanied by Miss Thelma Titsworth, were visitors last week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Buddie Burks of San Angelo.

Berry Forrester and family of Los Angeles, Calif., are here on a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Forrester.

W. L. Boyd, Earnest Massey, Sam Estep and A. W. Woods left last Sunday to spend a few days at Las Vegas, New Mexico.

Rita Mae Winn and Estelle Terry, who are attending school at Stephenville are at home for a few days.

Rev. Lyle Price is conducting the protracted meeting at the Church of Christ and a most cordial invitation is extended everyone to attend.

Mrs. Annie White and children of Tuscola visited Mr. and Mrs. Lon Martin the first of the week.

Miss Ima Gene Mangum visited relatives in Sweetwater last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Brannon of Roxton are visiting Mrs. Brannon's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hale.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Murdock and sons returned Tuesday from an extended trip to the valley where Mr.

Murdock had been engaged in the barber business.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bowers and Jack and Billie Jo returned Tuesday from a week's trip on the plains where they visited with relatives. They also made a trip to Christoval while away.

Tuesday evening Miss Maurine Falkner and Mrs. Rodo Archer were guests of Miss Una Harkins of Sweetwater, at guest night of the regular meeting of the Business and Professional Women's club at the Wright hotel. After the dinner and entertainment program, bridge and forty-two were enjoyed throughout the evening.

Little Dorris Marie Stevens was an Abilene visitor most of the week with her grandparents.

Mrs. Mary J. Dolman of Azel visited with her sister, Mrs. E. L. Mangum last week-end, en route to Haskell.

Mrs. Tom McLeod and children made a short visit to Lamesa last week. Mrs. Joe Beckham returning with them.

Miss Alma Russell visited friends in Abilene last Sunday.

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Constable J. T. King, Deputy Sid Cox and Hale Kirby, state ranger from Abilene, secured 20 bottles of "jake" from a hamburger stand in Trent last Friday and the proprietor, a white man, is being held on \$750 bond fixed in Judge Wheeler's court for possessing intoxicating liquors.

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New York—Mrs. Edith Mittag drove up to the Panama mail steamship line offices, got out of the cab and handed the driver a \$20 bill.

The driver handed it back. "We don't take coupons, lady," he said.

"That is one of the new bills," explained Mrs. Mittag.

"And I'm the Prince of Wales," said the taxicab driver.

Mrs. Mittag handed him an old bill.

"That's more like it. Thank you, lady."

Texas Cattle Strong Despite Dry Weather

Austin—Although Texas ranges had begun to deteriorate July 1 due to lack of rain and high temperatures, cattle have held up well and are somewhat better than usual at this time of year, the live stock report of the United States department of agriculture, issued here revealed.

The humid condition has been relieved somewhat during the past week by abundant rains and in many areas grass has begun to green again, the resume detailed. Calves, lambs and kids in most counties have been above the average and the young animals are strong and very healthy.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday school at 10 a. m. Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 8:15 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8:15. Glad always to have visitors in all our services. The revival meeting will begin first Sunday in August. Rev. Joiner of Waxahachie will be with us again.

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

New Barber Shop.

Bell's Barber shop has opened for business on Front street just west of the Oasis filling station. M. E. Bell, who was reared in Merkel and who has operated a barber shop at Trent for about five years, is in charge and associated with him are W. L. Johnson and H. J. Dunn. Mr. Bell expects to move his family to Merkel in the near future.

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Highest Daily Crude Output on Record

Austin, Texas—Daily flow of crude petroleum in Texas during June averaged 860,000 barrels, against 808,000 barrels in May and 686,000 barrels in June, 1928, statistics compiled by Bernard Nichols, editor of the Texas Business Review at the University of Texas, reveal.


"This is by far the highest daily output on record," Mr. Nichols said. "A total of 25,079,000 barrels was gathered during the month, compared to 25,034,000 barrels in May. During the first six months of the year, 145,135,000 barrels were produced, against 124,750,000 in the first half of 1928.

"Field work was less active in June

than in May, but the number of new wells completed was considerably above that in June, 1928. During June, 580 new wells were completed, which makes 3,492 for the first half of the year. In June, 1928, 445 new wells were drilled and 3,429 were completed in the first half. There were 309 producers among the new wells in June this year, which brings the total for the half to 1,860, or only four more successful wells than in the first six months of last year.

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Houston Wins Next Postmaster's Meeting

Greenville, Texas.—Echoes of the Brookhart Senate investigation of patronage in Texas were heard in the closing hours of the Texas Postmasters' Association convention when resolutions were adopted expressing resentment toward statements that their "appointments were purchased by political connections or otherwise."

Such statements were termed as "reflecting on the character and integrity of the postmasters of Texas." The resolutions said postmasters would welcome any fair and impartial investigation into their appointments. A copy of the resolution is to be placed before the president of the Senate.

In a four-cornered contest Houston was selected as the 1930 convention city over Lubbock, Laredo and Corpus Christi.

Officers elected: O. P. Marich, Wichita Falls, president; Nat B. Spearman, Mount Pleasant, first vice president; M. B. Howard, Sweetwater, second vice president; W. A. Farek, Schulenberg, third vice president; C. A. Duck, Greenville, secretary-treasurer; W. E. Singleton, Jefferson, assistant secretary-treasurer.

Undertaker Beats Death.

San Antonio, Texas.—After telephoning instructions to an undertaker as to disposition of her body, a pretty 25-year-old San Antonio woman turned on the gas and lay down to die Wednesday because she could not have the man she loved.

But the speed of two ambulances, one from police headquarters, thwarted the attempted suicide, and the young woman is in a hospital here, recovering. The drivers of the two ambulances found her unconscious on the floor of the gas-filled room.

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On Tuesday afternoon at four thirty o'clock Miss Lucy Tracy entertained the Idlewise Club and a number of visitors, honoring Mrs. J. C. Petty and Mrs. Bob Eddins, two of Merkel's recent brides.

The house was artistically decorated with cut flowers, yellow being the predominant color, and novelty games were the diversion of the afternoon. After these clever games had been enjoyed for sometime, the hostess presented the honor guests with dainty green and gold bud vases.

A delicious salad plate was served to the following: Misses Addie Holler, Lorena Dry, Willie Toombs, Boog Sears, Mary Eula Sears, Iva Bragg, Johnnie Sears, Lola Dennis, Thelma Barrett of Comanche, Juanita Bounds of Stamford, Flora Frances Anderson, Mona Margaret Jones, Eleanor Moore of San Antonio, Julia Martin, Martha Bird, Vera Baker, Melba West Mildred Hamm, Madaline Berry, and Mesdames Bill Haynes, Earl Baze, Roy Largent, Bill Brown, Mat Dillingham, J. C. Petty, Jim Sears, Jack Anderson, Claude Young, Byers Petty, Ed McCreary, Bob Eddins and Sie Hamm.

FORTY-TWO PARTY.

On Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Emery McDonald, Mrs. Holland Teaff and Miss Lucy Tracy were hostesses to the following: Mesdames Chas. Jones, Booth Warren, John West, Dee Grimes, L. B. Scott, R. A. Martin, R. I. Grimes, Frank Hamm, Bill Boney, J. T. Dennis Frank McFarland, Henry West, Lige Gamble, R. O. Anderson, Fred Guitar, Len Sublett, R. A. Burgess, Biddle of San Antonio, Fred Latham, Chas. Russell, Elmer Lowe, and Ernest Neff, Misses Salena Teaff, Eunice Russell and Alzada Pogue.

Games of forty-two were enjoyed throughout the afternoon after which a delicious salad plate was served.

MISS DENNIS ENTERTAINS

The beautiful home of Miss Lola Dennis was open Monday afternoon to a number of guests who enjoyed games of bridge. This lovely affair, honoring Miss Juanita Bounds of Stamford and Miss Thelma Barrett of Comanche, was terminated by the serving of a delicious plate of sandwiches, orange ice, cake, and punch to the following: Misses Johnnie Sears, Thelma Barnett, Althea Boden, Juanita Bounds, Marth Bird, Maurine Tipton, Frances Anderson, Iva

Bragg, Mary Eula Sears, Boog Sears, Mona Margaret Jones, Vera Baker, Inice Brown, Eleanor Moore and Mesdames Ed McCary, W. S. J. Brown, Jack Anderson, George Caple, George Spencer of Waco, and Mrs. L. B. Scott.

B. Y. P. U. PICNIC.

On Tuesday evening members of the Senior B. Y. P. U. of the First Baptist church spent an enjoyable outing at Mulberry Dam. Various types of entertainment kept the crowd in a mood suitable for the occasion. After an hour of amusement, the picnickers returned to the city for frozen refreshments. Those enjoying the affair were: Mr. Crane, Fannie Belle Boaz, Mary Parrack, Mildred Hamm, Himalya Swafford, Ima Parrack, Venice Bell, Lola Shelton, Orian Tittle, J. D. Long, Elmo Collins, Joe Hartley, Gene Scarborough and Dean Murray.

AT THE METHODIST CHURCH.

All who were privileged to take part in the revival meeting, just closed, were greatly blessed. While we may have not realized all we hoped for in this meeting, yet we should feel greatly encouraged for we saw the power of the simple Gospel story as it was told in prayer, song and sermon. The Gospel still has power to save—let us not be discouraged. The visible results of the meeting were eighteen additions to the church on profession of faith and three by letter; the invisible results will be revealed in eternity. Let us thank God and take courage.

All regular services of the church next Sunday and next week. Let's not forget the promise we made our Superintendent last Sunday and be in our places in the Sunday school. At the close of the Sunday school we will attend to the baptism of the children whose parents desire it. We hope all Methodist parents who have children of the proper age will give them the advantage of this important and sacred sacrament. The Junior League will meet at 2:00 p. m. and the Epworth High at 8: p. m.

The pastor will be in his pulpit at the morning hour. Sermon subject, "Our Relation to Our Heavenly Father." There will be no service at the evening hour on account of the pastor being at Truby helping in a revival meeting.

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Culver City, Calif.—New epic of the air was written here Friday when the wheels of a second hand Buhl air sedan, the "Angeleno," powered by a second hand Wright whirlwind motor, touched the ground.

Loren W. Mendell of Los Angeles and Roland B. (Pete) Reinhart at 2:13 p. m. made a perfect landing after 10 and a quarter days aloft. They established a flight endurance record of 246 hours, 43 minutes and 32 seconds, exceeding the previous world record by 72 hours, 42 minutes and 33 seconds.

The dual between man and machine in this magnificent test in the skies ended in a draw as such, for both man and engine were ready to carry on. It was the fabrication of the ship that gave way. The flight was brought to an end when the tail group started fluttering and made it impossible to carry on the thirty-eighth refueling.

"We have to give the engine credit for everything," was the first comment of chief pilot Mendell as he clambered from the ship. "Never before has an airplane engine done anything like this." If the engine could talk, perhaps it would have paid a like compliment to the men, for never before have two humans undergone such a test.

The old "Angeleno" had travelled some 17,000 miles before the flight and the Wright whirlwind engine had a similar record, some 450 hours in the air before it was reserved for this flight. It was an undertaking of veterans, for the two fliers were trained to discipline and endurance under trying conditions in world war field and sea service, and the refueling ship was a retired night mail flier which had gone 250,000 miles.

The previous record for endurance flight with refueling was 174 hours, 59 minutes, made by Byron K. Newcomb and Roy L. Mitchell of Cleveland recently.

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Columnist Avers His Bride Made Mistake

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Hellinger, who is hardly the highest paid and certainly not the most beautiful columnist in the world.

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POULTRY FACTS

EGG PRODUCTION DURING SUMMER

Poultry Men Agree That It Depends on Best Care.

Facing poultry men during the summer is the problem of preventing a rapid drop in egg production with the coming of warm weather, when eggs bring good prices. Standard egg production in New Jersey for June is 18 eggs per bird, for July it is 16 eggs, and for August, 13 eggs. Whether or not a flock makes standard production during these three months depends entirely on the care it is given by the poultry man, announces the poultry department of the New Jersey agricultural experiment station.

According to the station, successful poultry men agree that good summer egg production depends on, attention to little details of management and not on one outstanding factor. Culling the flock, for example, is not the most important factor in obtaining standard production, but just one of the many factors. In fact, culling should be last in the effort to hold production.

The laying house should receive attention first, as a means of holding egg production. All windows should be opened to provide good ventilation and to keep the house cool.

Lice and mites are often the cause of the flock falling off in production. Careful inspection of the birds and coop should be made once a month for these parasites. It is considered a good practice to treat the flock for body lice by using sodium fluoride or any lice powder. Generally, one treatment is sufficient for the entire summer. The roost, drop-boards, and nests should be painted with any coal tar product as a means of controlling the mites. When such cannot be obtained, a mixture of kerosene oil and old crank case oil from the tractor or automobile can be used to advantage.

Heavy consumption of mash, so important to heavy production, is obtained in the summer by feeding only 8 or 10 pounds of grain to each 100 birds; keeping mash always before the birds; and keeping the layers confined to the house where they will always be near the mash hoppers.

Other factors found to be important in feeding are: a daily supply of fresh green feed such as dandelions, lawn clippings, and weeds from the garden; and a constant supply of fresh, clean, cool water.

When production falls below 50 per cent, it is time to start culling. If the foregoing factors mentioned have been carefully followed.

Provide Natural Shade for All Young Poultry

An ideal range will provide natural shade where the young birds may find protection from the hot summer sun. Many poultry flocks do not have this natural protection, say poultry specialists of the Pennsylvania State college, so some means of protection must be provided. Moving the colony houses near a cornfield makes ideal range conditions. Sunflowers planted around the colony house also will provide satisfactory shade. If the colony houses cannot be moved near a cornfield and sunflowers are not used, some form of artificial shade should be provided. Old feed bags placed on a frame about two or three feet above the ground will give the needed protection.

Always Make Fowls as Profitable as Possible

There is a great temptation for the poultryman who is ambitious to equal the records made by others. Naturally any one wants to make his hens as profitable as possible, and as the rule generally applied is to keep a hen only to the end of her first laying year and then replace her with pullets, the effect of high egg production on the laying hens apparently is negligible as she is sent to pot before any evil effects of force feeding can interfere with her laying.

Mistake With Geese

A common mistake made in raising geese is to try to feed them upon grains without sufficient grazing. If the geese have good green feed they will need but little additional. Grit and oyster shell should always be accessible. During the summer a satisfactory method consists in providing one feed a day of equal parts of corn meal, bran and ground oats. During the winter the same grains are satisfactory, but steamed clover or alfalfa hay should be added.

Grain for Geese

Geese should not be fed hard grains, but ground feeds mixed in what are known as mashes and fed in a moist state. A good ration for geese would be three parts of yellow corn meal, four parts of wheat bran, one part of red dog flour or flour middlings. To this add 5 per cent of meat scraps and during the laying or breeding season 15 per cent. At all times 1 per cent of fine sifted sand and one-half per cent of fine table salt. Any kind of green feed will help.

POULTRY

INFERTILE EGGS BEST PRESERVED

Only Fresh, Clean and Sound Should Be Used.

Only those eggs that are fresh, clean and sound of shell should be preserved or "put down" for use next winter. One spoiled egg will, in many cases, cause the entire lot to spoil.

"To be absolutely sure that the eggs are fresh and the shells sound, they should be candled," says A. G. Oliver, extension poultry man at the North Carolina State college. "An old shoe box may be used for this purpose by cutting holes in it to fit the egg and fitting it over a lamp or an electric bulb.

"This test will show up any porous or cracked shells and will also show if germination has started. This is a safety-first precaution and, as it takes only a few minutes time, should be practiced by every housewife before putting down any eggs."

For best results infertile eggs should be used but fertile eggs can be used with good results if they are put down each day. If this is done the danger of germination will be eliminated. Never wash the egg before preserving as this removes the natural protective coating on the shell.

In preparing the solution, Mr. Oliver advises one quart of water glass to nine quarts of pure water. The water should be boiled and cooled before mixing with the water glass.

For containers, a clean stone jar is the best but tin or wood vessels may be used. A six-gallon jar will hold about fifteen dozen eggs.

Mr. Oliver states that the eggs at the top of the container should be covered by at least one and one-half inches of the solution. It is not necessary to fill the jar at one time as fresh eggs can be added each day, taking care, however, that the eggs on top are always covered with the solution.

The containers should be kept covered to prevent evaporation and should be stored in a cool place until needed.

Give Good Ventilation During Summer Months

Plenty of ventilation should be provided for brooder houses during the hot summer months, advises John Vandervoort, extension poultry specialist of the Pennsylvania State college. Ventilators at the rear of the chicken house and windows at the front and on the sides should be kept open to allow free circulation of air. Mr. Vandervoort says. Results of poultry demonstrations among college flocks prove that pullets reared in hot, stuffy houses are likely to be stunted and unprofitable.

Frequent cleaning of the house in the summer is necessary also to prevent flies from breeding and to keep the air in the building pure. Course wire netting placed around the roosts will keep the pullets from the manure, one means of helping to prevent tapeworm infestation.

Poultry Facts

Give the hens plenty of water.

Pullets are not so easily culled as hens.

Home-grown feeds are the best for turkeys.

Ducklings can be brooded much like chicks.

It is always a problem to have the duck eggs clean.

Milk, cod-liver oil, corn products, and leafy green food make chickens grow.

Gather eggs regularly, twice each day, during excessively warm or excessively cold weather.

Turkey hens will lay in places prepared for them. Boxes or barrels placed suitably will do very well.

As the poults grow older and the season advances the heat can be gradually reduced until they require little heat.

In order to make the greatest profit on chicks, it is necessary to raise as large a percentage of the chicks hatched as possible. In order to do this they must be kept warm and healthy.

Baby chicks of a reliable hatchery is a sound investment.

Poults, like young chicks, should be raised on a fresh range—one which has not been frequented by turkeys or chickens the year previous.

To make a complete job of diversification every farm should have besides chickens, turkeys, ducks, geese and guineas. But the same rule applies to all when it comes to the kind; there is no profit to be derived from mongrels.

70 Pounds of Honey Taken When Bees Are Ousted From Wall

After robbing his guests of their accumulated wealth—70 pounds of clear, mesquite blossom honey—Julian Bailey, well known business man of Abilene, ousted a large swarm of bees from the wall adjoining a second-story guest room at his home, 1336 North Fourth street.

The honey was taken from a two-by-eight foot space between the walls of the building. The bees entered the building through a knot hole near the chimney. In removing the honey and bees, it was necessary to tear off a number of two foot boards from the wall.

"The bees first attracted my attention," Mr. Bailey said, "when they began coming down the chimney some time ago. They stung the children several times. Last Saturday, I decided that the hive was located in the wall of the guest room, and I borrowed an electric drill."

"When the bit of the drill came out covered with pure honey, I felt just about like an oil well driller does when he discovers crude oil on the drill," Mr. Bailey declared.

A. H. Ellison, Abilene apiarist, and Gray Wooten removed the honey and bees.

The bees are now at home in a brand-new hive in the back yard of the Bailey home. The swarm had occupied the wall for at least two seasons.

SEEMS MORE'N THAT.

With a motor vehicle registration of 24,496,000, and service stations and repair shops throughout the country numbering 94,767, the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce reports that there are 258 motor vehicles to every service station.

White Church News

The farmers are almost all up with their work now and the crops are looking good.

H. E. Farmer, Jr. of Snyder is visiting friends and relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Dolph Coates and family, Leon, Margie and Clayton, have recently returned from Del Rio where they were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mattie Daniels. Mrs. Jewell Smith and children accompanied them home.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Lindsey returned to Roscoe last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Lindsey and daughters, Misses Grace and Burl.

Miss Anna Riger, who has been attending school at Lubbock, was the Saturday guest of Miss Lena Lee Demere.

Mr. and Mrs. Z. L. Cargill and Abilene Sunday.

The meeting at Butman closed Sunday night with a large crowd in attendance. A good sermon was delivered by Mrs. Nelia Dudley Hudson, who is accompanied by her daughters, Pauline and Ruth, and Miss Mageline Gilmore.

Mr. and Mrs. Wood Turner and family of Trent were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Patterson last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Coates and family and Mrs. Ethel Barbee of the Nubia community were guests last Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Dolph Coates.

AUTO INJURIES FLYER.

El Paso, July—After an airplane flight that carried him through Germany, Russia, Siberia, China and Japan, Baron Friedrich Karl Koenig Von Warthausen was injured seriously in an automobile crash here.

The baron was going to the local air field to resume his flight Eastward when the taxi in which he was riding was struck by another car.

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Dallas Couple Wed In Plane on Sunday

Dallas—Clarence T. English, Dallas and Myra Planck, McKinney, are enjoying a quiet honeymoon in McKinney after their thrill Sunday when they married 5,000 feet over Dallas in a giant trimotored cabin plane of the Southwest Air Fast Express.

Six persons witnessed the wedding ceremony. After the ceremony the plane flew over to McKinney and then back here.

Epworth Junior Society Program

"Our Friends." Song, Prayer, Song, Scripture, Psalm 23, by leader, Imogene Middleton. Special music, Lois Whiteley, "Mary and Martha, Friends of Jesus," Luke 10:38-42, by Eloise Manscill, "Mother, Our Best Friend," Ephesians 6:1-4, by Mollie Frank Touchstone, "Book Friends," Proverbs 4:1-9 by Kennedy Whiteley, "The Church, Our Friend," Luke 4:16-22, by Vivian Lasater. Announcements, League Benediction.


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Home Run King Six Weeks Behind Record

Chicago—When Babe Ruth hit his nineteenth home run of the season into the left field stand in the fifth inning of the Yankees' nightcap with the White Sox here Saturday afternoon, it left him only six runs behind Melvin Ott, Giant outfielder, who is leading the pack in the major league home run race with 25. The Babe is still coasting along a month and a half behind his pace of last season, when he made No. 19 off Hadley of the Senators on May 3.

Fifteen hundred and sixty-six carloads of Texas grapefruit were shipped from the Rio Grande Valley during the season recently closed, a gain of 530 cars over the total last year. This year's Texas crop grown mostly in Cameron and Hidalgo Counties with some orchards in Willacy—was valued at \$1,600,000. Grapefruit census shows 2,606,403 grapefruit trees in Texas and when they all come into bearing within the next few years, there will be a distribution problem to be met and overcome.

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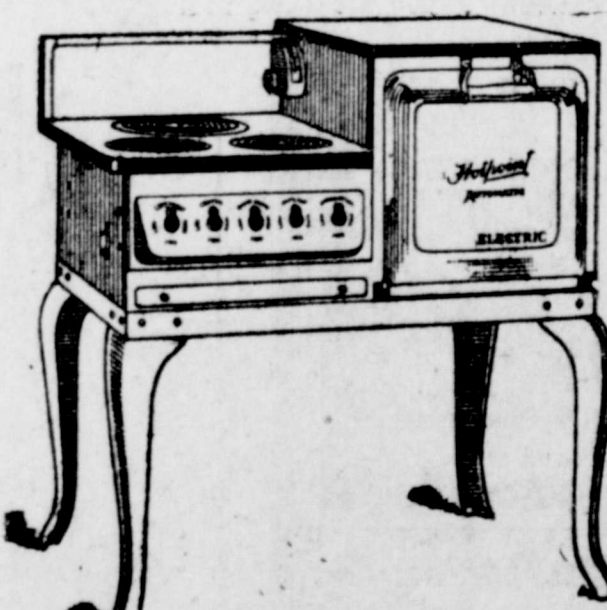
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HERRING FAMILY HOLDS REUNION

All the Children and Their Families Gather at Herring Home in Robstown.

The spacious home of Mr. and Mrs. D.C. Herring at Robstown, Texas, was the scene of a very happy surprise reunion of all the children and their families on last Saturday evening, July 6, and it is interesting to note that of the sixty present fifty-one of them were former citizens of the Merkel section. The elder Herrings removed to Robstown only two or three years ago and still retain their farm and other property in the Noodle area. Needless to say, much time was spent in reminiscing, especially along the banks of Noodle creek and at fish fries on Clear Fork while the younger set were raiding their favorite watermelon patch or taking a dip in the old swimming hole.

The reunion was in the nature of a surprise, as the children and their families met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Herring in Robstown and motored in a body to their father's home. Music for the occasion was furnished by Homer Herring's radio string band of Bishop and an old fashioned picnic dinner was spread by the children on the lawn.

Those present included W. C. Witt and family, W. H. Herring and family, E. W. Herring and family, all of

Bishop, O. H. Herring and family of Driscoll, Texas, W. C. Thompson and family, John C. Thompson and family of Corpus Christi, Texas, C. S. Herring and family, Hessel Herring and Louie Herring of Robstown, which includes the six sons and three daughters.

Guests were Guy Huber and family, a nephew, Melvin Montgomery and family, Mrs. Montgomery being a niece, both of Bishop, Chester Horn, a nephew of Tahoka, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Elliott of Bishop, the honor guest, Charlie Jones, South Texas manager of the Crespi Cotton Co. of New York, with headquarters at Dallas, Mr. Jones having been a life time friend of the children of the family.

A recent issue of the United States Daily devoted considerable space to the sale by Harlingen, of its municipal electric system to the Central Power & Light Company, under the terms of which the company in return for the plant assumed the entire bonded indebtedness of the city.

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"During the last two months literally thousands of men and women in all sections of Texas have expressed their desire that I become a candidate and I feel that the time has now come when my friends, and my enemies as well, are entitled to know that I choose to run."

Representative George C. Purl of Dallas, a member of the House since 1923, announced his candidacy for the

senatorship after Love had announced that he would run for Governor.

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PERSONAL NEWS NOTES

Tom Largent returned early in the week from Dallas and Fort Worth. C. K. Russell was in Coleman on business the first of the week. Miss Venice Bell visited with friends and relatives in Abilene last week. Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hampton and Mrs. T. C. Willett drove over to Clyde on Tuesday. Sam Roberts, a brother of Mrs. Tye Sublett, accompanied by his grandson, is visiting his parents and other relatives. Mrs. G. W. Dolman of Fort Worth is visiting this week in the home of her sister, Mrs. E. C. Richards. Mrs. Ara Brown and Mrs. R. A. May are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Banner. Miss Pearl Elliott returned Wednesday from Sweetwater after a week's visit with relatives and friends. Mrs. H. C. Williams, whose home is now in Knox City, left Wednesday for Sweetwater after visiting friends here. Miss Mary Elliott of Sweetwater is visiting Mr. and Mrs. M. Elliott and other relatives. V. B. Sublett returned this week from a visit to relatives in Coryell county. A. C. Sublett of Coryell county is here on a visit with his sister and nephews. C. E. French of Dallas arrived Thursday for a visit with his sister, Mrs. G. W. Boyce. Mrs. S. O. Birt of San Angelo spent the week with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Banner. Mr. and Mrs. W. B. McCombs from Roswell, New Mexico, have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lowe. Mrs. Mason Pee of Sweetwater is the guest of her uncle, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Harfis. Miss Bessie Westenhovner left Monday for Shreveport, La., to visit with her father, W. W. Westenhovner. Mrs. George Overton (nee Miss Mary Comegys) spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Claud Comegys. Mrs. W. H. Orr of Lubbock was the week-end guest of her sister, Mrs. Mary Orr. Dr. and Mrs. W. V. Cranford visited relatives in Aspermont last Sunday. Miss Maimie Ellis has returned from Alpine where she has been attending Sul Ross Teachers College. Miss Venona Hamblet of Dallas was the week-end guest of her parents here. Miss Peggy Bell Kemp of Ballinger was the week-end guest of Miss Ruby Hughes. Mrs. W. T. Bird is spending the week with her daughter, Mrs. Jack Smith, at Ranger. Louis Berryman of Winters was a visitor in the home of Rev. Ira L. Parack this week. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Teaff and Nim Teaff are visiting with relatives and old friends in Bell county. Mrs. R. I. Grimes and two children spent the week with friends and relatives in Chillicothe. Miss Mattie Lou Largent and Willie E. Boaz are the guests of Miss Nell Durham of Albany. Lige Gamble is able to be at his place of business again after wrestling with the summer flu. Miss Mary Zoe West, daughter of James H. West, is spending the week with Ruth Rogers at Stamford. Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Gray of Batesville, Ark., are visiting Mrs. Gray's father, F. J. Smith. Misses Lily and Madge Dean of Dallas were visitors early in the week in the home of their brother, Mr. and Mrs. Burtis Dean. Mrs. W. A. Thornton left Saturday for Tacoma, Wash., where she will visit for six weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Effie Martin. Mrs. J. S. Barnes is a visitor in the

homes of her daughters, Mrs. T. G. Bragg, Mrs. Fred Guitar and Mrs. E. M. McDonald. Tom Sears and three children, Madge, Martha and Tommy, of White-wright are visitors in the John Sears home. Mrs. Kirby Beckett and children have returned from a two weeks' visit in Dallas with her sister, Mrs. Henry Coit. Mrs. Bob Eddins of Sweetwater was a visitor during the early part of the week in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Guitar. Mrs. W. E. Lowe, who accompanied Judge and Mrs. A. S. Mauzey of Sweetwater on a trip to Dallas, has returned home. Miss Daisy Brown of Trent was accompanied home by her friend, Miss Elizabeth Briggs, with whom she has been visiting. Mr. and Mrs. John Dinwiddie and daughter of Winters were guests on Monday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. V. N. Ellis. Mr. and Mrs. Charlie West have returned from an extended automobile trip to Wichita Falls, Marlow, Okla. and Fort Worth. Miss Mabel Corinne Morton is spending the week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Chance, in Roby. Mrs. T. V. Touchstone and daughter, Mollie Frank, accompanied by her guests, Mrs. Elbert Touchstone and Miss Bessie Touchstone, of Dallas have gone to Carlsbad Cavern. Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Sadler, accompanied by Dr. and Mrs. Ramsey of Abilene, are spending the week in Carlsbad, El Paso and other places of interest in the west. Friends of Miss Melba West are happy to have her home from her six weeks' stay in Austin where she has been attending the University of Texas. Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt and Miss Hazel Lee Rainbolt returned Wednesday from a visit with their daughter, Mrs. Eugene Hargrove, in Big Spring. Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Booth and Miss Louise Booth, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Mayfield and W. J. Sheppard and family were a party to visit Carlsbad Caverns this week. Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson returned Thursday from Temple, where Mr. Hutcheson had been at the Scott and White sanitarium for a month following an operation. Mrs. W. F. Hamblet left last Friday for a visit with her sons and daughters at Colorado, Roscoe and Hermleigh. She will return the last of the week. Editor Tom Durham of the Albany News and his family were passing visitors here Saturday, returning from the meeting of the West Texas Press association at Sweetwater. Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Cornelius and little daughter, and Miss Evelyn Dimpfl, sister of Mrs. Cornelius, have returned from a week-end visit at Waxahachie. Homer Patterson, Brooks Patterson and S. A. Farris with their families and Miss Anna Lou Russell left early in the week on a fishing trip to Junction. Ray Adkisson, who is a nephew of Mrs. Mary Orr, and his family of San Antonio were passing visitors with Mrs. Orr on their return from a month spent at Colorado Springs. R. N. Boswell and family of Kennedy and L. C. Boswell and family of Navarro county are guests in the home of their brother, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Boswell. Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Anderson and Miss Flora Frances Anderson paid a visit Sunday to Mrs. Courtney Hunt at Haskell, who is a sister of Mrs. R.

O. Anderson, and to her father, G. E. Comegys. L. B. Scott, accompanied by his father, Jesse Scott, of Abilene, left Wednesday for the plains country to inspect the crop prospects on their farms. Comer Haynes, accompanied by his sister, Mrs. H. H. Anderson, of Abilene, left this week for an extended visit to San Jose and other Californian cities. O. M. Sharp of Ft. Worth, auditor of the First National Bank of that city, and Mrs. Sharp are guests for the week in the home of the former's parents, Mayor and Mrs. J. P. Sharp. Miss Lola Dennis has had as her guests Misses Thelma Barrett of Comanche and Juanita Bounds of Stamford. Miss Dennis is spending the week-end with Miss Bounds in Stamford. Mrs. Elbert Touchstone and Miss Bessie Touchstone of Dallas are guests in the home of Mrs. T. V. Touchstone. They are also visiting with Mrs. R. A. Ellis, who is the aunt of Miss Bessie Touchstone. Mrs. Jennie Owens has returned from a three weeks' visit with relatives in Fort Worth, Cleburne and Kerrville. She was accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Ed Goss, of Bakersfield, Calif. Dr. H. P. Hulsey, wife and family, accompanied by Miss Valerie Dye, paid a visit last Sunday to their daughter, Mrs. Wade Darsey, at San Angelo. Little Miss Emogene Hulsey remained for a visit with her sister. Mr. and Mrs. George B. Spencer of Waco were guests the first of the week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Caple, en route to Lubbock where Mr. Spencer will be employed in the construction of a hotel there. Dr. George Porter, wife and son, of Linton, Ind., are guests in the Dr. C. B. Gardner home, Dr. Porter being a cousin of Dr. Gardner's. Drs. Porter and Gardner, together with Carl Porter and little Billie Gardner, made a trip to Carlsbad during the week. Mr. and Mrs. J. Ben Campbell and family had for their guests Sunday and Monday their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Gay Hudson and baby of Hereford, also Whit Hudson and two daughters, Clara and Grace, of Honey Grove. Friends of Mrs. G. J. Jones, who formerly lived here, will be glad to learn that she is now residing with her daughter, Mrs. Maury H. Huffman, at Marlin. Mr. Huffman has accepted a position there as assistant city engineer. Miss Billie McGarr of San Antonio, who has been the guest of Mrs. H. F. Groene here and of Mrs. George Overton at Sweetwater, has gone to Dallas for a visit. She will also visit her grandmother at Venus before returning to San Antonio. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Anderson left Thursday for Leonard, Texas, to be in attendance at the annual picnic

which was instituted fifty years ago and which each year is the incentive of all who ever lived in Leonard to return home and meet their neighbors and friends. Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Hughes and baby have returned from an extended summer trip, which carried them to Center, Dallas and Throckmorton. In Center they visited Mr. Hughes' parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Hughes, and in Throckmorton they visited Mrs. Hughes' family. Mrs. R. L. Sears of Whitewright, Mrs. M. B. Bryant and daughter of Madill, Okla., and Mrs. Jack Mitchell and daughters of St. Louis are guests in the J. A. Sears home. Mrs. Sears is the mother of Jim Sears and Mrs. Bryant and Mrs. Mitchell are his sisters. Mr. and Mrs. George E. Caple attended the district meeting of the West Texas Press association at Sweetwater Friday and Saturday. They were accompanied by their guests, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Cobb of Waco and Miss Maud Skinner of Dallas, and also Mrs. H. A. Brubeck of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Young Ellis of Fort Worth, who attended the Presbyterian Encampment at Buffalo Gap, paid a visit to the Misses Garoutte here

before going on to Post and Carlsbad. Mr. Ellis, who formerly lived at Merkel, in commenting on the growth and improvements that had been made here, remarked that Merkel was like a new city, compared to the one he had known. Car McAlester Lump Coal on track. SWAFFORD Phone 44. Statistics show that 25,000 girls in New York City earn less than \$15 per week.

HEBRON NEWS
Jack Pannell is recovering from a recent operation. Miss Floy Ingram has returned to her home at Vinson. Miss Bernice Clark is home from her trip to Oklahoma. Mr. and Mrs. William Pannell and Miss Evelyn Pannell are at home from Dallas. Miss Winnie Bayless is visiting her sister, Mrs. Roy Merritt, in Dallas.

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