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## BADGER SQUAD TO MEET ROBY HIGH IN GAME FRIDAY

**Hard Contest Ahead for Badgers; Game Last Week Showed Big Improvement in Local Players; Best Loraine, 18-0.**

Showing decided improvement in form over their performance of the previous week, when they were defeated by Putnam, 13 to 0, the Badgers walked away Friday in the game with Loraine, 18 to 0.

Steady line plunges, resulting in good gains, and brilliant end runs enabled the local boys to run up a record of twenty-one first downs during the contest, while their opponents managed for only two, success in each case being due to the forward pass.

From the start the Badgers were on their toes, with plenty of pep and an abundant supply of determination. In the first quarter, after the visitors had been forced to kick, Irvin's youngsters carried the pigskin straight down the field by consistent line plunging for the first touchdown by Captain Darsey.

Twice in the first half, the Badgers lost the ball on fumbles within their opponents' ten yard line and in the latter part of the game they were held on the one-yard line after four attempts to cross the goal line. The fumbles were traceable to a nervousness in the young players, which is being daily worked off in practice.

Other touchdowns were made by Russell and Tucker, but the Badgers failed in each try for the extra point. Derrick and Sheppard featured in several brilliant plays, ably assisting their captain, Joel Darsey, who was easily the star performer of the squad. Every man in Merkel uniform was in the game at least for several minutes, which is an occurrence out of the ordinary, but which was made possible by the splendid lead piled up early in the game by the Badgers.

Merkel goes to Roby to play this Friday afternoon. It is not a conference game, but the boys are determined to put up a good fight to win, even though indications are that Roby is one of the strongest teams they will meet this year.

Merkel's starting line-up in the Loraine game was: Sheppard, left end; Mashburn, left tackle; Collins, left guard; Middleton, center; Baker, right guard; Toombs, right tackle; Coats, right end; Derrick, left half; Tucker, right half; Russell, full, and Darsey, (captain), quarter. Substitutes were: Graham, Vickers, Ferrier, Toombs, Wilson, Gamble, Carson, Shannon, Shouse, Wozendraft and Clark.

Officials—Duke, referee; Riddle, umpire, and Ashby, head linesman.

## Shipwrecked on Rock in Pacific For Over Month

Brisbane, Australia, Sept. 25.—For more than a month thirty-five Kanakas men, women and children lived on Bird Island, an inhospitable outcrop of rock in the Banda Sea. Their sole food was raw fish and their only drink was sea-birds' blood.

The party had been crossing the Banda Sea when their big war canoe was wrecked on the island, upon which there is not a blade of grass and no living creatures except myriads of sea mews.

The Kanakas, almost deranged by their terrible privations, were rescued by the China-Australian liner Taiping, which, fortunately for them, was blown out of her usual course and passed near the island.

## PUTS TEXAS CROP 3,995,000 BALES

Austin, Sept. 25.—Based on conditions as of Sept. 15, George B. Terrell, state commissioner of agriculture, Tuesday estimated the 1930 cotton crop at 3,995,000 running bales. He had placed the production at 4,250,000 bales on Aug. 15.

Continued deterioration during August and September was responsible for the 255,000-bale reduction in the estimate, he said. Only two districts, the southwestern and central, were estimated to have higher yield potentials than last year.

Terrell declared 1930 was the "most disastrous year for the cotton farmer since the beginning of the World War, with the crop short and the price the lowest since 1914."

"This price," he said, "is below the cost of production and farmers can not continue to produce cotton at such a price. Our reports show that one-third of the cotton is being held for better prices. Every bale ought to be held until the price advances if it were possible to finance it."

"The Federal Farm board is advancing 90 per cent of the market value through the co-ops, and permitting the gambling exchanges to fix the price. The board already has lost millions on wheat and cotton because it did not make a price. If this board would announce a price of 15 cents to 18 cents on cotton on condition that the acreage be reduced 25 per cent next year, every cotton farmer in the South would contract to reduce acreage. This plan would solve the marketing of cotton."

"I have never been in favor of the government's dabbling in private business, but since it has entered that (Continued on Page Four)

## DR. E. D. SALKELD TO BE SPEAKER NEXT CLUB MEET

**Pastor of Christian Church Will Tell of European Travels and Experiences; Individual Lions Extend Pledges to Boy Scouts.**

"Some of the Most Interesting Experiences of my Trip to Europe," will be the subject of the address to be delivered to members of the Lions club at their next weekly luncheon by Dr. E. D. Salkeld, pastor of the First Christian church at Abilene. Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of the Presbyterian church here, is to be toastmaster next week.

At Tuesday's luncheon, the president, E. Yates Brown, gave a report of the directors' meeting held last Thursday night at which time it was recommended to fill the place of first vice-president of the club by moving the second and third vice-presidents, Henry West and Matt Dillingham, up to first and second vice-presidents, respectively, and naming H. H. Jenkins as third vice-president. The latter had been tail twister and his place was filled by naming J. S. Bourn as new official. This action of the directors was confirmed by the club.

Chief interest of the hour's meeting centered in High football and Boy Scout activities, in both of which movements the Lions as a club and individually have always shown decided interest.

At the suggestion of the coach, Briggs Irvin, all Lions who could furnish cars to assist in carrying the football squad to Roby for the game this Friday afternoon were requested to advise the coach. Several volunteered.

Rev. Mr. Walker, reporting as one of the local Scoutmasters of Boy Scouts, explained a new regulation requiring that each committeeman, (there are three for each troop in Merkel and two troops), should pay \$1.00 and each Scout 50 cents when application is made for renewal of the charter each year and he further explained that some of the boys, while enthusiastic for the work and eager to continue their membership, were just not able to pay their dues.

At this juncture, without waiting for the club to take any action, S. D. Gamble, one of the Lions present, volunteered to pay dues for any of the Boy Scouts who could not afford to do so themselves and Supt. Burgess, another Lion, asked for the privilege of paying dues for two Scouts on this basis.

The club singing was led by E. Yates Brown, with Mrs. Brown at the piano, and the invocation was given by Rev. R. A. Walker. E. H. Lyons of Abilene was the only guest.

The entertainment feature of the program, with Dr. L. C. Zehnpenning as toastmaster, was furnished by A. J. Tucker and Ralph Duke, who pleasantly rendered several popular song numbers, with Miss Christine Collins as accompanist.

C. H. Jones, chairman of the band committee, was given more time as to proposed plans for regular weekly practice for the boys and providing a temporary leader, since the discontinuance of the services of the former director.

## Merkel Women Aid 'Young Lady Tourist'

Miss Loraine Watts, an 18-year old brunette, who was traveling alone from Dallas to El Paso and who had stopped at one of the tourist camps just west of town Friday, was carried to the Merkel Sanitarium for an emergency appendix operation about five o'clock that afternoon and her condition has steadily improved.

Her father lives in Dallas but she does not know his address, she says. Some of the ladies of the city took immediate interest in the young lady and their kindness and assistance have been manifested in many ways for her comfort and pleasure.

## Cotton Receipts.

Receipt during the week from Thursday noon of last week to Thursday noon of this week of 483 bales of cotton brought this year's receipts for Merkel to 1,124 bales. Of this total, 763 bales have been received by Public Weigher Houston Robertson, while Austin Robertson, representative of the American Cotton Co-operative association has received 361 bales at the T. & P. platform.

## KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

A new span across the Rio Grande for motor pedestrian traffic will be constructed soon to link Presidio and Ojinaga, Mex.

The thirty-fifth annual West Texas exposition, with exhibits displaying the resources of 40 counties represented, opened Monday at San Angelo.

Menard county, one of the few West Texas counties which has never had more than one courthouse, will vote on Oct. 18 on an \$80,000 bond issue for a new building.

Whether the city management plan of government for the city of Sweetwater will be abolished is to be decided by referendum at an election called for October 24.

In the first six months of 1930 there was a total of 134 grade crossing accidents in Texas, in which 25 persons were killed and 165 injured, according to records filed with the state railroad commission.

The \$100,000 high school building under construction at Del Rio, one of the features of which is an auditorium that will seat nearly 1,000 persons, will be completed by the latter part of November.

W. A. Willis, living in the Tracy community north of Rockdale, was burned to death shortly after midnight Saturday night when his farm house in which he was alone at the time was destroyed by fire.

A small safe containing \$40 and some private papers was carried away Saturday night or Sunday from a theatre at Kerms, 16 miles from Corsicana, it was discovered Monday when the theatre opened for business.

A young mother and three children were killed Monday when the automobile in which they were returning from school was struck by a Texas and Pacific passenger train at a railroad grade crossing near Eastland.

The suit against the city of Trent, filed by the Brown Crummer Investment company, which seeks payment of warrants claimed past due and unpaid, is docketed for trial Friday morning in federal court at Abilene.

The jury deliberating the case of Will Fritts, charged with murder which had been dismissed was dismissed late last Thursday at Roby by Judge W. R. Chapman when it became known that Juror J. D. Green had become ill.

Stating that he was "thoroughly convinced" that he was not now the logical candidate, Dr. George C. Butte of Austin, republican nominee for governor withdrew Tuesday as a candidate in a letter to the state executive committee.

In an improvised airplane ambulance, Miss Intha Bird, 53-year-old trained nurse of Abilene, bed-ridden three years, flew to Houston Monday to place herself under the "prayer treatment" of the Rev. Raymond T. Richey, an evangelist.

By defeating the Memphis Chicks four out of five games, the Fort Worth Cats of the Texas league became the baseball champions of all southland for the season of 1930, this being the sixth time in eleven years that Fort Worth has won this title.

Big Spring's new \$500,000 fifteen-story hotel, The Settles, began receiving guests last Friday, although the formal opening does not occur until Oct. 1. The Settles was built by Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Settles, owners of the Settles oil pool in Howard and Glasscock counties.

Remission by the state of the ten per cent penalty levied against delinquent ad valorem taxes was advocated as a drouth relief measure by George Sheppard, state comptroller, before the Texas County Tax Collectors association, which convened at Dallas Monday.

The damage suit for \$150,000, brought by D. Elliott Chipps, Jr., against Rev. J. Frank Norris, growing out of the fatal shooting on Feb. 17, 1926, of D. E. Chipps, the boy's father, has been dismissed for want of prosecution, the record showing that the case had been set for trial eight times.

The contemplated action of the mayor and city commission of Abilene to close the Paramount theatre by padlock last Sunday for violation of the new Sunday picture show ordinance was thwarted when attorneys for the theatre secured a temporary writ of restraint from Judge W. R. Chapman, the hearing to be held Saturday morning.

## Italy's "Autostrada" Affords Paradise For Auto Speeders

New York, Sept. 25.—An invitation to American motorists to travel on Italy's new "Autostrada," roads on which motorcycle cops are nonexistent and ninety miles an hour is considered proper was brought from Premier Mussolini Tuesday by Angelo Mariotti, director of the Italian State tourist department.

Signor Mariotti arrived on the liner Augustus with a party of Italian road engineers who will attend the International Congress in Washington next month.

The Autostrada roads, Signor Mariotti said, connect the larger Italian cities and are designed exclusively for fast travel. They are fifty feet wide and go over or under all intersecting roads. The system is being extended, he said, with the object of eventually permitting travel at 120 miles an hour.

## WEST TEXAS FAIR TO OPEN MONDAY

Abilene, September 25.—All indications at the present time point to one of the best expositions that has been held in recent years on the West Texas Fair grounds at Abilene. The gates will open at 9 Monday, September 29, and the exposition will continue until Saturday night, October 4.

Officials have announced that enough Jerseys, sheep, and goats have already been entered to make these shows more complete than in any previous fair. Contracts have been signed with six breeders of Jerseys to show ninety-one animals, eight prominent sheep raisers will have 229 head entered, and four exhibits of goats will include 57 animals. These departments are being stressed this year in view of the fact that premiums for other classes in the livestock division have been withdrawn for this year only. The action eliminating beef cattle, swine, horses, and mules was taken by the directors of the Association on recommendation of a special committee. "In order to keep the fair on a sound basis," officials announced, "it was necessary to cut down the premium lists, and this reduction was made after considering conditions as they affect livestock breeders. However since the dairy, sheep, and goat departments are stronger this year, it is believed that the absence of other premiums will not affect the livestock exhibits."

One of the few showings of the specimens collected by the West Texas Archeological society will be held during the Fair. This exhibit, to be placed in the Fine Arts building, is under the direction of Dr. Cyrus N. (Continued on Page Four)

## TEXANS DECIDE ON CREDIT BANK PLAN FOR RELIEF

**Senator Connally as Spokesman For Texas Delegation Says Meeting With Secretary Hyde and Board "Satisfactory."**

Washington, Sept. 25.—United States Senator Tom Connally of Texas said Wednesday the drouth relief delegation from his state had decided to organize ten to twelve credit corporations, financed locally, to aid Texas farmers.

He made the announcement after the Texas delegation had conferred with Secretary Hyde of agriculture, Chairman Legge of the federal farm board and other government officials concerning federal assistance for drouth-stricken farmers.

Connally also said possible legislative relief for areas hard hit by the drouth in Texas and other states was discussed. He previously had announced he would introduce drouth relief legislation at the next session of congress, but has not drawn up the proposal.

The senator said that from the standpoint of Texans, the meeting was "satisfactory," adding that possibilities taken under consideration could be extended in principle to other drouth areas.

"We had a general talk about all forms of federal aid that may be enlisted," he said, "not only for Texas, but for all drouth states. We talked about what could and what could not be done and the prospects of congressional action."

The Texas group was assured of a "reasonable" policy on the part of the Intermediate Credit bank at Houston with regard to discounting loans for credit corporations embraced in the plan for a credit reservoir to assist the farmers.

All members of the farm board were present, as were Governor Meyer of the federal reserve board; Paul Bestor, president of the federal farm loan board; Henry M. Robinson, Los Angeles banker, and Lynn P. Talley, governor of the federal reserve bank at Dallas.

The Texas delegation consisted of R. E. Harding of Fort Worth, A. P. Pierce of Quanah, R. C. Couch of Haskell, Clifford Jones of Spur, W. P. Jones of Childress, all bankers; D. A. Bandeen of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce; Senators Sheppard and Connally; Representatives Garner and Jones, and Amos G. Carter, Ft. Worth, chairman.

Under the existing law, intermediate credit banks may rediscout loans to the value of ten times the capitalization of the credit corporation, but in practice such a liberal policy has been followed rarely.

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## MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, September 23, 1910.)

The Cake Baking contest originated by Mr. Fair, representative of the Cottolene Co. and financed by C. W. Harris, local progressive grocer, was a huge success. There were forty-seven entries and three valuable prizes and thus it will be seen that the local grocer lost the patronage of just forty-four good women. Mrs. W. P. Erwinning, Miss May Derstine and Miss Eula Sears performed the work of awarding prizes; Mrs. W. T. Berry took first prize, Miss Ada Woodrum, second, Mrs. Arthur Rose, third. The fireboys asked us to express appreciation to the grocer and good ladies.

John Woodard's philosophy "If you get down in the mouth, remember Jonah. He came out of it."

Stanton Johnson left this week for Hillsboro where he goes on business bent.

Party left in an auto on Tuesday afternoon to attend a play in El Paso. They were Misses Annie T. Zora Coggin, Genevieve Berry, Robert and Dee Grimes and Lester Magnus.

The dance given at the opera house Wednesday evening in honor of Miss Agnes Hall was well attended. Those

present were: Mrs. Walter Dickson, Mr. and Mrs. Lanier Brown, Mrs. Fred Bigham, Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson, Misses Olga Sheppard, Elmer Sheppard, Agnes and Margaret Hall, Jewel Coggin, Annie T. Daniel, Genevieve Berry, Miss Crawford and Ed Green, Messrs. Mitchell, Robert and Dee Grimes, Crouch, Provine, Sharp and a number of photographers who were at the association in Merkel.

Lawrence Miller and "Shorty" Holway returned home from Corpus Christi Monday night where they've been for the past three months.

Wesley Edwards has returned from Midland where he has been for several days.

W. R. Bigham left the first of the week for Van Horn and other points west.

Elder Jobe returned Monday after preaching several days at Meander, Texas.

Mesdames Sam Winters and H. L. Propst left for a visit in Abilene Wednesday.

W. L. Barbee, Emory McDonald and J. J. Russell shipped stock to Ft. Worth markets Monday.

## TOWN DOCTOR

"DOCTOR OF TOWNS" SAYS

## GOOD BUSINESS NOT "CIRCUS STUFF" MAKES COMMUNITIES.

As most towns have been in existence for a long, long time, it is no more than natural that they have "barnacles on their ships."

I do not suppose that the time will ever come when there will be a community devoid of those who shirk community responsibilities—people who sit back and do nothing but take all they can get.

Every endeavor has sideline advisers. There are always those who are willing to tell how a thing should be done, but never are known to do it themselves. There are always a few punks in the bleachers ready to yell "take him out!" at the first tough break. You have to expect that.

I never saw a community that didn't have a few natural born oppositionists, but they are often an asset rather than a liability. Personally I would rather have a few real out-and-out, hardheaded, brutally frank "show me" people who have a reputation for lacking community spirit, than a crowd of slaves to the god Boost, who get all hopped up over an undigested scheme that is supposed to do "wonders and doll babies" overnight, and then forget about it in less than a week.

Many people call a man who doesn't go down in his pocket to support every wildcat boosting scheme that comes along, a knocker. I don't. I call him a good business man and I'd rather have this man back me on any endeavor than the fellow who "comes across" just to keep from being called a piker at the next chamber of commerce meeting.

Give me the man every time who says "no, I won't subscribe, for I do not believe that your plan is right or will accomplish the intended purpose." Such a man is thinking about the community, and when sold will stay sold; while the other fellow doesn't think—he does it to be a good fellow, all of which is fine and dandy, but it doesn't build communities.

There are too many good fellows in the average town and not enough fellows who think things out along the lines of "good business"

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## Prickly Cactus May Be Made Valuable As Livestock Feed

Monterrey, Mexico, Sept. 25.—The prickly cactus may become valuable livestock feed following discovery of a substance that removes the peril from its armor of thorns.

W. D. Corbin, an American who operates an extensive ranch in Chihuahua, says he has found a solution to the problem that occupied the attention of the late Luther Burbank.

By adding an inexpensive chemical compound of sulphate salts as shredded cactus leaves are tramped by wooden-sanded men in a silo, Corbin has produced ensilage said to equal grass or corn fodder in food value.

One pound of the sulphate salts to every ton of ensilage, he says, quickly reduces the woody thorns to a semi-liquid condition, harmless to livestock.

Corbin estimates cactus ensilage will cost one-fourth as much as corn ensilage does in the United States. He expressed the opinion at home here that cactus feed might be shipped in airtight containers to the dairy regions of the north.

The discovery may be utilized in the semi-arid cattle country extending from Texas to California and far south into Mexico where the prolific desert plant abounds.

The feed value of cactus has been known many years and scientists have puzzled over the problem of ridding the plants of their thorns. The United States department of agriculture devised a torch with which thorns could be burned off but the process was too slow and ponderous for practical application.

Burbank then was asked to develop a thornless cactus. Some progress was made before his death but it was found thornless cactus fell prey to jackrabbits in quest of succulent feed. It also was discovered that thornless cactus planted in the desert soon reverted growing thorns for protection.

## Bandits Take Man For 800-Mile Ride

Amarillo, Sept. 25.—Safe at home here Friday, Frank Mitchell, manager of the Matador Land and Cattle company at Channing, related a story of being taken for an 800-mile ride by two highwaymen whom he had given a lift near Amarillo when he started for the ranch Monday. He was not harmed and his machine was returned to him at Silverton, Colo., he said. He was ordered to drive southward from Silverton over hazardous mountain roads to Durango.

The cattleman said his captors told him they had to leave this section quickly and he believed they had a refuge and headquarters near Silverton.

It has been announced that a 30-story hospital will be erected in Chicago.

Texas has assessed property values (1936) of \$4,280,000,000 and real values of thrice that huge total.

## WACO MAN MAKES STATEMENT

"Anyone who had noticed the dreadful condition my wife was in can readily see the great change Argotane has made in her," said Mr. Owen Phillips, living at 2417 Burnett St. Waco, Texas.

"My wife has improved so much that her neighbors often speak of it. Her health has been broken up for over four years and she suffered from stomach trouble, and her kidneys bothered her practically all the time. And for the past year or two she has had a pain across her back. Her appetite left her and what little she did eat would sour on her stomach and causing gas and intense pain. She was never able to eat breakfast at all, she was too weak and dizzy and had terrible, raging headaches and was losing weight and strength. She had severe cramps in her stomach and sides most of the time and would roll and toss at night and never got very much rest. She had a bad case of constipation.

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## THE TOWN DOCTOR

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and refuse to "come in" until they are "sold." I have never been able to figure out why a group of good business men will go ahead and do things civilly, in ways and along lines that they would not countenance in the conduct of their own business, unless it is because of this thing of "being a good fellow."

If any man or any one organization had one tenth of the money that has been thrown away by civic organizations they could almost rebuild and remake all the towns in this good old U. S. A. which goes to show that it isn't that people are not willing to do something to build their communities, but that their efforts are misdirected—they shoot wild, don't aim, and often actually do not know what they are shooting at. If a business were handled in the same way there would be another job for the bankruptcy courts. Maybe it's too bad that towns who are mismanaged and misrun can not be closed up the same as a business.

Now do not misunderstand; there is no unjust criticism here. It is just a plain fact. And while dealing in facts it can do no further harm to state another truth. The average bunch of men—these good fellows—who band themselves together for the purpose of "making the community of which they are a part a bigger, better, more interesting, more attractive place in which to live, work, play and make money," and otherwise improve and build-up their community, always want one or two things: to start at the finish, or to do something that carries with it a lot of hurrah and excitement. They want a show and a lot of fireworks, a celebration and a great amount of whatever they are after, all at once. It is a difficult matter to interest the average civic organization in anything else,

but its "good business" and not circus stuff that builds.

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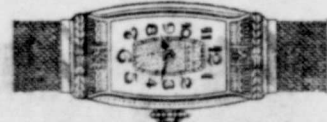
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### Stars of Sons-O' Guns



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The star of stars now appearing on Broadway, Jack Donahue, will

play his first engagement outside of New York City in five years at the State Fair auditorium, Oct. 11 to 26, in "Sons O' Guns." He has recently been strengthened in his lead by the addition of Gina Malo, fresh from French music halls, and the two are expected to be the most popular stars ever to appear in a production in Dallas.

"Sons O' Guns" has just completed the most successful engagement of any Broadway production, and the company is now resting prior to its engagement of twenty-five performances at the State Fair of Texas. The Broadway production, which will be the same as that presented in Dallas, ran for a total of 288 performances, the longest engagement of any show in recent years on Broadway.

"Sons O' Guns" was produced by Connolly and Swamstrom, newcomers to Broadway in the producing end of the game, and their efforts were rewarded by a smashing success. "Sons O' Guns" is the first musical play to treat of the lighter side of the war. Donahue was recruited for the piece

for a dual role—one as co-author of the piece, he having written the book, and the other for star.

Bobby Connolly is a producer of dance revues of wide note, and staged all of the dances in "The Desert Song," auditorium attraction at the 1928 State Fair of Texas. "Sons O' Guns" is said to have one of the best drilled choruses seen on Broadway in many years.

The music of the piece is catchy and among its numbers are two of the song hits of the year—"Why," and "Cross Your Fingers and Make a Wish."

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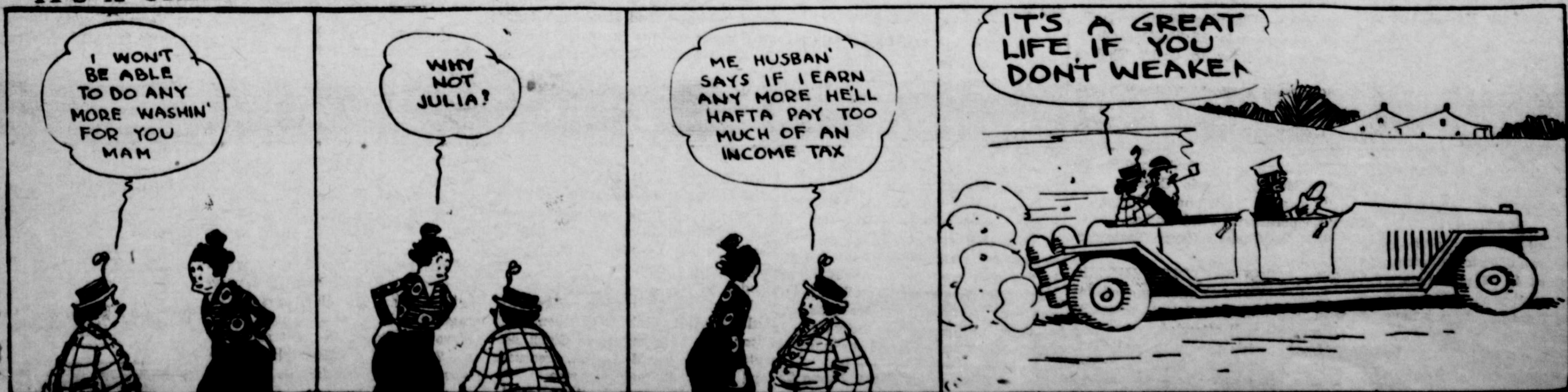
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## COTTON AND JUTE.

(Abilene Reporter.)

Not without interest is the news item telling how the state highway commission is building a short strip of experimental road in order to test the use of cotton cloth as a binder for asphaltic road surfaces. The cloth is used to prevent the edges of the "black top" from giving way, and is expected to give the road additional strength and durability. If the present experiment proves successful, another market for the South's staple crop will have been opened.

Of more immediate assistance, however, would be a high tariff duty to keep jute and jute products out of this country, compelling the use of cotton for bagging around bales of cotton. This would use up 1,500,000 bales of low grade cotton per year, it is estimated—and that 1,500,000 bales of low grade cotton, incidentally counts as good cotton in the production figures.

Jute is produced in India with labor that is paid six or seven cents a day, and not only comes into direct competition with the Southern cotton farmer, but actually crowds out the farmer's cotton as a material in which to wrap his cotton. That is adding insult to injury.

A good test of republican sincerity in the gospel of tariff protection for struggling American industries is afforded in the effort to have a high duty placed on jute. Certainly cotton is a struggling industry, and at least 1,500,000 bales of the staple are being shoved into the background by pauper-produced jute from a foreign land.

A tariff on jute high enough to give cotton an even break with it would be a big help to the Southern planter.

## THE BEST PLAN.

(Dallas News.)

Refusal of the County Judges' and Commissioners' association of Texas to endorse in their closing session an elective state highway commission is a move in judgment. The organization is not unanimous in its opinion. It is true that Texas history can be quoted in the interest of both views. There has been one notable occasion when the state had reason to regret that the commission was appointive. Most of the county officials called to work with the present commission in highway construction regard its personnel as extremely capable and agree with Judge Dancy that the present members would not have stood for the office at the polls.

State experience with the lengthy ballot illustrates the impossibility of getting the electorate to concentrate on able candidates outside of the governor's office. The condition discourages the candidacy of ability. For that reason it would be possible to return inept commissioners to office frequently. On the contrary, the selection of an unreliable personnel by a governor responsible to the people would be rare, indeed.

Because the county judges and commissioners are more familiar with the work of highway officials than any one else, considerable faith is put in their judgment. It would have been a tragic error for the association to adopt the majority committee recommendation asking for an elective commission.

## A GOOD PLACE TO EAT.

You will find the best cooking in town at Velma Clark's, Kent St., across from the fire station. Short orders a specialty; Chili, Hamburgers and Sandwiches of all kind. Your patronage solicited.

## THE MERKEL HOME LAUNDRY.

On Friday, Sept. 26, we will move to our new location, the former Tom Warren place, South Merkel, but we wish to announce to our customers that service will not be interrupted. Just call the same number, 294J, until new number is given. Thank you.

THE MERKEL HOME LAUNDRY.  
Mrs. Jay, Manager.

## 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.

## CHURCHES

## MERKEL PASTOR ELECTED MODERATOR OF ABILENE PRESBYTERY.

At the meeting of presbytery held last week at Brownfield, Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of the Merkel Presbyterian church, was elected moderator of the Abilene presbytery to serve until its next meeting, which will be held in Merkel in April.

W. L. Diltz, Sr., was elected delegate to synod, which meets at Seymour October 9. The Merkel pastor will also attend synod as a member of the board of national missions of the Abilene presbytery.

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. The attendance and interest was good last Sunday. Let's make it just as good or a little better next Sunday.

There will not be preaching service at either 11 o'clock or the evening hour, as the pastor will preach at Baird.

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30.

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

## MEN'S PRAYER MEETING.

The Men's Prayer service will be held next Sunday at the Methodist church and the leader will be C. E. Conner, who has just returned to Merkel after an absence of nearly a year in Florence, Kans. The lesson will be parts of the thirteenth and fourteenth chapters of Romans. Last Sunday the leader was A. R. Johnston, the service being held at the Nazarene church.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

A margin of only one in favor of the Baptist Sunday School determined the leadership in attendance at the Merkel Sunday Schools last Sunday. There were 260 present at the Baptist organization, while the Methodist Sunday School had 259 in attendance. The number present at the other reporting Sunday Schools, bringing the total to 731, was Church of Christ, 89; Presbyterian, 73, and Nazarene, 50.

## CHURCH OF CHRIST.

All regular services next week. Bible study 10 a. m. Lord's Day, communion service 11 a. m. Young People's Program 7 p. m. Ladies Bible class Tuesday 3 p. m. and prayer and Bible Study service Wednesday 8 p. m.

Come be with us in any or all services that you can, you have a cordial invitation and a hearty welcome.

In love, The Elders.

## NAZARENE CHURCH.

Sunday was a good day at the Nazarene church. Sunday School had 50 in attendance, which was some improvement over the past few Sundays. Let us make next Sunday a better day. We should spur up our reading of the Bible—only 130 chapters read last week. Let us do better next week. We should get some truth from God's word stored in our minds every morning to think about during the day and see how much it will help our thought life. See Phil. 4:8.

Sister Embury of Abilene preached last Sunday at the 11 o'clock hour and Sister Emma Jones at 7:30. Her theme was "Prepare to meet thy God." What a thought—that we meet the Judge of all the earth. See 2 Cor. 5:10. Sister Embury is to preach for us Sunday at the 11 o'clock hour. You are invited to attend these services.

—Reporter.

## AT THE METHODIST CHURCH.

All regular services next Sunday and next week. Pastor will be in his pulpit at both hours next Sunday. Come to Sunday School and stay for church.

T. C. Willett, Pastor.

## SENIOR EPWORTH LEAGUE.

Subject—"Planning What to Do." Scripture—Acts 15:36-41, leader. "Drawing Near to God," Thelma McAninch.

"Catching a World Vision," Tracy Campbell.

"Loving our Neighbors," Roy Patterson.

"Widening our Ranks," Ford Smith.

"Efficiency," Lewis Carson.

"Stewardship," Donald Willett.

"Cooperation," Paul Collins.

"All for Christ," Orpah Patterson.

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Last Sunday was another good day with us at the Baptist church, with all services well attended.

Next Sunday is our annual "Promotion Day" in the Sunday School.

Miss Lucy Tracy is in charge of a very interesting program for the oc-

casional and all church members are urgently requested to be present.

The pastor has a highly interesting subject for the 8 o'clock hour, "The Awfulness of Sin, or the Greatest Sin Man Ever Committed."

If you are interested in the lost of Merkel, come and invite your lost friends. A cordial welcome awaits you.

—Reporter.

## HI-LEAGUE PROGRAM.

Christ in Hymns of the Church. Scripture—Rev. 5:9, 10.

Leader, Cullen Tittle. Song 173.

Song 98. "Music in the Christian Life," Lois Whiteley.

"The Birth of Jesus," Wanda Hunt.

"The Ministry of Jesus," Jack Patterson.

"The Cross and the Resurrection," Duncan Briggs.

Prayer, Imogene Middleton. Song 213.

Benediction.

## SENIOR B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM.

"B. Y. P. U. a Missionary Organization."

Introduction, Fannie Belle Boaz.

"Its Purpose," Benny Sheppard.

"The Program," Mary King.

"Daily Bible Reading," Janie Escue.

"Training in Giving," Iris Garrett.

"The Study Course," Ida Mae Derstine.

"The Fruit," Lucy Tracy.

## TEXAS COTTON CROP

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field, I wish it would do the job right.

Terrell estimated a yield of 118 pounds of lint cotton per acre for the 17,000,000 acres estimated planted to cotton. Estimated condition by areas was as follows:

Eastern, 62 per cent; northern, 63 per cent; western, 48 per cent; central, 64 per cent; southwestern, 69 per cent; northwestern, 45 per cent.

Washington, Sept. 25.—Cotton of the growth of 1930 ginned prior to September 16 was announced Tuesday by the census bureau to have aggregated 3,719,683 running bales excluding linters.

Prior to that date last year, 3,351,613 bales or 23.0 per cent of the total crop had been ginned, and in 1928 ginnings totaled 2,500,781 bales, or 17.5 per cent of that year's crop. In the record crop year of 1926, ginnings to September 16 totaled 2,509,103 bales or 14.1 per cent of the total crop.

Texas ginnings totaled 1,842,126 bales.

## WEST TEXAS FAIR

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Ray, president of the society, and will consist of Indian weapons collected from over West Texas, ancient pottery excavated from old camp-sites, some-times deposited in layers many feet under earth, showing recurring cycles of civilization, primitive skulls thousands of years old, together with numerous petrified rocks with vegetable imprints. The society has made a special study of the history of West Texas as shown in strata of earth, and their specimens show this story as it extends back into the Stone Age.

The Simmons University Cowboy Band, Inc., famous over the United States and Europe, is to provide music before the grandstand each afternoon and night.

## CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to extend our thanks to our many friends for their kindness and assistance in the brief illness and death of our beloved wife and daughter. Words cannot express our heartfelt feelings for the many floral offerings bestowed upon her both in life and death. May God's richest blessings rest upon you. May all of you meet her in heaven.

J. E. Morris.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Phillips and Family.

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## SOCIETY

## PATTERSON REUNION.

The hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Patterson on Bettis Heights was the scene of a happy reunion on Sunday, Sept. 21st, which occasion was the celebration of the 54th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Patterson, Sr., pioneer residents of Taylor county since 1887. This celebration also came on the old-timer's birthday, A. B. Patterson, and that of a grandson, Floyd McCoy. Eight children and their fine families were present to honor Mr. and Mrs. Patterson; one daughter Mrs. R. L. Newman was called to Big Spring to the bedside of a daughter who was ill. Mr. Patterson also enjoyed a visit from a sister, Mrs. F. M. Franklin.

An improvised table on the lawn was laid with an abundance of good things to eat and this happy day will long be remembered by the following guests: Mrs. Barbara McCoy and three children, Lottie, Vivian and Odell; Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Patterson and two children, Byron and Opal; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Patterson, Jr., and two children, Jim and Louise; W. F. Patterson and two children, Overton and Thelma; Mr. and Mrs. Homer Patterson and two children, Jack and Rachel; Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Patterson and son, Truett; Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Patterson; Mr. and Mrs. Hollis McCoy and child; Mr. and Mrs. Floyd McCoy and two children; Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hutchison and one child; Mr. and Mrs. Claude Dye and little son, Billie Gene; Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Foster and two children, Norah and Otis; Mrs. George Harris, Mrs. J. L. Berry and daughter, Dollie, Uncle George Turner, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Cordie Douglas and Onita Finch.

## GLEANNERS ENTERTAINED.

The Gleaner class of the Methodist Sunday School was entertained September 11th in the lovely country home of Mrs. Will Toombs. Mesdames Fred Latham, Roy Bacus and Oscar Buford assisted Mrs. Toombs in entertaining.

Guests began to arrive at 11 a. m. and neighborly gossip was enjoyed until one o'clock when all were called into the dining room where the table was piled high with good things to eat, served in buffet style.

The afternoon was spent in electing new officers and planning for the new year's work. After all business had been attended to, a pleasant hour of games and contests was enjoyed. The hostesses then refreshed the guests with delicious ice cream and cake.

It was a day checked full of fun. Visitors were Mesdames Landrith, John Toombs and Dee Moore. Class members present were: Mesdames Rush Buford, Roger A. Burgess, W. S. J. Brown, William Gambill, Robert Hicks, Chas. Delmer, W. E. Lowe, Homer Patterson, Herbert Patterson, Sandusky, Iddings, Vaughn, Len Sublett, Verner Sublett, Tom Toombs, L. R. Thompson, Fred Guitart, Richardson, Lee Tipton, Fred Huddleston and the hostesses.

## TEACHERS COMPLIMENTED.

The teachers of Merkel Public schools were royally entertained in the lovely home of the E. M. McDonalds on Oak street Friday evening by Misses Lucy Tracy, Vennie Heizer, Alzada Pogue, Julia Martin and Mrs. Holland Teaff.

The entertainment of the evening was progressive table games of various kinds which were thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The house was beautifully decorated, the autumn motif being carried out in every detail. Autumn flowers, including goldenrod, thistles and autumn rosebuds decked each room, and table covers and score cards were autumn leaves.

At the refreshment hour a plate touched with green and gold trimmings consisting of tuna fish sandwiches, olives, lime ice and chocolate cookies, was served to the following guests: Messrs. and Mesdames Roger A. Burgess, Briggs Irvin, D. D. Shelton, Jack Anderson, Chesby Patterson, Len Sublett, Misses Helen Patterson, Hazel Williams, Evelyn Curb, Orpah Patterson, Imogene Hayes, Carrie Coffey, Opal Sloan, Addie Holler and Mr. Ralph Duke.

## CHORAL AND GLEE CLUB.

The Choral and Glee clubs of Merkel High school showed much interest as organization was completed last Tuesday morning. Miss Lucy Tracy was chosen as sponsor and leader.

The following officers were elected: Fred A. Baker, president; Sis Boaz, vice president; Lois Clark, secretary; Thelma McAninch, treasurer and M. E. Grimes, reporter.

The members are: Kathleen Mash-

burn, Holley Perry, Eloise Manseil, Maurine White, Thelma Leach, Ida Mae Derstine, Himalaya Swafford, Thelma McAninch, Beth Hamm, Duncan Briggs, Lois Clark, Elvis Richardson, Benny Sheppard, Hazel Jay, Madeline Murry, Ola Smith, Mildred Richardson, Sis Boaz, M. E. Grimes, Jimmy West, Eris Ash, Gerald Derrick, Fred A. Baker, Byron Patterson, Olea Moore, Vera Richie, Lowell Vickers, Carroll King, Weldon Coates, Frances Adcock and Margaret Miller.

## THE DRAMATIC CLUB.

The M. H. S. Players have selected a one act Russian farce, "A Marriage Proposal," by Anton Tchekoff, as the first play for study. Three members have promised to make the presentation in three weeks a good one: Beth Hamm who plays the part of Nathia, the Russian daughter; Benjamin Sheppard, who is the nervous lover; and Paul Collins, who plays the roll of the stern father.

Club members are looking forward to the first meeting to be given in two weeks, when the play will first be presented. The ones who have consented to be hostesses are Misses Ola Smith, Margaret Turner, Gwendolyn Vickers, Vera Richie and Olea Moore.

The Dramatic club is looking forward to a good year. The members intend to make this year one of the best years in history.

## SENIOR CLASS ORGANIZED.

Last Wednesday afternoon, September 24, the Seniors met and organized their class. Joel Darsey, who was president of the Junior class last year, was again elected president of his class. Thelma McAninch was elected vice president; Audrey Farris, secretary and treasurer, and Mattilou Largent, reporter.

The president appointed Elvis Richardson, Margaret Turner and Vera Richie as a committee to select the class flower and class colors. He appointed Thelma McAninch, Benny Sheppard and Fred Baker to select the class motto.

The Seniors think they have an extra good class this year, and they really intend to "do things"—work as well as play.

## Both Cars Damaged; Occupants Not Hurt

In a head-on collision at the intersection of Edwards street and the highway, about two o'clock Wednesday afternoon, both cars were badly damaged, but the occupants escaped without any serious injuries.

The crash occurred when Jesse Patterson, negro, who was going east on Front street, turned out to pass a car as the Chevrolet sport coupe, driven by H. E. Bogard, cotton buyer of Abilene, was passing the same car in opposite direction, according to statement of several witnesses, who saw the accident.

Mr. Bogard was en route to Trent on business and carried two hitchhikers as passengers, having picked them up at the edge of Abilene. A negro girl and boy were in Patterson's car.

## Local Family Figures In Abilene Accident

In an automobile crash early Thursday night near the Green Gate tourist camp just west of Abilene, five persons were slightly hurt. In one car was E. O. Harwell, wife and three children of Merkel and in the other car were Dodson Broyles and a young woman companion, both of Abilene.

The crash occurred when Broyles' coupe, being driven west, collided with Harwell's coach, parked while repairs were being made to the lights. Neither car was overturned but both were considerably damaged.

Mr. Harwell and three children, La Verne, Frances and Charles, received slight injuries and the young woman in the Broyles' coupe received a scalp wound. The Harwells were taken to the home of his father, L. D. Harwell, 1158 Grape St., Abilene where their injuries were treated by a physician.

## Credit Banks Planned

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Legge explained yesterday that the farm board had open only one way to offer financial assistance. He said it could make loans to cooperatives in the state, which in turn might subscribe capital stock in a credit corporation. It was understood the Texas committee would confer with officials in their state with regard to possibilities in this direction, upon their return.

Night baseball, the first of which was seen this year, apparently is proving successful. In Indianapolis the average attendance at afternoon games before the change to night schedules was 785; under floodlighting the average attendance for the first ten games was 2,705.

## Personal Mention

J. M. Collins was in Lamesa the early part of the week.

Mrs. Charlie Largent is visiting her parents at Iredell.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Yates Brown are spending several days in Dallas.

Miss Venice Bell left Friday to enter Warner Memorial college at Eastland.

Mrs. E. L. Wills and son, Clau, from Littlefield are visiting home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Bouyn are making a vacation visit to Fort Worth, Dallas and Rockwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Comegys left Wednesday for Ingraham and other points in South Texas.

M. B. Bell who is now located at Fort Texas, was over to spend the week-end with his family here.

Miss Hazel Lee Rainbolt has gone to resume her school duties at Kirkland, where she will teach again this year.

J. S. Swann, one of our prominent ranchmen, went to Graham Thursday to attend the annual Young County fair.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Guthrie left Tuesday for Nowata, Okla., being called there by the serious illness of his mother.

While visiting her parents for the week-end, Mrs. Sidney Foy of Baird had as her guest Miss Ethelyn Clark, also of Baird.

Mr. and Mrs. Q. A. Collins of Lamesa were week-end guests in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mr. J. M. Collins.

Mrs. G. F. Woods left Wednesday for Brazos, called there by the serious illness of Mrs. Langley, and will remain for sometime.

Misses Pauline and Marcella Pinckley left Tuesday for Denton where they will enter North Texas State Teachers college.

Our good friend, H. M. Rainbolt, was being greeted most cordially on the streets Wednesday after an illness of several weeks.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Richards for the week-end were her niece and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mason, of Fort Worth.

Mrs. Tolliver Walker and daughter, Miss Nathalie, and Miss Gladys Hamner of Trent were guests Sunday in the J. L. Banner home.

After visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Swann, Mrs. J. L. Swann and little daughter returned Wednesday to their home in Galveston.

Mr. and Mrs. V. P. Tippet and family of San Angelo were over to spend the week-end with her mother, Mrs. E. N. Brown, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Hunter, accompanied by Wanda and Marvin, drove to Lubbock to visit over the week-end with their daughters, who are attending school there.

After a visit of several weeks here, W. U. Shannon was accompanied on his return to Memphis by his father, W. J. Shannon, who will visit relatives there and in Nashville.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Conner, respected residents of Merkel for many years but who have been for the past year at Florence, Kans., have returned to make Merkel their home.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Richardson of Stephenville, Dr. Floyd Franklin of Fort Worth and Mrs. E. H. Craddock of Burnet were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Richardson last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Mellinger were in Abilene Tuesday and Wednesday attending services in connection with the observance of the Jewish New Year, held at the Knights of Pythias hall there.

Mrs. Seth Hamilton and Mrs. Mason Pee and children paid a visit Tuesday to Mrs. Hamilton's daughters, Misses Eleanor Maye and Ethel, who are attending John Tarleton college at Stephenville.

Miss Sallie Mary Campbell, after visiting her uncle and aunt here, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ben Campbell, for several weeks, stopped over in Sweetwater for a short stay with friends and then went to Canyon, where she will attend the state teachers college.

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### 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.

### Record of Births.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Cockran, residing two miles northeast of town, Wednesday, September 24, 1939.

### Cattle Movement.

Kay Stoker shipped five cars of mixed cattle to Fort Worth Tuesday.

### Edison Pilots Electric Train.

South Orange, N. J., Sept. 25.—Thomas A. Edison started on its way Monday the first electric train to run over the Lackawanna railroad between South Orange and Hoboken. Edison ran the train for eight miles, then turned the controls over to an engineer.

## Merkel Lady's Car Turns Over Twice

En route to Eastland to visit relatives, Mrs. G. H. Jackson sustained only slight bruises when her car turned over just west of Clyde about 8 o'clock Sunday morning. As the car in front of her pulled over as she was passing it, she was compelled to turn out and her car hit a cement block alongside the road.

The car she was driving turned over twice and righted itself on all four wheels. Mrs. Jackson was not thrown from the car and, as stated, did not sustain any serious injuries.

## Wins Grand Champion At Tri-State Fair

Republican Domino, belonging to C. M. Largent and Son, was declared grand champion aged bull at the Tri-State Fair at Amarillo held this week. This information was received Thursday morning by C. M. Largent in a telegram from Willie Joe Largent, who also said that the Largent cattle won several first and second prizes. He will carry their show cattle to Lubbock for the fair there next week.

## Opens Haynes Motor Exchange at Hobbs

The Haynes Motor Exchange was opened in Hobbs, New Mex., last week, with W. W. Haynes in charge. The concern will handle used cars, in which line Mr. Haynes is thoroughly equipped by experience, and with the growing activity in this section of the country a successful business is assured.

Mrs. Haynes and children will remain here.

### 50,000 Inquests.

London—Probably the oldest coroner in England is Sir Walter Schroder, who recently celebrated his seventy-fifth birthday. He has been a coroner for 50 years and during that time he estimates he has held 50,000 inquests. He has officiated at some of the most famous murders in England.

### Bankruptcy Is Dismissed.

Dallas, Sept. 25.—Motion of the defense to dismiss a petition in bankruptcy filed against Lloyd's of Texas, an insurance organization, was upheld by Judge W. H. Atwell in federal district court here Thursday.

### Fire Prevention Week.

Washington, Sept. 25.—Calling attention to a national fire loss in 1929 of \$470,000,000, President Hoover has signed in proclamation designating the week of October 5 as national fire prevention week.

The population of the entire world at the present time is estimated at about two billion.

The photographic industry of the United States consumes over 150 tons of silver per year.

One of the earliest popular novels, "Don Quixote," is the longest. It contains 461,000 words.

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## Sole Owner Campbell Soup Company Dies

Camden, N. J., Sept. 25.—Dr. John Thompson Dorrance, 57, president and founder of the Campbell Soup company and described as the originator of condensed, canned soup, died of heart ailment Sunday at his home, Pomona Farm, Cinnaminson, N. J.

Dr. Dorrance's life was the tradition of a story of American success. From a \$7.50-a-week employee in his uncle's fruit and preserve factory, he rose to the head of a world-wide business organization. He was the sole owner of the Campbell company.

He was born in Bristol, Pa., and was a graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He won his Ph. D. at the University of Gottingen in 1897.

While in Germany, his associates said, he conceived the idea of making condensed, canned soup available in America. He returned to this country, joined the Campbell Fruit and Preserve company, his uncle's firm, and in 1899 put out the first batch of canned soup. From that time the company grew rapidly, in 1915 becoming the Campbell Soup company.

Dr. Dorrance held directorates in several companies and he was a member of the American Chemical So-

ciety and the Academy of Natural Science.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Ethel Mallinkrodt Dorrance, formerly of Baltimore, whom he married in 1906; five daughters, one son, two brothers and two sisters.

Funeral services were held at Christ Church, Riverton, N. J., Wednesday morning.

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## Cuero Cow in New Tree Sitting Stunt

Cuero, Sept. 25.—Tree-sitters may rise and fall and other endurance records may be chalked up in endless numbers, but DeWitt county claims the most unusual achievement of them all in the tree-sitting cow that set up a mark of three days in the air.

Bossie, none the worse for her record sitting activities, is back on the job on the S. J. Parker farm near Cuero.

Parker missed the cow, a favorite in his herd, and after three days, gave up the search in adjoining pastures and charged the loss of Bossie to theft.

On the afternoon of the third day Parker spied a strange object in a tree some 350 yards from the house. Investigation revealed Bossie calmly chewing her cud and viewing the

landscape from the topmost branches of the tree.

The tree leaned at such an angle that the cow, tiring of dry pasturage the dying grass afforded, proceeded to walk up the trunk in search of the greener and more inviting foliage.

Unable to back down or turn around, there she remained, contentedly setting herself the task of establishing a brand new sort of tree-sitting record. Her three-day stand atop the tree is expected to go unchallenged by the balance of the bovine world.

Parker obtained the aid of friends, backed a truck under the low-hanging tree, and, clearing the branches with an axe, lowered Bossie into the bed of the truck.

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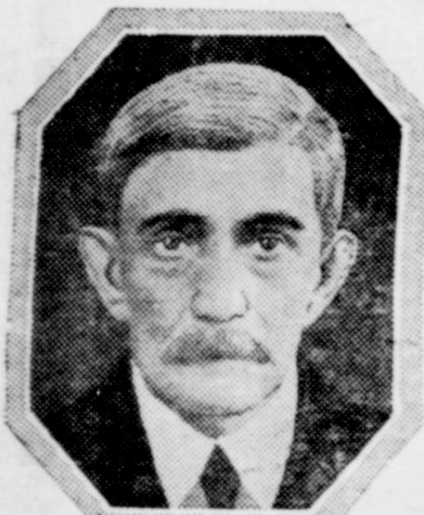
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## DOROTHY DARNIT

By Charles McManus





# POULTRY

## HENHOUSES LEFT IDLE KILLS LICE

### When Fowls are Removed Pests Do Not Survive.

Under ordinary temperatures a house will not live more than a week removed from a bird, so if house-free chickens are to be placed in a henhouse previously occupied by other poultry, it is necessary only to clean the house a week or so in advance, according to F. H. Wilson of the department of entomology of the New York state college of agriculture. Incubator-hatched chicks can be reared house free quite easily if they are isolated from other chickens, he says.

To rid birds of lice the sodium fluoride treatment is recommended. Pinches of this material distributed among the feathers is the usual procedure. It is a rather irritating substance so precautions should be taken to prevent its getting into the eyes or widely distributed over one's skin, Mr. Wilson warns. If the bird is dusted over a paper, the dust which does not stay on the bird can be saved and used again.

A new method to kill lice suggested by the makers of nicotine sulphate is to paint the upper surfaces of the roosts with the sulphate, undiluted. It is thought that the fumes from this material rising among the feathers of the roosting chickens will kill the lice and cause them to drop off.

To merely clean the henhouse and leave it a few days will not kill red mites, however. These are small reddish colored creatures that live in cracks and crevices and crawl over the birds at night to feed, and then they return to hide during the day. Painting or spraying the roosts with kerosene or a properly diluted solution of nicotine sulphate usually eliminates the mites.

### Weed Out Boarders and Save High-Priced Feed

Weed out boarders that cost thousands in feed. Failure to weed out and sell the unprofitable hens during the summer costs poultrymen thousands of dollars each year. Profit that could be realized from the laying hens is used to feed those boarder hens that eat high-priced feed without producing any eggs. This loss can easily be stepped by culling the flock at once each month during the summer. Culling at regular intervals makes it possible to remove from the flock of unprofitable hens shortly after they cease production.

### Cod Liver Oil Helps Build Up Ailing Hens

Adequate roosting room is essential to the proper development of chicks on range. Chicks that are crowded at night are overheated and weakened. From four to six inches of roost space should be allowed for each bird. If there are too many birds for the size of the coops, summer shelters should be built. A summer shelter consists of a roof, sides and door covered with wire and with roosts on the inside running from end to end.

### Poultry Facts

• Pullets thrive better if separated from the cockerels soon after sex can be distinguished.

• Leghorn chicks will usually start roosting on low flat roosts in two or three weeks while the heavy breeds still prefer to stay on the floor at that age.

• A board or concrete floor, either is suitable for a poultry house. Concrete has the advantage of not warping and being more easily cleaned than a board floor.

• Careful market men no longer buy thin, sickly birds. Since the grower has been responsible for the condition of the fowls, it is only fair that he should stand the loss.

• The only difference between white and dark eggs is the color of the shell. The insides are exactly the same.

• Hens are rarely profitable layers after two or three laying seasons. Production drops sharply after the second or third years.

• The best treatment for sick turkeys is the ax. Ordinarily there is little that can be done after turkeys become affected and run down physically.

• Training turkeys to roost while they are young helps avoid crowding roosters and may save many from being crushed or smothered when tacked on four-inch roosts.

• To control red mites, paint the wood with some strong, oily penetrating material. Carbolineum, creosote, crude carbolic acid and kerosene mixed in equal parts; whitewash; waste crank case oil; and lime sulphur are all recommended.

# LIVE STOCK

## SHORT FED HOGS WILL GAIN MOST

### New Record Made at University of Wisconsin.

An average daily gain of 1.86 pounds for 81 days during the hog feeding trials at the University of Wisconsin established a new record in pork production. The feed cost per 100 pounds was \$6.32, a record in economy of production.

This same lot of hogs made an exceptionally high gain in dressing percentage after being butchered by packers at the conclusion of the trial. The four pigs dressed 79.05 per cent of their live weight.

Thirty-nine other hogs competed for highest places and some high records were made. A second lot, also of four pigs, made an average daily gain of 1.61 pounds for a period of 92 days at a feed cost of \$6.56 for each 100 pounds of gain. This lot dressed slightly higher than the first four, 78.1 per cent.

The highest scoring pen of hogs received a daily ration consisting of .49 pounds of shelled corn with a 14 per cent moisture content, .84 of a pound of protein mixture, and .007 pound of mineral. The second highest pen received an average of 5.47 pounds of shelled corn, .77 pound of protein, and 0.14 pound of mineral.

Gains by the remaining hogs varied from 1.54 pounds daily down to 1.15 pounds. A general conclusion was that the longer period of time the hogs were fed, the lower the daily gain. This same general rule is holding true in the cost of the required feed for each 100 pounds of gain. The pen making the highest gain at the cheapest cost of feed was fed only 81 days at a cost of \$6.32 for each 100 pounds of gain. The pen making the lowest gain was fed 126.5 days, and the corresponding gain was 1.15 pounds at a cost of \$7.47 a hundred pounds of gain.

Dressing percentages did not vary as much as gains. In all cases the dressing percentage did not vary over 2 per cent in any of the lots. All of the hogs were fed to the average weight of 225 pounds before the contest was closed.

### To Preserve Old Bulls for Breeding Purposes

As a means to preserve aged bulls for breeding purposes and not impair their utility by high fitting as necessary for the showing, the International Livestock exposition has decided to bar all bulls, except Angus, born before September 1, 1926, and with the Angus breed the date is set at May 1, 1926 for this year. Aged bulls have been brought back year after year for competition, even though they have carried off premier honors once, often endangering their usefulness as sires because they must be maintained in high flesh for showing.

Another change in the premium list of the International this year is elimination of the heavyweight barrow classes, with no barrow over 300 pounds being permitted. Present day markets discriminate against such heavy hogs, and this move is in accord with this trend of the market.

### Plan for Hog Testing Is Under Development

A method of testing strains of hogs, just as cows and poultry are being tested, is under development in various sections of the country. Records are being kept at some of the experimental stations and the United States Department of Agriculture on size of litter, quantity of feed required, and dressing percentage of the pigs. It is to be expected through this plan that we will be able to isolate and develop strains of hogs which can be depended upon to uniformly produce good-size litters of thrifty pigs which will feed out well and give high dressing percentages.

### Carrying Beef Calves Through First Winter

When beef calves are carried through the first winter, preparatory to being finished on grass the following summer, there is always the question of how to handle them so that at the end of the feeding period the production cost may be as low as possible. It is a well-known fact among stockmen that when a calf is maintained in a relatively high condition the first winter it does not make as economical gains on pasture the summer following as when it is kept in medium condition on the basis of gaining about a pound per day.

### Finish Hogs on Corn

Having well-bred pigs that are farrowed not later than the first part of April, keeping them thrifty, and supplying them with an abundance of good forage, are important items in getting pigs on an early market when their feed has been limited during the growing period. Pigs farrowed too late to be fitted for an early market, even by forced feeding, should be given a limited grain allowance during the summer and be finished largely on new corn.

## President's Son Has Slight Lung Infection

Washington, Sept. 25.—Dr. Joel T. Boone, the White House physician, said Monday a complete diagnosis of the illness of Herbert Hoover, Jr., had disclosed a small tubercular infection in his chest.

The diseased area is small, Captain Boone said. Since the diagnosis has been made early, there is every reason to view the outcome of the president's son's illness optimistically.

The condition was held to be a result of the general run down condition of the 26-year-old man.

The president's son was taken last week to the presidential lodge in Virginia and was believed to be suffering from an intestinal disorder.

Diagnosis was not completed, however, until this week.

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## Dan Sully, Once Hailed As Cotton King, Dies

Beverly Hills, Cal., Sept. 25.—Daniel J. Sully, 73, once hailed as a cotton king and "savior of the South," died at his home Friday. He won his fame as the result of a corner in cotton in 1904 when he was a cotton operator in Hartford, Conn.

Sully is survived by his widow and three children, among whom is Beth Sully Evans, first wife of Douglas Fairbanks, film actor. Doug Fairbanks, Jr., her son, was one of those at the bedside of his grandfather Friday morning.

Relatives recalled that the "cotton king" angered over the marriage of his daughter to the then young film actor, for many years refused to have anything to do with the young couple.

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# The Merkel Mail



## Abilene and Cisco to Have Night Football

Abilene, September 25.—Night football will have its premiere in this section of West Texas during the current season, according to a report from the West Texas Utilities company, which has installed lighting equipment on two fields during the past month.

Installation at Parramore field, Simmons university, Abilene, is practically complete and the first game on the Cowboy's schedule will be played under the incandescents.

Chesley field at Cisco will also stage night games during the current season, its equipment being recently completed.

At Parramore field, ten sixty foot poles have been erected, five to each side of the gridiron. Two 2500 watt units are mounted on each pole, giving the playing field a combined wattage of 250,000 watts.

At Chesley field, Cisco, four sixty foot poles line each side of the field. Lighting units on each pole provide illumination for the playing field.

A white football is used for the night games, which increases visibility of the play. According to West Texas Utilities company lighting experts, the games will be easier to follow than regular day time games, and it is expected that attendance will be greatly increased through offering the contests at night when more people are able to attend.

## Telephone-Typewriter Takes Down Notice

Berlin, Sept. 25.—The telephone-typewriter is coming!

It promises to wipe out the "no answer" plague, and will mean a lot of balm for shaken nerves.

The German government post and telegraph board has announced that shortly an attempt will be made to introduce a telephone-typewriter, a combination of telephone and electric printer, which would be available for any ordinary telephone owner.

The printer will be connected with the telephone. It sends and receives messages on ticker paper to any number desired, if there is no answer to the call. You simply have to press a button, whereupon the printer switches itself in automatically. Thereafter, you may write your girl or boy friend: "Where have you been all this time? Please meet me at such and such a place, or call back, as soon as you come in. Yours affectionately . . ."

And, no more excuses, that a telephone message was not relayed to you or did not reach you!

## Campaign in Behalf White Bread Urged

Atlantic City, N. J., Sept. 25.—Bruce Barton, New York advertising man and writer, urged before the American Bakers association Tuesday a nationwide advertising campaign by the federal farm board to restore white bread to its place in the American diet.

"We have 130,000,000 people in the United States," said Barton, "and 130,000,000 too many bushels of wheat. The government proved in the war that its influence was sufficient to cut down the consumption of wheat. Why should that influence not be exerted now to build up the consumption?"

"The propaganda of the Food Administration persuaded us to make a 20 per cent cut in our use. The right kind of newspaper advertising, sponsored by the farm board, would go far toward restoring bread to its old place of honor and importance in the family diet."

## Ft. Worth Livestock

Fort Worth, Sept. 25.—A light offering of steers sold steady to 25c higher here Wednesday. Cows were slow and drawing bids 15 to 25c lower. Yearlings steady with very few bulls offered.

Hogs were mostly 15c lower. In the sheep division values on fat wethers were 15 to 25c lower. Steers sold at \$7.40, \$7.75 and \$8.00.

Better weighty bulls cleared \$4.00; common lights around \$3.00. Slaughter yearlings sold from \$8.00 to \$8.75. Common packages sold from \$4.50 to \$5.50.

Canners' cows were receiving bids down to \$2.00. Fat cows were reported up to \$4.50. Good white face yearlings weighing 613 pounds sold at \$7.25. Steer calves sold at \$7.00 and \$7.25. Cows around \$3.00.

Stocker calves were steady. Some Branchmas sold at \$6.00. Culls continued to sell around \$3.25.

Hogs mostly 15c lower with a rail top of \$9.70 and a truck top of \$9.65. Packing sows \$7.50 to \$7.75. Fat wethers 15 to 25c lower with two year olds at \$4.25 and aged wethers at \$3.50. Stocker lambs \$3.25 and goats \$1.50.

## Blair Items

Mrs. Emmett Morris died Sunday afternoon at 4:20 o'clock at the Merkel sanitarium. There will be more said about this sad event.

Mr. Burton Provine and sons, who have been visiting his brother, Sam Provine, have returned to their home in New Mexico.

Taylor Campbell and family of Brown county are spending an indefinite time with his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Osburn and family and Mr. and Mrs. Luther Osburn left recently for Knox City for several weeks' stay with relatives at that place.

Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Doan and family are visiting the former's brother, D. C. Doan and family, of Roscoe.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Horton and daughter, Jennie Nell, have gone for several months stay with relatives in Baylor County.

John Rosson and family have returned from an extended trip in the east.

Tom Spears and family motored to Hobbs for the big singing convention.

Mrs. Carl Doan and children spent the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Horton, of Trent.

Hoyt Horton and children of Butman were in our midst Tuesday.

Mrs. Sam Phillips is on the sick list at this writing.

## UNION RIDGE NEWS

We are sorry to report that Mrs. H. C. Barnett is very sick.

The Union Ridge school will open September twenty-ninth. We are glad to have the same teachers back with us, with one new addition, Miss Lucile Jones of Sidney, Texas, who will have charge of the intermediate room.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Douglas and son were in Abilene Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. McRee and daughter, Miss Mabel, spent Sunday with relatives in Snyder.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Carr and son, Leo, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Carr of Horn Saturday and Sunday.

Late reports are to the effect that Mrs. Thomas Harris and little daughter are doing nicely.

Rev. Sherrill will fill his regular appointment Sunday and Sunday night. Everyone is cordially invited.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Dean and family were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Garrier of Salt Branch Sunday.

Everyone is glad we are sure to see Mr. Bolin back for the coming school term.

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## Friend Pays Tribute To Mrs. Clara Morris

Clara Lee Phillips, who passed to her heavenly home last Sunday, Sept. 21, 1930, was born Dec. 13 1907. She was married to Emmet Morris Dec. 15, 1928.

It is so very sad to see Clara go, for we know she will be missed by everyone that knew her, for to know her was to love her. She was such a kind and sweet girl; but we must not grieve, for she is so much better off than we. It makes all of us feel like we have someone in heaven just calling us to come and be with her.

She had been a member of the Methodist church for nine years and her life was such as everyone would like to leave behind. She was always busy about the Master's work and seemed to be happiest when she could do something for Christ.

Weep not, dear loved ones, for Clara is at rest. Just live that you may meet her in years to come.

She is survived by her husband, father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Phillips of Blair, and three brothers and three sisters: Dewey Phillips of Itan, Texas, G. S. and Robert Phillips of Blair, Mrs. H. E. Brown, Merkel, Route 5, Mrs. Lena Thompson of Abilene and Mrs. Emma Moore of Missouri. All were present for the funeral except Mrs. Moore, who could not get here.

Brothers Marvin Williams and John E. Walker conducted the funeral services Monday morning at the Blair Methodist church and the large gathering of friends was a tribute to her life.

May God bless each one of the bereaved, for He is able to help those that call on Him.

A Friend.  
Mrs. A. D. Barnes.

## Two Sheriffs Face Trial on Same Day

Houston, Sept. 25.—Cases against two Texas sheriffs, A. Y. Baker of Hidalgo county and H. Wyatt Collins of Fort Bend county, under separate indictments, have been set for trial on the same day—December 15—it was learned when the criminal docket was arranged by Federal Judge J. C. Hutcheson, Jr.

Baker who was billed with a number of other officials, for an alleged election conspiracy, probably will be tried first.

Collins was indicted with several of his deputies and other persons on liquor law counts.

The government will be represented by Fred Horowitz of Los Angeles, special assistant to the United States attorney general, in the Baker case.

Morrow Mum at El Paso. El Paso, Sept. 25.—Dwight W. Morrow, soon to retire as Ambassador to Mexico, passed through here Sunday enroute to Dawson, N. M., from Mexico City. He said he would spend a week at Dawson before going to Washington. He refused to be interviewed.

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