

Increase in Farm Acreage Shown in County Past Decade

While the number of Taylor county farms, the acreage in farms and the value of lands and buildings increased during the 10-year period from 1920 to 1930, the acreage operated by owners fell off during the decade and that farmed by tenants increased.

A statement issued by the director of the census shows 2,233 farms in the county as of April 1, 1930, while there were 1,892 farms 10 years earlier. Acreage for 1930 was 529,851 as compared with 455,441 for 1920 and the value of lands and buildings for the two periods was \$21,883,425 and \$16,972,643, respectively.

According to the 1930 census, 917 farm owners operated 251,454 acres of land and 1,281 tenants tended 233,702 acres, while for 1920 there were 902 owners in charge of 255,177 acres and 982 tenants in 182,984 acres. The number of farm managers grew from eight to 35 in the county during the year and the acreage under employed management increased from 17,280 to 44,695.

Value of land and buildings for 1930 was \$21,883,425 and for 1920 was \$16,972,668, respectively and for buildings, \$3,338,597 and \$2,556,975.

Machinery and implements value for 1930 was \$1,008,337 as compared to \$932,002 ten years earlier and the average value of land and buildings per farm last year was \$9,800, while the 1920 average was \$8,971. The average value of land and buildings per acre also showed an increase, the 1920 figure being \$37.27 and the 1930 standing at \$41.30.

With exception of horses and hogs, which showed a decided falling off, livestock on Taylor county farms increased for the decade. The following figures are given for 1930 and 1920, respectively: horses, 5,807 and 6,517; mules, 5,270 and 3,373; cattle, 17,595

and 14,689; milk cows, 6,394 and 4,139; hogs, 2,061 and 5,334; chickens, 124,636 and 89,289.

The county in 1920 had 47 farms of 1,000 acres and over and in 1930 the number had grown to 51. Similarly the number of farms of 500 to 999 acres increased from 74 to 79 during the decade.

Other figures on size of farms follow: 250 to 499 acres, 270 and 269, respectively, for 1930 and 1920; 175 to 259 acres, 453 and 303; 100 to 174 acres, 834 and 710; 50 to 99 acres, 300 and 306; 20 to 49 acres, 125 and 102; 10 to 19 acres, 57 and 25; three to nine acres, 44 and 38; under three acres, 20 and 18.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to take this opportunity to express our thanks and appreciation to the Odd Fellows Lodge, friends and neighbors, who helped in the hoeing of our crops. This kindness will be of great assistance in making the crop. We also wish to thank Mr. Murray for furnishing the ice.

We should like also to express our appreciation to friends for the many kindnesses shown us during Hail's accident and stay at the sanitarium; these evidences of friendliness will always be remembered.

Mr. and Mrs. Wes Derstine.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank each and every one who was so very kind in our recent bereavement.

Mrs. Thornton and Lawrence.

Men—You can now buy a good Overall at a dollar. Brown's Bargain Store.

Office supplies—Mail office.

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LIQUID OR TABLETS

Relieves a Headache or Neuralgia in 30 minutes, checks a Cold the first day and checks Malaria in three days. 6 6 6 Salve for Baby's Cold.

Lone Star Copy Wins Two National Prizes

The advertising department of the Lone Star Gas company and affiliated companies has won two national prizes for advertising copy, according to announcement by the Public Utilities Advertising Association of America.

In competition with utility advertisers throughout the United States and Canada, an ad entitled "Now is the time to learn how one match can heat your home all winter" was awarded first place in the new division of the annual Better Copy Contest conducted by the association. This ad appeared over the name of the Lone Star Gas company in this newspaper last September. The copy was prepared by Tracy-Locke-Dawson, advertising agency of Dallas, the ad being written by George Nash of the agency staff.

The company also received third place in the institutional division for gas companies with an ad which appeared over the name of the Dallas Gas company. This copy was written by Miss Lois Upshaw of the Lone Star Gas advertising department.

Over 2,000 advertisements were submitted in the contest and only two other awards, out of a total of 36, were won by southern firms. This is the annual contest of the Utilities Advertising Association. Three years ago copy published by the Lone Star Gas company won third prize.

Sweetwater Secures Legion Convention

Llan, July 9.—Sweetwater was chosen for the next Seventeenth District American Legion convention at a meeting here Sunday. Earl Earp of Sweetwater, district executive committeeman, and B. Whiteaker of Austin, state adjutant, were in charge of the session.

Mrs. C. J. Austin of Austin, state secretary, and Mrs. Bailey Hardy of Breckenridge, district committeewoman, were the principal speakers at the auxiliary meeting. A barbecue dinner was given in honor of the visitors.

Ladies' Rayon Hose—25 cents per pair at Brown's Bargain. Limit Sale beginning this Saturday.

If you have any visitors. Phone 29 or 61.

Legal covers at Merkel Mail office.



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The Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Merkel

Close of Business June 30, 1931.

RESOURCES	
Loans, Time and Demand	\$249,957.32
Overdrafts	104.45
Real Estate on Hand	11,586.29
Furniture and Fixtures	6,250.00
Stock in Fed. Res. Bank	2,250.00
5% Redemption Fund	312.50
U. S. Bonds to Secure Circulation	6,250.00
U. S. Bonds (Owned)	\$23,500.00
Cash & Sight Exchg.	78,525.04
AVAILABLE CASH	102,025.04
Total	\$378,735.60

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus & Und. Profits	16,693.88
Circulation Account	6,250.00
Rediscounts	NONE
Bills Payable	NONE
Other Borrowed Money	NONE
DEPOSITS	305,791.72
Total	\$378,735.60

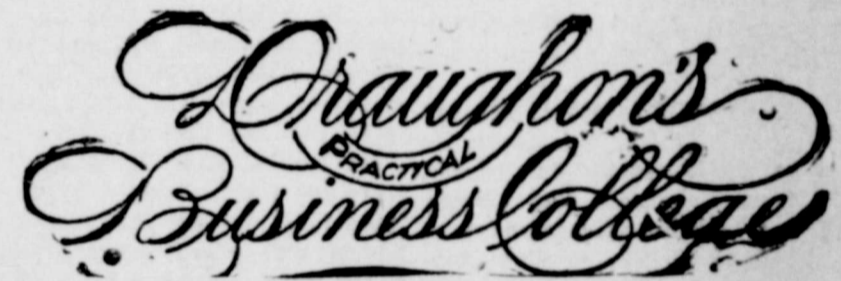
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is like a spare tire. YOU may travel for miles without calling it to your aid, but sooner or later it will fill a very pressing need.

We write all kinds of insurance, backed by companies whose prompt service and dependability are well known.

Better have us write Hail Insurance on this Grain Crop.

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Farm Loans and all kinds of Insurance
Consult Your Insurance Agent as you Would Your Doctor or Lawyer.

FOR FIRST AID...YES!

IN MOTOR OIL...NO!

PETROLEUM JELLY—a helpful part of every first-aid kit—a harmful part of motor oils. For unless petroleum jelly is removed from your motor oil by special treatment the oil will have a deceptive body—a body that promises perfect lubrication when cold, but turns water-thin in your engine after a dozen miles. Sinclair Opaline Motor Oil has a genuine full body. Sinclair expert refiners remove petroleum jelly from Opaline at as low as 60° F. below zero—a point much lower than is required for just the removal of wax. Opaline's body varies little in heat or cold; therefore can be

applied to your engine according to the Sinclair Law of Lubrication—a law based on the fact that the space which separates the pistons from their cylinder walls grows wider as the car grows older. For example, a car with 15,000 miles on its speedometer will lose compression and power unless it gets a heavier grade of oil than it got at 3,000 miles.

Sinclair Opaline is refined in several grades—one of which is designed to fit your engine in its present state of wear. We have a Sinclair Law of Lubrication Index which tells you the grade of Opaline you require.

SINCLAIR OPALINE

MOTOR OIL

REG. U. S. PAT. OFF.

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M. B. MOORE
PHONE 288 MERKEL, TEXAS

MERKEL MAIL WANT ADS FOR RESULTS

A Cheroot Nearly Wrecks El Brendel

El Brendel, stage and screen comedian, has never smoked, not even cigarettes, but he will be seen smoking a big black cigar in Raoul Walsh's "Women Of All Nations" when it opens Sunday at the Palace Theatre, Sweetwater.

The smoking part of it in the Raoul Walsh Fox production may appear perfectly natural from the screen and evidence Brendel as a veteran nicotine addict but that is far from so.

When Brendel reported for rehearsals for the further adventures of "Flag" and "Quirt" as portrayed by Victor McLaglen and Edmund Lowe, he had just played the dual role of a Swedish salesman in a toy store and a gangster. As the gangster he continually had a huge black cigar in his mouth but—he never had it lit.

For his smoking scene in "Women Of All Nations," Walsh demanded that he not only light the "heater" but inhale the smoke and he was a pretty sick comedian before the first test was over.

Then he had a bright idea. He purchased a package of what he called "cubes" and went into intensive training.

Though he mastered the big cigar when the scene was completed, he once more abandoned smoking and for all time, pictures or no pictures, sez he.

In "Women Of All Nations," which is claimed to be even funnier than "The Cock Eyed World," beautiful Greta Nissen will be seen in the leading feminine role.

Likewise for the first time since "What Price Glory" and "The Cock Eyed World," McLaglen and Lowe will discard the khaki uniforms for

the full dress uniforms of the Marines, the olive drab and the tropical uniforms.

Obviously it will team with beautiful girls, among them 80 dark eyed raven-tressed, hand-picked beauties and 60 real honest-to-goodness blondes and not a made-over one among them.

As with all of Walsh's pictures, Archie Buchanan will function as production manager.

Will Wed Spaniard.

Jellico, Tenn., July 9.—R. L. Moore, Jellico banker, has announced that his daughter, Grace Moore, Metropolitan Opera soprano and movie star, would marry Valentine Parara, wealthy Spaniard, at Cannes, France, about July 15.

Ladies' Rayon Hose—25 cents per pair at Brown's Bargain. Limit Sale beginning this Saturday.

Typewriting and carbon paper at Mail office.

Centennial Commission.

Austin, July 9.—Governor Ross Sterling has named his three members of the Texas centennial survey commission. He chose Cullen F. Thomas of Dallas, Jesse H. Jones of Houston and Frank G. Huntress of San Antonio.

Men—You can now buy a good Overall at a dollar. Brown's Bargain Store.



"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.

\$1.00 at your drug store

DR. MILES' **NERVINE** Liquid

PALACE THEATRE SWEETWATER

WEEK OF JULY 12

Sun., Mon.

Victor McLaglen

Edmond Lowe

Heroes of "Cockeyed World" in

"Women Of All Nations"

Tues., Wed.

Loretta Young

"3 Girls Lost"

Thurs., Fri.

Marion Davies

"Five and Ten"

Saturday

Clive Brook

Buddy Rogers

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Open to receive any unfortunate girl needing care and refuge; strictly private and modern. State licensed. Address Lock Box 1423, Abilene, Texas. Mrs. G. Burton Fain, R. N., Supt.

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The convenience and comfort that this modern cooking method will bring you is sure to be appreciated. Picture your new freedom—leisure hours in which to enjoy the better things of life. . . . And when it is actually less expensive and the results are better . . . why hesitate longer?

Investigate the possibilities of this remarkable *Electrical Servant*. Learn how to break the ties that bind you to your kitchen responsibilities. See the new *Hotpoint* Ranges . . . now on display in the merchandise showroom.

Do you know that your increased use of Electric Service is billed on a surprisingly low rate schedule . . . and adds only a small amount to your total bill?

West Texas Utilities Company

Editors See Recovery. New York, July 9.—A return of business conditions to normalcy by fall is predicted by 155 editors of trade publications in their annual business outlook survey published Monday.

Reduced Summer Tourists Rates

2 Persons - per Room \$3.00
3 Persons - per Room \$4.00
4 Persons - per Room \$5.00
All Outside With Bath Ceiling Fans
Circulating Ice Water
Special Summer Weekly and Monthly Rates as low as \$5.00 per Month for 2 Persons
Coffee Shop Cooled with Water Washed Air
Only Hotel in El Paso using Soft Water

HOTEL HUSSMANN
On the Plaza EL PASO, TEXAS

"El Paso's Finest"
It Adds Distinction and Prestige to Stay
"Am Stopping at the HUSSMANN"

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THIS IS SOMETHING FOR YOU TO THINK ABOUT

PHONE 61

The Merkel Mail

VACATION RATES

The Crazy Water Hotel at Mineral Wells, Texas, announces very low rates for those who desire a real health vacation.

Excellent room with outside exposure, ceiling fans, circulating ice water and private bath as low as \$1.50 per day. Other good rooms as low as \$1.00.

You can be a guest of this magnificent Hotel, built at a cost of approximately a million dollars, as cheap as you can stay at home.

Come on to the Crazy Water Hotel, Mineral Wells, Texas, "WHERE AMERICA DRINKS ITS WAY TO HEALTH."

For Further Information Write or Wire

CRAZY WATER HOTEL COMPANY
MINERAL WELLS, TEXAS

124 Towns Receiving WTU Electric Service

Abilene, July 9.—Featured by the building of a transmission line which will carry dependable electric service to Thalia, Lockett and Rayland—three towns which heretofore have been without the advantages of a modern power supply—the current construction report of the West Texas Utilities company indicates a period of considerable activity, according to information received from company offices here yesterday. The addition of these three communities increases to 124 the number of cities and towns receiving transmission line electric service from the West Texas Utilities company.

The line which will connect the three new towns to the interconnected transmission line network of the West Texas Utilities company will extend nineteen and one-half miles southwest of Vernon. With a present capacity of twelve kilovolts, the equipment is designed for rapid enlargement, which will enable the company to meet increasing demands without delay. Distribution systems will be erected in each of the towns.

In addition to this major construction work, a three-phase, 2,300 volt secondary line to serve a new grain elevator will be built in Chillicothe; at Jayton, a new 2,300 volt single-phase line will service additional customers; at Stamford, a 2,300 volt three-phase primary line will serve the Whitam Construction company, and at Anson, a 220 volt secondary extension will furnish power for pumping water wells contributing to the city's water supply.

Distribution systems will be extended and strengthened in Dalhart, Etter, Eden, Menard and Dumas. Each of these extensions will improve demands.

A rural line will be built out of Shamrock, and an oil field extension

furnishing power to pump four Sims Oil company wells will be made from Iraan.

Water extensions to be made at Dalhart include the laying of new service lines and the building of six inch mains to serve new customers and an additional fire hydrant installed by the company.

Construction work, as outlined in the company's bulletin, is going forward at the present time. Regular West Texas Utilities company construction and maintenance crews are being used on the projects.

Nancy Carroll Weds Editor of Magazine

Newton, Conn., July 9.—Nancy Carroll, who rose from the back row of a chorus to a leading screen actress, was bound for Canada Saturday, with her new husband, Francis Bolton Mallory, magazine editor and former Princeton professor. They were married Friday.

Nancy Carroll and her first husband, Jack Kirkland, former newspaper man and playwright, were divorced a month ago in a Mexican decree. They have a seven-year-old daughter.

It was Mallory's third marriage. The 33-year-old magazine editor of the magazine Life was once a New York reporter, an advertising man and a professor of English.

Joseph Zanetti, an old fisherman of the island of Capri, who has saved 274 persons from drowning, claims to hold the world's record for saving lives.

Of the 150,000 active physicians in the United States, about 100,000 are connected with hospitals.

At one time in Scotland the smoking of a pipe was considered an antidote for rheumatism.

Magnolia Products Men Attend School

A four-night training school for wholesale agents, service station managers, certified dealers and wholesale consumers of the Magnolia Petroleum company started at Abilene Monday night. The school is being conducted by W. I. Kent, instructor, from the Magnolia Institute, Dallas, and is the 15th of a series being held in the Magnolia Petroleum company's Ft. Worth district.

The lessons each night dealt with some phase of the Magnolia industry and service, beginning Monday night with the manufacture of Magnolia products, following with courses on thorough lubrication, service station methods and other details.

Besides Charles H. Jones, agent, others from Merkel attending the school are Comer Patterson, Jimmy Toombs, V. Hass and Buck Leach.

Men—You can now buy a good Overall at a dollar. Brown's Bargain Store.

Nicaragua exports 1,000,000 cow hides each year.

Visit The YELLOW JACKET SANDWICH SHOP

A nice, clean, cool place to eat. Solicit your patronage on basis of Service, Quality and Prices.

NICE JUICY PAN BARBECUE Seasoned Right at All Times

W. W. Wozencraft.

Mrs. Patterson Critically Ill.
Upon receipt of a telegram Wednesday morning that Mrs. Clesby Patterson was in a critical condition, following the birth of a little daughter, Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Rodden, the former a brother of Mrs. Patterson, and J. A. Patterson left at once for Dallas. A second message stated that Mrs. Patterson's condition was more hopeful.



When PAIN Comes

WHAT many people call indigestion very often means excess acid in the stomach. The stomach nerves have been over-stimulated, and food sour. The corrective is an alkali, which quickly neutralizes acids. And the best alkali known to medical science is Phillip Milk of Magnesia.

One spoonful of this harmless, tasteless alkali neutralizes instantly many times as much harmful acid, and then the symptoms disappear at once. You will never use crude methods when once you learn the efficiency of this. Go get a small bottle to try.

Get the genuine Phillips Milk of Magnesia, the kind physicians have prescribed for 50 years in correcting excess acids. 25c and 50c a bottle—any drugstore.

THE RED & WHITE STORES
The Regular Prices On Our Shelves Offer You Savings Every Day

SPECIALS FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY JULY 10 AND 11

- GRAPES** Thompson seedless 2 lbs. for **25c**
- BANANAS** per lb. **4c**
- Oranges** nice size, per dozen **19c**
- New Potatoes** No. 1 10 lbs. for **19c**
EXTRA FANCY

- FRESH BUNCH** CARROTS, BEETS, ONIONS 2 bunches **9c**

- BLACKEYED PEAS**, fresh, 3 lbs. for **10c**

- PINEAPPLE**, crushed or sliced, No. 1, per can **11c**

- PEACHES**, medium syrup, No. 2 1-2 can **15c**

- Tomatoes** No. 1 can **5c**

- CORN** No. 2 can 2 for **21c**

- PEAS** Sweet wrinkled No. 2 can 2 for **21c**

- SUGAR** FINE GRANULATED—CLOTH BAGS 10 lbs. **50c**, 25 lbs. **\$1.25**

- Bread** Merkel Dandy per loaf **5c**

- Flour** RED AND WHITE 12 lbs. **39c**, 24 lbs. **63c**, 48 lbs. **\$1.14**
EVERY SACK GUARANTEED

- TEA** Lipton or Maxwell 1-4 lb. **23c**, House 1-2 lb. **45c**

- POST BRAN FLAKES**, 2 pkgs. **21c**

- BEANS** Baby Lima 2 lbs. for **15c**

- Soap** Crystal White or P. & G. 10 bars **33c**

- Shortening** 8 lb. Pail **89c**

- BACON**, sliced lb. **20c**, **CHEESE**, Wisconsin, lb. **21c**

- BACON** Dry Salt Per lb. **12¹/₂c**

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Don't Rasp Your Throat With Harsh Irritants



"Reach for a LUCKY instead"

Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden—A story we have all heard since childhood—Consider your Adam's Apple—the possession of each one of us, man or woman—your voice box—containing your vocal chords—your larynx—Don't rasp your throat with harsh irritants—Reach for a LUCKY instead—Be careful in your choice of cigarettes.

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