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P. L. FREDERICKSON IS BADLY WOUNDED HERE MONDAY P. M.

Merkel Man Shot As He Was About to Enter City Hall; City Marshal Denny Surrenders and is Released on \$2,500 Bond

At noon Thursday, the attending physician at the Merkel Sanitarium stated to a representative of the Merkel Mail upon inquiry as to the condition of P. L. Frederickson, 45, who was shot Monday afternoon at 5:10 at the entrance of the city hall that while Mr. Frederickson's condition was yet very serious, there was more hope of recovery than at any time since the tragedy. "Some infection has set in in the injured arm," he said, "which keeps us in doubt as to the final outcome of that member."

According to witnesses, Mr. Frederickson had crossed Front street and was about to enter the east door of the city hall when a man drove up in a car, leveled a rifle or shotgun on him and fired one time. The man did not leave his car, according to witnesses, but turned west for a block or so, circling over to the next street and heading toward Abilene.

MERKEL MARSHAL SURRENDERS.

About 6 o'clock, following the shooting at 5:10, City Marshal W. F. Denny of this city is said to have appeared at the sheriff's office in Abilene, without a gun, and to have surrendered to Deputy Sheriff W. F. Whaley, saying "I had to shoot a man at Merkel awhile ago." He waived examining trial before Justice P. B. Ford on a charge of assault with intent to murder and was released at 7:30 on a \$2,500 bond.

The bullet struck Frederickson's right elbow and penetrated the abdominal cavity, entering the right side of the back and lodging in the right abdominal wall. No intestines were punctured, physicians reported, after an operation to remove particles of the shattered bullet. Doctors could not state positively whether the gun used was a rifle or shotgun.

City Marshal Denny declined to make any statement to Abilene newspapermen while at the sheriff's office Monday night, merely telling them in a joking way they would "have to come to the grand jury room in the morning" to find out what the shooting was about.

GRAND JURY POSTPONES ACTION.

The 104th district court grand jury which was in session at the time, made no report on its investigation before recessing Tuesday evening of the charge of assault with intent to murder. (Continued on Page Five.)

A THING OF BEAUTY THE POET SAYS IS A JOY FOREVER

In her talk before the Lions club Tuesday on "Civic Development," as related to the Home and Lawn Beautification contest which that club is sponsoring, Mrs. Len Sublett said in part:

"I think that the Lions' club has selected a very worth while project. As Keats has said, 'A thing of beauty is a joy forever.' Flowers, rainbows and gorgeous sunsets are not essential to existence, but they add greatly to the joy and satisfaction of life. Diamond rings and pearl necklaces will not protect the body from heat nor cold, still thousands of dollars are spent for them every year. A silver mounted fishing rod is no more useful than a slender pole cut from some thicket, still it is much more highly prized by most men and boys. The fact is that everyone loves beauty—from the cannibal who will barter away a favorite wife for a glittering trinket, to the cultured millionaire who will pay a king's ransom for a famous painting.

"The finest things in life can not be measured with a tape line nor weighed with a pair of scales. No scientist can determine how much is added to human happiness by the fragrance of a rose, or the beauty of the sunset.

"A planting of flowering shrubs and evergreens about the foundation of a house adds to it that finished appearance that lace gives to a garment or pictures and furniture to the inside of a home. It indicates culture within. Not many people see the inside of

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Gean Astin, 3-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Astin, Stamford, died from burns received when her clothing caught fire from matches with which she and other small children were playing.

No more prisoners will be admitted into the main state penitentiary at Huntsville or any of the prison farms "until the normal capacity of the system is reached," the state prison board announced Monday.

Mrs. Bernice Gladden was married Sunday in the Dallas county jail to L. W. Conroy, who faces a 99-year term in the penitentiary for murder, jail authorities allowing three minutes for the wedding ceremony.

Final surveys for the projected Gulf & West Texas railway to operate between San Antonio and San Angelo, will begin within a few days, according to the announcement of R. W. Morrison, president of the company.

When a truck in which they were riding with two other women, a man and several children, turned over in a ditch filled with water near Holland, Mrs. Edward Friedman of Tulsa, Okla., and her baby girl, about one year old, were drowned.

The bodies of a woman, about 35, and a girl, about 11, who were found in the Pecos river about ten days ago and who were believed to have been thrown in the river after death, were buried at Fort Stockton, their identity still a mystery.

Tenwell Cunningham, the first child born in penwell, new boom oil town in Ector county, was Thursday morning presented with a town lot, five lumber companies donated lumber for a house and carpenters donated work to erect the house.

The body of Buster Nelson, a 20-year old Sherman youth, was literally broken and ground to pieces when he fell beneath the wheels of a Texas & Pacific freight train, as he was hopping from the train at the Pine street crossing in Abilene Saturday night.

Sixteen-year old twins, Ralph and Richard Timmis, Gainesville who made their first solo flight last Thursday have the distinction of being the youngest airplane pilots in the United States to possess student pilot licenses and to have completed their initial solo flights.

W. H. Ritzenthaler, former partner with George F. (Jimmy) Smith in the ownership of the Snyder Times-Signal, has sold his interest to J. W. Roberts of O'Donnell and in partnership with Otis Carter, formerly an employee of the Times-Signal, has purchased the O'Donnell Index.

your home, but every one who passes by judges you by the appearance of your home grounds.

"People are awakening to the fact that beauty and satisfaction have a real value. Many of you perhaps remember with fondness certain trees that grew about your childhood's home. They very remembrance gives pleasure of a kind that money can not buy.

"Beauty also has a commercial value. It is good business to make a city attractive. I have been told that Detroit owes the existence of one of her large factories to the fact a woman thought the city a delightful place in which to live. Clean yards are good for business. No hardware dealer ever sold a lawn mower to a person whose yard was covered with tin cans and other rubbish.

"No matter how small the lot, if there is a place for a tree, then a tree should be in that place. If there is no room for a tree, then flowers and shrubs should be planted. Trees, flowers and shrubs give the final touch that marks the difference between the home and the mere house. Shaded lawns complete the picture. They furnish the poetry, the sentiment and the romance of the home setting. If trees and shrubs are properly planned there is no other way in which the same amount of money can be spent, that will add value to the home. And for real pleasure, nothing surpasses a stroll around one's own back yard or front yard when it is bordered by bright colored flowers."

HIGHWAY PATROL STARTS SYSTEM OF AID FOR AUTOISTS

New Body of Highway Guards, 51 Strong, Starts From Austin; Abilene Headquarters For Five Patrol Points.

Austin, Texas, March 6.—Fifty-one highway motor patrolmen, rode out from Austin Friday to every section of Texas, to inaugurate the latest constabulary of the state, the motor patrol. Clad in smart gray uniforms, with Sam Brown belts and mounted on aluminum-painted motorcycles, equipped with first-aid kits and other emergency appliances, the men Thursday completed an intensive six weeks' training at Camp Mabry, under supervision of L. G. Phares, chief weights and license inspector of the highway department, who is chief of the patrol.

Mr. Phares said protection of the motoring public is paramount and enforcement of the highway laws as a means toward this goal and not an end. Resuscitation and first-aid and respiration treatment were included in the lessons given the patrolmen, along with marksmanship, operation of motorcycles and a knowledge of highway laws.

The fifty-one patrolmen were chosen from 1,500 applicants, after severe mental and physical tests given by Mr. Phares and Highway Engineer Gibb Gilchrist, and they represent the highest type of men available.

DIVISION OF PATROL.

Location of the patrolmen and the districts in which they will operate follow:

District No. 1: Dallas—Lieut. J. D. Moffat, M. L. Mowrey and W. C. Davis.

Texarkana—R. A. Crowder and E. H. Bruce.

Greenville—O. D. Ellis and John R. Gibbons.

Fort Worth—J. W. Tims and E. B. Wheeler.

Tyler—W. G. Elliott and Mark Jones.

Waco—J. B. Walling and S. E. Tolbert.

District No. 2: Wichita Falls—Lieut. Fred Hickman, John Lowry and R. S. Routh.

Amarillo—Lee Miller and Jack Reeves.

Lubbock—L. A. Ford and S. F. Brougher.

District No. 3: Abilene—Lieut. M. H. Koonsman, W. N. King and R. A. Keffer.

Odessa—J. L. Croft and L. A. Barklay.

Van Horn—Hardy Matthews and M. S. Ward.

San Angelo—J. D. Draper and Clyde Bentley.

Brady—G. A. Freese and George H. Grimes.

District No. 4: San Antonio—Lieut. M. N. Hamlin, R. R. Miller and R. R. Rohatsch.

Del Rio—Hill Foreman and J. D. Brandt.

Falfurrias—G. P. Nulty and H. H. Resig.

Corpus Christi—J. C. Winn, Jr. and Homer Sealey.

Austin—B. W. Cotton and S. H. Gilbert.

District No. 5: Houston—Lieut. Homer Garrison, E. W. Mayr and W. E. Pitts.

Beaumont—G. E. Scauer and Ross Dickens.

Lufkin—George Herbert and S. L. Hilburu.

DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS.

Abilene has been designated as headquarters of district 3, as shown above, and Lieutenant Koonsman will be in charge of five groups of officers. Van Horn, San Angelo, Odessa and Brady are other control points in the district.

Having headquarters at Abilene along with Lieut. Koonsman, will be W. M. King, former member of the Abilene motorcycle traffic squad, and L. T. Keffer of Seymour.

West Texas Chiro Meet.

Dr. H. P. Hulsey attended the monthly session of the West Texas Chiropractic society held at the Hilton hotel in Abilene Sunday afternoon. At that time the name of the association was changed from the Oil Belt Chiropractic society. About 40 members were present. The principal speaker on the program was John F. Renfro, state representative of Angelina county, who is sponsoring a bill in the legislature to license chiropractors in their own profession.

REHEARSALS GIVE PROMISE SUCCESS OF MINSTREL SHOW

Happy Doc Holland Arrives Early in Week; Comedians, End Men, Singers and Stunt Performers are Rarin' to Go

High enthusiasm and a spirit of pep has marked the rehearsals during the week for the Lions Club Jubilee Minstrel, which is to be staged at the Queen theatre Wednesday and Thursday, March 12 and 13, under the direction of Happy Doc Holland of the American Amusement Enterprises of Fort Worth.

"Doc" arrived Monday and lost no time in getting the cast together. There will be about sixty ladies and men in the cast. Mr. Holland is producing, staging and costuming the minstrel which will be in three parts.

Opening with the Southern melody minstrel, the first part will introduce the sweet singers, funny comedians and wise-crackers, also several special numbers, "Sidewalks of New York," "Lay my Head beneath a Rose," and closing the first part with a spectacular defense, "America First."

The second part will consist of special numbers, introducing Miss Roberta Sloan, Miss Bessie Westenhover, Miss Mona Margaret Jones, the Men's Glee club, Miss Christine Collins, Miss Dona Loyless, Happy Doc Holland, "destroyer of sorrow," Jimmie Moore, de luxe dancer, Mrs. E. Yates Brown, A. J. Douglas and Rufe Tittle.

A special olio number will be an attractive group from the younger set in "Singing in the Bathroom" and "Tip-toe Thru the Tulips," including Louise Booth, Verna Tee Beasley, Doris Brown, Mattie Lou Largent, Missie Dye, Mary Elizabeth Grimes, Willie Evelyn Boaz, Nadine Tippet, Thelma Leach, Margaret Canon, Willie Maye Swartz and Eleanor Mae Hamilton.

The end men or wise-crackers will consist of L. B. Scott, Tom Allday, Charlie Jones, Ed McCrary, Parker Sharp, Jack West, Hale Lancaster and Doc Holland. Booth Warren is to be interlocutor and others appearing will be Sam Swann as Aunt Dinah, "Our Boys with the Tuneful Melodies," E. Yates Brown, Olin Lusby, Slat's Bourn, John West, Byron Patterson, E. L. Turner, Dee Grimes, L. B. Scott and others who will be announced later.

The last act, a farce comedy in three scenes, entitled, "In the Trenches," presented for laughing purposes only, will show Tom Allday as "Capt. P. D. Q.; Parker Sharp as "Unconscious," a recruit; Happy Doc Holland as "Dynamite," a recruit; Jack West as Buffalo Bill, Jr.; Ed McCrary as "Red Devil Fighting Indian;" our brave soldier boys, Sam Swann, Slat's Bourn, E. Yates Brown, and John West, Uncle Sam sailors, cowboys, cowhands and others by the cast.

When he called the cast together Monday night for the first rehearsal, Doc Holland was greatly surprised as well as pleased with the talent Merkel has furnished him. He says that each one of those taking part started in the first rehearsal like old-time minstrel people would do and at the rate the first rehearsal started off it will not take many rehearsals to put over a professional minstrel show with homefolks. With the talent that Merkel has furnished, Doc Holland does not hesitate to assure the people of this city that they will witness the best home talent show ever produced in Merkel and in a professional way as well.

The general admission price has been cut in order to allow all to see the show: adults, 50 cents; children, 25 cents.

Don't forget the dates: Wednesday and Thursday, March 12 and 13; place, Queen Theatre; sponsored by the Lions club of Merkel.

Rehearsals are being held nightly at 7:30 at the Lions club banquet hall.

1,562 Baby Chicks Hatched.

For the second hatching of the Merkel Hatchery, 1,562 chicks were turned out Monday morning out of a possible 1,800 eggs, or about 82 per cent, the same figures as for the first hatching, and which is considered a very good showing. The third hatching is due next Monday morning.

Attends Druggists Meet.

Warren Smith left Wednesday night for Fort Worth where he will attend the semi-annual meeting of the West Texas Pharmaceutical association, which convenes there Thursday and Friday of this week.

Clean-Up Week IN MERKEL March 10-15

The first three days of next week, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, March 10, 11 and 12, have been designated by the Lions club as Clean-Up Days in Merkel and, following the activities of all residents in collecting rubbish, old tin cans, bottles, rags and papers, both about their own premises and on adjoining vacant lots, the city street cleaning department will take up the job, removing the many unsightly objects thus collected and prepared for hauling off in the wagons.

Lots of weeds and trash, old broken limbs of trees and discarded shrubs can be burned, but it is urgently requested that residents in collecting the old tin cans, buckets, bottles, etc., put them in sacks or box receptacles to facilitate their removal by the street cleaning department.

Clean-Up Week is advisable especially at this time of the year but is in season at all times. It is proposed at this time particularly as a necessary preliminary to the Home and Lawn Beautification Contest, details of which will be announced at an early date by the Lions club organization.

Sanitarium Notes.

Following an operation for acute appendicitis, Mrs. Ray Powers of the Golan community is resting well at the Merkel Sanitarium.

Mrs. Homer Loyless of the Golan community underwent a serious operation at the Merkel Sanitarium Thursday.

Mrs. Homer Dunn's condition is considered favorable enough for her to plan to return home in a few days.

Mrs. Elmer Patterson, who submitted to an appendicitis operation about two weeks ago, is reported in such favorable condition that she will be able to return home in a few days.

Via Airplane to St. Louis.

R. O. Anderson and Claude Comegys left Tuesday for Ft. Worth, expecting to take passage by airplane from there to St. Louis to look after business matters there.

TOWN DOCTOR "DOCTOR OF TOWNS" SAYS

CRITICISM THE MOTHER OF PROGRESS.

In this day and age, progress is out of the question without criticism. But there are two kinds of criticism—one good and one bad.

Constructive criticism is good, for it is caused by honest doubt. It seeks to study with care, and learn better ways. It builds, makes and changes for the better and, therefore, is responsible for many blessings.

Destructive criticism is bad. It tears down, destroys. One of its forms is ridicule. There are three kinds of people who ever ridicule anything—the human ass, the out-and-out destructionist, and the man who, because he has never heard of it nor has ever done it, pooh-poohs the idea that there is such a thing or that it can be done.

Constructive criticism of Merkel is boosting, for a fault known and acknowledged is half cured. Ridicule of Merkel is knocking.

As hot-air is the greatest enemy of common sense, the satisfied-with-things-as-they-are attitude is one of the greatest enemies to community progress; for satisfied people never crave anything other than that which they have. They are those who say, "it is good enough for me," and that offers scant opportunity for making anything better.

Dissatisfaction tends to the improvement of a thing, and causes thinking people to say, "it is good, but it can be made better." That is good—for thinking and saying a thing can be made better leads to its being made better.

However, do not confuse dissatisfaction with discontent. Much less than is needed may satisfy; less than enough might content one. If we had been satisfied with 1900 model automobiles there would never have been any better ones; satisfied with the broom there never would have been a vacuum sweeper.

The man who is satisfied is want-less. He preaches the gospel of "let-well-enough-alone." He is one of those easy-going individuals lacking ambition. If you should take him to dine and ask his pleasure as to food he would reply, "oh, I am not particular."

It is not an old saying that "man should be content, but never satisfied"—content and thankful for that which he has, happy in having it, comfortably enjoying it; but always seeking, striving for better, that he may be more thankful, more happy and more comfortable.

An individual who is satisfied with his town is a liability to the community and every one in it. Show me a town where the majority of the people are satisfied, and I will show you a community that is not standing the gaff of modern community competition. A man who wants to live in a satisfied community should go to China.

People must be dissatisfied if their community is to be kept alive, if new people and new industries are to be attracted.

That does not mean that every one should be a grumbler, a grouch, a hardhead, or chronic fault-finder; neither does it mean to pick the other fellow to pieces and forget to look in the mirror yourself.

It does mean to keep out of the rut, to avoid becoming so accustomed to Merkel that you fail to recognize the things that hold it back, or its advantages on which you could capitalize.

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Thirty-Seven Animals Bring Average of \$212 At Sweetwater Sale

Sweetwater, March 6.—Thirty-seven head of registered Hereford bulls and cows sold for an average of \$212 in the tenth sale of the Sweetwater Hereford Breeders' association, held at the Fair Park livestock barns here Friday afternoon.

The total sales of the 37 head was \$7,870. The group included 31 bulls and 5 heifers. The male averaged \$215 per head while the females averaged \$195 per head.

More than 500 persons were present at the opening of the sale, with Earl Garten, Decatur, Ill., acting as auctioneer. W. L. Stangel, Texas Tech animal husbandryman, was the judge of the animals in the show.

G. E. Bradford's bull, Superior Diamond, Jr., out of Gwendoline 30th and sired by Superior Diamond, brought the top price in the male class. This animal was sold to G. P. Hodges, Sweetwater ranchman, for \$1,125.

Vignette 35th, out of Vignette 33rd and sired by Anxious Domino, topped the cow list. It brought its owners, J. D. Dulaney & Sons, J. D., Jr., and J. N., \$450. The animal was sold to C. M. Largent & Son, Merkel breeders.

Mr. Bradford had six bulls in the sale and they brought approximately one-third of the total sales receipts. The six sold for \$2,595. The animals averaged \$432.50 per head.

Superior 10th, another Bradford bull, was second high among the class and Superior 17th also a Bradford bull, was third high. The first bull brought \$400 and the second brought \$355.

Valentine 9th, a 2-year-old heifer, consigned by J. A. Queen, Big Lake, sold for \$210 to make second place in the cow class. She was purchased by E. P. Neblett & Son, Sweetwater.

Lute Robinson, San Angelo, former baseball player, but now a ranchman, was the purchaser of three animals, the largest number sold to any individual at the sale. He paid a total of \$515 for the trio.

Walter L. Boothe, Sweetwater sales manager of the show, declared it was as successful as expected as the animals were not in the best of condition for the sale this year.

Superior 9th, a bull owned by

Boothe, was judged junior and grand champion of the bulls.

Superior Diamond, Jr., G. E. Bradford bull of his Anxiety 4th herd, was the senior champion.

Beulah Stanway, owned by E. B. Herndon, took the junior and grand champion awards in the cow classes. Senior champion cow was Garlandia 19th, owned by the Wimberly farms, Sweetwater.

Many Texas Relics Housed in Museum Daughters Republic

Austin, Mar. 6.—The state museum of the Daughters of the Republic, housed in an ancient building in a corner of the capitol grounds, contains many treasured relics of early Texas history as well as hundreds of mementos of the Indians, Mexican, Civil, Spanish-American and World wars.

The building, once the pride of Austin, erected three-quarters of a century ago, resembles an old feudal castle, with turrets on each corner, windows protected by iron shutters and doors barred by heavy iron grill work. Its designer is said to have been a German architect who retained ancient ideas. It once was the seat of operations of the state land office.

NINETY YEAR OLD CUSTODIAN. Entering the jail-like portals of the structure, one encounters the custodian, H. C. Wright, native of New York but staunch son of the confederacy. Belying his 90 years, he is a walking library of incidents of early Texas and Civil war periods.

Surrounded by bullet-riddled battle flags of the republic and relics of the Alamo and San Jacinto, he tells with vividness of battles in which he has taken part and points with pride to the thousands of valuable relics placed in his care. These range from perfect specimens of Indian arrowheads to a piano used by the daughter of Jefferson Davis when he was president

of the Confederate states. The collection of Indian weapons of war is described as the finest in existence. Probably one of the most complete collections of Confederate money also is housed in the museum. The bills range from the 25-cent "shin plaster" to a \$1,000 bond. A \$2.50 bill is one of the features.

In addition to battleflags, cannon balls, rifles and other paraphernalia of combat are spinning wheels and numerous other mementos of days when Texas was an independent state.

SECRET STAIRWAY. In the building is a great stairway, said by Wright to have played an interesting part in an early Texas murder. As the story goes, according to the custodian, an employe of the land office was attempting to defraud a widow of her property through changing the records. He was at this work one night when the widow's son came in and discovered what was going on.

There was a fight in which the youth was killed and his body concealed in the hidden staircase for several days until the slayer had a chance to remove and bury it. Many years later the murderer confessed on his death bed, according to Wright.

The story was the basis of a novel by O. Henry who set out that the page recording the land in question still was missing from records of the land office.

Wright and his wife, now 85, have

been married more than 63 years and are still sweethearts, the aged man says. Mrs. Wright is actively engaged in church work in Austin.

HEBRON NEWS

There were services Saturday night and Sunday morning and night by Rev. O. B. Tatum.

The B. Y. P. U. program by the little Sunbeams Sunday night was good. Willie Harris of Paducah spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lige Harris.

While enroute to Dallas from San Francisco Mr. and Mrs. Kemper Zercher visited Mrs. Zercher's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pannell.

Colan Whatley of Abilene spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Whatley.

The singing at Hebron Sunday evening at 3 o'clock was well attended.

The Merkel baseball team played the Union Ridge team last week when Merkel beat Union Ridge 11 to 5. Two of the Union's best players were absent, the Berleson brothers.

Fence your Garden—plenty of Poultry Wire and Red Pickets at Burton Lingo Co.

The University of Mississippi, it is estimated, will receive more than \$4,000,000 in the next 50 years from its 23,000 acres of forest land.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PAYERS OF

INCOME TAX

Mr. C. E. Vickery, internal revenue agent with headquarters in Abilene, has advised us that it will be impossible for him to visit Merkel at any time between this date and March 15th to assist tax payers in preparing their reports. However, Mr. Vickery or one of his assistants will be in the Abilene office on the following dates—March 7th, 8th, 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th and will without any charge for his services, assist you in the filing of your return.

For the benefit and convenience of those tax payers who prefer not to go to the federal agent's office in Abilene we have arranged with Mr. Cecil West, Mgr., West Audit Company of Abilene, to spend one day only, FRIDAY, MARCH 7th, 1930, in the lobby of our bank, at which time he will make a minimum charge of five dollars, and more in such cases as the amount of work incident to the report may justify.

We urge our customers and patrons to remember these dates and be governed accordingly, in order that their returns may be prepared and filed with the least possible confusion and inconvenience.

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Build me right—guard me carefully and I will become strong, powerful and full of vitality.

Neglect me and I become a sight unpleasant to behold.

Cherish me and I will contribute to your honor and reputation.

Abuse me and I become a millstone about your neck.

If you have mistreated me in the past—I can be—by careful attention—restored to my full strength and helpfulness and your future can be filled with happiness and prosperity.

I am more than the ability to purchase merchandise on time—I am a composite part of your character.

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Guard me well and keep me spotless for the HEAVIEST HANDICAP, the BIGGEST LIABILITY, the roughest UPHILL route is PAST DUE indebtedness. Don't let DEBT drag YOU down—even small bills remaining unpaid make a person feel small.

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IT'S AN ILL WIND, ETC.

There's never a fire or a destructive accident that doesn't bring home to somebody—sometimes the property owner involved, sometimes just a casual observer—the vital importance of adequate, dependable insurance. But why wait for the ill wind to blow in your direction? Why not find out now about property protection and the type of insurance that best meets your particular needs?

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MERKEL MAIL WANT ADS FOR RESULTS

WARREN NEWS

The Warren school is progressing nicely.

Quite a few from Warren attended the play at Stith Saturday night.

Miss Helen McCormick entertained friends with a "42" party Wednesday night, all reporting a very nice time.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Bonds, and Mr. and Mrs. Blouand and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Bonds of Comper Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Patterson motored to Abilene Saturday on business.

We are sorry to report that Mrs. H. C. Chancey is quite ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Dyess and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Suber of Merkel.

Robert Sumpton of Sweetwater spent Sunday with home folks.

Several from Warren attended singing at Blair Sunday.

Mrs. B. E. McCoy spent the weekend with her parents, Grandpa and Grandma Patterson of Merkel.

Buster McCoy was the guest Saturday of Jack Patterson of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown, of Golen visited Saturday with his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Brown of Warren.

Fred Wittman is working in Hamilton this week.

Bennie Wheeler of Noodle was here awhile Monday afternoon visiting his daughter, Mr. Arthur Rogers.

Visitors at Warren School Friday were Misses Lottie and Vivian McCoy, Helen McCormick and Azilene Sumpster.

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

TELEPHONE THE MAIL

The Mail will be glad to receive news of entertainments or visitors in Merkel homes, as well as other news items of a general nature. If you have company, entertain friends or return from a trip please telephone 61 or 29.

Extra Premium Charge for Traveler in Commercial Airplanes

All persons who travel in commercial airplanes, handled by licensed pilots over regular commercial routes, will now be insured by the Kansas City Life Insurance company without extra premium charge, according to an announcement made by J. B. Reynolds, president at the company's convention in Hollywood, Florida, last month.

In explaining this liberal and unexpected ruling Mr. Reynolds stated that it was his conviction that the next few years will witness such a great increase in commercial air travel that the company is justified in taking this pioneer step because of the spread of risks.

O. Sam Cummings of Dallas, state manager for Texas for Kansas City Life stated that he increase of interest in aviation, and the rapid increase in the use of commercial aviation by Texas business men will make this welcome news to Texas citizens. Many men who hesitated to fly because of their uncertainty as to how their life insurance might be affected can now buy life insurance from one of America's great companies, which does not include any waiver of liability in the case of death while riding in an airplane as a fare-paying passenger.

Former Teacher Here Now Bell Co. Agent

Belton, Texas, Mar. 6.—Two Baylor college graduates, Miss Maurine Hearn, Roscoe, and Miss Ophelia Estell, Rockdale, have recently been appointed county demonstrators.

Miss Hearn takes up her duties in Bell county, March 11, immediately following the completion of the work for the Bachelor of Science degree in home economics. She has taught in Matador, Merkel and Roscoe.

Miss Estell takes up her duties March 1, Willacy County, being stationed at Raymondville. She has been teaching home economics in Holland high school until her appointment. She has also taught in Floresville, Comanche and Rockdale.

Plenty of Glass Cloth at Burton Lingo Co.

American equipment is being used in the construction of buildings in Brazil.

Salt Branch

District 3 of the Associational B. Y. P. U. will meet at the Salt Branch church, Sunday, March 16, 1930. Everyone is invited to attend.

Mrs. J. A. Horton underwent a major operation at the Alexander Sanitarium in Abilene Saturday. She is reported getting along nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Armstrong and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Armstrong of Stamford.

The Salt Branch Singers will sing over KFYO, Abilene, Friday evening from seven to eight o'clock. Mr. V. Garner, Houston, and Hobson Robertson, Mrs. Ollie Higgins and Buster Horton with Mrs. Hobson Robertson at the piano will sing quartets, duets, etc.

Miss Gladys Petty visited Miss Beulah Wilson of the Cross Roads community Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Pace entertained the young folks with a party Friday evening.

There will be preaching services at the church Saturday and Sunday. Group No. 2 of the B. Y. P. U. will have charge of the program Sunday evening.

Miss Mary Etta Pace, who is attending high school at Anson, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Pace.

Mrs. W. C. Lee entertained her husband with a surprise birthday party last Monday evening. Games of "42" and "Touring" were played after which refreshments of fruit and cake were served to the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Butler, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Higgins, Misses Gladys Petty, Braunell Armstrong, Nora Foster, Ruth, Pauline and Marcella Pinckley, and Messrs. Jack Bill and Paxton Hays, Jarrett Pinckley, Pete and Porter Petty, Otis and J. B. Foster, Jr.

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Indicted on Note Fraud Charge

Houston, Mar. 6.—Sheriff A. Y. Baker of Hidalgo county, wealthy lower Rio Grande valley democratic political leader of years standing, and seven other men were indicted here last Thursday night by a federal grand jury for conspiracy to injure persons in the exercise of civil rights.

For four days the grand jury had investigated the charges of republican independents that the Weslaco Hidalgo county box was thrown out in the last general election to perpetuate the administration.

Baker's close friend, Cam E. Hill, county clerk, of Edinburg was one of those named in the indictments. The others were A. W. Cameron of Edinburg, county judge; William D. Shaddick of Mercedes, county commissioner; Sam M. Hargrove of Mercedes, county commissioner; Tom J. Buckow of Weslaco, election judge and Edwin B. Williams, Harlingen newspaperman, election clerk.

Baker, a portly man who rode as a Texas ranger for many years, declined to make a statement.

"Just a bunch of politics," Williams declared, "we've beat 'em before and we'll beat 'em again. We are anxious to go to trial."

Special U. S. Assistant Attorney General Sam Horowitz made this comment:

"This is just the beginning."

Sheriff Baker and the seven others made bond Friday in the sum of \$1,000 each. W. L. Pearson, Houston contractor, and W. L. Lipscomb of Edinburg, a county commissioner, signed the bonds.

The bill specifically charged a "conspiracy to injure persons in the exercise of civil rights."

A grand jury at Brownsville previously had investigated the "indispensables" charges, but returned no indictments.

The election itself was guarded by Texas rangers, one of whom Captain W. W. Sterling, testified in the present hearing. Before the election got under way a number of telegrams, purported to have been around 2,000, were sent to the then President Calvin Coolidge petitioning a "fair one."

Shortly after the count, the anti-Baker faction, which had formed the "good government" league, protested, claiming that the officials had no legal reason for discarding the Weslaco box. These latter insisted that they had no other choice, claiming the returns were not sealed in obedience to the law.

Gordon Griffin, independent candidate who failed, under the count, to defeat J. E. Leslie, for re-election to the district judgeship, went to the courts with a contest. The Travis county district court at Austin gave him the judgment and the third civil appeals court affirmed. The case now is before the state supreme court.

Baker, though not a publicly avowed candidate, had been mentioned frequently as a possible gubernatorial contender.

Clyde Horticulturist Announces for Place State Commissioner

Clyde, March 6.—J. H. Burkett, pioneer horticulturist and creator of the famous Burkett papershell pecan, formally announced his candidacy Saturday for commissioner of agriculture.

Burkett was connected with the state agricultural department for ten years, serving under commissioners Fred W. Davis and Geo. B. Terrell, the incumbent, and for a quarter-century has borne the title of "Burkett of Texas." His farm on the outskirts of Clyde contains about 60,000 specimens of nursery stock in various stages of propagation and including pecans of many varieties, English walnuts which he is Americanizing, and a group of coniferous plants—notably the pinon pine—which he is acclimating to semi-arid conditions.

He has been conducting notable experiments since 1887. The Burkett pecan, now widely known from coast to coast, was not introduced commercially until a few years ago, after Burkett had thoroughly satisfied himself of its possibilities.

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TOM DURHAM STARTS FIRST PAPER IN CRANE COUNTY.

With the arrival in our exchanges of Volume 1, Number 1, of the Crane County News, it was learned that our good friend, Tom Durham, is now editor and publisher of this live four-page weekly, "the only paper published in Crane County," as the line under the masthead tells the reader.

Formerly connected with Garland Adair in the publication of the McCamey News, Mr. Durham was on the ground floor and is to be congratulated on landing at Crane just when the time was ripe to start a paper in that field.

In September, 1928, Mr. Durham sold the Merkel Mail to the present owners, J. J. Hutchison being also included in the group purchasing, but the latter disposed of his interest last May. Prior to that time Mr. Durham had been editor of the Merkel Mail and he has a large circle of friends here, including the editor and his partner, who are delighted to learn of the splendid opportunity that has come his way and who extend very best wishes for the success of the venture in Crane county.

Many Features Make Gala Day for Lions

(Continued from Page One)
Brown had selected "America the Beautiful," which was followed by the invocation by Rev. R. A. Walker. W. O. Boney, the presiding officer, then turned the luncheon over to the toastmaster, C. J. Glover, Jr. Introduction of guests followed, including, besides the speaker for the occasion, Tom Largent and H. H. Jenkins, the latter being later elected to membership.

VARIETY FEATURES PROGRAM.
A series of especially pleasing entertainment features marked the program, beginning with popular songs by Clesby Patterson and Melvin Howard, the latter of Trent, with Miss Christine Collins accompanist. Liberal applause greeted both singers and each responded to encores.

Next came Miss Imogene Anderson, dancing teacher of Abilene, whose grace and artistry was linked with natural charm and a pleasing personality in such manner that one's mind naturally borrows the familiar phrase, "the poetry of motion," to properly ascribe praise to her Terpsichorean gifts. Both Lions and guests greeted her second number with spontaneous appreciation and regretted the necessity for her departure. She was accompanied by Miss Terry as pianist.

MOULDED ICE CREAM LIONS.
Through the courtesy of H. H. Jenkins of the City Drug store, frozen Lions, moulded from chocolate ice cream, bountifully filled the desert plate, the appropriateness of the favor being commented upon by everyone present.

Following Mrs. Sublett's address, printed in part elsewhere, talks were made also by Rev. R. A. Walker and Supt. Burgess in the interest of Clean-Up Week.

George Woodrum is to be toastmaster at the next luncheon.

Taylor County I. O. O. F.
At the session of the Taylor County I. O. O. F. federation held Monday night with the Abilene lodge, eight members were present from Merkel. Those attending were L. L. Murray, T. D. Compton, Joe Garland, Roy Harrell, John Slaton, J. D. Porter, W. R. Cox and E. M. Baker. Plans have practically been completed for the state I. O. O. F. convention which is to be held in Abilene March 17-19.

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CHURCHES

MERKEL TO HAVE UNION REVIVAL AT EARLY DATE.

As an outcome of the men's prayer meeting services, which have been held each Sunday for the past six months and in which representatives from all churches of Merkel are participating, it is planned to hold a union revival at an early date in which the entire city is to be enlisted. A committee, consisting of John J. Toombs, L. L. Murray and Lee Cox, has the matter in charge and details are now being worked out. Further announcements will be made as to the time and place and also as to leader selected for conducting the revival.

About 35 were present at the service last Sunday at the Baptist church, when L. L. Murray was the leader. On next Sunday, the service will be held at the Presbyterian church at 2 p. m., with Carl Baccus the leader.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

The total in attendance at the Sunday Schools in Merkel last Sunday was 790, falling short 23 of the number present on the previous Sunday. The Baptist Sunday School led again with 303 in attendance, while the Methodist Sunday School showed 267 present. Attendance at the other Sunday Schools was Church of Christ, 96; Presbyterian, 86, and Nazarene, 58.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

"The fear of Jehovah is the beginning of knowledge," Solomon in Proverbs 1:7. Each Tuesday at 3 o'clock quite a number of ladies gather for a Bible class, ladies Bible class because women are the ones taught at this hour. We call it a Bible class because that is exactly what it is—no organization, social club or missionary society. They study the Bible because it is the best source of knowledge in the world, because they wish to be made free, (John 8:31-32), in order to better know, love and serve Jesus. We are glad that many are taking advantage of this opportunity, and that some from other churches are having some part in this work.

All regular work and worship during the week at usual hours. "Come thou with us, and we will do thee good."
J. G. Malphurs, Minister.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. You have your part in making the Sunday School what you would like for it to be, so come Sunday. J. H. Read from Reynolds Home will be here and tell us about the condition of the home at the 11 o'clock hour. No collection will be taken. Evening service will begin at 7:30. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening. Glad to have you worship with us.
W. M. Elliott, Supt.
R. A. Walker, Pastor.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE.

Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. N. Y. P. S. 7:15. Preaching, Wednesday night Prayer meeting and Bible study 7:30 p. m. Ladies F. M. S. 1:30 p. m. each Tuesday. The lesson for Bible study for next Wednesday night is the 12th chapter of Acts.
Visitors always welcome. We extend a cordial invitation to each one to attend any or all of our services.
Leona Forbes, Pastor.

BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Rev. H. H. Stephens, pastor of the Ranger Baptist church, at the invitation of the pulpit committee of the First Baptist church, will fill the pulpit at both the morning and evening hours next Sunday. He is an earnest and eloquent preacher and all members of the church and congregation are especially urged to be present at both services.

Last Sunday there were 303 present when we had with us our state Sunday School secretary, Mr. G. S. Hopkins from Dallas. He visited each department during the Sunday School hour and at the close made a very enthusiastic talk on our Sunday School, telling what the Sunday School had meant to him and also various other churches over the Baptist convention.

Mr. Hopkins introduced Mr. Harrell from Nashville, Tenn., who was formerly a great Baptist worker in Texas but is now in the head office at Nashville. Mr. Harrell took the service at the 11 o'clock hour and brought a real message right from his heart.

At 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon we had the Sunday School meeting, when churches from various places were present to discuss their Sunday School problems. Mr. Hopkins had charge of the opening exercises and made a very interesting talk, then turning the service over to Mr. Harrell to discuss the problems with each Sunday School. Let's everybody be at our places

next Sunday ready to help make our Sunday School go over in a great way, for our superintendent, Mr. Largent, is away and we do not have a pastor to help. So we'll all have to work at the job.

THE METHODIST REPORT.

The eleven o'clock service at the Methodist church last Sunday morning was very beneficial. "Use that which you have," your natural talents, your brains, your sense of right for God and make your life worth while.

The Sunday School reports were especially good from every class department. The primary department reported two perfect classes.

The Hi League has been adopted by Mrs. McSpadden and under her guidance will soon rival the other two growing leagues.

The Senior leaguers are arousing more interest in their organization by visiting neighboring leagues. They visited Abilene last Sunday evening. Misses Nadine Tippett and Mary Elizabeth Grimes visited Brownwood last week-end.

Miss Vera Baker visited the revised church at Caps last Sunday morning. Mr. Carl Crutchfield of McMurry, Abilene attended our church as a visitor of S. M. Hunter and family last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. McKenzie had as week-end visitors Messrs. Bo McKenzie and Harry Sherman of John Tarleton Agricultural college at Stephenville.

JUNIOR LEAGUE PROGRAM.

Song.
Prayer.
Song.
Scripture lesson, by Clyde Sears, (Hebrews 13:1.)
Talk by Juniors.
Talk by Ruth Smith.
"Warped Dispositions," by Dot Swafford.
"Having your Way," by Della Smith.
Discussion.
Benediction.

District 3 B. Y. P. U. Meets Mar. 16 With Salt Branch Church

District No. 3 of the Sweetwater Baptist Associational B. Y. P. U. will convene with the Salt Branch church on Sunday, March 16, at 2:40 p. m. The theme will be "Growing Through Study." The program follows:
3 p. m.—Song service.
3:15 p. m.—Devotional, A. C. Terry, Trent.
3:30 p. m.—Business session.
3:45 p. m.—The Value of the Study Course, Melba Dean Richards, View.
1. Growing Appreciation of my Church, Lenoria Kimrey, Tye.
2. I am a Baptist, Why? Valeria Dye, Merkel.
3. Re-creating B. Y. P. U. Leadership through the Study Course, Melba Jean Poe, Caps.
4. Better Methods through the Study Course, Mrs. Ollie Higgins, Salt Branch.
4:40 p. m.—Special music, Merkel Union.
4:50—Closing message, Mossback, Tom Cooper, Merkel.

M. E. Senior Leaguers Visit Abilene Church

Last Sunday evening the Merkel Methodist Senior league visited the Senior league of the First Methodist church in Abilene. Merkel was represented by sixteen Senior leaguers and several chaperones.

An interesting program, led by Beryl Hunter, was given to the Abilene league. Special numbers were a song by Ethel Hamilton, and a humorous reading entitled "Fun" by Ola Mae Hartman. Under the subject "Recreation," interesting talks were made by Misses Vera Baker, Addie Fae Patterson, Odell Hunter and Orpha Patterson.

The warm welcome extended to our representatives at First church was certainly appreciated and the encouragement of our neighbor workers will tend to invigorate our own leaguers.

We enjoyed our visit to Abilene and sincerely hope they will soon return it with a program of their own.

The Senior leaguers attending were: Orpha Patterson, Dahlia Watkins, Odell Hunter, Addie Fae Patterson, Lela Patterson, Eleanor Mae Hamilton, Ola Mae Hartman, Miss Vera Baker, Ford Smith, Willie Mae Schwartz, Ethel Hamilton, Beryl Hunter, Tracy Campbell, Pauline Collins, Donald E. Willett and Horace Edwards.

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SOCIETY

VISITOR HONORED.

Mrs. Russell Terrell of Xenia, Ohio, who with her husband have enjoyed a pleasant visit in the home of their sister, Mrs. R. I. Grimes, was complimented in the home of Mrs. Charlie Jones last Thursday afternoon, with Mesdames Jones and S. D. Gamble hostesses.

All party appointments stressed the idea of "Traveling" due to the fact that Mrs. Terrell was soon to travel; dainty candies also graced the tables. Games of "84" progressed merrily until tea time when a dainty salad course and drinks were served.

Plate favors were upright red-caps; the honoree was remembered with a pretty gift useful in traveling. Guests were Mesdames Russell Terrell, R. I. Grimes, W. T. Sadler, R. O. Anderson, F. C. McFarland, L. B. Scott, Jones and Gamble.

"42" GAMES.

Mrs. L. B. Howard delightfully entertained a number of friends on Wednesday afternoon, with "42" games proving a happy diversion for the afternoon. At the refreshment hour dainty sandwiches, ices and cake were passed to Mesdames L. B. Scott, Yates Brown, Henry West, John West, W. L. Diltz, Jr., Booth Warren, Dee Grimes and the hostess.

THURSDAY NIGHT BRIDGE CLUB.

Miss Roberta Sloan entertained members of the Thursday Night Bridge club in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Boaz last week. Radio and victrola music and bridge games furnished happy diversion until the refreshment hour when a delicious sandwich course with hot chocolate was served to Misses Vera Baker, Mona Margaret Jones, Dona Loyless, Evelyn Curb, Christine Collins, Iva Bragg, Johnnie Sears, Lola Dennis and Roberta Sloan.

CLASS PARTY.

On Tuesday afternoon the Kings Daughters class of the Methodist church met in the lovely new home of Mrs. V. N. Ellis, with Mrs. L. A. Watts assistant hostess. Mrs. Martin read the scripture lesson, which was followed with prayer by Mrs. Harkrider. Some very helpful plans were decided upon and the class hopes to carry these out in the near future. As an entertainment feature, a volunteer program was rendered, each one present responding and affording much enjoyment. Mrs. Sherman Lane of Abilene then presented a clever St. Patrick contest.

With tiny Shamrocks as plate favors, the hostesses served chocolate, an-

food squares with members and visitors.

MRS. PRICE MELTON HONOREE.

A reception on Tuesday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Price Melton in the Blair community honored Mrs. Melton on her twenty-third birthday. The guests were greeted by Mr. and Mrs. Tom Melton; Mrs. Claud Doan, receiving in the dining room, was assisted by Mesdames Owen Patterson and Clarence Melton. Colors of red, white and blue tastefully emphasized the details. Games of 42 followed the dinner.

The living room group included Misses Vernice Owen, Margie Melton, Mr. and Mrs. Marshal Owen, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell, Messrs. Claude Doan, Clarence Melton, Preston Doan, Marvin Melton and Red Melton.

Cemetery Contributions.

The following contributions for the upkeep fund of the Merkel cemetery have been received during the week:
Mrs. Joe Higgins \$2.50
Mrs. H. C. Williams 5.00
F. F. Freeman 5.00
Contributions may be left at the Barrow Furniture company or at the Farmers and Merchants National bank and will be acknowledged in the Merkel Mail as they are received.

Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office.

Hers Landecker, co-founder, owner and for many years manager of the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra, died recently, aged 73.

MATTERS

MERKEL BOOSTER BAND IN CONCERT TONIGHT.

This Thursday evening at 7:30 the Merkel Booster band under the direction of Bandmaster G. A. Hartman will give their second weekly concert in front of the Merkel Drug company.

- The program follows:
1. Robinson Grand Entree—March.
2. On the Square—March.
3. Piccolo Pete.
4. Overture—Best Loved Southern Melodies.
5. Lassus Trombone—a Trombone Smear.
6. Columbia University—March.
7. Silver Crescent Overture.
8. The Viking—March.
9. Garland Entree—March.
"The Star Spangled Banner."

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Spinach fresh, per lb. 7c Lard any kind, 8 lb. bucket for \$1.09
Bananas extra nice, per doz. 23c Corn Round-up, No. 2 cans 11c
Onions Spanish Sweets, 4c Beans stringless Ozark brand, 2 25c
Spuds No. 1, 10 lbs. for 39c Pickles sliced Ozark brand 23c
Cabbage nice, firm heads, per lb. 4c Grape Fruits 4c
Soap Lighthouse, 27 bars for \$1.00 Bacon 100% sugar-cured sliced, per lb. 28c
Hominy Goblin, No. 2 1-2 can 12c Bacon dry salt, per lb. 16c
Pork & Beans No. 2 cans 8c Cheese fresh Long-horn, per lb. 28c
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Friday **WANT ADS**

FOR SALE

FOR SALE OR TRADE—One gas range. Can be seen at Dowell's Auto Top and Shoe Shop.

COW—One choice milk cow and young calf for sale. Lee Baker.

SETTING EGGS—Dark Cornish game eggs for hatching now ready for delivery. Robert Hicks at Liberty Hardware Co.

FOR SALE—A \$160.00 deposit on any new Chevrolet Six with the Massey-Woods Motor Company of Trent; car to be delivered when called for. Will sell this deposit for \$110.00. John L. Camp, 519 Mims Bldg., Abilene, Texas. Phone 4814.

BABY CHICKS every Tuesday from M. Johnson strain of White Leghorns at \$14.00 per hundred. J. S. Touchstone, Hawley, Texas, Route 2.

PLYMOUTH ROCK EGGS for sale. \$1.00 per setting of 15. Mrs. W. L. Harris, at A. B. Cranston's place, Route 1, Merkel, Texas.

FULL BLOOD buff Orpington eggs, 50 cents per setting; also mixed settings of buff Orpingtons and Rhode Island Reds same price. W. F. Hamblet.

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LEGAL NOTICE.

ELECTION NOTICE.
By virtue of authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Merkel, Texas, notice is hereby given that an election shall be held in the city of Merkel, Texas, on the first Tuesday in April, 1930, for the purpose of electing three aldermen, to serve for a period of two years.

Said election shall be held in the Fire Station and shall conform as nearly as possible with state election laws. Polls shall open at 8 o'clock A. M. and close at 6 P. M. B. C. Gaither is hereby appointed election judge.

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J. P. SHARP, Mayor.

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For District Attorney 42nd district:
J. R. (Bob) BLACK, (Re-election.)
For Sheriff:
H. T. O'BAR, (Re-election.)
C. R. (Chas.) WALDROP.
N. L. SEALE.
For County Clerk:
W. P. BOUNDS, (Re-election.)
For County Treasurer:
AUSTIN FITTS, (Re-election.)
For Tax Collector:
EARL HUGHES, (Re-election.)
For Tax Assessor:
J. T. HOWARD, (Re-election.)
H. F. LONG.
For District Clerk:
BELLE WELLBORN, (Re-election.)
For County Attorney:
GRAY BROWNE.
WILEY L. CAFFEY.
For Commissioner, Precinct No. 2:
P. A. DILTZ, (Re-election.)
W. H. FRAZIER.
W. L. BLAIR.
RUFÉ TITTLE.
THOMAS A. BEARDEN.
JOHN J. TOOMBS.
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LODGE NOTICES

Merkel Chapter Royal Arch Masons meets on first Thursday night of each month. Visitors cordially invited

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O. R. Dye, Secretary

FOUND

Two of three years ago my wife lost a plain gold ring inscribed on inside "I'll be true." If found, return and get liberal reward. G. M. Sharp.

\$25.00 REWARD for greyhound, brindle, female, white front foot, little white on others, scars on back near shoulder. Elgie Ham, Dora, Texas.

LOST—Dec. 23rd Leuger pistol between Merkel and Trent. Liberal reward will be paid for return or information leading to its return. Call at Merkel Mail office.

Winners Named for County Meet Mar. 21-22

In the declamation contests, which constituted part of the program of "A Patriotic Evening" at the Grammar school auditorium last Friday night, the following were chosen:

Junior girls—Annie Lee Owen, first place; Clara Frances Largent, second, and Catherine Copeland, third.

Junior boys—John A. Jones, first place; Truett Patterson, second, and Ben Sublett, third.

Senior girls—Artilie Simmons, first place; Pauline Toombs, second, and Margaret Miller, third.

Senior boys—Ross Ferrier, first place; Tracy Campbell, second, and H. C. Toombs, third.

The judges were L. R. Thompson, Mrs. C. B. Gardner and Rev. R. A. Walker.

The winners of first place will represent Merkel High in the county meet of the Interscholastic league at Abilene March 21-22

Cattle Movement.

On Monday C. M. Largent and Sons shipped two cars of snow cattle to the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock show, which opens Saturday, March 8, and continues through the 16th.

THE MERKEL HOME LAUNDRY.

One of our customers, who has been a patron from the first day that we opened our business here, remarked this week that the promptness and regularity which we practiced in calling early Monday morning each week and in returning the bundle with equal dispatch was as much to be commended as the quality of our work and the consequent satisfaction afforded to the customer. Give us a trial. Phone 294J. THE MERKEL HOME LAUNDRY. Mrs. Jay, Manager.

Merkel City Marshal Held on \$2,500 Bond

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der filed against the Merkel city marshal.

County Attorney Frank E. Smith indicated that his office did not urge the return of an indictment, advising postponement of action pending outcome of Frederickson's wounds. The county attorney, District Attorney Cunningham and Sheriff O'Bar were in Merkel Wednesday afternoon making further investigations.

INTENDED TO FILE CHARGES.
Mr. Frederickson had an appointment with the city council, expected to meet at 5 o'clock Monday afternoon, and it is understood that he intended to submit an affidavit or affidavits concerning City Marshal Denny in support of his request for the latter's discharge as city marshal of Merkel.

The city council did not meet at the appointed time but, when it did convene shortly after 6 o'clock, Denny was temporarily suspended. Sam A. Bankston was named to fill the vacancy, but declined the appointment. He agreed, however, to take over Denny's duties in connection with the water department of the city.

Mr. Frederickson owns a farm near Merkel, but resides on Oak street with his family. He has three children, two sons and a daughter.

Dora Doings

At a called business meeting Tuesday night to discuss finances, the P. T. A. decided on a stunt night, March 14. Several visitors were present. Sandwiches were served and games enjoyed after the business session.

Jasper McCoy of Merkel has been in this part of the county buying cattle a few days this week.

Laura Wallis and Modenia Whitaker of McMurtry spent the week-end here.

Mrs. Hugh Rogers of Sweetwater is convalescing at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Rogers.

A. D. Cross is sporting a fine looking Chevrolet.

Mrs. B. E. Dunagan has returned home from an extended visit in San Angelo.

Several from here attended the Hereford sale in Sweetwater Thursday and Friday.

Tom Shirley from San Angelo was shaking hands the first of the week with friends and relatives here.

Holly leaves are used for tea in South America.

10:30 ...and the Boy from the Drug Store hadn't Arrived

Four people were in the living room playing bridge.

When 10:30 came and the boy from the drug store hadn't arrived with the ice cream, Mrs. Barnard began to get nervous.

The Randalls, recent neighbors, both murmured something polite about "having to go".

"Don't rush off, please," said Mrs. Barnard. "I'll call and see what's the matter."

So she called Mr. Carter, the druggist, and the boy came over right away.

It was embarrassing though, to have to go into details from the telephone in the hall, when they could overhear every word she said.

Telephones around the house where you need them do help.

Had there been an "extension" in the back hall, say, Mrs. Barnard could have conversed in comparative privacy.

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It was embarrassing though...

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- COFFEE, Folgers or Hills Bros., 2 lb. tins \$1.00
- LARD, Compound, 8 lb. pails \$1.05
- TOMATOES, Std. Hand Packed, No. 2 3 cans 25c
- PORK & BEANS, Wapco, 18 oz., 3 cans 25c
- MILK, Armour's Baby, 6 cans, 25c
- GEM NUT, Butter Substitute, 1 lb. 22c
- BACON, Sugar Cured Sinclairs, 1 lb. 25c
- BACON, Dry Salt, pickle cured, 1 lb. 21c
- CRISCO, The Better Shortening, 6 lbs. \$1.19
- BAKING POWDER, Calumet, 10 lbs. \$1.75
- SAUSAGE, Vienna, 4 oz., Crown or Armour's, 3 cans 25c
- PEACHES, Delmonte or Gold Bar, No. 2 1-2 25c
- PICKLES, quart sour, glass, 25c

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MERKEL PUBLIC SCHOOLS' DECLAMATION EXERCISES.

On last Friday evening, February 28, in a long and very interesting program, the declaimers of both High school and Grammar school, and the pupils of Miss Tracy entertained the public in the Grammar school auditorium. The proceeds of the program went to the Boy Scouts.

The program was arranged thus:

I. Patriotic concert.
1. Reader, Carl Jackson, Jr., (dressed as Uncle Sam.)

2. Dancer, Betty Lou Grimes. (Dressed as a negro, she danced to the air of "Dixie," played by the Merkel Booster band. She is a pupil of Miss Jay's Abilene.)

III. Oration, "A Message to Boys," Billy Wood.

IV. Entertainers: Frances Higgins, two poems of child life, "A Little Girls Lament" and "Fate."

Carl Jackson, "Why Was He Ill," and "Rhythmic."

Carl Banneugh, a story, "Changing the Ethiopian."

V. Declamations, Junior Boys—John A. Jones, Truett Patterson, Ben Sublett.

VI. Entertainers: Clara Frances Largent, "When Father Played Baseball."

A duet, "Aunt Melissas's Beau," by Betty Jane Diltz and Billy Wood.

VII. Declamations, Senior Girls—Eleanor Mae Hamilton, Byrl Hunter, Margaret Miller, Pauline Toombs, Odell Hunter, Artilee Simmons, Lona Bryan.

VIII. Entertainers: Margaret Miller, "Ker-chew Duet" and "De Pick-aninny Band."

IX. Declamations, Senior Boys—Tracy Campbell, H. C. Toombs, Ross Ferrier.

X. Biblical drama in one act, "Jephthah's Daughter," Merkel High School Players club.

KNOW YOUR SENIORS OF '30.

(A Weekly Article.)
In order that our readers may know the Seniors of '30, we shall publish for the next few weeks a "picture gallery" of those who are soon to graduate from Merkel High.

J. T. Darsey, Jr.

J. T. Darsey, Jr., was born in Merkel on March 10th, 1912. At the age of 7 he entered Merkel Grammar school. His life in Grammar school was very eventful and he was recognized as the leader of his class. When J. T. graduated from Grammar school in '26 he was salutatorian of the class. He entered Merkel High school in the fall of '26 and was elected president of the Freshmen class. And as a Sophomore he was again elected president of his class. During these two years in High school J. T. was also a member of the Spanish club. Then as a Junior he was elected to the honorable position of editor-in-chief of the Badger Weekly, which position he filled unmistakably well.

Now as a Senior, J. T. is one busy man about the school. He is vice-president of the class, assistant editor-in-chief of the Annual, member of the Merkel High School Players club, and reporter for the P. P. A. A. A. club. J. T. has never failed a course and at present he is studying aviation with the intention of becoming an aviator. Knowing him as we do, we would not hesitate to say that he will make a good one. J. T. is what might be called an ideal school citizen.

Andrew Lee Darden.

Andrew Lee Darden was born December 24, 1910, at Cozart, Taylor county, Texas. He left Cozart soon and at the age of six he began his education in the Mount Pleasant school. He continued his efforts for an education and graduated from the Grammar school here in 1913. After being out of school two years, he entered M. H. S. in 1928 as a Junior.

His career since entering M. H. S. has been one of the most brilliant in the annals of the school. He lettered in the following sports: basketball, '29-'30; football '28-'29 playing at guard in both sports. Lee is handicapped by a small stature but anyone who has seen the Badgers in action has seen many an opposing guard bite the dust in disgrace, while Lee made a wonderful tackle. He also lettered in baseball last year. He lettered easily

in track in 1929 and bids fair to repeat this this year. He was secretary of the 1929 Spanish club and the president of both the '29 and the '30 M. H. S. Players clubs. Lee, this year, as president guides the destinies of the Senior class with a sure hand and is also the assistant business manager for the 1930 Badger. He is a member in good standing of the noted P. P. A. A. A. club.

Lee hopes to help his country through his ability to speak by getting a law degree from the University of Texas. We believe that some day our Lee may be the just author of a book entitled "From M. H. S. to the White House in Eight Years."

Maurine Davis.

Maurine was born at Comanche, Texas on April 18, 1912. From Comanche the family moved to Merkel in October, 1914, and have been living here ever since. At the age of seven Maurine entered Merkel Grammar school. When she graduated from her education the next year in Merkel High school.

When the Junior girls of 1928-'29, organized the L. O. V. E. club, Maurine was elected vice-president. In this, her Senior year, she is reporter of the B. B. G. club and secretary of the Historical society in American History class. She has acquired dignity as office secretary for two periods of the day.

Aside from being popular among her school friends, Maurine has a beautiful face and a winning personality which will be greatly missed among the ranks of High school students next year. She is planning to go to school then at either C. I. A. at Denton, Texas, or Teck at Lubbock.

BASEBALL NEWS.

The Merkel Grammar school girls played the Blair girls Thursday afternoon, winning by the score of 43 to 8. Four home runs were made by the Grammar school girls, Rogene Dye making two and Carabel Mansfield and Vivian Davis one each.

The line-ups were:
Blair—Virginia Fuqua, c; Anna Addison, p; Leona Patterson, 1b; Gertie Bryan, 2b; Bessie Lou Windham, 3b; Lucy Moore, rss; Katherine Osborne, lss; Fredilessia Fuqua, rf; Dene Patterson, lf; Ora Meeks, cf.
Merkel—Florence Nicholson, c; Rogene Dye, p; Valeria Park, 1b; Vivian Lassiter, 2b; Ruth Davis, 3b; Anne Lee Owens, rss; Blanche Denny, lss; Wanda Hunter, rf; Carabel Mansfield, lf; Vivian Davis, cf.

SCHOOL LAUGHTER.

Willie Mae: "Why, what is the matter, Nadine? Why do you have that unusual look on your face?"

Nadine: "Oh, I was just thinking."

Ross: "Say, do you like bathing girls?"

Elvis: "I don't know yet—I never have bathed any girls."

It is reported that on the recent physics exam Mr. Davis was informed by Tracy that Newton's law was not being enforced as it should be and the bright Senior implied that it should be amended at once.

We are expecting Mr. Wrigley, the chewing gum manufacturer, to file suit against Mrs. Young for ruining (or is it helping) his business, as that titian-haired instructor of Spanish has to date told exactly 70 Seniors during their home study hall to "please get rid of that gum."

And this calls to mind the story of the timid soul who lived as per the magazine advertisements, who, being lost and with only one meal left, starved to death because he did not have the Wrigley's for "after every meal."

E. L. Calls his cat "Thereby." When asked his reason for such an odd name for the animal he answered, "Thereby hangs a tail, you know."

And now Mr. Davis is seen driving a Pontiac, too!

JOKES.

Lions are friendly if you treat them well.

Personally we have always resisted, in a humane manner, an impulse to enter their cage and kick them around.

Mrs. Guitar (whipping her son):

"You have violated my command, son." Fred: "But I should think you would be ashamed to strike me when my back is turned toward you."

Mr. Davis: "It hasn't rained in that country for 21 years."

Ross: "They should accept prohibition peacefully."

"Hullo! bought a saxophone?" "No, I borrowed it from the man next door."

"But you can't play it." "Neither can he while I've got it."

"Prisoner, the jury finds you guilty."

"That's alright judge. I know you're too intelligent to be influenced by what they say."

THE SOPHOMORES.

School, School, is just all! Nothing doing only just what always goes on. It is almost report card day again,

but that doesn't worry me. "Soph!" because none of our cards. Two holes have been dug on the campus and when someone asked what they were for Mr. Burgess said that they were to bury two Sophomores when they got their report cards. Well, they might as well be filled up because we don't need to be buried.

Mr. Paul Collins has been absent for a few days. We are all glad to welcome him back.

We have a new pupil, Pearl Wallace, from Breckenridge High school.

Mr. H. C. Toombs has a sore upper lip and it is said that he put some hair restorer on it to grow a mustache and it took the skin off.

PERSONAL NOTES.

Mr. and Mrs. Burgess made a weekend trip to Lubbock, Texas, where Mr. Burgess attended the lay activities meeting of the Northwest Texas conference, called by Dean Boyd M. Mc-

Companied by Miss Verna Tech, which Miss Beasley is planning to attend next year. They visited with some ex-students of Merkel High school.

Mr. Burgess remarked that only one out of the fifteen men at the Lay Activities meeting smoked.

Supt. and Mrs. Burgess and Miss Martin attended the banquet of ex-students of the University of Texas in Abilene in the crystal room of the Hilton hotel on Monday night, March 3.

Some seventy-five ex-students attended the banquet and heard the president, H. Y. Bendict, speak. Mr. Burgess was one of the speakers on the program.

Miss Donna Loyless left Friday evening and returned Sunday evening from a trip to her home, Ft. Worth, to take a lesson from her former piano teacher there. This spring she is to take an examination under Mr. Kroe-

ge; a family reunion at the University of Texas on Thursday night, March 7, 1930. Progressive Studies teacher, to hear a discussion of piano in

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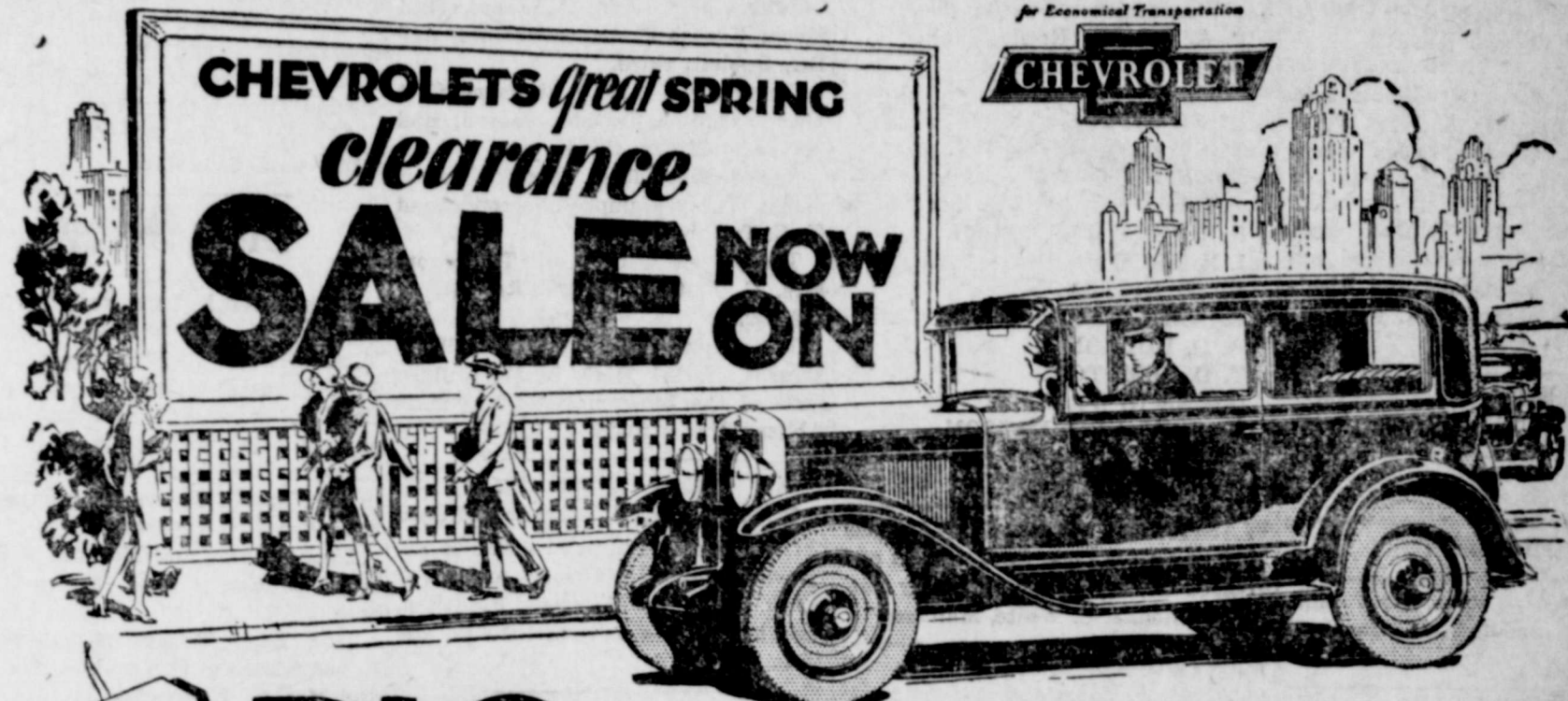
CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank our many friends in Merkel and the surrounding country for the kindness shown us during the sickness and death of our beloved husband and father; also for the beautiful flowers. Especially do we thank Drs. Grimes, Sadler and Hulsey for all they did and we appreciate the service of the telephone company so much. May God bless you all.

Mrs. A. H. Barnes.
C. C. Barnes and family.
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FAVORABLE TIME TO RAISE COLTS

Farmer Developing Own Power Has Low Cost.

If a farmer ever intends to raise a colt, now is a good time to do so, according to A. O. Rhoad of the New York State College of Agriculture. The farmer raises colts now he will save money in a few years when he puts them to work in place of the horses he now has on his farm.

The farmer who grows his own power, says Mr. Rhoad, buys his own power at the lowest cost and pays for it on the instalment plan without interest. With the possible exception of a fee for stallion service the farmer does not have to take much money out of his pocket at present to produce his farm power. The farmer who breeds his mare to foal next spring and feeds the colt well will have a work horse that will cost him far less than one purchased on the market.

According to a recent survey made by C. E. Ladd of the college, 87 per cent of horses in New York state are more than twelve years old. The price of horses is increasing. Doctor Ladd also states that from two-thirds to three-fourths of the horses in New York state will be replaced during the next ten years, and that it is probable that they will be replaced at a time when it will cost New York farmers several millions more than it would today. This survey, "The Farm Horse Situation in New York," will be sent free to anyone who writes to the office of publication, State College of Agriculture, Ithaca, N. Y., for E 169.

Sweet Clover Disease Should Be Prevented

It is now definitely established and acknowledged that some specimens of moldy or spoiled sweet clover hay and silage produce a specific disease in cattle, the so-called "sweet clover poisoning," says L. M. Roderick, assistant veterinarian and A. F. Schalk, veterinarian, North Dakota Agricultural college.

Several experimental feeding trials with moldy sweet clover hay and silage in North Dakota have shown quite conclusively that the so-called poisoning is primarily a disease of cattle, particularly young animals a few months of age to two or three years old.

The trouble can be avoided in practically all cases, if small quantities of the moldy hay or silage are fed with two or three times as much other feed; or the spoiled clover can be fed safely if fed once every week or two.

Immunize Pigs

Baby pigs one month of age may be successfully immunized against cholera, according to the work of Graham, Thorpe and Hectorne at the University of Illinois. Such practice is not generally recommended by veterinarians working under general farm conditions. The studies quoted indicate that other diseases constitute a complicating factor of growing importance in outbreaks of hog cholera. There is a saving of time and serum worth considering when pigs are vaccinated young.

Selecting a Sire

Thorough investigation should be made to measure the true worth of a bull in selecting a proved sire. The fact that a sire has a number of tested daughters is not adequate and may be no reliable measure of his worth. A proved sire is considered to be one with five or six unselected daughters with records, preferably for one year. Tests show that a sire mated with a given type of cow will continue to produce similar daughters. If six of the daughters are good, the sire should be saved.

Live Stock Notes

All lambs should be docked and the ram lambs castrated.

The sheep man should gauge the feed given by the condition of the ewes, but it is always advisable to feed some grain for at least six weeks before lambing.

Bloating is to some extent an individual matter with the animals, some animals showing a much more frequent tendency to bloat than others, possibly because they are more greedy.

Farm ewes need exercise. Feed them so as to move them away from the barn lot.

Swine sanitation will result in saving a larger percentage of pigs and more economical gains for feed consumed.

It has been estimated that only 50 per cent of the pigs farrowed live to marketable age. It is commonly assumed that 90 per cent of all losses from diseases in swine may be charged to hog cholera.

POULTRY

FEED REQUIRED FOR CHICKENS

From time to time we receive inquiries asking how much feed is required for producing chickens, says the Iowa Homestead. These people appreciate that the feed cost is one of the important considerations in raising poultry. Too often people believe that it is the whole cost, for some do not make allowance for other costs, such as mortality, depreciation on buildings, labor, etc.

The Connecticut experiment station determined the amount of feed which was required to grow White Leghorn and Rhode Island Red chicks till they were 24 weeks of age. At that age Leghorns had consumed 22.13 pounds per bird and the Red 25.77 pounds. The Leghorns weighed 3.28 pounds and the Reds 4.3 pounds per bird.

The Indiana station reports that it took approximately 30 pounds of feed to raise White Rock pullets to 28 weeks of age. From these two reports it would seem likely that average amounts of feed needed to reach maturity would be approximately 25 pounds for Leghorns and from 30 to 35 pounds for the heavy breeds.

Some figures are also available on the amount of feed that will be consumed by hens in a year. The smaller breeds require less than the larger breeds and hens that do not lay heavily will consume less than those that are heavy layers. Heavy laying Leghorns will consume approximately 75 pounds of feed yearly per hen, while the heavier breeds will need about 85 pounds.

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Those engaged in the poultry business must necessarily have high production. Unless they have an abundance and a variety of feeds and know how properly to mix them, the commercial feed must be used. This is also the case with every farmer who seeks high production.

Commercial poultry feeds, in most cases, are the result of scientific research. Their efficiency has been demonstrated so many times that there is no room for argument, but no farmer will make a mistake if he seeks to lower the cost of production by producing his own grains and by utilizing all the skim milk available.

Preventing Egg Losses Is Not Difficult Task

The season is near at hand for converting feed crops into eggs. No one wants to put labor into the production of feeds and then lose their value. It is estimated that about 17 per cent of the eggs shipped to wholesale markets have no commercial value because of their being dirty, broken, or having chick development, or being shrunken, rotten or moldy. The following conditions will almost entirely eliminate losses from these sources: Eggs for market should weigh from one and one-half to two pounds per dozen; be uniform in size; be free from dirt, but not washed; be strong shelled, fresh and infertile. They should be laid in clean nests, gathered often, never taken from an incubator nor from stolen nests; they should be kept in a cool, dry place until delivered at the market.

No Difficulty Is Met in Picking Out Layers

No difficulty should be met in picking out the best-laying or the poorest-laying hens in the farm flock. With some birds, however, the distinguishing marks are not so distinct and may sometimes be rather contradictory. Thus one hen may be an early molter and yet show good body depth. Another bird may molt late and at the same time show poor quality. Birds of this type are usually medium producers, and the owner must decide whether they should be kept or sold.

Affects Egg Size

It is possible in forcing feeding when the hen lays day after day for a week or two that the egg will gradually lose in size, depending on the hen and the kind of food eaten. If the hen has inherited capacity to lay many eggs, and she gets the right kind of foods, she will lay normal-sized eggs even though laying heavily. To lay many normal eggs the hen must be fed plenty of protein foods, such as are found in the mash, especially during the winter.

Avoid All Drafts

There should be no drafts in the poultry house in fall and winter. The sides of the house should be as nearly airtight as it is possible to make them. This applies also to the roof. This is one reason why shingle roofs are not satisfactory. The air sifts through and considerable heat is allowed to escape. Drafts are responsible for the birds contracting colds. Cracks should be completely closed so that comfort will be afforded to the laying flock.

Advertising Necessary Says Roger W. Babson

Well directed advertising can do more than any other one factor to hasten economic recovery in the United States, Roger W. Babson, noted economic authority, said in an article in the Boston Evening Transcript.

"This year," he stated, "offers the advertising business both a challenge and an opportunity. The challenge is two-fold; first to the business man who advertises, and second, to the advertising man who prepares and directs his campaigns. Business men must have the courage to maintain their advertising appropriations in the face of the present business recession. The time to advertise is when sales are hard—contrary to the general practice of advertising chiefly when business is good and sales are easy. The advertising man, on the other hand, must have the courage to cut out all unnecessary frills and to make his copy produce direct results. The business man has the right to expect that his advertising bring in some definite orders as well as build up good will. Those who manage advertising must bear this in mind. Also they must cut out all waste and extravagance, and make every dollar count. Some forms of institutional advertising cannot bring immediate results, and this, of course, does not mean that they should be discontinued. In general, however, advertising should pay as it goes.

"Advertising likewise offers two-fold opportunities: first, it enables individual business men to meet effectively the unusually severe competition of

the present period; and second, it renders the country a great economic service. The value of wisely directed advertising is too well known and too fully proved to require further comment. From a purely selfish standpoint, it pays to keep up one's advertising, as thousands of individual experiences have proved. The general economic benefits to the country as a whole, however, are just as real, but are not so generally recognized."

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Every day in the advertisements you will find new changes, new methods, new products that will interest you—save your money—increase your ability to enjoy life.

Get the habit of reading advertisements regularly. You'll find every-day news of importance addressed to you.

For advertisements can affect you vitally. Watch them! They'll increase your spending money and tell you where you can buy most economically the articles you need.

Be progressive . . . keep in touch with the advertisements in this newspaper . . . it will be well worth your while

Trent News and Personal Notes

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Whitfield and family of Miles came over Wednesday for a visit with C. T. Beckham and family.

Postmaster Dowdy and Mrs. Dowdy spent the week-end at Throckmorton, Miss Lillian McRee handling post-office affairs during their absence.

Miss Evelyn Reeves and her father of Rotan were here Saturday visiting relatives.

Mrs. Ross B. Jenkins has returned after a few weeks stay in De Leon.

Miss Pearl Martin of Hermleigh was the week-end guest of friends.

W. Y. Steen has purchased a home at Clyde and will move there soon. We regret to lose these fine people.

Mrs. Sidney Pass of Abilene returned home Thursday after a week's visit with her grandmother, Mrs. T. J. Williamson, who has been quite ill.

Allen Terry and Braney Howell, students at John Tarleton college, spent the last week-end with home-folks.

Gus Brewer and Walker Steadman were business visitors at Putnam last Thursday.

Mrs. Walter Brutsche and children of south Texas are visiting her sister, Mrs. Garnet Bryant, and her brother, Joe Nalley.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Beckham and son and Mr. and Mrs. Wright Boyd and son of Lamesa spent Sunday and Monday with their parents here, Mrs. Beckham and son remaining over for a week's visit.

Jess Nalley, who has been at Mission for the past six weeks, is home for a while now. He states that the valley is some fine place and he is very much in favor of a country where you can have rain just when you want it.

Mr. and Mrs. John B. Winn, Mrs. Hestia Winn, Mrs. Annie Boone and Mrs. Reuben Reeves from here attended the funeral of Bryant Booser at Sweetwater Tuesday. Mr. Booser's wife was Miss Hattie Winn, formerly of this place.

The party given at the home of W. L. Boyd for the Seventh grade Thursday was greatly enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Boyd and Mrs. Lige Howell attended the workers meeting at Caps Wednesday.

The B. Y. P. U. was well attended Sunday. Everyone, young and old, has a hearty invitation to come. 7 p. m. is the time.

MRS. BILL NEILL HONOREE.

Mrs. E. M. Sherman held open house Thursday afternoon, naming her daughter, Mrs. Bill Neill, as honoree. Guests called from two to four. Varied colors of rose and blue were used for house decorations and red and white roses adorned the dining table. Streamers of rose and blue paper, drooped from a colored light, marked each place where whipped cream and peaches, cake and hot chocolate were served. The honoree was the recipient of a bandbox of many pretty and useful gifts.

Callers were Mesdames A. W. Woods, O. Bishop, Ed Burks, John Payne, W. E. Shouse, D. J. Rawlings, Cynthia Hall, W. A. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Swafford of Blair, Milton Sherman, Anderson, and Martin of Noodle Dome, Misses Mediah Rawlings and Florence Sherman.

QUILTING PARTY.

Mrs. R. B. McRee entertained Tuesday at her home near Trent with an enjoyable quilting party.

The lovely flower quilt, made by Mrs. Hale McRee, which absorbed the interest of the guests, was blocked alternately in garden green and ivory with a white picket fence border set on a green base and background in orchid. Upon the ivory blocks were applied old-fashioned flowers in a profusion of colors. The applied blocks were quilted diagonally with stitches running under all the flowers to set them off. Plain green blocks were quilted in a fine rose pattern with lovely effect.

A delicious chicken dinner was served at noon by Mesdames Leslie Beasley, Dave Hines, Hale McRee and Miss Lillian McRee, with Mrs. R. B. McRee presiding at the beautifully appointed table.

At 4 o'clock a refreshment plate of devil's food, coconut pie and coffee was served to the circle of needle-workers and a group of impromptu musical numbers followed.

Those participating in the delightful day were Mesdames Ed Burks, Sam Estep, Bert McRee, Jr., Leslie Beasley, Dave Hines, Hale McRee, C. T. Beckham, Alex Williamson, W. J. Beckham and baby son of Lamesa, Misses Lillian McRee, Virginia Cloe McRee and the hostess.

Texas has 974,000 milk cows, increase of 19,000 over Jan. 1, 1928, figures. Of all kinds of cattle Texas had 5,667,000 head on Jan. 1, 1930—almost one-tenth of the 57,967,000 in the entire United States.

Two Auto Accidents Only Minor Bruises

When a touring car, going south, crossed the highway at the Texas & Pacific section house crossing at 5:30 Sunday afternoon, it was rammed by a Magnolia Petroleum corporation truck coming east with the result that the touring car was badly wrecked and its occupants, three Mexican girls and a boy were all considerably bruised, three of them being taken to the Merkel Sanitarium for treatment.

The accident was considered entirely unavoidable and in an effort to miss crashing into the car the truck driver, M. A. Pierson, Colorado, drove his vehicle into the ditch and he and his wife sustained slight injuries also.

The three Mexican girls and boy were the children of John Luna, who lives north of Noodle, and they had come to town to bring one of the girls, Santos, back to the home of John Sears where she is employed. They were dismissed from the sanitarium after receiving emergency treatment.

Tuesday about 12:30 Boyd Dobbs was thrown from his car when it hit a post supporting a mail-box on the road near the home of Homer Patterson, north of town. He suffered a slight concussion but was treated at the Merkel Sanitarium and returned to his home a few hours later.

RESOLUTIONS ON THE DEATH OF J. L. HARRIS.

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and brethren of Merkel, Lodge, No. 710, A. F. and A. M.

We your committee appointed to draft resolutions in memory of brother J. L. Harris, beg to submit the following:

Whereas, on the 18th day of December, A. D. 1929, it pleased the Grand Master of the Universe in his infinite wisdom to remove from among us our dear brother J. L. Harris, and to transplant him a member of that Celestial Lodge above, where the Supreme Architect of the Universe presides; and whereas, brother Harris, was a Charter Member of this Lodge and held his membership here since its inception, and during his more active life, held some of the responsible official positions in this lodge: He was always faithful, patient and loyal to every duty and to his brethren during his active life, was punctual in attendance upon the meetings of the lodge.

And whereas, in the death of our brother this lodge has lost a worthy member; one who lived and practiced the true principles of our order, and in his every day life was a living example of those great tenets, Faith, Hope and Charity; having faith in God, Hope in immortality and Charity toward all mankind; ever ready to lend a helping hand to a brother, or friend, to aid him in his efforts at reformation, and while we drop a sympathetic tear for his bereaved ones, we bow in humble submission to the will of our Heavenly Father, and leave in his hands the soul of our deceased brother.

Therefore, be it resolved by this lodge that these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the lodge, a copy delivered to the family of our deceased brother and a copy handed the Merkel Mail for publication, and that the charter of this lodge be creped for a period of thirty days, and that the members of this lodge wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

Respectfully Submitted, C. L. BOSWELL, W. W. WHEELER, JOHN S. HUGHES.

Passed and approved this 8th day of February A. D. 1930. Attest, C. L. Boswell, Secretary. Merkel Lodge No. 710, A. F. & A. M. (Seal)

Of the \$7,000,000.00 to be spent on public works and by public utilities in 1930, according to Secretary of Commerce Lamont, \$180,000,000 will be spent in Texas.

Personal Mention

C. L. Burgin was an Abilene visitor Saturday.

Ted Briggs of Dallas was a recent guest of Mrs. Duncan Briggs.

Mrs. George Caple spent the week-end with Mrs. Dr. Little in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Burgin and cousin, Mrs. Dorothy Fleet, motored to Sweetwater Sunday.

Irvin De Laune of Beaumont was the week-end guest of his cousin, Mrs. G. W. Boyce, and family.

After a pleasant visit with Mrs. Dave Windham, Mrs. Hamilton Bell has returned to Refugio.

Mrs. Sherman Lane of Abilene was the guest this week of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Watts.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd H. Jones of Muleshoe visited this week in the home of Mrs. T. V. Touchstone.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Higgins and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Harrell visited last week-end in Breckenridge.

As a member of the 104th district court grand jury, Eli Case was in Abilene Monday and Tuesday.

Willie Harris was home from Paducah to spend the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lige Harris.

Little Miss Hazel Dubose, who has been suffering with tonsillitis, was able to return to school the last of the week.

Mrs. W. C. Dagley returned Monday to her home in Lockney after a visit here with her sister, Mrs. S. P. Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ben Ashby of De Leon spent Sunday and Monday here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Ashby.

Ira Windham, trucking contractor, who left Merkel about the first of the year, will make headquarters here again.

Mrs. Ted McGehee and little son, Teddie Joe, of Lubbock are spending the week here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Ashby.

Miss Molly Shannon and Mrs. Pauline Lackey are in Dallas this week in attendance at a school for beauty parlor specialists.

Friends will regret to learn that Mrs. Charlie Hill, who recently removed to Weatherford, is critically ill in the Bowie sanitarium there.

Mrs. W. L. Harkrider, accompanied by Misses Nadine Tippett and Mary Elizabeth Grimes, were week-end guests of Mrs. Roy Largent in Brownwood.

Mrs. C. Eakman has returned to her home in Canyon, Texas, after spending several months here with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Diltz, Jr.

Mrs. O. W. Walker, accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Ora Mayfield and little daughter, Peggie Marie, spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Hugh Campbell at Blair.

Miss Carrie Coffey from Simmons and Mr. and Mrs. John Williams were week-end guests of Miss Addie Holler. Mrs. Williams will be remembered as Miss Juanita Pierce.

Jack Anderson, connected with Ira Windham, trucking contractor, who has been at Refugio for several weeks,

has returned to Merkel and will work out of here for this firm.

After a visit with her sister, Mrs. J. H. Jackson, Mrs. W. L. Petty returned to her home in Cisco. She was joined here by her husband who had been in Penwell and other places in the new oil field and was en route home.

Five representatives of the Baptist church of Merkel attended the all-day workers conference of the Sweetwater Baptist association at Caps Wednesday, those in attendance from here being Mesdames T. E. Collins, A. R. Booth, Sam Swann and Messrs. W. D. Haynes and Comer Haynes.

Following her operation at the Scott & White sanitarium at Temple, Mrs. R. L. Adcock is visiting with relatives in Waco. She is accompanied by Miss Berdelle Adcock, who went to Temple about 10 days ago to be with her. Later Mrs. Adcock will return to the Temple sanitarium for further treatment.

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Dr. Armstrong's Aunt Dies at Crawford

Dr. Marvin Armstrong received word Wednesday of the death at Crawford of 6 o'clock that morning of his aunt, Mrs. Lizzie Armstrong, age 82 years. His mother, Mrs. Nan Armstrong, who is a twin sister of the deceased, went to Crawford last Friday to be with her sister. Mrs. Lizzie Armstrong spent last summer in the home of her nephew here and returned to Crawford about seven months ago.

Mrs. Armstrong was the daughter of Alex Grimes, pioneer resident of Bell county, who settled there in the days of the republic. One brother, Thos. L. Grimes, resides in Abilene and went to Crawford to attend the funeral, accompanied by Mrs. Truman Roberts, also of Abilene, a granddaughter, and Jack Armstrong, a grand son of

Sweetwater. She is survived also by two other brothers, John Grimes of Bronte and Robert Grimes of San Saba.

Record of Births.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Haynes Tuesday, Feb. 25, 1930.
Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Keifer Friday, Feb. 28, 1930.
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Brubaker residing south of town, Saturday, March 1, 1930.
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Swafford Blair, Saturday, March 1, 1930.
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Joel Brown, who are visitors here from San Angelo, Monday, March 3, 1930.
Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. DeWitt Campbell, residing south of town, Wednesday, March 5, 1930.
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Melton, Trent, Wednesday, March 5, 1930.

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