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AGED PIONEER IS HONORED ON HIS 80TH BIRTHDAY

Celebration Brings Together the Entire Family Connection, Numbering Forty-Nine, with With Only One Absentee.

Sunday was a happy day for Uncle Bill Sheppard, aged pioneer resident of Merkel who celebrated his 80th birthday. Dear old man, first in hearts of all Merkel—what a heritage to hand down to that splendid line of grandchildren four generations! All fine, dependable, lovable as their grandsire.

The Lions club hall had to be used to accommodate them in this memorable celebration which was also the birthday of Jud Sheppard. The Mail extends congratulations and good wishes to Uncle Bill. Those present numbering 49, were Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Sheppard, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Sheppard, William, Benjamin and Sarah Sheppard, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hamm, Mr. and Mrs. Sie Hamm and baby daughter, the latter the only great-grandchild, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Darsey, Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Byers Petty, Mildred, Bill, Beth and Ted Hamm, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Sheppard, Sterling Sheppard, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sheppard, Miss Marion Sheppard, Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sheppard, Modene Sheppard, Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Henry West, Mr. and Mrs. George West, Miss Melba West, Jack and Dick Sheppard West, (the only absentee in the entire connection being Weston West, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry West, who lives in Dallas, but who was away in Louisiana and unable to come,) Mr. and Mrs. Frank McFarland and Frank, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Bert Chambers, the former a double nephew, Willie Sheppard, also a double nephew, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Gamble, cousins, and two children, Eleanor Mae and David, Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson and Miss Flora Anderson.

Three Boys Injured When Car Turns Over

When three popular High school boys were returning Saturday afternoon from a trip to the country, their car overturned about a mile north of the city and all three were injured, two of them seriously.

Jack Patterson and Cullen Tittle were brought to the Merkel Sanitarium, while the third boy, Waymon Richards, who was driving the car, was not seriously hurt. The three were thrown clear of the car when it struck loose gravel and was hurled into a ditch bottom side up.

Cullen Tittle sustained a scalp laceration and bruises of the body but was able to go home after spending two days at the sanitarium. Jack Patterson left the sanitarium Thursday. He received three broken ribs and a broken collar bone and his lungs were punctured by the fractured ribs.

HAM CONFESSION EXONERATES PAL IN CRIME CHARGE

Austin, April 10.—Percy Howard, in the death cell at Huntsville awaiting execution for the murder of N. V. Nixon, El Paso chauffeur, in 1920, has been absolved of blame in the crime in a confession of W. S. Ham, charged jointly with Howard in the case, Governor Moody announced Wednesday.

Ham was tried recently at Abilene for his part in the murder and sentenced to 25 years confinement in the penitentiary, after the record in the Howard case had been introduced in evidence.

Since his conviction he has made a confession taking full blame for the murder, Governor Moody said. Ham asserted in his statement that Howard, with whom Ham left El Paso in an automobile driven by Nixon, had no connection whatever with the murder.

NEW MERKEL BANK SECURES CHARTER

The Farmers State Bank of Merkel will open its doors the early part of next week, taking over the business formerly conducted under the name of the Farmers State bank, which closed Feb. 10. Plans have been under way ever since the closing of this institution looking to the reorganization and re-opening and the definite announcement was made Thursday morning by W. L. Diltz, Jr., former cashier of the Farmers State bank and active in the organization of the new institution.

The charter was granted at Austin Thursday morning, according to advice received by Mr. Diltz, Mr. Anderson having been in that city Wednesday in the interest of the banking house here. Mr. Diltz further stated that State Banking Commissioner James Shaw authorized him to say that the banking department would complete the details necessary to the transfer from the department to the new bank so that the Farmers State Bank of Merkel could open for business the early part of next week.

The bank is chartered for \$40,000 with \$10,000 surplus. Details of the plan of reorganization are familiar to all depositors and customers of the former bank, as they have been explained from time to time in The Mail.

Cattle Movement.

On last Friday C. M. Largent and Sons shipped one bull to C. A. Lanjus, Weatherford, Texas.

Saturday Collins Brothers shipped a car of mixed cattle to Fort Worth.

Monday Sam Butman, Sr., shipped three cars of steers to Fort Worth.

Tuesday C. M. Largent and Sons shipped two cars, containing 25 head of Herefords, to Blocker-Kone Co., Catarina, Texas.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

The Rev. J. L. Helms, 74, of James, Texas, died of heart disease while conversing with friends on a street in Gilmer Saturday.

W. C. McElveen, 38, Sulphur, La., banker, died at Marlin of injuries sustained when an automobile in which he was riding collided with a parked truck.

William P. Gregg, 36, oil field worker at Graham, was killed while engaged in cleaning out a well when the bailer hung, throwing the sandline about his neck.

Leaving a note that a burial place had been selected by him in a local Dallas cemetery, Clyde E. Bowman, Jr., 31, shot and killed himself in a hotel there Tuesday night.

Opening games in the Texas league Wednesday resulted as follows: Dallas 7, Fort Worth 5; Wichita Falls 12, Shreveport 4; Houston 7, San Antonio 4; Beaumont 4, Waco 3.

Tax payers of the Winters independent school district approved by a majority of 15 votes a \$30,000 bond issue to finance school improvements and the erection of a gymnasium.

George Hagn of Seguin and A. M. Ferguson of Sherman were re-elected president and vice-president, respectively, of the Texas Cotton Ginners' association at the closing session in Dallas Friday.

After having "literally" put his money on ice in a refrigerator, thinking burglars would never think of looking there, R. P. Snelling, Houston meat market man, reported to police that he had been robbed of \$138.

The Interstate Commerce commission has granted permission for the Texas Short Line, a subsidiary of the Texas & Pacific, to extend from Grand Saline to the Van oil fields, provided the work starts by June 1 and is completed by Dec. 31.

While engaged in his duties of painting signs about Dallas streets to insure the safety of motorist and pedestrian alike, John Jordan was struck by an automobile at a street intersection and sustained a fractured skull, dying at a hospital, shortly after.

Three children of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Vanworth, residing near Jacksboro, were burned to death Monday morning when their farm home was destroyed by fire. The children who were alone at the time were age 4 years, 18 months and 4 months, respectively.

Due to a defective indictment in that it did not allege "with malice aforethought," D. W. Freeman of Midland, convicted in Abilene recently on a charge of murder and given twenty years in the penitentiary, has been granted a new trial by the court of criminal appeals.

Virgil White, about 23, Snyder, and Miss Thelma Hash, 20, daughter, of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Hash, residing near Roscoe, were instantly killed Tuesday night when the car in which they were riding crashed into a parked truck on the highway about three and one-half miles west of Roscoe.

Judge C. A. Pippen of Dallas has set June 6 as the execution date for William (Dagger) Pruitt, convicted of slaying William Mann, Dallas High school student, shot to death Jan. 6, 1929, after he resisted a robber who stepped on the running board of his car while he was accompanying a girl companion to her home.

Due to an early morning fog and the failure of the airbrakes on a speeding Missouri-Pacific passenger train, Mack Brazier, negro brakeman, and Engineer Burton F. (Buck) Raiford, were killed and about 28 passengers slightly injured when the train plowed into the rear of a slower passenger train in the yards at Alvin Wednesday.

Denny Murder Case Continued by Court

The trial of W. F. Denny, former city marshal, charged on indictment with assault with intent to murder P. L. Frederickson, retired farmer, on March 3, which had been first set for last Monday, has been continued by agreement for the present term of the 104th district court.

Mr. Frederickson, whose right arm and elbow was shattered by a bullet which entered the abdominal cavity, continues at the Merkel Sanitarium and the case was continued, Judge W. R. Chapman stated, because Mr. Frederickson was unable to be called as a witness.

Denny is at liberty under \$2,000 bond.

CAPT. F. W. HAWKS COMPLETES FLIGHT ACROSS CONTINENT

Reception Accorded Airman When He Glided to Earth on Parade Ground in New York; Pilot Also Honored.

New York, April 10.—Capt. Frank M. Hawks completed his transcontinental flight in a glider towed by an airplane at 4:16 p. m. Sunday. The noted aviator cut loose from the airplane and glided to earth on the parade ground at Van Cortlandt Park in the Bronx.

The holder of the transcontinental speed record completed the feat, which was without parallel in aviation, with a beautiful landing. He cut the tow rope at an altitude of about 4,500 feet, circled the field several times and settled gently to earth, while photographers and a huge crowd gathered about the glider.

Hawks sat smiling in the grass-enclosed cockpit while the photographers made pictures. He then left the glider to be congratulated by a reception committee while the crowd cheered.

On his flight from Buffalo, N. Y., he was delayed by rainy weather. He stopped en route at Albany, N. Y., to refuel the tow plane.

A short time later the aerial tugboat that had towed the glider "Eaglet" all the way from the Pacific Coast, landed at Newark, N. J., airport. There its pilot, J. D. "Duke" Jernigan, Jr., also received an ovation.

Hawks' long tour started Sunday, March 30, at San Diego, Cal. He made many stops en route.

His landing here was almost an hour behind the announced schedule. The result was that several planes of an aerial escort which had planned to meet him were not in the air. Planes carrying Army officers and department of commerce inspectors had returned to Roosevelt and Mitchell Fields a short time before after a vain search of the air.

The reception committee which greeted Hawks was headed by Police Commissioner Grover A. Whalen, representing the mayor.

At the Newark airport about 16,000 persons watched Jernigan's landing. Reporters and photographers crowded around while the airman described the last stages of the unique flight.

From Albany to New York, he said, had been the worst part of the entire journey. They had to buck a head wind of about 40 miles an hour which cut their flying speed down to about 40 miles an hour. The trip, he said, had required two hours and forty minutes, whereas he had often flown it in an hour and a half.

Leaving the field with a delegation in automobiles, accompanied by a police motorcycle convoy, Jernigan drove to the Hudson Tunnel and thence to Van Cortlandt Park to meet Captain Hawks and participate in a celebration of the termination of the long journey.

Jernigan was accompanied by W. H. Franklin of Ann Arbor, Mich., designer of the "Eaglet."

Lions Devote Time To "Cow Day" Plans

The regular luncheon of the Lions club this week was given over largely to the details of "Cow Day," which is now a matter of history as one of the biggest days in Merkel's history and one of the club's greatest achievements.

C. K. Russell was introduced as the toastmaster after the meeting had been called to order by W. O. Boney, presiding officer, followed by the club singing and the invocation.

The special feature provided by the toastmaster was several numbers by Mrs. Earthman's pupils, Misses Edith Baker, Thelma McAninch and Kathleen Mashburn, including a trio, "Clayton's March," a duet, "Over Hill and Dale," a song, "Missouri Waltz," and a duet, "Approach of Spring."

The membership committee, through Booth Warren, chairman, reported the application of City Marshal Perry P. Dickinson, which was acted on favorably, and the intention of Herbert Patterson to again become an active member.

C. E. Tittle is to be toastmaster next week.

IT LOOKS AS IF DREAMS DO COME TRUE SOMETIMES

Muskegon, Mich., April 10.—A \$1,000,000 oil well, which nets royalties of \$74,000 a day, has changed the song-and-dance team of Bob Cook and Dod Oatman, his wife, into the millionaire class almost over night.

Just a week ago the Cooks were doing a three-a-day on a New York circuit. They had almost forgotten the practically valueless 10-acre tract of land at South Oklahoma City which they had taken over from a sister of Mr. Cook six years ago because the sister wanted to raise money and sold them the mortgage.

Then drillers struck oil on their land.

"We refused a million dollar offer, but the royalties are running \$74,000 daily," Cook explained. "It looks as if dreams sometimes come true."

TWO DISTRICTS FOR GROUP PLAN

Voters of Shep and Valley Creek school districts of Taylor county in the election Saturday took first step toward consolidation under the county grouping plan, recently approved by the state department of education. By a vote of 41 for consolidation, with 8 opposing at Shep, and 47 to 19 for consolidation at Valley Creek, the Taylor county school board was authorized to group these two districts for high school purposes with the Hyton and Valley Creek districts of Nolan county, which have already consolidated.

While the county commissioners will not canvass the returns in the county trustee election until April 14 and 15, reports Saturday night showed that Judge James P. Stinson of Abilene was re-elected without opposition as county trustee-at-large and L. R. Thompson of Merkel re-elected as county trustee in precinct No. 2. (They each received 177 votes out of the 180 cast in the Merkel voting box.) Incomplete returns indicated that Terrell Ferguson of Cars had defeated T. J. Key of Potosi, incumbent, precinct No. 1.

In session Wednesday, the Taylor county school board ordered an election for May 1 to determine whether they shall be empowered to group the Bradshaw independent school district, the Ovalo rural school district and the Tuscola independent district into a high school unit. This election was called upon petition of voters in the three districts.

MERKEL'S FIFTH COW DAY DRAWS LARGEST CROWD

Band Concert, Musical Program and Prominent Speakers Augment the Regular Events; Other Additional Features Also.

By the aid of a speech amplifier, which was equipped with a record-reproducer for entertainment purposes, with two prominent speakers and a band concert as extra feature attractions, Merkel's fifth "Cow Day" Wednesday eclipsed all previous occasions and by odds the biggest crowd present for any of these events was on the streets here that afternoon.

Besides the above program and the usual sales of a Jersey cow, a sow and a pen of chickens, each for \$1.00, sponsored by the Lions club in cooperation with the merchants of this city, there were other additional features for this occasion.

The events of the day started with the musical program by the record-reproducer, this part of the program having been arranged by Henry West as chairman. At 3 o'clock C. M. Heald, county agent, addressed the men from a platform in front of the Farmers & Merchants National bank and by means of the speech amplifier his message was able to be heard by everyone in the business section, despite the high and disagreeable wind in evidence. At the same hour, Miss Caroline Chambers, home demonstration agent, addressed an assembly of about 150 ladies at the Queen theatre.

Committees, which served on this part of the program were: arranging speaker's platform, C. K. Russell and Ted Nichols; introducing the speaker, C. R. Tittle, while E. Yates Brown as program chairman was present at the Queen theatre. The latter also was in charge of the program rendered by the Merkel Booster Band from 3:30 to 4 o'clock, preceding the sale. The band, directed by Prof. G. A. Hartman, justified its reputation by the satisfactory arrangement of a most pleasing program.

The committee in charge of "Cow Day" proper was Booth Warren, Dee Grimes, Chas. H. Jones and Sam Swann, assisted by other Lions.

The Jersey cow was sold to D. D. Wood, Trent, Route 2, for \$1.00, while Mrs. D. F. Moore, Merkel, Route 4, purchased the cow and Miss Laverne Holden, living in the city, bought the pen of chickens.

Aldermen Installed Officially Monday

T. G. Bragg and Herbert Patterson, newly elected, and Booth Warren, re-elected, were installed as members of the city council at the regular monthly meeting of the board of aldermen Monday night. W. O. Boney was elected mayor pro tem.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail April 15, 1910.)

MISS DUNCAN BROWNING ENTERTAINS.

In honor of her guests Miss Effie Siches of Snyder and Miss Mamie Bell Stephenson of Abilene, also Miss Nettie Tillet of Abilene visiting Miss Mackey, Miss Duncan Browning entertained on Saturday afternoon. April 9. Several games of "42" were played. Mints were served during the afternoon and at the conclusion of the games delicious ice cream and cake were served. Miss Browning is a fair example of Merkel's hospitality and can not be surpassed as a gracious hostess. Those present were: the guests of honor, Misses Siches, Stephenson, Tillet, O'Brien, Coggin, Townsend, Mackey, Bigham, Long, Mensler and Mrs. Frank Johnson, ten guests and the hostess making tables.

SATURDAY MORNING MUSICAL.

In honor of Miss Tillet of Abilene, Miss Virginia Mackey entertained on Saturday morning. A very beautiful musical program was rendered and was much enjoyed by all. Miss Tillet is one of Abilene's favorites and is a musician of no ordinary talent. The program was as follows: "Searlatti Lonata" in A, "Chopin Waltz in A Flat," by Miss Tillet; "Slumber

Boat," by Genevieve Berry; "Capricante Brillante," Inice Moon; "Slow Soft Winds," Misses O'Brian and Mackey; "Bereues Joclyn" Mamie Heizer; "Your Voice," Miss Mackey; "Moskiwski Waltz in A," Miss Townsend; "May Song," by Miss O'Brian; "Polonaise in E Flat" by Miss Mackey.

J. J. Stallings is at Fort Worth at the bedside of his son, Earl, who is confined to one of the local hospitals.

Mrs. Jeanne Rice of Abilene visited Mrs. E. L. Woodroof this week.

Principal C. C. Shaver was transferred to Rescoe this week. Supt. Hudgins will remain here another year.

Little Carrel Osmon Wortham was burned to death late Wednesday afternoon.

Funeral services for W. T. Mathis were held at the home of H. C. Burroughs Friday afternoon.

We have just received a line of Dutch collars. They are the latest—Hogue-Hamilton Co.

W. R. Bigham left this week for Midland where he will visit his son, Claude.



"DOCTOR OF TOWNS" SAYS

HOW ABOUT THE STORES IN MERKEL?

In addition to asking the attitude taken toward the community by the people who live there, manufacturers and others interested in the community usually, if not always, ask:

"What kind of stores are in this town?"

What they really mean by the question is this: "Is the answer merely a statement made by the merchants, or is it the opinion of the people?" In other words, is the answer a biased one, or is it wholly true?

It is natural that the business organizations, made up in most part of merchants, would claim that the stores are "good," and they might be absolutely right; but asking merchants this question is like asking a boy's mother if her son is a bright boy or a stupid one.

There are two sure ways of finding out what kind of stores a community has. One is to get the frank and honest opinion of the people; the other to ascertain how much retail trade goes out of town or is spent with mail order houses.

I have repeatedly said that the money you earn is your money and you have a perfect right to spend it where you please, with whom you please and for what you please. But if the people of a community make a practice of buying too large a percentage of merchandise out of town, or if they have a reputation for doing that, it shows one of two things: either the stores are below standard; or the people who make up the community are not loyal, community-minded people. And one is as bad as the other, so far as industry and other interested parties are concerned.

Anybody, any organization or any business, interested in Merkel will sooner or later ask about your stores; and they want the answer to be fact, not a fancy. They want to know what YOU think about them, for YOU and the other people who live and work in the community are the ones who really are in a position to know. If the question cannot be answered or is not answered; and if some other town does answer; that other town has the advantage, and that advantage may be just enough to

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Ten Games Listed Simmons Schedule

Abilene, April 10.—Simmons University's 1930 football schedule of ten games, recently announced by Gib Sandefer, athletic business manager, includes five Texas Conference teams, three of the T. I. A. A., and Texas Tech and T. C. U. will oppose the Cowboys in their next gridiron program.

Four games out of the ten, including the tentative match with Daniel Baker here on October 17, will be played on the Abilene field, while neutral ground has been chosen for two more, the Canyon game at Amarillo and the T. C. U. game at Breckenridge.

- The schedule:
- Sept. 26—Sul Ross at Abilene.
 - Oct 4—T. C. U. at Breckenridge.
 - Oct 10—St. Edward's at Abilene.
 - Oct 17—Daniel Baker at Abilene (tentative.)
 - Oct. 25—Howard Payne at Brownwood.
 - Oct. 31—Southwestern at Georgetown.
 - Nov. 11—Trinity at Abilene.
 - Nov. 15—Austin college at Sherman.
 - Nov. 22—Canyon at Amarillo.
 - Nov 17—Texas Tech at Lubbock.

Blair Items

Mrs. Alfred Meeks and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wilson and their baby daughter, Dorothy Fay, of Post City visited Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Deavers and sons spent the week-end on the plains.

Miss Mae Melton of Sweetwater is staying some ten days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Melton.

Misses Iva Mae and Catherine Little of Trent visited their cousin, Anna Addison Saturday.

Vivian Terrell of Wichita Falls is visiting with his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Campbell, for an indefinite time.

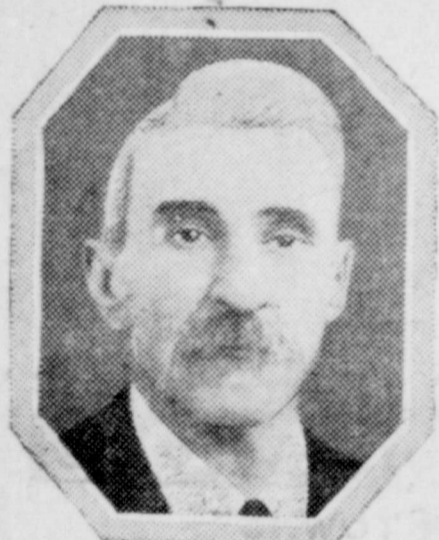
Mrs. J. M. Reeves has returned from Floydada, accompanied by her son, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Reeves and family, after visiting with her children at O'Bryan.

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THE TOWN DOCTOR

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keep Merkel from being selected for a new factory, new home owners, or any of a dozen things for which people consider towns.

Through The Mail and the Merkel Lions club the answering of this important question is made possible. All YOU have to do is to send your answers to the following questions to me and I will see that inquiring "customers" of Merkel are given the information. I will do that, if YOU will do YOUR part. Here are the questions:

1. Are the stores in Merkel excellent, good, fair or poor?
2. What would you suggest to make them what you would like to have them?
3. Do you buy things out of town? If so why?

Answer these three questions honestly, frankly—just as you really FEEL about it, and you will not only be doing Merkel a good turn but actually doing something for yourself and for the good of your pocket book.

This is another chance for you to show whether you are really interested and "for" Merkel; if you are willing to "Help Build" Merkel. You cannot expect this city to become a bigger, better, more attractive place if you refuse to do what you can to make it so, and you CAN do this—it is something you CAN do and can AFFORD to do. Of course, you do not have to do it, but if you don't or won't do what you can don't kick if things are not the

way you would like to have them; and don't complain that you don't make more money than you're making now.

You don't have to write a fancy article when answering these questions. Just use your own words, write in pencil if you like, and you do not have to sign your name if you do not care to. If you don't sign your name, state whether the questions are answered by a man or woman, and give your occupation.


Don't put this off—you are liable to forget about it if you do, and it is too important to take the chance of doing that. Just address your letter to the

Town Doctor, 332 So. Michigan Ave., Chicago Illinois.

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In the spring of 1930 he was and is being urged to be sure and—

PLANT ENOUGH FEEDSTUFF

with which to make another crop. If he doesn't take this advice and come up with another short feed crop, and his cotton doesn't turn out like he figures it will—WHERE WILL HE BE IN THE SPRING OF 1931?????

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MERKEL MAIL WANT ADS FOR RESULTS

PORTRAITS OF MASONIC GRANDMASTERS HUNG IN NEW RESEARCH LIBRARY

Waco, Texas, April 10.—Portraits of men who served as grand masters of the Masonic Grand lodge of some of them well on to a hundred years ago, have been hung on the walls of the new Masonic research library quarters in the Grand lodge building, Sixth and Franklin avenues. The long rows of distinguished exponents of Freemasonry begin with Anson Jones, former Texas governor, who served the Grand lodge as master in 1837-8, and end with Frank Hartgraves of Menard, who became past grand master last December, yielding the gavel and the seat to Judge Hiram F. Lively of Dallas. The portraits of four past grand masters, all of whom have long since passed on, are missing from the gallery. Grand Secretary W. B. Pearson says he has searched long and widely for pictures of them, but without success.

ONLY TWENTY NOW LIVING.
Secretary Pearson points out the significance of the fact that of the 88 men who have occupied the grand seat only 20 are living, the oldest survivor being Judge W. S. Fly of San Antonio.

A grand master's room has been set aside and handsomely furnished in connection with the library and lounging rooms. Heretofore there has been no such quarters for the grand master's conferences and in which he might receive distinguished guests.

The quarters for the research library have been completely modernized. The fixtures and equipment, which are to be all-steel construction are to be installed about June 1, under the terms of the contract. The fixtures will include 10 double cases 12 feet long for the accommodation of books, each case to be electrically lighted independently.

PLANS MASONIC MUSEUM.
Secretary Pearson has under way a plan for starting a Masonic museum in the old library room. His first move in this enterprise is to be the sending of a letter to every subordinate lodge in the state asking for the donation of any available museum pieces.

A large portion of the upper floors of the Grand lodge building have been repainted and redecorated. A lodge chamber, with a capacity for an audience of 1200, was made especially attractive. The first time since its restoration, it will be used on the evening of April 18, when Marvin M. Johnson, past grand master of the Grand lodge of Massachusetts, will deliver a lecture before the Masons of Waco and central Texas.

The completed work in the Grand lodge building was done at a cost of little under \$3000. The Grand lodge appropriated \$5000 for fixtures and equipment. However, the contract was let at a lower price, Secretary Pearson states.

18 Producing Wells, Not One Dry Hole

Van, Texas, April 10.—Eighteen producing wells and not a single dry hole is the record up to date of the new Texas field in Van Zandt county. The latest addition to the field was the new Oil Company's No. 2 J. T. Thompson which came in under perfect control Thursday with an estimated flow of 10,000 barrels a day. The well is located in the extreme northern portion of the M. Gross survey and is two locations southwest of the Arman discovery and an offset to the well No. 1 J. T. Thompson. A new location was announced today on the 76-acre Rube Clark tract, the Mid-Southern portion of the Van Walling, Sr., survey, 2000 feet west of Humble No. 1 W. Freeman. This test is said to be aimed for showdown on the trend of production.

Areas of other large Texas counties the average Texas county approximately 900 square miles—are: Presidio 112, Culberson, 3,787, Webb, 3,219, Crockett 3,215, Val Verde, 3,083, Brewster 2,035. Harris with 1,654 square miles is the largest county in the early developed section of the state.

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WTCU Gross Earnings Show Increase Nearly Million Dollars, 1929

Abilene, April 10.—Gross earnings of the West Texas Utilities company for the year 1929 totaled \$7,623,748.23, according to the recently released annual report published by the company. These earnings, which include merchandise sales, show an increase over 1928 of nearly \$950,000.

Although business conditions were below normal this past year, it was found that the company's increase in earnings was due to the stabilizing influence of successful wool, mohair, and livestock industries. The decrease in production of oil, a result of proration agreements, slackened the oil industry but due to the gaining popularity of electricity for drilling and pumping, the company realized a good portion of its revenue in this field. During 1929 the company sold approximately 194,000,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity, an increase over 1928 of 91,000,000 kwh. This phenomenal gain was due largely to increased activity in West Texas oil fields.

Serving a territory with an estimated population of near 250,000, the West Texas Utilities company rendered service to some 50,000 homes and business enterprises. In order to adequately serve these customers, a network of high voltage transmission lines has been built over West Texas which, at the end of the year, totaled 2,238 miles. At the close of 1929 the company was serving 111 communities with electricity, 33 with ice, 2 with water and 2 with gas, more than 1,000 regular employees being required to furnish and maintain this service.

During the year the company's sale of major and minor electrical appliances and various electrical fixtures amounted to \$1,195,652.54, which was an average of \$37.08 per residential lighting customer.

Efforts are constantly made in the year to eliminate hazards and promote safety among the employees. With practically the same number of employees, the 1929 record showed a decided improvement over previous years, both in number of accidents and their severity. 1929's record showed a decrease under 1928 of more than one-third day's lost time per employee.

In 1925 the electrical output of the West Texas Utilities company totaled slightly less than 35,000,000 kilowatt-hours. During 1929 this same output totaled more than 246,000,000 kwh. Gross earnings in 1929 were approximately \$3,500,000 and in 1928 reached more than \$7,600,000.

Among major improvements started in 1929 was the Nasworthy Dam located near San Angelo. At the end of the year this dam, which is to impound 10,500 acre-feet of water, was 60 per cent complete. Simultaneous with this construction, work began on the addition of a 15,000 kilowatt generating unit to the Concho generating station at San Angelo. When the unit is completed, the station will have a generating capacity of 25,000 kilowatts bringing the total capacity of the company to about 50,000 kilowatt with more than this available.

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Texas is collecting approximately \$2,500,000 a month in gasoline taxes. (In November the exact figures were \$2,493,032). Roads get three-fourths and the available school fund one-fourth.

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Resigns Federal Bureau to Assume Ranch Management

Stamford, April 10.—After ten years continuous service with the United States department of agriculture in the bureau of animal industry and agricultural economics on a job where he has covered a territory consisting of 17 western states in the nation, Virgil V. Parr of Stamford has resigned that connection to assume the executive management of the Pitchfork Land & Cattle company properties in Dickens and King counties.

Instead of having 17 states to cover Mr. Parr, in his new work, will have charge of only 110,000 acres of ranch land on which there now are approximately 8,500 Hereford cattle.

The Pitchfork ranch is one of the first cattle producing operations established in West Texas, having been started in 1883 as a stock company enterprise and it has been operated by the same organization since. The general offices of the syndicate owning the property is in St. Louis, Mo. Mr. Parr's headquarters will be on the ranch and will be located about 15 miles west of Guthrie on State Highway No. 53.

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Series Radio Lectures Proper Care of Trees

Announcement is made that station KFYO, Abilene, Texas, has made arrangements with Prof. J. B. Ely to deliver a series of lectures on the subject of Tree Planting, Yard Beautification and the Proper Care of Trees and Shrubs. These lectures will be broadcast over KFYO each Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock. In connection with these lectures, the Ely Family Novelty Orchestra will give a musical program.

Prof. Ely is a landscaper and nurseryman of twenty years standing, and knows exactly what varieties of trees and shrubs are suited to West Texas, having lived in this section for forty years. Incidentally, he is an expert musician and has made musicians of his children. For ten years Prof. Ely has been training them on their instruments, and they are now rated amongst the most successful radio artists.

Station KFYO is now installing new and powerful equipment that will make of it a broadcasting station of the first class.

Although creation of new counties has reduced the area of many of the large counties, Texas still has eight which exceed 3,000 square miles. Brewster, largest, covers 5,935 miles. Hudspeth with 4,621, is next and Pecos with 4,134 is third.

The Wooten, a million dollar, sixteen story hotel, will be completed in time for the WTCU Convention, meeting in Abilene the last three days in May.



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Bible Hangs Up Inner Tube for Ball Throwers

Lincoln, Neb., April 10.—The inventive mind of Coach Dana X. Bible has added color and removed some of the drab routine of the annual spring football practice for Nebraska. Division of the candidates into four squads with weekly scrimmage on a round robin basis; and suspension of

an inflated inner tube as a target to test accuracy of the passing of his backs, are two of the devices employed by the veteran mentor to keep the players interested in the necessary preliminary drill.

Corsicana was the first Texas town to have the advantage of natural gas, according to Blue Blaze. As far back as 1900, wells near the town supplied Corsicana homes with gas.

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CHURCHES



WEST-RUSSELL.

W. M. CLARK, 85, DIES SUDDENLY

Elderly Man Drops Dead While Sitting in Chair at His Home Here.

While his daughter, Miss Velma Clark, was engaged in household duties in the same room, W. W. Clark, age 85, and a resident of Taylor county almost continuously since 1895, dropped dead of heart failure at 7 o'clock last Saturday morning as he was sitting in a chair at his home.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Church of Christ, with Elder W. G. Cypert officiating, assisted by O. J. Adcock. Interment was in Rose Hill cemetery. Pall bearers were John S. Hughes, J. L. McLean, W. L. Blair, E. E. Patterson, John A. Neighbors and T. H. Spear.

Mr. Clark was born August 18, 1844, in North Carolina and moved to Georgia with his parents seven years later. After moving to East Tennessee from there, the family came to Red River county, Texas, in 1859. Entering the Civil War he served two years and eight months. Removing to Comanche county in 1875, he resided there until he came to Taylor county in 1895. Years later he sold out here, going to Clovis, New Mexico, and then to Levelland where his wife died. After the loss of his life's companion, he came back to Merkel and has since lived with his children here and at other places.

Mr. Clark was a consistent member of the Church of Christ and a respected father and citizen, who lived to the ripe old age of 85 years and who felt no fears when the time came for him to be called.

Surviving him are twelve children: O. E. Clark, Fort Worth; R. R. Clark, Merkel; Jessie Clark, Sweetwater; Velma Clark, Merkel; Mrs. Nellie Belt, Wichita Falls; Mrs. Lucy Reynolds, Wichita Falls; Mrs. Emma Bland, Sweetwater; Mrs. O. W. Walker, Trent; Lawrence Wills, Donna, Texas; Mrs. Walter Clark, Dexter, New Mexico; Mrs. Henry Wiggins, Blue Water, New Mexico; and Arthur Clark, Abilene; also one brother, D. B. Clark, and a half-sister, Mrs. Chas. Howard, both of Bogar, Texas.

home about four miles north of Merkel. Elder W. G. Cypert officiated. Interment was made at Rose Hill cemetery.

Born near Melborn, Ark. Sept. 11, 1852, she was married Nov. 19, 1871, in that state and with her husband removed to Taylor county in 1907 where they have resided continuously since. She has been a member of the Church of Christ for 48 years and her life has been an exemplary one of loyalty, church, love and devotion for her band and children, service andfulness to all those who came to the blessed circle of her influence.

Besides her husband, she is survived by one son, two daughters and one son-in-law: Hayden Turner, Dallas; Mrs. J. B. Foster, Merkel; and Tom Harvell, Merkel; also three brothers, E. H. Sheffield, Guyon, Ark.; John H. Sheffield, Union City, Tenn.; and W. R. Sheffield, Sulphur Springs, Texas.

Bonnie Wayne Holsey
 Bonnie Wayne Holsey, ten-month-old baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Holsey, died here last Friday of pneumonia. Interment was made at Rose Hill cemetery Saturday afternoon at 5 o'clock, with Rev. T. C. Willett, officiating. Besides the parents, the little child is survived by two brothers, age 5 and 6 years, respectively. The parents and brothers have the sincere sympathy of the entire community in their bereavement.

Albany Selected Next Presbyterian

Albany was selected as the next place of meeting for the Abilene Presbyterian at the final session of a two-day meeting of the group, representing 26 West Texas counties, at Stamford last Friday and Saturday. Installation of officers was conducted by Miss Ellanore Ewing of St. Louis, national board secretary of the Southern division, who was honor guest.

Mrs. J. M. F. Gill of Abilene heads the organization and with the exception of two officers, who resigned, all officers were re-elected. Mrs. A. L. Moberly of Albany was elected to succeed Mrs. George F. West of Merkel, who resigned as secretary of association membership, and Mrs. C. E. Maddocks of Ranger succeeds Mrs. J. Wood Parker of Post, who resigned as secretary of stewardship.

Those from Merkel who attended the Presbyterian meeting were Messrs. George F. West, Henry John West and R. A. Walker.

In 1929 Texas produced 500,000 tons of gypsum, manufactured value of which was \$3,041,156.

Advertise in the Merkel Mail.

TO SHAPE POLICIES ON CONVENTION FLOOR.

President W. B. Hamilton of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce has announced that the annual convention this year will be used as, never before, as a means of shaping the policies of the organization. Everyone of the 250 member units will be called upon to take part in the shaping of the program and policies. All resolutions which are reported out of the work of the convention committee will be argued and debated from the floor of the convention. At the close of the debate each member unit will be given an opportunity to vote for or against the proposed resolution.

A number of committee chairmen which have been reported out of the work of the convention committee to be considered by the member towns. These resolutions are as follows:

Resolved that the West Texas Chamber of Commerce favor the principle of a national tariff on raw materials, livestock and agricultural products produced in West Texas, when it is found that imports of such raw materials, livestock and agricultural products hinder profitable production in West Texas.

Resolved that the West Texas Chamber of Commerce oppose state taxes on the raw materials and natural resources of West Texas and oppose an income tax and sales tax until the inequalities of assessed values between counties for state revenue purposes have been equalized.

Whereas an analysis of the possible effect of the proposed state bond issue shows that the adoption of the plan will result in benefit to a majority of our West Texas counties, therefore be it resolved: that the West Texas Chamber of Commerce lay before each chamber of commerce in each county the possible effects of the bond issue upon that county and urge organized efforts in that county for the carrying of the bond issue.

The discussion of the above resolutions will be led, in all probability, by the committee chairman under which the resolution falls. Any delegate to the convention is entitled to speak for or against the resolutions. In so far as possible all member towns will receive resolutions in advance of the convention will have instructions or be given power to act.

Mrs. Garland Named Census Enumerator

Succeeding Miss Dora Garante as census enumerator for the city of Merkel, Mrs. Vicy Garland assumed her duties last Friday and has been actively at work since that time. It was contemplated that it would take at least two weeks to complete the census of the city, which started April 2, but due to the change in personnel, the work may not be completed on the originally scheduled time.

Voters Re-Elect School Trustees

Three school trustees whose names were offered for re-election were successful in the election last Saturday for the Merkel Independent school district, these being O. J. Adcock, Eli Case and A. J. Canon.

A total of 189 votes was cast, of which A. J. Canon received 171, leading the ticket of five candidates. Mr. Case received 141 and Mr. Adcock 116 votes. The unsuccessful candidates, D. H. Vaughn and W. W. Haynes, received 64 and 73 votes, respectively.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to take this method in thanking our friends and neighbors for the many deeds of kindness during the illness and death of our little Bonnie Wayne, especially those who brought flowers. We also want to thank Dr. Gardner, who rendered untiring service. May God bless each and everyone of you.

My. and Mrs. J. P. Holsey and boys.

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.

REV. J. T. KING ACCEPTS CALL TO MERKEL CHURCH.

Rev. J. T. King of Brady has accepted the call to the First Baptist church of Merkel and will be here to preach his initial sermon the first Sunday in April. He was called by the congregation Sunday, March 28, after having preached here several weeks before, and indicated his acceptance of the call the latter part of last week.

He succeeds the Rev. Ira L. Parrack, who was pastor of the church here first in 1920 and then came again in 1925 to serve the church for nearly five years, having resigned, effective March 1, to accept the pastorate of the Chillicothe Baptist church.

MEN'S NIGHT AT UNION REVIVAL.

Tuesday night was men's night at the Men's Revival, which is now being conducted by Rev. J. W. Joiner, pastor-evangelist at the Methodist church and in which all the churches of the city are participating. The choir was reserved for the men who are taking active part in the work of the men's prayer service and it was filled to capacity before the service began. Tom Douglas was at the piano and E. Yates Brown led the song service.

The Salt Branch quartet gave a special number and there was also a trombone solo by Albert Hartman.

It was a most interesting and featured by a soul-stirring message from the evangelist, which was itself addressed to the men.

Ever since the revival service began large crowds have been in attendance at both the morning and evening hours and the church has been filled to capacity at each of the evening services. The morning hour is 10 o'clock and the evening service begins at 7:45.

Everyone is cordially invited to these revival services which are being sponsored by the men engaged in the Men's Sunday afternoon prayer service and much is being accomplished by the preaching of this eloquent man and the combined, conscientious work of the men and women of the churches of Merkel.

MEN'S PRAYER MEETING.

Increased earnestness marks each meeting of the men engaged in the regular Sunday afternoon prayer service, which is held at some one of the churches in alternating order. Last Sunday H. H. Toombs was the leader and the meeting was held at the Presbyterian church. For next Sunday, the service is to be held at the Methodist church at 2 p. m., with Herman Abernathy as the leader.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

A total of 750 was in attendance at the five reporting Sunday Schools in Merkel last Sunday, the Methodist leading with 318, which was a gain of 5 over their register of the previous Sunday. Attendance at the other Sunday Schools was Baptist, 246; Church of Christ, 99; Presbyterian, 77, and Nazarene, 49.

AT THE METHODIST CHURCH.

We had some increase in attendance at Sunday School last Sunday, but not the increase we should have had. Let's make it four hundred next Sunday. That will be our part of the one thousand to be in Sunday School in Merkel next Sunday.

Epworth Leaguers will meet at the usual hours next Sunday. The other services of the week will be announced at the morning service Sunday. Let's all get into the revival and pray for the blessings on our own heart.

T. C. Willett, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

We are glad to report a fine attendance for the Men's Bible class for the first meeting. This class is strictly denominational and is free for every man who wishes to attend. We are having this class at the tabernacle, a convenient place for all. The book of Genesis is being studied in the light of the New Testament and the last half of the 1st chapter will be our lesson for next Lord's day. Bring your Bibles, and ask all the questions you wish to. Remember the hour, ten o'clock every Lord's day.

Quite a good interest was manifested at all services last Lord's day. One lady confessed her faith in Christ and was baptized Tuesday afternoon following the ladies' Bible class.

All regular services at usual hours next Lord's day. "Christ On Trial" will be the subject for the night sermon.

J. G. Malphurs, Minister.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Let's have all the classes perfect in attendance. The preaching services will be at the Methodist church by Rev. Joiner. There is a very important part that

every Christian may have in the revival during the remaining days.

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

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE.

Due to the Union Revival that is being conducted at the Methodist church we have not been having our regular services.

Both the Wednesday night and Sunday night services will be dismissed. But we will have Sunday School at the regular hour 9:45 a. m. and preaching at the morning hour, 11 a. m.

Don't forget the revival. Be present each service possible and pray for God's blessings upon the unsaved as well as upon the Evangelist.

Leona Forbes, Pastor.

SENIOR B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM

Subject: "Using the Bible as the Guide Book of Life."

Introduction, group captain.

"Destination of our Journey," Vernie Heizer.

"The Bible a Road Map," Margaret Canon.

"Some Markers along the Way," Lucy Tracy.

"Difficulties and Dangers along the Road," Mr. Cooper.

"Our Safe Arrival Assured," Addie Williams.

"A Traveling Companion is Promised," Comer Haynes.

We have a very interesting program and every boy and girl in the city who is not in another young people's meeting at this hour should be in this one. So let's everyone come Sunday at 7 o'clock and worship with us in this B. Y. P. U. We have a special number. So come.

District W. M. U. to Meet at Stamford

The twenty-second annual meeting of district No. 17 of the Texas W. M. U. will meet at the First Baptist church at Stamford in two-day session, April 15 and 16. Mrs. C. M. Caldwell of Abilene is president of the district association.

The first day's session will convene at 2 p. m. on Tuesday, April 15, and after the opening ceremonies will feature the official reports of the corresponding secretary, treasurer and historian. This will be followed by five minute talks by the associational presidents.

Tuesday evening is to be young people's evening at which time a pageant, "Voices of Youth," will be presented by the young people's organizations of the Stamford First church.

Besides the president's address Wednesday morning, other subjects will be "Benevolence," Buckner's Orphan's Home, "Our East Texas Baptist Sanitarium," Lueders encampment, education and "In Memoriam."

Mr. W. T. Turner, state personal service chairman, Texas W. M. U., will deliver an address on the second day, "A Workman that Needeth not to be Ashamed."

Associational BYPU Meets Here April 20

District Three of the Sweetwater Baptist Associational B. Y. P. U. will convene Sunday, April 20, with the Merkel Baptist church, the meeting to begin at 2:40 p. m.

The theme is "Practical Christianity," and the program is announced as follows:

2:45 p. m.—Song service.
 3:00 p. m. Devotional, Pastor McGinnis, Trent.
 3:15 p. m.—Special music, Merkel.
 3:30 p. m.—Business session.

1. "The Place of Vision in Human Lives," Miss Addie Williams, Merkel.
 2. "How Can Christ Become Real to Us?" Miss Lula Hassey, Tye.
 3. "Hearing and Answering God's Call," Edgar Saffle, Caps.
 4. "The Tithe, a Practical Minimum in Giving," Miss Pauline Pinckley, Salt Branch.
 5. "The Power of a Consecrated Life," Miss Maxie Banner, Merkel.
 6. Special music, Salt Branch.

Chiropractors Meet at Winters.

Dr. H. P. Hulsey attended the monthly meeting of the West Texas Chiropractic society at Winters last Sunday, at which more than 90 members were present. The visitors were welcomed by Mayor Key and the chief addresses were made by Dr. W. C. Martindale of San Angelo and Dr. Beulah Gould of Stamford. The May meeting is to be held at Coleman.

Texas commercial failures for January were the smallest for the month in ten years. The total was 59, also the lowest in several months.

Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office.

WEST-RUSSELL.

A wedding of interest to a large number of friends was solemnized on last Saturday evening when Miss Eunice Russell became the bride of James H. West. The Rev. Fred S. Rogers, former Merkel pastor, read the ceremony at the Presbyterian manse at Stamford.

Miss Russell is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Russell. She is a graduate of Merkel High school and later attended Simmons university and State Teachers college at Canyon; she has been for some time a teacher in the primary department of the public schools and will continue in this capacity until the close of the school year. By her many charming graces and religious devotion she has an estimable place in the social and religious activities of this town.

Mr. West is associated in the G. F. West Co.; is a High school graduate, also attended A. and M. and Texas university—a man of sterling character, well esteemed in the hearts of everybody. The Mail joins a host of friends in extending congratulations to this popular couple. They are at home on Oak street.

SEYDLER-GILBERT.

Friends of Miss Azalee Gilbert and Mr. Arnold Seydler were surprised to learn of their marriage which took place at 10 o'clock on Saturday morning in the home of W. G. Cypert, who read the impressive ceremony.

Miss Gilbert is the charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. F. Gilbert. She attended school at Dublin and Fluvanna. Both are popular members of Merkel's younger set and are active in church and social activities.

Mr. Seydler is employed as signal maintainer for the T. & P. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Seyler of Rosenberg and it was in Rosenberg that Mr. Seydler received his education.

After a brief honeymoon in Fort Worth they are at home in the Lyton Howard apartments on Oak street.

BIRTHDAY DINNER.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Neff was the scene of an all day affair on Sunday, April 6th, in honor of little Jeannette, fourth birthday. A delectable chicken dinner graced the table which was centered with a huge birthday cake, topped with the four tiny candles. Cut flowers were also used as table decorations.

The little honoree was the happy recipient of many useful gifts. Outdoor games were played and kodak pictures taken of the group during the afternoon. Little guests were Dorothy Nell and Lora Pearl Haynes, Billy Clyde and Jack Haynes, Nancy Jean Scott, Viva Lee Box, Messrs. and Mesdames J. D. Bolin, W. C. White of Baird, J. W. Teaff, Holland Teaff, Ernest Neff, Miss Selma Teaff and Messrs. Comer Haynes, Nina and Willie Teaff.

ALATHEAN CLASS PARTY.

Mesdames E. N. Brown, Polly and Daugherty were joint hostesses Thursday afternoon in entertaining members of the Althean class in the parlors of the Baptist church. The party was both business and social and at the culmination of the devotional and business meeting a lovely refreshment plate of salad, angel food cake and punch was served to Mesdames F. A. Polly, R. L. Bradshaw, J. D. Ashby, E. M. McDonald, C. M. Largent and the hostesses.

EASTERN STAR SOCIAL.

On last Thursday afternoon the Eastern Star ladies drove out to the beautiful country home of Mrs. J. H. Grayson. After a social visit each member presented Mrs. Grayson with a handkerchief. Ice cream and cake were served to the following members: Mesdames H. G. Neill, Wade Ensminger, J. H. Ensminger, P. B. Casseaux, Bessie Merritt, Norman F. Anderson, S. S. Cummins and W. L. Johnson, Sr., visitors were Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wheeler, and Mr. J. H. Ensminger, with Mrs. Grayson's daughter, Mrs. C. W. Seago and Mrs. Tom Green acting as hostesses.

WOODMEN LADIES IN SOCIAL.

The Woodman Circle met on its regular meeting day, April 4, with a good attendance. After the business session was over, refreshments of cake and ice cream were served to all members present and two visitors. It is especially urged that the members be present at the next meeting which will be on April 18 at 3 o'clock instead of 2 o'clock, as there will be some special work to do.

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FOR SALE—Used farm implements; also one used Farmall tractor. See Harry Barnett.

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CHINCHILLA RABBITS—High grade Chinchillas for sale at bargain prices. Telephone 217.

WANTED

WASHING AND GREASING Modern grease rack. Cars washed and greased the right way. Highway Service Station. J. C. White, Manager.

WILL BUY your fat calves, cows and hogs. Phone 9, Patterson's Market, or see J. A. Patterson.

WASHING WANTED—Call for and deliver, 35 cents per dozen. Mrs. Rickie Rister.

NOTICE—Warning is issued against trespassing on my pasture and premises. The fences have been broken down and trespassers hereafter will be prosecuted. S. A. Derstine, Route 5.

TO TRADE—Chevrolet touring car, stripped; will trade for chickens. See Curley at Everybody's Garage.

LEGAL NOTICE.

NOTICE TO DEPOSITORS AND CREDITORS OF THE FARMERS STATE BANK OF MERKEL, TEXAS

The Farmers State Bank, Merkel, Texas, closed its doors on the 10th day of February, A. D. 1930, and is now being liquidated by me as provided by law. If you have a claim against said bank you are hereby notified to present the same with legal proof thereof to me at Austin, Texas, within ninety days after the 21st day of March, A. D. 1930.

Form for proof of claim will be mailed to every known creditor, and additional forms can be procured from the office of the Banking Commissioner, Austin, Texas.

JAMES SHAW,

Banking Commissioner of Texas. Dated at Austin, Texas, this 21st day of March, A. D. 1930.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

The State of Texas, County of Taylor: Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 104th District Court of Taylor County, of the 29th day of March 1930, by Belle Wellborn, Clerk of said 104th District Court for the sum of One thousand three hundred seventy-two and 35/100 Dollars and costs of suit, under a judgment, in favor of Abilene Plumbing Supply Company, in a certain cause in said Court, No. 789-B and styled Abilene Plumbing Supply Company, a corporation, vs. Joe Seaboalt, placed in my hands for service, I, H. T. O'Bar as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did, on the 1st day of April 1930, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: all that certain lot or parcel of land situated in Taylor County Texas, and described as Lot No. 1, Block No. 15, Continuation of Belmont Addition to the City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, as shown by Book No. 1, Pages Nos. 528-529, of the plat records of Taylor County, Texas, to which reference is herein made; and levied upon as the property of Joe Seaboalt and that on the first Tuesday in May 1930, the same being the 6th day of said month, at the Court House door, of Taylor County, in the city of Abilene, Texas, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 4 P. M., by virtue of said levy and said order of sale I will sell said above described Real Estate at public venue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said Joe Seaboalt

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper published in Taylor County.

Witness my hand, this 1st day of April 1930.

H. T. O'Bar
Sheriff Taylor County, Texas
By W. F. Whaley, Deputy.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

The State of Texas, County of Taylor: Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Wichita County, of the 26th day of

March 1930, by Mrs. A. B. Eichelberger, Clerk of said District Court for the sum of Twelve Hundred Seventy six and no/100 Dollars and costs of suit, under a Judgment, in favor of J. C. Scholdburg in a certain cause in said Court No. 22480-A and styled J. C. Scholdburg vs. W. A. Baker et al, placed in my hands for service, I, H. T. O'Bar as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did on the 3rd day of April 1930, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: All of Lot No. 1, and 12.65 feet off the north side of Lot No. 2, of Block "A" of the J. H. Thornton Subdivision of Blocks 13 and 25 of the College Heights addition to the town of Merkel, Texas, according to the map or plat of said subdivision and levied upon as the property of W. A. Baker and E. C. Norwood and that on the first Tuesday in May 1930, the same being the 6th day of said month, at the Court House door, of Taylor County, in the City of Abilene, Texas, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 4 P. M., by virtue of said levy and said Order of Sale I will sell said described Real Estate at public venue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said W. A. Baker and E. C. Norwood

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper published in Taylor County.

Witness my hand, this 5th day of April 1930.

H. T. O'Bar
Sheriff Taylor County, Texas
By W. F. Whaley, Deputy.

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Modern 4-room house and bath. Mrs. R. I. Grimes. Phone 165.

LODGE NOTICES

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

Joe Hartley, H. P.
O. R. Dye, Secretary

Stated Meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710 A. F. & A. M. Saturday night, 8 p. m. Members urged to attend. Visitors welcome.

G. F. Woods, W. M.
C. L. Boswell, Sec'y.

Yellow Jacket Sandwich Shop. All kinds of sandwiches, hamburgers, also hot pit barbecue. Everything new and sanitary. Our sandwich shop just recently opened up east of the Gulf Station. Come to see us. You will like our service. Mack Fowler and John Walls, proprietors.

THANKS FRIENDS.

We wish to thank our friends for their assistance and neighborliness extended us following the recent fire, which damaged the home where we were living and caused almost a total loss to our furniture and household goods. Your many kind words and acts of thoughtfulness are a source of much comfort and satisfaction to us. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Jackson.

ANNOUNCEMENTS POLITICAL

(Subject to the action of the Democratic Primary in July.)

For Congress, 17th district: R. Q. LEE, (Re-election.)
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 County Superintendent: M. A. WILLIAMS.
For Commissioner, Precinct No. 2: W. H. FRAZIER.

P. A. DILTZ, (Re-election.)
W. L. BLAIR.
RUFÉ TITTLE.
THOMAS A. BEARDEN.
JOHN J. TOOMBS.

For Public Weigher, Precinct No. 5: S. A. (Sam) BANKSTON.
I. N. BROWN.
DENT GIBSON.
DENZEL COX.
A. D. FULTON.
T. D. COMPTON.

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HOUSTON ROBERTSON.

STATEMENT OF THE OWNERSHIP, Management, Circulation, Etc., Required by the Act of Congress of August 24, 1912.

Of the Merkel Mail, published weekly at Merkel, Texas, for April 1, 1930.

State of Texas, County of Taylor, ss:

Before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared C. J. Glover, Jr., who having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is the manager of The Merkel Mail and that the following is, to the best of his knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership, management, etc., of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption, required by the Act of August 24, 1912, embodied in section 411, Postal Laws, and Regulations:

1. Publishers: George E. Caple and C. J. Glover, Jr., both of Merkel, Texas; editor, C. J. Glover, Jr., Merkel, Texas.

2. Owners: George E. Caple and C. J. Glover, Jr., both of Merkel, Texas.

3. That the known bondholders, mortgagees, and other security holders owning or holding 1 per cent of total amount of bonds, mortgages, or other securities are: Mergenthaler Linotype Co., Brooklyn, N. Y.; Mrs. Maggie M. Jackson, Abilene, Texas.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 7th day of April, 1930.

(Seal) N. D. Cobb,
Notary Public, Taylor County, Texas.

Complete line of office supplies at Mail office.

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REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE

FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK

Of Merkel, in the State of Texas, at the close of business on March 27, 1930.

RESOURCES	
1. Loans and discounts	\$291,539.09
2. Overdrafts	232.68
3. United States Government securities owned	110,500.00
4. Other bonds, stocks, and securities owned	7,250.00
5. Furniture and fixtures, \$6,750.00	6,750.00
6. Real estate owned other than banking house	13,357.79
7. Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	32,114.48
8. Cash and due from banks	56,420.56
9. Outside checks and other cash items	2,722.46
10. Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer	312.50
11. Other assets: Bills of Exchange "Cotton"	7,788.05
TOTAL	\$528,987.61

LIABILITIES	
15. Capital stock paid in	\$ 50,000.00
16. Surplus	25,000.00
17. Undivided profits—net	17,357.03
18. Circulating notes outstanding	6,250.00
19. Due to banks, including certified and cashiers' checks outstanding	16,603.00
20. Demand deposits	345,794.80
21. Time deposits	67,982.78
TOTAL	\$528,987.61

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Taylor, ss:

I, Booth Warren, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

BOOTH WARREN, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of April, 1930.

ROSE LANEY,
Notary Public

(SEAL) CORRECT—Attest:
J. T. WARREN,
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Please enter my name in the class checked.

Improving and beautifying the home grounds by proper planting of trees, shrubs, flowers, etc., better kept yards, and cleaner alleys and streets.

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Name _____

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Mail to
Mrs. Sam Swann, Chairman,
Home and Lawn Beautification
Contest,
Merkel, Texas.
(Entries must be received before May 1st.)

Record of Births.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Joplin, Noodit, Friday, April 4, 1930.

Girl, named Janis Lea, to Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Hamilton, Monday, April 7, 1930.

Girl, named Mary Dale, to Mr. and Mrs. Dale C. West, residing southeast of town, Tuesday, April 8, 1930.

Boy, named William Robert, to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bailey, residing south of town, Tuesday, April 8, 1930.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Green, residing on the Largent place, Wednesday, April 9, 1930.

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

Ladies—You can't afford to miss this one—the season's greatest bargain in everyday silk hose—49c Saturday Special—Boston Bargain Store.

CASE DISMISSED PAMPA CRUSADER

Pampa, April 10.—Because a jury would not be justified in convicting her, Miss Beulah Alred, prohibition crusader, was freed of a charge of possessing and transportation intoxicating liquor upon a motion of Clifford Braly, district attorney, when her trial on the charge was called here Monday.

Miss Alred was arrested March 26 while displaying liquor she claimed was bought for grand jury evidence in an effort to prove her contention that officers here were making no attempt to check bootlegging. Her bond was set at \$500 but she refused to make it although urged to do so by the head of the Women's Christian Temperance union in Texas, who appealed in her behalf to Governor Dan Moody.

The district attorney said he was not with the grand jury when the indictment against Miss Alred was returned. He said he investigated the charges and while finding the woman

technically guilty "still there is wholly a lack of actual criminal intent upon the part of the defendant to violate the liquor laws, but rather a misguided impractical idea upon her part that such a course would be a means toward aiding in law enforcement."

He explained that no good purpose would be served by a trial and that a jury would not be justified in finding Miss Alred guilty and sending her to prison for one to five years for a technical violation. He also called attention to a congested docket, and the need for trying more important cases.

Theodore Roosevelt was blind in one eye during the last few years of his life, but he did not wear a glass eye.

W. HOMER SHANKS.

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THE BADGER WEEKLY

Published weekly by the students of Merkel High School and sponsored by the Junior Class of '30—Vera Baker sponsor.

The Staff:

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Sophomore Reporter—Ida Mae Derstine.
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Choral and Glee Clubs—Artilee Simmons.
Pep Squad Reporters—Tracy Campbell and Edwin Watson.

THE SOPHOMORES.

"It won't be long now," said the student. Only about one month and one half until school is out. It doesn't seem possible that it could be that near the end—but we can't have good things always, you know.

The "Soph's" are all on the job now because it won't be long until exams and none of them must fail.

The Freshmen have charge of the "Badger Weekly" this week and we're sure it is a success.

The Junior-Senior banquet is almost here, but, of course, they won't invite the "Soph's" to attend it. Wonder why?—well, anyway, next year we won't have to be invited—we can invite ourselves.

The "ole school spirit" is running high among the "Soph's" and we intend to keep it that way.

BASEBALL NEWS.

The girls baseball team, has not played any games since the thrilling one April 1st. However, we are practicing daily and hope to start playing games of spring baseball soon for this nice weather makes us want to be out.

FRESHMAN NEWS.

We Freshmen are very sorry for some of our fellow "Fish" who have been hurt or are ill. We know it must be hard to stay in bed this fine weather, but we suppose if you have the measles or cracked bones it must be different.

Just a few more weeks now until we will be Sophomores and won't that be a "grand and glorious" feeling? It must be for the Sophomores look rather happy to have been Freshmen of yesterday.

KNOW YOUR SENIORS OF '30.

(A Weekly Article.)

Tula Miller.

Tula Miller was born in Yantis, Texas, on February 21, 1913. She began her education at the age of seven in Merkel. After she completed her elementary education, she entered high school as a student worthy of recognition. During her Junior year she was a member of the L. O. V. E. club and this year she is a member of the E. B. G. club. For three years she has been a member of the Spanish club, ranking very high. Tula's winning personality and ready knowledge has won for her many friends which, we are sure, she will never lose.

The high school students and faculty will miss her since this is her last year in High school. Let us hope that there will be many more students in Merkel Hi as intelligent and industrious as Tula.

Orion L. Tittle.

Orion was born on a farm at Rock Crossing, September 21, 1916. He lived in this community for a few years when he moved with his parents to Blair where he entered school. In 1919 "Tittle" decided to leave Blair school and seek greener fields. We next find him in Merkel where he lived for two years, but he again desired a change of environment so he moved to Trent. Trent was a very good place and for about 4 years Orion helped to keep it on the map. He then came back to Merkel for a year, but got homesick for Trent and moved back. After a year he came back to Merkel to stay.

Orion entered Merkel High school and for the last four years has greatly distinguished himself. For the past two seasons he has been the "great left end" on the football eleven and this year he didn't miss a single play. Orion has played two years on the baseball nine and one season he was a track man. But next to his achievement on the gridiron, Orion has starred on the basketball floor. For three years he has been a mainspring for the M. H. S. Cagers and this year he was captain. Aside from sports he is a school leader, a member of the Glee club, vice-president of the M. H. S. Players club, and secretary of the famous P. P. A. A. club. Orion is the most popular boy in school, especially with the ladies and is known as a "regular devil with the women."

Merkel High will miss "Tittle" next year as he is "to get his roll out this year" with the use of the Seniors.

CHAPEL.

At chapel last Friday morning, April 4, the program was begun with several songs, led by Yates Brown, af-

ter which Brother Joiner talked to the student body.

Brother Joiner said that if you did not read the Bible you are short of knowledge because it is the best book of literature you can find. A panic comes when we aren't prepared, our house burns when we least expect it, and examinations come when we haven't studied our lessons. So we should always be prepared for whatever is to come.

He then told the story of the prodigal son.

We can travel fast when going away from God, but we travel slow when going back to God. Today people are wrecked and ruined because they refuse to go back to God. Every step we take toward God, he takes one toward us.

There is no such thing as success without will-power. You can't lose by going right because everything will come in and nothing will go out.

SAY, DIDJA' KNOW—

—That the Freshman class is editing the Badger Weekly this week? Be sure to read it and appraise them for their effort. Imogene Middleton is in charge.

—That the D. O. L. L. club had a glorious time among "the rocks and rills" Wednesday afternoon—only the "rills" were dry?

—That the Junior-Senior banquet is to be held on April 25?

—That Spring is here at last?

—That the High school went to the Grammar school to chapel Wednesday?

—That Senior day is near?

—That the "Last Rehearsal" is to be held soon?

—That there are just six more weeks of school?

—That Mrs. Davis is greatly improved from an operation for appendicitis and is at home at present but is planning to visit her mother in Abilene to rest and regain her strength?

—That the Sophomores will edit the next issue of this, the Badger Weekly?

—And that the week after that the Seniors have complete control of it and are going "to show us how a paper is edited?"

—That we only hope they succeed?

—That "spring fever" is a result of being in love?

—That the Junior-Senior banquet is only 14 days off? The committees are busy inviting the guests, planning the program, deciding on a menu, attending to the other plans of a banquet.

Boy, and girls are all "a flutter" over dates for this event of the year.

THE FISH.

My! Fine weather we're having.
Almost keeps one raving,
To have to stay inside
And study all the while.

We "Fish" feel fine and gay
Still, we can't study that way,
Because we're wishing all the while
We could be outside.

At noon we play fine games,
To be gay is our aim;
We think it very fine,
Out on the lawn in the sunshine.
—Nell Hughes.

D. O. L. L. CLUB.

The D. O. L. L. club enjoyed a late afternoon at Blowout mountain Wednesday, April 2. Three cars provided ways for everyone. One car stopped at Blair to get the drinks and a paper sack to carry captured snakes in. It seemed as though someone had already carried them away, so the sack remained empty.

Those who enjoyed the lunch spread on the hillside were: Miss Vera Baker, sponsor, Vera Richie, Lois Clark, Inez Robbins, Beth Hamm, Ola Ellen Smith, Lorna Bryant, Audrey Farris, Margaret Turner, Elsie Lasiter, Himalaya Swafford, Norma Patton, Jess Higgins, Thelma McAninch, Mrs. Turner, Ike and Abie Turner and Mrs. Farris.

VENTRILOQUIST AND HIS COLLEAGUE IN CHAPEL.

On Wednesday morning, April 2, Mr. Webb and Miss Bernard were in the chapel at the Grammar school. Students from both the Grammar and the High school attended. The admission was ten cents and one fourth of the proceeds went to the schools.

Miss Bernard first entered and played the piano wonderfully well. She then played while Mr. Webb sang "Memories of 1919" and another num-

ber, a rather humorous one. After this Miss Bernard played a piano selection with her left hand alone. At the end of this the player was disturbed by loud laughter off stage; but it was only Mr. Webb and his dummy. The ventriloquist brought the dummy with him and "did his stuff." Besides the wise cracks, the dummy was made to sing while Miss Bernard played. With the first song she played the piano, and with the second, the violin.

LOVE AND SMILE.

I've loved you when the stars were bright;
I've loved you when it rained;
You scorned my love,
Threw it away—
And I have loved in vain.

I think of you when skies are blue;
I dream of you when dry sands blow—
You scorn my faith,
Deride its worth,
And give me pain for love.

But now that I have loved in vain,
And love has given me only pain:
You'll find me changed,
Illusion gone,
Derisive of all love!

SENIOR NOTES.

The Seniors are all busy these days. They are selecting invitations, cards, and even being measured for those famous caps and gowns.

But while they are considering these important matters in their solemn yet sensible way, the Seniors have not let down a second in their studies. All the Seniors are wanting to be in the Senior play to be given soon and they must be passing in all their work.

The Seniors so far have no social activities and now they are planning to make up for lost time. The Annual staff now that the Annual is in the hands of the printer, has fewer worries and even Mrs. Young is enthusiastic over it all. All the Seniors are looking forward to Senior day which is the one holiday of a life-time to them.

JOKES.

Mr. West: "I hear you are always at the bottom of the class. Can't you get another place?"

Jimmie: "No, all the others are taken."

Mr. Davis: "What is it that lives in a stall, eats oats, and can see equally

well at both ends?"

Lee: "By me."
Mr. Davis: "A blind horse."

Miss Sloan: "Now we find that X is equal to zero."
Silas: "Gee! All that work for nothing."

Nell: "I'll give you a wallop."
Margaret: "Don't bother — I wouldn't know how to eat it."

J. T.: "When I dance with you I feel as though I were treading on clouds."

Ola: "Don't kid yourself those are my feet."

Mr. Burgess: "Does your wife always let you have your own way about things?"

Mr. Davis: "Yes, but sometimes I have to change my mind as to what I want."

Byron: "You'd better accept me. There aren't many men of my type running loose."

Inez: "No, you're right. That's what we got asylums for."

Orion: "Her kisses are intoxicating."
E. L.: "Yes, but, confound it, she believes in prohibition enforcement."

1st postage stamp: "Gee, I hate to go out into the cold world. But I guess there's no help for it."
2nd postage stamp: "Cheer up, old chap, you ain't licked yet!"

Even a homely girl can live long enough to be a pretty old one.

Ladies—You can't afford to miss this one—the season's greatest bargain in everyday silk hose—49c Saturday Special—Boston Bargain Store.

Rating as super-millionaires those having annual incomes of \$500,000 to \$2,000,000 a year, Texas has thirteen citizens in that class. Of the "common" or "garden" variety of millionaires, those with incomes from \$50,000 up to the "super" class, Texas has 481.

Sale of incandescent lamps in the United States in 1929 totaled 632,000,000, increase of 55,000,000 over the 1928 figures.



It's wise to choose a SIX!

After all, it is a perfectly simple matter to decide which automobile to buy in today's market. Only two questions must be answered to your satisfaction—

First: Which car gives the most for my money?

Second: Which car represents the soundest investment in satisfaction and pride of ownership?



Six-Cylinder Motor

In buying a low-priced car consider the following facts:

It is wise to choose a six-cylinder motor—for six cylinders are necessary to take out vibration and roughness. Six-cylinder smoothness will save the motor, the chassis, the body, the passengers and the driver.

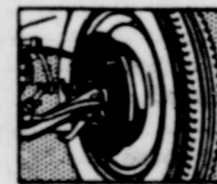
The Chevrolet is a six. And yet it sells at a price that anyone can afford to pay.

This very low-priced car lasts longer, not only because of fine materials and oversize parts, but also because it is a six. Its big, smooth, 50-horsepower six-cylinder engine is always "taking it easy." There is no feeling of strain.

With all its six-cylinder smoothness and power the New Chevrolet Six uses no extra gasoline or oil. Efficient design makes this possible—overhead valves—high compression power from any fuel—very latest carburetor—close-fitting, long-wearing pistons—crankcase ventilation—air cleaner. You can really have extreme economy and still satisfy your ideal of truly modern transportation.

Chevrolet economy is also the mark of Chevrolet sincerity in manufacture. To illustrate:

Chevrolet valves are readily accessible and adjustable. This saves replacing valves, and also makes it possible to preserve the efficiency of the engine.



Fully Enclosed Brakes

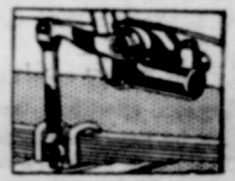
A similar example is found in Chevrolet's molded brake lining—reducing the necessity of frequent replacement, and consequent expense.

Furthermore, there is a rear axle inspection plate on the Chevrolet.

This makes it unnecessary to take the axle apart to examine or clean it.

The new Chevrolet Six is full of such evidence that true motor car economy comes from modern advancement and refinement.

Like the finest cars, the Chevrolet Six provides the comfort and protection of four springs controlled by hydraulic shock absorbers. They are mounted lengthwise, in the direction of car travel, and self-adjusting spring shackles maintain quiet.



Delco-Lovajoy Shock Absorbers

With low suspension and extra wheelbase, the Chevrolet Six has excellent proportions.

Its impressive front view is distinguished by the genuine honeycomb radiator, another mark of modern cars.



Safety Gasoline Tank

The gasoline tank is in the rear, for safety and finer appearance.

Chevrolet beauty instantly says "Body by Fisher"—costly car style, with the permanent quiet of Fisher composite steel-and-wood construction.

Body by Fisher also gives you a genuine non-glare windshield, adjustable driver's seat, more space, deeper and wider cushions, clearer vision, finer fabrics and fitments.



FISHER

There is just as much extra value everywhere in the car. BY ANY STANDARD the Chevrolet Six is the greatest value in the low-price field.

It is wise to choose the Chevrolet Six with its six-cylinder valve-in-head motor... with full scientific equipment... with its Body by Fisher... with four long semi-elliptic springs, long wheelbase, low suspension, rear-mounted gas tank, honeycomb radiator and all the other features of this day and age.

See your nearest Chevrolet dealer today and drive a Chevrolet Six. Ten minutes at the wheel will show you what a difference six cylinders make.

The Coach.....	\$565	The Special Sedan.....	\$725
The Coupe.....	565	(6 wire wheels standard)	
The Sport Roadster.....	555	The Light Delivery Chassis.....	365
The Sport Coupe.....	655	The Sedan Delivery.....	595
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The Sedan.....	675	The 1½ Ton Chassis with Cab.....	625
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(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Some important points to observe in the making and feeding of silage are discussed by five stock specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture in a revised edition of Farmers' Bulletin No. 578-F, "The Making and Feeding of Silage," which is now ready for distribution to interested persons.

"Silage," the authors of the bulletin say, "is the best and cheapest form in which to store succulent feed. Many forage crops can be made into silage; but corn, where it can be grown successfully, makes the best silage."

"Silage is suited for feeding to all live stock. Dairy cows, not on good pasture, need it perhaps more than other classes of animals, because the succulence it supplies is helpful in the production of large quantities of milk. It is a cheap and economical feed for beef cattle, from breeding cow to fattening steer. Sheep like it and it is well suited to their needs. Even horses and mules may be fed limited quantities of good silage with good results."

A method of making silage, known as the Ronning method, has come into use in the last few years and is considered the easiest known method of making silage. The standing corn is harvested and cut into proper lengths for the silo by a machine drawn and operated by a tractor. The cut corn is delivered to a wagon box drawn alongside. It is then hauled to the silo and pushed off into a blower which elevates it into the silo. When a pit silo is used the work of filling is still less. Making silage by the Ronning method requires approximately the same size crew as when a harvester and bundle elevator is used, but the advantage lies in saving the labor of handling the heavy bundles.

A copy of the bulletin may be obtained by writing to the United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

Practical Methods of Destroying Hog Mange

(By J. W. Lumb, Extension Veterinarian, Kansas State Agricultural College.)

Crude petroleum will turn itself into a money maker when used as a destroyer of mange of swine.

The three most practical methods of destroying mange are hand applications, spraying and dipping.

Hand applications may be satisfactorily provided if only a few hogs are treated. The hogs are confined and applications made with a brush or cloth. Petroleum should be rubbed over the entire hog, including inside the ears.

Spraying, if carefully carried out, will destroy mange. The hogs should be confined in a small pen, bedded with clean straw. A spray pump or sprinkling can may be used. The hogs' ears should be lifted so that spray material will coat the lower side. They should be left in the pen for an hour to become well saturated by contact.

Dipping is the most effective way of applying material to hogs for controlling mange. Concrete or galvanized iron dipping vats are more or less permanent and not prohibitive in expense for the large hog raisers.

Swine should be dipped at least twice, 12 to 14 days apart, and old beds burned. The house and sleeping quarters should be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected.

Use of Self-Feeders Is Most Satisfactory

The use of self-feeders is the most satisfactory system of growing hogs we have found. With hand feeding so many times in the busy season, and that lasts all summer on most farms, a little neglect in chores checks up the desired growth. Living in a good, clean, legume pasture with self-feeders for corn and protein feeds and an opportunity to get at some minerals, the pigs are at fault if they do not make good. Last year corn was so scarce in our neighborhood that we ran the pigs through with a little less than they would have liked. The pigs were slowed up by it, too, but with an all-winter rise in the hog market the financial returns were not so disappointing. Related pigs do not always meet that kind of a market reception. The general trend has been the other way.

Pigs Over Summer

Young pigs that are not to be fattened for the early fall market may be carried through the summer on good pasture and a limited amount of grain. The pigs should receive enough grain to provide for normal growth, since they cannot develop on pasture alone. Pigs handled during the summer in this way will be in good shape to follow steers in the feed lot this fall and winter, or they may be fattened for market, as soon as the new corn crop is ready.

POULTRY

CHICKEN BREEDER MUST PICK BIRDS

"To make progress in breeding poultry for egg production, a poultryman must be able to select breeding stock that will transmit to its offspring the most desirable egg qualities. These qualities are correct size, shape, color, and shell texture of the eggs, and a tendency to lay a large number of eggs," said Prof. G. O. Hall of the Cornell poultry department, speaking on breeding poultry for egg production recently.

"In any breeding program there are three fundamental principles which must be kept in mind. They are first, a standard of excellence or ideal; second, constant breeding toward that ideal; and third, courageous culling from the time eggs are selected for the incubator until the time when males and females are put in the breeding pens.

"Aside from the personal element of the poultryman himself, two sets of factors control results. The first set can be grouped under the term, 'heredity'—those causes which are internal and relatively hard to control. The characteristics of an individual due to this set of factors are possessed by the individual at the time of birth, although they may be influenced a great deal by the second set of controlling factors. Inherent characters are dependent, in part, upon this second set of factors, environmental conditions and influences, under which a bird lives. Feeding, housing, and general care and management fall under environmental conditions and influences.

"The most accurate method of controlling heredity is by the use of a system of individual pedigree hatchling and progeny testing. Such a system requires painstaking and carefully-kept records. Birds to be pedigreed should be carefully selected and only such mating or lines which show progress towards the desired goal should be continued from year to year.

"When it is impossible to do individual pedigreeing, pen mating may be used. In pen mating, from three to five males may be used in as many pens with 12 to 20 selected females each, and the progeny from each pen may be marked so that the different lots can be identified later. The offspring from each pen can then be observed, and the male lines continued from only those birds which show best results.

"Egg production may be improved also by selecting the best individuals, both males and females, and mating them by the flock or mass method. This is the most common practice among farmers. Progress with it is slow, however, and after a time a point is reached where the average egg production increases little, if any, from year to year."

Skim Milk Is Excellent Feed for Young Turkeys

Sweet skim milk should be the first feed given to poult (young turkeys), according to "Turkey Talk," a University of Minnesota bulletin on raising turkeys. It is first fed at thirty-six to forty-eight hours of age, and continued as the only liquid for several weeks. No water is recommended. A pound of dry skim milk in four or five quarts of water will give the fresh, sweet product desired.

Poultry Facts

Feed grain liberally when using lights.

Be regular in management and the use of lights.

The hen's comb is a good index to the activity of the egg organs.

Oat hulls should be eliminated from chick rations on account of their indigestible character.

Finely ground oats cannot be handled by young chicks, as the hull is still too bulky and indigestible.

Geese should not be used for breeding purposes until they are two years old. A gander may be used the first season.

Mixing 10 or 20 per cent of whole oats in the all-mash feed was very satisfactory in recent tests at the Ohio experiment station.

Many poultry keepers regard oats as an important part of the ration for laying hens, providing a satisfactory way of feeding this grain can be found.

Little chicks are like children in the respect that disorders of the bowels and digestive apparatus are quite common among them.

Early chicks should, if possible, be reared in indoor brooders, placed in houses which may be well ventilated and which have ample sunlight.

The addition of finely ground oats to the mash mixture is a popular method of feeding with some poultry men, but they often find it difficult to get the oats finely ground.

Moody Has Filled One-Third of State Posts by Appointment

Austin, April 10.—Gov. Dan Moody has found it necessary to appoint officials to four elective state posts during the past year, and has filled more than one-third of all the offices appearing on the biennial ballot.

Each of the four state officials he appointed will seek re-election to full terms this year. They are: Pat M. Neff, former governor, chairman of the railroad commission, six-year term, succeeded the late Chairman Clarence E. Gilmore.

Robert Lee Bobbitt, attorney general, two-year term, succeeded Claude Pollard, resigned.

J. H. Walker, land commissioner two-year term, succeeded the late J. T. Robison.

George H. Sheppard, comptroller, two-year term, succeeded S. H. Terrell, resigned.

Daredevil of Air Dies Blazing Plane

Shiro, April 10.—In a blazing monoplane, Fritz H. Grifno, aerial daredevil, and F. H. Bernier, flying student at Dallas, died here Saturday afternoon.

The plane, several persons who

sighted it said, apparently was trying to land as flames and smoke suddenly burst from the enclosed cabin. Then, its engine roaring, it swept downward and was smashed in a cotton field about a mile from here.

Grifno, who once had gone through daring stunts and parachute jumps for the diversion of thousands, presumably made his last leap where there was none to see.

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Trent News and Personal Notes

The T. E. L. class was entertained at the home of Mrs. H. B. Terry last Thursday. After the devotional, two contests were followed by the exchanging of "forget-me-nots," and plans were also made for the carrying on of the church work. Delicious sandwiches and lemonade were served to Mesdames "Bud" Brown, E. Howell, Roberts, Uzzell, Beckham, Stribling, Terry, Abbott, Woods, Brown, Howell, Williamson, McLeod and the hostess, James Bright and C. T. Beckham are in Wichita Falls this week on business.

On Saturday night Miss Mary Lou Rose entertained several of her friends with a slumber party. Several interesting games were played and candy was made about midnight. Besides the hostess an dth honor guest, Miss Realla Bresnahan of Abilene, those present were Misses Fannie Scott, Pete Smith, Ermadean Duncan and Imogene Mangum. The party was climaxed with a hike to Sweetwater creek for a sunrise breakfast. The latter consisted of weiners, bacon, eggs, bread and hot chocolate.

Mrs. Effie Hightower of Abilene was the guest of Mrs. Bounce Hays last Thursday night.

Mrs. Alex Williamson and little son spent the week-end in Abilene as guests of Mrs. Sidney Pass and Miss Alice Bigham.

Mr. and Mrs. Burkhardt and son Kenneth spent the week-end at Lamesa. Miss Beatrice Burleson of Abilene was a visitor in Trent Friday.

Mrs. Lizzie Ross and her father, W. S. Burton, attended the funeral of Mr. Burton's sister-in-law at Moran last week.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Phillips and children of Big Lake were recent visitors with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nalley and Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Bryant and little daughter spent Sunday in Brownwood as guests of their sister, Mrs. Clements. They were accompanied that far by Mrs. Walter Burchee, who has been visiting here for quite awhile. Mrs. Burchee and Miss Opal Talley left Monday for their home in South Texas.

Willard Estep has accepted a position with W. L. Boyd, who recently moved to Hamlin. The revival meeting closed Sunday night after a week of real soul-stirring sermons by the pastor, Rev. U. S. Sherrill.

Miss Bessie Mae Yarborough of Eastland spent a few days here last week visiting friends.

Rev. Hampton and wife, who live in Coleman county, returned home Wednesday after a pleasant visit with their son and family, Lige Hampton.

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Zion Chapel News

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Spurgin of Noodle spent Tuesday with the former's mother, Mrs. R. R. Spurgin.

Little Miss Kathleen Millner fell from a tree while at play last Thursday afternoon and broke her arm. She is able to be back at school this week.

Grandpa Ely of Anson visited his daughter, Mrs. George Cooke, last week.

Miss Fannie McKinney of Abilene visited relatives here one day this week.

Mrs. Vernie Merritt and her father, Mr. Tucker, attended the rabbit drive here last Tuesday.

Mrs. Smith continues quite ill at this writing.

Those from here attending the singing at Stamford Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Melton, Mr. and Mrs. Allred, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Lucas, Misses Fay Wilborn, Lena Terry, Flora and Lila Adkins, Vergie Marshal, Eva Lula Allred, Clyde Allred, Ray and Emanuel Lucas, C. B. Wilborn and Conrad Guy.

Mrs. Ed Spurgin and sons, Etsel and Lawrence, spent the week-end with relatives in Breckenridge.

Mrs. W. S. Allred entertained the young folks last Friday evening with a musicale. Everyone reports a most enjoyable time.

Raymon Adkins, who has been sick for the past week, is some better but still unable to resume his school work.

The F. T. A. meeting on last Tuesday evening was well attended and the children entertained with a nice program, which was enjoyed by all.

HEBRON NEWS

Rev. O. B. Tatum filled his regular appointment at Hebron Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pannell and children were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Demere at Blair Sunday afternoon.

Miss Margaret Dean was on the sick list Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Houston Clark's group of little Sunbeams entertained Sunday night with a program.

Messrs. and Mesdames Lige Harris, Houston Clark and Jack Pannell and Mr. Elbert Dean attended the funeral of W. W. Clark at Merkel Monday afternoon.

Rev. O. B. Tatum was dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. William Burleson Sunday.

Mrs. Roosevelt Blanton and little son Ollie, visited Mrs. Blanton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tatum, at Merkel Saturday.

Quannah is much interested in the discovery of what is believed to be a large deposit of isinglass found in excavations being made for highway construction.

Union Ridge to Have Protracted Meeting

Our spring protracted meeting will begin at Union Ridge Methodist church on Friday night, April 11. We are badly in need of a good rain—a big rain, at least, we think we are. But the greatest need of the country now is a refreshing shower from the presence of the Lord. We are in the midst of an alarming spiritual dearth. Sin is raging. Millions lulled to sleep by its sweet poison are sleeping the sleep of death, and unless aroused, and that quickly, will go down to eternal night. Though Satan is staging a reign of terrorism, the Prince of Peace, who liveth and was dead, and behold is now alive forevermore is in the world and is able to save whoever will come to Him. While crime and wickedness and corruption and iniquity and unrighteousness are in full sway, still "Today is the day of salvation."

We cordially and urgently invite everyone who can do so to be with us during this meeting. Make arrangements to be present at each service: 10 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. May we ask that each Christian who reads this please pray the Father that he send his blessing upon the services in the reviving of spiritual life and saving sinners.

Ural S. Sherrill, Pastor.

Dora Doings

We regret to report that Sy Dennis is improving only very slowly. He spent several days last week over at Abilene for treatment.

L. E. Lee and family of Abilene spent Sunday here with A. D. Cross and children.

Miss Jewel Burlew, sponsor for the eighth grade, chaperoned them on a hike and picnic Saturday. They all reported a nice time, nice dinner and plenty of hiking.

Our baseball club met the Nubia team on our ground Saturday afternoon and carried off the game after twelve innings.

Roy Laine and Junior Stevens brought home some nice fish from the Concho, although, according to their version to friends, "the biggest got away."

The oil rig on the Stokes ranch burned down Saturday with a total loss, except the top joint of the rig.

G. W. Whiteaker, accompanied by Alton and Modenia, spent the week-end in Midland on business and also visited relatives.

Will Preach at Trent.

Elder W. G. Cypert will preach Sunday morning at 11 o'clock at the Church of Christ at Trent. Everyone is cordially invited to attend the service and worship with them.

On inch of rainfall is equivalent to 101 tons per acre, or, approximately, 145,000,000 gallons per square mile.

Personal Mention

M. B. Bell has returned from a brief visit to El Paso.

Will Orr of Lubbock is visiting his mother, Mrs. M. E. Orr.

Mrs. Rolfe Wagner is spending the week with her mother in Abilene.

Dr. Vernon Baugh of Aspermont is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Hutchins.

Messrs. R. E. Windham and H. R. Horton have gone to the plains this week.

Mrs. H. A. Bruebeck from Eldorado was a week-end visitor with friends here.

Mrs. J. M. Costephens of Stamford is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Costephens.

Tom R. Blair is here from Fort Worth visiting his mother, Mrs. J. S. Blair, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Jay and daughter spent the week-end with relatives and friends at Clyde.

Mrs. Ara Brown and Mr. Ed Scott were over from San Angelo Sunday as guests in the J. L. Banner home.

A. L. Chance and family and Mrs. H. C. Halley, all of Sweetwater, were Sunday guests of the A. Mortons.

Miss Katherine Creed of Roxton, Texas, is visiting her sister, Miss Maurine, who is teaching at Mt. Pleasant.

Passing visitors on Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Keifer were Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Horsley of Lincolnville, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Esker of Ranger and Mr. and Mrs. Nat Anderson of Abilene were visitors Sunday in the Mac Angus home.

Mrs. S. K. Franklin of Floresville and her son, Allen, who is attending Rice institute, are visitors with the W. I. Hudson family.

J. F. Banner and family of Rotan were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs.

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Troy Bell when they visited Sunday in the J. L. Banner home.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hamm attended the Ginners Association meeting in Dallas last week, returning home in time for the Sheppard birthday celebration.

J. A. Betterton, 4-months old son of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Betterton of Plainview, is here, accompanied by his mother, on a visit with his grandparents, Postmaster and Mrs. O. J. Adcock.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Ben Campbell spent Sunday in Stamford, being accompanied as far as Anson by Misses Maurine and Katherine Creed, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Proctor and Miss Julia Proctor.

Callers at The Mail office Thursday were William C. Edwards, Dallas, director of the Texas Public Service Information bureau, and Horton W. Bransford, Dallas, manager of the American Type Founders company.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt, accompanied by their daughter, Mrs. Howell Britain and her little daughter of Abilene, have returned from a visit to see Miss Hazel Lee Rainbolt at Kirkland in Childress county. Mr. Rainbolt re-

ports that all that section is dry at the present time. One of the interesting points of their trip was Pauline Lake, near Chillicothe, in Hardeman county, the large reservoir where one of the power companies derives its chief water supply.

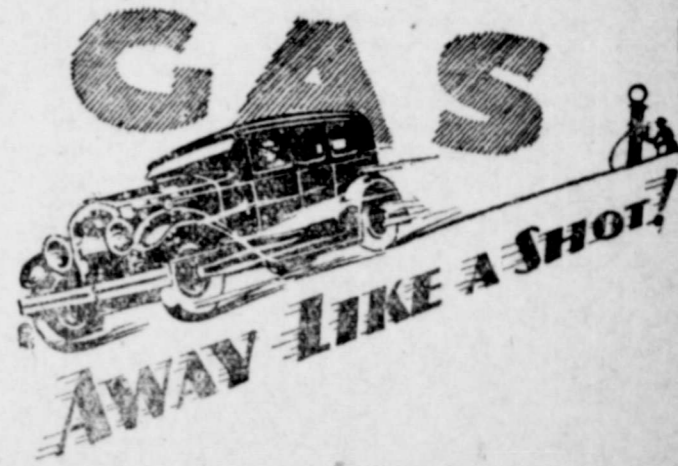
Passing guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Baker were his nephew and wife, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Baker, whose home is in Cordell, Okla. They were returning from New Mexico and after going to Fort Worth may make a visit to Corpus Christi.

The Rev. R. A. Walker left for the eastbound T. & P. Thursday afternoon for Deport, Texas, to conduct the funeral services for an old friend, Albert Martin, who is probably known to a great many from East Texas who have come out west to make their homes.

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Onions	Fresh, per bunch	8c	Coffee	4 lbs. Peaberry	98c
Oranges	small size, per doz.	22c	Steak	fore-quarters, per lb.	24c
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