

# THE MERKEL MAIL

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## MANY FEATURES FOR NEXT "COW DAY"

### THREE TRUSTEES TO BE ELECTED NEXT SATURDAY

Messrs. Adcock, Case and Canon Named to Succeed Themselves in City School Election; L. R. Thompson for County Trustee.

Three trustees for the Merkel Independent school district are to be named at the regular election to be held here next Saturday. Those whose terms expire and whose names have been entered for re-election are O. J. Adcock, Eli Case and O. J. Canon. The holdovers on the school board are W. O. Boney, Herbert Patterson, C. R. Tittle and S. D. Gamble.

B. C. Gaither is to be presiding officer, with J. G. Hale as judge and Cyrus Pee and C. L. Boswell as clerks. The polls will open at 8 a. m. and close at 6 p. m.

School trustees will also be elected the same day in all common school districts in the county and state.

In addition to election of trustees in the school districts, three members of the county school board are to be elected. Those whose terms expire are T. J. Key of Potosi, precinct 1; L. R. Thompson of Merkel, precinct 2 and Judge James F. Stinson of Abilene, trustee-at-large. Citizens in all districts are entitled to vote for trustee-at-large.

### Considerable Damage Early Morning Fire

Fire at 12:15 Sunday morning of undetermined origin damaged the Lucco cottage, occupied by R. H. Jackson and owned by C. K. Russell, in South Merkel to the extent of about \$2,000, according to the estimate of Mr. Russell, and the furniture and household goods are almost a total loss. Insurance on the house was carried in the sum of \$1,800. The loss on the furniture and household goods was partially covered by insurance.

It is thought the fire originated in the clothes closet or in the wall between it and the kitchen, but City Fire Marshal W. L. Burns has been unable to assign definitely the cause of the fire.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackson were out of town visiting in Eastland when the fire occurred.

### Record of Births.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Johnson, Blair, Friday, March 28, 1930.

## MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail March 25, 1910.)

Poindexter, Talks, Brass Band Meets Orator at Train and His Friends Do Everything Possible For the Promotion of His Interests. Supper was spread at the "Walker Cottage" and T. A. Johnson, E. L. Woodroof, Judge W. T. Potter and B. C. Gaither of our little city and Hon. W. F. Mahaffey and Hon. W. J. Cunningham of Abilene were at the table with the distinguished guest.

The Merkel lads enjoyed Saturday a few hours of their favorite spring amusement, i. e., walloping the Abilene aggregation of baseball players. The score is reported 7 to 8, and the game was clean as well as close.

### MISS EDITH MACKEY ENTERTAINS.

On last Friday evening Miss Edith Mackey most pleasingly entertained a number of her young friends at her home in South Merkel. A fine time was announced by all and after several popular games were played refreshments were served to the following: Misses Lowery, Rister, Sutphen, Paylor, Swafford, Saffles (2), Hannah and Messrs. Adams, Merritt, Evans, West (2), Mackey, Hicks and Hudgins.

Mrs. A. L. Propst and mother, Mrs. Winters, spent several days of this week in Abilene visiting Mrs. J. I. Shelton.

### TWENTY CIVIC WORKERS HAVE ALREADY ENTERED

#### KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

The body of a 40-year old man, believed to be W. C. Fulton of either Waco or Beaumont, was found in the Galveston channel.

George Gambien, 26, reporter on the Fort Worth Press, was fatally injured when a glider he was flying crashed on a farm north of Fort Worth.

Paul Crume, 26, Fort Worth truck driver, died at Breckenridge as the result of burns sustained when his truck turned over in a ditch 18 miles east of the latter city.

As the result of a fire of unknown origin that converted a small tent at Odessa into a scorching furnace, M. Cole, 35, of Walnut Ridge, Ark., was burned to death.

Declaring that "Moody is for the little fellow," State Senator W. E. Thomason of Nacogdoches has pledged his active support to Dan Moody, if he chooses to run for a third term.

Claude Strickland, Lampasas business man, is at liberty under \$10,000 bond charged with murder in connection with the death of his wife, who was found dead at their home with her throat and body slashed.

After the state board of control refused to accept "Pete" McKenzie in any state institution on the basis that "there was no place for criminally insane" McKenzie will become a permanent lodger at the Bexar County jail.

Orders have been issued by State Highway Engineer Gibb Gilchrist to all division engineers prohibiting posters from being placed on highway rights of way, this having special reference at this season to candidates' posters.

Two men robbed the Public laundry at Houston Monday morning of between \$3,000 and \$4,000, which the bookkeeper had just counted preparatory to depositing, and escaped with a confederate who had awaited them in an automobile.

Mrs. Lee J. Roundtree, editor of the Bryan Eagle, whose late husband was a member of the legislature, has announced her candidacy as representative from the 26th district to succeed W. S. Barron, speaker of the house, who is not seeking re-election.

Felix R. Jones of Abilene was here with friends Saturday.

### MARRIAGE LICENSE.

Hugh Brewster and Miss Maude Thomas—Miss Maud Thomas is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Thomas of the Thomas Hotel. Rev. George A. Crane performed the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hamm have the congratulations of their friends upon the arrival of a baby girl, Mildred, on the morning of the 24th.

J. B. Warnick and D. W. Jones are this week in Chicago on business matters in connection with the perfection of an invention of the latter which promises a reward for the labors of the inventor.

### POPULAR COUPLE WED.

Mr. T. B. Story, one of our most popular pioneer citizens, and Miss Nannie Thompson of Venus were united in marriage Sunday afternoon in the home of Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Saffles.

Mrs. Elmer Long returned to her home near Sweetwater after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Berry.

Mrs. W. Parten returned from Sweetwater the first of the week.

### List of Prizes to be Announced Next Week; Use Entry Blank.

With the entries received during the past week, the list of those enrolled in the Home and Lawn Beautification contest being sponsored by the Merkel Lions club has reached nearly twenty and the entry list is to remain open all through the month of April.

The entry blank appears elsewhere in this issue of The Mail and those who are interested in the beautification of the city and the promotion of the idea of pretty lawns, gardens and flowers as well as the premises in general, are urged to lend their influence and cooperation so that everyone in Merkel may be enlisted in the program for a city of pretty homes and yards.

Entrants who forwarded their names during the week were L. R. Thompson, B. H. Lancaster and Mrs. Booth Warren.

Besides one general prize, a silver cup offered by The Mail for the most beautiful yard, including lawn, front and rear premises and flower garden, first and second prizes will be offered in two classes, those who own their homes and those who rent, for the following: most beautiful front yard, most beautiful back yard, most beautiful flower garden, most beautiful evergreen specimen, most beautiful bed of zinnias and most beautiful bed of roses.

The committee from the Lions club, assisted by the ladies committee, of which Mrs. Sam Swann is chairman, with Mesdames C. H. Jones and A. T. Sheppard as the other members, has the list of prizes about ready to be announced and it is expected that the complete list of prizes will be announced in next week's issue of The Mail.

On account of inclement weather on the date of the flower exchange, those desiring to exchange plants and flowers were unable to do so, but, in the meantime, if you have surplus bulbs, plants or cuttings of any kind to spare, or want to secure for yourself plants or cuttings, please call either of the above ladies and they will be glad to be of assistance.

### Ray Garrett to be Ordained April 13

On Sunday, April 13, Ray Garrett, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Garrett, is to be ordained to the full ministry. This information was given to his parents in a letter from Rev. Wallace R. Rogers, pastor of Bethel Baptist church, Beech Grove, Ky.

Ray graduated from Simmons university as a ministerial student in June, 1928, and this is his second year in the Southern Theological seminary at Louisville, Ky.

In the letter from Rev. Mr. Rogers, he paid tribute to Ray in the following well chosen words:

"Brother Garrett has a most winsome personality and a rich Christian experience. His message will be a searching one and I am very anxious that my people shall hear him."

### Merkel Men Attend Church Conference

Rev. R. O. Walker, pastor of the Presbyterian church, and James H. West attended the educational conference of representatives of churches throughout the Abilene presbytery, which was held last Friday at the Central Presbyterian church in Abilene.

Dr. F. E. Stockwell of Philadelphia, secretary of the Presbyterian board of Christian education, was the principal speaker. Dr. J. H. Burma, president of Trinity university, Waxahatchie, also spoke. The sessions were presided over by the Rev. J. A. Owen, Albany pastor.

### Preaching at Comper.

Rev. Earl Slaughter of Abilene will preach at the Comper Baptist church Sunday morning and night.

### ADMINISTRATION FORCES PUT OVER COUNCIL TICKET

Booth Warren, Re-elected, Bragg and Patterson Named as Aldermen; Losers Lack Only One and Three Votes, Respectively.

In the city election Tuesday for the selection of three aldermen, a total of 321 votes was cast. Two tickets were entered, the administration ticket, including Booth Warren for re-election and T. G. Bragg and Herbert Patterson, winning out. The latter was a fusion candidate and led the ticket with 282 votes. The other two were elected by a very close margin.

The other ticket included L. L. Murray and L. R. Thompson besides Herbert Patterson.

T. G. Bragg and Booth Warren received 166 votes, defeating L. R. Thompson with 165 votes in his favor and L. L. Murray with 163 votes.

Officers of the election were B. C. Gaither, presiding officer; J. G. Hale, judge, and C. L. Boswell and Cyrus Pee, clerks.

The results will be canvassed at the regular meeting of the city council next Monday night and the new aldermen will probably be installed at that time.

### Local Baptists Extend Call to Brady Pastor

Last Sunday the congregation of the First Baptist church here extended a call to the Rev. J. T. King of Brady, who preached here three weeks ago. Up to Thursday morning, Rev. Mr. King had not given his answer to the Merkel church, but he indicated that he had the matter under advisement.

Rev. Ira L. Parrack, former pastor of the church here, resigned, effective March 1, to become pastor of the Baptist church at Chillicothe.

### Funeral Rites Held For Mrs. J. C. Horton

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock for Mrs. J. C. Horton, age 52, who died at one o'clock Sunday morning at a sanitarium in Lubbock. Mrs. Horton's home was in Southland to which place she moved from Taylor county about five years ago. Rev. Billy Ayers of Abilene officiated at the funeral rites and interment was in Rose Hill cemetery.

Mrs. Horton was born in Washington county Jan. 28, 1878, but at the age of six her family moved to Comanche county. She resided there until her marriage to J. W. Steele, to which union four sons were born, all of whom survive. These sons are S. N. Steele, Tahoka; H. E. Steele, Oklahoma and W. A. and J. O. Steele, both of Sweetwater.

Her second marriage occurred May 5, 1922, and besides her husband, J. C. Horton, she is survived by six stepchildren: J. A. Horton, Merkel; Roscoe Horton, California; Henry Horton, Okemah, Okla.; Mrs. Effie Meeks, Southland; Mrs. Billie Williams, Okemah, Okla., and Mrs. Ruby Roger, Hillsboro.

Other survivors are her mother, Mrs. M. G. Wagon, 70 years of age, of Sidney; two sisters, Mrs. Steve Hillard, Comanche, and Mrs. Ector Clark, Vernon, and one brother, Sam Jones, Stanton.

Mrs. Horton was a member of the Baptist church, one who always took an active part in all religious matters and who was beloved by all who knew her for her womanly qualities, Christian life and devotion to her home and family.

The mother, husband and surviving members of her family have the sympathy of the large circle of friends in their bereavement.

### Has Collection of Cactus.

Carl Brown of San Angelo and his sister, Mrs. Joe Higgins, who resides four miles north of town, returned Saturday from a pleasure trip to Austin where they visited their sister, Mrs. Robert Hobbs, and having also visited relatives in San Antonio. The report a wonderful time and Mrs. Higgins brought back with her a collection of fifteen different kinds of cactus.

### Entry Blank LIONS HOME AND LAWN BEAUTIFICATION CONTEST

Merkel, Texas

Please enter my name in the class checked.

Improving and beautifying the home grounds by proper planting of trees, shrubs, flowers, etc., better kept yards, and cleaner alleys and streets.

Class 1—Those who own their homes.

Class 2—Those who rent their homes.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to Mrs. Sam Swann, Chairman, Home and Lawn Beautification Contest, Merkel, Texas. (Entries must be received before May 1st.)

### Temporary Delay in Bank Opening Date

In a message from R. O. Anderson, active vice-president of the Farmers State bank that closed here on Feb. 10, Wednesday night, W. L. Diltz, Jr., former cashier of the above institution, was advised that Mr. Anderson had met with success in the mission that took him to St. Louis.

"In our plan for reorganizing the Farmers State bank," stated Mr. Diltz to a representative of The Mail, "it became necessary for Mr. Anderson to go to St. Louis on a business matter and, while he has advised us that he was successful in this respect, this has naturally caused a delay of two or three days in the completion of our reorganization plans."

According to further statement made by Mr. Diltz, it is expected by Messrs. Anderson and Diltz and others associated with them in the plan to reorganize the bank that they will be ready to reopen this institution on the basis previously announced at a very early date.

### Cattle Movement.

Mrs. S. N. Morrison shipped two cars of cattle to Fort Worth on Tuesday of this week.

On Thursday, C. M. Largent and Sons shipped two Hereford bulls to A. D. Jones at Brownfield.

### MERKEL'S FIFTH "COW DAY" COMES NEXT WEDNESDAY

County Agent Heald and Miss Chambers, Home Demonstration Agent, Will Make Talks; Also Concert by Booster Band.

From 2 to 3—Musical entertainment on Main street by record-reproducer.

From 3 to 3:30—Address to men by County Agent C. M. Heald. (Loud speaker has been installed so that everyone can hear this address.)

From 3 to 3:30—Address by Miss Caroline Chambers, Home Demonstration agent, to ladies at the Queen theatre.

From 3:30 to 4—Band concert by Merkel Booster Band under the direction of Prof. G. W. Hartman. 4 p. m.—"Cow Day" Sale, with many additional and attractive features.

That's the program for next Wednesday afternoon in Merkel, a full afternoon for everybody, and everybody is expected to be here.

This will be Merkel's fifth "Cow Day" and in addition to the sale of a Jersey cow, a sow and a pen of chickens, each for \$1.00, there will be many other features of special interest, besides the speeches, band concert and musical program by the record-reproducer.

As chairman of the program committee, E. Yates Brown outlined the above schedule at the Lions luncheon Tuesday, and he is assisted by Charlie Jones on the committee. Henry West, as chairman of the committee on arranging for loud speaker and reproducing outfit, reported the securing of apparatus which will guarantee that everyone present can hear all of the speeches and every feature of the program.

### REV. JOINER SPEAKS.

W. O. Boney presided at the luncheon, which began with the singing of "America," led by E. Yates Brown. The invocation was delivered by Rev. J. W. Joiner, the evangelist, who is conducting the Men's Revival here. Incidental music during the luncheon was rendered by Mrs. E. Yates Brown.

As toastmaster, C. W. Delmer introduced a Lions quartet as the first number on the program, consisting of Charlie Jones, L. B. Scott, E. Yates Brown and C. W. Delmer.

Later, after the meeting had been turned back to the presiding officer, the Lions had the pleasure of hearing saxophone numbers by Mr. Delmer.

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"DOCTOR OF TOWNS" SAYS

### WILL YOU SPEND TWO CENTS TO HELP BUILD MERKEL?

Every day manufacturers and individuals are inquiring about communities—most every day some community gets a new factory, a new business or some such which means dollars and cents to the community.

Before any community gets anything worth while, those who are responsible for it give the matter much thought, make careful investigation and analyze every phase of the business of that community. Much of the needed information and data is of technical nature, requiring the services of engineers, plus the aid of civic organization committees; but there is another phase that is equally important:

When a manufacturer is given the technical data, invariably there are two other questions he asks, one of which is, "how about the people—what is their attitude toward the town?" The other is, "what kind of stores does this town have?"

Now it is an easy matter to obtain an answer to either or both of these questions, but the only kind of answer that people who are interested in your town will accept is an unbiased, impartial one, and YOU—the people who live, work and play in the community—are the only ones who can give that kind of an answer.

Perhaps you feel, and justly so, that you cannot afford to take hours of time away from your work to serve on committees to assist in getting this information; nor do you feel that you can afford to donate ten or a hundred dollars to a fund to pay someone else to do it. You say that such is the work and duty of the civic organizations, and you are absolutely right: BUT here is something that they can't do but YOU can—you CAN if you WILL—and all it will cost you is a two cent stamp.

Here is how you can "Help Build Merkel." Following are four questions. Take a pencil and piece of paper—any kind of paper—and write your answers to these questions. Don't pay any attention to grammar or anything else—just say what you think and feel!

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**West Texas Chamber of Commerce to Meet Abilene May 29-30-31**

Abilene, April 3.—When the twelfth annual convention of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce opens here, May 29, for three days, a plan new to meetings of the regional organization will be in effect. That plan provides that every member of the organization is to be given an opportunity to participate in the business of the body. Heretofore matters of importance to the convention have been argued out and decided by various appointed committees and conference groups.

W. B. Hamilton, president of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, will place a constructive program before the organization as a whole and is aiming at definite results. Convention business sessions will occupy the mornings from 9 to 12 o'clock. Elaborate entertainment programs are being prepared for each afternoon and night.

The colleges are arranging an educational parade for one afternoon and there will also be a delegation parade for the member cities. Both will be conducted at a minimum of expense to the participants.

The West Texas band contest with prizes worth \$2,500 will be conducted by the West Texas Band Teachers association. Thirty bands already have been assured.

One of the highlights of regional chamber conventions of the past few years—the "My Home Town" contest—should bring together community boosters and speakers from a large number of West Texas towns. In addition to cups and other prizes, scholarships are being offered to the winners by eight West Texas colleges.

An office, under the direction of J. E. T. Peters, has been established in Abilene to work out convention plans. The headquarters will be maintained until after May 31, closing day of the convention.

**Big Valley Tract Sold for \$2,500,000**

Mercedes, April 3.—A 10,000-acre tract three miles west of Harlingen in the Rio Grande valley is reported to have been sold for \$2,500,000 to Chicago capitalists. One million dollars cash was reported to have been paid.

The syndicate, headed by T. G. Cage, plans to clear the land, build irrigation canals, and highways and improve the holdings, it was announced. George A. Lee, R. C. Liddon and Edward Baker and others of Chicago were reported to be associated in the deal.

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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ONE DAY ONLY  
No Charge for Consultation

Dr. Mellenthin is a regular graduate in medicine and surgery and is licensed by the state of Texas. He does not operate for chronic appendicitis, gall stones, ulcers of stomach, tonsils or adenoids.

He has to his credit wonderful results in diseases of the stomach, liver, bowels, blood, skin, nerves, heart, kidney, bladder, bed wetting, catarrh, weak lungs, rheumatism, sciatica, leg ulcers and rectal ailments.

Below are the names of a few of his many satisfied patients in Texas who have been treated for one of the above named causes:

- J. A. Clements, Stacy, Texas.
- Mrs. W. A. Cariker, Caddo, Okla.
- George Dockal, Allief, 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.

Remember above date, that consultation on this trip will be free and that his treatment is different.

Married women must be accompanied by their husbands.

Address: 4221 West Third Street, Los Angeles, California.

**THE TOWN DOCTOR**

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1—If you had it all to do over, would you still live in Merkel?

2—In your estimation what is Merkel's greatest asset as a city in which to live?

3—What is Merkel's greatest drawback, if any?

4—If you were running the business of Merkel what would you do to make it the city you would like it to be?

The answering of these four questions by a score or more citizens of Merkel will answer the question "What do the people who live in Merkel think about their community?" and you don't know, there may be dozens of interested parties asking that question now.

Here is a way YOU can "Help Build Merkel" that can mean thousands of dollars to Merkel and that means nothing less than money in your pocket. You CAN do this, and it will help more than you realize. If you refuse or fail to do it, that will tell a story that COULD cost a lot of money. It costs only a two-cent stamp and very little effort—do that much for your community. Just address your answer to the Town Doctor, 332 So. Michigan Ave., Chicago, and I will do the rest. You don't have to sign your name if you do not wish to, but please state if the answer is made by a lady or gentleman and also state your occupation.

Don't leave THIS for the other fellow to do—remember you can't take out unless you put in, and here you can put in.

This Town Doctor Article, one of a series of fifty-two, is printed by the Merkel Mail in cooperation with the Merkel Lions Club.

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An average of 3,000,000 persons are ill in the United States every day.

**Dr. Scott Resigns From Prison Board**

Temple, April 3.—Dr. A. C. Scott, vice-chairman of the Texas prison commission, has sent his resignation to Governor Dan Moody. Pressure of private affairs and inability to agree with "controlling influences of the legislature in regard to prison reform" were his reasons for resigning.

Dr. Scott told the governor he declined to become a party to the "expensive piece of patchwork," his characterization of prison relief legislation enacted by the recently adjourned special session of the legislature.

"The legislature," he said, "has made it mandatory that much of the money appropriated shall go into permanent improvements at the old Huntsville prison, and certain farms down in the Brazos bottoms; and it is obvious that the purpose is to defeat permanently all efforts to centralize and modernize the prison system.

"A considerable part of the money can and will be very properly used by the prison board to relieve unsanitary conditions and overcrowding, but, from my viewpoint, the legislature's general plan constitutes a huge and ultimately a very expensive piece of patchwork which, from the standpoint of the state's interests, is unwarranted and guarantees inefficiency throughout the years to come.

"I decline to become a party to it." Dr. Scott gained his appointment largely through a survey into health

conditions of the prison system some years ago, and has been actively interested in prison reform.

Read the advertisements in this paper. There's a message in every one of them that may enable you to save money. At least you will know where to find what you want without doing a lot of hunting and asking questions, and you also know the merchants appreciate your patronage because they solicit your business and make special offers.

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**BABSON SAYS**



"Credit is like the blood circulating in your veins. Anything which retards the flow of credit harms the business body. Hence, when you owe money all of your city suffers thereby.

"Debts cause death both to men and communities. If you really are anxious to improve business in your city pay up all your current bills immediately so that others can pay you."

**Pay Your Bills Promptly and Aid in Your City's Progress and Development!**

Statement of Condition

**The Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Merkel**  
Close of Business March 27th 1930

RESOURCES

Loans, Time and Demand	\$286,539.09
Warrants (City of Merkel)	5,000.00
Bills of Exchange Cotton	7,788.05
Overdrafts	232.68
Real Estate	13,357.79
Furniture and Fixtures	6,750.00
Stock in Fed. Res. Bank	2,250.00
5% Redemption Fund	312.50
Commercial Paper	\$ 5,000.00
U. S. Bonds (Owned)	110,500.00
Cash and Sight Exchg.	91,257.50
<b>CASH AVAILABLE</b>	<b>\$206,757.50</b>
Total	\$528,987.61

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus	25,000.00
Undivided Profits	17,357.03
Circulation	6,250.00
Bills Payable	NONE
Rediscounts	NONE
Other Borrowed Money	NONE
<b>DEPOSITS</b>	<b>\$430,380.58</b>
Total	\$528,987.61

The above statement is correct.  
Booth Warren, Cashier.

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**MERKEL MAIL WANT ADS FOR RESULTS**

### Demand for Road Paving is Growing, Board Member Says

Austin, April 3.—Demands for highway improvements have increased in the past 12 months to such an extent that the highway department now has on hand plans for \$7,000,000 more in projects than funds available, Judge W. R. Ely of Abilene, highway commissioner stated Monday.

The department has plans completed for \$9,000,000 worth of work but that may be awarded in April, is \$2,500,000, he stated.

"The demand of the people of Texas for highway construction has materially increased while the income of the highway department remains practically the same," he said. "The commission cannot and will not go beyond its income in the award of contracts as we expect, at all times, to be able to meet any obligations we make within the limits of funds appropriated by the legislature for the construction and maintenance of state highways."

### Capacity of Concho Plant to Be Doubled

Abilene, April 3.—With more than 100 men working full time, construction on the Concho Generating Station enlargement in San Angelo, Texas, which will more than double the output capacity of the plant, will be completed by April 10th, according to engineer reports of the West Texas Utilities company.

The project which will, when completed, add 15,000 kilowatts to the present 10,000 kw facilities, entails the enlargement of the building and accompanying substation. The boiler room has been extended 25 ft. by 115 ft. and the switch room 40 by 50 feet. Included with the addition of the 15,000 unit are raw water filters, a water distilling tank, two boilers of 1,000 horsepower each, a steam turbine, and condenser all of which have been completed. The men, at present, are working on the various pipe connections in the building and are completing the piping system in the new mammoth spray pond.

### Dallas Girl Author Talking Epic of Texas

Dallas, April 3.—Completion of plans for producing a talking picture epic of Texas history, based on a scenario entitled "The Birth of Texas," written by Miss Betty Blount of Dallas, are awaiting arrival of executives of the Pan-American Picture corporation.

Charles R. McFarland, finance manager of the company, has established offices here.

Miss Blount has announced the production as planned would be filmed entirely in Texas, using original locales whenever possible and Texas film actors of known reputations.

### Texas Ranks Seventh In Motor Vehicles

Washington, April 3.—There were 2,000,000 more motor vehicles in the United States in 1929 than the year before.

In 1929 the 26,501,443 vehicles brought fees of \$347,843,543, the department of agriculture announced Saturday, an increase of \$25,213,518 over 1928.

New York state led in registration figures with 2,263,259 licensed vehicles, while the other nine highest were: California, 1,974,341; Ohio, 1,766,614; Pennsylvania, 1,733,283; Illinois, 1,615,088; Michigan, 1,395,102; Texas, 1,348,107; Indiana, 886,715; New Jersey, 832,332; Massachusetts, 817,704.

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### Blair Items

Mrs. R. E. Harrison, who has been real sick, is recovering slowly.

B. M. Williams of Merkel spent Wednesday with Sam Provine.

D. C. Doan and family of Roscoe, accompanied by Henry Stubbs, visited their aunt, Mrs. M. E. Harrison, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Phillips and daughter, Mrs. Emmett Morris, accompanied their son, Sam Dewey, to his home at Itan, Texas, Sunday and will spend the week there.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Spears and daughter attended the singing at Noodle Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Meeks and family motored over to Caps to spend Sunday with their brother and sister, Mr. Lee Campbell and Mrs. Ira Thornton. A crowd of young people enjoyed the entertainment in the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Farmer Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Cavette and sons, Arthur and Allen Edward, spent the week-end at Tuscola with Mr. and Mrs. Purl Sandifer.

### Many Talk, Few File For Place on Ballot, Status of Candidates

Dallas, Texas, April 3.—The flurry in state politics occasioned by an unusually large number of candidates for governor, especially, has thus far been only a newspaper flurry, Albert Sidney Johnson, secretary of the democratic state executive committee, said Monday. He declared that the candidates have thus far not spent any money toward having their names placed on the ballot.

The only candidates thus far who have applied for ballot positions with Mr. Johnson are Lieut. Gov. Barry Miller, State Senator Thomas B. Love, former Representative James Young and former Senator Earle B. Mayfield, all candidates for governor; James P. Rogers and V. E. Arnold, candidates for lieutenant governor; C. A. Mitchner, candidate for senator, and A. H. King, candidate for commissioner of agriculture.

### Fifth Sunday Singing Acclaimed Best Yet

Our Fifth Sunday singing convention at Noodle was one of the best we have ever had and some of our visiting singers claimed it was the best convention they were ever in and enjoyed it more than any, as we had such a real place in which to meet, the new and handsome school building. We had a big crowd, lots of singers, lots of dinner, lots of books and a big kettle of the best hot coffee you ever put your lips to. I am frank to say that Noodle knows exactly how to entertain a crowd. W. J. Bicknell can seat a congregation and place as many people in a building as any man.

We were delighted to have the Base Brothers quartet from Jones county with us and you will be delighted if you ever hear them sing. We also appreciate our visitors, Mr. Shaw, Mr. S. W. Jones of Abilene, Mr. Wade Willis of Lawn, president of the Taylor county convention, Mr. Rucker of Caps and a number of other singers from Anson and other places. We wish to thank one and all for their presence and help in the convention.

Respectfully yours,  
Tom Spears.

### Zion Chapel News

Farmers in this vicinity are through work, waiting for planting time and wishing for a good rain.

Raymond Adkins is on the sick list this week.

Miss Gerturde Harris, who is teaching at Snyder, spent the week-end with homefolks.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Tarvin of Abilene spent Sunday with his father, E. C. Tarvin.

Miss Ruby Evans spent the week-end at her home in Knox City, being accompanied by Miss Nina McAninch.

Miss Terry of Avoca visited her cousin, Miss Rena Terry, last week.

Mrs. Milne and little daughter, Kathreen, were week-end guests of her mother, Mrs. Brown, of Abilene.

The rabbit drive Tuesday was well attended and enjoyed by all. Dinner

was served at the school building by the ladies of the community.

Several from here attended the Fifth Sunday singing at Noodle.

Mr. and Mrs. Burley Bond of Goodwin spent the week-end with homefolks.

A. C. and George Tarvin of Abilene were the week-end guests of relatives. Mrs. Ida Lucas of Noodle visited her

daughter, Mrs. Ben Adkins, one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Parker Melton and little daughter of Abilene visited her parents recently.

Jack Lanier is visiting homefolks in McKinney this week.

Count Tolstoi the Russian author, always went hatless and barefooted, no matter what the weather.

During 1929 Texas set a new high record of charters issued, 2,630 corporations with capital of \$235,012,000 being organized. Permits to 329 outside corporations were granted, making a total of 2,959 new enterprises entering business in the state during the year.

Second sheets at Merkel Mail office.

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SPECIAL SERIES OF TOWN DOCTOR ARTICLES STARTS THIS WEEK.

With this issue of the Mail there appears the first of a special series of Town Doctor Articles that should keenly interest every loyal citizen of Merkel.

The reading and studying of these writings by a man, who with his associates, has a national reputation as Community Business Builders, should and will mean dollars and cents in the pockets of every individual regardless of his business or occupation.

As the Town Doctor says "Merkel is a business—the biggest business in this town," and every thinking man and woman knows that it pays to know his business.

The man who writes Town Doctor articles, Mr. A. D. Stone of Chicago, is not a writer by profession, but head of an organization specializing in analysis of community, individual and commercial surveys and making therefrom reports and appraisals by and through which industrial institutions can ascertain whether or not the community is suitable or acceptable for any purpose of their business.

Years of experience in this work has shown Mr. Stone and his associates those things which cause communities to fail to attract new industry, and at the same time those which cause communities to lose industries they already have.

Town Doctor Articles are written to aid the community, to give suggestions for the elimination of things not favorable in the eyes of those who could be interested in the community; also for the furthering of those things which attract commercial business and industrial enterprises.

The special series that starts this week can be of great value to Merkel. How valuable depends upon the citizens in every walk of life. Here is an opportunity made possible by The Mail and the Merkel Lions Club for the answer to one very pertinent question, which can mean thousands of dollars to us in course of time. It opens an opportunity that should be taken advantage of, and it is sincerely hoped that at least one in every family in Merkel and the surrounding territory will do as suggested in this week's Town Doctor article on page one of this issue of The Mail.

MORE ABOUT THIS CITY OF SCHOOLS AND CHURCHES.

No finer attribute can be conferred on any community than to say it is a city of schools and churches—educational institutions of high rank and religious organizations that embrace almost the entire citizenry and whose far-reaching influence is felt in the entire section.

With five church bodies, actively organized and representing as many denominations, Merkel is proud of her reputation as a center of church activity, the home of prominent church leaders.

The brotherhood of the church orders has made itself manifest in a most significant manner in the promotion of a union revival under the auspices of the men's prayer meeting movement.

With a population of about 2,500 Sunday School attendance here averages about 800. Each of the churches has its own organizations for work, with especial effort devoted toward choir membership and worship through music.

Rev. J. W. Joiner, pastor-evangelist of Forreton, who has conducted revivals here on four different occasions, is leading the meeting, which has been in progress since Sunday and which is to continue two weeks. Services at the Methodist church are largely attended twice daily and a spiritual treat is in store for every individual as well as a great community revival that is getting under headway.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to take this method in thanking the people of the Nubia community for the many deeds of kindness during the illness and death of Little Billy, especially Dr. Gardner and Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Mathis.

May the Heavenly Father bless all of you.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Perry and children.

"Three Days to Marry."

The play, "Three Days to Marry," will be presented at the Blair school-house Saturday night at 8 o'clock by the White Church players. Admission prices will be 10 and 15 cents.

CHURCHES



MEETING GAINS HEADWAY; BUSINESS HOUSES CLOSE FOR SERVICES; MUCH INTEREST MANIFESTED.

Inaugurating the two weeks' Men's Revival, sponsored by the Men's Prayer meeting, which includes in its membership representatives from all the churches in Merkel, all of the churches united last Sunday night in a laymen's meeting at the Methodist church, where the services are being held twice daily, and the spirit of earnestness and cooperation that has characterized the meeting in ever-increasing proportions was made manifest at the very beginning.

It was not until Monday afternoon that Rev. J. W. Joiner, pastor-evangelist of Forreton who is conducting the revival, arrived and he preached his first sermon Monday night.

The laymen's meeting Sunday night featured a number of exceptionally good musical numbers and brief talks by E. M. Hunter, W. M. Elliott and Willie Jo Largent. Charlie Jones was the leader in charge of the service and John Toombs gave the scripture reading. E. Yates Brown is in charge of the song service.

In referring to the cooperation of the business men of Merkel in agreeing to close their stores each morning from 9 to 10, Rev. Mr. Joiner Wednesday night said that he had preached that morning to the largest day congregation he had faced in a long, long time.

In making the announcements, it was stated by Rev. T. C. Willett that the merchants and business men had signed 100 per cent to close for one hour each morning.

Prior to the evening service prayer meetings of the women and also of the men are held at 7 o'clock at the Methodist church.

MEN'S PRAYER MEETING.

Each Sunday this body of earnest men gather for prayer service at one of the churches in the city and in addition to enlisting from 35 to 50 men in attendance each Sunday one of the direct results of the meeting has been the series of revival services now being conducted by Rev. J. W. Joiner at the Methodist church. A. E. Johnston was the leader last Sunday, the service being held at the Presbyterian church. Next Sunday H. H. Toombs is to be the leader and the service is to be held at the Church of Christ. The leader will be from the second chapter of Acts.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

With 313 present, the Methodist Sunday School led in attendance among the organizations of the city last Sunday. The total attendance was 793. The number present at the Baptist Sunday School was 270; at the Church of Christ, 96; Presbyterian, 78, and Nazarene, 36.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Beginning next Lord's day at 10 o'clock the minister will begin a Bible class for men at the tabernacle. The purpose of this class is to impart Bible knowledge without any denominational coloring whatever, and we invite every man, of whatever creed he holds to be present the very first meeting. The class will begin a study of Genesis, and find the connection between this book and the New Testament.

All regular services next Lord's day at the usual hours. For the morning subject we will have "They that worship the Father must worship in spirit and in truth." (Jn. 5:25). At the evening service we shall discuss another portion of the life of Christ, taking for this time the prayer of Christ in John the 17th chapter. Visitors and strangers are welcome to the services.  
J. G. Malphars, Minister.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE.

Regular services—Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. N. Y. P. S. 7:15. Preaching following, W. M. F. S. Tuesday of each week 2 p. m. Midweek prayer service and Bible study 7:30.

Don't forget the union revival that is being conducted at the Methodist church. Let each one pray, work and attend. There are three steps to take if you want to go to heaven, 1st, out of self; 2nd, into Christ; 3rd, into glory. Now is a good time to take the first two steps. In fact "Now is the accepted time, behold now is the day of salvation," according to the Word. If we take the first two steps now we will be ready for the third step whenever the voice speaks saying "Come up higher."

A welcome for all at each service.  
Leona Forbes, Pastor.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 o'clock. Be on time so that we may close on time to attend the revival service at the morn-

ing hour at the Methodist church. On account of the union revival, both morning and evening services Sunday will be united with the evangelistic services.

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

MISSIONARY PROGRAM.

Following is the program for the next meeting, Tuesday, April 8: Devotional, Mrs. John Russell. "The Dream Song of a Grandmother," Mrs. William Elliott. "The Glowing Ember of Prayer," Mrs. W. L. Diltz, Jr. "Faith," Mrs. Marvin Smith. "Fellowship," Mrs. Walker. "Future," Mrs. John West. "Knowing the Negro," Mrs. Henry West. "Pray for Africa," led by Mrs. George West. Business meeting.

AT THE METHODIST CHURCH.

Sunday School meets promptly at 9 a. m. Let everybody be in their place. So we can have the full hour before Brother Joiner preaches at 11 a. m. We hope everyone will come prepared to stay for church.

The Epworth leagues will meet in the afternoon Sunday as usual. The services for the week will be to attend the men's revival now in progress.  
T. C. Willett, Pastor.

JUNIOR LEAGUE PROGRAM.

Song.  
Prayer.  
Song.  
Scripture lesson, Thelma Patterson. "To Love with All My Heart," Ruth Smith. "To Love with All My Soul," Florence Nicholson. "To Love with All My Mind," Della Smith. "Can Jesus Count on Me?" J. V. Patterson. Benediction.

Workers Conference To Convene at Blair

The Workers Conference of the Sweetwater Baptist association will convene with the Blair Baptist church on Monday, April 7, and the following program has been arranged:

- 10:00 a. m.—Devotional, G. W. Lowrie.
- 10:15 a. m.—How To Deal With Unchristian Conduct In Our Churches, R. M. McGinnis.
- 10:35 a. m.—Growing An Efficient Church, A. C. Turner.
- 11:05 a. m.—Sermon, Henry Weldon.

LUNCH.

- 1:30 p. m.—Meeting of Executive Board and W. M. U.
- 2:00 p. m.—Devotional, Fred McPherson.
- 2:15 p. m.—Mission of the Holy Spirit in the Life of a Christian, Lawrence Fitzgerald.
- 2:35 p. m.—Mission of the Holy Spirit in the Salvation of a Sinner, C. G. Sewell.
- 2:50 p. m.—Baptist Hospital, E. M. Collier.
- 3:05 p. m.—Inspirational Address, Dr. George Green.

IN NEW LOCATION.

To my friends and customers: I have opened a new barbershop on Kent street in the building formerly occupied by the Bridgeport company and will be glad to see my old friends there as well as to welcome new ones. Prompt service and best of workmanship.

Homer Duran.

Blair 4-H Club.

The Community 4-H club of Blair met in the home of the local leader, Mrs. Hugh Campbell, March 20 for their first lesson of the year in cooking. A very successful luncheon was served by the club girls to Mrs. Hugh Campbell, Mrs. McKenzie and Misses Vera and Maimie Walker of Merkel, and the home demonstration agent, Miss Chambers. The girls are said to be doing fine work for the first year and are glad to show visitors what they are doing.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our appreciation to each one who helped in the sad hour of the death and burial of our wife and mother.  
May God's richest blessings be on you all.  
J. C. Horton and family.

The highest mountain peak in the United States is Mt. Whitney, 14,501 feet above sea level; the lowest point of dry land is in Death Valley, 276 feet below sea level. Both of these are in California and only 86 miles apart.



LARGENT-ROGERS.

A wedding of interest to a large number of friends over the entire state was solemnized in De Leon on Sunday morning at nine o'clock when Miss Bertha Rogers became the bride of Charles Largent. The ceremony was performed in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ben Ashby, friends of the couple, with Mr. and Mrs. Ashby the only attendants.

Miss Rogers is the charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Rogers of Fredell. She was formerly of Abilene where she made many local friends who are so happy to welcome her back as a permanent resident.

Mr. Largent is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Largent. A graduate of Merkel High school and later a student in Texas Christian university, Fort Worth, he is popular in all social and religious activities of the town, the possessor of gracious, sterling characteristics that make him highly respected by everybody. He is associated with his father and brother in the firm, C. M. Largent and Sons and will after a short automobile trip to Fort Worth be at home on the ranch three miles north of town.

GLEANER PARTY.

Mesdames Case, Ferrier, Stanford, Gambill and Richardson entertained the Gleaner class of the Methodist church with an April Fool party at the lovely home of Mrs. Richardson on West Yucca street. The color theme of lavender, yellow and green was carried out in all party details.

Merriment started immediately upon the arrival of the guests as a placard on the front entrance directed them to the back door, which proved to be an April Fool joke. The penalty for obeying the directions of the placard was the wearing of dunce caps. A beautiful devotional by Mrs. Tom Largent was followed by prayer and a round table discussion of "How I can help the Revival meeting" was led by Mrs. L. R. Thompson. This was followed by two interesting contests, after which the revealing of pals was enjoyed by all present.

A dainty refreshment plate of sandwiches, ice, wafers, olives, and April Fool date and an English Walnut shell which contained the names of the new pal was served to Mesdames Duncie, Sears, Guitler, Largent, Hunter, Rodden, Will Underwood, Tipson, Patterson, Vaughn, Iddings, Thompson, Lathana, Roy Baccus, Carl Baccus, Gant, Oscar Buford, Rosh Buford, Busbee, Sublett, Briggs, Burgess and the hostesses.

BLAIR SOCIAL.

Mrs. Carl Doan was the honoree at a pretty luncheon on Tuesday in the home of Mrs. James Doan at Blair. Mrs. S. F. King and Mrs. Ab Harris were head of the receiving line, the program was opened by a song by Mrs. Carl Hughes; the devotional, by Mrs. John Latimer, and prayer by Mrs. Sam Butman, Jr.

Mesdames Claude Doan, Luther Osburn, Riley James, Hugh Campbell and Miss Opal Johnson received in the dining room. Pastel shades were emphasized in table covers and plates of pie, topped with whip cream and hot chocolate were served to Mesdames R. N. Campbell, Will Inman, Sam Phillips, Pat Addison, Cynthia Hall, John Rosson, Will Campbell, Jack Latimer, Clarence Melton, Ess Baker, M. H. Farmer, Price Melton, A. L. Farmer, Ira Cavette, Chat Baker, V. L. Doan; Misses Mabel Jacobs, Clarice Pruitt, Addie Mae Rosson, Ruth Butman, Dorothy Lee Jacobs, Nellie Fae Sandusky, Wilburn Latimer, Carolene Hughes, Delwee and Billie Jean Melton.

CASTLE PEAK NEWS

We are glad to say that Grandmother Harrison is improving nicely. Little Nellie Fae Sandusky is on the sick list this week.

Mrs. Ross Baker and Mrs. Luther Osborn visited Thursday afternoon in the Rosson home.

Miss Clarice Rosson has returned home from a pleasant visit with Miss Mable Scott at Trent.

The party at Adrian Farmer's was enjoyed by a large crowd Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. James Doan are visiting in Blair at the present time.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Inmon spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Ross Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Sandusky spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Cox.

Miss Harris spent Saturday and Sunday with home folks at Caps.

Nearly one-half of the continent of Africa is under the French flag.

Gold and silver may not rhyme but they mingle well together.

MATTERS MUSICAL

Choir rehearsals that have been under way for some time climaxed Sunday evening in one glorious chorus at the Methodist church. Mrs. Lyton Howard at the piano and E. Yates Brown directing sponsored a program of vocal numbers of a surprisingly artistic character.

Merkel has an unusual amount of talent and, supported by an orchestra of eight pieces, gives an excellent opportunity for those who love to sing.

Special music has been provided for every service. On next Sunday morning Mr. Paul West will sing "My Prayer" and on Sunday evening the Salt Branch Quartette will sing.

Miss Christine Collins will give a noon-day program from the Queen Theatre, Abilene, over KFYO with organ accompaniment on Wednesday from 12 to 1. She will also sing "The Singing In Gods Acre" at the First Presbyterian church, Abilene, Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Delmer will again broadcast over KFYO on Thursday evening from 7 to 8.

Rabbit Drive Net Total Four Thousand

Rabbit drives on Tuesday and Wednesday were fatal for between 3,500 and 4,000 rabbits, according to estimates of those participating. On Tuesday there was a drive in the Comper section, resulting in the annihilation of about 2,000 rabbits, and on Wednesday another drive took place at Cross Roads school and the French pasture. Between 1,500 and 2,000 rabbits were killed in this event.

A wolf was killed in the Lantry pasture north of the railroad by Ernest Rogers, a traveling salesman, during the drive Wednesday.

Midget Golf Course Latest Sport Novelty

A novelty in the realm of pastime which has just been opened in Abilene is the Midget Golf Course, Fifth and Pine, where the announcement of the promoters says "at last you can get all the thrill of playing golf without belonging to a club or having to go to links at the outskirts of the city." A complete 18-hole course has been constructed in miniature. Balls and clubs are furnished. Since the opening Tuesday large crowds have enjoyed the sport both in the afternoons and at night.

Advertise in the Merkel Mail.

Many Features for Our Next "Cow Day"

(Continued From Page One) with his wife playing the accompaniment.

Rev. J. W. Joiner was called on for a talk to the Lions in which he stressed "fellowship, the art of living together." He applied this in a number of practical ways with special reference to the community spirit. He noted with much pleasure the fine spirit of cooperation as shown by the Men's Revival now in progress, in which men from all of the churches have taken the lead in promoting this series of meetings. He concluded his remarks with the proposition which he said he was always willing to stand behind that "the church holds up something that you cannot lose by." So he invited everybody to come to the services.

BAND STAND URGED. In recognition of the need of a band stand and place for such events as the "Cow Day" program, H. H. Jenkins suggested that some steps be taken looking to the erection of a bandstand somewhere in this city. This was referred to the committee on parks and playgrounds.

Booth Warren called attention to the almost unanimous disposition on the part of the merchants and business men to close one hour each morning for the evangelistic services and at his suggestion the Lions gave a typical roar to indicate their endorsement of the revival movement.

C. K. Russell is to be next toastmaster.

Beauty Expert to be Here April 7 to 12

The ladies of Merkel and this section are extended a most cordial invitation to make an appointment with Miss Nelle King, beauty expert, representing Marie Tomlin, famous beauty authority and creator of the line of Marie Tomlin Beauty Aids, who is to be at the City Drug store from April 7 to 12.

The announcement in this issue of The Mail carries particulars of the invitation and attention is called to same for particulars.

Rockwall with only 149 square miles is the smallest county in Texas. Camp with 207 is the next smallest. Morris with 259, Delta 261, Rains 267 and Franklin 289 are other counties with less than 300 square miles. Titus, Marion and Gregg cover less than 400 square miles.

Epsom salts, comparatively harmless in the stomach, is a violent poison in the veins.

Announcement to School Teachers and Pupils We have in Stock a Supply of Construction Paper VARIOUS COLORS AND ANY SIZE Merkel Mail

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**CANE SEED FOR SALE**—Pure red top, free from Johnson grass. H. R. Horton, 7 miles north of Merkel.

**FOR SALE**—Good milk Cow, also a few turkey eggs. See Mrs. N. Causeaux.

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

**FOR RENT**—5-room house with all modern conveniences; \$15 per month; also 4-room house with lights and gas, \$5 per month. Phone 265J. S. F. Haynes.

**FOR RENT**—New stucco five room residence all utilities, gas, lights, city water, sewer connection, etc. Close to school and church. \$12.50 per month. See G. W. Boyce.

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

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**BUY** your fat calves, cows and hogs. Phone 9, Patterson's Market, or see J. A. Patterson.

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## 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.

## SHERIFF'S SALE.

The State of Texas, County of Taylor: Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 104th District Court of Taylor County, of the 29th day of March 1930, by Belle Wellborn, Clerk of said 104th District Court for the sum of One thousand three hundred seventy-two and 35/100 Dollars and costs of suit, under a judgment, in favor of Abilene Plumbing Supply Company, in a certain cause in said Court, No. 789-B and styled Abilene Plumbing Supply Company, a corporation, vs. Joe Seaboat, placed in my hands for service, I, H. T. O'Bar as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did, on the 1st day of April 1930, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: all that certain lot or parcel of land situated in Taylor County Texas, and described as Lot No. 1, Block Continuation of Belmont Odd to the City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, as shown by Book No. 528-529, of the plat records of Taylor County, Texas, to which reference is herein made; and levied upon as the property of Joe Seaboat and that on the first Tuesday in May 1930, the same being the 6th day of said month, at the Court House door, of Taylor County, in the city of Abilene, Texas, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 4 P. M., by virtue of said levy and said order of sale I will sell said above described Real Estate

at public venue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said Joe Seaboat

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper published in Taylor County.

Witness my hand, this 1st day of April 1930.

H. T. O'Bar  
Sheriff Taylor County, Texas  
By W. F. Whaley, Deputy.

## LODGE NOTICES

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

Joe Hartley, H. P.  
O. R. Dye, Secretary

## Your Stray Horse May be at Pound

Those who have stray cattle and horses may find them at the city pound, according to City Marshal Dickinson, whose duty it is to round up stock found running loose on the streets, alleys and vacant lots.

Attention is also called to the fact that there is a city ordinance against permitting chickens to run at large. Chickens must be kept up or they will be run in, is the warning of the city marshal.

The man whose nude body was found in the Pecos river has been identified as H. M. Polan of Plentywood, Mont., who was in Fort Worth from Feb. 18 to March 11 and who also was in attendance at the Cattle Raisers convention in San Angelo in the latter part of March.

Texas shipped 48,816 carloads of fruits and vegetables in 1929, excluding 1. c. l. shipments, estimated at 3,000 carloads.

## 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.)  
C. 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.

RUFE 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.

There are approximately 81,000,000 telephone conversations per day in the United States. In other words, each phone is used about three times a day.

## BANKS

### OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE

### HOME STATE BANK

at Trent, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 27th day of March, 1930, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, State of Texas, on the 4th day of April, 1930.

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts, on personal or collateral security	\$125,895.16
Loans secured by real estate	3,842.55
Overdrafts	79.62
Securities of U. S. any State or political subdivision thereof	300.00
Banking House \$4,000.00, Furniture & Fixtures \$1,400.00	5,400.00
Cash in bank	3,553.80
Due from approved reserve agents	83,553.35
Other Resources (Cash Collections)	13.71
Cotton Bills Exchange	6,074.31
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$228,712.50</b>

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus Fund	25,000.00
Undivided profits, net	5,842.36
Individual Deposits subject to check, including time deposits due in 30 days	172,464.14
Cashier's Checks Outstanding	400.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$228,712.50</b>

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Taylor:

We, J. T. Warren, as President and L. E. Adrian, as Cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

J. T. WARREN, President.  
L. E. ADRIAN, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of April, A. D. 1930.

ROSIE LANEY,  
Notary Public, Taylor County Texas

(SEAL)  
CORRECT—Attest:  
T. L. STEVENS,  
A. WILLIAMSON,  
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Directors.



## Humming Bird Full Fashioned Hosiery

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Trent, Texas

## Glider "Eaglet" Over Merkel 7:03

Early rising citizens of Merkel were afforded a sight not likely to be seen again when Wednesday morning Captain Frank Hawks in his monoplane glider, "Eaglet," was towed over

Merkel behind a Waco biplane at an altitude of about 3,000 feet.

The tow plane and the glider arrived over Merkel at 7:03 after spending the night in Sweetwater. Captain Hawks, who left Los Angeles Sunday, hopes to be the first to cross the United States in a glider. He expects to arrive in New York City Sunday.

## Yellow Jacket Sandwich Shop.

Remember that at our Sandwich Shop just east of the Gulf Station and just recently opened, with everything new, you can get all kinds of sandwiches, hamburgers, also hot pit barbecue, cooked daily. Come to see us. Mack Fowler and John Walls, proprietors.

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## SPECIALS FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

Bananas	large, green tips, per doz.	23c	Coffee	Morning Joy, 2 1-2 lbs.	\$1.25
New Potatoes	3 lbs. for	25c	Toilet Soap	4 bars for	25c
Carrots	nice bunches, 3 for	25c	Gallon Fruit	any kind	68c
Lettuce	large, firm heads	8c	Kraut	No. 2 cans	7c
Greens	Mustard large bunches	6c	Kraut	No. 2 1-2 cans 2 for	25c
Beans	fresh, per lb.	10c	Beans	Pintos, 12 lbs. for	\$1.00
Onions	Fresh, 3 bunches for	25c	Bacon	dry salt, per lb.	18c
Spuds	10 lbs. for	30c	Picnic Hams	not salty, per lb.	24c
Candy	Easter Eggs, per lb.	22c	Bacon	sliced, with rind off, lb.	27c

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## The Merkel Mail

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# THE BADGER WEEKLY

Published weekly by the students of Merkel High School and sponsored by the Junior Class of '30—Vera Baker sponsor.

**The Staff:**  
 Editor-in-Chief—Audrey Farris.  
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 Choral and Glee Clubs—Artilce Simmons.  
 Pep Squad Reporters—Tracy Campbell and Edwin Watson.

## PLANS FOR JUNIOR-SENIOR BANQUET.

The Juniors met Monday at chapel period to discuss the Junior-Senior banquet to be given on Friday evening, April 25.

The president appointed two committees: the program committee, Byron Patterson, Mattilou Largent and Audrey Farris; and invitation committee: H. H. Copeland, Beth Hamm, and Inez Robbins.

The program committee met Monday afternoon and started preparations.

The Junior-Senior banquet is one of the few really brilliant affairs of the school year. Upperclassmen have looked forward to it throughout the year.

## REVERIES OF A SENIOR.

I suppose that I am no different from my predecessors, but they all said when they were Seniors that they were glad it was about over. I am not and I believe that they were just saying that to cloak their emotions. For eleven years we have spent three-fourths of our time in school and then—to give it all up—to go forth to conquer or be conquered—to depart from the ranks of amateurs to those of professionals, to have to work and see our grades marked down in a bank book instead of on the regular report card. Who can be so unhuman as to dissolve into a mere citizen of this old world without a trace of regret?

It is true that we know times here in school when we would like to quit and sate our desires in pleasures of the world but think of the countless friendships, of the innumerable joys and sorrows that we have enjoyed with our classmates. And once this is left behind, there is no reviving, no picking up again, of these things. They may tell you that it will occur again in college, but we know that it cannot. We will be older and it will be harder to adjust ourselves to a new setting. Once we are away from our old school we begin to lose traces of our mates and soon we are only left the illusions and fond memories to treasure.

Yes! I can truthfully say that I, for one, will be sorry to greet the day when we must die as high school students and be born again as citizens of the world to act each for himself and "the devil take the hindmost!"

## D. O. L. L. CLUB.

The D. O. L. L. club has planned a very enjoyable afternoon for Wednesday. At the meeting some days ago they planned to go to Blowout mountain. Preparations had been made for last Friday but the "West Texas Sand Storm" objected.

## FRESHMEN.

We guess you know that the Freshmen are equalling the Seniors in work—and everything else almost. Why, some, if not all of the Fish, got their pictures in the Annual this time. We certainly hope that all the Fish have grown enough to swim out in the next eight weeks. If they do, Merkel High has achieved a record.

## PRAIRIE DOGS VS. BADGERS.

On April 1, at 3 o'clock the Grammar School girls, the Prairie Dogs, and the High School girls, the Badgers, played an exciting game of baseball.

The game was short and interesting and at the end the score was 5 to 5. Most of the innings were "first three up—first three down."  
Umpires were Middleton and Shepard.

The line-ups were as usual except that the substitutes were Burgess, Duke and Davis.

## KNOW YOUR SENIORS OF '30.

(A Weekly Article.)

### Helen Frances Kelso.

Helen Frances Kelso was born on May 11, 1912, at Stith, Texas. At the age of seven she entered Stith school which she attended until last year when she entered Merkel High school as a Junior. During her Junior year she was a member of the Junior Girls club. She finished the first milestone of her education at the age of fourteen, and will finish the second milestone this year. She is a member of the B. B. G. club.

During her school life at Merkel she has won many friends. She has a lovable disposition and is a true friend. We shall miss her next year and we hope other students will follow in her footsteps.

### Odell Hunter.

On August 22, 1914, at Midland, Texas, the winsome child, Odell, was born to Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Hunter. Her parents moved to eastern New Mexico where they lived until she was three years old and then moved to Western New Mexico. She entered school there at the age of five.

Her parents then moved to Merkel in 1925. Odell entered Merkel Grammar school in the seventh grade. All through school she has been known as the tiniest girl in her class. During her Junior year she was a member of the L. O. V. E. club. In her Senior year she belongs to the B. B. G. club and is on the Annual staff. Odell is a girl that makes teachers proud of their profession, because she always knows her lessons.

She has distinguished herself as an amateur actress and as a public reader. In her Junior year she represented Merkel in the county declamation contest of the Interscholastic League and for the last two years she has helped win first place for Merkel in spelling. This year she was a winning debator, Odell, charming and exceedingly clever, will be one of the most missed Seniors.

## YOU'RE A FISH FOR ONLY TODAY.

School is but a pleasure, make that pleasure supreme!

You're a "fish" for only today.

Don't forget that Seniors crumble—Juniors tumble—The "Sophs" would be lonely if it were not for you—You're a "fish" for only today.

Be that happy one—smile up at the sun.

You're a "fish" for only today.

Playing won't harm you—but studying will help you—graduating makes you a mighty "Soph."

You're a "fish" for only today.

—Silas Stephens.

## DRAMATIC CLUB ENTERTAINED.

On Friday evening, March 28, the members of the Dramatic club assembled for one of the most successful entertainments of the year. Each guest, as he arrived, was presented with a "foolscap" and each endeavored to act the part of the symbol. Hilarity marked the occasion as many old-fashioned games were played. A contest of "Traveling," in which groups of the guests were to answer questions asked about the "travel" with appropriate pictures from magazines, was won by the group composed of Lucile Cole, Lona Bryan, Himalaya Swafford, Beryl Hunter and Elvis Richardson. The prize of chewing gum immediately added to the festiveness of the affair. The guests—but certainly not the game!—were finally exhausted so they were asked to partake of the delightful refreshment plate consisting of fruit salad, sandwiches, olives and punch, which was served by the hostesses, Nadine Tippett and Willie Mae Schwartz, and the hosts, Orion Tittle and Milton Case.

Afterwards, in Miss Tracy's studio, the interesting and somewhat emotion-

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al play, "Enter the Hero," was effectively presented by Beryl Hunter, Margaret Miller, Tula Miller, and Tracy Campbell before the hosts and hostesses and these guests: Miss Julia Martin, Miss Tracy, Lona Bryan, Lucile Cole, Verna T. Beasley, Beth Hamm, Beryl Hunter, Odell Hunter, Eleanor Mae Hamilton, Himalaya Swafford, J. D. Ashby, Harold Boney, Wesley Butler, Buster Horton, Fred Guitart, Elvis Richardson and E. L. Turner.

## REVIEWING "ENTER THE HERO."

"Enter the Hero," an emotional one-act play, with a touch of the tragical, by Theresa Helburn, was well presented by the cast, despite the handicap of not having a stage or scenery. The theme of the play dealt with a girl (Anne Carey, portrayed by Beryl Hunter) who was, or fancied that she was, desperately in love with a man who was merely a family friend. She knew that he cared not for her, so to please her fanciful dreams, she wrote letters to him while he was in a foreign country. But she dared not mail them, so she learned his style of writing and wrote her own answers. She let her friends understand that they were engaged. Consequently, when Harold Lawson (Tracy Campbell) returned to visit them, he—being of ordinary and unromantic temperament—received a shock upon meeting Anne and learning that he had written letters which he had not actually written. She finally confessed the forgery of the letters, but insisted that he acknowledge their engagement, which would be broken later, in order to save her the humiliation that she would receive otherwise. Lawson, of course, did not trust her and would not agree. Then entered Mrs. Carey (Tula Miller) and Ruth Carey (Margaret Miller), to whom Anne, of her own volition, confessed that they had broken their betrothal vows, which her mother believed had been really made. Anne began some pretty acting, becoming hysterical, refusing explanations, and demanding that Harold depart. Her mother became worried and also asked him to depart. Thus was Harold helped out of his predicament.

Perhaps the best part of the play was the unique ending. Anne was left alone. She had recovered and was sitting at a table, writing. As she read aloud the audience was left to gather

## Dallas Lady Glad to Praise Famed Konjola

Neuritis And Stomach Troubles Soon Banished By Power of New Medicine.



MRS. E. M. FITZGERALD.

"I never had the least idea Konjola would help me as it did," said Mrs. E. M. Fitzgerald, 4533 Worth street, Dallas. "My stomach gave me a great deal of pain and trouble. Gas accumulated in my stomach after meals and the pressure against the heart cavity caused that organ to beat wildly. Neuritis attacked my side and my right arm and shoulder. These pains were often so severe that I could not do my housework, I did not sleep at night and became very nervous. "Konjola is fast bringing me back to health again. My stomach is in excellent shape and I can eat almost anything without distress. The neuritis pains are gone, my sleep is normal once again, and my nervous condition has greatly improved. I shall always recommend Konjola to anyone suffering as I did."

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that she was writing a letter to herself from Harold. He was begging that he be forgiven.

## JOKES.

Miss Martin: "Sandifer, I caught you shooting Jack—what have you to say for yourself?"

Sandifer: "Why, I have the right to do that—I didn't sign the Kellogg Peace pact."

Mrs. Patterson: "Jack, you made zero on yesterday's History lesson—And now you've made zero on today's lesson! Before I punish you—try to explain yourself!"

Jack: "Well, she asked me the same question—again today—that I missed yesterday."

First: "Adolph is an awful pest. He never seems to know when to stop."

Second: "That's strange. I was out riding with him only last night and he found a dandy place."

Oneda (after speaking of Joel's irresponsibility): "But there are several things I can count on."

Joel: "What are they?"

Oneda: "My fingers."

Gerald (in English class): "What part of the body is the fray?"

Paul: "Fray? What are you talking about?"

Gerald: "Ohis book says that Ivanhoe was wounded in the fray."

Beryl (reading poem aloud): "This line is devoted to Philip."

Eleanor Mae: "To Philip who?"

Beryl: "To Philip Space."

Marie: "No, Clarence, I can't marry you, but I'll be your sister."

Clarence: "I couldn't stand that; I have one sister already that's swiped all my shirts, collars, ties, socks and cigarettes."

Mother: "Why are you so unkind to nurse? Don't you like her?"

Little son: "No, I hate her. I'd like to pinch her cheeks like daddy does."

"It's not the school," sobbed the little fellow, "it's the principal of the thing."

Miss Sloan: "Please follow the work on the board."

E. L.: "Where is it going?"

## R. Q. Lee to Remain In Race for Congress

Washington, April 3.—Representative R. Q. Lee of the Cisco district said Monday that he would continue as a candidate for re-election for a second term as representative in congress from the seventeenth district of Texas. A large number of inquiries came to Mr. Lee asking whether on account of his recent illness he would continue as a candidate for re-election. Mr. Lee's condition is improving, and, according to his physician, only a complete rest is necessary to restore him to his former vigor. It is possible, however, according to the announcement, that Mr. Lee may not be able to make an active campaign of the district during the primary, and in that event, it will be necessary for his friends in the district to assist him.

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# POULTRY

## ALL-MASH FEED GOOD FOR EGGS

Poultry keepers who have used the mash method of feeding chicks and young pullets may continue the method for laying pullets. The plan has proved satisfactory for fall and winter egg production at the Ohio experiment station, and is being used by many successful poultrymen.

The only change in the all-mash for egg production, according to D. C. Kennard, station poultryman, is to increase the meat scraps from 5 to 10 per cent and decrease the corn from 70 to 65 per cent. Coarsely ground wheat may be used instead of middlings in the mash. And for best results, Mr. Kennard would also use milk in some form.

Success with all-mash feeding the laying pullets, especially for winter eggs, is largely determined by the kind of mixture and manner of feeding it. The mash should be as granular as possible rather than finely ground. A suitable type of feeder should provide 20 to 24 feet of eating space per 100 pullets. Fresh mash should be fed daily in the evening, the amount being about what will be consumed during the next 24 hours.

Electric lights may be used to advantage. A warm, moist mash fed in the evening, especially in cold weather, may prove beneficial.

Details relative to the all-mash method of feeding layers may be had by writing the Ohio experiment station at Wooster.

### Laying Hens Must Have Ration Rich in Protein

During the course of twelve months a high-laying hen will produce from 18 to 25 or more pounds of eggs—or from four to seven or more times her own body weight, depending upon the weight of the hen. And it is a well-known fact that eggs are high in percentage of protein. Logically, therefore, it follows that laying hens must be fed a ration which is rich in protein if they are to turn out this amount of protein-rich product and still maintain the muscle, sinew and blood in their own bodies.

Home-grown grains, such as wheat, oats, barley and corn, while they all contain a certain proportion of protein, all rank as carbohydrate-rich. Necessary to maintain body and provide heat and energy, but in insufficient proportion of protein to meet the requirements of heavy egg production. Millfeeds, such as bran and shorts, contain proportionately more protein than do whole grains, but they, likewise, fail to supply the needed amount. If the ration fed to laying hens contains these feeds only, without the addition of some protein-rich supplement, the feeder cannot expect high egg production; the hen simply cannot produce eggs, but can only turn the carbohydrates into surplus body fat.

### Specialist Tells How to Get Better Eggs

Care used in the mating of poultry and in the selection of hatching eggs will in a short time develop a flock that produces practically no inferior eggs, says L. M. Black, extension specialist in poultry husbandry, at the college of agriculture of Rutgers university.

Experiment has shown that certain characters are transmitted to future layers through the egg. The pullet that is hatched from any particular egg tends to lay the same type egg as that from which she came. Successful poultrymen take advantage of this fact and select only typical, large, uniformly colored eggs when setting the incubator. Since sires, too, exert an influence upon the type of egg laid by the pullets, males selected for the breeding pens are from ancestors that were noted for their heavy production of large, uniformly colored and shaped eggs.

There is an old German adage which when translated reads, "As the bird, so is the egg." It probably was not originated for poultrymen alone, but it holds great significance for them.

### Vitamins for Fowls

Vitamins should not worry the good poultryman so much in summer as in winter. Green foods and sunshine supply the vitamins that are most apt to be lacking in the winter ration. During the early spring months these factors are apt to be lacking unless the poultryman takes special pains to see that the birds have green stuff and sunshine. Alfalfa leaves, when put in a rack where fowls may eat them, will help supply the need for green material.

### Sunlight Helps Hens

Direct sunlight will help the hens to lay strong shelled eggs as well as eggs with a high degree of hatchability. If hens have been closed up they should be turned out into the sunshine on bright days. If it is necessary to keep them closed up, then the windows should be thrown open during the middle of the day so the direct rays of the sun may get in. Glass substitutes may also be used in place of some of the window glass to let in more.

# FARM STOCK

## TON-LITTERS MAKE PROFITABLE PORK

### Best Returns on Pigs When Fed to Full Capacity.

Producing a "ton-litter" of hogs—meaning a single litter which will weigh a total of 2,000 pounds or more when 180 days old—is more than a merely spectacular stunt which entitles its performer to membership in an agricultural honor club and may cost him more money than it brings in. Raising ton-litters is profitable, according to testimony of men who have raised them and who are now members of the Ohio Ton-Litter Honor club, sponsored by the agricultural extension service of the Ohio State university here. These men have reported to J. W. Wulchet, swine specialist in the department of animal husbandry, that their ton-litters have been the most profitable hogs ever produced on their farms.

"The reason is that the principles of producing ton-litters are the same as those of producing pork profitably in any amount," says Wulchet. "For one thing, it takes a large number of pigs in the litter to weigh a ton, and our records show that the cost of producing 100 pounds of pork depends primarily on the number of pigs marketed, per litter.

"In the second place, pigs which gain most rapidly make their gains on the smallest amount of feed, time and labor. Hogs are pork-producing machines, and like other machines, operate most efficiently and economically when operating at full capacity. And if fed to capacity for the most rapid gains, they reach the market at a more advantageous time than if they were given a limited ration and took more time to get ready for market."

### Prevent Bone Disease

#### by Feeding Minerals

The mineral substances which go into bone consist largely of compounds of lime and phosphorus derived from the food. In any case they are primarily derived from the soil, writes Dr. L. Van Es in the Capper's Farmer.

In some regions the soil is poor in lime and the vegetation it supports may not provide live stock with a sufficient quantity. Or, the mistake may be made of selecting feeds poor in bone building materials. In both cases, animals may come to suffer from bone softening because there always is an expenditure of the lime-phosphorus complex. Evidence tends to show that to utilize bone building materials the animal body must be exposed to direct sunshine. When sunshine is lacking or when the minerals are deficient, the bone is inadequately formed or it eventually softens. Such diseases as leg weakness in chickens, rickets and paralysis in swine, and the loin disease in cattle are traceable to these factors.

Animals should be so fed and kept that bone disease may be avoided. If the natural foodstuffs are deficient, supplementary feeds, such as milk or milk by-products, tankage or a small amount of steamed bonemeal must be added to the ration. Direct sunshine usually is not difficult to procure, but when it is, recourse should be had to codliver oil, especially for young animals kept indoors.

### Centers for External Parasites in Old Lots

While in continuous use, old hog lots and houses may become centers for external parasites such as lice and mange mites and more death-dealing microscopic organisms, those that cause pig diseases such as scurvy, scours, infectious nasal catarrh, bronchitis, infectious edema, swine pest, undesirable sequelae to wound infections, eczema, necrobacillosis of the skin, nose, stomach, and intestines, and various types of pneumonia. Besides all these troubles, there are the ever-present round worm eggs.

### Hog Cholera Prevented

#### by Right Use of Serum

Let us not forget that hog cholera has not been entirely and completely eradicated in this country. Let us not forget also that the disease may be easily prevented by making pigs immune with the proper use of serum and virus. Let us keep in mind that after the disease gets a good start in a herd of pigs there is little that can be done to stop it. While we are at it let us be reminded that it costs less to immunize weanling pigs than 150-pound shoats. They are also more easily handled.

### Feeding Orphan Lamb

If the orphan lamb cannot be given to another ewe, it may be raised satisfactorily on a bottle. Of course it is better to get another ewe to adopt the lamb if possible. When necessary to raise a lamb on a bottle, it will need to be fed several times a day at first. The number of feedings may be reduced until by the time the lamb is six weeks old, three or four times a day will be sufficient. A creep should be provided where some ground grain may be kept for the lambs.

## Three Sisters Die Within Forty-Eight Hours of Each Other

Beaumont, Tex. April 3.—News of the death of three sisters within forty-eight hours developed here Friday when relatives of Miss Emma Jones and Mrs. C. Fisher, sisters, who died here last Saturday, received a letter announcing the death of a third sister, Mrs. D. C. Coffey, at Lakeland, Ky. Mrs. Fisher was the first to die dropping dead of heart failure while nursing the oldest sister, Miss Emma Jones, who was stricken with paralysis three days previously. Miss Jones died five hours after Mrs. Fisher and Mrs. Coffey, who did not know of the

death of the sisters in Beaumont, was seized with paralysis about the same hour and died Monday the day after the double funeral of the other women. Mrs. Fisher was 59, Mrs. Coffey 65 and Miss Jones 76. They are survived by one sister and two brothers, who reside in Kentucky.

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### Trent News and Personal Notes

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Johnson and children of Abilene spent Sunday with Mrs. Johnson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Boyd.

Mr. and Mrs. Mimms of Ft. Worth spent Sunday with Mrs. Mimms' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tid Smith, and Mrs. Tom Williamson. She came to Sweetwater by airplane.

Mrs. Ebb McGowen of Lamesa was a recent guest of Mrs. Hale McRee. Postmaster and Mrs. Dowdy left Tuesday for a visit to the Rio Grande valley.

Mrs. J. S. Reid has returned home after a pleasant visit with her sons at Lamesa.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Smith and little daughter of Lubbock returned home Tuesday after a visit of several days with relatives here.

Dr. Othel Watkins stopped over a few hours here Monday as he was returning to Dallas from Lubbock, where he had been called to the bedside of his father, Dr. G. H. Watkins, who was very ill. He reported his father's condition somewhat improved.

C. L. Stagner and daughter, Mrs. Craig, of Big Spring were here for a few hours Sunday.

J. M. Smith and Leonard Quittabaum are in Temple this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Terry and Mrs. Ellis Smith spent Sunday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Bessie Billings in Abilene.

Quite a few of our people attended the singing Sunday at Noodle.

Mrs. Ross Young of Sweetwater visited here Monday.

Mrs. W. A. Abbott is at home after an extended visit with her daughter, Mrs. Bob McLeod, of Mineral Wells. Hubert Beckham of Lamesa spent Sunday with homefolks.

Miss Ruby Johnson, who is attending C. I. A., spent a few days last week with her parents, returning to school Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Adrian had as their guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Probst of Abilene.

Mesdames McLeod, Williamson and Woods spent Tuesday in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Murry spent Saturday night and Sunday visiting relatives in Anson.

Mrs. Wright Boyd and little son, Wright Grant, of Lamesa, came over Sunday for a few days' visit with relatives.

W. L. Boyd closed a deal last week in which he sold out his telephone exchange to the Southwestern Telephone company. Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Winn are the new managers.

Bob McLeod and son, Lloyd, spent the week-end here with Mr. McLeod's mother, Mrs. S. D. McLeod.

The party Monday night at the home of W. E. Hamner, honoring Misses Dorothy and Florence Boyd, who are removing to Hamlin this week, was greatly enjoyed by a large crowd of youngsters.

April fool day was greatly enjoyed by all our school children, as the teachers gave them an all-day picnic outing.

A large circle of friends gathered at the Boyd home Sunday at noon, each family bringing lunch, which was spread outside. The occasion came as a surprise to the family, but it was only a small token of love and esteem to these good people who are moving this week to Hamlin, where Mr. Boyd has purchased the Chevrolet agency. Mrs. Boyd will run a florist shop. We regret to lose them from our midst, but wish them success in their new home.

Misses Ermaden Duncan and Viola Smith were the guests of Miss Burleson in Abilene last week-end.

On Friday a group of the younger set were entertained at the home of Miss Fannie Scott. After games of forty-two and bridge, refreshments of hot chocolate and cake were served. Each and everyone reported a wonderful time.

The Methodist revival began Sunday with a large crowd for the opening service. Brother Sherrill is doing some able preaching. Services are held twice daily and everyone is urged to come and take part.

Abilene's \$150,000 Air Terminal will be dedicated during the W. T. C. Convention May 29, 30 and 31.

Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office.

### Little W. T. Perry Will be Greatly Missed

W. T. Perry was born August 5, 1921, and died March 28, 1930. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Perry, and four sisters Emma, Evelyn, Nadine, and Jimmie Dell are left to grieve his absence.

W. T.'s death followed a very short illness, being out of school just one week. His classmates grieve much his going and will remember him always as a bright and studious pupil and a loving playmate. He was liked by everyone and was always ready to follow the rules of the schoolroom and the playground. I have visited in W. T.'s home and have found him just as obedient as at school and as full of fun and mischief as an eight year old boy should be.

W. T. was buried in the Merkel cemetery after funeral services held at the First Methodist church of Merkel, Friday afternoon, March 28, at 4:30 o'clock.

Many of W. T.'s little friends were at the home near Nubia and went on to Merkel with the large procession of friends and relatives to pay their last respects to W. T. and show their love and sympathy for the bereaved family.

Butman school is lonely without him.

—His teacher,  
Novis J. Whiteaker.

### Dora Doings

The revival meeting at the Baptist church is progressing nicely with Brother Vergil Cloyd of Hereford doing the preaching.

At the birthday dinner with little Jewel Perry the following were present: Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Whisenhunt and family, Mrs. Fanny Perry, Monroe Whisenhunt and family, Riley Whisenhunt and family, Fayne Perry and family, Cliff Perry and family, Sam Butman, Jr., and family and Mrs. Ruth Jones and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvis Tyrone enjoyed a visit from Mrs. Tyrone of Gorman and his sister, Mrs. Bessie Oliver, of Glendale, Ariz.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ensminger are announcing the arrival of a baby daughter, Christine La Nell, on March 25th.

Our school won several places in the track meet at Sweetwater Friday and Saturday. The Junior Boys indoor baseball team carried off first place. We also won first place in essay writing and several second and third places as well as first in high jump and second in broad jump.

Dot and Bill Phillips spent the week-end with Ford Phillips and family at Roscoe.

E. B. Shelton of Abilene spent Sunday here with friends and relatives.

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### Personal Mention

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Smith visited relatives in Tuscola Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Wood visited Sunday in Colorado and Big Spring.

Miss Edna Marie Jones of Abilene is the houseguest of Miss Christine Collins.

Wilkes Holden has returned from a visit to his brother, Bert, at Cross Plains.

Chester Hutcheson and J. R. Banner of Wilson, Texas, are here on business matters.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Ellis were over from Abilene for the week-end with relatives.

Miss Bessie Westenhover is again at home after two weeks of professional duty in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Mellinger and three sons visited his brother in Big Spring last Sunday.

Miss Venice Bell was home for the week-end from Warner's Memorial university at Eastland.

Guests last week-end in the J. S. Swann home were Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Sears from Snyder.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Darsey were here from Fort Worth on a week-end visit with relatives and friends.

Mrs. A. V. Dye, Misses Valeria Dye and Maxie Banner visited Sunday with Miss Nell Boswell in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Bullock of Stanton, Texas, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Garrett.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Eyssen of Abilene were guests last week-end of Mrs. Amy Sears and Miss Mary Eula Sears.

Misses Ona and Pauline Johnson were visitors Sunday in the home of Rev. and Mrs. Henry Weldon in Sweetwater.

After attending the ginners convention in Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Swann will visit her parents in Leonard, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Julia F. Bailey and Mrs. J. P. Wooten of Abilene were dinner guests Friday of Mrs. Amy Sears and Miss Mary Eula Sears.

Dr. and Mrs. O. W. Little and little Miss Mary Virginia of Bridgeport, who formerly lived in Abilene, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Caple.

Although she was knocked down by an automobile in an unavoidable accident at the intersection of Main and Elm streets Tuesday afternoon Mrs.

C. J. Adcock was not seriously hurt, although she suffered several serious bruises. She was resting well, according to reports Thursday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Miles, (the latter will be remembered as Miss Willie Swann,) of San Angelo are announcing the arrival of a handsome eight-pound baby boy.

On their return from a visit with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Coit, at Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Warren were accompanied by their grandson, Tommy Coit.

Messrs. C. M. Largent and Willie Jo Largent were in Coleman Monday to be present at the funeral of J. C. Dibrell, president of the First National Bank, who died Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Sheppard were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Burton Herring in Sweetwater and Mrs. Sheppard remained over to be with Mr. Herring, who is her nephew, for an operation.

Mrs. Lillie Young, accompanied by her son and his wife, of Harrison, Ark., en route to California, stopped over here to visit her sister, Mrs. R. L. McClain, whom she had not seen for thirty years.

Week-end guests of Mrs. D. H. Vaughn were her sister, Mrs. T. H. Cobb and son, Tommie, of Wichita Falls. On their return home, they were accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Ada Watkins, and her sister, Miss Dehlia Watkins, the latter going to Wichita Falls for treatment for her eyes.

Mrs. W. H. Laney was called to Oklahoma City Monday on account of the illness of her brother-in-law, W. E. Jones, and Thursday notified her daughter, Miss Rose Laney, that he had died Wednesday night at 9 o'clock. Mrs. Laney will remain with her sister in Oklahoma City for several weeks.

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**Attends Mother's Funeral.**  
Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Davis and children have returned from Roscoe where they attended the funeral of Mrs. Davis' mother, Mrs. J. E. Badgely, the latter having been taken ill about two weeks previously at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Claude Caviness, at Wichita Falls. Her remains were shipped to Roscoe March 29 for burial at the latter place. Mrs. Davis had visited her mother during the time of her illness but was not present when death came. The family has the sympathy of many friends in their bereavement.

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