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McMURRY HEAD ALSO TAKES UP DEAN'S DUTIES

President Hunt Returned to McMurry by Board Members in Sweetwater Session; Change to be Effective November 25.

Sweetwater, Nov. 13.—Dr. J. W. Hunt not only was returned to the presidency but also was named dean of McMurry college at the regular session of board members here Monday afternoon. Resignation of Boyd M. McKeown as dean was accepted.

The change will become effective November 25, or as soon as the affairs of the office of dean can be transferred to Dr. Hunt, Dean McKeown said. Bishop Hiram A. Boaz, who is presiding at the 21st annual assembly of the Northwest Texas Methodist conference which opened here at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning attended the board meeting and pledged his support to the institution.

"After we get through this present crisis, I will do all I can to put the school on its feet and will put as much as 30 days in the field working with the president in raising funds," the bishop said.

"I am glad that I am being returned to the school," Dr. Hunt said. "The attitude taken by the board in the meeting today is heartening."

The board members attending raised \$4,000 to apply on the indebtedness of the school. Other finance plans were discussed and the members will meet at least one other time during the conference.

The assembly will be requested to devote one night program to McMurry.

The financial report of McMurry showed \$116,000 in endowment raised, \$499,000 in property and of this amount \$419,000 is without debt. In seven years the college has operated with an average annual deficit of only \$20,000.

McMurry board members attending were W. J. Fulwiler, president; J. W. Couch, secretary; H. O. Wooten, Henry James, R. D. Green, Dr. Hunt, S. M. Jay, A. V. Smith, L. S. Munger, Charles Bass, Dr. J. R. Spann, J. H. Hamblen, J. E. Harrell, all of Abilene; Dr. L. O. Dudgeon, Walter Booth, Rev. O. P. Clark, Sweetwater; Rev. W. R. McPherson, Alpine; Dr. J. W. Young, Roscoe; D. P. Yoder, Snyder; T. W. Stonerod, Colorado.

Radio Program.

On Friday evening from 8 to 8:30 a program, arranged by Mrs. T. T. E. Huan, of Spanish numbers including "A Spanish Cavalier," "Conchita," "Zacatecas," "Hermosillo" and others will be broadcast over KPYO.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, November 18, 1910.)

Good Roads Bonds issue defeated two-to-one majority vote; also the Democrats lose the house to the Democrats; their majority will be reduced; Prohibition was defeated in Missouri; Hooper seems victorious in Tennessee.

Columbia graphophones and disc records at the Elite.

Bring us your last year's suits and overcoats. We can make them look like new.

Grimes Bros.

Steve Keny returned this week from his excursion with a bunch of mules, having sold them successfully for himself and Ed Teaff.

P. Sharp suffered the loss of a fine horse Sunday.

F. C. Hun is in Austin this week on business for the First National of our city.

Ellis, who moved way down to Baird, spent the Sabbath in little city.

E. M. Rust has charge at the Jewelry company for the holiday and invites her friends to for the Christmas shopping.

B. Steele and children of are in Merkel visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. P.

Badger Weekly Will Appear In Mail Next Issue

The Mail is pleased to announce that, beginning with next week's issue, the Badger Weekly, a complete budget of school news, will be resumed.

This has been for several years one of the especially interesting features in The Mail and we regret that circumstances have been such as to delay the initiation of this feature for the session of 1930-1931.

The chronicles of all the happenings and activities of school life, literary, social and athletic, will be furnished by a staff of editors from the Senior class, with Miss Audrey Ferris as editor-in-chief.

BADGERS LOSE TO PLOWBOYS 19-0

On the local gridiron this Friday at 3:30 the Badgers will seek revenge from Putnam High for the 13-0 defeat handed them earlier in the season. Merkel fans and rooters are urged to come out in numbers and help the Badgers win this game. Only a few contests have been scheduled for the local field and the entire town has proved loyal on each of these occasions. This is another time. Come out, folks, and back the Badgers and Pep Squad.

Last Friday afternoon Irvin's Badgers, outweighed in every tilt this season, held the Roscoe Plowboys to a 19-0 score on the latter's gridiron, although the local boys had been doped to lose by 50 points.

Roscoe kicked to Merkel and when Captain Darsey fumbled on the first play the Plowboys recovered the ball on their 22-yard line. Mike Hicks took the ball around his right end for Roscoe's first touchdown and then skirted around the same end to add the extra point.

In the second quarter Wilson kicked for Merkel from their own 22-yard stripe to Roscoe's 40-yard line, Hicks making a nice catch and scampering through for the second touchdown. The try for point failed.

The Plowboys scored again in the third quarter when Mike Hicks skirted his own right end for the third touchdown.

The Badgers fought a good, hard game throughout, but were unable to hold the much heavier Plowboys. Hon.

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JONES COUNTY WELL SEEN AS BIG PRODUCER

On Six-Hour Test Pope & Anderson's No. 1 Swann Proves Good for 800 to 900 Barrels Daily; Will Erect Storage.

A six-hour swab test showing the well to be good for 800 to 900 barrels daily production, owners of the Pope & Anderson, No. 1 W. D. Swann in the Noodle Creek-Tiner area, south-western Jones county, are preparing to clean out the hole and erect a 5,000-barrel storage tank before making a 24-hour test, it was announced Wednesday.

The swab was run six hours Tuesday, and production was 205 barrels of 40.9 gravity oil, with no lowering of crude in the hole or diminution of gas pressure.

Pope and Anderson are dicker with Humble to run its three-inch pick-up line to the well, a distance of one and one-half miles, and that will take ten days. The crude is selling at \$1.07 a barrel in the field, and will draw 95 to 97 cents if Humble hooks on, making it a highly profitable operation.

The owners really have two wells in one hole, the first time the Noodle Creek area has "paid off" at both top and bottom of the line. They struck first pay at 2508 feet, reducing the hole to six inches and setting pipe, then drilling eight feet to 2518 feet where they found pay rated at 65 or 70 barrels. They then went down to 2525 feet and topped second pay. Present depth is 2542 feet.

The well was brought in on a lease of 163 acres, and Pope and Anderson have an 80-acre offset. Surrounding acreage is well blanketed by major companies, with Midwest on the east, Humble on the north, Tidal northwest, Panhandle west, McMillan Petroleum Products south, Gulf southeast, and Republic southwest. With many leases expiring soon, an intensive drilling campaign is in prospect.

McKeown Accepts Post With Education Board Of Methodist Church

Abilene, Nov. 13.—Boyd M. McKeown, who recently tendered his resignation as dean of McMurry college, Wednesday accepted an appointment as assistant to Dr. W. M. Alexander, general secretary of the board of education of the Southern Methodist church, headquarters of which are in Nashville, Tennessee.

Mr. McKeown, in Eastland to attend the Central Texas Methodist conference, notified Mrs. McKeown of his decision to accept the position, which he has had under consideration for more than a month. With their six-year-old son, Boyd M., Jr., Mr. and Mrs. McKeown expect to leave Abilene for Nashville about December 1.

Tuesday Next Date Lions Club Luncheon

Next Tuesday is the regular date for the twice-a-month luncheon of the local Lions club. At this time Charles H. Jones is to be toastmaster, assisted by Rev. R. A. Walker. Tail Twister Slat's Bourn is busy arranging a stunt or two to be sprung at the proper time and a generally good time is promised.

It will be remembered that at the last luncheon, on November 4, the Anson Lions furnished the program as a return for a similar program furnished by the Merkel Lions in Anson in September.

More Rain Falls.

While most of the farmers want clear, sunny weather for cutting feedstuff, a slow, drizzling rain which fell most of Monday night and Tuesday morning was beneficial to grain that had just been planted. The rainfall during that time amounted to one-half an inch, according to B. M. Black, volunteer weather observer.

Attends Grandmother's Funeral.

C. E. Shouse, accompanied by his mother, Mrs. W. E. Shouse, of Trent went to De Leon Sunday to attend the funeral of his grandmother, Mrs. Margaret Moore, age 86, who died there Sunday morning. Mrs. Moore had lived at De Leon 57 years and was one of the most high respected and loved women of Comanche county.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Mrs. J. A. Amandary, 80, Houston, died from injuries received when she fell at her home and fractured a leg.

Directors of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce have set the budget for this year at \$60,000, as compared with \$100,000 in former years.

The Arson State bank was merged Monday with the First National bank, announcement having been made in a joint statement of officers of both institutions.

Attorney General R. L. Bobbitt has announced the appointment of Pice Tilley of Corsicana as first assistant attorney general to succeed Jack Blacklock, resigned.

Mrs. Will Gilbert, 39, living near Yarrellton, Milam county, was fatally burned by an explosion which occurred after she had poured kerosene upon wood in a cook stove.

The Breckenridge American, only newspaper in Stephens county, has moved into its new building, which is considered one of the most up-to-date newspaper plants in West Texas.

Dr. L. R. Scarborough of Fort Worth was re-elected president of the Baptist general convention of Texas for his second term when the 45th annual session met at Amarillo Wednesday.

Tom and Vic Driscoll, twin Rice Institute backs, who were injured in Saturday's game against T. C. U., will not be able to play in the Rice-A. & M. tilt at College Station next Saturday.

D. Holman Taylor of Fort Worth and Mrs. Florence Moore of Cleburne have been appointed by Governor Moody as members of the state board of prison directors to fill existing vacancies.

For the slaying of Joe Barrientes and his two sons in Medina county Christmas Day, 1928, Luz G. Arcos went to the electric chair at 12:05 Friday morning at the Huntsville penitentiary.

Determined to bring further glory to the Southwest conference, thirty members of the S. M. U. squad left Dallas Wednesday for Baltimore where they will engage the Navy eleven Saturday.

Three hundred and forty new oil wells were brought in during October in Texas, according to a report of the oil and gas division of the state railroad commission, with Gray county leading with 37.

The plant of the Lockhart Culling Machine company, whose products are used in all parts of the cotton world to clean planting seed, was destroyed by fire early Saturday morning with loss of \$15,000. No insurance was carried.

Charged with robbery with firearms in the daylight holdup of B. W. Moore, union terminal cashier at Dallas from whom nearly \$17,000 was taken several weeks ago, Earl Adams, alias Earl Ford, was arrested in Fort Worth several days ago.

Correcting an error made twenty years ago, when somebody forgot to dot the "i" in Coolidge, an order has been issued by the post-office department, designating the town in Limestone county heretofore known as Coolidge to be properly known as Coolidge.

When his glove caught in the cogs of a large power hay press, while he was oiling it, Floyd Stanback, a young farmer living on the Dallas county line south of Lancaster, was dragged into the machinery and his right arm badly mangled, while his left arm was broken in several places.

Five-Day Week Plan.

Fort Worth, Nov. 13.—The municipal government has instituted the five-day week as a remedial measure for unemployment. Two departments are now operating on this basis and all others were expected to follow suit. The city management estimated the scheme has provided work for 50 men.

New York 29 Per Cent Jewish.

New York, Nov. 13.—Jews form 29.56 per cent of New York city's population and 34.13 per cent of the membership of labor unions in the city, it is reported in a survey read before the annual meeting of the American Jewish committee.

An Open Letter to Our Correspondents; Work Appreciated

Now that all of the county schools in this section have opened, The Mail wishes to request community correspondents to be more regular in furnishing their weekly news letters. When the schools are not in session, news is hard to get but, now that all school activities have been resumed, each correspondent is requested to let our readers hear from them each week.

The editor of The Mail also wishes to ask each of the correspondents to call at our office when you are in town so that details of the work may be gone into generally.

The Mail has a capable and loyal corps of community correspondents and we merely wish to add to their efficiency by this method of systematizing the work.

BOY, 10, VICTIM OF GUN ACCIDENT

Aubrey Lee Dotson, 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Dotson, residing near Hawley, died early Wednesday morning of wounds received from the accidental discharge of a shotgun while the children of the family were frolicking in the living room of the home early Tuesday night.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at the Midway tabernacle and burial was in the Midway cemetery.

There were ten children in the Dotson family, several of them quite young, and they were having their usual bedtime hour of play when the tragedy occurred. The gun, which had been loaded several days before by an older boy to watch for hawks and which he had overlooked unloading, was said to have been in the hands of an eight-year-old child when it discharged.

The boy's arm and breast were badly torn by the shot and he was rushed to the West Texas Baptist sanitarium at Abilene. Amputation of his arm and other efforts to save his life were unavailing. He died at 1 o'clock Wednesday morning.

Besides the bereaved parents, three brothers and six sisters survive. The brothers are Horace, Chancel and Walter and the sisters, Glennie, Neva, Esther, Mary Elizabeth, Betty Jo and Mrs. Gladys Rhea. Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Mathis, who live near Hawley, and Mrs. V. Dotson, of near Cedar Gap, are grandparents of the little boy, who met such a tragic death.

KANSAS EDITOR PREDICTS UPWARD TREND BY SPRING

Reactions Now Taking Place Termed as of Permanently Constructive Nature; Farm Situation Also Discussed.

Atlanta, Nov. 13.—A prediction that by next spring the "general business curve" will be headed sharply and definitely upward was made to the southern convention of the National Fertilizer association here Tuesday by F. B. Nichols, managing editor of the Capper Farm press, Topeka, Kans.

Mr. Nichols said that since mid-summer of 1929 the country had experienced the conditions generally accompanying business depression, but added that "fortunately other reactions also are taking place, which, however painful they may be, can be rated as of a permanently constructive nature."

As for agriculture, he said that "a vast increase in the use of fertilizers, plus a considerable withdrawal of marginal land back to forests, would result in larger profits" to farmers. "Such a project," he said, "would be directly in line with the moves of the industrial world in scrapping high-cost plants while at the same time it builds more efficient ones."

Mr. Nichols expressed the belief that "a year from now one of the favorite subjects of conversation will be the neglected opportunities in stocks or trading that are now going begging."

Another suggestion for increased production per man and per acre was brought to the conference by L. W. Rowell, manager of the Swift Fertilizer company, Chicago, and president of the association.

Mr. Rowell said there was only one answer to the question of how the farmer can lower his costs. It is by producing more per acre and per man. "Be he the best farmer in the world, his crop production per acre is and always will be limited by the plant food in the soil available for the crop," he said.

Southwest Conference.

Last week's results:
T. C. U. 20, Rice 0.
Texas 14, Baylor 0.
S. M. U. 13, A. & M. 7.
Oklahoma A. & M. 26, Arkansas 0.

Oil Belt.

Last week's results:
Breckenridge 26, Abilene 20.
Eastland 9, San Angelo 6.
Cisco 3, Ranger 0.
Sweetwater, 18, Big Spring 6.

THE TOWN DOCTOR

"DOCTOR OF TOWNS" SAYS

HERE IS A TIP FOR WISE BUYERS.

Serving in the capacity of physician, surgeon and diagnostician to sick cities, tired towns and calloused communities is not always such a joy-provoking occupation. Altogether too often it brings to light ways of doing things by seemingly intelligent people, that, to say the least, is not conducive to any idea or thought that the world is making progress—that is, if one is to allow such things to influence his personal views of the matter.

Take the matter of advertising as an example. Every town in which it has been my pleasure and duty to make a survey of retail stores I have found merchants (or had I better say "storekeepers") that say it does not pay to "run an ad" in their local newspaper.

One can hardly believe, in this day and age, when everybody with any common sense at all knows that you cannot expect to get anything unless you ask for it, that it would be possible to find such people in business—or, again correcting myself, I had better say "running a store." Now there will be many who read this that say "Sure, a fellow who writes for newspapers would say that."

Well, you have a right to think whatever you wish, but here's the way I look at it: If a store, or a seller of any product or service does not give me an invitation to come to his store or office to spend my money, I take it for granted that he doesn't want my trade; if he doesn't give a reason why I should buy from him what he has to sell, and give me that reason publicly, I'm afraid to buy from him.

And another thing: to me, a store or business that does not advertise (which is doing just that as above mentioned) is either old-fashioned or in a rut, and I do not like to associate with places, people or things that are either.

I want to be alive, wide awake, and enjoy life and associate with those who live and do things, rather than with those who just exist and are satisfied with things as they are.

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91-Year-Old Father to Swear Son in Office

Oklahoma City, Okla., Nov. 13.—A notary commission, issued Friday by the secretary of state to Uriah Dow Thomas Murray of Bethany, marked the preparation for a novel event in Oklahoma, the swearing in to office next January of Governor-Elect W. H. (Alfalfa Bill) Murray by his 91-year-old father.

Heretofore a justice of the state supreme court—usually the chief justice—has been called upon to administer the oath of office to the incoming governor at the inaugural ceremony. This year Mr. Murray said he planned to have his father induct him into office.

Mr. Murray applied for the commission Friday morning and it was issued later that day.

"I am obtaining it for the express purpose of having father give me the oath of office," Mr. Murray announced to newspaper men.

Stationed at San Diego.

Word has been received from Lolan Ray King, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. G. King, that he is now located at the U. S. Naval Training station at San Diego, California. Lolan enlisted in the navy at the Abilene recruiting office on September 22 and was assigned to Company A, 27. In the letter to his mother, he stated that he would break training in December and would be assigned to a ship.

Texas ships bees to France, Spain, Japan, Canada, Mexico and other foreign nations and into practically all the honey-producing states of the Union. A Weslaco firm recently made a shipment to Santo Domingo Republic.

Complete line of office supplies at Mail office.

Mrs. Wagner Suffered More Than A Year

Waco Woman Was Greatly Worried Over Her Condition Until Argotane Ended Trouble.

"I have gained in health and strength by taking Argotane and have improved so much I really feel like a different person," said Mrs. Genevieve Wagner of 614 Colcord Avenue, Waco, Texas, the other day.

"I have been a sufferer for over a year from stomach trouble," she continued, "and got so bad I could hardly eat enough to keep my strength up. I had no appetite and what little I did eat seemed to do me more harm than good. My food would not digest after eating; gas formed in my stomach that would keep me in misery for hours. I often had a sharp pain in my stomach and my nerves were getting so shattered I could hardly sleep at all, and then I would worry all the time over my condition. I kept getting thinner and thinner all the time."

"I didn't know what else to do for my trouble so I decided I had better try Argotane as I was hearing so many favorable comments on this new preparation. I am sure glad I did for it seems to have gotten rid of my troubles. I eat anything I want now and it don't hurt me at all. I sleep good and get up in the mornings feeling hearty and strong and actually able to do all my own housework. I have been entirely relieved of all pain by Argotane for the first time in years."

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

OGENE Mouth Wash

Indications for its Uses are: Pyorrhea, Trench Mouth, Vincent's Stomatitis, Gingivitis, Bleeding and Receding Gums, Foul Breath after Extraction.

For Sale by **Merkel Drug Co.**

THE TOWN DOCTOR T. C. U. Girls Arrange Jolly Surprise Party

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I don't want to come in contact with those who conduct themselves and their business on "What used to be"—it depresses me, lowers my battling average, and life is too short and the battle of happy living too risky for me to take any chances.

It may not mean anything to you; but for me, I spend my money with the concern that asks for my business, and gives me a reason why I should give it to them, through the columns of my newspaper—not just once in a while, but all the time. And believe it or not, you will find it to be money in your pocket if you do likewise.

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

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SOUR STOMACH

JUST a tasteless dose of Phillips Milk of Magnesia in water. That is an alkali, effective, yet harmless. It has been the standard antacid for 50 years. One spoonful will neutralize at once many times its volume in acid. It is the right way, the quick, pleasant and efficient way to kill the excess acid. The stomach becomes sweet, the pain departs. You are happy again in five minutes.

But don't depend on crude methods, try the best way yet evolved in all the years of searching. That is Phillips Milk of Magnesia.

Be sure to get the genuine Phillips Milk of Magnesia, the name that the physicians prescribe.

"Milk of Magnesia" has been the U. S. Registered Trade Mark of The Charles H. Phillips Chemical Company and its predecessor Charles H. Phillips since 1875.

T. C. U. Girls Arrange Jolly Surprise Party

Fort Worth, Nov. 13.—Miss Frances Anderson of Merkel was a guest at the surprise party given last week in Gibson House at Texas Christian university by Miss Marvolene Bowe honoring Ray McCulloch.

The party carried out the Halloween motif and the house was decorated with ghosts, jack o'lanterns and witches. During the evening Halloween games were played and the fortunes of the guests were told by Miss Frances Veale.

Music Substitute Not Wanted

No substitute has quality of original. Insiston Carter's Little Liver Pills—original liver pill creating free flow of bile and making you feel bright as two-year-old. Ask for Carter's Little Liver Pills by name and get them. Look for the red bottle. Resent substitutes. Take Carter's always.

Advertisement for C. M. Presley Jeweler, Watches—Diamonds—Silverware, Abilene, Texas, 209 Pine St.

Advertisement for City Dry Cleaners, "Sudden Service", Kent Street, Phone 189.

You have a hot flame instantly every time you light your gas

Advertisement for Lone Star Gas Company featuring an illustration of a gas burner and text describing the benefits of gas cooking.

Advertisement for Lone Star Gas Company, Gas—CHEAPEST, CLEANEST, QUICKEST FUEL FOR COOKING, Community Natural Gas Company.

An Unemployment Census. Washington, Nov. 13.—Immediate repetition of the unemployment census through selected key cities to obtain more accurate data on the number of jobless in the United States is contemplated by the administration.

Advertisement for Nerves medicine, featuring an illustration of a person's face and the text "Nerves".

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.

Advertisement for Dr. Miles' Nervine medicine, showing a bottle and the text "DR. MILES' NERVINE Liquid".

Advertisement for National Bank of Merkel, featuring the slogan "THEY-ALL-HELP" and a list of services like "Smile—Be square—Be cheerful—Don't grumble—Grin and bear it—Learn to take a joke—Hold down your temper—Patronize home industries—Read something good every day—Give the other fellow a fair deal—Preserve your credit with and deposit your money in—".

Advertisement for W. O. Boney, Merkell, Texas, Farm Loans and all kinds of Insurance, with the slogan "DON'T DELAY".

Advertisement for Draughon's Business College, Dallas, Lubbock, Wichita Falls, Abilene, Texas, offering a \$150 a month program.

MERKEL MAIL WANT ADS FOR P...

President Outlines Double Program for Congressional Action

Washington, Nov. 13.—President Hoover plans to ask congress for emergency appropriations to furnish employment and assist drouth sufferers. The one will go toward speeding up the government's building program and the other will take the form of a seed loan.

A statement outlining the plan came from the White House late Saturday after the war department and his emergency employment committee separately had made known further phases of their own relief programs.

The statement follows: "The president announced today that the administration had decided to recommend to congress a special emergency appropriation to be applied to the further intensification of public works, public buildings and other forms of federal construction which are already authorized by congress but for which no appropriations would normally be made until later periods; and further to recommend the provision of a 'seed loan' assistant to farmers in the drouth area.

"It will be remembered that the appropriations for federal construction were greatly increased upon the president's recommendation by the last congress as an aid to employment during the current year. The departments were also authorized to undertake the necessary technical preparations for future construction work which was authorized but not appropriated for.

"As a result of appropriations available during the present fiscal year, the construction work of all kinds in the federal government will be increased to a total exceeding \$500,000,000. The emergency appropriations that will be requested will be in the nature

of an addition to this already enlarged program and will be in anticipation of such construction work as would normally have taken place a year or two hence.

"The necessary technical preparation has been under way for some months and has now been advanced so that the program can be further expanded for emergency purposes. The precise amount for the emergency appropriations has not yet been decided upon but will be determined on a basis of authorized works for which the preliminary technical preparation has been or can be completed. The whole purpose is to provide further employment during the forthcoming year upon work of ultimate necessity."

Earlier in the day, Secretary Hurley had agreed to place all available army cots and blankets at the disposal of agencies dealing with acute needs. Meanwhile, the emergency committee was pegging away at its task of stimulating decentralized campaigns to make more work obtainable.

5 1-2 per cent Federal Loans are Better Loans. Longer time, lower rates; plenty of money; never come due. W. Homer Shanks, Sec'y-Treas., Citizens N. F. L. A. Farms, Ranches, Business Property for sale or exchange. Room 1, Penney Bldg., Abilene, Texas.

If you have any visitors, Phone 29 or 61.

Finds Relief: Gives Konjola All The Credit

San Antonio Man Searched For Five Years For Relief—New Medicine Does the Work.



MR. J. B. WICKS

"I was troubled with stomach trouble for five years," said Mr. J. B. Wicks, 913 Avenue B., San Antonio. "Nervousness was also an ailment that worried me. I took a lot of medicines over this period of time but Konjola was the only one to help. I was very careful what I ate because of gas pains. Back pains, too, were troublesome. I did not always sleep well at night and was losing my appetite. I lost weight steadily. "My appetite began to improve almost from the beginning of the Konjola treatment. I ate heartily without the dreaded gas pains and back pains were leaving. My nervous condition, also, was greatly relieved. Now after a two weeks treatment, I feel better than I have in years. I have gained three pounds in the last eight days and I give Konjola all the credit."

And so it goes—the same glad story whenever this great medicine is given a chance to work good. Konjola is recommended for ailments of the stomach, liver, kidneys and bowels, and rheumatism, neuritis and nervousness.

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

Salt Branch News

Everyone is very busy gathering their crops after so much fine rain.

Mrs. Dora Harris, Mrs. Ellis Harris and children and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Higgins were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hobson Robertson recently.

Our school is progressing nicely with Mrs. Wilma Robertson, principal, and Miss Nora Foster, primary teacher.

The P. T. A. will meet next Thursday night week, Nov. 14, and will render a short program.

Verner and La Roy Hester, Zerk Loyd and Glynn Robertson were the guests of Horace Armstrong Sunday.

The Salt Branch quartette will sing over KFYO Friday night from seven-thirty until eight-thirty.

Everyone enjoyed the fine singing Sunday afternoon.

Mr. A. J. Armstrong of Goodman was a recent guest of his parents.

Ladies, enter the Quilt Contest now at Brown's Bargain Store.

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is a doctor's Prescription for COLDS and HEADACHES It is the most speedy remedy known 666 also in Tablets.

UNION RIDGE NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Harvell and son, Charles, were visitors in Abilene Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Douglas and family were the guests of the latter's sister, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Week, of Abilene Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Green were in Abilene on business Monday.

Miss Blanche Carey entertained the young folks with a Halloween party and everyone reported a nice time.

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

Miss Margaret Dean was the Friday night guest of Miss Floy Wells of Merkel.

Office supplies—Mail office.

Daughter Substitute Is Not Desired

No daughter equals your own and no remedy is as good as your own tried and genuine Carter's Little Liver Pills. Toning up liver, starting bile flowing and relieving constipation, there is none better than Carter's. Resent substitutes. Take Carter's. Red bottles. All druggists. Take Carter's.



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Los Angeles, Nov. 13.—The hamlet of Wineville in Riverside county, named in the pre-prohibition era, became Mira Loma today at the request of civic minded residents.

Long dozen is a popular name given to 13, also known as a baker's dozen.

No Time for a Drama.

Montclair, N. J., Nov. 13.—During the business depression the Montclair Theatre guild has announced only comedies will be presented by its players. All serious dramas have been cancelled.

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REAL EVIDENCE OF IMPROVEMENT.

(Fort Worth Star-Telegram.)

Evidence that conditions are on the mend is increasing daily. Scattered through the columns of any newspaper most every day can be found various items that bear it out. Detroit last week reported that 34,000 workmen had been recalled by the factories of that city. The Fisher Bodies Corporation announced the reopening of 11 plants. Montgomery Ward & Co., whose business is nation-wide, reported Monday that its sales for October were 41 per cent above those for September. Coal production for the week ending Oct. 25 was reported on the same date to have been the largest since the middle of last February. Scranton, Pa., reports that its silk mills have resumed operations on a full time basis, and in one instance, a night shift has been employed. The textile industry likewise is reported to be much improved. And here and there, from every section of the country, appear news dispatches of new construction started or about to be started, of some railroad or large corporation placing or about to place some large order for equipment or materials.

These scattered announcements are not sufficient basis for a statement that business has recovered or that the expected recovery is at hand, but they are straws that indicate clearly enough in which direction the winds of trade are blowing. They are evidences of something concrete; not mere analyses of conditions, predictions of future recovery or statements that gloss over conditions that prevail. They are real. When workmen are being recalled by the hundreds—even though the number of unemployed remains too great—it indicates that the factories recalling them have found it necessary to begin manufacturing again. It means that these recalled workmen will soon be receiving their customary pay checks; resuming their purchases and the money thus spent will find its way into the channels of trade, first benefiting the cities affected and contributing its share to general recovery. It is the best kind of business news. Putting men back to work, factory wheels turning again because buying upon the part of the public justifies it, is worth more than all of the talk and predictions that can be made.

Dora Doings

Farmers of this community made good use of the few pretty days of sunshine that we had in gathering cotton and putting up feed. Small grain looks fine and it will afford fine pasture if it ever gets dry enough to take advantage of it.

This school district is grieved for Wayne Drury, who became suddenly ill last Sunday morning and suffered so badly until Tuesday night when he died at the Sweetwater sanitarium. His parents and brothers and sisters have our deepest sympathy in this sad hour.

John Dudley, Craymore Reynolds and Earl Wallis returned Sunday from a two weeks' prospecting trip in northwestern and central New Mexico. They report conditions spotted.

O. Z. Porter of Abilene spent the week-end here with home folks.

Several from here are attending the M. E. conference in Sweetwater this week. Among these going are O. S. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Briggs, Grandma Hanks and Mrs. Fred Slater. Doyle Clayton had the misfortune to get his car burned up early Monday morning.

Miss Modenia Whiteaker, teacher of Castle Peak, and Miss Laura Walker of the Elm Grove school were week-end visitors here.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Phillips enjoyed a visit from her brother of Eastland Sunday. He has a new car and naturally he wanted to make a nice little spin. He hit it fine, for when he arrived Mrs. Phillips had a big turkey brewing in the oven.

The world's largest electric sign is said to be on top of the Union Station in Chicago. It is 288 feet long and 23 feet high, with two lines of letters. Persia is given the credit for inventing the spectacular game of polo.

Texas receives about \$3,000,000 a month from gasoline taxes, three-fourths of which is going to road-building and one-fourth to public school maintenance.

CHURCHES

METHODISTS WILL NOT HAVE MORNING OR EVENING SERVICES SUNDAY; WEEK OF PRAYER TO BE OBSERVED WITH PROGRAM BEGINNING MONDAY MORNING.

Observing the week of prayer, the following program will be followed at the Methodist church Monday morning, beginning at 10 o'clock.

Song, "Take Time to be Holy."
"Jesus and His Disciples Pray," Mrs. Richards.

"Beautiful Garden of Prayer," Mesdames Delmer and Touchstone.

Prayer, Mrs. Coates.

Discussion of Jesus and His Disciples, Mrs. V. N. Ellis.

Wolff Mission, Mrs. Touchstone and Miss Mossy Sears.

Cuban Work in Tampa, Mrs. Reece Hale.

Song, "Sweet Hour of Prayer."
"The Saints Pray," Mrs. Delmer.

NOON.
Covered dish lunch.
Song.

"The Practical Value of Prayer," Mrs. Hutcheson.

"An Act of Self-Examination," Mrs. Casc.

Prayer, Mrs. Brown.

Guitar number, Lettie Butman.

The Eliza Bowman School, Mrs. Bob Martin.

"Why Cuba?" Mrs. Sam Butman, Sr.

"Another Editorial Word," Mrs. Armstrong.

"Take My Life and Let It Be," Mesdames Pee and Martin.

AT THE METHODIST CHURCH.

The Senior Epworth league will have charge of the opening exercises of the Sunday School next Sunday and special music has been arranged by a male quartette. The congregation will join with the Presbyterians in the Sunday morning service, as our pastor is attending conference at Sweetwater. No night service at the Methodist church.

—Reporter.

HI-LEAGUE PROGRAM.

Subject: "True Eminence in Christian Work."

Leader, Tracy Campbell.

Hymn No. 148.

Scripture, Luke 22:24-27.

Hymn No. 46.

Hymn No. 5.

Prayer, Lois Whiteley.

Talks: (1) Duncan Briggs; (2) Billie Bernice Gambill; (3) Kennedy Whiteley.

Quartette.

Hymn No. 163.

Leaguers, let's all have good talks for Sunday evening, as Brother Willett is in conference and we are going to have a new teacher.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Good attendance and interest last Sunday. We will expect you back again Sunday. Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Special song service at 11 o'clock hour. We are expecting visitors from the Methodist church, as their pastor is in his annual conference. Always glad to have visitors worship with us.

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

Good attendance was noted at all the Sunday Schools here last Sunday, the total attendance reaching 738. The Methodist organization had the largest number of any one school, 276, while the Baptists were second with 266. Attendance at the other reporting Sunday Schools was: Church of Christ, 77; Presbyterian, 69, and Nazarene, 50.

MEN'S PRAYER MEETING.

The men's prayer service is to be held at the Nazarene church next Sunday with W. M. Elliott as leader. Mr. Elliott has requested each one to select a verse on prayer. These Sunday afternoon meetings are marked with earnest interest on the part of a large body of men and the community is being richly blessed as a result of their efforts.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Services for the week are as follows: Bible study Lord's Day 10 a. m., communion service at 11 a. m., Young peoples' program at 6 p. m., Ladies' service Tuesday 3 p. m. and mid-week meeting, prayer and Bible study Wednesday at 7 p. m.

Come and be with us in all these services.

In love, The Elders.

NAZARENE CHURCH.

Sunday School each Sunday at 9:45 a. m. The attendance is increasing. About fifty were present last Sunday.

but we are expecting a larger number present in the future.

We have ladies prayer meeting at the church each Tuesday at 2:30 p. m. and regular mid-week prayer meeting each Wednesday at 6:30 p. m. Preaching services each Sunday at 11 a. m. and at 6:30 p. m.

The Merkel Men's Union Prayer meeting is to be held at our church next Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Everyone is invited to attend our services at any time.

J. I. Northcut, Supt.
W. P. Sibley, Pastor.

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Usual services Sunday and all next week. The pastor, who has been attending the state convention at Amarillo, will return in time to preach at both morning and evening hours. You are cordially invited.

—Reporter.

SENIOR B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM.

Subject: "A Baptist Democracy in Action."

Introduction, Mildred Hamm.

"Democratic Principles," Janie Escue.

"Democratic Practices of the New Testament Churches," (1) and (2) by Margaret Cannon and (3) and (4) by Stale Wilson.

"Baptist Democracy," Mr. Riddle.

JUNIOR B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM.

1. Rachel Patterson.

2. Madra Nixon.

3. E-semary Lassiter.

4. Winston Polley.

5. Horace Eoney.

Blair Items

Crutch Scott of Sweetwater visited Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Doan Sunday. Mr. S. F. King of Dallas was down looking after some property and shaking hands with old friends the past week.

Miss Swafford of Merkel spent Saturday and Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Deavers.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Doan and son, accompanied by Mr. James Doan, made a business trip to Abilene Thursday.

Claude Doan and H. E. (Edie) Farmer attended court at Abilene the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Latimer visited friends at Nubia one day recently.

Mr. and Mrs. John Meek and family spent Sunday with their son, Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Meek.

A crowd of young folks enjoyed the entertainment at Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell's Friday night.

The Blair school has organized a P. T. A. and patrons should give this their undivided cooperation.

Mildred Madger has been on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. Frazz Demery and grand son, Leon Toombs, Jr., of Butte were in our midst Sunday.

The county federation of the I. O. C. F. lodge met Thursday night with Mr. Rector, grand master, of Stamford and many other visitors from over the county present.

Mrs. Dof Coates and children of White Church have located in our midst in order for the children to have the advantages of the school.

J. P. Spears and family from the Plains visited over the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Spears.

Howard Brown and family moved into our midst recently.

Little Helen Maxine Doan has been on the sick list.

SALT BRANCH NEWS

Miss Caroline Chambers, county demonstration agent, met with the women of Salt Branch at the school house Monday afternoon to assist them in organizing a club. Twenty-one members were enrolled.

The following officers were elected: Mrs. W. C. Lee, president; Mrs. W. M. Hayes, vice-president; Mrs. E. Neff, secretary, and Mrs. Dean Higgins, council member.

Miss Evelyn Robertson, who is attending school in Sweetwater, spent the week-end with relatives.

Mrs. Smith of Weatherford is here to spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. J. O. Armstrong.

Misses Mary Ella Horton, Lela Higgins and Fay Pinckley spent Saturday night with Miss Evelyn Robertson.

Mrs. J. O. Armstrong gave a surprise party Friday night in honor of her daughter, Miss Braunell's eighteenth birthday. A number of gifts were received by the honoree. Following games, a beautiful birthday cake was cut and hot chocolate was served to the young friends of the honoree.

SOCIETY

THE HARMONY CLUB REORGANIZES.

On Friday, November 7, the Harmony club reorganized under the supervision of Miss Mary Pence. Officers elected were: Lena Faye Harrel, president; Opal Buzbee, vice-president; Bessie Lou Windham, secretary and treasurer; Velma Lee Holden, reporter.

Several musical exercises were given, then members of the club gave a program as follows:

"Moonbeams On the Lake," Velma Lee Holden.

"A Perfect Day," Doreen Scott.

"Whispering, Hope," (duet) Opal Buzbee and Miss Pence.

"April Flowers," Marjorie Melton.

"Evening," (duet) Sonny Boy Rodden and Miss Pence.

"Home Sweet Home," Opal Buzbee.

"Drifting and Dreaming," Lena Faye Harrel.

"Boys' Brigade," Bessie Lou Windham.

"Sabbath Chimes," Zuma Spears.

Afterwards, delicious refreshments were served to Mesdames Mack Buzbee, Harrel, Rodden, Melton, Pence, Scott, Misses Nora and Doreen Scott, Faye Pinckley, Opal Buzbee, Velma Lee Holden, Lena Faye Harrel, Marjorie Melton, Bessie Lou Windham, Zuma Spears, the hostesses and Messrs. Sonny Boy Rodden and Clarence Harrel.

THE GLEANER CLASS.

A called business meeting of the Gleaner class was held Wednesday afternoon in the parlors of the Methodist church. After the transaction of business, refreshments of hot chocolate and cake were served by the officers and teachers of the class to Mesdames Verner Sublett, Lowe, Case, Hicks, Herbert Patterson, Briggs, Tom Toombs, Will Toombs, Richardson, Iddings, Hale, Delmer, Latham, Tom Largent, Guitar, Willett and Burgess.

Harley Sadler Shows

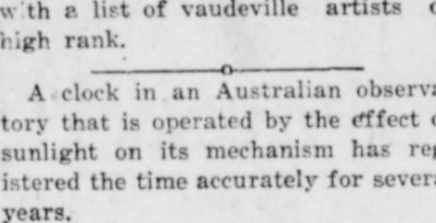
All Week in Abilene

Beginning Monday night Harley Sadler opens a week's engagement at Fair Park Auditorium, Abilene. The opening bill will be "Your Uncle Dudley" and there will be a change of program each time.

The popularity of Harley Sadler and his company is perennial all over Texas, but especially so in West Texas where the show-going public in every town is personally acquainted with this clever comedian.

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Personal Mention

Mrs. Cecil Gutherie has gone to Bogata to visit her brother, Milam Pike.

Miss Lillie Dean of Dallas is the guest this week of Miss Christine Collins.

Bert Holden was up from Cross Plains to spend Sunday with his mother.

Leonard Reeves left Tuesday to join friends at Brownwood on a hunting trip.

J. R. Baker of Zephyr is the guest of his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Baker.

E. A. Click, Jr., has gone to San Angelo where he has accepted employment.

Mrs. T. V. Touchstone and Miss Carrie Coffey visited friends in Cisco Saturday.

Miss Flora Frances Anderson was home from T. C. U. for a week-end visit with her parents.

Mrs. J. M. Dunn, Jr., and two children returned Sunday from a visit with relatives in Dallas.

W. W. Haynes has been here this week from Hobbs, New Mex., where he is operating an automobile exchange.

Mrs. V. L. Davis has returned from a visit to her daughter, Miss Maurine, who is attending C. I. A. at Denton.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Alexander and daughter, Mandy, of Tye visited Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Elliott last Sunday.

G. J. Glover, Jr., spent the week-end in Waco visiting his sisters. Incidentally, he saw the Texas-Baylor game.

En route to Mineral Wells, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lee and their daughter, Betty, visited one evening this week with their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. George Caple.

Mesdames C. W. Delmer, T. V. Touchstone and W. S. J. Brown and Miss Mossy Sears drove over to Sweetwater Thursday to attend the Methodist conference.

Mr. and Mrs. George Caple were guests of Miss Mary Cully at the American Legion banquet given Monday evening in the Crystal ball room of the Hilton, Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Alexander and children, also Alvin Alexander have returned to Borger, after having been called here to the bedside of a sick sister, Mrs. C. E. Horton.

Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Patterson and daughter, Miss Opal, have returned from a visit to another daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Dye, at Roswell, New Mexico.

Robert N. Campbell returned Monday from a trip to Brown county. With our abundant feedstuff growing here, he says that part of the country does not compare very favorably with ours.

George F. (Jimmy) Smith, editor of the Snyder Times-Signal, and R. P. Tull, teacher of agriculture in the Snyder High School, visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Caple.

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as they were returning from the Breckenridge-Abilene game Saturday.

Mrs. M. A. Reese and son, J. P., of Amarillo and daughter, Mrs. W. R. Wood, of Engle, New Mex., visited Mr. and Mrs. Lige Harris last week-end. Mrs. Reese is a sister of Mrs. Harris.

Mrs. Tom Greene has returned from San Angelo where she attended the forty-eighth annual session of the grand chapter of the order of Eastern Star. She reports a wonderful meeting and a general good time.

T. J. R. Swafford and family removed last week to Spur, where Mr. Swafford has entered the coal and feed business. Merkel as a whole regrets to lose these good people, but hopes it will not be long before they feel the urge to return.

Merkel-Roscoe

(Continued From Page One) ors were about equal for the local boys, with each one always on his toes, fighting to win. Mike Hicks starred for the Plowboys, scoring all three touchdowns.

Merkel's line-up was as follows: Ends, Russell, Shannon; tackles, Toombs, Mashburn; guards, Baker, Collins; center, Middleton; halves, Wilson, Derrick; quarter, Darsey, captain; full Tuckler.

Substitutes: Vickers for Tucker Coates for Russell; Sheppard for Dick; Derrick for Sheppard; Russell for Coates; Sheppard for Russell.

First downs, Roscoe 10, Merkel 7.

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FOR SALE—Bred Sow, bred gilt, also a few choice pigs. See Angus Garvin at Warren Ranch.

FOR SALE—Jersey milk cow. Apply Swafford Coal and Feed Yard.

LEGAL NOTICE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon Dale Guill by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day thereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in the nearest County where a newspaper is published, to appear at the next regular term of the 42nd District Court of Taylor County, to be held at the Court House thereof, in Abilene, Texas, on the first Monday in January A. D. 1931, the same being the fifth day of January A. D. 1931, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 30th day of October A. D. 1930, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 8655-A, wherein Mrs. Ora Guill, is Plaintiff, and Dale Guill is Defendant, and a statement of plaintiff's cause of action, being as follows:

Plaintiff and defendant were married on or about the 13th day of 1927, and separated on or about the 27th day of September, 1930; Plaintiff sues for a divorce on the grounds of cruel treatment, sues for the custody and control of the minor child, Dolores Marcilene Guill, also for

the possession, use and title of separate property, all of which is fully alleged in her original petition:

Plaintiff is suing for the title and possession of a part of Block two (2), Boulevard Heights, an Addition to the City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, and being described by notes and bounds as follows: Beginning at a point in the south line of said block two a distance of 150 feet west from the southeast corner; thence west a distance of 50 feet; thence north a distance of 126 3-4 feet; thence east a distance of 50 feet; thence south a distance 126 3-4 feet to the place of beginning, for her own separate use, estate and benefit, and for the household furniture contained in the residence situated on the above described property, alleging that all of the above described property was paid for out of her own separate funds which she had at the time of her marriage to defendant and from funds and revenue which she received from her separate property; that said property stands of record in the name of defendant but that said property belongs to plaintiff's separate estate and that by virtue of her separate funds paying for same, defendant is holding said property as trustee for plaintiff.

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

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, on this 1st day of November A. D. 1930.

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

WANTED

WANTED—To buy good cow pony. C. M. Largent.

WANTED—A few more sweet milk customers, 10c per quart delivered, night and morning. W. S. Chinn. Phone 9003R4.

LOST AND FOUND

TAKEN UP—Stray cow. Owner can get same by proving ownership, paying for ad and cost of keep. Mrs. G. W. Cox.

LOST—Halloween night a lawn mower from my front yard. If the boys will return it, there will be nothing more said. S. F. Haynes.

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.

FOR RENT

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

FOR RENT—Five room house. Burton-Lingo Co.

FOR RENT—Two stucco five-room residences, all utilities, close to school and church; known as the Hampton houses; \$10.00 per month. See G. W. Boyce.

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FOR RENT—One 6-room house, all modern conveniences; one 4-room house with ights and gas; two 3-room apartments, modern conveniences; also one bedroom. S. F. Haynes. Phone 265J.

FOR RENT—Brisk store building 50x80, formerly occupied by Crown Hardware Co. G. M. Sharp.

FOR RENT—4-rooms and bath, just off Oak Street. See Mrs. R. I. Grimes.

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Texas now leads the states in natural gas production, figures for 1929 announced by the federal bureau of mines putting it ahead of Oklahoma for the first time. California is third and Louisiana and West Virginia fourth and fifth.

Ft. Worth Livestock

Fort Worth, Texas, Nov. 13.—Wednesday's cattle receipts, totaled 3,000 head, and there was not a great deal to the market. Steers, yearlings and bulls changed ownership at values that presented a generally unchanged appearance, while cows were weak to a shade lower. Around 2,000 calves arrived, prices being steady at 25c up.

Beef steers moved around \$5.25 to \$6.25. Cows cleared within a general range of \$2.50 to \$3.75. A few heifer and yearling sales were up to \$8.50. Bulls went at \$3.25 to \$4.00. Calves ranged around \$6.25 down.

Hog receipts amounted to \$1,000 head, mostly packer-directs. The opening market was 25c to 40c lower and the close, on truckers, was 50c to 60c down. The top was \$9.00 for carlots and truck consignments.

Sheep receipts were limited to 500 head, the supply selling on a steady basis with wethers at \$4.50, yearlings at \$5.00 and lambs at \$6.00.

Cotton Receipts.

Nearing the 3,000 bale mark for the season, cotton receipts so far in Merkel total 2,950 bales. This includes 2,672 bales shipped out by the T. & P., according to the records of Agent J. C. Childress, and 278 bales still remaining in the cotton yard. Public Weigher Houston Robertson has received 109 bales the past week, bringing his total for the season up to 1,624 bales, while Austin Robertson, Co-op representative, has received 72 bales the past week for a total of 970 for the season.

Fight Bill Boards.

Houston, Nov. 13.—The Harris County Federation of Womens clubs has begun a fight against bill-boards adopting the slogan "Favor the firms who favor the scenery."

Italy has 2,405 motion picture theatres with a total seating capacity of 1,063,800.

Utility Co. Figures Indicates Consistent Return to Normalcy

Abilene, November 13.—Indicating a slow but consistent return to normal business conditions, national electric output figures for the week ending November 1st show a 3.6 per cent increase over the same week during the normal year 1928, and but a slight decrease as compared with abnormal production schedules for the year 1929, according to information made available at the general offices of the West Texas Utilities company here. The gain over the same week in 1928 is the largest recorded during the preceding thirty-day period.

It was pointed out that national kilowatt-hour electric output comparisons constitutes a valuable index to the general business conditions of the country, inasmuch as the strength of commercial activity is reflected immediately in the use of electric power.

West Texas Utilities company executives complete tabulations from the National Electric Light Association's Statistical Research department each week, enabling them to keep their figures on the very pulse of the nation's industrial activities.

Wolves May Stay in Loop on Probation

Colorado, Nov. 13.—Executive committee of this interscholastic league district have adopted a more lenient attitude toward Colorado high school than was theirs when the Wolves were first disqualified in the race two weeks ago.

At that time, the committee voted to recommend suspension of Colorado from the league for more than a year. A new recommendation to the state office is that Colorado be retained on probation. A copy of the paper has been received by J. W. Watson, president of the school board here.

Descendants of Click Clan Meet in Reunion

Through the kindness of E. A. Click, Sr., residing on Route 3, out of Merkel, The Mail is printing the following announcement of the gathering of the descendants of the Click Clan at Cooleemee, N. C., the letter announcing the coming event having been dated August 21:

"Hundreds of descendants of General Vonn Gluck of Revolutionary War fame will gather at old Jerusalem Baptist church near here Sunday, August 24, for the annual reunion of the Click clan. General Vonn Gluck, the father of the Click clan, immigrated to America from Germany about 1750 and settled in Davis county, N. C., near the present site of Jerusalem Baptist church. He took an active and prominent part in the war with England, serving as a general in the Continental army under General Washington. Later, wishing to Americanize his name, he changed it from Gluck to Click. He was in a large way responsible for building up the Jerusalem community and the establishment of a church.

"There are more than 1,000 of his descendants scattered from the Gulf to Canada and from the Atlantic to the Pacific. With J. F. Click, of Elkin, the clan president presiding over the reunion, there will be an all-day affair with dinner on the grounds. Among the speakers will be Miss Kate Langston of Jerusalem, E. C. Tatum of Winston-Salem, who are descendants of General Vonn Gluck, and J. Allen Dunn of Salisbury, who will deliver the afternoon address. Special music will be furnished by two quartettes, a duet from Stallings Memorial Baptist church of Salisbury and the Cade sisters of Jerusalem."

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Army to Use New Automatic Rifle

Washington, Nov. 13.—A newly designed automatic rifle which army ordnance experts believe will fill the long-felt want for such a weapon will be ready for test at an early date.

This was revealed in the annual report of Maj. Gen. Samuel Hof, chief of ordnance of the army.

Recently Hof, in an address before a body of ordnance manufacturers, pointed out that thus far no nation has adopted a light automatic rifle satisfactory in every respect for the use of infantry.

The weapon soon to be tested is the result of great research. It will be of the .30 calibre type and sufficiently light to be carried by foot-soldiers. The possibility exists that if the gun is found thoroughly satisfactory it may lead to a redistribution of infantry forces into smaller units, which, however, would have the same firing capacity as the present unit of 250 men equipped with rifles whose magazines hold only five bullets.

Hof's report also revealed that during the last year a semi-automatic 37 mm. gun has been completed and successfully tested.

Still another development of the

last year in the ordnance field is a medium tank weighing 15 tons, equipped with two heavy guns and two machine guns, and having a speed of 15 miles per hour. It will be ready for tests soon.

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

Seventeen years before Napoleon died, Beethoven composed a funeral march for him.

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.

Trial Without Lawyers Proposed to Lawmakers

Austin, Nov. 13.—Court trials without lawyers in cases involving less than \$50 were proposed to the state judicial council which met here to prepare recommendations to the next state legislature.

Rollin Bradley of Houston outlined this "small claims court" to the council. Justices of the peace will be the magistrates. Either party may demand and have a jury. The parties will present their cases in person. From the decision the plaintiff will not be allowed to appeal. He waives that by having presented his case to the court. The defendant, having been haled into the court whether or not he desires, may appeal.

Massachusetts, Ohio and California have such courts and like them, Bradley said.

District Judge P. A. Martin of Wichita Falls was to give the council a final report on his survey of the status of civil litigation in the state. A partial report, showing much congestion, was presented at a meeting of the council in Fort Worth.

The council planned also to shape up several bills for simplified civil procedure and submit them to the

legislature. The council is a body created by the last legislature.

FOR SALE.

Bred sow, bred gilt, also a few more choice pigs. See Angus Garvin at Warren Ranch.

William F. George, a cousin of David Lloyd George, British War Premier, is a machinist in Knoxville, Tenn.

Merkel Girl on Honor Roll at John Tarleton

Stephenville, November 13.—According to an announcement issued early this week by Charlie S. Wilkins, registrar of John Tarleton college, 50 students are on the honor roll for the first six weeks' preliminary grade report.

In order to make the honor roll, a

student must be taking full college course and make at least a B on each subject.

Among those making the honor roll for this period is Miss Ethel Hamilton of Merkel.

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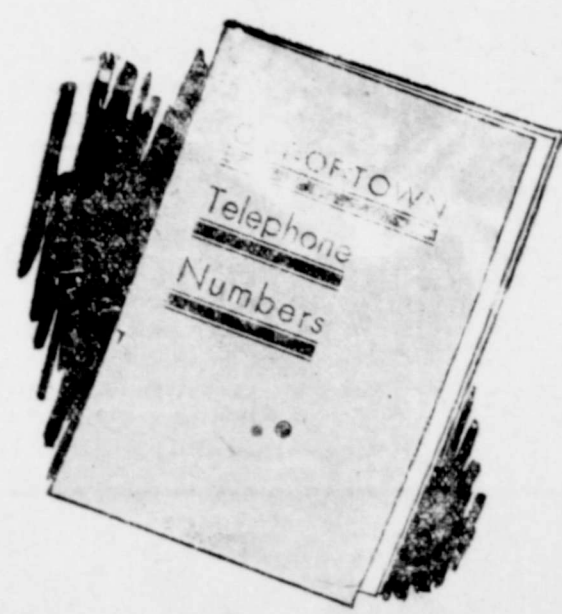
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DOROTHY DARNIT

By Charles McManus



POULTRY FACTS

POULTRY REQUIRE MINERALS IN FEED

Ohio Specialist Says They Serve Only One Function.

Minerals are as essential in the poultry ration as proteins, or carbohydrates, or any of the vitamins, but they will only serve the functions for which nature intended them and will not take the place of any of the other necessary parts of the ration. Dr. R. W. Bethke of the Ohio agricultural experiment station, told a farm and home week audience at Cornell university.

Doctor Bethke said that mineral feeding may be overdone, and that the poultrymen should use discretion and common sense in making up their poultry ration. He warned poultry men not to take stock in the claims of salesmen that minerals would take the place of such things as vitamins or meat scrap in their ration.

Although the different minerals showed different degrees of availability in the chemistry laboratory they did not show differences in the growth of the chicks. Doctor Bethke said, Egg shell formation seems to be best when the minerals are fed in the carbonate form, he stated.

Doctor Bethke seriously questioned whether there is any difference in the results produced from feeding so-called "organic" or "inorganic" minerals. He says that the question of whether they are "organic" or "inorganic" depends on the individual point of view.

Too little mineral matter in the ration results in leg weakness or rickets in the growing chick which cannot be overcome by cod liver oil or sunlight.

Meat scrap and milk contain large quantities of calcium and phosphorus so when these are included in the ration the supply of minerals from other sources need not be as great as when most of the ration is made up of grains. Doctor Bethke said that grain and protein supplements contain enough of the essential mineral elements, except calcium and phosphorus, so that they need not be provided for separately in the hen's ration.

Mites Lower Egg

Output During Summer

Get after the red mites in the henhouse now before they cause a drop in egg production. Before the poultry mites become too numerous is the time to treat the roosts and other parts of the house, advises Miss Cora Cooke, extension poultry specialist, University farm, St. Paul, Minn.

Hot weather is most favorable to the reproduction of the mites and they multiply very rapidly, soon causing a falling off in egg production, Miss Cooke says.

These mites are much more harmful than the lice which live on the body of the hen all the time. The mite is a small, spider-like creature which lives during the day in cracks and crevices about the perches and nests and comes out at night to feed on the blood of the fowls.

Geese Should Be Mated

in Fall if Possible

From one to four geese to one gander is the range in mating geese. Some ganders refuse to take more than one mate and will remain so mated for life; others will accept two or more if they have no other mates. Two ganders might or might not be enough for eight geese, depending on temperament of the individuals mated.

Geese should be mated in the fall if possible. Often they will refuse to take new mates for months after introduced. Rather than chance laying eggs for hatching and thus lose pure-bred birds at one stroke, do not care to hatch goslings in April or May, buying ganders in time might prove satisfactory. It depends on how the birds take new surroundings.

Caution in Green Corn

Feeding green corn to chickens may be profitable and the farmer will do well to proceed with caution in introducing green corn in the ration. Too much green corn may set up disorders, and diarrhea always a setback. This does not mean new corn should not be fed.

It is advisable to start in gradually increasing the amount fed as the hens appear to be free from digestive disorders.

Separate Cockerels

It is better to separate young cockerels from the pullets when 8 to 10 weeks old. It will give the pullets better development, and the cockerels will be better for market, and labor if the chicks are separated after five weeks old, and mash hoppers out to induce a maximum of production. It keeps the chicks out of the house which will promote better health essential to the

DAIRY FACTS

CHOICE OF DAIRY SIRE IMPORTANT

Greater Need for Using Bull of Tried Ability.

Selection of the dairy-herd sire is perhaps the most important factor to be considered in the development of a high-producing, economical dairy herd, says C. A. Smith, extension dairyman at the Colorado Agricultural college.

Cow testing association records so far tabulated throughout the United States show, he says, that about one-third of the pure-bred sires are lowering the production of their daughters in comparison with the production of the dams of those daughters; about one-third are raising the production slightly; but the great increases are coming from only the remaining third of the sires in use.

The higher the production of the herd, the more difficult it is to raise production through the sire, and the greater the need for using a bull of proved ability, it is pointed out.

"Economic production of milk is an important factor in profitable dairying," Mr. Smith emphasizes, "and cow testing association records are showing the way to such economical production. Continued practice of close selection, coupled with better feeding and management, will raise the average production of our dairy cows with a corresponding increase in the economy of that production. But still greater improvement may be made by paying close attention to the quality of the herd sire."

Cow Forced to Depend Upon Pasture for Feed

Spring and summer are the seasons when many farmers "put their cows in the milk pail." They do this by trying to keep cows on either too green or too ripe pasture. Green grass carries better than 85 per cent water and a cow cannot consume enough of it to provide the substances necessary for milk production. For the average cow, it would be necessary for her to consume 100 pounds of grass daily. On the ordinary farm pastures, it would require approximately four acres to supply her with that much. It is impossible for her to utilize this bulk.

When the cow is forced to depend entirely upon pasture for getting the nutrients necessary for milk making, she is compelled to use her reserve to make up the deficiency of the various milk-producing substances. This practice results in a loss of flesh, which will eventually decrease the lactation period and lower milk flow.

Cost to Feed Milk Cow on Dry Concentrates

According to Prof. Henry Morrison of the University of Wisconsin, it costs around 22 to 24 cents a day to feed a milk cow on dry concentrates. Today's cost is higher. Let's see what it costs to feed her on grass. Taking an average of \$175 an acre for your grass land, \$25 a year an acre would give good returns including the cost of proper fertilization. On the basis of 200 days of seven months' grazing a year, and only one cow to the acre (just half of what Europe does), it will cost only 12½ cents a day to keep the cow. Even if you use some concentrates it will not cost over 15 cents a day, or a difference in cost of butterfat of at least 5 cents a pound, as a good cow should produce at least a pound of butterfat a day.

Dairy Notes

For young calves, hay free from mold is desirable.

Good pasture grasses simply will not grow without plenty of plant food; therefore, fertilize the pasture lands.

A good dairy cow probably consumes more water than any other domestic animal. The more feed consumed, the more water the cow requires.

The richness of a cow's milk is a matter of inheritance and not of feed. Certain factors do influence the test, such as breed, stage of lactation.

A study recently completed showed there was very little relationship between the records made by a bull's daughters and that of his own dam while there was a very close relationship between the records made by his daughters and those made by his sisters.

Records show that fall freshening cows will produce 15 per cent or more fat than where spring freshening is the rule.

A temporary surplus of dairy products caused by low buying power on the part of the consumer makes necessary a dairy program that includes more rigid culling of the dairy herds, feeding in proportion to production, reduction or saving of labor on the care of the dairy herd, and weaning of all calves except those from the best cows.

\$1,000,000 Hilton Opens at El Paso

El Paso, Texas, Nov. 13.—With the formal opening Thursday and Friday now a matter of history, El Paso's newest hotel, the \$1,000,000 Hilton, is now open for business in earnest and getting its full share of patronage.

Hundreds of El Paso citizens waited outside for the doors to be thrown open and were escorted through the building by local employes. Festivities began with a stag banquet Thursday night, with 250 plates laid and with C. N. Hilton, president of the Hilton Hotel chain, as guest.

The hotel is seventeen stories in height, being the tallest in the city. There are 350 rooms. Furniture to equip the hotel cost more than \$100,000. El Paso's first roof bungalows, atop the edifice, form an unique feature.

A modified Indian motif has been followed in interior decorations, with touches of the Aztec, Pueblo and Navajo. There is no thirteenth floor—and no room thirteenth.

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Coney Island Bathers Leave \$35,000 Litter

New York, Nov. 13.—Coney island, where the masses of New York bathe and frolic, is closed, but the customers left a few souvenirs behind in the form of statistics.

More than 700,000 undamaged milk bottles, valued at \$35,000, were left on the beach during the season, according to Mrs. Helen Steers, chairman of the anti-litter commission of Coney island. The milk distributing companies gather the bottles at night.

There were also hundreds of thousands of broken bottles left on the beach, which resulted in more than 9,000 cuts daily to the bathers.

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Trent News and Personal Notes

Mr. Nemire of Roscoe was looking after business interests here Wednesday.

Prof. Ross B. Jenkins and wife have as their guests this week his sisters, the Misses Jenkins, from De Leon.

C. S. Robinson of Midland was attending to business and greeting old friends here Thursday.

Mrs. Clarence Duncan spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. Murray Rogers, of Colorado.

Mrs. Charles Bowers, Miss Mary Jo Bowers and Mrs. Billings were guests of Mrs. J. E. Bowers last Monday.

Rev. Mr. Riddle of Winters passed through Monday on his way to attend the Baptist convention at Amarillo. He was pastor of the Baptist church here six or seven years ago.

C. T. Beckham is attending the convention at Amarillo this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Hosea Winn are announcing the arrival of a fine baby girl on the 5th, named Martha Ann.

Rev. and Mrs. Ledger, former Methodist pastor here and now residing at Moran, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Mangum and other friends recently.

Rev. Garley Williams, wife and children of Cross Plains were guests in the M. G. Scott home last Monday.

Mrs. E. Massey and children came over from Hamlin last week-end to visit with her mother, Mrs. J. L. Leamon, and Mr. Massey came over for Sunday.

Miss Lena Bright entertained the Home Economics class last Friday evening with a party at her home. After interesting games and contests, refreshments of sandwiches, hot chocolate and cake were served to about 30 High school pupils.

Mrs. Gordon Howell entertained the T. E. L. class Thursday at her home. Those present were Mesdames Beckham, Winn, Williamson, McLeod and Roberts.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for their kindness and assistance during the illness of our daughter; especially do we thank Dr. Gardner for his faithful and untiring services, which succeeded in starting her on the road to recovery.

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Zion Chapel News

Mr. Warren, Ashby of San Antonio is visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Guy of Stith visited Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Melton Saturday night.

Mrs. Harvey Warren and children of Knox City were Sunday guests of her sister, Mrs. Ola Spurgin. Mrs. Spurgin accompanied them home for a few days' visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Childress and children of Lamesa spent the week-end here with relatives.

Messrs. Howard and George Smith and Roman Palmer left Monday for Lamesa.

Miss Carrie Whiteaker of Abilene is visiting her sister, Mrs. T. K. Marshall.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Bonds visited relatives here Sunday.

Mr. Oscar Johnson of Barstow is visiting his parents here.

Mr. W. F. Hall and family have returned from Barstow where they have been working.

Mr. C. S. Childers and son, Charles Orie, returned Friday from Levelland where they have been pulling cotton. Quite a few of the folks who left this fall have returned home.

Miss Flora Adkins and brother, Raymond, have returned to attend school.

Mr. Russell Breeden and family, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Rice and children and Mr. Bill Daniels and wife, also Rose Merritt are all back home.

Mrs. George Cook, accompanied by

her sister, Mrs. Cecil Harris, visited in Wichita Falls last week.

Miss Lottie McCoy from Warren spent Saturday night and Sunday with Miss Lavern Bond.

Mr. George Stout left Sunday for Albany where he has accepted a position with Mr. H. Sammens.

Miss Maud Cook, who is attending Sylvester High school, spent the week-end at home.

Jeff Chancey and Etyl Spurgin, in company with Willie Chancey, are out at Sudan, pulling cotton. They contemplate a trip to California before returning home.

Two sons, their wives and children were Monday guests of Mrs. R. R. Spurgin.

J. E. Touchstone and sister, Ruby, will attend school at Noodle this term.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Garrison and two children of Breckenridge visited the latter's sister, Mrs. Ed Spurgin Sunday.

Our school is progressing nicely with Mr. Blankenship, principal, and Miss Gerturde Harris and Mrs. M. K. Milner, assistants.

Ladies, enter the Quilt Contest now at Brown's Bargain Store.

CARD OF THANKS.

I wish to take this method of thanking the Rebekahs and Eastern Stars, members of my Sunday School class and all my friends for the many useful gifts they showered upon me as a farewell before leaving Merkel.

Mrs. A. M. Dougherty.

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- TOMATOES, No. 2, hand packed, 3 cans 27c
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- PACON, salt pork, best grade, 1 lb. 22c
- COFFEE, Peaberry Blend, 1 lb. pkg. 20c
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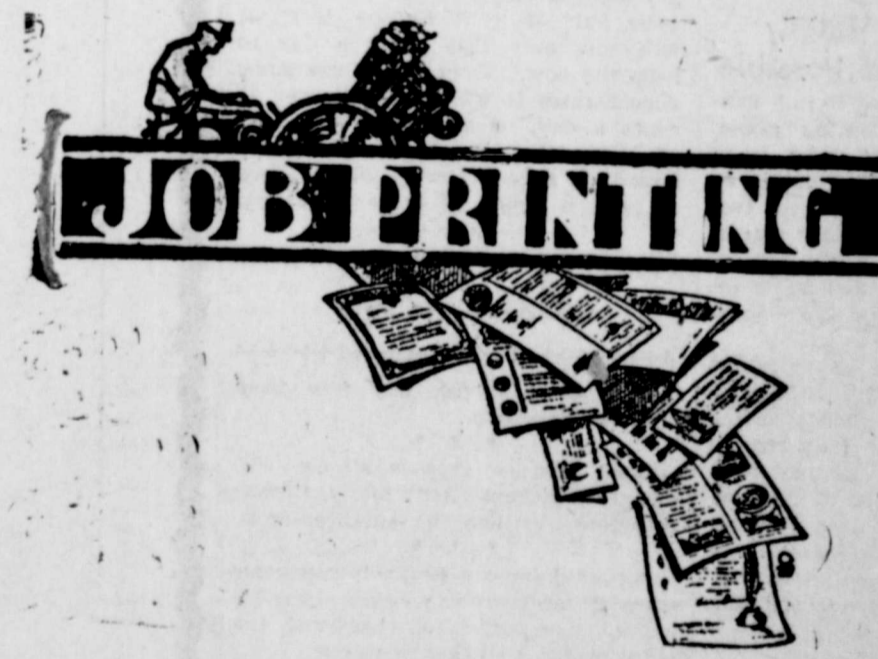
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McMURRY HEAD ALSO TAKES UP DEAN'S DUTIES

President Hunt Returned to McMurry by Board Members in Sweetwater Session; Charge to be Effective November 25.

Sweetwater, Nov. 13.—Dr. J. W. Hunt not only was returned to the presidency but also was named dean of McMurry college at the regular session of board members here Monday afternoon. Resignation of Boyd M. McKeown as dean was accepted.

The change will become effective November 25, or as soon as the affairs of the office of dean can be transferred to Dr. Hunt, Dean McKeown said.

Bishop Hiram A. Boaz, who is presiding at the 21st annual assembly of the Northwest Texas Methodist conference which opened here at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning attended the board meeting and pledged his support to the institution.

"After we get through this present crisis, I will do all I can to put the school on its feet and will put as much as 30 days in the field working with the president in raising funds," the bishop said.

"I am glad that I am being returned to the school," Dr. Hunt said. "The attitude taken by the board in the meeting today is heartening."

The board members attending raised \$4,000 to apply on the indebtedness of the school. Other finance plans were discussed and the members will meet at least one other time during the conference.

The assembly will be requested to devote one night program to McMurry. The financial report of McMurry showed \$116,000 in endowment raised, \$499,000 in property and of this amount \$419,000 is without debt. In seven years the college has operated with an average annual deficit of only \$10,000.

Board members attending were W. J. Fisher, president; J. W. Conch, secretary; H. O. Wooten, Henry James, R. L. Green, Dr. Hunt, S. M. Jay, A. V. Smith, L. S. Munger, Charles Bass, J. R. Spann, J. H. Hamblen, J. E. Harrell, all of Abilene; Dr. L. Q. Dudgeon, Walter Booth, Rev. O. P. Clark, Sweetwater; Rev. W. R. McPherson, Alpine; Dr. J. W. Young, Roscoe; D. P. Yoder, Snyder; T. W. Stoneroad, Colorado.

Radio Program.

On Friday evening from 8 to 8:30 a program, arranged by Mrs. T. T. Earhman, of Spanish numbers including "A Spanish Cavalier," "Conchita," "Zacatecas," "Hermosillo" and others will be broadcast over KFYO.

Badger Weekly Will Appear In Mail Next Issue

The Mail is pleased to announce that, beginning with next week's issue, the Badger Weekly, a complete budget of school news, will be resumed.

This has been for several years one of the especially interesting features in The Mail and we regret that circumstances have been such as to delay the initiation of this feature for the session of 1930-1931.

The chroniclings of all the happenings and activities of school life, literary, social and athletic, will be furnished by a staff of editors from the Senior class, with Miss Audrey Ferris as editor-in-chief.

BADGERS LOSE TO PLOWBOYS 19-0

On the local gridiron this Friday at 3:30 the Badgers will seek revenge from Putnam High for the 13-0 defeat handed them earlier in the season. Merkel fans and rooters are urged to come out in numbers and help the Badgers win this game. Only a few contests have been scheduled for the local field and the entire town has proved loyal on each of these occasions. This is another time. Come out, folks, and back the Badgers and Pep Squad.

Last Friday afternoon Irvin's Badgers, outweighed in every tilt this season, held the Roscoe Plowboys to a 19-0 score on the latter's gridiron, although the local boys had been deped to lose by 50 points.

Roscoe kicked to Merkel and when Captain Darsey fumbled on the first play the Plowboys recovered the ball on their 22-yard line. Mike Hicks took the ball around his right end for Roscoe's first touchdown and then skirted around the same end to add the extra point.

In the second quarter Wilson kicked for Merkel for their own 22-yard stripe to Roscoe's 40-yard line, Hicks making a nice catch and scampering through for the second touchdown. The try for point failed.

The Plowboys scored again in the third quarter when Mike Hicks skirted his own right end for the third touchdown.

The Badgers fought a good, hard game throughout, but were unable to hold the much heavier Plowboys. Hon-

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JONES COUNTY WELL SEEN AS BIG PRODUCER

On Six-Hour Test Pope & Anderson's No. 1 Swann Proves Good for 800 to 900 Barrels Daily; Will Erect Storage.

A six-hour swab test showing the well to be good for 800 to 900 barrels daily production, owners of the Pope & Anderson, No. 1 W. D. Swann in the Noodle Creek-Tiner area, southwestern Jones county, are preparing to clean out the hole and erect a 5,000-barrel storage tank before making a 24-hour test, it was announced Wednesday.

The swab was run six hours Tuesday, and production was 205 barrels of 40.9 gravity oil, with no lowering of crude in the hole or diminution of gas pressure.

Pope and Anderson are dicker with Humble to run its three-inch pick-up line to the well, a distance of one and one-half miles, and that will take ten days. The crude is selling at \$1.07 a barrel in the field, and will draw 95 to 97 cents if Humble hooks on, making it a highly profitable operation.

The owners really have two wells in one hole, the first time the Noodle Creek area has "paid off" at both top and bottom of the line. They struck first pay at 2503 feet, reducing the hole to six inches and setting pipe, then drilling eight feet to 2518 feet where they found pay rated at 65 or 70 barrels. They then went down to 2535 feet and topped second pay. Present depth is 2542 feet.

The well was brought in on a lease of 163 acres, and Pope and Anderson have an 80-acre offset. Surrounding acreage is well blanketed by major companies, with Midwest on the east, Humble on the north, Tidal northwest, Panhandle west, McMillan Petroleum Products south, Gulf southeast, and Republic southwest. With many leases expiring soon, an intensive drilling campaign is in prospect.

McKeown Accepts Post With Education Board Of Methodist Church

Abilene, Nov. 13.—Boyd M. McKeown, who recently tendered his resignation as dean of McMurry college, Wednesday accepted an appointment as assistant to Dr. W. M. Alexander, general secretary of the board of education of the Southern Methodist church, headquarters of which are in Nashville, Tennessee.

Mr. McKeown, in Eastland to attend the Central Texas Methodist conference, notified Mrs. McKeown of his decision to accept the position, which he has had under consideration for more than a month. With their six-year-old son, Boyd M., Jr., Mr. and Mrs. McKeown expect to leave Abilene for Nashville about December 1.

Tuesday Next Date Lions Club Luncheon

Next Tuesday is the regular date for the twice-a-month luncheon of the local Lions club. At this time Charles H. Jones is to be toastmaster, assisted by Rev. R. A. Walker. Tail Twister Slat's Bourn is busy arranging a stunt or two to be sprung at the proper time and a generally good time is promised.

It will be remembered that at the last luncheon, on November 4, the Anson Lions furnished the program as a return for a similar program furnished by the Merkel Lions in Anson in September.

More Rain Falls.

While most of the farmers want clear, sunny weather for cutting feedstuff, a slow, drizzling rain which fell most of Monday night and Tuesday morning was beneficial to grain that had just been planted. The rainfall during that time amounted to one-half an inch, according to B. M. Black, volunteer weather observer.

Attends Grandmother's Funeral.

C. E. Shouse, accompanied by his mother, Mrs. W. E. Shouse, of Trent went to De Leon Sunday to attend the funeral of his grandmother, Mrs. Margaret Moore, age 86, who died there Sunday morning. Mrs. Moore had lived at De Leon 57 years and was one of the most high respected and loved women of Comanche county.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Mrs. J. A. Amandary, 80, Houston, died from injuries received when she fell at her home and fractured a leg.

Directors of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce have set the budget for this year at \$60,000, as compared with \$100,000 in former years.

The Anson State bank was merged Monday with the First National bank, announcement having been made in a joint statement of officers of both institutions.

Attorney General R. L. Bobbitt has announced the appointment of Elice Tilley of Corsicana as first assistant attorney general to succeed Jack Black, resigned.

Mrs. Will Gilbert, 39, living near Yarellton, Milam county, was fatally burned by an explosion which occurred after she had poured kerosene upon wood in a cook stove.

The Breckenridge American, only newspaper in Stephens county, has moved into its new building, which is considered one of the most up-to-date newspaper plants in West Texas.

Dr. L. R. Scarbrough of Fort Worth was re-elected president of the Baptist general convention of Texas for his second term at the 45th annual session met at Amarillo Wednesday.

Tom and Vic Driscoll, twin Rice Institute backs, who were injured in Saturday's game against T. C. U., will not be able to play in the Rice-A. & M. tilt at College Station next Saturday.

Dr. Holman Taylor of Fort Worth and Mrs. Florence Moore of Cleburne have been appointed by Governor Moody as members of the state board of prison directors to fill existing vacancies.

For the slaying of Joe Barrientes and his two sons in Medina county Christmas Day, 1928, Luz G. Arcos went to the electric chair at 12:06 Friday morning at the Huntsville penitentiary.

Determined to bring further glory to the Southwest conference, thirty members of the S. M. U. squad left Dallas Wednesday for Baltimore where they will engage the Navy eleven Saturday.

Three hundred and forty new oil wells were brought in during October in Texas, according to a report of the oil and gas division of the state railroad commission, with Gray county leading with 37.

The plant of the Lockhart Culling Machine company, whose products are used in all parts of the cotton world to clean planting seed, was destroyed by fire early Saturday morning with loss of \$15,000. No insurance was carried.

Charged with robbery with fire-arms in the daylight holdup of B. W. Moore, union terminal cashier at Dallas from whom nearly \$17,000 was taken several weeks ago, Earl Adams, alias Earl Ford, was arrested in Fort Worth several days ago.

Correcting an error made twenty years ago, when somebody forgot to dot the "i" in Coolidge, an order has been issued by the post-office department, designating the town in Limestone county heretofore known as Coolidge to be properly known as Coolidge.

When his glove caught in the cogs of a large power hay press, while he was oiling it, Floyd Stanback, a young farmer living on the Dallas county line south of Lancaster, was dragged into the machinery and his right arm badly mangled, while his left arm was broken in several places.

Five-Day Week Plan.

Fort Worth, Nov. 13.—The municipal government has instituted the five-day week as a remedial measure for unemployment. Two departments are now operating on this basis and all others were expected to follow suit. The city management estimated the scheme has provided work for 50 men.

New York 29 Per Cent Jewish.

New York, Nov. 13.—Jews form 29.56 per cent of New York city's population and 34.13 per cent of the membership of labor unions in the city, it is reported in a survey read before the annual meeting of the American Jewish committee.

An Open Letter to Our Correspondents; Work Appreciated

Now that all of the county schools in this section have opened, The Mail wishes to request community correspondents to be more regular in furnishing their weekly news letters. When the schools are not in session, news is hard to get but, now that all school activities have been resumed, each correspondent is requested to let our readers hear from them each week.

The editor of The Mail also wishes to ask each of the correspondents to call at our office when you are in town so that details of the work may be gone into generally.

The Mail has a capable and loyal corps of community correspondents and we merely wish to add to their efficiency by this method of systematizing the work.

BOY, 10, VICTIM OF GUN ACCIDENT

Aubrey Lee Dotson, 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Dotson, residing near Hawley, died early Wednesday morning of wounds received from the accidental discharge of a shotgun while the children of the family were frolicking in the living room of the home early Tuesday night.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at the Midway tabernacle and burial was in the Midway cemetery.

There were ten children in the Dotson family, several of them quite young, and they were having their usual bedtime hour of play when the tragedy occurred. The gun, which had been loaded several days before by an older boy to watch for hawks and which he had overlooked unloading, was said to have been in the hands of an eight-year-old child when it discharged.

The boy's arm and breast were badly torn by the shot and he was rushed to the West Texas Baptist sanitarium at Abilene. Amputation of his arm and other efforts to save his life were unavailing. He died at 1 o'clock Wednesday morning. Besides the bereaved parents, three brothers and six sisters survive. The brothers are Horace, Chancel and Walter and the sisters, Glennie, Neva, Esther, Mary Elizabeth, Betty Jo and Mrs. Gladys Rhea. Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Mathis, who live near Hawley, and Mrs. V. Dotson, of near Cedar Gap, are grandparents of the little boy, who met such a tragic death.

KANSAS EDITOR PREDICTS UPWARD TREND BY SPRING

Reactions Now Taking Place Termed as of Permanently Constructive Nature; Farm Situation Also Discussed.

Atlanta, Nov. 13.—A prediction that by next spring the "general business curve" will be headed sharply and definitely upward was made to the southern convention of the National Fertilizer association here Tuesday by F. B. Nichols, managing editor of the Capper Farm press, Topeka, Kans.

Mr. Nichols said that since mid-summer of 1929 the country had experienced the conditions generally accompanying business depression, but added that "fortunately other reactions also are taking place, which, however painful they may be, can be rated as of a permanently constructive nature."

As for agriculture, he said that "a vast increase in the use of fertilizers, plus a considerable withdrawal of marginal land back to forests, would result in larger profits" to farmers. "Such a project," he said, "would be directly in line with the moves of the industrial world in scrapping high cost plants while at the same time it builds more efficient ones."

Mr. Nichols expressed the belief that "a year from now one of the favorite subjects of conversation will be the neglected opportunities in stocks or trading that are now going begging."

Another suggestion for increased production per man and per acre was brought to the conference by L. W. Rowell, manager of the Swift Fertilizer company, Chicago, and president of the association.

Mr. Rowell said there was only one answer to the question of how the farmer can lower his costs. It is by producing more per acre and per man. "Be he the best farmer in the world, his crop production per acre is and always will be limited by the plant food in the soil available for the crop," he said.

Southwest Conference.

Last week's results:
T. C. U. 20, Rice 0.
Texas 14, Baylor 0.
S. M. U. 13, A. & M. 7.
Oklahoma A. & M. 26, Arkansas 0.

Oil Belt.

Last week's results:
Breckenridge 26, Abilene 20.
Eastland 9, San Angelo 6.
Cisco 3, Ranger 0.
Sweetwater 18, Big Spring 6.

THE TOWN DOCTOR

"DOCTOR OF TOWNS" SAYS

HERE IS A TIP FOR WISE BUYERS.

Serving in the capacity of physician, surgeon and diagnostician to sick cities, tired towns and calloused communities is not always such a joy-provoking occupation. Altogether too often it brings to light ways of doing things by seemingly intelligent people, that, to say the least, is not conducive to any idea or thought that the world is making progress—that is, if one is to allow such things to influence his personal views of the matter.

Take the matter of advertising as an example. Every town in which it has been my pleasure and duty to make a survey of retail stores I have found merchants (or had I better say "storekeepers") that say it does not pay to "run an ad" in their local newspaper.

One can hardly believe, in this day and age, when everybody with any common sense at all knows that you cannot expect to get anything unless you ask for it, that it would be possible to find such people in business—or, again correcting myself, I had better say "running a store." Now there will be many who read this that say "Sure, a fellow who writes for newspapers would say that."

Well, you have a right to think whatever you wish, but here's the way I look at it: If a store, or a seller of any product or service does not give me an invitation to come to his store or office to spend my money, I take it for granted that he doesn't want my trade; if he doesn't give a reason why I should buy from him what he has to sell, and give me that reason publicly, I'm afraid to buy from him.

And another thing: to me, a store or business that does not advertise (which is doing just that as above mentioned) is either old-fashioned or in a rut, and I do not like to associate with places, people or things that are either.

I want to be alive, wide awake, and enjoy life and associate with those who live and do things, rather than with those who just exist and are satisfied with things as they are.

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MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, November 18, 1910.)

Good Roads Bonds issue defeated by two-to-one majority vote; also Democrats lose the house to the Democrats; their majority will be reduced; Prohibition was defeated in Missouri; Hooper seems victorious in Tennessee.

Columbia graphophones and disc records at the Elite.

Bring us your last year's suits and overcoats. We can make them look like new.

Grimes Bros.

Steve Keny returned this week from his excursion with a bunch of mules, having sold them successfully for himself and Ed Teaff.

P. Sharp suffered the loss of a fine horse Sunday.

P. C. Hunt is in Austin this week on business for the First National of our city.

Lester Ellis, who moved way down to Baird, spent the Sabbath in little city.

E. M. Rust has charge at the Jewelry company for the holiday and invites her friends to for the Christmas shopping.

B. Steele and children of are in Merkel visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. P.

Mrs. W. R. Bigham left Monday night for El Paso in response to a telegram that Mr. Bigham had happened to a serious accident, a broken collar bone and other bruises. Their many friends wish to hear a favorable report.

Chief B. C. Gaither attended the annual meeting and banquet of the Abilene Fire department last week and reports a hilariously good time.

The Mail loses, with regret, the services of Mrs. W. T. Berry who with her family will join her husband in California soon, but is congratulating itself upon securing the services of Mrs. W. H. Dickson who will have charge of the society page in the future.

On Thursday afternoon a party of young people went to Abilene in an automobile. You might ask them to explain why, leaving in an auto, they came back on the train. Apply at Grimes Tailor shop for information.

Again the lovers of the dance assembled at the opera house on Saturday evening and report a delightful time with music furnished by Larkin Rogers. Those participating were Mesdames Hamm, Bigham, Brown, Misses Rogers, Collins, Shepard, Berry, Daniels, Messrs. Williams Berry, Dee Grimes, Dr. Davis, Lester Magness and Lanier Brown.