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## LIONS CLUB PLAY HOST TO COUNTY'S OFFICIAL FAMILY

Thirteen from Court House Respond to Invitation; Henry C. West Toastmaster; Quartet is Featured on Program.

Responding to the invitation of the Lions Club of Merkel, Taylor County's "official family" to the number of thirteen were their guests at the weekly luncheon Tuesday and it was a very happy occasion, with the get-together spirit manifest on every side. Those present from the court house at Abilene were: W. P. Bounds, county clerk; H. T. O'Bar, county sheriff; W. F. Whaley, deputy sheriff; Miss Belle Wellborn, district clerk; Frank Smith, county attorney; J. R. Black, district attorney; J. T. Howard, county tax assessor; Earl Hughes, county tax collector; Milburn S. Long, district judge; Tom K. Eplen, county judge; M. A. Williams, county superintendent of public instruction; Carlos D. Speck, representative in legislature, and F. A. Diltz, county commissioner from the Merkel precinct.

It was stated that several of the others were absent in an adjoining county holding court, which prevented their being present.

After the club singing, led by E. Yates Brown and the invocation by Rev. Ira L. Parrack, the visiting county officials were introduced individually by President Booth Warren and following that the members of the local Lions club were introduced. Besides the officials, guests present were Tom Largent, Coach Melvin S. Davis, Claude Elliott of San Marcos and Mr. Landrum of Abilene. The president of the club took occasion also to introduce Mrs. Frank C. McFarland, who is the hostess for the club and who was greeted with a round of applause.

The menu for the occasion was even more inviting, due to the inclusion of birds as well as fried chicken, the birds being the evidence of prowess on the part of various Lions.

The visitors, and members as well, were afforded a special treat in the selections by a quartet, consisting of Mrs. L. B. Scott, Miss Christine Collins, Lions L. B. Scott and Charlie Jones. Their first number was "Absent," followed by "Kentucky Babe," and for encore they rendered "Ole Farmer Slow." Accompaniment was played by Miss Melba West.

Henry C. West, an ex-mayor of Merkel, was toastmaster and interspersed the program of speech-making with frequent witticisms. Each of the visiting officials was called on and responded in fine spirit, expressing their appreciation of the invitation to be present and also voicing their friendship for Merkel and its people.

Judge Milburn S. Long was assigned as his subject, "Qualifications of a Good Juror," and after numerous anecdotes acquainting Merkel Lions with the nicknames and the wherefore of the nicknames of the various guests he defined a good juror as "honest, he believes in law and in law enforcement." He stated it was his opinion that in Taylor county convictions in 95 per cent of the cases were made possible by the fact that good men were selected on the grand jury in addition to the fact that the petit jurors were both faithful and conscientious.

At the conclusion of the program the visitors were invited to make themselves at home, (many of them being former Merkel citizens and all of them having a wide acquaintance here,) and especial attention was called to the new White Way on Oak street.

At the conclusion of the banquet the Merkel Lions club gave a realistic "roar" for their guests and the officials countered with three lusty raahs for the Merkel Lions.

The program chairman for the following three weeks were announced as follows: E. Yates Brown, September 10; J. H. Jackson, September 17, and Rev. Ira L. Parrack, September 24.

**Pastor Walker on Vacation.**  
At the morning service of the Presbyterian church last Sunday, it was announced that the pastor, Rev. R. A. Walker, had been voted a two weeks' vacation. Brother Walker thanked the congregation, stating that he would take advantage of the opportunity for rest and relaxation but that he probably would not go away from the city, according to his present plans.

## KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

The two story Scott Hotel building, which was erected in 1884 and which was one of the landmarks of Wichita Falls, was destroyed by fire of undetermined origin Friday.

Fire believed to have been started by burglars early Tuesday destroyed seven buildings, comprising virtually the entire business district of Mercury, located 25 miles north of Brady.

John Flewellen was found guilty by a jury at Cameron of the axe slaying of Charles Harris, a negro, at Branchville last October and his punishment fixed at 99 years in the penitentiary.

Celisa Henry, 107, oldest member of the Alabama and Coushatta Indian reservation in Polk County and who personally entertained Sam Houston who established the colony in Texas, is dead.

Fred McKunkin, president of the Dallas Steers, was fined \$100 by Baseball Commissioner K. M. Landis for failure to answer a letter promptly, this being the first known penalty for tardy correspondence.

Three small children of Mrs. Marguerite Rogers of Centralia, near Groveton, died from the effects of poison which they drank through mistake and two other children were made seriously ill by the poison.

Last Saturday night was the first night since Feb. 20, 1903, that there has not been a horse in the livery stable which S. P. Coffey, veteran owner of this vanishing big business, has operated for twenty-six years.

Beautification of the old Spanish trail from Orange to El Paso is the major project to be undertaken by the Southeast and West Texas association, recently formed at Galveston and permanently organized at San Antonio.

Twelve Odessa persons are being treated for mad dog bite after the house dog of George Finch is supposed to have contracted hydrophobia from the bite of a wild coyote which came into town at night two weeks ago.

Mrs. Aimee Semple McPherson, pastor of the Angelus Temple in Los Angeles, will hold two weeks' evangelistic services in Dallas sometime in October under the auspices of the Four Square Gospel Tabernacle in Oak Cliff.

Trapped on a long narrow trestle by a speeding passenger train, G. B. Hull, about 65, of Texas City, and Lola Mae McCullough, 7, daughter of H. C. McCullough, of Brazoria, were crushed to death about 12 miles north of Galveston.

J. T. Robison, Texas land commissioner, who fell ill on his vacation at New Haven, Conn., has a fighting chance for life, according to the report of physicians following a sinking spell at what the doctor's consider a crisis in the case.

Mrs. W. J. Holloway, whose home is in Maryland but who was staying with her mother in Fort Worth while her husband is with the Marines in the Philippines, was killed instantly when her car overturned on the highway south of Hillsboro.

Pohn Sims, 17, whose clothing was caught on a conveyor shaft at a carbon black plant in Borger and who clung to the shaft until the power was cut off, died later the same day, his legs, right arm and jaw bone having been broken.

Date of Palo Pinto county's highway bond election, originally set for September 24, has been reset for Saturday, October 12, by the county commissioner's court, the postponement being due to an error in the official notice of election.

Ocie Nix, 22, who was convicted at New Boston on July 1 for poisoning his 17-year-old wife in June, when sentenced to 99 years imprisonment at Texarkana, displayed little emotion. It was one of the swiftest murder trials in the history of Bowie County.

Insanity will be the plea of Mrs. Rebecca Bradley Rogers when the fourth attempt to try her for the robbery of the Buda State bank in 1926 is made at New Braunfels Monday. She will again be defended by her husband, Otis Rogers, Fort Worth lawyer.

Having been declared sane by an Eastland county jury, Henry Helms, convicted of participating in a spectacular raid on the Cisco First National Bank December 23, 1927, in which two peace officers and one of the robbers was slain in a subsequent gun battle, is to be executed today, Friday, September 6.

## HAS SEVEN LETTER MEN TO SHOW FOR SQUAD PRACTICE

Coach Davis Sees Nucleus Around Which to Build Great Team; Schedule of Games Announced; Play at Fair.

With the return of Coach M. S. Davis, football training for the High School squad opened on Wednesday, with seven letter men reporting for practice as compared with three letter men a year ago.

The weeds on the football field are being removed and burned and the gridiron is being put in fine shape, not only for the training season but preparatory to the games already scheduled.

"We are counting on one of the best teams Merkel has put out in the last few years," said Coach Davis Thursday, "if the citizens get behind their boys and give them their support by going to the games and letting the boys know that they are taking an interest in them. Show the boys they are not fighting for themselves nor for the school alone but for the city of Merkel and, whether it is win or lose, if it is done fairly and squarely, we shall all profit. We must remember it is a game and we are helping the individual participating, that we are building a school and city spirit of loyalty to the principles for which we stand."

Coach Davis and Superintendent R. A. Burgess were unable to attend the meeting of coaches last Monday at Hamlin, because both of them had been out of town and failed to get notice of the meeting before it was held.

The following schedule has been arranged by telephone for Section A of District 9 for the Merkel School:

September 23—Merkel vs. Roby at the West Texas Fair at Abilene.

October 4—Merkel vs. Colerado at Colorado.

October 11—Merkel vs. Stamford; place to be arranged.

October 18—Merkel vs. Haskell; place to be arranged.

October 25—Merkel vs. Sylvester at Merkel.

November 1—Merkel vs. Anson at Anson.

November 11—Merkel vs. Hamlin at Hamlin.

While these dates have already been fixed definitely, arrangements are being made to play Roscoe at Merkel on September 18, which would give the Badgers one game ahead of their contest with Roby at the West Texas Fair.

## CHURCH OF CHRIST HAS MR. MALPHURS AS NEW MINISTER

The Church of Christ has secured J. G. Malphurs of Fulton, Ky., for their minister and he with his wife and four children have already removed here, having an apartment at Mr. Riddle's house. For a number of years, he was the local minister for the Central Church of Christ in Fulton, Ky., and he and his family will be cordially welcomed here not only by the congregation but also by the entire citizenship.

Services for next Lord's Day at the Church of Christ are announced as follows: 10 a. m., Bible School; 11 a. m. sermon and devotion; 5 p. m., Young People's classes; 8 p. m., sermon; 4 p. m. Tuesday, Bible class for ladies; 8 p. m. Wednesday, prayer meeting. Visitors and strangers are welcome to all of these services.

## Wilbur Thomas Joins Force of State Bank

On the first of the month Wilbur Thomas assumed his duties in the bookkeeping department of the Farmers State Bank, succeeding Mrs. Kenneth Pee, who resigned a short while ago. Mr. Thomas is the son of J. S. Thomas, was reared here and was graduated from the Merkel High school. He has until recently been employed in the Farmers and Merchants National Bank here.

A. J. Tucker, also a Merkel boy, has accepted the position as posting machine operator in the Farmers and Merchants National Bank, succeeding Mr. Thomas there.

## Cattle Shipments.

Within the last week seven carloads of cattle have been shipped from Merkel to Fort Worth, including one car by Moore Bros. last Saturday, two cars by McCoy and Vaughn on the same day, a car Tuesday by J. A. Patterson, and two cars shipped Tuesday by Collins Bros. and another car moving out Thursday by the same shippers.

On Tuesday 18 head of fine cattle were shipped by C. M. Largent and Sons to D. M. Jones and Sons at Sanger, which was a purchase made sometime ago.

## Cattleman is Visitor.

Glenn Brunson of Midland, who is a nephew of Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt, was a passing visitor here Wednesday en route to Fort Worth. Mr. Brunson is a prominent cattleman of the Midland section and reports that the cattle there are as a rule fatter than at this season and that, while the grass is dead, it is matured and affords fine pasture.

## PERSONAL NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Cowan Hudson of San Angelo is the guest of Mrs. Joe Higgins.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Brubeck have moved to the Groene Apartments.

Miss Mona Margaret Jones is vacationing in Big Spring this week.

Miss Iris Garrett will leave Monday to enter Baylor University at Waco.

Mrs. Joe Higgins has as her guest her brother, Carl Brown, of San Angelo.

Miss Lala Hayes of Denton is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hayes.

Mr. and Mrs. Quay Hamblet have taken one of the Sutphen apartments on Oak street.

Miss Venice Bell after visiting in Big Spring returned home the latter part of the week.

Wallace Martin of Amherst was the guest Monday of his brother, Bob Martin.

Mrs. W. R. Adkins of Honey Grove is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Ben Campbell.

Mrs. W. L. Barbee left last Saturday for El Paso where she will spend the winter.

Miss Maimie Ellis has gone to Fort Stockton, where she will teach in the public schools.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Boyd of Abilene were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mac Angus.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Darsey of Fort Worth are guests of Mrs. Darsey's parents this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Huffman Baines of Dallas were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Largent.

Miss Loretta Boyd left on Wednesday

for Ennis where she has a position in the High school there.

Miss Elsie Sharp will leave Friday for Childress where she will teach school again this year.

Miss Julia Martin has returned from a visit with her aunt, Mrs. John T. Morgan, in Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Edy, who have been residents here for the past year, have removed to Cisco.

Misses Maurine and Clara White spent the week-end with friends and relatives in Sweetwater.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Holmes left early in the week for Prescott, Ariz., after a visit with relatives here.

Miss Doris Durham of Albany has returned to her home after a visit with relatives and friends.

The Ira and Dave Windhams have taken the R. O. Anderson duplex apartment on West Elm street.

R. A. Ellis has returned from an enjoyable visit with his son at Troy and also with his brother at Moody.

Miss Mary Campbell will leave Friday to assume her duties as teacher in the Amarillo public schools.

Miss Hazel Lee Rainbolt has gone to assume her school duties as teacher in the high school at Kirklind.

Mrs. George Coker and little son of Ft. Worth are the guests of her parents, Judge and Mrs. N. D. Cobb.

Ben Campbell and family visited in Honey Grove Sunday and Monday with Mrs. Campbell's mother there.

Mrs. V. D. Jones and children, Joyce and Edward, of Bagwells, Texas, have

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## MERKEL SCHOOLS ARE READY FOR OPENING OF NEW SESSION MONDAY

Booth Warren Made Group Chairman

At the conference of representatives from the six Lions clubs in Group 24, of which T. N. Carswell of Abilene is deputy district governor, in Abilene Thursday of last week, Booth Warren, president of the local Lions club, was elected group chairman and Sam Swann, secretary of the local Lions club, was elected group secretary.

It was decided to have quarterly conferences and the next meeting will be held in Merkel in November.

Representatives were present from all of the six cities except Albany, Group 24 consisting of Abilene, Albany, Baird, Roscoe, Winters and Merkel.

## Miss Mathews Wins Piano Scholarship

When the ballots were counted Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the Boston Store's Music Contest, which closed Saturday night, Miss Thelma Mathews was found to be the winner with 37,875 votes, while Miss Himalaya Swafford was a decidedly close second with 37,515 votes. Winner of third prize was Miss Nadine Tippett with 19,910 votes.

The contest was under way through the month of August and much interest was manifested by the friends and supporters of the entrants, the final count showing a difference of only 360 points between the high mark and second place.

As winner of the contest, Miss Mathews received a nine months piano scholarship, while second prize, which went to Miss Swafford, was a one month piano scholarship and also a silver mesh bag, the third prize, won by Miss Nadine Tippett, being a silver mesh bag.

Besides the winners of the three prizes, the final count showed that the other contestants received the following votes:

Ida Mae Derstine	16,550
Anna Lee Owens	15,115
Mary Hellen Lancaster	10,975

## Rev. Parrack is Speaker.

Rev. Ira L. Parrack, pastor of the Baptist church here, spoke at the afternoon session at Bethel Thursday of the twenty-fourth session of the Jones County Baptist association, his subject being the Lueders Encampment. Sessions were held Wednesday and Thursday, with many speakers of prominence on the program.

## Cotton Receipts.

Total cotton receipts for the season up to Thursday morning have reached the figure of 1,366 bales, according to the records of T. A. Bearden, public weigher. Of this number only 243 bales have been shipped, the remainder being still on hand in the cotton yard here.

## Small Fire Tuesday.

Tuesday morning the department was called to extinguish fire discovered in the T. & P. pumphouse on the railroad tracks. It is thought that the fire was caused by instantaneous combustion of the acids stored there with waste that had accumulated. Only slight damage was done, estimated at about \$50.

## Attend Mrs. Milner's Funeral.

Mrs. Hester Groene and Miss Dota Garoutte attended the funeral of Mrs. T. A. Milner, age 70 years, which was held in Abilene Monday afternoon. Misses Clack having come after them. Mrs. Milner was en route to Abilene from Gulfport, Miss., and died unexpectedly in Galveston Friday. She had been suffering from heart trouble for several years.

## Visited Carlsbad Caverns.

A party consisting of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Moore of Blair, Raymond Bankhead, Elmer Adcock, T. M. Pribble and his son Jess of Nubia and Leonard Moore of Blair joined the young people's tour of the Church of Christ through the Carlsbad Caverns last week. There were 160 in the young people's group, while it is reported that more than 1300 went through that day.

All Improvements And Repairs Have Been Completed at Grammar School Building.

The 1929-30 session of the Merkel Public Schools will open on Monday morning, September 9, at 9 o'clock. The auditorium chairs for the Grammar school have not yet come, so there will be no formal opening. The pupils will merely report to their rooms with book-card and report card, be enrolled, books issued, and dismissed for the day. At High School there will be a short exercise at nine o'clock for High School students and their parents. After this short exercise, high school students will be registered, books issued, and pupils sent home for the day.

## SEVEN HOUR SESSION.

This year the schedule of the High School department will revert to the seven-hour session—that is, it will run until four o'clock. Another change contemplated is that the recitation period will be lengthened from 45 minutes to one hour. This is done in order to give part of the hour to supervised study. The pupils will be in the class room with their teacher where she can help and supervise this study. Something of this sort is said to be badly needed due to the fact that there is now very little study done at home, and what is done is often done with little or no direction. The pupil works at random, if he works at all, and much labor is wasted due to lack of proper direction. The hour-supervised study plan will eliminate quite a number of failures, the teachers feel sure. It will, however, still take some definite home-study to properly make the work. The parents can help in the success of their children by making possible a short regular study period at home each school night.

## PIANO DEPARTMENT.

The Piano department this year will be in charge of Miss Katherine Loyless. Miss Loyless is a graduate of the music department of Texas Woman's College, and holds a bachelor of music degree from that institution. Miss Loyless will also have charge of the Choral and Glee clubs. On Friday evening, September 6, Miss Loyless and Miss Tracy will give a concert at the Baptist Church. No admission will be charged and this will give the musically inclined people an opportunity to hear Miss Loyless in concert. Miss Tracy will again have charge of the Expression department.

## REPAIRS COMPLETE.

With the exception of the auditorium chairs for the Grammar School, the repairs are now complete. This will not interfere with the opening of school in the least. As soon as the chairs are installed, which should be now within the next week or so, the faculty plans a program for the parents, at which time an inspection may be made of the improvements completed during the summer.

## START ON OPENING DAY.

If it is at all possible, every pupil who plans this year to attend the Merkel Schools is urged to be present on the opening day. This would help even if the pupil had to stop and work for a while, for he could get his books, get the "lay of the land," and when he returned to school he would be better off than if he had not reported at all. Of course, to make the work of the year, all pupils should get in school just as soon as possible—at least during the first month.

## Sanitarium Notes.

Ernest Higgins, who underwent an emergency operation for appendicitis Monday, is reported as doing nicely.

Mrs. Vera Byers of Trent was brought to the Merkel Sanitarium Tuesday suffering an attack of acute appendicitis and underwent the operation successfully.

Mrs. Bessie McClung of Golan is under treatment at the Merkel Sanitarium.

Mrs. W. O. Steen has returned to her home in Trent after remaining for two weeks at the Merkel Sanitarium.

## Record of Births.

Born last Thursday to Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Walker, an eight pound boy.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Goodwin, who reside on Swann's ranch, a nine pound girl last Thursday.



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Assistant Cashier

### WHAT'S DOING In West Texas

The El Paso Chamber of Commerce was visited last week by President-Manager Bourland of the WTCC and plans were made for the eleventh annual convention of the regional organization to be held October 24, 25 and 26, in the border city.

Floydada business men made a get-acquainted tour of Lockney, Sterley, South Plains, Silverton, Quitaque, Flomot, Gasoline Whiteflat and Mador in what they called the quietest good will tour on record. No talks were made and no brass band was carried. No scheduled program was held in any town.

Seymour entertained bankers from Baylor, Haskell and Knox counties on September 2. Eighteen banks are represented in this bankers association. Bankers in Throckmorton county will probably be present next year. A committee of Seymour women entertained the wives of the bankers.

Hale Center furnishes the statistics on Hale County's cows, and reports that it has 14,174 dairy cattle. Of this number 7,109 are giving milk and 5,489 are heifers two years old and under. There are 771 males. There are 356 registered cows according to the report.

Tulia has a farmer named Muirhead who is past 80 years of age who successfully farms his 100 acre farm alone. This year he had 80 acres in wheat which averaged 20 bushels per acre. All of the work except combining was done by him. The land was summer fallowed with a team of mules.

Childress was host to a joint encampment for 4-H Club boys and girls on August 30 and 31. Miss Mary Sitton and Bill Pinson, Home demonstration agent and county agent, respectively sponsored the activities of the 200 young people.

Hereford's Farmers Creamery distributes \$500.00 every day to the farmers in the Hereford trade territory. The money is given out in amounts ranging from \$3.00 to \$25.00 for cream. Approximately \$15,000 was paid to the farmer patrons of the creamery during the first month of its existence.

Junction's Chamber of Commerce has mailed 3000 circulars recently calling attention to some of the advantages of the town. Population 1,500, bus lines from all directions, aldermanic form of government, modern water, light system, and good schools are listed.

Stephenville has spent \$25,000 improving her water system this year. Most of the expenditure has been in the form of extensions and reserVICING old lines. Some mains have been taken up and replaced with larger ones. New consumers have been added to the 1000 patrons regularly.

London, Texas, has sent out a call for cotton pickers. Last year cotton pickers passed up the London territory for places farther west, but this year Marvin Hunter, Jr., secretary of the chamber of commerce, is advertising the fact that just as much cotton and just as good wages can be found around London.

Dublin will have the use of a large judging arena for their seventh annual fair. The fair will be held September 5th to 8th and the 70 by 90 foot building will be finished by then.

Lockney is expecting a vast deposit of what technicians term "caliche" on the Runningwater draw to help solve the paving problems of Floyd county. Property owners on the busiest thoroughfare in town are planning a test strip of paving using it.

### Blow from Bullets Causes a Headache

Kansas City.—George Harris, 26-year-old farm hand, appeared at the General hospital here with a severe headache which he wished to have treated. A bullet fired by one of two men who held up Harris had struck him in the center of the forehead, he told physicians, and the shock had left "a bit of a headache."

It was discovered at the hospital the bullet had been deflected by Harris skull. The wound was dressed, he was given headache tablets and released.

Texas produced 99,162,000 bushels of corn and 35,751,000 bushels of oats in 1928.

### Al Smith at the Head of Company to build 80-Story Structure

New York.—Former Governor Alfred E. Smith has announced he will head a company that will erect the largest building in the world, an 80-story skyscraper, on the site of the old Waldorf-Astoria hotel at Fifth Avenue and 34th street.

The structure, to be known as the Empire State building, will tower above the street nearly 1,000 feet, about 200 feet higher than any existing building in Manhattan.

It is to be completed in a year and a half at an estimated cost of \$60,000,000. Sixty thousand persons will be housed at one time in the building.

As president of the Empire State Building corporation, the former governor will be in executive control of construction and maintenance and operation of the building. The New York World today quotes a friend of Mr. Smith as saying he will probably receive \$50,000 a year and a stock interest as salary.

#### CARD OF THANKS.

I take this method of thanking my friends, who in any way assisted me, in winning the Piano Scholarship, fostered by the Boston Bargain Store. Again thanking you one and all,

Yours truly,  
Thelma Mathews.

#### Epworth Junior Program.

Song. Prayer. Song. "Blessed Assurance." Scripture, Matthews 6:15 Genesis 45, 1-11, by leader, Mary Grace Dunn. Story of Joseph, by Nell Hughes. Bible story, By Mildred Richardson. Song, "I Love to Tell the Story." League benediction.

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Merkel, Texas

"FOR THE PAST QUARTER CENTURY"

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### are those

Who allow bills to lapse—

### are those

Who pay only a portion of their bills, compelling merchants to carry balances from month to month.

### are those

Who purchase articles which they do not fully intend to keep and which they later attempt to return for credit—often in a damaged condition.

### are those

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# POULTRY

RIGHT FEEDS AND GOOD MANAGEMENT

## Fowl That Consumes Most Rations Is Best Layer.

Have the early hatched pullets started to lay on the range? This is the question that leading poultrymen in New Jersey are asking themselves, as the method of handling these birds has everything to do with their production record this fall.

The men know that the expected molt can sometimes be avoided if the weight of the pullets after they come into production is maintained by feeding plenty of scratch grain. Just before the pullets begin to lay or when they are laying about 10 per cent on range, they are removed to their permanent laying quarters. Here the poultryman endeavors to get them in prime condition and, once he does so, tries to maintain it.

Proper feeds and a good system of management have been found essential if maximum feed consumption is to be secured. To lay eggs, feed is needed and the bird which consumes the largest quantity of a well-balanced ration, lays the most eggs.

Some poultrymen will be disappointed in the early-hatched pullets unless the birds have been carefully managed during the growing period, asserts L. M. Black, poultry specialist. It takes from five to six months to grow a Leghorn pullet properly. Longer than this is required for heavier breeds. According to Mr. Black, birds starting to lay at a younger age are often small and undersized and their eggs are likewise small. "Give the birds time to develop, furnish them with the necessities for proper development," he says, "and then have pullet eggs which can be sold as extras."

## Deformed Baby Chicks

### Caused by Incubation

Spraddle legs and deformity among baby chicks are usually a result of the eggs having been kept too long before incubation. Eggs are at their best when only four days old and depreciate at a rate of approximately 5 per cent daily after they are one week old.

Another condition often responsible traces back to the health and vitality of the hens in the breeding flock. If there had been some disease in the flock or if all of the birds were not in the best of physical condition the consequent lack of vitality often results in an unusually large number of deformed chicks.

## Muscle-Building Food of Greatest Importance

Many losses in raising chicks result from failure to furnish an adequate amount of the right kind of protein feed. If chicks are to make a profit for the grower, their growth must be rapid. This requires a large amount of muscle-building material. Therefore, the diet should consist of an adequate supply of either milk or meat scraps.

Whey is regarded as the most efficient form of protein that can be given to chicks. If it is available, it should be kept before the birds all the time. Semi-solid and dried buttermilk are good substitutes for liquid milk.

## Poultry Hints

- Feed table scraps and kitchen waste.
- Also feed grain once or twice a day.
- Purchase well-matured pullets rather than hens.
- Eggs should be marketed at least twice a week.
- Watch growing pullets for intestinal parasites.
- Oats are not at all suitable feed for geese or ducks.
- Keep hens free from lice and the house free from mites.
- The oftener one can get the eggs to the market the better.
- The requirements of incubation for turkey eggs are the same as for the incubation of chicken eggs.
- Adopt a definite program of sanitation on your farm to reduce the loss of chicks. About half the losses of young chickens occur during the first four weeks.

A good market egg should be fresh, clean, have a good strong shell, and be a good size. Infertile eggs are better, as they keep longer at high temperatures than fertile eggs.

As soon as an egg becomes dirty it goes into the lowest fresh egg grade. To get clean eggs supply plenty of nests, at least one nest for every five hens. Construct your nests so the hens cannot roost on them. Keep plenty of litter on the floor. Clean the dropping boards daily or cover them with 2-inch mesh wire.

## Rural Church Work Theme of Meeting

Tentative plans for centering upon rural church work were mapped out at the meeting of about 150 laymen and pastors of the Abilene Methodist district meeting at Bethlehem church near Clyde to discuss rural church problems. Rev. T. C. Willett pastor of the Methodist church here, was among those who attended the conference. The meeting was the first of its type ever held in the Northwest Texas conference. The sessions will be held quarterly and the second meeting is set for the last week in October at Oak Street Methodist church in Abilene.

Rev. E. E. White, presiding elder of the Abilene district, presided at the Bethlehem meeting, and the principal address was delivered by Dr. Paul W. Horn of Lubbock, who used the question "What Is Your Attitude Toward Folks?" as the basis for his talk. "Rewards" was the topic for the Rev. L. H. Davis of Tye, who preached the morning sermon. Lunch was served at the church.

The afternoon program of discussion groups was opened at 1:30. Rev. T. C. Willett of Merkel conducted a round table discussion of the rural church. Discussion of the social and recreational features of the church, with particular regard to the singing school, was led by the Rev. G. C. Williams of Cross Plains and the Rev. J. W. Brice of Ovalo.

## Will Study Chiropractic.

Leaving here Tuesday, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Stephens will enter the Texas Chiropractic college at San Antonio, joining the keystone class. Mr. Stephens has been the owner of the Stephens Hotel here for a number of years, having recently sold same to Mrs. Seth Hamilton and the hotel having been rechristened the Merkel hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephens carry with them the best wishes of a large number of friends for success in their new field of endeavor.

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## Complete Surprise Her 69th Birthday

On Sunday, August 25, the children of Mrs. M. A. Douglas complimented her with a birthday dinner, giving her a complete surprise. Early Sunday morning Mrs. Douglas motored to Abilene to spend the day with her granddaughter, Mrs. Harris, but on arriving she found they were preparing to come spend the day with her. When they reached her home, they found her children and grandchildren and two great-grandchildren with a few close friends gathered to greet her.

A bountiful feast was already spread, with the beautiful birthday cake topped with its 69 candles. In the afternoon delicious home-made ice cream was served with cake. With the many pretty gifts, the honoree was more than overjoyed with the day.

All of her children were present excepting one daughter, Mrs. I. K. Ervin of Noodle. Included among those present were seven sons and two daughters: Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Douglas of Stanton; J. A. Douglas and family of Sidney; E. C. Douglas and family of Trent; M. L. Douglas and family, Ben Douglas, J. L. Douglas and family and O. R. Douglas and family, all of Merkel; Mrs. Ollie Skidmore and children of Trent and Mrs. M. V. Sibley of Arlington.

Friends of the family present were: Miss Gertrude Eason of Truby, Miss Eva Harris of Abilene, Mrs. Sallie Sibley of Arlington, Melton Brown and Miss Joe Eppie Goodman of Trent. The little great-granddaughters were Katherine Joan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Harris of Abilene, and Bobby Irene, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Douglas of Stanton.

Texas has 253 organized and one unorganized county—Loving.

## Only Two Names Left Last Man's Club Roll

St. Paul, Minn.—Death has checked another name from membership roll of the Last Man's club. Today only two members survive.

John Goff, 86, of St. Paul youngest of the trio who for two years have kept the famous organization of Civil war veterans in existence, died Friday at the Veterans' hospital at Fort Snelling.

It was at Stillwater, Minn., July 31, 1885, that 34 members of B company, first Minnesota regiment, which fought in at the battle of Bull Run, pledged themselves to a comradeship which only death could dissolve.

One by one the ranks were emptied until today only Peter O. Hall, 91, of Atwater, Minn., and Charles Lockwood, 89, of Chamberlain, S. D., remain.

## 5 Men Who Rode With Quantrill in Reunion

Kansas City, Sept. 5.—Five former members of a band of Southern sympathizers who rode with William Clark Quantrill during the Civil War period.

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met in reunion Friday in Wallace Grove, near Independence, Mo.

Each year the number of former members of the band present at the annual reunion has been fewer. Those present Friday included W. F. and C. E. Hopkins, Independence; Frank Smith, Blue Springs, Mo.; Henry Wilson, negro, Lawrence, Kan., and George M. Noland, Kansas City.

The grave of David G. Burnet, first president of the Texas Republic, is in Lakeview Cemetery, Galveston. He was born April 4, 1779, and died December 4, 1870.

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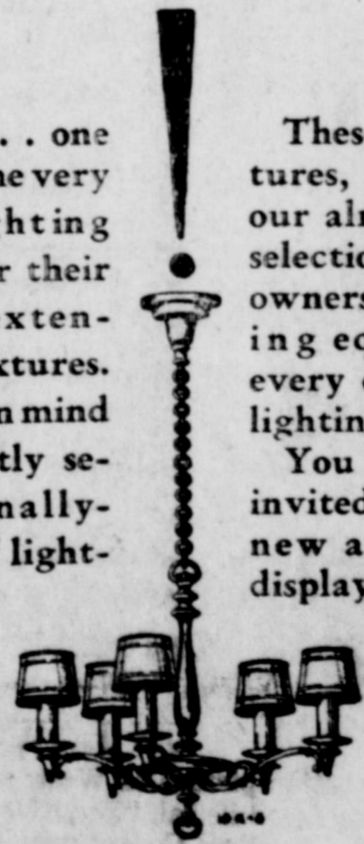
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**Pioneer Cattleman  
And Capitalist Dies**

Fort Worth, Sept. 5.—Eugene W. Clark, 69, pioneer cattleman and capitalist, died at noon Friday after an illness of more than one year.

For approximately 26 years Mr. Clark has maintained his home in Fort Worth but during that period has spent considerable time on his West Texas ranches. He was known as a man whose wealth was the result of hard labor during the pioneer days of this state. The first few dollars which he earned, some of which were saved for his start as a cattleman, were made as a clerk in a dry goods store and as a cowboy.

Mr. Clark was born in Denton county, in 1861. When only a youth he went to New Mexico, where he was employed as a cowboy first on the famous Chisum ranch, and then on the ranch of George W. Littlefield.

Several years later he moved to Midland, and began trading in cattle, partly on funds earned as a ranch hand. He met success as a cattle trader and in 1901 he and W. E. Connell of Fort Worth purchased the Frank and A. J. Long ranch near Post. The partnership continued for a number of years. Then Clark sold his interest to Connell and purchased ranch property in Kent and Scurry counties, which now consists of more than 10,000 acres.

Mr. Clark became well known as a raiser of fine cattle. During his early days as a ranchman he found the value was in raising thoroughbreds rather than longhorns, and specialized in Herefords. At times he had as many as 1,000 registered white-faced animals on his ranch.

For about 25 years Mr. Clark maintained his home in Fort Worth although much of that time was spent on his ranches.

With Mr. Connell, Mr. Clark was joint trustee in the estate of the late Captain Burk Burnett, valued at several millions of dollars. He was a director in both the First National Bank and the Cicero Smith Lumber Company of Fort Worth.

**BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

All regular services Sunday and during the week. Sunday school 10 a. m. with places for all who will come. We have congenial classes for every one from the baby to the oldest person able to come. And for the one too old to attend the sessions of the Sunday school we have a well organized home department.

The attendance Sunday was better than for some Sundays and indicated that our people were returning from vacation with a mind to go right to work in the Sunday school. We are looking for others to be back in their places by Sunday. This is the last Sunday that our superintendent can be with us for some time; so let us show him that we are going to carry on during his absence.

The pastor will speak at both services Sunday. At the morning service the hand of fellowship will be extended to those baptized last Sunday. At the morning hour the subject will be "What Jesus Expects of Us." The evening subject will be "A Race Without Handicaps."

All our evening services will be at 8 p. m. except B. Y. P. U. which meets at 7:15.

Come find a welcome in any of these services.

If you are coming in to Merkel for the school find a place in one of the churches in Merkel and help create and maintain a good moral and spiritual atmosphere in the town. You will find that the Merkel churches are largely made up of country people even if some of them did move to town a while before you did.

Ira L. Parrack, Pastor.

Altho its development is comparatively new, Texas is fourth State in the production of gypsum with total sales value of \$3,994,145 last year. New York, Iowa and Michigan led Texas.

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**Dora Doings**

Farmers of this community are busy putting up maize crop, some of which is very good and some of which is sorry.

The leaf worm seems to thrive on the hot dry weather until they are given a dose of poison and sometimes it takes the second.

C. B. Price, manager of the Dora gin, has his machinery in A-1 condition and will greet the farmers with a broad smile when they bring their cotton.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hamilton are the proud parents of a baby girl who arrived Sunday morning. Mother and baby are reported doing nicely.

Claude Jenkins and family of Noodle were visitors here Sunday.

Mrs. Conrad and daughter, Ruth, of Clyde spent the week-end here visiting relatives and neighbors.

L. E. Lee and family of Abilene visited A. D. Cross here Sunday.

Our school started Monday with a full attendance and many of the parents were present to start off the happy occasion. Our staff of teachers includes: B. E. Dunagan, superintendent; Miss Laura Fay Wilson, DeWitt Dowdle and O. Z. Porter are the high school teachers; Miss Daisy Oliver, Bertha McClure, Gladys Laine, Grace Ellis and Mrs. Pearl Dunagan are other members of the staff.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.**

Sunday school at 10 o'clock. Be on time. Our attendance is fine. Be a booster for the Sunday school. We welcome all strangers. Others should be in the Presbyterian Sunday school and are urged to come. Laymen's service at 11 a. m. Don't miss it. There will not be any services Sunday evening on account of pastor's vacation.

R. A. Walker, Pastor.  
W. M. Elliott, Supt

**SCOUT MEETING TONIGHT.**

All local Boy Scouts are urged to be present tonight (Friday,) at the Burton-Lingo carpenter shop for their regular weekly meeting. Several important announcements are to be made, besides the usual program which will be followed.

Eight boys and four men attended the last meeting last week, which was held Thursday night at the Presbyterian church at which time a court of honor was held. Those appearing before the court of honor were Louise Perkins, Jack West, David Gamble, Ross Ferrier, Elvis Richardson, Kennedy Whiteley, Mardell Shouse and J. T. Darsey, Jr.

**AT THE METHODIST CHURCH.**

A choir committee was appointed last Sunday and they are busy at work this week enlisting the singers of the church for a big choir during the fall and winter months. Nothing helps a church service like good music and we are going to have it at the Methodist church.

Sunday school meets promptly at 9:45. A class for everybody.

The pastor will be in his pulpit at both hours next Sunday. You are cordially invited to all the services of this church.

T. C. Willett, Pastor.

**CARD OF THANKS.**

Since it is impossible to see each one that so loyally stood by us in the music contest sponsored by the Boston Bargain Store and make each one feel the full extent of our appreciation, we take this method of thanking each and every one for their votes and influence. Even though we failed to win the scholarship, we have won in many ways; a tender friendship for many we would not have known and old ones made nearer.

Sincerely,  
Himalaya Swafford.  
Mr. and Mrs. Swafford.

**School Sale**

Send the Kiddies to us for their school supplies. We have all of their needs, and take pleasure in waiting on them. Here are a few of the bargains that we are offering on our School Sale:

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**FOR RENT**—4 room house in south part of town. Phone No. 7. Mrs. E. D. Coates.

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## Trent News and Personal Notes

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Beasley have returned from an extended visit with friends and relatives in South and East Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nally accompanied by Miss Thelma Nally, visited Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Rutherford of Abilene last Sunday.

Miss Cora Scott, who has been visiting relatives in Abilene returned home Monday.

Mrs. Tom Vessels spent Sunday in Abilene visiting Rev. J. W. Humphrey and family.

Mrs. O. A. Smith was the week-end guest of her sister, Mrs. Baker of Merkel.

Mrs. Duckert of Fort Worth was a recent visitor with her sister, Mrs. Lee Stevens.

Mrs. Carl Hamner and daughter, Mrs. Royce Dowdy, in company with Miss Viola Smith and Miss Pebble Birchett of Abilene, spent a few days in Christoval this week.

Mrs. O. A. Smith had as her guest on Monday her brother, Mr. Jennings of Dallas.

Mrs. John Payne and son, Billy, have returned from a weeks visit at Stanton with Mrs. Payne's sister, Mrs. James McWilliams.

Rev. McGinnis in response to a message he received last Monday stating that his brother, who lived in the state of Georgia, was dead, left Monday evening. He was accompanied by W. L. Boyd as far as Memphis, Tenn.

Miss Pearl Martin of Temple was the guest of Mrs. T. G. Hamner and Mrs. J. E. Bowers last week-end. She was en route to Hermleigh to take charge of her school which began last Monday.

Mary Jo Howell spent last week-end with relatives at Sweetwater.

Mrs. R. B. McRee and daughter

left Thursday for a visit with her sister, Mrs. Norman, who lives at Thordale.

H. W. Beckham of Lamesa visited homefolks last Saturday and Sunday.

Mattie Lou Parker of Post after visiting a few days last week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Steadman returned home Monday.

Miss Dorothy Dodson, who spent the summer in Oklahoma, is at home attending the bedside of her sister, Mrs. Vera Byers, who is now in the hospital at Merkel, recovering from an attack of appendicitis.

Mrs. Wesley Harris and daughter of Seminole were guests of Mrs. Harris' grandmother, Mrs. J. K. P. Winn, the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wright Boyd and son of Lamesa spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Boyd.

Joe Boone and Miss Corine English surprised their friends on last Wednesday evening by driving over to Merkel and getting married. Elder W. G. Cypert performing the ceremony. The bride is the charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. English and has many friends here. The groom is the son of Mrs. Annie Boone, having also resided here where he is popular in business and social circles. They left the following day for Amarillo where they will make their future home.

Estell Terry had as her guest this week her cousin, Miss Bennie Evans of Ada, Okla.

On last Monday news was received here of the marriage of Miss Rita Mae Winn, who was away on a visit, to Mr. Taylor, formerly of this city but who

is now located at Ennis as telegraph operator. Miss Winn is the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie B. Winn, who are among our most popular merchants here and who have a host of friends. While the groom is a stranger to most people here, he is a man who comes from a fine family and the young couple have the best wishes of a large circle of friends. They will make their home in Ennis.

William Estep of Seminole visited his uncle, Sam Estep and family, also his grandmother, Mrs. J. K. P. Winn, this week.

### BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR MISS STATSER.

On Wednesday evening, August 28, Miss Ruth Statser was honored with a birthday party in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Young. After the guests participated in interesting games, ice cream and cake was served, Miss Statser being successful in blowing out all the candles on her birthday cake. The honoree was the recipient of a number of beautiful and useful presents. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Jay Causeaux, Willard Rogers and Miss Evans, Abilene, Miss Lorene and H. C. Lowery of Eskota, Miss Ruth and Elby Statser, Miss Alma Russell, Mr. and Mrs. Dewel Johnson, Vallie Vessels and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lowery.

### PRIMARY SCHOOL.

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**Coach Davis Returns.**  
Coach Melvin S. Davis and Mrs. Davis returned the last of last week from a delightful summer which included attendance at the summer session of the University of Colorado, followed by an automobile trip to eastern and northern Wyoming, Yellowstone Park, points in Idaho, Salt Lake City, Utah, also Bryce's Canyon in Utah and Grand Canyon.

They also visited the last three weeks of their vacation with Mr. Davis' parents at Portales, New Mexico.

**Death of Niece.**  
Mr. and Mrs. Eli Case were called to Sweetwater last Friday by the death of Mrs. Case's niece, Mrs. C. T. Hodges. They also attended the funeral which was held Sunday at Winters.

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# POULTRY

## VITAMINE NEEDED IN CHICK RATION

### Liberal Use of Milk Quite Essential for Chickens.

A vitamine required by poultry and hitherto unrecognized, has been discovered by L. C. Norris, G. E. Heuser and H. S. Wilgus, Jr., of the Cornell university agricultural experiment station. This vitamine which is contained in milk is essential for the growth of chicks and for the prevention of a peculiar type of paralysis which may result in incurable deformities.

The discovery was in part accidental and resulted from an attempt to get a chick ration low in calcium and phosphorous, which would be suitable to study the requirements of chicks for these minerals. Casein, a purified milk protein, was used as the main source of protein in the experimental ration. When it was used in place of milk the chick ration was found lacking in this vitamine which prevents paralysis.

The experiment demonstrates that the use of liberal quantities of milk is essential where chicks or mature birds are confined indoors and are not provided with succulent green feed. To conclude from this experiment that milk should invariably be used in all poultry rations would be unwise, they say, as good chicks have been reared in the past with little or no milk and good winter egg production has also often been obtained with rations which contained no milk. It is probable, therefore, that this unknown factor is present in slight amounts in most products, cereals and cereal by-products, and in large amounts in succulent leafy green feeds.

### Barred Plymouth Rock Favored to Caponize

One of the best breeds of poultry for caponizing is the Barred Rock as the sex can be determined at an early age. The cockerels will be light and the pullets dark and when the chicks are about six weeks old and weigh close to one and a half pounds each, the poultryman can go into his colony houses with a spotlight and collect cockerels as fast as he can pick them up.

In caponizing such breeds as Rhode Island Reds or White Wyandottes, it is more difficult to pick out the male birds at an early age, says a writer in the Michigan Farmer. Considerable accuracy is possible by studying the heads. The male birds soon appear more coarse and have a harsher voice than the pullets. Pullets of any color soon develop what might be called the feminine type of head. It is smaller and more refined than the head of the male bird. The heads, beaks, and even the undeveloped combs on male chicks have a different appearance from pullets.

Some breeders caponize White Leghorn cockerels and make them weigh as much as six pounds but in general the caponizing is confined to the heavier meat breeds like the Barred Plymouth Rock, Jersey Black Giant or Light Brahma.

### Various Good Points of the African Goose

The African goose has had at different times several names, among which were China goose, swan goose, Chinese swan, Guinea goose, Spanish goose and others. Its origin is unknown, but it is quite probable that it originated in a cross between the goose we now call the China goose and the Toulouse, and from this cross was perfected until it is now an enlarged kind of a Brown China goose.

The African goose lays better than any of the other larger breeds and it grows to be as large as any other. Specimens that were given the best care have grown to weigh 25 pounds, but the standard weight for a full-grown African goose is 20 pounds. They are very hardy and easy to raise. They are very watchful and know strangers from those whom they see every day. When a stranger comes among them they set up a clamor that notifies every one within hearing that something out of the ordinary has happened.

### Plenty Good Features

Poultry houses that are built today are sensible; though they have plenty of fresh air, they have no draughts, though they contain more hens to the square foot, there is no dampness which is so fatal.

Two essentials that can be had for the taking are provided—sunlight and fresh air—and with these there is no reason why we should not have the healthiest race of fowl found on the face of the globe, and as a result an increased production of eggs.

### Ventilation Essential

Ventilation is another essential of modern poultry housing. A good ventilation system supplies fresh air in the poultry house without making it subject to sudden temperature changes. Ventilation removes dampness and eliminates foul odors, making the flock healthier and more comfortable. Automatic ventilation systems are now on the market which consist of intake flues in the back of the house and a cupola on the roof to carry out foul air.

## Salt Branch News

Everyone in the community is busy picking cotton.

Mr. and Mrs. Petty and son, Austin, spent the week-end with Earl Rainer and family of Floydada and they were accompanied home by their daughter, Gladys, who has been visiting with relatives there for the past two weeks.

Lee Golightly with his mother and little brother are visiting relatives in this community.

Several from here attended the singing at Hodges Sunday evening and report a fine singing.

Mrs. Horton's mother is visiting here for awhile.

Mr. Wilson's sister-in-law and family of Seymour visited with them last week.

Jarrett Pinckley, Jr., and sisters, Marcella and Fay, spent the week-end with relatives in Denton, being accompanied home by their sisters, Misses Marie, Pauline and Ruth, who have been attending summer school in Denton.

The pastor, Rev. Billie Ayers, will preach next second Sunday and everyone is extended a hearty welcome to hear him.

Sunday evening is regular singing time and we are expecting a large crowd from other communities.

We have Sunday school here every Sunday morning at 10 o'clock and B. Y. P. U. every Sunday evening at 7.45. Everyone is invited.

## WARREN NEWS

The farmers are all busy gathering their cotton.

Mrs. V. T. Jones returned home Sunday from a month's visit.

Mrs. W. A. Harrison and children, Lena V., Beulah and J. W., were visitors in Eastland the last of the week.

Miss Louise Isabell visited Miss Artie McCormick Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Jones and family and Mr. and Mrs. Oddie Jones visited Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Buck of Roby Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hima Jones and baby visited Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Jones Tuesday night and Wednesday.

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## Blair Items

Mrs. J. W. Mayfield, who has been real sick, is getting along nicely.

John and Grady Meeks of Southland motored over to spend several days with their aunts and uncles, Mr. and Mrs. E. Barnes and Mr. and Mrs. John Meeks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Spear and son of Valera spent the week-end with their parents, having made the trip by auto.

Mrs. A. P. Sanford and children of Tuscola are visiting her sister, Mrs. Ira Cavitt, for the past several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Ora Mayfield and daughter of Tye were seen in our midst one day recently.

Mrs. John McEver of Sweetwater is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Melton.

Roy Doan and sons, Troy and Ozie, of Rotan motored over Thursday to spend the afternoon with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Doan.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moore accompanied by Leonard Moore have returned from an enjoyable visit to Carlsbad Caverns.

Mr. and Mrs. Z. V. Moore and family have returned after an extended visit in California and other western states.

### MRS. WILL CAMPBELL ENTERTAINS.

Colorful summer flowers made an attractive setting for a gathering of friends in the home of Mrs. Will Campbell Thursday at 4 o'clock. Adding interest to the occasion for the guests was the surprise for the honoree, Mrs. J. P. Swafford, after she arrived at the home of her aunts. During the tea hour the hostess was assisted by Mrs. Cynthia Hall in serving refreshments of ice cream and cake to Mesdames E. M. Sherman, Frank Demere, S. F. King, Elie Brooks, Mary Neill, Carl Hughes, Chat Doan.

Mattie Brooks, E. J. Osburn, Pat Addison, Murry Farmer, Price Melton, Sam Phillips, A. L. Farmer, Luther Osburn, V. L. Doan, J. Hamp Campbell, E. A. Douglas, S. L. Scroggins, R. E. James, Ira Cavette, J. E. Morris, Demere, Florence Sherman, Mae Melton and Little Nina Osburn.

## UNION RIDGE NEWS

Most everyone is picking cotton in this community.

Miss Mabel McRee has returned from an extended visit.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Harvell have returned from Wichita Falls.

Mrs. J. L. Douglas and children are spending a few days with relatives at Stanton.

A revival is being held at the church here, with Rev. Mr. Stutt doing the preaching. Everyone is invited to come.

Mrs. Hugh McRee is visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. L. McRee for a few days.

Several from here attended the all day convention at Bethel Tuesday.

Ben Douglas and his mother were accompanied on their return from Abilene Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. Harris and daughter.

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## NOODLE NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Eoff are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Harkins at Roseco.

Misses Brooksie Justice and Odell Sloan are at home from Abilene Christian College.

Mrs. Eva Herring of Bishop is visiting her brother, Emmett Womack.

The party given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Sloan Saturday night was enjoyed by all present.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Steel of Sweetwater visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Jenkins this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Spurgin visited Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Spurgin at Anson.

Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Eller are visiting relatives in Greenville this week.

Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Justice and Mr.

and Mrs. J. M. Sloan motored to Trent Sunday where they visited in the home of Will Walker.

Uncle Charlie Jones of Childress is visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bicknell this week.

There will be preaching at the M. E. church Sunday afternoon and everyone is invited to attend.

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### Two Weeks Revival Closes At Blair

Evangelist J. D. Boren of Lamesa has just closed a two weeks' meeting at Blair, although there were but few invitations, this was one of the best meetings ever held in Blair. People from Merkel, Trent, Hot Springs, Wichita Falls, Bronte, Abilene and Cross Road were present from time to time and highly enjoyed every sermon.

Brother J. J. Pribble led the singing and did it well.

Evangelist Boren delivers his messages fearlessly, in the spirit of love, proving all things by the Bible, which causes him to be held in higher esteem by his audiences. The church at Blair has had Evangelist Boren in four meetings and has invited him back for another meeting next year.

Three years ago there were only about three or four members of the Church of Christ at Blair, but now there are about forty. They expect to build a new structure in which to worship in the near future and already have purchased four lots on which to build.

—Reporter.

### Exhibit Buildings To Be Filled For Opening of Fair

Abilene, Texas, September 5.—All of the West Texas Fair exhibit buildings will be filled when the exposition opens September 23 in this city. Superintendents of the various divisions of the big show are highly optimistic over the outlook for this season.

The fact that practically all of the territory served by the West Texas Fair has been unusually dry during the past six months is not going to cause a decline in the showings of livestock, poultry and agricultural products, the department heads assert.

Actual evidence of what West Texas people, climate and soil can produce under unfavorable circumstances will be shown and it isn't going to be at all bad, under the circumstances, it is declared.

#### THE METHODIST REPORT.

Our opening exercises were especially interesting Sunday morning. Rev. B. T. Nance, conference Sunday school superintendent, and wife were our visitors. Rev. Nance brought us

an inspiring message regarding the aims of our Sunday school work.

After a short lesson period Rev. Willett preached on the subject of "The Burden Bearer." Jesus said: "Bear Ye One Another's Burdens."

Other visitors for last Sunday were: Mrs. C. E. Biggs and Miss Maurine Dennis of Abilene, who are visiting their sister, Mrs. Taylor. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butman and

daughter, who have moved to Merkel from the Butman Ranch and will no longer be visitors but "hometown folks."

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You will find ready-to-wear, millinery, shoes, hose, dry goods, notions, men's furnishings, furniture, drapery, carnets, drugs, confectionery, cafes, beauty parlors, hotels, barber shops, storage garages, automobile companies, plumbing companies, variety store, hardware, newspaper office, electric company, telegraph company, printing and stationery company, tailors, dry cleaners, shine parlors, theaters, jewelry shops, dressmakers, novelties, cotton exchange, telephone head office, and modern office for every profession.

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BARBECUE.

Mr. and Mrs. George White entertained a large number of friends with a barbecue on last Saturday evening. The delicious supper was served on the lawn and later games of bridge were enjoyed throughout the evening hours. The guest list included Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Edwards and son and daughter, Miss Eleanor Connell, all of Midland, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Booth, Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Dabney, Mr. Tom Hughes, all of Sweetwater, Messrs. and Mesdames H. O. Barbour, Neil Gross, Pat Elder, Bob Campbell, Delbert Walling, Westley Edwards and boys all of Mary Neil, Mr. and Mrs. Gracie of Roscoe, Messrs. and Mesdames R. O. Anderson, Jack Anderson, L. B. Scott, F. C. McFarland, S. D. Gamble, R. I. Grimes, W. T. Sadler, Pete White, J. J. White, Misses Luna White and Frances Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. George White.

K. I. S. S. CLUB REUNION.

On Friday evening the K. I. S. S. Club of the Senior class of '26, held a reunion in the form of a watermelon feast. Besides the watermelons, gossip was the chief feature of the evening—gossip about those members not present.

After the watermelons were eaten the crowd went to the carnival where they rode the merry-go-round, played Bing, and ate candy. At a late hour they all said good-bye until next year. Those enjoying the occasion were: Hallie Pike, Emma Toombs, Godie Richie, Edith Baker, Anna Lou Russell, Doris Russell, Flossie Campbell, Sybil Smith, and Mrs. Joe Seymour and daughter, Betty Joe.

LITTLE-SKINNER.

Friends here have received the following:

"Mr. and Mrs. John F. Skinner announce the marriage of their daughter, Maude, to Dr. Otis W. Little on Wednesday, August the twenty-first, nineteen hundred and twenty-nine, Dallas, Texas. At home, Tuscola, Texas."

As the guest of Mrs. George Caple in the early summer the bride made many friends here and it was on the occasion of this visit that she met Dr. Little of Tuscola, a friend of Mr. and Mrs. Caple, which introduction culminated into romance.

After the honeymoon in Galveston and gulf resorts, the young married couple are at home in Tuscola, where Dr. Little is a respected physician and surgeon.

His Sixth Birthday.

Master Ralph Eoff celebrated his sixth birthday last Thursday afternoon, August 29, with a birthday party for his little friends. After the guests arrived numerous games were played until a late hour when they were called into the dining room. There they found the birthday cake with six lighted candles, which the host proceeded to blow out. Ice cream and cake was served to the delight of the youngsters.

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Mr. and Mrs. Guy Parker and three daughters of Houston, cousins of Judge N. D. Cobb, are guests in the Cobb home here.

Mrs. Bob Hobbs and daughter, Miss Christine, of Austin, also her sister-in-law, Miss Ruth Hobbs, are visiting Mrs. Joe Higgins.

Mrs. Jack Anderson has as her guests, her sisters, Miss Grace Pearl Sudderth of Greenville and Mrs. David Wright of Colorado.

Mrs. Cyrus Eakman of Amarillo accompanied her daughter, Mrs. W. L. Diltz, Jr., on her return home and will spend the winter here.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Angus of Fort Worth, also Mrs. Esker Curtis of Ranger were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mac Angus for the week-end.

Mrs. S. Young has had as recent guests her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. V. Crossley of Carbon, and her sister, Mrs. Blacklock of Ranger.

Mrs. Marvin Armstrong has sufficiently recovered from the severe burns suffered several weeks ago, as to be able to sit up now.

On their return from Waco Monday Mr. and Mrs. George Caple were accompanied by Mrs. Caple's little sister, Miss Jane Elizabeth Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Paul and daughter, Frances Marie, of Wichita Falls are guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Eoff this week.

N. A. Dowell, chief of the fire department, accompanied by Mrs. Dowell and Miss Allyne Riley, has returned from a fishing trip to Del Rio.

W. W. Campbell and family, who have been residing at Portales, New Mexico, for several years have returned to Merkel, which was their former home.

Prof. B. D. Black of Houston, who once taught in Merkel, and his family are visiting friends and in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Black.

Judge and Mrs. N. D. Cobb will have as their guests for the week-end, Mesdames A. G. Arnett and Ed Riddle of Hamlin, who are sisters of Judge Cobb.

Mrs. J. H. Bull has returned from a visit with relatives in Waco and Coolidge and she was accompanied by her grandson, who has been visiting in Houston and Waco.

Fred Baker, Jr., had as his guest last week Raymond Phillips of Thalia, Texas, and Mr. and Mrs. Baker and family returned with him for a week-end visit with Mrs. Baker's mother.

Postmaster O. J. Adcock was accompanied on a trip to Lubbock and Plainview Thursday by Mrs. J. M. Bankhead, who will visit in Lubbock,

and by Mrs. Arthur Betterton, who is returning to her home in Plainview.

J. M. Ashby returned early in the week from a month's vacation visit with his daughter and other relatives in his old home, Fayetteville, Tenn. Returning he also visited relatives at Memphis and Nashville, Tenn.

Mrs. A. L. Lee and daughter, Miss Bertha, of McGregor, who are related to the Sheppards here, accompanied Mrs. J. N. Alexander and daughter, Miss Tina, of Moody, on a trip to Sweetwater and stopped over here for a visit.

Supt. Roger A. Burgess and Mrs. Burgess returned Monday from a delightful vacation of two weeks spent on the O. C. Adams ranch about 25 miles from Las Vegas, New Mexico. With them in camp were Rev. J. R. Mayhew and wife of Rotan and Supt. Burgess reports good catches of mountain trout on the part of both the pastor and himself.

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