

**Reports Improved
Crop, Ranching and
Business Conditions**

Ablene, April 30.—Prospects for improved crop, ranching and business conditions during 1931 continue promising according to the regular monthly Business Conditions Survey conducted by the West Texas Utilities company. The survey includes reports from the nine operating districts of the company, and covers forty-nine West Texas counties.

Indications are that the 1931 wheat, small grain and feed crops will be far above average, and although but little cotton is planted as yet, the excellent condition of the top and subsoils gives promise of yields considerably above normal.

A consensus of opinions by the various sections served by the company places the wheat and feed crop yields at from twenty-five to thirty per cent above normal during 1931. In the Panhandle section, wheat is the main crop, while the abundant feed will be beneficial to all sections of the territory.

The report points out that while trade and collections are still far below normal, a slight improvement has been noted throughout the properties—chiefly apparent in the trade territories of San Angelo, Quanah, McCamey and Dalhart. This improvement should become more rapid as confidence in 1931 crop conditions grows more widespread. Retail trade has picked up perceptibly during the past thirty days.

The survey concludes with the optimistic observation that with favorable weather conditions during the spring and summer, a good cotton, wheat and feed crop seems assured. Even though prices remain low, a large crop will give remunerative employment to thousands of men and put large amounts of money into circulation. Prospects for 1931, despite the shortage of ready money due to three consecutive years of crop failures, are more encouraging than at any time during the past two years.

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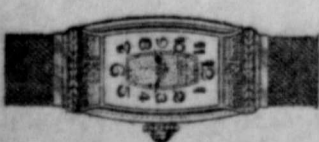
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This cafe has gained a name that has spread far and wide as a place where the local and traveling public can more than satisfy their demands in the matter of obtaining good food. The menu consists not only of the prime necessities of life, but many delicacies are offered that are inviting and tempting to the taste of the most fastidious. They serve only home cooking and are open day and night. The food is prepared in such a way that to the uninitiated the thought at once comes that "There never was such a good place in Abilene to eat." It is a pleasure to have such a modern place as this to refer the stranger as well as the local people.

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We take pleasure in mentioning Mr. Baldwin on the high order of this establishment and refer it to all our readers without hesitation.

Texas has a county—Winkler—which showed a population gain of 8,775.3 per cent between 1920 and 1930, respective totals being 81 and 6,784. In the preceding decade it showed a loss of 81.7 per cent.

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It takes the good old CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS to get these two pounds of bile flowing freely and make you feel "up and up." They contain wonderful, harmless, gentle vegetable extracts, amazing when it comes to making the bile flow freely.

But don't ask for liver pills. Ask for Carter's Little Liver Pills. Look for the name Carter's Little Liver Pills on the red label. Resist a substitute.

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THE WAY OF LIFE

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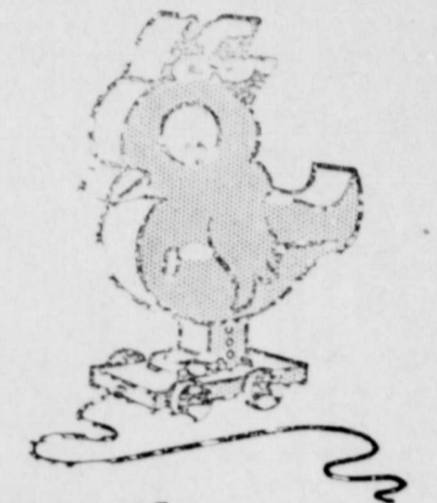
But it is possible for even the humblest of us to avoid the mistake of making important decisions when our minds are weary or worried.

Lots of times the best thing we can do is to say: "I shall now turn my back on this desk and leave the office, and I will not think about this thing again tonight."

"Tomorrow will be a new day and, if I am rested, a day full of much more courage and wisdom. So my decision will be sounder and braver than it can possibly be today."

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CHILDREN will fret, often for no apparent reason. But there's always Castoria! As harmless as the recipe on the wrapper; mild and bland as it tastes. But its gentle action soothes a youngster more surely than a more powerful medicine.

That's the beauty of this special children's remedy! It may be given the tiniest infant—as often as there is need. In cases of colic, diarrhea or similar disturbance, it is invaluable. A coated tongue calls for just a few drops to ward off constipation; so does any suggestion of bad breath. Whenever children don't eat well, don't rest well or have any little upset—this pure vegetable preparation is usually all that's needed.

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**APRIL
SHOWERS**

The showers of the past few days have been fine indeed—sufficient for planting—they have made the prospect of a small grain crop more promising too.

This additional moisture will bring forth all the nature life in springtime and will call for labor on the part of man, so that this new life may be controlled and yield sustenance.

The busy season, especially for the farmer, is just beginning.

If there is any financial service to be performed during your busy season, use the telephone or the mail, and let our officials perform the service for you. Remember, we are just as close to you as your telephone or your mail box—and we are anxious to serve you.

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Haven't you many times wished that you could leave your kitchen responsibilities and squander a happy afternoon doing just the things you really want to do? Surely you have, for in this progressive and enlightened day modern women have so many important demands upon their time.

Electric Cookery offers the perfect solution to this crying need for greater freedom, for with an electric range in your home you merely prepare your meal at any convenient time—place it in the oven—set the automatic time and temperature controls and forget the actual cooking. At just the proper moment the heat will be turned on—the regulator will maintain the correct temperature, and you'll return home to a perfectly cooked meal.

Electric Cookery is indispensable to the modern homemaker. Investigate its many advantages and superiorities today.

**West Texas Utilities
Company**

Rural Community Correspondence

TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Frank Allen was in town Monday attending to business matters. He was accompanied by Mrs. Allen.

Mr. John Atkins and daughter, Zada Lee, of Cross Plains were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Murdock and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Murdock.

Mrs. Joe Wash and children of Royston have returned home after a visit here with her husband's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. E. K. So Relle, Jr., and son, Billy Jean, of Tucson, Ariz., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Hamner the first of the week.

Prof. and Mrs. Jenkins have as their guests this week his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Jenkins.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Abbott are welcoming them back home after an absence of several weeks at Fort Stockton.

Those attending the M. E. conference from here were Brother Sherrill, Masdames Mangum, McRee, Winn, Cribley, Reaves, Johnson, Scott and Miss Imo Gene Mangum.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Stribling and daughters and Miss Vergie Strawn attended the revival being held by Rev. Billie White at Abilene Sunday evening.

Mr. C. T. Beckham went to Wichita Falls Monday to visit with relatives. His sister, Mrs. A. Tevathin, is expected to return with him the last of the week for an extended visit.

Mr. Jake Roberts received the sad news Friday that his father, who lives at Jacksonville, had died suddenly. Mr. and Mrs. Roberts left immediately to attend the funeral.

Sam Owens of Slaton stopped over Monday for a short visit with relatives, as he was returning home from San Angelo, where he had taken Mrs. Owens in the interest of her health.

Miss Florence Sherman has returned from a two weeks' visit with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Neill, and friends of Hamlin.

Mrs. E. J. Rawlings spent the first of the week in Merkel attending to business.

Messrs. E. D. and Milton Sherman attended to business in Albany Monday.

Mrs. B. C. Hamner honored Mrs. Carl Murdock on her birthday last Wednesday with a six o'clock dinner, after which bridge was enjoyed until a late hour.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Eighteen little friends and relatives gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. McLeod Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock to help them celebrate the eighth birthday of their eldest son, Gregory. Each little guest was received by Gregory's mother and after greetings were said, Miss Vivian Walker conducted them in a series of lawn games and contests.

They were then invited into the beautifully decorated dining room for refreshments, which included homemade animal cookies and hot chocolate with nut cup of candy for favors. Each was given a piece of the birthday cake in which was concealed the emblems of the future. Gifts were then presented and admired.

Those wishing Gregory many happy returns of the day were: Nelson and Mary Alice Sherrill, Luther Warren, Ashford, Buddie, Harold Winter, Mark Williamson, Billy Jo Bowers, Willadean and Dorothy Jo Strawn, Bobby Rawlings, Kenneth Burkhart, Ida V. Estep, Lady Fred Crane, Billy Dick Payne, Johnnie Roberts, N. L. McLeod, S. D. and Bobby Ruth McLeod, and the following elders: Mesdames Reaves, John Payne, Bud Winter and Miss Vivian Walker.

M. E. CHURCH NEWS.

We are delighted with the new and healthy growth of our Sunday School. We have a class for you and want you to become a regular member. We especially mention our Young People's class, with Mrs. Ross Young as teacher. You will find a splendid fellowship there.

Next Sunday, May 3, will be Sunday School day. A suitable program will be rendered. You are cordially invited to this special service. You will be well entertained and helped. The program will be given at the 11 a. m.

—Reporter.

1,482,672 Vet Loans.

Washington, April 30.—Loans to war veterans, under the legislation passed by the last congress, on April 18 totaled \$562,360,930 to 1,482,672 holders of compensation certificates. The veterans' bureau has an additional \$15,500 pending application.

DORA DOINGS

A real wet rain fell here Monday evening and Tuesday morning, which will promote planting in a large way.

John W. Newson of Fort Worth closed a two weeks' meeting at the Divide Sunday night.

The Baptist people of Nolan vote Sunday to move their church over to the Divide; there it will be near the center and serve more people.

Mrs. Rape and son Oscar visited her daughter and family in Bomarton Sunday.

Pete Tyrone made a business trip to Albany Monday.

J. B. McCoy visited his doctor Sunday and got a favorable report on improvement for the past ten days.

Shin Harris, Willis and Leonard Perry and Douglas Jones report fine luck fishing on the Concho last Thursday.

E. H. Ensminger and family were Merkel visitors Sunday.

V. T. Montgomery is not improving very fast and returned to the sanitarium Monday.

Our baseball team organized Saturday. Frank Magee is manager and Jack Quiett captain. We have with us some of Nubia's former team; so, if you feel lucky, come over and we will see about it.

White Church News

This part of the Canyon is enjoying a slow rain. The farmers will be very glad to see it.

Friends of Mrs. W. H. Brown will be glad to know she is still improving.

Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Coats have as their guests through the week-end their son, Arthur, and Mr. and Mrs. Spikes of Big Spring.

Mrs. Cliff Perry of Dora is visiting her mother, Mrs. H. West.

Mr. W. C. Neill of Nubia made a fine talk here Sunday, following Sunday School.

Etsel Hunter is sick at this time.

Messrs. Raymond and Clarence Demere transacted business in Bronte one day recently.

Several of our league members are planning on attending the district league meeting at Albany May 2 and 3.

Mrs. P. R. McLean returned to her home in Wichita Falls last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Frazier are sick at this time.

Leon Toombs and W. A. Harrison attended services at Nubia Sunday.

Clayton Coates celebrated his birthday Monday with a supper. Several of his playmates attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Cycle Phillips were called to Abilene one day recently to the bedside of Mr. Phillips' niece, who had become poisoned, but who is better at this time.

GOLAN NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Jeffrey were in Sweetwater Saturday on business.

Miss Pearl West visited relatives in Haskell, Saturday and Sunday.

Grandma Dean had several grandchildren visiting for a few days last week.

Edward Lawlis' new croquet set is drawing quite a few visitors.

Brother Biggs filled his fourth Sunday appointment here Sunday.

Sunday School teachers are practicing their class members in songs and readings for the Mothers' Day program Sunday afternoon, May 10.

Mrs. W. Thornton left early Tuesday morning for Ft. Worth. Mrs. E. Ford Brown accompanied Mrs. Thornton for a visit with her sister, Mrs. Pat Ford, of Weatherford.

W. M. West and family were Anson visitors Sunday evening.

Mr. G. W. Byron was among those on the sick list Sunday.

CASTLE PEAK NEWS

Mr. J. D. Sandusky attended court two days last week.

Robert Malone spent the week-end with his cousin, D. C. Johnson at Merkel.

Miss Modenia Whiteaker spent the week-end with home folks at Dora.

Brother Williams and wife of Blair were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Patterson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sandusky motored to Sweetwater Thursday morning.

Mr. A. D. Fulton has been down with rheumatism but is improving nicely now.

Mr. Raymond L. Stapleton spent Sunday as the guest of Alva Peterson in town.

Miss Genevieve Cox is still improving, also Miss Alma Cox and her father.

A large crowd was present to enjoy the play, "Poor Father," Friday night.

Miss Sarah Malone spent last week-end in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Sandusky spent the week-end at Capps with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Malone motored to Sweetwater Saturday.

Mr. G. W. Hughes motored to Abilene Saturday evening.

Little John Andrew Stapleton visited school Friday.

New Orleans Publisher Dies.

New Orleans, April 30.—Col. Robert Ewing, publisher of the New Orleans States and three other Louisiana newspapers and Democratic national committeeman from Louisiana, died here Monday night of heart disease. Colonel Ewing was publisher of the States, the Shreveport Times, the Monroe Morning World, and the Monroe News-Star.

Read Merkel Mail Want Ads.

R. & R. PALACE Sweetwater

Week of May 3
Sun., Mon.
Douglas Fairbanks
"Reaching for the Moon"
Tues., Wed.
Richard Barthelmess
"THE LASH"
Thurs., Fri.
Gary Cooper
"CITY STREETS"
Sat.
"STEPPING OUT"

TUESDAY
11:15 P. M.
SHOPPERS' MATINEE
25c

This coupon and one paid admission will admit two people
R. AND R. PALACE
Tuesday, May 5th
Good only after 5 p. m.

BLAIR ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. Elzie Mayberry and children of Abilene visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Moore, one day recently.

Miss Sybil Horton of Trent spent the past week in the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Doan.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Brown and family, accompanied by Mrs. Sam Phillips, attended the bedside of the latter's granddaughter in Abilene recently.

Mrs. Minnie Reeves returned home from Baird Thursday, accompanied by Mrs. John Ray.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyce Ballew of Abilene visited the latter's sister, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Mayfield, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Ogden of Nubia spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wid Mathews.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Latimer and son, Mrs. Duell McClain of Nubia, Miss Orpah Patterson and Mr. Troy Campbell of Merkel attended the services at the M. E. Church Sunday.

Little Bettie Jo Ballew of Abilene was the house guest of Little Peggie Marie Mayfield the past week.

Bill Sandusky and Mr. and Mrs. Marcina Doan motored to Rotan Monday.

Will Mathews, Emmett Morris, Pat Addison and Johnnie Latimer attended services at View Sunday evening.

The Blair adult 4-H club will meet in the home of Mrs. Hugh Campbell on May 6. Miss Caroline Chambers will demonstrate on cheese-making at that time.

John Latimer and Sam Phillips are attending court at Abilene this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Meeks and son, J. H., of Butman visited Mr. and Mrs. John Meeks Sunday.

If you have any visitors, Phone 29 or 61.

The Vegetable TONIC
HERBINE
CORRECTS CONSTIPATION
Sold By Merkel Drug Co.

Hodges Happenings.

There are quite a few on the sick list this week, mostly light cases of the "flu."

Mrs. Bud Moore's father has been real sick, but is reported to be on the road to recovery now.

Mrs. J. W. Woodard is also on the sick list.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Bruton Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Hilley Bruton, Midway, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Walker, Mr. and Mrs. John Woodard, and Mr. T. D. Bruton and son, Elphas, of East Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mashburn entertained the young folks with a party Saturday night.

Mrs. H. Armwine's brother and his wife from California have been visiting her for the last few days. Mrs. Armwine will accompany them to Tennessee for an extended visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Thomas and Winona of Merkel and Mrs. C. E. Thomas and Miss Hazel Thomas of Warren visited relatives here Sunday.

China produces between 50,000,000-60,000,000,000 pounds of rice a year.

The largest single country in the world is Brazil, with 3,220,000 square miles.

Blair School News

The pupils of the Blair schools have finished the sixth month of school with the following on the honor roll:

Primer—Nina Orsborn, 94; Madyln Brown, 94; Bonnie Fae Zimmerman, 90.

First grade—Mary Lou Hughes, 90; Lloyd Haire, 93; Frances Peterson, 91; Ima Gene Rosson, 92; Mildred Maddera, 91.

Second grade—Lena Fae Orsborn, 91; Evelyn Latimer, 94; Madalene Addison, 94; Noma Lee Clinton, 94.

Third grade—Joy Doan, 94; Oriette Lee Maddera, 92; Norman Windham, 90.

Fourth grade—Louise Addison, 92.

Fifth grade—Marge Melton, 91; Lois Rosson, 91; Catherine Orsborn, 90.

Tenth grade—H. E. Addison.

School closes Monday, May 4, with graduation exercises for the seventh and tenth grades.

\$625,000 Road Work Planned.
Temple, Texas, April 30.—Work on sixty-two miles of concrete paving is expected to begin within a short time. A bond issue of \$625,000 for the construction of the paving already has been sold.

Advertise in the Merkel Mail.
Legal covers at Merkel Mail office.

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Our modern, sanitary hatchery methods help to produce stronger and healthier chicks.

If you have not visited our plant, we will be glad for you to do so.

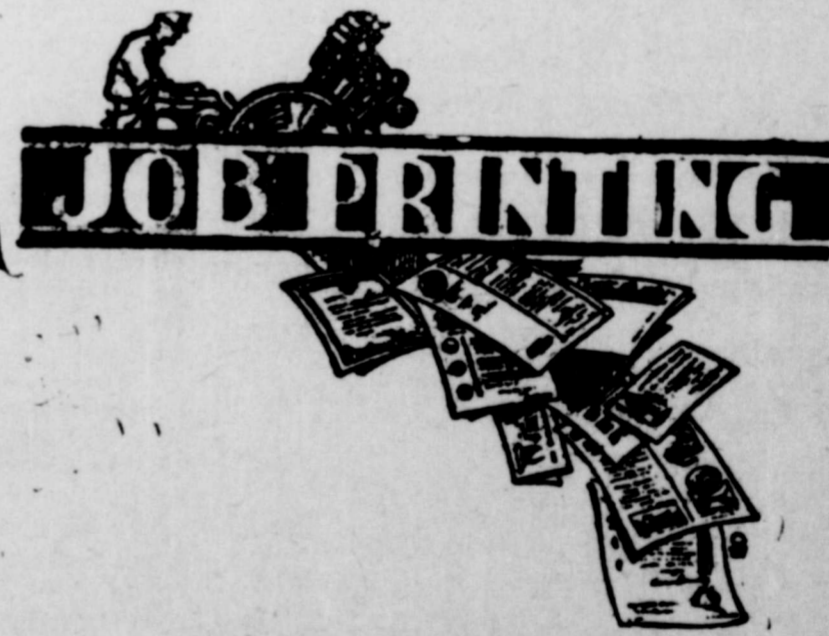
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PHONE 61

The Merkel Mail

Budded Peach Tree

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One tree, prepaid \$1.00
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ABILENE NURSERY

Abilene, Texas

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW BEFORE

"SORROW COMES"

"BEAUTIFUL" CEDAR HILL CEMETERY has an excellent location in ABILENE, TEXAS, and is the community's BEAUTIFUL and quiet burying ground. It constitutes one of the essential and important features of the complete civic and social organization of ABILENE and vicinity and indeed of the entire County. You can judge the progress of civilization in any community by the advancement that has been made in the care and respect for the abiding place for those who have passed on. In making these comments it is eminently fitting and proper that we direct attention of our readers to "BEAUTIFUL" CEDAR HILL CEMETERY. The establishment of a modern Cemetery in the vicinity of a large and growing city is an enterprise requiring not only a large outlay of money, but also a highly trained business organization. This Cemetery is a place of permanent enduring beauty and is made certain of perpetual care and maintenance through a special fund set aside for this purpose. Here every effort is made to soften the sorrow of the bereaved and where sympathy and understanding abound. "BEAUTIFUL" CEDAR HILL CEMETERY is receiving burials and lot reservations may now be made and it is in your best interest that we advise our readers to visit this "BEAUTIFUL" cemetery and see how division has been made so that they have available various sections and different sizes to fit every need, with capacity to care for the needs of this part of the State for many, many years. We would call the attention of residents of this community to the desirability of obtaining their family burial plot in advance "Before Sorrow Comes" as it always is a source of great satisfaction to those near and

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and drink
"THE BEST COFFEE MADE"
Hamburgers made the way you like 'em. Try one and be convinced that "WE KNOW HOW."
SHORT ORDERS
Good wholesome CHILI
SANDWICHES
GOOD PIE

dear, to know in time of sorrow, that they have been spared the necessity of arranging such details. Particularly when prices on these lots are astoundingly low and terms can be made to suit YOU.

Texas Siamese Twins Win Their Freedom

Fort Worth, April 30.—Daisy and Violet Hilton, born in London but known throughout the world as "The Texas Siamese Twins," were happier Saturday to be "free from bondage" than they were to have won \$99,000 in a lawsuit. "It is so wonderful to be free to go where we please, have our own friends and appear in public as humans rather than as freaks," declared the twins, after they won a \$99,000 verdict from Myer Myers, their manager and guardian the first 23 years of their lives. The auburn haired twins have charged that Myers and his wife refused to let them have friends or to ever appear in public except before paid crowds. They charged also that their guardians kept all their earnings and forced them to live every minute of their lives as "freaks" in tents and theatres.

CARD OF THANKS.
We take this method of thanking our many friends and neighbors for their kind and loving help and sympathy shown us during the illness and death of our dear brother and uncle, also for the beautiful floral offerings. May God's richest blessings be with all of you.
Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Pence and Family.
Use The Mail Want Ads.

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VULCANIZING
BATTERY REPAIRS
GAS AND OILS
BENTON COLLINS
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Doug Fairbanks' New Picture at Palace

Douglas Fairbanks has given the public something new and years ahead of the times in "Reaching For The Moon," his new picture for United Artists, directed by Edmund Goulding, who is called the most versatile man in Hollywood. The modern comedy-drama comes to the Palace theatre, Sweetwater, Sunday and Monday. Supported by a cast of noted stage and screen personalities, several of them stars in their own right, Fairbanks has put aside his spear and jerkin for a collar and fountain pen. He portrays a sensationally successful young stock broker who cuts a swath both in the financial and love markets. As the leading feminine interest in his life there is Bebe Daniels, a fit screen mate for the dynamic Doug, having beauty, courage, and a splendid sense of drama. Jack Mulhall, young star with the experience of a veteran, is prominently cast as the star's best friend and confidant. Edward Everett Horton, who has enjoyed starring honors on both stage and screen for years, has an outstanding comedy part as Fairbanks' valet. Others of the "million dollar cast" include June MacCloy, late of George White's "Scandals," and hailed by Director Edmund Goulding as notable among the new crop of young actresses. There is also Luana Walters whose unusual poise and beauty brought her this, her first screen part.

500 Fans Greet Babe On Return to Gotham

New York, April 30.—Five hundred baseball fans greeted Babe Ruth, the ailing Yankee slugger, on his arrival Sunday night from Boston. Five husky policemen, surrounded his wheel chair and held off the crowd as Ruth was trundled to his waiting automobile. Although the Babe said he "felt fine" except for his injured leg, he seemed to be in pain and his customary grin was missing. After posing for photographers and talking to reporters, he climbed carefully into his car and was driven home. Ruth left a Boston hospital Sunday morning. He will probably return to the Yankee line-up Sunday.

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3-Weeks Old McCulloch Lamb Weighs 33 Pounds

Brady, April 30.—A three-weeks old lamb weighing 33 pounds! That's a mark for the sheepmen of West Texas to shoot at.

J. H. Newlin of the Nine community, nine miles southwest of Brady, is the proud possessor of this prodigy. Its mother is a fine ewe purchased by Mr. Newlin in South Texas two years ago, and for which he paid \$65. At the time he received the animal, it was exhibited on the Brady plaza, and excited much favorable comment among stockmen of McCulloch county. The prize ewe did not lamb last year, much to the disappointment of Mr. Newlin, but he is more than pleased with this year's crop.

March Output of Cars Heaviest Since June

Chicago, April 30.—March output of passenger automobiles in the United States, numbering 230,837 totaled the heaviest since last June and showed the fourth successive monthly increase with a gain of 28 per cent over February, the report of the Federal Reserve bank at Chicago to be issued April 30, will say. The total was 30 per cent below last March, the report will add and 55 per cent under the same month of 1929, representing the lowest figure for any March since 1922.

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