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## COMMITTEE WILL MEET WITH BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL

### Five Men Named by Meeting of Tax-Payers To Go Further Into Matter of Need of Increased Valuations.

As the outcome of an assembly of some 350 citizens and tax-payers, including a large number of ladies, at the tabernacle Wednesday night, a committee of five was appointed to meet with the board of aldermen in regard to the need of increased taxes. This committee, as named by L. R. Thompson, chairman of the meeting, consists of J. A. Buford, chairman, S. F. Butman, Clyde Sears, John D. Porter and Sam Swann.

The motion to appoint such a committee was made by J. A. Buford following two hours discussion of the financial affairs of the city, in which the proponents of the meeting had indicated the information desired and to answer which the board of aldermen, also the city secretary and tax assessor and collector, had come to the meeting, bringing with them the books and official records of the city.

While arguments became heated at times, the speakers for both sides indicated a desire to be fair and it was, in general, a get-together meeting with the prospect that a clearer understanding of the action of the equalization board and of the finances of the city will result.

In calling the meeting to order, J. A. Buford stated that the purpose of the meeting was "to enquire into taxes and give everybody a fair and impartial hearing." On his motion L. R. Thompson was named chairman of the meeting.

Mr. Thompson prefaced his remarks by saying that the meeting was not for the purpose of creating dissension but to discuss matters vital to the taxpayers. He assumed responsibility for the authorship of the circular, which was distributed Tuesday calling the meeting. In his connection with this circular he considered that he was doing a service to Merkel. It was desired to ascertain the view points of the aldermen and through an exchange of ideas to arrive at amicable understanding of such questions as tax valuations over the past several years. One suggestion the speaker made, was the selection of 6 or 7 men to serve without pay to arrive at property evaluations to prevent inequalities.

After citing instances of tax value increases, the speaker was asked by Mr. Bragg, a member of the city council, if it was not a fact that the members of the council were not raised in the same proportion.

Mr. Thompson gave the total of (Continued on Page 8.)

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6, OUR NEXT "COW DAY"

### Golfers Qualifying Local Tournament

All qualifying scores for the coming tournament of the Merkel Golf club must be filed before 6 p. m. Friday, August 1, and match play is scheduled to start Sunday.

Several of the players have not turned in their scores as yet and it is not possible to predict just how many entries there will be.

Prizes are offered for the winner and runner-up in each of three flights also for long distance drive and for best medalist score.

### Two Anson Youths, Wrong Men, Shot

Two Anson young men, Floyd McCoy, a barber, and Clyde King, an insurance salesman, were wounded late Monday night about two miles north of Anson, when Tom Hudson, sheriff of Jones county, and A. C. Sanders, deputy sheriff, mistook them for the man or men, who had held up the Midnight Service station near Stamford earlier that night.

When they failed to stop their Ford car at the order of the sheriff, because they thought the officers were hi-jackers, it is stated by one of the boys that he saw two gunflashes. It is thought, however, that the same bullet hit both boys.

The shot passed through the right arm of McCoy, shattering the elbow, then plunged into King's neck, passing through the soft tissue and lodging just under the skin. They were carried to the Stamford sanitarium.

Favorable reports were had Thursday as to the condition of the two young men, one of whom, Floyd McCoy, is a son of Mrs. E. E. McCoy, living at Stith, and a nephew of the Patterson brothers and Mrs. Richard Newman, all of Merkel.

Both wounded men absolved the officers.

### Motion for Second Trial Denied Denny

Motion for new trial for D. W. Denny, former Merkel city marshal convicted of aggravated assault in connection with the shooting of Palmer Frederickson, has been overruled by Judge W. R. Chapman of 104th district court and Denny's attorneys have given notice of appeal.

Denny charged with assault to murder was given sentence of one year in jail and a \$50 fine by a jury which convicted him of aggravated assault. The verdict was returned July 10. Denny is at liberty on \$1,500 bond.

### Something Different Featured; Twenty Due Bills for \$5 Each To Be Awarded.

Twenty orders, or due bills, good for \$5.00 each, will be the special awards for Merkel's next Cow Day, the coming Wednesday, August 6, at 4 p. m. The committee on arrangements from the Lions club consists of Burl Scott, chairman; S. D. Gamble and Henry West.

This was the chief order of business at the Tuesday luncheon of the club. Rufe Tittle presided in the absence of the president, E. Yates Brown, who was out of the city. After the singing of "America," with Miss Lucy Tracy at the piano, the invocation was given by Rev. J. T. King.

As toastmaster Dr. H. P. Hulsey offered a program by the younger generation, featuring readings by Billy Wood and song specialties by Little Misses Betty Lou Grimes and Clara Frances Largent. In addition to the song numbers, for which Miss Tracy played the accompaniment, a clever dance number in costume was given by Betty Lou Grimes.

Only one guest was present, Lee Stevens, who was introduced by the acting president, Rufe Tittle, as residing in the west part of town, (Trent.)

Reporting for the committee on funds for the night watchman, H. H. Jenkins, chairman, stated that they had raised the necessary subscriptions from the business men to complete the fixed salary of \$100 per month and suggested a meeting with the city council, with a view to keeping this as a separate fund. The same committee was thanked and asked to serve until dismissed.

H. H. Jenkins is to be toastmaster next week.

### County Auditor Len Faucett Dies

Len Faucett, Taylor county auditor and resident of Abilene for 39 years, died Sunday afternoon at his home in Abilene, following an illness of 11 weeks. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon, with Rev. W. P. Gerhart, Episcopal rector, conducting the rites.

As a mark of respect all the offices in the Taylor county courthouse were closed at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon and the county commissioners in session Monday drew up resolutions of appreciation and respect for Mr. Faucett and of sympathy for his family.

He had served as auditor of Taylor county for six years.

Survivors are his wife, the former Miss Lettie Logan, to whom he was married in 1910, and their only child, Miss Elizabeth Faucett, who is now on tour with the Simmons Cowboy band. Miss Faucett has not been notified of her father's death and an effort is being made to keep the news from her until her return to New York August 16.

### Elect Delegates to County Convention

At the Merkel precinct convention held at the tabernacle at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon, the following delegates were named to the county convention at Abilene Saturday, August 2:

T. G. Bragg, W. O. Boney, Booth Warren, R. O. Anderson, A. T. Sheppard, H. H. Jenkins, C. J. Glover, Jr., W. W. Toombs, J. A. Patterson, J. S. Swann, Wes Derstine, W. W. Wheeler, L. W. Cox, Herbert Patterson, Henry West, Dr. H. P. Hulsey, W. L. Blair, Eli Case, W. D. Huetheson and Joe Hartley.

The meeting was called to order by W. O. Boney, precinct chairman, and J. S. Swann was elected primary chairman and C. J. Glover, Jr., secretary. The committee to name delegates was composed of J. A. Patterson, Lee Cox, W. W. Toombs and Judge W. W. Wheeler.

### Sanitarium Notes.

The condition of Mrs. G. W. Hudspeth, residing on the Hudspeth lease, was reported good after undergoing a major operation Tuesday.

W. T. Cox submitted to a major operation on Wednesday and his condition is also reported good.

## KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Stricken with apoplexy while herding sheep on a ranch 15 miles east of Laredo, Nieves Luna, 45, was found dead.

An automatic voting machine was used for the first time Saturday when one was installed in San Antonio's heaviest voting box.

Falling into a water trough at the family home in northwest Denton county, the year and a half old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Durham was drowned.

The body of Roy Hawthorne, 39, was found Saturday in a field near Fort Worth where it had been dumped and set afire, after being saturated with gasoline.

While attempting to kill a bulldog that had apparently gone mad, W. S. Bailey, San Angelo, accidentally shot his wife, but her wounds are not considered serious.

John S. Bond, former Abilenian and for six years sheriff of Taylor county, was nominated over two opponents as sheriff of Palo Pinto county in the election Saturday.

Too ill to rise from her bed, Mrs. Annie Higgins of San Antonio was transported to the polls Saturday in an ambulance and was taken into the voting booth on a stretcher.

Jack Dinkins, 21, son of H. C. Dinkins, who recently moved to Ennis from Terrell, was drowned when he fell out of a boat into the Trinity river 14 miles east of Ennis.

Internal combustion of baled cotton in a box car was blamed for the fire which caused \$50,000 damage to Missouri Pacific refrigerator cars and city icing decks at Harlingen Sunday.

Rev. Alonzo Monk, Jr., 49, conference evangelist of the Methodist Church, South, died Monday at Fort Worth after a second operation for appendicitis failed to bring improvement.

Grover Cleveland Alexander, former National league pitching ace and recently released outright by the Dallas baseball club, has joined the Toledo Mudhens of the American association.

Five Texas state rangers are guarding Jesse Lee Washington, negro, sentenced to death in the electric chair for the slaying of Mrs. Henry Vaughn at her farm home near Shamrock several weeks ago.

With a lead of 4,730 votes, Martin Dies of Orange, son of the late Congressman Martin Dies, seems assured of the democratic nomination for congress from the second district over John C. Box of Jacksonville, the incumbent.

"Tex" Thornton, famed for his work in extinguishing burning oil wells and wild gassers in Texas and Oklahoma, is on the ground making preparation to fight the Houston Oil company's wild burning gasser at Refugio.

Little Robert Keith Baker, age 20 months, just learning to walk, met death as the result of his first excursion alone when an hour after venturing from the Baker home at Harlingen the child's body was found in an earthen tank.

R. S. Calvert, assistant cashier of the First National bank at Sweetwater for several years and prominent in civic work, has accepted appointment as statistician in the comptroller's department under George H. Sheppard, re-elected Saturday.

Mrs. Jim Martin, 80, is dead and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gunn, all of Minter, near Paris, are in a serious condition with a mysterious malady which attacked them after eating breakfast Sunday and as to the cause of which doctors and officers are conducting an investigation.

A tax of 69 cents on the \$100 valuation, one cent higher than the 1929 rate, was fixed Wednesday by the state automatic tax board, the tax for educational purposes having been raised to the constitutional limit, 35 cents, while the ad valorem tax was reduced to 27 cents, the tax for confederate pensions being set at 7 cents.

### Boswell Leads Agents West Coast Company

Representing the West Coast Life Insurance company, Texas headquarters at Dallas, our fellow townsman, C. L. Boswell led the agents for his company in Texas for the past year. He has been attending a convention of agents of the company in Dallas where the announcement of the honor was made.

## FERGUSON PLURALITY PASSES 67,000 MARK; STERLING IN RUN-OFF

### RUN-OFFS IN FIVE RACES IN COUNTY

#### Total of 6,898 Votes Polled In Saturday's Primary; Austin Fitts Leads Ticket.

There will be five county and precinct run-off races in Taylor county in the second primary. They are: Sheriff—H. T. O'Bar and Burl Wheeler; Tax Assessor—Mrs. Florence Vance and J. T. Howard; Public Weigher, Precinct No. 5—Houston Robertson and Sam Bankston; Commissioner Precinct No. 2—Rufe Tittle and P. A. Diltz; Commissioner Precinct No. 4—S. H. McAdams and Joe A. Meador.

A total of 6,898 votes was polled in Saturday's primary. Austin Fitts, unopposed for county treasurer, led the ticket.

In the race for congress Thomas L. Blanton carried Taylor county by vote of 4,437 to 2,044 for V. Earl Earp. Blanton carried every county in the 17th district, with the exception of Earp's home county, Nolan.

R. M. Wagstaff, W. J. Cunningham, Gray Browne and M. A. Williams were winners in county races with opposition, besides the two run-offs.

Two precinct races to be run-off are strictly Merkel affairs, that for commissioner precinct No. 2 between Rufe Tittle and P. A. Diltz and the one for public weigher precinct No. 5 between Houston Robertson and Sam Bankston.

The tabulated vote for Merkel complete is given on page 6 of this issue of The Mail, while the totals for the county in all races appear below.

#### FOR COMMISSIONER.

Vote for the commissioner's race in this precinct for all boxes follows: Merkel—Toombs, 141; Tittle, 216; Frazier, 107; Blair, 51; Diltz, 201.

Trent—Toombs, 14; Tittle, 80; Frazier, 9; Blair, 3; Diltz, 49.

Caps-Merkel—Toombs, 13; Tittle, 6; Frazier, 0; Blair, 3; Diltz, 15.

Tye-Merkel—Toombs, 7; Tittle, 17; Frazier, 8; Blair, 1; Diltz, 17.

Nubla—Toombs, 19; Tittle, 1; Frazier, 18; Blair, 20; Diltz, 25.

Blair—Toombs, 28; Tittle, 29; Frazier, 5; Blair, 5; Diltz, 18.

Total—Toombs, 222; Tittle, 349; Frazier, 150; Blair, 83; Diltz, 322.

#### FOR PUBLIC WEIGHER.

Complete vote for public weigher for all boxes in this precinct follows: Merkel—Bankston, 134; Cox, 110; Robertson, 127; Gibson, 106; Compton, 93; Fulton, 50; Brown, 46.

Caps-Merkel—Bankston, 2; Cox, 0; (Continued on Page Four)

### Wellington Man, Third in Race, Declines to Indicate Whom He Favors; Love Promptly Joins Sterling Forces.

Latest figures in the governor's race, accounting for 784,574 votes, give Mrs. Miram A. Ferguson a plurality of 67,849 over Ross S. Sterling. Mrs. Ferguson's total vote, as reported Thursday morning, is 227,883, and that of Sterling 160,004. Clint C. Small of Wellington, third high in the 11-man race for governor, had 131,380 votes.

Following the early indications that Ferguson and Sterling would be in the run-off Tom Love announced immediately that he would support Sterling. Governor Dan Moody and Attorney General Bobbitt have also actively joined the Sterling forces, as has Alvin S. Moody, campaign manager for Tom Love. Frank Putnam, Houston "wet" and Dr. Walker, late gubernatorial candidate, will support "Ma."

In a statement Tuesday, Clint Small announced that he would not be so presumptuous as to attempt to dictate to his supporters how they should vote for governor, "for," he said, "the men and women who supported me are of the independent, courageous type. They need no help in arriving at a conclusion."

The standing of the other candidates for governor follows: Love, 76,989; Young, 68,345; Mayfield, 52,111; Miller, 48,868; Moody, 4,208; Putnam, 2,603; Lovan, 2,507; Walker, 1,940.

Former Governor Pat M. Neff lacked 8,660 votes of having a majority over his three opponents, W. Gregory Hatcher, retiring state treasurer, being the runner-up. Neff received 319,899 votes and Hatcher 151,040, Johnson 94,764 and Patton 82,755.

#### OTHER STATE RACES.

Besides the races for governor and railroad commissioner, there will be four other state run-off races. They are: Witt and Strong for lieutenant governor; Allred and Bobbitt for attorney general; Davis and Lockhart for treasurer, and McDonald and King for commissioner of agriculture.

Standing of the other races: United States senator: Sheppard 459,652, Henry, 150,573 Mitchner, 34,758.

Lieutenant governor: Witt, 154,647, Strong 147,345, Parnell 102,453, Rogers 74,885, Darwin 67,244, Arnold 41,408, Hair, 38,971.

Attorney general: Allred 254,779, Bobbitt 230,345, Storey 109,270, Becker 62,457.

Comptroller: Sheppard 410,837, Mills 204,213. (Continued on Page 8.)

## The Community Newspaper

(From Boswell (Okla.) News.)

### Is Farmer's Best Friend

The community newspaper is the farmer's best friend. That is the verdict of a farmer who also holds the position of county commissioner in another state. The farmer's communication is published in a community paper which comes to us in exchange.

"The farmers have friends among their neighbors and acquaintances," the writer says. "They are personal friends. The farmers have other friends, of an impersonal character—friends of the industry and incidentally friends of the individual farmers to the extent of having a constant desire to do things that will be of help to the farmers as a class and to the individuals whom they may be in position to serve. The farmers need friends of both of these kinds.

"One of the best friends of the impersonal type—if not indeed the very best friend—is the country newspaper. Your local newspaper is a friend from beginning to end. It is your local newspaper that pays you the first good wishes. The local newspaper announces your birth—says it's a fine boy with fine parents—and bespeaks a bright future for you. It sometimes adds that in time you may become one of the leading citizens, and possibly President of the United States.

"When you are in school and make the honor roll, the community newspaper records the fact and adds its praise. Later, when you lead

some blushing maiden to the marriage altar, your local paper records that event and is fulsome in praise and compliments, with every good wish for your future. When children bless the union, your community paper records the fact and then speaks in glowing and praiseworthy terms of you as a proud parent.

"When you essay to run for office your local paper speaks well of you. It points out your good qualities and splendid manhood, and is the last to say naught against you or throw logs across your path.

"When you stand out among your fellows as a good farmer—one who has accomplished something worthwhile—your achievements are cited and often glorified in the local paper. Even when you come to town, or sell a likely yearling, your local paper tells about it to your credit. And if you should let Ford skid off the road and you come out with a broken arm, the local paper is always your immediate sympathizer and extends a hope for your early recovery of both physical well being and accident insurance.

"... finally, when you come to the point of shuffling off this mortal coil, as the passing of a good man is sometimes called, the country paper is again there to record the fact and to add its testimonial of your good qualities and your useful service to the community and to extend its sympathy to the surviving members of your family."



"DOCTOR OF TOWNS" SAYS

### SELL THE SALESMAN ON SELLING MERKEL.

One rainy day a few years ago I called on a merchant in a town of some 5,000 population in central Indiana. I had a brief case under my arm, and as I walked into the store someone exclaimed: "Ye gods, another drummer!" Naturally I was somewhat taken back but the gentleman followed through with: "There's been sixteen salesmen in here today, and only one customer."

Immediately the mission of my call was forgotten, for here was a shoe man who had altogether the wrong slant on things. He is only one of thousands upon thousands of merchants who do not recognize the salesman who calls on him as, first, a potential buyer of that which he has to sell; and, second, a walking, talking advertisement for his town.

Any salesman who is trying to sell you something is easier for you to sell something to than any of those whom the shoe man chose to call customers. Every salesman buys what 'most every merchant sells, but how many merchants ever try to sell him anything?

This shoe man passed up an opportunity. Here he was, with nothing to do, and 17 people came into his store, only one of whom he tried to sell, when in reality he had 17 live customers but he didn't know it. Not a one of those fellows but wore shoes and granting that every one of them had on new ones, they surely didn't all have rubbers; and even so he might at least have sold them a pair of shoe strings. The profit on 16 pairs of shoe strings on each of the 320 days in the year would amount to 10 per cent interest on \$2,500. In the case of this man that sum would have paid more than two months rent.

The merchant or professional man who allows a salesman to go away from his place of business without selling that man on the town is passing up almost as great an opportunity. The returns on the time taken to do this may not be direct, but someone in your town will profit, and you can not make money unless your neighbor does.

It is a sort of unwritten code among salesmen that the town they (Continued on Page Two.)



**Zion Chapel News**

Miss Ida Bell Terry is spending the week with relatives at Avoca.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Childers and daughter, Ina May, attended church in Merkel Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Halmont Chaney and children visited her parents at Salt Branch Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Osburn and baby were called to Mineral Wells Friday on the sad mission of attending the funeral of Mrs. Osburn's grandmother, who died suddenly Thursday morning.

Our Sunday School had a social at the home of the superintendent, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Tarvin, on last Friday evening. Most all members were present. The pastor, Rev. Green of Kansas City, Rev. and Mrs. Walker and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Elliott of Merkel were guests. Ice cream and cake was served to some seventy-five and all reported a very enjoyable evening.

Jeff Chaney has gone to Abilene where he has a position at the Phelps filling station.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Spurgin visited his mother, Mrs. R. R. Spurgin, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Powell and Grandma Harris of Anson visited Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Tarvin Sunday afternoon.

Miss Gertrude Cooke is visiting relatives at Nocomia this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Bond of South Merkel visited her mother recently.

Miss Emma D. Blankenship of Anson spent the week-end with her cousin, Miss Eva Lou Allred.

Mr. and Mrs. Melton visited their son, Parker Melton, of Abilene Sunday.

Watts Davis has returned home from Peacock, where he has been visiting his brother and sister. His brother, Dennis, accompanied him home for a few days visit.

Miss Virgie Marshal has had as her week-end guest Miss Wetsel of Trent.

Francis and Eva Dean Terry have returned home after several days visit with Mrs. Goldie Hodges of Noodle.

Of a total area of 3,026,789 square miles in the United States, 53,015 is water not counting the Great Lakes.

**Athlete Soon Regains Health By New Konjola**

Baseball Player Suffering From Rheumatism and Other Ailments Finds Prompt Relief.



MR. JACK M. LONG.

"For over two years I suffered from rheumatism," said Mr. Jack M. Long, 511 Burnett street, Ft. Worth. "My legs and back were affected so much that I could not carry on my work as a baseball player. Finally I was forced to remain in my home for three months. I had attacks of indigestion and my kidneys gave me no end of trouble; the pains in my back were terrible. I was forced to rise many times nightly and became very nervous."

"I tried many remedies without result when a friend recommended Konjola. After taking seven bottles, I was able to resume my work in the K. I. C. League as a ball player. The rheumatic pains have completely vanished and my stomach is in perfect condition. My kidneys are again normal and I do not have to rise at night. The pains have left my back and my nerves are going strong. Konjola restored me to perfect health."

Although many men and women state that one or two bottles brought relief, it is recommended that six or eight bottles be taken to obtain the best results.

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

**UNION RIDGE NEWS**

Rev. Coggin of Abilene filled the fourth Sunday appointment last Sunday.

Mrs. Blackwell and sons of Leveland are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Harris.

Mrs. C. J. Douglas and son, Ben, Misses Mary Bell and Levera Fay Douglas and Miss Marion Dean were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Douglas and Mr. and Mrs. William Henson at Stanton for several days last week.

Several from this community have attended the Baptist meeting at Hebron.

There will be Sunday School next Sunday and Mrs. A. E. Heath is leader for the next prayer meeting.

Phillip Skidmore of Galon is spending several days with his grandma, Mrs. C. J. Douglas.

Sir James Barrie's first effort at play writing, a three-act comedy of stage life, entitled "Bohemia," written when he was a student in Edinburgh University, was sold in London recently for \$2,000.

Complete line of office supplies at Mail office.

The Greeks were the first people to write music.

Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office.

**Hornet Sting Fatal.**

Morristown, N. J., July 31.—Stung in one thumb by a hornet while picking blueberries, Mrs. John Holt of Butler township is dead. The coroner found that the virus penetrated a vein and was carried to the heart. Death came in a few minutes.

**Dance Brings Rain.**

Polacco, Ariz., July 31.—The "Green Corn" dance of the Hopi Indians was halted Sunday when desert thunderstorms put out the ceremonial fires. The dance was an appeal to their rain god, Omespree, and had been going on for hours when the water fell.

To the Voters of Precinct No. 5:

I wish to extend my thanks and appreciation to each and every one who gave me their support in the election of public weigher. I can never forget the loyalty of such friends and ask a continuation of their support and confidence, assuring all that I have no hard feelings toward any one who did not see fit to vote for me in the first primary. As I am in the run-off, I earnestly solicit your vote and influence.

Sincerely,  
Houston Robertson.

June building figures for Texas were more than twice the total for June last year—\$28,692,200 against \$13,822,000.

**THE TOWN DOCTOR**

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get business in is a good town, but the town where they get no orders is a terrible "burg."

Sell these fellows on what your town has, what it needs, whether you give them an order or not. Go out of your way to do this with the fellow from whom you do not buy, rather than the one you do. Sell him! Send him on his way boosting your town, for you never know when his firm may want to locate a new branch factory, or district office, or place a resident zone manager and his family in the territory.

Even if there is no chance of this, the salesman meets and talks to hundreds of people weekly, and he can and will be the cause of sending hundreds of dollars in business to your town if you "sell" him on the idea and on Merkel.

A town with only 100 salesmen a week, 40 weeks in the year, can have 4000 walking delegates constantly advertising the advantages of that town, so Sell the Salesmen on Selling Merkel.

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

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Know the nature and quality of the service rendered by this Bank, and we believe we could number many more firms and individuals among our customers if we had the opportunity of discussing with them the distinct advantages of a banking connection here. We would like to help you figure out for yourself the advisability of the establishment of such a connection.

Whether you are doing business with us or not, "the latch string hangs on the outside" and we will appreciate your coming in to see us.

THE OLD RELIABLE

**FARMERS AND MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK**

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MERKEL, TEXAS

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Firestone OLDFIELD		
Our Tire (Cash Price)	Mail Order Tire	Mail Order Super Tire
4.40-21	\$5.55	\$5.55
4.50-21	6.35	6.35
4.75-19	7.55	7.55
5.00-20	8.15	8.15
5.00-21	8.45	8.45
5.25-18	8.98	8.98
5.25-20	9.40	9.40
5.25-21	9.75	9.75
6.00-20	12.55	12.60
6-Ply Other Sizes Proportionately Low		
H. D. TRUCK TIRES		
30x5	19.45	19.45
30x6	34.10	34.10

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YOU no longer need to send for tires by mail, nor do you have to buy tires made by some unknown manufacturer. Firestone prices are now the lowest in tire history, but more important than that, Firestone quality has never been higher.

We've taken the mystery out of tire buying

Visit our store and we will show you the "inside facts" about tires. We have actually cut up new tires and have the cross sections for you to examine—you will easily see why Firestone quality is so outstanding.

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Size	Our Tire	Mail Order Tire
4.50-21	4.75 in.	4.72 in.
Width of Tire	16.80 lbs.	15.68 lbs.
Weight of Tire	.598 in.	.558 in.
Thickness of Tire	165 cu. in.	150 cu. in.
Volume of Rubber in Tread and Sides	6	5
Number of Plies at Tread	Establish the Facts by Asking to See Cross Sections of Both Tires	



Firestone ANCHOR Super Heavy Duty		
Our Tire (Cash Price)	Mail Order Super Tire	Mail Order Super Tire
4.50-21	\$9.20	9.75
4.75-19	10.20	10.25
5.00-19	10.95	11.75
5.25-20	12.35	13.65
5.50-20	13.90	15.15
6.00-20	14.70	17.10
6.50-19	17.40	18.95
7.00-20	19.05	23.45
Other Sizes Proportionately Low		
Firestone Batteries		
13-Plate Sentinel	\$7.95	

**Advantages of Our Tire**

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**Infant Girl Crushed  
Death, Intoxicated  
Father is Acquitted**

Chicago Ill. July 31.—A father who fell while intoxicated and crushed to death his 5-month-old daughter was exonerated of criminal responsibility Monday by a coroner's jury.

The wife of Edward M. Johnston, a time aviator and La Salle street who was arrested Saturday after the child's death, collapsed after she stood to tell the jurors her husband had always been devoted to her and the baby. She was helped to a seat beside her husband.

Johnston said he had taken several drinks earlier while on the way to a cemetery to decorate the grave of his wife's child by a former marriage.

The infant, Mary Jane, had been left in the father's car Friday night while Mrs. Johnston went to visit her brother. When the baby awoke and cried Johnston carried it in his arms. He stumbled and fell upon the child. When Mary Jane became quiet he laid her in her crib. The baby had suffered broken ribs and a fractured skull and when Mrs. Johnston returned the baby was dead.

**\$4,000,000 Raised to  
Finance G. & W. T.**

San Angelo, July 31.—Construction of the Gulf & West Texas railroad between San Angelo and San Antonio has been financed with a \$4,000,000 loan, surveying of the route is nearing completion and actual building likely will start between Aug. 15 and Sept. 15.

Cities and towns that will be connected by the new railroad have subscribed a total of \$1,100,000 in 7 per cent preferred stock in the company, as follows: San Antonio \$595,000, San Angelo \$250,000, Mason \$165,000, Brady \$85,000 and Fredericksburg \$35,000. San Angelo was the first city to raise its quota several months ago. San Antonio and Brady are certain to subscribe the amounts allotted them. Fredericksburg has raised its quota and has secured some of the right of way, and Mason has exceeded its minimum by \$25,000. Securing of the right of way through Mason and McCulloch counties will start this week, with Tom Green county to follow.

Trackage rights have been secured over the S. A. & A. P. from San Antonio to Fredericksburg Junction, over the Fredericksburg & Northern from Fredericksburg to Fredericksburg Junction and over the Santa Fe from Brady to Eden, necessitating building only from Fredericksburg to Brady and from Eden to San Angelo, a total distance of about 112 miles. Connection at San Antonio with the Southern Pacific to Corpus Christi will give the northwestern country a short outlet to deep water.

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**Four Texans Cowboy  
Champs at Cheyenne**

Cheyenne, Wyo., July 31.—Range-land of Texas, Arizona, New Mexico and Canada furnished new world cowboy champions who were crowned here Saturday at the close of the annual Cheyenne frontier days celebration.

"Pete" Knight, Calgary, Canada, won the finals in the bronco riding events, with Bob Askin of Ismay, Mont., second.

Other world champions crowned were Carl Arnold, Buckeye, Ariz., steer roping; Jake McClure, Lovington, N. M., calf roping; John Bowman, Trent, Texas, bulldogging; Bub Whiteman, Fort Worth, Texas, champion amateur bronco rider; Buck Stewart, Fort Worth, trick rider, and Chester Byres, Fort Worth, trick roping.

**Penn Pool Allowed  
10,275 Barrels Daily**

Fort Worth, July 31.—Proration of production in the Penn pool of Ector county to 10,275 barrels daily, effective August 1 was agreed to by operators in the field at a meeting of the advisory committee Monday. This was the amount four pipeline companies purchasing oil from the field decided to run.

Actual potential production was shown to be 20,997 barrels daily by a four-days gauge of the 51 wells in the pool. There are 32 units of 40 acres each in the area and proration will be based 100 per cent on the average potential in units.

**Prince Takes Forced  
Landing in Plane**

Birmingham, England, July 31.—The Prince of Wales, flying with a pilot from London to Carnarvon, was forced down here Friday afternoon by a sudden storm. Landing was effected safely and the prince prepared to return to London.

The prince, who started to fly Friday morning to the Royal Welsh Agricultural show, found weather conditions becoming increasingly dangerous as he reached a point near this city and decided to come down to the air dome.

This is the second time within three days that the prince has been forced to abandon his air journey to Carnarvon by adverse weather conditions. It was announced that he would fly back to London late Friday if the weather permitted.

**Estate of Chauncey  
Depew at High Figure**

New York, July 31.—Chauncey M. Depew left a net estate of \$15,954,249 when he died on April 5, 1928, a transfer tax appraisal showed Monday.

The will left \$1,000,000 to Yale university and \$100,000 to the village of Peekskill. The entire residuary estate is shared by the widow, May Depew, and a son, Chauncey M. Depew, Jr.

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**Eugenia Bankhead Asks  
For Another Annulment**

Los Angeles, July 31.—Eugenia Bankhead-Hoyt-Butt-Lee has filed suit to annul her latest matrimonial venture with Howard Lee, aviator and sportsman. She charge Lee falsely informed her he was of a wealthy distinguished southern family.

The complaint stated Mrs. Lee, daughter of an Alabama congressman and sister of Tallulah Bankhead, actress, twice married Morton Hoyt and twice divorced him. Then she wed Lawson Butt, Jr., formerly Nevada university football player, but the marriage failed when it was discovered he had not received a divorce from a former wife.

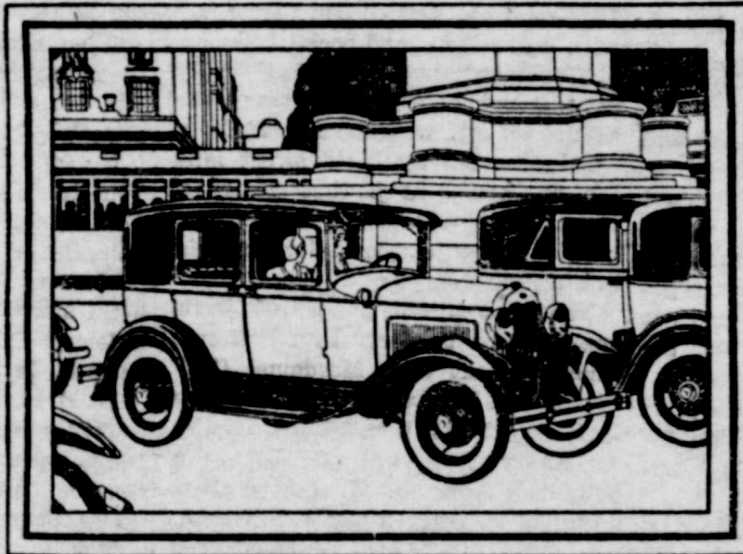
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The greatest progress comes by never standing still. Today's methods, however successful, can never be taken as wholly right. They represent simply the best efforts of the moment. Tomorrow must bring an improve-

ment in the methods of the day before. Hard work usually finds the way.

Once it was thought impossible to cast gray iron by the endless chain method. All precedent was against it and every previous experiment had failed. But fair prices to the public demanded that wasteful methods be eliminated. Finally the way was found.

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**County Races**

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Robertson, 15; Gibson, 7; Compton, 5; Fulton, 0; Brown, 5.
Nubia—Bankston, 3; Cox, 9; Robertson, 0; Gibson, 13; Compton, 4; Fulton, 6; Brown, 27.
Tye-Merkel—Bankston, 3; Cox, 1; Robertson, 24; Gibson, 4; Compton, 7; Fulton, 3; Brown, 6.
Blair—Bankston, 2; Cox, 7; Robertson, 1; Gibson, 8; Compton, 21; Fulton, 11; Brown, 29.
Totals—Bankston, 144; Cox, 127; Robertson, 167; Gibson, 138; Compton, 130; Fulton, 70; Brown, 113.

**COUNTY TOTALS.**  
 Completed totals for all races, state, district and county in Taylor county follow:

<b>United States Senator</b>	
Sheppard	4,690
Henry	937
Mitchner	313
<b>Congress 17th District</b>	
Blanton	4,437
Earp	2,044
<b>Governor</b>	
Ferguson	1,698
Small	1,636
Sterling	1,483
Love	1,385
Mayfield	192
Miller	123
Young	110
Loven	50
Moody	32
Walker	4
Putman	10
<b>Lieutenant Governor</b>	
Witt	1,625
Strong	1,354
Parnell	1,158
Darwin	519
Hair	319
Rogers	318
Arnold	294
<b>Comptroller</b>	
Sheppard	5,081
Mills	769
<b>Treasurer</b>	
Lockhart	2,116
Davis	1,596
Ball	513
Christian	739
Clark	361
<b>Land Commissioner</b>	
Walker	2,469
Johnson	2,391
Burke	623
<b>Attorney General</b>	
Allred	2,433
Pobbit	2,173
Storey	950
Becker	384
<b>State Superintendent</b>	
Marrs	6,743
<b>Commissioner of Agriculture</b>	
King	2,176
McDonald	918
Freeman	834
Maddox	590
Waller	433
West	289
<b>Railroad Commissioner</b>	
Neff	3,655
Hatcher	1,100
Johnson	613
Fatton	552
<b>Justice Supreme Court</b>	
Cureton	4,097
Thomas	1,452
<b>Justice Criminal Appeals Court</b>	
Lattimore	2,845
Stephens	2,841
<b>Justice 11th Appellate Court</b>	
Leslie	6,771
<b>Representative</b>	
Wagstaff	4,416
Martin	1,981
<b>District Attorney</b>	
Cunningham	4,571
Robinson	1,841
<b>County Attorney</b>	
Browne	3,592
Caffey	2,798
<b>Sheriff</b>	
O'Bar	2,541
Wheeler	2,331
Seale	1,329
Waldrop	644
<b>Tax Assessor</b>	
Vance	2,880
Howard	2,318
Long	1,502
<b>County Superintendent</b>	
Williams	3,946
Blankenship	2,946
<b>Wheiger, Precinct 5</b>	
Bankston	144
Cox	127
Robertson	167
Gibson	138
Compton	130
Fulton	70
Brown	113
<b>Commissioner, Precinct 2</b>	
Toombs	222
Title	349
Frazier	150
Blair	80
Diltz	325

**CHURCHES**

**MEN'S PRAYER MEETING.**

Next Sunday at 2 p. m. the Men's weekly prayer service will be held at the Baptist church, with Reese Hail as leader. A goodly attendance is recorded each week at these services and last Sunday's meeting at the Methodist church, with Charlie Jones as leader, was well in line with this record.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.**

While the summer attendance at the Merkel Sunday Schools is holding up remarkably well, even a slight increase was noted last Sunday over the attendance on the previous week's service, there being 736 present at the five reporting Sunday Schools last Sunday. The Baptist organization had the largest number present, with 267, and the number in attendance at the other Sunday Schools was: Methodist, 257; Church of Christ, 86; Presbyterian, 78, and Nazarene, 48.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.**

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. followed by communion service. Offering for Reynolds Home. Evening service at 8:15. Session meeting Tuesday at 8:15 and prayer meeting Wednesday evening. Come worship with us.

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

**NAZARENE CHURCH.**

God is blessing us in all the services of the revival meeting now in progress and we wish to have the hearty cooperation of all who love God and have a vision of the lost about us, "not going to be lost, but lost already." John 3-18. Come and help us push the battle against sin and the devil.

Last Sunday Brother W. R. Sibley preached a stirring sermon on our faithfulness to God and our duty to God and man, using as his subject 2 Tim. 4:6-8: "For I am now ready to be offered and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight; I have finished my course. I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day, and not to me only, but unto all them that love his coming."

S. W. Buzbee, reporter.

**AT THE METHODIST CHURCH.**

The pastor is home again and will be in his pulpit at both hours next Sunday. Our meeting at Blair was a great success, for which we give God the praise. Come to Sunday School on time next Sunday and stay for church.

T. C. Willett, Pastor.

**SENIOR EPWORTH LEAGUE.**

Leader, Lela Patterson.  
 Subject: "Protestantism Coming Together Again."  
 Scripture—Phil. 2:13-22; John 17:20-23.

Prayer.  
 Talks by Roy Patterson, Donald B. Willett, Lottie Butman and Hazel Lee Rainbolt.

Business.  
 League benediction.  
 Our league is growing and getting better every day. We have a place for you. Come and fill it.

**THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.**

We had a good day last Sunday let us make it a better day next Sunday, by every one being present and on time. Sunday School 9:45. W. J. Largent superintendent. Every member of the church is expected at Sunday School. The pastor will deliver a stirring message to the Christians at 11 a. m. and at 8:15 p. m. The public warmly welcomed.

—Reporter.

**SENIOR B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM.**

Subject: "Growing through Soul-Winning."  
 Scripture reading—John 4:27-38; Matt. 25:19-23; Mildred Hamm.  
 Introduction, Fannie Belle Boaz.  
 "Soul-Winning and Soul-Culture," B. P. Middleton.  
 "Individual Growth through Soul-Winning," Himalaya Swafford.  
 "Collective Growth through Soul-Winning," Beth Hamm.  
 "Instances of Growth through Soul-Winning," Florence Holmes.  
 "Elements of Growth through Soul-Winning," Vennie Heizer.  
 "Who Then Can Win Souls?" Addie Holler.

We have a very interesting program and are going to have some special music; so let everyone come out to B. Y. P. U. Sunday at 7:15. We need you and you need to be there. So don't forget the time.

**INTERMEDIATE B. Y. P. U.**

Group No. 1, Harry Boaz; Group No. 2, J. R. Lassiter; secretary-treasurer and reporter, Rogene Dye.  
 "Be What Thou Seemest," introducing the topic, J. R. Lassiter.  
 "The Meaning of the Word," Harry Boaz.  
 "Jesus Calls us to Sincerity in Prayer," Rogene Dye.  
 Part two, Howard Carson.  
 "Jesus Calls to Sincerity in Speech," Joe Earl Lassiter.  
 "Jesus Commands us to Give Sincerely," Margaret Miller.  
 "Jesus Calls us to Live Sincerely," Wayman Richards.

**JUNIOR B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM.**

Subject: "Who is Thy Neighbor?"  
 1. "The Lawyer's Question," Dot Swafford.  
 2. "The Traveler Meets with Thieves," Don Swafford.  
 3. "The Priest Sees the Wounded Man," Roger Derrick.  
 4. "The Levite," Margaret Berry.  
 5. "The Good Samaritan Comes," Warden Boswell.  
 6. "The Samaritan Goes to the Inn," Rosemary Lassiter.  
 7. "The Answer," W. G. Dickinson.  
 8. "The Inn of the Good Samaritan," Thomas Bearden.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST.**

A fine service last Lord's Day. More at Bible study at 10 o'clock and more at the 11 o'clock service. Glad you came and we urge that you come every Lord's Day to all the services. Bible study Lord's Day morning at the usual time and place.  
 Brother C. E. Wooldredge will be here next Lord's Day to begin with us a series of meetings at 11 o'clock. Brother Wooldredge comes from Plainview, Texas, where he has labored as minister for The Church during the past year. Just a preacher of the plain Gospel of Christ and we believe that you will enjoy his preaching.

The services will be held at the tabernacle twice each day. The exact hour to be announced later.  
 Everybody cordially invited to attend these meetings with us.  
 In love, The Elders.

**Coyote Takes Stroll On Fort Worth Street**

Fort Worth, July 31.—First it was Cowtown. Then a good many years ago, when Dallas and Fort Worth got their first professional ball teams, the news got out in Dallas that one night the mayor of Fort Worth, going home late, met a wild cat and got chased into his front door, and the name Panther City got started.

When the following news gets out in Dallas both cowtown and Panther City probably will give way to Wolfville.

Saturday morning W. J. Morgan, 1020 Henderson street, manager of McLellan's store, saw a young animal that he imagined to be a young police dog strolling along in the 900 block on Main street. When he passed by him he stooped to pick it up and the critter nearly chewed him up, and turned out, in fact, to be a young coyote.

Morgan called two other employees of the store and with their aid got the young citizen of the prairie by the scruff of the neck. The coyote will be added to the other wild life in Forest Park zoo.

**Revival at Trent.**

Elder W. G. Cybert will begin a revival at Trent Sunday under the auspices of the Church of Christ. The services will be held at the tabernacle there and will last ten days. Every one is cordially invited.

**Cattle Movement.**

On Monday W. S. J. Brown for the John Sears estate shipped a car of mixed cattle to Fort Worth.  
 On Wednesday at Fort Worth J. S. Swann sold 38 head of cattle, mostly heifers and calves, which he shipped from Trent Monday night.

**Light Rain Falls Here.**

While rain was reported in 35 West Texas counties on Wednesday, the precipitation here was only slight, being .06 of an inch. Heavy clouds formed in the east and northeast and several heavy showers of rain fell for brief intervals.

**Read the advertisements in this paper.**

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

The English channel is 150 miles wide, at its greatest breadth.

**SOCIETY**

**ECHOLS-DURHAM.**

The marriage of Miss Tommie Durham and Robert L. Echols was performed on Sunday, July 27th, at six p. m. in the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Durham with only the immediate members of the Durham family present. The Rev. T. C. Willett officiated.

Miss Tommie is the lovely daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Durham, formerly of Merkel but lately removed to Albany, where Miss Tommie was employed in the public schools. She was most popular as a high school student in Merkel High school, also in C. I. A., Denton, where she received her higher education. It is with regret that Merkel society learns she is to reside in Albany.

Mr. Echols is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Echols of Albany, a lumberman of high esteem in social and business standing. He has visited in Merkel and made many friends who wish all possible happiness to this young couple.

Mr. and Mrs. Echols left immediately via automobile for Albany where they will make their home.

**CLASS OUTING.**

The members of the Live Wire class of the Presbyterian church spent a most enjoyable evening at Shannon's Tuesday. The hours were spent in swimming and watermelon feasting.

The following members took part in the picnic, Mrs. Emory Jones, Misses Mary Derstine, Vera Walker, Mona Margaret Jones, Nina Bell Russell, Mammie Walker, Madeline Murray, Ola Smith, Ola Mae Hartman, Velma Walker and Missie Dye, Messrs. Emory Jones, W. J. Derstine, J. T. Darsey, Gordon Murray, Grisham Dowell, S. G. Russell, Jim Patterson and Cephus Wozencraft.

**CLASS MEETING.**

The Alathean class met for two days in all-day meetings in the basement of the Baptist church, July 23-24. After greetings and the business session, each member got busy with needle, thread and thimble, putting the blocks they had appliqued and embroidered with their name for a quilt for our much beloved class teacher. After getting it together and in the frames, we all settled down very busy with our needles and social talks and old-fashioned pure unadorned enjoyment. Dinner at 12 included many good things to eat, with several kinds of salads, ice tea and cold sweet milk. We adjourned at 5 that afternoon to meet at 10 the next day, had more good things to eat, mixed with social talk and exchange of ideas.

The quilt will be presented in the near future to Mrs. E. N. Brown. Those present were Mesdames C. P. Stevens, C. M. Largent, F. A. Polley, R. H. Matthews, J. D. Porter, Ensinger, Baker, Swafford, M. E. Campbell, Pick Allen, J. M. Ashby, Causeaux, J. T. Warren and J. S. Swann. —Reporter.

**Merkel Wins Two Games.**

The Merkel nine defeated Salt Branch Wednesday in a thrilling, hard fought game by the score of 6 to 5 and then took a heated decision from Stith, 9 to 8, when Childress hit a triple to right center and R. Wilson, sacrificed to score him. The scores:

First Game	R	H	E
Merkel	6	7	2
Salt Branch	5	6	2
Second Game	R	H	E
Merkel	9	12	3
Stith	8	10	1

**To the Voters of Precinct No. 5:**

I appreciate very much the votes of my friends in the recent primary and for those that voted against me I have nought but the kindest feelings. It was a race in which I had many friends as opponents and I realized that only two could come out winners. Again I thank you, one and all, for your support.

Dent Gibson.  
 (Political Advertising)

**Preacher in Foursome.**

A presiding elder, two Methodist preachers and a Presbyterian minister constituted a foursome Tuesday afternoon on the course of the Merkel Golf club. Brother Walker and Presiding Elder E. E. White of Abilene were the winners over our local pastor, Rev. T. C. Willett and Rev. J. Richard Spann of Abilene.

**THE MERKEL HOME LAUNDRY.**

The hot summer days are the time to give the housewife a vacation at home as well as away from home. Give her a respite from the dread of Monday morning "wash day" and the rest of the week for ironing and let us do your laundry this week. A trial is all that we ask. Just phone 2943 and we will call for and deliver promptly.

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**PERSONAL NEWS NOTES**

**Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Banner**

are visiting in Rotan and Slaton. Wilkes Holden has just returned from a visit to McCauley. William Sheppard is at home from San Antonio for several days. Rev. J. T. King and family spent several days in Brady this week. Mrs. Celia Mason of Abilene was a recent guest of Miss Mollie Shannon. Mrs. E. N. Brown is visiting in Fort Worth in the Dr. Venting home. Miss Ruth Copeland leaves Friday to spend her vacation at Asheville, N. C.

**Miss Erlene Allen**

of Abilene is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Charlie Higgins. Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Weiss returned Saturday from a brief visit to Wichita, Kansas. Miss Frances Higgins was the guest last week of the Misses McClain at Sweetwater. Miss Clara White spent the past week with friends and relatives in Sweetwater. Misses Fannie and Lela Woodard Abilene were week-end guests of Miss Hazel Lee Rainbolt. E. Yates Brown was in Dallas Tuesday, to attend a managers meeting of Federated stores.

**Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Grayson**

and children of Bovina were recent guests in the J. H. Grayson home. Mrs. Warren Smith and little son and Miss Alva Wheeler have returned from a visit to Alpine and El Paso. Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Holler of Gail and Mrs. J. E. Calcote of Big Spring were recent guests of Miss Addie Holler. After several days vacation visit in the T. G. Bragg home, Miss Kate Sue Reid returned Wednesday to Vernon.

**After an absence of several months**

in Uvalde, Yaco and Fort Worth, our good friend, J. R. Adcock has returned to Merkel. Mrs. Duncan Briggs and daughter, Miss Elizabeth Duncan, and Arthur Browning are visiting Carlsbad Caverns this week. Mr. and Mrs. Robert N. Hicks and son, Ben Robertson, returned Wednesday from a vacation visit to points in Oklahoma and Arkansas. Mrs. B. W. Milam and two children, Mary Gunn and David, of Dallas are visiting her mother, Mrs. Nannie Causeaux, this week.

**Silas Stevens and Johnnie Jacobs**

spent last week seeing the sights in San Antonio and also visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Cash at Christoval. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Meeks and son, Truett, returned Thursday morning from their vacation spent at Kerrville, San Antonio and other points. Mr. and Mrs. Vayden Horton and little son returned to their home at Coleman Sunday after visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Horton. W. E. Douglas of Sunset, Montague, county, and Emory Martin of Duval, Okla., spent several days here. Mr. Douglas came to visit his sister, Mrs. Molly Sears. Mrs. C. H. Jones accompanied her sister, Mrs. T. C. Biddle of San Antonio who is a guest in her home this week, on an automobile trip to Austin this week. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Anderson leave Friday for a visit with Mrs. Anderson's parents at Leonard, Texas. Mrs. Anderson will enter C. I. A. Denton, for the last summer term. Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Taylor of Austin are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. McAninch, after spending a pleasant vacation in Galveston, Houston and San Antonio. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Foss and two children, Bernice and Buck, of Houston have returned to their home after a week's visit with Mr. Foss' uncle, G. A. Hartman, local bandmaster. Mr. and Mrs. Doss Sheppard and daughter, Miss Marian, of Dallas were week-end visitors with their parents here. They were accompanied on their return to Dallas by Sterling Sheppard. Guests in the home of Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Sadler were Miss Eula Pearson of Nocona, Texas, Mrs. Dawley and son of Texarkana and Mrs. W. V. Ramsey and two sons of Abilene. On their vacation visit with Carlsbad Caverns as their destination, Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Sharp of Fort Worth stopped over here for a short visit with his parents, Mayor and Mrs. J. P. Sharp. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Teague and children, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Keith and Mr. and Mrs. John Keith and child, of Caps, returned Wednesday from a visit to McAdoo. Tom Durham, former editor of The Mail and now publisher of the Crane City News, also Jack Durham, wife and two children from McCamey were here Sunday for the Echols-Durham wedding. Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Johnston and children, Evelyn and Berna, returned Saturday from a tour through East-Texas and part of Louisiana, having visited Santo, Ennis, Beau-

**mont, McFadden Beach and Waskon, Texas, and Shreveport, La.**

While away they attended the funeral of Mrs. Johnston's uncle, Dr. N. B. Haney, of Fort Worth. Mrs. Mac Angus, accompanied by Mrs. L. Angus of Fort Worth, left Tuesday to visit their sister at Alamo gordo, New Mexico. They expect a' of Abilene and Miss Rose Fisher to go on to Cloudcroft. After several weeks in the Baptist hospital at Fort Worth, Mrs. R. L. Bradshaw returned home Wednesday much improved. She was accompanied by her daughter, Lenadeen, who had been visiting in Abilene during her absence. Mrs. H. R. Horton, accompanied by her son, Vernon, and granddaughter, Mary Boggs, of Abilene returned home Saturday from Plainview where they have been visiting Mrs. Horton's son and daughter, Elmer Morton and Mrs. O. A. Lucas. A party enjoying a fishing trip over the week-end included Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Bland and children, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Bland and children, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bland and little son, Benny Joe, Mr. Tarver, J. W. Bland, Pierce Horton and Buster Kelley, Misses Vergie Marshall, Eva Horton and Vira Sanders.

**Dora Doings**

Wednesday morning was cloudy and a little shower fell. Brother M. A. Quindlin filled his regular appointment here Saturday night and Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wallis and son, Dent, are visiting in Dallas for a few days. Miss Doris Jones is visiting in Clovis, New Mexico. Miss Gladys Laine left Wednesday for Commerce for a term in school. A. D. Cross and family enjoyed a visit last week-end from his sister from Arkansas. Mrs. Gladys McCoy has returned home after a few days visit with relatives in Merkel. John Dudley and family and mother, Mrs. H. West, visited her son, Hoyt, in the hospital at Wichita Falls for two days last week.

**Mrs. Randal Now In Charge Beauty Shop**

During the absence of Mrs. Pauline Lackey, the Modern Marinello \$ \$ P is now in charge of Mrs. Lucile Randal, an experienced operator, formerly with the Llano Beauty shop, Midland, and who was also here at the Modern Marinello for a week or so several months ago.

**To the Voters of Taylor County:**

I am profusely thankful to each one of you for your fine support in the recent primary. Many of you I did not get to see on account of the increased business of the office. I am in the race to stay and win and I have no doubt of my election. I have had much to contend with in the way of misrepresentations, but I feel sure the good people of Taylor will consider the source of these things and will put them down as political propaganda.

Your friend,  
 J. T. Howard  
 (Political Advertising)

**To the Voters of Precinct No. 2:**

I wish to take this method of thanking the voters of Precinct No. 2 for the loyal support they gave me in my race for re-election as county commissioner. I have done my best to give them the best service within my power and ability and I appreciate the evidence of the loyalty of my friends and supporters as indicated in the gratifying vote that I received in the first primary and that made it possible for me to go in the run-off. Your vote and influence in the second primary on August 23rd will be greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly,  
 P. A. Diltz.  
 (Political Advertising)

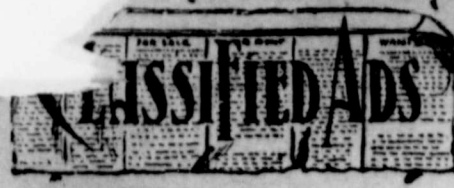
**To the Voters of Precinct No. 2:**

I want to express my appreciation of the loyal support given me in the first primary, which made it possible for me to lead the field in the race for commissioner. In the run-off primary, which comes August 23rd, I am asking not only the voters who supported me to go to the polls and vote again but I also want to ask all other voters to consider my qualifications for the office and to lend me their support also, if they see fit. Assuring you of my very best efforts to serve you, if elected to this office, I am

Your friend,  
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SALE—A nearly new baby car. Mrs. Frank Golladay. Phone 91.

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FOR SALE—English white leghorn pullets, Hoffmann strain; bred to lay winter eggs; price 50 cents each. C. L. Whitescarver, Route 4, Salt Branch community.

**FOR RENT**

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

FOR RENT—Two and three room furnished apartments. J. L. Riddle. Phone 91.

FOR RENT—New south apartment, nicely furnished, adjoining bath; hot and cold water. Phone 171W. Mrs. C. L. Boswell.

FOR RENT—Two houses, 6 rooms each, with all modern conveniences; also a three room apartment, nicely furnished. S. F. Haynes. Phone 265J.

FOR RENT—Two south rooms, with hall cut into with curtain, large closet. Mrs. T. J. Toombs. Phone 34.

**WANTED**

WANTED—Feed cutting; have new McCormick-Deering row binder doing good work; \$1.50 per acre. Arthur Lewis, Route 5.

WANTED—To take in stock for pasture. \$2.50 per head in advance. See Herman Abernathy.

**LOST AND FOUND**

STRAYED—9 years old black mare, about 15 1-2 hands high. Any information appreciated. Earl Walker. Phone 9024F22.

**LODGE NOTICES**

Merkel Chapter Royal Arch Masons meets on first Thursday night of each month. Visitors cordially invited. Joe Hartley, H. P. C. L. Boswell, Sec'y.

**LEGAL NOTICE.**

S. J. R. No. 19  
PROPOSING A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO BE VOTED ON NOVEMBER 4, 1930.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Section 5 of Article 3 of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended so as to hereafter read as follows:

The Legislature shall meet every two years at such time as may be provided by law and at other times when convened by the Governor. When convened in regular Session, the first thirty days thereof shall be devoted to the introduction of bills and resolutions, acting upon emergency appropriations, passing upon the confirmation of the recess appointees of the Governor and such emergency matters as may be submitted by the Governor in special messages to the Legislature; provided that during the succeeding thirty days of the regular session of the Legislature the various committees of each House shall hold hearings to consider all bills and resolutions and other matters then pending; and such emergency matters as may be submitted by the Governor; provided further that during the following sixty days the Legislature shall act upon such bills and resolutions as may be then pending and upon such emergency matters as may be submitted by the Governor in special messages to the Legislature; provided however, either House may otherwise determine its order of business by an affirmative vote of four-fifths of its membership.

Sec. 2. That Section 24 of Article 3 of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended so as to hereafter read as follows:

Members of the Legislature shall receive from the public Treasury a per diem of not exceeding \$10.00 per day for the first 120 days of each session and after that not exceeding \$5.00 per day for the remainder of the session.

In addition to the per diem the members of each House shall be entitled to mileage in going to and returning

**ANNOUNCEMENTS  
POLITICAL**

For Sheriff:  
H. T. O'BAR, (Re-election.)  
BURL WHEELER.  
For Tax Assessor:  
J. T. HOWARD, (Re-election.)  
MRS. FLORENCE VANCE.  
For Commissioner, Precinct No. 2:  
P. A. DILTZ, (Re-election.)  
RUFE TITTLE.  
For Public Weigher, Precinct No. 5:  
S. A. (Sam) BANKSTON.  
HOUSTON ROBERTSON.

from the seat of government, which mileage shall not exceed \$250 for every 25 miles, the distance to be computed by the nearest and most direct route of travel, from a table of distances prepared by the Comptroller to each county seat now or hereafter to be established; no member to be entitled to mileage for any extra session that may be called within one day after the adjournment of a regular or called session.

Sec. 3. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the electors of this state qualified to vote on constitutional amendments at an election to be held throughout the State on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, A. D. 1930.

(A correct copy.)  
JANE Y. McCALLUM,  
Secretary of State.

**CITATION BY PUBLICATION.**

The State of Texas,

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon J. R. Williams by making publication of this citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in the nearest county where a newspaper is published, to appear at the next regular term of the 42nd Judicial District Court of Taylor county, to be holden at the court house thereof, in Abilene on the first Monday in September A. D. 1930, the same being the first day of September A. D. 1930, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 17th day of July A. D. 1930, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said court No. 8553-A, wherein Lucile G. Williams, is plaintiff, and J. R. Williams, is defendant, and a brief statement of plaintiff's cause of action, being as follows:

Plaintiff and defendant were married about Dec. 10, 1907, and separated about April 1, 1928. Plaintiff sues for divorce on the ground of cruel treatment, all of which is fully alleged in her petition now on file.

Herein fail not but have before said court, at its next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal of said court, at office in Abilene, Texas, on this 17th day of July A. D. 1930.  
BELLE WELLBORN, Clerk,  
District Court Taylor County, Texas.

**THE STATE OF TEXAS**

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County—Greetings:

You are hereby commanded to summon Price Cason by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in the nearest County where a newspaper is published, to appear at the next regular term of the 42nd District Court of Taylor County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Abilene, Texas, on the first Monday in September A. D. 1930, the same being the first day of September A. D. 1930, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 30th day of July A. D. 1930, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 8579-A, wherein Betty Cason is plaintiff and Price Cason is defendant, and a brief statement of plaintiff's cause of action, being as follows: Plaintiff and defendant were married about the 29th day of July 1929, and separated about November 1st, 1929; plaintiff sues for a divorce on the ground of cruel treatment, all of which is fully alleged in her original petition.

Herein Fail Not but have before said Court, at its next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, on this 30th day of July A. D. 1930.

Belle Wellborn, Clerk.  
District Court Taylor County, Texas  
By Zola McKee, Deputy.

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Walker	1
Sterling	77
Young	4
Putnam	0
Loren	1
Mayfield	14
Miller	17
Love	208
Ferguson	129
Small	237
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<i>Lieutenant Governor</i>	
Arnold	25
Rogers	17
Parnell	112
Strong	168
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Sheppard	582
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Christian	76
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Storey	99
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Allred	338
Becker	48
<i>Superintendent of Public Instruction</i>	
Marrs	361
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Maddux	65
Freeman	84
McDonald	131
King	158
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Cureton	432
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**TELEPHONE THE MAIL**

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

## Blair Items

Miss Adams of Red Springs, Texas, is spending an indefinite time with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Brooks.

Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Myers en route from New Mexico to Seymour stopped over and spent several days with the latter's sister, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Moore, and they were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Moore to visit relatives at that place.

Misses Malone of Abilene are the houseguests of their cousins, Geneva and Sallie Malone.

Mr. and Mrs. Hill of Dallas visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Patterson, over the week-end.

Harold and Alma Hughes of Abilene spent the week-end with their cousins, Pet and bell Patterson.

Jane Provine and Oleta Peppers of Abilene spent the week-end with their friends, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Doan.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Spears en route from Lubbock to Valera stopped over here for a couple of hours, shaking hands with old friends.

Adrian Farmer left Sunday for an extended visit in the east.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Deavers have as their houseguests their cousins, from the plains.

Mr. and Mrs. Melt Hand of Trent spent Sunday with her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Morris.

Mr. and Mrs. James Doan and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Doan visited the former's sons, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Doan of Roscoe, Texas, and Mr. and

Mrs. Roy Doan of Rotan the past two weeks.

Mrs. K. Blackburn of Nubia spent the past week with her daughter, Mrs. Lewis Pyles.

Mrs. Tom Melton left recently for Oklahoma to stay several weeks with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Davenport.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Doan spent Thursday and Friday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Horton, of Trent.

Iva Mae and Catherine Tittle of Trent visited Friday with Anna Addison.

Mr. and Mrs. George West of Trent visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Neighbors Sunday.

On the census bureau basis of including only those in towns of 2,500 population or more, the state's urban population is estimated at 48 per cent. In 1900 it was only 17.1, in 1910 only 24.1 and in 1920 it was 32.4 per cent.

**MONEYMAKERS.**

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**To Correct a Rumor.**

It is being told that the reason for the raise in taxes at this time is caused by the City having its funds tied up in the 20% liquidation of the old Farmers State Bank. I wish to correct this statement and say that but \$52.79 is tied up of the General Fund and that if the City finds itself in financial straits it comes from some other source than this.

R. O. Anderson.

**Mary Ann O'Reilly Dies.**

Chicago, July 31.—Mrs. Mary Anne O'Reilly, 86, who travelled over Texas in a covered wagon for 14 years with her husband, died in the home of a daughter here Monday. Her husband supplied stone for many public buildings throughout Texas. One of Mrs. O'Reilly's children was Edward S. (Tex) O'Reilly, short story writer and war hero.

If you have any visitors, Phone 29 or 61.

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**Cow Electrocuted.**

Ashland, Wis., July 31.—A cow belonging to Aloys Habelt, Grand View, swallowed an electric light cord and, while chewing the socket, turned on the switch. The cow was electrocuted.

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## HUSBAND AND WIFE BENEFITTED BY ARGOTANE

"Argotane Has Done More For My Case Than Any Other Medicine I Have Taken," Says Sweetwater Farmer.

"Yes, Argotane has benefited both my wife and myself," said H. L. Edwards, of Sweetwater, Texas. Mr. Edwards has been a farmer for several years and lives two miles northwest of Sweetwater.

"I suffered for three or four years with a habitual case of constipation, and never could find anything to relieve me, although I have tried lots of medicines and treatments but without success. I would have gas to form on my stomach after eating, which seemed to settle in my right side, and it would pain me severely at times.

"My wife started taking Argotane just for a general rundown condition, and is receiving good results. She is going to continue taking it.

"Argotane was advertised so highly I decided to try it for my case, and now have just taken two bottles of it, and certainly feel a lot better than I did.

"Gas has stopped forming in my stomach, and I am not constipated any more, and in fact, since I started on the Argotane treatment I haven't been bothered at all with any of my old troubles. Argotane is sure a good medicine and has done more for me than anything I have ever taken."

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# POULTRY

## CLEANER RANGES VERY ESSENTIAL

### System of Rotation Advocated by One Specialist.

The difficulty of raising young stock free from intestinal parasites year after year on the same range has become so great that many poultrymen are finding it necessary to abandon the old ranges and provide new, clean ones, reports J. C. Taylor, associate poultry specialist at the New Jersey State College of Agriculture, Rutgers university.

Mr. Taylor defines a clean range as an area of ground on which no chickens were raised last year and on which no poultry manure has been scattered for the last two years. Where such a range is not available, he advises a system of rotation so that clean ranges will be available in the future. In the rotating system one range is used for the chicks one year while the others are cultivated and cropped. A two-year rotation is good but a three-year rotation is much better. In this three areas are available, thus making it possible to keep the chicks away from each range for a period of two years. Corn, clover, and chickens make a desirable rotating arrangement.

By providing a clean range the mortality from coccidiosis and intestinal worms is greatly reduced, extensive experiments have shown.

### Grades for Chickens on Chicago Poultry Board

Poultrymen who sell live birds on the Chicago market will be interested in the grades as provided on that market by the Chicago poultry board.

Live poultry is graded as prime or No. 1; medium or No. 2; and canners or No. 3, each grade being defined as follows:

No. 1 poultry, or prime, shall consist of vigorous, fleshy, healthy birds, free from tumors, downers, T.B., gaps, swollen heads or eyes, banded legs or wings, lurchbacks, heavy indented or crooked breast bone.

No. 2 poultry or medium, shall be vigorous, healthy and free from tumors, downers, T.B., gaps, swollen heads and eyes and culis, but may consist of indented and crooked breast bone, lurchbacks, bruised wings and legs, also scrubby hens and all hens under 2½ pounds.

No. 3 poultry shall be such as will not qualify as No. 1 or No. 2, excepting diseased birds not fit for human food.

### Feeding Young Chicks After the First Month

Most people feed their chicks well for the first month when the little chicks need careful attention in the brooder or with hens, but after they get older and do not need to be watched closely, many lose interest in or at least allow the chicks to rustle for themselves. This common mistake is hard to overcome for it is natural for one to become more careless with the chicks after they have a good start in life. Chicks are not so apt to die as before, but they are still apt to become runts and therefore unprofitable.

Chicks should have access to a well balanced ration throughout their life. Pullets that are matured are the ones that lay during the fall and winter when eggs are high in price. It takes proper rations, plus early hatched chicks, to raise this type of pullets.

### Poultry Hints

Kill all weak and undersized chicks at the start.

When goose eggs are to be kept a while they should not be washed.

Depth and width of body are characteristic of good breeding stock.

Oyster shell, sunshine and green feed are all necessary for high hatchability.

Give baby goslings water from the start but do not let them get their bodies in it or trample in it.

Good breeding stock is the foundation of success. The combination of heavy egg production and beauty is the ideal toward which we should strive.

Remember that your success in producing hatchable eggs depends on the vigor and vitality of the breeding stock, complete rations containing vitamins and minerals, and the proper care of eggs before setting.

Green feed, dandelions, young clover or alfalfa or even lawn clippings should be provided after the ducks are a week old.

As in the case of insufficient vitamin D, the egg shells become much thinner, which increases the chances of loss by breaking.

Select your breeding pen or pens from among your high producers, preferably from hens only, thus securing longevity (continued high production) as well as stamina.

# FARM STOCK

## LET PIGS DO MANY OF FARM CHORES

### Pork Producers Make Animals Care for Themselves.

Many live stock producers are making the pigs take care of themselves as much as possible by the use of self-feeders, automatic watering systems and other labor-saving equipment. Such improvements in the farmyard furniture are a business proposition because they have proved their worth in practice. In a test at the Iowa experiment station, automatic waterers heated with a kerosene lamp during the winter gave much better results than ordinary open troughs filled twice a day. Gains were increased 5 per cent, the feed required was lessened 10 per cent, and the cost of 100 pounds of gain was decreased 63 cents. This same waterer can be used during the summer to supply fresh, clean, clear water, thus serving not only as a convenience but as a sanitary measure in the control of hog diseases and parasites.

Self-feeders for hogs not only save time and labor, but increase gains and conserve feed. Hogs usually eat less tankage from a self-feeder than they do if the supplement is hand fed, while self-feeders are ideal for feeding minerals. In fact, the free choice system of feeding which allows each hog to balance his own ration of corn, tankage and minerals is very successful and is made most practical by the use of self-feeders.

Another profitable practice is to give little pigs grain in addition to their mothers' milk after they are three weeks old, and that can best be done by means of self-feeders in a pig creep. Shelled corn is best for them at first, and later middlings or shorts, ground oats, or hulled oats can be added, each in a separate compartment of the self-feeder. It is very important to keep feed for little pigs fresh and clean to prevent scours.

Self-feeders and automatic waterers also have an important place in modern systems of swine sanitation. They are particularly adapted to feeding pigs on pasture. They also require less room in the dry lot, in addition to their other advantages.

From the sanitation standpoint, covered hog troughs are much better than the ordinary V-shaped open-top kind. Individual steel troughs in the hog house are much easier to clean than wooden containers and help to prevent disease and worm infestation. Hog feeders are labor savers in lice and mange prevention.

### Excellent Ration for Brood Sows With Pigs

Soy beans, corn and a mineral mixture have proved an ideal ration for the brood sow while she is suckling the pigs, according to Dr. W. E. Carol, chief of swine husbandry at the University of Illinois.

Corn usually makes the larger part of the sows' ration but it is necessary to have a protein supplement, such as soy beans, skim milk, oilmeal or tankage and alfalfa. Regardless of the protein supplement alfalfa should be fed; this will often prevent the sow going down in the back.

The day after farrowing sows should have a light feed of a bulky ration such as ground oats, bran and middlings. After few days the corn can replace some of the other feeds, such as bran or middlings. The sows should be fed according to the ability of the pigs to take the milk so as not to make them sick. Pigs make the best gains of their lives while nursing and should have the best of feed and care at this time.

### Feeding Sows Balanced Ration Is Recommended

Iowa State college did some experimental work on feeding corn alone to brood sows, compared with feeding corn, tankage, and alfalfa hay. The sows fed corn alone dropped pigs averaging 1.7 pounds each with 62 per cent of them strong. The sows fed the balanced ration produced pigs weighing 2.18 pounds each with 72 per cent of them strong. It is a well-established recommendation that the brood sow should gain during pregnancy. Most farmers like a gain of 75 to 80 pounds during that time.

This does not mean that the sow should be extra fat but that she should be in strong condition. At breeding time the sow should be in gaining condition. This is more conducive to larger litters than if she is going down hill.

### Roughage for Stock

It is well known that when horses are fed millet hay as an almost exclusive roughage ration they may become lame in the hock joints and go down. Hay from ripe millet is most liable to cause the trouble. Such hay is also poor roughage for cows and sheep. Feed the horses good mixed hay or prairie hay, along with oats straw, oats, corn and bran. Make the ewes walk a mile or more daily to get their hay—preferably alfalfa or clover hay—scattered over a distant field.

## HEBRON NEWS

The protracted meeting began Friday night and many from Noodle and Union Ridge were in attendance at services during the week. Rev. Thomas of Anson is doing the preaching.

Mr. and Mrs. Lige Harris were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Matthews at Butman Thursday night. Mrs. Matthews is very sick.

Mrs. Blackwell and sons, Charlie, Willie and Davis and granddaughter, Ruby Lee, of Levelland are house-guests of Mrs. Blackwell's daughter, Mrs. Hubert Harris.

Willie Harris of Sweetwater spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lige Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. Heath spent Thursday night at Roscoe with Mrs. Heath's brother, Mr. Butler.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pannell and children were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Pence Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Tatum of Merkel were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Huston Clark Sunday.

Texas has enough bituminous coal underlying its territory to supply ten million tons a year for 800 years, according to the Texas University Bureau of Economic Geology. This is exclusive of the estimated 20 billion tons of lignite under the Texas soil.

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### IN APPRECIATION.

I wish to thank all those who gave me their support in my race for commissioner of Precinct 2 and to say that I enjoyed the running with those who stood for that office, and that I have nothing but the kindest regard for those who voted for any other candidate.

W. L. Blair.

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

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And the people in Taylor County who are getting a hundred cents' worth of value are not trusting to luck. They do not guess. They read the advertisements telling about the things they intend to buy. They compare and select and determine the best for their own wants—before they buy. They are guided by the expert word of the dealers and makers who know the absolute necessity of telling about their products truthfully—and who stand back of every statement they make about them.

When these people spend their money they ask for what they want by name—and they get full value for their money. And that's what you can get, by studying the advertisements in

## The Merkel Mail



### Trent News and Personal Notes

Miss Carmen Walker and little niece, Edna Fowler, of Pampa have returned to their home after visiting her parents here, Mr. and Mrs. Toliver Walker, for the past week. They were accompanied by Miss Natalie Walker, who will visit with her sister, Mrs. Fowler, for sometime.

Mr. and Mrs. Buster Edwards had as their guests Sunday Miss Edna Crutch and Mr. Pat Patterson of Abilene.

Mrs. Bud Wiser of Cisco spent Monday and Tuesday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Sherman.

J. S. Robinson of Midland and J. E. Robinson of Dublin were here last week looking after business interests.

Mrs. Jim Blackmon and daughter and son have returned to their home at Hearne after an extended visit with Mrs. Blackmon's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Holt and little daughter have returned home after a trip to Canyon, Amarillo and points in Arizona.

Misses Zada and Oneda Bell of Merkel spent Monday afternoon visiting Mrs. Buster Edwards.

Henry Ogletree and son, Smithy, went to Floydada Monday for a short visit with his sister, Mrs. G. C. Wood.

Mrs. Titsworth and daughter, Thelma, and Mrs. Stanley Armour and children of Rankin visited relatives here the last of the week, returning home Tuesday.

Little Miss Janie Armour of Del Rio is spending a few weeks with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Armour.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Dingle and children returned Monday from a week's visit with his mother, Mrs. Overmire, of Fort Worth.

Miss Odessa Moon and Mrs. Buena McLeod returned Monday from a trip to California. Miss Moon will visit here a few days before returning to her home at Graham.

Mrs. Tittle and daughter of Wichita Falls are guests in the Beckham home this week.

Mrs. J. W. Dowdy and son, Ledo, and Miss Irene Dowdy of Abilene were here Wednesday for a few hours.

Allen Terry, Miss Estelle Terry and their cousin, Miss Altus Terry, of Meridian, who is visiting them, spent Sunday in Cisco.

Mrs. Perry King and son are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Holt.

Mrs. Tid Smith visited at Lamesa last week.

Mrs. G. McLaughlin returned Monday after a pleasant two weeks' stay with friends at Abilene and Clyde.

#### MISCELLANEOUS SHOWER.

On last Thursday evening Mrs. Leslie Beasley, assisted by Miss Maurine Smith, honored Mr. Jean Childs and Miss Irene McRee with a unique miscellaneous shower. Those in the receiving line were Mesdames T. G. Hamner, Hale McRee, Dave Hinds, Miss Maurine Smith and the hostess. As the guests arrived, they were asked to register and this was placed in a treasure chest for the bride-to-be.

As one of the features of a most enjoyable musical program, Misses Ruoy Johnson and Estelle Terry, accompanied by Imogene Mangum, sang several love songs and another entertaining event of the evening was the contest naming the bridegroom's old sweethearts.

When Miss Mangum began playing softly the strains of "Wedding Bells," the hostess presented the tiny treasure chest to the bride-to-be. Next appeared on the scene, with Miss Mangum playing "Singing in the Rain," Misses Johnson, Terry, Smith and Mrs. Hamner dressed in gay raincoats singing that popular song and carrying a rain barrel full of beautiful and useful gifts, which were placed at the bride and groom's feet. As the gifts were unpacked they met the admiration of all the guests.

Miss Maurine Smith presided at the punch bowl and at the refreshment hour punch and angel food cake were served to Messrs. and Mesdames L. E. Adrian, J. E. Bowers, Carl Murdock, Dave Hinds, Johnny Wheeler, Bud Winters, Hale McRee, T. G. Hamner, O. A. Smith, R. E. Dowdy, Malcom Beasley, Jim Williamson, R. B. McRee, E. L. Mangum, Clois Edwards, Annie Boone, J. Cal Hamner, J. B. Winn, Ernest Massey, John Strawn, R. B. Johnson, M. G. Scott and the hostess; Messrs. R. M. Beasley, Cecil McRee, Alton Boone, Wheatley, Jean Childs and Leslie Beasley; Misses Maurine Smith, Erma Dean Duncan, Imogene Mangum, Estelle Terry, Altus Terry, Ruby Johnson, Lillian McRee, Jean Scott, Dorene Scott, Virginia Cloe McRee, Helga and Marjory Beasley and Eleanor Lee Wheeler.

More than one-half of the world's population is in Asia.

The call of a katydid can be heard for a quarter of a mile.

### White Church News

Mrs. Earl Stevens had as guest on last Wednesday her mother, Mrs. L. W. Cox of Merkel.

Mrs. J. S. Bickley and daughter, Annie, and Miss Genevra Middleton of Merkel were visitors in the J. S. Bickley home Wednesday.

Mrs. Seth Nugent had as guests on last Thursday Mrs. Earl Stevens and children.

Emery Hand of Abilene spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mel Hand.

Mr. and Mrs. Seth Nugent and son, Freeland were recent visitors in Sweetwater.

Mrs. Earl Stevens had as guests Tuesday night her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Cox of Merkel.

M. F. Hand was a Sweetwater visitor Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Kent of Sweetwater were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Duncan Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Doan of Blair are visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Horton, for the week-end.

Mrs. Annie Stevens and son, Roy of Abilene were recent visitors in our community.

Mrs. Roy Stewart had as guest Saturday Mrs. Mel Hand and children.

Misses Annie Bickley and Genevra Middleton and Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Bickley of Merkel were Sunday visitors in the Cliff Bickley home.

Mr. and Mrs. George Freeman have as guests the Vick family of New Mexico. Mrs. Freeman and Mrs. Vick are sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bickley made a business trip to Merkel Wednesday.

Quite a few left for Robstown, Sunday morning. Those going were Mr. F. H. Duncan and sons, Earl and F. H., Jr., Earl Stevens and John Hamner.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hand Wednesday were Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Sanders and little daughter, Mary Louise of Ralls, Texas, and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Sanders and son, Dock, of Sweetwater.

Melvin Horton and A. J. Bickley have returned from Stanton where they visited friends for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stewart are enjoying a visit from Mr. Stewart's mother of Thurber, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Hand and family visited the latter's brother, Emmet Morris of Blair, Sunday. Miss Carrie Mae Hand remained for a visit with friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Smith of Clay-tonville were recent visitors in our community.

Mr. and Mrs. Jodie Bright entertained the young folks with a party Saturday night; all report a nice time.

M. F. Hand was a Merkel visitor Monday.

Mrs. Earl Stevens and children were Sunday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Seth Nugent.

Mrs. Attie Smith and children of Del Rio were recent guests of their cousin, Mrs. Earl Stevens.

Several from here attended the baseball game at Sweetwater park Monday afternoon. The Wade Packing Co. team defeated the Reporter News team 11 to 10. Freeland Nugent of White Flat, is an employee of The Wade company and is pitcher of the lucky nine.

Misses Lula D. Hannah and Alize Bickley visited Mrs. Earl Stevens Tuesday afternoon.

To the Voters of Taylor County:

I want to thank the good people of Abilene, Merkel and all Taylor county for the tremendous vote you gave me—for the wonderful expression of confidence and esteem. You have put me in the second primary with Mr. O'Bar, he leading me by 210 votes. I will appreciate your continued support.

Sincerely,  
Burl Wheeler.  
(Political Advertising)

To the Voters of Taylor County:  
The Mail:

Please permit me to thank with all my heart you and my other Merkel constituents for the splendid vote given me. I am deeply grateful for it. I deem such renewed expression of confidence of value beyond computation. I lost only four boxes in my opponent's county, carried every other county in the district, and each of the 30 boxes in my home county gave me a wonderful majority. In rendering you real service worth while I shall exert to the uttermost the very best there is in me. Command me when I may be of help.

Sincerely your friend,  
Thomas L. Blanton.  
Abilene, Texas, July 27, 1930.  
(Political Advertising)

The sun is 93,000,000 miles from the earth.

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The climate of Egypt is hot and dry but not unhealthy.

### Tax-Payers Meet

(Continued from Page One.)

last year's tax rolls as \$1,567,252, which at the maximum rate of \$1.50, he said, would yield about \$23,000 per year, and proposed that valuations and tax rate both be left as they were.

Several other present asked questions and gave examples of their individual cases and at this juncture the city council members present were asked if they wished to say something.

Booth Warren, as spokesman for the board, stated at the outset that every member of the council and the mayor were glad to go over the city's affairs. He considered the gathering as a sort of stockholders' meeting, with the board of aldermen as directors. Referring to the members of the board of aldermen, he excepted himself and challenged anyone to search the city and find better men. They were pledged to the strictest economy, he said, and were serving without pay.

"The members of the council and the mayor have lived in Merkel more than 200 years collectively. We have seen stress before, but distressed conditions do not affect the indebtedness of the city." Under the circumstances, the only remedy for the present condition, he said, was to raise valuations.

He stated that a complete audit of the city's affairs by an accountant from out of town had been made and that that audit is accessible to everyone. It was, he said, the first audit ever made for the city of Merkel. As to another audit, he said it would cost about \$200, but that the city council did not feel disposed to spend that sum because they did not think it necessary.

Going into the matter of raising revenue for the city, he said that the valuations cannot remain as of 1929 nor can they be lowered, if the city's obligations are to be met. While the figures of the board of equalization are not final at this time, because tax payers have been requested to meet with the board of equalization on Aug. 12 to show cause why their valuations should not be increased as indicated, he said that approximately \$1,800,000 was the amount, calculated on the new valuations. "Quite a few figures will be changed," he said, "and the net increase will be from 10 to 15 percent."

He especially stressed the point that the increase in valuations, of which tax-payers had been advised, was not final but was subject to revision by the board at its hearing on August 12.

L. R. Thompson again addressed the meeting. He said that he was not the originator of the circular calling the meeting and that he was not the instigator of the meeting. He believed that the city's financial statement should be published each year. He also gave it as his opinion that Merkel should keep pace with other cities and believed that this could be done without a tax increase. He gave credit to Alderman Bragg for the reduction in the salary list of the city. Just before he concluded his remarks he repeated that he hoped that the city council would see the valuations would be equitably distributed.

E. M. McDonald was heard as a member of the board of equalization and especially wished to emphasize the fact that all three members of the board had remained on duty until the conclusion of their work.

#### CARD OF THANKS.

I wish to express my thanks to my friends for their vote and influence in the past primary; also the good fellowship shown me on the part of my opponents.

Denzel Cox.  
(Political Advertising)

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### Celebrates Seventy-Fifth Anniversary

W. L. Diltz, resident of Merkel since 1901, observed the seventy-fifth anniversary of his birthday Tuesday in the home of his daughter, Mrs. R. L. Bland, in Abilene, where he is spending the week. The occasion also marked the fiftieth anniversary of his marriage, his wife having died in 1926.

Mr. Diltz is the father of County Commissioner P. A. Diltz and W. L. Diltz, Jr., cashier of the Farmers State bank here. Other children are S. N. Diltz, Santa Fe passenger agent at Sweetwater; Mrs. P. J. Powell of Long Beach, Calif.; Mrs. C. A. Williams of Sylvester and Mrs. J. W. Tipton of Lamesa.

### CANYON NEWS

Crops are considered in very good condition, considering the drought.

The health of this community is good, with the exception of Aunt Dollie Matthews, who has been very ill for several days but is some better at present.

Uncle Dan Matthews' brother and family from Oklahoma have been visiting him this week.

Rev. W. A. Matthews and family have been visiting his parents this week.

### State Returns

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Treasurer: Davis 186,288, Lockhart 162,692, Ball 106,042, Christian 81,870, Clark 81,855.

Commissioner of agriculture: McDonald 162,411, King 120,125, Freeman 101,275, West 71,059, Maddux 69,157, Waller 62,132.

Land commissioner: Walker 331,146, Johnson 165,141, Burks 93,012.

Supreme court chief justice: Cureton 380,965, Thomas 228,975.

Criminal appeals judge: Lattimore 358,838, Stephens 258,519.

To the Voters of Taylor County:

Permit me to take this means of assuring those who supported me in the race for Tax Assessor of Taylor county, that I appreciate their support. I did not receive a sufficient amount of votes to be in the run-off, however, I am in the hopes that the voters in Taylor county will choose in the run-off, the most capable person for assessor to the end that assessment in this county hall be as near equal as possible, I am

Very respectfully yours,  
H. F. (Henry) Long.  
(Political Advertising)

To the Voters of Precinct No. 5:

I want to express my appreciation of the confidence in me shown by you at the polls Saturday. As you all know, I made every effort possible to see all the voters but my duties with the city prevented the active campaign that I should like to have made.

In the run-off election some three weeks off, I shall endeavor to see all of the voters and urge a careful consideration of my ability to fill the duties of the office of public weigher and I hope that on the night of August 23rd it will be your pleasure to elect me to this office.

Thanking you, one and all, for your loyal support in the first primary, I am

Sincerely,  
S. A. (Sam) Bankston.  
(Political Advertising)

The Supreme court of New Zealand recently decided that the use of vending machines does not violate the law regulating the closing hours of stores.

### U. S. Women Praised As Best Tourists

New York, July 31.—English women, long famous as the most casual of globetrotters, have yielded the title of champion travelers to the women of America. Americans are more on the go than any other nation, according to Mme. Helena Rubinstein of London, Paris, and New York, a world traveler who has knocked about considerably herself, in her capacity of beauty envoy extraordinary to the women of five continents.

"Within the next three months, 12,500,000 American women will prove that the sturdy spirit of their pioneer forbears still lives by exchanging comfortable home routine for the uncertainties of tourist camps, shacks in the woods, Pullman cars and excursion steamers," Mme. Rubenstein said in an address here.

"The moderate-priced automobile enables the modest-salaried business woman to satisfy her desire 'for to go and for to see' and the pleasure plane spurs the favored darling of fortune to go places.

"More fastidious than the sturdy

generations who plodded over the prairies in wagontrains, or jaunted to the county seat at fairtime, the women of our generation confront a brand new beauty problem in the sensitiveness of the skin to changes in atmospheric conditions while traveling. The least variations from routine, travelwise women realize, may cause the skin to peel or otherwise react unfavorably.

"But the traveler of today, who wears a beauty-kit stocked with lotions and creams adapted to her individual skin, is infinitely better off than those other women travelers who relied on crude, often homemade soaps and the local water supply as complexion aids. It is advisable, when moving from place to place and climate to climate, to have an ample supply of preparations which cleanse, soothe, and protect the skin. Lips that become chapped or dry from buffeting the wind should be creamed thoroughly each time cream is applied to other parts of the face. The new sun-and-wind-proof balms effectively prevent burning if rubbed into parts of the body which may be exposed to sun or wind."

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	Our Special	
Bananas	Dozen	22c
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Raisins	4 pound package	36c
Onions	small, pound	3c
Spuds	10 pounds	30c
Pork & Beans	3 cans	25c
Soap	F. & G., 6 bars	25c
Beef Roast	ribs, pound	10c
Beef Roast	choice cuts, pound	15c
Steak	any cut, pound	20c
Bacon	fresh dry salt, pound	19c


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Let me know what you want and I will find it at a Bargain Price.

List with me what you have to sell and I will get the best offer possible. Do not wait for foreclosure—sell while you have an opportunity to salvage some equity.

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