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On the "Broadway of America"

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SENIORS PRESENT "NANCY ANN," A THREE ACT PLAY

Dorothy Heyward's Delightful Comedy to Be Enacted by Cast of Merkel High Performers at Auditorium Tonight.

"Nancy Ann," a comedy in three acts by Dorothy Heyward, will be presented by the Senior class of the Merkel High school at the Grammar School auditorium this Friday night at 8:15. The play is produced by special arrangement with Samuel French. Admission prices are 35 cents and 50 cents.

The cast of characters:
Miss Dexter Dorice Brown
Lucinda Eleanor Mae Hamilton
Nancy Ann Odell Hunter
Aunt Angeline Frances Frederikson
Aunt Kate Tula Miller
Aunt Emily Beryl Hunter
Aunt Nancy Lucille Cole
Binner Tracy Campbell
Mr. Llewellyn E. L. Turner
Miss Marcia Watts Maurine Davis
Miss De Pyster Gwendolyn Vickers
Mr. Van Horn Wesley Butler
Mrs. Foss Jones Nina Vantreesse
Mr. Brandon Clinton Bryan
Miss Eskew Helen Kelso
Mrs. Laddheater

Willie Mae Schwartz
Mrs. Farmington Alberta Butler
Uncle Steadman Eteyl Spurgin
Lulu Treeman Nadine Tippett
Billie Claridge Pauline Toombs
Beth Worthington Verna T. Beasley
Sidney Brian Lee Darden
Dan Dennis J. D. Ashby
Waiter Milton Case
Jerry O'Connell Orion Tittle
Playwright Harold Boney
Jim Masey Buster Horton

SCENES.
Act 1. Aunt Nancy's living room. 9 p. m.
Act 2. Sidney Brian's office. 5 p. m. the following day.
Act 3. Same as Act 2, immediately following.

BETWEEN ACTS.
Spring's greeting, (Strauss Bliss)
High School Choral Club
Nancy Ann
Willie Mae Schwartz and chorus.
Ushers—Albera Butler, Helen Kelso, Willie Mae Schwartz, Louise Booth, Marcella Pinckley, Nina Vantreesse, Maurine Davis, Hilda Rister and Gwendolyn Vickers.

Sanitarium Notes.
Mrs. Tom Green submitted to an operation at the Merkel Sanitarium Wednesday and is reported as doing nicely.
E. J. Hill underwent an operation for acute appendicitis at the Merkel Sanitarium Monday.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail May 20, 1910.)

MOTHERS' RECEPTION.
On last Friday afternoon Miss Duncan Browning gave a reception to the Mothers of her Kindergarten pupils and it was an occasion worthy of special mention.
Those graduating from the kindergarten were Leo Robertson, Corinne Cochran, Rai Smoot and Janie O'Briant. The little folks are indebted to Mr. Lafayette Harkrider and Mr. Will Walker for a delightful treat after the school exercises had closed.
Mr. Harkrider treated them to ice cream and Mr. Walker "set 'em up" to candy. Before leaving Miss Browning took pictures of the group. The program is as follows:
School Greeting—Hazel Harkrider.
The Welcome—Mary Eula Sears, Thelma Ritch.
Song, "Pigeon House."
Recitation—Lorine Rogers.
Vacation Joys—Corinne Cochran.
Song—"May."
Recitation—Dorothy Barnes.
"Sing Hey for Vacation"—by Evelyn Hamm.
"The Daisies"—twelve little girls.
Duet—"The Daisy," Hazel Harkrider and Katherine Barnes.
"The Fourth of July," Mithcah Sheldler.
"What We Would Do"—Lance Sears, Ray Allen, John Woodard.
"The Forget-Me-Not"—Willie Connor.

South Carolinian Is Named Head of Southern Baptists

New Orleans, May 15.—Dr. W. J. McLothlin, president of Furman university, Greenville, S. C., Wednesday was elected president of the Southern Baptist convention on the third ballot. He received 1064 votes to 1000 for Dr. M. E. Dodd, of Shreveport.

Starting with seven candidates, the field was narrowed to three on the second ballot. The low man, the Rev. John E. White of Savannah, Ga., was eliminated on the third ballot.

Dr. Dodd, Mr. White, M. P. L. Love, of Hattiesburg, Miss., and Dr. Charles W. Daniel, Richmond, were named vice presidents.

In his annual sermon, Dr. Edward G. Lee of Memphis, charged that people were suffering from a modern jazz-crazed age and tawdry luxury.

Pupils of Speech Arts in Recitals

Pupils of the Speech Arts department of the Merkel public schools will be presented in recital at the Grammar School auditorium on two occasions next week, Tuesday evening at 8:15 and again Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

The cast of characters for "The Wishing Well" on Tuesday evening includes:

Ella Cinders Margarette Miller
May, the girl with the mission box Frances Higgins
Edith, the sick child Becky Gardner
The Fairy of the well Betty Lou Grimes
Peggy, the "book worm" Clara Frances Largent
Donald, the family joke Billy Wood
Jerry, who is afraid of the rooster Carl Jackson
Tom, the sleepy head Carl Bonnough
Sliver Wing Marilyn Sue Grimes

The program for Wednesday afternoon follows:
1. Peg O' My Heart, (Act 3)
Booth Tarkington
Pauline Toombs

2. Uncle Jabe's Martial Experiments, (Story)
Thomas N. Page
Margaret Miller
3. Ashes of Roses, (One act play)
Constance Mackey
Artilee Simmons

4. Poems—
(a) Cuddles
(b) Kids
(c) Apple Blossoms
(d) Friends
Margaret Miller
5. Square Pegs, (A Fantasy)
Clifford Box
Pauline Toombs and Artilee Simmons

The interested public is cordially invited. (Grammar school pupils are asked to sit with their parents.)

MOODY TO ASK THIRD TERM AS HEAD OF STATE

"Figuring on Getting Into the Race," But Definite Announcement Deferred Until After Nonpolitical Addresses.

Austin, Texas, May 15.—Gov. Dan Moody said Friday that he is "figuring on getting into the race for governor," which announcement was made stonger by his criticism of two of the present candidates, James E. Ferguson and Earle B. Mayfield. The governor said:

"The prospects of being forced to choose in the run-off between James E. Ferguson and Earle Mayfield, is not an inviting prospect for the people of Texas."

Failure to make his announcement definite is attributed to the fact that the governor has accepted a number of engagements to make nonpolitical addresses. As an announced candidate, these other engagements might produce embarrassment. He is to speak at several colleges and high school commencements, the American Legion meeting at Eastland and over the radio at Station WFAA at Dallas Saturday night.

Singling out of Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Mayfield in his initial shot of the campaign shows the direction in which Governor Moody will push his efforts to be elected to the third term, something never accomplished in Texas politics. Both Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Mayfield have long political records and Governor Moody is expected to criticize them severely. He also will have an opportunity to review the political records of Thomas B. Love, James Young and Barry Miller, and a previous statement indicated that he will attack one or more of them in the role of "harmony candidate."

ROBERTS' NAME TO COMMITTEE AS COURT JUDGE

Little Difficulty Expected in Obtaining Confirmation; Senator Sheppard Satisfied After Nominee's Explanation.

Washington, May 15.—The first step toward senate confirmation of Owen J. Roberts as an associate justice of the supreme court was taken Monday with action by the judiciary committee to refer the nomination to a subcommittee.

Little difficulty in obtaining confirmation was expected, but the subcommittee will go thoroughly into any complaints.

The judiciary chairman, Senator Norris of Nebraska, and others outside the fold of the republican regulars predicted early and favorable action.

Senator Sheppard of Texas, a dry, who had indicated opposition to Mr. Roberts because of a 1923 speech by him, said he was satisfied with the explanation that had been made for the nominee.

Mr. Roberts had been quoted as criticizing the eighteenth amendment, but it was explained that he was discussing a legal point involved.

Senator Sheppard said he wanted "to wait until the committee disposes of the nomination before taking a stand on it, but I will not oppose him unless it is shown that he is prejudiced against the law."

The nomination was endorsed in a telegram received by Senator Reed of Pennsylvania, from Dr. Homer W. Tope of Philadelphia, state superintendent of the Pennsylvania Anti-Saloon league.

Port Arthur Is Chosen By Lions 1931 Convention

Austin, May 15.—Port Arthur Wednesday was selected as the 1931 convention city of Texas Lions Clubs at the general session of the convention here. Dr. R. H. Graham of Wichita Falls was elected governor-general.

The convention Wednesday morning also voted to divide Texas into five districts each with a district governor under the supervision of a governor general.

Resolutions condemning the mob action at Sherman last week and indorsing a driver's license law, were adopted.

Sam Braswell of Clarendon was elected governor of District T; G. Rollo Davidson of Electra, District E; Fred O. Grimes of Hillsboro, District X; Will Dugger of San Antonio, District A, and Dr. F. D. Fuller of Bryan, District S.

Lions Devote Time To Business Matters

Preparations for welcoming the Oklahoma Boosters, who visited Merkel Wednesday, and furthering of "Cow Day" plans were the chief features of the Lions club luncheon Tuesday.

The meeting was called to order by E. Yates Brown, but W. O. Boney, acting president, arrived shortly afterward. Rev. R. A. Walker delivered the invocation. As toastmaster for the day, Sam Swann introduced the High School Choral and Glee clubs, who under the direction of Miss Donna Loyless pleasingly rendered several of the numbers from their musical extravaganza, "The Last Rehearsal."

Henry West was appointed chairman of the committee to welcome the Oklahomans, others on the committee being Booth Warren, R. A. Burgess, and the Revs. R. A. Walker and J. T. King. A committee to request all business houses to be open at the time of arrival of the Sooner special was also named as follows: George Woodrum, J. S. Bourn and Stan Johnson.

Guests present were L. M. Scholl of Sweetwater, district superintendent of the Community Natural Gas company, and Tom Largent. Rev. J. T. King was elected to membership in the club, having been a former member of this organization in other cities.

The secretary was instructed to purchase copies of a pamphlet, "Riches Man in Babylon," to be presented to each of the boys in the Senior class.
On furthering "Cow Day" plans, also to serve as program committee for next "Cow Day," the following were named: S. D. Gamble, chairman, A. T. Sheppard and Dr. H. P. Hulsey.
C. R. Tittle will be toastmaster next Tuesday.

SOONER BUSINESS MEN PAY EARLY MORNING VISIT

Merkel Extends Large Turnout, With All Places of Business Open and Hundreds at Station to Welcome Visitors.

Showing the spirit that has made Merkel one of the most progressive of West Texas cities as well as being one of the most substantial cities to be found anywhere, several hundred citizens, business men, ladies and school children were out early Wednesday morning to welcome the Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce goodwill trippers, who arrived here by special train at 6:55 and who remained here thirty minutes.

It was not to be expected that many of the tourists on the special train would be awake at such an early hour, but Merkel was on hand just the same as if it were the middle of the morning or an afternoon affair.

In behalf of the mayor and the city of Merkel, the Lions club and the public schools, Booth Warren as spokesman welcomed the Oklahomans from a truck, furnished by C. K. Russell, at the main street intersection. Claude Stone, president of Hill's Business College, responded for the visitors and Cam Galt, representing the Henry L. Doherty company, a public service corporation, also spoke briefly of the reputation of West Texas and its wonderful possibilities.

The parade uptown was led by the Oklahoma City High School band and the visitors distributed bells, caps, whistles, pencils and balloons in unlimited quantities to the children in the line of march.

Henry West had been named as chairman of the committee from the Lions club to welcome the Sooner Goodwill party and he was assisted by Booth Warren, Supt. Burgess, Rev. R. A. Walker and Rev. J. T. King.

General Rains Over This Section Monday

The most general rain in this section fell Monday night and many of the nearby places, especially in the Stith section, which had only received showers at other times, were blessed with heavy rains. The total for Monday night was recorded as seven-eighths of an inch by B. M. Black, volunteer weather observer.

On last Saturday morning, Merkel and this section received a good rain, also, the precipitation measuring three-eighths of an inch, making the total for the week of 1 1/4 inches. Since the drought was broken three weeks ago, the rainfall here has totaled 3 3/8 inches.

PERSONAL NEWS NOTES

Van Hines McSpadden has accepted a position in Austin.

Mrs. O. R. Rodden and Miss Jessie Rodden spent the week-end in Dallas.

J. M. Provine has returned from an extended stay in Gilbertville, Ky.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Eysen spent Mothers' Day with Mrs. Amy Sears.

W. L. Diltz, Jr., was in Amarillo on business the first part of the week.

Miss Rogene Dye spent the week-end in Abilene with Mr. and Mrs. John Woodrum.

Barney A. Garrett of Waco was a Mothers' Day visitor with his parents here last week-end.

Mrs. W. E. Lowe and son, Jack, are visiting her mother, Mrs. M. E. Seberry, at Blackwell.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. May were over from Colorado to spend the week-end in the J. L. Banner home.

Miss Nell Durham was over from Albany to spend the week-end with Miss Willie Evelyn Boaz.

Sam Toombs came over from Dallas to spend Mothers' Day with his mother, Mrs. J. R. Toombs.

Friends will be glad to learn that Miss Mary Derstine is somewhat improved after her serious illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Roten Cybert of Slaton were week-end guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Cybert.

Miss Louise Booth's week-end guests were Misses Opal Dillingham and Grace Virginia Conder of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Wilcox of Knox City are visiting Mrs. Wilcox's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Holloway.

Mesdames W. E. Stanford and N. D. Cobb visited last week-end with relatives in Fort Worth and Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. John Morgan of Lubbock visited over the week-end with Mrs. Morgan's mother, Mrs. J. C. Calvert.

L. R. Thompson has completed jury service on the panel in the federal district court, which adjourned Saturday.

Misses Vera and Maimie Walker and Miss Zuma Spears are visiting Mrs. Chappell and other friends at Memphis.

visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom King.

Mrs. Cowan Hudson and daughter, Dorice Jane, from San Angelo are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Higgins.

Miss Selma Lee Russell returned Saturday from an extended visit with her sister, Mrs. Bayard Shive, in Big Spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Tippett and children of San Angelo were week-end guests of Mrs. Tippett's mother, Mrs. E. N. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Frost Holler of Kingman, Kans., were recent guests of Miss Addie Holler and the latter joined them on a visit to Gail.

After visiting Friday with Mrs. B. F. Cox in Abilene, Mrs. W. A. McSpadden accompanied Mrs. Ryder to Dallas for the week-end.

Miss Delphine Moore, bookkeeper for the Merkel Sanitarium, is spending her vacation in Austin and will go to Groesbeck to visit her sister.

A week-end houseparty with Miss Melba West included Misses Ethylene Clark of Abilene and Annie V. Foy, Glennie Boyd and Maurine Ackerson from Baird.

Dr. William M. Gambill and Mrs. Gambill expect to leave the end of the week for Ft. Worth to attend the Dental society, which is to be held there, beginning May 19.

After attending the funeral of his grandfather, W. F. Jones, at Abilene Saturday, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Darsey of San Angelo remained over for a visit with their parents here.

R. O. Anderson, vice-president of the Farmers State bank, and G. E. Bradford of Sweetwater, president of the Texas Bank & Trust company there, attended the Texas Bankers convention in Fort Worth this week.

Mrs. N. J. Arstrong has returned from a visit with her daughter at Big Spring. While there Mrs. Arstrong had the misfortune to fall and although she suffered a considerable jar she did not injure her hip, which was broken several months ago.

Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Russell had as their guests for Mothers' Day Mr. and Mrs. Sam Redwine, Mr. and Mrs. Sam J. Nunnally and baby, Sam, Jr., of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Shive and baby, Mary Lou from Big Spring, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dunn and boys, Glynn and Gwynn, from Noodle Dome and Miss Ruby Stokes of Abilene.

Friends will be glad to know that

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THE TOWN DOCTOR
"DOCTOR OF TOWNS"
SAYS

ABOUT THE VALUE OF MOTOR TRAFFIC.

There has been more than usual newspaper comment recently regarding the amount of money expended by the motor-traveling public, and for what the money is spent.

This is due no doubt to the fact that many highway commissioners are avoiding the business districts in routing highway traffic and often building new highways completely around, rather than through any portion of the communities along the route.

Some cities think this plan ruinous to business and loudly voice their protests; others believe that it is sound sense.

In the controversy that has arisen it has been stated that the motor traveling public is of no value to a community—that the cash expenditure of motorists is confined to hot dogs, a bottle of pop and an occasional ice cream cone. A pure case of where a "man can appreciate only that which he knows." In this case he either does not know or it is sour grapes.

The advisability of routing highway traffic away from a town does not enter into this—I take no issue with any highway official—but I will say that the average town, regardless of the fact that they worked hard to get hard roads, does not deserve the traffic, for they have not only failed to take advantage of the business that this traffic has made possible, but have in many cases openly driven the business away from their towns by their unthinking practices and poor business judgment.

Every highway is literally "Acres of Diamonds," but like the story, those who dwell upon it are blind to it.

Every strange motor car that travels the highways through Merkel has an average potential value in cash business of \$1.04, not only to Merkel but to every town, regardless of size, through which it passes. These cars are to a community the same as pedestrians to a store. Every individual that passes a store has a certain potential value, but the store has to get them inside before they can even expect to sell them; still no merchant would say that those who passed, but only looked in his window, were

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Big Reductions in Fares Announced by Greyhound Bus Lines

A sweeping reduction of 33 1-3 per cent in excursion fares from all points on the Southland Greyhound lines to San Antonio, Waco, Laredo, Houston, Ft. Worth, El Paso, Dallas, Beaumont, Austin, Corpus Christi and Abilene is announced by officials of the Texas-wide motor coach system.

The reduction, one of the greatest ever announced by a motor system, has just been authorized by the state railroad commission and becomes effective May 15 and lasts until June 15.

The plan provides for round trip excursion rates of one and one-third times the one way fare.

Announcement of excursion rate reductions follows a recent system-wide slash in all fares over all lines, totaling approximately 25 per cent.

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of no value to him.

The same is true with motorists—you can't sell them unless you stop them, and if you stop one out of five, each one stopped is worth an average of \$5.20.

One hundred cars stopped a day is equivalent to a factory payroll of \$23,000 per month, and the traffic of the average highway is sufficient to get several times that.

What would Merkel do, what would Merkel give to get a factory with a payroll of twenty, fifty, or one hundred thousand dollars monthly?

Several thousand expense accounts of motorists will prove that expenditures cover everything in the mercantile line—directly or indirectly—there is no line of business that does not profit. It is not just the hot dog stand, nor is it the hotels, cafes, garages and gas stations alone that make money from motor travel.

Any town can get its share of this business if they will take pains to make their community look good and then "get going to go get it."

(Editor's Note—Write the Town Doctor if there is any information desired regarding the Value of Motor Traffic. All that is necessary for a reply is to say that you are a reader of the Merkel Mail and enclose a 2c stamp. Address your letter to McCormick Bldg., Chicago.)

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Hibernation is as common among spiders as among bears.

Abilene Housewife Endorses Orgatone (Argotane)

"I Haven't Been Well For Three Years and Couldn't Eat. Even Milk Caused Indigestion," Says Mrs. Campbell.

"For over three years, I have suffered with a severe case of chronic stomach trouble, and indigestion and never felt like doing anything," said Mrs. Lizzie Campbell, residing at 625 Willow, Abilene, Texas, while talking with the Orgatone (Argotane) man.

"A friend recommended Orgatone (Argotane) to me and I've taken three bottles and feel like a different person.

"I suffered a great deal from indigestion, every time I ate anything, gas would bloat me up until I would be miserable for hours afterwards. I didn't have any appetite because I just couldn't eat what I did want. Everything I ate would cause me a lot of pain, because it would not digest, but would sour and come right up. Even sweet milk had a bad effect on my stomach. I was very nervous and couldn't rest or sleep at all and I never had energy or pep at all and never felt like doing anything.

"But since taking Orgatone (Argotane), I eat anything and everything I want, I eat things that I never could eat before, and I do not have any pains or bad effects afterwards, at all. I'm not nervous and sleep and rest fine every night I feel better than I have in a long, long time. I can do my own housework now, without feeling all tired and worn out. Orgatone (Argotane) has certainly been a benefit to me for I'm not bothered anymore in anyway, as I was, and I know that anyone suffering as I did, it will help them."

Genuine Argotane may be bought in Merkel at the City Drug Store.

Former Merkel Man In Sheriff's Race



BURL WHEELER

To the Voters of Taylor county:

In announcing myself as a candidate for the office of sheriff of Taylor county, subject to the democratic primaries in July, I do so at the insistence of scores of friends.

I have never before asked for office by election. I served as a state cattle inspector for three years, 1916-1918,

having been appointed by the Live-stock Sanitary commission. My work was in Taylor and adjoining counties. I have been before the public practically all of my life, and feel like I know how to deal with people.

I am 48 years old. I was born near Ennis, in Ellis county, Texas. I moved to a farm near Merkel with my father, W. W. Wheeler, when a lad of 8 years. Here I grew to manhood. I have lived in Abilene 20 years. I have been in the meat market business, associated most of the time with the K. C. Fry and the C. H. Boyd markets.

I solicit your votes, and if elected, will discharge the duties of the office to the best of my ability.

Respectfully,
Burl Wheeler.

The Suez canal varies in width from 230 to 250 feet on the main stretches to 260 at curves. The canal is about 100 miles long.

Teachers Entertained.

On Friday evening, May 2, the 4-H club girls entertained the teachers of Blair school in the home of Mrs. Hugh Campbell and a very nice time was reported by everyone present. After an enjoyable evening ice cream and cake was served to: Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Deavers, and two sons Frank and Clyde, Jr., Misses Anna Addison, Zuma Spears, Lucy Moore, Bessie Lou Windham, and to Messrs. H. E. Addison, Ona Wheeler, Monta J. Moore and Hugh Campbell. Others present were Mrs. R. E. James, Mrs. Pat Addison and Mrs. Hugh Campbell.



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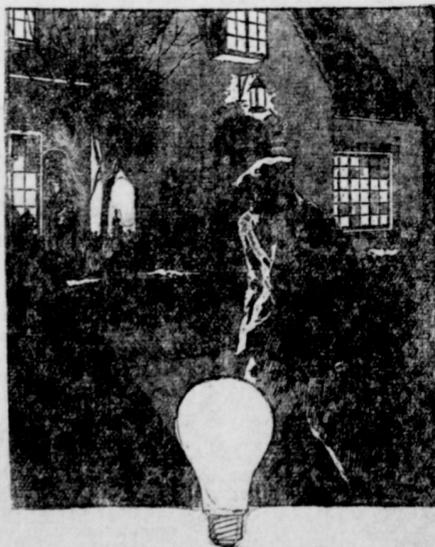
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SENIOR CLASS POEM.

We Seniors soon shall be scattered
 Shall various paths pursue
 And while we are happily gathered here
 I've a host of good wishes for you.

Wesley, when you have grown famous
 And won worldly honor and place
 I wish you as many successful years
 As you've freckles on your face.

And, Orion, I hope to see you again
 Somewhere out there in the world
 And I hope to find you all settled for life
 In a nest with that auburn-haired girl.

Louise, though your face may not can launch.
 A million ships on strand,
 Here's hoping you launch that Buick coupe
 And that chauffeur who drives with one hand.

J. T., I'm hoping you find that girl
 And airplane you've seen in your dream
 But listen, J. T., though high you may be
 Remember old faithful Genevieve.

And, Willie Mae,—ah! Can't you be still?
 How you do squirm and wiggle
 I hope your fortunes in life increase
 For every time you giggle.

And, Lee, I should think that one
 With your gift of speech could subdue
 And win for himself most anything
 So what can I wish for you?

Verna T., may your dollars increase
 And your joyful and happy days
 Exist in the same proportion
 As your modern ideas and ways.

Tracy, I hope that the joy of life
 Envelopes you clear to your toes
 But, my boy I hope that your pocket-book
 Is never as flat as your nose.

Doris, I wish you a happy career
 And hope you will find out the why
 And the how
 Of everything, and you'll do it, my dear,
 If you stay as inquisitive as you are now.

Tula, may you always have
 As many good fortunes as beus
 Marcella, I hope your luck will increase
 Each time you powder your nose.

Hilda, here's hoping your life is serene
 And success will bring its reward
 I hope you'll be vexed just enough in life
 To strengthen your vocal chords.

Etyl, I wish you a long, prosperous life
 And at death a peaceful repose
 And, Buster, may you do everything
 As well as you talk through your nose.

Milton, I hope you will like your life's work
 As well as you like to debate
 May you, Albera, forever be
 As happy as you are sedate.

Beryl, I wish you the best of success in life
 May you taste of all of its sweets
 And have a future as bright as your eyes
 And as rosy as your cheeks.

E. L., may you be as popular in life
 As you've been with this Hi school gang
 And may you learn all of life's lessons
 As thorough as you've mastered your slang.

Clinton, may the forts of knowledge you've built
 Never demand repair
 And I hope, J. D., keeps his brain cells oiled
 As well as he does his hair.

Lucille and Odell, may your future good luck
 Be measured in pecks and pounds
 And your heartaches never exceed the number
 Of times you've flunked on exams.

Nina and Helen, may yours be success
 In whatever you may begin
 And your lives be as peaceful and golden
 As your silence has always been.

Gwendolyn, may your future years
 Be crowded with joys that will last
 I hope, Eleanor Mae, you see a glad day
 For every note that you've passed.

And Coach, I hope that your church hour naps
 Shall continue to be as sound
 And I'm praying Miss Baker won't squander her heart
 On that ice man who's moved into town.

I hope, Mrs. Young, your heart is as light
 As ever your dress is red
 And I hope Mr. Burgess' troubles in life
 Are as sparse as the hairs on his head.

Miss Sloan,—ah! it's a temptation
 This last that I'm going to say
 I hope you and George see a happy year
 For every pound that you weigh.

JOKES.
 Nadine (after a narrow escape at a railroad crossing): "Quit blowing your horn, that doesn't do any good."
 Mary E.: "That wasn't my horn you heard, girl, that was Gabriel's horn."
 "Imagine my embarrassment," said Ola Mae, "when, according to my usual custom, I looked under the bed before retiring, and I had forgotten that I was in an upper berth."

"And how do you like school?" asked the kind old lady.
 "Closed," answered Joel.

"If I cut a beefsteak in two," asked "Do you want to go by Buffalo?" what do I get?"
 "Quarters," returned H. C.
 "Good, and then again?"
 "Eighths."
 "Correct, again?"
 "Sixteenths."
 "Exactly, and what then?"
 "Thirty-seconds."
 "And once more?"
 "Hamburger," cried H. C. impatiently.

Nell asked the ticket agent for a ticket to New York.
 University of Chicago," he said, "was asked the agent.
 "No, by train," replied the Freshman.

Mr. Melvin S. Davis, our science teacher, was attending a luncheon and told this story:
 "A scientific expedition from the University of Chicago," he said, "was sent to one of the southern states to study an eclipse of the sun; and the day before the eclipse the expedition's leader said to the old colored man who cooked for him:
 "Hannibal, if you watch your chickens tomorrow morning, you'll find that they'll go to roost at 10 o'clock."
 "Hannibal chuckled; he thought he was being kidded; but at 10 the next morning sure enough, day turned to night, and the chickens all roosted.
 "Hannibal, in great awe, looked up the professor.
 "Professor," he said, 'how long ago you know dem chickens go to roost?'"
 "About a year ago, Why?"
 "If dat don't beat all!" said Hannibal, 'Professor, a year ago dem chickens wan't even hatched.'"

Fred: "Why are you looking so unnecessary Jake?"
 J. D.: "I feel like a dumb owl."
 Fred: "A dumb owl? Boy, reveal your meaning."
 J. D.: "I just don't give a hoot."

SENIORS SAY FAREWELLS.
 As a final feature of the Badger Weekly, a few of the Seniors have handed the Editor "A Farewell to M. H. S." The Seniors have played a large part in "making" the Badger Weekly with the lives of the Senior class. We are sure the readers must have enjoyed them and we feel as if they should know the Seniors of '30 better than any of the preceding ones.
 This is the last edition of the Badger Weekly by the Junior class of '30 and it is with a sad heart that they

think about leaving it to the Sophs. We are sure the Sophs will take good care of it, but we hate to think of someone else's being responsible for our "beloved paper."

With this final issue the Badger Staff wishes to express its appreciation to the readers that have stuck faithfully by our column through thick (news) and thin.

Many years have we Seniors waited and longed for the time to come when we would graduate from High School, but now that the time has come it causes heartaches to think of leaving teachers, friends, classmates and sweethearts, maybe never to be united again.

'Tis sweet to meet, 'tis sad to part, 'tis hard to say goodbye to teachers, classmates and sweethearts.
 Albera Butler.

Merkel High school may be here always but it is time for us to seek adventure somewhere out in the world. It is sad to leave our teachers, classmates and friends behind for our High school days are the happiest.
 Nina Vantrees.

Many years I have sat among books and children and dreamed of leaving High school. Then I thought that it would be the happiest moments of my life—but now I find it very difficult to say farewell to all these treasures of dear old high school.
 Helen Kelso.

Many moments I have sat—a faltering little girl—and stared with uncomprehending eyes on teachers who tried in vain to teach me to subtract, add and multiply correctly. My only thought then was—"Oh if I just graduate, I'll be all right." But now just as I've learned the beauty and happiness of High school life—a long-gathered in my heart as I say "farewell" to dear old M. H. S. and all her charms.
 Lucille Cole.

I am glad to leave High school because I am looking forward to going to college and meeting new and different people. But ah when I think of leaving the old gang behind it brings tears to my eyes.
 Pauline Toombs.

THE SOPHOMORES.
 Another week and then we will be Juniors. Can you imagine it? It seems funny to be called Juniors since we have been called "Sophs" so long, but I'm sure no one will mind. Everyone says he will be so glad when school is out, but deep down in his heart he is not glad school is almost out.

The end of a school year is always a sad event. Bonds of friendship are broken never to be the same. But there—why look on the sad side? The "Sophs" are always keeping their sunny side up in all kinds of weather. Since this is the last edition of the beloved Badger Weekly, the "Sophs" bid our readers a kind goodby until next year.

SCHEDULE OF EXAMS.
 The following is the schedule for the coming exams:
 Monday, May 19th—
 8 a. m., English.
 1 p. m., Public Speaking and Economy.

Tuesday, May 20th—
 8 a. m., Spanish.
 1 p. m., Mathematics.
 Wednesday, May 21st—
 8 a. m., History.
 1 p. m., no pupils.

Thursday, May 22nd—
 8 a. m., Science.
 1 p. m., no pupils.
 Friday, May 23rd—
 8 a. m., Check in Books.
 Monday, May 26th—
 1 p. m. Get report cards.
 Adios.

SAY, DIDJA' KNOW—
 —That this will probably be the last issue of the Badger Weekly this year?
 —That next week is a week of suspense for some—the week of final exams?
 —That the Senior play is to be given tonight and every one is urged to attend?
 —That "The Last Rehearsal" was a great success?

SENIORS CELEBRATE WITH ANNUAL PICNIC.
 Following a custom set several years ago, the Seniors of '30 were given a whole holiday from school Friday at which time they went on an all-day picnic. There were twenty-eight Seniors in the group who spent the happy hours at Buffalo Gap on the Presbyterian Encampment grounds. Upon arriving the more adventurous spirits went for a swim in the spacious pool and then toe-sack races, ball games, and other games employed the time until Mrs. Young announced that lunch was ready. After a steady onslaught of several minutes the table was still loaded with many wonderful foods. Those eating finally admitted that they were not equal to the oc-

casion. Then after playing games for awhile, another swim was enjoyed by a majority of the Seniors. Mr. and Mrs. Burgess and Mrs. Young, however, admitted their fear of the icy waters and could not be induced to do more than wade in the shallow part. After their antics in the water, room was felt for more eats and so the battle with the large food supply was renewed with the eaters losing again.

After filling their pockets with food to eat on the way home, the Seniors boarded the truck and returned home, arriving a bit before school was over. The trip both ways was enlivened considerably by loud and joyous singing. Senior Day and the many joys that accompanied it can never be forgotten by the Seniors of '30.

NEWS NOTES.
 Lawrence Spurgin, Ed Lail Chancey Albert Chancey, and J. E. Touchstone from Comper have entered the High school to review and take the final examinations. They are preparing to attend school here next year.

The Choral and Glee clubs of the High school, under the direction of Miss Donna Loyless, sang at the Lions club on Tuesday. They gave the following selections: "The Good Old Cause," "The Village Belle," "Carolina Tunes," "Sweet Jessie May" and "The Finale" from "The Last Rehearsal."

A number, both in the Grammar school and in the High school, went to Abilene on Tuesday afternoon to hear "The Passion Play," which was presented in the Fair Park auditorium by the original cast from Freiburg, Germany. They attended the special school children's matinee.

Misses Roberta Sloan and Doris Brown spent the week-end with Miss Vera Baker at her home in Abilene.

FRESHMAN NEWS.
 At last it's here—the final exams have come for a showdown. Naacustomed as we are, something is going to pop; otherwise, some of us are going out like a light, but we hope not. If we are to have any more good times this term, we'd better start, 'cause in two more weeks, it's all over. There's something in the air about a picnic or something of the sort. Some are very glad that school will soon be out and, believe it or not, some would like to go to school forever. Fancy that; well, to me, this three months' vacation will go well. So hoping we all make the grade and Sophs we'll be in 1930 and 31. Adios.

CHAPEL.
 The Abilene High school Glee club under the direction of Miss Ouida Clements rendered a program at chapel on Friday morning, May 9. The Glee club sang several numbers, some of which were: "Spring Greetings," "Hungarian Dance," "Should I," and "Always Look for the Silver Lining." Among the songs of the quartet were "Lassie O'Mine," "Aunt Majorie" "Sittin' By the Fire."

The Glee club went from here to Colorado where they were to give a program.

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.

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Sentiment or Service Vote May 20 for Year's Service

EDITORIAL FROM THE ALBANY NEWS Albany, Texas

Issue of May 9th, 1930.
 Written by Hon. Dick McCarty, Nationally Known Editor
"WE ARE FOR TOM BLANTON"

"Yes, we are for Tom Blanton for Congress in the special election, also in the July primaries. Mrs. R. Q. Lee is a fine lady, intellectually, we admire her very much. Supported her husband for Congress in both the primary and general election. He passed over, gone on that long journey, and we sorrowed with those who sorrow. But now in this special election, we will support Tom Blanton. Of course it's fine sentiment to support a woman, but when we go to vote for a legislator, we exercise the same judgment that we use in buying a work horse, we want one that can pull a load, up hill and out run one down hill. Want one that is broke to the collar, big boned and well muscled, bridewise and all otherwisid. Now there's Mrs. Lee, we said a fine woman, smart and intellectual in her sphere, the Home, Society, club work, etc. And be it said that all the finer things in life radiate from the home. Feminine, the Creator made her that way. In that sphere she is the Queen of all creation, but mess up that home with dirty politics, and it is goodbye to all the finer elements, the balance wheel in this vast wheel of civilization. O yes, ten years ago women said give her the ballot and she would clean up politics, but great god of political host, was there anything as dirty on earth as this political muddle today? Why talk about slush funds, and dirty lobbying, it stinks to heaven. Why yes, there is Sister McCormick of Illinois, she spent \$250,000 for the nomination of her party. Yes, just plaster her way to political glory with gold dollars. Clean, eh? The government is good to the wives of deceased legislators. Pays them ten thousand dollars, pays all expenses of funeral, etc. And we are glad that the government does that. Now in the matter of buying a work horse, we said that we wanted one that could pull. Same way about legislators, in the choosing of one, we want above everything else experience, one trained in the school of legislation, knows the ins and outs, acquainted with the working of this great law mill, just where to head in, has a grasp and an insight into all the government bureaus, versatile in all the details of law making. Want one versed in parliamentary law, one accustomed to public speaking, one who can stand up in the forum and measure swords with the giants, meet 'em with his visor down. That's Tom Blanton, some ten or twelve years' experience as a legislator. Like a bloodhound, has a nose for a cold trail, and gosh how he does trail those gum shoe fellows and pork barrel operators, and then when he uncovers their dirty work, he's got the stamina and the courage to pitch a monkey wrench into the machine and throw it out of gear. That's what we want up there in Washington City—service, efficient service. And that's Tom Blanton, he's the hardest worker in the lower house of Congress. He's a parliamentarian worth while, he's a spider in the web of technicalities. He's the fly that bats down in the ointment of damn thieves and uncovers their dirty tricks. They are just raising the devil up there now for fear that Tom will stage a comeback. They've been having an easy time, and Galleys they do hate to be disturbed. Yes, it takes Tom Blanton to pull down their play-houses and hang their linen on the clothes line for an airing. Yes, these are just a few of the reasons why we will support Tom Blanton in this special election. We vote as we durn please, want everybody else to do the same way, and we always get up in the meeting and testify—Selah."

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Personal Mention

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Mrs. R. L. Bradshaw is improving nicely after several weeks of illness. Her daughter, Mrs. W. A. Johnson, of Indee, New Mex., remains with her and also her daughter, Mrs. W. C. Bradshaw, from Honey Grove.

Miss Nell Swann was over from Abilene to spend the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Swann, two other sisters being also present, Mrs. Carson Miles of San Angelo, who was joined later by her husband, and Mrs. Forest Sears of Snyder.

Dr. J. McKee Adams, head of the department of Biblical Introduction of the Southern Baptist Theological seminary of Louisville, Ky., who was touring the Baptist schools in Texas, Simmons, Howard Payne and Baylor, in the interest of the seminary, was a recent guest of Ray Garrett.

MATTERS MUSICAL

BAND TO PAY AT ABILENE.
 The Merkel Booster band will play a concert on the lawn of the Federal building, Abilene, Sunday afternoon beginning at 5 p. m. Bandmaster G. A. Hartman will direct the following program:

1. Carrolton March.
2. Overture, "Iron Count."
3. "Sons of Veterans," March.
4. Overture, "Gypsy Festival."
5. Canton Aero Club.
6. Overture, Best Loved Southern Melodies.
7. Lassus Trombone.
8. Robinson's Grand Entree March, "Star Spangled Banner."

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Delmer will broadcast a vocal and instrumental program from KFYO Friday evening from 7:30 to 8:30.

MERKEL GIRL SOLOIST FOR BAND.

Sunday's Dallas News carried an article featuring Miss Fancett Corehn, soloist for the Simmons Cowboy band which will leave early in June for a tour of Europe. Miss Corehn was formerly Miss Jessie O'Brian, born and reared in Merkel, married J. E. Fancett, then a Merkel boy but now a banker of Los Angeles, Calif. Miss O'Brian, the possessor of a gorgeous voice, is remembered as a most gracious entertainer whenever she was called upon; a lady of striking appearance, she will be a headliner for the West Texans. She has recently returned from an eight months tour round the world.

Little Misses Bettye Lou and Marilyn Sue Grimes entertained on Tuesday evening with dance numbers at the Abilene City hall for the Federation of Labor Conventioneers.

Members of the Men's Glee club welcome Ray Garrett as a new member.

B. Y. P. U. Convenes With Caps Church

The Sweetwater Association B. Y. P. U. will convene with the Caps Baptist church next Sunday afternoon at 2:40. The program, based on the theme, "The Business of Baptist Churches," follows:

- 2:45 p. m.—Song service.
- 3 p. m.—Devotional, Rev. J. T. King, Merkel.
- 3:15 p. m.—Special music, (Caps.)
- 3:30 p. m.—Business session.
- 4 p. m.—"The One Divine Institution," W. F. Jolley, Caps.
- 4:15 p. m.—"A Church Must Grow," Houston Robertson, Salt Branch.
- 4:30 p. m.—"A Church Must Serve its Community," E. Yates Brown, Merkel.
- 4:45 p. m.—"A Church Must Teach and Preach the Gospel," Mrs. Thomas, Tye.

Record of Births.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Anderson, Mt. Pleasant, Saturday, May 10, 1930.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Brower, residing six miles northwest of Merkel, Saturday, May 10, 1930.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Douglas, residing on Sweetwater creek in Jones county, Sunday, May 11, 1930.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bailey Toombs, Monday, May 12, 1930.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Parker, Tuesday, May 13, 1930.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Armstrong, Noodle Dome, Thursday, May 15, 1930.

SOCIETY

MEN ENTERTAIN.

On Tuesday evening at the Presbyterian church the members of the Men's Prayer meeting entertained their wives and families with an enjoyable social.

S. M. Hunter presided and called upon Rev. R. A. Walker for the invocation. L. L. Murray made a short talk on "Objects of the Prayer Meeting" and congregational singing was next enjoyed. A quartette composed of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Scott, Miss Mona Margaret Jones and C. H. Jones next favored the assembly with selections. A male quartette composed of Rush Buford, Brooks Patterson, Ed Dunn and Mack Buzbee were very much enjoyed—a second mixed quartette, Misses Ethel Hamilton and Orpah Patterson, Cyrus Pee and Mack Buzbee, entertained with two numbers.

Instrumental music, Ford Smith, violin, J. D. Porter, banjo, Mack Buzbee, guitar, Mrs. Smith, pianist, was an enjoyable feature of the evening's entertainment.

Benediction was read by Rev. T. C. Willett after which guests repaired to the basement where sandwiches and lemonade were served.

THURSDAY NIGHT BRIDGE CLUB.

Miss Mona Margaret Jones was a gracious hostess to members of her Bridge club on last Thursday evening. Bridge games proved happy diversion for the evening after which guests were favored with two vocal numbers by Miss Mona Margaret Jones with Miss Donna Loyless at the piano. A delicious salad plate was served with iced tea to Mrs. W. H. Eysen, Misses Mary Eula Sears, Christine Collins, Johnnie Sears, Iva Bragg, Roberta Sloan, Vera Baker, Lola Dennis, Evelyn Curb, Mona Margaret Jones and Mrs. C. H. Jones.

T. E. L. CLASS PARTY.

Wednesday five cars filled with members of the T. E. L. class of the Baptist church drove out to the ranch home of Mrs. T. E. Collins to spend the day in its regular monthly class meeting. The hostess had left nothing undone that would add to the comfort and pleasure of her guests. The house was decorated in red bud and sweet peas.

At noon a sumptuous picnic dinner was spread, each guest had contributed a dish of food for the meal. After dinner an informal hour of conversation was enjoyed and then the class turned to its regular business meeting after which several contests carried the butterfly theme throughout the social and refreshment hour. Butterflies were favors going to each guest.

Those participating in Mrs. Collins' hospitality were: Mesdames L. B. Scott, M. D. Angus, A. R. Booth, Thos. Bearden, John Toombs, Booth Warren, Sam Swann, F. C. McFarland, W. J. Largent, L. B. Scott, B. H. Lancaster, E. W. King, Yates Brown, L. W. Conder, Claude Derrick, Joe Owens, Earl Teague, Fred Latham, L. B. Howard, Abilene, and S. D. Gamble, Ernest Massey, Trent.

PHILATHEA PARTY.

On Tuesday evening Mrs. T. V. Touchstone was hostess to the Philathea class at her home on Oak street. After a discussion of business, Miss Ora Pinkley led the devotional. An interesting program of songs, contests and piano numbers followed.

Mrs. Touchstone was assisted by Little Miss Mollie Frank in serving ice cream squares and cake to Mesdames Cecil Gutherie, Ray Cox, Kenneth Pee, Cyrus Pee, W. L. Johnson, and Kenneth Sharp of Stanton, Misses Ora and Pauline Pinkley, Annie Lou Russell, Alm. Cox, Lillian Cole, Jessie Rodden, Mary Eula Sears, Vera Baker, Imogene Hays, Rose Laney, Eunice Richards, Lottie Butman and the hostess.

DINNER GUESTS.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. McDonald entertained with a dinner party in their home on Oak street on Thursday evening at eight o'clock. The menu consisting of fried chicken, creamed peas, mashed potatoes, gravy, pear salad, stew, hot rolls, iced tea, pineapple ice, and angel food cake was served family style. Later in the evening games of forty-two were played. Covers were laid for the following: Messrs. and Mesdames R. A. Burgess, M. S. Davis and Len Sublett, Misses Vinnie Heiser and Lucy Tracy and the host and hostess.

WILLING WORKERS CLASS.

The Willing Workers were to have met with Mrs. W. M. Elliott on Tuesday, the sixth, but on account of the awful storm, the class was not so willing to work. Hence, the program was postponed until Tuesday of this week. Mrs. Elliott had several of the gray-haired mothers with her, besides the class members. A Mothers' Day pro-

gram was carried out, which was very sweet to the younger mothers.

At the conclusion of the program, delicious refreshments were served to Mesdames A. A. Baker, J. L. Baker, W. T. Cole, S. G. Russell, T. M. Smith, C. B. Blumberg, R. A. Ellis, J. A. Patterson, L. L. Murray, J. W. McConnell, Ancel Coates, J. L. Tucker, W. D. Butler, R. A. Walker, J. E. Tucker, George West, Misses Dota Garoutte, Mary Keny and Molly McCully and the hostess, who was assisted by her mother, Mrs. J. N. Shelton.

MISS RUBY EVANS HONORED.

On Friday afternoon, May 9, in the intermediate room of the Compere school Mrs. M. K. Milner and Miss Nina McAninch, assisted by Mrs. H. R. Chancey, sponsored a shower honoring Miss Ruby Evans, announcing her marriage on May 29 to Mr. Deaton Moorehouse of Benjamin.

The honoree's desk and chair were beautifully decorated in blue and white. A lovely cupid on a white crepe paper pillow was placed in the center of her desk. The blue and white decorations were tastefully carried out in the room.

Miss Evans, beautifully dressed in navy blue crepe, with a white hat, was escorted to her chair by Miss McAninch.

The guests on entering the room were requested to register in the "Bride's Book" which was presided over by Miss Thelma McAninch.

The following program was rendered by the primary and intermediate pupils:

"Announcing the Marriage," Jewel Chancey.

"Oh! promise me," Kathleen Milner.

"I have you too," Robert E. Spurgin.

A lovely mock wedding featuring the ring ceremony was rendered by the children. Davis Jean Lanier and Mildred Howard as flower girls entered scattering flowers in the path of the bride, Leta B. Wilburn with R. J. Hantons as groom. Jaquetta Palmer, being train bearer, was followed by Oma Chancey and Kathleen Milner as bridesmaids with Milton Howard and Harold Clemmer as best men. H. R. Chancey Jr., as minister in his frock tailed coat, high hat and glasses, leading Toetzie Clemmer, carrying a lovely pillow made of rose colored satin and chintilly lace on which lay the ring.

The parents were Ruby Joe Tarpley and Glen Tarpley. Later came the broom bearer. After the bridal couple had taken their places Oma Chancey sang, "I love You Truly." After which the marriage ceremony was performed. At the close of the ceremony the bride and groom were requested to "jump the broomstick." The procession marched out followed by the flower girls, scattering flowers in their wake.

"Hints For the Bride," were read by Mrs. H. R. Chancey, followed by a reading by Iva Mae Childers.

The honoree was the recipient of many lovely and useful gifts. Refreshments of cake and lemonade were served to the following guests: Mesdames McAninch, E. C. Tarvin, Grandma Spurgin, L. U. Spurgin, Ben Adkins, Chester Lucas, Clyde Davis, Lon Lavin, S. S. Sherrell, George Smith, Jack Lanier and Walter Clemmer, Miss Ruby Evans, honoree, Thelma McAninch, Flora Adkins, Ruby Touchstone, Zella Hall, Lila Adkins and Lois Lavin, Messrs. Taylor McAninch, Milner and the hostess.

CHURCHES

GREETINGS TO MERKEL.

To all who are weary and need rest, To all who mourn and need comfort, To all who are friendless and need friendship,

To all who are homeless and need the fellowship of a church home, To all who have lost heart and long for help,

To all who sin and need a Saviour, To all who love to worship with those who worship,

This church opens wide the door and extends a warm hand of welcome in the name of Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

James T. King, Pastor.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

Due to the fact that last Sunday was Mothers' Day and the further fact that it was a beautiful, bright, sunny day, the attendance at the five reporting Sunday Schools in Merkel exceeded 900 for the first time since The Mail began to keep the record. The total attendance last Sunday was 920, with the Baptists leading with a register of 359 present. The Methodists were second with 334. Attendance at the other Sunday Schools was: Church of Christ, 107; Presbyterian, 88, and Nazarene, 32.

MEN'S PRAYER MEETING.

A large number was present at the Men's Prayer service last Sunday afternoon at the Nazarene church, when Claude Perry was leader. Next Sunday the service will be held at the Methodist church, with A. D. Fulton as leader. The subject will be the 116th Psalm.

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Regular preaching service at 11 o'clock by the pastor, Rev. J. T. King. His subject for the 11 o'clock hour will be "Following Christ All the Way," at the 8 o'clock service will be "The Final Choice." Sunday School at 10 a. m. Bring somebody with you. Let's have 400 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.

—Reporter.

INTERMEDIATE B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM.

First part, John O. Jones.
 Second part, L. V. Moore.
 Third part, Howard Carson.
 Fourth part, Jackie Slater.
 Fifth part, Dallas Sharp.
 Sixth part, Lois Beasley.
 Seventh part, Margaret Miller.
 Eighth part, Waymon Richards.
 Ninth part, Sarah Sheppard.
 Tenth part, H. C. Toombs.
 Eleventh part, Cullen Tittle.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School 10 a. m. Every member of a class has his part in making it among the best by being present with a prepared lesson. Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. Come worship with us.

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

We are glad to report our attend-

ance back to normal, after an epidemic of measles and a rainy day the week before. Let nothing prevent our making next Lord's day the best yet.

The young men and young girls of the church are doing excellent work, and this is as it should be, for soon the leadership of the church will be put on younger heads. If Christianity is to better the world, we must never become weary of teaching and developing the young men for leadership in the church.

No man is able to do his best work in the church without a good knowledge of the Bible, even though he may be a converted man. The Bible class for men at the tabernacle is for this purpose, and we are getting good results. Every man in town is invited to come and study the Scriptures with us. The class meets at ten o'clock each Lord's day.

All regular services at usual hours for next Lord's day. Be sure to come and bring someone, "not forsaking our own assembling together, as the custom of some is, but exhorting one another, and so much the more, as ye see the day drawing nigh." (Heb. 10-25.)

J. G. Malphurs, Minister.

AT THE METHODIST CHURCH.

Last Sunday was dedicated to our mothers. Special Mothers' Day numbers last Sunday included: A solo from the primary department, by Gertie Lou Pee; a reading from the intermediate department, by Lois Beasley; a duet by Misses Ethel Hamilton and Orpha Patterson; and a beautiful talk on "Mother," by Mrs. L. R. Thompson.

Rev. Willett chose to speak on the subject sacred to the day, and during

the church hour two familiar songs about mother were sung by the quartet: Cyrus Pee, Misses Orpah Patterson and Ethel Hamilton, and Mack Buzbee. Before the benediction Mrs. Eysen sang a solo to "That Little Mother of Mine."

The announcements for next Sunday are the same. You are invited to attend Sunday School at 9:45, church at 11, the leagues at 6:00 and the men's prayer meeting at 2:00. Bring someone with you, and worship our Lord with your fellow citizens.

—Reporter.

SENIOR LEAGUE PROGRAM.

Introduction talk by leader, Miss Vera Baker.

Hymn.
 Prayer.
 Hymn.
 Scripture, Psalm 32; 2 Peter 1:18-21, leader.

Talk: "God has Guided in the Past," Addie Fae Patterson.
 "God Guides Today," Ola Mae Hartman.

"How the Bible Helps to Guide," Paul Collins.

"The Areas of Guidance and Restraint," leader.
 Hymn.
 Prayer.
 Business.
 League benediction.

LEAGUE PROGRAM.

Song.
 Roll call.
 Scripture lesson, Psalms 122:1-5, by leader, Loretta Cox.

"Our Church," by Wilbur Willett.
 "We Learn to be Reverent," by George Hicks Buford.

"The Sunday School," by Don Swafford.
 "The Epworth Junior Society," by Dot Swafford.

Poem, by superintendent.
 Benediction.

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Trent News and Personal Notes

The Oklahoma Good Will Boosters were cordially and formally welcomed by a large crowd at the Trent Station Wednesday morning, although the early hour detained a goodly number. Mr. Baker of the Home State Life Insurance company of Oklahoma City gave a brief talk expressing appreciation of the hospitality extended at Trent as well as at Abilene and Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Seale and James Bright returned last week from Teague where they visited and fished for a week or more.

Mrs. Wesley Harris and little daughter, Billie Sue, of Seminole are visiting Mrs. J. K. Winn.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Abbott have moved to Fort Worth to the regret of many friends here.

Mrs. Annie Boone returned Thursday after a pleasant visit of several weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Joe Alexander, of Hobbs, New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Boone spent the week-end with the latter's mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Christian are spending their vacation at Coolee, visiting their parents.

Mrs. W. E. Norwood and children are visiting in Comanche.

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Beasley had as their guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hampton of Sweetwater.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Pass of Abilene were week-end visitors with relatives and friends here.

Mrs. Ted Norton of Colorado spent Friday night in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Adrian. She was accompanied home by Miss Marjory Adrian, who spent the week-end in Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Scott and daughters, Doreen and Jean, spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Martin in Abilene.

Mrs. J. K. P. Winn and Mrs. Wesley Harris and Billie Sue spent Saturday in Merkel.

E. C. Smith, W. R. McLeod, A. Williamson and J. E. Bowers are doing jury service in Abilene this week.

Mrs. Ray Forkner and children of Konawa, Okla., are visiting her mother, Mrs. Rosa Edwards.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Atwell were here last week-end en route to Hobbs, New Mexico, to make their home. Mr. Atwell was in business here for some time and they have many friends who wish them success in their new home.

Friends of G. C. Johnson will be glad to know that he is home from the Abilene hospital much improved.

Mrs. Bill Reynolds is quite ill at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nalley and Mr. and Mrs. Bert McRee spent last week fishing, returning home Monday with some very fine fish.

On last Thursday evening at Shady Rest, six miles west of Trent, another weiner roast was pulled off, the menu consisting of tomatoes, lettuce, potato chips, pickles, soda pop, coffee, bacon and weinces. Those partaking of this delicious feed were Mr. and Mrs. John Strawn, Dorothy Jo and Willadean, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Terry, Jean and H. B., Mr. and Mrs. Alex Williamson and Mark, Mr. and Mrs. Algie Steen and children, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Holt and Jimmie Sue, Mr. and Mrs. Winslow Beckham and C. T., Mrs. Buena McLeod, Hubert and Hel-

en, Miss Virginia Strawn, Ewell Bone and C. C. Stribling.

Wednesday Mr. and Mrs. John Strawn and Mrs. Buena McLeod spent the day on Sweetwater creek. Did they have any luck? Just ask any of the party.

Mrs. C. T. Beckham, Mrs. Alex Williamson, Mrs. L. E. Adrian and Marjory were in Abilene Tuesday to see "The Passion Play."

C. T. Beckham and Ewell Bone were in Blackwell on business Monday.

Mrs. Ernest Massey and children, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. J. I. Leamon, visited Mrs. T. E. Collins on their ranch south of Merkel Wednesday.

Mrs. Joe Brown and daughter, Winnie, have gone for an extended visit with their son and brother at Memphis, Texas.

Mrs. J. B. Winn and children, Mr. and Mrs. Byron Dingle, visited Mr. and Mrs. Jack English at Hermligh Sunday.

Mrs. J. R. Gafford had as her guests on Mothers' Day her three daughters and their families: Mrs. Tom Hardison, Vernon, Mrs. Tude Kelly, Vernon and Mrs. Walker Steadman, Trent, also her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Atwell of Fort Worth, whose visit came as a surprise. Each family brought lunch and also presented their mother with many useful gifts.

Mrs. Emmett Holt complimented little Jimmie Sue on her first birthday Saturday afternoon. Stories were told, games enjoyed and a beautiful little birthday cake with one candle was placed in the center of the table, each child making a wish before blowing out the candle. Refreshments of lemonade and cake with all-day suckers for favors was served to the following: Wilma and Wanda Stribling, Dorothy Jo and Willadean Strawn, Dot and Zuma Joyce Steen, Kathryn and Coyce Shannon, Erna Jean Reeves, Helen McLeod, H. B. Terry, Jr., and Gladys Stribling of Colorado.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS.

Sunday night, May 18, the baccalaureate sermon will be preached at the High school auditorium. A speaker from Abilene Christian college has been secured.

Monday night, May 19, the Seniors will present a play, "Getting Acquainted with Madge." This will also be given at the auditorium and everyone is invited.

Tuesday night, May 20, will be the seventh grade graduation. Miss Burgess will be in charge of the exercises, having been teacher of this grade during this term.

Wednesday night, May 21, at 8 o'clock Miss Cecil White will present pupils of her piano and expression departments in a recital at the auditorium. Miss White will present some unusual home talent and everyone is urged to attend.

The graduation exercises will be given Thursday evening, May 22, at 8 o'clock. A Simmons university speaker has been secured for this occasion.

M. E. CHURCH NOTES.

"Honoring Mother" was the general theme of the programs at the local churches last Sunday. At the morning hour a splendid program was rendered at the Methodist church consisting of songs and readings. Especially appropriate praise of Mother was given in verse by Mrs. Hale McRee, when she read "Mother Working among her Flowers," and in song

by Misses Mediah Rawlings and Ada Mae Reneau in their beautiful rendition of "Sing Me to Sleep." Brother Sherrill impressively closed the service with Scripture readings corresponding with the theme of "Motherhood."

The play to be given at the Methodist church Sunday night has been indefinitely postponed, due to the conflict with the baccalaureate sermon, which is to be preached at that date.

Rev. U. S. Sherrill, pastor of the Methodist church here, attended the general conference in Dallas the first part of this week. Mrs. Sherrill, Nelson, Mary Alice, Marvin, Joyce and Bettye Ann accompanied him as far as Cisco where they visited with his father and family.

Paramount at Abilene Opens Monday Night

Outstanding in the entire theatrical history of the Southwest will be the opening of the magnificent new Paramount theatre in Abilene, Monday, May 19, 6:30 p. m. with the world premiere of Buddy Rogers' "Safety in Numbers" as the initial feature attraction. Trumpets may well blare forth this announcement, for the occasion will not only mark the presentation of a new institution and a striking architectural creation to West Texas, but it will also usher in a new era in amusement history for this section of the country.

Scores of workmen, artisans, decorators, electricians and sound engineers are now busily engaged in completing their work in order that the new Paramount, a Publix house, may be opened according to schedule. The doors of the luxurious foyer will be thrown open at 6:30 Monday evening. The first performance will start at 7:15 to continue until 11 p. m., according to an announcement from the management.

"The Paramount, when completed, will be second to none in the entire Southwest for luxury, comfort, service, beauty and entertainment," the management states. "The refrigeration plant, the largest and only one of its size and type between Dallas and the west coast, will keep the theatre healthfully cool during the hottest of summer weather."

Astute showmen who have been present at official screenings of "Safety in Numbers" proclaim it as Rogers' most brilliant success. They assert that he brings to its musical moments an excellent voice and a smooth mastery of the saxophone. The big song hit of the picture, for which wide-spread popularity has been prophesied, is called "My Future Just Passed."

The spirit of progressive entertainment which brings a world premiere to the new Paramount for its initial attraction is to be continued in the future with bookings that will include the year's finest pictures. Attractions to follow "Safety in Numbers" are Norma Shearer in "The Divorcee," Nancy Carroll in "The Devil's Holiday" and William Haines in "The Girl Said No."

James Carl Causeaux. Friends and relatives have received cards from Chicasha, Okla., announcing the birth of a baby boy, named James Carl, on April 27, to Mr. and

Mrs. J. P. Causeaux, who formerly lived here.

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Mrs. Lee Believes Service to District Of Chief Importance

Cisco, May 15.—"My association with the members of the congress of the United States during my husband's tenure of office as representative from the seventeenth district of Texas has convinced me that the men of this great legislative body are gentlemen and not slingers of "slush" who are unfit for the association of honorable women," declared Mrs. R. Q. Lee in commenting upon her campaign for election to congress in the special election May 20, to fill out the unexpired term of her husband.

"It is difficult to believe that the highest legislative body in the greatest nation in the world is composed of moral reprobates and political sinners. From personal experience, I know this is not the truth. I would not reflect upon the electorate throughout the United States and condemn them as unfit to choose honorable and capable representatives, nor will I proclaim myself as the only honest member when I am selected by my constituency to fill out this unexpired term for which I am now offering.

"There are now eight women in congress. All but one, Mrs. Oldfield of Arkansas, are offering for re-election. The gallantry and good character of our congressmen has exhibited itself in a universal support of these women members, while in each instance the woman member has given efficient and faithful service to her constituents. If there were anything degrading to womanhood in serving as a congresswoman, I am certain that such an office would be unfit for the service of an honorable man.

"I said that I wished to complete the work that Mr. Lee was engaged upon. During the past year he handled more than one hundred veteran and pension cases for the seventeenth district. Of these many were completed but many others are still in an unfinished state. That there should be 100 cases from this district necessary to be handled more than 10 years after the close of the World War is food for thought for those who are really interested in securing honest and efficient representation from the 17th district rather than representation aimed solely at personal aggrandizement and gained purely through campaigns of villification and unjust reflections upon the character of our congressmen."

Ten Per Cent Gain Auto Registrations

Austin, Texas, May 15.—Registration of the first 1,000,000 passenger vehicles for 1930 occurred six weeks earlier than last year, indicating that this year's registrations will exceed the 1929 total of 1,617,317 by 10 per cent. L. G. Phares, chief of the license and weights division of the highway department said Monday.

Increases in registration of all motor vehicles are being recorded with the exception of motor busses, while registration figures for that form of vehicle show that approximately 1,500 will be registered this year against 4,342 in 1929. The new motor bus law is given as the cause for the decrease. Little change is shown in the registration of trucks, tractors, trailers and motorcycles.

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Drug Dealers May Share In Interest Of Konjola Company



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Cincinnati, Ohio, May 15.—G. H. Mosby, president and general manager of the Mosby Medicine company, one of the world's largest manufacturers of prepared remedies, announced Wednesday that eastern banking interests had bought a minority holding in the company. The purchase, however will in no way affect the present control or management of the concern which remains in the hands of Mr. Mosby. A program of expansion in this country and in foreign markets will be inaugurated immediately. Banking interests will be represented on the board of directors by the following: James Imbrie of Imbrie & Co., Bankers, New York, and F. J. Romeil, representing Imbrie & Co., Cincinnati. Other directors are G. H. Mosby, president and general manager, W. T. Maynard, vice-president and merchandising director, Charles Mosby, secretary and treasurer and C. O. Rose, legal counsel, all of Cincinnati, Ohio. The selected Konjola dealer in Merkel is the Merkel Drug company.

Application for change of the corporate name from the Mosby Medicine company to Konjola, Inc., will be filed at the office of the Secretary of State at Columbus.

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"I tried a great many medicines and treatments but nothing seemed to do me the least bit of good. I finally decided to give Konjola a trial and the benefit which I received from this medicine is almost unbelievable. Konjola built up my health until I am in better condition than I have been in years. My kidneys are normal and I can sleep without interruption. My entire system seemed to respond to this modern medicine and my friends all remark upon the improvement in my appearance."

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led up to the investment of the eastern Capital in the Cincinnati concern. M. Mosby made the following statement:

"Numerous efforts have been made in the last two years on the part of trade and banking interests to buy into the company but it has been only in connection with our present expansion program that a sale of minority interest has seemed desirable. This sale of minority interest not only assures our present expansion program but will also allow, through special arrangement, particularly favorable participation in the ownership of the company to those drug dealers who have been largely responsible for the success of the business.

"The business of the company had its inception seven years ago since which time Konjola has grown to be one of the two or three outstanding successes in the proprietary field."

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Daniels Flays Evils Of Our Court System

Dallas, May 15.—Antiquated, cumbersome court procedure was flayed and needed reforms cited by Josephus Daniels, North Carolina editor and former secretary of the navy, when he addressed a meeting of the Dallas Bar association Saturday at the Adolphus Hotel.

"I trust that the bar will lead in reforms and not wait, as England did, for the laymen to force it upon them," said the distinguished visitor.

"Lawyers and laymen see that crime stalks abroad unpunished. From the bar and from the press come demand for reforms. The laymen feel, and truly, that lawyers are better fitted to take the lead.

"Is the legal profession of our own country in this day to wait to have a modern system forced on them by laymen? Or are they going to hear and heed the words of their own great ornaments to the legal profession and give to America what laymen gave to England?"

"The medical profession, once as atrophied as the legal profession, has

freed itself from looking back to Galen as the completion of its work. Medicine looks now to its great men who blazed new trails and made new discoveries—Pasteur, Koch, Lister, Osler and Velch.

"The legal profession still genuflects before Blackstone and Marshall, though the light is breaking when its best members are following Holmes and Brandies, who are making law a living entity, not a succinct formalism, meeting the conditions of a new day.

"The judge ought to be more than a moderator in court. Often it appears that the man on the bench is a mere spectator," said the speaker in bringing out that the judge should be given more power.

"We still stick to the old system to make twelve men agree," said Mr. Daniels in advocating the plan to permit jury verdicts on less than a unanimous vote so as to expedite matters and not permit one stubborn or unreasonable man to hold up a decision. Mr. Daniels also favors the plan to let the judge examine jurors, eliminating long drawn-out procedure and waste of time in selecting juries. He thinks rules of evidence

should be broadened so that all the facts in the case may be brought out and that witnesses should be freed from hostile inquisition by lawyers.

Cullen F. Thomas introduced Mr. Daniels. Among those at the speakers' table were Dr. George W. Truett, pastor of the First Baptist church; Dr. C. C. Selecman, president of Southern Methodist university; Federal District Judge William H. Atwell and Chief Justice Ben L. Jones of the fifth court of Civil Appeals.

Building permits in Texas, March showed a 13 per cent gain over the February total and a 4 per cent increase over March, 1929. Building and engineering contracts let in Texas for the first quarter of 1930 totaled \$59,068,400, increase of 1 per cent over the same period last year.

Of the 32,000,000 acres of land in cultivation in Texas, 3,600,000 acres are terraced, most of it having been done in the past five years.

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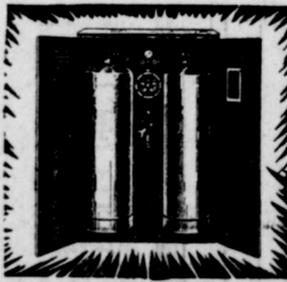
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Symptoms of nutritional roup include nasal discharges and swelling of the face, which are characteristic of ordinary roup, but the nutritional roup also causes lesions in the eyes and mouth. Post-mortem examination usually shows the kidneys to be very pale, and marked with a network of white lines, and a deposit of white material on the surfaces of the liver and heart.

Complete discussion of the treatment of nutritional roup and other diseases, as well as of problems of incubation, brooding, feeding, and management, are included in a correspondence course given by the poultry husbandry department of the university.

Feeding Poultry Flock for Profit During Year

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Does your poultry flock return a good profit over the cost of feed during the year? It has been found that when laying hens are fed all the grain they will consume Leghorns and similar breeds eat from 70 to 80 pounds of grain a year. Breeds like the Plymouth Rock, Rhode Island Red, and Wyandotte eat from 80 to 95 pounds. All breeds eat from two to three pounds of oyster shells and about one pound of grit a year.

The average farm hen lays less than 90 eggs a year, principally from March to June, the season of lowest prices. Yearly profits in eggs depend largely on production in fall and winter, according to the United States Department of Agriculture. Rations for laying stock should include scratch grains, mash, meat feed, green feed, mineral feed, grit, and drink. The scratch ration should be scattered through the litter in the poultry house so that the hens will get plenty of exercise.

Crushed Oyster Shells Are Valuable for Hens

New feeders of crushed oyster shell report an average of 30 extra eggs a year from each hen. According to other experienced poultrymen this is a modest estimate. Many who trapnest their hens and keep an accurate record of production find that the average is higher. If eggs are figured at three cents each that means 90 cents more in actual cash from each hen. As the bird will eat only about three cents' worth of oyster shell during the year, the net profit is 87 cents. Multiply that by the number of hens in your flock and you'll have a tidy sum.

People wonder why doing such a little thing makes so big a difference. The answer is simple. It's plain chemistry.

Turkeys Easily Picked if Killed in Right Way

For dry picking, the turkeys are usually hung by their legs at a convenient height for killing. The jugular vein is cut by the single stroke of a sharp knife and the point of the knife is then pushed through the roof of the mouth into the brain. The last operation is known as "sticking" and when properly done paralyzes the bird and loosens the feathers so that they come out easily. Turkey feathers can be removed more easily than can chicken feathers, the proper bleeding and sticking being the most difficult part of the operation.

Contented Birds

Contented, unworried pullets will get into production early and will tend to keep up their production. When pullets are first brought in from the range, they have a tendency to be rather excitable until they become accustomed to their new surroundings. When approaching a pen, whistle or call softly or knock on the door, so as to warn the birds of your approach. This practice may help to get several additional eggs every day from the pullet flock.

Ability to Lay

The ability to lay is inherited and thus depends more on breeding than on feeding; but pullets should be well developed in body before they start to lay. If the pullets seem to mature too rapidly do not feed them wholly on grain to slow up their inclination to lay; anything that checks laying is also apt to stunt permanently the growth of the birds. Feed a mash along with scratch grain, as it is more complete in protein minerals and vitamins.

FARM STOCK

CALF FATTENING TESTS CONDENSED

Colorado Station Outlines Results of Experiments.

Results of calf-feeding experiments conducted by the Colorado Agricultural college experiment station during 1928 and 1929 are summarized and discussed in a new bulletin recently published at the college.

Stockmen who are feeding calves this winter will find this leaflet, Press Bulletin 70, entitled, "Feedlot Rations for Fattening Calves," of much value, it is believed. Copies will be sent free to anyone interested.

The report on the 1929 test and the summary of the results of two years' experiments are explained by E. J. Maynard, associate animal husbandman, and H. B. Osland, assistant professor of animal husbandry at the college.

Outstanding results obtained in the two years are summarized in the bulletin as follows:

1. A standard beet by-product ration of wet beet pulp, barley, cotton cake and alfalfa proved cheapest and most efficient for fattening calves in beet-growing areas.
2. The relative efficiency of wet beet pulp siloed at the factory and pressed beet pulp siloed at the farm will depend largely on the comparative length of time the pulp is stored.
3. Trench silos are practically as efficient and much cheaper than straw silos for storing pressed pulp.
4. Corn silage can be used to supplement wet beet pulp in a beet by-product ration for fattening calves; 6.3 pounds of corn silage fed daily reduced the pulp requirement by nearly one-half.
5. Dried sugar-beet tops showed a feed replacement value of \$6.41 per ton of tops fed.
6. Steer calves made cheaper and heavier gains than heifer calves.

Practical Treatment Is Urged for Mangy Horse

A horse that has mange may be treated by using a solution made by boiling one and one-half ounces of tobacco in a quart of water. Sponge or brush the horse, using this liquid, and repeat in ten to fourteen days.

It will be necessary to clean the harness, collars, curry combs, brushes, etc., that come in contact with the horse. You can disinfect these articles by using any of the common disinfectants such as lime sulphur or nicotine sulphate or any of the well-known arsenical dips.

Whitewash the barn using one-fourth pound of chloride lime to a gallon of water. It is desirable to dip the harness, brushes, etc., rather than to spray them, as the dipping is more sure to kill the insects.

Ground Feed for Stock Found Not Profitable

A safe rule as to feed grinding is to grind medium fine all grain for dairy cattle and all hard grain for the other live stock. Extremely fine grinding for cattle, hogs or sheep does not pay for the extra power required, according to tests at Purdue university. Where dockage is used as part of the ration, this should be ground fine enough to destroy all weed seeds. Tests at several experiment stations indicate that so far as feeding value is concerned, grinding dry forage hardly pays, but that there is considerable saving in wasted material, in handling, and in hauling out the manure.

Live Stock Facts

Wean fall pigs when about eight weeks old.

Sows should take plenty of exercise. Grain should be scattered over the ground to encourage exercising.

A convenient water supply is an essential feature of good live stock management in winter as well as in summer.

In addition to grain the brood sows should be supplied with as much good quality alfalfa or clover hay as they will consume.

Potatoes are somewhat unpalatable, but they can be successfully fed to sheep, cattle and horses in the place of corn silage.

Farmers everywhere are giving greater attention to lowering cost production and developing hogs that most often are market toppers.

In feeding potatoes to hogs it is necessary to cook or steam them, seasoning with a little salt. They more nearly meet the requirements for feeding hogs when used in this way than they do when fed to other classes of live stock.

Cars for shipping cattle in extremely cold weather should be deeply bedded and the sides lined with heavy paper to a height which will prevent strong air currents from striking the animals directly.

Good Times Aplenty In Store for Editors

Corpus Christi, May 15.—The program for the entertainment of the Texas Press association which meets here Thursday, Friday and Saturday, June 12, 13 and 14, has been definitely decided on. The tentative program outlined last week by W. Grady Kinsolving, entertainment committee chairman, and Sidney Kring, manager of the local chamber of commerce, has been passed on by Sam P. Harben of Richardson, who is secretary of the association.

Briefly the program is as follows: Thursday afternoon, 3 to 5, reception at some place to be designated, for the women. Thursday afternoon, 6:30 to 8, fish barbecue, probably on the beach, following which a swim for all who desire will be enjoyed before return to town where theater tickets will be given the press members.

Friday morning, 7:30 to 8:30, boat ride on the bay, and Friday afternoon a trip to Robstown for a chicken barbecue as the guest of Ray Carney. A dance at the Plaza Hotel will bring the guests back to Corpus Christi for the evening.

Texas Press association members and their families are to be complimented for bathing parties at the bath

houses during their stay here, and for a Thursday morning boat ride. Tickets good for shows any time during the convention are to be given out at the registration desk.

Corpus Christi hotels will compliment wives and one or two small children of the members of the association if bedded in the same room with parents, making one charge for the room.

Texas stands seventh in automobile registrations with a total for 1929 of 1,348,107. It was one of the three states showing as much as 11 per cent increase over the 1928 totals.



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"The speaker was the Lieutenant-Governor of Massachusetts, one Calvin Coolidge, but at that time he was an unadvertised commodity."

W. F. Jones, Former Merkel Resident Dies

Abilene, May 15.—Funeral service for W. F. Jones, 77, who died Friday noon at his home, 850 Poular street, was held from the Locust Street Church of Christ last Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Jones' death followed an illness of two weeks, during which he suffered heart attacks.

Born in Alabama, W. F. Jones came to Texas with his parents at the age of two years and settled with them at Eagle Springs, Coryell county. He moved to Merkel in 1901 and made his home there and in the Truby community, until three years ago when he moved to Abilene. He was a land owner in the Truby section.

Surviving Mr. Jones are his wife, six sons and four daughters.

Sons are: W. A. and F. B. of Guion, J. L. of Brownwood, E. M. of Anson, Walter of Globe, Ariz., and P. C. of Abilene. Daughters are: Mrs. J. T. Darsey of Merkel, Mrs. Adge Douglas of Stanton, Mrs. Dixie Scott of Truby and Mrs. Sybil Ball of Patricia.

"Arnold Goes Into Business."

The Butman Players will present the play, "Arnold Goes into Business," at the Butman tabernacle this Friday night. The cast includes:

- Arnold Miller, Clark Perkins.
- Irma, his wife, Lota Butman.
- Mrs. Marie Anna Kemp, Nadine Perry.
- John Kemp, her hen-pecked husband, F. M. Pruitt.
- Marie Kemp, Novis Whiteaker.
- Johnnie Pringle, Leonard Harris.
- Mattie Miller, Arnold's aunt, Mrs. Tommie Russon.
- Kittridge, the butler, Tommie Russon.

Ambrose Epps, the lawyer, Melvin Montgomery.

Larry Epps, Ben Butman. Mrs. Lavince Llower, Elna Hale. Violet, her daughter, Hester Reeves.

Victor Henri Piere Antoine, le Grand beauty specialist, Lloyd Matthews.

Wolf Den Found.

A wolf den with the mother wolf and eleven wolflets was found the early part of the week in the Collins pasture north of town by Hugh Horton of the Noodle community.

The word "Christian" was used for the first time in the city of Antioch. The Dead Sea lies 1,300 feet below sea level.

Another Plant and Flower Exchange

Those desiring to take advantage of the offer may secure the following plants, petunias, golden rod, moss and mock poinsettias, by calling at the home of Mrs. Sam Swann Monday morning at 9 o'clock. Mrs. Swann is chairman of the ladies' committee of the Yard and Garden contest that is being sponsored by the Lions club and the ladies have already conducted two plant exchanges. Mrs. Swann states that she has an abundant supply of these plants and will be glad to share them with anyone that calls at her home.

Two more entries were received last Thursday, May 8, after The Mail had gone to press, these two being Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McCormick and L. B. Scott.

By inadvertence, one of the prizes, which has been donated by one of Merkel's enterprising firms, the Crown Hardware company, was omitted from the published list of prizes. They will give a crescent fountain sprinkler as the prize for the most beautiful evergreen specimen in the class for those who rent.

"The Last Rehearsal."

Friday evening, May 9, in the auditorium of the Merkel Grammar school, a one act musical extravaganza, "The Last Rehearsal" was given by the Choral and Glee clubs of Merkel High school under the direction of Miss Donna Loyless.

It was a unique presentation for the whole construction of the operetta was a novelty. The chorus sat down in front and their comments and singing formed not the least amusing feature of the rehearsal.

Each member knew his or her part extremely well and all joined in on the choruses to make them lively and brilliant.

Mothers' Day at Nubia.

A large crowd was present at the Nubia M. E. church when the Union Sunday School put on a Mothers' Day program. Among the visitors were Miss Bobbie Jones from Baird, with her mother, Mrs. J. D. Jones, and Mr. and Mrs. Eule Ray from Coleman, who spent the day with Mrs. Ray's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butman, Sr., and others from Merkel, Blair and Dora.

The program, which was well arranged, showed a lot of work in preparation and the church was prettily decorated. Brother Marvin Williams preached the regular second Sunday sermon after the program.

Cuba's highest mountain, Pico Turquino, is 8,000 feet high.

Harry Wheatley Is Slightly Improved

Newspaper dispatches from Fort Worth carry the information that a charge of assault to murder was filed Monday against Harry F. Wheatley, 28, of Tahoka, who Saturday night shot Policeman Herman Cobb, 35, and a few minutes later was found in an adjoining room with a bullet wound in his head. Bond was made in the sum of \$2,500.

Harry Wheatley is well known here, having worked in the oil fields on two different occasions. The policeman's wound is not considered serious and late reports are that Harry is slightly improved.

UNION RIDGE NEWS

The Union Ridge school closed last week.

Miss Gladys Middleton entertained her pupils at her home, assisted by Mrs. O. E. Harwell and Mrs. Melvin Carey.

The pupils of Mr. Bolin were entertained with a picnic on the river. Chaperones were Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Carey, Mr. and Mrs. Pence, who reside on the Matthews place, Mrs. Lige Harris and J. H. Clark; Mrs. Bolin and her niece were also participants.

J. A. Douglas of Station and Miss Nina Skidmore of Golan were guests of Mrs. M. A. Douglas last week-end.

Miss Blanche Corey entertained the young folks with a party last Friday night.

There will be prayer meeting at the Methodist church Sunday night, beginning at 8 o'clock, when Mr. O. E. Harwell will be the leader.

Miss Lilly Claude Barnett is spending several days with relatives in Merkel.

Special Election in 17th District Tuesday

Voters of the 17th congressional district will decide in a special election to be held next Tuesday, May 20, who is to fill out the unexpired term of the late R. Q. Lee. There are only two contestants, Mrs. R. Q. Lee, his widow, and Thomas L. Blanton, formerly representative from this district.

The voting box in Merkel will be at the city hall as usual. H. M. Rainbolt is presiding judge, with W. O. Boney and Stan Johnson as assistant judges.

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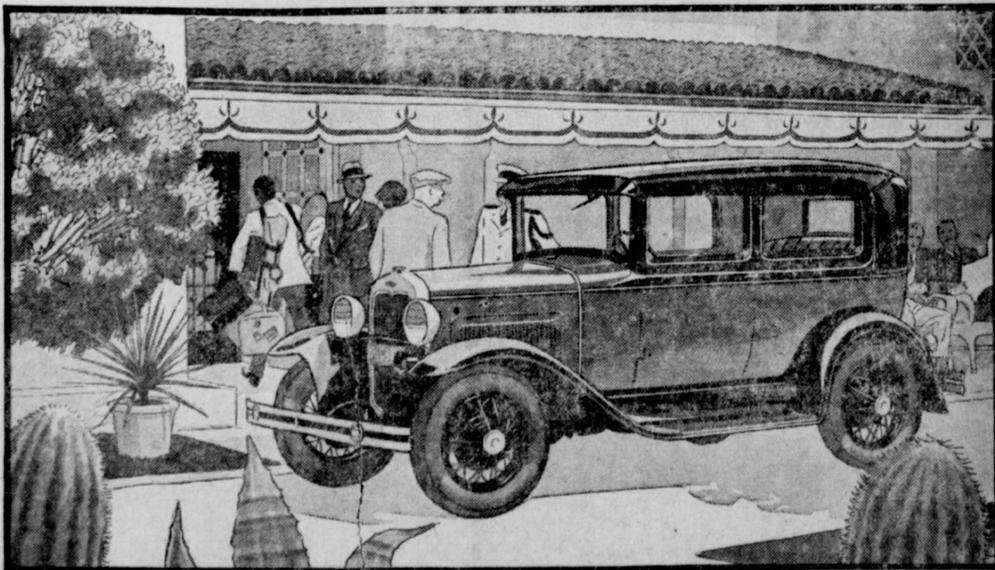
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