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COOLIDGE GIVES HOOVER A CLEAR FIELD IN RACE

Former President, in Magazine Article, Makes It Plain He Will Not Seek G. O. P. Nomination; Clears Way for Hoover.

Washington, Oct. 1.—Calvin Coolidge does not intend to run for president in 1932, but proposes to support Herbert Hoover for a second nomination which thus is brought measurably nearer.

"When we need more harmony, more co-operation, and more confidence," said Mr. Coolidge in a copyrighted article published Tuesday by the Saturday Evening Post, "it would be a distinct disservice to promote a factional conflict against a president in office.

"The responsible elements of our party should offer a solid front in their support of the president. This is the course I propose to pursue."

While a few of the skeptical hesitated, and sought to read between the lines, most political leaders saw in these words a final dissipation of the greatest hazard which has stood between Mr. Hoover and renomination.

For months political gossip has played with the possibility that the president who retired with honors in 1929 would emerge from retirement to lead his party in the troublous campaign year of 1932.

From at least one state, definite overtures had been made to Northampton for use of his name in a party primary. In other states plans have been afoot to corral blocks of delegates who, at the last moment, might be expected to turn to Coolidge.

From all of this the former president directly dissented in the article published, reiterating that he sought to prevent a renomination three years ago, and asking:

"Why should it be supposed that what I was then seeking to escape, I am now seeking to acquire?"

Even to gain a temporary victory, he continued, no party should temporize, compromise, and desert its leaders.

Dr. Sadler to be Next Luncheon Toastmaster

For the next luncheon of the Lions club, which will be Tuesday, October 6, Dr. W. T. Sadler is to be toastmaster, assisted by City Marshal P. P. Dickinson.

This will be the first club meeting in three weeks, as the month of September had five Tuesdays.

A full attendance of all members is urged.

Getting Along Splendidly.

Reports received Thursday from the West Texas Baptist sanitarium were that Miss Mary King, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. T. King, who underwent a major operation Tuesday morning, was getting along splendidly.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, September 29, 1911.)

Rev. T. N. Lowrey and good family, who for eleven years has resided in this community as pastor, left Wednesday for Aquilla to make their home.

Pass up the circus and come to the big show beginning Saturday at the Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Company.

Misses Pet Sears and Irene Swann left Sunday for Nashville, Tennessee, where they will enter into the course of study of the Rader college.

Miss Virginia Guitar of Abilene is visiting in the city this week.

The new street sprinkler has been doing nice work and life in our little city is just as pleasant as possible with a crazy cotton market.

Mrs. T. J. Coggin went down to Abilene Wednesday to be with her daughter, Miss Zora, who was successfully operated on Monday for appendicitis.

An auto party was greatly enjoyed Sunday when John Daniel and sister, Miss Annie T. Daniel, honored their

Ranger Negro Dies, Not Knowing He Was Heir to \$1,000,000

Ranger, Oct. 1.—A negro trash wagon driver who died here Saturday has been identified as Buck Carter, one of the heirs to an oil estate valued at over \$1,000,000.

Under the alias of "Bill Davis," the negro worked as a trash hauler here for ten years. Before death he told negro neighbors who he was and they notified relatives.

Officers and relatives from Oklahoma arrived here today and confirmed the identification.

Carter was the son of a negro farmer who owned land in the Carter pool area.

A reward of \$10,000 had been offered for information leading to his whereabouts, but Carter had concealed his identity in the belief he was in trouble over mortgaged property.

Fireboys Do Great Work in Protecting John Toombs' Barn

A quick response and valiant work on the part of the Merkel fireboys saved the barn and most of the stack of wheat alongside the barn on John Toombs' place two miles south of town Sunday afternoon at 2:45 when fire threatened total destruction.

The fire started when one of the Toombs children poured hot ashes in a hog trough to kill fleas and it looked for awhile like things would be serious. John Toombs gives high praise to the Merkel fire fighters for their efficient work.

In token of his appreciation, he has forwarded his check for \$5.00 to the fireboys. The department has also asked The Mail to acknowledge with their thanks a similar check for \$5.00 from W. S. Chinn, whose barn was destroyed several weeks ago. Both places were out of the city limits, but the Merkel volunteers responded in both cases and fought the fire demon with all their strength.

Condition of Pioneer Resident is Very Low

At 1:30 Thursday afternoon F. J. Smith, one of Merkel's pioneer citizens, whose condition had been considered grave for almost a week, was still alive.

Mr. Smith has been ill at his home here for the past two weeks, since he returned from Plainview, where he had visited his daughter, Mrs. R. E. Underwood.

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houseguest, Robert McMurray, and sister of Colorado City, Miss Zora Coggin and Sterling Miller with a joy ride.

Business and pleasure was combined in an auto trip Monday when John Daniel, as driver, and Sterling Miller, as able assistant, started from the little City in Clover for Abilene, accompanied by Misses Annie Lou O'Brian, Mabel Collins, Zora Coggin and Annie T. Daniel. A punctured tire added labor and a few blisters. The pleasure was not marred until nearing home when Miss Coggin suffered a return attack of appendicitis. A hurried drive was made to her home north of town. An hour later she was driven to the Abilene sanitarium where she received medical attention.

Miss Bera Stallings is in Ovalo where she accepted a place as head milliner in a dry goods store.

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MERKEL EXPECTS LARGE CROWD OF ROOTERS AT NIGHT GAME AT ABILENE

Merkel rooters will have the opportunity to see their stars perform under the lights this Friday night when the Badgers meet the Roby Lions at Parramore field, Abilene.

The game is to be called at 8 o'clock and a large crowd is expected to be present. The admission prices will be 50 cents and 25 cents, the latter for students.

The Badgers will have all sorts of encouragement with a fully organized girls Pep Squad under the direction of Miss Helen Patterson and a boys Pep Squad sponsored by T. D. Riddle.

It is hoped that Merkel will turn out in large numbers for this game to root for the Badgers.

So far, Roby has played two games this season, defeating Blackwell, 19 to 0 and tying Post 0-0.

The Badgers lost their opening game to Winters, 51 to 0, and were defeated last Friday by Putnam 27 to 0. In the latter game the Merkel boys held their opponents to one touch down in the first three quarters, but the Putnam players got their forward pass to working and turned in three counters in the final quarter.

STERLING FAVORS RIVER BED BILL

Envisions State Made Rich by Oil Under Sabine River Traversing East Texas Pool.

Austin, Oct. 1.—Governor Ross S. Sterling, who amassed a fortune in the oil business, Wednesday advanced his plan for taking the state general revenue fund out of the red by prompt development of the bed of the Sabine river in the East Texas field in a personal appearance before the legislature. It marked the third time the governor has appeared before a legislative body to discuss oil matters.

Governor Sterling, who forced the legislature to extend its special session four days to permit action on a bill placing state river beds on the market, declared in favor of immediate development of the bed of the Sabine river, advancing this plan as the best available for recouping the depleted state treasury.

It has been estimated there are 20,000,000 barrels of oil under the Sabine river.

The governor suggested passage of a bill enacted by the senate Tuesday that would give the state the right to lease the river bed, drill it itself or enter into an agreement whereby the state would receive sufficient royalty from owners of adjacent leases draining the pool beneath the river bed to obviate the necessity of drilling the bed.

Child Killed as He Falls Under Wheels of Cotton Trailer

John Robert Reynolds, 5, only child of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Reynolds of Italy, Texas, was fatally injured late Wednesday when a trailer loaded with cotton, from which he had fallen, passed over his body. The accident occurred in a field one and one-half miles south of Hawley, where the child's parents were picking cotton.

The little boy was rushed to the West Texas Baptist sanitarium at Abilene where he died at 6:30 p. m., less than an hour after he was injured.

With other children he had climbed onto the trailer, loaded with a bale of cotton to be carried to an Abilene gin. When the automobile to which the trailer was attached was started, the Reynolds child fell and a wheel passed over him, crushing the diaphragm.

He was a grandson of John C. Reynolds, pioneer Abilene resident. The child's parents had come from Italy about a month ago.

The body was taken overland to Italy Thursday for burial.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Reports from local fire marshals of 425 Texas cities and towns show a total loss of \$920,652.00 from 623 fires in Texas during the month of August, 1931.

Effective October 1, the Ballinger Ledger, a daily newspaper for twenty-six and one-half years, became a semi-weekly, with Troy Simpson to continue as editor.

Jewelry consisting of diamond rings and watches, valued at approximately \$5,000, was removed from the display window of an Austin jewelry company Sunday night.

Jim Saffel, Anson blacksmith, was sentenced Saturday to 25 years imprisonment for the alleged slaying of Will Windham, a farmer, with a shotgun in front of his blacksmith shop June 13.

The impeachment trial of J. B. Price, district judge of Bastrop, started in the senate Wednesday, with Dan Moody, former governor and one of Price's attorneys, occupying most of the time in arguing demurrers.

Dubbed as amateurs and certainly unacquainted with the newspaper business, eggmen entered the office of the Cicero Daily News sometime Sunday night and knocked the knobs of the safe, securing \$12.63 in cash.

John E. Stentell, city attorney of Snyder and commander of the Snyder national guard unit, has been named by the Scurry county commissioners court as county judge to succeed C. R. Buchanan, who died September 15.

Henry E. Guynes, 70, and his son, Oliver Guynes, 43, were instantly killed Monday afternoon when an east-bound T. & P. train struck the truck in which they were riding at a crossing four miles east of Mesquite, Dallas county.

Governor Sterling Wednesday signed the so-called "moratorium" bill which provides that interest and penalties on all delinquent state, county and district taxes up to October 20, 1931, shall be relinquished, if the taxes are paid on or before January 31, 1932.

Frank Rucker, former Coleman chief of police, was convicted in district court at Coleman of murder in the slaying of Guy Green, Coleman county farmer, who was wounded fatally the night of September 16, 1929, but was given a three-year suspended sentence.

Carl Cromwell, 42, father of West Texas oil fields, who drilled the wildcat No. 1, Reagan county discovery well, which came in May 28, 1923, and led to the discovery of 18 pools in 31 West Texas counties, was killed in Sheffield, Penn., when his automobile crashed into a bridge.

Stainforth Breaks World Speed Record At Clip 415 M. P. H.

London, Oct. 1.—A new world's record of 415 miles an hour Tuesday stamped flight Lieutenant G. H. Stainforth as the fastest man on wings.

He topped his previous mark of 388.67 miles an hour on the second of four laps over a three-kilometer (one and seven-eighths miles) course at Calshot. His average was 408.8 miles an hour as compared with the figure of 379.05 during the Schneider cup races.

His machine was an S6B seaplane, driven by an especially built Rolls-Royce engine described as the most powerful ever built. He landed at 100 miles an hour while the spectators gasped.

"I believe I have broken the record," he said quietly as he joined his wife.

Charges Against Four Filed by Grand Jury In Local Burglary

In connection with the attempted looting of the warehouse of the Gulf Refining company here at an early hour last Thursday morning, indictments charging burglary were returned by the 42nd district court grand jury Tuesday against Erbie, John Newton and Benton McFarland, and A. M. Geary was charged with burglarizing the warehouse of the American Refining company here on the same date.

After the investigations by officers following the discovery of the attempted looting of the Gulf warehouse, a can of oil, found in the Buick sedan, confiscated by the officers near the Gulf warehouse, was identified by M. D. Angus, manager of the American Refining company warehouse, as that taken from his building sometime during the night before.

Car From France is Serviced at Merkel

A Lincoln sport sedan, occupied by the owner and his chauffeur, from France was serviced at J. D. Porter's Magnolia Filling station here Wednesday. The tourists were headed east.

This is the first time in nine years that a French owned car has been serviced in Merkel, Charlie Jones, Magnolia agent, says.

121 GATHER TO CELEBRATE HIS 90TH BIRTHDAY

Children and Grandchildren From Merkel And Tye Join in Honoring Captain W. J. Teaff, Veteran of Civil War.

(From Knox City Journal.)

Captain W. J. Teaff, who won his title with action in the Civil War, celebrated his 90th natal day Sunday and spoke of it as being in importance next to his wedding day.

One hundred and twenty-one people registered for dinner at the Teaff home, while numbers of friends drove out in the afternoon to pay their respect to the honoree. Captain Teaff, although by some years the oldest present, moved about with more "glib" than a large number of the guests.

The dinner was complete. The menu included everything in the way of "good to eat" and though the rain, which had to fall Sunday, forced the party indoors, nothing was wrong with the quickly improvised table and all ate heartily.

Captain Teaff did justice to the huge table filled with "goodies," but his favorite of all the dishes was the immense three tier cake, topped with 90 candles, which was presented in his honor by Mrs. Arnold Hudspeth of Rochester, his granddaughter. The cake was made of 93 egg whites with other ingredients sufficient for a cake that size.

The honoree received two other large delicious cakes, one from Mrs. M. A. Draper of O'Brien and one from Mrs. George Foster of O'Donnell. The latter was also topped with 90 candles and the words, "Birthday Greetings, Father."

Captain Teaff is the oldest citizen in this section of the country. Although he lives in Haskell county, he ty. His home joins Knox county and Knox City is where he does his trading.

He is a former merchant of O'Brien, having been in both the hardware and grocery business there. He has lived here for the last 26 years.

Captain Teaff is the father of six children, five of whom were present Sunday. He has 25 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. In addition to raising his own family, he raised three children of his brother and from these descendants he has two great-great-grand nieces, both of whom were in attendance.

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PADLOCKED MINDS.

We were discussing Russia at the dinner table of a banker. None of us knew anything about the subject, but that did not prevent a long animated conversation.

The general opinion, forcibly expressed, was that Stalin and his associates represent the great menace to the present-day world. It was even urged that all the capitalistic powers ought to combine to overthrow the Bolshevik regime.

Finally I made a timid suggestion. I said that it seemed to me probable that the Russian experiment will have to be very much modified or it will fail. It appears to run contrary to too many deep-seated human instincts.

Man is moved by the ambition to acquire opportunity and security for his children. The Bolsheviks deny him the right of acquisition. Man is "incurably religious;" the Bolsheviks have attempted to abolish God. Sooner or later, man has always revolted against unbridled autocracy under whatever guise or name.

"But," I continued, waxing a little bolder, "any one who looks over the capitalistic countries today must admit that our economic organization leaves a lot to be desired. Think of the tragedy of wheat selling below the cost of production at a time when thousands are standing in bread-lines. What a frightful thing it is for factories to be shut down for lack of orders while a large percentage of the human race still lacks adequate clothing and shelter.

"Instead of condemning the Russians out of hand, wouldn't it be more sensible to see whether they discover anything, no matter how small, that we could apply to make our own decrepit economic machine a little better?"

Recently I read an article by Professor Harold J. Laski in which he pointed out how every new idea, that ever came into the world has been opposed by the "experts."

"Not even so great a surgeon as Simpson could see merit in Lister's discovery of antiseptic treatment. The opposition to Pasteur was so vehement that he declared regretfully that he did not know he had so many enemies."

Napoleon scoffed at the steamship. Wellington was never persuaded that the breech-loading rifle was any good. Vanderbilt refused to entertain the crazy notion that Westinghouse could stop his trains by "jamming air against the wheels."

If we keep our minds open to new ideas we are bound to be misled often, and sometimes to be ridiculous.

But the surest way of all to be wrong is to assume that God has completed His process of revelation and that the world tomorrow will be exactly like the world today.

WHAT'S DOING IN WEST TEXAS

Menard county's sixty year old jail is to be preserved as a public library and community house after being remodeled.

Big Spring service clubs conduct inspection tours through the industrial plants of the city, and among other things members learn how oil is refined, electricity is made, locomotives are repaired, and ice manufactured.

A \$25,000 armory building is under construction at Amarillo.

Excepting coffee and sugar, an entire menu of home products was served at a chamber of commerce luncheon in Pampa recently.

The biggest coaching school in the United States this year was held at the Texas Technological college at Lubbock the first part of August, with three hundred coaches in attendance.

\$225,000 is being spent on paving the twelve miles between Lubbock and the Lynn county line on state highway 9.

Seven acres of irrigated land belonging to the State Tuberculosis Sanatorium near San Angelo provides the major part of the vegetables at the institution. It is estimated that the products from the tract saved \$5,000 in one year.

Members of the Chamber of Commerce at Ralls planted the city park in grass recently, doing the work themselves.

A \$20,000 school building was recently completed in the Graham district, seven miles south of Post.

A Lamb county dairyman, under test, produced butterfat for seven cents per pound during July by using sudan grass pasture and a concentrated ration on a one to five basis.

One million fish were distributed from the San Angelo fish hatchery to the lakes and rivers of West Texas the latter part of September.

The grain inspection bureau at Plainview inspected 3,500 carloads of

wheat during June and July, 1931, as compared to 2,660 for the same months of 1930.

A Floyd county farm woman was recently awarded a contract to supply Texas A. & M. college with 1,800 gallons of home canned black-eyed peas at a cost of \$720.00.

In competition with over 8,300 towns and cities throughout the United States, Spur and Marfa, two West Texas towns, were among the highest fifty-two competitors that received cash awards or honorable mention in the 1931 campaign of the Better Homes in America organization, which promotes beautification of homes and cities.

"SIGHT UNSEEN."

A stirring detective tale by Mary Roberts Rinehart, America's most popular woman writer, begins in this issue of The Mail and will run serially. No one can afford to miss it, especially when for the next three months every one, whether a subscriber or not, can get a full year's subscription to The Mail for only \$1.00. Offer positively expires Dec. 31, 1931.

Restocking Nolan County With Hogs

Sweetwater, Oct. 2.—Sweetwater's effort toward doing its part in restocking Nolan county with hogs took a forward step Thursday morning with arrival of 150 animals from South Dakota, consigned to Frank Stevens, who agreed to take 50 of them, with the Board of City Development cooperating in disposing of others.

Mr. Stevens, working in connection with the Board of City Development program, took the initiative and ordered the animals. They are feeders and are to be fattened on the bumper feed crop raised in this section this year. The hogs are being sold at actual cost at the market, plus the freight to Sweetwater.

A number of Sweetwater merchants are buying the animals and placing them on farms where there is surplus feed, on the agreement they are to get half the meat when the animals are slaughtered.

It is anticipated that four or five

more cars loads of hogs will be handled in the same manner.

Farmers are buying a good Overall at a dollar. Brown's Bargain Store.

The Mail is now making a special offer of only \$1.00 for a full year's subscription. Renewals and new subscriptions alike at this rate. Offer expires Dec. 31, 1931. Do not delay. Subscribe now and start at the beginning of the new Mary Roberts Rinehart serial, "Sight Unseen."

A monument has been erected to K. L. Anderson, last vice president of the Texas republic, at the town of Anderson.

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Don't be a chronic sufferer from headaches, or any other pain. There is hardly an ache or pain Bayer Aspirin tablets can't relieve; they are a great comfort to women who suffer periodically. They are always to be relied on for breaking up colds.

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ANDY SAID IT

Andrew Carnegie was once asked which he considered the most important, EARNING, SAVING, or SPENDING? He replied by asking this simple question: "Which of the legs of a stool is the most important?"

With most people, EARNING is a slow process, but SAVING is a much slower one. That's because SPENDING is so easy. The margin between income and the necessities of life is not wide. Every dollar SAVED represents hard work and self-denial. Many of our customers deposit a portion of their earnings regularly in a saving account.



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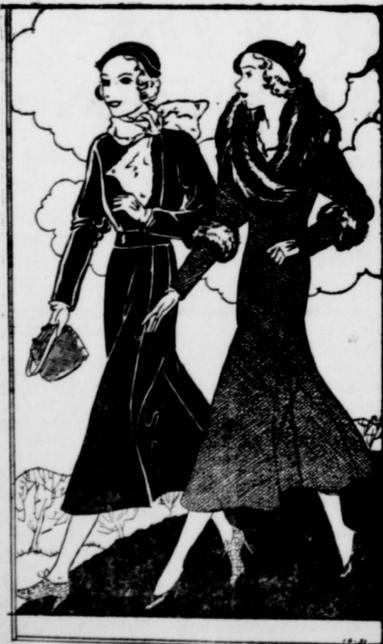
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JUD SHEPPARD OPENS NEW STORE

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A BRAND NEW STOCK—NOT A DOLLARS WORTH OF OLD GOODS IN THE HOUSE.

Goods bought at the Lowest Prices in years—A full stock of Dry Goods—Notions, Ladies' Ready-to-Wear and Millinery—Sweaters—Men's and Boys' Work Clothing and Underwear—I cordially invite my old friends and customers who have so loyally patronized me in the past—to come and see the Bright New Merchandise I have for your selection at Prices that will Please You.



One lot Boys' Overalls Sizes 3 to 16 50c	One lot Yard Wide Percal Prints 10c	A good grade Shirting 10c	Men's Sox Good values 10c	32 inch Gingham 10c	Luna 9-4 Sheeting 25c	A good grade Bleach Domestic 7 1-2c
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Yard Wide Chambras Solid and Fancys 10c	One lot of 40 inch Brown Domestic 5c	Hawk Brand Work Clothing for Men and Boys at the New Low Prices	Gold Seal Percal yard wide 12 1-2c	Peter Pan and Hope Pongee Prints Fast colors 19c
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Space does not permit us to quote many prices. But we have listed some of our bargains above and you will find lots more at My New Store. Located In Building formerly occupied by Jones Dry Goods, Merkel, Texas

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MORE ABOUT GREAT BRITAIN AND THE GOLD STANDARD.

One of the most enlightening articles on the subject of Great Britain's suspension of gold payment was printed in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram in its issue of Monday morning of this week. The article was written by Viscount Rothermere, famous British publisher, banker and chief proprietor of the London Daily News, London Evening News and other newspapers.

Prefacing his statement, the British publisher admits first of all that his country did not realize how much her war efforts undermined her powers. He has, however, utmost confidence that England's recovery will be safe and swift.
The most interesting thought developed in the article, for the American citizen, is the assertion that America and France by their high tariff systems have made payment in goods impossible, the consequence being an inevitable inequality in the balance of trade and a tremendous decrease in demand for American goods in the world's market.

The reader is given the full benefit of this article and, in keeping with the burden of the famous British publisher's remarks, a brief letter from George Robinson, former editor of the Waco Times-Herald, addressed to the Dallas News, calling attention to other ills attributable to the iniquitous tariff system of the United States, is also printed herewith for the information of readers of The Mail.

The significant paragraphs of Viscount Rothermere's article follow:
"We pledged ourselves to meet \$4,500,000,000 of our war debt to the United States in full. Till President Hoover's international debt holiday began in June, every installment had been fulfilled promptly.

"But we also had raised a huge internal war loan of \$35,000,000,000. This was contracted at a high rate of interest and when money was abundant, because of war time inflation of note circulation.

"Other European nations, which had done the same, cut their liabilities after the war simply by reducing the value of their currency. People who loaned them money had to write off most of it as a bad debt.

"The British government set itself to pay its creditors in full and even to give them a bonus by raising the value of its war time currency. By great efforts the pound sterling was brought back in 1925 to its pre-war gold value of exchange.

"We shouldered every ounce of our liabilities. It now proves we overtaxed our strength. We have accordingly eased our load by allowing ourselves to be pushed off the gold standard to which we returned six years ago.

"To maintain it soon would have become impossible in any case. There was not enough gold available. The United States has one-half the world's supply and France has another quarter.

"Those two countries have taken Britain's old place as the world's great creditor nation to whom the rest owe money but they have adopted a different financial policy from ours.

"Britain used to take payment of her debts in the form of goods, or alternately she loaned money to other nations for long terms.

"America and France both have high tariff systems which make payment in goods impossible. Instead of leaving their money on loan abroad, they prefer to receive it and hold it at home.

"This keeps the world's gold flowing to them like water flows to the suction pipe.

"We were wrong to force the pound up to the gold level six years ago. It benefited the bankers by restoring prestige to our currency and all the international money-lending and money-dealing that go with it. It put an unbearable handicap on British industries because it fixed wages in terms of gold at a level which prevented our export trades from competing with foreign rivals."

"That the Hawley-Smoot tariff bill has had its part in multiplying unemployment in this country, as was predicted by the Dallas News would be the case, is succinctly stated in the

CHURCHES

Sweetwater Men In Charge Prayer Service

Fifteen men from the Lamar Baptist church of Sweetwater, known as the Mission Band, will have charge of the Men's Sunday Afternoon Prayer service at the Methodist church here next Sunday. The meeting will begin at 2 o'clock and everyone is cordially invited to attend.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE. Attendance at the four reporting Sunday Schools in Merkel last Sunday was 666, as compared with 728 on the previous Sunday and with 519 on the same Sunday a year ago, when bad weather cut down the number so much.

METHODIST NEWS NOTES.

Rally Day is the program for next Sunday, the beginning of our Sunday School year. We hope for an attendance of 450.

The program, arranged by the superintendent, is as follows:
Prayer—Roy Patterson.
Duet—Mollie Frank Touchstone, Betty Lou Grimes.

Scripture lesson—Tracy Campbell, Paul Collins.
Poem of Cheer.
Solo—Lola Shelton.
Prayer—L. W. Cox.
Forty-five minute lesson period.
Poem—Mrs. H. C. Williams.
Preaching service in keeping with Rally Day. We welcome you and think you will be pleased with all the services.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

Subject: "What Objectives are Worth While?"
Scripture—Luke 12:13-21; 15:11-19.

Male quartette—"The Old Wayside Cross."

Leader—Addie Fae Patterson.

Bible character contrasts.

1. "The Rich Miser," Luke 12:13-21, Pauline Pinckley.

2. "The Prodigal," Luke 15:11-19, Jim Patterson.

3. "Simon, the Sorcerer," Acts 8:9-24, Paul Collins.

4. "Nehemiah, the Patriot," Alvie Yeats.

5. "Amos, the Herdsman," Amos 2:6-8, Burnie Tucker.

6. "John, the Voice," John 1:23, Mary Collins.

The above topics are to be taken from the Scriptures and discussed in view to answering the questions in the era.

"Why Objectives?" Marcella Pinckley.

"How Decide about Objectives?"

(1). For the Individual, Imogene Hays. (2). For the Church, Ouida Mae Hulsey. (3). "What Objectives would be Worth While by our Group?" Marcella Pinckley.

LEAGUE PROGRAM.

2 p. m.
Song.
Prayer.

Scripture—Stanley Toombs.

Story—Clyde Sears.

Story—Edna Marie Lacey.

Bible story—Charles Iddings.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Since school days are here, let's make an effort to increase the attendance of our Sunday School and church.

Preaching at 11 a. m., followed by communion service. Offering will be made for Reynolds Home.

The evening program will consist of a song service by visitors from surrounding communities.

Session meeting Tuesday evening. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening. Always glad to have visitors worship with us.

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Bible study 10 a. m. Preaching and worship 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Training classes for all at 6:30 p. m. Ladies' Bible class each Tuesday at 2:45 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday 7:45 p. m. All members urged to attend these services. A hearty welcome to everybody.

L. E. Carpenter, Minister.

George Robinson letter, referred to above, and reprinted as follows:

"In your issue of May 1, 1930, you made the declaration that the Hawley-Smoot tariff bill would 'multiply unemployment' and the same has come to pass. The law, prohibitive in its nature, has returned to plague the Hoover administration."

During the last century the population of the United States has doubled itself approximately every 30 years.

Merkel Pastor Speaks On West Zone Program

Approximately 80 Methodists of the west zone, Abilene district, attended a fall conference winding up the church year's work at Tye Wednesday. Rev. E. L. Yeats of Merkel and Dr. J. Richard Spann of Abilene gave the principal addresses. T. B. Beldridge was chairman for the morning and Rev. F. E. White was in charge for the afternoon.

Mrs. Tom Largent of Merkel was in charge of the women's conference.

NAZARENE CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. S. W. H. Buzbee, superintendent. Preaching 11 a. m. Subject: "Holy Ghost Power, what is it?" Text Acts 1:8. We urge all Nazarenes and friends of the church to be present at this service. Evening service 7:30 p. m. will be evangelistic. All are very cordially invited to attend these services.

Lovick P. Preatwell, Supply Pastor.

Teaff Reunion

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tendance for the dinner Sunday.

The honoree is yet an active man, taking complete care of himself, and enjoys eating everything. His diet includes all foods.

Following is a list which includes most of the guests present for dinner Sunday at the Teaff home:

From Crowell: Mrs. J. R. Lanier, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Haynie and family, Mrs. Ida Spencer;

From O'Donnell: Mr. and Mrs. George D. Foster and daughter, Frances;

From Littlefield: Mrs. J. H. Hardberger;

From Merkel: Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Teaff and four children, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Neff, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Buester and children, Miss Imogene Middleton.

From Marfa: Mrs. Vergie Willis and two daughters;

From Baird: Mr. and Mrs. Clyde White and daughter, and Miss Hines;

From Weinert: Mr. and Mrs. Henry Teaff and family, Mr. and Mrs. Stephens and two children, Mr. and Mrs. Livingood, Mr. and Mrs. Sally Davenport;

From Hermleigh: Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Teaff and family, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Henderson and family;

From Tye: Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Teaff, Mr. and Mrs. Arch Teaff and son, Mr. and Mrs. D. Teaff and children, Mr. and Mrs. Garland Teaff and two daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Teaff and children, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. McCartney and two daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Jay McCartney, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert McCartney and daughter, Joe Anna, and Miss Jowers;

From Rochester: Mrs. Henry Qualls and children, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Hudspeth and family, Mr. and Mrs. D. Martin, Mrs. Mildred Milam and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Green and two children, Reverend Pike;

From O'Brien: Joe Hudspeth and son, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Draper and daughter;

From Knox City: Dr. and Mrs. T. S. Edwards, Mrs. P. B. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Robbins and daughter, Mrs. A. B. McBeath and daughter, Alene;

From Loraine: Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Derryberry and family.

TO OUR CUSTOMERS

Don't forget that our price for rough dry NOW is only five cents per pound, instead of six cents. Other prices remain the same. We need more bundles on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Please take notice that bundles will not be accepted after 10 o'clock on Saturdays.

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Mrs. S. L. Grayson, Manager.

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Two permanent waves, \$3.50; shampoo free. Set 25c. Alice Dewese at Merkel Drug Company, Phone 105, or Maurine Tipton at J. T. Dennis store, phone 143.

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All Kinds of Alterations and Relining Neatly Done.

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SOCIETY

LUSBY-DENNIS.

Elegant simplicity was the keynote of the lovely home wedding of Miss Lola Dennis and John Olin Lusby here Saturday night. The house was beautifully decorated with cut flowers and an improvised altar of potted plants flanked on either side by tall flower baskets of pink gladioluses formed a pretty setting for the ceremony.

Dr. T. S. Knox, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Abilene, read an impressive ring ceremony.

Fre-nuptial music was given by Mrs. L. B. Scott, who sang "All for You," accompanied by Miss Edna Marie Jones of Abilene, who continued the music with Lohengrin's wedding march and "Love's Old Sweet Song" throughout the ceremony.

Mrs. Lusby was lovely in a brown wool crepe suit with astrakhan trimmings; accessories were in perfect harmony. Miss Johnnye Sears, as bridesmaid, also wore brown. Paul Urban of Abilene was Mr. Lusby's attendant.

Miss Lola Dennis is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Dennis, pioneer merchants of Merkel. She is a graduate of Merkel High school and attended Simmons university where she took her degree in 1930. She is most popular, talented, and altogether charming and will be greatly missed by a host of friends.

John Olin Lusby is the son of the late J. Lide Lusby. He attended Simmons, taking his degree in 1928, where this romance had its beginning. He resided here for several years in the Utility Company's service, is at present manager of the Tuscola branch of the West Texas Utilities company. During his residence here he made many friends because of his gracious personality and integrity as a business man.

They left immediately after the reception for a honeymoon trip to points in New Mexico. They will be at home in Abilene.

An informal reception was held immediately after the ceremony. The table, laid in handsome lace cover over pink, was centered with a gorgeous three-tiered wedding cake surrounded by pink rosebuds and tall pink lighted tapers. Table appointments were all in pink and green which colors were reflected in refreshments of cake, sandwiches, punch and mints. Mrs. Edward Carlton Dennis, Miss Maurine Tipton and Miss Evelyn Curb assisted in serving; Mrs. Edward McCrary presided at the guest register.

Out-of-town guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Theiss Jones, Clayton Lusby, Herring Bounds, Barramore Bounds, Miss Annie Palmer and Jones of Abilene, Misses Winnie Lou Comper and Onita Carter of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Pittman, Anson, Mr. and Mrs. Newman Bender of Hamlin, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Cox, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. John R. Cox, Jr., Sweetwater, and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Carlton Dennis of Marfa.

ALLEN-HAYES.

Miss Lola Hayes, formerly of Merkel, and Luther E. Allen of Denton were married Saturday morning at 8 o'clock, the ceremony being said by Dr. George C. French, presiding elder of the Denton district of the Methodist church, in his home at Denton.

The couple was accompanied by Miss Verna Tobin and L. Lawlis Jones, both of Denton. The bride wore a black and white gown with black accessories.

Mrs. Allen is the charming and pretty daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hayes. She has many friends here, having lived in Merkel before she went to Denton four years ago. Mr. Allen is a successful and clever young man of Denton. His home was in Gainesville until the last few years.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen went immediately to Dallas for a few days' visit after which they will be at home at 408 Pearl street, Denton.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Miss Rosemary Lassiter was a happy and gracious little hostess on Tuesday afternoon, entertaining a number of guests at the delightful picnic grounds of Shannon's pool.

Swimming, kodaking and other outdoor games were heartily enjoyed

throughout the afternoon and at the refreshment hour delicious cream and cake were served to Rosemary Lassiter, Elma Maye Gamble, Betty Lou Grimes, Jessie Margaret Berry, Rachael Fatterson, Minnie Alice Mayfield, Nancy Jean Scott and Betty Jane Tittle. Mesdames J. W. Teaff, G. J. Jones, J. W. Mayfield, W. B. Stevens, Warren and R. C. Tittle assisted Mrs. Lassiter in entertaining.

T. E. L. CLASS PARTY.

Members of the T. E. L. Sunday School class spent a most enjoyable afternoon in the home of Mrs. A. R. Booth on Wednesday afternoon of this week.

The guests joined in opening the program with the singing of the class song, "Our Best." Other vocal numbers were "It is Jesus," sung by Mrs. L. B. Scott, and "Just a Word in Season" by Mrs. Ann Brown. Two other performers who contributed much to the entertainment were little Miss Nancy Jean Scott, who sang a "Rainbow Song," and little Miss Barbara Ann Brown, who sang "Little Feet, Be Careful."

A shower of useful and lovely gifts was presented to Mrs. Conder and also gifts were contributed to Buckner's Orphan Home.

Delicious refreshments were served to Mesdames Warren, Conder, Lancaster, Toombs, Swann, Renfro, Angus, Lassiter, Brown, Scott, Teague, Reeves Collins and Booth.

FOR MERKEL CLUB.

(Abilene Morning News.)

Complimentary to members of the N. G. O. club of Merkel, Mrs. Burl Wheeler entertained yesterday in her home here on Sunset Drive.

Pink rosebuds graced rooms where tables for games of forty-two were appointed in a pink and white color theme. Punch was served during the game hour and at tea time, a salad course was passed.

Miss Annie Lou Russell of Merkel assisted the hostess in entertaining Mrs. Eugene Hargrove and Mrs. L. R. Thompson, former club members, and the following from Merkel: Mesdames C. K. Russell, J. E. Richardson, Eli Case, Duncan Briggs, Herbert Patterson, E. L. Yeats, W. E. Low, Twyman Collins and Fred Latham.

Second sheets at Merkel Mail of fee.

Staten Island Gets a Thrill as Bike Officer Stops Speeding Horse

New York, Oct. 1.—The newsreel people missed a good one on Staten Island one day recently.

Motorcycle Patrolman George Neary, already cited four times for bravery, saw Matteo Furnati's horse, attached to a vegetable wagon, bolt down the street. Neary mounted his motorcycle and went in pursuit.

The wagon swung against a taxicab just as the officer came alongside, bounced back and knocked him off his machine. He promptly picked himself up, remounted and was off again.

The horse galloped madly down a steep incline leading across a railroad track. The crossing gates were just being lowered. A speeding train was already in sight. Horse and wagon crashed through the gates and Neary swept past in close pursuit, barely in front of the train.

Once again Neary was alongside the horse. Rising in the saddle of his speeding motorcycle he balanced for a moment and then leaped—landing squarely on the back of the horse. From then on it was only a matter of seconds until he had the animal under control.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank the kind neighbors and friends who helped in the sickness and death of our darling little daughter, also those who gave work. May God bless each and every one of them. We shall never forget their kindness.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Rogers.

The Mail is now making a special offer of only \$1.00 for a full year's subscription. Renewals and new subscriptions alike at this rate. Offer expires Dec. 31, 1931. Do not delay. Subscribe now and start at the beginning of the new Mary Roberts Rinehart serial, "Sight Unseen."

Salt Branch Club Meets.

The Salt Branch Home Demonstration club will meet at the club house this Friday afternoon at 2:30. Miss Caroline Chambers, the county demonstration agent, will be present.

Office supplies—Mail office.

SPECIALS
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY
FLOUR, Extra High Patent, every sack guaranteed, 48 lb. sack 95c
SOAP, White Laundry, 10 bars 25c
PICKLES, quart size mixed 15c
APRICOTS, new crop, dried, 2 lbs. 21c
SYRUP, pure East Texas Sorghum, gal. 54c
CORN FLAKES, 3 pkgs. for 23c
COFFEE, pure Peaberry, 2 lbs. for 25c
BAKING POWDER, K. C., 25c size 19c
SYRUP, Brer Rabbit, gal. size 72c
Complete Stock of Staple and Fancy Groceries With Prices Right
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SHOWING ALL TALKING PICTURES
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, OCT. 2-3
"TRAILS OF DANGER"
An Epic of the West in the Frontier Days
Also Cartoon Comedy
WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, OCT. 7-8
CLIVE BROOK IN
"SILENCE"
Supported with a Wonderful Cast—Backed with a Story More Wonderful than ever Portrayed Before. Stark—Gripping—Drama.
Also Comedy and News
NOTE—Because of lack of patronage we are forced to discontinue our Monday and Tuesday program.

RECALLS HAPPY CHILDHOOD DAYS

Former Shiloh Boy Pictures Again Familiar Scenes of Boyhood in Letter to Friends.

The Rutledge brothers, Pete, Hardie and Lovell, have received a highly prized letter from a friend of their boyhood days, John C. Thompson, of Dallas, at present executive secretary of the Texas Cotton Ginners' association, and who formerly lived in the Shiloh community and attended school at Noodle. The letter, besides recalling many scenes and incidents of childhood days around Shiloh, carries a beautiful tribute to his mother and all mothers, and, except for the appropriateness at this time, the editor of The Mail was at first disposed to save it for publication just prior to annual Mothers' Day in May.

The letter in full follows:
Dallas, Texas, Sept. 29, 1931.
Messrs. Pete, Hardie and Lovell Rutledge, Merkel, Texas.
Dear Friends:

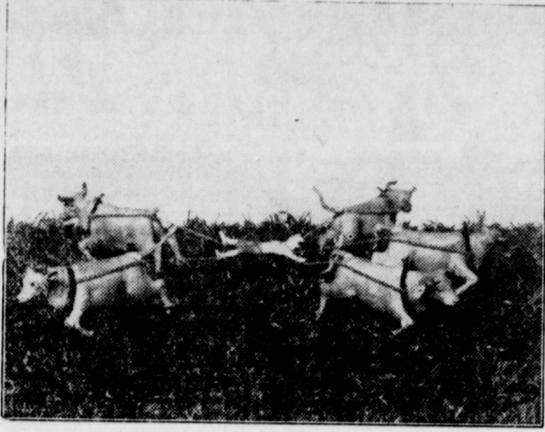
Since my last visit to Shiloh I have thought of you boys many times, and of the association of our childhood, of the days that have gone. In my rounds over the state I have many hours in which to think, many days I travel all day alone, and as you know, when a man is alone with his thoughts, his mind usually drifts back to childhood, or to the past. Each time that I have had these thoughts I have decided that I would write you at the first opportunity. Then when I would reach the office business would occupy my attention; but tonight, as I sit here listening to the radio I heard two of the songs sung that you boys sang for us out there. So here I am attempting to express my appreciation for your friendship.

The thought of seeing you, or any of the friends that were gathered there on that wonderful afternoon, had not occurred to me at all. Naturally, as I drove down the west road from Noodle, my mind went back many years, back to the time when I had covered that road daily on my way to the little school, back to the hours that I had wasted along the banks of old Noodle creek, back to the glorious days of foolish childhood, and then as I neared the old home and paused to gaze upon its ruins, the orchard was gone, the fence was down, the old house seemed to totter a sad farewell, the ghost of my childhood seemed to gather the firewood for the evening meal again. The distant call of my mother's voice seemed to hasten me from my play to do the evening chores. Of course, I knew this all to be but a fleeting fancy, I knew that I was on the way to pay homage at the grave side of a departed loved one, one who had in life given her all that her children might have an even chance with the children of the community, one who filled an untimely grave, a martyr to a mother's love. Another mother who had not been appreciated while she lived by the children she loved like she should have been. But all mothers pay that penalty, children never know until it is too late to return the love of mother. But I was happy in the knowledge that I was to tread the ways I had trodden in childhood, happy again to kneel at her grave side and dedicate my life to her memory and to an attempt to reach the ideal every mother holds for her child.

You can never realize the joy it was to my soul to see those friends of old. Men and women who knew me as a boy, men and women who had been children when I was a child, men and women who know me for what I am. And then the pleasure of having the opportunity of listening again to you boys sing. The songs that were sung as a funeral dirge, the songs that have echoed throughout the ages. The congregation was the same and I am sure Mother was there.

Every man should go again to the place of his childhood. Should walk and talk again with men and women who were the boys and girls of his day. Should think again the thoughts of a child, should kneel again at his mother's knee. Then the world would be a better place in which to live. We should take time to be alone with ourselves and then take time to be with God and it is well to be with one's friends again. Friends who know one for his worth. Of course, from day to day, as on through life we go, we meet people, make friends, spend happy moments, but not like the friends of old. I can look upon you boys and the people who still carry on at Shiloh as the true citizens of our country. You men have helped to make that country into what God would have it be. Despite prosperity and calamity, regardless of rain or drought, you have carried on. I am glad that my mother lies buried in a place that

TORTURE "WU NIU FEN TSU"



Torn Apart by Five Bullocks—now Abolished. Wu Tai Dynasty, 402 A.D.

This torture scene depicts the punishment meted out to Li Chun Hao, a man of superhuman strength, by the sons of a famous general, who had made Li a great favorite. Chained helplessly to the animals, which are whipped and driven out in different

directions, the victim is pulled to pieces. A true likeness of this fierce torture will be shown in Madam Bari's Grand Chinese Exhibit which will be one of the features at the 45th annual exposition of the State Fair of Texas, Oct. 10 to 25.

is settled by such people. I am glad that Shiloh has not forgotten God. Your songs and friendships shall be a comfort to me throughout the years. I shall always look with pleasure to a visit to your community, my community. I shall always look forward to any opportunity to have any of you visit us here, or wherever fate may decree that we shall be. Please remember that I shall always remember the kindness and sympathy that has been shown me by the people of your community, and especially the families of the old-times. The friends who so tenderly lay my mother to her last rest. Express my love to all the friends and visit us when possible. Please accept again my heartfelt thanks for your kindness. I am
Your friend,
John C. Thompson.

Ft. Worth Livestock

Fort Worth, Texas, Oct. 1.—Fodders met with a very poor demand Wednesday, and although such sales as were made were about steady, several cars, including the best here, remained in first hands until late. Cows cleared readily on a 10c to 15c higher basis. Heifers, yearlings and bulls remained unchanged. Receipts were estimated at 1,500 head of cattle and 800 calves.

Steer prices ranged from \$3.00 to \$6.75. Two cars of choice cows notched \$3.50. Canners sold at \$1.00 to \$1.75, mostly. The best heifers and yearlings available moved at \$6.50 to \$7.00. Bulls brought \$2.00 to \$3.00. Slaughter calves ranged up to \$5.25 and a good many stockers moved around \$5.00.

Hog values were strong, for the most part, with some car lot deals 10c higher. Five lots went at \$5.50 and \$5.55. The best truckers sold at \$5.50. Receipts amounted to 500 head. Fat sheep, lambs and yearlings gained 25c, lambs going at \$5.00 to \$5.25, yearlings at \$4.00 and aged wethers at \$2.50.

Cotton Receipts.

The week's receipts up to Wednesday night of this week totaled 1,508 bales, bringing the season's total for Merkel to 3,753 bales. This is more than twice as many bales as were received up to this time last year, the 1930 figures showing 1,676.

Civil War In Home.

St. Louis.—Charles F. Morrison testified in his divorce suit that his home was "always in a state of civil war."

Good News From Miss Walker.

The many friends of Miss Mamie Walker, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Walker, will be glad to learn of her satisfactory recovery following a major operation at the West Texas Baptist sanitarium Saturday morning.

Singing Here Sunday Night.

Singers from all communities in the county will be present Sunday night for the singing at the Presbyterian church. It will begin at 7:45.

The Birmingham Barons of the Southern association, by defeating Houston of the Texas league in the final game of the series last Friday night by the score of 6 to 3, became baseball champions of all Dixie—the third time in the 12 years of the series that a Southern association team had emerged top side up.

Indians in Southern Colorado were growing corn 7,000 years ago.

More than 50 Roosevelt-for-President clubs have been formed in Georgia counties.

INJURED HIP CAUSES DEATH

Miss N. Olive Garoutte Passes Way in the Late Hours of Wednesday Afternoon.

This entire community was saddened late Wednesday evening when the news spread of the death of Miss N. Olive Garoutte, who passed away at 5 o'clock in the afternoon in the home where she and her sister, Miss Dota, had lived for the past ten years.

Funeral services will be held at 10 o'clock Friday morning from this home, with Rev. E. L. Yeats, pastor of the Methodist church, officiating, assisted by Rev. A. A. Walker, pastor of the Presbyterian church. Interment will be in Rose Hill cemetery where her parents and two brothers are buried.

Pall bearers will be Guy McClain, Jess Higgins, W. D. Butler, Henry West, Marvin Smith and Ray Harrell.

Miss Garoutte, who was 75 years of age, suffered a broken right hip when she fell in the yard at her home last Friday morning and it was from the effects of this fall that she succumbed.

The Garoutte family settled in this section in 1887 on a farm three miles northeast of Merkel and, following the death of their father, T. B. Garoutte, they continued to make their home there until about ten years ago when the sisters moved to Merkel.

Besides the sister here, she is survived by one other sister, Mrs. S. G. Vaughan, of South Gate, Calif., who left at 8 o'clock Wednesday night and who will arrive here in time for the funeral. Other survivors are three nephews, W. M. Allen and T. F. Allen of Kansas City, and W. T. Stramer of Austin, and two nieces, Mrs. Mary Mercer of Fort Worth and Mrs. T. F. White of Austin.

Miss Garoutte united with the Methodist church when she was twenty years old and had taken an active interest in all church activities, especially the Sunday School work. She was also actively interested in the affairs of the local Rebekahs and attended many of the state and district meetings.

All Merkel mourns the loss of this good woman, whose sphere of usefulness has extended into so many homes through her moulding of young men and young women in Sunday School classes, through her ever widening influence in neighborhood and community as her opportunities grew and through her example as a Christian and her practice of her devout religion throughout her life.

Mrs. J. M. Byrd

Funeral services were held at 11 o'clock Sunday morning at the Baptist church at Stith for Mrs. Theodosia Burton Byrd, age 55, wife of J. M. Byrd, well known farmer of the Stith community where he has resided more than 30 years. The services were conducted by Rev. W. D. Reed, Baptist pastor of Nugent, assisted by Rev. H. B. Ramsey, pastor of the Stith church. Interment was at the Stith cemetery.

Mrs. Byrd had been in bad health for about twenty years and became seriously ill on Sunday, September 20, preceding her death on Saturday, September 26. During her long illness, she showed true Christian bravery and her patience and long suffering

Says Stories He Will Not Be Candidate Are Wholly Unauthorized

Houston, Texas, Oct. 1.—Gov. Ross S. Sterling issued a statement late Monday, in which he characterized statements that he would not be a candidate for re-election as "wholly unauthorized and without foundation."

He said he was too busy "attending to the state's business to be conducting a campaign."

His statement in full follows: "I have noticed that certain newspapers over the state are claiming that I will not be a candidate for re-election. Any such statement is wholly unauthorized and without foundation. I am too busy attending to the state's business to be conducting a campaign. I feel that the people of Texas will be better pleased by my pursuing this course rather than talking of re-election."

Personal Mention

Miss Ruth Pinckley left Saturday for Denton where she will begin her Junior year at the North Texas State Teachers college.

Miss Elizabeth Harkrider leaves the latter part of the week for Brownwood where she will teach at the school near the Largent ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Dennis of Marfa were week-end guests of Carlton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Dennis.

Mrs. E. Q. Warren of Knox City is here visiting her mother, Mrs. H. C. Williams.

Among those who came during the week to visit Miss Olive Garoutte were Misses Tommie and Bobbie Clack, Mrs. Ross Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Armin Harrison and Mrs. Will Riney, all of Abilene.

Mrs. W. H. Meredith, mother of J. E. Boaz, is here from Olympia, Wash., a guest in the Boaz home.

Typewriting and carbon paper at Mail office.

Advertise in the Merkel Mail.

Specials for Friday and Saturday at

ANTHONY'S

Successor to J. M. Collins Grocery

BLACK-EYED PEAS, 16 oz. can, 6 cans	29c
PEACHES, G. B. sliced, 16 oz. cans, 3 cans	34c
CORN, Prim Rose, No. 2 cans, 2 cans	25c
SOAP, White Laundry, 10 bars	25c
SOAP, Palmolive, 3 bars	20c
SOAP, Cream Oil, 3 bars	20c
BAKING POWDER, K. C., 25c size	19c
PEPPER SAUCE, 25c size	18c
MAYONNAISE, Paramount (tinted), 25c size	19c
GRAPEFRUIT, nice size, 3 for	11c
CRACKERS, Graham, 8 oz., (15c pkg.)	10c
TEA, Orange Pekas, 1-4 lb. can	19c
VERMICELLI OR SPAGHETTI, 4 boxes	19c
EXTRACT, Hamilton's, 8 oz., (40c size)	23c
BEANS, navy, 5 lbs.	33c
SNUFF, De Voe, Rooster or Red Seal, 6 oz. glass	30c
COCOANUT, Dromedary or Bakers, 15c pkg., (1-4 lb. package)	10c

H. M. ANTHONY

Successor to J. M. Collins Grocery
(Next Door to Bakery.)

was an example to her children and friends. She had been a member of the Baptist church every since she was 16 years old and her life was one of true consecration.

She was born Nov. 15, 1876, in Cleburne, Texas, and was married in 1897. She is survived by her mother, Mrs. Mollie Burton, who resides at Cleburne, and six children; Mrs. Paul Bradley, Stith; Mrs. M. F. Conley, Stith; Alvin Bird, Merkel; Mrs. A. P. Patterson, Noodle; Mrs. Jess Davis, Merkel, and Jack Bird, Stith, and 12 grandchildren.

Mrs. Sarah M. Harris

Funeral services were held at 9:30 Sunday morning at the grave side here for Mrs. Sarah M. Harris, wife of W. Z. Harris, who died about three years ago and by whose side she was laid to rest at Rose Hill. Rev. J. T. King, pastor of the Baptist church, officiated at the last rites.

Mrs. Harris died at Wichita Falls Friday, Sept. 25, and her body was brought here Saturday night to the home of her step-granddaughter, Mrs. Charlie Higgins.

Mrs. Harris and her husband were former residents of Merkel, this having been their home for many years.

Four children survive: Oscar Harris, Shreveport, La.; Arthur Harris, Rockwall, Texas; Mrs. Alma Gollightly, Floydada, and Mrs. Cora Bailiff, Haskell.

By a vote of 463 to 172 Coke county citizens Saturday approved a bond issue of \$175,000 to pave from the Nolan county line at Blackwell through Bronte and Tennyson to the Tom Green county line, closing one of the worst highway gaps anywhere in the state between two cities the size of Sweetwater and San Angelo.

If you have any visitors. Phone 29 or 61.

Legal covers at Merkel Mail office.



FOR SALE

FOR SALE OR LEASE—179 acres adjoining Merkel, Texas, on west. Make bids on land. Vol Martin, 5437 Eighth Avenue, Los Angeles, Calif.

FOR SALE—Baby bed and mattress. Mrs. Dee Grimes. Phone 20.

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Two large nicely furnished rooms; prices reasonable; board if desired. Mrs. A. H. Thornton.

FOR RENT—A few good houses, some near the school and some close in. See J. J. Barron at Blue Front Motor Co.

WANTED

ALL KINDS furniture repair work and upholstering; work guaranteed. J. T. Darsey Co.

PRACTICAL NURSING. See Mrs. C. S. Curb, Merkel, Texas.

LODGE NOTICES

I. O. O. F. LODGE.
Meets every Monday night at 8 o'clock. All members and visitors are cordially invited to attend.
Wm. R. Cox, N. G.
Wm. Elliott, Secretary.

Mrs. Buford Added to Force.
Mrs. Oscar Buford, formerly in the employ of the Farmers State bank, was added to the force Tuesday of this week. She assumed duties as book-keeper.

MONEY SAVING SPECIALS

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

OCTOBER 2nd AND 3rd

POTATOES, Irish, No. 1's, per peck, 15 lb. 30c

SWEET POTATOES, per peck 30c

APPLES, per peck 30c

BANANAS green tips per dozen 12c

CABBAGE, Colorado, firm green heads, per pound 3c

GRAPES, Tokay, 3 lbs. for 25c

BACON, sliced, per pound 20c

Bacon smoked, lb. 12c

JOWLS, dry salt, per lb. 9c

RICE KRISPIES, per package 10c

SOAP, Quick Naptha, 10 bars 29c

SUNBRIGHT CLEANER, 5 cans 25c

CATSUP, Van Camps, 25c size 14c

HOMINY, Van Camps, 10c size, 4 for 25c

PEAS, English, Van Camps, No. 2, a 2 for 35c value 10c

BEANS, Pinto, 10 pounds 33c

SORGHUM, East Texas 55c

SUGAR, 10 pounds 50c

FULOR 48 lbs. 75c

FLOUR, 24 pounds 40c

MEAL, cream, 20 lbs. 37c

BROOMS, 4 string 33c

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Rural Community Correspondence

TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

John C. Howell of Abilene was attending to business here Monday. He was accompanied by his wife and son, Junior.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilkerson of Eastland were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Owens.

Eddie Lee Falkner of Franklin is the guest of his grandmother, Mrs. Mary Archer.

Miss Cora Scott of Abilene was the week-end guest of her brother, Spurgeon, and family.

Mr. Granville Nugent is home for a while after playing ball last season at Little Rock, Ark.

Miss Medeah Rawlings was the week-end guest of home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. John Strawn were Greenville visitors last week. They were accompanied home by Miss Virgie Strawn, who will teach here again.

Miss Lucille Adrian, who is teaching in Oklahoma, is home for a few weeks, school having dismissed for the children to help work the crops.

Mr. and Mrs. Hosea Winn, accompanied by little Miss Louise Smith, went to Dallas Sunday, returning Tuesday. Their little son, Edwin Earl, who has been in the Scottish Rite hospital for the past two months, was able to return with them.

Miss Roberts of Sweetwater was the recent guest of Mrs. Bill Reynolds. While here, she was honored with a weiner roast on the mountain south of town. Those enjoying the outing were Mr. and Mrs. Volley Vessels and little son, Dow, Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds and the honoree.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Murdock and little daughter, Ruth Marie, of Roscoe spent Sunday with Mrs. Murdock's mother, Mrs. Archer.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Smith and children of Vernon were week-end guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tid Smith.

Messrs. M. G. Scott and Tom Williams were business visitors to the plains the first of the week.

Rev. Mr. Whiteaker of Abilene filled the pulpit at the 11 o'clock hour last Sunday at the Baptist church.

The Ladies' Bible study meets each Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Mrs. E. C. Terry is teacher.

School opens here on next Monday, October 5th.

On last Monday afternoon quite a few of Grandma Williamson's friends gathered at her home for a social visit. An old-time quilting was the main entertainment, with radio music. Refreshments of lemonade and cake were enjoyed throughout the afternoon by Mesdames Winn, Churchwell, Scott, H. N. Smith, Stribling, Gafford, Scott, Billings, Geta and Ida Williamson and Miss Maimie Gafford.

HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB ORGANIZED.

On Friday, September 25, Miss Caroline Chambers, Taylor County demonstration agent, came down and organized a club here. We are glad to have the extension work started at this place and everyone is interested. She will meet with us every fourth Wednesday in each month. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Alex Williamson and cheese-making will be learned. Then on the fourth Wednesday in November will be rug-making and the meeting will be at the school auditorium. All are invited that are interested. The following officers were elected: Mrs. John Crain, president; Mrs. Tom Williamson, vice-president; Mrs. Reuben Reeves, secretary; Mrs. Alex Williamson, council member. Charter members are Mesdames A. C. Wash, C. A. McDonald, J. T. Vessels, George Howell, Toliver Walker, J. P. Roberts, W. A. Vessels, Jack Freeman, J. C. Churchwell, O. A. Smith, Rogers Williams and Frank Allen. Miss Edith Hobbs accompanied Miss Chambers.

PICNIC SURPRISE BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.

On Sunday September 20th, following the birthday anniversary of Mr. Carlton McLeod, a group of friends gathered at the home about 4 p. m. with deliciously packed picnic hampers for a gay trip to the mountains on the L. E. Adrian ranch. After climbing to the top of the mountain, (not to mention steaming automobiles and huge rocks,) a most delightful spot was found to spread the lunches.

Card tables were opened and dainty dishes were placed on them, upon which all the dainty edibles one could imagine were unpacked and spread. Worlds of golden fried chicken, chicken salad sandwiches, stuffed peppers, fruit salad, vegetable salad, pickled peaches, lunch rolls, pudding and numerous other things. After the first part of the lunch was cleared away a huge birthday cake was placed upon one of the tables and the candles were lighted. Much joy and amusement was

had in the cutting of the cake, by the finding of clever little bits of fortune each one found in their slice. The cake was served with delicious pineapple ice cream.

After the picnic the group then journeyed further across the mountain to watch the shearing of goats but upon arriving found that the shearing was over for the day, but much amusement was afforded the crowd in watching John Bowman, rodeo performer, in some of his goat roping tricks.

A happy group turned toward the mountain road again, all declaring a happy trip and saying good-bye. Those attending were: Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Hendrix and son, Dr. and Mrs. Charles Williams, Abilene, the Rev. F. C. Sheppard and family from Highland Church of Christ, Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Winter and Buddy, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. John Bowman, Mr. and Mrs. Rodo Archer and Rodo, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Carlton McLeod and little daughter, Virginia Anne.

TRENT CHURCH OF CHRIST.

L. E. Carpenter, minister. Bible study each Lord's day at 10 a. m. Worship 11 a. m. Preaching each second and fourth Sundays. Prayer meeting each Tuesday at 7:45 p. m. Ladies' Bible class each Thursday 3 p. m.

UNION RIDGE NEWS

Rev. U. S. Sherrill filled his regular appointment Sunday and delivered a sermon at Noodle Sunday afternoon. Everyone remember that next Sunday is conference at Trent.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Douglas had as their guests last week Mr. and Mrs. Otto Taylor and family of Fort Worth and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Jourden and sons of Clyde.

Rev. U. S. Sherrill and sons were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. McRee.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Biggs of Merkel were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Douglas and family.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Carey were callers in the J. W. Tarleton home Sunday and we are informed that the Union Ridge school has not opened.

Leo Harris entered the Merkel schools last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Carr and children were Horn visitors last week-end.

Mrs. Truman Carey and baby are reported doing nicely at this writing.

Robert and Phillips Skidmore of Golan were week-end visitors with Woodrow and Junior Clark.

BLAIR ITEMS

Cotton has opened rapidly under a hot September sun and the farmers with the aid of local labor are picking it with a rush.

The gin has been running day and night with B. C. Moore, manager, Mack Donie, ginner, and Wid Mathews, night ginner.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Rankins are enjoying an extended visit from Mrs. Rankins' mother of Muleshoe, Texas, also her sister from Cisco.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Spears are happy to have as their houseguests this week Mr. Spears' niece, Mr. and Mrs. Speck and family of Detroit, Mich.

Clyde Deavers of Corpus Christi was in our midst Saturday shaking hands with old friends. Mr. Deavers was principal of Blair school last year.

Mr. and Mrs. Cavette and son, Joe, of Rotan spent several days with their children, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cavette, the past week.

Mrs. Sam Phillips has gone to Itan to be with her son and family at that place for several days.

The Mail is now making a special offer of only \$1.00 for a full year's subscription. Renewals and new subscriptions alike at this rate. Offer expires Dec. 31, 1931. Do not delay. Subscribe now and start at the beginning of the new Mary Roberts Rinehart serial, "Sight Unseen."

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CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank each and every one that helped us in any way during the sickness of our husband and father. May God bless each of you is the prayer of

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Harris and Daughter.

Cotton Ginnings More Than Twice Year-Ago

Opening early and rapidly, cotton has come into Taylor county gins this season in more than double the volume of the early season last year.

Figures released Friday by Tobias Watson, government statistician, show 4,639 bales had been ginned in the county up to September 16. The total is two and one-third that for the same period a year ago, when 1,974 bales had been ginned. Round bales are counted as half-bales, in the figures.

The report is the first issued by the government representative this season.

There remains an abundance of open cotton in the fields, cotton men report. An acute shortage of labor is responsible and efforts are going forward to bring more pickers into the county immediately.

CANYON NEWS

News is scarce this week—every one picking cotton, not even time to think.

J. L. Perry and family visited in the Ford and Griggs homes at Dora Sunday afternoon.

Miss Margie Coats spent Saturday night with Miss Mary Ellen Frazier.

Mrs. Ona Cozart of Bryson and son, Bill, of Los Angeles, Calif., were visiting relatives in the Canyon Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Russom visited in the W. C. Matthews home Sunday.

The musicale at Jess Russom's was enjoyed by a large number.

WTU Continues With Extension Program

Abilene, Oct. 1.—Extensions to serve new commercial and residential electric customers, improvements to strengthen service now being rendered, and additions to physical facilities are the most important features of the West Texas Utilities company's current construction program, as shown in a report made available at the company's offices here yesterday. The report stated that construction work on the projects listed is going forward at the present time.

Among many electric extensions to be made, the following are the most important:

At Christoval, a three-phase, 6,600 volt primary line will be built to serve irrigation demands; at Mertzon, a single-phase primary line will serve new residential electric customers; a 12 Kv. line, built out from Vernon, will furnish power for pumping irrigation equipment; at McCamey, a three-wire, single-phase, 220 volt secondary line will serve new rural customers; two service extensions at Bronte, both of them secondary lines, will serve new customers and furnish power for electrical equipment in a new addition to the city High school, and at Menard, a secondary extension will serve a new residential section of the city.

Development of a new irrigation project at Rayland, southwest from Vernon, will be hastened through the construction of a three-phase secondary line. The territory to be served has made an unusual success of irrigated produce farming, and the building of a new line will enable farmers to place water on their land more ef-

ficiently and more economically through the use of electric power.

Important improvements to existing facilities will be made at Girard and Abilene. Anson customers will benefit by the construction of a new 2,300 volt three-phase primary line, and new 110-220 volt four-wire secondary line, which will improve service to commercial lighting and power customers.

At Sunray, the water well supplying the city will be protected through the construction of a pump-house and tower.

Regular construction and maintenance crews of the West Texas Utilities Co. are working on these projects, according to the report, and present plans call for immediate completion of the jobs.

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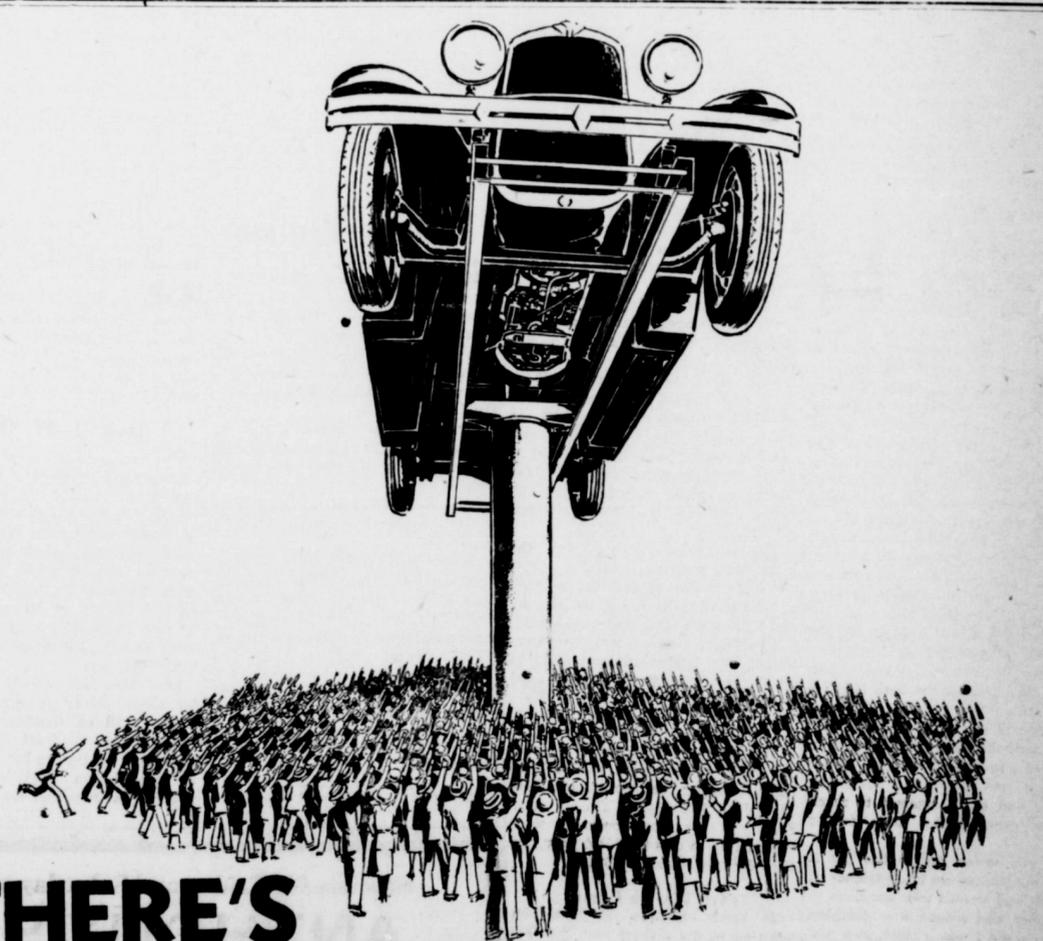
In a report just issued by the United States department of agriculture on the total government loans made to farmers, by states, a total of \$49,021,924 is shown as appropriated to 391,630 farmers in 31 states, during the first five months of the present year.

In recognition of the active part played by Lions Clubs throughout the drouth and storm stricken areas in assisting the farmers in securing these loans, the chief of administration of the Farmers' Seed Loan office, Mr. G. L. Hoffman, has issued a statement thanking Lions who participated in this work, for their valuable cooperation.

The Lions Club of Merkel and the local committee appointed to carry on this work has recently received word of commendation from Melvin Jones, secretary general of Lions International, acting at the request of Mr. Hoffman, chief of administration.

The Lions in Texas were instrumental in securing 29,617 loans for farmers, totaling \$3,401,035 for use in seeding, fertilizing, or feeding. The economic benefit of the loan has proven out, since already the government has received \$283,088 of the total loan of \$49,021,924 as payment from farmers, although loans do not mature before September 30 in the northwestern states, October 30 in the southern states, and November 30 in all other states. This amount exceeds anticipation on collections.

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New York, Oct. 1.—Announcement was made at the offices of the Corn Products Refining company here Saturday that operations will be resumed on a six-day week basis at the company's three chief plants at Argo, Ill.; Perkin, Ill. and Kansas City, Mo., next week.

The plants have been operating for some time only five days a week.

Increased business brought on by the advancing canning season is the reason for the stepping up of operations.

So far as known here, no additional men will be employed at any of the

three plants. All working crews have been maintained at full strength, but the suspension of work on Saturday has had the effect of cutting down the company's output somewhat.

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OCTOBER 2 AND 3

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LETTUCE, fresh crisp, head	5c
YAMS, fresh and fine, 10 lbs.	25c
PEPPER, sweet bell, lb.	7 1-2c
APPLES, fancy Jonathan, doz.	25c
GRAPES, fancy Tokay, 3 lbs.	25c
BANANAS, fancy green tip, lb.	4c
SNOWDRIFT, 3lb. can, WESSON OIL, pint can, both for	73c
SUGAR, pure cane, cloth bags	53c
OATS, B & W, glassware, pkg.	23c
DRIED FRUIT, peaches or apricots, 2 lbs.	25c
PRUNES, R & W, 2 lb. pkg.	21c
FIG BARS, fresh, 2 lbs.	25c
MAYONNAISE, R & W, 8 oz. 17c, 16 oz	33c
PINTO BEANS, 5 lbs.	19c
PORK & BEANS, 2 cans	15c
TOMATOES, No. 2, Portales, hand packed 3 cans	25c
GREEN BEANS, No. 2, Kuners, 2 for	25c
TOILET SOAP, Camay, 3 bars	20c
LYE, R & W, 3 cans	25c
FLOUR, R & W, 24 lb. sack 58, 48 lb. sack	98c
Compound Swift Jewel 8 lb. pail	69c
BACON, sliced, sugar cured, lb.	21c
JOWLS, dry salt, lb.	9c

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Dec. 31, 1931

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One lot of Men's tan Oxfords sold for \$5.00 and \$6.00 are now on sale for the pair \$2.95
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7 spools Clark's sewing thread 25c
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One table Rayon Step-ins and Bloomers 39c
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