

COUNCIL LEADER TELLS LIONS CLUB ABOUT BOY SCOUTS

Judge Stinson of Abilene Gives An Interesting Address on the Organization and Purposes of Movement.

Just at this time when committees of the Lions club are endeavoring to raise Merkel's quota for the Boy Scouts and while the Boy Scouts from the Chisholm Trail area are in camp at Camp Tonkawa at Lueders, it was especially fortunate to have Judge James P. Stinson, president of the council for the Chisholm Trail area, as the chief speaker for the meeting of the Lions club at their regular weekly luncheon and, as usual, Judge Stinson was very effective in his presentation of the aims and purposes as well as the practical accomplishments of the Boy Scout movement.

He stressed the Boy Scout organization as one of immense potential value to the civic life of every American community and one well worthy of the support and interest of a civic club such as the Lions club. From the practical standpoint alone, its organization, its administration, its aims and purposes, he classed it as one of the most important organizations in modern life. The necessity for the Boy Scout movement has arisen, the speaker said, from the difference in home life at the present time, as compared with 20 years ago when the present citizens were boys, conditions which have arisen that make the problem of what to do with boy in his leisure upmost.

Tracing the organization of the Boy Scouts, the speaker said that it started about 20 years ago. The national organization has its headquarters in New York City. There are 14 regions and Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma comprise the ninth region. The regions are divided into areas, the Chisholm Trail area including seven counties: Haskell, Jones, Taylor, Rounsell, Shackelford, Callahan and Coleman. (Judge Stinson himself is president of the area council for the Chisholm Trail area.)

It is not a commercial organization; it has no income except voluntary subscriptions. Only one man in the area is paid, that being Ed Shumway, the Scout executive. It is not a military organization, neither is it religious, as is sometimes charged. It teaches no religion but it leaves the teaching of religion to the home and church. It is not political; it is not sectarian.

But it does teach patriotism, as revealed in the Boy Scout oath; it teaches a regard for right, it espouses a good turn a day. It inspires reverence of God, the sacredness of worship, but does not teach any doctrine. With these objectives, the speaker showed that by teaching the boy and thereby establishing his character the Boy Scout movement means a further step in the safety and security of civilization. A very emphatic truth that was brought out by the speaker was the statement that had been made by a prominent leader that in all the records of criminals courts not a single boy actively in the Boy Scout work had ever been brought into juvenile court.

Following the address by Judge Stinson, President Booth Warren of the local club asked both the special committee on raising funds for the Boy Scouts and the standing committee to meet with Judge Stinson after the meeting. Plans for the drive were worked out, as will be noted in another column of this issue.

J. A. Sears was toastmaster at the Tuesday meeting and Rev. Ira L. Parrack delivered the invocation. Mrs. Bob Mayfield sang "Run Along Home, Nigger," with Miss Melba West as accompanist, and the soft, happy strains of this fitting number brought much applause.

Oil Operations.

The Clark well on the Miller tract in Southwest Jones county, four miles northwest of Merkel, is drilling at 2200 feet. It will require several days to underream to cut the water off, but the log is showing fine.

Midcontinent's View well is drilling about the same depth, also underreaming to cut off the water.

The Dutch Shell well in the French pasture has been spudded in.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Gregory Hatcher, state treasurer, announced in a prepared statement at Dallas his candidacy for governor.

Jim McChullum and A. Erringer, both of Beeville, were drowned when an automobile in which they were riding plunged into an irrigation ditch near Mercedes.

Thurman Evans, chosen to represent Texas in the National Edison Scholarship contest, has gone to East Orange, N. J., where the national contest is being held.

Col. William Easterwood, Jr., Dallas capitalist and aviation enthusiast, has announced his candidacy for governor of Texas on the platform of "lower taxes and fewer laws."

G. M. (Mace) Sublett, 55, for 35 years a resident of Nolan county, dropped dead while taking a drink of water at the T. Vard Woodruff place three miles east of Sweetwater.

The 37-story Gulf Building, erected in Houston by Jesse H. Jones, which was formally opened to the public last Sunday and which is the tallest office building south of Chicago, is 428.6 feet in height.

Lavert Lambert, 7, son of John Lambert of Sweetwater, was killed Sunday when his neck was broken by a chain lever that fell upon him from a wagon in which his father was hauling water.

Foot and automobile traffic over the Brownsville Matamoros Bridge company's bridge connecting border towns has been renewed by authorization of the department of communications at Mexico City.

W. A. Butler, 32, of Sulphur Springs was killed and several other persons narrowly escaped serious injury when a rail motor car collided with an automobile at a grade crossing near Gilmer.

At a barbecue across the line in Mexico from Del Rio of the Sheep and Goat Raisers association, Congressman Claude Hudspeth denounced the Box immigration bill as "that damnable Box bill."

A youth who said that he came to Houston from Dallas grabbed \$150 from a teller's cage in a national bank there and fled down the street, but was captured after being tackled by a man who disappeared in the crowd.

The old Leahy ranch, 1,087 acres, between Mathis and Corpus Christi has been sold by the widow of Dr. J. A. Ramsey, for whose slaying Harry J. Leahy was sentenced to death, and will be converted into citrus groves and truck farms.

Dr. J. D. Sandefur, president of Simmons University, accompanied by Mrs. Sandefur, flew to Breckenridge together with his son, Gilbert Ryan Sandefur and fiancée for their wedding there Saturday at the home of J. D. Sandefur, Jr.

Final arrangements have been announced for a good will and educational tour of Europe in 1930 by the Simmons University Cowboy band of Abilene. The band will leave Dallas in June and seven weeks will be spent in Europe.

Texas' 50 state motoreps, authorized by a past legislature, will be appointed strictly on merit and capability, State Highway Engineer Gib Gilchrist announced in giving notice that application blanks can be obtained from the highway department.

The first exemption from the 4-cent gasoline tax was filed with Comptroller S. H. Terrell Wednesday by Fisher and Reese of Wichita Falls, who stated that they had paid the tax on 165 gallons of gasoline for farming purposes. The tax amounted to \$6.60.

Wesley Hodges, formerly sporting editor of the Breckenridge American, has succeeded A. Garland Adair as editor of the American, Mr. Adair having resigned several weeks ago with the intention of establishing a daily paper at some West Texas point.

Excessive high temperature in Dallas claimed two more victims and three were overcome by the heat in Dallas county Monday. The two who died from the extreme heat were M. J. Wakeham, 70, justice of the peace at Irving, Dallas county, and George E. Staples.

Eight hours before the eleventh date set for the execution of Juan Flores for the fatal stabbing of another Mexican in a store robbery in San Antonio, Governor Moody commuted his sentence to life imprisonment. Ten reprieves had been granted while the case was being investigated.

COMMITTEES FROM LIONS CLUB WILL RAISE MERKEL BOY SCOUT QUOTA FRIDAY

One half of Merkel's quota for the Boy Scouts for this district was pledged Thursday morning at 6 o'clock breakfast at Ed's Cafe attended by the active workers in the drive for funds. Several also agreed to pay for the expense of one boy each during the remainder of the encampment now underway.

With Herbert Patterson as director, the city of Merkel was divided into four districts and a committee was assigned to each district. Friday was set as the day for the campaign.

The committees are as follows: No. 1—R. O. Anderson, chairman; S. D. Gamble, T. G. Bragg.

No. 2—L. B. Scott, chairman; Matt Dillingham, Bee Grimes.

No. 3—R. A. Burgess, chairman; A. T. Sheppard, R. A. Walker.

No. 4—Sie Hamm, chairman; Charlie Jones, Booth Warren.

Five boys from Merkel are enjoying the pleasures of the Boy Scout encampment which began at Lueders on Tuesday and which will extend to Monday, August 12, these boys being Burneal Scott, Mordell Shouse, Benjamin Sheppard, Jack Dawson West and Kennedy Whiteley. It is expected that other boys from here will attend some day during the encampment or perhaps spend several days.

HALF OAK STREET PAVING RELEASED

On Thursday the last concrete was poured for the paving of Oak street and it is stated that by Saturday night as many as 6 or 8 blocks of the paving on the east side of the street will be opened to traffic.

The west side was opened to traffic last Sunday afternoon to the great joy not only of the automobilists of the city but to all the residents along Oak street.

The force of the West Texas Utilities company is busily engaged in erecting the light pedestals and when the paving on the east side, which will have to cure for a week or ten days, is released for use it is expected that the ornamental lights will be ready to be turned on.

The paving of Oak street with the installation of ornamental lights will be one of the greatest improvements and additions to the city-like appearance of Merkel that have been made in sometime.

LATER FIGURES REVERSE VOTE

Dallas, Texas, Aug. 1.—Both constitutional amendments to raise the Governor's salary to \$10,000 a year and to increase the Supreme Court to nine members, were rejected by the voters at the special election on July 16, it is disclosed in complete but unofficial returns gathered by The News from 200 of the 252 counties of the State. Two counties, More and Gaines did not hold elections.

The returns tabulated by The News, gathered from County Clerks after the county returns had been canvassed by the Commissioners' Courts, show: Governor's salary: For 48,298; against 70,935. Supreme Court: For 48,463; against 71,294.

Britton New Chief.

W. S. Britton, plain clothes investigator of the police force for the last two years, and sheriff of Knox County from 1908 to 1923 was named acting chief of police of Abilene Tuesday by the City Commission to succeed Bob Bunch, who was killed Saturday afternoon when his automobile overturned on the Bankhead Highway, one and one-half miles East of Trent.

Blair Revival.

The Blair revival closed Sunday night with 18 conversions and reclamations and 10 additions to the Methodist church. The pastor, Rev. Walker, McMurry ministerial students did the preaching. His wife was the pianist and Marvin Clement Clyde conducted the song service. The Blair community raised a considerable sum for the expense of the revival.

Noodle Meeting Closes.

The Christian meeting, which has been in progress at Noodle, closed Sunday night with 18 additions to the church. Elder W. G. Cypert, who conducted the services, will go to McGregor to begin a meeting next Sunday morning.

Agent Childress on Vacation. J. C. Childress, local agent for the Texas and Pacific Railway, accompanied by his daughter, Aileen, and his son, Harold, left last Friday for a two week's vacation in Gadsden, Ala. During his absence, he is being relieved by O. E. Bellamy of Mineola.

280 RAILROAD WORKERS PAID

The crew of railroad workers, employed in the laying of 110 pound rails for the Texas & Pacific, who have been located here for several days, received their pay checks on Monday for the first fifteen days in July. The total number of checks issued was 280 and the amount exceeded \$6,700, most of which was cashed and spent with the merchants here during the current week.

The working crew is paid every fifteen days and it is stated that many of them will be here at the time of the next pay day, which will be about August 15.

Interest Grows in Special Meetings at Church of Christ

The meeting at the tabernacle under the auspices of the Church of Christ, continues with increasing interest.

Elder R. R. Price is doing the preaching in a very forceful manner; preaching the gospel of Christ in Love is his aim. He is clear, logical and convincing in his style of presentation of the gospel.

Brother E. L. Eason is leading the song service and everyone is invited to come to hear these men and enjoy the meetings.

The meeting will continue on over Sunday with three services for that day: 11 a. m., 4 p. m. and 8:30 p. m. You are cordially invited to every service throughout the remaining part of the meeting.

New Arrivals.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Hunter of Trent are announcing the birth of a baby boy Friday night. The mother and baby are both doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Buford Books are the proud parents of a baby girl born Friday night.

Marshall Edward is the man of the young son born to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dupree at the Merkel sanitarium Friday.

Mrs. McSpadden Returns Home.

Mrs. W. A. McSpadden, who underwent an operation at the Baptist Sanitarium in Abilene, is sufficiently recovered to return to her home, a fact that her many friends will be glad to learn.

Leaves For Market.

W. J. Sheppard of the Jones Dry Goods company will leave Sunday for St. Louis, where he will meet representatives of the other stores of the firm, in number, and inspect the markets there with a view of doing the seasonal buying for the Merkel store. Mr. Sheppard expects to be gone about a week or ten days.

Boston Manager in Dallas.

E. Yates Brown of the Boston Bargain Store returned Thursday from a special meeting of Federated Store managers which was held in Dallas. This is the season of fall buying and style show, which is featured by the wholesalers of Dallas, and Mr. Brown had the opportunity of attending the style show.

Boy Breaks Arm.

The little 9-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Claud Jenkins of Noodle Dome broke his right arm Sunday morning when he was thrown from a pony. He was brought to the Merkel sanitarium for treatment.

PRESBYTERIANS TO BEGIN REVIVAL ON SUNDAY AUGUST 4



REV. J. W. JOYNER

A revival meeting will begin at the Presbyterian church Sunday to continue for two weeks. Rev. J. W. Joyner, pastor-evangelist, of Waxahachie will do the preaching and he needs no introduction to the people of Merkel, as he held the meeting here last summer with such good results.

Services will be held twice daily: at 10 a. m. and at 8:15 p. m. Rev. Joyner will arrive in time for the Monday evening service. All the Christian people of this community are invited to attend the services and an especial invitation to hear the preacher is extended to the unsaved.

Electric fans will make the church comfortable and everyone will be cordially welcomed at all the services.

FLYERS UNBEATEN AFTER 420 HOURS

St. Louis, Aug. 1.—The end of the record smashing endurance flight of the St. Louis Robin came at 7:38 o'clock, central standard time, Tuesday night when its pilots, Dale "Red" Jackson and Forest O'Brine, descended from the sky, which had been their home for 420 hours and 21 minutes. They exceeded the record of the Angelino by seven full days at 2:01 p. m. today.

The plane made a perfect landing in the middle of the field with about 15,000 spectators watching them.

The crowd rushed on the field, but a guard of employees from the Curtiss-Robertson Company, sponsors of the flight, protected Jackson and O'Brine. The St. Louis Robin was towed in a space beside the hangar.

The field was muddy from a rainstorm that began late Tuesday, where during the long flight in the air the dust was inches thick.

The plane landed in the glare of floodlights, around the field. Flight officials and members of the ground crew assisted the fliers from the plane and with the assistance of guards made a lane through the crowd to a hangar.

A few moments later O'Brine and Jackson were examined by physicians and entered an automobile which took them to a downtown hotel, where they were to rest after speaking over the radio in a nationwide hookup.

Jackson and O'Brine Wednesday rejected professional theatrical offers which would have paid them handsomely. They did not announce any future plans.

The known cash income of the fliers from their feat had amounted to \$31,529.01. This is in addition to their salaries for the flight, hundreds of personal gifts and what was paid them by a newspaper syndicate for a first person story of their flight. The 1c was sent to them with a note of good-natured joshing by a friend.

Max Mellinger Goes East.

Max Mellinger is in the eastern markets on his semi-annual buying tour, where he expects to spend about a month. He will visit the markets at St. Louis, Chicago and New York, and will take advantage of the opportunities these markets afford to buy the latest and most complete line of fall and winter goods.

Coach Davis in Yellow Stone.

Word has been received from Melvin S. Davis, principal and coach of the Merkel High school, that he and Mrs. Davis are touring in Yellowstone Park. They have both been studying at the University of Colorado and have now reached their real vacation. They expect to return about September 1.

ABILENE CHIEF OF POLICE KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Neck Broken and Skull Fractured When Car Overturns on Bankhead Highway; Funeral Rites Held Monday in Abilene.

R. E. (Bob) Burch, Abilene's chief of police, age 71 years, was killed Saturday afternoon when his automobile, a Buick coupe which he had purchased only three days before, overturned on State Highway No. 1, one and one-half miles east of Trent, pinning him underneath.

Miss Minnie Andrews, of 525 Sycamore street, Abilene, who was riding with Chief Burch, was thrown clear of the spinning car and escaped with minor injuries. She was carried to Abilene by two little girls, who were passing the scene of the accident.

Chief Burch's body was extricated by Clay Davis, traveling salesman of Abilene, assisted by Henry Swanson, negro, of Trent. He was breathing when lifted into Davis' car, but died while being brought to the Merkel sanitarium.

Doctors who examined the body said his neck was broken and the skull fractured in several places.

Mrs. Burch, the chief's wife, with her sister, Mrs. Jewel Bracken, had left Abilene Friday afternoon for Oklahoma City to visit Mrs. Burch's son, Walter Burch. They were accompanied by her little grandson, Walter Edgar, and had reached their destination at 3:30 Saturday afternoon, only one hour before Mr. Burch's tragic death. Notification was conveyed to them by telephone, and they started the return trip immediately, Walter Burch accompanying.

Funeral rites were held from the First Methodist church at 4 o'clock Monday afternoon. The Rev. J. L. Henson, pastor of the church, Dr. J. W. Hunt, president of McMurry College, and the Rev. W. C. Cameron conducted the services.

Surviving Burch are his widow, a daughter of the late J. V. Cunningham, former Sheriff of Taylor county, a son, Walter Burch, Oklahoma City, two grandchildren, Walter E. and Jesse Burch, and three sisters, Mrs. Hettie Johnson, Holdenville, Okla., Mrs. David Red, Miami, Fla., and Mrs. J. C. Morrison, Los Angeles, Calif.

Caps Baptists Break Dirt S. S. Building

The meeting at Capps, where Rev. Ira L. Parrack helped Pastor J. Perry King for a week, closed Sunday night with some twenty people standing in line for a final handshake, those having been saved and joined the church or having surrendered for special work during the meeting.

Dirt was broken Sunday morning for the new Sunday school building to be erected by the Capps Baptist church at once. The building is to be put up by volunteer work of the members of the church and their friends. They will have a special day when Pastor Farrack and other friends from Merkel will be invited to come and work a day on the building. The good women of the church will furnish an old fashioned picnic dinner for all who will be there that day. Brother Parrack says the dinner will repay for all the work a man can do in a day and he ought to know as they fed him during the week.

When this building is finished and furnished Capps church will have the best equipment of any rural church in Texas or in the South. They will have class rooms for every class in the Sunday school and separate assembly rooms for all seven active departments of the Sunday school. They will also have a kitchen and banquet hall that is equal to almost any church even in the city.

Guest of Lions Club.

L. R. Thompson was the guest of John Q. Adams of the Winters State Bank at the meeting of the Lions club at Winters Tuesday.

Leave For California.

Mr. and Mrs. Len Sublett, accompanied by their parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Christopher and grandmother Mrs. M. E. Simpson, left Thursday for Los Angeles and other Southern California cities. En route they will visit the Grand Canyon of the Colorado, also the petrified forest of Arizona.

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WHAT'S DOING In West Texas

Electra recently held a "law enforcement party" under the direction of Robert P. Hall, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce. Charles I. Frances of Wichita Falls made one of the addresses which was heard by citizens from all over the county.

The West Texas Chamber of Commerce with the U. S. Chamber of Commerce is urging the cooperation of doctors in filing birth certificates and parents in seeing that birth certificates have been filed for their children in order that the census next year will be correct and will give the state the proper status.

The All Texas Tour being sponsored by the Dal-Paso Cavern Highway association under the direction of Wm. A. Wilson, secretary of the Lamesa Chamber of Commerce will start at Marshall August 1 and disband at El Paso August 5, Carlsbad Cavern being the high point of the tour. Cars will be added to the motorcade at every stopping place and entertainment will be given at stops.

Vernon's Chamber of Commerce head, Grady Shipp, is acting as right hand man for Pres.-Mgr. Bourland of the WTCC. in guiding the work of the regional organization until the annual convention in October. They called a meeting of the advisory board for Monday, July 29, in Fort Worth.

Tulia's ton litter work in Swisher county is showing up some good results. J. K. Adams weighed his litter of seven pigs at the age of 110 days and found 1040 pounds of live weight. The total cost of this gain is \$28.45 or \$2.73 per hundred pounds. The pigs have had access to alfalfa pasture and were fed a portein supplement.

Hartley county sent a large representation to the annual Farmers Short Course held at College Station July 29 to August 3. Many of them were farmers and their wives who took advantage of the special railroad round trip fares.

Turkey is putting the finishing touches on the new 200,000 gallon water reservoir and pump houses which complete one of the most modern, up-to-the-minute water supply plants in West Texas. Large quantities of all purpose water available at all times for all demands now.

Sweetwater's new auto building will cost \$22,000, according to the contract which was let recently. It will be started immediately, and will be occupied by the Rutledge Brothers Motor company.

Childress's State Fair in September will feature races among other things and the track is being reconditioned at this time. All turns on the track will be resurfaced and the straight-aways will be graded down to a hard pan.

When Roby entertained the Four-H Clubs of Fisher county in the dress contest every community in the county was represented. Three hundred persons attended the event and a total of 50 dresses were entered in the contest. First place in the state classes were awarded a trip to the short course to be held at A. & M. College in August.

Sonora offers evidence of activity among West Texas sheepmen in the announcement that within one week recently more than 30,000 yearling lambs were sold to Kansas and Colorado buyers for approximately \$230,000.

Abilene is making plans to improve Kingsolving Field, the municipal airport, so as to make it one of the best equipped air depots in the Southwest. Erection of a steel and concrete hangar covering ground space of 97 feet and a two-story, fire proof terminal building will be the first work started on the field.

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POULTRY

COCCIDIOSIS ONE CAUSE OF LOSSES

Protect Pullets From Parasites and Various Ills.

(By M. A. SEATON, Extension Poultryman, Kansas State Agricultural College.)

Young pullets will develop into efficient egg machines if precautions are taken to protect them from parasites and diseases during the summer months and if proper feed is supplied for their development.

Coccidiosis is one of the enemies that must be conquered. It usually appears when the chicks are five to ten weeks old. Symptoms are blood in the droppings. Upon internal examination, the blind intestines are enlarged and filled with a grayish, bloody exudate. Often the liver is spotted. This disease is caused by an organism that tends to destroy the lining of the intestine. It is passed out in the droppings and carried over from year to year in the buildings and ground.

To prevent coccidiosis, move the brooder houses each year and brood on clean ground or use a sanitary platform and keep the chicks confined on the platform until ten weeks old. Keep the young and old stock separated. These precautions will usually prevent the disease.

In outbreaks of coccidiosis, the best-known treatment is to move the brooder house if possible, clean the house often, and feed large quantities of milk. If an all-mash system of feeding is being used, remove the meat-scrap from the mash and substitute 25 per cent dried buttermilk or dried skim milk. Feed this for about two weeks. Large quantities of milk solids in any form will be beneficial.

Value of Sulphur and Charcoal for Fowls

Sulphur is a medicine, and not a food. True, small quantities of it may be found in all our grains, as well as in some other articles of feed. But sulphur as found in grain is combined with some other substance which counterbalances it.

There are times when sulphur is beneficial if judiciously administered, writes Michael K. Boyer in the Farm and Ranch. It must not be recklessly given, and never during wet or damp weather, as its use at such times is apt to cause rheumatic troubles or a stiffening of the joints.

Sulphur is a blood purifier, and often wards off disease and invigorates a run-down system. In such cases a teaspoonful, once a week, mixed with the mash, for about twenty hens, would be about right, but even so small a quantity as this should be given only during a dry period.

Charcoal consists almost entirely of carbon. It is prepared by heating wood so as to expel all the gaseous matter it contains. Ammonia is a gaseous compound of alkaline like potassium, and is often termed spirits of ammonia.

Charcoal is properly treated there will remain sufficient ammonia to be injurious to animal life. Any impurities that charcoal might contain would be absorbed through atmospheric conditions.

Do Not Force Pullets

Into Premature Laying

It is usually considered better not to force pullets into premature laying by feeding large quantities of mash. Instead, limit the mash until pullets are quite ready to lay and, by feeding a greater amount of grain, to get them fat. Such a ration emphasizes the fat making material and, by withholding the egg-making material, removes the danger of a too early maturity. Mash should not be entirely eliminated, as it contains materials needed for building up the muscles of young fowls. Too much of it, however, may precipitate egg laying before it is desirable. Give the developing pullets all the grain they will eat during early fall and after they come into normal laying, gradually decrease grain with a corresponding increase in mash feeding.

Turkey Production

The most important discovery in turkey production has been on the line of sanitation. If the turkeys are kept on ground that has not been used for poultry for a year or more, they will likely escape without any trouble similar to the old blackhead disease. Chickens are known to be carriers of the insect that causes blackhead. If you keep your turkeys away from chicken yards and where turkeys have not been the year before, they will not cause you any trouble.

Gains for Chicks

Chicks make the cheapest and most rapid gains when they are young. It is therefore essential that an ample amount of good wholesome food be kept constantly before the birds. Mash hoppers should be of sufficient size so that a large majority of the chicks can eat at the same time, thereby avoiding the constant fighting for room to eat. The outdoor mash hopper of adequate size is very desirable for developing the young stock. All feeding utensils should be kept clean.

AIRPLANE STUNTS AT SWEETWATER

Sweetwater, Texas, July 1.—Thrilling airplane races and stunts, in which 100 or more planes will compete for \$1500 in prizes, are included in the program of events at the International Opening of the 260 acre Sweetwater Airport on Saturday and Sunday, August 10 and 11, and will include nationally famous civilian, U. S. Army and Mexican Government fliers.

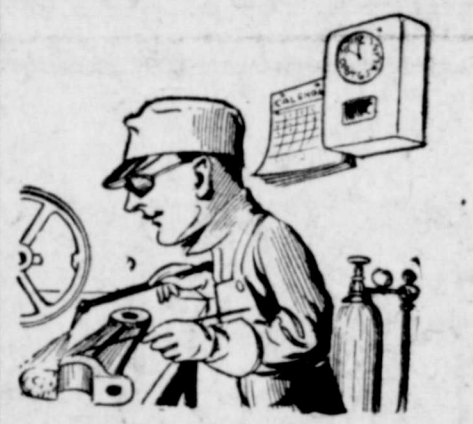
Saturday's program, it was announced by General Chairman, E. E. Neinst, will include the dedication exercises participated in by Mayor C. W. Bryant, Sweetwater; Palmer Leeper, Sweetwater Board of City Development; Earle P. Halliburton, President, Southwest Air Fast Express, Inc., Tulsa; Sr. Lauro Izzaguirre, Consul of Mexico; and Robert J. Smith, General Traffic Manager, Texas Air Transport, Inc., Ft. Worth.

Events for the day include a dead stick landing contest for \$150 in prizes; a race for planes with motors of 500 cu. in. displacement or less for \$200 in prizes; a free-for-all race for all planes for \$200 in prizes. Army planes will compete in the latest and fastest pursuit planes in a race for fine trophies, as well as a balloon bursting contest and booming contest.

The Sunday program will include two events by army planes, two seater planes in a 30 mile race and formation flying and maneuvers. This will be followed by two races for prizes totalling \$200 each, one for planes powered with 550 cu. in. displacement \$100 motors and the other for the larger 550 to 800 cu. in. displacement motors and the other of the contest for civilians will follow with \$100 in prizes. The grand finale race will be a "free-for-all" and will likely include some of the fastest planes in the country.

BLIND MAN SEEKS OFFICE.
Austin, Texas.—A. F. Nichols, blind man whose lunch stand in the state capitol was ordered closed by the last session of the legislature, has announced he will be a candidate for representative from Travis county. He has re-opened for business just outside the state capitol grounds.

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Utah Celebrates 82nd Year of Mormon Trek

Salt Lake City, Utah.—Utah and "Mormon" communities throughout the west Wednesday celebrated the 82nd anniversary of the arrival in the Salt Lake Valley of the "Mormon" band of pioneers led by Brigham Young on the long trek from Nauvoo, Ill., in 1847.

Seventeen surviving members of the company of 143 who first reached the valley with their leader were feted here by the daughters of pioneers and thousands of the Latter Day Saints faith in Utah and Idaho gathered to pay homage to those who made the pilgrimage. The day is a holiday by proclamation in this state.

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LEVELLAND MEN COMPLETE TOUR

Levelland, Aug. 1.—The self styled "three nuts," having just completed a non-stop automobile tour of Texas, visiting every county seat town in the state, arrived home at Levelland Sunday night.

"We've seen lots of good country but we are glad to get back to a country that we think is the best," Walter Wright stated upon the return.

The party left Levelland June 20 and was gone a little over a month, ending the trip at Dallas July 20.

Total mileage on the tour of Texas was unofficially estimated at between 20,000 and 30,000 miles. The speedometer was sealed and is now in a bank here. The guessing contest will close in ten days, and the speedometer will be unsealed. The actual mileage will be announced at the end of the contest.

"Crops on the South Plains are looking better than in any other section of Texas with the exception of two or three places we visited," W. C. Breedlove stated upon returning.

Members of the party were Walter Wright, W. C. Breedlove, and H. C. Gore. They burned 651 gallons of gasoline and did not stop the motor of their car on the entire trip.

Oil was changed eleven times, a hose connection was made and each of the four spark plugs was changed without stopping the motor. The car is running as smoothly as it was when the party left Lubbock, Gore states. A warm reception was given the party in most of the county seat towns in which they stopped, Gore says. Many towns were made during the night but always some person was found to sign the official log.

ONE SHELL, TWO CHICKS.
Syracuse, Kan.—A hen, owned by George D. Kerron, hatched two chickens from one egg.

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Full Program Brings Lueders Camp to Close

Lueders, Texas, Aug. 1.—With five services on the program, the annual Lueders Baptist Encampment came to a close Sunday night, the farewell sermon being preached by Rev. Charles T. Whaley of Sweetwater, who also spoke at the church service Sunday morning.

Approximately 800 attended the Sunday school service, for which J. Lee Tarpley of Abilene, was general director and Miss Bessie Key, also of Abilene, general secretary.

At a mass meeting held Sunday afternoon, leaders from throughout the territory declared the encampment one of the most successful ever held at Lueders and commended the spiritual atmosphere which prevailed during the entire session. Praise was also given the work accomplished in the study courses, for which the total enrollment was 1,024.

Nearly 500 of those enrolled completed courses and will receive seals and diplomas, Walter Jackson, educational director of the First Baptist church of Abilene, said Monday. Mr. Jackson, retiring president of the encampment, presided at the mass meeting.

Following the rally a meeting of the board of directors was held, with W. C. Russell of Hamilton, presiding. Preliminary plans for next year's encampment, to begin July 8, were discussed.

Rev. J. H. Littleton of Hamilton, is the new president of the encampment and Mr. Jackson is chairman of the program committee.

UNION RIDGE NEWS

Most of the crops in this community are needing rain.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Jones entertained relatives from Big Spring Tuesday.

Mr. Porter of Oklahoma visited W. T. McAninch last week-end.

Rev. J. P. Watson filled his regular appointment Sunday morning and a very good sermon was preached. There was no service Sunday night on account of the Baptist meeting going on at Hebron.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Harris and family have returned from the plains. They were accompanied by Mrs. Blackwell who is visiting in this community.

J. A. Douglas of Comanche is visiting here on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dupree are the proud parents of a baby boy.

Miss Nina Skidmore of Galon visited over the week-end with Miss Mary Bell Douglas.

Mr. and Mrs. James Harris have returned to their home in Abilene.

White Church News

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Taxi-Driver is Offered \$1,000,000 For Texas Oil Land

Cleveland, Ohio.—Robert Gordon, 24, former taxi driver, out of work for three weeks, was offered one million dollars for land which he won on a raffle ticket costing 25 cents in San Antonio, Texas, three years ago.

"A fellow named Sanders came up and offered me a million dollars for the three acres I own down there," Gordon explained. "He said they struck oil on my property. And I told him to stop kidding me. It took him a long time to convince me. Out of work and now worth a million. Gosh, what a break."

Three years ago while a student in the aviation school at the Brooks-Kelly field in San Antonio, Texas, Gordon attended an auto show.

"They had a raffle and I bought a ticket, and won three acres out near Paris, Texas. The land was all barren, just a couple of weeds sticking out. But they started building out there so I thought I would hold on to it, figuring I'd take a chance for a quarter," Gordon related. "So I paid \$75 to have the land surveyed."

Gordon plans to leave with Saunders to go to the scene of the gusher. "I want to see what they are offering me a million dollars for," Gordon explained.

So excited has Gordon been over the news that he could not remember the name of the firm Saunders was representing.

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3,000 Are Attending Farmers Short Course

College Station, Texas.—The twentieth annual Farmers Short Course opened Monday at Texas A. and M. College here with President T. O. Walton giving the opening address.

More than 3,000 people from virtually every section of Texas were registered with 5,000 expected before the week is over. Of this number, 1,700 were farm girls and women.

The week's round of discussion will include talks on agricultural activities, including homemaking and other phases of interest for the girls as well as general agricultural subjects for the men and boys.

Surprise Birthday Party.

On Monday afternoon at four o'clock Mesdames Claud Doan, Carl Hughes and James Doan were hostesses to more than one hundred guests in the home of Mrs. Hugh Campbell, who was the honoree of a surprise birthday party. After games had been enjoyed by the children and a social chat by the elders the honoree was presented with exactly fifty-four presents. A delicious plate of ice cream and cake was served to the following: Mesdames Sam Phillips, J. W. Bryant, G. C. Burks, J. P. Swafford, Cynthia B. Hall, A. D. Barnes, H. E. Farmer, Minner Reeves, Myrtle Doan, Marvin Williams, Mattie Addison, Mae Melton, Emma Cavette, Clara Morris, Elmer Patterson, Will Campbell, Ross Baker, Roy Hunter, Herman Doan, Joe Abbott, J. L. Meeks, A. B. Harris, R. M. Doan, Carl Doan, Mae Peterson, Price Melton, R. B. Horton, L. V. Doan and families and Messrs. Sam Provine, James Doan, Roy Doan, Carl Doan, Mareina Doan, Herman Doan, Preston Doan, Misses Lona Bryant, Anna Addison, Dora Mae Meeks, Francis Harris Scroggins, Lucille Locks, Freda Farmer and PEGGIE JOE ABBOTT.

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Abilene, Texas.—The greatness of West Texas, the story of its vast wealth and resources, is being heralded to the four corners of the United States in "The Land of Opportunity—West Texas," a booklet published by the Industrial Department of the West Texas Utilities company.

More than 4,000 of these booklets are being sent to capitalists, manufacturers, bankers and others high in the financial world throughout the country. Approximately 1,000 others have been distributed to newspaper editors, chambers of commerce and business institutions in the State of Texas.

Peculiarly different from the majority of yearbooks published by industries, "The Land of Opportunity—West Texas" is not an advertisement for the West Texas Utilities company, but a "booster" for the territory in which the company operates. Its purpose is to sell West Texas to the world.

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A Birthday Dinner.

Every birthday is one to be remembered, if not by any other than the individual himself, but a long-to-be-remembered occasion where two dear old hearts gave as a surprise a beautiful dinner in honor of their loved ones and friends marked the 26th of the month when Mr. and Mrs. Dan Mathews thus honored their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Willie Mathews, and Messrs. Johnnie Latimer and Sam Butman, Jr. Although their birthdays were not of the same date they were of the same week.

As each party arrived, they were greatly surprised to see their friends whom they had not seen for sometime and the occasion proved a most enjoyable day. The long table laden with all the good eats and three big birthday cakes with lighted candles made a beautiful scene.

Later in the afternoon the party assembled under a large oak grove where three big freezers of delicious home-made ice cream were served. Those enjoying the fete, forty in number, were: Mrs. J. I. Leamon, Mrs. Ernest Massey and children, all of Trent, Mrs. Twyman Collins, Mr. and Mrs. Gus McCormick, Mr. and Mrs. Lige Harris and children, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Latimer, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Latimer and children, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Mathews and children, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butman, Jr., and children, Mr. and Mrs. Eli Cordell, Mrs. Joe Sweeney and children, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butman, Sr., and Lottie Butman.

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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Total of \$241,159 Is Spent on State's Charges During June

Austin, Texas.—The state spent \$241,159 for support of the 12,705 inmates of its eleemosynary institutions during June, the board of control reported. There were 1,952 employes in the institutions open during the month. The per capita cost for caring for the inmates was \$18.98 for the month.

The Abilene state hospital had 797 inmates for the month and 148 employes, its support and maintenance cost being \$12,812, and its per capita \$16.08, or less than the average.

The state tubercular sanitarium had 480 patients and 164 employes, spending \$19,706 on support and maintenance and \$7,540 on payroll, its per capita cost being \$41.06.

Lowest per capita cost was \$15.93 at the Wichita state hospital; and the highest was at the tubercular sanitarium.

WHITE CHURCH CEMETERY.

Probably many or all of you read the notice in last week's issue of The Merkel Mail of the meeting we are planning for Aug. 8, 1929, at the White Church Cemetery. I hope you have been busy telling your friends and relatives about the date mentioned and helping in every way you can to make this meeting the most successful of any we have had previous to this date.

As was mentioned in the notice last week, an important business session will be held and we want you to be there to cast your vote on one important measure that is to be voted upon. Your loyalty and cooperation heretofore has been appreciated and it is with a feeling of confidence in you that causes me to believe that this will be a successful meeting.

It all depends on you to make it so. Come early, prepared to stay until our cemetery is put in good condition, for this will be our last meeting for the year. Remember, Aug. 8, 1929.

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W. T. U. Employees In Session at Cisco

Cisco, Aug. 1.—One hundred ten West Texas towns and cities were represented among the more than 300 West Texas Utilities Co. workers here Saturday for a barbecue at Lake Cisco. The affair was an entertainment feature of the company's annual two-day safety meeting.

A general safety meeting attended by all officials and employes was held at 11 o'clock Saturday morning, following a women's session at 10 o'clock, conducted by Miss Mabel Holmes of Abilene, general chairman of the Woman's Information Committee of the West Texas Utilities.

G. W. Fry of Abilene, president of the company, had charge of a Friday afternoon meeting attended by department heads from the general offices and district superintendents from the 10 districts on the properties. Policies of the company for the year together with problems affecting merchandising, construction work, public relations, financing and safety were informally discussed.

F. W. Campbell, traffic manager, and R. B. Niece, Jr., assistant traffic manager, spoke at a dinner on the roof of the Laguna hotel Friday night. Mr. Campbell outlined the functions of the traffic department and emphasized public relations and safety methods. Mr. Niece talked on news and advertising. Department heads from the general offices, district superintendents and district safety league presidents attended the dinner meetings.

Presbyterian W. M. S. Program.

The following is the program for the meeting of the Presbyterian Woman's Missionary Society on Monday, August 5:

Devotional on Stewardship. Song, "I Gave My Life for Thee." Prayer, Subject, China. "A Peking Adventure," Mrs. John West. "Onward Christian Soldiers," Mrs. R. A. Walker. "Suey Ching," Mrs. William Elliott. "Chop Suey," Mrs. John Russell. Closing prayer.

Friends," by Lois Whiteley. "Introducing Friends," by Mildred Richardson. "Choosing Friends", by Nell Hughes. "The Lessons we Learn," by Wanda Hunter. Bible Story, Duncan Briggs. Benediction.

PIANO SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST GOING OVER BIG

The Piano Scholarship Contest which is now in progress at the Boston Bargain Store is causing much interest, among the girls of our public school especially.

Every day since the contest was announced in the last issue of the Merkel Mail there have been a number of young ladies who are interested in piano that have come into the store to ask about the rules of the contest and express their desire to be nominated.

Here are the rules:
Any boy or girl attending public school may enter the contest by having some one nominate them, providing the one doing the nominating buys as much as a dollar's worth of merchandise from the Boston store sometime during the first ten days of August. After you have been nominated you may solicit your friends to vote for you with the votes given with each purchase made by anyone during this month.

Votes will be counted and the results posted each Thursday of this month.

The one having the greatest number of votes at the close of the contest will be awarded a Scholarship in Piano for the coming school year. (This scholarship not transferable.)

No one will be allowed to enter the contest later than Saturday night August 10th.

Contestants may withdraw at any time, forfeiting their votes automatically.

This contest is now on and will close August 31st.

Mr. Brown of the Boston Store will be glad to talk to others who are interested and will explain more fully in detail.

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LOST—Brown bill fold in front of City Drug Store. Phone 61 or call at Merkel Mail.

LOST—Abstract belonging to P. A. Diltz. Reward for return to Clay Lumber Co.

LODGE NOTICES

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

New Police Chief Named at Midland

Midland, Texas.—L. E. Haynes is the new chief of police at Midland, succeeding King Reed, critically wounded in a gun battle with J. C. Holcombe, night watchman, who was shot to death here recently. Haynes was unanimously appointed by the city council.

The new chief is an experienced peace officer. He has been a deputy sheriff at Midland for the past year and is highly commended by Sheriff Audley C. Francis. Haynes was reared at Gatesville and formerly punched cattle on the Hunt ranch southeast of Midland.

Reed is apparently improving, though Dr. J. B. Thomas, his physician, will not say more than that "Reed has a good chance to recover." A bullet from Holcombe's gun made five perforations in Reed's intestines. Holcombe was instantly killed.

AN OLD TIMER.

A jelly bean asked an old Trail Driver "What is an old timer?" The trail driver replied: "My dear young man, an old timer is one who was there when side saddles was in style; when the wagon circuses and Punch and Judy were the only shows; when sideburns and long droopy moustaches were all the rage; when push backed photo albums were found in every parlor; when every fiddler could play 'Nigger in de Cainbrakes' to perfection; when moustache cups were in use; when the village barber shop had a wall case full of shaving mugs, each bearing its owner's name in gold letters; when a \$40 broadcloth suit was in style five years, and buckboards, rawhide bottom chairs, and board dippers were to be found in every home. Yes, young man there are several 'old timers' like myself gallivating hereabouts that can tell you the old timer has seen more in his day than you would ever see if you lived to be as old as Methuselah. We've seen the ox wagon, the auto and airplane, the telegraph and radio. What have you seen, son?"—Camp Wood Croncy.

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Trent News and Personal Notes

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Prater and two sons of Brownwood visited a short while last week with Lonzo McElmurry and family.

Mrs. Watson and children, accompanied by Mrs. A. L. Wright and children, visited relatives at Levelland last week-end.

Mrs. Jimmie Abbott left last Friday for a visit with her mother at Haskell.

Mrs. Bruce Cole of Wastella spent last Friday with her mother, Mrs. Archer.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Rogne of Bronte stopped over for awhile with friends here Thursday morning en route to Abilene.

Mrs. Frank Hathaway of Abilene spent the day here with friends last Wednesday.

The four-months old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Obie Lester died Saturday night and was buried at Merkel Sunday afternoon. The young parents have the sincere sympathy of the entire community.

Mr. and Mrs. John Pruitt returned last week from an extended visit with relatives in the east.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Murdock of Big Spring stopped over here a few hours one day this week with friends and relatives en route to Cross Plains.

Mr. and Mrs. George Gafford are home from a two weeks' vacation spent in Colorado, New Mexico and other points west.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Murry had as their guest for the week-end Mrs. Huey of Anson.

Gene Murdock is spending a few days in Big Spring this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe English have moved to Lamesa, where Mr. English will be connected with the Chevrolet company there.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Kelly of Farwell, Texas, are visiting Mrs. Kelly's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hogue.

Miss Grace Harding of Okolon, Ark., an old-time friend and chum of Mrs. Charles Walsh, is with her for an extended visit.

Mrs. Homer Terry and children of Sweetwater visited with relatives the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Vessel have as a guest this week an aunt, Mrs. Wilson, of Oklahoma.

Mrs. T. B. Sorrels and two daughters of Fort Worth are here on an extended visit with relatives.

Mrs. Perry King and son, John Burton, of Abilene visited her brother, Emmett Holt and family the first of the week.

Mrs. Frank Kight of Anson visited friends here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Shorty Swafford and Mrs. Hall of Blair were guests last Thursday of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Sherman.

Dr. and Mrs. Howard have returned from an extended trip through Oklahoma and Texas.

Miss Florence Sherman is on the sick list this week.

Slim Messenger is in Fort Worth this week on business.

Rev. Rutledge and family of Rhine, Okla., are here for a visit with his brothers, Hardy Lovell and Pete Rutledge.

THE METHODIST REPORT.

As our own pastor, Rev. T. C. Willett, was helping to conduct a meeting at Truby last Sunday, Rev. Otis Wall, of McMurry, preached at eleven o'clock.

Several McMurry students accompanied Rev. Wall. Charles Pickens, one of the students, favored us with two very beautiful sacred pieces played on a saw.

Neb. Annis, who is visiting his mother, Mrs. J. T. L. Annis, was a visitor at our services last Sunday.

Miss Hazel Lee Rainbolt has returned from her vacation spent at Big Spring and points near there.

The several revival meetings being conducted in communities near Merkel are having great success. Let us mention them in our prayers.

—Reporter.

The total population of the United States in 1920 included 2,257,255 infants under one year of age.

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Dora Doings

This community enjoyed a nice rain last Friday, which was much needed by the feed crops, and farmers are busy plowing over now.

Mrs. Delia Perry and John Kelly and their families are enjoying a visit from their sisters: Mrs. Mary James of Los Angeles, Calif., Mrs. Bessie Bush of Blair, Okla., and Mrs. Nola Payne of Oklahoma City.

The Methodist meeting closed last Sunday night.

Misses Novis Whiteaker and Eleanor Hale of McMurry college were week-end guests here of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Whiteaker.

Thirty-one guests ate birthday dinner with Harvey Wright Sunday, Earl Willis, Hoyt Shelton and Doris Jones being honor guests.

Mrs. Elby Hendricks of Abilene is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Hardy.

Miss Gladys Rhodes of Draco is visiting relatives here for a few days.

Lawrence Huff, who is in the Alexander sanitarium, is resting as well as could be expected after an operation.

Mrs. Eula Lassiter is sporting a new Ford.

In the ball game between Maryneal

and the Divide clubs the score was 16 to 11 in favor of the Divide.

Mrs. E. P. Perry visited last week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Reynolds, of Elm Grove.

BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENTS

All regular services at the Baptist church Sunday except the evening preaching service which is called off on account of revival meetings in progress in town. Sunday school 10 a. m. and a welcome for all who come. Preaching by the pastor 11 a. m., subject "Living Hazardously for Jesus." B. Y. P. U. service 7:30 p. m. Strangers and visitors are always welcomed in our services. Remember that our spiritual nature needs nourishing in summer as much as any other time. Do not let the hot weather dwarf your spiritual life. Come on to the services and continue to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

The pastor has just returned from a very gracious meeting with the Capps Baptist church and will be glad to welcome a full house in the Sunday services.

Ira L. Parrack, Pastor.

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FARM POULTRY

EARLY MOLT NOT RIGHT FOR EGGS

Careful Feeding Will Encourage Hens to Lay More.

Poultry keepers who feed a wet mash in addition to the regular grain and dry mash kept their hens laying heavily last year, says L. M. Hurd of the New York state college of agriculture. Hens should be kept in production through careful feeding during the summer and early fall so that they will molt rapidly and soon return to producing.

Records of the Missouri College of Agriculture show that early molting hens lay fewer eggs during the following winter than those hens which molt late.

In the summer and fall, hens should have an abundance of tender, leafy green food, shade, and fresh clean water at all times. Hens that do not respond to good treatment should be removed so as to give the others a better chance. Skim milk or semi-solid buttermilk, at the rate of one or two pounds to a hundred birds should be used. A good plan for feeding this, is to mix it and enough water with the regular dry mash. This mash should be fed in the afternoon, just before the night feeding of grain. The hens should have only what they can eat up in twenty minutes.

If milk is not available, fill a pail half full of dry oats, fill it up with water, and let it stand from one afternoon until the next. Then add enough of the regular dry mash to take up the remaining moisture, and feed as described above.

After September 1, poultrymen have had good results from using lights to prolong the laying season. Late in the fall this should be discontinued to give the hens an opportunity to molt before cold weather, and rest for the breeding season.

Avoid Changes in Feed for the Pullet Flock

It is surprising how important some poultrykeepers are when endeavoring to secure eggs from the pullet flocks. Unless the yield goes up by leaps and bounds, they imagine that there must be something wrong with the feeding, and forthwith begin to change the rations.

This happens at irregular intervals, and in consequence the birds never have an opportunity of getting accustomed to any particular ration. There is nothing more detrimental to egg production than these frequent changes. Of course, it would be unwise to persist in feeding a ration which had proved to be unsuitable, but until such unsuitability has been definitely established changes should be avoided.

Duck and Goose Eggs Require Much Moisture

It depends pretty much on the operator whether duck and goose eggs hatch as well in an incubator as under hens. They require more moisture than hens' eggs and usually need to be "fairly drowned" the last two weeks. It would not be practical to try to hatch hens' eggs with goose eggs in the ordinary small incubator, owing to the difference in size which would give a slightly different degree of heat on the small and large eggs.

Poultry Facts

- Spade up the yard frequently.
- Fowls stand cold better than dampness.
- Provide a nest for each four or five hens.
- Make the house dry and free from drafts, but allow for ventilation.
- Get the hens out in the sunshine and feed plenty of oyster shell to get good strong eggshells.
- Market eggs at least twice a week in summer.
- Build the self-feeder so that it protects feed from rain.
- Select the best growing and most vigorous cockerels for breeders.
- Old hens are the most common spreaders of poultry tuberculosis.
- Send your big fluffy boarder hens to market. This is one way to relieve your farm of loss.
- A flock of 50 ducks can be kept on many farms without materially increasing the labor needed in caring for the poultry.
- Ducks do not require a large investment for houses or equipment. A tight shelter that will protect them from the weather is satisfactory.
- Planer shavings give very satisfactory results when used for litter in poultry houses. Cut alfalfa, cut clover, or cut straw also give good results when used as litter.

Horse Sense Led Nag Into a Five and Ten Cent Store For Feed

Chicago, Ill.—A door in any red structure spells hay and oats to Bessie, who earns her board by pulling a junk wagon for Joe Barker.

As Joe droned his "any rags, any bottles, any junk," along West Roosevelt road one afternoon, Bessie, although blind in one eye and near-sighted in the other, spied a door in a swell rad barn.

Her horse sense told Bessie to enter, so she did, with Joe bumping along behind trying to keep the old iron, rags, bottles and other impediments of a junk man on the bouncing wagon.

Joe dug himself out of the junk, ran to a telephone and spoke hurriedly to his employers:

"Say, Bessie just runs into a five-and-ten-cent store. She musta thought it was a barn—"

"Well, get her out," Mr. Weinberger, the employer, told Joe, somewhat annoyed.

"That's it, I can't. She slid into one of them runaways and went to the basement," answered the harassed Joe.

CONVICT ATTENDS FUNERAL.

Austin, Texas.—T. M. Cowan, serving a short term for theft in the Texas penitentiary attended the funeral of his brother, Carl B. Cowan at Altus, Oklahoma. Carl Cowan died in a Boston, Mass. hospital. Before his death he asked Governor Moody that his brother be released for the funeral should he die.

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Oklahoma Vet 117 Years Old is Ill

Guthrie, Okla.—Tommy Sloan, who has weathered 116 summers, has found this one too much for him.

He is now at the home of his step-daughter, Mrs. M. R. Nickens, here, critically ill. Until about six weeks ago, when age appeared to get the upper hand, Sloan had been active about the streets of Guthrie, and at fairs, selling pictures of himself for spending money, none of which he said was used for either tobacco or liquor. He never has used either, he said.

Military authorities rejected him because of his advanced years in the Civil war. He has been married twice and twice left a widower.

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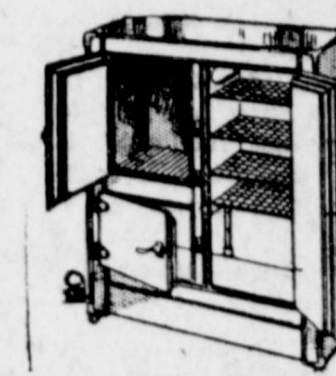
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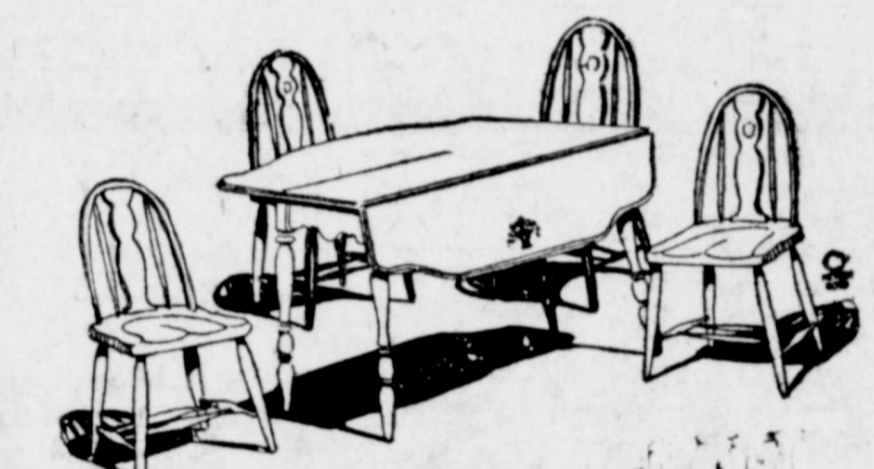
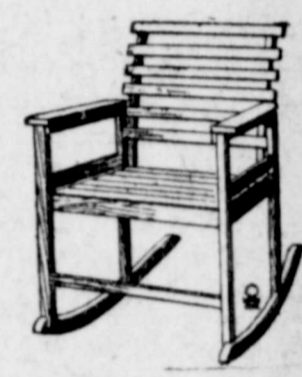
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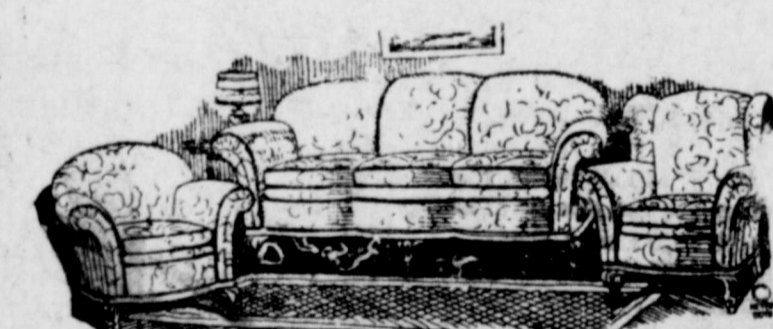


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Follies Show Free Each Evening During The West Texas Fair

Abilene, Texas August 1.—Each evening during the six days of the West Texas Fair to be held in this city, September 23 to 28, Ernie Yding's Winter Garden Follies, a metropolitan musical comedy production will give a free performance in front of the fair grandstand.

All people who enter the fair gates will be admitted without further charge to the grandstand show. This is somewhat of an innovation for a fair program, but the executives of the West Texas Fair have decided to break away from the old customs and give the people of this area something really big and interesting for this season.

The Winter Garden Follies program will be given on a stage 125 feet long. Elaborate settings, electrical effects and costumes are employed and there are 36 people in the company, including 16 chorus girls, all graduates of an exclusive dancing academy in an American metropolis.

A stage band of 35 musicians will be used to play the musical scores that go with the program which will consume approximately an hour and a half each evening.

At present the Winter Garden Follies company is playing in the northwest. It started on tour July 1 with all new costumes and equipment and will come to Abilene well prepared for the week engagement here.

Practically all other features of the fair program have been completed, officials of the association say. Auto races, football games, polo matches and other attractions are included.

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Scarcely 700 belonged to this church when Dr. Truett became its pastor in 1897. Last year its income was \$227,765, and this year's budget calls for expenditures of \$248,100, of which \$66,000 will go to actual church maintenance, \$100,000 to the Southern Baptists and \$82,000 to a building fund.

For years the church deacons attempted to raise Dr. Truett's salary. When they offered the 62-year-old pastor an increase—he was getting \$8,000 a year—he refused.

Over his protest they voted \$2,000 a year for the upkeep of his \$30,000 home, his car and library.

During May 439 producing oil and gas wells were brought in in Texas.

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July Royalties For University of Texas Total \$161,604.99

Austin, Texas.—With probably two or three remittances still to be received, the payments of oil royalties of the University of Texas during the month of July, covering production for June, aggregated \$161,604.99. This was an increase of approximately twenty thousands dollars over the payments of the preceding month. The increase is credited largely to the increase in the price of crude oil. In addition to the production from wells in the Reagan and Crane county fields, considerable gasoline is now being extracted from gas from the deepest producing well in the world, situated upon the land owned by the University in Reagan county. The gas from this well passes through a casinghead gasoline plant in the field, and a royalty is obtained by the University on this production. Prospects are also regarded as favorable for the development of two more pools upon University land in Pecos county.

Drinks Death Toast In Houston Jail

Houston, Texas.—"Here's 'to you, Big Boy."

That was the death toast of Mrs. Ray King, 21, and pretty, to Richard Ivy, turnkey in the police station here. The young woman was rushed to a hospital where she died a few minutes later from poison. Justice Overstreet returned a suicide verdict.

She was arrested in a downtown cafe on an intoxication charge. She had been in her cell three or four minutes, when she called out her toast and sent a bottle that had contained her death potion, crashing to the floor.

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PERSONAL NEWS NOTES

Mrs. W. T. Sadler is visiting in Dallas this week.

Mrs. J. H. Bull has gone on a visit to Dallas, Waco and Cooleidge.

Preston Clark of El Paso has been visiting friends here.

Nealy Vaughn of Birmingham, Ala., is visiting his friends here.

Mrs. George Overton of Sweetwater visited friends in Merkel last week.

Miss Irene McDaniel is the houseguest of Miss Elizabeth Harkrider.

J. L. Banner attended the Old Soldiers reunion at Christoval last week.

Mrs. Horace Hill of San Antonio is visiting her mother, Mrs. B. Jenkins.

Mrs. W. J. Saffle of Plainview is visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. J. Largent.

Miss Dora Wall of Midland was the week-end guest of her sister, Mrs. E. Yates Brown.

Miss Nina Mae Williams of Tuscola is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Byron Bull.

Mrs. E. N. Brown left Tuesday to visit her daughter, Mrs. Victor Tippett, at San Angelo.

Miss Patsy Frances Ellis of Abilene is the guest of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Ellis.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Ogle have as their guest Mr. Ogle's aunt, Mrs. Stella Adams, of Houston.

Miss Daisy Fay Brown of Noodle Dome is visiting her cousin, Miss Maxine Owen, of Stamford.

Miss Tommie Durham of Albany was the houseguest of Miss Frances Anderson the past week.

Jesse Merrill of Birmingham, Ala., is visiting his cousins, Miss Ruby Hughes and Mrs. A. S. Deter.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Penny of Sulphur Springs are the guests of Mrs. Penny's sister, Mrs. Cora Curb.

Mr. and Mrs. George Caple and C. J. Glover, Jr., were visitors last week-end to the Carlsbad Caverns.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Barnes have removed to Shreveport, much to the regret of their many friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Brady of California were guests the past week in the home of their niece, Mrs. W. J. Largent.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman J. Lane of Abilene were week-end guests of Mrs. Lane's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Watts.

Ben Lathrop of Grand Saline, Texas, visited the past week with Mrs. Mary E. Provine and father, R. J. Hannah.

Upon her return from Lubbock, Mrs. Roger A. Burgess was accompanied by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emery Butler.

Miss Carrie Coffey, who is attending Simmons University, was the guest last week-end of her aunt, Miss Addie Holler.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Rodden and son have returned from a visit with Mrs. Rodden's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Sanders, of Muleshoe.

Mr. and Mrs. Forest Gaither and little daughter are spending the week in Elk City, Okla., where Mrs. Gaither's parents reside.

Mrs. R. B. Rains returned from Rottan last Thursday where she has been staying with her son, W. T. Rains, and is again living at her home.

Mr. and Mrs. James Brown have returned from an extended visit to Big Spring where they were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Walden.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Chesshir and family of Fulbright, Texas, were passing guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Lassiter the past week.

G. M. Sharp and his son, George, returned Wednesday from Temple where Mr. Sharp has been the past three weeks for cancer treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Parrack of Floydada together with his mother, Mrs. Horace Parrack, of Ganado were guests of the local Parracks this week.

Mrs. Roger Hamblet and daughter, Tommy Lou, who have been residing in Breckenridge, passed through Merkel Tuesday en route to their new home at Odessa.

Wilkes Holden, who lives at Tuscola but who has many friends here where he formerly resided, has returned from a three weeks trip to Lordsburg and Hillsboro, New Mexico.

W. A. Whiteley and family went to Lueders Tuesday for the opening of the Boy Scout camp there. Their son, Kennedy Whiteley, is one of the five scouts from Merkel registered for the camp.

Warren Higgins and family, together with their cousin, Miss S. L. Walker of Graham, returned Monday from a delightful outing at Corpus Christi, where Mr. Higgins proved his prowess as a fisherman.

Mrs. C. M. Partridge and Mrs. J. Willie Moore have just returned from a trip to Waco, Groesbeck and Fort Worth. Mr. Partridge, who is employed by the Houston Power and Light company, met Mrs. Partridge in

Groesbeck for a short visit and they will make their home in Houston sometime after the first of August.

John J. Watts, who has been attending Cumberland University at Lebanon, Tenn., was a Sunday guest of his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Watts, of Bettis Heights, en route to his home in Moran.

Mrs. W. E. Porterfield of Post City, who is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hampton, was accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Chas. Brown and daughter, Lorena Brown, on a week-end visit with her parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. Hap Mulkey and daughter, Miss Minnie Mulkey, of Happy were the guests of Rev. and Mrs. Ira L. Parrack on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. Mrs. Parrack is a niece of the elder Mulkeys.

Miss Delphine Moore, who for the past four months has been employed as secretary to the chairman of the committee on contingent expense in the House of Representatives at Austin, returned to Merkel last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Hale, accompanied by his brother-in-law, W. H. Roach and family, of Mineral Wells returned Friday from a trip to Roswell, Rio Dosa Springs, Cloudcroft and White Sands, New Mexico, and El Paso and Juarez.

Chief N. A. Dowell of the Merkel Fire Department accompanied by Mrs. Dowell and A. B. Rose have returned from a camping and fishing trip to the San Saba river. The chief reports plenty of squirrels and fish and a general good time.

Mrs. L. A. McGarr, mother of Mrs. J. L. Speck, of Houston has been visiting her daughter here and other visitors in the Speck home have been Mr. and Mrs. Howard of Blue Ridge, near Houston, and Miss Cora Custer of Girvin. The latter has gone to Plainview to visit her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Ben Campbell and daughters, Misses Mary and Ouida, made a trip to Winters, Ballenger and Coleman Sunday returning by the way of Glen Cove.

WARREN NEWS

Crops around Warren are suffering for rain, but some of the farmers are still fighting weeds.

A number from Warren attended the Baptist revival at Stith that came to a close Sunday with baptizing in Mr. Barker's pasture.

Preparations are being made for the opening of the next school term and many of the youngsters are anxious for it to begin. Tom Cooper is principal and Miss Pinkerly is primary teacher.

J. S. Dyess and wife of Lamesa are visiting in the home of their son, A. B. Dyess.

Miss Gertrude Stanley and Louise Mashburn visited Miss Myrtle Dyess Friday.

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PICNIC SUPPER AT SHANNON'S

On Friday evening Mesdames Earl Lassiter, W. J. Largent, A. R. Booth and T. E. Collins were hostesses at a picnic at Shannon's for Mr. and Mrs. Luke Huddleston of Abilene, who are soon leaving for Hico.

After the children had enjoyed a swim, all were called around a picnic table full of eats, consisting of chicken, salads, pickles and watermelon and lemonade. Those enjoying the occasion were: Mr. and Mrs. Luke Huddleston and family, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Swann, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Swann and Miss Irene Swann, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lassiter and children, Mr. and Mrs. Brady of California, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Warren, Mrs. W. J. Laffe of Plainview, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Largent, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Collins and Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Booth.

BRIDGE HOSTESSES.

On Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Bob Mayfield and Miss Louise Booth were hostesses at a bridge party at the home of Mrs. A. R. Booth.

After interesting games of bridge, a salad plate was served to the following guests: Misses Opal Dillingham of Abilene, Perna Tee Beasley, Missie Dye, Melba West, Elizabeth Harkrider, Irene McDaniels of Abilene, Vera Baker, Maurine Tipton, Flora Frances Anderson, Lucy Tracy, Mona Margaret Jones, Johnnie Sears, Lola Dennis, Iva Bragg and Mesdames Jack Anderson, Jim Sears, Matt Dillingham, Burl Scott, Ed McHenry, W. A. Buckner, Kirby Beckett, Bill Brown and George White.

MISS TOMMYE DURHAM IS HONOREE.

The home of Miss Flora Frances Anderson was the scene of a pretty party on Saturday afternoon, naming Miss Tommie Durham as honoree.

After the guests had enjoyed radio music and bridge games, a delightful plate was served to the following: Misses Tommie Durham, Lucy Tracy, Martha Bird, Elizabeth Harkrider, Mamie Walker, Vera Walker, Althea Boden, Johnnie Sears, Lola Dennis, Willie Rae McGarr, Addie Holler, Mildred Hamm, Melba West, Vera Baker and Maurine Tipton and Mesdames Bob Mayfield, Frank McFarland, S. D. Gamble, Jack Anderson, Claude Young, George Overton of Sweetwater, W. T. Sadler, and R. O. Anderson.

A JOLLY EVENING.

Enjoying a jolly picnic supper after a refreshing swim in Shannon's Pool and followed by an evening at the picture show, half a dozen of the younger set made merry last Thursday. They were later spend-the night guests with Miss Vivian Berger at her home in Phillips' Camp. Those in the party were Misses Vivian Berger, Eunalea Gilmore, Addie Fae Patterson, Norma Shannon, Velma Walker and Marcelene Partridge.

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