

DATE MERKEL'S NEXT "COW DAY" SET FOR APRIL 9

Additional Features Are Being Planned: Band Concert on Streets in Afternoon; Also Prominent Speakers to be Here

In addition to the usual featured sale of a Jersey cow, a fine sow and a pen of chickens, each for \$1.00 on next "Cow Day," there will be other special drawing cards, according to the plans worked out by the Lions club, cooperating with the merchants and business men of Merkel.

It is also planned for a band concert to precede the sale and a prominent speaker will be on hand for the occasion. E. Yates Brown has been appointed program chairman for the occasion, he to select the members of his committee.

The next "Cow Day" will be Wednesday, April 9, the second Wednesday in the month, and while the sale will take place at the usual hour of 4 o'clock, as noted above, a band concert and public speaking will probably be arranged for earlier in the afternoon. Complete program will be announced next week.

For the convenience of those who are present in such large numbers for the "Cow Day" events, it is planned to install a loud speaker. Henry West was appointed chairman of this committee, with power to select his assistants.

Almost the entire luncheon hour was devoted to the plans for next "Cow Day" at the Lions weekly meeting Tuesday. W. O. Boney presided and in the absence of E. Yates Brown, the regular leader of the club singing, Rufe Tittle directed the singing of "America." The invocation was delivered by Rev. R. A. Walker.

Dec Grimes was toastmaster, but gave way to the important matters to be worked out in regard to "Cow Day." Mr. Grimes is chairman of the special committee arranging the additional features for next "Cow Day."

When the order of introduction of guests was reached, Ted Nichols introduced L. B. Hardin, assistant to the special agent, J. B. Long, representing the department of banking in the matter of the Farmers State bank, who was the only guest except Tom Allday, who was presented by the membership committee for admission to the club, as their fifth-in-a-row triumph of producing a new member each week.

Following the luncheon and preceding the business meeting, considerable levity prevailed while H. H. Jenkins, recently elected to membership and a newlywed, was toasted by several members.

C. W. Delmer is to be toastmaster next week.

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PRICE CAMPBELL NEW WTUC HEAD

Abilene, March 27.—Price Campbell of Abilene Tuesday afternoon assumed the presidency of the West Texas Utilities company, succeeding the late George W. Fry.

Formal announcement of Mr. Campbell's selection to take the place of his friend at the head of one of Texas' largest enterprises, a \$44,000,000 concern serving 113 communities, was made by James C. Kennedy of Dallas, at a meeting of West Texas Utilities company district superintendents and heads of departments, held here. The newly named president has formerly been executive vice-president and operating officer.

Kennedy, president of the Central & Southwest Utilities company, also announced the promotion of Earl R. Hoppe, general superintendent, to the vice-presidency and the re-election of officers of the company.

Mr. Hoppe, who retains the title of general superintendent, also goes on the board of directors, filling the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Fry, March 13.

Elevation of Mr. Campbell and Mr. Hoppe and re-election of other officers was made at a meeting of the board of directors held at noon in the company's general offices here.

Other officers of the company are: Dan A. Gallagher, secretary-treasurer; R. M. Wolfe, auditor; and C. C. Sellers, assistant treasurer.

At a stockholders' meeting earlier in the day, the following directors were elected: Martin J. Innull, Chicago, chairman of the board; W. C. Sharpe, Chicago; James C. Kennedy, Dallas, and the following from Abilene: Price Campbell, J. M. Wagstaff, (Continued on Page Four)

ENUMERATORS FOR TAYLOR CO. CENSUS TO BEGIN APRIL 2

Miss Dota Garoutte Census Taker this City; Work to be Completed in Two Weeks; Important to count Every Person.

Thirty population enumerators for Taylor county have been appointed, according to announcement Monday by W. R. Southworth, supervisor of the eighth district of Texas. Notices of appointments were placed in the mails Monday night and are subject to acceptance by appointees.

Abilene was divided into sixteen districts and fourteen of the thirty enumerators appointed will work in that city, leaving sixteen appointees in the districts outside of Abilene. The work is to begin April 2.

Veterans of the World war, their wives or widows of veterans have been appointed to the offices in every instance where the grades were satisfactory, Mr. Southworth stated.

Appointees and districts in Taylor county outside Abilene follow:

District 17: Rev. Arch C. Turner, that part of justice precinct 1, north of T. & P., outside Abilene city.

District 18: Charles A. Wilson, that part of justice precinct 1, south of T. & P. and east of Abilene and Southern, outside Abilene city, excluding State Epileptic colony.

District 19: Mrs. Patty Bass King—State Epileptic colony.

District 20: William D. Free—That part of justice precinct 1, south of T. & P. and west of Abilene & Southern, outside of Abilene.

District 21: Lorenzo G. Johnson, that part of justice precinct 2, east of Ballinger-Buffalo Gap—Abilene road, Tuscola to be shown separately.

District 22: W. E. Baze, that part of justice precinct 2, west of Ballinger-Buffalo Gap—Abilene road.

District 23: Kitty J. Ellington, justice precinct 3.

District 24: Walter R. Griffith, justice precinct 4.

District 25: Miss Dota Garoutte—Merkel town.

District 26: Ora L. Mayfield, that part of justice precinct 5, northeast of Santa Fe, outside Merkel town.

District 27: Rufus H. McLean, that part of justice precinct 5 southwest of Santa Fe.

District 28: William F. Issacs—justice precinct 6.

District 29: Mrs. Buena B. McLeod, Justice precinct 7.

District 30: Charles W. Camp, justice precinct 8.

District 31: Tyson H. Gilbert, old justice precinct 7.

District 32: Mrs. McLeod, Trent, Law.

District 33: Kitty J. Ellington, Law.

District 34: Paul C. Floyd, justice precinct 5, north of T. & P. outside Trent and Merkel.

STARTS APRIL SECOND.

Miss Dota Garoutte is the enumerator for the city of Merkel and she has asked the Mail to state that during the two weeks the census is being taken it is to the interest of everyone to remain at home or see that someone is there to give the desired information.

Do Not Turn Cows Loose.

City Marshal P. P. Dickinson has asked the Merkel Mail to call attention of citizens to the fact that it is against the city ordinance to turn milk cows loose on vacant lots and permit them to roam at large. This warning is given at this time at the suggestion of the city marshal and it will be necessary to file complaints if the practice is not stopped, says Mr. Dickinson.

Record of Births.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Walsh, Trent, Monday, March 24, 1930.
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Grady Cook, Noodle Dome, Monday, March 24, 1930.
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Volley Jackson Cox, Mt. Pleasant, Monday, March 24, 1930.
Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Douglas, residing 4 miles northwest of the city, Thursday, March 27, 1930.

Merkel Has Light Snow.

During Wednesday night this section was visited by a light snow, estimated at about one inch, and during Thursday morning a slow drizzling rain was in evidence. The weather forecast calls for local rains in the south part of West Texas, with rain probable on Friday.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Voters of Houston and Harris county Saturday voted \$13,270,000 in bonds to finance municipal and county improvements.

Corpus Christi was selected as the 1931 convention city of Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers association at their annual meeting in San Angelo.

With a state income tax and a five-day week for laborers his main issues, Representative T. N. Mauritz of Ganado has formally announced his candidacy for governor.

Lee Simmons of Sherman has accepted the appointment by Governor Moody as general manager of the Texas penitentiary system and has already assumed his duties.

Having been appointed state comptroller to succeed S. H. Terrell, resigned, George K. Sheppard of Sweetwater has announced his candidacy for the office in the coming primaries.

Lawrence C. Westbrook of Waco will direct the new Texas Cotton Cooperative association, with temporary headquarters in Dallas and six district headquarters to be announced soon.

Under terms of the bill, passed by the fifth special session of the legislature, levying a tax of 55 cents per ton on the production of sulphur, four sulphur companies will pay the state \$3,800 daily.

The body of Gay Robertson, 39, of Gilmer, missing since Christmas, was found Sunday by two men in some brush in the southern end of Upshur county, with his skull crushed and his feet severed.

The telephone exchanges at Trent and Buffalo Gap were sold recently by local interests to the Southwestern Telephone company, which has acquired three other exchanges in this region since Jan. 1.

Fire of undetermined origin, the second disastrous conflagration in the business district of Stamford this year, razed the interior of the Masonic building there, burned out two stores and damaged stocks and fixtures of two other establishments, with a total loss estimated at \$50,000.

After deliberating since shortly after noon Saturday, the jury in the second sanity hearing of John M. "Pete" McKenzie at San Antonio reported it was unable to agree and was discharged, McKenzie being returned to a state hospital for the insane as a result of the jury's failure to return a sanity verdict.

Former Governor Pat M. Neff of Waco, chairman of railroad commission, who was appointed to fill out the unexpired term of the late Clarence E. Gilmore, Saturday formally announced his candidacy for the full term of six years. Senator Nat Patton of Crockett also announced for the railroad commission at the same time.

To relieve the senate of "even a technical violation of the nepotism statute," Walter C. Woodward of Coleman resigned from that body in order that the appointment of his father, Judge J. O. Woodward, might be confirmed as chairman of the state board of pardons and paroles and then announced himself as a candidate for re-election in the coming primaries.

Reorganization Plans Progressing Nicely

Just before going to press, the Mail was furnished the following statement by R. O. Anderson, former vice-president, and W. L. Diltz, Jr., former cashier, of the Farmers State Bank, which shows that their plans are nearing successful culmination in the re-organization of this bank, which closed February 10:

"Our plans are progressing nicely and we expect to be able to give definite information in next week's issue of the paper as to details of the opening.

"As has been stated before, the plan on which the bank is to reopen includes paying all depositors under \$100 in full and to those whose deposits exceed \$100, to pay 80 cents on the dollar, with the remaining 20 per cent deferred.

"The capital stock has been subscribed and is now being collected, preparatory to securing the charter."

Rigging Up on Richie Place.

A rig is being built by G. H. Johnson, drilling contractor on the block of acreage controlled by H. B. Herring on Mrs. George (Richie's) place, 7 miles west of south of town and just a mile and one-half west of Castle Peak.

TO INAUGURATE UNION REVIVAL SUNDAY NIGHT WITH LAYMEN'S MEETING



REV. J. W. JOYNER.

Evangelist Joyner Expected to Arrive Monday and Will Preach First Sermon Monday Night.

Due to the fact that Rev. J. W. Joyner, evangelist-pastor of Forreton, who is going to conduct the union revival sponsored here by the men's prayer meeting, will not arrive until Monday, the Sunday night service will be in the nature of a laymen's meeting. This meeting will be held at the Methodist church, where all the services of the revival will be held, and Charlie Jones will be in charge of the service.

It will begin with a special song service, including special numbers, led by E. Yates Brown, and brief talks are to be given by three laymen, W. M. Elliott, W. I. Crane and S. M. Hunter.

Rev. Mr. Joyner will be here to preach his opening sermon Monday night. The night services for the revival proper will begin at 7:45 and beginning Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock services will be held twice daily.

The evangelist needs no introduction to the people of Merkel, having been here in four previous meetings, the last time in August of last year when he conducted a revival at the Presbyterian church with such rich spiritual blessings. He is now leading a revival at Grandfield, Okla., which is to close next Sunday, and the following clipping is taken from the Grandfield Enterprise with reference to the revival under way there:

"Talk about revivals—this one we're having here in Grandfield is certainly a great one. Did you know that last Sunday night the house was full and the Christian church seats a lot of people, too. They have made more room now, though, and can care for as many as wish to attend. Every night Rev. Joyner delivers an inspiring sermon and if a lot of us would only take what he says as personal instead of saying, 'He surely did hit so and so—etc.' we'd turn out to be better people. You see I said we and not you because I know I need it just as much as you do—but no worse. Come on, let's go to church the rest of the week and wear those slippers he throws to us, when they fit."

Cemetery Contributions.

The following donations have been received during the week by the cemetery association:

W. C. Hill	\$4.00
J. R. Hester estate	5.00

Contributions may be left with the Farmers and Merchants National bank or with the Barrow Furniture company and will be acknowledged in the Merkel Mail each week.

THE TOWN DOCTOR

"DOCTOR OF TOWNS" SAYS

If You Want To Help Build Merkel Read This!

Merkel has something to sell. That is, Merkel has something to be sold unless Merkel is want-less—unless it does NOT desire to grow, keep modern and be a live, wide-awake, DOING community.

With something to sell, it is the desires, pleasures and demands of those who can, will or might buy it, that counts. Disregard that, and sales will be limited to the "necessity urge" only, which means, in case of a community, practically no sale at all.

What Merkel has to sell may be location for a factory, homes for new and more people, or any and many things that any good, healthy community would want and could use. But regardless of what it is, it is the buyer who is boss, first, last and all the time—and what the buyer wants and the way he wants it is what the seller must give him.

Because so many sellers do not recognize this, because so many retailers try to make people buy the way the retailers want to sell, is one reason for so much turmoil in retailing today; because so many people and communities fail or refuse to recognize the desires and demands of the buyers of that which they have to sell, is a reason why so many communities have empty factory buildings, or sites on which there are no factories.

There are five accepted requisites in order that a town be generally considered as a good factory town; namely, accessibility of raw materials, advantageous marketing of products, suitable transportation, labor supply, wages and power. But that is not all!

There are many towns with all five requisites but still they fail to attract new industries or new people because the people who make up and ARE the community, are not "right."

A town can be below par on these standard requisites, but with the proper "spirit" it can not only compete with other towns but outdistance them. Of sixteen towns recently considered for a factory with an annual payroll of several million dollars, eleven had better factory sites, better transportation, location as good if not better, and several other better

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Merkel Wins Eight First Places Taylor County Meet

Representatives from the Merkel High school won eight first places and one third place in the literary events of the county meet of the Interscholastic league held at Abilene Thursday and Friday of last week and also the Class A track meet by default. In other athletic events, Merkel won one first place, two second and three third places.

The showing by Merkel's representatives is revealed in the following report of places won:

First place, Junior Girls' declamation, Annie Lee Owens.

First place, Girls' debate, Odell Hunter and Lucille Coje.

First place, Extemporaneous speech, Nina Vantreesse.

First place, Class A, Essay writing, Elvis Richardson.

First place, Ward Essay writing, Clifford Blumberg.

Third place, High School Junior spelling, Nell Hughes and Lena Mae Hokit.

First place, High School Senior spelling, Odell Hunter and Elvis Richardson.

First place, Ward school arithmetic, Valeria Parks, Caribel Mansfield, Floyd Clarke, J. R. Graham.

First place, Ward Picture Memory, A. C. Sears, Mollie Frank Touchstone, Alice Russell, Ethelda Tucker, Harold Morgan, James Pilcher, Katherine Copeland, Juanita Huskey, Billie P. Gambill, Louise Toombs. (Every member of the team made 100 per cent in this contest.)

ATHLETIC EVENTS.

First place, Girls' playground, ward.

Third place, Boys' playground, ward.

Second place, Boys' Tennis doubles, Harold Boney and Fred Guitar.

Second place, Boys' Tennis singles, J. D. Ashby.

Third place, Junior broad jump, Milton Shannon.

Third place, Junior high jump, Milton Shannon.

Class A track won by Merkel by default.

A REMARKABLE RECORD.

In the sub-Junior spelling, Ora Derrick, 10-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Derrick, scored 100 per cent, which is the second year that she has distinguished herself in this manner. She is in the fifth grade now, having also represented the Merkel school last year and having scored perfect at that time.

Masons Organized in 1890 Secured Charter In Following Year

It was just about the time that the first issue of the Merkel Mail was published, 40 years ago, that a body of about twenty Master Masons, realizing the need of a Masonic lodge in this city, petitioned the grand master of Texas for a dispensation that they might bind themselves together as a Masonic lodge, according to a paper prepared by Judge W. W. Wheeler, February 3, 1917, giving the early history of Merkel lodge No. 710, A. F. & A. M. The latter is now the only living charter member of this body, since the death of the late J. L. Harris, several months ago.

Among those signing this petition were H. C. Childress, G. W. Jernigan, A. A. Baker, W. P. Browning, H. C. Hayter, C. B. Kennon, R. J. Reed, W. J. Ozee, B. I. Lowe, S. H. Blair and others. When the petition was granted, H. C. Childress was appointed as worshipful master, A. A. Baker as senior warden, and W. J. Ozee as junior warden to serve until the meeting of the grand lodge in December of that year.

Judge Wheeler's report shows that just before the meeting of the grand lodge in 1890, the records with a membership roll of twenty-eight were forwarded to the grand secretary at Houston, but due to some mishap did not reach Houston until the next day after the grand lodge had adjourned. When the grand master learned of this, however, he promptly returned the records and permitted the lodge to continue under dispensation for another year.

At the regular meeting in June, 1891, Merkel lodge, U. D., went into the election of officers to serve pending the granting of the charter by the grand lodge and the following officers were elected: W. W. Wheeler, worshipful master; W. D. Smith, senior warden; H. C. Hayter, junior warden; T. M. McLendon, treasurer; R. J. Reed, secretary; J. W. Shelton, senior deacon; C. T. Summers, senior deacon and H. K. Mitchell, tiler.

The report to the grand lodge in June, 1891, showed a membership of 41, with one death, to-wit: Jerry Dishman, who was absent from home at the time of his demise. This report showed a gain of 14 members in about six months. The following members were shown in the report of June 24, 1891: W. B. Alsobrook, A. A. Baker, S. H. Blair, John Burris, W. P. Browning, H. O. Bell, R. B. Berry, J. W. Brooks, H. C. Childress, Jerry Dishman, R. A. Diggs, H. W. Derstine, J. A. Elliott, H. C. Hayter, C. G. Harris, W. W. Harris, J. L. Harris, T. S. W. Hollis, J. T. Henslee, W. A. Haley, G. W. Jernigan, C. B. Kennon, A. P. Kennon, B. I. Lowe, H. T. Mathis, Joe McMillen, H. K. Mitchell, T. M. McLendon, W. J. Ozee, T. W. Phillips, R. J. Reed, G. T. Russell, William Sampson, W. D. Smith, J. A. Sosebee, J. W.

Shelton, D. L. Smith, C. T. Summers, J. T. Tucker, W. W. Wheeler and W. W. Wingate.

Merkel lodge No. 710, A. F. & A. M. was duly chartered on Friday, the 11th day of December, 1891, after the adoption of appropriate resolutions by the grand lodge on Wednesday morning, the 9th of December, same year.

In concluding his history under date of Feb. 3, 1917, Judge Wheeler says: "During the early days of our existence as a Masonic lodge in Merkel, we had many rough and rugged roads to travel and at times it seemed as though we would have to give up the fight and make our escape into Ethiopia; but by the Grace of God, with twenty-six years of time, patience and perseverance among the brethren, we have been able to overcome many things and have grown from an infant, as it were, to a strong man among men; and today we stand as mighty oak in the forest of Freemasonry."

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THE TOWN DOCTOR

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physical features than the town that got it. These others lacked the "spirit," the fire, the gumption, and people with the right attitude toward the town.

Manufacturers seeking locations for new factories, people seeking a place to live, desire and demand many things which perhaps you cannot make possible; but you can make possible a favorable reply to the ever-present question, "what is the attitude of the people of Merkel towards their community?" A question which is more and more becoming a vital factor in both industrial and commercial community growth.

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- George Dockal, Alief, Texas.
- Mrs. R. M. Mayer, Amarillo, Texas.
- R. B. McDonald, Colorado, Texas.
- Mrs. T. J. McBride, Olney, Texas.
- Mrs. Harry Mandel, Alice, Texas.
- J. E. Parham, Omaha, Texas.

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In line with this important movement, smaller and better crops of cotton are being urged as a remedy for overproduction, foreign competition, inferior quality, and low prices.

In a matter so vital to the economic safety and to the very life of our own section, this bank is heartily in accord with other interests in this state and the South for the planning of a sane acreage for 1930, and in making wise diversification of crops the main thought and aim during the few weeks that lie between us and planting time. Again we say FEWER ACRES, MORE INTENSIVE CULTIVATION, BETTER SEED.

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MERKEL MAIL WANT ADS FOR RESULTS

90 New Industries Established in 1929 West Texas Record

Abilene, March 27.—Nearly 90 industrial enterprises were established in West Texas during 1929, according to a report compiled by the industrial department of the West Texas Utilities company over the 45 counties they serve. This department is maintained to aid chamber of commerce and other organizations in locating industries a West Texas.

The report consisted of major industrial concerns such as carbon black plants, gins, airports, hotels, produce companies, supply companies, compresses and other productive concerns which, though just beginning business activities during 1929, have materially added to West Texas progress. The location of these business enterprises has not only gone a great way in adding to the creative or manufacturing volume of West Texas but has also served to relieve the general unemployment condition. The new concerns have given employment to nearly 2,100 persons. This averages approximately 25 employees per concern.

West Texas, progressing at an above normal rate, still affords ample room for expansion, it is pointed out. The number of sizeable factories and the number of workers in them have been increasing year by year, though the supremacy of agriculture remains undisputed. Though West Texas ranks high in a few specialized industries, few sections have a lower degree of industrialism. The low development of general manufacturing in West Texas compared with other sections is in a large measure attributable to the inducements and often glittering opportunities open in other fields of endeavor for the employment of both labor and capital—generally, those who have been able, have exerted their energies and finances in the development of the great natural resources for which this territory is noted.

Chevrolet Announces New Service Policy

Detroit, March 27.—The Chevrolet Motor company has announced a new and broader service policy. Any Chevrolet owner, experiencing defective workmanship or material on a Chevrolet car under the terms of Chevrolet's standard warranty, is invited to call upon any authorized Chevrolet dealer in the United States or Canada where the work will be done at no cost to him.

The plan, known as the Owner's Service Policy, is now in effect in the 10,000 authorized Chevrolet service stations in the United States, operating under the general supervision of the 52 Chevrolet branch offices.

The new policy takes the form of a written agreement given the purchaser by the Chevrolet dealer when the new car is delivered. It puts down in plain, understandable language the greater service protection to which every Chevrolet owner is now entitled. Briefly, it offers the following provisions:

1. Every Chevrolet owner receives his car from the dealer in perfect condition—thoroughly lubricated, properly adjusted and ready to operate efficiently from the first mile of ownership.
2. Every Chevrolet owner is entitled to free inspection and adjustment of his car at the end of the first 500 miles of usage. This includes checking and adjusting the brakes, tappets, timing, generator, carburetor, clutch pedal, and steering gear; tightening all body bolts, tightening all motor bolts; testing and filling battery and checking the oil level in the transmission and rear axle. The dealer assumes no responsibility for previous adjustments when they have been made in service stations other than his own.
3. Every Chevrolet owner is entitled to free inspection of his car every thousand miles thereafter so long as the car is in operation.
4. Every Chevrolet owner is entitled to free replacement of any part, which may prove defective, either in workmanship or in material, within the terms of Chevrolet's standard warranty, provided such parts and labor are not required because of accident or mechanical abuse. This includes both parts and labor. This provision will be carried out by any Chevrolet dealer in the United States. Accordingly, the Chevrolet owner may change his residence, or travel to any part of the country with the full assurance that the guarantee on materials and workmanship will give him complete protection.

In all Chevrolet dealer's service stations there are employed skilled mechanics, thoroughly trained at Chevrolet service schools. These stations are equipped with specially designed tools and machinery developed exclusively for Chevrolet service work. The factory issues the assurance, too, that each carries at all times a complete stock of genuine Chevrolet replacement parts. And the rates charged

Blair Items

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Lowenthal of Leon, Okla., spent Friday night in the home of her niece, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Baker.

Mr. Walter Sherfield of Austin is visiting his friend, James Doan, for an indefinite time and is being welcomed by many other friends.

Mrs. Burks has returned to her home at Anson after spending the week-end with her son, Mr. and Mrs. Chat Burks.

Mr. and Mrs. Whit Farmer and son of Snyder spent a short while one day recently in the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Doan.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Moore of Red Springs are spending a pleasant week with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Ragins of Merkel motored over to spend Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Farmer.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Speer and daughter visited relatives at Coleman over the week-end.

Mrs. Tomlin of Abilene visited Saturday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Phillips.

Mr. and Mrs. Inman of Tennessee moved into our vicinity recently and are being given a cordial welcome.

Mrs. Eula Province and daughter, Miss Nola, of Merkel spent Sunday with Mrs. Hugh Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. John Toombs of Merkel attended services at the Baptist church Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Head of Post, accompanied by their mother, Mrs. J. R. Meeks, of Southland, Texas, have returned home after spending several days in the homes of their relatives Mrs. and Mrs. Elbert Barnes and Mr. and Mrs. John Meeks.

Miss Florence Sherman of Trent is spending the week with her aunt, Mrs. Sallie Campbell.

Several of the I. O. O. F. members from here attended the grand lodge meeting in Abilene Monday.

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HEBRON NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Lige Harris visited Mrs. Skidmore at Golan Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pannell were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Dunn at Merkel Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Riggin entertained friends with a party Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Mattiny of Noodle attended the party Saturday night at Mr. and Mrs. Grant Riggin's.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pannell were in Abilene Monday.

Elbert Dean has been terracing his farm lately, showing that he is one of the progressive farmers in this section.

All-day services were held at Union Ridge Saturday.

Building permits issued in thirty-five principal cities during 1929 totaled \$114,502,000. Construction and engineering projects totaled \$217,000,000.

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UNION RIDGE NEWS

Dr. McRee of Dallas spent a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. McRee.

Jay Douglass of Sidney was the week-end guest of his mother, Mrs. M. A. Douglas.

Quarterly conference was held at the Union Ridge Methodist church Saturday and Sunday. Rev. T. C. Willett of Merkel delivered a very interesting sermon Saturday morning on "The Divine and the Divinity of God." Dinner was served on the ground at noon and conference was held in the afternoon. The presiding elder, Rev. E. E. White, preached Sunday morning and Rev. U. S. Sherrill filled the Sunday night appointment.

Mrs. Orr and son of Rockwall were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Carr.

Miss Louise Newberry and her cousin, Miss Bobbie Newberry, of Abilene were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. Dunn.

Rev. U. S. Sherrill was the supper guest of Mrs. A. C. Barnett Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Biggs of Merkel and Mr. J. H. Biggs of Midland were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Douglass Thursday.

We were glad to have Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Newberry back with us Saturday and Sunday in church.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Douglas and Miss Mary Bell Douglass motored to Abilene Saturday afternoon on business.

School attendance is good this term; in fact, we have the most regular attendance we have ever known, all of which speaks well for our school. On the honor roll this month were the following:

First Grade—Mamie Lee Harris, Veda Lee Pannell, Syble Harris, Margurit, Womack, Bernice Opal Dean. Second grade—unior Clark, Effie Bell Pannell, Dorna Lee Shelton, Pauline Dean.

Third grade—Laverne Harvell. Fifth grade—Maurine Dean, Johnnie Heath.

Sixth grade—Ruby Carey, Alice Carey, Anna Mae Harris. Seventh grade—Arlene Heath.

Eighth grade—Mary Bell Douglass, Bazel Heath, Lillie Claud Barnett.

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Lynch Davidson in Statement Appeals Avoid Factionalism

Houston, March 27.—An appeal against factional strife such as developed in the 1926 campaign for governor was issued here Friday night by Lynch Davidson, Houston lumber man and politician.

Characterizing Governor Dan Moody as a "petulant boy," and Jim Ferguson as a "political pug," the former lieutenant governor and twice candidate for governor of Texas, pleaded with the state not to let the issues become clouded as "they have in the past."

Davidson called Moody's two terms failures, pointed to the past record of Ferguson, impeached governor, and warned of the possibilities of the two reaching the primary finals. "The marathon legislature has ended with a requiem for prison concentration, judicial reform, tax equalization, farm relief and a score of other achievements so often pledged," said Davidson's statement.

"On the one hand we see a petulant boy, blaming the legislature for damage to his playthings; on the other, that crafty old political pug, James E. Ferguson, fondly hoping that his statehouse bout will be but the preliminary to a knockout political victory for himself."

Davidson, in giving out the statement, said it could in no way be construed as an announcement of his candidacy for governor.

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Dora Doings

Nolan county has on a rain campaign and, if anyone knows of an adequate remedy, please speak now.

We regret to report that Mr. Walter Duncan improves very slowly after a stroke of paralysis last week.

Others on the sick list are little Cleon Perry, Grace Huff, J. C. Rogers and H. Phillips.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hardy have announced the marriage of their son, Chapel, to Miss Velma Boyd in Dallas March the first.

Rev. and Mrs. Biggs were called to Snyder Monday for the funeral of Mr. Oliver, an old friend and neighbor of theirs.

Mrs. Pattie Elliott spent several days last week in Merkel visiting relatives.

Mrs. Gus Koerth and daughter were visitors at the Fort Worth Fat Stock show last week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Reynolds spent most of the week at Dora with their daughters, Mesdames Perry and Dudley.

Several from here attended the

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Methodist conference at Shep Saturday.

Mrs. Rape and son made a business trip to Merkel Saturday.

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BY WAY OF NEWSPAPER HISTORY.

Under the caption, "Somewhat Salu-
tatory," M. J. Cox editor and founder
of the Merkel Mail, wrote in part as
follows in the initial number of this
paper, published March 20, 1890:

"It is usual, in establishing a paper,
or on changing management, to inflict
a long-suffering public with a salu-
tatory. We will try to dispense with
this luxury as much as possible this
time. In establishing the Mail, we did
not do it to 'fill a long-felt want,'
but purely as a business venture. We
very naturally supposed that a town
of 700 inhabitants, which has doubled
its population in six months, located
in one of the best agricultural districts
of Texas, with a dozen business houses,
ought to support a live newspaper and
as a consequence we are here. We are
proud to state that we start out with
the undivided support of the town, and
as long as we get this we will publish
a paper commensurate with the needs
of the town, with democratic princi-
ples, and which will put forth its best
efforts in pushing the claims, first
of Merkel, then of Taylor county and
then of Western Texas as the Mecca
of the pilgrim of the east seeking
greener fields and pastures new."

While not the first "devil," A. H.
Thornton tells us that he started in
the Mail office at the age of 18 at the
usual stipend for "devils" at that time,
viz., his board and room. He worked
about two years and recalls the equip-
ment consisted mostly of one George
Washington hand press. As he recalls
it, the first location was on Front
street just east of where the Bob Mar-
tin Grocery is now located and at the
time of his employment the office was
in a frame building on the corner
where the Darsey Furniture company
now stands.

Successors to M. J. Cox, the founder,
were J. C. Calvert, now deceased; Ed
Leeman, who is living somewhere in
Oklahoma, according to information
given us; J. M. Fryar, who is now a
Methodist preacher in Arkansas,
and J. G. Jackson, who was editor of
the paper twenty years ago, the ear-
liest files in the office of the pub-
lishers and from which the interesting
column, "Twenty Years Ago," is being
selected. Mr. Jackson was killed a few
years ago in an accident in the oil
fields.

Following J. G. Jackson, Homer
Easterwood was editor for several
years. He being now cashier of a bank
at Taft, Texas. He sold to Walter A.
Jackson, now educational director of
the First Baptist church at Abilene,
and from him the ownership passed to
Thos. Durham in about 1920. Mr.
Durham disposed of his interests Sep-
tember 1, 1928, to J. J. Hutchison,
George E. Caple and C. J. Glover, Jr.,
all formerly of Waco. May 1, 1929,
George Caple and C. J. Glover, Jr.
bought out Mr. Hutchison's interests
and are now owners and publishers.

The present management wishes to
thank all the people and business in-
terests of Merkel and this section for
their cordial reception and loyal sup-
port, exemplifying "the true spirit of
the west," and to bespeak a contin-
uance of this much prized friendship
and goodwill in the years which are to
come.

SINGING CONVENTION.

The fifth Sunday has rolled around
again and it's time for our big con-
vention; so let's all get to Noodle Sun-
day morning, ready to begin singing
promptly at 10 o'clock. Come and bring
all your books and also your dinner
to the new school building and let's
have a real day of enjoyment, singing,
eating and praising the Lord. We have
the promise of some quartets and lots
of good singers. If you sing or love
music, come and we guarantee satis-
faction to all. I am sure Mr. Bicknell
and Mr. Jenkins, assisted by the other
good people of Noodle, will have every-
thing right to the point, as they have
never failed so far and I feel sure
they will leave nothing undone to
make it a perfect day of rejoicing. So
please be on time. We start at 10
o'clock.

Tom Spears.

NOTICE.

To my friends and customers: I
have moved to Lackey's City Barber
Shop on Front street and will be glad
to see all my old customers as well as
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SUNDAY EVENING AT SEVEN
O'CLOCK.

Instead of the regular sermon next
Lord's day we shall have something
better. Our young men have made
wonderful improvements in our devel-
opment class which meets at seven
o'clock, so they will have a large part
in the following program for the eleven
o'clock hour:

SAYINGS ON THE CROSS.

Scriptural reading and prayer by
Elmer Adeock.

1. "Father, forgive them; for they
know not what they do." (Luke 23:34)
Herman Abernathy.

2. "Today shalt thou be with me in
Paradise." (Luke 23:39-43.) O. W.
Paine.

3. "Woman, behold, they son!" (Jn.
19:25-27.) R. L. Adeock.

4. "My God, My God, Why hast thou
forsaken me?" (Mt. 27:45-49.) W. C.
Tipton.

5. "I thirst." (Jn. 19:28-29.) J. S.
Stalls.

6. "It is finished." (Jn. 19:30.) J.
A. Buford.

7. "Father, into thy hands I com-
mend my spirit." (Lk. 23:44-45.) O.
J. Adeock.

Each speaker will consume from
five to seven minutes. These speeches
and the special songs for the occasion
will be very instructive. There will be a
song service at the evening hour in-
stead of the sermon, to which all are
invited.

J. G. Malphurs, Minister.

SENIOR LEAGUE.

The Senior Epworth league of St.
Paul's church at Abilene is going to
present a program to our Senior
Leaguers next Sunday evening at
seven o'clock. Every single leaguer
should come, and give them a royal
welcome and hearing.

Tell your fellow leaguers and bring
as many as you can to the special pro-
gram next Sunday afternoon.

AT THE METHODIST CHURCH.

The men's Revival begins next Sun-
day and the Methodist church and its
pastor are cooperating to the fullest
extent of their ability. All services
next Sunday and next week will be in
accord with the plans of the meeting.
Let's pray and work that God may
visit our community with a great re-
vival.

T. C. Willett, Pastor.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The following is the program for
the W. M. S. for Monday, March 31:

Song.
Devotional, Mrs. Hutcheson.
Topic, "The Christian Ideal of Mar-
riage."
Prayer.
Song.
"The Home as a School of Good
Citizenship," Mrs. Brown.
"The Home Teaching Citizenship,"
Mrs. Armstrong.
Bulletin, Mrs. Touchstone.

LEAGUE PROGRAM.

Song.
Prayer.
Song.
Scripture lesson, 23rd Psalm, by
Nell Hughes.
Story of "The Blue Bird," by A. C.
Sears.
Story, "Next to Heaven," by Don
Swafford.
Story, "The Rabbit's Challenge," by
Willie B. Toombs.
Bible story by Armie Love Toombs.
The Lord's Prayer.
Benediction.
Everybody is urged to remember to
come at 6 o'clock.

MEN'S PRAYER MEETING.

On the opening day of the union
revival meeting in Merkel, which is
being arranged by those who have
sponsored the Sunday afternoon pray-
er meetings, A. R. Johnston will be
the leader and the services will be
held at the Presbyterian church. The
lesson will be the first seven verses of
the fourth chapter of the Ephesians.
Mr. Johnston has especially requested
everyone to bring his Bible and be
prepared to take part in the service.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

Surpassing the attendance on that
Sunday just before Christmas when
the figures totaled 861, there was a
total of 870 present at the five report-
ing Sunday Schools in Merkel last
Sunday and sets a new record of at-
tendance. The Methodist Sunday
School led with 311 present, while the
Baptist Sunday School was only one

behind, their attendance being 310.
The Church of Christ had 110 present,
the Presbyterian 97 and the Nazarene
church 42.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Be on
time, not only to count, but for the
good you may be to your class and the
help you get from it. Preaching ser-
vice at 11 a. m. If necessary to make
a change of service, it will be announ-
ced at the Sunday School. The even-
ing service will be arranged by a
committee of the revival, if Brother
Joyner does not get here before Mon-
day.

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

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE.

We were delighted to see the in-
creased number in church attendance last
Sunday. Especially at the evening ser-
vice. Put forth a special effort and
come in time for Sunday School.

Due to the fact that the pastor was
called out of town last week, Rev. S.
W. Buzbee was asked to preach at the
eleven o'clock hour last Sunday. The
subject was "Unbelief," founded upon
the Text Matt. 13:58, "And He did not
many mighty works there because of
their unbelief." After listening to this
earnest message it made us feel like
crying out as did the father of the sick
child in Mark's gospel, "Lord I believe,
help thou mine unbelief."

Let's not forget to pray much for
the revival that is to begin in our
town right away. "Lift up your eyes
and look on the fields; for they are
white already to harvest." Jno. 4:35.
"The harvest truly is plenteous, but
the labourers are few." Matt. 9:37.

There are 168 hours in a week. Can
you spare three of them next Sunday
for worship in the House of God.
A cordial welcome to all our ser-
vices.

Leona Forbes, Pastor.

SENIOR B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM

Subject: The New Testament and
Modern Missions.
Introduction, Fannie Belle Boaz.
The Motive of Missions, Comer
Haynes.

The Methods of Missions, Himalaya
Swafford.

The Ministry of Missions, Ida Mae
Derstine.

The Maintenance of Missions, Mrs.
Cooper.

B. Y. P. U. INTERMEDIATE.

Subject: "The Foreigners in our
Midst."

First part, John A. Jones.
Second part, Lois Beasley.
Third part, Howard Carson.
Fourth part, H. C. Toombs.
Fifth part, Dallas Sharp.

Visitors are always welcome.
Everybody is invited to the B. Y. P. U.
Sunday evening.

BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENTS.

All the regular services Sunday and
during the week. At the 11 o'clock
hour, the time will be devoted to a
church conference and the evening
service will be dispensed with to give
way to the laymen's meeting at the
Methodist church.

At Blair School.

The following black face program
is to be given at the Blair school Fri-
day, March 28, for which an admis-
sion price of 10 and 15 cents will be
charged and the proceeds to go to
school fund:

Song, High school students.
Reading, Odell Latimer.
Music, Monta Moore and Loyd Mat-
thews.
Reading, Clara Lee Peterson.
Music, supplied.
Reading, Lena Lee Demere.
Song, Odger Matthews.
Music, supplied.
Reading, Riley James.
Music, G. I. Clinton.
Play, Eliza Rosewater's Divorce
Case.
Song, Z. V. Moore and Ira Cavitt.
Plantation songs, players.

Attends Dental Society.

Dr. L. C. Zehnfennig attended the
monthly meeting of the Taylor Coun-
ty Dental society in Abilene, which
was held Wednesday evening in the
Medical Arts building. The principal
speaker was Dr. W. A. Clements of
Wichita, Kans., whose subject was
"Construction of Full and Partial Den-
ture." About fifteen members were
present, Dr. Zehnfennig states.

NEW WTCU HEAD

(Continued from Page One)
W. G. Swenson, P. W. Campbell, R.
M. Wolfe and Earl R. Hoppe.

In paying tribute to the memory of
the late president, Mr. Kennedy char-
acterized him as a "valued friend and
leader." Resolutions were also adopted
by the board of directors paying tri-
bute to their late leader.

SOCIETY

JENKINS-STEADMAN.

At 9:30 last Saturday morning at
the home of Mrs. Sam Young in Abi-
lene, Miss Audy Faye Steadman,
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Stead-
man of that city, and H. H. Jenkins,
one of Merkel's progressive young
business men, were united in marriage,
the Rev. J. C. Burkett performing the
ceremony.

The bride was reared in Fort Worth
where she attended school and gradu-
ated, later entering Simmons Uni-
versity when her family moved to
Abilene. She is an accomplished young
lady, of pleasing manner and person-
ality and a natural capacity for mak-
ing friends. Mr. Jenkins came to Mer-
kel about two months ago from Wink,
Texas, where he had been engaged in
the drug business, having previously
also been in business in Oklahoma
City, and purchased the City Drug
store here. He has made many friends
since becoming identified with Merkel
business life and is affiliated with the
Lions club.

After a brief honeymoon in San
Antonio, they are at home at 1942
South Seventh street, Abilene.

CHICAGO VISITOR HONORED.

Mesdames E. Yates Brown and W.
S. J. Brown entertained on Thursday
afternoon of last week honoring Mrs.
Melvin Evans of Chicago in the hand-
some house of Mrs. Brown.

All party appointments heralded
the approach of spring on tables ar-
ranged for games of bridge and 42
and at tea time a delectable salad
plate was served to Mesdames Evans,
H. B. Tandy, John Cox, Sie Hamm,
Robert McBean, Warren Smith, S. D.
Gamble, C. B. Gardner, Bob May-
field, C. H. Jones, Tom Largent, Sam
Swann, R. O. Anderson, L. B. Scott,
Elmer Lowe, W. J. Largent, Booth
Warren, Dee Grimes, A. R. Booth, F.
Y. Gaither, Earl Lassiter, L. B. How-
ard, W. T. Sadler, F. C. McFarland,
R. I. Grimes, Misses Dona Loyless,
Johnnie Sears, Lucy Tracy, Iva Bragg,
Christine Collins, Lola Dennis, Mrs.
L. N. Brown and the hostesses.

THURSDAY NIGHT BRIDGE CLUB.

Miss Christine Collins entertained
her club on Friday evening with bridge
games and music. A sandwich course
was served to Misses Dona Loyless,
Iva Bragg, Vera Baker, Evelyn Curb,
Mona Margaret Jones, Johnnie Sears,
Lola Dennis, Mrs. Robert McBean and
the hostess.

LUNCHEON.

Mrs. William H. Eysen extended
hospitality to a few ladies at luncheon
last Thursday in her home on South
Eighth street, Abilene.

Tall pink tapers in silver holders at
each end of the long table shed a soft
glow of light on the large silver cen-
ter-piece filled with colorful sweet
peas. An enjoyable four course lunch-
con was served to Mesdames Ross Fer-
rier, Tom Largent, Amy Sears, Sam
Swann, Chas. H. Jones, Misses Mona
Margaret Jones, Mary Eula Sears and
the hostess.

ANNIVERSARY DINNER.

It being the occasion of their 28th
wedding anniversary, Mr. and Mrs.
Calvert, who reside south of Sweet-
water, invited a number from Merkel
as their Sunday dinner guests. In-
cluded in the list were Mrs. Calvert,
Mrs. C. K. Russell and two daughters,
Misses Anna Lou and Mary Jo, Mrs.
P. H. Latham, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Mar-
tin and Miss Julia Martin. Mr. and
Mrs. John Morgan of Lubock were also
in attendance to enjoy both the
sumptuous feast and a happy meeting
with relatives.

MERKEL W. M. S. HOSTESS FOR TRENT METHODIST LADIES.

Merkel proved to be a very gracious
hostess for the Trent and Tye auxil-
iaries of the W. M. S. for a brief ser-
vice on Monday afternoon. The guests
were entertained musically by Mrs.
C. W. Delmer, Master Dee Haile and
Miss Ethel Hamilton, with piano,
violin and vocal solos, respectively.
Miss Hamilton and Master Haile
were accompanied by Mrs. Delmer at
the piano. Miss Mabel Corinne Mor-
ton then favored them with a saxo-
phone solo, accompanied by Mrs. John
Rider. Mrs. R. A. Burgess very ably
told of her trip to the council at Ama-
rillo.

The guests were then invited to the
basement and served with a deli-
cious salad plate. Out-of-town guests
enjoying this gracious hospitality
were Mesdames C. R. Shannon, E. L.
Mangum, R. B. McRee, Sr., R. B.
Johnson, John Payne, J. K. P. Winn,
M. G. Scott and Masters Billy Payne
and Billy Wayne Shannon.

Have few bales bright Peanut hay—
heavy bales.
SWAFFORD.
Phone 44.

MATTERS MUSICAL

PROGRAM FOR THE SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICE.

Song, congregation.
Prayer, Rev. R. A. Walker.
Song, congregation.
Solo, "Dear Lord, Remember Me,"
Miss Mona Margaret Jones.
Announcements.
Duet, "Trusting," Miss Christine
Collins and Mrs. W. L. Diltz, Jr.
Offering.
Quartet, "Lead Thou My Soul."
Talks, by members of the men's
prayer meeting.
Congregational song.
Benediction, Rev. T. C. Willett.

The C. W. Delmers gave a delightful
program over KFYO Wednesday even-
ing from 7 till 8. The numbers were
saxophone, xylophone and piano selec-
tions, both classical and popular, play-
ed by Mr. and Mrs. Delmer, and were
received by a most appreciative audi-
ence.

BAND CONCERT PROGRAM.

The following program will be ren-
dered in front of the Merkel Drug
company this Thursday evening, be-
ginning at 6 o'clock:

- 1. Robinson Grand Entree—march.
- 2. "Sons of Veterans"—march.
- 3. Honey Boys on Parade—march.
- 4. Overture, "The Gypsy Festival."
- 5. Columbia University—march.
- 6. Sacred overture, "Sing, Oh Sing,
this Blessed Morn."
- 7. Lassus Trombone, a trombone
smear.
- 8. "The Viking," march.
- 9. "Star Spangled Banner."

No. 4, "The Gypsy Festival," is the
overture to be played by all the two
year bands entering the West Texas
Band contest to be held in Abilene
May 29, 30 and 31. Very likely the
Merkel Booster band will enter this
contest. Be sure and hear this over-
ture played this Thursday night.

Dean Murray Given Marked Honor at AMC

College Station, March 27.—Dean
Murray, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. L.
Murray of Merkel, who is attending
the A. & M. college of Texas, has been
recently elected to the position of as-
sistant operator of the Electrical En-
gineering exhibit. This exhibit is to
take place on Engineering Day, May
11, and the plans for this program
are progressing very rapidly.

The Electrical Engineering depart-
ment hopes to win the prize for sub-
mitting the best exhibit of all the
Engineering departments, and with
such capable assistance success is
assured.

Associational BYPU Meets Here Sunday

Next Sunday, March 30, the B. Y.
P. U. workers of the Sweetwater As-
sociation will gather at the First Bap-
tist church at Merkel for the first
meeting of the Sweetwater Associa-
tional B. Y. P. U. in 1930. It is ex-
pected that about 800 will attend.

The program arranged is unusual
in that the talks are shorter than is
customary at such gatherings, there
being a number of two minute talks.
These talks will cover many phases
of B. Y. P. U. work. Earl Slaughter
of Simmons is president of the organi-
zation.

The program is as follows:

- 2:00 p. m.—Prayer and praise serv-
ice—R. M. Crabb.
- 2:10—The Value of a B. Y. P. U.
training school to a church—David
Phillips, South Side Baptist Church,
Abilene.
- 2:20—Business—reports—awarding
of banners.
- 2:35—Special music—Trio.
- 2:40—How to Make the Bible Drill
"Register," Curtis Owens.
- 2:44—Five two-minute talks:
The Social Committee's Work on
Sunday Evening—Lowell Sharbutt,
Caps; The Best B. Y. P. U. program
I Ever Heard—Miss Elsie George,
Lamar Street church, Sweetwater;
Who Should Be Leaders and Spon-
sors—Eugene Hardin, First Baptist
church, Sweetwater; How to Secure
Leaders and Sponsors—E. Y. Brown,
Merkel; How We Advertise our Pro-
grams—Margaret Thompson, Univer-
sity Baptist church, Abilene.
- 2:54—Special music—Duet.
- 2:59—Round Table Discussion on
"The Weakest Point in my B. Y. P.
U.," conducted by J. Lee Tarpley, Uni-
versity Baptist church, Abilene.
- 3:07—Why the Primary B. Y. P.
U.—Farol Haynes, First Baptist
church, Coleman.
- 3:10—One-minute talks on the re-
cent training schools: Abilene, First,
—Mack Franklin; South Side—Mau-
rine Champion; Emmanuel—Everett
Milam; Trent—Mary Boyd; Caps—
Laura Robertson; High Point—De-
Witt Howdle; Merkel; Sweetwater,
First; Lamar Street; Tye—Lula Has-
sey; Blackwell; Ovalo—John Har-
rison.
- 3:22—B. Y. P. U. Evangelism—
Stanley Taylor.
- 3:30—Adjourn.

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Just opened on Bankhead highway
East of Gulf Station, Mack Fowle
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ANNOUNCEMENTS POLITICAL

(Subject to the action of the Democratic Primary in July.)
 For Congress, 17th district:
 R. Q. LEE, (Re-election.)
 For District Attorney 42nd district:
 J. R. (Bob) BLACK, (Re-election.)
 For Sheriff:
 H. T. O'BAR, (Re-election.)
 E. R. (Chas.) WALDROP.
 N. L. SEALE.
 For County Clerk:
 W. P. BOUNDS, (Re-election.)
 For County Treasurer:
 AUSTIN FITTS, (Re-election.)
 For Tax Collector:
 EARL HUGHES, (Re-election.)
 For Tax Assessor:
 J. T. HOWARD, (Re-election.)
 H. F. LONG.
 For District Clerk:
 BELLE WELLBORN, (Re-election.)
 For County Attorney:
 GRAY BROWNE.
 WILEY L. CAFFEY.
 For County Superintendent:
 M. A. WILLIAMS.
 For Commissioner, Precinct No. 2:
 W. H. FRAZIER.
 P. A. DILTZ, (Re-election.)
 W. L. BLAIR.
 RUFÉ TITTLE.
 THOMAS A. BEARDEN.
 JOHN J. TOOMBS.
 For Public Weigher, Precinct No. 5:
 S. A. (Sam) BANKSTON.
 I. N. BROWN.
 DENT GIBSON.
 DENZEL COX.
 A. D. FULTON.
 T. D. COMPTON.
 OSCAR W. WALKER.
 HOUSTON ROBERTSON.
 CITY OFFICES.
 For Alderman:
 BOOTH WARREN (Re-election.)
 T. G. BRAGG.
 HERBERT PATTERSON.
 L. L. MURRAY.
 L. R. THOMPSON.

Every Citizen Urged Assist School Census

During the past week, R. J. Miller has been taking the school census for the Merkel Independent School district. It is very important that every child within the scholastic age be enrolled on this census. It makes no difference whether the child is in school now or not, whether the child is soon to move or not, or whether the child is graduating from school in June or July. He should be on this census if he is still within the scholastic age. Every child thus enumerated on the census means that Merkel will get about \$17.00 from the state. This means that less will have to be locally raised to run the school.

Every child that will be six years old or over on or before September 1, 1930, and who is under eighteen on that date should be on the census. This means every child. It makes no difference where the parents may be next month or next year. If the child is here now, he should be enumerated. It should be noted that this year the six-year-old child is also to be enumerated. Children who are eighteen or over on or before September 1st, 1930, are not to be enumerated but they may attend school until they are twenty-one without pay.

If anybody knows of any child within the Merkel Independent School district who is within the above mentioned ages and whom the census taker has missed, they should notify Mrs. Len Sublett, Supt. Burgess or Mr. R. J. Miller so the child may be enumerated. Your cooperation in this matter now means just that much more money which Merkel will get from the state for her schools. High School telephone is 174.

Falling Wire In Fire Injures Man

Trent, March 27.—Fire believed to have originated from a break in the flue completely destroyed the six-room frame residence of Mr. and Mrs. James P. Waters here late Tuesday night. Although lack of water handicapped work of fighting the flames, all furniture in the house was saved, and the nearby residence of Bud Burks was kept undamaged. Loss of the Waters structure was estimated at \$2,000.

Ed Hamner of Trent, aiding in carrying furniture from the house was injured about the head and shoulders when a pipe, erected above the house as a radio aerial support fell on him as the roof crashed in. Hamner received a gash in the back of his head but was not confined to his bed today. No one was at home when the fire broke out, about 11 o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. Waters had driven to Goodman, where she teaches school.

Take our advice. If you pay cash—then buy at a cash store—Boston Bargain Store. "Cash makes the price lower."

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MILK COW—One choice milk cow and young calf for sale. Lee Baker.

FOR SALE—A \$160.00 deposit on any new Chevrolet Six with the Massey-Woods Motor Company of Trent; car to be delivered when called for. Will sell this deposit for \$110.00. John L. Camp, 519 Mims Bldg., Abilene, Texas. Phone 4814.

USED FARMALL cultivator and planter and three disc plow for sale. T. E. Jones, Abilene, Texas, Box 423.

FIRST YEAR Melbane cotton seed. \$1.40 per bushel, Claude Touchstone.

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FOR SALE—Used farm implements; also one used Farmall tractor. See Harry Barnett.

FOR MEXICAN CHILI, hamburgers and lunches, see O. D. Cypert at Wozencraft's stand.

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Modern 4-room house and bath. Mrs. R. I. Grimes. Phone 165.

FOR SERVICE—Jersey male at my farm. Please leave check if I am not at home. Hollis McCoy.

FOR RENT—Furnished or unfurnished apartment on Oak street; modern conveniences. Mrs. E. M. McDonald.

NICE NEW HOUSES one block of Grammar school from 3 to 5 rooms; will rent \$5 to \$10 to small families. John S. Hughes.

WANTED

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

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—Bunch of three keys in tan leather case. Please return to Merkel Mail.

LEGAL NOTICE.

NOTICE TO DEPOSITORS AND CREDITORS OF THE FARMERS STATE BANK OF MERKEL, TEXAS

The Farmers State Bank, Merkel, Texas, closed its doors on the 10th day of February, A. D. 1930, and is now being liquidated by me as provided by law. If you have a claim against said bank you are hereby notified to present the same with legal proof thereof to me at Austin, Texas, within ninety days after the 21st day of March, A. D. 1930.

Form for proof of claim will be mailed to every known creditor, and additional forms can be procured from the office of the Banking Commissioner, Austin, Texas.

JAMES SHAW,

Banking Commissioner of Texas. Dated at Austin, Texas, this 21st day of March, A. D. 1930.

LODGE NOTICES

Merkel Chapter Royal Arch Masons meets on first Thursday night of each month. Visitors cordially invited.
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March 30-31

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Can you beat a line up like that—and all in one picture.

MIDNITE

PREVIEW

Saturday March 29
At 11:20 p. m.

"HIT THE DECK"

Personal Mention

Messrs. Paul Causseaux and Max Swafford are in San Antonio this week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Brubeck from Eldorado were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Caple.

Friends will regret to learn that Byron Bull has been confined to his home on account of illness.

Mrs. Mason Pee and children and Miss Vada Floyd of Sweetwater visited relatives and friends here Monday.

Mrs. Robert McBean and two children of Dallas are the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Brown.

Mrs. H. B. Tandy and children of Abilene were recent guests of Misses Christine Collins and Iva Bragg for a short visit.

Mrs. M. A. Newman of Wichita Falls is here for an extended visit with her daughter, Mrs. C. W. Tipton and family.

E. Yates Brown was joined by Forest Sears of Snyder in attending the meeting of Federated managers in Dallas Tuesday.

En route to Big Spring, George B. Spencer and Louie Lawton of Waco paid Mr. and Mrs. George Caple a short visit recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Higgins and Mrs. H. W. Hester spent Saturday and Sunday at Tahoka, visiting their sister, Mrs. F. O. Jaynes.

After a visit with his mother, Mrs. M. E. Campbell, and other relatives, W. A. Tittle and family have returned to their home in Brownfield.

Mrs. C. R. Tittle and children and Mrs. W. L. Fugate made a week-end visit to Austin to see Mrs. Tittle's son, Weldon, who is in school there.

The many friends of Mrs. Alice Hines will be glad to know that after three weeks in a sanitarium at Cisco she is recovering and will be home Sunday.

After an absence of 17 years, O. D. Cypert and family have moved from Rule back to Merkel. Mr. Cypert is engaged in the chili and hamburger business on Front street.

Mrs. Ed Collins and daughter, Miss Warren, of Pecos, who formerly lived here, accompanied by Mrs. Dora Means and son, John Zac, stopped over Sunday for a brief visit with Mrs. J. H. Ensiminger.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lee and little daughter, formerly of Lubbock but temporarily located at Sweetwater, are frequent guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Caple and spent one evening of this week with them.

Having disposed of their interests in the Crown Hardware company, J. H. Edwards, who is an inspector in the motor transport division of the highway department, and family, also T. G. Edwards will remove to Tahoka. While regretting to lose these good citizens, our best wishes go with them to their new home.

Reports from the bedside of Mrs. W. A. Whiteley at Brownwood Thursday were to the effect that she was slightly improved after going to Brownwood on account of the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. S. F. Kennedy, she was taken sick herself. Her condition has been quite serious, on account of which not only her husband has been in constant attendance but her brothers and sisters from various parts of Texas had also come to Brownwood to be with her and their mother.

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SWAFFORD

Phone 44

April 7 Trial Date For Former Marshal

The trial of W. F. Denny, former city marshal, charged with assault with intent to murder in connection with the shooting of P. L. Frederickson at the entrance to the city hall here late Monday afternoon, March 3, has been set for trial in the 104th district court at Abilene Monday, April 7.

At his examining trial Denny was allowed bond in the sum of \$2,500 to await the action of the grand jury. He was indicted by the latter body last Saturday in connection with the affair and bond was reduced to \$2,000 following the grand jury indictment. His bondsmen are N. A. Dowell and C. T. Derrick.

Mr. Frederickson, who has been at the Merkel Sanitarium since he was shot, is reported as "slowly improving," but he will probably have to remain in the sanitarium for two weeks more, according to his physician's report.

Merkel Girl Seeks Science Degree CIA

Denton, March 27.—Miss Mary Hutcheson, Merkel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson, is named by the College of Industrial Arts as one of the 194 seniors requesting degrees at the commencement exercises in June. Graduation ceremonies will be held in the college auditorium Monday morning, June 2, at 9:30.

Miss Hutcheson has majored in education and English and has also taken extensive work in sociology. She will receive a bachelor of science degree.

Many New Bureau Members.

A number of prominent farmers and land owners have recently affiliated with the Farm Bureau Gin organization, according to A. J. Canon, manager. Among those who have joined lately are J. L. Baker, Sam Butman, Sr., and the Williamson Bros. of Trent. The Farm Bureau as a statewide organization was recognized as fitting into the cooperative marketing plan as proposed by the federal farm board and hence members of the Farm Bureau Gin are very fortunate in the affiliation that was already established.

Have few bales bright Peanut hay—heavy bales.
SWAFFORD.
Phone 44.

Ten-Year-Old Girl Heroine of Hawley School House Fire

Hawley, March 27.—Heroism and narrow escapes from death attended the destruction of the old Hawley school building by fire here Monday afternoon, with a loss of from \$12,000 to \$15,000.

Fire which broke out under the staircase of the two-story concrete building where 170 pupils attended classes spread rapidly, and but for the fact that it was the recess period and only a few pupils and teachers were in the building possibly prevented a catastrophe.

Twenty-five pupils and two teachers who were on the second floor made their way to safety as best they could, some running down the stairs and leading the flames and others taking to the fire escape and windows.

Among those who came down the stairs was little Elsie Tarpley, 10 years old—with one small pupil on her shoulder and another under her arm. These two pupils went unidentified, but they owed their lives to the

heroic little girl who refused to become panic-stricken.

Superintendent F. T. Bell, dashing up the stairs, found one of the teachers, Mrs. G. S. Blount, and a pupil, Clifford Clyburn, groping their way through the smoke, almost overcome. He assisted them to the safety of the outside air where they quickly recovered. The other teacher, Miss Cleone Robinson of Fort Worth, escaped without assistance.

Insurance on the building was \$8,000, including \$500 on books. About \$200 in laboratory and science equipment and \$750 in books were among the losses.

Origin of the fire has not been determined, but it is believed to have been the result of spontaneous combustion.

Wants to Thank Friends.

Aunt Dollie Matthews, who suffered the misfortune of breaking her leg about ten days ago, has asked the Mail to extend thanks to her many friends and loved ones for their kindness and help during the time when she has been incapacitated. Her husband and children also join in expressing their thanks.



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THE BADGER WEEKLY

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MERKEL HIGH PLAYERS ENTER ONE-ACT PLAY CONTEST.

The district meet for the one-act play contest is to be held at Sweetwater on Wednesday and Thursday, March 26 and 27, with A. F. Ligon of Sweetwater High school as district manager.

The play entered by the Merkel High School Dramatic club under the direction of Miss Lucy Tracy is to be listed first on the program Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. The play tournament continues Thursday with the finals for Thursday evening. Sweetwater plans to entertain the members of the tournament with a luncheon Thursday at noon.

Three judges have been selected this year rather than one as was selected last year.

The play to be presented by Merkel's representatives is "The Man in the Bowler Hat," by A. A. Milne. The cast includes Lee Darden, Lona Bryan, Doris Brown, Tracy Campbell, J. T. Darsey, Buster Horton and Fred Guitart. These members of the High School Dramatic club have for sometime been diligently working on the play.

The winner of this tournament will meet in the second tournament to be held at Simmons university in two weeks.

DEBATE AT CHAPEL.

On last Thursday morning, March 20, a debate was given in chapel. The subject for debate was: "Resolved that the Sterling Plan for Financing a State System of Highways Should be Adopted in Texas." The debaters were Odell Hunter and Lucille Cole for the affirmative, and Lee Darden and E. L. Turner for the negative.

MERKEL GIRLS ARE CHAMPIONS.

The baseball championship game between the Merkel and Trent girls, that was intended to have been played Tuesday afternoon, was postponed until Wednesday afternoon because of bad weather.

In spite of the fact that their coach, Mrs. Davis, was in the local hospital, the Merkel girls were undaunted and it probably made them play harder. Anyway, they started off leaders the first inning and kept that up to the last second.

The side-lines were crowded with enthusiastic lookers-on, mostly from Merkel.

The Merkel line-up was: Denny, 1ss; Russell, 2b; Owen, r3s; Dye, c; Holden, 3b; Parks, 1b; Hunter, rf; Adcock, p; V. Davis, cf; Mansfield, lf.

The first inning finished with Merkel 4, Trent 1. The game finished with Merkel 31, Trent 19. There was one home run made by Frances Adcock.

VISIT DISTRICT COURT.

Mr. Burgess took his economics class to Abilene Monday morning, March 24, to visit the district court. The class left about 8:15 and arrived in Abilene in time to hear the case of the State of Texas versus Bob Lamb. The charge was the sale of intoxicating liquors.

Judge Chapman was "on the bench," with Frank Smith and Senator Cunningham, the attorneys for the state and Mr. Martin and his law partner for the defense.

While the jury were out for the judge to prepare the charge, Frank Smith talked to the class about criminal law and court procedure. He told them that the main defect of the law system is the length of time it takes to bring a case before court. This particular crime was alleged to have been committed in January, 1929.

Mr. Burgess had planned for the class to go through the West Texas Utilities plant, but instead they stayed to hear the trial. However, they did not stay to hear the jury's report.

The jury came in at 6 o'clock in the afternoon and reported "not guilty."

THE SOPHOMORES.

Only about two more months of school! It doesn't seem possible that in two more months instead of Sophs we shall be Juniors. Of course, when we get to be Juniors we shall still be the same hard working Sophs under a new name that's all.

The Juniors and Seniors have been talking about their great men and women, now just cast an eye in our direction. We are not behind at all, just think we have the cutest girl in

High school; we have the two captains for next year's basketball; we have a number of students in the Choral and Glee clubs; we have a number of good football and basketball players, but most of all we have the "pep" not only just a few of us, but everyone of us.

Our sponsor, Miss Sloan, made a trip to Whitewright this week-end and she reports a marvelous time.

Miss Willie Evelyn Boaz spent Sunday with Miss Nell Durham, in Albany.

"JOKE"

Thelma: "Ida, just feel of my educated bunion."

Ida: "It feels kinda' bumpy."

Thelma: "Yes, I'm going to have it paved."

CHORAL AND GLEE CLUBS.

The clubs finished their study of song forms as well as the opera "Tannhauser" by Wagner last week. At the present notes are being taken on the "String Quartette" and the "Symphony Orchestra."

Watch for the date of "The Last Rehearsal."

FLIGHT!

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Themes of freedom,
Written on air
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Nonchalance.

Wings!
Of silver and black
Made by man.
God-given
And free!

Wings of birds,
Wings of men,
Wings of joy,
Man's wings,
His dreams.

Wings!
Man driven,
God-given,
Stern, exalting,
Wings of silver.

—Beryl Hunter.

INSERT BADGER WEEKLY KNOW YOUR SENIORS OF '30. (A Weekly Article.)

Etcyle Spurgin.
Etcyle Spurgin was born April 25, 1909, near Comper, Texas. He has never moved from this vicinity, starting to school there at the age of 7 and continuing there until last year except for one year when he attended the Stith school. He enrolled here last year as a Senior but was forced to drop out at midterm. He is back this year with a greater determination and he is certainly doing some good work. He lettered in football last year but was not eligible to play this year. He is a good baseball player and is no novice at basketball. He is a worthy member of the K. K. K. P. P. club.

While he is not exactly sure about his future, Etcyle hopes to attend Texas Tech and get his degree in civil or electrical engineering. If that is what he wants, we believe that is what he will get because Etcyle has the "grit" and the knowledge to win.

Eleanor Mae Hamilton.

Eleanor Mae Hamilton was born on May 25, 1913, at Merkel. She entered Merkel Grammar School at the age of 5 and graduated from there in 1926.

She entered Merkel High school a carefree, young Freshman whose grades were fair and whose winning ways soon gathered about her a group of faithful pals she will never lose.

Eleanor Mae has carried out the advice of the poet in his verse "gather ye rosebuds while ye may—" through-

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During her High school career Eleanor Mae has been a member of the Spanish club, M. H. S. Players' club, Junior Girls' club, B. B. G. club and served as reporter for the Junior Girls' club.

Beryl Hunter.

Beryl Hunter was born on March 22, 1913, at Merkel, Texas. After a few years in Merkel, the family moved to southern New Mexico, and, in 1915, they moved on farther north in the same state. They settled in Quemado, where Beryl at the age of six, entered school.

In 1925, when Beryl was in the sixth grade, they moved back to Merkel. Her entire High school life has been spent in the Merkel High school as a Senior of 1930. She has served in the position of literary editor of the Badger and secretary of the M. H. S. Players club. She is a member of the B. B. G. club. During her Junior year

she was a member of the Junior Girls club and literary editor of the Badger Weekly. She has distinguished herself in high school with her excellent grades and her poetic ability.

PI MU SOCIETY.

The piano pupils will give a play, "The Magic Spell," Friday morning in the Grammar School auditorium at 8:45. Parents and friends are cordially invited.

LOUIS CARSON'S LETTER DECLARED BEST.

The sixth grade English class wrote letters to the Coca-Cola Bottling company, of Abilene, Texas last week thanking them for the book covers that they have furnished us during the year. They chose the one Louis Carson wrote as the best. For writing the best letter, the company sent him a case of miniature Coca-Cola bottles, filled and capped.

Texas has 5,667,000 head of cattle, 1,028,000 hogs and 5,500,000 sheep on farms. Cattle showed an increase of 271,000 and sheep 363,000, but hogs decreased in number 172,000.

Legal covers at Merkel Mail office

Briton Seeks to Show Bible True History

London, March 27.—A fortune is being spent by Sir Charles Marston, of Turnbridge Wells, Kent, and Wolverhampton, to prove the Bible historically true.

Sir Charles, an ex-manufacturer and author of works on religion and industrial topics, takes pride in his numerous connections with America. His wife, Lady Marston, was Ruth Miller of Ithaca, N. Y., the daughter of a prominent architect who designed the library of Cornell University. His two daughters are in the United States at present. The eldest, Marjorie, who is studying at Vassar, is head of the International Student's association.

Sir Charles is a member of the American society in London and of several other British-American organizations. He is also a member of the House of Laity of the Church of England assembly.

"I began spending about eight years ago, and I began with a perfectly open mind," he said in an interview.

"I am satisfied, and so are those working for me and with me in Pal-

estine, Iraq and Egypt, of the historical accuracy of the Bible. People who know nothing of the history of Palestine are always ready to declare the Bible a myth.

"The excavations of Professor Walter Garstang at Jericho, of Doctor Langdon at Kish, in Iraq, and Doctor Flinders Petrie at Gerer, in South Palestine, have abundantly proved that the Old Testament Bible story is anything but a myth.

"People used to regard the walls of Jericho as merely a Biblical myth. Now Professor Garstang has discovered the walls."

TELEPHONE THE MAIL

The Mail will be glad to receive news of entertainments or visitors in Merkel homes, as well as other news items of a general nature. If you have company, entertain friends or return from a trip please telephone 61 or 29.

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Perhaps there is nothing new under the sun, but the new uses often found for old things are amazing enough to keep us interested in life. For instance, seaweed.

When the hogs owned by J. M. Ballard, of Indiana, won the grand championship at the last International Livestock show in Chicago, most of the farmers who inquired about their diet were amazed to find that they were being fed kelp, a rough brown-leaf seaweed that grows in profusion off both American coasts.

Prof. Oscar Erf, of the Ohio State university, was the first to experiment with kelp as live stock feed. His success prompted experiments at Purdue university, and later ones at the Iowa and Utah agricultural experiment stations. It was found that the weed contained at least 30 important chemical elements and was especially rich in iodine, in which several regions of the country are deficient, says the Farm Journal. Mixed in a very small proportion with other feed it proved to have decidedly valuable medicinal qualities.

Not only has this addition to animal diet helped the animals, it also is providing a means of supplying iodine to the human population.

"It has been definitely proved that by using kelp in a cow's ration iodine can be fed into the milk. Chicago physicians are recommending this iodized milk to their patients," says the Farm Journal article, adding that similar experiments with eggs are proving successful.

Strangely enough, kelp has been used for many years in the making of iodine itself, although it never occurred to anyone that its health-giving properties could be transmitted directly to human and animal uses. That is, it had never occurred to anyone in the United States until recently. Over in Japan, wise little Orientals have been eating seaweed for ages, and Occidental visitors generally have regarded it as a primitive habit.

Good Market Seen for Right Kind of Colts

For about the first time in 15 years the old-time horse dealer is in his glory now, says W. H. Peters, chief of the division of animal husbandry of the University of Minnesota. This year the demand for horses has been such that most any old kind of a horse could be sold for some kind of a price and any good horse could be sold for a good price.

"The time has finally arrived," says Professor Peters, "when all that farmers need to do to insure a good profitable horse market for several years to come is to go ahead and raise colts provided they have good big mares to mate to good big stallions."

"The need for horses is so great, however, that many farmers are likely to decide to begin raising colts from whatever mares they have, the common, inferior ones as well as the good, big ones. This will be the quickest and surest way of creating an over supply of inferior horses in a few years and destroying what would become a permanent profitable market for horses if every farmer would resolve to raise only good, useful colts."

Brood Sows Should Be Fed Very Little Grain

Brood sows should be given very little grain for 24 hours after farrowing but should have all the water they desire. The first feed given after farrowing should be limited in amount and fed as a thin slop. The amount fed is increased gradually as the pigs need more milk, until in 10 or 15 days the sow is being fed all she will eat. The brood sow's ration during the suckling period should be slightly laxative and provide for increased milk production to meet the needs of the pigs.

Economical Gains

At no time in a sheep's life can a more economical gain be made than when the lamb is suckling its mother, and at this time one has to be on the alert lest something is done or neglected to be done so as to hinder its growth, thereby robbing it of its baby fat much earlier than nature intended. The first 90 days of the lamb's life the lamb can, with a little forethought, be made to gain from one-half to a pound per day.

Feeding for Profit

It makes a big difference how a person feeds live stock when it comes to counting profits. The cow that is not fed a balanced ration—a ration such as is required for economical milk production—cannot produce up to her capacity; an improperly fed hog cannot make pork economically and a steer fed nothing but corn and timothy hay or corn stover cannot produce beef at as low a cost as is possible with good feeding. Proper care also is a big factor.

POULTRY FACTS

PUSH LAYING HEN FOR FIVE MONTHS

Five months per year is enough in which to push hens into extra laying by extending the feeding hours through the use of lights. The North Carolina experiment station has just completed its second three-year test with laying hens and finds that the period between November 1 and April 1 is the period to use lights. For the remainder of the year, the birds should be allowed to feed during the normal daylight.

"Beginning with the pullet year, we have subjected hens to 36 consecutive months of 14 feeding hours per day, securing the extra hours by using electric lights," says Dr. B. F. Kaupp, head of the poultry department at state college. "This past year marked the completion of the second such test. Our results show conclusively that a hen must have a rest period between each year of exposure to the extra hours. This is needed that she might replenish her depleted stores of vitamins, minerals and vitality. It is not wise to subject a hen to the extra feeding hours for more than five months of the year, and the time between November 1 and April 1 is recommended."

Doctor Kaupp and his associates have found that a sudden reduction of the feeding hours will be accompanied by premature molting and that regular lighting will always give poor results in securing extra eggs.

Cod Liver Oil May Be Detrimental to Fowls

Prof. Eric Agudhr of Stockholm, Sweden, has issued a report which confirms doubt as to how far cod liver oil may be continued in the poultry ration with desirable results. In his experiments with white mice he found that the continued use of this oil made the animals too fat at the end of the feeding period, that there was a swelling of the bodies, and that various organs had been adversely affected. Other experiments with larger animals gave similar results. While cod liver oil may help temporarily, it is possible that it may be positively harmful if used continuously. Apparently it has had no detrimental effects in experiments in feeding it to poultry on this continent, but before it is made a regular article of diet for poultry, it should be given the most careful and prolonged investigation.

Sodium Fluoride Useful to Destroy Parasites

The best thing to treat hens for lice is sodium fluoride. The best way to apply is to dip each hen, but this can be done only on a warm day. One ounce of sodium fluoride to each gallon of lukewarm water. Grasp the hen by the wings in your left hand and immerse her in the water and ruffle up the feathers with your right hand so that the water will go to the skin. Then hold your hand over her nostrils and mouth and duck her head for a few seconds.

If the weather is too cold to dip, this can be put on dry. Place a good pinch of the powder on the neck, the back, one under each wing, and a good big one under the vent.

Poultry Squibs

Poultry parasites are hardy and can live from four to five months after chickens have been removed from the hen houses unless a strong destroyer is applied.

It takes vigorous pullets with long, broad and deep body developed to shell out eggs in the dead of winter when the thermometer is hovering around the zero mark.

Without some form of animal food, to replace the summer bugs and worms, hens can't lay well, however free-handed you are with grain. This need is supplied by tankage, meat scraps, ground green bone, or skim milk or buttermilk.

Pullets of the heavy breeds can be too fat for laying while it is difficult to get Leghorn pullets overly fat.

The poultry breeder should not be influenced by trifling incidents that irritate the market. He should select and grade his poultry.

The poultry house is both the home of the hen and the factory where winter eggs are produced, and unless it provides suitable living and working conditions the hen cannot be expected to lay well.

Soy bean and clover hay, if brightly cured, may be used to take the place of alfalfa in the poultry ration.

It is much easier to prevent lice and mites getting a start than it is to get rid of them once they get a toe hold.

The Missouri station showed how profitable it is to add animal food to a grain ration. Each pound of tankage or meat scraps, or the equivalent in skim milk (one gallon) brought an extra dozen eggs.

Several Changes in T. & P. Schedules

Effective as of March 16, important changes were announced in passenger schedules of the Texas & Pacific railway, affecting two of the trains that stop here, while the other two continue on the same schedule.

No. 4 eastbound, which has been leaving at 1:22 p. m., does not leave until 2:32 p. m. The eastbound morning train, No. 6, will continue on the same schedule, leaving here at 2:03 a. m.

Westbound No. 9, which has been operating from Fort Worth to Abilene, has been discontinued altogether, while a new train, No. 7, from the east, corresponding to No. 5 heretofore, will leave here at 4:58 a. m., arriving at El Paso at 7 p. m. and making direct connection for California.

Westbound No. 3 will continue to operate on the same schedule, leaving here at 3:15 p. m.

On the new schedule the Sunshine Special, westbound, will leave Abilene at 6:25 p. m., while the Texan, eastbound leaves Abilene on the same schedule time, 9 a. m.

A new eastbound train, starting at Sweetwater, has also been added to the schedule. This train is due here at 11:17 and will stop for passengers to

Fort Worth and east of that point only.

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THE MERKEL MAIL

Trent News and Personal Notes

W. H. Riley and family of Cplman spent Saturday in the home of Hub West.

Little Misses Dorene and Jean Scott were week-end guests of their sister, Mrs. Bob Martin of Loraine.

Miss Magaline Payne was home for the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Reneau of Eskota spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Reneau.

Mrs. J. C. Churchwell and Mrs. Jenkins were Merkel visitors Friday. Herman Abernathy of Merkel visited his parents here Saturday.

Mr. Bigham of Lampasas was in town Saturday greeting old friends.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Terry spent Sunday at Moro.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Butler had as their guests for the week-end Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Prickett and little son, Bobby Jo, of Eastland, and Clara and Annie Pickett of Cisco.

Miss Alexander of Roscoe was the week-end guest of Mrs. Fred Hale.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Keltz and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hardison and son of Vernon were guests of Mrs. J. R. Gafford and Mrs. Walker Steadman Sunday.

Little Miss Irene Davenport of Abilene was the week-end guest of relatives.

Homer Easterwood of Taft spent Saturday night with his mother, Mrs. John Woodard.

Miss Roana Perkins has returned home from a pleasant visit with relatives at Sweetwater.

Miss Artie McCormick of Merkel spent the week-end with her grandmother, Mrs. W. E. Shouse.

Mrs. O. L. Bishop is visiting in Waco at the present time.

Mrs. John Goode is spending a few days in Eastland with her parents.

Miss Christine Folker of Abilene is here at the bedside of Mrs. Buster Edwards, who is ill.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Terry, Mr. and Mrs. John Crain, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Seale and Jim Bright attended the speaking at Sweetwater Monday night when J. Frank Norris spoke.

Mesdames Buena McLeod and Alex Williamson carried a bunch of school children to see the "whale" that was in Abilene Tuesday and Wednesday.

Those going were Duncan and Leonard Stribling, Helen and Hubert McLeod, Jean Terry and Mark Williamson.

The Senior B. Y. P. U. is having a study course this week, "Training in Church Membership," and Mrs. A. C. Terry is teaching the book.

When Mr. and Mrs. Burkhart were driving to Sweetwater last Saturday night, the door on the side of the car where Mrs. Burkhart was riding came open and she sustained severe bruises about the face and body. She is reported as improving at this time.

MRS. TED NORTON HONOREE. In favoring Mrs. Ted Norton, who will be remembered as Miss Rita Adrian, Thursday afternoon with a miscellaneous shower, Mrs. J. C. Hamner emphasized unusually pretty spring decorations with a profusion of butterflies everywhere. Mrs. Rodo Archer favored the bride with music and readings. Junior Archer gave a reading, "Spring" and Miss Rosalie Sorelle also gave a reading.

After games and contests were enjoyed, the gifts were presented to the bride in a large basket. When she lifted the lid a dainty little butterfly flew out in the form of Little Miss Ernestine Massey, who presented the gifts to the bride.

Mesdames T. G. Hamner, Wallace Kelly and Clark Hamner presided over the punch bowl, each guest receiving a butterfly as a favor. Those enjoying the in-honor affair were Mesdames Steadman, Swann, Forrester, Norton, Terry, Roberts, Boyd, Jenkins, Holt, Hamner, Kelly, Hamner, Dowdy, McLeod, Williamson, Reaves, Williamson, Archer, Winters and Hamner and Misses Burgess, Jenkins, Strawn, Joyce, Sheppard, Lillian McRee, Mary Boyd, Margery Adrian and Rosalie Sorelle.

FAMILY REUNION. A happy family reunion at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Smith last Sunday was featured by a sumptuous dinner and in the afternoon group pictures were taken. Those present for the occasion were Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Smith and children, Jim, Madie, Lora and Tina; J. R. Smith; George F. Smith and family of San Angelo; Mr. and Mrs. Ector Smith and baby of Merkel; Floyd Smith and family, Mr. and Mrs. Claud Smith; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Newman and baby, all of Trent; also Mr. Randolph Adams of Sweetwater.

M. E. LADIES ATTEND DISTRICT MEET. A group of Methodist ladies of the W. M. S. attended the annual district meeting held at Baird last Friday. Every auxiliary of the four zones, composing this county, was represented.

ted. The morning special service was conducted by Mrs. Nat G. Rollins of Abilene. Mrs. T. V. Touchstone of Merkel and Mrs. C. H. Ledger of Moran and formerly of Trent were also morning speakers. They gave reports on the council meeting held at Amarillo the previous week. At noon Baird was hostess to an elaborate luncheon served in the basement of their newly equipped kitchen and dining room.

The afternoon session was given over to the deacons of San Antonio after which the minutes were read and approved.

Those attending were Mesdames R. B. McRee, Sr., president; E. L. Mangum, secretary and treasurer; John R. Payne, J. K. Winn, M. G. Scott, R. B. Johnson, Dave Hines, Misses Lillian McRee and Joyce, also the pastor Rev. U. S. Sherrill.

METHODIST CHURCH NOTES. Due to the quarterly conference held at Union Ridge Saturday and Sunday there were no preaching services at either the morning or night hour.

Our Sunday School attendance was reduced due to inclement weather.

The revival meeting will begin next Sunday and everyone is urged to attend. Come and be with us.

Mrs. R. B. McRee was absent from her class and Mrs. R. B. Johnson had charge.

Brother Cozart acted as superintendent of the Sunday School as Brother Lee Keyes attended conference at Union Ridge.

Mrs. M. G. Scott, assistant teacher for Mrs. Lee Keyes, taught the Junior class.

Texas Cotton Men Avoid Direct Action Federal Farm Plan

Galveston, March 27.—The Texas Cotton association steered clear of any direct criticism of the federal farm relief program in its convention session here, adopting a resolution which in effect put the matter up to the American cotton shippers' meeting in Memphis next month. The Texas cotton men discussed the farm board matter behind closed doors, decided that there is no cause for effective complaint now, and at the same time implied that the agricultural marketing act discriminated against 95 per cent of the country's farmers who do not belong to cooperative marketing associations.

Adherents of the waiting policy were led by T. F. Bush of Waco, who was named president of the association to succeed J. K. Dorrance of Houston. In his annual address at the opening of the convention, Mr. Dorrance severely criticized the farm relief act and its administration as socialistic and "iniquitous."

The nineteenth annual meeting of the association concluded with adoption of the farm board resolution and election of officers.

The association's stand on the farm board and relief bill was decided after considerable discussion in executive session in which the elements in the association favoring opposition to the government's farm policy finally gave in to advocates of less direct measures.

Three Aldermen to Be Elected Tuesday

At the regular city election to be held next Tuesday, April 1, three aldermen are to be selected and at the present time there are five candidates in the field these being Booth Warren for re-election, T. G. Bragg, Herbert Patterson, L. L. Murray and L. R. Thompson. The terms of R. O. Anderson and W. H. Frazier as well as Booth Warren's expire at this time, but the other two have declined to enter for re-election.

The polls will open at the city hall at 8 o'clock and will close at 6 p. m. E. C. Gaither is to be the presiding officer, with J. G. Hall as judge and Bill Haynes and Cyrus Pee as clerks.

Wins Two Ribbons. In the Jones county track meet, Woodrow Patton, age 15, of the Stith Junior boys, won two ribbons, taking second place in the 100 yard dash and third place in the 50 yard dash. The young man is to be congratulated on his record in these events and friends are predicting his future success in cinder path activities.

THANKS EXTENDED. We take this means of thanking the people of Merkel and this section for their liberal patronage during the several months in which the undersigned owned the Crown Hardware company. We enjoyed the acquaintances and friendships acquired during this time and bespeak a continuance of your patronage and good will for our successors.

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Bob Henry Enters Against Sheppard On Liquor Platform

Houston, March 27.—Advocating repeal or modification of the prohibition amendment, former Congressman R. L. Henry of Houston Saturday announced his candidacy for the democratic nomination to the United States senate. He will oppose Senator Morris Sheppard, author of the Eighteenth amendment.

Mr. Henry's statement said: "I will be a candidate for United States senator this year in the regular democratic primaries.

"There are several important issues to which I direct the attention of the voters at this time.

"In my judgment the national prohibition amendment should be repealed or amended. The time has come for action by the American people. The dismal farce of prohibition as it now exists should be terminated.

"The Volstead law should be repealed or modified by congress. I shall stand squarely for that action.

"Touching the tariff question, my views coincide with the report of Robert J. Walker, the great secretary of treasury, as he stated the correct principles on the tariff issue in his memorable document of 1845, addressed to congress.

"In my judgment congress should levy a duty on hides, wool, crude petroleum, mohair and such products of the farm and ranch as would be just to the producer.

"Hoover's farm relief board has done some good; but there is room for achievement of better results in that direction; and I shall devote my energies to constructive improvements of such legislation to aid the farmer and stock raiser.

"In my opinion it is not necessary to begin an active campaign before May 1."

Mr. Henry came here six years ago from Waco. For 20 years he was in congress.

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Orange, Calif., and C. M. Spears, who makes his home with his parents. The two children unable to attend were one daughter from Lubbock and a son from Wellington.

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There are about 80,000,000 acres of rice under cultivation in India.

Will Preach at Trent. W. G. Cypert will preach at the Church of Christ in Trent next Sunday at 11 o'clock. All are invited to hear him. Come early and be with us in the Bible study at 10 o'clock.

Texas' oil production during 1929 was 307,010,000 barrels, a gain of 47,731,000 barrels over 1928.

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Onions fresh, 2 bunches for ...	15c	Peas White Cloud, No. 2 cans, 4 ...	25c
Turnips & Tops 2 bunches for ...	15c	Soup any kind, Campbell or Van Camp's ...	10c
Tomatoes nice, fresh, 2 lbs. for ...	25c	Beans String, Ozark mountain, No. 2 cans, 3 ...	35c
Yams No. 1, per lb. ...	4c	Hominy No. 2 cans, 6 for ...	45c
Lettuce nice, firm heads, 3 for ...	25c	Pickles Mountain brand, sliced, per quart ...	19c
Onions Spanish sweet, per lb. ...	5c	Cheese Long Horn, per lb. ...	30c
Flour our special, 48 lb. sack ...	\$1.53	Lunch Meat per lb. ...	30c
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