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MAY 7TH IS DATE NAMED MERKEL'S NEXT "COW DAY"

First Wednesday Following First Sunday Each Month Designated Permanently As "Cow Day" by Lions Club.

The first Wednesday in next month, May 7, was named as the next "Cow Day" at the weekly luncheon of the Lions club. It was also decided by vote of the club to designate "Cow Day" permanently as the first Wednesday after the first Sunday each month.

For the coming event in May a committee consisting of Booth Warren, Dee Grimes and Ted Nichols was named to arrange special features, which will be announced later.

The club singing was led by Rufe Tittle, with Mrs. E. Yates Brown at the piano. After the invocation by Booth Warren, W. O. Boney, the presiding officer introduced Rufe Tittle as toastmaster. The latter started a most interesting program with his preliminary remarks that the day would be mostly a country affair, with a country toastmaster part of the music from the country and hot barbecue, prepared by the Yellow Jacket Sandwich shop, as the piece de resistance on the menu.

Mr. and Mrs. Ford Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Anderson were the quartet of musicians first introduced, with Ford Smith and his fiddle and Jesse Anderson with his mandolin. It was the kind of music that sets one to patting his foot, whether he is the one fingering the mandolin or not, and many encores greeted their several numbers.

Miss Lucy Tracy had two divisions to her part of the program: her pickaninny band, consisting of Billie Wood, Frances Higgins, Clara Frances Largent and Betty Lou Grimes, in several clever numbers, and Carl Bannaugh, who told two stories, and Annie Lee Owens, winner of Junior declamation. Each of these features was a genuine treat and was greeted with appreciative applause.

Besides the varied program of entertainment numbers, very little business was transacted. Perry Dickinson, city marshal, was introduced as a new member, having been elected at the previous meeting. On motion of Charles Jones, the club voted to send flowers to the Farmers State bank in celebration of its opening. Attention was also called to the dates of the Lions State convention, which is to be held in Austin May 12, 13 and 14.

Stan Johnson is to be toastmaster for next week.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail April 15, 1910.)

WILL BUILD NEW CHURCH.
Congregation of Church of Christ will build handsome new house of worship.

Voluntary donations were taken Tuesday from the following: H. L. Propst, J. F. Sharp, A. C. Rose, John Eoff, Jim Eoff, T. G. Ferguson, H. Turner, Price Bankhead, G. J. Robinson, J. M. Rice, Homer Black, M. D. Ussery, Myri Alsbrook, Jess Ferguson, Parker Sharp, J. W. Moore, J. M. White, J. E. Black, R. L. Adcock, Mrs. Alice Rose, Mrs. W. B. Alsbrook, Mrs. J. M. White, J. S. Robertson, S. C. Keith, J. A. Buford, R. H. Collins, D. W. Yeager.

The church is about six years of age and has a membership of 200. George W. Cypert is pastor.

It was with sincere regret that we watched our young friend John Daniels brought home from El Paso on Saturday last, badly injured and confined to his bed. John is a general favorite and the people of Merkel all grieve over the serious accident which has befallen him, but we hope that the comforts of home and the loving care of his good parents and the cheerful company of his many friends will soon restore him to health and put him on his feet again.

FLOWERS AND PLANTS WILL BE EXCHANGED

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.)

Head of American Cotton Ass'n to Be In Abilene Tuesday

C. O. Moser of Dallas, vice-president and secretary of the American cooperative association, will be in Abilene Tuesday, April 22, for the purpose of organizing a regional unit of the organization.

A mass meeting of farmers and business men has been called for 2 p. m. at the city hall for an address by Mr. Moser, who is coming to Abilene under the auspices of the Abilene Chamber of Commerce.

He will visit Stamford Wednesday and speak on the plans and program of his organization at 2 p. m. in that city.

Delegates Named to District Meeting of Farm Bureau Ass'n

C. F. Oliver of Abilene and J. E. Higgins of this city were named at a meeting held in Abilene last Saturday as Taylor county delegates to attend the district convention of the Texas Farm Bureau Cotton association at Anson this coming Saturday. They were instructed to nominate Gilbert Benton of Hawley for district director.

Among those in attendance at the meeting from Merkel were J. E. Higgins, Charlie Higgins, Sam Mashburn, Bob Mashburn, Joe Higgins, A. J. Canon, Dave Shelton and H. M. Vanlanningham.

Austin Fitts has resigned his work with the Hampton Dry Goods store and states that he may accept employment elsewhere. Mr. Fitts knows every man, woman and child in the Merkel country and all hope that he will continue his residence in the City in Clover. This is the first idle time of Mr. Fitts in a quarter of a century, the first week without a job.

H. Harris is now holding down the second trick in our telegraph office, Tobe Paylor, third, while T. F. Laster is in his regular position as first.

W. F. Dupree shipped thirty bales of cotton Monday from this point.

F. J. Coggin and Mr. Demery are feeding several hundred head of big steers which will be ready for the market in about sixty days.

W. Farten and G. W. Boyce were elected trustees of the local order of Owls Monday night to take the places of W. D. Woodroof and J. G. Jackson, ousted for non-attendance.

Go to the Kent Street Wagon Yard for your feed—the only exclusive house in Merkel.

Yard and Garden Committee Also Announces Complete List of Prizes to be Awarded.

The Yard and Garden contest committee has announced that another exchange of plants will be held this Saturday, April 19, from 9 to 11 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Sam Swann, chairman of the ladies committee, working with the committee from the Lions club. This committee will receive and distribute plants to anyone who calls for them. These flowers will help to beautify your place and make Merkel's yards more beautiful.

There will be violets, chrysanthemums, perennial phlox, daisies and petunia plants there and if you have a surplus of any kind of plants please bring them to leave for someone else, but the committee desires it to be understood that you are welcome to any of the plants, even if you have none to bring in exchange. If you cannot come and bring the plants you have, please call 52 and the committee will come for them.

A week or so ago, a similar exchange was held but only a few responded on account of the disagreeable weather. Come on the date mentioned and let's make Merkel a prettier town in which to live and to those who pass through its streets.

Additional entries were received during the week and much interest is being shown among those who have pride in the beautification of the homes and lawns of the city. Recent names entered are Mrs. J. T. Warren, John West, Mrs. J. E. Richardson, Mrs. E. O. Carson and Sie Hamm.

LIST OF PRIZES.

Entries will be received up to May 1 and it is urged that everyone in the city, who is spending any effort toward the improvement of their lawn or premises or the development of their flowers and shrubs, should enter in one or more of the divisions and classifications. The complete list of prizes is printed below. A silver cup is to be given by the Merkel Mail to the most beautiful yard, including lawn, front and rear premises and flower garden. Other prizes, all desirable in themselves, are offered as follows:

FOR HOME OWNERS.

to the most beautiful yard, including prize, Juniper, by Abilene Nursery;

Most beautiful front yard—First Hardware company.

Most beautiful back yard—First prize, \$5.00 in cash by Farmers and Merchants National bank; second, Chinese arbor vitae, by Abilene Nursery.

Most beautiful flower garden—First prize, 25 pounds Vigoro, by West company, and quart of paint by Clay Lumber company; second prize, \$5.00 in trade, to be selected by Granger Floral company.

Most beautiful evergreen specimen—First prize, Arizona cypress, Abilene Nursery; second, window box by Burton-Lingo Co.

Most beautiful bed of zinnias—First prize, hanging basket of ferns, Philpott's; second, smock, Bragg Dry Goods company, and garden hat, by Max Mellinger.

Most beautiful bed of roses—First prize, one-half dozen 2-year old rose bushes, Abilene Nursery; second, house dress by ones Dry Goods Co. and pair Society Maid hose by J. T. Dennis company.

THOSE WHO RENT.

Most beautiful front yard—Hanging basket of Devil's Ivy, Philpott's.

Most beautiful back yard—\$5.00 cash by Farmers State bank.

Most beautiful flower garden—\$5.00 in trade, to be selected by Granger Floral company.

Most beautiful evergreen specimen—Six dahlia bulbs, Abilene Nursery.

Most beautiful bed of zinnias—Hanging basket, assorted flowers and ferns, Philpott's.

Most beautiful bed of roses—Porch chair by Barrow Furniture company and quart of paint or varnish by Merkel Lumber company.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Austin newspaper correspondents are confident that Governor Dan Moody will formally announce his candidacy for a third term either April 20 or 27.

Bonds totaling \$33,000 in 25 felony cases were forfeited against Yancy Story by a Dallas judge when the former failed to put in an appearance in court to answer the charges.

When a twister struck the south side of Fort Worth Sunday night, damage believed to have totaled \$100,000 was done in Polytechnic where it unroofed houses and uprooted trees.

By the staggering majority of 251 to 2, citizens of Crockett county Saturday voted a \$375,000 bond issue to finance hard-surfacing of approximately 81 miles on two highways across the county.

The First National bank of Goldthwaite was robbed Wednesday of \$4,200 by two men who fled in an automobile after warning a cashier not to give an alarm until they got out of sight.

Having been a state approved trustee for ten years, E. E. Sapp, 52, serving a life term for murder, was one of the convicts, numbering 13, who escaped in a prison break at Eastham state penitentiary farm.

Sept. 1, 2 and 3 are the dates fixed by the executive committee of the American Legion for the state convention to be held at Austin this year, the place having already been selected at the last convention.

A second mistrial resulted at Midland late Saturday when Judge Charles R. Plapproth entered his formal order in the King Reed murder case, after the jury had deliberated since Wednesday evening without reaching a verdict.

Former Governor James E. Ferguson Wednesday filed a petition in the supreme court asking leave to file an application for mandamus to have his name placed on the state democratic ticket as a candidate for governor.

Arthur L. Mills, tax collector for McLennan county and son of the late Seth P. Mills, who served in both houses of the state legislature from McLennan county, has formally announced his candidacy for state comptroller.

The John W. Brady murder case, which came up for trial a second time at Austin Monday, was transferred to Dallas on a change of venue, entered by Judge J. D. Moore, who set it for trial in criminal court No. 2 at that place May 5.

On of the plans proposed in the platform of C. A. Mitchner of Sherman, candidate for the United States senate, is to try to persuade the government to give every poor man a cow. He is county attorney of Irion county, which has 625 voters and 75,000 head of cattle.

In announcing positively that he would not be a candidate for governor, State Senator Pink L. Parrish of Lubbock predicted three new candidates would be added to the large field at an early date, naming Governor Dan Moody, State Senator Clint C. Small and Lynch Davidson.

Favoring the R. S. Sterling state-wide road bond plan, Virgil Arnold of Houston, candidate for lieutenant-governor, has announced that he would paramount this issue in his campaign, his initial speech to be delivered in Dallas on or about April 1.

Elected Department Chief Fourth Time

N. A. Dowell was re-elected chief for the fourth time at the annual election of the Merkel Volunteer Fire department held Monday night. Pete White was elected assistant chief. Delegates selected for the state convention at San Angelo were Jimmie Toombs, C. H. Jones and Howard Laney.

Officers of the association were also elected as follows: C. H. Jones, president; Tom Allday, vice-president; Robert F. Dennis, secretary-treasurer. The executive committee consists of W. L. Burns, F. A. Sanders and C. H. Jones.

Morris Horton was elected foreman of Hose Co. No. 1, Jimmie Toombs of No. 2 and Slats Bourn of No. 3.

Due to the efficiency of the volunteer department, Merkel property owners are now enjoying the maximum 15 per cent fire insurance credit for good fire record.

REOPENING OF FARMERS STATE BANK IN MERKEL IS EVENTFUL DAY HERE

MRS. OBA SUMPTER CLAIMED BY DEATH

Funeral Rites Held Saturday for Wife of W. R. Sumpter, Mother of Four.

Funeral services were held at 3 o'clock last Saturday afternoon at the Baptist church for Mrs. Oba Manscill Sumpter, age 44, wife of W. R. Sumpter, with Rev. Billie Ayers of Abilene officiating, assisted by Revs. R. A. Walker and T. C. Willett. Interment was in Rose Hill cemetery.

Mrs. Sumpter had been in bad health for about two years and her life was impaired of several days before the angel of death came to write finish to her useful life, checked seemingly before her time. She died at 7:15 Friday morning, April 11, at the Merkel Sanitarium, death being due to an intestinal obstruction, according to her physician.

Born in Mississippi, she was married in Falls county Nov. 26, 1905, to W. R. Sumpter, who survives her, together with four children, two sons and two daughters: Zebbie, age 23; Robert, age 20; Azilene, 17, and Eula, 12. She is also survived by her mother, Mrs. I. W. Manscill, who lives in the Warren community.

Mrs. Sumpter was a member of the Baptist church for more than 25 years, a woman whose influence was widely felt, not alone in the home where she was the devoted wife and mother, but in outside activities, both religious and social. The bereaved husband, mother and children have the sincere sympathy of this entire community.

Pall bearers were Joe Hartley, Ray Herald, Arthur Rogers, Homer Patterson, Austin Robertson and V. Garner.

T. M. Pribble.

Another pioneer of this section passed when death claimed suddenly T. M. Pribble, age 80 years, who died at 11:15 Wednesday night at the home of his son, L. B. Pribble, in Hamlin. He had been in bad health for about four months, but the end came unexpectedly, due to heart trouble.

He had lived in this section for more than 35 years, retiring as a farmer about 15 years ago. His wife preceded him in death some four years. He is survived by four sons: Lee, Duncan, Okla.; L. B., Hamlin; Ed., Wichita Falls, and Jesse who resides here.

Mr. Pribble was a consistent (Continued on Page 10)

Officers and Directors Recipients of Congratulations and Evidences of Loyalty at Open House Reception Wednesday.

With a pioneer West Texas ranchman as its new president several new directors and a roll of new stockholders, including wealthy and influential men of this city, Abilene, Trent, Sweetwater and Haskell, added to the already strong directorate of the former institution, the Farmers State bank in Merkel opened for business Wednesday morning, April 16, two months and six days after the date of its closing, Feb. 10.

C. M. Largent is president of the reorganized bank, with J. S. Swann and David Hendricks, vice-presidents, and R. O. Anderson, active vice-president and executive officer of the bank. Other officers are W. L. Diltz, Jr., cashier, and B. L. Hamilton and Jack Anderson, assistant cashiers.

The board of directors contains the following names: C. M. Largent, J. S. Swann, David Hendricks, R. O. Anderson, W. L. Diltz, Jr., Max Mellinger and Courtney Hunt, the latter of Haskell.

A complete roster of the stockholders reads:

J. M. Williamson, W. L. Diltz, Jr., Mrs. R. O. Anderson, R. O. Anderson, J. C. Comegys, S. D. Gamble, Max Mellinger, Ira Windham, J. S. Swann, David Hendricks, C. M. Largent, Clyde Sears, T. G. Bragg, and H. H. Toombs, all of Merkel.

W. J. Behrens, C. M. Caldwell, C. F. Sears, R. L. Bland, A. C. Pratt, W. J. Fulwiler, Will Stith, G. H. McDonald, Robert Maxwell, and Clyde Herring, all of Abilene.

R. M. Beasley, J. H. Grayson and J. W. Tiner, of Trent.

G. E. Bradford and R. M. Simmons, of Sweetwater.

Mr. and Mrs. Courtney Hunt, of Haskell.

W. J. Clay, Stephenville.

As stated so aptly by the editor of the Abilene Reporter in his column Monday afternoon: "The roster of stockholders read like a financial Who's Who of this section—men like C. M. Largent, C. M. Caldwell, W. J. Fulwiler, Will Stith, W. J. Behrens, C. E. Bradford, Bob Simmons, Courtney Hunt, W. J. Clay. This group could finance any bank and not feel it."

The new institution starts its career with \$40,000 capital and \$10,000 paid-in surplus.

OFFENS DOORS WEDNESDAY.
When the bank opened its doors Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock, the Merkel Booster band, whose services were arranged for by Max Mellinger, (Continued On Page Ten.)



"DOCTOR OF TOWNS" SAYS

Why Do You Buy What You Buy Where You Buy It?

This article has nothing to do with "Buy At Home," "Be Loyal To Home Town Merchants," or even "Try The Home Folks First." Forget all you ever heard about anything of this kind when you read this.

It doesn't make any difference here what you buy or where you buy it—it's WHY you buy where you buy.

Whenever you buy anything there is a reason for buying it at the place or store where you buy it. You may not stop to think of that reason, but it's there just the same.

That reason may be (1) convenience, (2) necessity, (3) personal association with the place or someone in that place, (4) because you like to buy at that place (service and atmosphere) (5) selection of merchandise, (6) kind of merchandise the place sells, (7) habit, and (8) price. There are one or two others but the above cover the reasons governing most of us.

Now we all know that as far as convenience and necessity are concerned, the community where we live has the advantage, and the third, or "personal association," favors our own community, No. 4 or "because you like to," can be favorable to the community, but all too often we would rather, from an enjoyment standpoint, buy elsewhere.

No. 5, "selection of merchandise," is not always in favor of local stores, and that is one reason why so many people want to, and do, go out of town to buy certain things. The merchant says he cannot carry large stocks—he can if he does the business to warrant it. Whether he does that or not depends on two things—one is himself, the other is you. But that is another subject.

No. 6 is absolutely up to the merchant—he can handle good goods or the other kind, and that is strictly his business; but from a community standpoint which is your business, a lot of stores with a lot of cheap merchandise create a cheap impression.

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College Entrance Exams to be Held Here Next Week

Beginning on Tuesday, April 22, the state department of education will give at Merkel, Abilene and at two unaccredited schools of Taylor county the regular college entrance examinations. These are for pupils coming from short-term schools of the county that do not have any affiliation. This year the examinations serve two purposes:

(1.) By passing these examinations pupils who finish the eleventh grade in schools which are not affiliated may enter any college or university in the state without any further examinations.

(2.) And pupils who make credits at these examinations may present them to any affiliated school in the state and receive credit.

The second purpose above is the one that should interest the pupils of rural schools, especially those who are not yet ready to enter college, but who desire to enter some affiliated high school like Merkel or Abilene. Pupils coming to Merkel from an unaffiliated school must take the examination before being admitted. This is the best examination to take, for it is given by the state department.

This year for the first time, a student may take examination in eighth grade subjects only, receive his credit for them, and present these credits for entrance to any affiliated high school in the state. For example, a pupil may take examination in English, history, Spanish, and algebra, receive four credits, and enter the ninth grade at Merkel just as if he had done the work at Merkel or some other affiliated school.

Students wishing to enter any high school grade must take examination over all the high school work he has done. If a student wishes to enter the tenth grade, he must take examination over both the eighth and ninth grades.

There is a small fee charged for these state examinations, all of which goes to the state department for the expenses of examinations at Austin. Pupils who plan to enter Merkel High school next year should take this examination. It will be fairer to the student now to take the examination

than next fall when he has forgotten much. It will be better than an examination by this school for it will be made general in nature and not for any particular school. Pupils who plan to take this examination should report to Supt. Roger A. Burgess not later than April 19. Then report ready to take the examination on Tuesday morning, April 22 at eight o'clock.

The schedule for examinations follows:

Tuesday, April 22: 8 to 12 a. m., grammar and composition, English literature, American literature; 2 to 6 p. m., modern history, American history.

Wednesday, April 23: 8 to 12 a. m., ancient history, civics, economics, plane geometry, English history; 2 to 6 p. m., Spanish, commercial geography, commercial law, Latin.

Thursday, April 24: 8 to 12 a. m., algebra I, solid geometry, Old Testament, trigonometry; 2 to 6 p. m., chemistry, biology, bookkeeping, French.

Friday, April 25: 8 to 12 a. m. algebra II, physics, physiography; 2 to 6 p. m., German, general science, advanced arithmetic, New Testament, agriculture, physiology.

One Farmer Fails Remember Names of All Nine Daughters

Hastings, Neb., April 17.—The census showed one Webster county farmer that a recount of his family was needed to reveal the names of his daughters.

When Carl Portenier, census enumerator, asked the farmer how many children he had, the answer was "Nine, all girls."

The father gave the first four names without hesitation, pondered briefly on the fifth and sixth, faltered badly before giving the seventh, and was unable to give the names of the other two.

The farmer's wife could not speak English. A family on an adjoining farm added an eighth name, but the ninth daughter, so far as current recollection went, remained unnamed.

Texas produced 99.99 per cent of all sulphur produced in the United States in 1929. Nevada and Utah produced the other 0.01 per cent.

THE TOWN DOCTOR

(Continued from Page One) No. 7, "habit," is one of the greatest factors in selling today. We are all creatures of habit. What we do once is easier to do the second time, and each time thereafter, and soon we do things and go places from force of habit.

No. 8, "price." Here is a real reason. Many people will say price hasn't anything to do with it; that what counts is quality first, price second. There is truth in that, but the fact remains that more of us are coaxed into stores on the price reason, than anything other. It is second nature for most of us to be taken in by a bargain—especially the ladies—and if we can, or think we can, buy something for less it appeals to us. The price reason does influence us.

Now do not misunderstand this or get the wrong impression. Whether one store or one kind of store actually sells for less or not doesn't enter into this. All we are interested in now is whether price is a reason why.

Now, why do you buy what you buy where you buy it? It doesn't make any difference where, in your town or some other place, but—why? What attracts you to stores? If you buy mail order, why? no matter where, why?

Sit down and write out your reasons, in a letter of not more than 100 words, and send it to me. For every letter that is published, I will send the writer my personal check for one dollar. You can write as many letters as you like. Of course, you will have to sign your name, but I will give you my word that if you say so your name will never be used or published. There is no catch to this and it is open to everyone, especially the ladies and the farmers.

Do this, it will help you and it will "Help Build Merkel." Just address your letter to the

Town Doctor, 332 So. Michigan Avenue, Chicago Ill.

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CARD OF THANKS.

We don't know how to express our thanks to our friends and neighbors for the good deeds and kind words of comfort in the loss of our beloved wife and mother. God has shown His power through our friends. Our prayer is that God will bless everyone of you in some way. The greatest comfort to us is to know that she is at rest.

W. R. Sumpter and children.
Her mother and sisters.

If you have any visitors, Phone 29 or 61.

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EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS

to the

ORGANIZERS AND OFFICERS

of the

FARMERS STATE BANK

Its reorganization on such a substantial basis marks another epoch in the stability of Merkel as a city of strong commercial connections and unbounded resourcefulness.

QUALITY BAKERY

Phone 4

Solve This One

A farmer who was absolutely conscientious in his work planted too much cotton and not enough feed in 1929. Results, he was forced to borrow money from the bank in 1930 to buy feed for his work stock.

In the spring of 1930 he was and is being urged to be sure and—

PLANT ENOUGH FEEDSTUFF

with which to make another crop. If he doesn't take this advice and come up with another short feed crop, and his cotton doesn't turn out like he figures it will—WHERE WILL HE BE IN THE SPRING OF 1931?????

We realize, of course, that a feed crop cannot be made without rain any more so than any other crop. We will all admit, however, that heretofore too little acreage has been planted to feed. Suppose you double your feed acreage this year and then should conditions be adverse and you should make only a half crop—you still would produce sufficient feed to meet your requirements for next year. A surplus of feed another year will not be detrimental to the best interests of this community.

DIVERSIFY, PLANT BETTER COTTON SEED, MAKE AS MUCH OF YOUR LIVING AT HOME AS POSSIBLE, BE INDEPENDENT.

THE OLD RELIABLE

FARMERS AND MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK

SAFE BANKING SINCE 1904

MERKEL, TEXAS

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Name _____ Address _____ Age _____ (MM)

MERKEL MAIL WANT ADS FOR RESULTS

New Steam 20,000 Horsepower Turbine Completed at Concho

Abilene, April 17.—Whirling an additional 20,000 horsepower into the great network of transmission lines which covers virtually all of West Texas, the new steam turbine at the Concho Generating station was completed and put into full operation on April 15 by the West Texas Utilities company.

The enlargement has more than doubled the output capacity of the station, bringing the total generating power to 35,000 h. p. The generating unit weighs in all 86 tons, 31 tons of which were whirling at a tremendous speed when the generator began to revolve. The unit was completed and thoroughly tested last week and its additional 20,000 h. p. shot into the hundreds of miles of transmission lines on April 15.

In April, 1926, construction began on the first unit of the Concho Generating station, a 5,000 Kw turbine. In July of the following year the plant was put into operation, approximately 400 men being used in its construction. Hardly had this unit been completed when it was realized that its capacity would not be adequate to the rapidly growing section encompassing San Angelo so in December of 1927 work began on the installation of the second unit, another 5,000 Kw turbine. During May of 1929, the second unit was completed and put into operation. But with the completion of this second unit and the demand for electricity mounting daily, it was found necessary to make another enlargement. The third unit, the 20,000 h. p. addition just completed, brings the total output capacity of the Concho Generating station to 35,000 h. p., enough electricity and power to serve a city of 100,000 persons.

The Concho Generating station is one of the three major generating stations of the West Texas Utilities company, one being located at Abilene and a third at Lake Pauline, near Quanah, Texas. With the new unit completed at the Concho station, the total peak capacity of the company will be brought to approximately 100,000 horsepower. The company also has 18 auxiliary standby stations in various parts of the properties. Electrical energy is sent to 113 cities, towns and communities in West Texas over more than 2,200 miles of transmission lines.

WARREN NEWS

The death angel visited our community Friday and took our good friend and neighbor, Mrs. W. R. Sumpter.

We are glad to report Mrs. Chancy greatly improved.

Lloyd Barnes of Noodle Dome spent the week-end with Wayne Dyess.

School is progressing rapidly; the inspector was here Friday and found things to his satisfaction.

W. HOMER SHANKS.
Conveyancer.

Cheap Federal Loans, long time. Farms and Ranches. Draw deeds, releases, land papers, only \$1.00. 20 years experience. Room 1, Penney Bldg., Abilene, Texas.

One of the locust swarms in the Jericho area this year was five miles long and one mile wide.

"No Medicine Ever Helped Me As Did Konjola"

Tulsa Lady Is Enthusiastic About New Medicine—"Best in The World," She Says.



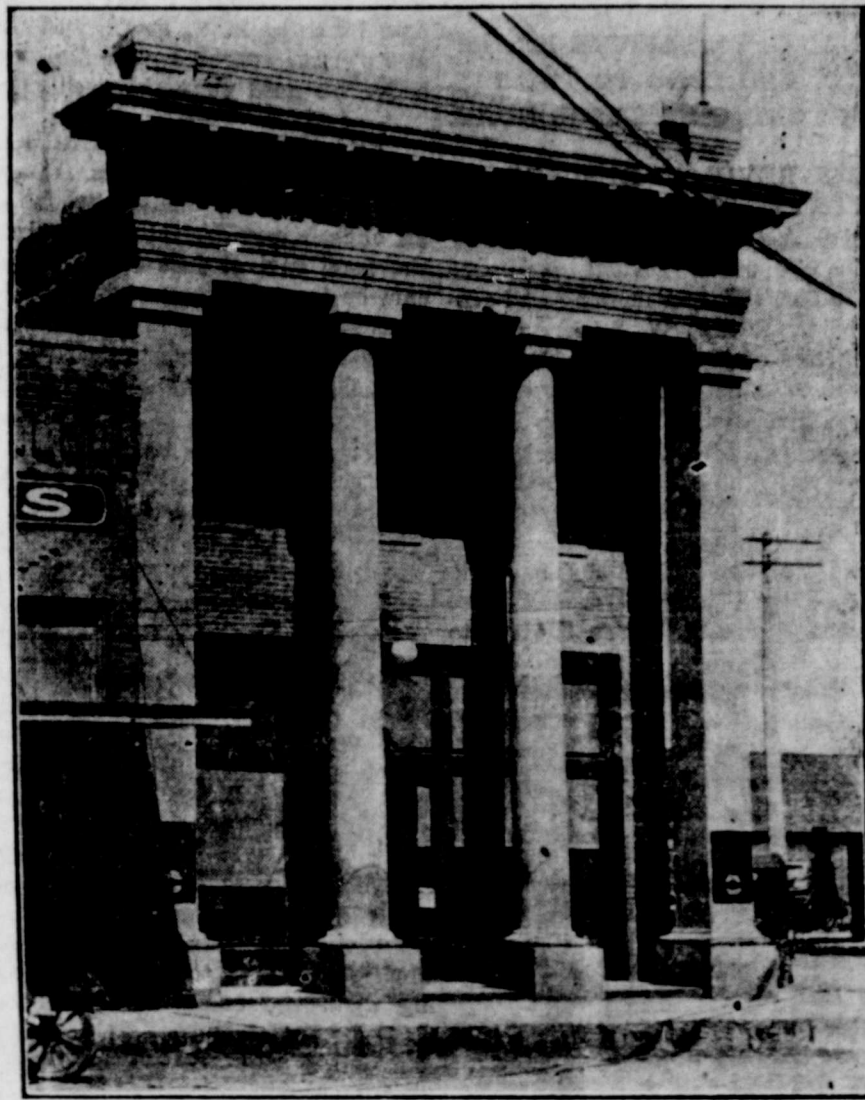
MRS. G. I. CRABAUGH

"No medicine ever helped me as did Konjola," said Mrs. G. I. Crabaugh, 739 Quaker street, Tulsa. "For more than nine years I had trouble with my stomach. Gas accumulated after meals and I bloated terribly. The pains and pressure often made me short of breath and dizzy. Constipation was another of my worries and I became an almost daily user of cathartics. I had terrible headaches and found it difficult to sleep. My nerves became badly affected and my general condition badly run down.

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Though Konjola works quickly, six to eight bottles are recommended as a fair trial. Although many people are benefited within a few weeks, the longer period is best.

Konjola is sold in Merkel at the Merkel Drug Company and by all the best druggists in all towns throughout this entire section.



And It Was A Memorable Day So Say We All of Us

In extending congratulations to the officers and directors of the Farmers State Bank that opened for business Wednesday morning, we know of no more appropriate manner than to reproduce the editorial in Monday afternoon's Abilene Reporter, which shows what those away from home think of these splendid bankers and of the city of Merkel, as well as what we, the people and citizens of Merkel, think of the untiring efforts of the organizers of Merkel's new bank, whose fruition was crowned Wednesday morning with the re-opening of this institution. This editorial follows:

"Our Congratulations"

"Wednesday should be a memorable day in Merkel's history.

"Congratulations—and with hearty emphasis—are due J. S. Swann, R. O. Anderson, and their associates of the old Farmers State Bank, which closed its doors last February 10, for their promptness in reorganizing on practically a 100 per cent basis. The new bank, with new faces mingling with the old, will open at the same location Wednesday, its first act being to credit in full all depositors of less than \$100, with an initial payment of 80 cents on the dollar to all others.

"Two items in this good piece of news must not be overlooked, the first being that local conditions had no bearing on the failure, the closing being due entirely to the crash of the Texas National Bank of Fort Worth, which held the Merkel institution's liquid assets; and the second, the men who have achieved the reorganization have cheerfully done so at the cost of considerable personal

sacrifice. The new institution starts its career with \$40,000 capital and \$10,000 paid in surplus.

The roster of stockholders reads like a financial Who's Who of this section—men like C. M. Largent, C. M. Caldwell, W. J. Fulwiler, Will Stith, W. J. Behrens, G. E. Bradford, Bob Simmons, Courtney Hunt, W. J. Clay. This group could finance any bank and not feel it.

"Something that Merkel should be especially proud of is the attitude of its own citizenship toward the old bank's closing. There was not a particle of excitement; no anger, resentment, accusation, insinuation; no wild and baseless rumors. The town calmly accepted the situation as it stood, springing as it did from outside causes solely, and patiently waited for the process of reorganization to be completed. In this regard Merkel has set a sound example for communities everywhere that may, in the course of time, face the same problem."



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Personal Mention

E. W. Hoiler of Gail paid a visit Wednesday to his sister, Miss Addie Holler.

Mrs. Carl Weaver of Sabinal is visiting her father G. M. Sharp, and other relatives.

Hollis Haynes from Waco was here the first part of the week to visit his father, S. F. Haynes.

The L. B. Howards have removed to Abilene to join the household of Mrs. Howard's father, Rev. J. C. Burkett.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Eysen were over from Abilene to spend Sunday with Mrs. Amy Sears and Miss Mary Eula Sears.

After a visit of several weeks with relatives and friends here, Mrs. H. C. Williams left Tuesday for Fort Worth for an extended visit.

Miss Dona Loyless had as her guests last week-end, her aunt, Miss Fay Robbins, and her friend, Bascom Hayes, both of Fort Worth.

Sim Sheppard of Waco, brother of Uncle Bill Sheppard, was a week-end visitor with relatives here. He was accompanied by his son, Bob Sheppard, of Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. James O'Briant and baby and Mrs. Jessie Faucett arrived from Los Angeles, Calif., Wednesday night to visit their parents, Mr. and Mrs. William O'Briant.

Mrs. W. A. Whiteley, who has been seriously ill at the home of her mother in Brownwood for several weeks, is now somewhat improved, which will be good news to her many friends here.

After a visit with relatives in Corpus Christi, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Black of Denver, Colo., stopped over for a visit with his parents here, Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Black, leaving Tuesday for home.

Following the funeral services for their mother, Mrs. Barbry Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Hayden Turner of Dallas and Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Walker of Roswell, New Mex., have returned to their homes.

After a pleasant visit with her parents here, Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Adcock, Mrs. A. A. Betterton and her little son J. A., have returned to their home at Plainview, accompanied by her brother, Elmer Adcock.

After a pleasant visit with Mrs. Tally Holloway, Mrs. Hugh Collier returned Wednesday to her home at Harlingen. She was accompanied on her visit by little Blake Wilson, who also returned with her.

One of the first fishing parties of the season included E. Yates Brown, Uncle Willie Sheppard, T. G. Bragg, E. D. Gamble, Lee Cox, Booth Warren and A. T. Sheppard, who went to Paint Rock Tuesday.

Oliver Lusby, for 14 months in the local office of the West Texas Utilities company, has been promoted to the position of manager of the office at Tuscola. He is succeeded here by Kenneth Watkins, who was formerly in the employ of this company at the Merkel office.

Week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Young and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Anderson were Miss Grace Pearl Soderth, who teaches at Matador, Mr. and Mrs. David Wright of Midland and Mr. Dave Sudderth of Pecos. Mesdames Young and Sadler complimented these guests with an in-honor dinner one evening.

J. B. Long, special agent for the state banking commissioner, who has been here for several weeks in connection with the liquidation of the Farmers State bank that reopened Wednesday, has gone to Rusk on department matters there. L. R. Hardin, his assistant, has returned to the department headquarters at Austin.

THE MERKEL HOME LAUNDRY.

The housewives know what a relief it is to have the week's washing done at the laundry, not only in saving her from work and worry but permitting her to have more time and energy for other household duties. And now that hot weather has arrived ahead of time, it is such a satisfying relief to know that we are here to serve you promptly and efficiently. Call 294J. We will come and get your bundle.

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CHURCHES

EASTER SUNDAY: ALL CHURCHES WILL PLAY BEAUTIFUL TRIBUTE IN SERMON AND SONG TO THE RISEN LORD ON NEXT SUNDAY.

MEN'S REVIVAL RESULTS IN TWENTY-FOUR CONVERSIONS AND ADDITIONS.

The two weeks' revival, sponsored by the Men's Prayer meeting and conducted by Rev. J. W. Joiner, pastor-evangelist of Forreton, which was held at the Methodist church, came to a close last Sunday night, having resulted in twenty-four conversions and additions to the church by letter combined.

At the closing service, E. Yates Brown, who had been in charge of the singing, expressed the thanks of those responsible for the Men's Revival to Mrs. L. B. Howard, as pianist, also to Mrs. Booth Warren as chairman of the committee on special music and to Director Hartman and the members of the orchestra, who had assisted in the music. He also reported the names of thirteen members of the Junior choir, who had registered 100 per cent in attendance during the revival. These Juniors were: Ralph Lynn Russell, Marvin Hunter, Clara Frances Largent, Vivian Lassater, Opal Zube, A. C. Sears, J. V. Patterson, Dot Swafford, Anna Laurie Howard, Abie Russell, Fern Toombs, Mary George Howard and James Russell.

Before the evangelist preached his farewell sermon, short talks were also made by L. L. Murray and S. M. Hunter.

MEN'S PRAYER MEETING.

More than 100 men were present last Sunday afternoon at the Men's Prayer meeting at the Methodist church. Herman Abernathy was the leader and it was the last day of the Men's Revival, sponsored by the Men's Prayer meeting. Next Sunday, the service is to be held at the Baptist church at 2 p. m. with Rolfe Wagner as the leader. The subject will be the eighth chapter of Luke, from the 5th to 19th verses.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

An even 800 was the record of the attendance at the five reporting Sunday Schools in Merkel last Sunday, the Methodist Sunday School leading with 214 present. Attendance at the other Sunday Schools was Baptist, 278; Presbyterian, 88; Church of Christ, 85, and Nazarene, 35.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

We are glad to report a good interest last Lord's day. The subject for the morning hour was "Excuses," the most common ones which people offer for not obeying Christ. Two young people confessed faith in Christ and were baptized. Quite a good audience heard the evening service, "Jesus on Trial."

All regular services at usual hours next Lord's day. For the morning hour the subject will be "The Empty Tomb" and for the evening, "Christ's Ascension."

We shall be glad to have you visit any of the services, but especially are we anxious for the men to visit the Men's Bible class which meets at the tabernacle at 10 o'clock.

J. G. Malphurs, Minister.

AT THE METHODIST CHURCH.

All services at the Methodist church next Sunday and next week as usual. Sunday school meets promptly at 9:45. Everybody on time and in their place with a studied lesson and a willingness to learn makes a good Sunday School.

The Senior Epworth league meets at 7 p. m., the Epworth High at 2 p. m. and the Juniors at 6 p. m. Our leagues are doing fine work and we are especially anxious that the young people and children of the church get the benefit of their programs.

Prayer meeting each Wednesday evening at 8 p. m. and the Woman's Missionary society meets each Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The pastor will be in his pulpit at both hours next Sunday. The morning hour will be given to an Easter meditation, the evening hour will be evangelistic. Come and bring your friends and worship with us. A welcome and a message at the Methodist church.

T. C. Willett, Pastor.

BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Regular preaching service at the 11 o'clock hour by Rev. J. B. Parrack. His theme will be "Our relation to, and our duty toward each other as individual members of different Christian bodies," or, "Religious liberty." Text: "Follow thou Me." Everybody come for Sunday School; you have a hearty welcome. Start the Easter Sunday off with the right

spirit. Bring somebody with you. Let's have 300 in Sunday School next Sunday. Come to B. Y. P. U., will meet at 7 o'clock. There's a place for everybody. We need you—you need us.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. A better attendance in the Sunday School and all church services is expected after the good revival just closed. If you can, be in your class. Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:45. Glad to have you worship with us.

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

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE.

All the regular services will be conducted at the regular hours. All of our night services have been dismissed the past two weeks on account of the Union revival. We trust that each one has received something worth while and will be back at their post of duty with renewed zeal and strength to carry on the work of the Lord.

Let each one remember as he reads these lines Friday that it was eighteen hundred ninety seven years ago that Christ, the Savior of men, was hanging upon the cross, dying for our sins. Read the account in the 27th chapter of Matthew's Gospel. Study over it, pray over it. Then come to church Sunday morning and hear of this resurrection. The subject will be "The First Easter Sermon," Jno. 20:18: "I have seen the Lord" (R.V.). We are serving a risen Lord for as the Angel told Mary, "He is not here; for he is risen. Come see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead." Matt. 28:6-7. Let us hasten to tell the story of the Risen Christ. Be on time for Sunday School and remain for the Easter message. A cordial welcome to all.

Leona Forbes, Pastor.

MATTERS MUSICAL

The Men's Glee club will sing over KFYO, Abilene, Thursday evening, April 17, from 7 to 7:30. The program will feature chorus of classical nature and solos of the Ballard type. Miss Christine Collins will direct and Miss Dona Loyless will be at the piano.

Miss Mona Margaret Jones won third place out of sixteen entrants in the voice contests sponsored by the Texas Federation of Music clubs Saturday. The Abilene Musical coterie, of which Miss Christine Collins is a member, won first place in the choral contest.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Delmer will again entertain over KFYO from 8 to 9 o'clock Friday evening. Their selections will feature war time ballads.

BAND CONCERT.

The Merkel Booster band under the direction of Prof. Hartman will give a concert this Thursday evening at 8 o'clock in front of the City Drug store. The program follows:

1. March, Norma.
2. "Under the Double Eagle."
3. Intermezzo, "Indian Boy."
4. Overture, "Gypsy Festival."
5. Lassus Trombone, featuring the trombones. (Watch this.)
6. Overture, Best Loved Southern Melodies.
7. Sons of Veterans.
8. Robinson Grand Entree March. "Star Spangled Banner."

Note—No. 4, "Gypsy Festival," is the overture to be played by all two-year class bands entering the contest at Abilene, May 29, 30 and 31.

Persia now has 25 landing fields. The sunflower does not turn to follow the sun.

A barber at Lindale believes he established a family shearing record recently when a mother brought her nine children to his shop all at once and he gave each of the ten a haircut.

TELEPHONE THE MAIL

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

SOCIETY

EASTER SEASON FURNISHES INSPIRATION FOR MANY PRETTY SPRING PARTIES.

The attractive home of Mrs. L. B. Scott on Oak street was the scene of a pretty Easter party on Friday afternoon when she acted as hostess to members of the T. E. L. class. At the culmination of all business an entertaining Easter program featured a vocal solo by Mrs. Lyton Howard, a piano solo by Mrs. Yates Brown and a vocal duet by Mesdames Earl Lassiter and Yates Brown.

Guests were next provided with colorful paraphernalia for making Easter bonnets and frocks. This interesting contest was followed by an Easter egg hunt; clever fortunes wrapped each candy egg. Refreshments consisted of frozen lilies and angel food cake and favors were pretty Easter baskets for Mesdames Rufus Grisham of Abilene, Lige Gamble, Ed McCrary, Roy Miller, Yates Brown, M. E. Angus, L. B. Howard, McFarland, T. E. Collins, W. J. Largent, A. R. Booth, Hiatt, Slatlor, Earl Lassiter and Booth Warren.

FIDELIS MATRONS.

Mrs. Warren Smith most graciously entertained members of the Fidelis Matrons class on last Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Warren Higgins, class president, presided over a devotional and business meeting, while the remainder of the afternoon was spent in solving clever contests arranged by the hostess.

An Easter theme was stressed in all party appointments and at tea time refreshments consisting of lilies moulded of cream and angel food squares were served to Mesdames William T. Sadler, Claude Young, R. K. Petit, Warren Higgins, P. P. Dickson, Charlie Higgins, T. H. Hagood, D. T. Rutledge, Byers Petty, Florence Berry, Sam Swann, J. D. Bolin, and Mrs. George Caple.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Friends of little Miss Helen Rebecca Heeter helped her to celebrate her seventh birthday on Monday afternoon during the hours of 3:30 to 5:30. Indoor and outdoor games were very much enjoyed and the little honoree was especially happy over an array of pretty and useful gifts.

A delicate color scheme of pink and white was given emphasis in an Easter setting at the dining table where ice cream and cake were served. Favors were white bunnies and Easter eggs.

Miss Heeter's guest list included: Misses Bonnie Lou White, Dora Marie Gaither, Marilyn Sue Grimes, Doris Gay West, Betty Jane Diltz, Marian Diltz, Maurine Huddleston, Ann and Evelyn Lepard, Dorothy Lee Horton, Joyce Renfro, Euvalda Fox, Jean Stratton, Genell Woodrum, Louise Patterson, Masters Billy Johnston, Don Woods, Alton Slatlor, Fred and Tracy Stratton, W. O. Boswell, J. C. Carson, Joe Earl Kimbrough, Billie Woods, Jack Smith, Robert Rodden and Mrs. McSpadden and Mrs. M. V. Mitchell. The hostess was assisted by her mother, Mrs. Adah Heeter, and by Missie Dye.

EASTER EGG HUNT.

A number of the little tots enjoyed an Easter egg hunt during Wednesday afternoon, given by Mrs. J. C. White, for Bonnie Lou and Jimmie. Each was furnished a basket and they were taken to a pasture in the south part of town to hunt the eggs. Sandwiches and soda pop were served to Helen Heeter, Dorothy Lee Shannon, Evelyn and Ann Lepard, Nedra Swafford, Alva Gene Bird, Betty Joe Hassey, Mary Joe Bicknell, Johnnie McDonald, Mary Margaret Boden, Joy Brand, Bonnie Lou White, Masters Alvin Slatlor, Wesley Owens, Roy Owens, Dwight Swafford, Jack Weaver, Billy White, Carroll Brand, Jimmie White.

Mrs. White was assisted by Mesdames Walter Boden, C. Brand, Carl Weaver, Joe Owens, Virgil Hassey and Miss Luna White.

CELEBRATE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Turner southeast of Merkel was the scene of an all-day affair on Sunday, April 13, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Turner's 25th anniversary when a delectable turkey dinner was spread on a huge table for 56 guests. Everyone had a delightful time and each one wished the honorees many more happy years.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas and daughter Monie Fay, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Whisenant and family, Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Harris and children, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Latimer, Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Cogburn, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Thomas and children, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cox and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Darden, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Hen-

see and children, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Frazier and two children, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ensminger and son, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Frazier and children, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Patterson and two children, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Turner, Vergil, and Vada Turner.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Honoring Elnor Lee Wheeler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Wheeler, Jr., on her birthday, her mother entertained a few of her little friends in their ranch home northwest of Merkel on Tuesday afternoon, April 15.

The youngsters enjoyed novelty candies, different kinds of entertainment and making snapshots. The climax of the afternoon came when the children were invited into the dining room, where the prettily covered table was centered with the birthday cake topped with two tiny pink candles.

After Elnor Lee blew out the candles the birthday cake was cut and served with ice cream. Each little guest received pretty little cake and plate favors and Elnor Lee was honored with many lovely gifts.

The little guests were Buddie Winters, Bobby Frank Hughes, Mary Sue Danley of northwest of Merkel, Virginia Clo McRee of Trent, Jackie Boaz Smith of Merkel, Billy Joe Howard, Gene Boyd Lauder and Robert Swan Lee of Roscoe.

Refreshments were also served to

Messrs. and Mesdames Bud Winters, Elmer Danley, Bruce Hughes, Hale McRee, Edd Killen, John Wheeler, Sr. and Mrs. Warren Smith, also Mr. G. W. Barnett of Karnes City and Mesdames Cecil Howard, Willie Howard, Lee and Lauder of Roscoe.

G. D. Robinson Named Moderator at Session

At the semi-annual conference of the Abilene presbytery convening at Baird Tuesday night the Rev. George D. Robinson, field representative, was chosen moderator to succeed J. H. West of this city, who has served for the past year. The Rev. Fred S. Rogers of Stamford is clerk of the body.

In attendance from Merkel, besides Mr. West, were Rev. R. A. Walker, the pastor, L. L. Murray, delegate, and W. L. Diltz, Sr.

CARD OF THANKS.

We are thankful to each and everyone for your words of comfort and deeds of kindness at the time of the death of our little son and grandson, Marshall Wayne. We will ever remember you for this.

Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Melton.
 Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Melton.
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If you have any visitors, Phone 29 or 61.

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EMMETT ROBINSON

The Mail today carries the announcement of Hon. Emmett Robinson as a candidate for district attorney of the 104th judicial district, composed of Taylor, Jones and Fisher counties. It is the court presided over by Judge W. R. Chapman of Abilene. His candidacy is subject to the action of the democratic primaries.

Speaking of Judge Robinson, the Stamford Leader of April 10 carried the following complimentary article: "Judge Robinson came to this section in 1892 and quite literally 'grew up with the country.' He spent 33 years in Anson, where he still has business interests and engaged in the practice of his profession, the law.

"Judge Robinson would bring to the office he seeks a rich background of experience. During the past ten years, he has appeared on both sides of the council table, participating in some of the most important criminal cases of West Texas, serving both on the prosecution and defense at various times. As county attorney of Jones county and assistant district attorney of the old 39th judicial district he gained a practical working knowledge of the office of prosecuting attorney, and has, since retirement from those offices, amplified his knowledge by a wide practice in various courts of this section.

"In his early years Judge Robinson served as assistant county and district clerk of Jones county, before those offices were separated. He has, therefore, complete familiarity with legal practices in all their phases."

Judge Robinson was a caller at The Mail office Wednesday morning and mingled with friends here throughout the day. The Mail asks the voters to give his candidacy their careful consideration.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank our many dear friends and neighbors, also Brother Cypert and Brother Adcock, each and every one, for all their acts of kindness during our bereavement in the loss of our father and brother, W. M. Clark. The comfort we received cannot be expressed in words.

The children of W. M. Clark.
H. D. Clark, brother.

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**L. R. Reeves Becomes
New Phone Manager**

Succeeding F. D. Spain, who has been transferred to Stamford, L. B. Reeves became local manager of the Southwestern Bell Telephone company, effective April 5. Mr. Reeves has been connected with the commercial department of this company at Abilene for three years, having been in the telephone service twelve years in all. He came originally from Fort Stockton.

Mr. Reeves with his wife and two children moved to this city Wednesday and he is already actively engaged in his duties.

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**Stith Boys Extend
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Upon the completion of the organization of the Stith baseball team, the following merchants and business men contributed the uniforms, for which the players wish to express their thanks: Bradley Mercantile company, Merkel Drug company, Crown Hardware company, Liberty Hardware company, Burton-Lingo company, W. F. Golliday, Mack Buzbee, Max Mellinger, Farmers and Merchants National bank, Farmers State bank in Merkel, C. H. Jones and Dunagin Gin.

Posts for backstops were furnished by the West Texas Utilities company.

Labor is now so cheap in parts of China that steam rollers lie idle at the side of roads under construction while coolies pull a roller by hand.

**Barry Miller Makes
Visit Here Wednesday**

Barry Miller, lieutenant governor three times in succession and now a candidate for governor, was a visitor in Merkel Wednesday. He was en route to El Paso, where he is to speak Monday at a banquet for disabled veterans. He will also make speeches to the Odd Fellows at Paducah and Pampa and expects to visit Amarillo, while on his trip to West Texas.

The automobile industry in the United States used 47,000,000 yards of upholstery cloth in 1928.

Record of Births.
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Brown, Mt. Pleasant, Thursday, April 10, 1930.
Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. F. A. London, Friday, April 11, 1930.
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Bell, Noodle Dome, Saturday, April 12, 1930.
Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Duncan, White Flat, Tuesday, April 15, 1930.
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Baker, residing south of town, Thursday, April 17, 1930.

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 Senior Reporter—Doris Brown.

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 Freshman Reporter—Silas Stevens.
 Baseball Club—Imogene Middleton.
 Choral and Glee Clubs—Artie Simmons.
 Pep Squad Reporters—Tracy Campbell and Edwin Watson.

COUNTY MEET.

When Abilene High school opens its doors Friday morning to the district meet, Merkel Public schools, having one of the largest list of entrants, will be well represented.

Grammar school sends the following students: essay—Clifford Blumberg; Junior girls' declamation—Annie Lee Owen; picture memory—Alice Russell, Mollie Frank Touchstone, Ethel Tucker, Louise Toombs, A. C. Sears, Juanita Huskey, Billie Burnice Gambill, Harold Morgan and James Pilcher.

High school sends these students: extemporaneous speaking—Nina Vantrees; girls' debate—Odell Hunter and Lucille Cole; essay—Elvis Richardson.

The Senior spelling contest, which was won in the county by Odell Hunter and Elvis Richardson, will not be held in the district meet.

CHORAL AND GLEE CLUBS.

The Choral and Glee clubs are practicing on "The Last Rehearsal," a play that they are planning on giving in the next two or three weeks. Please watch for the date.

It takes hard work to learn these plays and we are sure that everyone will enjoy this musical play.

BASEBALL NEWS.

This fine weather we have been having makes us want to "play ball!" There haven't been any games played yet in this season, but just wait for the results when we do start playing!

"Our Ball Team."

There was a little ball team
A happy little ball team
A jolly little ball team
As jolly as could be.

They played some little ball games
Some happy little ball games
Some jolly little ball games
As jolly as could be.

Our captain, Jess Higgins,
Always kept us digging
And so we won our games
Because that was our aim.

We are some Badgerettes
Some happy Badgerettes
Some jolly Badgerettes
As jolly as can be.

KNOW YOUR SENIORS OF '30.

(A Weekly Article.)
 Marcella Pinckley.
 Marcella Pinckley was born on September 23, 1913, near Denton, Texas. She started to school there at the age of six and, a year later, she moved to West Texas. Her second grade was spent in the White Church school from which she came the next year to Merkel Grammar school and went here through the third, fourth, fifth and sixth grades. In the seventh grade, 1925-1926, she went to Salt Branch.

Marcella's entire high school life has been spent in Merkel High school. She has been in the Spanish club for three years, was a member of the L. O. V. E. club in 1926-1929, and is now a member of the B. B. G. club of 1929-1930. She is studying physics, English, history and Spanish, and is making good grades in all four subjects. Next year Marcella will be in North Texas Teachers' college, Denton, Texas.

E. L. Turner, Jr.

"Ed" was born April 3, 1911, in our great and hustling city. He has lived here continuously since that time. He began his education in Merkel Grammar school at the age of seven.

His career since entering High school has been very bright, as he has been a member of the Glee club for four years and a member of the football team one year. He was one of the Pep Squad leaders this year, the first boy in several years to attain that honor. He is a member of the M. H. S. Players club, and is a member of the P. P. P. A. A. He intends to receive his medical degree from the Medical school at Galveston and we predict for "Ed" a brilliant career as a surgeon.

CAN YOU IMAGINE?

—Miss Sloan not taking about reducing?
 —Miss Baker forgetting English?
 —Miss Martin forgetting 8th grade history?
 —Miss Tracy not speaking?
 —Nell Hughes growing some?
 —Willie Mae without Nadine or Mary Elizabeth?
 —Joel without Oneda?
 —"Jake" and "Fiddle" without their pillows?
 —Mr. Davis without his important way?
 —Five more weeks of school?
 —The "Sophs" weeping because of the loss of the Seniors next year?
 —Tittle not on the front steps?

M. H. S. SINGERS.

I'm sure that everyone will be shocked when they hear that we have some real singer "artists" in high school.

Monday night Thelma and Lois did not have anything to do, so they went out and sat on a bridge by the railroad track and sang all of the popular and old-fashioned music they knew. While their beautiful voices were wending their way down the track some hoboes heard them. They were so "thunderstruck" by the harmonic beauty that they came up to Thelma and Lois and asked them to sing for them. Of course Thelma and Lois were thrilled to death and began to sing for them, expecting some great reward!!

— But when they were through the hoboes walked off.
 If anyone wants any singing done for them just call on Thelma and Lois and they will be glad of the opportunity for doing so.

THE SOPHOMORES.

We, the "Sophs" are very glad to edit the Badger Weekly (it may be Weekly) this week. We surely congratulate the "Fish" for the paper last week; in fact, we did not know they were so bright. We are going to try to do our best, that's all anyone can do.

Our sponsor mentioned a picnic the other day and, of course, we are ready to go, but I think we must wait until the "West Texas Sandstorms" are over.

We are all pretty sure that spring is here because we noticed Mr. Burgess wearing his "first rose of spring" on his coat Monday morning.

We are all regretting that school is so near over because our class will be broken up, never to be the same again. That is the way with life, when everything seems to be running smoothly, it suddenly stops.

CHAPEL.

At chapel on Tuesday morning, April 15, the Choral and Glee clubs sang several songs; "The Village Belle," "The Good Old Cause" and "Carolina Tunes." These numbers showed how much these clubs have really worked.

After these songs several announcements were made. Mr. Davis announced that spring football would soon begin and for all the boys that

were interested to "get ready" and "come out;" Milton Case, business manager of the Annual, said that the Annuals were now being printed and they would be ready by the early part of May.

JOTTED DOWN.

Benjamin Sheppard underwent an appendicitis operation Saturday morning. The loss of Benjamin dealt a severe blow to our three-man-track team, for we were depending on him to carry off honors in the 880 yard run.

Audrey Ferris also failed to appear as per schedule Monday, and we learned that she is ill. The Badger Weekly feels her loss greatly and we hope that she is at its helm next week.

The Merkel High track team will enter the district meet at Abilene Saturday, Roy Robbins, who did the century in about 10.5 the other afternoon, will probably show his heels to all the others.

The Senior-Junior (that's to flatter the Seniors) banquet is still in the offing.

Marie Stanford is another Junior who is ill this week.

The Juniors and Seniors have everything ready now for the banquet—dates included—which is to be given on Friday evening, April 25, at the Lions club hall. Dr. Hunt, president of McMurry college, Abilene, Texas, is to be the principal speaker for the occasion.

JOKES.

Tittle: "I've for a five-day week. How about you, Jake?"
 Jake: "Man! I've for a five day week-end."

A Grim Drama of Rattle Snake Flats.

"Yuh shore had a narrer escape, B. P.!"
 "I shore did, Gerald. Them things

is deadly this time o'year."
 "They shore are. How did you happen to git away?"

"Well, you see, Gerald, I was just takin' me a little pasear around the range, not even thinkin' one of them things would slide over toward th' arroyo for water. An' all t'onc't I heern the thing rattle!"

"It's a turrible, fear-inspirin' sound, B. P.!"

"It shore is, Well, Gerald, I turned fast like, an' if there wuzen't the thing, already to strike at me!"

"Why didn't you cut loose with yore gun?"

"It was too close fer good shootin'; Gerald, and it didn't rattle just onc't, it kep' on rattlin'!"

"No?"

"Yessir! well, ther weren't nothing to do but what I did, which was cut loose of a suddint with one o' my boots and kick the danged thing clean outa' my way!"

"An' did yuh hurt it?"

"Naw, Gerald, just dented a fender, maybe, but them ol' Model T's . . . What's the use o' killin' one jist because mebbe it skeered yuh a little?"

Installment collector: "See here, you're seven payments behind on your piano."

Himalaya: "Well, the company advertise 'Play as you Play!'"

Installment collector: "What's that got to do with it?"

Himalaya: "I play very poorly."

A landlord wrote to his tenant: "I regret to inform you that my rent is long overdue. Will you please forward me a check?"

Back came the reply: "Dear Sir:—I see no reason why I should pay your rent, I can't pay my own."

Sis (in a pet store): "I like this dog, but his legs are too short."

Salesman: "Too short! Why madam they all four touch the floor."

Mrs. Taylor: "W. M., did you hear the stepladder fall?"
 W. M.: "Yes, mother."
 Mrs. Taylor: "I hope daddy hasn't fallen."
 W. M.: "Not yet—he's still hanging by his suspenders to the picture hook."

"Don't Miss It."

The play, entitled "Uncle Josh," is being put on Friday night of next week, April 25, by the Castle Peak folks at the Castle Peak schoolhouse. It is free to everyone.

Office supplies—Mail office.

THE MERKEL HOME LAUNDRY.

The housewives know what a relief it is to have the week's washing done at the laundry, not only in saving her from work and worry but permitting her to have more time and energy for other household duties. And now that hot weather has arrived ahead of time, it is such a satisfying relief to know that we are here to serve you promptly and efficiently. Call 294J. We will come and get your bundle.

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

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

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

WASHING WANTED—Call for and deliver, 35 cents per dozen. Mrs. Rickie Rister.

NOTICE—Warning is issued against trespassing on my pasture and premises. The fences have been broken down and trespassers hereafter will be prosecuted. S. A. Derstine, Route 5.

NOTICE—All service fees are due in advance. When you bring your cow, please bring check or money; if customers do not comply with this rule, I will have to lock gate. Hollis McCoy.

FOR TRADE—Fat cow for real milk cow. A. R. Johnston at Chevrolet agency.

NOTICE—You can save money on tires and auto parts at Fox Wrecking Co., opposite Ice house.

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Three room house, garage, well; Haynes-Moody Addition; \$70 per month. Clay Lumber Co.

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—Seed fork Monday p. m. Swafford. Phone 44.

LEGAL NOTICE.

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 Seaboalt, 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 No. 15, Continuation of Belmont Addition to the City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, as shown by Book No. 1, Pages Nos. 528-529, of the plat records of Taylor County, Texas, to which reference is herein made; and levied upon as the property of Joe Seaboalt 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 Seaboalt.

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.

SHERIFF'S SALE.
State of Texas, County of Taylor: Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Wichita County, of the 26th day of March 1930, by Mrs. A. B. Eichelberger, Clerk of said District Court for the sum of Twelve Hundred Seventy six and no/100 Dollars and costs of suit, under a Judgment, in favor of J. C. Scholdburg in a certain cause in said Court No. 22480-A and styled J. C. Scholdburg vs. W. A. Baker et al,

placed in my hands for service, I, H. T. O'Bar as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did on the 3rd day of April 1930, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: All of Lot No. 1, and 12.65 feet off the north side of Lot No. 2, of Block "A" of the J. H. Thornton Subdivision of Blocks 13 and 25 of the College Heights addition to the town of Merkel, Texas, according to the map or plat of said subdivision and levied upon as the property of W. A. Baker and E. C. Norwood 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 described Real Estate at public venue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said W. A. Baker and E. C. Norwood.

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 5th 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

Sanitarium Notes.

Dr. R. I. Grimes is in Dallas this week attending the medical and surgical clinic.

Benjamin Sheppard, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Sheppard, who underwent an appendix operation last Saturday, is improving so satisfactorily that it will be only a few days before he can be removed home.

Mattie Reynolds, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Reynolds, residing in the Canyon, submitted to an operation Tuesday for appendicitis and reports Thursday were to the effect that she is doing nicely.

Three hundred and twenty-two Gold Star mothers and widows in Texas are eligible to make the pilgrimage to European cemeteries next summer, the Federal government paying all expenses.

Second sheets at Merkel Mail office.

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 District Attorney 104th district:
EMMETT ROBINSON.

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.

RUFIE TITTLE.
THOMAS A. BEARDEN.
JOHN J. TOOMBS.

For Public Weigher, Precinct No. 5:
S. A. (Sam) BANKSTON.

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SPECIALS FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

Onions	Fresh, per bunch	5c	Hominy	No. 2 cans	8c
Carrots	nice bunches	7c	Hominy	No. 2 1/2 cans 2 for	25c
New Potatoes	per lb.	7c	Lux	small package, 4 for	30c
Bananas	per dozen	19c	Corn	Round-Up, No. 2 cans	11c
Radishes	nice bunches, 2 for	15c	Pickles	quart, sour, sliced	19c
Squash	per lb.	12c	Beans	String, No. 2 cans, 3 for	35c
Turnips & Tops	3 bunches for	25c	Beans	Pintos, 12 1/2 lbs. for	\$1.00
Spuds	12 lb. for	48c	Bacon	100%, sugar-cured, per lb.	25c
Pork & Beans	Libby's, No. 2 cans	9c	Bacon	sliced, with rind off, lb.	28c

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FARM POULTRY

HATCHABILITY OF EGG INCREASED

Feeding and housing are the most important factors affecting hatchability of eggs but they are by no means the only ones, according to G. T. Klein, poultry specialist at the Kansas State Agricultural college. Hens or pullets that have been in long production do not give as high hatchability as birds that are increasing in production. The most desirable pullet breeders are those that have been hatched early and that have taken a rest period for a neck molt.

Alternating the male birds in breeding pens is often very conducive to better fertility. The poultry specialist advises from 15 to 20 females to one male in the light breeds and eight to ten females in the heavier breeds.

During cold weather it is best to gather eggs frequently. Temperature variations that occur in a heated room where the eggs may be kept are very injurious and in many cases the only reason for a poor hatch. A constant temperature of approximately 40 degrees Fahrenheit should be maintained.

Klein says it is not necessary to turn eggs while they are being held for hatching if they are placed in an egg case with the small end down. Hatchability decreases rapidly after the eggs have been kept ten days. Washing is injurious because it removes the "bloom" and causes a rapid evaporation during incubation. It will pay to candle the eggs before setting.

Breeding up a flock is not a difficult matter, maintains Mr. Klein. A small breeding pen of the choicest hens should be kept each year to supply cockerels for the general flock. These hens should be the best producers in the flock and those conforming most closely to standard type and color.

Whole Corn Superior to Cracked for Winter

Many poultrymen are becoming very much interested in the use of whole corn rather than cracked corn for winter feeding. There seems to be considerable evidence that the loss of corn hearts and corn oil through cracking and holding is a real factor in feeding. Pulletts do not readily take to whole corn—unless they become accustomed to it when they are in the growing stage. It would be advisable to start with a small amount and gradually increase, so that practically the entire night feeding would be whole corn during late November, December and January—when the days are shortest and high egg production is most difficult to obtain.

Hens Earn More

Hens in the flocks of the 543 Ohio farmers who last year kept cost records in co-operation with the agricultural extension service of the Ohio State university, earned more for their owners in 1926 than in any years since the co-operative record keeping began. This report shows that the average hen in these 543 flocks paid its owner \$3.23 for labor and feed in 1926. In 1925 the labor income per bird was \$2.69; in 1924 it was \$2.60.

Poultry Items

It is best to treat pullets and place them in permanent quarters sometime before they begin laying, to avoid checking egg production by handling them.

Lots of us neglect the two big little things, lime and gravel. Finely ground limestone or crushed oyster shell will supply the first, and the hen must have it to make egg shells. As for the gravel, that's the hen's teeth.

Pulletts cannot be expected to lay many winter eggs unless they are kept free from lice and mites. The lice may be destroyed by dipping the chickens into warm water containing one ounce of sodium fluoride to each gallon of water.

Colony houses for winter use in the northern states should be banked with manure or cornstalks.

Well fed and sheltered, the Barred Plymouth Rocks fully deserve the reputation they have so long sustained as the ideal, all-round fowl for the farm home.

The general-purpose American breeds are considered the best breeds for capons—Wyandottes, Plymouth Rocks, Rhode Island Reds and Orpingtons.

There's nothing a hen, with her simple tastes, enjoys more than a wallow in dust. It's her own remedy for body lice.

Capons will stand confinement very well, will grow quicker, put on weight faster, and will not consume much more feed than the average roaster.

Poultry keepers who have or can get bright third-cutting alfalfa hay or clean, bright alfalfa meal have a good winter substitute for green feed for the laying flock.

Trent News and Personal Notes

All teachers of the Trent school were re-elected for the term of 1930-1931 at a meeting of the board of trustees held last Thursday night. Ross B. Jenkins is superintendent and L. R. Reaves is principal of the school. Miss Mary Sheppard is teacher of English. Grade teachers are Misses Nona Burgess, Frances Jenkins, Anna Joyce, Virgie Strawn, Cecil White and Mrs. O. L. Reaves.

On April 13, Mrs. Joe Nalley, assisted by Mrs. Walker Steadman, entertained her little Sunday School class with a picnic in honor of the boys in the class, since they scored the highest on good lessons last quarter. Members of the class and friends attending were Bobby Ruth McLeod, Kirby Steadman, Kenneth Burkhardt, Giynn Reaves, Rado Arther, Jr., Jimmie Williams, George Helen Lee, Kathleen Bryan, Lois Campbell, N. L. McLeod, Robert Campbell, Joseph Williams, Mildred Steadman, Joe Ella McLeod, Vivian Walker and Thelma Nalley. All seemed to have a wonderful time, the girls resolving to be the honor guests next time.

Other guests in the Nalley home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Cal Hamner, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Hammer, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Bryon, Mr. Bryon Burkhardt, Mrs. C. R. Rutherford and little son, Cecil, Jr.

Hosea Winn, who has been away for several months, has returned home.

On a return trip from Dallas county, Bill Davenport and family of Littlefield were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Burks and family last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Howell were in Abilene on business Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Spurgeon Scott and children of Blair spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Winters and Mr. and Mrs. W. L. McLeod spent the week-end in Lamesa.

Misses Cora and Fannie Scott are spending a week with their cousin, Cleveland Scott, at Lawn.

Mr. Washburn, who has been in East Texas for sometime, has returned to the home of his son, W. O. Washburn.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Wiser spent the week-end with home folks here last week.

Messrs. Bates and Buchanan of Stamford enjoyed a pleasant day with their old time friends, Mr. and Mrs. Murry, last Sunday.

Miss Carmon Walker left last week for a visit with her sister, Goma, (now Mrs. Fowler,) who lives in Pampa.

We extend our congratulations to Mrs. Ferman Carter and Mr. Billie Winters, who were happily married some two months ago and have withheld the announcement till a few days ago.

Mr. Cecil Rutherford and son, Junior, of Abilene spent Sunday in the Bowers home.

The W. M. U. of the Baptist church met last Monday evening at the church, Mrs. A. C. Terry leading the

devotional service. Although the attendance was small, each one received a spiritual blessing.

R. Y. Cozart, member of the Junior class of the Methodist Sunday School, won the prize for writing the "Best story of the Life of Christ," as studied during the past quarter. The prize was a Bible presented to him by his teacher, Mrs. E. L. Mangum.

Miss Florence Sherman entertained a few of her friends last Tuesday night with a musical. The Trent string band furnished the music.

We regret to announce that brother R. M. McGinnis, pastor of the Baptist church here, has resigned and the church accepted his resignation last Sunday. He has been among us for five years and the community regrets very much to see him leave. He goes to Hodges.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Neill spent Sunday visiting friends at Hamlin.

Slim Messenger, who has been visiting at Breckenridge, returned home last week.

Thursday evening the Junior league was entertained by their leader at the church. After participating in games and songs, they were directed to the parsonage where ice cream and cake was served by Brother and Sister Sherrill.

Miss Florence Sherman visited with friends at the Smith field last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrester of Canyon spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Algie Steen last Monday.

Harvey Jones and family visited relatives at Coleman Sunday.

Messrs. Melton and Moore of Blair visited in the Sherman home last Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Payne have moved to town after having lived in the country some two or three months.

Mrs. Fred Rogue and daughter of Sweetwater, accompanied by Mrs. W. E. Boozer and son, also of Sweetwater, spent the day with Mrs. Rogue's mother, Mrs. Sam Estep, last Tuesday. The day was spent in quilting.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Biggs of Pecos stopped over for the night with Mrs. Biggs' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Rawlings, last Monday night. They were with a party en route to Abilene to attend to business matters.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to take this method to thank all our friends and neighbors for their kind deeds and words of comfort during the illness and death of our dear wife and mother. We appreciate more than words can express the assistance rendered, without which our sorrow would have indeed been hard to bear. May God's richest blessings be with you, one and all, is our wish.

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Dora Doings

The Epworth league social at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tyrone Friday night was enjoyed by a large number of the members.

E. P. Perry, John Dudley, Earl Wallis and Roy Laine spent two days and nights on the Concho, but came home empty-handed. They report "the fish won't bite any more."

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Denton of Big Spring and John Denton and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Perry.

Henry Christian of Montana spent last week here visiting his cousin, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Slater.

Beatrice Perry and Canova Stevens were shopping in Abilene Monday.

Miss Ada May Rogers is spending the week visiting friends in Abilene.

The Sophomore class with several invited guests enjoyed a moonlight picnic at Fallen Rock Friday night.

The Junior class and guests motored to Church Peak for a picnic Saturday. All reported a fine time, nice dinner and sore heels on returning.

Miss Kate Sanders of Cottonwood spent the week-end here with Lela Koerth.

I. R. Willis of Sweetwater was here this week, taking the census and your correspondent told things to him we have not told in ten years.

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Blair Items

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Moore and sons and Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Wilson of Seymour came Friday in response to a death message of their little nephew, Marshall Wayne Melton. Friends of the family from out-of-town for the funeral were: Mr. Green of Sweetwater, Mr. and Mrs. James Doan and family, Mr. and Mrs. Click of Trent and Mr. and Mrs. Sherman and family of Trent.

Mrs. La Vera Hashford of Dallas spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. King.

Mrs. Ernest Hill and baby, Ernest Boyd of Burleson, and her father, Sam Grayson and daughter, Alta, of Merkel, visited Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Spurgin Scott and baby spent the week-end with home-folks at Trent.

Messrs. Tom Spears and Ashley

Bryant attended church at Sand Burr Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rosson and family attended church at Merkel Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Campbell and son, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Osborn and family and Mr. and Mrs. Luther Osborn attended M. E. Conference at Nubia Saturday.

Hugh Campbell is attending court at Abilene this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Latimer, Mr. and Mrs. Riley James, S. F. King and Emmett Morris attended church at Nubia Sunday.

A camera has been invented to be lowered into oil wells as they are being bored to study their courses and detect errors in drilling.

It is estimated that one out of every 34 automobiles in the United States has an accident at some time during the year.

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Committee Named To Raise Funds for Robinson Memorial

Midland, April 17.—Twenty-seven West Texas community leaders, most of whom are cattlemen, were this week named on a committee to take subscriptions to the John T. Robinson Memorial fund. The men appointed are: W. F. Scarborough of Midland, president of the Robinson Memorial association, will seek a fund of \$10,000 to erect a statue in honor of the late Texas land commissioner. The committee is named to obtain funds in their cities and for a radius of at least fifty miles of their cities are: T. D. Hobart, Pampa; L. T. Wardlaw, Fort Worth; W. L. Aldwell, Sonora; Coke R. Stevenson, Junction; John Rae, Eldorado; Sol Mayer and Penrose Metcalf, San Angelo; J. W. Hutt, Rock Springs; Rev. L. A. Melligan, El Paso; Roy Hudspeth, Sonora; C. M. Caldwell, Abilene; W. P. Edwards, Big Spring; J. C. Hunter, Abilene; J. D. Johnson, Albany; J. H. Walker, Austin; C. B. Wardlaw, Del Rio; Buck Curry, Seminole; Willis McCutcheon, Fort Davis; Roy E. Aldwell, Sonora; B. M. Halbert, Sonora; John F. Means, Valentine; L. W. Anderson, Pecos; J. C. Honeycutt, Sierra Blanca; Robert Real, Kerrville; Ira Wheat, Rock Springs, and Walter Booth.

President Scarborough may later appoint other men to represent their communities. He has authorized the men already named to delegate others to assist them if they wish. Paul T. Vickers of Midland, secretary of the association, and Miss Evelyn Scarborough are assisting in the local work.

Population Returns Made Five Districts

First population figures in the eighth district, 1930 census, were announced at Abilene late Saturday by W. R. Southworth, supervisor. Reports were for five enumeration districts, four in Taylor and one in Calahan county—Trent, Lawn, Putnam, Abilene State hospital and one 28-block area in Abilene.

Announcements are: Trent town, 339; Lawn town, 339; Putnam town, 339; Abilene State hospital, 1,026; district 221-6, Abilene city, 781.

Enumerators of the districts were Mrs. Buena B. McLeod, Trent; Mrs. Kitty J. Ellington, Lawn; Miss Crysta Kennedy, Putnam; Mrs. Patsy B. King, Abilene State hospital, and Mrs. Dorothy S. Howerton, district 221-6, Abilene.

Comparison of the 1929 population figures in the towns listed above with similar figures for 1920 is not possible, since none of the towns was incorporated at the time. Putnam was organized in 1922. Trent in 1925 and Lawn in 1926. The hospital was not shown separately in the 1920 census report. The 1930 figure includes both inmates and personnel of the hospital.

Enumerators in urban areas are expected to complete the census in their districts within the next week, as instructions are to complete city enumerations within two weeks. The census was started in all cities of Mr. Southworth's region April 2.

All appointees whose districts are uncompleted are working full time, as indicated by daily reports to the Abilene office.

Announcements of population made through the Abilene office are preliminary and subject to correction, but as stated in the letters sent out by Mr. Southworth in reporting the returns, the figures given "are believed to be substantially correct."

Three farms were reported in the

Putnam area, two in Lawn, one at Abilene State hospital, and no farms at Trent and in Mrs. Howerton's Abilene district.

Expect 500 Boys At Scout Jamboree

Abilene, April 17.—Five hundred or more Boy Scouts are expected to attend the Third Annual Boy Scout Jamboree for the Boy Scouts of the Chisholm Trail council May 2-3 at the Boy Scout camp located near Buffalo Gap and Lake Abilene.

The Chisholm Trail Council Jamboree is an all day program of Scout activities including Morse and Semaphore signaling, string burning, bugling, cooking dinner, tenderfoot knot tying, wall scaling, first aid, second class events, fireman's drag, pony express race, Indian war dance, troop songs and yells, handicraft display.

All troops will arrive at the camp the afternoon and evening of Friday, May 2, set up camp and get ready for the Jamboree program which starts Saturday, May 3, at 7 a. m.

The cooking of dinner will be one of the features of the program. Last year the scouts cooked a wonderful dinner—some baked a biscuit and bread—prepared salads and stews and appetizing desserts.

Prominent doctors will judge the first aid demonstration.

Prominent Eagle Scouts and athletic coaches will assist Executive Shumway in carrying out the program.

Among the honor guests will be President J. D. Sandefer of Simmons University and R. D. Green, superintendent of schools, Abilene.

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Visitors are cordially invited to attend the Saturday program which is scheduled from 7 a. m. until 8 a. m.

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Texas Exes Pick New Officers at Annual Meeting

Austin, April 17.—Ireland Graves, Austin, was elected president of the Ex-Students' association of the University of Texas Saturday. Graves was graduated from the university in 1908. He succeeds William M. McGill of Austin.

Other officers elected were: Chas. I. Francis, Wichita Falls, first vice president; Miss Katherine Boone, Corpus Christi, second vice president; James B. Marley, Fort Worth, third vice president; C. M. Bartholomew, of Austin, treasurer. The following were elected to the executive council: Miss Edleen Begg, Dallas; R. W. Blalock, Marshall, and Lloyd J. Gregory, Houston.

In his annual report to the association, McGill stated he had been informed cheating and dishonesty in examinations had been on the increase in the university since abolition of the honor system. He asked that a study of conditions be made by the association with the view of reinstating the honor system.

CASTLE PEAK NEWS

The sick folks on our list this week are Mrs. A. J. Stapleton, Misses Lou Ella Hughes, Mrs. Laura Harrison, Mrs. E. H. Patterson, W. T. Cox, Mrs. G. W. Cox, Jr., and daughter, Loretta. We are glad to state that they are improving.

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been visiting relatives at Del Rio, returned home Saturday.

Messrs. V. H. Patterson and G. W. Hughes were visitors in Abilene Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Sandusky and children from Bront, Texas, were visitors here recently.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Cox and daughter spent Sunday in the Chambliss home near Merkel.

Cleve Henslee was a guest in the Rosson home Sunday.

Mrs. Taylor Davis and children from Merkel were Sunday guests of her sister, Mrs. G. W. Cox, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Marcena Doan were visitors in the James Doan home Sunday.

Several from the Castle Peak community attended the revival at Merkel and some were unable to attend on account of sickness.

Rather than move all his house when a road-widening project would have run through the middle of it, an El Paso man sawed the front end off and moved it to the back.

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Farmers State Bank Reopens Wednesday

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prominent local merchant and director of the bank, was on hand; the fire signal was sounded to accentuate the occasion; crowds assembled in the flower-filled lobby to congratulate the officers and directors of the reorganized bank, visualizing in concrete way the cooperation and loyalty that made it possible for those in charge of the efforts to reopen the bank to write success as the culmination of their untiring labors and seemingly unlimited resourcefulness.

R. O. Anderson, active vice-president of the old Farmers state bank, was the directing head of the reorganization campaign, being ably joined by "Dub" Diltz, J. S. Swann and Dave Hendricks of the old board, and linked with their constant and persistent activity was the strong counsel and financial backing of C. M. Largent, the new president, and numbers of other influential and wealthy men of this section.

Total deposits for the opening day exceeded \$31,000, according to the statement of R. O. Anderson, active vice-president at the close of business. The honor of making the first deposit went to W. H. Frazier, a farmer, and it was also a farmer, D. O. Huddleston, who made the final deposit that day. The second deposit was credited to the West Texas Utilities company.

THE NEW PRESIDENT.

C. M. Largent, veteran ranchman and new president, has been raising Hereford cattle in this section for a quarter of a century and is nationally known in cattle circles. A native of Collin county and educated at old Savoy college in Fannin county, he moved to Merkel 34 years ago for his health. He first established a general mercantile and cotton business here, which he operated for four years. At the end of his fourth year in business, he established his ranch and moved to his ranch home two miles north of the city, where he has lived continuously since.

Expressing the gratification of the entire personnel of the officers, directors, stockholders and staff of employees of the Farmers State Bank, Mr. Largent said at the close of business the opening day: "It was fine and we're going to make the Farmers State bank in Merkel one of the best banks in West Texas."

"We feel happy over this wonderful expression of confidence and good will," were the words of R. O. Anderson, active vice-president, in appreciation of the wonderful reception extended the opening of the new bank by the people of this section.

MANY PROMINENT VISITORS.

The occasion was made notable by the presence of prominent bankers and business men from other cities. Among those extending greetings in person to the official family of the reorganized bank were: G. E. Bradford, president, Texas Bank & Trust company, Sweetwater; Clyde Payne, cashier, First National bank, Sweetwater; J. M. Hooks, director, Central State bank, Abilene; Riley Peters, cashier, Central State bank, Abilene; C. T. Hutcheson, president, Central State bank, Abilene; Guy McCarty, cashier, Abilene State bank; A. E. Pool, president, Abilene State bank; Gladney Rollins, Abilene Mutual Life Insurance company; Barry Miller,

Dallas, candidate for governor; Earl Hughes, Taylor county tax collector; Max Bentley, managing editor, Abilene Reporter-News; Col. H. L. Bentley; B. E. Hamilton, cashier, Roscoe State bank; Coke W. Harkrider, Fort Worth Life Insurance company, and A. S. Reeves, tax collector of Jones county.

Taylor Census Shows 10,538 Scholastics

Completion of the Taylor county school census shows that there are 10,538 school children between the ages of 6 and 18 years in this county.

Of this number, the Abilene total is 5,901, while in the 34 common school districts, 6 independent districts and one rural high school district there are 4,637 scholastics.

The largest independent district, outside of Abilene is Merkel, which shows a total of 556 this year, as compared with 620 reported in the census last year.

The total enrollment for this year to date in the Merkel schools is 617, while the number now belonging, as of April 17, is 516. At this time last year, the enrollment was 726 and those belonging was 562.

The enrollment at the High school on the above date this year is 192 as compared with 183 a year ago, showing a gain in the High school of 9.

To My Customers.

Due to the serious illness of my wife for the past several weeks, I have been away at Brownwood most of the time. I am glad to say that she is somewhat improved now and that I shall be able within a few weeks to be back on the job. Thanking you for past favors,

W. A. Whiteley.

Some small towns have concluded that routing highway traffic through their main streets does not materially aid business, but only causes congestion, and the speed of the tourist cars adds to the danger of the streets.

Mrs. Oba M. Sumpter Claimed by Death

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member of the Church of Christ, a man highly respected by those in every walk of life, one who was always on the side of the right as he saw it. Those four sons have the sympathy of the entire community in the loss of this worthy father, who was ever an example to them.

The funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at the Church of Christ, with Elder W. G. Cypert officiating. Interment will be at Rose Hill cemetery.

Marshal Wayne Melton.

Death's sorrow is doubly so when it removes one of young and tender age, just beginning to feel the joy of living; such grief was allotted to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Melton, who reside on the Phillips lease at Noodle Dome, in the death of their five-year old son, Marshal Wayne, shortly after 10 o'clock last Friday morning.

He was playing with two other boys, one a brother, about 8 years old, and a neighbor's son, 7, at the Melton home. The older Melton boy had climbed to the top of a stack of heavy pipe, used around the oil wells there, and it is thought that the pipes, or at least one of the pipes, started to roll and either hit Marshal a blow or rolled over him. When he was brought to the Merkel Sanitarium, no external sign of violence was noted by physicians there. His neck had been broken due to indirect trauma.

Funeral services for the little boy were held at 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon, with J. D. Boren, minister of the Church of Christ at Lamesa, officiating and interment at Rose Hill cemetery.

Some Paris restaurants are inviting their Bohemian patrons to "come in and prepare your own meals."

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