

# THE MERKEL MAIL

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## THREE NOVICES RECEIVED AFTER PASSING TESTS

**Toastmaster Jones Turns Program Over to Committee on Initiation Headed by H. H. Jenkins; 'Nuff Said.**

Under the guidance of H. H. Jenkins, a recent initiate, who manipulated the ceremonies inducting three Lions into the mysteries of the order, merriment ran high at the Tuesday luncheon when Ben F. Bird, Dr. L. C. Zehnpenning and City Marshal Dickinson appeared as novices.

Charles H. Jones was toastmaster for the occasion and he gave the program over to the initiation. The other two had already been voted into membership and on motion of Dee Grimes, Ben Bird, the third of the initiates, was received in teiot emfreaoin was received in time for the ceremonies.

With every indication of a serious appeal to the Lions present, as individuals, not as a club, Rufe Tittle in the course of his remarks asked that all those who were willing to subscribe \$25.00 to the cause should indicate their pledge by standing. Two novices were on their feet with alacrity, manifesting a most charitable trait of character. You had better ask Ben Bird or Perry Dickinson for particulars, or maybe Dr. Zehnpenning can explain why he did not stand up.

Dr. W. T. Sadler is to be toastmaster next week.

W. O. Boney presided and after the club singing, led by E. Yates Brown and the invocation by Rev. R. A. Walker, the meeting was turned over to the toastmaster. Guests present were C. Edward Markhill, Ralph Duke and Coach Melvin S. Davis. Each expressed their pleasure at being present.

## Large Number Scouts To Attend Jamboree

Fourteen Scouts, and perhaps more, from Merkel's two troops of Boy Scouts will participate in the annual Jamboree at Buffalo Gap Friday and Saturday of this week. They will be accompanied by Rev. R. A. Walker and Herbert Patterson, scoutmasters, and Ralph Duke. Boys from all seven counties in the Chisholm Trail area will be present.

Those who have already indicated their intention of going are David Gamble, Dan Swafford, Howard Carson, Louis Carson, Mordell Shouse, Warden Boswell, Byron Bull, George Hicks Buford, Truett Patterson, Jack Lowe, Burneal Scott, Jack West, Jim Patterson, Jr., and Joe Earl Lassiter. On next Tuesday, Rev. R. A. Walker and Herbert Patterson have been invited to visit the Lions club at Cross Plains in the interest of the Chisholm Trail area.

## Record of Births.

Boy, T. J., Jr., to Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Bird, Thursday, May 1, 1930.

## MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail May 6, 1910.)

## SOCIETY.

Before leaving the little home which has been the scene of so many happy occasions in Merkel, Mrs. Courtney Hunt opened those hospitable doors to a few who indulge in the scientific game of bridge. Refreshments were the most delicious cream and cake which was served in a novel manner. The cream was in four blocks representing the four aces of the four suits— hearts, diamonds, clubs and spades. Each table was provided with a dainty cut glass bowl filled with salted nuts. There were three tables of play. Mesdames Hamm, Dickson, Portbrown, Burton, Cochran, Gaither, Woodruff, Misses Lucy Bean and Ollie Kate Harris.

On Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Mims the youngest set of girls organized a society club, as yet in its infancy, but members are Misses Juanita Harris, Zona Coggin, Genevieve Berry, Ruth Mims, Josephine Cassle and Annet T. Daniels.

**RACE RIOT AT COLEMAN.**  
The white citizens rose in great numbers last Sunday and attacked

## Time Extended One Week Mail Entry Blank Now

**LIONS HOME AND LAWN BEAUTIFICATION CONTEST**

**Merkel, Texas**

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.

Class 1—Those who own their homes.

Class 2—Those who rent their homes.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to  
Mrs. Sam Swann, Chairman,  
Home and Lawn Beautification  
Contest,  
Merkel, Texas.  
(List of entries will close  
May 8.)

## "COW DAY" COMES NEXT WEDNESDAY

Next Wednesday, May 7, will be "Cow Day" again in Merkel. This will be the sixth event of the kind, sponsored by the Lions club in cooperation with the merchants and business men of the city.

A cow, a sow pig and a pen of chickens will each be sold for \$1.00, just as has been done on the previous occasions.

Henry West is chairman of the program committee for the day. In addition to other special attractions that may be arranged, a baseball game is one of the things contemplated, but details had not been completed, at the time of going to press.

A committee, consisting of Booth Warren, Dee Grimes and Ted Nichols, has been named to arrange special features, in addition to the above, for "Cow Day."

## Beneficial Rains Visit This Section

Beginning early Monday morning, Merkel and this section as well as nearly all parts of West Texas were visited by beneficial rains. The rainfall Monday morning and night totolled seven-eighths of an inch, according to the records of B. M. Black, volunteer weather observer, who keeps The Mail posted on these matters.

On Friday of last week, the first rain that fell to break the long drouth amounted to one-fourth of an inch, making a total of 1 1-8 inches during the week.

The rains will give the farmers an opportunity to start planting, as well as being of great benefit to fields already planted.

the blacks. No casualties reported but a number of negroes were seriously beaten by enraged whites. Until recently no negroes resided here and it is believed that this will free the town again.

Misses Fannie Burroughs, Jessie S. Sutphen and Winnie Warren visited friends at Trent one day this week.

Misses Ollie Garoutte left Friday for Snyder to visit her sister, Miss Dora Garoutte, who is teaching at that place.

Lot of new records—indestructable, cylinder and disc just received at the Elite.

St. Elmo will be played at the opera house tonight by a popular company. Buy your seats at the Elite.

The following parties attended the supper given by the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs at Trent Monday night: Misses Lizzie Maye Freeman, Rossie Newberry, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Gazoway, Mr. and Mrs. John Pate, Mr. and Mrs. Lon Simmons and H. M. Rainbolt.

## MRS. LEE FOLLOWING WELL BLAZED TRAIL IN HER RACE FOR CONGRESSIONAL HONOR

Washington, May 1.—Mrs. R. Q. Lee of Texas, now announcing her candidacy to fill the unexpired term of her husband as representative from the 17th Texas district, follows a well blazed trail.

Five of the eight women now sitting in the house received their political training under a husband's tutelage, and four were direct successors to their husbands. Other wives find congress an interesting political school.

Looking down on the floor of the house, political-minded-gallery-wives may see:

Representative Florence P. Kahn, republican, California, widow and successor of Julius Kahn. She worked with her husband throughout his important career as chairman of the military affairs committee during the World war, and now sits on that committee.

Representative Edith Nourse Rogers, republican, Massachusetts, widow and successor of John Jacob Rogers. Her office is hung with her husband's most cherished political mementos, and she keeps three secretaries busy taking care of the constituency that was once his charge.

Representative Pearl Peden Oldfield, democrat, Arkansas, widow and successor of William Allen Oldfield. She is a most faithful attendant at house and committee sessions.

Representative Katherine Langley, republican, Kentucky, successor to her living husband, John W. Langley. Training as his secretary and as clerk to the public buildings and grounds committee prepared her for her present task.

Representative Ruth Hanna McCormick, campaigning for the seat her late husband, Medill McCormick, occupied as Senator. Mrs. McCormick was a representative's wife before she was a senator's wife. Medill McCormick having filled both positions. The first widow to fill her husband's unexpired term in the house was Mae Ella Nolan, of California, serving from January 23, 1923, to March 3, 1925, as successor to John I. Nolan.

## WIDOW R. Q. LEE WILL MAKE RACE

**Announces Candidacy for Unexpired Term, But Not to Go Before Primary.**

Yielding to the overwhelming solicitations of her friends and the supporters of her husband and pledging herself to carry out the policies of her husband, Mrs. R. Q. Lee, widow of the late congressman from the 17th district, has announced her candidacy at the special election May 20 to fill the vacancy caused by her husband's death. In her brief statement to the voters of the 17th Congressional district, Mrs. Lee said:

"On account of the earnest solicitation of Mr. Lee's friends over this district and my sincere desire to develop and carry out the program for which he had laid the foundation, I have concluded to become a candidate for his place in case a special election is called.

"Because of the fact that a great many matters need attention in the office at Washington and the fact that these must be taken care of within 30 days it will be necessary for me to return to Washington at once, which prevents me from making a personal campaign; therefore I must depend upon my friends to take care of my interests.

"In case the election is called and I am elected, I pledge the voters of the 17th congressional district, so far as lies in me, to carry out Mr. Lee's ideas of rendering service to the people of our district. I further pledge myself to give my entire time and energy to the support and fostering of legislation which will be beneficial to this district and the southwest. I feel that my familiarity through constant personal association with Mr. Lee in the office in handling the affairs on which he was working, enables me to take hold where he left off and go forward without the loss of time to organize and familiarize myself with matters pertaining to the office.

"On this basis and with a sincere desire to serve, I solicit the support and the votes of the citizenship of the entire congressional district."

**ONLY TO FILL VACANCY.**  
Subsequently Mrs. Lee issued a second statement in which she announced definitely that she would not be a candidate for congress in the regular July primary. Her later statement follows:

"There has been some misunderstanding of my attitude with respect to offering in the regular election," she said, "and I wish to state definitely that I will not be a candidate in the July primaries. I want to fill out the remainder of Mr. Lee's term and to carry out the work that he has initiated, but other than that I have no desire to enter politics. I much prefer to devote my time to my interests at home which require my attention."

## BITTER ROW ON FEDERAL BOARD

**Legge and Aides Defend Its Workings; Issue Challenge to Business.**

Washington, May 1.—A dispute over the work of the federal farm board swept over the annual meeting of the chamber of commerce of the United States in a turbulent session Wednesday. Business men bitterly denounced activities of the board and its defenders stood in staunch resistance.

In it there crowded close upon one another reference to "wild men of the senate" by Secretary Hyde, a denunciation of the farm marketing act by Daniel Millett, Denver stockman and banker; a challenge to business men by Chairman Legge of the farm board to back their criticism with money, and a later acceptance of this challenge by Julius Barnes, chairman of the national business survey conference.

Entering the debate unexpectedly, Representative Fort of New Jersey, who, as a member of the house agriculture committee helped frame the agricultural marketing act which established the farm board, asserted congress would stand by its handiwork. He challenged business men to produce a better solution.

Previously a long list of representatives of various industries had condemned both the board and the act as placing the government in competition with business, as undermining private initiative, and as operating contrary to economic law.

The debate was opened by Chairman egge. He criticized the chamber of commerce for failing to take action "to improve the farm situation after voting overwhelmingly in favor of the principle of co-operative marketing."

He asserted condemnation of the board and of congress by the chamber was unjust since in "your own publications written by your own representatives you will find the pertinent recommendations for practically everything congress has done during the last few years."

Replying Millett attacked the farm board and the marketing act as "a fantastic dream of stabilization." He asserted the marketing and distributing business "properly fear the working of this act," and charged the farm board under it presented a "glaring inconsistency" in advocating decreased production. The board's activities, he said, were an "interference with the law of economic supply and demand."

## Cemetery Contributions.

The following donations to the cemetery fund have been received since the last list was published in The Mail:

Vayden Horton	\$ 3.00
John Sears	25.00
Cash	1.30
Lee Stevens, Trent	5.00
Amanda Curtis	5.00
Julia Ann Perkins	10.00
Sam Butman, Sr.	10.00

## KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

An attack of heart trouble is believed to have been the cause of the death of Holly Shaw, 36, Haskell, who drowned while swimming in a tank near his farm.

Chief of Police Dock Watson of Nacogdoches succumbed to an attack of apoplexy, while in the office of the Texas Power & Light company at that place Sunday afternoon.

Roy Marshall, 22, was instantly killed while sitting in a barber's chair at Austin when a bullet from an automatic pistol discharged as it fell from his pocket and entered his back.

John Norman, charged with murder in connection with the death of Mrs. Fannie Casey of Belton, was found guilty by a jury at Coleman Wednesday and was given a term of two years in prison.

A torrential rain Monday saved the business district of Pecos from destruction, after flames which originated when lightning struck between the wall of a hotel and a grocery had done damage of \$250,000.

The Frank Rucker murder case, scheduled for trial at Coleman Wednesday, was continued until next term of court on motion made by the district attorney on the grounds that two negro witnesses were missing.

The Texas Cowboy Reunion, Inc., is the name of a new organization formed at Stamford to sponsor an annual rodeo and round-up for cattlemen throughout West Texas, the first event to be held at Stamford June 26, 27 and 28.

One of the week's entrants in the governor's sweepstake is Dr. C. E. Walker of Grapevine, Tarrant county, who Monday announced his platform, paramounting prison reform and improvement of the state's educational institutions.

The Van oil field's thirty-first producer, the R. L. Wells No. 2, drilled by the Pure Oil company, came in Wednesday for an estimated daily flow of 7,000 barrels, three wells having been completed Tuesday.

R. L. Tell, about 40, and Shorty Lindgren, 50, were instantly killed Tuesday night, while two other workmen escaped injury, when the motor car in which they were riding was struck by a log train between Camp Brittain and Haslan, near Center.

A verdict acquitting Sheriff H. Wyatt Collins of Fort Bend county and one of his two negro co-defendants, Lucille Dennis, of liquor charges was returned by a federal jury, although a second negro was convicted on one count.

Flying Cadets Raymond M. Rowe and Benjamin Ellsworth Tilton, Jr., students in the advance flying school at Kelly field, San Antonio, were instantly killed Wednesday when the bombardment plane in which they were making a local cross country flight crashed.

## TIME EXTENDED FOR ENTRY YARD GARDEN CONTEST

**Increased Interest in Last Few Days, Leads Committee to Give Another Week to Entry; List of Desirable Prizes.**

Due to the fact that interest in the Yard and Garden contest, being sponsored by the Lions club, assisted by a committee of ladies, has been decidedly augmented by the recent rains, it has been decided by the joint committee handling the details of the contest to extend the time for receiving entrants another week. That is, those desiring to enter may yet do so by mailing the coupon which appears elsewhere in this issue of The Mail to Mrs. Sam Swann, chairman of the contest committee, provided they do so on or before May 8.

Within the past week, the following names have been entered in the Yard and Garden contest: Mrs. W. T. Sadler, Mrs. J. E. Costephens, Mrs. Walter Boden and Mrs. Len Sublett.

Besides the above names, the complete list of entrants up to date is: Mesdames T. G. Bragg, Dee Grimes, A. T. Sheppard, J. T. Dennis, Charles H. Jones, Byers Petty, Robert and Thomas Jr. Bearden, Mr. and Mrs. A. Morton, E. B. Barnes, Missie Dye, Mrs. Mack Buzbee, Mrs. Sam Swann, Mrs. J. T. Warren, John West, Mrs. J. E. Richardson, Mrs. E. O. Carson, Sie Hamm, L. R. Thompson, B. H. Lancaster, Mrs. Booth Warren, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Bickley, Mrs. J. C. White, Supt. Roger A. Burgess and Mrs. C. W. Delmer.

The complete list of prizes is printed below and those who have not entered this contest will do well to look over the list of prizes; besides, a contest of this nature is a big advertisement for a city. There are many pretty homes in Merkel and many pretty yards; the contest will still further encourage beautifying these yards with flowers and shrubs. There are doubtless many other home owners and renters in Merkel who have just as much interest in civic matters as those who have entered and the committee hopes during the coming week, with the promise of continued rains, to receive the names of scores of others desiring to enter the contest.

For the most beautiful yard, including lawn, front and rear premises and flower garden, a silver cup is to be given by the Merkel Mail. Other prizes, all desirable in themselves, are offered as follows, the entrants, being classified as to whether they own their homes or are renters:

## FOR HOME OWNERS.

Most beautiful front yard—First prize, Juniper, by Abilene Nursery; second, ornamental lawn spray, Liberty Hardware company.

Most beautiful back yard—First prize, \$5.00 in cash by Farmers and (Continued on Page Four)

## THE TOWN DOCTOR "DOCTOR OF TOWNS" SAYS

### About Vacant Lots, Stores and Factories.

Wherever you find vacant houses, vacant stores and vacant factory buildings, you usually find vacant heads. Vacant lots all overgrown with weeds, rubbish-heaped and otherwise generally disreputable, near buildings where people work, do business, or dwell, is a symbol of "contemptuous familiarity," and proof that some one or group of someones has failed to apply known rules of good business.

Anything vacant, empty or untenanted repels, detracts, depresses and looks bad. Anything vacant casts a pall. It is too closely associated with things gone never to return—apt to give an impression too much like a skull and cross bones—and that's bad for business, bad for happiness, bad for everything.

If I lived in Merkel I'd go to the first meeting of any organization I belonged to, or could get into, and say: "Folks, there are some empty store buildings in this town that tend to make our town look too much like a graveyard. They spoil the good stores we do have, and it makes it appear to others that things are not so good around here. Now, I'm not a merchant, and don't own any business property; but anything that hurts or takes away from Merkel is costing me money, and inasmuch as it doesn't cost any money to correct this particular liability, I, for one, would like to see those places cleaned up, and the windows decorated, so that they will attract people, and at the same time make us all feel better by not having something ugly staring us in the face every time we walk down the street."

It wouldn't make any difference to me just what kind of a meeting it was as long as there were some people there. It could be a gathering of the chamber of commerce, a service club or any other civic organization; lodge, city council, property owner's association, or anything else.

And if I were a lady I'd do the same thing at my women's club, sewing circle, ladies aid society, study club; yes, I'd even say it at my bridge.

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### Judge Milburn Long Announces Candidacy For Post in Congress

Abilene, May 1.—Milburn S. Long of Abilene, judge of the 42nd district court, Monday night formally announced his candidacy as democratic nominee for congressional representative of the 17th district, subject to the regular party primary in July. He will not be a candidate in the special election set for May 20, when a representative will be named to fill the unexpired term of the late R. Q. Lee.

The announcement came as a surprise, even to Judge Long's closest friends, although he said he had been contemplating the action for some time. Judge Long told newspaper representatives he had considered announcing for the special election but that he would not oppose Mrs. R. Q. Lee of Cisco, who has entered the race to fill for the remainder of the term the office held by her late husband.

Former Congressman Thos. L. Blanton of Abilene is the only other candidate who has yet entered the race. He also is a candidate in the special election.

Born in Hood county, Long has resided in West Texas since he was 17 years old, moving to Albany at that time. He served three terms as county attorney of Shackelford county, and advanced to the office of prosecuting attorney of the 42nd district, to which position he was elected three times. He is serving his fourth year on the 42nd court bench, having been appointed in 1927 to fill out Judge Ely's term and having been elected in 1928 for the full four years term.

#### CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank our friends for their sympathy and the many favors extended us in the loss of our father and husband.

Mrs. W. F. Hamblet and Family.  
Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Lobban.

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### "Konjola's Work Miraculous," Says This Lady

Waco Lady, Lifetime Resident, Enthusiastic About New Medicine That Relieved Stomach Ailment.



MRS. LILLIE COLLINS.

"Konjola made a new person of me," said Mrs. Lillie Collins, 3617 Homan avenue, Waco. "For the past few years I have had a severe case of stomach trouble. The food I ate failed to digest, gas formed and I was subject to chest pains and heart palpitations. I was always tired in the morning. Pains in the small of my back from affected kidneys often kept me from doing my housework. I often suffered with numbness in my hands and feet and was extremely nervous."

"I began to get relief immediately after I began the Konjola treatment. The gas on my stomach after meals has now been eliminated and I no longer find night risings necessary. I sleep well and I am no longer nervous. I am free from back pains and my kidneys have been regulated until they function perfectly. I have not an ache or a pain in my body. The results I got from Konjola were miraculous and I heartily recommend this medicine to all who suffer as I did."

Konjola has become the most talked of medicine in America because it makes good. And Konjola makes good in the most stubborn cases when given a fair trial. Six to eight bottles are recommended for usual cases.

Konjola is sold in Merkel at Merkel Drug Company and by all the best druggists in all towns throughout this entire section.

### THE TOWN DOCTOR

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pinochle or flinch club. And right here let me add that if I were a woman I wouldn't wait for the men to take action on it; for the looks, welfare and what other people thought and said about Merkel would be just as important to me, as much of "my business," as that of any man in town.

Perhaps you cannot take it upon yourself to clean up a factory building that might be standing somewhere in the outskirts of Merkel, all ghastly, spooky and forlorn; but you can use your influence to get somebody else to clean up around the building, or you can start the ball rolling to put through a city ordinance compelling the owners, receivers or whoever is in control of it, to keep it from being an out-and-out liability to you and all the other good people of Merkel.

As far as vacant lots are concerned you can do plenty if your town is spotted and pock-marked with such. Get busy and clean them up. If the lot is a walled-in, barren plot down town, the best and most inexpensive way to hide it from view is to erect an ornamental fence. A few vines planted along it would help. If a lot is exposed, or on a corner, get together with a few other thinking residents and spade it, rake it, sow it to grass, add a few flowers and make it so that it will invite business, and at the same time make your days brighter, happier and more content.

In every section of America there are people who are going to go places this summer. Many of these people will come to, and go through, Merkel. All the way from ten to twenty per cent of these people are looking for, or can be sold, a new location. Do you want them to "get sold" on Merkel? Did you ever take a fancy to anything that didn't look good?

If you are to make more money, Merkel has to make more money. Mer-

kel can't make money unless it grows. You or no one else can make it grow unless new people are attracted to it, and you know and everybody else knows that there are few better ways to interest people in anything, than to make it look good.

Whether Merkel looks "like the deuce" or "like a million dollars" depends on what you are doing, and are going to get done, from now on; and there is no better time to start than right now.

This Town Doctor Article, one of a series of fifty-two, is printed by the Merkel Mail in cooperation with the Merkel Lions Club.

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### Stocks of Deer to Be Added State's Game Preserves

Austin, May 1.—Plans are being made by the state game, fish and oyster commission for an intensive campaign in an effort to build up the stocks of deer on the game preserves and in counties where they are scarce.

Preliminary preparations in the form of the erection of large pens near Kerrville are being made and will be finished within the near future when the game deputies will begin the search for fawn. Lack of adequate pen facilities in the past has been one of the main obstacles in the path of the deer propagation by the department, J. T. Tucker, executive secretary, states.

Approximately 500 fawn will be captured and placed in the pens until

### Chickens Kept Healthy FREE of Insects STAR Parasite Remover

A highly concentrated lime sulphurous compound recognized for its germ destroying and health building qualities. If given fowls in their drinking water or in a mash feed one day each week, and sprayed in nests and on roosts every fifteen days as directed, we will positively GUARANTEE: 1. To keep your flock in better health and egg production, eggs will hatch better with a stronger and more vigorous young stock. Also will keep them FREE OF LICE, mites, fleas and blue bugs or we will refund your money. Begin its use NOW and your flock will be free of disease germs and destructive insects before baby chick season. It is no trouble to use, costs less than three cents a year per fowl. STAR is a remedy for Baby Chicks, prevents and relieves bowel trouble and ALL diarrhoea of your money back. R.O.P. CO. INC. SOUTHERN AGENCIES RELIEVED WITH STAR TABLETS. Sold and GUARANTEED by MERKEL DRUG CO. Merkel, Texas

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they are old enough to be placed on the preserves. Tucker said. The fawn will be taken from counties where they are over abundant and distributed to counties where they are scarce. Most of the deer will be captured in Mason, Kerr, Gillespie, Kendall and Comal counties.

Why not fix up that old Attic with Sheet Rock and save the room. Merkel Lumber Co. Phone 62. Established 1881.

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**Seiberling Batteries**  
VULCANIZING  
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**BENTON COLLINS**  
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Abilene, Texas

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All through the years one ideal has been uppermost—to give our patrons something more than banking formality; to give them personal, friendly service, within the bounds of good banking.

How much our service has been appreciated is best evidenced by the continual growth of our bank.

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**FARMERS AND MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK**  
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**MERKEL MAIL WANT ADS FOR RESULTS**

### Stratford Citizens Ratify Sale of Water Light Plant to WTCU

Abilene, May 1.—By a vote of nearly four to one, the citizens of Stratford, Texas, Tuesday endorsed the action of the city council of that town in accepting the bid of the West Texas Utilities company for the purchase of the municipally owned water and light plant.

Some thirty days ago the city council accepted the offer of \$102,000 made by the West Texas Utilities company and immediately called an election asking the citizens to ratify their action.

The election was hotly contested because of the fact the Panhandle Power and Light company at the same time offered the city \$106,500. This company in several page advertisements urged the Stratford citizens to repudiate the city council while at the same time the Public Ownership league of Chicago sent speakers to Stratford in an effort to block the sale of the municipal plant to the West Texas company.

At a mass meeting held shortly before the election, speakers pointed out the reasons for the sale to the West Texas company citing inventive electric rates and dependable service. In the "Dalhart Texan," a newspaper published in Dalhart and widely circulated in the upper plains, the citizens of Dalhart, headed by the Dalhart Chamber of Commerce and many business firms of that city, paid for an advertisement congratulating the city council of Stratford in accepting the bid of the West Texas Utilities company. This company serves the city of Dalhart.

### Cotton Acreage Cut Estimated 4 Per Cent

Austin, May 1.—A four per cent cut in cotton acreage has been the response of Texas farmers to the national and state plea for reduced planting, according to the April acreage estimate issued by George B. Terrell, state commissioner of agriculture.

Corn has been extended two per cent; grain sorghum slightly increased in acreage, while wheat and oats have decreased slightly in acreage, the report said.

The change in cotton planting would leave about 420,000 acres out this year of the 13,000,000-acre crop of last year. Reduced cotton acreage in every section was estimated on reports, Mr. Terrell said, from his correspondents in 206 cotton counties. By districts, percentages of this year's planting to last year were:

East, 49 counties, 93 per cent; north, 22 counties, 95 per cent; west, 44 counties, 97 per cent; central, 44 counties 94 per cent; southwest, 37 counties, 98 per cent; northwest, 96 counties, 96 per cent; average, 96 per cent.

Cotton planting has not yet been completed, the report pointed out, and the ratio may yet be changed, according to weather conditions.

Condition of corn was reported normal.

Wheat and oats were said to be in poor condition, or about 70 per cent normal. Condition of sorghums was below normal.

Rain late this week was hailed as welcome to all types of crops. Many sections were needing rain badly, Commissioner Terrell said.

### Will Hear Arguments Ferguson Case May 8

Austin, May 1.—The petition of Governor James E. Ferguson for leave to file an application for mandamus to compel the state democratic executive committee to place his name on the 1930 primary ballots as a candidate for governor was granted by the supreme court Monday. Submission of the case and oral arguments were set for May 8.

Judge A. H. Britain of Wichita Falls, acting as special chief justice, and Associate Justice William Pierson disposed of the petition and they, with C. S. Bradley of Groesbeck, acting as special associate justice, will decide the case. Judge Bradley was not here Monday, but Acting Chief Justice Britain held a conference with him over the telephone.

Judges Britain and Bradley were appointed to the court to consider the case of Governor Ferguson after Chief Justice C. M. Cureton and Associate Justice Thomas B. Greenwood certified their disqualifications.

Ferguson brought court action because he said he had been advised that would be a last minute effort to change his name from the ballots on account of his impeachment by the senate in 1917 and removal from office. The legislature in 1925 passed the amnesty bill, designed to restore to Ferguson the right to hold office again, and the succeeding legislature, in 1927, repealed it.

### Zion Chapel News

Charlie Childress, who is attending school in Abilene, spent the week-end with homefolks.

After an illness of several weeks, Mrs. Smith is able to sit up some.

Mrs. Miller spent the week-end with relatives in Abilene.

E. C. Tarvin, W. S. Allred, Mrs. Jack Lanier and Miss Faye Wilborn attended presbytery at Baird last Wednesday.

A. C. Tarvin of Abilene was the week-end guest of relatives.

Little Miss Cathreen Milner is able to be up again after a siege of the measles.

Brother Bryan filled his regular appointment here Sunday. Sunday School was well attended. It is held at 10 o'clock every Sunday and also prayer meeting each Wednesday evening.

Ben Adkins took his son, Raymond, who has been sick for sometime, to the Mexican doctor at Hawley last Sunday.

Eteyl Spurgin, who is attending school at Merkel, spent the week-end at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Davis entertained the young folks Saturday evening with a tacky party. All report a very enjoyable evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Wetsel and family of Trent were Sunday guests of Mr. T. K. Marshal.

Mr. Melton has returned home after a business trip to East Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Urbie Childress of Abilene were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. C. S. Childress.

Miss Virgie Marshall left last Thursday for an extended visit at Brownwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Burley Bond visited the latter's mother, Mrs. E. B. Wilborn, over the week-end.

Miss Leta Adkins of Lamesa is visiting her cousin, Miss Ina May Childress, this week.

Miss Nina McAninch spent the week-end with her parents at Kale.

Mrs. Millner and little daughter, Kathleen, visited relatives in Abilene this week-end.

The Seniors enjoyed a moonlight picnic last Thursday evening. They were chaperoned by the teachers, Mr. Taylor, Misses Evans, McAninch and Millner. A picnic lunch was served and all reported an enjoyable evening.

Ed Lail Chaney is able to be up after several days illness.

Everyone seems to be going fishing. Some show a nice string of fish, while others come home minus the fish.

Mrs. L. V. Spurgin is visiting her sister, Mrs. Arnold Armstrong, of Goodwin this week.

Miss Moorehouse of Benjamin is the guest of Miss Rubye Evans this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Stout and children, A. G. and Laverl, visited the latter's brother, Mr. Burley Bond of Goodwin last Tuesday.

Several from here attended church at Stith Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Osborn left last week for Graham where he has a position with a drilling company.

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### Calls Election to Fill Lee's Place

Austin, May 1.—Governor Moody announced Saturday he would call a special election of the 17th congressional district to fill the vacancy left by the death of Congressman R. G. Lee of Cisco for May 20.

The district is composed of 19 counties, as follows: Brown, Burnett, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Concho, Eastland, Jones, Lampasas, Llano, McCulloch, Mills, Nolan, Palo Pinto, Runnels, San Sabba, Shackelford, Stephens and Taylor.

Governor Mody decided on May 20 after looking up the statutes and finding they provided notice of "not more than 30 days" should be given. He said 30 days' time was not required by law, and that so lengthy a period would deprive the district of representation longer.

The law requires county judges in each county to post notices of the election. Governor Moody said he regretted to see the counties put to cost of the special election but that constitution of United States and Texas statutes required calling of the election and that all precedents in Texas were for the call.

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# CHURCHES

## Other Churches to Suspend Service As Welcome to Pastor



REV. J. T. KING.

The new Baptist pastor, the Rev. J. T. King, and family have arrived. He will preach the first sermon of his pastorate here Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock hour. For the evening service at 8 o'clock a special musical program is announced in connection with the sermon by the new pastor. The pastors of the Presbyterian and Methodist churches have also announced that they will suspend their Sunday evening services next Sunday in order to worship with the Baptist congregation and to welcome their new pastor.

Rev. Mr. King comes here from Brady, having served the Baptist church there for the past three and one-half years. The family consists of nine children, but only one, a son, is living with his parents, the others having married or followed vocations that take them elsewhere.

Referring to the life and achievements of Rev. Mr. King, the Brady Standard recently printed the following interesting facts:

"Rev. Mr. King came to Brady from the First Baptist church at Weatherford in November, 1926, and his splendid work here is evidenced by the fact that the church house, which was but a shell at that time, has been converted into a most modern and serviceable 30-room institution, being complete to the last touch of the paint brush. Incidentally, the local church has had a larger increase in membership under his ministry than with any other pastor in the same length of time, having had 395 additions, and now having the largest attendance in young people's work in its history."

"The Brady Baptist church is the fourth church building completed and equipped by Rev. Mr. King. Under his leadership the splendid \$50,000 building of the First Baptist church at Del Rio was built and equipped, while to his able leadership is also due credit for the First Baptist church at Haynesville, La., and the First Baptist church at Houghton, La."

### CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE.

All of the regular services of the church will be conducted at the usual hours. We are glad to see the new faces that are dropping into the services from time to time. Keep coming. Everyone needs a church home, and a place to worship the Lord. If you do not attend services elsewhere, we give you a special invitation to attend all our regular services. Come to Sunday School and preaching and don't forget to come to prayer meeting also.

The message Sunday morning will be based on these two Scriptures: Gen. 18-1 "He (Abraham) sat in the door of his tent;" Gen. 19-1, "And Lot sat in the Gate of Sodom." For the evening service, Jno. 19-5 "Behold the Man."

A welcome to all.  
 Leona Forbes, Pastor.

### AT THE METHODIST CHURCH.

Had a good day at the Methodist Church last Sunday. Good congregations at both the preaching services and at the Sunday School and at all the Epworth leagues. Many of the children who had been out on a vacation with the measles were back, while others were out giving us only a slight increase in attendance at Sunday School. We are expecting more of them back next Sunday and we will soon be normal again.

Next Sunday is Communion Sunday. This sweet solemn service is intended to aid our faith and increase our appreciation of the sacrifice Jesus made for us. It is a time of heart-searching, confessing, repentance and personal consecration. No member of the church

should miss it if at all possible. We will be looking for you at every one of the services of the Methodist church next Sunday. A message and a welcome awaits you and your friends. Come and worship with us.

We will worship with our Baptist friends at the evening hour and greet and welcome their new pastor.  
 T. C. Willett, Pastor.

### JUNIOR LEAGUE PROGRAM.

Song.  
 Prayer.  
 Scripture reading, Ruth Smith.  
 Talks by Juniors:  
 "Why Schools were Started," J. V. Patterson.  
 "Do We Appreciate Our Schools," Della Smith.  
 "What Do Our Schools Cost?" Nell Hughes.  
 "My School," Fern Toombs.  
 Sentence Prayers.  
 Benediction.

### PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Attendance and interest good last Sunday. Will expect you to be present again next Sunday. Offering for Reynolds Home. There will not be a preaching service at either hour. The pastor will preach the baccalaureate sermon to a class at Goodman at 11 a. m.

The evening service will be suspended that the congregation may hear the new pastor at the Baptist church.

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

### PRESBYTERIAN W. M. S.

The following is the program for the Woman's Missionary society for Monday, May 5:  
 Devotional, 6th Psalm, Mrs. John Russell.

"A Visit to Mexico," Mrs. Tucker.  
 "A School on the Tourist Trail," Mrs. George West.

"Glimpse of Chile," Miss Mary Keny.  
 "Desiring the Water of Life," Mrs. Jones.

"In the Institute Christae," Mrs. Elliott.

### CHURCH OF CHRIST.

The family and the church are the Lord's two divine institutions, and it is wonderful how these two organizations are related. One can not exist without the other; they stand together or fall together. "The Two Divine Institutions" will be the subject for next Lord's day, and the second chapter of Genesis will be used as basis for the discourse.

All the regular services at the usual hours for the week. For the evening sermon we are studying about the devil in order to know how to fight him, and for the next lesson we shall have, "Compromising With Satan."

We are glad to report a good interest in the Bible class for men at the Tabernacle. Every man is invited to take part in this class.

"Know ye not, that to whom ye present yourselves as servants unto obedience, his servants ye are whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?" (Rom. 6:16.)  
 J. G. Malphurs, Minister.

### MEN'S PRAYER MEETING.

Growing in earnestness and continuing to reach out for other men who are not at present associated in the work of the men's prayer service, which is held each Sunday afternoon, a large number assembled again last Sunday afternoon for the regular weekly meeting at the Presbyterian church with Dent Gibson as leader. Next Sunday at 2 p. m. the service is to be held at the Church of Christ with Mack Buzbee as leader. The subject will be the 12th chapter of Luke.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

Last Sunday 817 were present at the five reporting Sunday Schools in Merkel, with Baptists leading again with an attendance of 309. The Methodist Sunday School reported 284 present and the attendance at the other Sunday Schools was Presbyterian, 98; Church of Christ, 87, and Nazarene, 39.

### TRENT METHODIST.

Sunday School at 10 a. m., Lee Keyes, superintendent. Preaching at 11 a. m. by the pastor. Sunday School day program at 8 p. m. You will always find a welcome at our church. Come and worship with us.

One person was killed in an automobile accident in the United States every seventeen minutes during 1929, according to figures compiled by the American Automobile association. Fatalities for the year totaled 31,500, an increase of nearly 13 per cent over the record of 1928.

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## SOCIETY

MRS. J. H. JACKSON COMPLIMENTED.

Mrs. George West's Sunday School class met on Friday afternoon at the Presbyterian church, complimenting Mrs. J. H. Jackson whose home was recently destroyed by fire with a surprise shower. A table beautifully decorated with rosebuds and presided over by Mrs. West held many useful gifts among which was a patch work quilt, also a quilt decorated with hand painted Texas flowers.

Refreshments of cake and punch were served. Those assisting in the quilting were Mesdames L. L. Murray, G. F. West, W. T. Curb, W. D. Butler, C. B. Blumberg, T. M. Smith, Mildred Jones, J. J. Russell, S. G. Russell, J. L. Tucker, E. Tucker, W. M. Elliott, S. A. Derstine, Witchee, J. A. Patterson, Harry Barnett, J. E. Boaz, Robert Hicks, Beryl Coats, R. A. Walker, Misses Mary and Lizzie Keny, Missie Dye, Mary Derstine and Mrs. Temperton.

### BRIDGE CLUB.

Miss Evelyn Curb graciously entertained members of the Thursday Night Bridge club at her home in South Merkel on last Thursday evening. Musical selections interspersed progressions of the games and at the refreshment hour a delicious sandwich course was served to Misses Christine Collins, Iva Bragg, Vera Baker, Roberta Sloan, Mona Margaret Jones, Lola Dennis, Johnnie Sears and Mrs. McKenzie.

### DINNER GUESTS.

D. and Mrs. W. M. Gambill most graciously entertained a few friends in their home Saturday evening with an informal dinner, the principal course consisting of chinchilla rabbits. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Boswell and two sons, Mr. and Mrs. George Caple, Mary Hale Lancaster, and the host and hostess with their two children.

### VISITORS COMPLIMENTED.

Mr. and Mrs. Irl Walker and Mrs. G. M. Reeves and others complimented Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Foster and Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Reeves with a fishing trip near Sylvester last week. Fishing and hunting were enjoyed throughout the day and a delicious dinner was prepared and served by Mesdames Walker and Reeves, assisted by Mrs. Dickerson of Sylvester and Mrs. Cross of Rotan.

After fishing had been indulged to their content, with no luck reported, the party gathered at the home of Mrs. Dickerson where a wonderful supper was enjoyed. Those present for the delightful occasion were Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Reeves, Mr. and Mrs. Foster and daughter, Janis, of Riverside, N. J., Mr. and Mrs. John Cross and daughter of Rotan, Mr. and Mrs. Lea Dickerson and sons of Sylvester, Mrs. G. M. Reeves and children, and Mr. and Mrs. Irl Walker and children.

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Texas highway system comprises 18,680 miles and the state is spending \$4,530,000 a year on maintaining and improving it. Unimproved mileage is 6,435, graded and with the bridges in 2,194 miles, gravel, shell and caliche 3,343 miles, bituminous surfaced 3,223 miles, bituminous macadam 547 miles, rock asphalt 1,001 miles, concrete 1,236 miles, brick 51 miles and city streets used as designated highways 646 miles.

Although most of the big ranches have given way to farms, livestock is still a major industry in Texas. It has 5,677,000 head of cattle, 5,550,000 head of sheep, 2,965,000 goats and 1,028,000 head of hogs. Included in the cattle are 974,000 milk cows and 210,000 heifers kept for milking purposes.

### TO THE PUBLIC.

All notes and accounts due the late W. F. Hamblet are payable to his widow and have been placed in my hands for collection. All those owing notes or accounts please call at my office and settle.

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## MATTERS MUSICAL

### NATIONAL MUSIC WEEK.

May 5th through May 11th. The state and nation hails music as the great "Universal" language. Music is the oldest and noblest form of expression. "Seven little notes" combined in different ways are understood and interpreted in the same way by the most distant and different countries. We live in an age abounding in music which is a blessed and glorious gift of our Creator. Sacred music is also a great medium of spiritual fellowship, a good song-service will aid in getting a congregation ready for and help prepare the way for the minister's message.

"Music is the voice of the soul;" the first sound a little child hears is the sweet notes of Mother's Lullaby and the last and beautiful memory of an old person is the cherished tunes they heard in childhood. Thus music should be a part of everything important in life; it expresses our highest aspirations, deepest sorrows, patriotic courage, love of country and home.

—Mrs. Will D. Williams.

### MARY MAGDALENE.

The oratorio, "Mary Magdalene," presented at the First Methodist church in Abilene by the combined musical Coterie and Orphans clubs with Mrs. Gypsy Ted Sullivan Wylie and Mr. James Work singing the solo parts on Wednesday afternoon, was attended by a good representation from Merkel.

The oratorio will be repeated on Sunday evening at 5 o'clock with Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Grimes singing the leads and again on Tuesday evening at A. C. C. with Abilene Christian college students taking the solo parts. Misses Christine Collins and Mona Margaret Jones are members of the chorus.

In the annual scholarship voice contests sponsored by James Work of Simmons university on last Saturday afternoon, Miss Ethel Hamilton tied for third place out of ten contestants. In the run-off she was eliminated but credit is extended to her for receiving such recognition in competition with college students.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Delmer will broadcast over KFYO again from 7:30 to 8:30 on Friday evening. Another request program. Phone in for your favorites.

## Three Initiated In Lion Mysteries

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 ing present. It was Coach Davis who toasted the Lions rather royally in verse, as follows:

THE LIONS' ROAR.  
 To the group who say and do,  
 Who are always on the go;  
 Cynics, critics, always sore,  
 But drop in fear at the Lions' roar.

They boost their town,  
 Merkel they will crown;  
 Beautiful homes they adore,  
 Shall come at the Lions' roar.

The Lions capture chickens, a pig, a cow,  
 We know not just how;  
 They say, diversify, Mr. Farmer,  
 When the Lion begins to roar.

Lions bring us little Badgers,  
 Athletes fighting for Merkel's honor;  
 Together they win and lose as corps,  
 Always winning by the Lions' roar.

Badgers, faithful, honest, true,  
 Citizens, doctors, bankers, merchants,  
 too,  
 Build a town for time to come  
 At the Badger Lions' roar.

And now we eat,  
 Enjoy a friendship, a chat so cheap;  
 Working one for all, and all for one,  
 At the Lions' roar.

Keep the work; it's good, true, build a town,  
 Our hats are off to you, for renown;  
 We can congratulate a town,  
 That boasts like you a Lions' roar.

## Starts Fortieth Year in Practice

It was 39 years ago, April 26, 1891, when Dr. M. Arström began the practice of his profession, according to the information gathered by a representative of The Mail in conversation with Merkel's pioneer practitioner.

He began his practice at Osage in Coryell county, moving to Merkel in 1895, and hence has been actively engaged in his profession here for more than 25 years.

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## BANKERS REPORT DROP IN SAVINGS

Lure of Stock Market Partly to Blame, but Slackened Speculation Expected to Bring Return to Thrift.

The first recession in the nation's savings account in banks in the twenty years during which records in this field have been kept by the American Bankers Association was disclosed for last year in the recent annual compilation prepared by its Savings Bank Division. The shrinkage amounted to over \$195,000,000, on the basis of figures for the year ending June 29, 1929, whereas a year earlier the reported increase was over \$2,300,000,000, the largest ever recorded. The number of savings depositors also decreased during the year covered by more than 500,000 accounts. The lure of the stock market and affiliated activities are cited as part of the explanation for these changes.

The association's statement says that savings deposits in banks and trust companies of continental United States on June 29, 1929, stood at \$23,217,656,000. The recession in savings, it declares, indicates a fundamental change in the savings situation, irrespective of whether it is temporary or not.

### How Savings Used to Grow

"In 1926 savings deposits increased \$1,562,000,000, in 1927 almost \$1,400,000,000 and in 1928 over \$2,300,000,000," it says. "It appears now that some influences in one year have taken the gain that might reasonably have been expected in savings deposits for 1929 and lowered them from the high mark of the preceding year. This recession is not one coming as a result of drought, famine, unemployment or conditions outside of the United States."

"A year ago it was stated: 'The year closing June 30, 1928, registered the largest gain in savings deposits in banks and trust companies ever recorded in the history of this country.' What a difference one year makes! From a gain of more than 2 1/2 billions of dollars in savings deposits to a loss of almost 200 millions!"

"The loss in savings deposits is reflected also in the loss of savings depositors. The year 1929 showed a total of 52,664,127 depositors, against 53,138,348 for 1928, a loss of 574,221."

"Industrial production was much higher last year than the preceding year. Factory payrolls were considerably greater. In production, employment and trade, advances were made over the preceding year. In the farm areas the improvement noted for 1928 did not recede in 1929 and the livestock industry in all its branches was prosperous."

### The Causes of the Drop

"The causes of the recession are possibly multiple. There is scarcely any reason to doubt that one of the important factors draining away savings and decreasing depositors has been the lure of profits to be made in stocks. For a number of years the people have been regaled with stories of profits made in stocks in all types of companies. During the last few years there has been a specious philosophy preached that panics such as formerly occurred were no longer possible."

"If it was the lure of profits in stocks which caused the recession in savings, then a factor in future savings will be the success attendant upon this venture of savings depositors in stocks. If the experiment did not prove generally successful, then another year will doubtless witness an increase in savings deposits as well as in savings depositors."

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Through the American Institute of Banking, which is the American Bankers Association's educational section, the banking profession is educating 35,000 bank men and women in the technical and scientific departments of their work. These students are enabled by this institute, which is entirely non-commercial in its operations, to obtain a grasp of the finer points of banking without interrupting their employment or interfering with their earnings, in their bank jobs.

The courses given, including banking economics and law and bank administration in all the departments, have been worked out under the direction of senior college educators and the lectures are always given by practical men, such as lawyers in the legal courses, experts in banking operations and college professors in the economics courses. There are chapters with meeting rooms in over 200 cities and also a number of smaller study groups are fostered with correspondence aid.

It has been said that the A. I. B., as it is familiarly known throughout the banking field, is the greatest adult educational organization in the world and is supplying the banking business with the largest supply of trained workers each year that any comparable line of business is receiving. The organization holds an annual convention attended by hundreds of bank workers as well as senior officers actively interested in furthering the institute's educational work, at which numerous technical subjects of practical banking application are presented and discussed. This year's convention will be held at Denver, Colorado, June 16 to 20.

# POULTRY

## LIGHTS PROMOTE EGGS IN WINTER

### Scratch Feed Is Scattered in Litter Previous Night.

Production can be profitably increased during winter months through the use of artificial lighting, suggests O. C. Ufford, extension poultryman for the Colorado Agricultural college. "Hens normally lay the most eggs in the spring and early summer when there is the greatest amount of daylight," Mr. Ufford declares. "It has been found that by prolonging the period of light during winter days a higher average egg production will be obtained than when artificial light is not used."

There are three methods of artificially lighting the henhouse by the use of an automatic clock. Probably the most popular method is that of turning on the lights between 4 and 5 a. m. and keeping them on until daylight. The morning scratch feed is scattered in the litter the night before.

Sometimes a combination of morning and evening lights is used, the evening lights being turned on about 4 p. m. and kept on until 6:30 or 7 p. m., when the birds are sent to roost by automatically dimming the lights before they are entirely turned off. The lights are turned on again by the clock early in the morning.

The evening lunch method permits the birds to go to roost at the regular time, but arouses them when the lights are turned on about 8 p. m., when a feed of grain is scattered in the litter. This brings the birds off the roosts for about an hour for grain, mash and water, and then they are sent back to roost by the use of dimmers. This lunch prevents them from becoming hungry during the winter nights and enables them to better resist cold weather.

### Mash for Winter Eggs Favored by Specialist

With a 50 per cent production for young stock as a practical economical limit for their production, J. B. Hayes, poultry specialist at the University of Wisconsin, advises that careful feeding should attend their introduction into the class of producers.

"Forcing," he declares, "should not be attempted on young stock, nor should it be expected of them that production on top of early maturity gained from forcing will be the best for flock production."

For poultry stock which is in condition to be forced, such as pullets that are well along to maturity, and hens that have fully recovered from their molt and are again in good condition, increased feeding during the winter months is a good way to bring up production of the flock. One of the best of rations for the flock to bring them to better production is this one:

Scratch Feed Mixture: Cracked corn, 2 pounds; wheat, 2 pounds; oats, 1 pound.

Mash: Bran, 100 pounds; wheat middlings, 100 pounds; buckwheat middlings, 100 pounds; ground oats, 100 pounds; oil meal, 50 pounds; salt, 3 pounds.

Practices in feeding that have been found to be the best, according to Hayes, include the feeding of grain in two or three portions during the day. The mash is the true "forcer" of the feed for the flock.

### Rotting of Eggs Blamed on Carbon Dioxide Gas

According to a Cornell chemist, one of the chief reasons for the rotting of eggs is the escape of carbon dioxide gas through the shell. He discovered that newly laid eggs contain this gas in a limited quantity, but the porousness of the shell permits it to pass off within a short time.

He proved, however, that the egg would reabsorb the gas, and by exposing the shells to a minute quantity of carbon dioxide succeeded in keeping them fresh indefinitely. The cost of the treatment was said to be a few hundredths of a cent per dozen.

### Fowls for Breeding

It is time to make the breeding pens. Select your best hens and confine them in small flocks of from 12 to 20, according to the breed, and place a good male in each pen. Have the hens in each pen as near alike as possible. If a number of males are allowed to run with a large flock you can never tell what the chicks will be when you select the eggs for hatching. Promiscuous breeding, even for utility stock, is never satisfactory for a profitable flock.

### Management of Pullets

With regard to the management of pullets, it will be advisable grad- to introduce the rations likely to be used during the laying period. Change in the diet should be made as the eggs are forthcoming in any large number.

All poultry keepers have difficulty in preventing the partial moult. While admitting that various factors may be responsible for this trouble, there is no doubt that management has much to do with it.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS POLITICAL

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

For Congress, 17th district (Special election):

MRS. R. Q. LEE.

For District Attorney 42nd district:

J. R. (Bob) BLACK, (Re-election.)

For District Attorney 104th district:

EMMETT ROBINSON.

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.

OSCAR W. WALKER.

HOUSTON ROBERTSON.

### Only Slight Gain Shown By Census

The population of Merkel, as shown by the returns of the 1930 census figures, recently announced by W. R. Southworth, census supervisor for this district, showed a slight increase over the count ten years ago.

The population, as of April 1, this year, according to these figures, is 1,848, as compared with 1,810 in 1920.

Eight farms were enumerated in the Merkel district.

Advertise in the Merkel Mail.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

### FOR SALE

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

FOR SALE—2 mules, 2 horses, 1 mare, 1 double row cultivator, 1 double row planter, 1 walking lister, 3 wagons. Booth Warren at F. & M. National Bank.

FOR SALE—Poland China pigs ready for delivery May 1st to 15th. First come first served. F. J. McDonald, 1 1-2 miles northwest of Stith.

FIRST YEAR Melbane cotton seed. \$1.40 per bushel. Claude Touchstone.

FOR SALE—Tomato Plants, 3 dozen for 25c See G. L. Baker, first house east of Warren school house.

FOR SALE—Westinghouse Motor and Pump Jack. Mrs. W. A. McSpadden. Phone 115.

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### FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Three room house, garage, well; Haynes-Moody Addition; \$10 per month. Clay Lumber Co.

FOR RENT—Couple south rooms upstairs, big hall with curtains. All modern conveniences. Call 34. Mrs. T. J. Toombs.

FOR RENT—5 room house, water, gas, lights. Apply McDonald Grocery. Mrs. Fred Deutschman.

### LOST AND FOUND

LOST—Brown suit case between Trent and Anson Wednesday morning; contains women's clothes. Notify Ellery Smith, Trent, Texas, Box 104.

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WANTED—To clean out your dug well; reasonable price. Richie Rister.

### 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

### Woodmen Circle to Convene at Graham

A number of national, state and district officers will attend a Woodmen Circle district convention to be held May 2 and 3 in Graham. Four districts, comprising 26 counties, are combining for the meeting.

National Junior Past President Henrietta A. Thomas of Fort Worth, National Director and State Supervisor Etta Davidson of Houston and National Drill Instructor Jeanie Wilard of Denison will be in attendance.

District managers who are arranging the convention are Mrs. Tressie Goldsticker of Stamford, state attendant and former chairman of the national legislative committee, Mrs. Della E. Sappington of Fort Worth, state musician, Mrs. Lois Hardin of Breckenridge, and Mrs. Pearl T. Somers of Wichita Falls, supreme delegate. Mrs. Olena White of Dallas, state captain, and a number of other state officers will take part in the meeting.

An unusual feature of the meeting will be the Traveling Gavel which Mrs. Davidson will use in presiding. The society's national president, Mrs. Mary E. LaRocca of Omaha, Neb., sent Mrs. Davidson the gavel to use throughout May in recognition of Texas leading the country in new business last February.

Have you joined the Boston Bargain Store's Step Ladder Brigade?

## FULL ROSTER OF FIFTY MEMBERS

The new nine-hole course of the Merkel Golf club, located on the Hand property four and one-half miles on the highway west of town, has proved very popular during the past few days and it is rapidly being brought into shape. The greens have been finished and members are manifesting much satisfaction and pleasure at the completion of the course.

As stated before in these columns, the membership is limited to 50 and the club starts the first day with a full roster. The charter members are: Jack Anderson, R. O. Anderson, Ben Bird, J. S. Bourn, W. O. Boney, T. G. Bragg, E. Yates Brown, George Caple, Mat Dillingham, W. L. Diltz, Jr., Ralph Duke, Wren Durham, O. R. Dye, Castle B. Ellis, S. D. Gamble, C. J. Glover, Jr., Dee Grimes, R. I. Grimes, Sie Hamm; Warren Higgins, H. P. Hulsey, J. H. Jackson, H. H. Jenkins, C. H. Jones, Rev. J. T. King, Ed Lancaster, B. H. Lancaster, J. D. Long, George T. Moore, W. T. Nichols, L. B. Reeves, C. K. Russell, W. T. Sadler, L. B. Scott, C. R. Tittle, Rev. R. A. Walker, Booth Warren, Kenneth Watkins, George West, Jr., James H. West, Paul W. West, George L. White, Rev. T. C. Willett, George Woodrum, Claude Young, L. C. Zehnpennig, C. B. Gardner, W. S. J. Brown, R. A. Burgess, Milo Jones.

The new club elected the same officers that directed the old golf organization: W. L. Diltz, Jr., president, and Booth Warren, secretary-treasurer, with an active committee on grounds and rules and another active committee on finance and membership. The members of these two committees and the two officers constitute the executive board.

Legal covers at Merkel Mail office.

## Old Newspapers and Magazines Wanted

In their efforts to get together papers and old magazines in order to complete a carload shipment the ladies of the Presbyterian church have been industriously engaged for the past several weeks. Now that they are about ready to load the car, they are anxious to secure all the old newspapers and magazines that they can possibly get together and to this end are asking anyone having papers or magazines to telephone Mrs. George West or Mrs. John West, who will call for them.

## New Manager For Dunnam Grocery

L. D. Boyd, an experienced groceryman, who has lived in Abilene for some time, is now active manager of Dunnam Bros. grocery here, having succeeded E. M. Baker, who will now have charge of the market department of this concern.

Mr. Boyd will remove to Merkel once, that is, just as soon as school is out, with his family. He is a fine type of business man and The Mail congratulates the people of Merkel on gaining him and his estimable family as citizens.

The Mail is also glad that Mr. Baker continues with the firm. Dunnam Bros. have stores in Abilene, ElIASVILLE and Winters, besides the store here.

### Estimated Loss \$40,000.

Four buses and all equipment in the maintenance garage of the Southland Greyhound Lines, Inc., at Abilene were destroyed Sunday night, with a loss estimated at about \$40,000, when an explosion of a gas washing machine caused flames to spread to various parts of the building, preventing the removal of the buses and equipment.

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## JUNIOR-SENIOR BANQUET.

The Seniors were guests of the Junior class, sponsored by Miss Baker, on Friday night, April 25, at the Lions club hall in the most important social affair of the school year. The hall was very attractively decorated with beautiful ferns and flowers. A miniature castle, which was placed on a table in the front of the room, added much to the attractiveness of the scene. Place cards were castles and sweet peas, the Senior class flower, were favors.

The theme, "My Castles in Spain," was carried out in a very interesting program.

Joel Darsey, president of the Junior class, was the Architect, or Toastmaster. Mr. O. J. Adcock said the invocation after which Pauline Toombs gave "My Dream Ship," by Whitney Montgomery which was designated as Landscape. After the Landscape, was a short talk "The Castle of Sincerity," by Mattilou Largent. There must be other castles so the next was "The Castle of Perseverance" by Elvis Richardson. Then "The Castle of Preparedness," which is a very important castle in our lives, was described by J. T. Darsey. And since neighbors are very necessary, several Junior and Senior girls sang "My Castles in Spain," as they did a Spanish folk dance. Other important castles are: "The Castle of Contentment" and "The Castle of Loyalty." These were described by Frances Frederickson and Lee Darden.

Dr. J. W. Hunt, president of McMurry college, Abilene, was the principal speaker of the evening. He made a very interesting talk on "The Foundations of a Castle."

The Awakening was a song, "When My Dreams Come True," by Mona Margaret Jones.

The program ended by everyone singing "The Eyes of Texas."

The color scheme of orchid and green was carried out in the menu consisting of fruit cocktail, turkey a la king, perfection salad, stringed beans, rolls, olives and iced tea, brick ice cream and angel food cake.

Covers were laid for the following: Dr. Hunt, Messrs. and Mesdames, Burgess, Davis, Eli Case, H. Patterson, O. J. Adcock, W. O. Boney, C. R. Tittle, Young, and Misses Mona Margaret Jones, Mary Eula Sears, Lucy Tracy, Julia Martin, Roberta Sloan, Vera Richie, Lois Clark, Beth Hamm, Jess Higgins, Velma Lee Holden, Elsie Lasater, Thelma McAninch, Inez Robbins, Margaret Turner, Audrey Farris, Ola Smith, Marie Stanford, Mattilou Largent, Albera Butler, Doris Brown, Maurine Davis, Frances Frederickson, Beryl Hunter, Odell Hunter, Lucille Cole, Helen Kelso, Tula Miller, Marcella Pinkley, Nadine Tippet, Willie Mae Schwartz, Pauline Toombs, Nina Vantreesse, Louise Booth, Verna Tee Beasley, Eleanor Mae Hamilton, Gwendolyn Vickers, and Messrs. Baylor Amason, Fred Baker, H. H. Copeland, Joel Darsey, W. J. Derstine, Ford Smith, B. P. Middleton, Byron Patterson, Elvis Richardson, R. D. Ely, Elvis Ash, Weldon Coats, Benjamin Sheppard, Carl Watts, Willie Harris, J. E. Boaz, Fred Guitar, J. D. Ashby, Harold Boney, Clinton Bryan, Wesley Butler, Tracy Campbell, Milton Case, Lee Darden, J. T. Darsey, Buster Horton, Etyl Spurgin, Orion Tittle and E. L. Turner.

## SAY DIDJA' KNOW—

—That the Merkel Band under the direction of Mr. Hartman rendered a melodious program to the high school body in chapel on Friday, April 25. The period ended with "The Star Spangled Banner."

—That now is the time of year that boys, from the Freshman class to the Senior class, begin "getting fit" for the football season.

—That school has been somewhat refreshed by the rain Monday.

—That the most popular boy is not excepted from the file of pupils put in bed by that "fatal" disease, measles. Orion is being missed.

—That the Badgers did not arrive Monday as expected.

—That "The Last Rehearsal" will not be held on Friday, May 2.

—That the place cards for the Junior-Senior banquet were made by certain Junior and Senior girls with the help of Miss Mary Eula Sears.

—That the Juniors have decided to adopt the Senior ring of the past two years and thus standardize it.

## SENIOR PLAY.

The cast has been selected for the Senior play, "Nancy Ann," and under the direction of Miss Lucy Tracy started work this week. The cast is as follows:

Nancy Ann, Odell Hunter.  
Aunt Nancy, Lucille Cole.  
Aunt Angeline, Frances Frederickson.

Aunt Kate, Lula Miller.  
Aunt Emily, Beryl Hunter.  
Miss Dexter, Doris Brown.  
Binner, butler, Tracy Campbell.  
Lucinda, Eleanor Mae Hamilton.  
Sidney Brian, Lee Darden.  
Dan Dennis, J. D. Ashby.

Miss Billie Claridge, Pauline Toombs.

Miss Lulu Treman, Nadine Tippet.  
Miss Beth Worthington, Verna T. Beasley.

Mr. Lewellyn, E. L. Turner.  
A playwright, Harold Boney.  
Jerry O'Connell, Orion Tittle.  
Jim Masey, Puster Horton.  
The other members of the class will appear on the stage in minor parts.

## JUNIORS.

And now shall we hear from the Juniors. The past three weeks have truly been pleasant ones and have interspersed the monotony with variety, but after a time we naturally get tired of variety and love to come back to the natural trend of things. So here we are. The Juniors will try to profit by the marvelous examples of the paper that have been given, though.

The Juniors do not feel in the least discouraged about their banquet the other night, as reports come in from various pupils that have overheard conversations on that subject. They weren't eavesdropping, but they overheard some very complimentary things.

And, say, did you notice Mr. Burgess, when giving his speech at the banquet, said "Junior-Senior Banquet"? That was the first time we'd heard it that way—even the programs had "Senior-Junior Banquet" on them.

## THE FRESHMEN.

If Lady Luck stays with us—we might be Sophomores next year. If she doesn't—well, heaven help us—three more weeks will turn the trick—whether or not we do or we don't—but where there's a will there's a way. We notice this thing called measles is attacking some of our regiment—we're glad to get back our most capable "doodle bug"—Virgil Lee Perkins, who was subject to the so-called microbe.

## KNOW YOUR SENIORS OF '30.

(A Weekly Article.)

**Nina Vantreesse.**  
On a bright autumn day in the month of October at Stith, Texas, Nina Vantreesse was ushered into the world. Nina has spent the majority of her life near that little inert village except for a few months that she spent in Merkel.

Nina's first eventful school days were spent in Cranston, a country school near Stith. Life became monotonous here and she sought more exciting adventure. Then she entered Merkel Grammar school. Here she proved herself an efficient student.

In 1927 she entered M. H. S. as a Freshman and was wisely chosen vice-president of her class. In her Junior year Nina was a member of the L. O. V. E. club and for three succeeding years was a member of the Spanish club. This year—terminating her career in M. H. S.—she is a member of the B. B. G. club.

Nina is known by her associates as a studious and brilliant member of the Senior class.

## Gwendolyn Vickers.

Gwendolyn was born in Marion, Ohio, on August 31, 1910, and started to school there at the age of six. She graduated at Warren, Ohio, out of the sixth grade to Junior High school.

In 1927 she moved to Kansas and from there to Oklahoma, where she graduated out of the eighth grade to High School. She then came to Texas and went the last half of her Freshman year at Trent. She began her Sophomore year here and then went to Cameron State School, a boarding school at Lawton, Oklahoma. She came back to Trent and went there her entire Junior year, at the

end of which she moved to Merkel and entered here as a Senior.

During her Senior year, Gwendolyn has been in the Choral club, in the B. B. G. club, and a member of the Pep Squad. She holds the unique distinction of being born in the same town as President Harding, and of having gone to school in seven different states, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Kansas, Oklahoma, Georgia, California, and Texas.

Gwendolyn has proved herself a worthy Senior both in work and in outside activities.

## INVITATIONS FOR FRIDAY EXTENDED TO SENIORS.

The Seniors were delightfully surprised Monday afternoon when Mr. Burgess passed out some very artistic invitations to a party to be given Friday evening May 2, at his home on Oak street. The invitations were in the form of miniature diplomas bound with purple paper and neatly tied with streamers of yellow ribbon.

## SOPHOMORES.

The Sophomores are working diligently and looking forward to exemptions in the final exams. They are planning to lead Merkel High school in the number of exemptions. They are also looking forward to the arrival of the Badgers.

## JOKES.

Mr. Burgess: "How would you classify a telephone girl? Is hers a business or profession?"  
Byron: "Neither, it's a calling."

"Mama," said Willie Evelyn, "please button my dress."

"You will have to do it yourself, dear," was Mrs. Boaz's reply. "I'm too busy."

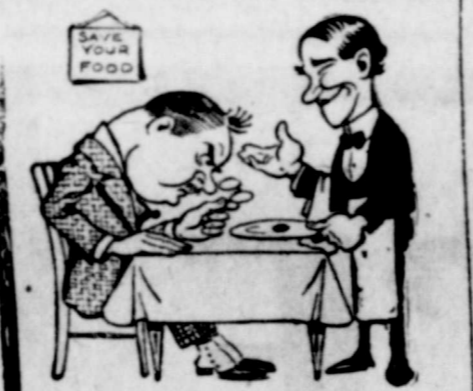
"Oh, dear!" exclaimed Sis. "I don't know what I'd do without myself."

Stranger: "Are you a college boy?"  
J. D.: "No, my hair is naturally curly."

Miss Sloan: "Jack—if I told you that I was going to give you a hundred in algebra this month—what would you say?"  
Jack: "I'd say you were telling me a bedtime story."

Miss Sloan: "And you would be right."

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## White Church News

The teacher and pupils of the Weaver Springs school were happy to have their parents and a few friends gather at the school house Friday noon with well-filled baskets and boxes of delicious food, consisting of chicken and dressing, fruit salad, vegetable salad, pickles, many kinds of cakes, pies and other palatable foods. After this came joy to the pupils and little visiting friends when they were called from the school room to search for the hidden Easter Eggs. Miss Alice L. Reed, teacher of the school awarded prizes to Louis Burfeind and Ermadell Berry for finding the largest number and the smallest number of eggs, respectively.

Miss Alice L. Reed, elected delegate from White Church, attended district conference which met at Clyde on Tuesday and Wednesday. Miss Reed was a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tee Baulch while there. On Easter Sunday Miss Alice Reed, assisted by her mother, entertained

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"SOUTH SEA ROSE"  
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Midnite Preview  
Saturday 11:20 p. m.

her Sunday School class and school pupils with an Easter egg hunt. Ninety-nine eggs were hidden. Following the Easter egg hunt in which Marcus Clinton, Guy Brown, Maxine Phillips and Arvin Brown were the prize winners, refreshments were served to thirty-nine guests. Pictures were taken of the group.

## Have you joined the Boston Bargain Store's Step Ladder Brigade?

TO THE PUBLIC.  
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L. R. Thompson.

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# FAIRM STOCK

## TUBERCULOSIS IS CAUSE OF LOSSES

### Task of Cattle Raisers to Kill Ailing Cows.

(By J. W. LUMB, Extension Veterinarian, Kansas State Agricultural College.)  
As producers and consumers of cattle and their products, it is the task of live stock raisers to treat herds and locate the tuberculous cow and give her a free ride to the rendering tank.

Tuberculosis of man and animals is so intimately interwoven that it is almost impossible to view them independently.

Three discoveries—that tuberculosis was infectious, that it was caused by a definite germ that could be isolated, and that tuberculin could be made and used as a test substance to determine the presence or absence of tuberculosis—were of very great importance and laid the foundation for our present methods of control and eradication. With this knowledge more exact methods were used in combatting the development of the disease in man and animals. Tuberculosis was proven to be a preventable disease.

These investigations definitely proved that man may become infected with bovine tuberculosis. It is true that such infections are, as a rule, limited to children or take place during the early periods of life. It has been found that very few people having tuberculosis of the lungs have the bovine type of infection. The form of tuberculosis that attacks the brain or spinal chord is seldom of the bovine type. General tuberculosis is likely to be of the bovine type in about 10 per cent of the cases. Taking the cases of abdominal tuberculosis in humans, the percentage showing infection of the bovine type may run well over 50, especially if infants and children are examined.

### Production of Pork in Most Economical Manner

The man who provides automatic waterers, so arranged that the water in them can be kept above freezing throughout the coldest part of the winter season, and has his fattening yards provided with a self-feeder, is in position to produce pork in the most economical manner. A self-feeder is recommended only for fattening hogs and for growing pigs. It should not be used for brood sows. A brood sow should be fed a limited grain ration and not all she wants to eat. That is why a self-feeder cannot be used to advantage for her. Movable houses are essential for the rearing of the pigs till they are at least four months of age.

### Leading Farm Crops Now Marketed Through Stock

It has been conservatively estimated that three-fourths of the product of improved land and all the product of unimproved lands is used by live stock. Of the ten leading crops in the United States 85 per cent of the corn, 98 per cent of the hay, 35 per cent of the wheat, 50 per cent of the oats, 60 per cent of the cottonseed (in the form of cottonseed cake or meal and cottonseed hulls) and 90 per cent of the barley is marketed through live stock. These ten crops represent 87 per cent of the value of all farm crops produced in 1927, and 55 per cent of the value of the ten leading crops represents the value of the portion of these crops that are marketed through live stock.

### Live Stock Hints

A foal that is born strong, fully developed, and robust is in the best state to resist disease.

Do not allow sheep to take the cold rainy weather which may cause pneumonia. Provide some shelter for them.

Undocked thin lambs that are sold either directly or indirectly for feeders are very severely discriminated against.

Intelligent management and feeding of the brood mare during pregnancy will do much to insure a good start for the foal at birth.

The mare goes 48 weeks, or about 340 days with foal. As foaling time approaches decrease the grain ration and increase laxative foods to keep the bowels acting freely. Constipation is dangerous.

The first ten weeks are the hardest the life of the pig and likewise the most costly for the hog raiser. It is shown by cost of hog production studies made over the state by the University of Illinois.

Recent tests have shown that many unthrifty pigs are anemic and the direct rays of Old Sol are so far the best means known for combating this condition. Possibly at some future date a source of iron supply in the ration that will overcome this condition will be found.

# FARM POULTRY

## EGG PRODUCTION CUT BY SKIMPING

### Fresh Water Must Be Furnished in Clean Vessels.

If Biddy is well-bred and properly managed, she will produce for her owner 144 eggs a year. But to lay those 12 dozen eggs weighing 18 pounds requires from 70 to 90 pounds of feed.

"Skimping on feed simply means that egg production is being cut down," says G. T. Klein, extension poultryman, Kansas State Agricultural college. "Out of every five pounds of feed a hen eats while in good laying condition, four pounds are used to maintain her body and one pound is turned into eggs."

Another item in egg production must be kept in mind—eggs cannot be produced unless the feed contains the materials from which eggs are made, cautions the poultry specialist. By way of strengthening this point, he says that an egg, exclusive of the shell, is made up of 74 per cent water; 15 per cent protein; 10 per cent fat, and 1 per cent mineral.

Water for the egg must be furnished by means of plenty of fresh water in clean drinking equipment.

Protein is manufactured from bugs, worms, insects, milk, meat scraps, and alfalfa.

Fat is made from grain and starchy feed.

Lime, found chiefly in the shell, comes from oyster shell or limestone.

In stressing the need for mash, Klein assures poultry raisers that if home-grown grains are used a ration composed of 100 pounds each of corn, wheat, and oats with 75 pounds of meat scraps added may be mixed for approximately \$2.00.

### High Ceilings Cause of Low Winter Production.

Poultry experts at the Minnesota Agricultural college have found that high ceilings and much unused space above the hens are among the most common causes of low winter egg production. Hen houses are warmed with heat produced by the hens, and if too much unused space must be warmed, it uses up hen energy which otherwise might be used in producing eggs. This trouble is most easily remedied by building a straw loft in the hen house at a height of about six feet above the floor.

Besides making the house easier to heat, the straw loft absorbs moisture and helps to solve the ventilation problem. Simply nail boards or poles at the right height and cover them with at least two feet of straw. Burlapped or slatted windows should be left in each gable near the peak to carry off the moist air, or regular ventilating heads can be installed on top if desired. Plenty of fresh air will usually enter through cracks, around windows and doors, and around the outer edges of the straw loft.

### Poultry Notes

Clean ground is the most important item in raising chicks successfully.

Mate the flocks three weeks before hatching eggs are desired to insure a high per cent of fertility.

Keep the water containers in the poultry house above the floor to prevent contamination from litter.

Serious cases of feather plucking have been traced to lice infestation, and an examination of one or two birds will provide information on this point. Where such a state exists the remedy is obvious.

Houses located and built to promote sanitation, provide comfortable quarters with fresh air and to admit direct sunlight (unfiltered through ordinary glass) add materially to the content of the owner.

It is quite probable that the pullets will lay enough more eggs when kept by themselves to compensate for the few less eggs the hens will lay if allowed to range in winter.

Flock owners who trapnest some of their layers will want to make sure that the birds get credit for every egg that is laid.

Anyone with experience knows that where pullets and hens are housed together the pullets fail to develop as well as when kept by themselves.

Where they are to be sold as green ducks at ten to twelve weeks, the young ducks are usually not allowed to range but are fed heavily from the first.

Free range on ground that is clean and free from disease producing organisms is much better for hens than confinement in houses.

If the poultry house is in good condition, put the pullets in in September. If it is dirty and full of mites leave them out.

## Oklahoma Goodwill Tourists Here May 14

Governor W. J. Holloway of Oklahoma will head a group of leading state and city officials, educators and business men among the party of 150 Oklahomans who will accompany the 29th Annual Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce Goodwill Tour scheduled to visit here Wednesday, May 14.

Dr. W. B. Bizzell, president of Oklahoma university, Norman, and Dr. H. G. Bennett, president of the Oklahoma A. & M. college, Stillwater, will accompany the governor, it was announced. Mayor Walter C. Dean of Oklahoma City also will be with the "tourists."

Carl Magee, editor of the Oklahoma News, Scripps-Howard newspaper in Oklahoma City, will be a member of the party. Magee is known throughout the country as a colorful character, gaining fame several years ago for his activity in exposing the Teapot Dome oil lease transaction.

Others in the party are: Walter Harrison, managing editor of the Daily Oklahoman and Times and president of American Association of Newspaper Editors; Ed Overholser, president, and Stanley C. Draper manager of the Chamber of Commerce; M. E. O'Neil, manager Richards and Conover Hardware company, and Claude W. Stone, manager Hill's

Business college, all of Oklahoma City. The tour will pass through southwest Oklahoma and northwest Texas, it was stated.

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### Trent News and Personal Notes

Mrs. Jimmie Abbott, assisted by Mrs. Alex Williamson, entertained the members of the B. Y. P. U. last Wednesday evening at Mrs. Abbott's home. Games and contests were enjoyed throughout the evening and refreshments were served to about twenty-five.

Little Gregory McLeod was honored Thursday afternoon by his mother, Mrs. Willis McLeod, on his seventh birthday when he was the recipient of many gifts. After playing games on the lawn, the little guests were invited into the dining room where they were served with ice cream, cake and punch, with all day suckers as plate favors. Tots enjoying this affair were Addie Faye Hadden, Bobbye Ruth McLeod, Billie Dick Payne, Kirby Steadman, Nelson Sherrill, Mark Williamson, N. L. McLeod, Ida V. Estep, Jimmie Ed Massey, Elsie Bishop and S. D. McLeod. Grown-ups present were Mesdames J. R. Gafford, Mamie Gafford, S. D. McLeod, John R. Payne and the hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Rosson of Robstown spent a few days here last week, being accompanied home for a visit by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Winter.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Gafford had as their guests last Thursday, Mr. Gafford and his sister of Commerce.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Steadman of McAlester, Okla., returned home last week after a short visit with relatives here. Grandma Steadman accompanied them and will visit there for awhile.

Mrs. Clarence Reed of Big Spring spent last week-end in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fenton Boyd. Mr. Reid came down Sunday and Mrs. Reid returned home with him.

Miss Beatrice Burleson of Abilene was the week-end guest of Miss Erma Dean Duncan.

Mrs. Greta Williamson and son Mark and Mrs. Buena McLeod and children spent the week-end visiting Miss Odessa Moon of Graham.

Othel Freeman, wife and baby of Tahoka were recent guests of J. E. Freeman and Mrs. Eva Freeman.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Williamson and children and Mrs. Tid Smith attended the funeral of G. W. Mennis of Fort Worth last Tuesday. The latter was killed in an airplane crash Saturday night near Alvord.

G. C. Johnson, who has been seriously ill for the past ten days, was taken Tuesday to Alexander hospital at Abilene for treatment.

Mrs. Bowman and little granddaughter, Joyce Hays, are visiting relatives in Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. Bounce Hays were week-end visitors in Breckenridge.

Supt. Ross B. Jenkins and four high school pupils, Misses Edith Hale and Media Rawlings and Bob Howell and Leonard Stribling, attended the third annual May fete of the Snyder High school last Thursday. They also attended the Queen's dinner Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Adrian and daughter, Margery, attended the oratorio at Abilene Wednesday afternoon in which Miss Lucille Adrian, student of A. C. C., had part.

#### HOME ECONOMICS CLASS LUNCHEON HOSTESSES.

The home economics class entertained with luncheon Wednesday, having as their guests the inspector, Mr. Olsen, County Supt. Williams of Abilene, three trustees, Mr. Hamner, Mr. Hale and Mr. Beasley, Supt. R. B. Jenkins and Principal L. R. Reaves.

While the guests were being served, music floated through the room, helping Media Rawlings, member of the class, make the guests feel at home. The luncheon consisted of sandwiches, potato chips, olives, combination salad, apricot fluff with whipped cream and cake and ice tea.

#### METHODIST CHURCH NOTES.

Mrs. C. R. Shannon was a most gracious hostess for the W. M. S. of the M. E. church Monday afternoon when an interesting playlet, "How Much Do You Know?" (Mrs. Bert McGlamery) in one act, representing the missionary voice, was cleverly played by Mrs. John Payne as Lawyer Grimes, Mrs. M. G. Scott and Mrs. C. R. Shannon in the part of sisters, Misses Alice and Lucy Morton, respectively. This was followed by games of potato "ten pins" and "Hidden Treasures." Mrs. E. L. Mangum and Mrs. J. R. P. Winn were winners of lovely gifts for most active ability in these contests. Mrs. R. B. Johnson then made a brief summary of the history of China, religiously and politically, emphasizing the financial need of American support of the welfare of the nation.

A refreshment plate consisting of sandwiches, cake and ice tea was passed to the following members: Mesdames John Payne, E. L. Mangum, J. R. P. Winn, W. E. Shouse,

R. B. Johnson, M. G. Scott and the following children, Kathleen, Norvelle and Eloise Shannon and Billy Dick Payne.

Rev. U. S. Sherrill, Robert Cozart, Mesdames Mangum, Scott and McRae attended the district conference at Clyde last week. While there, the Rev. Mr. Sherrill and Mr. Cozart were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. Y. Steen, former members of the Trent church.

The children's program will be given at church Sunday evening at 8 o'clock, May 4. Everyone is invited to attend. The committee, Mesdames Keyes, Payne and Steen, have charge of the service and will prepare a message through God's children, which it is believed will be a blessing for all present.

May 11, which is Mothers' Day, will be observed at the 11 o'clock hour with a program.

#### Extends Thanks for Uniforms.

The Nubia baseball team is indebted to the following firms and business men for the donations of their uniforms and take this occasion to extend their thanks. The firms donating the uniforms were Farmers and Merchants National bank, Everybody's Garage, Magnolia Petroleum company, Farmers State bank, Palace Barber shop, Liberty Hardware company, McDonald's Grocery, Pat Addison Grocery, Blair, Bud Perry Grocery, Nubia, Drs. Grimes and Sadler, Pierce Petroleum Corp. and Merkel Drug company. Posts were furnished by the West Texas Utilities company.

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### Blair Items

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Farmer have taken their little son, Derrell Lee, to the Alexander Sanitarium at Abilene for an examination.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rosson went to the Grogan Sanitarium in Sweetwater Tuesday for treatment.

Mrs. Claud Doan has been on the sick list for the past week.

Mrs. J. W. Moore is visiting some ten days with her children and other relatives at Seymour.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Moore and family of New Mexico motored thru to spend a few days with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moore, and other relatives.

Messrs. Paul and Perry Owens of Memphis, Texas, are houseguests of their brother, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Owens.

Mr. and Mrs. James Doan spent the first part of the week with their son, Mr. and Mrs. Marcina Doan, of Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Walker and children and Miss Hazel Reeves of Merkel attended church here Sunday.

D. C. Doan of Roscoe visited relatives here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Slyde Deavers and brother of Noodle Dome visited Monday afternoon in the Deavers home.

Carl Hughes is attending court this week.

Ransom Meeks and family and Tom Head and family of Tahoka visited with their brother and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Barnes and Mr. and Mrs. John Meeks Wednesday.

On his return to San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler's uncle was accompanied by his niece, Miss Olera Wheeler, who will make a stay of some weeks.

Mrs. Joe Abbott and son, Roy, and baby Peggy Joy of Merkel visited Thursday in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell and Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Horton.

Miss Derrick of Merkel spent the afternoon Saturday with Mrs. Clyde Deavers.

Mrs. Richards and daughter and Mrs. Gene Patterson and daughter of Merkel attended preaching at the M. E. church Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Spears and daughter attended the singing at Tuscola Sunday.

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### CANYON NEWS

Everyone enjoyed the nice rains and hope that they will continue.

We are glad to report that Aunt Dolly Matthews, who has suffered from a broken leg, is improving.

Little Bobby Glen Peterson is on the sick list this week.

The ladies sewing club met at the home of Mrs. A. R. Toombs last Thursday afternoon and a very nice time was had.

Mrs. T. W. Randolph and daughter,

Mrs. Edna Sausage, and small daughters, Maxine and Barbara Jean, of Hemet, Calif., are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Perry and family. Mrs. Randolph is the mother of Mrs. Perry, and the latter will accompany them on their tour through Texas.

Everyone is invited to attend the F. T. A. program to be given at Butman school this Friday night.

#### NOTICE.

Dr. Gambill will attend the Dental convention at Fort Worth, Texas. Office will be closed on May 12th to June 1st.

#### HEAD MAIZE.

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