

AS AN AID IN INSECT CONTROL

At this time of the year the farmer presented to him one of the best methods of reducing insect pests for the coming season. Very few insects are active during the winter season, but if they are sought shelter from rain and cold whatever coverings are available to

shelter thus provided them is in the trash along well-drained ditches and along ditch banks. Brush and weed patches, that catch and hold mats of dead grass and fallen leaves, are sought out as winter quar-

ters. Applied to these waste places at once kills insects in two ways: (1) it kills outright; and (2) others are not actually killed by the heat, but are forced into the open, where unable to find a new shelter on account of their poor condition, they quickly succumb to the cold and damp. Since the dual insects now lying dormant by their present numbers by hibernation as soon as the growing season begins, it will readily be seen how important are control measures practiced during the winter season.

Examples of insects so controlled are the boll weevil, squash bugs, chinch bugs, striped plant bugs, various kinds of grasshoppers, and many others. Many of these cannot be controlled by any means, and so the method here suggested is doubly important.

Many insect pests hibernate in open fields under conditions that are burning there of any great effectiveness, and since burning the crop removes organic material that has great value to growing crops, it is not to be advised except in particular cases. A community of burning trash waste places, however, is urged as far as possible now, and should greatly reduce insect damage next season. (R. R. Reppert, Extension Service, A. & C. College.)

B. EDWARDS WAS BURIED THURSDAY

Funeral services for M. S. (Uncle Abe) Edwards, a resident of Haskell for 21 years, was held at the family residence last Thursday, January 13th, conducted by Rev. W. H. Albertson, pastor of the First Baptist Church of this city. Services at the graveside were in charge of the local lodge of Oddfellows, of which the deceased was a respected member for many years. After the beautiful and impressive services, his body was lowered into its last resting place in Willow Cemetery. The large concourse of sorrowing friends and loved ones attending these last rites attested the high esteem in which his noble character was held.

The death of this good man occurred Wednesday, January 12, after several years of feeble health which had kept him confined in his home most of the time. On his occasional trips to town, however, he enjoyed meeting his friends and always had a word of good cheer for them.

The deceased is survived by his wife and seven children, all of whom were present at the funeral. They are: Mrs. Edwards, Shep, Texas; Alex Edwards, Lawn, Texas; Tip Edwards, Haskell, Texas; Mrs. Stella Carr, Watson, Texas; Arthur Edwards, Sterling Edwards and Jesse Edwards all of whom reside in this city.

"Uncle Tobe" as he was familiarly known, was born in McClellan county, Mo., on August 22, 1851, having passed his 75th milestone on his birthday. He was married to Miss Evans, August 6, 1871. To this union were born eight children, seven of whom are still living. He was married over fifty years ago, and joined the Baptist church, and had always lived the life of a devout christian. In his county was organized over forty years ago. Mr. Edwards was a charter member of this church, which was known as the Content Baptist Church and was its clerk for a number of years. Mr. Edwards was the first deputy sheriff of Runtless county under John Runtwalt, who now lives in Hood county, Texas.

After moving to Haskell in 1907, he served for many years as deputy sheriff, and was known and respected as a capable and efficient officer. The passing of this pioneer is mourned not only by the loved ones left behind, but the entire citizenship as well, who extend heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved.

O'Brien Lady Injured in Fall

Mrs. L. H. LaDuke of O'Brien, fell from a feed stack last Tuesday afternoon while hunting for eggs and broke both bones of her left leg, and also dislocated her ankle. The injury has been very painful, but it is hoped that she will speedily recover.

Directors Named for Interscholastic League Contests

The following information concerning the Interscholastic League Meet of the county is handed us by A. F. McMinn, Director General:

County meet will be held at Haskell two weeks before the district meet. Date will be published later.

All entries are to be made to the director of the event in question.

Entries must be in at least one week before the County meet.

Following is a list of the Directors:

Director General—Supt. A. F. McMinn, Rochester, Texas.

Director Declamation—Supt. J. F. Odor, Weinert, Texas.

Director Debate—Supt. H. D. Neff, Haskell, Texas.

Director Spelling—Supt. O. C. Southall, Sagerton, Texas.

Director Essay Writing—Miss Artie West, Rule, Texas.

Director Rural Schools—County Supt. Miss Minnie Ellis, Haskell, Texas.

Director Athletics—Mr. J. Luther Watson—Rule, Texas.

Director Arithmetic—Mr. J. W. Todd, Rochester, Texas.

The district Basketball Tournament will be held at Abilene, Texas, February 18 and 19, and the county will likely be two weeks before which will be February 5.

BELIEVES IN KEEPING UP WITH THE NEWS

J. C. Montgomery, one of the county's most substantial citizens and farmers was a pleasant visitor in our office Thursday. Mr. Montgomery believes in keeping up with the news, not only the county, but the state and national as well, and recently took advantage of one of our attractive clubbing offers with the daily newspapers. As evidence of this, while here Thursday he subscribed for the Free Press and the Wichita Falls Record-News to be sent to each of his two sons, and also to two son-in-laws. Mr. Montgomery is one of our oldest subscribers, and the Free Press has been a welcome visitor in his home each week for many years.

SERIAL STORY WILL BE PUBLISHED SOON

We take pleasure in announcing to our many readers, that beginning in the issue of February 3rd, we will print in serial form one of the best fiction stories ever written, "Selwood of Sleepy Cat". The story is written by Frank H. Spearman, well known author, and is acclaimed by his critics as the best of his many stories.

As the title suggests, the story is laid in the west, and is full of interest from the start. We know that you will not want to miss a single installment, so remember that the serial begins in our first February issue, the 3rd.

PIE SUPPER AT DENNIS CHAPEL A SUCCESS

The pie supper given at Dennis Chapel last Friday night was a wonderful success. The sum of \$10.75 was realized from the sale of the pies. A box of candy was given to the most popular girl and was awarded to Miss Roxie Lane, while the box of candy which was awarded to the "sorriest and most trifling man" went to D. C. Hulsey. The total receipts of the evening's entertainment was \$17.00. The proceeds will be applied to the playground equipment at the Dennis Chapel school.

Returns from Austin After Taking Pasteur Treatment for Bite

John Aaron, a well known farmer of the Howard community, returned Saturday from Austin, where he had been taking the Pasteur treatment for the past twenty-one days. Mr. Aaron was bitten by a mad dog the latter part of December, and was advised by the authorities at Austin, where the head of the dog was sent after it had been killed, that the animal showed traces of rabies, and advised him to take the treatment at once. The many friends of Mr. Aaron will be glad to learn of his return, and that he has suffered no ill effects from the bite since completing the treatment.

O'Brien Defeats Knox City

On last Thursday afternoon the O'Brien Boys and Knox City Boys team played an interesting basketball game on the O'Brien court. O'Brien was victorious, with a score of 15 to 13 in their favor. On Saturday night the O'Brien and Truscott teams met at Monday for a game, which they lost to Truscott, after a very interesting and hard-fought.

Purchases Farm at Sweet Home

Mr. Tom Cogburn has purchased a farm at Sweet Home and moved to it from Simpson's ranch, north of Sweet Home. He will reside here in the future. Both he and his wife are very favorably known and they have the good wishes of all in their new home.

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CAR REGISTRATIONS EQUAL LAST YEAR'S

All members of the sheriff's office were busy all day Monday "rounding up" automobile owners who had failed to pay their license for 1927. Saturday, January 15th, was the last day in which to register without the penalty, and Tax Collector Connor states that the registrations in the last few days brought the total number of cars registered to just about the same number as were registered to this date last year, a total of 1816 number plates have been issued up to January 15, compared with 1895 in 1926.

All persons driving a car on which the 1927 license has not been paid, will be subject to a fine in addition to the registration fee, according to the sheriff's force.

Mrs. Chas. Parsons has returned from a visit to Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Carr of Frederick, Okla. and Mr. and Mrs. Naylor of Wichita Falls.

ROCHESTER STORE CLOSING OUT

Mr. Ben Lemmons, proprietor of the New York Bargain Store, which has enjoyed a prosperous business in Rochester for the past five years returned to his home last Monday from Dallas, where he has been under the care of physicians for some time. His doctors have advised him against active participation in business, and he is selling out his stock of goods. He has engaged Mr. Deakins of Dallas, a live wire sales promoter, to take charge of his closing out sale. Mr. Lemmons' many friends in Rochester voice the hope that he may soon recover his health and engage in business in their city again.

NEW MANAGER FOR BELL-MOORE CHEVROLET CO.

Norman G. Kelley, local dealer for the Hudson and Essex automobiles for the past year, has been appointed manager of the Bell-Moore Chevrolet Co., to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of W. S. Britton, former manager.

The many friends of Mr. Kelley will learn with pleasure of his promotion in the automobile business, and wish him well in his new position.

Stork Busy in Rochester

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd, teachers in the Rochester High School, are the proud parents of a ten-pound girl who came to brighten their home last Tuesday night. Mr. and Mrs. Brack Burdine are also the parents of a fine ten-pound boy born Tuesday.

Baby Dies at Sweet Home

Little Cloma Pierce of Sweet Home died at the Knox City Sanitarium last Tuesday night January 11, at eight o'clock. He had been ill only a short time and his condition was not considered very serious until Saturday when he was carried to the Sanitarium.

He was the three year old son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Pierce and a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Bristow. His little life was short but he leaves a place in the hearts of all who knew him that will be vacant. Though we are sad at his going away, we know he is with God and at rest.

He leaves besides his mother and father, a brother and sister to mourn his death.

190 ACRES YIELDS 104 BALES COTTON

Gathering 104 bales of cotton from an acreage of 190 acres, or a yield of more than one-half of a bale per acre, was the feat of Shelby Harris, a young farmer living about seven miles southwest of Haskell, on his 1926 crop of cotton.

Mr. Harris was in the city Saturday, and in conversation with him, he disclaimed his achievement as anything out of the ordinary, stating that he had accomplished no more than any other farmer could who would give the proper attention and hard work to the cultivation of his crops. While the slump in cotton prices necessarily cut down the profits of the cotton farmer, yet Mr. Harris has realized a fair profit from his crop, as he gathered and sold about 40 bales before the drop in prices came, which netted him from 15c to 17c per pound.

"The only secret in raising cotton that I know of," said Mr. Harris, "is getting the cotton gathered and sold at the right time." He stated that he had plenty of help from the start of the picking season, most of his help having been with him for the past four years, and he was thus able to get his cotton on the market as fast as it matured.

While Mr. Harris produced an unusually large cotton crop, he states that he also gathered a bumper crop of feed. He is farming on 350 acres of land, 100 of which he owns, and 250 acres of which he has rented. To further mark him as a successful farmer, it is learned that he has over 100 hens and a flock of turkeys on his place, as well as several good hogs and milch cows—in other words he does not place his faith altogether in cotton—diversifying to the extent that his cotton can be made to pay a profit, even at the present low prices.

SINGERS WILL MEET AT O'BRIEN SUNDAY

The West Side Singing Convention will meet with the O'Brien Singing Class next Sunday afternoon January 23 at 2 o'clock. Everyone is invited to attend, as several good singers are to be present and render some special music.

Rev. Curry Preaches at Rochester

Rev. Curry of O'Donnell preached an inspired sermon at the Rochester Baptist church last Tuesday night in the meeting being conducted at that place. A large congregation was present for the services.

Carried to Stamford Sanitarium

Billie Faye Cole of Sweet Home who has been ill with the flu and pneumonia for some time was carried to the Stamford Sanitarium last Wednesday. She was reported to be getting along nicely Saturday. She had been at Rule for some time but it was decided best that she be carried where she could receive better attention.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Pinkerton and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Koonce and baby Eloise, have returned from a combined pleasure and business trip to Waco, Campbell and other points in Central and North Texas.

TEXAS THEATRE WILL RE-OPEN FRIDAY

Several weeks ago the new Texas Theatre opened on schedule time in one of the biggest openings ever staged by any theatre. But the interior of the building was not complete and within a few weeks the theatre was closed for re-modeling. A new heating plant, draperies, lights and every new device that was planned is now in place, and on next Friday night January 21, the theatre will be re-opened to the public.

A vaudeville offering has been secured for the opening attraction, one of the best programs on the vaudeville circuit, an attraction that will please everyone. The picture program in connection will feature Buster Keaton in "The Battling Butler," one of the best pictures of the day.

The management cordially invites their patrons to attend the re-opening program, and see the wonderful changes that have been made in the interior of the building in order that Haskell fans may have a place of entertainment second to none.

WILL SPEED WORK ON NEW RAILROAD IN HALE COUNTY

Plans have been laid for the immediate inception of work on the South Plains line through Hale county by the Fort Worth and Denver, Charles Reinken, chairman of the Plainview railroad committee, announced Monday, according to advices from that place.

Fulfillment of the committee's promise to furnish right-of-way for the lines is expected in a short time, the dispatches stated. Contract for the right-of-way was made April 25, 1925, the only contingency at that time being a certificate of convenience from the Interstate Commerce Commission. Citizens of Plainview subscribed a fund of \$175,000 immediately after signing the agreement with the Denver.

Construction has started at Esteline and work has begun under contract for the first five miles of grade. Committees have been appointed to carry into effect the city's pledges to the road.

Inspect Properties of the West Texas Utilities Company

Earliest E. Ling, of London, England and E. V. Graham of Chicago, were in Haskell Friday inspecting the properties of the West Texas Utilities Company. They were accompanied by Geo. W. Fry, general manager, with headquarters at Abilene.

Mr. Ling is in charge of securities of the Midwest Utilities in London Company and Mr. Graham is in charge of the securities of the company in Chicago. The men will inspect all the properties of the company while on their trip to Texas.

O'Brien Teacher Ill

Mr. D. F. Dawkins, principal of the O'Brien school is suffering with the "flu" at this writing. His many friends trust that he will be able to resume his duties in the school again soon.

Walter Burton Is Secured as Judge For Poultry Shows

The following letter was received by Mr R. L. Penick of Stamford, from Walter Burton, well-known poultry judge of Arlington, concerning the poultry shows to be staged by the newly-organized Central West Texas Poultry Association. As was explained in the Free Press last week, and also in this week's issue, the shows are to be staged for one day in each town comprising the Association, and the securing of Mr. Burton as judge assures poultry raisers that awards in the show will be worth competing for. Extracts from the letter are given below:

Mr. R. L. Penick, Stamford, Texas. Dear Mr. Penick: You don't know how much I appreciate it that you are back on the firing line encouraging more interest in the poultry industry. Texas never had a man that did more for the industry than you when you were "behind" it before. And now, that you have seen, as many other business men do, that the poultry industry is the quickest way for a farmer to make a living and save the profits from his cotton, I do know that it is going to have a wonderful influence for the farmers in the section that you mention taking more interest in poultry.

I think your Whirlwind Poultry Show is the keenest idea that I have heard presented to me before. As you know, nothing brings more interest up in poultry than in a poultry show. Men and women will gather around these shows and get the educational value, and go home and put it into practice. If you and I and any other promoters were to go out and make a poultry lecture, who could not put across in any better way than at a poultry show. A six-days poultry show in different towns is a very keen idea.

Thanking you very much for your letter, and assuring you that you will find me at all times, as you have in the past, ready to co-operate with you in furthering the interest of the poultry industry on the farms in your territory. I am

Yours very truly, Walter Burton.

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS WEINERT BANK ELECTED

The stockholders of the Weinert State Bank held their annual stockholders' meeting in that city last Wednesday, January 12th, for the purpose of electing officers and directors of the institution for the ensuing year. All officers and directors were re-elected, as follows:

- G. R. Couch, president.
- G. R. Couch, Jr., cashier.
- C. T. Jones, vice-president.
- Alvy R. Couch, vice-president.
- Fred Reid, assistant cashier.
- P. R. Bettis, C. T. Jones, W. O. Sargent, Alvy R. Couch and G. R. Couch composed the board of directors, and were all re-elected.

ROCHESTER BANK ELECTS OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Rochester State Bank, held at Rochester last Thursday, all officers and directors of the institution were re-elected for the ensuing year. The officers of this progressive bank are:

- R. C. Couch, president.
 - G. R. Couch, vice-president.
 - I. B. Loe, cashier.
 - Russell Reising, assistant cashier.
- The board of directors of the bank, all of whom were re-elected, is composed of:
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LOCAL POULTRY MEN INSPECT CISCO PLANT

J. P. Payne, Mrs. W. P. Trice and County Agent Trice, Haskell; R. L. Penick, Stamford; Cothran, Leuders and E. L. Tanner, County Agent Jones County, officers and boosters for the Central West Texas Poultry Association which is composed of the towns of Haskell, Rule, Hamlin, Anson, Leuders and Stamford and their trade territories, went to Cisco the past Friday to confer with members of the Bankhead Poultry Producers Association in reference to the plans whereby they have successfully operated their organization for the past several months.

The representatives of the Central West Texas Poultry Association found the breezes somewhat cold on the appointed day for the trip, yet in spite of the weather conditions those from Haskell were on the road by 6:30 a. m. It was found after a conference with some of the members of the Bankhead Poultry Producers Association at Cisco that there were many ups and downs in any poultry association; so to be able to overcome these it was necessary for every member and all those interested in the successful operation of an Association it would be necessary for each one to be willing to go up against things much harder than little cold weather.

While in Cisco the delegation from Haskell and Jones Counties was shown every courtesy possible and members of the Cisco Chamber of Commerce and the Bankhead Poultry Producers Association gave all information they possibly could willingly and offered every assistance possible for the successful operation of the Central West Texas Poultry Producers Association.

R. L. Poe, president and Mr. Chandler, business manager of the Bankhead Poultry Producers Association; Mayor of Cisco and R. E. L. Peters, secretary of the Cisco Chamber of Commerce entertained the group while in Cisco. A banquet was given the visitors by the Cisco Chamber of Commerce.

In the afternoon a visit was made to the Frazar Poultry Farm in the outskirts of Cisco.

Farmer Says That Turkeys Beat Cotton As Money-Maker

Clay Kimbrough, a progressive farmer living a few miles southwest of town, was a pleasant caller in our office the latter part of the week, and told of selling 43 turkeys from his flock of pure-breds, for which he received the sum of \$400.00. In this connection, he stated that he had also gathered and sold 28 bales of cotton from his farm, and that he realized more net profit from his turkeys than he did on his entire cotton crop. This may seem strange, but Mr. Kimbrough's figures bear out his assertion. He has been a breeder of turkeys for many years, and enjoys the reputation of raising some of the best turkeys in the county. Mr. Kimbrough is also a believer in advertising, as readers of this medium know, and states that he has sold most of his flock through advertising, having only a few Toms left for sale.

BROTHER OF HASKELL WOMAN DIES IN DALLAS

The following article is taken from the Dallas Times-Herald concerning the death of Alonzo Bazemore, a brother of Mrs. L. P. Stephens of this city. Mrs. Chas. Fouts of Rule, Miss Thelma Stephens and Mrs. Jesse Josselott of this city neices of the deceased, attended the funeral in Dallas.

Alonzo Bazemore, 69 years old, connected with the city schools for more than thirty-five years as a carpenter and custodian, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. D. Brown, 4304 Lealand street, Saturday afternoon at 5:55 o'clock. Although he has been in ill health for about three years, his condition only became serious three days ago.

Mr. Bazemore was born on January 21, 1858 at Mobile Ala, but came to Dallas forty-nine years ago. He married Miss Katie Clem, daughter of the Rev. I. N. Clem, who founded the first Christian church in Oak Cliff on Oct. 3, 1897. When the Forest Avenue High School was first opened he was made carpenter and custodian of the school and held the position until three years ago when he resigned on account of ill health.

He is known to many students of that school and also to the alumni of the old Oak Grove school, where he held the same position as at Forest a number of years.

He is survived by four daughters, Mrs. O. D. Keller, Mrs. Ruth Boyd, Mrs. J. E. Coleman and Mrs. Brown; seven grandchildren, all of Dallas, and a sister, Mrs. L. P. Stephens of Haskell.

Let's Do Our Best!

by O. Lawrence Hawthorne

"I don't see why it had to be exactly right," he said to me. "I did about the best I could! Perhaps it wasn't very good, but I was anxious to get done." And then I answered, "Listen, Son—"

"Some days it seems a waste of time to work so long to make a rhyme, or find a word that will convey exactly what I wish to say. Sometimes I sit and wonder, too, if something 'almost right' will do."

"Perhaps no one would ever note the careless way in which I wrote. But if we fail to do our best—no matter what may be the test—we lose a satisfaction, Son. That in no other way is won!

"To do 'about the best' you can will not make you the sort of man I'm sure that you would like to be. So, when you do a task for me, to have you stick and see it through means much to me—but more to you."



MORE ABOUT THE CENTRAL WEST TEXAS POULTRY ASSN.

Haskell, Rule, Hamlin, Anson, Lueders and Stamford have organized a poultry association, comprising Haskell, Jones and part of Fisher, Stone-well and Shackelford counties, enough to control the six towns' local territory. This is for the purpose of a better marketing proposition for poultry and eggs, as well as to encourage the raising of MORE AND BETTER POULTRY.

Each town has elected one director, which is a board, to manage the coming year's campaign. This committee intends to visit Eastland county's organization on Friday, January 14th. Their idea is to familiarize themselves with their management, which we are proud to say has revolutionized their part of the country into diversified farming.

In order to arouse enthusiasm, we have decided to have a poultry show one day and night in each town, opening at 10:00 a. m. and closing at 10:00 p. m. that night, on the following dates: Haskell on Monday morning, January 31st, Rule on Tuesday morning, February 1st, Hamlin on Wednesday morning, February 2nd, Anson on Thursday morning, February 3rd, Lueders on Friday morning, February 4th, Stamford on Saturday morning, February 5th.

We will have a competent judge at each of these shows. We are trying to urge every poultry raiser, who has full blood poultry, to make a dependable exhibit at these shows. We are particularly anxious for them to make the entire circuit. After they deliver their birds at Haskell, before 10:00 a. m. on January 31st, the birds will be transported from one town to another with out any cost for exhibiting. All that will be necessary will be for the owners to be at Stamford on Saturday night at ten o'clock, or the next day, and take his birds home.

Each town will offer special prizes, and there will be 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th ribbons for individuals and pens. There will be entrance fee for the birds or visitors, and everyone is cordially invited to show and to visit the show. The only thing required is for the parties to have their chickens banded with the No. of band on the leg, also suitable coops for transporting them from one town to another. We are buying show coops in which their birds will be exhibited, but they are not suitable for transportation. We urge you to furnish good, light coops which could be a pasteboard coop with a good wood rim and wood slats across the top, making a very good coop for that purpose. We will have trucks to transport the entire show from one town to another. In case you would not care to exhibit in all the towns, you are invited to exhibit in any town you may wish. You may enter your birds before 10:00 a. m. in any town you may wish to show, and get them at 10:00 o'clock that night. A local committee has been appointed in each town to handle local conditions, and each town will share and share alike. The smaller towns will have just as much voice and the same number of directors as the larger ones. The expense of the shows will be taken care of by the local committees of the various towns.

The main object of this association is a general organization and a closer cooperation in marketing and posting ourselves for MORE AND BETTER POULTRY. We are asking every farmer and poultry raiser, even those on fifty foot lots, if they are interested in poultry and have a design to be some members of this association, in which there will be no membership fee, and every member who will agree to live up to the by-laws, which will be written later, will be entitled to all the marketing benefit of the association, as well as the information and general knowledge that will be derived from it.

It will be the intention of the busi-

ness men in each town to serve a number of interested parties with baby chicks, eggs and breeding pens of good, dependable stuff to be put on the shares, both of turkeys and chickens. The towns expect to offer very liberal prizes to the ones raising the largest per cent and the best quality, as well as individuals, for poultry raised on the shares. People who are interested in venturing in the poultry game and with the determination to make it a success and take care of the stuff, would have an opportunity to get a start of very fine birds on a very reasonable basis, as there will be at least fifty or one hundred people staked with baby chicks, eggs and breeding pens in each town. This will be handled by the local committees in the several towns.

The writer wishes to say right here, having been honored with the presidency of this association, that he has no axe to grind, further than the development of the poultry interests, and will not compete for any prizes in any exhibits. He expects to have an exhibit at each show, however, transporting same in his own truck to the various shows, and exhibits more for a campaign of education.

This is only one of a series of articles that the writer expects to have during the spring, and is asking the various papers over the territory to publish for the general interest of the country. He expects to go more into details in the future as to the results we expect to accomplish. We want each and every one to get the poultry fever and let us get this whole country in a condition that we will forget the cotton and live more at home, which can easily be done on every farm in the county, as well as every lot in town.

R. L. PENICK

BUYING AND SHIPPING HATCHING EGGS; PROPER PACKING FOR LONG JOURNEYS

In buying eggs for hatching bear in mind that one should be willing to pay for quality; too many people are still trying to buy a good rooster or a setting of eggs for \$1. Remember, times have changed and nowadays a man must pay for quality. Do not expect to get your eggs the following day you send in your order. The chances are other orders are ahead of yours. Plan your work and send in your order at least ten days or two weeks before you wish the eggs. Do not expect more than value received. Remember that the shipper can not be responsible for the eggs after they leave his hands. Transportation companies are in a hurry and too often handle eggs as if they were iron or rock. Allow for the fact that rough handling in transit usually affects the hatching of eggs, even though they are not broken. Shipped eggs seldom hatch as well as eggs produced at home; by this I do not mean to discourage the buying of hatching eggs, but I do wish to show why people who buy hatching eggs should make allowances for the fact that "the eggs were shipped." The better they are packed the less the shipping affects them.

Select Fresh Eggs
Select perfectly fresh eggs, if possible not older than three days; so that they reach their destination they are not more than five days old. Too few people realize the importance of shipping only perfectly fresh eggs. Old eggs will hatch late and many of the germs will be so weak they die during the period of incubation and many more will die fully developed in the shell at hatching time. Remember that the care and feeding of the breeding stock has much to do with the hatching of the eggs. Free range stock with plenty of green food and not fed too heavily for egg production will produce the best hatching eggs.

There are two ways to ship hatching eggs: (1) by express and (2) parcel post. The eggs shipped by parcel post are delivered by the rural carrier, where in the case of express office

until they are called for by the owner, who must be notified by the express agent. In the shipping of small numbers we have found parcel post the most satisfactory. In the shipping of several hundred we find express most satisfactory. It is possible to collect damages on eggs shipped by express which get to their destination in bad shape, broken or lost. This does not apply in the case of parcel post shipments. The only chance for collecting damages is should the package be insured and become lost. Parcel post shipped eggs are not insured against breakage.

Packing

It is a real art to pack hatching eggs for shipment by express. We recommend strong wooden boxes, wrapping the eggs individually first in paper and then excelsior. Wooden baskets also are very satisfactory. The eggs should be packed snugly that they will not shake in the package when the package is handled. All packages should be properly labeled with the sign "Eggs—Handle With Care." If possible fix the package with a handle since all packages should be handled by handing from one person to another. While boxes may be handled any old way. That is one reason baskets are better than boxes. For shipment by parcel post the paper or regular egg shipping cartons are quite satisfactory. These cartons are very convenient and facilitate packing, but also add to the expense of the package. The eggs should be packed as carefully as possible, not only to prevent breakage, but also to prevent the unnecessary shaking up of the contents. It is the shaking up in transit that injures or at least affects their hatching power. Frequently eggs are left in a cold place or too near a fire.

Receiving the Eggs

If shipped by express and any are broken have the same fact noted on the express receipt and immediately put in a claim for damages, based on the stated value of the eggs by the shipper. If the package is in very bad shape do not accept it. Turn it down and notify your shipper. If shipped by parcel post and the shipment is insured you are entitled to damages if any of the packages are missing or a part of the package. You can not collect for breakage, however.

Place in a room with a temperature as close to 55 degrees as possible. Allow the eggs to rest for twenty-four hours. This gives the eggs time to settle and for the yolk to locate its normal position. Candling shipped eggs that have been roughly handled it will be noticed that in many eggs the air sack has been ruptured.

Percentage of Hatch

I consider a 60 per cent hatch in incubators of shipped eggs about a fair average. Too many people expect

all or nearly all the eggs to hatch. A 70 or 80 per cent hatch of all eggs is exceptionally good. It must be remembered that some chicks die in the various stages of development all through the hatching period just like they do after they are hatched.

The question is often asked what is a good fertility percentage to expect. That, to a very large degree, depends upon the season of the year. In the winter a lower fertility should be expected. I am inclined to believe that an 85 to 90 per cent fertility is a good average. If the fertility goes much below that percentage it indicates some thing wrong with the breeding stock.

1926 WEATHER REVIEWED BY FEDERAL BUREAU

In summarizing weather condition for the United States for the year 1926, the Weather Bureau of the United States Department of Agriculture says that for the country as a whole, no marked abnormal features affecting agricultural interests were experienced. Conditions were rather unfavorable for development of some of the major crops, but were unusually favorable for others, with the general result as to yield satisfactory. Wheat came through the mild winter with no material harm, which, together with subsequent favorable weather, resulted in an unusually good crop of the winter type; likewise the general absence of damaging frosts was responsible for one of the largest fruit yields in the history of the country, and the widespread favorable weather in the South gave an unprecedented large crop of cotton. Conditions were somewhat less favorable for corn, while heat and drought materially reduced the yield of spring wheat.

The temperature for the year was below normal in most parts of the country from the Mississippi river eastward, and generally above normal to the westward, with an unusually warm year in the northwest where in some districts the temperature averaged nearly 3 degrees a day above normal. Approximately two-thirds of the country had a year warmer than normal.

Unfavorable conditions of drought prevailed during part of the year in some northwestern States and locally in the southeast, but otherwise no widespread harmful drought occurred. Floods caused some local damage in the interior and southwest, and too much rain occurred from time to time in more or less restricted areas, but in general, moisture conditions were satisfactory. A little more than half the country received less than the normal rainfall for the year.

There was very little frost damage, except some harm to the corn crop just before maturity in the northwestern portion of the belt. The growing

season, or period between the last killing frost in spring and first in fall, was somewhat shorter than usual in most of the south and in some north-central states, but otherwise it was generally longer than normal. In about 60 per cent of the county crops in 1926 had a longer growing season than usual.

In general, the weather fluctuations of 1926 differed in no important particular from normals established by more than 50 years of record, with the tendency to slightly warmer conditions than usual. In most of the country the growing season was also slightly longer than the customary season. Such variations form the established normals are expected by meteorologists, and many years, since the Weather Bureau records began, could be selected showing greater variations than were observed in 1926.

THE EX-SOLDIER AND HIS WORLD WAR "BONUS"

Ex-service men are not finding it easy to obtain money with their adjusted compensation insurance certificates as collateral. They do not seem to understand why the banks do not readily extend loans.

The policies now have a loan value of a little more than eight per cent of their face value. The government does not loan money and the only way to obtain cash is to go to a commercial bank.

The only way the bank can extend the loan is to accept the policy as collateral. The ex-service man, in of course, expected to repay the money at the usual rate of interest. If the borrower fails to repay, the bank must go to considerable trouble to have the government take care of the loan and subtract the amount from

the value of the policy. In extending this form of compensation the idea of the government was not to provide the holders with ready cash. The insurance intended as protection for the dependents of the holder or for the holder himself.

It was not intended that the policies would be used for obtaining cash. Holders of this government insurance should not seek loans unless in dire need. The money borrowed must be repaid with interest. To obtain a loan on the policy now is poor economy. If the policy is left untouched there will be a time when its cash value will be large enough to justify a loan of sufficient size to be a business asset. The small amount of money obtained now hardly justifies the trouble of obtaining it. Bankers cannot be blamed for hesitating to grant the requests for cash.—Dallas Times Herald.

POST CARD RATES

It appears that the ridiculousness of the present rate on private post cards at last dawned upon the minds of congressmen, as a bill has been passed by the House restoring the rate of one cent on these cards and it is likely that similar action will be taken by the Senate.

Under the present law, which has been in effect nearly two years, the government will furnish ready-stamped postal cards and transmit them at the rate of one cent each, but if a private individual furnishes his own card, he must pay two cents for its

As might have been anticipated, the present law has greatly curtailed the use of private mailing cards, both for souvenirs and business, with a corresponding reduction in postal revenues.

transmission in the mail. The restoration of the one cent rate will be in the interest of the service and the public.

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SOCIETY and Club

County Federation To Meet

President of the Haskell County Federation, Mrs. H. M. Smith, has given for publication the fact that there will be a meeting of that organization Thursday February the 3rd, 10 o'clock p. m. at the Court House. The purpose of this meeting is to prepare for a bigger and better show, and to adjutate the plant, trees and shrubbery and clean up the grounds all over the county. An executive board, which is comprised of representatives from the various towns and cities will meet in Haskell Saturday morning at the program which will be in the Free Press next week.

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Mrs. W. E. Murchison Golf Widows Hostess.

The weather almost continually since the holidays has been cloudy, gloomy and severely cold, which seemed only to enhance the cheerfulness of the interior of Mrs. W. H. Murchison's home on last Tuesday afternoon when she entertained the Golf Widows Club. There is nothing more cheerful than an open fire and when this glows out on a well furnished room the environment is all that it could be. The ladies played forty-two for the allotted time from three until five and then the hostess served an elaborate two course refreshment plate to Mesdames Hardy Grisom, the president; Carlton and John A. Couch, O. E. Patterson, R. C. Montgomery, Leo Southern, A. H. Wair, M. B. Lebo, Alfred Pierson, J. G. Foster, Sam Roberts, Travis Arbuckle, F. L. Daugherty, John W. Pace, H. M. Smith and the substitute for Mrs. Bruce W. Bryant was Mrs. C. P. Petty.

Mrs. N. G. Kelly Honors Out of Town Guest.

On last Thursday evening Mrs. N. G. Kelly entertained with bridge in her home, honoring a sister of Mr. Kelly's, Mrs. H. L. Masur of Lockhart. There were two tables of guests and Mrs. Kelly served sandwiches, potato chips, olives and tea to Mr. and Mrs. Guy Mays, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Wamble, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Meadors, Mr. W. B. McLain of Wichita Falls and Mr. and Mrs. N. G. Kelly. There were no prizes.

Charles Brandon Booth Coming To Haskell.

Charles Brandon Booth, son of General Booth of world wide fame will come to Haskell early in May and lecture. He is Field Secretary of "The Big Brotherhood and Big Sisterhood Movement" and is being brought to Haskell by The Magazine Club. At no time in the past, with the myriads of offerings of the best in art, music and literature that the Magazine Club has been instrumental in bringing to Haskell, will one surpass the good that the coming of this great man who knows

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her expenses. We brought Mrs. S. M. N. Marrs here in an all day meeting

Wed. Dec. 22nd and gave a luncheon in her honor at the Tonkawa. Her talks were an inspiration to all who heard her. We donated \$100.00 on a piano for the North Ward. This was badly needed as there was no musical instrument for the grade children. We paid \$36 on the clock and \$25 on the maps for the High School. We had never made a donation to Mrs. Sprowls work so we donated \$25 to the Home Nursing Department. Last year we set aside \$50 for a Student Loan Fund and voted to give one tenth of all the money we made to it. This fund is now available and any student wishing to take advantage of it please see Mrs. Carlton Couch. We regret very much to lose our President, Mrs. Anderson. She knows the work and is interested in its cause. We are fortunate to have a capable woman, Mrs. B. M. Whiteker to take her place.

The program committee has arranged to have an out of town speaker the 4th. Thursday evening of each month

and all fathers and mothers in the District are urged to come. Dr. Horn of Lubbock Tech. has been invited to speak on next 4th Thursday evening at 8 o'clock January 27th.

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great opportunity that may never come our way again and when the date of the lecture is announced later let us keep it in mind and make every effort to hear it and especially to allow the school children to do so. The public will be kept in reminder of the fact that Charles Brandon Booth is coming to Haskell.

The Baptist Women's Missionary Society Met Monday.

The ladies of the Baptist Church, Missionary Society meet two Mondays at the church and two Mondays in circles in the homes. On last Monday they met as a whole at the regular hour and had a splendid meeting. The director, Mrs. R. J. Reynolds had devoted much time in preparing the lesson, the book of Judges and was assisted by Mesdames W. C. Williams, Marshall Pierson, D. Scott and Cate. Mrs. Stalcup sang a lovely solo, "No Room In the Inn" and Misses Fay and May Free sang a beautiful duet. A business session followed when a report from the Superintendent of Young People's Work, Mrs. I. N. Simmons gave her report and the Sunbeam Band was di-

ded and the older group given in charge of Mrs. Mary Clough and the younger to Mrs. Ed Fouts.

Todd-Parsons
Miss Edith Parsons of Center Point and Denis Todd of the Vernon community were quietly married in Haskell Saturday January 15. These young people have a large circle of friends who wish for them a long happy and prosperous married life.

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THE POULTRY ASSOCIATION

The executive committee of the Central West Texas Poultry Association visited Cisco on January 14th, as was scheduled in my article of last week. We found an organization of several hundred members, all very enthusiastic and satisfied with results so far. We went into the details of their marketing system, which was considered very attractive with perhaps some few changes. All their products, both eggs and live stock, are concentrated and handled by a paid manager. All eggs are classified, each member has a number and his eggs are stamped with a rubber stamp, giving the name of the Bankhead Poultry Association, also the individual's number on each egg. The association guarantees the quality of the eggs and each member is responsible to the association for all eggs bearing his number. We found they were getting considerably more for their products than the general market price, however, they have not yet grown large enough to get the results they should. They were anxious to co-operate with our association on pool shipments, which we think can be worked out to an advantage to both associations. These details will have to be handled as we get to them.

The main thing before this association is trying to induce everyone who will make an effort to get away from the one crop proposition and get the country in a condition that whether cotton is low or high, we will have other products for sale. A great many of you will remember a few years ago in 1910, 11, 12 and 13 during those lean years the conditions forced us to look to something else. The writer was very active in the poultry business at that time and did everything to encourage the raising of more and better poultry. When we made a crop in 1914 our farmers were practically out of debt, and while the crop sold for a low price it left our country in a better condition than it had been for several years, and poultry cut the biggest figure in it of all products.

If you will look around and see the man who has something to sell every week or month in the year, paying his grocery bill with by-products and has his cotton as surplus at the end of the year, he is the man who does not know reverses.

We have the greatest poultry country in the United States. This is the natural home of the Mammoth Bronze Turkeys. I am told by competent judges that we raise the finest Bronze and the best developed birds of any part of the United States. A great many of the eastern and northern states that were once a turkey country, on account of climatic conditions have been forced to abandon them entirely. Take Missouri, Iowa and a number of other states, and about the only prosperous ones are Texas, Oklahoma and some of the northwest. You may depend upon it that turkeys will bring a satisfactory price every year. They may not bring 30c but we can raise 20c turkeys and make more money on them than on the cotton. Poultry has surpassed any other product in the United States. It now exceeds corn, which was king and is growing every day. Why not get in and share some of the profit? It would be a mistake for the entire population to turn all their attention to poultry, as they do to cotton, as that would force the market down, but have something to sell of any product that is successful, such as more hogs, more Jersey cows, etc. In other words, live at home is what I have been preaching for several years.—R. L. Penick.

Moves to Sweet Home

Hugh Carroll has moved his family to the Sweet home community from some where on the plains. Mr. and Mrs. Carroll have lived in this community before, having been reared here and they decided that this was the best place after all, so they will make their home here in the future.

Moves to Sagerton

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll of Sweet Home have moved their family to their farm at Sagerton and will make their home there in the future. They have lived on the farm of Mr. Sam Davis for the last few years. Sweet Home is losing some good residents by their moving away.

Services at Rose Last Sunday

Missionary Reed conducted services at the Rose Chapel church last Sunday at both the morning and night services. Quite a large congregation was present despite the bad weather, and enjoyed the fine sermons delivered by Bro. Reed. Rev. Claud Stovall will preach at Rose next Sunday and everyone has a cordial invitation to attend the services.

When Men are Free

By D. Lawrence Hawthorne

True liberty must come through education—
The freedom of an independent mind.
To legislate a democratic nation
Will never loose the chains from humankind.
The laws of men can only grant permission
That all may tread the path of life secure
From scourge, but each must better his condition
Through knowledge, whose release alone is sure.

To be set free from physical oppression
Gives meager promise of those better things
Which constitute life's only great possession:
The liberty that education brings.
Until men learn to heed the laws of nature,
And school themselves to act in close accord
With God's design, no state or legislature
Can guarantee them freedom's rich reward.

True freedom comes alone through education!
When men begin to realize this truth
Then will they give profound consideration
To how they best may spend the years of youth.
That day will see a renaissance of beauty,
And culture will again bring glad release
From strife; refinement then will be a duty;
And men will dwell in brotherhood and peace!



COMMON POULTRY DISEASES; CLEANLINESS AND CORRECT FEEDING GOOD PREVENTIVES

By W. F. Kazmeier in the Semi-Weekly Farm News

With the phenomenal development of the poultry industry in Texas the last six years we must expect more or less trouble due to increased ravages of poultry responsible for the loss of millions of dollars and much food that is wasted. For these reasons information pertaining to poultry diseases should be given more space in our agriculture papers. In the brief article we can discuss only the more common diseases and troubles.

Apoplexy
Caused by ruptured blood vessels, allowing the blood to unduly press on the brain. Indirectly caused by fright, extreme heat or extreme and unusual exertion. Not contagious. Know of no successful or practical treatment.

Chickenpox

Is caused by a virus, and spreads very rapidly, therefore is very contagious. The virus may be spread by contact, through drinking water, on the feet of attendants, by pigeons, sparrows and many other means. We do not know of a disease that is any more contagious. In early stages appears as watery blisters, and foamy discharge from eyes. In a few days these blisters break open and a dark scab forms on them. The sores appear to irritate the bird a great deal. These sores especially seem to cover unfeathered portions of comb and head, often closing eyes entirely. Very common in the late fall and early winter. As individual treatment recommend the use of vaccine. Vaccinate the entire flock who the disease first makes its appearance, and repeat in ten days if necessary. Be sure and use only fresh and properly prepared vaccine for the purpose. Vaccine for this may be ordered from Veterinary Department, A. & M. College, College Station, Texas. Syringes and directions are also furnished. Your local veterinarian may also be able to help you. Another method of handling this trouble is by isolating all infected birds, removing scabs and painting sores with pure tincture of iodine. Spraying inside of throat and mouth with pure tincture of iodine is also recommended. Some people get some results by adding five pounds of sulphur to 100 pounds of mash, and keeping this before them for three days, following this with a dose of epsom salts about a day later by adding one pound of epsom salts to 100 pounds of mash. In connection with this it is well to remember, that sanitation care will be as much or more than drugs to control this disease. Clean and disinfect houses completely early every morning. Use permanganate of potash in drinking water during duration of disinfection. Feed plenty of green food, milk, water and a balanced ration. Keep houses dry and well ventilated. Do not overcrowd.

Colds

These are nearly always caused indirectly by faulty housing or wrong conditions of management. Don't blame all of it on the weather. Study your housing conditions. If moisture condenses on inside they are too close. An opening in front should be provided to admit fresh air without drafts. In the winter we need opening only on the south side; in the summer we need openings on all four sides. Fresh air and plenty of it will cure colds. Damp, filthy floors are contributing causes, as are also drafty roosting quarters. Any thing that lowers the vitality of the fowls may help develop colds in the flock. I believe intestinal worms lower the vitality of the birds, making them subject to colds. A lack of succulent and tender green food in great abundance also lowers their resistance and indirectly causes colds and croup. The thing to do is to locate and remove the cause promptly. Sanitation, care and good feeds and feeding will do much

to help control this trouble. Remember, no amount of doctoring will prove beneficial unless cause or causes are located and removed. Isolate all affected birds. Remove as much of pus formation as possible and with an atomizer spray iodine on affected parts. Change your method of housing. Give more fresh air. Clean and spray more often. Add one pound of epsom salts to 100 pounds of mash. Feed more liberally of succulent green food and milk. Do not crowd birds too much. Feed a well-balanced ration, and remember care, cleanliness and sunshine, together with fresh air will cure most forms of colds and croup.

Guard against damp floors and floor drafts. At least twice year give each bird a worm capsule or tablet to kill any intestinal worms that may be present. There are several other good worm remedies that may be given as flock treatment. It is important, however, to rid your flock of intestinal worms.

Plain View Boy Improving

Arthur Moody of the Plain View community, who has been seriously ill with pneumonia is reported to be improving. His many friends wish him a speedy recovery.



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PROPOSED COTTON REDUCTION BILL FOR TEXAS

A new plan to reduce cotton acreage by legislation has been brought to Austin by State Senator P. B. Ward of Cleburne, who is preparing a bill to be introduced in the legislature.

The extermination of cotton pests is the basis for restricting cotton acreage by statute and Ward believes such a measure would be constitutional. As tentatively drawn the bill reads as follows:

Section 1—That all cotton insects that destroy growing cotton, and commonly known as bollworms, pink boll worms, cotton fleas, boll weevils and cotton leafworms, be and are hereby declared to be, cotton pests and public nuisances and shall be destroyed.

Sec. 2—That for the purpose of reducing the source of food supply upon which said cotton pest nuisances feed and exist and to better enable cotton growers to successfully poison and otherwise kill said public nuisances it is hereby made unlawful, from and after the passage of this act, for any landlord, lessee or other person in control of lands in this state to plant or permit to be planted, grown or permitted to be grown, on any lands owned or controlled by said person, more cotton cultivated on said lands for any one year than two-thirds of the amount planted in cotton on said lands for the year 1926. It being the intention of this act to reduce the food supply of said cotton pests to such an extent that cotton growers can successfully poison and otherwise kill and destroy said nuisances and protect their cotton from injury and destruction by said cotton insect nuisances.

Sec. 3—Any person who willfully and knowingly violates any of the provisions of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and punished by fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$5,000 or by imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding one year or both by such fine and imprisonment.

Sec. 4—Is the emergency clause and recites that there is now no law declaring cotton pests public nuisances and that there is no law limiting the food supply of cotton pests.

GOV. ROBERTS RESPONSIBLE FOR STATE UNIVERSITY

It was 46 years ago that the Seventeenth Legislature passed the act establishing the University of Texas. The actual establishment was due to Governor O. M. Roberts who decided in 1879 that unless he did something actively, the University which had languished unborn for forty years would languish another forty.

At that time no legislative appropriation was made for the upkeep of the institution, as it was thought \$125,000 could be realized from leasing 2,000,000 western acres and the income from the sale of the original 230,000 acres given the university. That amount was deemed ample for the support of the school. Unfortunately, the university was forced to manage on approximately \$45,000 which was the amount actually realized from the sources.

The first appropriation for the support of the university by the legislature was made in 1889, when the sum of \$25,000 was set aside for that purpose. From this time on the appropriations were gradually increased from year to year. According to the recommendations of the Board of Control to the Fortieth Legislature, an appropriation of \$2,046,150 is asked for the year ending August 31, 1928 and \$1,927,400 for the year ending August 31, 1929.

Barn Destroyed by Fire

Vaughn Williams, farmer living in the Cottonwood community, had the misfortune of losing his barn and contents last Thursday when it caught fire while Mr. and Mrs. Williams were smoking meat. They also lost all of the meat that was in the barn, and a quantity of cottonseed. This is quite a loss to Mr. Williams, and his friends and neighbors regret the unfortunate accident.

Mr. Hunt Moves to Rochester

Mr. David Hunt has moved his family to Rochester and will make their future home there. He lived on one of Mr. Sam Davis' farms last year.

LOST—One 30x5 Good Year tire with rim and tube. \$5.00 reward. J. B. Draper.

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Condition is shown in some statistical information recently compiled by Editor and Publishers, a magazine devoted to journalistic interests. Of the interesting figures given in the group shows that the gross income of thousands daily papers during the year amounted to one billion, one hundred and forty million dollars during the year.

This gigantic sum does not all its way into the pockets of the publishers and women who gather and dress news of the day into presentable form for the millions of readers. The portion goes to support a tremendous army of workers in allied industries.

For instance, approximately \$102,000 goes for the purchase of paper, this sum filters down through the printer, the manufacturer, the builder of the millinery and even away back into the northwoods where the lumbermen busy cutting trees to be ground up into pulp.

The consumption of newsprint paper during the year was approximately one and one-half million tons. The Evening Herald required 20,000 tons of this supply for its needs. The average daily circulation of The Evening Herald uses between 90 and 100 tons of paper.

To carry the newsprint paper from

American daily newspapers as an industry are growing—the volume in 1926 was about 10 per cent over the previous year—a lusty child and one that plays a constantly increasing part in the economic life of the nation.

DEMANDS FOR MORE PRODUCE

There are frequent inquiries as to possibilities of over production in the produce line, especially that of poultry, eggs and cream. It is said upon authority that the demands far exceed the supply. This is very pointedly true at the present time. The fact is that the small quantity of eggs that were stored in Texas in the spring of 1926 has been exhausted and large quantities of northern eggs are being shipped into Texas for consumption. Texas eggs that are on the market are not up to standard due perhaps to lack of care. Eggs that are being shipped in, plus those that are produced in this state, are unequal to the demands for the holidays, and this year's condition is not very different from the average year.

Even with the vast amount of propaganda, on dairying, and with new centralized creameries in operation in a number of points, the production is a great deal less than half what is needed to supply Texas creameries. Swift and Company report that it is necessary for that firm to get supplies from Oklahoma and other states in order to keep their branches at San Antonio, Houston, Beaumont and Galveston supplied.

The same firm reports that its poultry feeding facilities in Fort Worth are being utilized only to about one-fifth of their capacity at present due solely to its inability to buy feed. The same is true at other points in Texas. Prices obtained for turkeys in Texas indicate that raisers have obtained profitable returns and there is no indication of overproduction.

It can be set down as a certainty that there is not the least danger of overproduction in any of these lines of industry, and that the profitability of these should be one of the strongest arguments for dethroning King Cotton.

RAILROADS ESTABLISH GOOD RECORD IN 1926

The year 1926 enjoys distinction in that during this year the railroads handled a greater amount of revenue freight than in any preceding year, the total approximating 52 million cars against a little more than 48 million cars in 1925. Twenty seven times during the year the weekly loadings exceeded one million cars, that in itself being a record. Due to practically record crops of all kinds in the Southwestern district and to the development of our ter-

ritory our loadings have kept pace with the average throughout the country, exceeding that of some of the districts! Notwithstanding this great volume of freight that was handled by the railroads with practically no delays or embargoes, the addition to the increased facilities, to cooperation between shippers and the railroads brought about through the functioning of Regional Advisory Boards. In anticipation of further increases, the railroads during December placed orders for 21,000 freight cars in addition to the 51,000 cars previously ordered during 1926. If the expectation of the railroads is realized and if we may accept movement of revenue freight as an indication of business conditions, we may look forward to a big year in 1927.

The regular monthly hearing of the Railroad Commission will begin at Austin January 11. Due to the fact that no hearings were held in either November or December a number of cases are on the Docket and several are of great importance. As a result the hearing will continue probably throughout the remainder of the week.

A general conference of all these interested in rates on Grain and Grain Products has been called at Fort Worth, January 5th, to decide upon action to be taken in connection with the several complaints before the ICC and the Texas Commission, including substitution of group adjustments for mileage rates prescribed by the ICC. The rate situation affecting these commodities is chaotic and it is hoped to decide upon a position to be taken in the general investigation which the ICC probably will order upon application of the carriers.

B. L. Hamlett and John Burnett, two of our progressive farmers spent last week in Brown county on business.

A. & M. WILL AWARD DEGREES IN JANUARY

With the end of the first term of the current college session January 28, the A. & M. College of Texas will award twenty-two degrees, Dean Charles E. Friley, registrar of the College, has announced. The second term will begin January 29.

While the formal commencement exercises of the College are always at the end of the College year when the senior class as a body completes its work, there are nearly always a few students who graduate at the end of the first term, these being for the most part students who had a small amount of work to carry over from the preceding year.

Degrees to be awarded January 28 include one professional degree, one master of science, one doctor of veterinary medicine, and nineteen bachelor of science degrees.

G. F. Atchison, one of our old-time subscribers who has been a reader of the Free Press for years, was a pleasant caller at the office Monday. Mr. Atchison had his date set up another year, and also instructed us to change his address to Corpus Christi. He stated that he and Mrs. Atchison would leave Tuesday morning for the coast, where they will spend several months while Mr. Atchison exercises his ability as a fisherman. If nothing happens, our readers are likely to hear of some good catches, as Mr. Atchison has promised to let his friends know of his luck.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Anderson and children and Mr. V. F. Anderson have returned from a trip to Dallas, Cooper, and Sulphur Springs, where they visited relatives and friends. They were accompanied to Cooper by Miss Leslie Dean and Mr. Galen Anderson, who had been here on a short visit.

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CUSTOM HATCHING—Am now starting my Mammoth Incubators and will continue through the season. See me for space and dates. Phone 287 Crawford Hatchery, Haskell Texas.

FOR SALE Rhode Island Red Cockerels, Airhart strain. Priced \$2.50 and \$3.50 each. J. C. Halliburton, one mile east of Foster School House, Rule, Route 1.

WANTED—I want your gardens to fork up. Now is the time. Phone Judge Sanders residence. G. W. Jones.

LOST—Wrist watch and wedding ring in small stationery box, on December 30th, in north part of Haskell. Reward. Leave at Free Press. Allen Lees.

I have lease the J. F. Morrison Poultry Ranch, breeder of Pure Tanored strain of S. C. White Leghorns. I will have eggs to set by the 15th of February at \$1.50 per setting or \$7.00 per 100 eggs. Get your order in early. J. H. Carter.

FOR SALE—200 bushels of bright seeds oats, clear of Johnson Grass. Price 50 cents per bushel. Clay Kimbrough.

FOR RENT—3 room furnished apartment. Mrs. J. C. Holt.

FOR SALE—5 spans of mules and 1 span of horses 3 to 5 years old, will give terms 1 to 2 years. T. L. Atchison, Phone 186.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Commissioners Court of Haskell County, Texas, will receive bids at Haskell Texas, on February 11, 1927, for the purchase of one or more Caterpillar Sixty Road Tractors and one or more 12 foot Road Graders.

The folks up stairs have the whole town talkin about improving the streets and givin flowers through 1927. Service and quality at Crawford Florist.

ANYONE WANTING—To grub for wood, apply to D. D. Pitman, 1 mile east of Gauntt school house.

FOR SALE—White Leghorn eggs for setting purposes at 50 cents per setting of 14 eggs. E. D. Allison, Rule, Texas, Route 1.

SLIGHTLY USED—Electric range at exceptional bargain. West Texas Utilities Company.

FOR SALE—1 four burner oil stove, 1 sideboard, 1 fireless cooker, 1 dresser, 1 washstand, 1 bedstead, 1 new singer sewing machine. W. H. Albertson, 1tp.

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SEED OATS AND BARLEY—Clear of Johnson Grass, Rust-proof. Oats 60 cents per bushel; Barley, 75 cents. T. L. Atchison and Son, phone 186.

1924 FORD COUPE—In good condition, good rubber, motor in good shape. Will sell worth the money for cash, good notes, or terms to responsible party. Write, wire or phone Siegel Dry Goods Co.

PIGS FOR SALE—I have several pigs three months old for sale, and also a few shoats. I will buy a second hand wagon in good shape. J. D. Hughes, Haskell Texas.

TAKEN UP—Black horse mule, 16 hands high, about 4 or 5 years old. Had trace chain around neck and halter on; has been at my place since Jan. 2. Owner may have same by paying for this ad and other charges. J. N. Jordan, on Bernard farm four miles south of Knox City.

WANT WHITE MAN—And wife without children to work on farm and ranch. R. W. Herrin, Sr.

LOST—A green fountain pen either the 5th or 6th of January. Finder return to Edwin Parsons for reward. Itc

Teachers Examination Notice
Examinations for Teachers Certificates will be held at the County Supt. office, February 4th and 5th. Those desiring examinations must register at once with the County Superintendent.
MISS MINNIE ELLIS
County Supt. Public Instruction.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Haskell County—Greeting:
S. R. Hunter, Sr., administrator of the estate of Samuel Hunter, deceased, having filed in our county court his final account of the condition of the estate of said Samuel Hunter, deceased, together with an application to be discharged from said administration, you are hereby commanded, that by publication of this writ for twenty days in a newspaper regularly published in the County of Haskell, you give the due notice to all persons interested in the account for final settlement of said estate, to file their objections thereto, if any they have, on or before the March Term, 1927, of said County Court, commencing and to be held at the Court House of said county, in the City of Haskell, on the 7th day of March, A. D. 1927, when said account and application will be considered by said court.

Witness, Emory Menefee, Clerk of County Court of Haskell County.
Given under my hand and seal of office, this 21st day of December, A. D. 1926.

EMORY MENEFFEE
Clerk County Court, Haskell County, Texas

A true copy, I certify:
J. C. TURNBOW
Sheriff, Haskell County 3tp

No. 681.

Citation on Application for Letters of Guardianship

THE STATE OF TEXAS
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Haskell County, Greeting:
You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for a period of ten days before the return day hereof, in a newspaper of general circulation, which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year in said Haskell County, a copy of the following notice:

The State of Texas.
To all persons interested in the welfare of Ivy Lanham and Alvis Lanham, minors, W. E. Clark has filed in the County Court of Haskell County, an application for Letters of Guardianship upon the estates of said minors which said application will be heard at the next term of said Court, commencing on the first Monday in January A. D. 1927, the same being the 3rd day of January A. D. 1927 at the court house thereof, in Haskell, Texas, at which time all persons interested in the welfare of said Minors, may appear and contest said application, if they see proper to do so.

Herein fail not, but have you before said Court, on the said first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Haskell, Texas, this 17th day of December A. D. 1927.

(Seal) **Emory Menefee, Clerk**
County Court, Haskell County, Texas.

Notice in Probate

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested in the estate of Henry Powell and Walter Powell, Minors, that Mrs. M. M. Powell Guardian of said minors has filed in the County Court of Haskell County, Texas, an application for an order of said Court, granting her authority to execute an Oil and Gas Lease on a two-fifth undivided interest, belonging to the estate of the said minors, in a one-half of 220 acres of land situated on the A. Richie Survey Abstract No. 353, in Haskell County Texas, for a term of five years, or for the period of time allowed by law, for a 1/8 of the Oil and Gas that may be produced from said land. Said lease to be free of rental for the first year, and one Dollar per acre rental to be paid after the first year. Which application will be heard by the Court one week after this date. When all persons interested in the estate of said minors, may appear before said Court and contest said application if they see proper to do so.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 18th day of January 1927.

(Seal) **Emory Menefee, Clerk**
County Court, Haskell County Tex.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to take this method to extend our heartfelt thanks to the many kind friends and neighbors for their many acts of kindness during the last illness and death of our dear father. Especially do we thank the doctors, and the Odd Fellows Lodge. We pray God's richest blessings on each and every one.

Mrs. M. S. Edwards.
Walter Edwards.
Alex Edwards.
Sterling Edwards.
Tip Edwards.
Arthur Edwards.
Jesse Edwards.
Mrs. Stella Carr.

Uses Tractor in Sowing Grain

Mr. Louis Hamilton of this city recently purchased a Fordson tractor and is using it to sow grain on his farm near Gauntt. Mr. Hamilton owns several farms around Haskell, and always rents them but has decided to quit raising so much cotton, and intends to plant more feed and grain.

NOTICE OF SELECTION OF COUNTY DEPOSITORY.

Notice is hereby given that any banking corporation, association, or individual banker in Haskell county desiring to be selected as the County depository shall deliver to the County Judge on or before Monday, February 13th, 1927, a sealed proposal or bid stating the rate of interest offered on the County Funds for the next twelve months. The funds to be so deposited including all moneys collected for taxes and deposited in this depository selected, and the same shall draw interest computed monthly upon the daily balances to the credit of the County Tax Collector.

Said depository shall be chosen at a regular meeting of the Commissioners Court on Monday, February 14, 1927, and each proposal or bid must be accompanied by a certified check for \$1,200.00 as a guaranty of good faith that if such bid be accepted, said bank will enter into the bond required by law, and upon failure of the banking corporation or association, or individual banker that may be selected as such depository, to give the bond required by law, the amount of such certified check shall go to the county as liquidated damages, and the County Judge shall re-advertise for bids.

JESSE G. FOSTER,
County Judge, Haskell County, Texas.

Notice In Probate

The State of Texas:
To all persons interested in the estate of Irene McGregor, Minor, Greeting:

Whereas, Chas. McGregor, Guardian of the person and estate of Irene McGregor, Minor, filed application in the County Court of Haskell County, Texas, on the 16th day of September A. D. 1926 for authority to make and execute a mineral lease of the East half of the Oliver Smith Survey No. 36, Certificate No. 536, Abstract No. 381, containing 320 acres of land more or less, belonging to said minor, said land in Haskell County, Texas, in a part of the County in which it is alleged that there is development going on for the testing of the same for oil and gas, and that it is advisable and necessary under these circumstances that said real estate belonging to said minor be also developed for oil and gas that the same may not be drained of these substances if oil and gas be discovered by adjacent drilling and that at this time a fair rental can be secured for the lease on said land, which lease will retain 1/8 Royalty in all oil and gas produced on said land, and that the Guardian asks that this land be only leased for a term of four years, which will not extend beyond the term of minority of said minor.

And in said petition the guardian prays for an order of this Court granting him as such Guardian to make and execute proper mineral lease on said lands for the term of four years at a fair rental for the development as the best terms that can be secured, to such persons as may be able and disposed to carry out the terms of such lease and pay the annual rental thereon until actual drilling operations are begun in good faith.

And whereas said application being presented to the Hon. Jesse G. Foster, County Judge of Haskell County, Texas, by an order endorsed said petition for a day certain to hear the application as appointed as the Court house in the town of Haskell, Texas on the 31 day of January A. D. 1927 at 9 o'clock a. m., when said application will be heard and proof required as to the necessity and advisability for such mineral lease.

You are therefore notified that said application and proof of the necessity and advisability of such mineral lease will be heard by the Honorable Jesse G. Foster, County Judge of Haskell County, Texas, on the 31st day of January A. D. 1927 at the Court House of said Haskell County, Texas at 9 o'clock a. m. at which time all persons interested in said estate of said minor are requested to appear and answer said application should they desire to do so.

Witness my hand as Guardian of the person and estate of Irene McGregor, Minor, this 16th day of September 1926.

Chas. McGregor, Guardian of the Person and Estate of Irene McGregor, Minor.

The State of Texas,
County of Haskell.

Before me the undersigned authority in and for said County and State on this day personally appeared Chas. McGregor, Guardian of the person and estate of Irene McGregor, Minor, who being by me duly sworn on oath deposes and says that he is such Guardian and that in his capacity as such Guardian, he published the foregoing notice in the Haskell Free Press, a news paper published in the town of Haskell in Haskell County, Texas for the issue of said paper published on the 20th day of January A. D. 1927, the same being more than a week prior to the hearing of said application.

Chas. McGregor, Guardian of the person and estate of Irene McGregor, Minor.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 16 day of September A. D. 1926.

H. S. Wilson, Notary Public, Haskell County, Texas.

Billie Lusk Laid to Rest

After a short illness little Billie Lusk, the small son of Mr. and Mrs. Clay Lusk, of the Plainview community passed to his reward on last Saturday, January 15th at the Stamford Sanitarium. Friends and relatives followed all that was mortal to the last resting place, at the Stamford Cemetery last Sunday afternoon, where Rev. Steward, pastor of the St. Johns M. E. Church at Stamford conducted the funeral services.

RAMBLINGS

By An Old-Timer

It is funny how we forget as time flies. The things we read last week in the Free Press, the official organ of Haskell county, are now almost forgotten. We let the things of the past worry us but little, the present and the future interest us the more. It is human to let the by-gone be by-gone and we are only human.

We heard a fellow say the other day that the times were harder than the notable year of 1918. This was the year when the drouth was upon us. There was no feed grown in the county and less than 100 hales of cotton were ginned. The world war was in progress and everything to eat was high as a cat's back with an allowance on top of that. We ate potatoes in the bread when we could get the potatoes. We tried to eat maize flour, but it was so much like glue that it could hardly be cooked, much less served on the table. The sugar and flour were issued according to a scale and it was hard to get, at that. It was awful then but it seems a trifle now. We just forget. The matter now is a few blighted hopes. Some of us had great plans made and they "blowed up," but with the bountiful feed crop the good season, the late picking of cotton and an early grain crop all will be lost in the shuffle and remembered no more.

While going from Rule to Jud one day last week we were crowded into the bar pit most all the way by farmers hauling cotton to the Rule gins. It reminded us of the busiest of the fall season when the gins were running day and night. The 1927 crop is coming in strong and will only be a short spell from picking to picking. It looks now like more cotton will be growing before this crop is picked.

Jud is one city in Haskell county that stands unchanged regardless of the changing conditions of other cities. It has one store, blacksmith shop and cotton gin which has kept Jud identified with the world for the last ten years or more. It is located on the Brazos river in the western part of the county and is known as one of the best farming sections in West Texas. The administration of these enterprises change frequently but the city moves right along. Politics cut no figure in this city.

Rochester has her streets body torn up putting down the water mains in the business section of the city. While this is in progress and every thing is pointing to a greater Rochester some of the business concerns have gone "busted". This nothing out of the ordinary we read in the papers that many other concerns over the state have failed. It is no disgrace to be broke. Quite a number of us fellows have blowed up on nearly every thing we have undertaken, but we keep looking on. We who have read of Lincoln's failures with final success can console ourselves that other great men suffered losses.

The superintendent of the Sunday School at the First Baptist church of this city last Sunday said "The adult Bible class was on a fifty-fifty basis in attendance. The class numbers around 100 pupils, fifty attend and the other fifty were absent. When the weather is cold a fellow can find many excuses which makes it impossible for him to attend Sunday school on time."

George Turnbow one of Haskell County's best farmers living a few miles north of Haskell said the other day when he was in the city that he had more meat and lard in his smoke house than he has ever had since he has lived in the county and he is no new comer, mark that. He killed seven big hogs and told how much lard he made but just now we can not recall the amount, but it was a bountiful supply for the needs of the new year. He says that barley is a real hog feed and he stated that he sows barley every year to feed his hogs. He never mentioned hard times or any financial depression.

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Baby Chicks

Single Comb White Leghorns 15c to 25c each. Rhode Islands 15c to 20c each. Silver Lace Wyndottes 15c each. Barred Plymouth Rocks 15c each. Light Brahmas 20c each. Let us do your custom hatching, 25,000 eggs every three weeks. Attendant with machine day and night.

Visitors always welcome.

Sunset Poultry Farm

RULE, TEXAS

Member Texas Baby Chick Assn.

pression. He is trying to make a living. The fellow who tries to make money seldom has any money and of ten fails to make a support for his family.

The city of Haskell will soon have a new city hall. This has been badly needed for a number of years. Many of the citizens who have looked forward to the erection of this handsome building are about to see their dreams come true. There will be a number of attractive offices and Auditoriums, but we learn that two steel cages are being installed in one room in this building, the city council believing they will be needed to cage the birds of the city when they become too numerous.

We read in a news paper published in the city of O'Donnell on the south plains that during the month of December that no arrests were made. The Christmas and new year celebrations could not stir up enough crime wave to cause an arrest. A number of former Haskell county people live in this pious city and the above statement is good news back home.

We heard a Rule Banker say this week that conditions in general were starting off better than last year. He based his statement on what he knew and was not guessing. He stated that it would take less money to run the people this year than last, stressing the point that they were using every effort to economize and were not wasteful of their means at hand. He stated that last year folks had big ideas and wanted to borrow large sums of money to carry them out. This year they seem to just want enough money for their actual needs and no more. This is not his exact words but the sense of his statement is embodied in this paragraph. If the farmers will stick to that idea and if we all should imbibe the spirit it will help. When a fellow gets as the old saying goes "Nigger-Rich," he is liable to go to the bow-wows.

The crowd on the streets of Haskell last Saturday was not so large as usual owing to the cold weather in the early part of the day, but the close-in communities were well represented. Haskell is a great Saturday town and since our merchants are making Friday and Saturday bargain days a large number of shoppers come to town on these days. "Trade in Haskell" is the slogan.

Called to Beside of Mother

Mr. G. W. McCrea of the Vernon community received word last week that his mother of Lampassas was very sick and was not expected to live. Mr. McCrea and his family left early Sunday morning for Lampassas to be with his mother.

SCARING US TO DEATH

Clever advertising of antiseptics and other preparations reputed to save us from all ills to which the flesh is heir has done a lot of harm according to Dr. Shaw, professor of philosophy at the New York University.

While real science is relieving the human mind of many former bugaboos, modern "fear factories" are manufacturing new horrors to alarm the gullible and shorten their lives through sheer fright.

Just as we have been reassured by scientific control of yellow fever, small-pox, malaria and a host of old-time dangers, along comes the kill-joy tribe, warning us of the menace of dandruff, pyorrhea, etc. Dr. Shaw says: "Man is tempted with an array of drug-filled remedies which are supposed to act as antiseptics. The bath room, becomes a clinic, and every man a doctor in spite of himself. Now, dread in the heart is worse than dandruff in the hair, and fear in the soul is more unsightly than film on the teeth."

To which we may add, as the high school girl would say, "Aint it the truth."

THE PROFITABLE PIG

The profitable pig, is one that gains continuously from date of farrowing until marketed. During the suckling period the sow should be given feed that will stimulate the production of milk. Give her corn or ground barley as the main feed, supplemented by shorts or middlings, tankage of fish meal, or cold-process linseed meal. The corn may be fed on the ear or shelled. The other feeds may be fed dry or in slop. The sow should have all the feed she will clean up twice daily in addition to pasture.

It is very important that the pigs make good gains during the suckling period. If the hand-feeding method is followed, the labor of caring for brood sows and their litters is considerable, but where the self-feeder is used several days or even a week's supply of feed may be stored in the hoppers in a very short time.

Rose Chapel Defeats Post

The Rose Chapel boys team and the Post team met on the Rose Chapel court Friday evening and engaged in a very interesting basket ball game. The Rose Chapel team was victorious, but they state they were glad to have the Post team and invite them back again for another game.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawson Bailey, living south of town are the proud parents of a fine daughter who arrived recently.

A SURE SIGN

Maize, the Cashier: "You'd better give me a week off to regain my health; my beauty is beginning to fade."
Mr. Jensen: "Why do you think so?"
Maize: "The men are beginning to count their change."

Rupture Shield

Expert Coming to ABILENE

On Thursday and Friday Feb. 3 and 4 AT GRACE HOTEL from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. Evening Appointment

TWO DAYS ONLY

No Charge for Consultation

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pert says:
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Call on me and I will show you.

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EVERYBODY will agree that a man succeeds and prospers only when he spends LESS money than he receives in a given period of time.

Let's apply this great economic test to the situation in this town: Our business men have invested—and continue to invest—their money in stocks of goods brought here to your very door to meet your daily needs.

Through the pages of this paper they advise you of their ability to serve this community. All of us know that they deserve our patronage. And remember, the more you trade with them the more funds they can invest in larger stocks and new lines.

Read the Ads in this Paper and save yourself money by trading at home

Mother Makes 'Em Best

by O. Lawrence Hawthorne

ness 'most anybody's cake
cookies ain't so hard t' take
When boys an' girls 're comin' in from play,
when I'm lookin' fer a treat
nothin' else could ever beat,
I'll pick my Mother's cookies any day!

Gran'ma makes 'em awful good,
lots o' times I wish I could
Be at her house t' eat 'em while they're hot.
Sometimes a neighbor-lady, too,
lucky, an' brings us a few—
But, gosh, our famly always needs a lot!

My Mother hasn't any more,
sometimes she buys some at the store,
But every kind tastes jes' like all the rest.
I bet yer neck I like the cake
cookies other people bake;
But my own Mother always makes 'em best!



By 1926, O. Lawrence Hawthorne.

ALFALFA FOR GRAZING AND SOIL BUILDING

Robert, Director Agricultural
Bureau, Robert Nicholson
Seed Company.

Alfalfa is fast becoming one of the most dependable crops grown in all sections of the state. It is probable that it is the most widely raised crop grown in this country. A few of any sections of the state where it fails to grow under wild conditions. It can be found growing on the roadside upon the North side of the El Paso country, in the middle section, in East Texas and in the Blackland belt.

One of the most satisfactory crops that can be grown, and which grows successfully with Bertha and other grasses. It is one of the best soil building crops that can be raised. It will furnish an abundance of food to the soil and supply nitrogen. When handled right, it is one of

our best hay crops, both from the standpoint of yield and quality of hay. Sweet clover has about the same feeding value as does alfalfa and will grow upon land that will not grow alfalfa.

Time of Planting

On the Experiment Station at Denton and from the experience of many farmers, it is proven conclusively that January and February plantings have been the most successful. Sweet clover planted in the fall will often seed the following Spring, and in shortening the growing period its value is lessened. There are very few instances where a stand has been secured the time of planting small grain a good stand is usually secured when planted later than the last of February. When planted about the time of planting small grain a good stand is usually secured, or sweet clover may be sown broadcast without the use of a grain nurse crop. In all instances the best stands have been secured when the land is firm with only loose seed bed

sufficient to cover seed.

The advantage of planting the clover with grain is that a crop may be secured from the land the first year. The main disadvantages are, that the grain crop may become so dense, or blow down so that the small clover plants are smothered, or of moisture is low, the grain may dry out the land until the stand is injured. If it is seen that there is a shortage of moisture the grain may be cut early for hay instead of growing until it matures.

Owing to the fact that sweet clover matures seed and dies the second year, if it is desirable to keep it permanent in one field there should be a second planting on the same land one year from the date of first sowing. With this method, there are one and two year old plants on the same land, and the clover does not seed until about July the second summer.

Rate and Method of Seeding
Sweet clover is usually sown broadcast at the rate of from 15 to 20 lbs. per acre. Owing to the extremely hard seed coat, it is best to sow scarified seed to insure a stand. As an added insurance, it is best to inoculate the seed before planting.

The Denton Experiment Station has reported that probably the most satisfactory results have been obtained from planting sweet clover with small grain in late January and early February. The grain may be sown with drill and sweet clover sown broadcast using a drag or section harrow with teeth down, to cover the seed.

Sweet Clover for Grazing
From reports from many sections of the state, it has been shown that sweet clover will furnish grazing for from one to four mature cows per acre from early spring until the first freeze. It is equal to alfalfa for grazing with all types of livestock. It can be grazed over a longer period, than can alfalfa and there is little, if any, danger from bloating.

Sweet Clover for Hay
On the average, sweet clover will yield from 1 1/2 to 2 tons of hay per acre. The best quality of hay is obtained by cutting when the plants are about knee high. Two cuttings are usually made during the season. In cutting sweet clover for hay, and especially during the second season, the sickle bar should be raised to about six or seven inches. When cut close some of the plants will be destroyed. When cut high, the main stems left left put out small limbs at each joint which produces a fine quality of hay the next cutting. If it is desirable to let the plants produce seed the second year, the clover may be cut one time, the second growth allowed to seed.

Sweet Clover for Soil Building
Sweet clover is a nitrogen gathering plant, that is, it has the power to take free nitrogen from the air and store it in the soil. A hay crop of 1 1/2 tons of

sweet clover contains approximately 43 pounds of nitrogen, 8.5 pounds of phosphoric acid and 27.5 pounds of potash. If we value nitrogen at 25 cents per pound and phosphoric acid and potash at 6 cents per pound, one and one-half tons of sweet clover hay would be worth \$12.71 from the acre yield of the plants, in addition to the value of organic matter that would be returned to the soil. When used for grazing, the greater amount of both the organic matter and plant food is returned to the soil.

The numerous root system of sweet clover makes this crop a very desirable one to improve the physical condition of the soil, which in turn, increases the feeding area of the crop following clover.

Alfalfa should be grown on all land that is adapted to this crop. Alfalfa will grow, and return a good annual revenue for several years on suitable land. The value of alfalfa for a soil building crop is clearly demonstrated in the recent "More Cotton on Fewer Acres Contest." Mr. Littleton at Vernon won first prize on cotton following alfalfa, without the use of commercial fertilizer. The basis of soil fertility is humus, and the basis of soil fertility is humus. The most economical way to put humus in the soil and at the same time to put plant food in the soil is to grow alfalfa, clover and other legumes.

THE FUTURE OF THE POULTRY BUSINESS

Raising good poultry is a most fascinating, healthful, and useful occupation, and there is no industry of any kind that offers greater opportunities. No industry is making more rapid growth. The past few years the poultry business has developed tremendously, having attained a volume for exceeding a billion dollars a year. Yet it is still in its infancy and there is a golden future for the ambitious man, woman, boy or girl who raises good poultry.

Our population is rapidly increasing and must depend more and more upon the production of eggs and poultry for its meat production because the food of beef, mutton and pork seems to have about reached its limit. Therefore, the demand for poultry products is steadily increasing, more rapidly than the supply, and the price of this nutritious food will get better and higher all the time.—M. Johnson, from The Progressive Farmer.

INSULT BEFORE INJURY

Auto Salesman: "And what kind of a horn would you like, sir? Do you care for a good, loud blast?"
Haughty Customer: "No, I want something that just sneers."

SOME GREAT DISCOVERIES IN SCIENCE ARE ACCIDENTS

Humble materials and accidental happenings have played an important part in some of the world's greatest discoveries.

Charles Goodyear in a fit of disgust, hurled a piece of rubber compound into a stove, and the charred mass which he later removed from the fire gave him the long looked for method of vulcanizing rubber.

Fluor-spar from Greenland, used as ballast by a fishing vessel and discarded as useless on a Boston dock, made possible the aluminum industry of today.

Telephone engineers some years ago developed "permalloy"—a magnetic alloy of nickel and iron—which when rolled into a thin, narrow ribbon and wound around the copper core of a submarine cable increased the speed of cabling six times, but they were unable to find a flux that would weld the ends of the rolled pieces of permalloy into a continuous tape. Every flux known to them was tried without success, and finally a workman in a spirit of fun said "Let's try salt," and picking up a salt cellar which he had been using in seasoning his lunch shook it on the weld. The cap accidentally flew off and the salt poured over the weld. The experimenters were astonished to see that the salt combining with the borax which they had been using formed a foamlike flux completely covering the weld, and success was assured. An accident to be sure, but it solved the problem of welding permalloy and made possible the two high speed cables which now cross the Atlantic.

DROPPED "A" MAY BE A COSTLY ERROR FOR SCHOOLS

A dispatch from Austin, Texas, dated December 31, says: "Did the adoption of the constitutional amendment of last November changing section 3 of article 7 of the State Constitution deprive the available school fund of \$750,000 annually was the question agitating State Superintendent S. M. N. Marrs Friday when the discovery was made that the newly adopted section omitted the letter 'a' and may have changed the whole meaning of the clause, which formerly gave the school fund two-thirds of all poll taxes collected, as expressed in 'one dollar of the \$1.75 collected.' Before the amendment was adopted last month the provision read that 'one fourth of the revenue derived from the State occupation taxes and a poll tax of \$1 on every inhabitant of the state between the ages of 21 and 60 years shall be set apart annually for the benefit of the public free schools.' The amended section assigns one-fourth of the 'occupation' taxes and poll tax," having omitted the "a" before

"poll tax."
Marrs admitted that it would be good English to construe the new language to mean that the school fund would get one-fourth of the occupation taxes 'and' poll taxes, instead of 'a' poll of \$1.

The original joint resolution proposing the constitutional amendment was inspected in the State department and it omits the now all-important 'a'. Comptroller Terrell collected \$1,666,758 in poll taxes last year. One fourth of that would be \$416,689 instead of the \$1 for each poll tax collected as the share of the available school fund. Legislative intent, as construed by the courts, may save the school fund its usual share.

SAD STORY

Diner: Waiter, there's a button in my soup.
Waiter (ex-printer): Typographical error, sir; it should have been mutton—Utica Gas & Electrical News.

WANTED TO BE CURED

Those who object, like the negro in this story, to the high fees of a good physician, do not always realize what they are paying for. The doctor in question was called out to attend an unknown patient. When he arrived he found a peccant negro wanted his attention.
The sick man first asked, "How much you charge, Doctah?"
"Five dollars a visit," said the other, and when the negro has gasped his surprise, he continued, "That includes, you know my time, experience, advice and the medicine."
"A pore old niggah like me don't need all dem extras," remarked the patient. "Jist give me ten cents worth of yo' cough medicine, and dat's nough fo' me."

THE AUTHOR

A schoolmaster named Bird was always being reminded of this fact by the boys. Once on entering the class room he found the boys looking so grave that he looked around for signs of trouble. Sure enough on the blackboard appeared a familiar quotation:
"Hail to thee, blithe spirit
Bird who never wert."
"Who wrote that?" he rapped out sharply.

Dead silence reigned for some moments. Then a small boy said: "Please sir, I think it was Shakespeare."

A little bit of quality
Will always make 'em smile;
A little bit of courtesy
Will bring 'em in a mile;
A little bit of friendliness
Will tickle 'em 'tis plain—
And a little bit of service
Will bring 'em back again.

AN OLD NEWSPAPER

The oldest newspaper in the world is probably in Peking, China, according to Le Figaro, Paris. It is the Tsen-Tse-Kwan Pao. Recently it celebrated its thousandth birthday anniversary.

Every issue of this newspaper has been carefully preserved and filed in the official archives of the palace at Peking. The penalty for making a misstatement in this newspaper has been decapitation, and it is said that more than a few of its editors have suffered this fate in the past.

Since the revolution the paper has changed its title to Tsen-Fou-Kou-Pao which means "official government journal."

BABY BEEF

Under favorable conditions there are several advantages in producing young beef for market rather than mature beef. Young cattle make larger gains than older cattle on the same quality of food, yearlings being able to make 25 to 40 per cent more gain than mature cattle on the same food. Furthermore, by raising and fattening calves the money invested can be turned over in a short time. Young heaves offer greater choice in the date of marketing because they hold their bloom longer. This is a decided advantage if the market is unsteady or weak.

Cattle with inferior form and poor quality are not suitable for the production of desirable beef. To produce young beef, grain must be fed in considerable quantities from the time of weaning or even before to the time of marketing. When the feed consists chiefly of roughage, no attempt should be made to feed out calves. Calves to qualify for this purpose must have quality and finish. One of the best breeds (Short-horns, Hereford, Aberdeen-Angus, and Galloway) should be used in the production of young beef.

TELEPHONES IN THE SOUTHWEST INCREASE

In the five states of Texas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Kansas and Arkansas there are just about two million telephones. This amounts to one telephone for every seven people.

The annual gain in telephones in this territory is almost 100,000. Engineers expect the rate of gain to continue at about this figure for the next five years.

Miss Lillie Merle Hamlett of the Irby community suffered very painful burns on her right hand last Sunday night. She was preparing supper and spilled hot grease on her hand, sustaining a very painful burn.

LOWER GROCERY PRICES

OUR BUSINESS HAS GROWN SO FAST UNDER OUR NEW METHODS OF BUSINESS THAT WE HAVE FOUND WE CAN REDUCE OUR PRICES STILL LOWER—AND GIVE THE SAVINGS TO OUR CUSTOMERS. JOIN THE HUNDREDS OF HASKELL FAMILIES WHO ARE TRADING HERE AND SAVING MONEY ON THEIR GROCERY BILLS. HERE ARE A FEW OF OUR PRICES:

SPECIALS FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

Spinach NO. 2 SIZE PER CAN	16c	Tomatoes and Okra NO. 2 CAN EACH	18c
Salmon NO. 2 CAN	14c	Wesson Oil PINT CAN	28c
Catsup 15 OUNCE BOTTLE KOONER BRAND	19c	Tamales NO. 2 CAN RATLIFF BRAND	13c
Rice 2 POUND PACKAGE WHITE HOUSE RICE	21c	Mexine CHILLI POWDER	21c
Mary Jane GALLON CAN SYRUP	66c	Syrup 1-2 GALLON MARY JANE	36c

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LOCAL NOTES

O. M. Kelley of Breckenridge, visited in the Irby Community last Sunday.

Superintendent H. D. Neff has returned from a business trip to Colorado Texas.

Misses Lillie and Callie Cloer the attending Draughon's Business College, Abilene.

Miss Opal Self is attending Draughon's Business College, Abilene, for a course in Shorthand and Typewriting.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Odell of Abilene were in Haskell a few days of last week visiting relatives and looking after business.

Mrs. M. V. Bland of McConnell is suffering with the "flu" at this writing however, she is greatly improved of which her many friends will be glad to learn.

Jay Cox of the Howard community has purchased a new Tudor Ford Sedan. He went to Strawn after his new car last week.

Mrs. J. E. Grissom and children of Abilene spent last week end with Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Grissom and other Haskell relatives. Mr. J. E. Grissom had gone to the northern markets.

Miss Madelin Hunt who teaches Public School Music and Art in the Brownwood school spent last week end with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Courtney Hunt.

Mr. and Mrs. Dater Anderson have moved to the Midway community and that caused Mrs. Anderson to resign from the presidency of the North Ward P. T. A. These worthy people will make good citizens for Midway.

Mrs. B. M. Whiteaker is the new president of the North Ward Parent-Teachers Association and needs no introduction to Haskell people as she has an established place in the social, school and church life of Haskell.

Every Hardware firm in Haskell is represented this week at the State Hardware Convention in Dallas. L. N. McCollum of McCollum, Ellis and Couch; Wallace Cox of Jones-Cox and Co. and Mr. H. M. Smith of McNeill and Smith Hdw. Co.

The following guests from Merkle spent last week end with Mr. and Mrs. Courtney Hunt; Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson and daughter, Frances, and son Jack, and Mr. and Mrs. Ellington Britton and Mrs. Claud Comebys and son Bill.

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Selwood of Sleepy Cat

By FRANK H. SPEARMAN

IN THIS STORY of rapid action, Mr. Spearman has gone back to his early love—of writing tales of the West in stage coach and Indian days, when the railroad had just started to cross the frontier, when men lived enthusiastically, loved truly and were quick on the trigger. If you have read "Whispering Smith," "Nan of Music Mountain" or any of his other fascinating novels, we shall not be surprised if you find this one the best of all.

Will Appear as a Serial in THE FREE PRESS Beginning Feb. 3rd

MARVINA POST GIVES A PARTY

On January 4th, a silhouette party was given for a number of Haskell's youngest set.

The home of Mrs. W. N. Hucklebee was turned over to them for the afternoon and the rooms were seated and decorated appropriately for a silhouette party.

The entertainment for these youngsters carried with it the idea of silhouettes. They were asked to pose and a life-size drawing of their heads made from shadows. The "play show," however, was voted the best part of the entertainment. This show was presented on a curtain and the little guests themselves were the actors and each represented a nursery rhyme such as "Jack Be Nimble," "Little Miss Muffet," and "Little Jack Horner."

The drawing room table was decorated with cut silhouettes, and place cards were arranged for about thirty-five.

Barvarian cream with animal cookies and plain cake was served to the following: Lucile Kirkpatrick, Geraldine Connor, Merle Draper, Eva Joe Ratliff, Marjorie Ratliff, Hugh Mac English, Jean Connor, Louise Pierson, Marie Baird, Helene Mabel Baldwin, Waynona Frances Post, Elsie Gholson, Buster Gholson, Paul Kuentsler, Noca Bailey, Margaret Kennedy, Reynolds Smith, Frances Fouts, Gladys Fouts, Martelle Clifton, Joyce Hamblen, Gorman McDonald, Mary Sue Murchison, Virgil Meadows, Jr.

The hostess, Marvina and Henry Post

Farewell Party

Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Reed of the Vernon community who are moving to the South Plains Monday, gave a farewell party Saturday night at their home. A large crowd attended. Hot chocolate and cake was served to all present. Every one enjoyed a pleasant time and wish Mr. Reed and family a prosperous year on the South Plains.

The Magazine Club Elect Officers

The Magazine club held their annual election of officers Friday afternoon, but they will not assume their duties until in the Spring. Mrs. Guy Mays was hostess for the afternoon and had a number of pretty pot plants about the assembly room.

The club voted to bring the famous lecturer Charles Branden Booth here and present him to the public here. He was considered by many to be the best speaker at the National Federation meeting and also at the last State meeting. This will be a wonderful opportunity for the people of Haskell to hear this much sought speaker.

Mrs. H. M. Smith was elected President; Mrs. Courtney Hunt, First Vice President; Mrs. John Oates, Second Vice President; Mrs. R. C. Montgomery Recording Secretary; Mrs. Virgil Meadors Corresponding Secretary; and Mrs. A. C. Pierson, Treasurer.

Baptist Women to Organize Y. W. C. A.

The Baptist Church are looking well to their young folk and to this end have most of the groups in organization. But they find that there is a group between 17 and 25 that are not in an organization and Mrs. W. C. Williams will organize them into a Y. W. C. A. Next Monday evening at 7:30 in her home and all young people within this age are urged to be present.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

The birthday party given by Miss Ruth Davis Saturday night was well enjoyed by a large crowd of young people. A number of games and plenty of music was enjoyed, after which delicious refreshments were served to all present. At a late hour the guests departed, wishing Miss Davis many happy returns of the day.

ENTERTAINS WITH DANCE

Last Saturday night Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Hamlett entertained with a dance honoring their daughters, Misses Lillie Merle and Bertie Mae. After dancing until a late hour, the guests played several interesting games, after which Mrs. Hamlett served refreshments to the following: Miss Willie Riley, Ernest Peiser and brother, Fred Winn and sister, Miss Mills, Buster Wilson, and the honorees.

Entertains Young People

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Cauthen of McConnell entertained a host of young people at their home Friday night. Everyone reported a very nice and enjoyable evening.

AWARDS AT A. & M. IN MARKSMANSHIP

Badges in rifle marksmanship were recently awarded sixty-three sophomores at the A. & M. College of Texas, members of the Reserve Officers Training Corps, by the military department of the College. These cadets qualified as marksmen during April, 1926, while in their freshman year.

Each freshman is required to shoot on the rifle range, this being a part of the course in military science and tactics. Captain Edwin E. Aldrege, U. S. Army (DOL), assistant professor of military science and tactics, was in charge of the range last year and head instructor of the freshman students. He also coached the rifle team which made a fine showing in competition with rifle teams of other military schools of the country.

Mr. W. B. Harrison went to Seymour last Sunday to see his son and family. Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Harrison.

WEINERT HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

The following pupils were neither absent nor tardy during the third month:

W. B. Miller, Vada Mae McClaren, Thelma Therwanger, Max Merchant, Ron Edwards, Essie Medley, Evva Mae Medley and Margie Medley. To date we have 27 in High School. This time last year we had 43 while our school is much smaller, there is being done much better work than at this time last year.

The following pupils made 90 per cent or more on third months' examinations.

Plane Geometry: Iona Weaver, 100; Hood Furr, 100. Tenth and Eleventh English: Bailey Guess, 90; Helene Weaver, 96; Ione Weaver, 97; Manuel Medley, 92. Eleventh Grade Biology: Helene Weaver, 93; Ione Weaver, 93. Ninth Grade Algebra: Cora Lee Sanders, 96; Faye Sanders, 98; L. A. Stratton, 100; Maymie Terry, 91; Thelma Therwanger, 100; Hoyt Gilbreath, 100.

Ninth English: Faye Sanders, 90; Vada Mae McClaren, 90; Thelma Therwanger, 92. Ninth History: Maymie Terry, 92; Thelma Therwanger, 94. General Science: Myram Baird, 94; Ellice Medley, 92; L. A. Stratton, 95; Vada Mae McClaren, 91; Thelma Therwanger, 99; Maymie Terry, 99.

Arithmetic: John Pick, 95; L. A. compulsory school laws are now in force 100; Maymie Terry, 100. Eighth Grade Algebra: Max Merchant, 91; Evva Mae Medley, 98; Dixie Howell, 91.

History: None. English: Max Merchant, 92; Essie Medley, 96; Margie Medley, 92; Evva Mae Medley, 98; Dixie Howell, 90. Arithmetic: Evva Mae Medley, 91. Physiology: Essie Medley, 90; Evva Mae Medley, 90.

We are glad to state that every pupil in the High School passed in at least three subjects out of four, making all our boys eligible to play in athletics. A very high class entertainment or recital was given at the school auditorium on last Friday evening by the expression pupils of Mrs. Pitzer Baker, assisted by Mrs. Richard Weinert, at the piano.

Every number showed that they had had a master hand training them and the good sized audience was high in its praise of the program. The following pupils rendered the program: Wanda Newsom, Winnie Julia Siddens, Vada Mae McClaren and Alberta Cousins. While each number was fine, too much praise cannot be given Wanda and Winnie Julia for their renditions. The program will be long remembered by those present and will anticipate another such.

The Weinert Basket Ball team met Haskell's team on the Monday court last week and defeated them by a score of 11 to 6. The Weinert line-up was Miller and Stratton, forwards; Gilbreath, center; E. Medley and M. Medley, guards. We heard that some "touch downs" were made during the game.

Let us remind our patrons that the compulsory school laws is now in force, and will be till school closes. If pupils come under the law they will be required to give excuses on blanks furnished by the state, and such excuses will be turned in to be passed upon as to their legality. We are not responsible for the law, but only for its enforcement; so don't fall out with us. Texas has more white children, men and women who can not read nor write than any state in the union, save possibly one. Let's help bring up the average.

JOHN F. ODOR

Mr. and Mrs. George Cannon and baby, Rachel Gertrude, came from San Antonio last week end to visit Mrs. Cannon's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Post. Mr. Cannon returned to his home Monday but Mrs. Cannon will continue her visit.



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—There's a reason — our workmen know how, and we endeavor to please our customers at all times.

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Church and School

First Baptist Church. All services at the usual hours next Sunday. You are always welcome. The late string is on the outside. W. H. Albertson.

Church of Christ. Elder T. H. Vernon, of Rule, will preach at the morning and evening service Sunday and the writer will preach at Rule. All are invited to attend these services and hear Brother Vernon. Bible School will open at 10 a. m. and the young peoples meeting at 6 p. m. W. W. Starnes.

C. E. PROGRAM, JAN. 23, 1927

Topic: The Work of the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions. Leader—A.ddie Mae Whitaker. Song Service. Prayer. Scripture Reading—John 17: 18-23. Leaders Talk. Song.

Talk—The Educational Secretary, Rachel Solomon. Silent Prayer. Talk—The Young Peoples' Missionary to Brazil, Myrton L. McDonald. Song. Business. Mizpah.

Sunday School at Roberts

Sunday school was well attended at Roberts Sunday. Everyone be out at Sunday school Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock. Preaching was well attended at Roberts Sunday. Bro. Curry did the preaching.

The many friends will be sorry to learn of the illness of Mrs. R. W. Rodgers of McConnell the past week. It is hoped she will soon recover.

Mr. Julius Norris of near Sargent, a brother of Mrs. Trave Rosco of McConnell is seriously ill with stomach trouble at the Stamford Sanitarium. He is slowly improving at this writing.

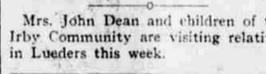
Entertains With Party

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Massie of the Roberts community entertained the young people with a party Friday night. All parted at a late hour wishing that Mr. and Mrs. Massie would entertain them again soon.

Mrs. John Dean and children of the Irby Community are visiting relatives in Lueders this week.

How to Recover Lost Strength

Abilene, Texas.—"I can heartily recommend Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery to any one who is in need of a good tonic. I take it in the fall to fortify myself against colds and grippe. I also take it in the spring and find it of great benefit. In the winter of 1919 I had a severe attack of influenza which left me in bad condition. I did not want anything to eat, could sleep but little and was very nervous. I took two bottles of the 'Discovery' and it made me feel like a new man."—J. B. Matthews, Gen'l. Del. All dealers. Send 10c to Dr. Pierce's Invalids' Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y., if you wish a trial package of tablets, and write for free advice.



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To Our Patrons

We have adopted a uniform price of 25c for any item of barber work in our shop. This includes shaves, hair cuts, massage, tonic, shampoos, etc., each item is 25c. We believe that our customers will find a uniform price more economical.

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The best of workers get out of sorts when the liver fails to act. They feel languid, half-sick, "blue" and discouraged and think they are getting lousy. Neglect of these symptoms might result in a sick spell, therefore the sensible course is to take a dose or two of Herbine. It is just the medicine needed to purify the system and restore the vim and ambition of health. Price 60c. Sold by

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NEW TEXAS THEATRE OFFERS STELLA DALLAS, MONDAY AND TUESDAY JAN. 24TH 25TH

"Her Heart Ruled Her Her Mind Fooled Her Life Schooled Her Meet the typical American Girl."

At last Stella Dallas ran true to form when she was born in caste and environment, circumstances gave her a cultured, refined and educated husband far above her in the social scale. Was he happy? Was Stella Dallas happy? Did he sink to her level? Did she rise to his? When the baby came, was reared, educated and placed in the social surroundings as befit her father's daughter, or reversed in the social status, of her mother—did it cause heart pang? The Texas Theatre will solve these questions next Monday and Tuesday evening when it presents Stella Dallas with a strong supporting cast. Belle Bennett will take the part of Stella Dallas, Ronald Colman, the part of Stephen Dallas, husband of Stella, Jean Hersholt as Ed Munn, the wise-cracking show-off riding master, who sees in Stella Dallas a kindred spirit, does she recognize him as her equal? Douglas Fairbanks, Lois Moran and an old screen favorite, Alice Joyce completes the cast. The story first appeared in the American Magazine, read by more than two million people, no wonder that they wanted to see it screened. It is produced by Samuel Goldwyn, pioneer producer, whose name is a symbol of perfection in the cinema art. You will need no urging to see Stella Dallas at the Texas Theatre next Monday and Tuesday, January 24th and 25th.

Preaching at Cottonwood Next Sunday

Everyone in the Cottonwood community has a cordial invitation to attend preaching services at that place next Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night. Rev. L. N. Alvis, pastor of the Cottonwood church, will preach, and everyone is urged to be present and hear him.

Low Doctors Treat Colds and the Flu

To break up a cold overnight or to cut short an attack of grippe, influenza, sore throat or tonsillitis, pharyngitis and drugists are now recommending Calotabs, the purified and refined colored compound tablet that gives you the effects of calomel and salts combined, without the unpleasant effects of either.

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"I suffered with my back so much. I was very nervous, couldn't rest good at night. I couldn't eat anything—I just wasn't hungry."

"I had read so much of Cardui, I thought best to use it. I took seven or eight bottles, and by the time I had taken them I was stronger than I had been in several years. I can highly recommend Cardui."

Thousands of other women have found that the tonic effects of the purely vegetable ingredients of Cardui were just what they needed to help restore their appetites, to help bring them easily and naturally back to normal health and strength. Its action has been found to be of great benefit in many common female ailments.

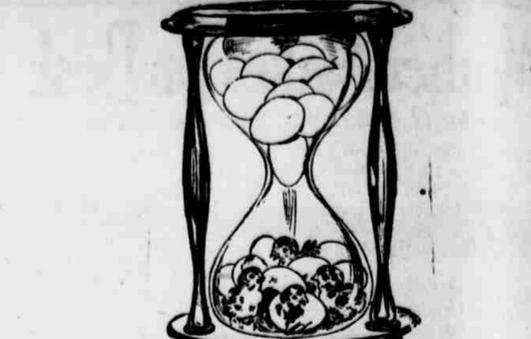
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