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WTCC WILL ASK MILLION DOLLARS DAMAGE IN SUIT

Publishers of Public School Geographies Charged with Libel of West Texas Section; Many Misstatements Cited.

Stamford, Sept. 4.—Publishers of geographies used in the public schools of Texas and several other states will shortly be made joint defendants in a million dollar suit, if a majority of the directors of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce endorse a recommendation of the organization's publicity committee.

At a recent meeting of the committee, the West Texas Chamber of Commerce was asked to institute suit for "at least \$1,000,000" against certain publishers, for "scandalously and damagingly untrue descriptions of West Texas territory." Facts to back up the request were set out in a 3,800 word brief which contained excerpts from public school textbooks, some published as late as 1929, in which West Texas is described as a semi-arid region, unfit for agriculture; swept by piercing winds and subjected to severe snowstorms and sudden and marked temperature changes; and having no production of cotton, wheat, oil or other minerals.

All directors of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce have been supplied, during the past week with a referendum ballot on the suit, and if a majority of them favor the action, immediate steps will be taken to start legal machinery in operation to get the litigation under way, officials of the regional body say.

"We have just and sufficient grounds for the suit," says Max Bentley of Abilene, chairman of the publicity committee, "and we have been advised by competent attorneys, that we have an excellent chance to get judgment if we prove our contentions in court, and we are prepared to do so."

"In addition we will be glad to bring about corrections of these untrue and misleading statements regarding West Texas in the next editions of the geographies and the newspaper stories that will be carried all over the United States in connection with the suit will serve to enlighten people of the true conditions in this area."

Some of the misstatements in geographies being used in the public schools to which the committee objected are:

"In western Oklahoma and Texas, the rainfall is so slight in the great plains area that vegetation is scanty."

"The Rio Grande is the fourth in length of the rivers of North America."

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Leaves France on Expulsion Order

Paris, France, Sept. 4.—William Randolph Hearst, American publisher, left Paris for London Monday afternoon within an hour after an expulsion order had been served against him by an agent of the police.

Hearst's expulsion was confirmed by the Quai D'Orsay, the French foreign office.

Distinct reasons for the expulsion order were given as the generally hostile attitude of the Hearst newspapers toward France. The prefecture stated that the order had been prepared for a long time, but that officials had not been able to serve it until Monday afternoon.

Hearst issued a statement in London Tuesday announcing he had been expelled because the Hearst newspapers published the secret Anglo-French treaty of 1928.

"If being a competent journalist and loyal American can make a man persona non grata in France, I think I can endure the situation without loss of sleep," Hearst's statement said.

DROUTH COUNCIL TO MEET FRIDAY

Drouth relief for Taylor county will be considered by the new county committee at its meeting in Abilene Friday. The group was named by W. R. Keeble, member of Governor Moody's committee of 45, to cooperate with the state committee and federal drouth relief agencies under the direction of President Hoover.

Ocie Hunt, Bradshaw banker, is chairman of the Taylor county committee, which includes C. Metz Heald, county agent; J. E. Kendall of Caps, farmer-member; W. R. Lence of Abilene & Southern, railroad member, and Louis Montgomery of Abilene, member representing the Red Cross.

At a meeting of local citizens and business men held here last Friday night, Henry West was named chairman of the local committee on drouth relief. Others on the committee are Dr. M. Armstrong, W. H. Frazier, T. G. Bragg, L. R. Thompson, W. O. Boney, J. D. Porter, R. O. Anderson and Booth Warren. This committee will investigate and be prepared to make suggestions as to the needs of this section. Special attention is being given to some suggestions as to road work that could be undertaken as a relief measure.

J. T. Warren, president of the Farmers & Merchants National bank here, has been invited to be present at the meeting of the county committee at Abilene Friday.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Completed unofficial returns of the Texas Election bureau give Ross Sterling a majority of 90,708. The figures are Sterling, 472,636; Ferguson, 381,928.

The final expense account of Ross Sterling in his campaign for governor was \$8101, while that of Mrs. Ferguson's was \$3112, according to reports filed Saturday.

H. C. Guynes, 49, employee of the Humble Pipe Line company station two miles from Hearne, was killed instantly when the boiler of a portable engine he was firing exploded.

W. L. McConnel, district attorney-elect of Hutchinson county, has been appointed district attorney, succeeding Clem Calhoun, martial law appointee as prosecutor, who resigned.

A Texas firm, Kellogg & Anderson, Taylor, have been awarded contract for the construction of a new postoffice at Sedalia, Mo., their bid of \$114,855 being the lowest submitted to the treasury department.

Warren Stevenson, 14-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Newt Stevenson of Stamford, was fatally injured, his chest being crushed and his neck being believed broken, when he fell under the wheels of a truck.

Four of Austin's principal theaters remained dark Wednesday night as projectionists and managers failed to agree on new contracts which the former had submitted at the expiration of the old agreement on Aug. 31.

At the close of the 12th annual convention of the Texas department of the American Legion at Austin, Hal Brennan of Laredo was elected as state commander and El Paso was selected as the 1931 convention city.

As she was returning from a B. Y. P. U. encampment at Paisano, Mrs. Ray Kiphart, 17, of Odessa, was instantly killed in an automobile accident near Fort Stockton Sunday, as her car was wrecked when a tire blew out.

T. J. Gilmore, 20, whose home was said to be McAlester, Okla., died Wednesday afternoon in a Sweetwater hospital an hour after he fell beneath the wheels of a freight on which he was riding through the Texas & Pacific yards.

Fifteen days in August saw the mercury climb to 100 or more and one day, August 19, registered a maximum for 45 years for Abilene when the thermometer reached 105, according to the monthly report of W. H. Green, meteorologist.

Fire originating in the oil mill of a mercantile company at Sherman Sunday at midnight destroyed the main factory building, offices and warehouse and several neighboring homes with an estimated loss of more than \$200,000.

In one of the first hunting accidents of the season, John H. Mann, 56, of Lockney was killed accidentally when apparently his shotgun was discharged as he was placing it in the car, his body having been found beside his automobile.

During a tornado, accompanied by a high wind and severe electrical and rainstorm, William A. Glover, 73, who lives near the Houston municipal airport, was killed instantly when a bolt of lightning struck a tree beneath which he was seated.

That Senator Walter C. Woodward of Coleman had been chosen as temporary chairman and "keynoter" of the democratic state convention, which convenes next Wednesday, was disclosed Tuesday by a west Texan, close friend of both Woodward and Sterling.

Dr. John W. Burns of Cuero, president of the State Medical association, has been appointed a member of the state board of health to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Dr. Joe Gilbert, who is to become physician of the University of Texas.

Eastland Well Makes 180 Barrels Daily

A full day's test of the Eastland No. 1 Hunter in which pay was struck Tuesday of last week at 2,376 feet, showed a capacity of 180 barrels daily.

Oil tanks have been erected near the test, which is located on the Hunter-French property a half mile southeast of the Dunigan Bros. Hunter No. 1. The latter has been producing since October of last year.

CLUB MEMBERS VISIT FOOTBALL SQUAD IN CAMP

Luncheon Adjourned So Lions Can See Players in Camp; Next Wednesday is Next "Cow Day" in Merkel; Time 4 P. M.

A visit to the training camp of the weekly meeting of the Lions Tuesday and members of the club got a line on the High gridiron squad, individually and collectively, as well as getting better acquainted with Coach Irvin, who had the boys for six days at Shannon's pool for pre-season conditioning and practice.

When the players were introduced by the captain, Joel Darsey, he named three letter men, besides himself, who were back for 1930, Fred Baker, Terrill Mashburn and Paul Collins and the following other players, some of whom have seen service on the scrimmage line: Gerald Derrick, Benny Sheppard, Milton Shannon, Lowell Vickers, Cecil Clark, Leo Tucker, David Gamble, Eris Ash, Mordell Shouse, Cullen Tittle, B. P. Middleton and Howard Carson.

Short talks were made by Rufe Tittle, Booth Warren, Supt. Burgess, Matt Dillingham and L. B. Scott, the latter chairman of the Lions club committee on training camp arrangements and High activities in general, while responses in behalf of the team were made by the captain, Joel Darsey, and Coach Irvin. The two pastors Rev. J. T. King and Rev. R. A. Walker, both active in all Lions club activities, also made brief remarks.

As was so aptly stated by L. B. Scott, the citizens and business men of Merkel are all strong for the football boys, as evidenced by their willingness to subscribe for the expense of the training camp and for all activities connected with High athletics.

President E. Yates Brown was also the toastmaster for the regular weekly luncheon and after the club singing, with Mrs. Brown at the piano, and the invocation by Rev. J. T. King, several pleasing piano numbers were given by Miss Iris Garrett and Mrs. Brown.

On account of the plan to adjourn the meeting immediately following the luncheon plate to visit the football boys at Shannon's pool, it was announced that the five-minute speech by Booth Warren on "Things the Club Can Do" would be postponed until the next meeting date.

On invitation of the Lions club of Anson, the Merkel club decided to put on a program for the Anson Lions on Wednesday, Sept. 17, and at a later date the Anson club would return the courtesy.

The committee for next "Cow Day," Wednesday, September 10, was named as follows: Rev. R. A. Walker, chairman, Supt. Burgess and Dr. L. C. Zehnpfennig.

Supt. Burgess invited the members of the Lions club to be present at the High school at 9 o'clock next Monday morning for the opening exercises of school.

W. O. Boney is toastmaster next week.

182 Bales Marketed To Date at Merkel

Public Weigher-elect Houton Robertson, who has been appointed to fill the unexpired term of Thomas A. Bearden, resigned, reported the receipt of 161 bales of this year's crop at the cotton yards here up to Thursday morning. There were 21 bales of Co-op cotton on the railroad platform, making a total receipts for the season to date run 182 bales.

For the convenience of handling Co-op cotton shipments, the Texas and Pacific railroad has appointed Austin Robertson to handle the cotton platform here. He states that he will be on duty all of the time and will be glad to cut samples and send them to Abilene for those desiring.

Merkel Man's Father Dies.

J. G. Lancaster, age 73, father of our fellowtownsman, B. H. Lancaster, died at Fort Worth Monday and his body was sent to Dublin for interment. Funeral services were held at the Baptist church at the latter place on Tuesday. Mr. Lancaster and his family attended the funeral rites. Beside the son here, the deceased is survived by his widow, one daughter and another son.

Negro Builds Ark For Second Flood

Kentville, N. S., Sept. 4.—For 15 years Pryor James, negro laborer, kept telling the neighbors the Almighty was going to send another flood.

Nobody believed him, but James went ahead and built himself an ark high and dry in the front of his home. Long hours he spent, fitting bars, painting, tinkering. Occasionally he would hoist the sail to make sure it was in working order.

There was a cargo to be stored and while James undoubtedly never read any of Marc Connelly's works, he apparently was wholly in accord with Connelly's Noah, who insisted there should be some antidote for snake bites aboard.

Checking over the stores in James' ark Thursday night, police found several bottles of home brew. Now home brew is illegal, so the police advanced on James' shanty. He barricaded himself inside and fired through the door. The siege lasted all Thursday night and part of yesterday. Finally he emerged, with a shotgun in his hand. The first police bullet killed him.

FRENCH AIRMEN CROSS WESTWARD

Valley Stream, N. Y., Sept. 4.—The first westward airplane flight across the north Atlantic from Europe to New York was completed Tuesday, completed by countrymen of the first to attempt such a venture.

Dieudonne Coste and Maurice Bellonte landed at Curtiss field on the edge of this Long Island village at 6:12:30 o'clock, eastern standard time Tuesday afternoon, their scarlet sesquiplane streaking out of the gathering dusk just 37 hours, 18 minutes and 30 seconds after it took off from Paris Monday.

Three years ago Charles Nungesser and Francois Coli attempted similar flight and flew instead into eternity. Since then six other men and two women have tried to fly non stop from Europe to New York, and have died in the attempt.

But Coste and Bellonte were not halted by this tragic record of valiant failure. They wanted to bring true the dream of Nungesser and Coli and nothing could stop them. Last year they tried but were turned back by a wall of wind off the Azores. This year they tried again and Tuesday victory was theirs.

By their achievement Tuesday the French fliers flew the Lindbergh trail between the chief cities of the United States and France, and flew it in the more difficult direction. Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh was here to greet them and was among the first to offer congratulations.

The French fliers left New York (Continued on Page Five)

MERKEL'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO OPEN SESSION MONDAY

Short Program at 9 O'Clock at High School to Launch 1930-1931 School Term; Other Information on School Matters.

The 1930-1931 session of the Merkel Public schools will open Monday morning, September 8, at nine o'clock. High School students will report to the study hall of the High School building, while students in the Grammar grades will report to their respective rooms at the Grammar School building. There will be a short program at the High School which patrons and former students are urged to attend. The program will not last more than one hour.

FINANCES GOOD.

The Merkel Public schools are in good financial condition. The board has a nice cash balance with which to start the coming session. The state apportionment has been set at \$17.50 again this year. This means over nine thousand dollars from the state. Even though local tax collections should fall far below normal, the schools can be run for the usual nine months term. There have been some rumors to the contrary, but the board contemplates no difficulty in easily running the schools for the full term. The affiliation which the schools have labored so hard to obtain for these fifteen years will not be endangered, for the schools will run the usual nine months. The enrollment will be short of that for last year, but this will not weaken the quality of work to be done.

UNDERS.

The state of Texas this year admits all children to school who on September 1 are six years old or over. The board believes the state has acted wisely in setting this age at six years and will not admit children under six years of age. The law requires that unders be not admitted if their admission in any way handicaps the progress of the regular scholastics. Mrs. W. A. McSpadden will conduct a private school where such unders may be cared for.

PIANO.

Due to the fact that there are so many private teachers of piano in Merkel where parents may send their children and to the fact that the financial situation is so serious, the board decided not to employ a teacher of piano for the schools. This year no credit will be given for piano, but students will be excused during school hours to take lessons from a private teacher in piano provided the student does not miss any of his regular school lessons, does not have to go over two blocks from the building to secure the lesson, and that the pupils do not in any way abuse this privilege. (Continued on Page Four)

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, September 2, 1910.)

CONFIDENCE BEGETS CONFIDENCE.

(Editorial.)

One day this week we heard a Merkel farmer asked to put a price on his land.

"Well," he said, "I will sell it at the present time for \$37.50 per acre. My land is worth any time for farming purposes \$40.00 per acre and just because of a little drouth this year I am not going to act a fool and sell my property at a sacrifice."

That is our kind of religion and when we hear a testimonial like the above we feel like putting on a shouting stunt. If we had more men like the above we would have a better country. He is a practical farmer of many years experience and he knows that any country suffers just such conditions as those of the present and he has raised enough crops in this country to know that it cannot be surpassed by any other for the man who wants to make a living out of the ground by the sweat of his brow.

We have no cause or desire to complain at the man who is willing to sell his property at a sacrifice, and if his sacrifice is made to protect his credit, honor and integrity he is a man of our heart, but we want to hug every farmer who has got the grit, courage and confidence to stay with his diggings and take up for his country.

May God speed the day when the great majority of the farmers will realize that the man who knocks the town and country is decreasing the value of his farm land for when this

is realized we believe that the day of the knocker will have passed. This country is good enough for anybody and is too good for the man who is unwilling to work and contribute for its progress and prosperity but on the contrary continually spouts pessimism and lays in wait to pick up the bargains of those whom he has discouraged.

They remind us of an old buzzard who will fly around an old poor horse waiting for him to fall that he may devour the carcass. Apologies to the buzzard for the comparison.

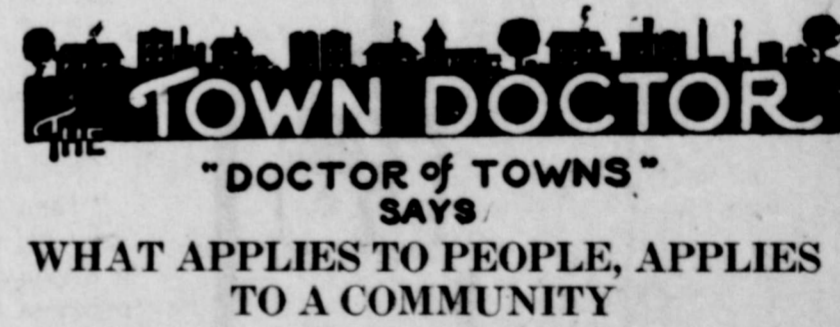
Stay with your holdings, do the best that you can for yourself, family, friends and neighbors and the country will stay with you.

ANOTHER DROUTH—1886-7.

Among the recent visitors to our office was Mrs. Nan Thompson, who became reminiscent and gave us valuable information regarding the great drouth in 1886-1887, when it was not a question of bread and meat, for the cowboys could always get beef and even game, but the bread was very scarce. Mrs. Thompson, who was Miss Story then, believes that our people will soon be prosperous and forget our present day troubles which after all are magnified by our own imagination.

T. J. Toombs was in from his Canyon home Wednesday and upon noticing our ragged appearance plunked

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Communities are people. What applies to the "improvement" of people applies to the improvement of communities.

One of the best things any individual can do for his or her improvement and general good—financially, socially and, yes, morally—is to go to some disinterested person who knows "people" and be told frankly, impartially and truthfully where he is weak and where strong. You sit down and listen, and learn the things that make people like or dislike you. Get the unvarnished truth. See and know yourself as others see and know you.

You may be the finest kind of person, but other people may consider you a crab, a grouch, an agnostic. Have you ever asked yourself why you can't make friends with certain people? Do you ever wonder why some people avoid you—snub you sometimes?

Did you ever sit down and talk with someone about yourself? That is, say to someone exactly what you think—sorta think out loud?

If you have never done this you are not the man or woman it is in you to be for two reasons:

First, without doing such you are blind to many of your own powers. You are too close to yourself—so close to your own picture that you can't see the frame.

Second, without doing such you are more or less an individualist as far as yourself is concerned. An individualist has a one-track mind. He thinks a thing so long that to him it becomes fact. There are more individualists in insane asylums than any one other class of people.

There are people—and business people, too—who are afraid of the truth about themselves. They would rather live on in ignorance. Ignorance is not "bliss"—today, ignorance is a "blister."

It is worth a hundred dollar bill of any person's money to know himself—to be told what others see in him, what people like and dislike.

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Who Will Succeed Sterling on Highway Body Holds Interest

Austin, Sept. 4.—While speculation grows over the probable successor of Ross S. Sterling, nominee for governor, on the state highway commission, observers generally believe that Mr. Sterling will resign after the November general election and permit Governor Dan Moody to name the new member.

It would be possible for him to stay on the commission until he takes office as governor, next January 13, and then, after automatically vacating his present post, appoint his own successor. But belief has been voiced generally that he will resign this fall and that Governor Dan Moody will name the member for the rest of his term. Mr. Sterling's term extends two years from next January. The appointment to be made will be only for the unexpired term. In January, Mr. Sterling will have the appointment to fill the place now held by Commissioner Cone Johnson of Tyler, and he is certain to reappoint Mr. Johnson if the present commissioner is willing to continue in the post.

Names of two former highway commissioners, D. K. Martin of San Antonio, and R. M. Hubbard of New Boston, and of Adrian Post, sponsor of the \$75,000,000 highway bond plan that was voted on several years ago, have been most prominently mentioned for Mr. Sterling's place. All are in accord with the present commission's highway bond program.

If the appointment is made with Commissioner Johnson still in office, he is scheduled to be named chairman. If it occurs after he goes off, Commissioner W. R. Ely of Abilene, who has been reappointed to a six-year term after serving the first two-year short term, will be made chairman. Terms are for six years.

Read Merkel Mail Want Ads.

Cowboy Band Will Make Goodwill Tour With Abilene C. of C.

Abilene, Sept. 4.—When the Abilene Chamber of Commerce goodwill tour passes through Merkel Tuesday, September 5, it will be accompanied by the famous Cowboy Band of Simmons university which has just returned from a tour of Europe. This announcement was made early this week by D. H. Jeffries, chairman of the tour, who secured the services of the Cowboys to furnish music for the occasion.

The trippers will travel in two buses and the band boys will go in their own parlor bus. Plenty of lively music is guaranteed along the route and in towns where the Abilene visitors will travel. The bandmen returned to their homes immediately after the European tour, but Manager Sandefer has begun to gather them for the trip next week.

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

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Cars Washed \$1.00
Cars Greased 1.00

Good Gas and Oils

BLUE FRONT GARAGE

THE TOWN DOCTOR

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You don't have to pay that, but it's worth it.

You can't actually see yourself as others see you. When you look in a mirror what you see is altogether different from what others see when they look at you. They look from the outside in, you look at yourself from the inside out.

To get the most out of life—any way you want to look at life—you must know yourself. To know yourself you must be "big" enough, have nerve enough, gumption enough and sense enough to seek the truth about yourself—to ask for, listen to, and then stand the gaff "taking" what's the matter with you.

"Little" people are afraid to do it, and excuse themselves on the ground that such is a lot of "hokey." They say, "that may be all right for 'so and so, but I have been getting along for fifteen years without it, and am beyond all that."

They are not beyond it; they never have caught up with it. If they are not offering an alibi they are just plain dumb. You need it, I need it, and they need it. And just the same every community needs to see itself as it looks to those who are not a part of it.

This Town Doctor Axtelle, one of a

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This Family Vegetable Purge aids nature as a laxative in its digestive duties. Often one of these little pills taken after meals or at bedtime will do wonders, especially when you have over-eaten or are troubled with constipation. Remember they are Dr. Carter's formula, young and old can take them. All Druggists 25c and 75c red pkgs.

CARTER'S LITTLE PINK PILLS

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The earliest "first bale" in Texas was sold on May 21, 1921, at San Benito. The latest was on Aug. 7, 1903.



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DO they harass you by day and keep you awake at night?

Don't neglect them. They'll ruin your charm and beauty, alienate your friends, interfere with your success.

When you're nervous, take Dr. Miles' Nervine. It's the prescription of a successful Nerve Specialist, put up in convenient form.

Dr. Miles' Nervine is now made in two forms—Liquid and Effervescent Tablet. Both have the same soothing effect on the nerves.

\$1.00 at your drug store

DR. MILES' NERVINE

Liquid

In the lobby of the administration building of perhaps the largest industrial organization in West Texas hangs a slogan that is a challenge to every employee who reads it:

"TO ME HAS BEEN ENTRUSTED A RESPONSIBILITY—I HAVE ACCEPTED IT AND WILL KEEP THE FAITH."

Read it again—isn't it full of sober psychology, vibrant with determination and resolution? Isn't it about time that we, the citizenship of our trade territory, quit talking hard times and accept the situation as it is—resolved to put our shoulders to the wheel and to work out our own salvation and ultimate success, independent of outside aid and in spite of adverse crop conditions and unfavorable markets. This can only be accomplished thru sane thought, relentless labor, the adoption of a program of strict economy and a restoration of faith, one in another.

The economists agree that periods of depression move in cycles and that the low ebb of the present national crisis has been reached. That we are returning to an era of earned prosperity rather than a speculative one. That business is getting away from brass bands and back to brass tacks. That slowly but surely we may expect better conditions to prevail.

THE OLD RELIABLE

FARMERS AND MERCHANTS

NATIONAL BANK

MERKEL, TEXAS



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Reserve

Federal

System

WEST TEXAS UTILITIES CO.

The Electric Man
Announces the New Domestic Service Rate

"First—perhaps I'd better introduce myself. I'm the Electric Man, and to me has been given the task of explaining the new rate schedule that has been adopted by the West Texas Utilities Company.

"This new schedule, with all service through one meter and low follow-up rates, I will call the Home Comfort rate, because it enables you to receive economically the many Home Comforts and Conveniences possible through the application of electricity to your household problems. It is designed to encourage the use of electric service, and allows a premium of lower rates in proportion to the amount of service used. The new Home Comfort rate is based on the wholesale discount system, and is divided into three parts, as follows:

INITIAL RATE—12c net per kilowatt-hour for the first 4 kwh used per room per month.
SECOND RATE—7c net per kilowatt-hour for the next 5 kwh used per room per month.
3c net per kilowatt-hour for all additional energy used per month, without cooking or heating—
LOW RATE } 3c net per kilowatt hour for all additional energy used per month where service is also used for heating or cooling.

"There are many interesting facts regarding this new rate, too many to go into at one time, so I'm going to divide my explanations into sections. In subsequent messages I will endeavor to show you the many different advantages of the new rates. Watch for me next week."

Initial rate 12c
2nd rate 7c
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MERKEL MAIL WANT ADS FOR RESULTS

Ten Million Women Found on Pay Rolls U. S. Census Reveals

Washington, Sept. 4.—William M. Steuart, director of the census, estimated Sunday that 10,000,000 women in the United States are engaged in gainful occupations.

Discussing the 1930 population enumeration in a radio address over the Columbia Broadcasting system, Dr. Steuart said half of the women are engaged in service occupations of various kinds.

"Women are now engaging more actively in industry, trade and office work," he added, "than ever before in the history of the country."

The census director also estimated that the total population of 122,000,000 is "mainly supported, so far as bread-winning is concerned," by about 47,000,000 persons working about three-fourths of the time.

BIG PER CENT WORK.
The number of persons between 16 and 64 was placed at 38,000,000 men and 37,000,000 women and Dr. Steuart said 90 per cent of the men and 25 per cent of the women were gainfully employed.

He gave the number of women engaged in housekeeping as 23,000,000, with most of them doing the major part of this work. Including the housekeepers, the director said about 90 per cent of the women could be classed as employed.

The number of persons 65 or over was placed at 5,500,000, with 3,000,000 of them over 70. Dr. Steuart said it was probable that 2,000,000 of the former were "actively at work competing with the young and more vigorous."

1,000,000 IN INSTITUTIONS.
One million persons were said to be in public or private institutions supported in whole or in part by federal, state or local governments. Patients in general hospitals for the sick and injured were estimated at 250,000, mental patients in federal and state hospitals at 265,000 and federal and state prisoners at 125,000.

Dr. Steuart said those employed did not work more than 275 days a year on an average. He attributed this to vacations, sickness and part-time work. He commented that prob-

ably "under present normal industrial and business conditions there are not more than 40,000,000 or 42,000,000 people in this country who, on a given day, are at work full time on a gainful occupation."

One-third of the total number of workers, the director said, are engaged in manufacturing or mechanical pursuits, a larger number than in agriculture, which employs approximately 10,000,000 persons.

MOST IN FACTORIES.
"From being predominantly an agricultural people," he added, "we are coming to be predominantly a manufacturing people."

Less than 3 per cent of the total workers were said to be engaged in mining, 7 per cent in transportation, 7 or 8 per cent engaged as clerks, stenographers, agents, bookkeepers and messenger boys, 5 per cent in professional service and 8 per cent in domestic and personal service.

Fire! Fire!

Sugar Creek, Ohio.—A grass fire was reported here recently and the fire department's one truck, all shined up, started out proudly for the fire with siren shrieking. It was its first fire in more than a year. A short distance from the engine house, the motor coughed and died. The truck was out of gas. An obliging motorist towed the truck to the fire. Two of the truck's tires blew out on the return trip.

Catches Large Fish.
Hollywood, Calif.—The Barrymores' fishing trip in Catalina waters resulted in a big success—a 145-pound marlin sword-fish. It gave John Barrymore a strenuous fight before the actor succeeded in landing it.

The ordinary two cent stamp weighs .01297324 ounce.

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TNT Explosion Ends Spectacular Career Of Amarillo Attorney

Amarillo, Sept. 4.—The strange, spectacular career of A. D. Payne, Amarillo attorney and wife-slayer, came to a dramatic end as he touched off a small quantity of explosive believed to be high explosive and brought instant death to himself. For his own death, Payne chose a high explosive, the same instrument he had used to kill his wife and cripple his son, A. D. Payne, Jr. For life, Mrs. Payne was killed and the 11-year-old boy maimed June 27 when a bomb planted in their automobile exploded.

Payne postponed his suicide until he believed the three children would get the benefit of his \$10,000 in life insurance. The policy carried a clause that the insurance would not be payable in case of suicide within a year. The year expired at midnight Thursday night, but it was believed Payne thought it did not expire until midnight Friday night, 21 minutes before he killed himself. The policy, however, is contestable for two years.

Mayor Ernest O. Thompson, who ordered Payne's arrest after details of the slaying had been ungarbled by two newspaper men, one from Kansas City, expressed the belief Payne had the small bottle of high explosive concealed about him when he was first taken in custody, for just such an emergency. District Attorney Edward W. Thomerson said, however,

that the bomb, which assumed its deliberations Tuesday would be asked to investigate the possibility of the explosive having been smuggled into the jail.

R. L. Conder, estimate, was commissioned by Payne to clean up the large cell before the territory testified at the coroner's inquest that Payne had used a dynamite fuse to "had everything fixed to cheat the electric chair." Payne had a bottle of nitroglycerin secreted on his person when he was transferred from the jail to a hotel Sunday morning. A search of a hotel Sunday morning revealed a small quantity of dynamite, which was found in a room under the present bill, bringing its total to twenty-two pounds of dynamite.

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TO SCHOOL AGAIN OR NOT.
 (Dallas News.)

Boys' Life, published by the Boy Scouts of America, in its September issue makes an appeal to boys to go ahead with school. This is the time of year when youngsters in their teens are wondering whether it wouldn't be better to get out and start making their living. Boys' Life argues that a day in school is worth \$25 in earnings later on. It compares the wages of men who left school at 14 with the income of men who quit at 18.

The first group, by the time they are 25, have worked up to where they earn an average of \$668 a year. On the other hand, the lads who took four years more schooling arrive at 25 with an earning power which averages \$1,550 a year. It works out that the man with the most schooling earns a total sum for his working years which is greater than the amount gained by the man who started four years earlier by doing without high school.

The Boy Scouts of America are out for good, clean fun, and that is why boys like the organization. But it has serious purpose, too. And, down inside, boys appreciate that side of it, also. The right kind of boy wants to make something of himself and is willing, if he is a good scout, to undergo the discipline of making ready.

INDUSTRIES HEADING TO SMALLER CITIES.

The last twenty years have seen a miracle wrought in America by the new application of gas and electricity to industry, said Dr. Gus Dyer, professor of political economy in Vanderbilt University, in a recent address before the Executives' club of Chicago.

"It has destroyed isolation," he said. "It has brought all America out on the great highways of life. It is taking everything worth seeing and hearing from the cities and carrying it to remote sections. It is destroying the reasons why people should go to the cities to live."

"Industries are going back to the country and the small town. The cities have the greatest fight they have ever had if they are to hold their places under the new order. The small place has advantages for industry that the city can hardly meet. The cities have got to make a readjustment, recognize a new force."

A lot of thoughtful citizens hold that Dr. Dyer's prediction is well founded. In the great cities the congestion steadily grows worse, the dirt and noise become more oppressive, the wear and tear on human nerves stems from congestion and dirt and noise harder to endure. In this day and time with the availability in practically every sizable town of electricity and gas for power and fuel and with permanently paved highways connecting the small town with the city for amusement and diversion the large city has no outstanding advantage for industry or residence and there has been a noticeable trend of large industrial concerns out into the quieter areas. The whole South has benefited from this trend, Texas and the Southwest being particular beneficiaries with their plentiful fuel and abundant power accessible in all directions.

School Opening

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FEES.

Tuition rates are already below what the state permits Merkel to charge, so the board decided to let the tuition rates remain as before. This tuition rate applies to non-resident children, there being no unders this year admitted. These rates are \$3.00 for primary grades, \$4.00 for intermediate grades, and \$5.00 for high school grades. Expression lessons will remain \$5.00 per month. The other fees connected with the High school have, due to the times, been greatly reduced.

Wins Rat Job at 83.

Bulkington, Eng.—In competition with many men his junior, William Noon, aged 83, has won the official post of rat catcher.

Heart beats and the sound of breathing have been sent from South America to Spain by a new instrument so clearly that doctors in Madrid have been able to diagnose the diseases of patients 6,750 miles away in Buenos Aires.

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CHURCHES

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

A total of 694 was present at the five reporting Sunday Schools in Merkel last Sunday, the Methodist organization leading with 278 in attendance. The Baptist was second with 273. Attendance at the other Sunday Schools was Church of Christ, 63; Presbyterian, 55, and Nazarene, 25.

MEN'S PRAYER MEETING.

Wm. L. Elliott is to be the leader for the Men's Prayer service to be held next Sunday afternoon at the Baptist church, the subject being the first chapter of Timothy. The men are urged to study the 11th and 12th verses, centering around the thought of the gospel committed to us as a trust. Last Sunday the service was held at the Methodist church, with Rev. S. W. H. Buzbee as leader and there were 26 present to participate in the blessings of the service of prayer.

NAZARENE CHURCH.

Sunday School at 9:45. Sister Jones preached both morning and evening last Sunday. There will be preaching next Sunday. All who are not in services elsewhere are invited to come and worship with us. Brother Sibley will be here the first of October to take the work.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Communion service at 11 a. m. followed by a communion service. Offering for Reynolds home. Evening at 8. Glad to have you worship with us.

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

All the regular services for the church throughout the week. Come take your place and help make these services the best possible. Bible study 10 a. m. Sunday communion service 11 a. m. Sunday, Young Peoples program 7 p. m. Sunday, Bible study 4 p. m. Tuesday and prayer meeting 8:15 p. m. Wednesday.

In love, The Elders.

AT THE METHODIST CHURCH.

In my last week's announcement I said that the heat wave was broken. Well, there must have been some mistake about that. But I wasn't mistaken about the election being over, school about to begin and time to take a new start in church work. Every department of the church has held up fine during the long hot summer and we are expecting a great fall and winter. The pastor will be in his pulpit at both hours Sunday. A message and a welcome for you at the Methodist church.

T. C. Willett, Pastor.

SENIOR EPWORTH LEAGUE.

Subject: "Jesus Christianizing Commerce and Industry."
 Scripture—Acts 18:1-3; 19:23-24.
 Prayer.
 Song 179.

"Have the Principles of Jesus Affected Industry?" Elvis Richardson.
 "Can Industry in America be Called Christian?" Mary Collins.
 "Serious Problems Standing in the Way of Christian Industry." Paul Collins.
 "Does Christianity Hold the Solution." Donald B. Willett.
 Business.
 League benediction.

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Last Sunday was a good day at the First Baptist church, with one addition and a notable increase in Sunday School attendance over the previous Sunday. Next Sunday is the last Sunday that our consecrated superintendent, W. J. Largent, will be with us for sometime, as he is going away to the stock shows. Be sure to come and cheer his heart on eve of his departure.
 Let all absentees get back next Sunday and be on time.
 Our pastor has made two timely and unusual selections for his Sunday subjects. At 11 a. m. his subject will be "The Lost Book." You cannot afford to miss the morning service. At 8 p. m. his subject will be "Prepare to Meet Your God." To whom did God speak and why did he thus speak? Neither saint nor sinner can afford to miss this service.
 Our young people meet at 7 p. m. They are growing in spirit and in numbers. Be sure to meet with them. Church members expected. Visitors and strangers welcomed.

—Reporter.

INTERMEDIATE B. Y. P. U.

Theme: "Some Baptist Beliefs."
 Part 1, H. C. Toombs; part 2, Waymon Vickers; part 3, Carol King; part 4, J. L. Lassiter; part 5, Annie Lee Owen; part 6, Thelma Matthews; part 7, Dick Sharp; part 8, Marg-

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

(By J. T. King)

Vacation days are all behind, and the political campaign is over. I trust your vacation was pleasant and profitable. If you lost in the campaign and did not get your choice in the candidates, be a good sport and smile. You have as good official as your fellow-man.

Every Christian should take his or her place in the church now, and render our Master the best possible service.

It is my desire to have this personal word with church members.

What Your Absence From the Church Did.

1. It made some think that you were a pretender.
2. It made many think that you regarded your spiritual welfare and that of others as a matter of small concern.
3. It weakened the efforts of church service.
4. It made it harder for the preacher to preach.
5. It discouraged the brethren, and therefore robbed them of a blessing.
6. It caused others to stay away from church.
7. It made it harder for you to meet the temptations of the devil.
8. It gave the devil more power over lost souls.
9. It encouraged the habit of non-church going.

All this being true, can you afford to stay away from church next Sunday?

What Your Presence Will Do.

1. It will cause people to have confidence in you.
2. It will make people know that you regard your spiritual welfare and that of others as a matter of great importance.
3. Your presence will have a good effect on sinners.
4. It will make your friends feel more welcome to find you at church.
5. Your presence will encourage the brethren, and help the preacher to do his best.
6. Your presence will cause others to come to the house of God.
7. It will make your life happier, and your influence stronger for another week.
8. It will remove stumbling blocks from the sinners path.
9. It will please God and you will be happy.
10. It will cause others to say—**HE PRACTICED WHAT HE PREACHED.**

Will you meet the Lord in His house next Sunday?

ette Miller; part 9, Caribel Mansfield. Song No. 89. Song No. 90.

SENIOR B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM.

Subject—"Enlarge the Place of Thy Tent."
 Introduction, Margaret Canon.
 "Enlarging our Conception of B. Y. P. U." Bill Haynes.
 "Enlarging our Purpose in B. Y. P. U." Miss Coffey.
 "Enlarging our Faith through B. Y. P. U." Mary King.
 "Enlarging our Vision through B. Y. P. U." Lucy Tracy.
 "Enlarging our Love through B. Y. P. U." Addie Holler.
 "Enlarging our Living through B. Y. P. U." Joe Hartley.
 "Enlarging our Church through B. Y. P. U." Mildred Hamm.
 "Enlarging our B. Y. P. U." Fannie Belle Boaz.

JUNIOR B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM.

Subject: "Faithful and Unfaithful Servants."
 "Teaching Again Through a Story," Francis Higgins.
 "The Beginning of the Story," Dot Swafford.
 "The Nobleman Returns," Winston Polly.
 "The First Report," Don Swafford.
 "The Second Servant Reports," Ora Derrick.
 "The Unfaithful Servant," Jessie M. Berry.
 "The B. Y. P. U.," Louise Toombs.
 Poem, Pearl Matthews.

Former Merkelite Dies.

News of the death last Friday at Snyder of O. C. Biggs, age 46, who formerly lived here, was received with much sadness by relatives and friends in this section. He was a brother of Mrs. Ada Watkins and an uncle of Mrs. D. H. Vaughn and Kenneth Watkins. Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at Snyder.

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SOCIETY

SWIMMING PARTY.

Mrs. Charles Booth and daughter, Miss Sue Booth, of Fort Worth, were complimented with a supper and swim at Bufalo Gap on Tuesday evening. A delicious supper was spread, picnic fashion after a refreshing swim to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Warren, Mr. and Mrs. Booth Warren and sons, Don and Jerry, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Booth, Mrs. Charles Booth and Miss Sue Booth, Mrs. G. F. West, Mrs. W. T. Sadler, Misses Louise Booth and Missie Dye, Mr. and Mrs. Asa Sheppard and son, Sterling Sheppard.

T. E. L. CLASS PARTY.

Mesdames Derstine and Miller were joint hostesses in extending hospitality to the members of their Sunday School class on Tuesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Roy Miller. The social hour was preceded by a devotional and business meeting. Two highly interesting contests were played and at the refreshment hour a salad and ice course was served to Mesdames A. R. Booth, Earl Teague, L. B. Reeves, I. W. Conder, J. T. King, John Toombs, Sam Swann, Ross Wheeler, F. Weaver, L. B. Scott, Booth Warren and the hostesses.

B. Y. P. U. SOCIAL.

The Intermediate department of the B. Y. P. U. held a social on the lawn of Rev. J. T. King's home last Tuesday evening at 7:15. Miss Coffey assisted the B. Y. P. U. entertainment committee in supervising many delightful outdoor games and at the refreshment hour iced watermelons were served to a large number.

SERVED TEA IN GOVERNOR'S MANSION.

Mrs. R. I. Grimes and son, Robert, J., left Thursday morning for Austin where they will spend the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Grimes. Enroute home they will be accompanied by Miss Mary Elizabeth Grimes who has been with Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Grimes for an extended visit.
 During the past week Miss Mary Elizabeth had the pleasure of serving tea in the governor's mansion during the American Legion convention held in Austin the 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

Abilene Man Heads Sweetwater B. Y. P. U.

J. Ralph Grant of Abilene was named president of the Sweetwater Association B. Y. P. U., which held its regular monthly at the Merkel Baptist church Sunday. Grant is a student of Simmons university.

Other officers named were Melba Jean Poe of Caps, secretary-treasurer; Lucy Tracy of Merkel, pianist; E. Yates Brown of Merkel, chorister; Dorothy Cundiff of Abilene, corresponding secretary.
 An interesting program of talks and musical numbers was presented.

Merkel 20 Years Ago

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 up a big round dollar with the request that we credit his subscription one year and buy ... made the proper credit but this shirt is plenty good for the times.

Miss Tennie Pope is in Abilene visiting friends and relatives this week.

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Dodd and family left for a few weeks visit in Oklahoma.

Mrs. Tolbert Robinson left for Abilene yesterday to attend the Teachers' examination.

Miss Margaret Tandy of Abilene came in this week to visit her friend, Miss Fannye Burroughs.

Fresh barrel Kraut at C. W. Harris.

Commissioner S. C. Gentry paid us a pleasant visit Tuesday.

"Grandfather" Hamm surprised all Merkel by returning on Monday night's train with his bride from Colorado City. He married Mrs. Crawford at that place and congratulations are in order for both him and his good lady. Brother Dunning was the officiating clergyman and figured conspicuously at the wedding breakfast.

Man Wanted for Forgery.

A man wanted for alleged forgery in connection with passing a check on the Crown Hardware company here in March, was held by officers at Blackwell for Constable J. T. King, who went there Wednesday after the man and carried him to Abilene.

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MATTERS MUSICAL

The voice pupils of Miss Christine Collins will appear in recital on Tuesday evening at eight o'clock at the Presbyterian church. The interested public is cordially invited.

Misses Estelle Terry and Ima Gene Mangum will broadcast over KFYO, Abilene, Saturday evening from 8 to 8:30, a program of classical numbers. Miss Edna Marie Jones will be accompanist.

Dora Doings

School began at the Divide High school with a large enrollment and a good percentage of the parents present to get the students started in the right direction.

The faculty includes: B. E. Dunagan, superintendent; W. R. Boyd, principal; Mrs. Pattie Elliott, teacher of mathematics, and Miss Wilma Burnett, teacher of English. Teachers in the elementary grades are: Miss Daisy Oliver, principal and seventh grade; Mrs. Eula Lassiter, 5th and 6th grades; Mrs. B. E. Dunagin, 3rd and 4th grades; Miss Ruth Barton, second, and Miss Gladys Laine, first grade.

Miss Irma Joy Wright is visiting in Sweetwater this week.

Mrs. Fred Slater returned the last of the week from a trip to Carlsbad Caverns and points in New Mexico.

G. W. Whiteaker and family were called to the bedside of their niece, Miss Lottie May Whiteaker, of Blackwell last Tuesday morning at an early hour and she passed away within a few minutes after they got there. She had been confined to her bed only since Saturday morning and her death was a decided shock to friends and loved ones. She will be greatly missed in her community, for to know her was to love her.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Perry and baby returned from Glen Rose Tuesday. E. P.'s joints are all oiled up now and so limber he gets around like a young fellow.

Mr. and Mrs. Sy Dennis visited his brother-in-law, Mr. Jesse George, last Tuesday. The latter has been confined to his bed for several months and doesn't improve to any extent.
 The force is working the gin, trying to adjust the saws. Picking in this section will begin next week, but the crop is very sorry, mostly bollies.

Will Ask Damages

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The whole course of the stream lies through arid country.
 "The winters of the west and north-west (speaking of Texas) are often long and severe. Icy winds from the frozen north sweep over this section and the ground is covered with snow for several weeks."

"Agriculture (in Texas) is chiefly carried on east of the 100 meridian." This meridian passes through Abilene and Ballinger.

"The eastern part of (Texas) with heavy rainfall has thick forest and swamps. The western part has few streams, thorn cactus plants, scattered bunches of grass and low bushes. One side of the state has so much rain it is in the cotton belt. The other so little rain it has large ranches, with few farms and few people."

"Another of the valuable rock products of the South is the petroleum or crude oil, found especially in the coastal sections of Texas and Louisiana and in Oklahoma."
 A child studying books in which the above quotations and countless others as untrue appear would never realize that in 1929 West Texas produced practically 40 per cent of the cotton crop of Texas; nor would it have any reason to know that West Texas produces one-seventh of the petroleum or crude oil of the United States, the West Texas Chamber of Commerce publicity committee contends.

In addition to sponsoring the effort to effect corrections in public school textbooks on misleading statements concerning West Texas, the West Texas Chamber of Commerce publicity committee has undertaken several other projects of importance including the distribution of several hundred thousand lithographed stamps advertising the attractive features of West Texas; publication by all towns in the West Texas territory of interest literature and also lending assistance to a campaign to popularize Texas-made goods and increase their consumption in the state.

Cattle Movement.

Johnson and Adams of Odessa consigned a car of mixed cattle to themselves at Odessa, which was shipped last Saturday, and which was the only cattle movement from this point this week.

Typewriting and carbon paper at Mail office.

It's More Difficult To Get in Navy Now

Washington, Sept. 4.—Increasingly stringent requirements for enlistment in the navy were pointed to by recruiting officers Saturday as a principal cause in reducing desertions from 3,161 in 1924 to only 398 for the fiscal year 1930, just ended.

A survey of recruiting figures from the western section of the country, just completed, showed that the best percentage of men accepted the fleet had at least two years of high school education. The high quality of men taken has been made necessary, officers pointed out, by the steady increase in use of complicated modern machinery aboard warships.

The irresponsible type of recruit they believe could cause serious loss of life aboard ship through errors of judgment in handling equipment. A constantly increasing number of sailors is given special training so the men may become skillful electricians, machinists, carpenters or artisans of other types useful ashore as well as aboard.

The navy also has obtained a reenlistment figure of 72 per cent annually which its officers believe can not be ascribed to unemployment conditions ashore. The reduction in desertions has been gradual. They totaled 1,092 in 1927 and 528 in 1929.

"Lonesome Pine" Feud Kills Two

Pikeville, Ky., Sept. 4.—Melvin Branham, 35, and Sam Wright, son of "Bad John" Wright, one of the characters in "The Trail of the Lonesome Pine," were found shot to death in the Wright front yard here Saturday. Both were shot through the head.

The shooting occurred at Three-Mile creek, 25 miles south of here, in an almost inaccessible part of the mountains.

Charles Ray, brother-in-law of Branham, was taken into custody for investigation. Deputy Sheriff J. Childers said he had received no details of the affair, as there are no telephones in that section. Childers said Sam Wright also was known as Bentley.

Sam's father, "Bad John," is one of the famous characters of the mountains, in the days when Letcher County was known as "Bloody Letcher."

Select Grand Jury 42nd District Court

W. W. Haynes of Merkel is one of the grand jurors in the 42nd district court this week. E. T. Compere of Abilene is foreman and other jurors are: M. G. Jackson, Wingate; M. A. Waldrop, Iberis; A. W. Wood, Trent; P. L. Armour, Abilene; G. W. Wood, Lawn; H. N. Drummond, View; Billy McCasland, Bradshaw; I. C. Cox, Abilene, Route 5, and W. T. Reddell, Abilene.

Judge M. S. Long is presiding for the eight weeks term of the 42nd district court, which convened Monday.

Band Concert.

Beginning at 5:30 this Thursday afternoon, the Merkel Booster band will give a concert on the downtown streets and will then move out to some residential section and give another concert.

OVERCOME HARD TIMES.

A constant demand for trained office workers comes to us thru our organized Employment Department. Mail Coupon to Draughton's College, Abilene, Texas, today for list of recent positions filled, showing the opportunities in business for you. If lack of money is a drawback, write full particulars for helpful suggestions.

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PERSONAL NEWS NOTES

W. S. Slayden and family are spending several days in Del Rio.

Mrs. W. T. Lain of Cleburne is visiting her sister, Mrs. G. L. Baker.

Mrs. J. J. Stallings has returned to Fort Worth after visiting relatives here.

Miss Maimie Ellis has gone to Fort Worth where she will teach school again this year.

Miss Edna Marie Jones of Abilene is the houseguest of Miss Christine Collins.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Darsey of San Angelo spent the week-end with their parents here.

After a tonsil operation on Monday, Miss Vernie Derrick is reported "doing nicely."

Miss Martha Bird has gone to Graham where she will teach again this year.

Miss Alva Wheeler left Wednesday for Roscoe where she will teach school again this year.

Miss Minnie Coates will leave Saturday for Coleman to resume her school duties.

Mrs. Charles Booth and daughter, Miss Sue, of Fort Worth are the guests of relatives.

Tom Wilson was here Sunday from Dallas to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Wilson.

Miss Mary Elizabeth Grimes is visiting in Austin, a guest in the Emmett Grimes home.

Mrs. Buford Smith and little son, Jean, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Conder.

Miss Mary Campbell will leave Friday for Amarillo where she will teach school again this year.

Col. E. C. Church, former Merkelite, who is now residing at Tahoka, was a visitor here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Largent have returned from a visit with relatives in Brownwood and Hico.

Raymond Earthman has accepted a position as shipping clerk with Woolworth's at Port Arthur.

Miss Annie Laurie Smith will leave Friday for Wichita Falls where she will teach school again this year.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Reaves and family of Blackwell were guests last week in the J. L. Banner home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Boney of Springfield, Ill., are spending their vacation with his mother, Mrs. A. C. Boney.

Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Davis had as their week-end guests her brother, D. E. Badgley, and family of Roscoe.

Mrs. T. J. R. Swafford has returned from a visit with relatives in Tylee, Forney, Dallas and Milford.

Postmaster O. J. Adcock and family enjoyed a visit over the week-end with relatives in Lubbock and Plainview.

Misses Susie Moore of Abilene and Edna Mae Banner of Rotan were guests last week in the J. L. Banner home.

Mrs. George Woodrum and children and Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Cypert have returned from several days visit at Slaton.

Miss Bettelle Adcock left Friday for Menard where she will visit at the ranch home of her grandfather, A. A. Williamson.

Alton Davis returned Saturday after a vacation visit with friends and relatives at Roscoe, Lorraine and Sweetwater.

Mrs. Bob Russell and Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Rogers of Imperial Valley, Calif., arrived Monday to visit relatives and friends.

Mrs. J. L. Tucker and daughter, Miss Elna, are visiting in Altus, Okla., for an indefinite time in the home of her son there.

Friends of Mrs. George L. White will be pleased to learn that she is recuperating satisfactorily after a tonsil operation last week.

Mrs. Warren Smith and son and Miss Nell Swann left Thursday to visit the latter's sister, Mrs. Carson Miles, at San Angelo.

Dr. W. T. Sadler left Sunday for Chicago where he has accepted an internship for an indefinite time in the Presbyterian hospital there.

Mr. and Mrs. John West and Henry West have returned from a trip to Lubbock, Lamesa, Littlefield and other places on the Plains.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Underwood and little daughter leave Friday for Plainview where Mr. Underwood teaches in the public schools.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben McCollum and sons, Ben, Jr., and Harris, of Stephenville are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Will D. Williams and family.

Ben, Jr., who graduated from the Merkel High last year, left Monday for Austin where he expects to enter the University of Texas.

Upon their return from Waco Mr. and Mrs. George E. Caple were accompanied by her little sister, Jane Elizabeth Smith, who will visit with them.

Misses Beryl and Odell Hunter, graduates of Merkel High last year, have entered the school for nurses of the West Texas hospital at Lubbock.

J. Ben Campbell and family and R.

L. Adcock and family attended the Rural Letter Carriers convention for four counties held at Lueders Labor Day.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Morgan of Greenville and Mrs. T. H. Boyd and baby son, Thomas Hail, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Derstine and friends.

Jas. H. West, Jr., returned home Monday, having spent the summer in El Paso and Long Beach, Calif., the guest of Dr. and Mrs. O. J. Shaffer and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Keefer and son of Shawnee, Okla., and Mr. and Mrs. Burl Keefer and son of Seminole were Labor Day visitors with Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Keefer.

Guests last week of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Butler were Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Thomas of Honey Grove, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bertram of Snyder and Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Thomas and son of Dallas.

Miss Nadine Lane of Dallas, accompanied by two girl friends, stopped over Monday night for a visit with her aunt, Mrs. G. L. Baker, as they were en route to Carlsbad Caverns.

Miss Carrie Coffey, whose home is in Vernon and who will teach in the Merkel public schools this year, is the guest of her aunt, Miss Addie Holler, prior to the opening of the school session.

Miss Delphine Moore, who underwent an operation for appendicitis on Tuesday of last week, is sufficiently recovered to be able to resume her duties in the offices of Drs. Grimes & Sadler.

The Thos. Durham family removed the end of the week to Crane City, where Mr. Durham is editor and publisher of the Crane City News. Miss Doris Durham will teach in the public schools there.

F. E. Church of Abilene was greeting friends here this week. He had the misfortune to break his arm in a gin accident at Corpus Christi July 26 and the injury is giving him considerable trouble.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Vick, accompanied by Misses Lola May and Eunice Bird and Miss Bessie Westenhaver, drove to El Paso for the week-end. The young ladies remained, Miss Lola May to teach at a school near

El Paso and Miss Eunice and Miss Westenhaver to enter a school for nurses at El Paso.

After spending the week-end here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Campbell, Mrs. H. C. Reid has returned to her home in Amarillo, being joined on the return trip by Miss Ione Red of San Angelo.

J. M. Harris of Fort Worth spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lige Harris, and was accompanied on his return home by Mrs. Harris and baby, Jean, who had been visiting her mother, Mrs. Skidmore.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Davis are located at McCamey, according to word received by friends here. Mr. Davis, who was principal and coach of Merkel High last year, has accepted a position to teach in the McCamey schools.

Capt. L. H. Nixon, who saw service in the World War, will arrive Saturday from San Jose, Calif., to join his family, who have been visiting relatives here for several weeks. They will locate on the Haynes farm about five miles southeast of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. (Roy) Cogburn of Fort Worth returned home Monday after visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Cogburn. While here they also visited his sisters and their husbands Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cox and Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Henslee.

WANTED

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WANTED—Two boarders, furnished room; also two or three furnished rooms for light house keeping. Mrs. J. M. Meeks, Phone 229W.

FRENCH AIRMEN CROSS WESTWARD (Continued from Page One)

at 8 o'clock Tuesday, expecting to arrive at Dallas late in the afternoon, where they are calling to collect the \$25,000 prize for a Paris-New York-Dallas flight from William E. Easterwood, Jr., who is now in Europe. The latter had appointed George F. (Jimmy) Smith, Snyder newspaper man, as his personal representative to greet the fliers.

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE

SEE HARRY BARNETT for anything in the McCormick-Deering line. Adams and Leverett, Abilene, Texas.

FOR SALE—Three road wagons. See C. K. Russell.

DARK CORNISH GAMES—the laying strain. Robt. N. Campbell, phone 9011 F 2.

FOR HAMBURGERS and chili, call at Velma Clark's, Kent St., across from the Fire station.

FOR SALE—Crosley 6 tube radio. Mrs. J. R. Baze.

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.

Stated Meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710 A. F. & A. M. Saturday night, 8 p. m. Members urged to attend. Visitors welcome.

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FOR RENT—Furnished or unfurnished front room, close to bath. Mrs. Earl Teague, Oak street. Phone 154.

Ft. Worth Livestock

Fort Worth, Sept. 4.—Slowness with values unevenly lower on most classes of slaughter cattle featured the trading here Wednesday. Steers steady to 25c lower, fat cows about steady; canners and cutters 15 to 25c lower, very few yearlings offered; bulls about 5c lower with the bulk of the calves unsold and packers bidding 25 to 50c lower. Order buyers taking some calves, around 25c lower with few sales about steady. Best steers moved on order account.

Slaughter steers sold at \$7.10. Other steers due to sell from \$4.25 to \$6.25.

Better weighty bulls sold from \$4.75 down. Common light bulls from \$3.75 down.

Slaughter yearling sold at \$9.50. Common lots from \$3.50 to \$4.50.

Rail-hogs with top of \$10.40 considered 35c lower. Truck hogs steady with top of \$10.25. Packing sows \$7.25 to \$7.75.

Sheep steady, with fat wethers at \$4; fat lambs at \$8 and feeder lambs at \$6; feeder yearlings \$3.50 and some fat goats at \$2.50.

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PHONE 61

The Merkel Mail

Industrial Outlook Brighter, Consensus of WTU Co. Officials

Abilene, Sept. 4.—A meeting of department heads and district superintendents of the West Texas Utilities company was held in the company executive offices at Abilene, August 29, for the purpose of discussing general business conditions and operating problems.

The meeting, the first general conference in three months, brought forth many interesting facts regarding current business conditions. The industrial outlook for the balance of 1930, according to a consensus of opinions, is much brighter than is the popular conception of the situation.

General revenues of the West Texas Utilities company have recovered in a large measure from declines most apparent during April, May, June and July. At the present time, electric revenue is on the increase, industrial power supplied to oil fields being the outstanding phase of the business not yet showing satisfactory improvement.

Reports from the various districts, covering some 48 counties in West Texas and the Panhandle, were decidedly encouraging. The crop outlook, while considerably below normal is slightly improved over 1929 for the territory as a whole, and it is felt that, within the next 30 to 60 days, general conditions will be on the up-trend.

That the bottom of the depression was hit during July was indicated by substantial upward curves on revenue charts. Business reports from all parts of the country infer that July marked the beginning of the return to normal.

It was pointed out that "In no other section of the United States can a territory recover as rapidly as in West Texas. Immediately following every national depression, business conditions in West Texas jump to considerably above national averages."

Belief was expressed that the new

rate schedule recently put into effect by the company would be of material aid to the people of the territory, inasmuch as last year's reductions have already caused a material increase in domestic and commercial electric service used over the same period for last year. The new one meter rate, it was pointed out, offers an even greater incentive for the customer to use more service.

Plans were discussed for the remainder of the year's business, and all superintendents and department heads returned to their responsibilities greatly encouraged and highly optimistic over prospects for substantially increased business.

Those attending the conference from out of town were P. P. Shepard, Cisco; W. G. Owsley, Stamford; W. O. Wallace, Quanah; S. E. Morley, Ballinger; M. E. Pitman, McCamey; Frank Houston, Childress, and Taylor Rowe, San Angelo. Among the department heads and executives at the meeting were Price Campbell, Earl R. Hope, Dan A. Gallagher, P. W. Campbell, R. M. Wolfe, Joe A. White, E. A. Short, A. W. Breihan, Miss Eudora Hawkins, Harold D. Austin, L. P. Cook, R. R. St. John, Carl Mahan, E. V. Sellers and John L. McQuigge.

Probably the longest cotton row in the world is one on the Northcutt farm in Mitchell county—sixteen miles. It is a complete circle around a hill.

Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office.

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.

Texas Drouth Relief Request is Placed in Hands of President

Austin, Sept. 4.—Whether farmers in 50 drouth-stricken West Texas counties will obtain financial aid rests with the federal government.

Governor Dan Moody has received and forwarded the report of his special drouth relief committee which met in Wichita Falls Friday and found conditions demanding immediate attention.

Copies of the resolutions were sent Arthur M. Hyde, secretary of agriculture, William Baxter, director of the Red Cross for the southwest, and President Hoover.

In addition, Governor Moody informed Secretary Hyde that Texas had complied with the requests Hyde had made when the first request that Texas be included in drouth work of the federal government was made. A state committee was formed and has functioned, he told Hyde, and local committees on drouth have been formed in each of the counties found to be hardest hit.

The governor also asked chairmen of the local committees to survey immediately conditions in their territory, so that he may give this information to Hyde and Baxter.

The committee's report painted a picture of actual want among farmers in the region, resulting from three successive short-crop years.

"These people are not mendicants," the report said, "but are the highest

type of citizens, hardy, the bone and sinew of the country resolute and determined. But their backs are to the wall. They survived two years of dreadful drouth hoping the next year would be fruitful.

"Unless aid is extended immediately—not in ten days or a month, but now—suffering will ensue."

Healthy Year Indicated.

New York.—It's a healthy year. Life insurance statisticians believe the prospects are excellent for 1930 to end with the lowest death rate ever registered in the United States and Canada.

Five Victoria Crosses realized \$1,190 at a sale of war medals in London recently.

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"It" Girl Signs New Contract
Hollywood, Calif.—Clara Bow, red-haired "flaming youth girl" of the screen, has signed a new contract with Paramount, setting at rest rumors that she was not on the best terms with studio executives. It will begin her sixth year with the company and her fifth as a star.

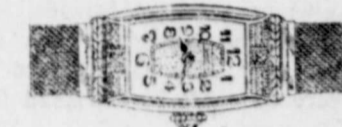
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Twin Sisters Have Twins.
Liverpool.—Three days after twins were born to Mrs. J. C. Carruthers, her twin sister, Mrs. Charles Eldon, also became the mother of twins.

Could Hardly Walk Around

Waco Man Suffered Over a
With Rheumatism, and is
Able to Walk—Orgatone
Ending His Troubles.

"When I began taking Orgatone, I had rheumatism pains in my arms and legs so bad I could hardly raise my right arm to my head, or walk around, but it is all different now," said W. M. Cannon, 3027 Ethel St., Waco, Texas.

"You can certainly class me among the Orgatone boosters," he continued, "for it sure is fixing me up all right. For over a year I had been bothered with rheumatism in my arms and legs and sometimes the muscles in the arms and neck would be so sore and stiff I could hardly do any work. Besides this I was very nervous most of the time and I could hardly sleep. I lost my appetite and in a short time I was in a mighty bad run down condition."

"I read so much in the Waco papers. I decided to get a bottle and give it a trial, and after I had taken it about ten days I noticed a decided change in my condition, but still I could feel a pain every now and then shooting down my arms and legs, but I kept on taking it. I am feeling much better in every way. My appetite has improved and I sleep well all night long and I get up in the morning feeling like I used to. That is the best evidence that I can give you on what Orgatone has done for me: it plainly shows what a great medicine it really is."

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POULTRY FACTS

DIVERS CULLINGS IMPROVES FLOCK

Regular System May Be Used to Secure Layers.

Cull the poultry flock a little at a time, along through the season as the hens stop laying and have a better paying and less expensive flock. This is the advice of W. F. Armstrong, poultry worker at the North Carolina state college. He says the plan is better than culling the entire flock at one time during late summer or fall and forgetting about it until next season.

"By culling at intervals of two or three weeks after spring egg production begins to drop, much feed is saved," says Mr. Armstrong. "This system is simple and does not require an expert. When out of laying, the hen shows a narrow measurement between the pelvic bones and between these bones and the breast bone. The vent is small and yellow and the abdomen is hard. This is enough to look for in this plan, except that the unusually fat birds may be culled at any time."

Another advantage in culling as the hens quit laying is in the better price received for the culls. Prices for poultry is always lowest in late summer and fall. By selling the cull birds as they go out of laying a better price and market is secured, says Mr. Armstrong.

Late in the summer or early fall, the regular culling system may be used to select next year's layers and breeders. Early molting hens are always the poorest layers.

Quit culling, he advises, when the flock is down to the number wanted for the next season. Do not confuse culling with selecting the breeding birds for next season. The pullets developing quickly and the quick-growing, energetic cockerels will always make the best breeding stock if the performance of their parent birds is known.

Feed Milk to Increase

Size of Pullet Eggs

One of the problems connected with worms in poultry is building up health and vigor and condition after the worms have been removed by the proper drug. Prof. J. J. Halpin, of the University of Wisconsin, makes a recommendation in regard to the use of cod liver oil that appears sound and worth trying, to the extent of making 2 or 3 per cent of the mash cod liver oil. Professor Halpin says: "Some of our correspondents have had trouble with worms in their flocks; after they fed cod liver oil, they found the trouble from worms practically disappeared. I wouldn't recommend cod liver oil as a treatment for worms, but I think cod liver oil will undoubtedly prove of benefit in any flock where resistance is lowered, due to cold, worms, or anything of the sort. Naturally, the more practical thing to do is to give a good worm remedy, and then use cod liver oil to help build up the flock."

Water Is Big Source of Infection to Poultry

The quality of the water for poultry should be determined by cleanliness and freedom from possible infection. Cleanliness can be taken care of by rinsing the container daily, or more often, if necessary. The water can be kept much cleaner, if it is elevated from the floor to a point where litter cannot be scratched into it.

Quality of water as a source of infection can be taken care of by giving water from a well or the water supply which is used in the home. It is dangerous to dip water from streams or stagnant pools. One can never tell where such water comes from and what diseases it carries. A bird may have died of some contagious disease and have dropped into this stream or stagnant pool causing an infection which when carried to the poultry house may mean disaster to the flock.

Early Fall Layers

Some people have objected to the early layers in the fall, as they will often molt in the early part of the winter and thereby slacken up in egg production. On the other hand, when such birds do go into the molt, they will again start laying in the early part of the year and the eggs will be especially suitable for hatching purposes, as the birds will be better matured, in fact, many hatcheries prefer eggs from this age of pullets for hatching purposes.

Important Task

Probably the most important job for the poultrymen at this season of the year is that of getting the young pullets into winter quarters. Providing warm, dry, draft-free houses with sanitary equipment is one part of the problem. Culling out the late hatched, poorly developed pullets is another reasonable job. The removal of the undeveloped pullets will give the thrifty birds more room in the house, save feed, and tend to prevent disease epidemics.

FARM STOCK

CATTLE LICE NEED TWO TREATMENTS

Some Homemade Mixtures Are Quite Effective.

Three kinds of lice are commonly found on cattle and they may all be present at the same time. Fortunately, the same treatment may be used for each kind, says Prof. H. A. Hopper of Cornell university.

Cattle lice are especially injurious to young stock. The irritation caused by the lice arrests growth and contributes to low vitality. When the animals are stabled in the fall, lice may not be detected, but after a few weeks in the stable several batches of eggs may hatch and the whole herd be infested. They must be controlled to insure the thrift and comfort of the herd, not to mention profitable milking.

Dipping the herd is most effective where the size of the herd justifies it and the equipment is at hand. An orchard sprayer or even a hand pump may be satisfactory for moderate-sized herds. If well done, spraying will control lice. The body must be wet thoroughly, especially the head, ears, brisket, tail, and the inner surface of the thighs and flanks. In cold weather the cattle must be protected after treatment. Arsenical dips are commonly used for sprays, but any standard dip used according to directions will be effective. Two treatments 15 to 16 days apart are advised.

During cold weather most owners will prefer to use hand applications such as powders and ointments, suggests Professor Hopper. Before applying these, it is best to expose the hiding places of the pests by clipping all or part of the body. Clip and remove the rough hair, if any, along the back, around the head, neck, and ears and inside the flanks and thighs. Most dusting powders have some value in holding lice in check in cold weather, but they are not recommended as effective in eradicating cattle lice. Homemade preparations may be used if mixed and applied as indicated. And as the dips they should be applied 16 days apart.

Inbreeding Intensifies

Swine Characteristics

Inbreeding intensifies both the good and bad characteristics present in the parents. If the ancestry is known to have had no weak points, which is seldom the case, then inbreeding may result in outstanding offsprings. It should be remembered also that inbreeding often brings hidden defects to light, writes A. D. Weber of the University of Nebraska.

As a general rule, inbreeding should not be practiced in herds where the pigs are to be fattened for market. The progressive and studious breeder of pure breeds, however, can afford to experiment with inbreeding with the hope that a few outstanding pigs will be produced and thus enable him to eventually fix a superior type that will breed true.

Dairy Cows to Produce

Heifers for Beef Trade

Where a man intends to keep some heifers for breeding, a milking short-horn bull, of unusually beefy conformation, would make a satisfactory cross on his dairy cows. If a man didn't want to keep any heifers, then an Aberdeen-Angus bull could hardly be excelled for crossing on dairy cows, to produce calves to raise for beef. The hornless head and the black color of the Aberdeen-Angus are dominant in heredity, and the cross-bred calves would be mainly hornless and solid black in color. This uniformity, together with the short legs and thickness that they would likely inherit from their sire, would be an advantage to the feeder.

Sows Need Minerals to

Prevent Going Down

Sows that go down in the back may be injured in some accident. More often, however, they are crippled because of the reduction of lime in their skeletons to supply milk to their young. A ration that is high in protein, mineral and vitamins is essential if the sows are not to have trouble from this source. A ration containing tankage, alfalfa meal and mineral should not allow the skeleton to get so low in minerals that the bones cannot carry the weight.

Little or nothing can be done for her once she is down. Feeding a good balanced commercial ration will prevent this trouble.

Returns From Silage

An acre of corn returned \$71.65 when put into a silo and fed to steers as silage, together with cottonseed meal and mixed hay, at the Ohio Experiment station in a recent test. An acre of similar corn returned \$50.80 when cut and husked and fed to steers as shelled corn and stover, together with cottonseed meal and mixed hay. This study confirms the results secured by other experiment stations as well as the observation of practical feeders.

Steam Shovel Missing.

Philadelphia.—Lost, strayed or stolen: Steam shovel, 40 feet long with steel bucket and other apparatus; weight 10 tons. A construction company has reported the matter to the police. All of it vanished from a sewer job, though it seemed like humpy dumpty; that it would take 40 men, a truck and a trailer to get away with it.

Writing Telephones.

Berlin.—Experiments with a telephone that writes and electrically registers messages are progressing so satisfactorily that the German Telephone company is working out plans to introduce it into all homes. A small electric typewriter attached to the telephone would not greatly increase the cost of the telephone if it were introduced throughout the country, officials declare.

Heat Kills Woman. Age 118.

Libson.—The heat wave of the past two weeks has killed many persons, among them the oldest woman in the country. She was Guilhermina Rosa Madeira, 118, a resident of Sacavem, near here, and has been vigorous until the burning heat remained so long.

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The Merkel Mail

Trent News and Personal Notes

At a meeting at the school auditorium Monday morning of the school board and faculty and a number of the patrons it was decided to postpone the opening of school at least two weeks on account of the fact that so many children were having to help with farm work.

Mrs. Alex Williamson spent the day Wednesday with relatives in Eskota.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Burks and Grandma Burks left Monday for Big Spring and expect to be away for sometime.

Mr. and Mrs. Buster Edwards spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Glyn Jones of Roscoe.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Freeman are announcing the birth of a baby girl born August 27.

Mrs. George Thompson and son, Henry, were recent visitors with friends here.

Misses Estelle and Crinell Sorrels of Fort Worth were guests in the J. E. Bowers home last week. They will visit relatives in Abilene before returning home.

W. H. Riley and family of Abilene stopped over for a few hours with their daughter, Mrs. Hub West, and family last Monday.

Mrs. Buster Edwards has as her guest this week Miss Ruth Hamrick of Sweetwater.

Misses Zada and Oneda Bell of Merkel spent Monday visiting friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Wiser of Cisco are the proud parents of a baby girl and Mrs. Wiser's mother, Mrs. Ed. Sherman, is visiting them at this writing.

Miss Forrest Forrester went to Roby Friday where she will teach again this school term.

Mrs. Pauline Freeman and daughter, Miss Sallie, have returned from Fort Worth and Arlington where they visited for the past few weeks.

Curley Edwards made a business trip to Hobbs, New Mex., last week.

Miss Pearl Martin of Temple spent the week-end with friends, here en route to Hermleigh to begin her school work.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Boone, accompanied by Mrs. Annie Boone, left Monday for Hobbs, New Mex., to visit Mr. and Mrs. Joe Alexander. They will also visit the Carlsbad Caverns. Mrs. Boone will return here the last of the week and Mr. and Mrs. Boone will go to their home in Memphis.

Mrs. Effie Hightower of Abilene is the guest of Mrs. Bounce Hays this week.

Miss Magdalene Payne visited at Oplin several days last week, returning to her home Tuesday.

Miss Lucile Adrian was a recent guest of her sister, Mrs. Ted Norton, of Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nalley and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Murdock attended the singing at Hodges Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. J. A. Brown and daughter, Miss Winnie, had as their guests last week Mr. and Mrs. Earl Proctor and two children of Stratford, Miss Elsie Graham of Bedias and Mrs. George Moody of Sweetwater.

Mrs. Bob Martin of Abilene spent the day Wednesday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Scott.

ARCHER-HARKINS.

Miss Una Harkins, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Harkins

of Sweetwater, became the bride of Mr. Eugene Archer of Dallas Thursday evening, August 28, at 8 o'clock. Mrs. A. Rado Archer of Trent, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Harris Tolar of Colorado City, very softly began the old familiar strains of "I Love You Truly," and at the culmination of the song, as the wedding march began, Miss Harkins, attired in a beautiful green crepe and velvet, wearing green pumps, the shade of the dress, and carrying a huge bridal bouquet of pink rosebuds and lilies of the valley, entered on the arm of her sister, Miss Ethel Harkins, maid of honor. From the vestibule, the groom, accompanied by his brother, Mr. James Andrew Archer, also of Dallas, entered the simple, yet attractively decked living room where the Rev. Mr. Cypert, minister of the Church of Christ, of Merkel, read the beautiful ring ceremony.

Immediately after the ceremony the bride changed to a very attractive going away costume of green travel crepe, fleeced with beige, beige-reptile shoes and other accessories to harmonize completed the ensemble. The bridal couple then left for Dallas where they will make their home.

Mr. Eugene Archer is the youngest son of Mrs. John Archer of this place and has grown to manhood in our midst, numbering his friends by his acquaintances. Mrs. Archer is no stranger in our town and county, as she taught in our school here one term and it is fittingly said of her, "to know her is to love her."

A host of friends wish this fine young couple all happiness and success.

Blair Items

Mr. and Mrs. Shouls and family of Hamlin spent the week-end with the former's sister, Mr. and Mrs. John Latimer, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Meeks and family of Slaton, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Meeks of Post City, were the houseguests of Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Barnes and Mr. and Mrs. John Meeks this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Doan and family and Mr. and Mrs. Silas Scott and family visited the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Doan, one day recently.

Miss Mary Joe Farrier has returned from an extended trip to the east. Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Doan and family have gone to Rosebud for an indefinite stay.

Shannon Reason left recently for Lubbock where he has accepted employment.

Shorty Swafford has gone to Philadelphia, where he has accepted employment.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hughes and family of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. John Hughes and family, Mr. and Mrs. King and family and Misses Vera, Maimie and Velma Walker of Merkel, motored over to see the Doan-Keel wheelbarrow pushing Saturday afternoon.

Forty-five steamship companies now make regular calls at Singapore, Straits settlements.

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One of Most Brilliant Chicago Students Blind

Chicago, Sept. 4.—The most brilliant graduating student of the summer class at the University of Chicago is a blind youth of 24.

Raymond Dickinson was blinded in an automobile smashup four years ago, six months before he entered the university. Saturday he received his degree of bachelor of philosophy. Last spring he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

Dickinson, the son of an apartment house janitor, went through college on scholarships. He studied philosophy under Professors Mead, Smith and Moore. Now he plans to write.

"I want to write about people and their actions," he said. "Because of my blindness I have more time than the average individual to meditate. I am anxious to put my thoughts, my reactions, on paper."

The blind boy, who has been acclaimed as the wonder student of the decade, reads books on a variety of subjects. The state department of welfare supplies him with texts transcribed into the Braille system. Whenever there is a new book that has not been translated into the script for the blind he has friends read it to him.

"It was hard during the first quarter in school," he said, "I had much difficulty in keeping awake when somebody read to me for two to three hours."

Now that he is graduated he will be employed in Chicago to teach Braille and handicraft by the division of visitation of adult blind of the state department of public welfare.

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Island Owner Takes Over Unruly Bisons

Macon, Ga., Sept. 4.—Howard Coffin, financier, who holds domain over Sapelo Island, off the Georgia coast, will solve a question involving buffaloes that has buffalooed Macon a long, long time.

The city park system owns four of the beasts which have put diet experts in a quandary. Indigestion, or whatever it is that besets animals improperly fed, has made them so ill-tempered and vicious that even their keepers are afraid to enter their enclosure.

Some time ago city officials broadcast an appeal for somebody who knew something about buffaloes to come and take them.

Coffin answered with an offer to remove them to his island where they can roam at will with a great variety of grass and other green things for a menu.

U. of T. Library Has Display of Relics

Austin, Sept. 4.—Relics dating back to the landing of the Pilgrims and including memorabilia of the War of 1812, the Mexican Revolution and the Civil War are on display in the archives of the University of Texas library.

A Bible, bound in worn tan leather, which was brought from England on the Mayflower, is the oldest article exhibited.

Included in the display is a small red velvet case containing the photograph of Phoebe Folger, cousin of Benjamin Franklin.

The sword of Col. Edwin Waller Jr., in command of the Waller battalion of the Confederate army, is also in the exhibition. It is the property of Edwin Waller III of San Marcos, grandson of Waller, who was the first mayor of Austin and a signer of the Texas Declaration of Independence.

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Close Hospital, But Will Continue Offices

On account of conditions existing in this section, effective last Monday Drs. Grimes and Sadler closed their sanitarium, but they will maintain offices permanently in the same suite, they have announced.

Miss Hughes, head nurse at the sanitarium, has returned to her home in Abilene and will follow her profession there. Miss Ruth Copeland, one of the other nurses, has gone to visit her sister at Hobbs, New Mex. Miss Warrington, another nurse,

will continue with Drs. Grimes and Sadler, as will also Miss Moore as office assistant.

Record of Births.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. John Bates, residing on Elm Creek, Saturday, August 30, 1930.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Roland, Castle Peak, Tuesday, Sept. 3, 1930.

New Raffles Robs Pec.

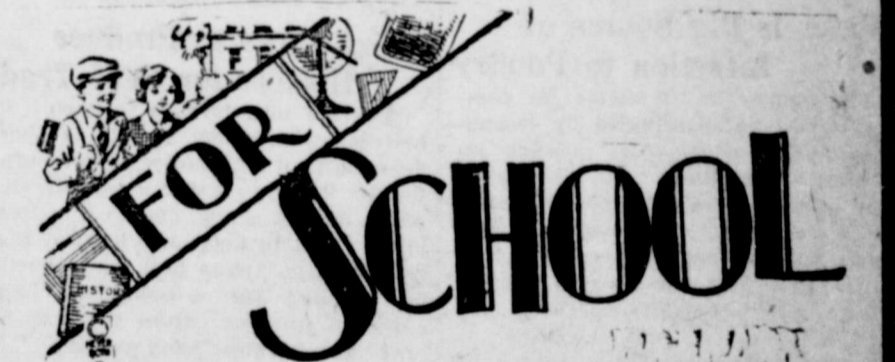
London.—A new Raffles, believed to be a society man, is suspected of having robbed Marquis Carisbrooke's home of valuable antique jewelry.

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