MERKEL, TEXAS, FRIDAY, JULY 18, 1930.

DUNTY TAX RATE FIXED AT THREE **CENTS OVER 1929**

Levy for 1930 Will Be 97 Cents; County Judge Eplen Compares Past Several Years, Says "Unusually Low."

The Taylor county tax rate for 1930 was set at 97 cents on the \$100 valuation-three cents above the 1929 figure at a meeting of the county commissioners in session Monday.

The increased rate for 1930 is due to a heavier levy to care for road bonds, County Judge Tom K. Eplen pointed out Monday. General fund, jury fund and permanent improvement fund are reduced one cent each this year, while the sinking fund for caring for road bonds is increased six cents on the \$100 valuation.

The tax rate, as set by the court Monday, includes the following items, General fund, 24 cents per \$100 valuation; jury fund, 7 cents; road and bridge fund, 30 cents (15 cents regular and 15 cents special); sinking fund for retiring courthouse bonds, 5 cents; permanent improvement fund, one cent; sinking fund for original \$350,000 road bond issue, 8 cents; sinking fund for \$800,000 and \$275,000 issues sold out of \$1,-000,000 road bonds authorized, 22

The rate of 97 cents was fixed after J.T. Howard, county tax assessor, had presented the court preliminary assessment rolls showing the valuation for taxation purposes for 1930 to be approximately \$24,960,000. Assessed valuation for last year was \$24,822,-405, and taxes assessed totaled \$233,-

JUDGE EPLEN'S STATEMENT. statement regarding the increase in

total 97 cents per \$100 valuation. Company D, 31st Infantry. He was eral important differences between the tonio. 24 cents and for 1928 it was \$1.02. It will be recalled that \$600,000 worth of road bonds was sold in November, 1927, thus being too late to be included in the tax levy for 1927, and in 1928 we had more than July 16, 1930. one year to care for and this necessitated a raise. In 1929 we had accumulated some additional funds in the sinking fund, which somewhat reduced the rate on the bonds and this was largely responsible for the drop of 8 cents in the countywide rate. This year the following changes in the rates are being

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Monday, July 21, All-Candidates' Night in Merkel

Voters of Merkel and this section of Taylor county will have the opportunity of hearing district and county candidates speak here next Monday night. It will be candidates' night in Merkel and all the contestants for district and county offices that are not otherwise prevented will be here to present their claims in brief ad-

The tabernacle is the place that has been selected for the speaking jubilee and the time is 8 o'clock next Monday night, July 21.

The Lions club was asked to name a committee to arrange the time and place for the speaking. This committee consists of W. O. Boney, chairman, Dr. H. P. Hulsey and Rev. R. A. Walker and they were assisted by Herbert Patterson.

Gold Star Mother From Noodle Leaves Saturday For Tour Merkel.

Gold Star mothers of West and they will leave for France and a visit jels, field man of the TCCA. to the graves of their sons who fell In briefing the plan of the Texas

of Noodle, where she has made her for district 7 in the state, embracing ed at Abilene by another of the mo- district. The part of the program that thers, Mrs. Lora Wilson, whose home applies to Merkel is to establish a subis on Route 5, Abilene.

and trained at Camp Bowie, going here. "The county tax rate for 1930 will Company D, 31st Infantry. He was eral important differences between the

Record of Births.

Stith, Sunday, July 13, 1930.

Speaks Saturday Afternoon. Rev. J. R. Griffith will speak in behalf of N. L. Seale's candidacy for directs. sheriff of Taylor county at 4 o'clock

Revival Starts Saturday. permanent improvement fund levies tabernacle Saturday night. Special are bing decreased one cent each. singing has been arranged and a cor- berships. The levy to care for the road bonds dial invitation is extended to everyone to attend these services.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, July 22, 1910.)

FIRE BOYS JUBILANT. country fire-fighters for our system of water works promises an abundance of water; also our new hose is somewhat of a disappointment and this was taken up with Mayor Wheeler but the meeting stampeded when a chicken spread was announced.

Mr. and Mrs. Doss Sheppard are receiving congratulations of their many friends upon the arrival of a fine girl at their home Wednesday. The daughter was born on the 13th but the father has no superstitions the beam at the lucky eleven notch.

A. B. Patterson was in Wednesday and rolled out a bran new Studebaker wagon from the Anchor Hardware young people which will ever be rem-

size of a dime with the initial "A."

PARMERLY-WINTER.

Mrs. Som Winter.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Interesting Features Exit the Town Bucket Brigade and Pitzer was given one of the most brilliant affairs of recent date. The honoree was Miss Irene Wood, one of the and cart have been received. Capts. fairest daughters of Mineral Wells. Sinclair and Chief Cauthern plan to The lawn was illuminated by Japanorganize a new company. The cart ese lanterns and the young men and maidens lingering in the mellow glow listening to the strains of soft music, T. A. Bledsoe, president of the as- by a wire line as it was being spoolit presented a scene from Paradise to sociation, is withholding the identity ed. His partner had a narrow escape, the passer-by. Those present were Mis- of the principals. ses Winnie Warren, Zora Whittaker, Fannie Burroughs, Fay Lowery, Edith Mackey, Mary Lee Hicks, Laverna Swafford, Lyska Pitzer, Irene Wood. The gentlemen were Robert Potosi and Buck Harris of Hamlin Hicks, Ben Merritt, Taylor Jennings, have already made entry in the old for the reason the young lady tipped Oscar Pate, Roy Hudgins and Charley fiddlers' contest. The England bro-

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Houston Craig was a party given for the embered with pleasure. Rich, rare and ges honoring the early citizens of the the Reeves county jailer, frustrated racy were the novel games and Lost-Gold Shirt Waist Pin about screams of laughter, confusion and blushes followed. Delicious punch and in 1885 or before. Finder please return to Agnes Hall. cake were served to Misses Genevieve Rust, Ima Sheppard, Geneva Warnick, lene high band and the old fiddlers. Eva Calvert, Willie Swann, Eva Wal- All attendants are urged to bring cups On Wednesday of last week at the ters, Dorothy Lee Potter, Zora West, for their coffee which will be furnish- city from a marsh fire, together with residence of a sister of the bride, Carol Rister, Jackie and Mary Jen- ed free by the association. Mrs. Charley Walker, Mr. Roy Par- nings, Tommy Lou Coggin, Fay Almerly was wedded to Miss Gladys len, Lena Largent, Elizabeth Swaf- liver an address on frontier life. Winter. Both are well known; the ford, Lyska Pitzer , Verna Saffles, groom, formerly in business in Mer- Gladys Walnut Ila McDonald, Messrs. kel, now travels for Swift and Co. and H. C. Burroughs, Q. Rust, Jack Walthe bride is the daughter of Mr. and | San Potter, Dillard Coggin, John Berry, Larkin Rogers.

START PROGRAM OF EDUCATION IN TEXAS CO-OP PLAN

Rufe Tittle Named Temporary Chairman of Committee to Study Details of Plan and Get the world, to be gone two years. Communities Interested.

As the initial step in an educational campaign, preliminary to the organization of a unit of the Texas Cotton Co-operative association in the Merkel section of Taylor county, Rufe Tittle was elected temporary chairman at a meeting of business men of this city and cotton producers of this section held Wednesday morning. Other members of this committee are R. O. Anderson and Booth Warren. Chairman Tittle stated Thursday morning that the committee had not started to work yet, but was giving

Tom M. Carswell, secretary of the

One of these estimable women, Mrs. Federal Farm board, Mr. Carswell river near Austin. Lonie Wildman Rains, lives just north stated that Abilene was headquarters home for the past 8 years. She will 39 counties. Seven branches have alleave here Saturday and will be join- ready been organized in the Abilene branch here, contingent on the secur-Curtis A Rains, son of Mrs. Lonie ing of 5,000 bales by the association. Rains, was killed in action Oct. 8, If this were done, a government licen-Judge Eplen issued the following 1918. He had enlisted in Oklahoma sed classer would be placed in charge

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Berry, ducer agrees to deliver every other shot on the 115-yard No. 8 hole at al Farm Board, with especial refer-Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Carter, have been delivered and then he can Wednesday, joining the hole-in-one the balance of his crop.

The cotton that he delivers to the association may be placed in a seasonal returned in the death of George M. kel and this territory. pool or may be sold at any time he Conrad, 46, prominent cattleman of C. M. Heald, county demonstration as six, southwest Texas three, south-

Saturday afternoon on the streets of ed that the Abilene Chamber of Com- .38 calbre revolver lying on the bed Mary Jo, was another guest. merce was asking the communities in beside the body.

The committee, appointed by the Merkel business men, with C. R. Tittle as chairman, expects to get complete information as to the Co-operative association's plans to the ably received the next step will be to organize in each community and secure memberships.

An old-time wedding is to be the feature of the program for the annual ners announced Tuesday. reunion of the Taylor County Old Settlers association at Buffalo Gap Sat-

Many ex-Taylor county citizens have written indicating their intention to attend the reunion and Pomp Brown of Anson, C. E. Somrall of thers of Winters have announced their plans to attend but not to compete in the contests.

All residents of Taylor county prior to 1905 are eligible to wear the badcounty. There also is a special divi- an attempted wholesale jail delivery sion for settlers who were residents and in company with her husband

Music will be provided by the Abi-

Cattle Movement.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

With adventure and experience as their goal, Sutton Christian and Allan Carney, Lubbock newspaper men, left Tuesday on a vagabonding tour of

Wesley Doss, 23, was killed and Alton Wilson was seriously injured when the truck in which they were riding turned over on the Belton-Killeen highway Sunday.

The Val Verde county democratic executive committee has opened the July 26 primary to negroes, it was announced Wednesday, when a negro cast an absentee ballot.

While trying to board a moving freight train at Houston, Samuel Hutchens, 18-year-old youth, missed his grip and fell with his feet across the track, losing both feet.

J. L. Walker, Iowa Park, was inattention to the procedure to be follow- stantly killed at Throckmorton when ed in sounding out the farmers in the he slipped from his truck and fell invarious communities contiguous to to a moving belt of a rock crusher working opposite the depot.

The 19-month-old baby of Mr. and Abilene Chamber of Commerce, who Mrs. Charles J. Bradley, Colorado, over him.

The body of John Henry, 22, son of dance was noted. in battle during the World War. They Cotton Co-operative association, which Judge Stanhope Henry, member of Rendition of two popular numbers ern area apparently was the chief will be the first contingent of Gold is itself a part of the American Cot- the board of pardons and paroles, who by Mrs. Bert Kimbrough, who sang reasen for its great growth, as most Star mothers to make the pilgrimage ton Co-operative association, and had been missing several days, was over KFYO last Saturday night, was counties in which fields were brought which latter body is sponsored by the found by fishermen in the Colorado greeted with generous applause; in during the decade more than doub-

> tered the left eye, the sight of which ers with her exceptional talent in two where many were attracted by increahad been lost several years ago.

Robert G. Penniger, 65, president and editor of the Texas Free Press Publishing company, well known throughout Texas in the German newspaper field, died suddenly late Monday night at his home in San An-

which he cited the fact that the pro- is off above the elbow, sunk his teebale to the association until ten bales Oakhurst country club, Fort Worth, ence to the program that Abilene has armed member.

the various counties in this district Funeral services were held at his led the club singing, with Mrs. Elder G. W. Cypert will begin a this information to the farmers. After day for Dr. R. E. House, 55, discover- The invocation was given by Rev. R. ing a decrease. "The general fund, jury fund and ten days' revival at the Butman the educational campaign, definite er of "truth serum" and nationally A. Walker and during the luncheon steps will be taken to secure mem- known physician, who had been ill incidental music was played by Mrs. more than a year since he suffered a Brown. paralytic stroke.

number and assigned to "living quar- to present the Lions club with a most Wheeler in the Panhandle; Andrews, ters," in one of the regulation cells, Ben Richards, former Dallas political farmers in this section and if favor- leader, started Tuesday serving a three-year term in the Huntsville penitentiary for forgery.

All suits testing the constitutionality of the new Texas barber law have been dismissed, all amendments Old Settlers Reunion to the law are in effect and all barbers must secure their certificates before Aug. 18, the Board of Barber exami-

T. J. Alworth, oil operator, received almost instantly fatal injuries while urday. Although admitting a couple at work on a drilling well, 19 miles has been selected for the ceremony, north of Ranger, when he was struck the wire tearing off his shirt.

> When he dived from a limb of a tree 30 feet above the water at Lueders, Cecil Defler, 17, Haskell high school student, received a broken neck and a fractured skull when his head struck a rock four feet below the surface, causing his death five hours after the accident.

> Shooting Willie Hernandez through the heart as he leaped down the jail stairs, Mrs. John Duncan, wife of fought off several desperate criminals until help arrived.

A shower of rain that came through a pall of heavy smoke covering the burning waste oil, caused a black rain R. L. Penick of Stamford will de- to fall at Port Arthur Monday, leaving a trail of sooty hats in its wake.

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Hanan of Woodson died as the result of burns K. Stoker shipped three carloads received at their home after gasoline of mixed cattle to Fort Worth on had been ignited by an open burner in a kitchen stove.

Eight Prizes Are Offered In Coming **Golf Tournament**

Eight prizes will be offered to winners in the various events of the tournament now being arranged by the Merkel Golf club, the time and details of which are to be announced later. The trophies have been ordered and will be on exhibit within a few days.

The winner and runer-up in each of the three flights will receive awards and there will also be prizes for a long driving contest and for low medal score.

The exact date of the tournament has not been set, but it is announced by officials of the club that qualifying round may be played at any time. This is especially for the convenience of those who may be going on vacations and might not return before the time limit for qualifying.

LIONS CLUB ENJOY VARIED PROGRAM

North Texas will gather in Fort addressed the gathering of about 25 died from injuries received when his and constructive features was pro- th in the Panhandle, where oil fields Worth Saturday afternoon to board interested men here Wednesday morn- father, as he was backing the family vided by Toastmaster Booth Warren and agricultural developments ata train for New York from where ing, was accompanied by Clyde Dan- automobile out of the garage, drove at the regular weekly luncheon of the tracted many, was tremendous. Lions club, at which a good atten-

> When L. N. Nichols, letter carrier companiment. Little Mary Jo Russell, es were noted in the Rio Grande valof O'Donnell, was accidentally shot 8-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. ley, where fruit and vegetable growwhen a .22 calber rifle loaded with C. K. Russell, Charlie being a fellow ing made a big stride during the past birdshot was discharged, the load en- Lion, literally captured the banquet- 10 years, and along the gulf coast, Guest of the club and principal projects.

speaker was Tom N. Carswell, secretary of the Abilene Chamber of Com- the 254 counties in the state. None merce, which organization is sponsor- of the declines, however, was great ganization of branches and sub-sta-ty, in north-central Texas, where a tions in this district of the Texas Cot- population of 33,981 compared with ton Co-operative association. Mr. 58,505 in 1920 was reported. De-Carswell outlined the cooperative creased oil activities were plan, which is fostered by the Feder- largely for the diminution of 24,524.

Colorado and Fort Worth, who was agen, was also a guest of the club central Texas six, northwest Texas In conclusion, Mr. Carswell explain- found dead in a Colorado hotel with a and Mrs. C. K. Russell, mother of one, east-central Texas two, southeast

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TOTAL 5,810,683 TEXAS INCREASE OVER A MILLION

Growth Since 1920 is 24 Per Cent; California is Passed and Lone Star State Ranks Fifth In Population.

The 1930 population of Texas is ,810,683, an increase in the last decade of 1,147,455, or 24.62 per cent, according to figures released by census supervisors of the various districts in the state and compiled by the Associated Fress Wednesday. The 1920 population was 4,663,228.

Texas has nosed out California in the race for fifth place among states, according to unofficial U.S. census figures. California's population was given as 5,624,282, or 186,401 under Texas. New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois and Ohio will top Texas.

All sections participated in the growth, but the greatest increases were recorded in the Panhandle, west Texas, the Rio Grande valley and A varied program of entertainment a number of coastal areas. The grow-

OIL CAUSES GROWTH.

Petroleum developments in the west-Miss Christine Collins played the ac- led their 1920 census. Similar increassed shipping activities and other large

Decreases were reported by 66 of ing activity in connection with the or- except in the case of Eastland coun-

DECLINE IN NORTHEAST. Northeast Texas, with 14 counties, undertaken. Brief details of the plan registered the most declines. North residing north of Tye, Wednesday, elect for himself what he does with club but being probably the only one- are given in the news account else- Texas with 12 was second and northwhere in this issue of the initiation central Texas with 10 was third. A coroner's verdict of suicide was of steps toward organization in Mer- South Texas had five counties to report a lesser population, central Tex-Texas five, and east Texas two.

E. Yates Brown presided and also | Roberts county in reporting 17 persons less than in 1920 was the only to organize for the purpose of giving home in Ferris, Ellis county, Thurs- Brown playing the accompaniment. county in the Panhandle area show-

THIRTY-FIVE COUNTIES DOUBLED. Thirty-five counties doubled or more than doubled their population. They When the toastmaster, Booth War- were Carson, Gray, Hansford, Hutch-Attired in convict garb, given a ren, was introduced, he took occasion inson, Moore, Ochiltree, Potter and (Continued on Page Four)

TOWN DOCTOR "DOCTOR of TOWNS"

THIS IS THE "LET DOWN" SEASON

Every year when the month of July rolls around there are certain people and certain businesses that regularly get out the old "off season," "Everybody's on vacation" and "it's too hot" alibi for not doing anything.

There is no "off season" for the man, the business or the community that has the gumption to keep going to go get it. The very fact that there are so many people who look for a reason and excuse to "let down," and use every chance to get out of work, makes it that much easier for the live wire who really has the "want" to get somewhere, and has it bad

Towns and business that talk the most about business being off and times hard are usually the ones that do not actually try to get business. They wish for more business, when they are not getting half there is to get out of the business that they already have. No community, no business, no seller can expect business if he does not ask for it.

If a woman wants a new fur coat she asks for it. Not the "giveme, give-me" kind of asking; but she starts selling-she influences toward the getting of the fur coat. And, she usually gets it!

Children can teach communities, business people and sellers a lot of good salesmanship. But again it is the case of using that portion of the anatomy referred to as the "noodle," and too many of us look at things we do not see.

Business is based on selling-influencing. If you are going to influence people you have to do more than just leave them to their own alibis. You have first to influence yourself-sell yourself on the idea that if business is off it is your fault-which it is. When you have done that, business will start to get better.

There is, right now, plenty of business that either you are overlooking or do not work to get. Every visitor that comes to spend a vation in Merkel is more business for you. Everybody who leaves Merkel on a vacation is business for you. Which is the better for you in dollars and cents is debatable, but there is enough either way if you go after it.

Every automobile with an out-of-state license plate that drives

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WTU Now Serving 118 West Texas Cities

Abilene, July 17 .- With the recent acquisition of Hartley, Texline, Du- Sinclair Oil company will establish For every 100 you stop you have lo, sister of Gregorio Agoncillo, mas and Stratford in the Panhandle its southwestern headquarters in Fort fifteen thousand dollars worth of wealthy land owner of Bantangas section, the West Texas Utilities com- Worth Oct. 1, in the Dulaney building, cash business that you wouldn't other- province. Aguinaldo has been married pany is now serving 118 prosperous now nearing completion at Fifth and cities, towns and communities in 45 Main streets, to be known in the fu- don't try-if you don't ask them to counties of West Texas.

In addition to these four towns, two announced Friday. others, Eola and Flomont, have been of West Texas towns served by this West Texas Utilities company have Louisiana. been very favorably met with by the

ved with electricity; three of them, division, and W. T. Dinkins, sales get yours-enough at least to pay Dumas, Stratford and Texline, are manager of the Pierce division at St. being served with water. In addition Louis. to the above two utilities, Dumas is Lochridge is a former Texan and also receiving gas from this company. once was editor of the Austin States-

First Traffic Signals Further Befog London

London, July 17 .- The introduction of London's first electric traffic sig- here, and has taken a long time lease nals on the corner of Ludgate Circus and Fleet street Saturday morning caused the worst traffic jam the busy crossing has ever seen. Tens of thousands of employes returning home at noon appeared to be fascinated by the red, amber and green lights, and crowded the sidewalks so densely that pedestrian traffic was obliged to come to a standstill while the mob watched the flashing stop and go signals. Auto drivers, on the other hand, were confused by the new system and repeatedly blocked the road by trying to turn corners when they should have been standing still and standing still when they should have been moving.

A dozen cops labored energetically, attempting to straighten out the tangle and keep the vast streams of busses, trucks, taxis and horse drawn vehicles moving, while a patrolman stood on a miniature platform majestically manipulating the lights. After a strenuous day's work the traffic cops who had worked on the corner were forced to admit that the signals hindered more than helped the problem. but they are hopeful that drivers will estomed to the sy

Head hunting is still the main occupation of cannibal tribes of the Upper Amazon; the captured heads are shrunk until they are as small as oranges, and then kept as orna-

The furniture industries in the United States have a combined annual output of \$300,000,000.

SWEETWATER MAN ENDORSESIT

Gibs Says Improvement Has Been Wonderful Since Taking Argotane.

Rivalling the tremendous sweep with which it is spreading over the entire United States, the fame of the celebrated medicine, Argotane, is growing in Texas by leaps and bounds, since its introduction here a few months ago. Thousands of the best known and most highly respected citizens of the Lone Star State are now taking Argotane and testifying daily to the remarkable benefits they are obtaining from its use.

Mr. M. W. Gibs, a well known employed for the Gulf Refining Co., residing on 700 E. Broadway, Sweetwater, Texas, and who has been a resident of this section for many years, makes the following interesting statement regarding the great benefits he has received from taking Argotane:

"Since the early part of 1927, I have been troubled with my stomach and habitual constipation. Most everything I ate would disagree with me, and sour, and cause gas and I got so nervous that it was impossible for me to get what you might call a good night's

"I have now taken two bottles of Argotane and my improvement has been wonderful. The gaseous condition is gradually disappearing, my head is clearing and I don't have the constipation like I did. Those cramps in my stomach that used to make me feel so drowsy, are a thing of the past and my nerves are as steady as a rock. My appetite has improved greatly and I haven't a sign of indigestion any more. My wife is delighted over my improvement and says she now feels like taking Argotane herself."

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

Sinclair Will Open Fort Worth Offices

Fort Worth, Texas, July 17 .- The ture as the Sinclair building, it was

The Sinclair company recently has they do stop. added to the steadily increasing list acquired the Pierce Petroleum company. The territory to be included company. Recently increased activi- under the local direction includes ties in the expansion program of the Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and

Movement of the company headtowns, two of which, Texline and quarters will bring 450 families to Stratford, formerly operated munici- Fort Worth, according to announcepally owned plants and a third, Du- ment by J. W. Carnes, New York, mas, received electricity from a pri- vice president in charge of sales, who different story. But regardless of vately owned plant. The remaining visited in Fort Worth this week in that, you can't make money unless three towns are receiving their first company with the following company electric current from this company. officials: Lloyd P. Lochridge, New 000 a month is added to the gross All six of these towns are being ser- York, manager of the lubricating sales business of the community you will

Mr. Dinkins will be in charge of the

office here. The company will establish sales ofpipe line and telegraph departments

on five floors of the new building.

One Lot of Wash Dresses half price at Brown's Bargain Store.

THE TOWN DOCTOR

(Continued from Page One) through your town is worth an averwise get. You won't stop them if you twice. stop, give them a reason why they should stop, and then sell them when

You who are not in business may say, "that would be fine for the gas station, restaurants and hotels, but where would I get anything out of

In the first place do not be misled into belief that motorists spend their money only with such firms. Expense accounts of thousands of them tell a your neighbors does; and if only \$15,you to lend your effort to sell the traveler on Merkel.

Don't "let down" this summer. If you are "let out." all right; but the fellow who doesn't "let down" is seldom "let out."

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Mail want ads pay dividends.

Aguinaldo to Marry.

Manila,-Gen Emilio Aguinaldo who led the Philippine revolt aginst the United States in 1899, is reported age of five dollars, if you stop them. about to marry Miss Maria Agoncil-

VOTE FOR



EMMETT ROBINSON In July Primary for

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

104th Judicial District

Taylor, Jones and Fisher Counties.

Statement of Condition

The Farmers and Merchnts National Bank of Merkel

Close of Business June 30, 1930.

RESOURCES

Loans, Time and Demand	\$322,206,77
Warrants (City of Merkel)	5,000.00
Bills of Exchange Cotton	1.271.14
Overdrafts	179.56
Real Estate	13,357.79
Furniture and Fixtures	6,750.00
Stock in Fed. Res. Bank	_ 2,250.00
5% Redemption Fund	312.50
CASH and U. S. BONDS	37,307.41

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	
Surplus	25,000.00
Undivided Profits	16.132.96
Dividend Account	2.000.00
Circulation	6,250.00
Bills Payable	NONE
Rediscounts	NONE
Other Borrowed Money	NONE
	389,252.21
Total	\$488,635,17

The above statement is correct.

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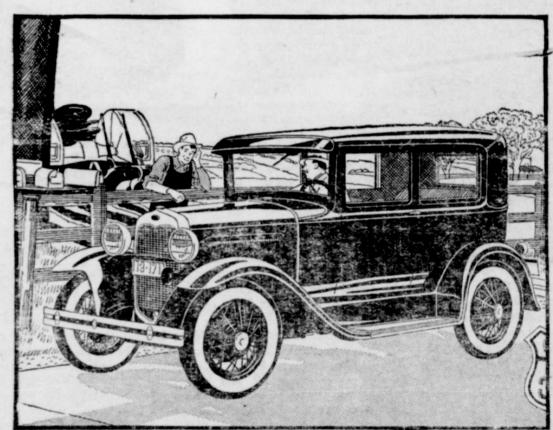
J. T. Warren, Sam Butman, Sr. Geo. L. Paxton, G. F. West, Booth Warren.

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consumption, low yearly depreciation, and low cost of up-keep.

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Coupe						495
Sport Coupe						525
De Luxe Coupe .						545
Three-window Forde	or s	Sed	an			600
Convertible Cabriole	et					625
De Luxe Phaeton						625
De Luxe Sedan .						640
Town Sedan						660
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MERKEL MAIL WANT ADS FOR RESULTS

Unemployed Warned From Boulder Dam

Washington, July 17 .- A warning to the unemployed against going to the site of the \$165,000,000 Boulder dam project for jobs that do not exist was issued Saturday through the old, have filed suit against the Pathe office of Secretary Wilbur.

All the available jobs for the preliminary work have been filled, it peal for financial aid for the babies s before contractors are prepar- gregating \$115,000 were asked. ngage large forces for the con-

the \$10,660,000 initial appropriation ture was exhibited. congress made for the work.

Bathtubs No Place

San Francisco, July 17.—Bathtubs, Capt. Theodore Trivett, local fire presing in, and not for gasoline storage.

the fire prevention bureau as pur- this Friday, the 18th, and Brother T. chasing gasoline during the price war C. Willett form Merkel will do the and storing it away in bathtubs preaching. against the day when prices will again become normal.

CARD OF THANKS.

I wish to express my thanks to the good friends at Merkel for many deeds of kindness shown me in many ways; many letters I could not answer in words; many cards of cheering words; preciate your patronage because they sweet flowers of love, and especially do I thank all who lifted their voices to God in prayer and God heard these voices in my behalf and He has given me strength unbelievable. May God's blessing abide with you all.

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Parents Quadruplets Sue Pathe Sound News

Beaumont, July 17 .- Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Perricone, parents of quadruplets, all boys now eight months sound news, based on alleged failure of the company to incorporate an apsaid, and it may be three or four in the picture of them. Damages ag-

The plaintiffs claimed the company work. Notices will be given told them Premier Mussolini of Italy one time that construction is ready was interested in the babies and would send valuable gifts to them Plans for construction, to begin as and also presents would be forwarded early as possible, are going ahead on by the general public after the pic-

Thirty Conversions.

The revival meeting at Nubia clos-To Store Gasoline ed Sunday night with thirty conversions and reclamations. The pastor, Marvin Williams, did the preaching. Sunday night Nubia witnessed an old vention chief, has pointed out, are to time revival with twenty-two conversions. The shouts of many people were Motorists have been reported to heard. The meeting at Blair starts

> Read the advertments 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 apsolicit your business and make spec-

Postal Carrier Ends A 200,000-Mile Walk

Boston, July 17.-Long distance have come and gone, but Cornelius J. Horan has walked on, and on, for

Saturday, Horan, at the age 66, was finishing his last stretch of hiking for Uncle Sam as a Boston mail carrier, and that night he was retired with, postal officials estimated, more than 200,000 miles of mail routes behind him. All straightened out and pieced together, they would make a mail route reaching nearly to the

The first "teacherage" in Texas was built in Gaudalupe county, and Texas now leads all the states in their number and value with 1,293 for white and 37 for negro teachers. The one at McAllen, costing \$40,000, is the costliest, but the average cost is \$1,160 for whites and \$1,560 for ne-

One Texas gas field-there are several others, some almost or quite as important-is estimated to have 8,000 illion cubic feet in available reserve.

Texas ports in 1929 handled 9,954,-922 tons of exports and 1,421,699 tons of imports, valued respectively at \$699,384,268 and \$32,003,268. Petroleum products supplied 56.3 per cent of the exports and cotton 13.7 per cent.

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Sousa Slips As Liner Docks And Is Injured

New York, July 17 .- John Phillip runners, marathon dancers, iron-man Sousa, famous bandmaster, returning auto drivers and endurance aviators from Europe, slipped on a companionway of the Leviathan as the liner was docking Saturday morning and was knocked semiconscious. Four stitches were taken to close a gash above his

> Attendants aboard the ship went to Mr. Sousa's aid as he fell and carried him to the ship's hospital. He was quickly revived.

When the surgical measures were completed, Mr. Sousa attended to his debarkation as if nothing had happened. He % 76.

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THE WEEKLY NEWSPAPER THEN AND NOW.

(The Semi-Weekly Farm News.) No one who was familiar with the weekly newspapers of twenty-five years ago can fail of astonishment in examining today the contemporary weekly press. A quarter century or more has served to recast the majority of weekly papers, both in appearance and content. Formerly a political year was a season of high tide for the weekly editor. His community was political, his associates political, he was political, and he made his paper

Partisanship sometimes took on a fervor which heated every page. Usually there was an opposition organ across the street, if it was a county seat town. And the editors grew vitriolic as the days warmed into midsummer and the campaign waxed into luridity. Politics then was drama, history, emotion, and it was not uncommon for revival meetings to be postponed until politics could be put aside, after the ballots were counted-or miscounted.

The contrast reflected by the present condition is worthy of comment perhaps of encomium. The weekly press is not excited over the various candidates and contentions of this voting year. More space is given to world comment, agricultural experiment and development, highway probblems, local improvement, social life. Politics and matters of state and local administration are not ignored, of course. But the attention given them is characterized more by sincerity and discernment than by passion or hy-

1930 is broader minded, more tolerant, Marvin Williams, the pastor at Blair, L. Perry Sunday. but not less vigilant, than that of will fill the pulpit here. Brother Wil- Mrs. Ethel Barbee and children of three decades agone. Probably the liams is a young man and is having a Big Spring, who have been visiting fact that the publishers have larger wonderful pastorate on the Blair cir- with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. D. investments, more durable equities, at cuit. Come to Sunday School and stay Coats, or White church, spent Saturstake contributes greatly to the dif- for church.

WHITE FLAT NEWS

Mrs. Seth Nugent had as guests Thursday afternoon, Mrs. Gladys Edwards and Misses Imogene Mangum and Florence Sherman of Trent and Mrs. Earl Stevens and children.

Miss Glynn Bickley has returned from Merkel, where she visited her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S.

Mr. and Mrs. Seth Nugent and Mrs. Earl Stevens and children were Merkel visitors last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Causseaux have returned to Houston after a short

children visited relatives in the Canyon Sunday.

and Mrs. J. D. Sandusky, all of Mer- and the members of the Merkel church

or last Saturday her sister, Mrs. Will Hamner, and daughters of Trent.

Miss Lula D. Hannah is spending the week in Merkel, guest of her aunt Mrs. Mary E. Provine.

Mrs. Annie L. Stevens and son, Roy, were recent visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stevens.

On last Friday night Mr. and Mrs. Seth Nugent entertained a few friends in their home, making ice cream and having a good time. Each one declared the "cream" to be the best they ever ate and that a most enjoyable time had been spent. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Seth Nugent and son, Freeland, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stevens and daughter and son, Dorris Marie and James Earl and Mr. J. S.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Kent of Sweetwater were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Duncan Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Slim Cooper visited relatives in the Canyon Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Seth Nugent and son

were shopping in Swetwater Satur- Haynes. Freeland Nugent left Wednesday

morning for Sweetwater where he will play ball the remainder of the season Beth Hamm. with the Wade Packing company team. Freeland will be greatly missed by the younger set, as well as the "ball fans."

Mrs. Seth Nugent was a Merkel visitor Tuesday afternoon.

price at Brown's Bargain Store.

Swimming and Diving Class to the Communion service at 11 a.m. quart of paint or varnish at Shannon's Pool, beginning and the young peoples' department Merkel Lumber company. or day, July 21. If you are in- program at 7 p. m.

VACATION TIME.

With 289 present, the Methodist Sunday School led in attendance last Sunday, while the Baptist had 275. Due to the fact that there was no Sun-Buffalo encampment, no register was day morning at Sunday School. We made of the attendance. Those present are going to have an all day social at the Church of Christ were 98 and on Thursday and finish the quilts. the number present at the Nazarene church was 43, making a total at the four reporting Sunday Schools of 705, a remarkable record, considering the extremely hot weather and the further fact that it is vacation time.

MEN'S PRAYER MEETING.

E. O. Carson is to be the leader of the Men's Prayer service to be held at Sunday. the Nazarene church next Sunday at p. m. The subject will be the second chapter of 1 Corinthians. Every man in Merkel and this community is invited to be present. The service last Sunday was held at the Church of Christ with H. H. Toombs as leader.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. It may require some effort for us to go to Sunday School and church during this hot weather, but the greater may be our reward. We have installed three ceiling fans and a buzz fan, which will make the church comfortable. Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 8:15 p. m. Glad to have you worship

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

AT THE METHODIST CHURCH.

All regular services next Sunday

T. C. Willett, Pastor.

EPWORTH HI-LEAGUE

PROGRAM. Subject: "Climbing Higher." Leader, Imogene Middleton. Hymn No. 156. Scripture-Luke 10:30-37

Prayer, Ina Berryman. Hymn No. 184. Questions for answers, Marie Stan-

Benediction.

"Climbing Higher," Duncan Briggs. "Harvest," Mildred Richardson. Hymn.

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Sunday School at the regular hour. visit here with friends and relatives. 9:45, but there will be no preaching ers and Merchants National bank: Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bickley and services Sunday nor Sunday night on second, Mrs. T. G. Bragg, Chinese account of the Lueders encampment. arbor vitae, by Abilene Nursery. Thursday at the encampment has been Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Cox and Mr. designated as general fellowship day Buzbee, 25 pounds Vigoro, by West kel were guests in the home of Mr. will carry their dinner and spend the Lumber company; second, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Duncan had as guests Thursday should register.

-Reporter.

JUNIOR B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM. Subject: "Talking with God."

"What is Prayer?" Herman Carson. "When Should We Pray?" Dot wafford.

Poem, "Did You Think to Pray?" Thomas Bearden. "For Whom Should We Pray?"

Don Swafford. "God Answers Prayer," Clara Frances Largent.

Poem, By Rachel Patterson. A Real Prayer, Bud Gambill. Golden Keys, by B. Y. P. U. Class.

SENIOR B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM. Subject-Baptism.

Introduction, Fannie Bell Boaz. "The Origin of Baptism," Harold Boney.

"What is Baptism?" Ida Mae Der-

"Who May Be Baptized?" Comer

"The Design of Baptism?" Himalaya Swafford.

"Who Shall Administer Baptism?" "The Scriptural Act of Baptism,"

Vernie Derrick. "The Duty of Baptism," Mildred Hamm

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Good services last Lord's Day and One Lot of Wash Dresses half we thank all of you for your coming. The usual services for next Lord's Day. Come to Bible study at 10 a. m.,

Everybody has a cordial invitation

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE to worship with us and you have a HOLDS GOOD CONSIDERING welcome when you come. Please let EXTREME HOT WEATHER AND every member of the church come and the church throughout the week.

take his place in all the services of In love, The Elders.

ALATHEAN CLASS.

Wiley Caffey of Abilene will give a vocal solo at the eleven o'clock service at the Presbyterian church next

Duke will give a program of vocal fore the gifts were delivered. numbers from 8 to 8:30 Saturday evening over KFYO, Abilene.

CANYON NEWS

plowing over, hoping for a good rain

The Methodist revival closed at Nubia Sunday night with about thir- the King's Daughters class of the ty conversions and seven additions to Methodist church Tuesday afternoon

on, with Brother Pruitt doing the pleasant meeting followed. As there preaching. Everyone is invited to was no business for attention, the proome and bring your friends.

Misses Norvell, Fern and Florence Evans of Eskota spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Frazier and fam-

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butman, Jr., and and next week. The pastor will be in a family and Mr. and Mrs. Tommie In short, the Texas weekly press of revival at Blair next Sunday and Rev. Russom dined with Mr. and Mrs. J.

> day and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Perry and daughters.

Prize Winners Yard And Garden Contest hostess again.

The official list of winners in the Yard and Garden contest, sponsored by the Lions club, and the prizes awarded in the two divisions of home owners and those who rent follows: FOR HOME OWNERS.

Most beautiful front yard-First, John West, prize, juniper by Abilene Nursery; second, Mrs. J. T. Dennis, his brother, W. E. Malone. ornamental lawn spray presented by Liberty Hardware company.

Most beautiful back yard-First, Missie Dye, \$5 in cash by the Farm- Kans., and Mrs. Luther Franks and

Most beautiful garden-Mrs. Mack company and quart of paint by Clay and Mrs. Earl Stevens Sunday after- day. It is requested that those who at- Mrs. W. A. McCormick, \$5.00 in the home of Mrs. Raymond Demere ticipate going to spend the day there trade to be selected by the Granger one afternoon this week. Floral company, Abilene.

Most beautiful evergreen specimen -First, Mrs. J. T. Warren, Arizona brother, W. E. Malone. cypress, Abilene Nursery; second Mrs. Charles Jones, window box by "Wonderful Prayer," Ora Derrick. Burton-Lingo company.

> Most beautiful bed of zinnias-First, L. B. Scott, hanging basket of county for a short stay. ferns, Philpott's; second, Mrs. Herbert Patterson, smock by Bragg Dry Goods company and garden hat by Max Mellinger.

Most beautiful bed of roses-First, Mrs. J. E. Richardson, one-half doz- the past week. en two-year old rose bushes, Abilene Nursery; second, Mrs. Len Sublett, house dress by Jones Dry Goods company and pair Society Maid hose by J. T. Dennis company.

THOSE WHO RENT. Most beautiful front yard-J. D. Ashby, hanging basket of Devil's Ivy, convenient. We want all the families Philpott's.

Most beautiful back yard-Mrs. W.

Most beautiful flower garden-Mrs. by Granger Floral company, Abilene. Most beautiful evergreen-Supt. Roger A. Burgess, six dahlia bulbs by Abilene Nursery and Crescent lawn sprinkler by Crown Hardware com-

Most beautiful bed of zinnias-G.

flowers and ferns, Phillpott's. The committee did not make any award for the most beautiful bed of ther Reynolds has proven himself a roses, the prize in this classification true man of God, a faithful and efhaving been offered by Barrow Furniture company, a porch chair, and a any church that needs a spiritual requart of paint or varnish by the

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail. Blair revival.

FIDELIS MATRONS.

The home of Mrs. Bill Haynes was the scene of a happy gathering on last Thursday afternoon when Mesdames Haynes, Byers Petty and Earl Baze were hostesses to members of their Sunday school class, the Fidelis Matrons.

Invitations were extended to class members to wear on old hat and this The members of the Alathean class hat theme was stressed in many clevday School held at the Presbyterian of the Baptist church are urged to er ways. Mrs. Pete Rutledge and church here, the members being at the bring in their quilt blocks by Sun- Mrs. Haygood received prizes for the oldest and tackiest hats.

Games and contests suggestive of "Hat Dialogue." Forget-Me-Nots were give it 131,935. revealed from the old hats each guest wore. Plate favors were hats made on plates of chicken salad, cheese straws, olives and nut cookies.

Each member brought a gift of groceries to shower the Baptist Mexican missionary whose home was in Miss Christine Collins and Ralph Abilene but who died on Saturday be-

Those present were Mesdames Charles Largent, Haygood, Warren Higgins, Charlie Higgins, Dean Higgins, McCreary, Dent Gibson, Warren Smith, George T. Moore, Virgil Hassey, Sam Swann, Misses Mildred The farmers are all hoeing and and Beth Hamm, and the hostesses.

KING'S DAUGHTERS.

Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt was hostess to when sixteen answered roll call and The Baptist revival is now going three visitors were present. A very gram committee took charge. An especially enjoyable number was a quartette, consisting of Mesdames R. A. Martin, A. B. Patterson, J. M. Pee and W. W. Campbell, followed by fortune telling in a unique way.

Mary Jo Russell rendered two piano numbers and a contest that called all one's wits into play caused much mer-

The hostess, assisted by Mrs. Hall Brittan of Abilene, served apricot herbert and cake, with sprigs of ferns and scarlet geraniums as plate favors. Such a pleasant afternoon was spent that the guests all expressed their eagerness to meet with this

White Church News

Miss Beatrice Perry of Dora has been visiting with her grandmother, Mrs. h. West.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Malone and son of Sweetwater spent Sunday with

Mrs. Raymond Demere had as her guests for the week-end her sister, Mrs. Joe Demere, and son of Wichita children of Wichita Falls, Texas. Mrs. Demere and Miss Mary Belle Franks are to spend an indefinite time with Mrs. Demere, but Mrs. Fanks has returned home

Mrs. Maggie Irving and daughters, Opal and Dorothy, of Blair visited in

Miss Loree Malone of Brownwood spent a few days in the home of her

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Dennis are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thorn of Blackwell for a few days. They will go from there to Comanche

Clifton Bickley and family of White Flat visited Sunday in the home of Murry Farmer.

Many of the Canyon people have been attending the meeting at Blair

THE MERKEL HOME LAUNDRY. Several families called us the latter part of the week to have their washing done before they left on their vacations. We can do this for you, too, and you will find it much more and business houses in Merkel for our customers. Phone 294J and we T. Sadler, \$5 cash by Farmers State will call for and deliver your laundry promptly. Others have complimented our efficient service. Give us a trial. J. C. White, \$5 in trade to be selected THE MERKEL HOME LAUNDRY. Mrs. Jay, Manager.

Revival at Blair Closes.

The Blair Baptist church has just closed a ten days' revival, with Brother John Reynolds of Dripping Springs doing the preaching. Mr. A. Hartman, hanging basket assorted Lepard of Merkel led the singing. There were three additions to the church and several reclamations. Brofective preacher of the gospel and vival will make no mistake in engaging Brother Reynolds, in the opinion of those who heard him during th

TEXAS CENSUS

(Continued From Page One)

Hudspeth, Loving, Pecos and Palmer in the Great Plains; Cameron, Hidal- the center of the banquet tallowe Texas; Dawson, Hockley, Lubbock, Lamb, Lynn and Terry in the South Plains; Jim Wells in the coastal area; club. Nueces on the south central gulf coast; Reagan, San Patricio and Upton in southwest Texas, and Tom. Green in central west Texas.

Kenedy in south Texas, unorganized in 1920, had 701 inhabitants. SIX OVER ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND.

Six counties had populations in excess of 100,000, Jefferson being the Dr. Zehnpfennig, a cigarette lighter, only addition to this class in the (one match.) hats were played and Misses Mildred last decade. In 1920 it had a populaand Beth Hamm gave an enjoyable tion of 72,120 and the latest figures by President Brown as follows:

from hickory nuts filled with mints had the greatest county population with the committee; with 347,800 persons living within its

> Loving, although among counties more than doubling their population, and Robert Hicks. had the smallest number of persons recording only 195.

Supper Guests in Dyess Home. Guests for supper Sunday evening,

of Bardwell, Texas; A. F. Dyess and who had served as toastmaster. family of Waxahachie; Arthur Storey and family of Abilene; Loyce and at next week's luncheon. Georgia Suber, Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Giles, Merkel, and Lloyd Barnes and Charlie Storey. Visitors later were H. A. Deavers and family, Doyle Morrison and Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Suber

and son.

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LIONS CLUB

(Continued from Page One) Crane, Ector, Glasscock, Howard, appropriate work of art, a Lion fashioned in pottery, which was placed in

go and Jim Hogg in south Texas; presenting the token, the speak spent Cochran and Gaines in northwest marked that the Lions club had at A. so much for him he wanted to de something in return for the Lions Affairs were livened up to a consi-

derable extent by speed races, in which Lions Jenkins, Scott ar Zehnpfennig had entered terrapi Winner of first place, H. H. Jenk received a silver trophy, (a tin cu of second place, L. B. Scott, a coat hanger, (a small nail;) and third,

Additional committees were named

Band-C. H. Jones, chairman, W. O. Harris county, which boasts the Boney and Ed Lancaster, the latter largest Texas city-Houston-also as a non-member of the club to serve

Committee to solicit budget for balboundaries. Dallas with 326,029, was ance of night watchman's salary to second. Bexar with 294,627 was third, complete the required \$100, of which and Tarrant with 197,492 was fourth. \$40 is paid by the city; H. H. Jenkins, chairman; Ben Bird, Matt Dillingham

Committee to select time and place within its confines, the enumerators for all-candidates speaking-W. O. Boney, chairman; Dr. H. P. Hulsey and Rev. R. A. Walker, with Herbert

Patterson added to the list. At the conclusion of the luncheon July 6, in the A. B. Dyess home at hour, President Brown suggested a Warren were W. L. Dyess and family Lions roar for Past President Warren

S. D. Gamble is to be toastmaster

Tittle Roadster Located.

City Marshal P. P. Dickenson and Sheriff H. T. O'Bar have been notified of the recovery of C. R. Tittle's Chrysler roadster in Pueblo, Colo. The man driving it there was taken

80c

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LOST AND FOUND

LOST-Bundle of bedding Tuesday betwen Merkel and Stith. Please return to Farm Bureau Gin and receive reward.

LODGE NOTICES

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

Joe Hartley, H. P. C. L. Boswell, Sec'y.

July 31 Time Limit Students to Transfer

Children, who now live outside the ferkel Independent School district or who when the school census was taken in March lived in another district are paying a road bond tax as high and wish this coming year to attend as Taylor's entire county-wide rate." he Merkel schools should transfer from County Superintendent M. A. ne, W. O. Boney, or Superintnedent Burgess at his office trict five, 28 cents, and district six, any afternoon after two o'clock. Do 36 cents. this by July 31.

Only children under eighteen and over six years of age may transfer. Children must have been enumerated tees of each school and certified by their opinion that so far cotton is to be eligible to transfer. If from another county, child must live in an approved. adjoining district to Merkel in order

Children living in the Merkel disliving outside the Merkel district who 50-25; Valley Creek, 75-25;; Elm Prominent Dallas this was four months in the grades Cedar Creek, 90-10; Ovalo, 80-20; for the remainder of the term.

"Slim" Morton Accepts

cashier in the local office of the Texas and Pacific railway, A. Morton was checked out on Friday of last week, when the situation was discontinued by the company.

Mr. Morton began duty on Wednesday morning of this week as cashier of the same company at Sweetwater and will remove his family to that city Friday from poisoning caused by a him. at an early date.

"Slim," as he is familiarly known to everybedy in Merkel and this section. has made a host of friends during his long and loyal service with the railroad here and will be greatly missed, especially in business circles.

Judges in Abilene Contest. Three Merkel citizens, Mrs. J. T. Warren, Mrs. Charles H. Jones and I. R. Thompson, were judges in the Yard and Garden contest at Abilene. which has closed. They made their inspections Wednesday morning from selected list of 14 contestants out of the entire field.

Will Serve Dinner Election Day. The ladies of the Woman's Missionary society of the Presbyterian church 26, election day in the building just are being studied by a federal commiseast of Ferrier's Service station, betwen the latter and Dunning's Drug Store. The price is to be 35 cents and everyone is invited.

ANNOUNCEMENTS POLITICAL

(Subject to the action of the Demo eratic Primary in July.)

For District Attorney 22nd district: J. R. (Bob) BLACK, (Re-election.) For District Attorney 104th district: EMMETT ROBINSON.

W. J. CUNNINGHAM, (Re-elec 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-elec-

For County Attorney: GRAY BROWNE. WILEY L. CAFFEY.

For County Superintendent: M. A. WILLIAMS, (Re-election.) C. L. BLANKENSHIP. For State Representative, 116th dis trict:

R. M. WAGSTAFF. For Commissioner, Precinct No. 2: W. H. FRAZIER. P. A. DILTZ, (Re-election.) W. L. BLAIR.

RUFE TITTLE. 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.

TAX RATE FIXED

(Continued from Page One) is increased 6 cents, making a total of cents over that of last year.

A VERY LOW RATE. "This is an exceedingly low rate for a county having the improvements Taylor county has. I know of several West Texas counties that The commissioners also set the following rates to care for district road the parents securing transfer blank bonds: District one, 4 cents per \$100; still another at 5, the peak being at district two, 8 cents; district three, 8 cents; district four, 18 cents; dis-

Rates for local maintenance and bond indebtedness of rural schools, recommended by the district trusthe county superintendent, were also standing the hot weather in very good

The school districts, with rates for maintenance and bonded indebtedness of the feed crops is undoubtedly seron the \$100 valuation follow: Ham- lous, although rain within a few days trict, of course, are entitled to attend by, 55-45; Colony Hill, 50-25; Cedar free for the entire school term. Those Gap, 85-15; Rogers, 75-25; More, transfer are entitled to as many Grove, \$1; Buffalo Gap, 80-20; White months' free tuition as the state and Church, 75-25; Wylee, 70-30; Salt county money will pay for. Last year Branch, 90-10; Bluff Creek, 85-15; and three months in high school. After Shep, 85-15; Pleasant Hill, 50-25; this they pay regular tuition rates Castle Peak, 85-15; IXL, 80-20; Butman, 95-15; Elmdale, 50-50; Lisman, This should be attended to by July 90-10; Blair, 60-40; Mewey, 70-30; Union Ridge, 80-20; Cross Roads, 85-15; Iberis, 85-15; Mulberry, 85-15; Hillside, 85-15; Bethel, 85-15; Mount Pleasant, 75-25; Neill, 75-25; View, Job at Sweetwater 85-15; New Hope, 60-15; Tye (Independent) \$1; Caps (Independent) \$1; Terminating 12 years service as Drasco, \$1; Turner Chapel, 75 cents.

> Sink or Swim Order. Neptune, N. J .- Policemen here have been given until August 15 to learn to swim or quit the force.

Rat's Bite Is Fatal. Midland .- J. R. Block, 48, died here bite on his foot by a rat.

Kick of Mule Fatal. died her Thursday of injuries received Sunday when kicked by a mule.

Man Falls Eighty Feet. Beaumont .- J. W. Vatter fell eigh-

Skin from baby sharks, so costly Dallas for the funeral services. that it is sold by the inch, is the latest novelty in feminine footwear in

The largest insect known, now extinet, was a dragon fly, which had a wing spread measuring two feet.

Possibilities of an European postal will serve dinner on Saturday, July union, with lower international rates,

Typewriting and carbon paper a

Lubbock Next Host West Texas Editors

The West Texas Press Assaciation closed its fifth annual convention at Abilene at noon Saturday after selecting Lubbock as the 1931 meeting place, Cisco and Mineral Wells lost to the plains city after J. C. Watson of Stamford had withdrawn his town's candidacy and seconded the nomination of Lubbock.

W. S. (Bill) Cooper, editor of the Colorado Record, was advanced from the vice presidency to the presidency in succession to Eddie Warren of Post, Charlie Guy of the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal was named vice president to take Mr. Cooper's place George F. (Jimmie) Smith of the Scurry County Times of Snyder was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

The association went on record in resolutions as condemning the practice of foreign advertising agencies in flooding the newspapers with free publicity which they expected newspapers to publish in consideration of advertising contracts.

Frank E. Burkhalter of the department of Journalism, Baylor University, was the principal speaker of the day, his subject being "Outstanding Community Service."

Saturday afternoon the visiting editors and publishers took part in a golf tournament at the Abilene Country

Other entertainment features of the two-day session included a luncheon at the Wooten hotel Friday noon, at which the West Texas Utilities company was host, and a banquet Friday evening, also at the Wooten hotel, given by the Abilene-Reporter-News and the Abilene Chamber of Commerce.

Sunday's Heat Goes Year's Highest Mark

A week of extremely hot weather all over the central, midwest and southern states, which caused several scores of deaths by heat prostrations, was climaxed Sunday when the mercury at the Abilene weather bureau reached 104 at 5 o'clock in the afternoon. This was the highest climb of the year and equalled the record marked up in 1929. For six successive hours, the temperature was 100 or above. The mercury ran into three figures at an even 100 at 2 o'clock; at 3 o'clock it touched 102, breaking previous records for the year; it had gained another point at 4 o'clock and this hour; by 6 it had dropped to 101, where it stayed until 7, finally dropping into the 90's again at 8 p. m.

It was not until Monday night that relief was felt in this section when a light wind out of the north was noted.

Those in position to know give it as shape, in fact, not suffering at all at the present time, but the condition would help the latter considerably.

County Farmer Dies

Dallas, July 18 .- Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon for Henry W. Coit of Renner, Dallas County, one of North Texas' best known farmers, active in agricultural work and civic affairs here, at the Frankfort Cemetery, near Addison, Mr. Coit died Saturday morning at a local sanitorium after an illness extending over several months.

The services attracted to the cemetery several hundred friends of the Coit family. The Rev. E. C. Routh of Oklahoma City, formerly of Dallas, conducted the services, and was assisted by the Rev. T. B. Harrell of Dal-

Mr. Coit was buried beside the body of his wife, who was buried there just nine years and nine days before

All of Mr. Coit's children were at the services. They are Henry C., R. B. and William H. Coit of Renner, Corsicana J. E. Red, 53, of Kerns John C. Coit of Dallas, Mrs. Leslie Rogers of Vinton, La., and Mrs. Paul Williams of Houston.

Mrs. Henry C. Coit, wife of one of the sons, was here with her childty feet from a building here Saturday ren, visiting her parents, Mr. and and received a fracture of both wrists. Mrs. J. T. Warren, and Mr. Warren drove Mrs. Coit and two childen to

> Outwitting two bands of men, Sheriff McKinney of Collingsworth county, disguised as an oil field worker, brought Jesse Lee Washington, negro, charged with the slaying of Mrs. Henry Vaughn, near Shamrock, last Friday, to Pampa and placed him in the Gray county jail. The negro was chained inside the sheriff's car.

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TO THE VOTERS OF TAYLOR COUNTY:

presentative in the State Legislature, Texas farmer and ranchmen who had I submit for your consideration a dis- bought land with a mineral classificacussion of some of the important pro- tion. They again began filing oil and blems which will be before the next gas prospect applications on certain session of the Legislature.

VALIDATION OF LAND TITLES.

question of the validation of West Texas land titles. There is a group of land speculators hanging around Austin who seek to secure a part of the through loop holes in the existing of Potosi. laws and through technicalities. These speculators have been active ever since the discovery of oil in West Texas and have been a burden to the land owners of this section for many years, In order to more fully explain the this evil, I will review briefly the his- of Bradshaw. tory of their activities in clouding titles to West Texas lands, and espec- Block 3, S. P. Ry. Co. land now own- then compelled to go to Austin to the ially in Taylor county.

to cloud Taylor County land titles the title to all of the minerals in the Abilene. surveyed school and asylum lands, which had been sold to farmers and Land Office, J. T. Robinson, again reranchmen was still in the State of fused to allow the claim of these land Texas. They claimed that when the speculators, and he was again man-State of Texas released the minerals damused. The Supreme Court again of any citizen unless said vacancy is preserving vegetables and fruits for submitting any highway bond issue to the land owners in 1895 that the re- upheld the Land Commissioner, and in apparent upon the official Land Office | the use of State institutions. lease was unconstitutional, and that the second case of Greene vs. Robinthe land owners had never gotten son, 8 S. W. (2nd) 655, upheld the title to the minerals. A large number right of the land owner to 1-16th of of oil and gas prospect applications the minerals and the right to make were filed on Taylor County lands at the lease on his land in all cases that time. For example, oil and gas where the lands had been sold to setprospect applications were filed on thers under a mineral classification. the following Taylor County lands:

several miles South of Merkel.

Merkel.

pany land, now owned by P. H.Coats, oil wells, especially in the Panhandle. and located South of Potosi.

Ry. Company land, now owned by O. E. Boaz, Mrs. N. E. Horn, A. J. Bar-H. Wilsor and J. W. Collins, and loca- bee and numerous other Jones county ted Southwest of View.

land in Taylor and Jones Counties, Even a cat fish, at certain seasons of in the case of the most cold blooded now owned by R. Acosta and located the year, has difficulty in navigating Northeast of Tye.

Section 22, Block 19, T. & P. Ry. Co. the theory that these streams were land now owned by Doyle Knight, W. navigable, the state retained title to E. Hamner, L. R. Bishop and Alec the oil, gas and other minerals be-

cated Southwest of Merkel.

Trent.

N. W. 1-4 of Section 20, Block 6, islation validated the title to all river tual merit. now owned by P. F. Summer and lo- bed surveys. cated Southeast of Potosi.

Ry. Co. land, now owned by J. Gor- successful in seeking out and hunting be authorized to appoint competent, don, F. E. Lail, W. W. McIver, and alleged "vacancies" in or near discov- disinterested, reputable and qualified H. F. Sandefer, and located Northwest ered oil fields, and at present there physicians to examine the defendant

or Bradshaw. upon the title.

to attack the constitutionality of the of Texas joins with the speculator cretion, in important cases, impanel Relinquishment Act of 1919, which in the suit, the case must be tried at an extra juror to hear the evidence

In behalf of my candidacy for re- | was passed for the relief of the West | lands in Taylor County which had been sold with a mineral classifica-One of the most important is the tion. These prospect applications were of the surveys have been grubbed up, tion of juries. In some criminal cases filed during the years 1926, 1927 and 1929, being on the following lands:

S. E. 1-4 of Section 4, Block One, S. P. Ry. Co. land now owned by minerals under West Texas lands John W. Lofland and located South

> S-1-4 of Section 16, Block 4, T. & P. Ry. Co. land now owned by J. E. Hefferman and J. M. Chaney, and located Southwest of View.

S-1-2 of S. E. 1-4 of Section 120, Block 64, H. & T. C. Ry. Co. land now measures I advocate to do away with owned by Ben Long and located West

N. 1-2 of N. W. 1-4 of Section 8, ed by Mrs. A. Brown, and located District Court and prove his title. The first effort of these speculators about five miles West of Tuscola.

A part of Section 20, Block 4, T was made during the years 1918 and & F. Ry. Co. land now owned by C. J. 1919. At that time they claimed that Sandell and located West of Lake

The Commissioner of the General

Defeated in their efforts to secure The S. W. 1-4 Sec. 22, Block 19, T. title to the minerals under Taylor & P. Ry. Company land, now owned County and other West Texas lands, which has been fenced and enclosed by W. E. Hamner, and located North the speculators have turned their ef- by a land owner or his predecessors in forts to the river beds of Texas riv- title for twenty-five years, that said Section 6, B. & C., now owned by ers, claiming that the principal Texas land owner shall have the preference J. L. Tucker, which land is located rivers and their tributaries were nav- right to purchase said vacancy at the igable as long as they were thirty same price as the original sale of the Section 2, Block 6, T. & P. Ry. Com- feet wide between the second banks. adjoining land and with the same pany land, now owned by S. Dennis, Farms and ranches which had been classification. This law would make it J. S. Hughes, C. L. Brown and G. M. held by settlers for thirty or forty unprofitable for these speculators to Brown and located Southwest of years were filed upon in these dry riv- hire expensive lawyers and surveyors er beds, which in many cases had been to hunt for vacancies, as they would Section 28, Block 6, S. P. Ry. Com- developed and contained put/lucing not profit by it if one was discovered. Filings were made all along the Cleer involving land titles in Texas should The N. E. 1-4 of Section 10, Luna- Fork of the Brazos river in Jones be tried in the County where the land tic Asylum land, now owned by A. J. County, and along Sweetwater creek is located, whether the State of Tex-Stem and located South of Abilene. North of the Noodle Dome oil fields, as be a party to the suit or not.

now owned by heirs of T. J. Toombs; ever extended into that area, consid-W. C. Neal, L. E. Riney and N. C. erable litigation would probably have Bush, and located in Mulberry Can-taken place over these river beds. These filings affected the title to the have sought by every possible means Section 4, G. C. & S. F. Ry. Co. river beds of J. S. Swann, W. R. Hud- to secure titles to lands which have land now owned by W. S. Shaffer and speth, G. M. Byron, T. L. Odom, J. located Northwest of Bradshaw. D. Barnes, J L. Douglas, W. T. Dun-Section 268, Block 64, H. & T. C. can, John Thomas, S. M. Stevens, J. land owners; and J. W. Wheeler, Mrs. The S. W. 1-4 of Section 4, Block 2, Neva Hughes, J. A. Butler, W. L. S. P. Ry. Co. land, now owned by A. Barbee, Mrs. Callie Williams, F. C. R. Hary and located South of View. | Swann, T. W. Neil, L. W. Ross and S. E. 1-4 of Section 4, Block 2, S. others who owned lands in Fisher F. Ry. Co. land, now owned by E. J. County. It is absurd to imagine by Eisner and located South of View. | Sweetwater creek and the Clear Fork | brought up in order to defeat justice Section 10, Block 16, T. & P. Ry. Co. of the Brazos to be Navigable streams.

Williamson, and located Northwest of tween the second banks of said defense of insanity was almost unstreams. The situation became so crit- heard of. Today it is used in almost Section 4, Burr & Caswell Survey, ical all over West Texas that the now owned by G. A. Walford and lo- Small "River Bed Bill" was passed I do not need to cite cases; they are by the last Legislature to do away familiar to every one who reads the Section 20, Block 19, T. & P. Ry. with the absurd fiction of the navigao. land, now owned by E. Howell and bility of West Texas creeks, and to the law regarding in sanity trials . A. Scott and is located North of validate the title of the land owners which I believe will put a stop to

Section 130, Block 64, H. & T. C. remains. The Speculators have been has been made, that the court shall is no way to stop them. In a great and make a report to the jury and After filing these Oil and Gas number of the oil fields which have court as to their findings, such com-Prospect Applications, and many oth- been discovered in West Texas, vac- mittee of physicians to be subject to ers all over Taylor and other West ancy suits have been filed by the spec- cross examination by both the State Texas Counties, one of these land ulators, and in some instances, such and the defense. I believe that this speculators brought suit to mandamus as the Yates Pool in Pecos County, would give the jury great help in the Land Commissioner, J. T. Robin- the ranchmen on whose ranch the pool determining whether or not the deson, who refused to recognize their is located have had to defend three fense of insanity was fictictious or claims, and the case was tried in the or four vacancy suits and their titles real. Supreme Court and Judge Nelson have been clouded. The law in re-Phillips, in the case of Greene vs. gard to these vacancy suits is that vides that if the defendant is convic-Robinson, 210 S. W. 498, sustained wherever it is determined that a va- ted in a capital case and sentenced to the Land Commissioner and held that cancy exists, and that surveys do not the electric chair, that if he becomes all of these attempted oil and gas join, leaving an area in between sur- insane he shall be confined to an asprospect applications were null and veys which was apparently never ylum until he becomes sane, and then void, and that the land owners in sold by the State to settlers, that in executed. There is no reason for this these sections were entitled to the such circumstances the speculator law, and exists in very few states. minerals, and that these prospect ap- | who discovers the vacancy can file in | A change in this law would mean an plications would no longer be a cloud the General Land Office and secure end to the "insanity" which always a permit to drill for oil and gas. When seems to suddenly arise after the After the defeat of these land spec- this is done, the speculators will se- death penalty has been assessed, and ulators, their next step was to file on cure 7-8th of the oil and the State of no further appeal is possible. lands which had been sold with a Texas will obtain one-eighth. In all (c). I also favor a change to promineral classification since 1895, and such vacancy suits, since the State vide that the Court may, at his dis-

nearly all cases where land has been the law in Texas. put in cultivation the old bearing (d). I also favor a change in the trees which located the boundaries criminal laws to restrict the examinaand can not be located. Another thing it takes more time to secure a jury which causes difficulty is the fact that | than it does to try the case. most surveys in West Texas contain entitled to this excess if they can tional provisions. show that it is contained within the original boundaries; however, if they the original survey, this excess acre- system upon its present lands. The issue bonds; however, I believe the When a speculator discovers a conditionry are very fertile and produce ter and I will vote to submit the mattion of this kind he has a survey better crops than the average, except ter to them. Taylor county has spent made, and files his suit at Austin to in years when they are overflowed. one million, one hundred thousand secure a permit. The land owner is

that in all cases where an alleged vathe corners of the original survey.

(c) A provision that in the event near Austin. an actual vacancy is found upon land

(d). A law to provide that all suits

lation would put an end to the long campaign of the speculators who hang around the capitol at Austin, and who been in the possession of the farmers and ranchmen of West Texas ever since the settlement of this country.

REFORM IN CRIMINAL PROCEDURE. Another matter which is of great importance to the next session of the Legislature is the question of reforms in criminal procedure. For the last four or five years the courts of Texas have been disgraced and outraged "insanity trials," which are in many cases. This is especially true murders, where no other defense could both of these creeks; however, under be found, and in the case of highjackers and bank robbers who have been convicted and sentenced to the electric chair. A few years ago, the every case where there is no defense. newspapers. I favor two changes in to the adjoining river beds. This Leg- these cases, except where there is ac-

(a). A law providing that in all The greatest trouble, however, yet cases where the defense of insanity

(b). A repeal of the law which pro-

Austin instead of in the County where in all such cases, and in case he is districts from voting these taxes upon UNION RIDGE NEWS fact, in my opinion, there are practic- the jury box and take the place of the ally no vacancies anywhere in West Juror who was excused. This would I believe that the people of Texas the fact that our surveys were made trial of cases in which a mistrial oc- of a constitutional amendment for fifty to seventy-five years ago, in curs on account of the illiness of a bonds to pay off the county road most instances, and the old original puror or his family. This law is in ef- bonds and fill the gaps in the state land marks fixing the boundary of fect in a number of other states and highways. This matter has been disthe surveys, have been destroyed. In has worked well and should become

considerable excess acreage. The own- with technicalities in indictments so that the Legislature can do is to vote ers of the land within a survey are far as possible, within the constitu- to submit the matter to the people.

PENITENTIARY SYSTEM.

age then appears to be a vacancy. present lands owned by the peniten- people should have a vote on this mat-

these lands to determine the practi- which would refund this money to other property anywhere, list it with In order to do away with this ques- cability of protecting them from floods Taylor County and abolish our road tion of vacancy suits disturbing land by levees, and they should be author- tax to that extent should be submitted titles in Taylor County and other ized to use convict labor and such to the people for their vote. An amcounties, I advocate the passage of machinery as necessary in leveling endment of this kind however, should the following measures by the Legis- and protecting these lands from over- be limited to the amount necessary to (a). A law to provide that no va- penitentiary system into the manu- gaps in the State Highways, and cancy shall be recognized in any court facturing business, except in a very should also provide for payment out to exist upon land in the possession limited way such as for canning and of the gasoline tax, I will vote against

If elected as your representative at the money the counties have spent on state roads or which does not provide that in all cases where an alleged vaponitentiary system in an economical for payment out of the gasoline tax. cancy is sought to be shown, that the way, upon the present land, and I recognized fence corners and boundar- will oppose any change which would ies shall be considered as establishing involve the sale of the present lands oppose any Legislation which would and the purchasing of other lands weaken its enforcement. I am opposed

RURAL SCHOOLS.

I also advocate increased aid for rural schools. The state should make every effort possible to aid rural education. The biggest taxes which the farmers pay are the local rural taxes. If you do not believe this, take out your last tax receipt and check this up and you will find that you probably paid more local school taxes on your land than all the rest of your County and State taxes combined. The rural school children are entitled to a good education and I do not blame the citizens of the various

the land is located, and the Attorney not needed he will not sit in the trial | themselves, but I feel that the State General joins in with the speculator of the case, but in case a juror should should give them every possible aid to take the land away from the far- become ill or serious illness should in these matters, and I will favor libmer and ranchman. As a matter of arise in his family he would go into eral appropriation for rural schools. HIGHWAY MATTERS.

Texas. The trouble arises by reason of save much time and expense in the are entitled to vote upon the question cussed in Texas for the past three years and thirty-one other states have adopted this method of relieving the counties of their road taxes and I believe the pople of Texas are entitled to a vote upon it. The Legislature does not have the power to issue (e). I also favor the doing away bonds. The Constitution forbids it. All The question of a highway bond issue to relieve the counties is not pro-Another plank which I advocate is perly an issue in a legislative race, are unable to prove the boundary of the reorganization of the penitentiary as the Legislature has no power to The Penitentiary Commission should dollars upon the State highways and be authorized to make a survey of an amendment to the Constitution flow. I am opposed to putting the pay back the counties and fill in the or 61. to the people which does not return If elected as your representative at the money the counties have spent on

> I favor the prohibition law and will to any race track gambling bill and wil vote against any such bill if it comes before the Legislature. I will also favor every possible reform in court procedure which will do away with technicality and promote justice. The next session of the Legislature will be an important one, especially for West Texas. I will appreciate your vote and influence in the Democratic Primary, July 26th, 1930.

CONCLUSION.

Your very truly, R. M. Wagstaff. (Political Advertising.)

One Lot of Wash Dresses half price at Brown's Bargain Store.

The Sunday School ice cream supper was attended by a large cread Relatives from Fort Work last week-end with Mr. and Mr.

E. Heath. Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Carr entertain d the young folks with a party last Friday night, at which everyone reported a very nice time.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Douglas 3 family were guests of Mrs. O. Skidmore of Galon Monday. Mrs. O. P. Eason of Dallas W

guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Douga for several days last week. The Junior League program follows:

Opening song. Scripture: John 12:2, 3-Levern Harwell

"The Golden Rule," Dorma Lee Shel-Acts 9:36, Francis Harwell. "Good Fellowship," Lynn Shelton. "Others," Levera Fay Douglas.

"The Butterfly," Levern Douglas.

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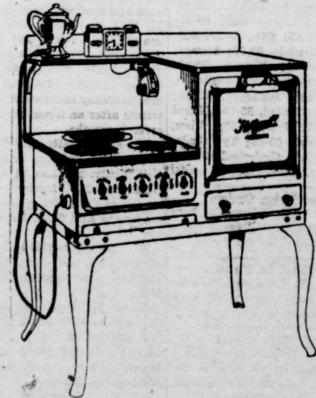
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Of the three principal vitamines for chicks, vitamine A 's found abundantly in such foods as yellow corn, green vegetables, cod liver oil and milk. Lack of this vitamine in the diet will retard and stunt growth and will lower resistance to disease.

Vitamine B which maintains the health of the nervous system is found in the outside covering of cereals, in green vegetables, and in milk. A lack of this vitamine affects the organs of milk may be omitted from the mash digestion and reproduction, and the nervous system.

Vitamine D, or the anti-rickets vitamine, hardens the bones of growing old, begin feeding the grain mixture. chicks and prevents leg weakness. To composed of 60 pounds of cracked prevent rickets feed cod liver oil or eggs or allow the chicks to run out in in hoppers. Keep it constantly bethe sunlight every day. Sunshine has fore the chicks. They should not eat the same effect on chicks as does vit- as much scratch grain by weight as amine D in their food. Window glass mash until three months old. Restrict filters out the valuable rays of sunlight so cod liver oil must be fed when make them eat more mash. the windows are kept closed or even when the chicks are outside, if the start. Provide oyster shells after the weather is cloudy the greater part of chicks are four months of age or when the time. Feed one-half pint of cod they begin to show evidence of reachliver oil to each 100 pounds of grain ing maturity. When sunshine enters and mash. Unrefined cod liver oil the house through glass, mix one-half from a reliable company is just as pound or one-half pint of cod liver oil efficient as refined oil and is much into every 100 pounds of mash during

when exposed to the air, so mix fresh equal one-half pound for each 100 lots of mash every week or two. Mix pounds of total feed used. the cod liver oil in a small amount of bran or mash with the hands and then add this to the main pile and shovel the pile over several times until it is evenly distributed. It is usually advisable to feed cod liver oil during the first ten weeks of spring rearing. Cod liver oil should be stored in a cool dark place in closed containers.

Feed for Chicks to Be

Raised for Broilers roasters should be fed as other chicks are up to the time of finishing for their special purposes. What are called | bran, one part each of cornmeal and growing mashes and the usually fed hard grains are given to produce sturdy frames upon which fat may be and 10 per cent (one-tenth part) deposited later in the finishing process. There are any number of formulas for these, all suitable and each preferred by some poultrymen. There are excellent commercial mixtures and formulas are given from time to time in these columns. Broilers are usually sold at from eight to twelve weeks of age and, during the last ten days or two weeks of that time are penned up and fed upon a special fattening ration, of which cornment makes up the greater part. If milk in some form | days old, and the chicks hatched are is added in liberal quantity to this ra- apt to be low in vitality. A room tion, the quality of the product is im-

Vitamine D Important

for Egg Hatchability Birds that bave access to direct sunlight will generally produce eggs of greater hatchability than birds that are deprived of this aid. Sunlight furnishes the vitamine D which is important. Experiment stations have not proved that cod liver oil is as effective as direct sunlight in providing this vitamine, but as sunshine is not available at all times, the majority of hatcheries require that the hatchery flocks receive cod liver oil in their ration. The addition of green alfalfa or clover hay is also an aid in supplying the vitamines needed. The use of glass substitutes on the hen houses will also aid in giving the hens outdoor conditions, even though the weather may not be suitable.

Avoid Cold Nests

A cold nest with cold eggs will often cause a good hen to stop setting. Let her warm the nest first, then place under her, eggs that have stood in a warm room for several hours. A piece of sod the size of the nest box and about four inches thick, turned grass side down, will hold the heat, and keep the moisture from leaving the eggs too rapidly when hens are setting. Make a slight rounded bollow in the center of the dirt, then put in layer of chaff or short straw.

Don't Feed in Litter

D. C. Henderson, poultry extension specialist at South Dakota state colte, says that since bacillary white rhea and coccidiosis can be spread y through the mouth and digestive tract of the chick, hopper feeding, as opposed to the feeding of mash and grain in the litter, may be one of the best preventive measures in combating these diseases. It is recommended that the first few feeds be given on clean newspapers, with hoppers or boxes for subsequent feedings.

GOOD POINTERS ON FEEDING CHICKS

Use Mash Mixture From Time Chicks Are Born.

chicks when they are 36 to 48 hours old and allow constant access to it until they reach maturity, says the New York state college of agriculture. Provide plenty of feeding space and feed in such amounts that freshmash can be fed twice daily.

The mash mixture recommended by the college contains 45 pounds of yelow corn meal, 10 pounds of wheat bran, 15 pounds of flour wheat middlings, 10 pounds of fine ground heavy oats, 2 pounds of steamed bone meal. 1/2 pound of salt, 10 pounds of meat scrap, 50-55 per cent protein, and 10 pounds of dried skim milk or buttermilk. If fine ground heavy oats cannot be obtained, yellow corn meal may be substituted for the oats. The dried when liquid or condensed milk products are used.

When the chicks are eight weeks yellow corn and 40 pounds of when: the amount of grain if necessary to

Fine grit may be given from the the period when mash is fed. After-Cod liver oil tends to lose its value wards feed enough cod liver oil to

Ducklings Overfed on

Concentrated Feeds Ducklings may be overfed upon concentrated foods. They should have some tender green food in their ration and sand for grit. A recommended ration is equal parts of rolled oats and bread crumbs, with a little sand, moistened with water for the first three days after they are at least thirty-six hours old and, after the third day equal parts of bran and cornmeal added to this mixture. After the first week, two or three parts of wheat middlings, 5 per cent (onetwentieth part) high-grade meat scrap chopped green food. A little sand

should also be added. Fowls' heads turn dark as the result of any one of several internal diseases, the nature of which would require an examination of the organs to

Hatchability of Eggs

Do not set eggs that are older than a week or ten days. Hatchability decreases rapidly after the eggs are ten temperature of about 50 degrees is best for eggs which are being saved for hatching. To lessen the work of turning the eggs while saving, they should be placed in a 15-dozen case which should be turned over one side a day. This means work, but it pays well in the end.

Poultry Facts

Keep comfortable temperature under hover for chicks.

Do not keep chicks of different ages under the same hover.

Use feed that has proved satisfactory by feeding tests.

Use clean dry sand or litter on floor. Clean every week and more often if Separate cockerels from pullets as

early as possible or before chicks are ten weeks old. When the poultry range is idle, it

is a good plan to have a crop of oats growing therein. Use hopper and water fountains that

will not allow chicks to get in feed or water with feet.

Locate brooder house on ground that has had no chickens or chicken manure on it for the past year.

When it is not possible to keep the birds from ranging on a certain area, frequent plowing, disking and liming

Like chicks, goslings should not be fed until really necessary, about thirtysix hours is best. They do not eat much for the first few days.

Recent experiments at the University of Kentucky have shown that high hatchability was secured when hens were allowed bluegrass range

Boy "Wants Drink"-Oratory Is Halted ward for her son.

Longview, July 17 .- Political oratory was halted here Friday night while the thirst of a 2-year-old boy was quenched.

J. H. (Cyclone) Davis, his voice ringing sharp and clear, was delivering a tirade against chain stores. His speech was being delivered in favor of Earle B. Mayfield.

A child succeeded in slipping away | * from its mother and ambled up to the speaker's platform. He stood a few * minutes and watched and listened to |* Start feeding the mash mixture to the veteran politician. Mr. Davis' long, flowing white beard attracted the * child's fancy.

Then, "Grandpa, gave me a dink of water." The crowd laughed. Mr. Davis, * unfazed, stopped his speech long * enough to give the baby a drink.

ed his talk as the mother came for-

price at Brown's Bargain Store.

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Trent News and Personal Notes

Mr. and Mrs. Hurley Cogburn and children of Fort Worth came Sunday for a visit with Mrs. Cogburn's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Sherman. They will also visit Mr. Cogburn's parents Worht and San Antonio on business.

her aunt, Mrs. Pearl Hollingsworth, in Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Terry and le Terry, and W. A. Terry of Meridian den. spent Sunday in Stephenville. They were accompanied home by Allen Ter- vacation at Clyde, Ballinger and Dalry, who has been attending John Tarl- las. ton college.

Rutherford and little son of Abilene Roscoe. spent Monday here with relatives and friends. Mrs. G. McLaughlin accompanied them home for an extended Buzbee.

and Maurine Harrilson of Bowie are sick list. guests of Miss Mary Jo Howell this

Misses Altus, Denzel and Terry of Meridian are the guests of Homer and A. C. Terry.

Mrs. Sam Jones had as her guests this week Mr. and Mrs. Will Jones and their two sons, Willie and Floyd, of

Honoring Mrs. H. F. Taylor, nee Miss Rita Mae Winn, and Miss Helen Matheny, Miss Estelle Terry was a recent luncheon hostess. Other guests were Minne Fannie Scott and Viola Smith. For the afternoon entertainment they motored to Abilene for a movie at the new theater.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Adrian, Miss es Marjory Adrian and Marie Swann and Ted Norton of Big Spring went to Christoval Sunday, Mr. Adrian returning home Sunday night, the othcamp and enjoy the encampment.

Quite a few from here attended the encampment at Lueders Sunday, among them being Mr. and Mrs. C T. Beckham, James Bright, Mrs. Alex Williamson and son, Mark, Miss Thelma Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. A. W Woods and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Winn. Grandpa Terry is visiting his so

Liev Terry, of Meridian. Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Kelly of Farwell are visiting relatives here this

Mr. and Mrs. Burgess Moore and children are guests of James Bright. Hubant Beckham is on a fishing trip at Creed, Colo.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe English of Lamesa spent the week-end here with relatives and friends.

Mrs. nglish of Hermleigh was the recent guest of her daughters, Louis. Mesdames Dingle and Winn.

Miss Naomi Rogers of Lamesa visited friends over the week-end. Mr. and Mrs. John Crane spent Sunday in Rule.

Merkel Student Wins Junior Scholarship Campbell.

As one of the ten highest ranking men in the junior class of Southern children, are visiting his parents, Mr. Methodist university for 1930-1931, and Mrs. T. H. Spears. Sterling Sheppard, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Sheppard, has been award- guest of her aunt, Mrs. G. W. Boyce, ed a Junior scholarship, according to and family after visiting in Beaumont, the announcement by President Char- Houston and Galveston. les C. Selecman, giving a list of the ten highest ranking men and wo- of San Angelo and Mrs. Forest Sears which will be used toward tuition at Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Swann. the university, are based upon scholastic standing for the two years' work Leach are his sister and husband, having an average less than B. Ster- Willard, of Cameronville, Ky. ling's average was 2.350, which is equivalent to B plus.

en by the board of trustees of S. M. of her sister, Mrs. G. W. Boyce, and U. are Maurine Jackson, Canton; No. family. reen Lewis, Dallas; Martha Woods, Franklin; Ann Elizabeth Griffith, L. W. Cox, J. S. Thomas and Uncle Taylor, and Mary Netterville, Ruth Bill Sheppard spent several days the Walling, Julia Bonner, Jane Etheridge, Anna Gene Smith, Allene Graf- Rock. ton, all of Dallas; John Persons, Grand Saline; Glen McDaniel, Sey- with their mother, Mrs. Mary Pogue, mour; Joseph Clark, Ennis; Sterling have returned from a trip to Snyder, Sheppard, Merkel; Sol Katz, W. E. where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Goerner, Sherman Kaplan, O. T. Pogue and other friends. Liles, Homer Jack Fisher and Robert Gilbert, of Dallas.

Merkel Dealer Buys 4 Tons Watermelons

a big order, but Ted Nichols and by Mr. and Mrs. Guy Darsey of Fort Ralph Duke of the Nichols Ice com- Worth on a trip to Carlsbad Caverns. pany brought 250 of Parker county's most luscious melons back with them intendent for the Cosden Oil company, Wednesday morning in one of the has leased the Brackeen cottage on company's huge trucks after a pur. Oak street and he and Mrs. Weiss are chasing trip to Weatherford.

The Nichols Ice company has placed these melons in cold storage here and will supply other of their houses also from this shipment.

were broadcast from its haunts in the er there. woods of England.

Personal Mention

Miss Nellie Swann is visiting riends in Fort Worth.

Miss Maxie Banner is spending her vacation in Colorado City. Mrs. M. D. Angus has returned

form a visit to Fort Worth. James Swann has gone to Fort Mr. and Mrs. Jay Hendrix of Com-

Miss Mediah Rawlings is visiting merce are guests of Mrs. J. B. Bell. Misses Oneda and Zada Bell are visiting friends in Monahans, Texas. Mrs. M. L. Holden is visiting in children, A. C. Terry and Miss Estel- Cross Plains with her son, Bert Hol-

Miss Ruby Hughes is spending her

Wilkes Holden is the guest of rel-Mrs. Bessie Billings and Mrs. Cecil atives after a visit in Colorado and of my ability.

W. H. Buzbee and family of Pampa are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mack

Mrs. Ted McGehee and son, Teddy Kelly of Farwell.

Joe, of Lubbock spent Sunday and Monday in Merkel. Mrs. F. A. Polly and son, Winston,

visited Linadine Bradshaw of Abilene last week-end. Howard King has gone to Mason,

Texas, where he expects to take a civil | welcomed to our city. service examination.

Hale, at Floydada.

sister and friends. Dawson West are spending the week in camp at Paint Rock.

After three weeks in Mineral Wells, J. H. Grayson has returned home, much improved in health.

Mrs. T. G. Bragg and Mrs. Dee Grimes and two daughters are spend- baby returned to Fort Worth early in ing the week in Glen Rose

from Fort Worth where he was called in a consultation case Monday.

Mrs. Tom Largent spent the week-end in camp at Paint Rock.

eral weeks in Fabens, New Mex. Mr. and Mrs. Hill Martin and Miss Maurine Craddock from Crowford are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. W.

Courtney Hunt of Haskell, returned here during that time. Sunday from a business trip to St.

Mrs. T. C. Bittle and daughter, Miss Eleanor, of San Antonio are the guests of her sister, Mrs. Charles H.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam White and two boys, Bob and Ned, of Stamford were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. J. Ben

H. E. Spears, Santa Fe agent at Valera, accompanied by his wife and

Miss Evelyn Leeman of Pecos is the

Mrs. Carson Miles and two children

men in the junior class. The awards, of Snyder are visiting their parents, Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter G.

at S. M. U., none of the recipients Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Winfrey, and son, Mrs. M. M. Leeman of Pecos, who

has been visiting in Beaument, Hous-Recipients of the scholarships giv- ton and Galveston, is now the guest

Messrs. T. G. Bragg, Warren Smith, first of the week fishing at Paint Misses Alzada and Connie Pogue,

Guests of Judge and Mrs. N. D

Cobb are Mrs. Gertie Mae Cobb and two childen from Fort Worth, also his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs S. E. Riddle, of Hamlin.

Leaving Tuesday, Mr. and Mrs. F F'. Hamm and two daughters, Misses Four tons of watermelons-that's Mildred and Beth, were accompanied

D. A. Weiss, formerly field superbeing cordially welcomed into Mer-

kel citizenship. Friends will be glad to learn that Mrs. R. L. Bradshaw, who has been in a sanitarium at Fort Worth for several weks, is sufficiently recovered Songs of the nightingale recently to be moved to the home of her moth-

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Foster have

Sam Bankston Asks Support of Voters

To the Voters of Precinct No. 5: I regret that owing to the duties of my situation with the city, it has been impossible for me to make a close canvass of the voters of this precinct and hence I am taking this means to thank my friends for their promise of support and their good wishes for my success. I also want to solicit the consideration of every voter in the Ray. precinct, asking them to investigate as to my qualifications from my friends and neighbors, and I assure you that I shall appreciate your vote and influence in the coming primary.

Just as a final word, I want to pledge myself, if elected, to an earnest effort to fulfill the duties of the office of public weigher to the utmost

Sam Bankston.

office here as book-keeper, having sley, Clarence Melton, Sam Phillips, leased the S. D. Gamble cottage, and Henry Brooks, Riley James, John he and Mrs. Dow are being cordially Latimer, Clyde Deavers, Jim Maddera

Thos. Johnson, formerly cashier of Mrs. A. M. Dougherty has returned the Farmers & Merchants National home after visiting her daughter, Mrs. bank here, and now vice-president and cashier of the Collin county Nat-Miss Venice Bell has returned from | ional bank at McKinney, with his Westbrook where she visited with her wife and son, Page, also his wife's sister, were passing visitors here Mon-John West and family and Jack day en route home after a visit with relatives at Snyder.

G. A. Hartman, director of the Merkel Booster Band, and his family left Tuesday morning to visit relatives at Big Spring and McCamey.

Dr. Frank Armstrong, wife and the week after a visit here with his Dr. M. Armstrong has returned parents, Dr. and Mrs. M. Armstrong. Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Black and

daughter, Jannell, also Misses Pearl L. B. Scott and family and Mr. and Elliott and Inez Robbins and Miss last | Maurine Finch of Nolan, Texas, returned early in the week from a trip Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wheeler, Sr., to the Carlsbad Caverns. In the party have returned from an absence of sev- going through with them there were 620, representing 23 states, with Texas in the lead with 370.

Opens Auto Repair Shop. T. R. Phillips has opened a garage and automobile repair shop on Front ing the week in Abilene visiting the street next door to the West building. latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter He came to Merkel about two months ago from O'Donnell and was in the R. O. Anderson, accompanied by employ of another automobile house

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Mesdames Mark Malone, Bob Malone, Jake Reeves and Fay Rene Burks made a flying trip to Clyde Monday. Mrs. Reeves will remain for several days with her daughter, Mrs. John

Mrs. Perry Meeks of Post City and Mrs. Sam Rosson of Trent attended church services here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Thornton of Caps visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Meeks Sunday.

Pat Addison is spending a few days in Mineral Wells this week.

Mrs. Hugh Campbell entertained a number of her friends with a picinic party to honor her friends, Mrs. John Reynolds, assisted by Mrs. R. E. L. gone to Dallas with their daughter for Stutts of Abilene, Mrs. Reynolds of Friends will regret to learn that the latter's second radium treatment. Trent and Mrs. Carl Hughes. Those Misses Florence Boyd of Hamlin Miss Olive Garoutte is still on the They were accompanied by Mrs. participating in this enjoyable affair Foster's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. were Mesdames Bert Chambless, W A. McCandless of Merkel, Jack Lati-V. D. Dow, formerly of Dallas and mer, Roy Hunter, James Doan, Lewis more recently of Abilene, has joined Pyles, Eli Brooks, Pat Addison, Herthe staff of the West Texas Utilities man Doan, John Meeks, Rube Hen-

> and Clint Maddera. Read Merkel Mail Want Ads.

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