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FIRE WORKS DISPLAY FOURTH OF JULY

CENSUS FIGURES FOR TEXAS NEAR TO SIX MILLION

Complete Official Returns From 225 Out of 254 Counties Tabulated; Harris Largest in State in Population.

Dallas, June 26.—A Texas population of just less than 6,000,000 was the prospect when the Associated Press compiled census returns from 225 of the 254 counties.

The 225 counties which had completed their returns showed 5,097,457 residents as against a total for Texas of 4,663,228 in the 1920 census. The 10-year increase of the counties which had reported was slightly more than 25 per cent. If the same percentage of increase is shown by the 29 missing counties, the state's population will be approximately 5,875,000.

The 1920 total of the unreported counties was 616,819. Among them were Tarrant and Hidalgo. Hidalgo is expected to reveal an immense growth as a result of the development of citrus and truck growing, and Fort Worth is larger than all of Tarrant county was 10 years ago. Several of the unreported counties are in the Panhandle, one of the districts which grew the most during the past decade.

West Texas and the Rio Grande valley were the sections which revealed the greatest population increases. The growth of cities was more pronounced than that of counties.

HARRIS COUNTY LARGEST.

Harris county, boasting Houston, the largest city in the state, had a greater numerical increase than any other county. The Harris county figure leaped 161,133 to 347,800. Harris thus passed Dallas as the largest county in Texas in population.

A few counties showed increases of several thousand per cent. Crane county jumped from 37 to 2194, Hockley from 137 to 9297; Winkler, which contains Wink, from 81 to 6884 and Hutchinson, where Borger is located, from 721 to 14,837.

Brewster county, which has an area one and one-half times as great as Rhode Island, Delaware and the District of Columbia combined, has 6619 residents. That was an increase of 1797 for the big bend county, the largest in Texas in area, which for the first time had a resident for each square mile.

All except 54 of the 225 counties revealed increases. Eastland county showed the largest drop, a decrease of 24,524.

Loving was the least populous county reporting with 195 residents. That however, was an increase during the decade of more than 100 per cent.

The returns were supplied by the various census supervisors.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail July 1, 1910.)

July promises to be a gala month for this section of the country. There will be a basket picnic at Stith Friday, July 1st; at Noodle, Saturday, 2nd, and at Bland's Tank two days, 4th and 5th. The Merkel Gun club has made arrangements to have their new automatic trap erected and at all times the public is cordially invited to participate in the shoots. Bring along "old Betsy," your shot gun, and break some targets.

Superintendent B. W. Hudgins says our past school term has been one of the most successful in the history of our schools. The total roll for the entire year shows 393 boys and 286 girls. An even hundred attend High school, the others are enrolled in the primary and intermediate grades.

M. W. Picklesimer returned the first of the week from a visit to Tennessee. Mr. Picklesimer reports that he saw

JUDGING STARTS NEXT WEDNESDAY IN CONTEST

CUT IS PROPOSED IN IMMIGRATION

Fifty Per Cent Slash to Relieve Unemployment Proposed By Chairman Johnson.

Washington, June 26.—A 50 per cent cut in immigration was proposed Monday to relieve unemployment.

Chairman Johnson of the house immigration committee made the proposal in a resolution to make the reduction effective during the fiscal year 1931.

In an informal statement, however, he conceded that there was little likelihood that his measure would be adopted at this session, but expressed belief that it would be passed next winter, and if it proved effective, would be made a permanent law.

European and other countries included in the quota system would be allowed to send in but half the number of their respective quotas, while Mexico, Canada, Cuba and Newfoundland, not included in the quota system, would be limited to half of the number of their nationals who entered during the year ending last April 30. Other countries of the western hemisphere would be allowed a minimum of 500 for the year.

To insure that the reduction would cut down the influx of alien labor, the resolution proposes that in no case could an immigration visa be issued unless the consular official receiving an application was convinced that the applicant's admission "would not be detrimental to employment conditions in this country."

Canada's allotment under the terms of the resolution would be 24,207, Mexico's 9,470, Cuba's 1,778 and Newfoundland's 1,501.

No agriculturists would be admitted from Europe, and their places in the quotas would be taken by relatives of American citizens. No change would be made in the present regulations which permit the entry of skilled labor where a legitimate need for it was shown.

Masons Install New Officers at Session

At a meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710, A. F. and A. M. held Tuesday night, the following officers were installed:

Andy Shouse, worshipful master; J. C. Childress, senior warden; Tom Allday, junior warden; Joe Holmes, treasurer; C. L. Boswell, secretary; M. C. Graham, chaplain; Wren Durham, senior deacon; S. A. Bankston, junior deacon; E. O. Carson, senior steward; M. P. Bateman, junior steward; Giles Graham, tiler.

Winners in Yard and Garden Beautification Program to be Selected Early in July.

Judging will take place Wednesday, July 2, in the Yard and Garden contest, sponsored by the Lions club, assisted by a committee of ladies of which Mrs. Sam Swann is chairman, the other members of the committee being Mesdames A. T. Sheppard and Charlie Jones.

A large number of entrants was registered in the beginning of this contest and much interest has been manifested by those participating. While lack of rain in the spring months was somewhat of a handicap, many beautiful lawns and gardens and lovely beds of flowers, especially roses and zinnias, for which special prizes are offered, are to be noted about the city.

It will assist the judges, who make their visits of inspection next Wednesday, if it should be arranged for someone to be at home at each of the places entered in the contest.

LIST OF PRIZES.

For the most beautiful yard, including lawn, front and rear premises and flower garden, a silver cup is to be given by the Merkel Mail. Other prizes, all desirable in themselves, will be awarded as follows, the contestants, being classified as to whether they own their homes or are renters:

FOR HOME OWNERS.

Most beautiful front yard—First prize, Juniper, by Abilene Nursery; second ornamental lawn spray, Liberty 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 Jones Dry Good Co. and pair Society Maid hose by J. T. Dennis company.

THOSE WHO RENT.

Most beautiful front yard—Hanging basket of Devils 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 and Crescent lawn sprinkler, Crown Hardware company.

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.

Everybody Waiting For Opening Date Baby Golf Course

Watch for the opening of Merkel's first miniature golf course is the announcement made by Clesby Patterson Thursday just as The Mail was going to press. The 9-hole course is practically complete and only needs the finishing touches.

The contest offering prizes for the best name for the new playground has been extended to 8 p. m. next Tuesday, July 1st, and if you have a good suggestion for a name you should mail it to Clesby Patterson or to the office of the Merkel Mail before that time.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Setting a new high mark in Texas for the year, the mercury reached 108 degrees in Fort Stockton Tuesday.

Fire destroyed \$577,704 worth of property in Texas during May in cities that reported the losses, which cut in half the April fire loss toll of \$1,137,663.

When she was attacked by wasps while arranging a vine trellis at her home, Mrs. G. L. Pierce, 65, of Fort Worth fell from a ladder, striking her head, and was severely injured.

After deliberating only seven minutes, a jury at Lamesa found Ira McKee guilty of murder in the fatal shooting of W. R. Billingsley, Sparenberg merchant, and assessed his penalty at death.

Those "without a job, able to work and looking for a job," in Dallas numbered 5,905, according to figures released by the federal census supervisor in his report as to the unemployment problem.

Waco was selected by the federal board of hospitalization for the new 300-bed veterans hospital for neuro-psychiatric patients for the state of Texas, for which congress has appropriated \$1,200,000.

J. E. Lester, well known Houston cotton merchant, was drowned Sunday when he accidentally fell overboard as he was cruising in his motorboat along the Houston ship channel, near the Long Beach docks.

Four thousand fans, many of them from other cities of the state, witnessed the first night baseball game of the Texas league in Waco last Friday when the Waco Cubs defeated the Fort Worth Cats 13 to 0.

General J. M. Carter of Wharton, retired major general in the United States army and former head of the Militia bureau, died Monday in a Houston hospital from complications following an appendicitis operation.

Said by hotel employees to have been despondent on account of financial reverses, Eugene Barcus Robey, 41, operator of the new Tremont hotel in Galveston, jumped to his death from the roof of the six-story building.

Venturing into too deep water, James Vettie, Jr., 10-year old Royce City, Rockwall county, youngster, who had gone to Dallas with a neighbor man and his wife and their children, was drowned Sunday at Kidd Springs.

Covey C. Thomas, attorney of Cotulla, a candidate for chief justice of the Texas Supreme court, bases his candidacy on the hope that he may be able to "remedy the great damage done by the law's delay in the Supreme court."

William M. Ware, 75, early-day Texas ranger, who had killed five men "without counting Indians," but who had suffered from cancer for twenty years, was found dead at El Paso Friday, a victim of his own trigger finger.

A "whirlwind" campaign, in which he will use an airplane to jump from south Texas to west Texas, thence to north Texas and back to south-east Texas, is planned for July fourth by Paul Loven of New Braunfels, candidate for governor.

The appointment of Carlos D. Speck of Abilene, member of the legislature and former county judge of Taylor county, as an assistant attorney general to succeed the late L. C. Sutton has been announced by Attorney General R. L. Bobbitt.

Naming John R. Ray of Abilene as its new president and leaving the selection of next year's convention city to be made in two months by the executive committee, the Texas Pharmaceutical association at its Houston meeting voted down a resolution to offer a reward of \$2,000 for every slain bandit holding up a drug store.

When the first bale of 1930 cotton, grown by Felipe Solis on his farm near Rio Grande City in Starr county, was auctioned on the floor of the Corpus Christi exchange, it brought \$1.50 per pound. The bale was ginned two days later than last year's first bale and besides the auction price brought a \$445 bonus from the business men of Corpus Christi.

FLAG TOURNAMENT BEING ARRANGED FOR JULY FOURTH

For July Fourth holiday, the Merkel Golf club has arranged a flag tournament for club members only.

Three desirable prizes, first, second and third, will be offered to winners, according to announcement by W. L. Diltz, president and Booth Warren, secretary-treasurer.

The player advancing his ball the farthest on 70 strokes will be declared the winner. Par on the new course is 35 for the nine holes, or 70 for 18-hole play.

Lots of interest has been aroused in the flag tournament and it is safe to predict that most Merkel golfers will spend their holiday on the local links.

SHERMAN MEN'S TRIALS PASSED

Judge Phippen Refuses to Reduce \$5,000 Bonds of Each Defendant; Nine Still in Jail.

Dallas, June 26.—Trials of fourteen alleged participants in May 9 riotous activities in Sherman were postponed until the September term of court Monday after the cases had been called by Criminal District Judge C. A. Phippen, mainly to determine if any of the defendants wished to enter pleas of guilty.

Because of vacation time for many of the courts and the difficulty of securing a jury at this time of the year, especially for so many cases, Judge Phippen announced that the causes would be posted until this fall and trial passed until then.

Judge Phippen denied a plea of defense attorney, Maury Hughes, for lowering of the \$5,000 bond fixed for each of the defendants. Five of the men are out on bond, but nine have been transferred here from Sherman. The cases were brought here on change of venue from Grayson county.

Indictments were returned against the men after the Grayson county courthouse was completely destroyed and a negro, George Hughes, was burned to death.

Charges of burglary with explosives to commit arson, rioting, riot with intent to murder, and two charges of arson are pending against Horace Reynolds, Jimmie Arnold, Bill Sofey, Jim May, Webb Purdom, C. E. Briggs, Cleo Wolfe, J. B. McCasland, Roy M. Allen, Leslie Cole, Leonard O'Neal, Jess Roper, Jeff Jones and Alvin Morgan.

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E. YATES BROWN IS ELECTED NEW LION PRESIDENT

Officers for Ensuing Term to be Installed at Next Luncheon; Merchants Committee to Have Charge Next "Cow Day."

New officers of the Lions club for the ensuing six months to be installed at the next luncheon, July 1, were nominated at the last meeting as follows: E. Yates Brown, president; C. R. Tittle, first vice-president; H. C. West, second vice-president; Matt Dillingham, third vice-president; H. P. Hulsey, Lion tamer; H. H. Jenkins, tail twister, and Sam Swann, secretary. Holdover directors are H. C. West and S. D. Gamble and new directors elected were R. A. Burgess, Matt Dillingham, L. B. Scott and Dee Grimes.

A committee was appointed to arrange a program in cooperation with Ben Bird, toastmaster for the day, for the installation of the new officers. This committee consists of C. J. Glover, Jr., Rolfe Wagner, Rev. J. T. King and Dr. L. C. Zehnpenning.

Booth Warren, reporting as chairman of the Fourth of July fireworks celebration, stated that the committee had arranged for a band concert to be followed by a fireworks display. The affair is to be made a community gathering and everyone in Merkel and surrounding territory is invited. Concessions for the sale of ice cream cones and soda water will be in charge of the Lions club, by special courtesy of John Shannon, owner of Shannon's lake. H. H. Jenkins is to be chairman of the committee on concessions, he to select his assistants.

The concert by Merkel's Booster band will begin at 8 o'clock to be followed by the fireworks display. Other features are being arranged also for the entertainment program.

W. O. Boney presided at the Tuesday luncheon and the club singing was led by E. Yates Brown, with Mrs. Brown as accompanist.

After the invocation by Rev. R. A. Walker, Henry West was introduced as toastmaster and he called for the introduction of guests. Five merchants were present as guests of the club, representing those who are cooperating with the Lions club in "Cow Day" but who are not members of the organization, these being E. O. Carson, J. M. Collins, W. J. Sheppard, Bob Dennis and Wm. Elliott.

On motion of Booth Warren, these five merchants were asked to serve

TOWN DOCTOR

"DOCTOR OF TOWNS" SAYS

A SNOW BALL MEANS NOTHING TO AN ESKIMO.

A "thinking" resident of a certain community in the Great Southwest wants to know why it is that the people of the community where he lives do not arouse themselves and do something to pull their town out of the "throes of lethargy" that is not only evident but acknowledged. And he asks—"are all towns like that?"

Answering the last first, it is sad but true that the majority of communities, or at least the majority of the people in the majority of communities, seldom actually do anything to build their town. Most people think it should be done, but they want someone else to do it.

There is a reason for this—several reasons, in fact. The first is that the average person is so familiar with and so "used to" the place where he lives that he doesn't appreciate it. If we do not appreciate a thing we do not get a "kick" out of it; and to expend effort or money on that which does not give us a thrill falls in the class of duty. To most of us duty makes us think of work, and as we are all naturally lazy we resort to alibis to get out of it.

Many, many people won't even think about doing something for their community. Some won't even take the trouble to read what others think, let alone think or do something themselves.

If you have porter house steak three times a day for a month you get so accustomed to it that it means nothing to you. Sunshine means nothing to a South Sea Islander, and a snowball means nothing to an Eskimo.

The people of the average American community have had everything "dropped in their lap" so long that it means nothing to them—they are spoiled, and because they are spoiled they fail to appreciate.

They are like some children—they have always been provided with warm clothes, good food, plenty of things to amuse them, and never question or stop to think where it comes from. Oh yes, they know that

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Driver of Bus Has Better Record Than Private Motorist

The motor bus is providing highway safety examples, which, if followed by the motorist, will reduce accidents to a minimum.

"The bus driver has a vastly better record, mile for mile, than the private motorist," says Collier's weekly in its lead editorial entitled: "Consider the Other Fellow," in a recent issue.

"During the last twelve months all records for motor accidents were broken and within the single year road accidents killed almost as many Americans as were lost from battle wounds during the World War," it was further stated.

Bus lines of the United States have an excellent accident record. The Southland Greyhound lines, serving Texas, operating a network of lines over 3035 miles, "traveling around the world in a day," has one of the most outstanding records of the entire country.

The Southland, it is said, has never had a railroad crossing accident. In the entire history of the company's operations there has not been a single passenger fatality, according to officials who call attention to the Collier's editorial.

It was stated further in the editorial, which points out the lead bus companies are taking in promoting highway safety for all, that "all sorts of accidents are reported, even the most trivial scraping of fenders, and yet during seven weeks of a recent safety contest there was only one accident for every 47,375 miles driven."

The Southland points out that during last month it operated 707,969 miles and had 16 accident reports, four of which were of the precautionary type which consists of the driver of the bus reporting accidents in which he witnessed or was able to assist the injured. This left 12 accidents in which busses were involved, and not one of those accidents was chargeable to the driver of the bus, according to bus line officials. This gives the Southland only one accident per 58,830 miles operated, which record exceeds that of the safety contest mentioned in the nationally published editorial.

"Konjola Worked Wonders In My Stubborn Case."

Fort Worth Man Relieved Of Severe Attack of Rheumatism, Eagerly Praises New Medicine.



MR. JOE CONNELLY.

"For over a year I suffered with muscular rheumatism," said Mr. Joe B. Connely, 504 Belknap street, Ft. Worth. "My entire body was a mass of aches and pains. Finally I was forced to give up my work and was confined to bed. The pains were so severe that I had to be moved very carefully and was helpless and bed-ridden for three months. My nerves were completely gone and I felt at times that I could not bear my suffering another day."

"I sent away for my first treatment of Konjola and was amazed at the results. Within three weeks I was able to get up and around without assistance. Gradually the pain and soreness left me and I began to feel my old self again. My nerves settled, constipation was completely banished, and I do not remember when I have felt as well as I do now. Konjola certainly worked wonders in my case."

Though Konjola works quickly, and many sufferers are greatly benefitted in a week, a complete treatment of from six to eight bottles is recommended for thorough results.

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

Dora Doings

Farmers of this section are busy plowing and hoeing out their crops, which are growing nicely. Prospects are very good now, only the crops are late.

George Whiteaker and family visited in Blackwell Sunday.

Mrs. Lennie Stripling is improving nicely after several days' illness.

Mesdames John Jones and Charlie Greggs received telephone messages last Wednesday from Taft, Texas, telling that their mother had passed away that day at noon, but as they could not make the trip by auto and as train connections were not so that they could arrive in time for the funeral they did not go. The families have our deepest sympathy and love.

Lee Phillips and family of Sweetwater visited his father, G. P. Phillips, here last week-end.

Mrs. Charlie Huff called on her mother in Trent Sunday afternoon.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to extend our sincerest appreciation and thanks to the many people of Merkel whose kind sympathy and deeds were offered to us during the recent illness and death of our beloved son and brother, Thomas Blackstone. We are especially grateful to Dr. Sadler and the hospital force for their incessant, faithful efforts to save him from death.

May the infinitely wise and the infinitely powerful God bless you with His mercies forever.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Matheny,
Franklin Matheny,
Mrs. Jason Moy,
Mary Matheny,
Louise Matheny,
Helen Matheny.

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THE TOWN DOCTOR

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father or mother gives it to them, but how father or mother gets it never enters their head. Why should they worry about it as long as they get it? They know that they won't be "kicked out," chastised or deprived of it.

They do just enough to get by. They will pick up the golden eggs but they won't even carry food and water to the goose that lays them—in fact, they don't trouble themselves to find out just where this goose is or why. Half the time they forget that there is a goose.

A community is somewhat like a store. It is too bad for the community that it is not even more like a store, with someone empowered to "fire" all who are not good employees—those who are lazy and refuse to do what, according to all that's fair, equitable and within reason, they are supposed to do; those who are creating a bad impression; those who are constantly creating ill-will among other employees and thereby tearing down prestige and

driving business to some other store; and those who refuse to "snap out of it" and come to the realization that "what was is't."

If this never happened in some of the communities I know, not only would many of the "clerks" (people) be let out, but ever so many "department heads" (merchants and other business people) and floor walkers.

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

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? "Thank You Days" are coming! ?

Special Saturday Only—Genuine Garza and Silver Star 9-4 Sheeting—35 cents per yard—Boston Bargain Store.

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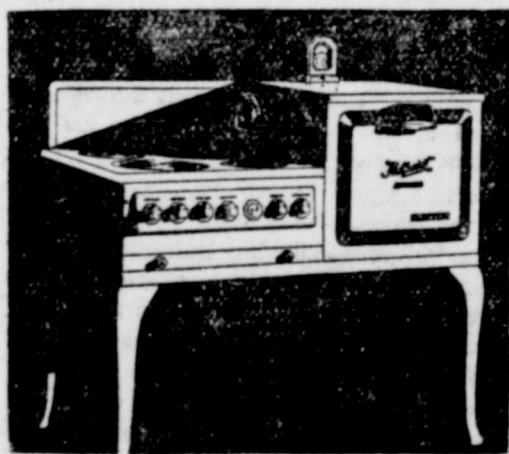
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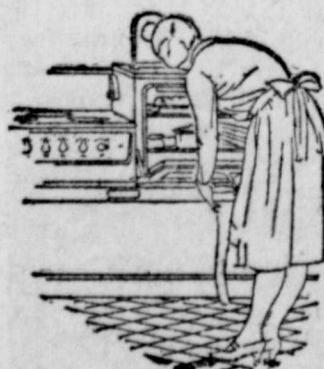
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MERKEL MAIL WANT ADS FOR RESULTS

NOODLE NEWS

Mrs. W. Roundtree is on the sick list this week.

Miss Brooksie Justice of Abilene Christian college spent the week-end with home folks.

Brother O. B. Tatum filled his regular appointment at the Baptist church Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Jenkins visited Mr. and Mrs. Jasper McCoy Sunday. Clint Bicknell and Austin Bicknell of Cleburne visited their uncle, W. J. Bicknell, last week.

Mrs. Arthur Steel of Sweetwater visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Jenkins, Saturday.

Choir practice will be postponed until the meetings are over.

Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Spurgin and Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Lucas visited Mr. Ashby of near Comper Sunday.

Abilene is Planning Gala Fourth of July

Abilene, June 26.—With the completion of arrangements for a gala Fourth of July celebration in Abilene which will include 100 laps of automobile racing, motorcycle racing, a bathing girl revue and an elaborate fireworks display, announcement came this week from the West Texas Fair association setting a schedule of prices for the race track program.

The prices will be \$1.00, \$1.50 and \$2.00. Three thousand seats are available at the bottom price, two thousand for \$1.50, and a thousand reserved seats for the maximum.

The race card, including purses that total \$3,200, will open at 1:30 p. m. Time trial awards will be made in both auto and motorcycle race classes.

The bathing revue, open to entrants from throughout West Texas, will be staged at Lytle Beach, beginning at 7 p. m. The fireworks display will be an added feature of unusual attraction.

With race entries being received by the fair association, interest in the Independence Day program is spreading throughout this section and a large crowd of merry-makers is expected in Abilene for the celebration.

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.

Somebody is seriously injured in a traffic accident every 31 seconds and one person every seven minutes is killed in the same way, according to National Safety council figures.

During peak hours New York subway trains with seating capacity of 440 carry an average of 1,900 passengers.

HARDLY HAD A WELL-DAY IN THREE YEARS

"Argotane is Relieving my Husband of Rheumatism and Other Troubles."

"Since Argotane is relieving my husband of rheumatism I just can't help praising it to everybody," said Mrs. N. A. Estes wife of a well known farmer, residing on rural route 1, Abilene, Texas, a few days ago.

"For three years," she continued, "my husband suffered terribly from rheumatism and a general run-down condition. He had very little appetite and was so pain racked it was almost impossible for him to get a good night's rest owing to the aches in his joints and body."

"The first dose of Argotane seemed to hit the spot and he has been getting better ever since. He can eat with a relish and he is being built up in a substantial way. Those aches and pains in his joints and body that used to bother him so much are fast disappearing and he can now get a good night's rest and feel like working the next day. His general health has improved wonderfully since he started taking Argotane and it has certainly been a blessing to my husband and others and there are no better Argotane boosters in this town than we are."

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

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County Official Finds Will "A Perfect Gem"

Waco, Texas, June 26.—"A perfect gem of a will" was filed for probate Thursday in McLennan's county court, according to Deputy Clerk R. S. Vaughn, who recorded the document. It was the will of George A. O'Brien, whose estate approximated \$25,000, according to Vaughn. It was one of the shortest wills to be complete and clear and in the handwriting of the deceased ever filed in the county court, the deputy clerk stated. It read:

"First, I give, devise and bequeath all my property, both real and personal and mixed to my daughter, Florence O'Brien Powell.

"Second, I appoint my daughter, Florence O'Brien Powell, executrix of this will without bond to act out of court. All in my handwriting. Signed, George A. O'Brien, this day, April 12, 1926."

Mr. O'Brien's death was on Dec. 25, 1929. The will was filed in February this year.

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

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State Pen Warden Tenders Resignation

Huntsville, June 26.—E. F. Harrell, who became warden of the Texas penitentiary two years ago, has resigned to permit the selection of a man with greater "business ability." Lee Simmons, general manager of the prison system, announced Saturday.

Harrell, a former Texas ranger, took office convinced that kindness would go a long way toward helping solve the penal problem, and during his incumbency had wrought several changes. The Texas prison welfare league was organized under his guidance; the Echo, a prison monthly paper, was inaugurated and recreation programs for inmates were fostered. Evangelists were brought to "the walls" periodically to conduct revivals.

The assistant warden, Captain R. H. Vaughn, was appointed acting

warden and the Captain N. E. Barfield was made assistant warden. Mr. Simmons said he would be in "no hurry" to select a permanent warden.

Ambassador's Address Brings Utility Reply

San Francisco, June 26.—The speech of Ambassador Frederic Sackett at the world power conference in Berlin in which he attacked asserted excessive rates charged by light and power utilities in America brought sharp rejoinders from President Matthew S. Sloan and other leaders of the National Electric Light association in convention here.

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SIR JOSIAH STAMP.

(From the weekly letter of the Hariman National Bank, New York.)

Sir Josiah Stamp is now visiting this country, and Callisthenes, in London's Times, has stated that English business owes a good deal to him. In hundreds of articles and addresses and lectures and interviews he has scattered the seed of ambition and resolution and hard work. His own picturesque and energetic progress from the foot of the commercial tree to its top has reinforced all his wise counsel. At the moment, England feels especially grateful to him for a metaphor. An observer who studied his demeanor and activities at an international conference reports him as giving advice to his colleagues: "When you see a new idea, you should not throw half a brick at it, but search its pockets." It is not only those who are settling finances of the Nations that need this advice. It is needed in every business in every country. What bugbears are the men who want to throw half a brick at every new idea, and yet how numerous they are! They seem to carry half bricks round with them for the purpose. As soon as a new idea is put up the half brick is at its head: "That's no good!" "Been tried dozens of times and never a success." "That's not our style." "We don't want to swap horses when we're crossing a stream." "We don't want to throw away the substance for the shadow." "We never have gone in for that sort of thing." And so on, half brick after half brick thrown with impatience and vehemence. Yet the key to success and prosperity may be in the pocket of the newcomer. Every great step forward in industry and commerce has presented itself just as a new idea. The man who heaved half a brick at it paid for it in decline and failure. The man who searched its pockets found the key and opened the door, perhaps of Aladdin's Cave.

Two-Day Conference
Planned for Early
Dates in December

Plans for a two-day evangelistic conference, which will be held probably at the Central Presbyterian church, Abilene, for workers of the Abilene, Brownwood and Wichita Falls presbyteries were outlined at a conference last week in Abilene.

Dr. Harvey Klaier, New York city, assistant director of evangelism for the Presbyterian church, U. S. A., was in charge of the meeting. The Brownwood presbytery was represented by the Rev. R. B. Twitty and J. C. Galloway, both of Brownwood, and the Abilene presbytery by the Rev. R. A. Walker and W. L. Diltz, of Merkel, and Dr. E. B. Surface, pastor of the Central Presbyterian church.

The group is to recommend Abilene as meeting place for the conference, and December 8 and 9 as the dates.

Local Jones Store
Closes for Funeral
Of Owner's Wife

The local store of the Jones Dry Goods company remained closed all day last Saturday on account of the death of Mrs. G. E. Jones, 48, wife of the head of the Jones Dry Goods company, who died at an Abilene sanitarium at 2:30 Saturday morning following a major operation on Wednesday.

Funeral services were held at the First Baptist church, Abilene, at 5:30 Saturday afternoon, with Dr. Millard A. Jenkins officiating, interment in the Cedar Hill cemetery there.

W. J. Sheppard, manager of the Merkel store of the Jones Dry Goods company, was among those attending the funeral.

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Sanitarium Notes.

Mrs. George West, who underwent an appendix operation last Friday, was sufficiently recovered to be removed to her home Tuesday.

Mrs. E. B. Wilburn of Comper, who submitted to a major operation at the Merkel sanitarium Tuesday, is reported resting well.

If you have any visitors, Phone 29 or 61.

CHURCHES

MANY CONGREGATIONS CARRY-
ING MEETINGS OUT INTO
OPEN AIR.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Come on time so that we may close the Sunday School and preaching service a little ahead of regular time and get to Buffalo Gap by 1:30. Church problems discussed during the afternoon. Take your supper and stay for the preaching service by Dr. Surface. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.

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

METHODIST OUTING.

(By L. R. Thompson.)

Several weeks ago Rev. T. C. Willett suggested to his congregation that nothing was more conducive to good fellowship than an outing and that few places in Texas offered greater attractions in beauty, convenience and historic background than Buffalo Gap.

In response to this suggestion a general committee made arrangements with the Presbyterian people to have the use of their park with privilege of the swimming pool and other conveniences. Mr. Rogers, a brother of Rev. Fred Rogers, a former pastor of the Presbyterian church here, is in charge of the park and proved himself a host of the highest order to everyone in the party.

We, or most of us, arrived at the park at 5 o'clock Saturday afternoon and after a sumptuous supper "a la chuckwagon" we assembled at the Presbyterian church and enjoyed a varied program of vocal and instrumental music and a reading by Miss Nell Hughes. The instrumental selections were rendered by Ford Smith, violin, Mrs. Smith, piano, Mack Buzbee, guitar, and J. D. Porter, banjo. The applause that followed their selections gave evidence of the appreciation of those present. A quartet composed of Cyrus Pee, Ethel Hamilton, Orpah Patterson and Mack Buzbee, sang several numbers, after which we adjourned to the swimming pool for an hour's swim—all except Brother Willett, who could not find a bathing suit of sufficient proportions to envelop him.

Sunday was a real spiritual feast, beginning with sunrise prayer and closing with an eloquently spiritual sermon by Rev. J. B. Baker, pastor of the church at Tuscola. Through the courtesy of Mrs. Young, superintendent of the local Presbyterian church, we were privileged to carry on our regular Sunday School program, with 121 present. At 11 o'clock Brother Willett preached on "The Testimony of Nature to the Divinity of Christ." The subject, the occasion and the natural beauty of the place inspired him to deliver one of the best sermons we have ever heard. A fine fellowship pervaded and we returned home with a feeling of fine loyalty to the church and to Brother Willett as its leader.

So far as we were able to ascertain, the following is the list of those present: Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Buzbee and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Burgess, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Buford and family, Miss Lottie Butman, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butman, Sr., Mrs. Duncan Briggs and daughter, Mrs. Berryman and family, Tracy Campbell, Paul Collins, Miss Sallie Cuthrie, Mrs. W. F. Golliday, Mrs. Cecil Guthrie, Misses Ethel and Eleanor Mae Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. John Hughes and family, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Huddleston and family, Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Hall and son, Ealin Harrell, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Harrell and family, Mrs. Charles Higgins and daughters, Bishop Hunter, Mrs. Ruby Fay Johnson and daughter, Miss Thelma McAninch, Mrs. McSpadden, Mrs. Mitchell, Miss Julia Martin, Miss Orpah Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Porter, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Patterson and son, Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Pee, Miss Addie Fae Patterson, Joe Riney, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Pee, Jack Patterson, Miss Mary Jo Russell, Miss Mildred Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. Risinger, Miss Agnes Rister, Waymond Richards, Mrs. Shouse of Trent, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Shouse and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ford Smith, Ford Smith, Jr., Miss Mossie Sears, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Sears and family, Mardell Shouse, Cullen Tittle, Mrs. T. V. Touchstone and daughters, Miss Fern Toombs, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Thompson, Mrs. D. H. Vaughn, Rev. and Mrs. T. C. Willett, Miss Arline Willett, Edwin Wade, George Woods and Donald Willett.

? "Thank You Days" are coming!

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Legal covers at Merkel Mail office.

LARGE CROWDS HEAR STIRRING
SERMONS AT BAPTIST
CHURCH.

The revival meeting at the Baptist church continues with increasing interest. The crowds are exceptionally large, considering the very busy time.

The pastor has been delivering some stirring sermons on timely subjects. Friday night is Young People's night in the revival and the pastor's subject for that occasion will be "The Most Popular Young Man in the Community."

His Sunday morning subject will be "The Future Home of the Saved," and at 8 p. m. his subject will be "A Radio Message from Hell." The pastor will really tune in and you will hear the answer come back. Come and bring your friends.

—Reporter.

AT THE METHODIST CHURCH.

On account of the revival meeting now going on at the Baptist church, there will be no evening services at the Methodist church. Other services of the day as usual. We will have our third quarterly conference Thursday, July 3. At the same time the quarterly conference for Tye, Trent, Caps and Blair will be held and we are to have an all-day meeting, beginning at 9 a. m. The presiding elder will be with us and will preach at 11 o'clock.

T. C. Willett, Pastor.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

There were 286 present at the Baptist Sunday School last Sunday. Attendance at the Methodist Sunday School, which was transferred to their week-end picnic party at Buffalo Gap, was 121. Attendance at the other Sunday Schools was: Church of Christ, 97; Presbyterian, 91, and Nazarene, 35, making the total attendance at the five Sunday Schools 630.

MEN'S PRAYER MEETING.

At the Men's Prayer meeting at the Baptist church last Sunday afternoon visitors were present from Abilene and Trent and a generally beneficial service was held. Roy Baccus was the leader. For next Sunday John J. Toombs is to be the leader, the subject to be the fourth chapter of James. The meeting will be held at the Methodist church.

JUNIOR B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM.

Subject: Stories from Brazil.
Announcement of subject, Horace Boney.

"Herculano's Conversion," Mary Helen Lancaster.

"What God's Word Did," Dot Swafford.

"In Prison for Preaching," Herman Cason.

"An Encounter with a Bandit," Louise Toombs.

"Saved from Suicide," Ora Derrick.

"A Mail Carrier Who Loved the Bible," Clara F. Largent.

"The Conversion of a Boy," Don Swafford.

SENIOR EPWORTH LEAGUE.

Leader, Hazel Lee Rainbolt.
Song, selected.

Prayer.
Subject: "What Showing Does Our Year's Missionary Work and Giving Make?"

Scripture: Acts 3:1-4; 14:26-28.
Talk: "What Are We Trying to Do?" Leader.

"How Much Have We Learned About Missions This Last Year?" Paul Collins.

"How Well Does Our Giving Show Up?" Lela Patterson.

"Have We Grown in Our Prayer Life?" Roy Patterson.

"How Many of Us Have Definitely Decided Our Life Work This Past Year?" Thelma McAninch.

Business.
League Benediction.

Everyone is welcome to our league. Come and bring someone with you.

EPWORTH HI-LEAGUE.

Subject: "The Bible Our Source of Religious Knowledge."
Leader, Marie Stanford.

Scripture: John 5:36-40.
Hymn No. 232.

Prayer, Duncan Briggs.
Introduction, by the leader.

"Drinking from the Source," Mildred Richardson.

"Where to Go," Imogene Middleton.

"Jesus our Inspiration," Joyce Wheeler.

Hymn No. 101.
Benediction.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

We are grateful to everyone present and everyone who in any way helped to make the services what they were last Lord's Day. The attendance was fine, in fact, it was up to the usual number for Bible study and the worship. Come out next Lord's Day and

SOCIETY

THORNTON REUNION.

On Sunday, June 22, the first reunion of the Thornton family for a good many years was held at the home of the parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Thornton. At noon a bounteous dinner was served by Mrs. Thornton and in the afternoon reminiscences and the making of pictures lent fun to the occasion.

On Tuesday Mr. and Mrs. Earl Thornton of Abilene complimented the family with a dinner at the noon hour and a weenie roast in the evening.

On Wednesday the group was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Ira Thornton at their home in Caps with ice cream making interspersed with radio and piano music adding merriment to the day.

Thursday everyone arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Patton, Stith, for another day of merry-making. Mrs. Patton, assisted by her daughters, served a delightful dinner. The children present for the reunion with Mr. and Mrs. Thornton are: Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Thornton and children, Chas., Jr. and Joan of Columbus, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Patton and children, Wynona, Ruby, Norma, Woodrow and Miller of Stith; Mr. and Mrs. Ira Thornton and children, Waldine, C. V. and Abbie Ruth of Caps, Mo. and Mrs. Earl Thornton and children, Len, Glen and Francis Nan of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Kyle of Ft. Worth.

SENIOR EPWORTH LEAGUE
ENJOYS PARTY.

Members of the Senior Epworth league enjoyed a delightful party and business meeting given at the Methodist church last Thursday evening. The forepart of the evening was spent in making plans for the next League year.

After the business meeting interesting games were played, Misses Hazel Lee Rainbolt and Gwendolyn Vickers winning prizes in a contest.

Delicious sandwiches and drinks were served to the following members: Misses Hazel Lee Rainbolt, Ethel and Eleanor Mae Hamilton, Addie Fae and Lela Patterson, Ola Mae Hartman, Ouida Mae Hulsey, Thelma McAninch, Inez Robbins and Gwendolyn Vickers; Messrs. Paul Collins, Wayne Nicholson, Donald B. Willett, Roy Patterson, Joe Riney, Lowell Vickers and Lawrence Nelson of Breckenridge, formerly of Noodle Dome.

BANKHEAD ANNIVERSARY.

Following is a clipping from the Borger Herald of the anniversary of Rev. and Mrs. C. C. Bankhead, whose wedding was chronicled in the "20 Years Ago Column" last week:

"Rev. and Mrs. C. C. Bankhead were honored by their parishoners of the Church of Christ with a surprise party on the occasion of their twentieth wedding anniversary Thursday afternoon.

"Many lovely gifts were presented to the couple, and memories of a happy afternoon will be theirs.

Refreshments were served late in the afternoon to Mesdames T. A. Daniels, Tolbert Johnson, John Hutchinson, Andy Hill, K. Blalock, Hanna Parker, C. E. Thomas, S. Lancaster, P. H. Sechrist, L. H. Perkins, M. C. Robbins, W. A. Robbins, Miss Imogene Biggerstaff, and the honorees, Rev and Mrs. Bankhead."

bring someone with you. Let's see if we can't have a larger audience for both 10 a. m. and 11 a. m.

Young Peoples' Development classes 7:30 Sunday evening. Prayer service each Wednesday evening at the church. Come help us improve on this mid-week service. The attendance is now 50 to 75, but we could have more if more would take an interest and come.

In love, The Elders.

THE MERKEL HOME LAUNDRY.

Give the wife a holiday during the hot weather months. Let us do the washing and ironing for her. It will be just like a vacation. We want all the families and business houses in Merkel for our customers. We call for and deliver. Just telephone 294J. If you overlooked something and want a rush bundle for the end of the week, we are prepared to serve you promptly.

THE MERKEL HOME LAUNDRY.

Mrs. Jay, Manager.

A Correction.
In reporting the birth of Morris Haynes at Anson in last week's issue of The Mail, it was erroneously stated that grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Haynes. The latter are great-grandparents, it should have been chronicled.

The use of silk in women's clothing has increased 121 per cent in the last 10 years.

MATTERS MUSICAL

RECOGNITION FOR SIMMONS
FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT.

Abilene, June 26.—Simmons university has been approved for membership in the National Association of Schools of Music and Allied Arts by Dr. Geo. A. Leighton of Cincinnati Conservatory, who recently made a survey of the fine arts departments of the Abilene school. This announcement has been made by Prof. Irl Allison, head of the Simmons school of piano.

Dr. Leighton inspected the work done in the schools of piano, fine and applied art, voice, violin, band music, and speech art.

There are only 39 schools in the United States in the association and only five in the South.

Miss Christine Collins will sing at the 11 o'clock hour at St. Paul's Methodist church in Abilene next Sunday. Miss Collins sang last Sunday evening at the Central Presbyterian church in Abilene.

Miss Ethel Hamilton will again broadcast a vocal program over KFYO, Abilene, on Saturday evening from 8 to 8:30.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Delmer will broadcast a program of vocal and instrumental numbers every Friday evening from 8 to 9 over KFYO, Abilene.

Fireworks Display

(Continued from Page One)

as the committee for next "Cow Day," which is to be Wednesday, July 9. W. J. Sheppard and Wm. Elliott were named as co-chairmen and they will call into counsel all of the other merchants who are cooperating in this feature but who do not belong to the Lions club.

Entertainment was provided by a quartet from the Men's Glee club, with Miss Christine Collins as accompanist. A. J. Tucker, Ray Garrett, Ralph Duke and Clesby Patterson gave two cleverly arranged numbers, inveighing sarcastically on the subject of "women," followed by an equally humorous number on "Mosquitoes," in which the July Fourth picnic at Shannon's lake was heralded.

The toastmaster voiced the appreciation of the club members for the entertainment provided when he explained: "The quality of the entertainment afforded by the quartet made up for the deficiency in the lack of other program features."

E. Yates Brown and Rev. J. T. King both spoke of the revival now in progress for one week only at the Baptist church and extended invitations especially to the Lions and their families to attend.

Will Preach at Trent.

Elder W. G. Cyfert will preach next Sunday at the 11 o'clock hour at the Church of Christ at Trent. A cordial invitation is extended to all to be present.

Chrysler "80" Roadster Stolen.

Sometime Tuesday night Rufe Tittle's Chrysler "80" roadster was stolen from his garage. The license number is 1-063-457 and the motor number is 2731. It is a 1927 model and through P. P. Dickenson, Merkel chief of police, Mr. Tittle is offering a reward of \$15.00 for the car "unburned and not stripped."

Record of Births.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Hill, Tuesday, June 17, 1930.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Bowen, residing 11 miles south of Anson, Thursday, June 19, 1930.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Zimmerman, residing south of town, Thursday, June 19, 1930.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel B. Springfield, Sunday, June 22, 1930.

Twin boys, named James and Walter, to Mr. and Mrs. Lee Wood, Hawley, Sunday, June 22, 1930.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Reynolds, residing in the Canyon, Monday, June 23, 1930.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Rossas, Tuesday, June 24, 1930.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to take this method of thanking our many friends for their kindness shown us in this sad hour, and especially to the good neighbors at Sweetwater, who worked so faithfully with our darling. May God bless you all is our prayer.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Vessel and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Vessel, children and families.

Mrs. Phoeby Greene, children and families.

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Phillips Employee
Dies on Vacation
Visit to Parents

Thomas Blackstone Matheny, 28, who was in the employ of the Phillips Petroleum company at McLean, died at a local sanitarium at 10:15 Friday night of brain tumor. He had come to spend his vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Matheny, at Trent and on Tuesday morning of last week awoke in an unconscious condition. He was brought to the Merkel sanitarium for treatment, but never regained consciousness.

He was unmarried and was a brother of Frank Matheny, who has been for the past 8 months superintendent of the gas department of the Phillips Petroleum company in the oil fields northwest of here.

Besides his parents and this brother, he is survived by four sisters: Mrs. Jason Moy of Sour Lake, Miss Mary Matheny of Brownsville, Miss Louise Matheny of Albany and Helen Matheny, who lives with her parents at Trent. All of the sisters came at once when they learned of their brother's illness.

The sister at Brownsville, who is in the government immigration service, received the message shortly before noon Thursday and secured permission to ride the mail plane, making the 800-mile trip from Brownsville via Fort Worth in less than 11 hours.

The body was shipped to Stephenville where funeral services were held Sunday morning.

Merkel BYPU Host
at Sectional Session

The Sweetwater Baptist Association B. Y. P. U. will convene with the Merkel Baptist church next Sunday at 2:30. The program follows:

2:30 p. m.—Devotional, Earl King, Tye.

2:45 p. m.—Special music, Senior Union, First Church, Sweetwater.

2:55 p. m.—Business session, reports from district presidents, offering announcements, etc.

3:15 p. m.—Piano solo, Miss Wilma Tripp, Abilene.

3:25 p. m.—"Our Duty Toward Strengthening and Organizing Unions in Smaller Churches of our Association," H. M. Weldon, Sweetwater.

3:40 p. m.—"Why our Young People Should Attend Leaders Encampment?" Walter Jackson, Abilene.

3:55 p. m.—"How Stimulate Greater Interest in Associational B. Y. P. U. Work?" Round Table led by David Phillips, Abilene.

4:20 p. m.—Benediction, T. Burns, Sweetwater.

IN MEMORIAM.

Mr. J. A. McRee, whose death occurred here Tuesday, June 17, was one of Trent's most honored and influential citizens. He was born at De Soto in Clark County, Miss., on April 10, 1866. He came to Texas at the age of twenty-three, and in February of the following year was married to Miss Nannie Williamson of Buckhoffs, Texas. They came to Trent community in 1907. To them were born three children, two boys and one girl. One boy died in infancy, and in April 1923 Mrs. McRee was called to her eternal home. After the death of his wife Brother McRee moved into Trent where he lived until the end came last week. His daughter, Mrs. I. M. Howell, of Fort Worth had been visiting him for some time and was present when he bade farewell to this world. Wilbur L. McRee, an only living son, of Dovey, Minn., did not arrive in Trent until 3:25 Friday afternoon.

Brother McRee was a quiet, unassuming man. He was kind and considerate of everyone. It is not merely playing an old chord to say that "he numbered his friends by his acquaintances," for truly all who knew him loved him. He loved his children devotedly and they loved him. The little children of the town looked upon him as their friend and he was a friend to them. Trent has had no more solid character nor more loyal and influential citizen than he. As one of the leading men of the community he has meant much in shaping its morals and Christian ideals.

Brother McRee was converted in youth and united with the Methodist church, in which he remained a faithful ad loved member until his death. He loved the church and the things for which she stood. He was seldom missing from his place at 11 a. m. on Sunday. His going will be keenly felt by every phase of the life of the community. Those of the immediate family who survive him are Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Howell and children, Melba Marie and Jacqueline, and Wilbur L. McRee. He leaves besides two brothers and five sisters and a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted at the Methodist church by his pastor Rev. Ural S. Sherrill at 5:30 p. m. Friday, after which interment was made in the Trent cemetery.

—Contributed.

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FOR SALE—Used farm implements; also one Farmall tractor. Adams & Leverett, Abilene, Texas or see Harry rnett.

FOR SALE—Three registered Jersey bulls out of State accredited herd; also right John S. Hughes.

FOR SALE—One year old Jersey male. T. W. Neill, Trent, Texas, Route 1.

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FOR RENT

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

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—White Stetson hat, name of Bragg Dry Goods Co. on band, somewhere north part of Merkel. Reward for return to T. & P. Cafe C. E. Mordica.

LOST—Blue Maltese cat off car between Merkel and Abilene Sunday. Reward for trouble. Charlie Taylor, 408 Crane St., Sweetwater, Phone 1011M at my expense.

LOST—Elgin watch, engraved "C. H. H." and "J. H. H." in. Reward for return to Mrs. Lackey Shop.

WANTED

WANTED—to hear from owner having farm near Merkel for sale. Write full description and lowest cash price. John D. Baker, 1418 First National Bank Bldg., Dallas, Texas.

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

WHITE FLAT NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Duncan are enjoying a visit from their niece, Mrs. Billie Munselle, and son Junior of Oklahoma City.

Mr. and Mrs. George Keagan and Mr. and Mrs. Seth Nugent were Sweetwater visitors Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Joyce Martin had as guests Sunday her sister, Mrs. Elbert Bright and family of Sweetwater.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Kent of Sweetwater are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Duncan.

Bethel Mashburn of Stanton is here visiting his sister, Mrs. Joyce Martin.

Homer Freeman and Freeland Nugent attended church at Eskota Sunday night.

Mrs. Earl Stevens had as guests on last Friday, her mother, Mrs. L. W. Cox and sister, Mrs. J. D. Sandusky, of Merkel.

Miss Ada Heartgrave of Sweetwater was the house guest of Miss Ruth Duncan last week-end.

J. T. Keagan has returned to Dal-

ANNOUNCEMENTS POLITICAL

(Subject to the action of the Democratic Primary in July.)

For District Attorney 42nd district:

J. R. (Bob) BLACK, (Re-election.)

For District Attorney 104th district:

EMMETT ROBINSON.

W. J. CUNNINGHAM, (Re-election.)

For Sheriff:

H. T. O'BAR, (Re-election.)

C. R. (Chas.) WALDROP.

N. L. SEALE.

BURL WHEELER.

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.

MRS. FLORENCE VANCE.

For District Clerk:

BELLE WELLBORN, (Re-election.)

For County Attorney:

GRAY BROWNE.

WILEY L. CAFFEY.

For County Superintendent:

M. A. WILLIAMS, (Re-election.)

C. L. BLANKENSHIP.

For Commissioner, Precinct No. 2:

W. H. FRAZIER.

P. A. DILTZ, (Re-election.)

W. L. BLAIR.

RUFE TITTLE.

THOMAS A. BEARDEN.

JOHN J. TOOMBS.

For Public Weigher, Precinct No. 5:

S. A. (Sam) BANKSTON.

I. N. BROWN.

DENT GIBSON.

DENZEL COX.

A. D. FULTON.

T. D. COMPTON.

HOUSTON ROBERTSON.

las after a very pleasant visit with his parents and other relatives.

Miss Ola Duncan spent last week-end visiting friends and relatives near Noodle Dome.

Ancel Martin of Sweetwater visited friends and relatives here last week-end.

To honor their son, J. T., who is visiting here from Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. George Keagan entertained a few friends Thursday night on Sweetwater creek. After fishing awhile and not having much luck, they tried their luck at roasting weenies and making ice cream which proved a great success. Those enjoying this occasion were: Mr. and Mrs. George Keagan, Florence Jinks and J. T. Keagan, Mr. and Mrs. Seth Nugent, and son and Freeland and Retha Freeman.

WHITE FLAT 11, SWEETWATER LAKE 5.

While a crowd of two hundred spectators looked on, White Flat defeated the lake team for the second time Sunday afternoon. For the first six innings White Flat "shut them out," but making a few bad plays allowed them three scores in the seventh inning. Nugent gave the baseball fans another demonstration of what good pitching really is, and it resulted in eleven strikeouts and only one walk. His team mates accumulated a total of twenty-four hits off Tittle, two of them homers by Weaver and Tittle.

Score by innings:
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Lake 000 000 311—5

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Withdrawal Announced By Lynch Davidson

Houston, Texas, June 26.—Former Lieut. Gov. Lynch Davidson of Houston has withdrawn his name as a candidate for governor.

Davidson's name had been placed on the ballot by a petition of Hunt County citizens.

"In my judgment," Davidson said in withdrawing, "most of the number who are now contesting for the governor's office are professional politicians, seeking the office solely for selfish reasons. The election of Love, Mayfield or Ferguson would be a great drawback to the interest and welfare of Texas. If my remaining on the ticket would assure their defeat I would not hesitate to do so."

"On the other hand, it is possible my remaining on the ticket might further scatter the votes and serve to bring about their election. For the good of Texas, and for that reason only, I have decided to withdraw my name from the ticket."

Later, Davidson said, he will declare for the candidate who nearest meets his ideals of government.

The Houstonian has twice been a candidate for governor. In 1924 he missed getting in the second primary by 2,500 votes and in 1926 he ran third in the Moody-Ferguson battle, polling 126,000 votes.

Expect T. C. U. Stadium Ready By Sept. 15th

Fort Worth, June 26.—Approximately \$50,000 worth of material and labor has already gone into the building of the football stadium now under construction at Texas Christian university. About 170 men are working night and day in order to have the structure completed by September 15, in time for the season next fall.

The steel work on one side of the stadium is completed and the concrete work has begun on that section. At night, huge flood-lights are used to light up the excavation and construction work.

"The value of horse sense is shown by the fact that the horse was afraid of an automobile at a time when the pedestrian laughed at it," remarks the Street Traffic News.

Second sheets at Merkel Mail office.

CASTLE PEAK NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barnes of White Church spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jean Patterson.

Grandmother Harrison and Mrs. J. W. Inman are on the sick list this week.

John Campbell of Zephyr is here visiting his uncle, R. N. Campbell. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Johnson of Merkel visited Mr. and Mrs. Mark Malone Sunday.

Campbell Baker of Brownwood is visiting his brother, Ross Baker and family.

Sherman Rosson spent the weekend in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Cicero Irwin spent Sunday afternoon with Grandmother Harrison.

M. C. Henslee is enjoying a visit for an indefinite time from his two sons, J. D. and Cletis, of Hood county. Mrs. T. H. Spears spent Sunday afternoon with Grandmother Harrison.

FIFTH SUNDAY AT TRUBY.

Next Sunday is our regular fifth Sunday singing convention. We will meet at Truby Sunday morning at 10:30. Let everyone be on time and at his place and have a real day. Bring your dinner so we can remain on the ground—stop at noon only long enough to take refreshments—then get back to the song service. I'm asking all that have books to bring them, as I have only a very few myself.

Stith and Shiloh, will you please come early with your "Bells of Heaven" so we may have plenty of books. There are lots of Stamps books in the country and I am sure they will be there.

Brother E. L. and Henry Eason of Truby will have everything in trim shape for the day. We are looking for the Overall quartet from Angelo and, of course, the Base Brothers will be there, and our good-old friend and a real singer, Bob Jennings, from Winters has promised to be with us.

Plenty of good shade for those who do not want to sing, as the Clear Fork runs through the middle of the town. I surely hope someone will arrange for me a little coffee, please.

Respectfully yours,
Tom Spears.

Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office.

Pink Parrish Out of Race for Governor

Austin, June 26.—Pink L. Parrish, state senator from Lubbock, has joined the list of persons who "do not choose to run" by withdrawing as a candidate for the democratic nomination for governor in the July primary and at the same time announced he would lend his support to Clint C. Small of Wellington, another senator.

The action taken by the Lubbock senator was not wholly unexpected as it had been rumored for several days he could not make a campaign for the nomination. His name was filed with the state democratic executive committee by friends while he was attending a Shrine convention in Toronto, Canada, Parrish not being informed of their action until he returned to Texas.

Supporters of Senator Small are of the opinion that Lynch Davidson of Houston, who has also withdrawn from the gubernatorial race, is expected to advocate the candidacy of the Wellington entry as part of the move to concentrate the voting power of persons unfavorable to a state highway road bond issue on one candidate.

Ford Plant to Shut Down for Vacations

Detroit, June 26.—The Ford Motor company has announced that its offices and plants in the Detroit area will be closed for two weeks beginning July 12. The announcement said the shutdown was to enable all employees to take vacations simultaneously and that a complete plant equipment and machinery inventory would be made.

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Heir Arrives Sunday To Flying Lindberghs

Englewood, N. J., June 26.—A son was born Sunday to America's hero of the air and the intrepid helmsman who had assisted him in blazing new pathways through uncharted skies.

From the home of Ambassador Dwight W. Morrow came the news that has been awaited with much interest; that an heir had arrived to complete the happiness of Col. Charles A. Lindbergh and the former Anne Morrow. The infant, whose birth aroused as much interest as that of many a royal child, was born on Mrs. Lindbergh's twenty-fourth birthday.

Beyond the fact that the child was a boy and that he was born at the Morrow home, no information was forthcoming there. From other sources, however, it was learned that the baby was born at 3:15 p. m. The happy parents were sheltered in the house of Mrs. Lindbergh's father. All details were withheld, just as details of the Lone Eagle's courtship and marriage were guarded.

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RALPH GRAVES

Saturday
"LOST ZEPPELIN"
and the Midnite Preview at 11:20 p. m.

Bible Ante-Dates Columbus Discovery

Fort Worth, June 26.—Six old Bibles, one of which was printed in 1491, the year before Columbus discovered America, have recently been purchased by the Texas Christian University library from a German book dealer.

Four of the Bibles are written in Latin, while the other two are in English. One of the English books was printed in 1613, two years after the King James' Bible was translated. The 1491 Bible, in Latin, is the oldest book in the T. C. U. library.

The bill for the six Bibles came to 417 German marks, about \$100.

A Real Blood Sucker.

"The bed bug may be said to be the bane of all housewives," says a local official of the Gulf Refining company, "it is a thief in the night. It bites and pierces your skin and sucks your blood. Because the bed bug sucks blood from the sick and the well, it is a potential carrier of any communicable disease. The bed bug is not merely an annoyance, it is a

very dangerous insect to have in your home. An infestation of bed bugs can be easily remedied by spraying one of the modern types of insect sprays, developed and marketed by the large oil refining companies during the past three or four years and regularly advertised in this paper.

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POULTRY

REMOVE ROOSTERS FROM HEN FLOCK

oor Eggs Result From Laziness and Neglect.

With the coming of warmer weather, there will be the usual rapid increase in the flow of poor quality eggs on the markets unless flock owners adopt control measures.

"As first produced, eggs are about as nearly a perfect food product as one can find," says C. F. Parrish, extension poultry specialist at the North Carolina State college. "If the hen is properly fed, the nest clean and the eggs gathered twice each day in hot weather and stored in a cool, clean place until delivery to the consumer, the market will pay the top price gladly. But, on the other hand, if roosters are allowed to run with the flock after the hatching season is over, if the hens are not well fed, if the nests are dirty and the eggs gathered occasionally and kept in a poorly ventilated, warm room, the consumer feels like ordering a gas mask along with his eggs."

Mr. Parrish insists that bad eggs are not accidents—they result from laziness, neglect, and poor management. It is just as easy, he says, to produce high quality, infertile eggs as it is to offend the customers with stale, fertile, low quality eggs. Farmers of the state lose about \$500,000 each season because of bad methods in producing and handling this product. At least one-third of this is due to the partial hatching of fertile eggs which have become warm enough to incubate. Hot days have the same effect on fertile eggs as the hen or incubator and the first step is to remove the male bird from the flock as soon as hatching is over. He has nothing to do with egg production.

Five good rules to observe are given by Mr. Parrish, as follows: Keep nest clean and provide one nest for every four hens; gather eggs twice each day; market the eggs twice each week; store them in a cool, dry place, such as the cellar; and pen or dispose of all roosters after the breeding season. To follow these five suggestions is to improve the quality of the product.

Feed Baby Chicks Sour Milk in Liberal Doses

Sour or clabbered milk as a feed for chicks is one of the surest preventives of white diarrhea available. So says H. A. Bittenbender, head of the poultry husbandry department at Iowa State college. Where plenty of milk is available it is a profitable practice to give no water to the chicks during the first six weeks, sour milk to constitute the only drink.

Care should be practiced in feeding sour milk, for sharp changes in the acid content from day to day almost always cause bowel trouble. A safe rule to follow is to feed today's milk tomorrow. Then the acid content will remain very nearly the same.

It is best to feed the milk in earthen or enameled vessels, for they are much easier to clean than other types of containers, and cleanliness is a big factor in the success of baby chick feeding.

Chicken Culling Most Important in Summer

Chicken culling is not something that should be done only in the late summer or early fall when the hens are molting. Culling should start at the time the chicks are hatched, and should be continued throughout the growing season. All chicks that are weak or crippled when the hatch is taken off should be killed. Chicks lacking in vitality are a constant menace to the flock because they are more susceptible to disease than are the stronger ones. Furthermore, the extra care and attention which must be given the weak chicks increases the cost of rearing the flock. Also those chicks that are weak at hatching time will be slower in starting to grow and will mature more slowly than the strong vigorous birds.

Succeed With Turkeys

The kind of feed and the manner of feeding poult make a vast difference in results. The difficulty in handling turkeys in domestic fashion has been realized for years, more so as farms became closer together and wide, open ranges became harder to provide for flocks of turkeys. Unwholesome feeds and bad ways of feeding have worked much harm to this industry. Growing poult will not require so much attention as to feed when the range is ample.

Mistaken for Cold

Chickenpox is often mistaken for a cold, but it is a specific disease. Unless care is taken colds may appear with the pox and many chickens will die. The mouth form of chickenpox is not ordinarily serious if the occurrence of colds can be prevented. The temperature of the pens should be raised, the birds given special care and the litter changed often to keep moisture at a low level. The removal of diseased birds in the early stages will help.

LIVE STOCK

CURE FOR SHEEP FALSE FOOT ROT

Hoof of Animal Often Becomes Much Swollen.

When sheep become very footsore they are not always affected with footrot. When but one or two sheep are severely lame, it may be that false footrot is the cause; but true footrot quickly affects an entire flock.

False footrot is the term applied to that diseased condition in which the lining membrane of the canal at the top of the hoof, which secretes lubricant to prevent friction between the toes, becomes infected so that pus forms and burrows.

The opening of the gland will be found in the hoof head, just above the junction of the toes, and is surrounded by stiff, upstanding hairs. It sometimes happens that dirt works into the canal and causes irritation; then pus germs invade the affected part and the pus proceeds to undermine the horny wall and destroy the tissues.

The hoof head in such cases becomes intensely swollen, hot and painful and the sheep carries the affected foot. When an examination is made, one finds an abscess containing stinking pus which first fills the glandular pouch and then forms a much larger sac.

If taken in time, cleansing of the part, free opening of the sac, liberation of pus and swabbing with a 2 per cent solution of mercurichrome may soon be followed by healing and recovery. All loose, rotten or under-run horn must also be cut away.

In severe cases amputation of a toe may be necessary. In ordinary cases, after treatment consists in keeping the wound well covered with a mixture of equal parts of powdered boracic acid, acid of zinc and subnitrate of bismuth, on sterilized cotton bound on the part with a clean, narrow bandage, and to be renewed daily. Give a sheep immediate treatment when lameness is noticed.

Hogging-Off Field Peas Found Quite Profitable

In a series of feeding trials with field peas, experiment station workers of the North Dakota agricultural college have found that the peas make an excellent pasture for hogs and offer considerable opportunity for lowering the costs of producing pork.

August 15, eight pigs weighing 113 pounds each were turned onto a three-acre field of Chang field peas sown in rows six inches apart at a rate of two bushels per acre. In addition to the peas each pig received a ration made up of one gallon of skim milk, one pound of ground barley and oats in equal parts, and free access to a green pasture of mixed tame grasses.

November 3, after the pigs had been on test three months, it was found that they had made a total gain of 1,085 pounds. This is an average gain of 1.5 pounds per pig per day. In the test 352 pounds of pork were produced from one acre of peas, 240 pounds of ground feed, 240 gallons of skim milk and the grass pasture.

After deducting the cost of the other feeds from the value of the pork, it was found that a return of \$22.94 per acre had been made from the peas.

Sudan Grass Useful as Emergency Pig Pasture

Sudan grass makes a very good emergency pasture for pigs provided one makes successive seedings of it about six weeks apart so that it may be grazed in prime condition. The cost of seeding sudan grass is less than for some other crops.

The chief objection to peruvian alfalfa is that it does not go through the winter satisfactorily when the temperature falls below 10 degrees below zero. It has some promise as an annual forage crop because of its rapid growth. Sweet clover proved to be the poorest forage compared. The rate of gain was slower, and feed required for 100 pounds gain greater than for other forages except sudan grass.

Save Young Pigs

Many young pigs would be saved each year if the mothers were given good care before farrowing, according to Dr. R. A. Craig, Purdue university.

Open yards, colony houses and plenty of exercise with a good balanced ration will enable the sows to farrow good, strong pigs that will live. It is often noted that sows following cattle do not farrow strong pigs. Farmers should bear in mind that much depends on the care the sow gets as to the kind of pigs she farrows.

Pigs Paralyzed

Paralysis of hogs is often caused by constipation, also from not receiving the right kind of food.

When corn is fed alone, it is advisable to give 10 pounds each of tankage, ground alfalfa, and oil meal with each 100 pounds of the corn. Also let them have access to charcoal, wood ashes, or slack coal. Give one tablespoonful epsom salts daily until their bowels are in a laxative condition, then often enough to keep them so.

Blair Items

Miss Clara Clinton, who has been ill from an attack of appendicitis, is up and doing nicely.

H. E. Addison, who has had the measles, is on the convalescent list.

Mr. and Mrs. Pruette of Sudan, Texas, visited the latter's brother, Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Morris, Thursday. To spend the week-end at Santa Anna, Mr. and Mrs. Pruette were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Morris.

Howard Brown and family, Cycle Phillips of Butman and Mrs. Head and family of Abilene spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Phillips.

W. C. Walker and niece, Jane Locks, of Jeffries, Texas, are here for an indefinite time visiting in the home of his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Baker.

The Camp-fire girls enjoyed an outing at Blowout mountain Saturday, those participating in the affair being Misses Derrick, Bryant and Swafford of Merkel, Misses Moore, Addison and James and their adult leader, Mrs. Clyde Deavers.

Misses Jane Provine and Leota Pepper of Abilene spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Doan.

Friends from Merkel who were here Sunday to help Mr. W. A. Campbell celebrate his birthday were Mrs. Eula Provine and daughter, Miss Nola, of Merkel. Mrs. Campbell together with relatives provided a nice lunch and everyone enjoyed the good eats very much.

Rev. R. E. L. Stutts of Abilene preached at the Methodist church Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Latimer and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butman, Jr., of Merkel Sunday.

Miss McClain of Clyde, Texas spent Sunday with her cousin, Mr. and Mrs. Cicero Irvin.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Cavette motored over to spend the week-end with relatives in Rotan.

The words "haphazard," "happless," "happen," and a few others all spring from "hap," an Icelandic word meaning "good luck."

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IT IS superfluous to say that commercial enterprises must be open every business day to be successful. Still many merchants who keep their doors open figuratively close them to a vast group of customers, whose index to buying is the Advertising Columns, by not advertising regularly. Without advertising that merchant's business is closed for the day to a multitude of potential buyers.

John Wanamaker once said, "Continuous advertising, like continuous work, is most effective. If there is any enterprise in the world that a quitter should leave alone it is advertising. Advertising does not jerk, it pulls. It begins very gently at first, but the pull is steady. It increases day by day, year by year, until it exerts an irresistible power. To discontinue your advertising is the same thing as taking down your sign. If you want to do business you must let the public know it. I would as soon think of doing business without clerks as without advertising."

"Though a person may seem to scan the Ads regularly he will be indelibly impressed with the ads that are always in the paper." Selling is almost altogether a mental process. Purchases are oft made in the buyer's mind before the actual physical sale. The mental buying is of estimable value to the professional advertiser when his name is associated with the article. This is the first step toward the sale. The value of being known and keeping known is of utmost importance.

Trent News and Personal Notes

Funeral rites for J. A. McRee, age 64, were held at the Methodist church last Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock, Rev. U. S. Sherrill officiating. Mr. McRee's death was very sudden, as he seemed in good health up to a very short time before his death Tuesday afternoon. He leaves a son, Wilbur, of Bovey, Minn., a daughter, Mrs. I. M. Howell, and two little granddaughters, Melba and Jacqueline, of Fort Worth and other relatives, besides a host of friends to mourn his departure. Out-of-town relatives and friends attending the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. McRee of Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Williamson, Mrs. Susie Sloan, Miss Gene McRee, S. T. Howell, Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Propst, Abilene, and W. L. Boyd and Ewell Bone of Hamlin. Pall bearers were: Leslie and Malcom Beasley, R. E. Dowdy, T. G. Hamner, and Charles Reid; honorary, O. A. Smith, C. T. Beckham, R. M. Beasley, James Bright and E. L. Mangum.

Funeral services for little Bessie Oneda Vessels, age 2 months and 18 days, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Vessels, who died at her home in Sweetwater after a brief illness, were held at Shiloh church Monday afternoon, Rev. O. B. Tatum officiating.

Mrs. W. E. Norwood and children returned last week from a visit with her parents at Comanche. Mrs. Norwood's mother, Mrs. J. H. Lloyd, returned with her for an extended visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Carton McLeod and children of Abilene are spending their vacation here with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Odis Lester of Sweetwater spent Saturday and Sunday visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Artemus Howell.

Bivins Dowdy spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Dowdy.

W. S. Burton has returned from a two weeks' visit with his daughter, Mrs. Reid of Roby.

Miss Velma and Buster Rogers of Lubbock spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Rogers.

Miss Magdalene Payne was home for the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Woods and Mr. and Mrs. Alex Williamson visited in Dallas Sunday.

Misses Mary and Florence Boyd of Hamlin were here for a short visit Sunday. Miss Dorothy, who has been visiting here, and Miss Naomi Rogers of Lamesa returned with them.

J. B. Winn, Mrs. Byron Dingle and Miss Viola Smith spent Wednesday at Hermleigh.

Mrs. Bryan Boozer and children of Sweetwater spent a few days last week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Winn, Miss Elizabeth returning with them for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Woods have as their guests this week Mrs. Claude Rossen and little son of Robstown and Mrs. Lena Mays of Fort Worth.

Miss Gene Terry has as her guest this week her cousins, Misses Mary Francis and Alta Grace Robinson of Post.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Billington had as their guests this week Mr. and Mrs. West of Midland.

One of the most happy occasions of last week was on Wednesday, the 13th, when an old-time-friends-get-together met at the home of Mrs. J. I. Leamon. Long ago happenings were discussed and fun and merriment and laughter. After a sumptuous dinner, there was no time for naps, the afternoon being spent in picture taking of the different groups. Apricot sherbert and cake was served to Mrs. R. N. Moore and son, Wayne Hudson, of Fort Worth, Mrs. Ira Shaffer and sons, Franklin Miller and Jack, of Silverton, Mrs. Fred Latham, Mrs. P. T. Allday, Miss Mary Hudson of Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Collins, Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Massey and family and the hostess.

J. S. Robinson, an old-time resident of this place, but now of Midland, and several of his children and grandchildren met at the old home Tuesday. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Robinson and son, J. E. Dan and daughter, Marah Leah, of Post, Mrs. Troy Hland and children of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. Byron Brown of Roswell, New Mex., Mrs. Maud Moon and daughter, Miss Bess, of Breckenridge, Miss Alvis Robinson of Dublin, and Misses Mary Francis and Alta Grace Robinson.

HOLIDAY NOTICE.

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PERSONAL NEWS NOTES

Mrs. A. R. Johnston is visiting her parents at Santo.

Lavelle Eoff of Wichita Falls is visiting Roger Derrick.

Mrs. J. C. Calvert is able to be up after two weeks' illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fugat are visiting his mother in Dallas.

W. Irby Crane was here from Fort Worth on business this week.

Castle Ellis is spending his vacation visiting friends in east Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Grimes and two daughters are spending the week in Glen Rose.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Delaney of Olney are guests of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Delmer.

W. L. Cash of Hamlin spent the week-end with his sister, Mrs. C. P. Stevens, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles West drove over to Wichita Falls for the week-end, returning Tuesday.

Mesdames Neuman Bender and Bart Adkins of Hamlin were guests Tuesday of Miss Lola Dennis.

Mrs. Horace Hill has returned to her home in Galveston after a visit with her mother, Mrs. B. Jenkins.

Miss Mary Eula Sears left Wednesday for Bristol, Va. She will teach art at Camp Sequoyah this summer.

Misses Beulah Burton of Lincoln, Nebr., and Lurline Blaine of Terrell were recent guests of Miss Melba West.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Klinger, and daughter of Tulsa, Okla., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. S. Berger of Noodle Dome.

Mrs. Floyd Hamilton and baby Nelson from San Antonio are guests of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hand.

W. C. Jones of Dallas paid a visit to his sister, Mrs. Claude Derrick, one day recently en route to El Paso on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Sharp visited over the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Williams, at Stanton.

Mrs. Ira Windham is again at home after a visit in Tulsa, Okla. She returned via airplane to Abilene Saturday.

After a visit with her sister, Mrs. Sam Swann, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Smith returned Thursday to their home in Dallas.

After a visit in the A. R. Booth home, Messrs. David Doyle and Bill George returned Wednesday to their homes in Conway, Ark.

Mrs. Doss Sheppard and daughter, Miss Marian, of Dallas, are here for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Sheppard and other relatives.

Mrs. N. J. Smith, Miss Gwendolyn and Ben Smith of Anson, former Merkelites, spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Warren Smith.

Mrs. R. T. Lindsey and son, Charles, of Shreveport, La., and Mrs. H. R. Robinson of Huntsville are guests in the Charles H. Jones home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Ferrier, Ross, Jr., and Misses Minnie Coates and Elvis Richardson returned Monday from a pleasant stay at Lueders.

Messrs. Claude Derrick and W. F. Denny and Fire Chief N. A. Dowell returned Monday from a brief business trip to Hobbs, New Mexico.

Mrs. S. A. Clark and children left Wednesday for Hope, Ark., to remain for the balance of the summer, returning in time for the opening of school.

The many friends of Mrs. T. F. Compton will be glad to know that she is rapidly improving in the Alexander sanitarium where she has been for several weeks.

The Mail is very glad to report that Mable, oldest daughter of Sam Butman, Jr., is recovering from a severe case of pneumonia at the home of Sam Butman, Sr.

Misses Vivian Berger and Reba Klinger, the latter of Tulsa, Okla., have just returned from Carlsbad, New Mex., and are leaving for Oklahoma this week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Slayden and family had as their guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Wallace, Mrs. J. W. Wallace and Mrs. John Farmer of Rotan and D. D. Wallace of San Antonio.

Max Mellinger and family left Sunday to visit relatives at Kennedy and Houston. Mr. Mellinger expects to return in a few days, but Mrs. Mellinger and the boys will remain for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Barker had as their guests for the week-end their son, Dr. E. R. Barker, Mrs. Barker, Ruth Barker and Mrs. Oscar Heron, all of Healdton, Okla., also their granddaughter, Mrs. W. F. Turner of Ardmore.

Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Sadler and Dr. L. C. Zehnpenning attended the Taylor County physicians picnic last Saturday at the "The Falls," picturesque country home of Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Alexander, 25 miles northeast of Abilene.

After a visit with his father here,

Roy Holmes and baby of Borger, Mr. Joe Holmes and his little granddaughter, Jessie Margaret Berry, left Wednesday morning for Phoenix, Ariz., where they will visit Mr. and Mrs. Joe Holmes.

Early Morning Fire In Unoccupied House

Fire of undetermined origin at 4 o'clock Tuesday morning partially destroyed the F. A. Polley rent cottage, three rooms and bath, on Edwards street, which had just been vacated by Pat Coyne, who removed to Pecos. The house cost \$1,600 and insurance in the sum of \$1,000 was carried.

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Death of Infant.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, June 24, at the Shiloh cemetery for Bessie Adelia Vessels, age two months and 18 days, infant daughter of A. B. Vessels, now living in Sweetwater, but who was reared in the Shiloh community. The child was born April 5 and died on June 23.

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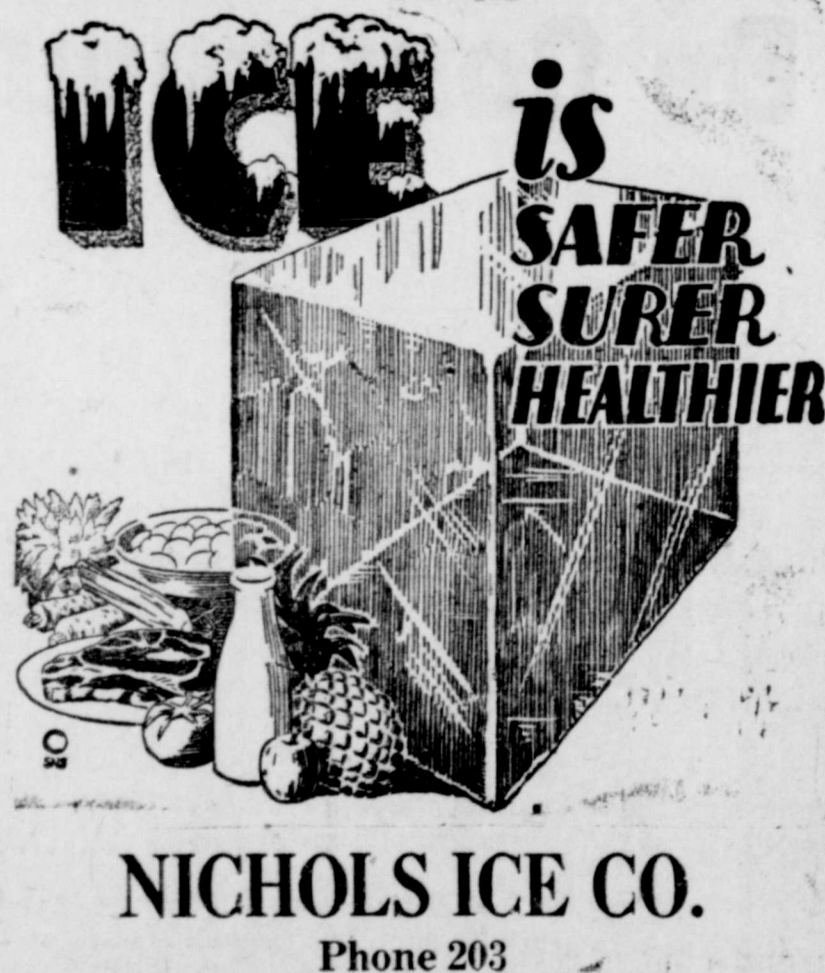
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