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DEATH CLAIMS BELOVED WIFE OF J. L. BAKER

Funeral Services for Mrs. Neva Jennings Baker to be Held at 10 O'Clock Friday Morning From Family Home.

Mrs. Neva Jennings Baker, 62, wife of James L. Baker, prominent farmer and pioneer resident of this section, died at 5 o'clock this morning at her home following an illness of several weeks.

Funeral services will be held Friday morning at 10 o'clock from the family residence, conducted by Rev. R. A. Walker, her pastor, with interment in Rose Hill cemetery.

Pallbearers named are: Dent Gibson, Watt Blair, W. T. Curb, Jim Douglass, W. M. Elliott and Emory Jones.

Born in Lamar county, Neva Jennings was married to Mr. Baker Dec. 4, 1895, here in Merkel where they have resided continuously since. She was a member of Grace Presbyterian church.

Survivors, besides her husband, are two sons: Lee Baker, Abilene, and Andrew Baker, Merkel; six grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Otho Smith, Trent, and one brother, Wiley Jennings, Fort Worth. The following half-brothers and sisters also survive: Mrs. J. C. Taylor, Fort Worth; Mrs. Hugh D. Wallace, Little Rock, Ark.; Mrs. Wesley Edwards, Maryneal; Ross Jennings, Abilene; Taylor Jennings, Houston; Rayford Jennings, Tema, Ariz.; and Burnet Jennings, Glenshire, La.

Bring Remains of Cal Buford Here for Burial

The body of Cal Buford, son of J. A. Buford, who died at Fort Worth early Thursday morning, will be brought here for burial, but funeral arrangements were not complete Thursday morning.

Oscar Buford, a brother, and Will Moore, a brother-in-law, left on the Sunshine Special Thursday morning for Fort Worth upon receipt of news of their brother's death.

Mr. Buford is survived by a wife and two children. He has been away from Merkel probably 25 years or more.

Honor Students as Guests Lions Club

Honor students from the four High school grades were guests of the Lions club at their Tuesday luncheon. These students, their grades and averages follow: eighth grade, Billy Largent, 94; ninth grade, Billy Wood and Mary Jo Russell, 95; tenth grade, Jannell Black, 93, and eleventh grade, Sylvan Mellinger, 94.

Other guests at the meeting were Fred Hughes, R. M. Carter and Fred Andrews of Abilene and Nolan Palmer.

As a committee to nominate officers for the coming year, President West named Dee Grimes, chairman, O. R. Dye, W. W. Haynes, R. T. Gray and Carlton Vick.

Attention of the club having been called to the need to bring up the wages of the nightwatchman to a figure commensurate with his services, such wages being paid by voluntary subscriptions, a committee of three was appointed for this purpose, consisting of Herbert Patterson, chairman, T. O. Neill and Paul Douglass.

Scouts Appear for Court of Honor

Meeting Monday evening with their leaders, the Boy Scouts held court of honor at the Lions hall, the court being made up of Scout Executive Ed Shumway, Abilene, Scout Commissioner Herbert Patterson, Scout Committeeman R. T. Gray and Scoutmaster G. W. Wilhite.

The following boys were before the court to finish tenderfoot work: J. C. Carson, Billy Tom Hutcheson, Aubrey Shouse, Odell Walker, Ben Speck, Everett Burleson and Truett Perry. Sample McGehee, Clyde Deavers, Jr., and O. C. Shouse completed their second class work. Glenn Robinson was present but not before the court.

The Scout who makes the most promotion in Scouting and who comes the nearest living out the ideals of Scouting is to be sent to the National Jamboree held in Washington, D. C., June 30 to July 9. Several boys are working hard to win the trip.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

D. R. Covey, serving his second term as sheriff of Borden county, died in a Snyder hospital Friday morning after a week's illness from pneumonia.

Payments of general fund warrants by the state treasurer up to and including Dec. 8, 1936, left a deficit of \$10,279,225, a reduction of \$1,345,389 from Apr. 20.

J. H. Greene, for many years a civic leader and chamber of commerce executive at Colorado, has been appointed manager of the chamber of commerce at Big Spring.

L. E. Seamon, 72, president of the City National bank of Mineral Wells and owner of large West Texas ranching interests, died Wednesday morning of a heart attack.

Jim Mack Jones, 18, captain-elect of the 1937-38 football team at Mozelle school, was killed by lightning late Monday, during a brisk thunderstorm in the Coleman area.

Following an investigation by the discipline committee of Southern Methodist university, 23 students of that institution were suspended Tuesday for alleged hazing tactics.

Appointment of Arthur Heary Leidigh of Lubbock as a member of the Texas Planning Board to succeed R. C. Hopping, resigned, was announced Thursday by Governor Allred.

Fire in an 85,000-barrel crude storage tank five miles west of Hamlin, which started after lightning struck during a thunderstorm Monday, caused an estimated damage of \$70,000.

J. C. Kellam, 35, acting state director of the National Youth Administration in Texas, has been appointed director succeeding Lyndon B. Johnson, elected to congress from the Austin district.

The First State bank of Arlington, which closed three weeks ago, began Monday repaying its depositors through the federal deposit insurance corporation. The FDIC will repay in full all deposits of less than \$5,000.

Elmer Pruitt, 24-year-old negro of Henderson county, died in the electric chair at state prison at Huntsville Friday, having confessed to the robbery slaying of Mrs. Martha Jane German of Athens on Sept. 25, 1934.

R. D. Capps, 65, an attendant at Oakwood cemetery, Fort Worth, was found dead on the grounds Monday afternoon. There were no indications of a struggle or violence, and his death was believed to have been due to natural causes.

Jumping out of his automobile to run after his hat on a busy highway cost Ernest Cluck, 46, of Grand Prairie his life early Sunday afternoon. In crossing the highway in pursuit of his hat, he ran into the side of a Dallas-bound automobile traveling the opposite direction.

Billy Wood to Enter "Home Town Contest"

Billy Wood, older son of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Wood, will represent his school and town at the West Texas Chamber of Commerce convention to be held in Brownwood early next week. His chief purpose in attending this gathering is to enter "My Home Town Contest," sponsored for encouraging boys and girls in the training for good citizenship. The orations presented by these school students must be original.

This is not Billy's first experience with speech tournaments. Several times he has entered declamation contests. This year, as senior representative, he won first place in the county and third place in the district. Throughout the year he has made one of the highest averages in High school. His many friends will be interested in his new splendid efforts.

Waco's Trade Trippers Make Brief Stop Here

Waco's trade trippers on their annual tour of West Texas by special train stopped here 20 minutes on Wednesday, between the hours of 12:30 and 12:50 p. m. There were about 60 men in the party.

Having just left Abilene, most of the group remained in the dining car here but a number mingled with the business men during the brief stop.

From Merkel the goodwill delegates went to Trent, Sweetwater, Tuscola, Lawn, Coleman, Brownwood and San Angelo.

MUSIC WEEK PROGRAM DRAWS LARGE CROWD

Talent from Colleges and Musical Circles in Abilene Bring Varied Entertainment for Enjoyable Evening.

Talent from the colleges and musical circles in Abilene was drawn on for the program Tuesday evening at the High School gymnasium sponsored jointly by the Fortnightly Study club and the Lions club of Merkel as their contribution to National Music week.

Approximately seven hundred and fifty people from Merkel and surrounding communities availed themselves of the privilege afforded by the evening's entertainment.

Opening number was given by the Choral club of Merkel High school, directed by Mrs. Lucy Tracy Haynes, singing "Summer Time" and "Little Chocolate Baby."

Accordion and xylophone artists and a soloist from Hardin-Simmons university rendered the following numbers: "Neapolitan Nights" and "Blue Hawaii," by Jack Krauss with his accordion; a Spanish medley and "Blue Prelude" were given by Miss Anne Rader, xylophonist, and Charles Ganf sang "My Wild Irish Rose" and "Only a Rose," with Miss Rader accompanying him on xylophone.

Selections by Ray Maddox and his Saxophone Trio included: "Moonlight and Shadows," "How Could You?" "What Will I Tell My Heart?" and "Boo Hoo."

The Chanters, famed mixed chorus from McMurry college under the direction of Mrs. Gypsy Ted Sullivan Wylie, brought a series of varied numbers, first of which was "The Gypsy Life," from "The Bohemian Girl," (Balfe). The Boy's Glee club followed with "The Jolly Roger" by Candish and "A Tale about Marjorie" by Christiani. Miss Josephine Palmer's solo selection was "Four Leaf Clover," (Coombs), and this was followed by a group of folk songs by the Chanters, which included "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot," negro spiritual, and "The Merry Life," from the old Italian. Tommy Greer chose "Orientale," (Cui), for his violin number and the Chanters concluded their program as well as the evening's entertainment with two selections from musical comedy, "Velia," from "The Merry Widow," by Franz Lehár, and "Street Song" from Victor Herbert's "Naughty Marietta."

Following the program, the visiting artists were served punch and cake by the ladies of the Study club.

Committees who arranged the program were: from the Fortnightly Study club, Miss Christine Collins, Mrs. W. T. Sadler and Mrs. W. S. J. Brown; from the Lions club, Dee Grimes, Booth Warren and Yates Brown, with the latter as master of ceremonies. Mrs. Henry West is president of the Study club, while Mr. West is president of the Lions club.

Name Billie Gambill To Represent Abilene At WTCC Convention

Miss Billie Bernice Gambill, whom Merkel claims for her very own, has been selected by the Abilene chamber of commerce to represent Abilene at the West Texas chamber of commerce convention in Brownwood May 10 to 12.

Daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W. M. Gambill, now residents of Abilene, Billie is a sophomore at the Hardin-Simmons university. She was recently selected beauty by a school plebesite in the publicized "Beauty and Beast" contest and was chosen queen for the Bronco, HSU annual, in her freshman year.

Plan Program, Cake Walk at Salt Branch

A program of readings and music has been arranged as added features to the cake walk to be given Friday night of this week, (May 7,) at Salt Branch, sponsored by the Salt Branch Home Demonstration club.

Special numbers include songs by the Salt Branch Choral club, readings by Sue Pinckette and Gene Paine, a girls' quartette and selections by an orchestra composed of Mrs. Joe Higgins, H. B. Robertson, Fred McMinn, Bryan Higgins and Buster Horton.

Record of Births.
Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Car-gill, Nubia, Sunday, May 2, 1937.

"UNCLE TIMOTHY COMES HOME," SENIOR PLAY

Date Set for Friday Night, May 14; First Dress Rehearsal Gives Promise of Excellent Presentation by Class.

The High School Seniors have chosen for their class play a sparkling comedy, "Uncle Timothy Comes Home." The first dress rehearsal Wednesday afternoon promises a play of which any school would be proud. The cast have one more week in which to improve their performance before opening it to the public on Friday night, May 14. Admission at that time will be 15 and 25 cents.

The setting takes us to the Tweedsome estate that still bears the marks of the Old South. While Uncle Timothy Tweedsome is in England, making friends with the duchess, his lovely niece, Lindy Lou, arranges to share his house with three young ladies who are entering the beauty contest. Much to their surprise, Uncle Timothy approves of the arrangement on his return and spends his time in their company. All moves well until the Duchess herself appears on the scene.

Adding to the suspense of the day is the arrival of two scheming "crooks," who pose as motion picture producers. Big Boy Roberts and Dick Bairy do not have Uncle Timothy's good will, for they see too much of the young girls, especially Lindy Lou. The arrival of the Spanish Dolores "saves the day." No one could forget the charm of the two typical negro servants who add local color and romance to the already charming plot.

The broadcasting effect, being arranged by Henry West, greatly helps in making the play realistic. Listing of the complete cast will appear in next week's issue of The Mail.

Speaker on Farm Program to be Here

The program and purposes of the Texas Agricultural association will be explained by C. H. Day of Plainview, vice-president of the association, in an address at the Merkel school gymnasium next Monday night.

Both farmers and business men are invited to come and hear the speaker, said H. H. Toombs, vice-president of the county association, and it is hoped to enlist interest and organize a local association.

Elect Two as Delegates Firemen's Convention

At a special meeting of the Merkel Volunteer Fireboys held Wednesday night for the purpose of electing delegates to the State Convention at Port Arthur June 8, 9 and 10, Jimmy Toombs was named delegate-at-large and Woodrow Wozencraft was elected as delegate and Bob Fowler as alternate from the department.

O. R. Dye Installed As New Alderman

O. R. Dye, who was named as a new member of the city council in the April election, was installed as alderman at the regular monthly meeting of the city dads Monday night.

The election of Jimmy Toombs as chief of the Volunteer Fire department was also ratified by the city council at this same meeting.

List of Petit Jurors Called Next Week

The jury panel in 42nd district court for next week includes the following names:

W. H. Frazier, Berdella Adcock, J. S. Teaff, D. H. Vaughn, R. L. McLean, Merkel; Harley Woods, M. T. Harber, C. P. Oliver, W. R. Baltanz, L. P. Bennett, Lacy Howerton, J. H. Beasley, J. W. Franklin, W. A. Filippo, J. C. Roberts, R. E. Matthews, W. E. Gentry, Frank Antilley, J. T. Willis, W. D. McKeown, Max Bentley, Gray Wooten, C. C. Stewart, Harry Tom King, N. T. Zachrey, Frank Richards, H. B. McGinnis, D. L. Boyd, W. D. Smith, L. J. Pickard, Bob Young, W. W. Plummer, H. M. Henslee, E. C. Pearce, Will Nesmith, F. A. Davis, Claud Newberry, Abilene; H. A. Copeland, Ovalo; Henry Steen, W. R. Holland, Bradshaw; C. V. Hooker, Chas. H. Braune, Tye; T. H. Hurt, Wingate; J. R. Gafford, Trent; J. L. Deal, Buffalo Gap; Robert Sayles, E. D. Graham, Tuscola; A. L. Walden, Guion; L. C. Scott, Lawn.

SECOND PERFORMANCE OF MERKEL'S FREE RODEOS COMES SATURDAY, MAY 8

DIVIDE TRIMS NOODLE, 18-4

Victors Lam Out 14 Hits; Hanna Strikes Out Twelve in Seven Innings.

Divide defeated Noodle, 18-4, in Saturday's game, second on the schedule of the 1937 season of the Merkel Inter-Community league. The victors annexed 14 hits in the regular nine inning go-round, which free hitting was abetted by eight errors in piling up the one-sided score.

Lefty Hanna, Divide moundsman, worked seven innings, allowing three runs and five hits and striking out twelve opposing batsmen in the seven rounds. Barton then went to the hill and was touched for four hits and one run.

Leading the winner's attack, J. Seymour, Divide shortstop, collected three hits in as many times to the plate.

Box score of the game appears elsewhere in this issue of The Mail.

Play-by-play report, as given by Rex Myers, proved a most gratifying innovation.

Next game carded will be between Trent and Noodle on Saturday, May 15.

LEAGUE STANDING.

TEAM	W	L	Pct.
Trent	1	0	1.000
Divide	1	0	1.000
Hawley-Truby	0	1	.000
Noodle	0	1	.000

Meet Abilene Lions Softballers Friday

Manager Byers Petty of the Lions softball team has matched a game with the Abilene Lions to be played here Friday afternoon of this week, beginning at 6 o'clock.

This is the first time these teams have met this year, although the two competed very strenuously in friendly rivalry last year. Dr. L. C. Zehnpennig is captain of the local team from the Lions club.

Secure Pat Davis As Football Coach

Pat Davis, captain of the 1936 McMurry Indians, was selected as football coach and physical education director of the Merkel High school at the regular meeting of the school board Tuesday night. He is president of the senior class at McMurry and will get his degree this commencement.

Due to the resignation of Miss Vera Hayes, her place was filled with the election of Carroll Benson, who will win his degree from Hardin-Simmons university this year, as teacher of geography and physical education in the Grammar school.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, May 11, 1917.)

The following Merkel Fireboys are attending the State Firemen's convention at San Angelo this week: C. K. Russell, A. V. Dye, Owen Ellis, Harvey Warren, Roscoe Sharp and Willie Nelson.

One of our home guard squads took a hike to Trent last Monday night. It took about one hour and a half to reach Trent and one hour and fifteen minutes to return. While there the boys attended the graduating exercises of the Trent High school.

The members of the squad are: Delmer Compton, captain, Doyle Garrett, Art Sharp, Willis Wooling, Tom Allday, Frank Counts, Tom Blair and Harry Merritt.

MOORE-HUTSON MARRIAGE.

Mr. Noel Moore and Miss Effie Hutson, both of Merkel, were married at the Methodist parsonage last Tuesday evening, the ceremony being performed by Rev. L. A. Humphries.

Emzi Burroughs returned from Amarillo last Monday and will remain in Merkel.

Paul Cranford of El Paso is visiting his parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. V. Cranford.

Whip Cracking and Rope Spinning Exponent to be Added Feature Attraction; More Grandstand Seats Provided.

To meet the demand for grandstand seats, the capacity of the sections proving inadequate at the opening rodeo, an additional section providing for the accommodation of 128 more persons has been erected at the east end of the stands and will be ready for Saturday's rodeo, it is announced by President S. D. Gamble of the Merchants Trade Extension association.

For the convenience of those wishing to do so, tickets may be purchased on the day of the show uptown prior to 12:30 p. m. at both the Merkel Drug company and Vick Drug company. After that hour they will be available at the show grounds.

The show will start promptly at 2 p. m.

Three wild bulls and as many bucking horses have been engaged to add to the thrills of spectators at Saturday's performance, but this is not all.

Negotiations were completed Thursday morning by Chairman Booth Warren of the rodeo committee for the appearance, as a special added feature in the arena Saturday, of Bob King, who will tour with the Cowboy band the coming summer and who will give an exhibition of whip cracking and rope spinning to last about ten minutes.

Arrangements have also been completed to have the arena sprinkled under the direction of City Marshal Vaughn and assistants, so that unnecessary dust may be eliminated.

Members of the rodeo committee discussed plans and details for the coming show around a 5:30 breakfast table at Wozy's cafe Wednesday morning.

Services of Golf Pro Available on Mondays

The services of Benny Adams, pro at the Hamlin golf club, will be available each Monday to members of the Merkel golf association who wish lessons and instructions.

The schedule of hours may be arranged through Dr. L. C. Zehnpennig, club president.

Social Security Blanks.

Postmaster Wrenn Durham has asked The Mail to announce that the office of the deputy revenue collector at Abilene has left a supply of social security forms SS-1 at the post office here for the convenience of those desiring these blanks.

Pulitzer Prize Winners.

New York, May 6.—The St. Louis Post-Dispatch, the novel, "Gone With the Wind," and the play, "You Can't Take It With You," received Pulitzer awards for excellence in American journalism and letters.

Willie Q. Brown of Abilene, son of Q. Brown of this city, left last week for the front, where he will enter the navy department in the capacity of engineer. He visited his parents here the past week just previous to his departure. Another son, B. E., of Houston has enlisted to take training as second lieutenant. He is at present at the drilling camp at Leon Springs.

Houston Buford, who has been away from here for eight years, returned last week and is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Buford. Four years of the time was spent in the navy, stationed at San Diego and other points out from California.

Miss Pansy Walters gave a party Wednesday night to a number of her friends. All report a delightful time.

A tacky party was held at the home of J. A. Duckett last Saturday evening. A large crowd was present.

COMPERE NEWS

The health of our community is good at this writing. Everybody is waiting and anxious for a good rain. We are glad to report that our Sunday School is enlarging each Sunday. Mrs. Joe Crowder and daughter and two grandchildren from Coleman county visited the former's brother, A. J. Newman, Sunday. Brother Cleveland of Abilene preached at the 11 o'clock hour at the Zion chapel Presbyterian church Sunday. Mrs. M. D. Lucas from Noodle spent the day with her daughter, Mrs. Ben Adkins, last Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Davis visited the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Davis, Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. T. K. Marshall visited their daughter, Mrs. C. B. Lucas, Sunday. Several from this community attended the birthday party given by Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lucas in honor of Miss Leta Tarpley at Noodle Saturday night. Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Terry visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Stout Sunday. Grandmother Marshall, who has been visiting her daughter in Abilene for some time, has returned home. Mr. and Mrs. George Smith of Noodle visited the latter's sister, Mrs. C. B. Lucas, Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Ray were among those attending the sacred harp singing at Hodges Sunday. They report a good singing. Those visiting Mrs. J. D. Johnson Sunday were Mrs. Ben Adkins, Mrs. O. W. Johnson and little son, Robert Ray, and Mrs. Buster Jordon and baby. Several from this community attended the plays given by the school at Noodle last week. Mrs. E. M. Long had as her guests Sunday her sister and family from Hamlin. The primary teacher, Mrs. M. K. Milner, visited home folks at Sylvester last week-end. John Nelson from Odessa visited in the home of Ben Adkins Monday. B. F. McGinnis had the misfortune of losing a good mule last week. Misses Tressie Marshall and Elsie Smith visited Miss Eva Dean Terry Sunday afternoon. Those visiting Mrs. Clona McClure at Merkel Sunday were her sisters, Mrs. R. A. Palmer and Mrs. N. C. Palmer, and their daughters, Mary

June and Jacquette, and Mrs. H. L. Smith and her daughter, Juanda Joyce. The singing at Zion chapel was well attended Sunday night and every one reported a good singing. The class meets each Sunday night and everybody is invited. (Omitted Last Week.) Compere Baptist Sunday School had a very good attendance Sunday, and is progressing nicely. We invite every one to attend. Grandmother Palmer spent the day Sunday with her son, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Palmer. Those visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Burris Davis Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Davis. Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Lucas visited the latter's mother, Mrs. T. K. Marshall, Sunday. Mrs. N. C. Palmer entertained a number of little folks Sunday in honor of her little niece, Mary June Palmer's eighth birthday. Kodak pictures were made and punch was served. Then all attended Sunday School. Mary June received many useful gifts. Several attended singing at Zion chapel Sunday night, and each one reported a good singing. Mrs. I. B. Ray and children visited Mrs. R. S. Palmer Sunday afternoon. Miss Mattie Horton, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Edna Hammitt, of near Snyder, for the past two weeks, returned home Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Bigham of Cross Roads visited in the home of the latter's mother, Mrs. J. F. Merritt, Sunday. This community was well represented at the rodeo Saturday. There will be a Mother's Day program rendered at the Baptist church Sunday night, May 9. Every one is invited. Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Johnson are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Houston

Box, at Hamby, for the past two weeks. Grandmother Marshall is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Lillie Perkins, of Abilene, this week. John Caffey of Truby was a visitor in our community Monday afternoon. Ralph Ramsey and sister, Mrs. C. M. Foster, were called back east Monday afternoon to attend the bedside of their sister, who is seriously ill. Mrs. H. R. Chancey has as her guest this week her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Whitescarber, of Chicago, Ill. Owen Smith of Lamesa visited home folks in this community last week. MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS. We will appreciate the privilege of sending in your subscription to the leading magazines. On a great many of them, if you want to include your subscription to The Mail, we are in position to make special clubbing offer. See as before you renew. Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office. Standard Typewriter Ribbons 75c each at Merkel Mail office.

Plan to Assign SS Numbers by June 30 Austin, May 6.—Plans for an intensive campaign to assign social security account numbers by June 30 to every wage earner in employments covered by the federal old-age benefits provisions of the social security act were outlined today by M. D. Dewberry, field representative of the Social Security board. "Although approximately 900,000 account number cards have been issued in the state of Texas, we are certain that there still are several thousand and covered workers in this field area who have not yet applied for account numbers," Dewberry said. "The post offices will continue to receive applications for account numbers through June 30. The application forms will be in easy reach of any unregistered worker; after that date an applicant will have to contact the nearest Social Security board field office in order to establish an old-age benefits account. We hope, therefore, to bring all affected workers into the program while facilities of the post offices are yet available."

MOTHER'S DAY May 9th



MOTHER—there's a world of meaning in those six letters. Tender—loving—caressing. She is the one who made us what we are—who gave us the chance to be what we might have been. Next Sunday is Mother's Day. By some thoughtful word or action, let's not forget it's the day we honor our Mother. THE OLD RELIABLE

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ETIQUETTE.

Use your manners for each occasion. Don't be so precise one time and so very rude another. Have respect for your teachers and visitors and show them much courtesy.

The students of Merkel High school as a whole are courteous, respectful, and use their manners. But there have been a few times when manners were forgotten and selfishness and greed took the upper hand.

As we acquire our education let us also learn to conduct ourselves properly in public. No matter if we know everything in every book in Merkel High school no success could come to us in life if we can not meet the public with ease and self-assurance. Be smart, work hard, and meet the public with proper conduct and you will succeed in attaining the highest goal possible.

THE BANQUET.

The Junior-Senior banquet of 1937 was a very swanky affair indeed—thanks to Miss Stroud, Spanish and algebra teacher, sponsor of the class, and also the brains of the feast.

The gymnasium was beautifully decorated in blue and white crepe paper. Life savers with such sayings as "Ship Ahoy," "Juniors-Seniors," "Poop-deck Pappy," and "Popeye the Sailor Man," and anchors decorated the walls.

The tables were also in blue and white crepe paper with ships as centerpieces.

One hundred and eighteen were present. The speaker for the evening was Mr. J. M. Williams, principal of the Sweetwater senior high school. He delivered a very interesting and informal address.

The program was as follows:
 Toastmaster, Dick West.
 Invocation, Herbert Patterson.

Toasts: "To Seniors of '37," Frances Higgins; response, Weldon Davis; "To Faculty," Betty Grimes; response, R. A. Burgess.

Playlet: "I Do, I Do, I Do," by the Juniors.

Songs: "We Saw the Sea," "When My Dream Boat Comes Home," "Shipmates Forever," Frances Higgins, Pauline Joyner, Hollis Perry, Mildred Humphrey, Louise Richie, Fannelle Gray. Accompanist, Mrs. Comer Haynes.

Address, J. W. Williams.
 The following made up the menu: fruit cocktail, chicken a la king in timbale cases, parsley potatoes, green beans, battered carrots, clover leaf rolls, pineapple salad, mint sherbet, angel food cake, iced tea.

The banquet was brought to a close by the Seniors lining up and the Juniors, faculty and others bidding them farewell and the best success in life.

THRU THE KEYHOLE.

(By "The Peeper.")
 Sounds like a date book!

Norman Winters and Verne Moore were at the show Saturday night.

And so were Leroy, Ina Mae, Frances, Norman, Cecil and Hollis.

Betty, Oscar, Vincent and Sis were together Saturday night.

Pilly, Verne, Fannelle and A. C. went to Abilene Sunday.

Fannelle stood Junior up * Friday night, but that was all right because he'd rather have gone with Verne any way.

Looks like De La Vergne and Waymes made up Friday night.

Lloyd Vick and Rachel are still happy.

Betty and Vernon went to the road show at Abilene.

Lucy Faye, Oscar, Grace and Jack are having a time and a fourth.

Mary Jo Russell had her first date

—with L. S. Tipton.

Mary Love was with Johnnie Sunday afternoon.

Murry Is still sporting Evelyn Bigler around.

Rebecca is asking Oscar for dates and he's standing her up. Such rude people!

Miss Clements has a diamond. She's almost as glad as we are!

Roy, when are you and Mozelle going to get hitched? I hear you all have really got it bad—and look at each other like calves in a hail storm.

Oh, yes, Robbie and Ina Mae were hauling Pete around Sunday, but they needn't think they can vamp Pete just because the other Noodle boys won't go with them, because I heard him call Frances "dumplings," and I know by that he's kinda sweet on that gal.

I'm going to tell Loudale's and Hollis' mamas on them because of what they did Sunday.

It's a pity Robbie and Ina Mae didn't have that oil-8 last Wednesday night when they got left at the gate out in the middle of a cotton patch, but they finally succeeded in reaching the Bicknell's bachelor apartments, where they were greeted with much disinterest. Girls, they'll come to see you when they want to.

Jane, what did those girls do to you

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this comes graduation. Boy! Oh Boy! Will we be glad? The Seniors are working very hard on the Senior play. They hope to make it the best play that has been given at Merkel.

PERSONALITIES.

Catherine Osborn.
 Catherine has attended Merkel High school four years. In this time she has made many friends with her sweet personality and quiet ways.

Catherine has been a member of the Dramatic club two years, home economics one year and Senior Girls' club one year. When Catherine finishes school she wants to become a nurse. We're sure Catherine's ambition will come true.

Vernon Mansfield.

Vernon has been in Merkel High four years. During this time he has played on the football team three years and two years on the baseball team. He also has come out for track. When Vernon finishes school he would like to be a traveling salesman after taking a business course. Vernon, we're sure you will be successful in your career as a traveling salesman. Best of luck!

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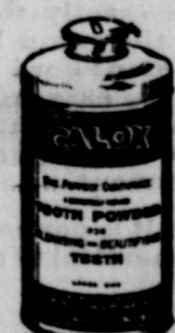
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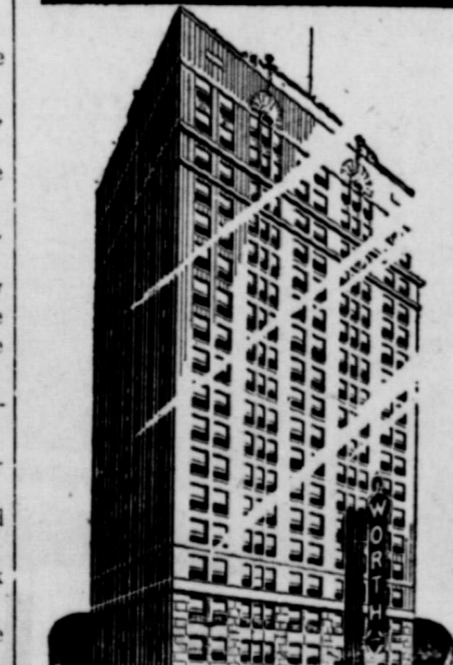
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RURAL SOCIETY

GOODMAN CLUB.

The Goodman HD club met Tuesday, Apr. 27, in the home of Mrs. Will Spurgin at 2:30 p. m. The subject for study was "Woolen and Feather Comforts and Tufted Bedspreads."

Roll call was answered with a helpful hint. Mrs. John Windland said "to keep meringue from falling on pies, start them with the oven cold."

Mrs. Spurgin invited those present to see her canvas garden and the one in the open. To see it will surely make every one want a canvas garden, as hers is a good stand and plants are twice as large as those in the open.

Mrs. Gene Cade discussed woolen comforts: Mrs. Carl Bonneaux, tufted bedspreads, and Mrs. John Windland, feather comforts.

Refreshments were served to Mesdames John Windland, Gene Cade, Carl Bonneaux, Homer Campbell, Wheeler, C. W. Seago and the hostess.

Next meeting will be on May 10 with Mrs. C. W. Seago in an all-day affair. Miss Gladys Martin, HD agent, will be present on that day. Subject for that day will be "Value of Interesting Hobbies" and "Sponge Cakes." Visitors are welcome at any time.

WARREN CLUB.

Mesdames Joe K. Higgins, Odie Jones, H. H. Hobbs and Luther Land joined the Warren Home Demonstration club at their last meeting. Other members present were Mesdames Ross Baker, M. H. Ely, J. B. Griffin, Miss Ella Hobbs and Mrs. Joe Price. Visitors were Mesdames P. B. Bradley, Bill Dunagin, Hollis McCoy, from Stith; Mrs. Douglas and daughter, Mary Bell, from Union Ridge, and Mrs. Reider from Warren.

Flies, roaches and bedbugs were discussed by club members meeting at the home of Mrs. M. J. Hines on Apr. 27. Miss Gladys Martin talked on "Floors, Walls, and Woodwork" and also gave a recipe for home-made floor wax.

Mrs. M. H. Ely and Mrs. M. J. Hines were elected as an entertainment committee to raise funds to send a delegate to the Short Course this summer.

At the next meeting club members will discuss combinations for salads, appropriate salads for various menus and salad dressings. Miss Ella Hobbs will be hostess on May 11 at 2:30 p. m.

QUILTING SOCIAL.

One of the most delightful events of the month was afforded when Mrs. W. A. Harrison of Blair entertained a group of friends with a quilting social held in her home on Apr. 29. A delectable covered dish was enjoyed; the dining room was decorated with spring flowers, which gave a lovely setting for the occasion.

Those participating in the affair were Mesdames EH Brooks, Howard Brown, Pat Addison, Dewey Rogers, John Sweeney, Chester Gosdin, Hugh Campbell, Noma Neighbors, T. A. Mitchell, E. E. Conley, Vernon Gosdin, W. J. Smith, J. B. Jones, Carl Doan, R. B. Horton, Otis Moore, Will Campbell, Claude Derrington and the hostess, and little Misses Gloria Gene Derrington, Hazel Connelly, Masters Bill Harrison, Waymon Connelly, J. B. Sweeney, Don Harrison, Reuben Horton, Dale Doan and Joe Billie Doan.

BLUEBONNET CLUB.

The Bluebonnet Home Demonstration club met Friday, Apr. 30, with a program and cake walk at Butman. The money raised was to buy equipment for the club.

More Traffic Deaths.

Washington, May 6.—Automobile deaths numbered 3,004 in 126 cities in the first 16 weeks of this year, the commerce department reports. The total last year for the same period was 2,307.

To Resume Her Career.

Hollywood, May 6.—Norma Shearer Monday visited Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studio for the first time since the death of her husband, Irving Thalberg last September, and announced she will resume her motion picture career.

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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Arvil Richardson and Harris Ray, students in Hardin-Simmons university, Abilene, were visitors in the W. M. Carey home Sunday afternoon.

D. A. Hutcheson of Fort Warren, Cheyenne, Wyo., arrived Saturday for a month's furlough from duties. He will visit his mother, Mrs. C. H. Hutcheson, Sr., also relatives in Merkel.

Mrs. Buddie Burks of Burnet, accompanied by her brother, John Hamner, attended the opening of the fishing season at Lake Sweetwater Saturday and spent the remainder of the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Hamner, and other relatives.

Volley E. Vessels and children, Dow and Willie Mae, accompanied by Mrs. Hannah Linsley, were passing guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Vessels. Mr. Vessels and children had spent the week-end with Mrs. Lula Russell, of Slaton, while Mrs. Linsley visited with an uncle at Post.

Miss Sallie Freeman of Sweetwater was guest of her mother, Mrs. Pauline Freeman, and other relatives Saturday night and Sunday.

Mrs. Rudolph Shannon and children of Fort Stockton spent Saturday here visiting with Mr. Shannon's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Bright.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harris and sons of Mulberry canyon spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Vessels.

Mrs. Maggie Walker and daughter, Vivian, left Friday for Lafor to attend the bedside of her daughter, Mrs. Goma Fowler, reported seriously ill there.

Mrs. Mattie Rosson is expected home Sunday from Big Spring where she has been visiting her sons, Tom and Eugene, for the past two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Scott of Stanton were week-end guests of relatives and friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe English and children, also Mr. and Mrs. Otto Blackmon and daughter, all of Lamesa, visited relatives here.

Mrs. Cal Hamner, Mrs. Dorris Dowdy and Ouida Murrell Hamner spent Saturday in Glen Cove, Coleman county, and attended a cemetery working. This occasion is held annually.

Mrs. Thelma Coleman of Odessa arrived to spend a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Z. Tittsworth.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Taylor and daughter of Abilene were guests Sunday of friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Caz Lansford entertained his mother and sister of Monday last Sunday.

Members of the Baptist Sunday School enjoyed an outing Sunday at Sweetwater park. A bounteous luncheon was served at the noon hour and the afternoon was spent informally, interesting games and contests being engaged in. Approximately seventy-five members and visitors were present.

WOODMEN CIRCLE MEETING.

Official business was conducted at the regular meeting Tuesday night of Woodmen Circle Grove No. 668, held in the W. O. W. hall.

Presentation of the flag of the United States was made and the pledge of allegiance given. Miss Beatrice Corley was elected as auditor to fill the vacancy caused by the removal of Mrs. Dorothy Stevens to Big Spring.

Present for the meeting were the following: Mesdames Laura Kegans, H. R. Poor, J. E. Gafford, O. L. Bishop, W. K. McLeod, Odessa Butler, John Payne, Ruby Windland, Ed Burks, A. C. Wash and Miss Vera Bright, musician.

ART CLUB MEETS IN STAWN HOME.

The Home Art club met with Mrs. Earl Strawn for its regular session. Mrs. Strawn used spring flowers to decorate rooms where guests engaged in needlework and were served a tea plate.

Those present were Mesdames L. Z. Tittsworth, Tom Williamson, H. H. McRee, Lesley Beasley, C. T. Beckham, John Payne, Bob Dennis, R. B. McRee, Alex Williamson, Malcolm Beasley, Louie McRee, also Patricia Ann Beasley, Peggy Tittsworth, Sue McRee and Weldon Beasley.

Next meeting place for this club will be with Mrs. Louie McRee.

GRADUATION EXERCISES.

Dr. O. P. Clark, pastor of St. Paul's Methodist church, Abilene, will be the principal speaker for commencement exercises for Trent high school Friday evening, May 7.

The program will include the invocation by A. W. Wood; an address by S. E. Armstrong, class president; the salutatory address by Hazel Wanda Williamson; a piano solo, "Alma Mater," by Mrs. Alsie Carleton; valedictory address, Lucille Howell; class poem, Gladys Roberts; class will, Dow Williamson; class history, Ola Martin; class prophesy, Lois Orand; song, "Farewell to Thee," by the class; presentation of diplomas by Rev. Alsie H. Carleton and the benediction by Rev. Mr. Carleton.

UNIQUE CLASS OF BOYS HAVE BOX SUPPER.

An unusual class in high school composed of five boys, the Juniors are carrying out the traditional program for the senior class, without interruption; at the beginning of the year, the class held an election, each boy holding an office. Alvis Cooley and Charles Shouse were additions to the class later in the year; yet there were no girls entered.

They sponsored a box supper at the school auditorium Thursday evening, the fund received to be used to defray expenses for the Junior-Senior banquet.

The following appeared on the program preceding the auction of the boxes: Rev. Alsie Carleton introduced the class president, A. C. Terry, Jr., who in turn introduced the class secretary, Elery Smith, Jr. Other numbers were piano selections by Kirby Steadman, a humorous reading by Walter Williams, piano solo by Vera Bright and a novelty contest in which R. T. Bishop, James Bright and S. E. Armstrong took part.

TRENT HIGH SCHOOL BANQUET.

(Omitted Last Week.)

The announced Junior-Senior banquet was held Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock at the Wooten hotel, Abilene.

The president of each class gave introductory remarks. A. C. Terry, Jr., junior president, presided for the occasion, introducing S. E. Armstrong, Jr., senior president.

A chicken menu was served in three courses to: Rev. and Mrs. Alsie Carleton, sponsors and honor guests; seniors honored were Hazel Wanda Williamson, Dow Williamson, Gladys Alice Roberts, Ola Lavada Martin, S. E. Armstrong, Jr., Lucille Howell, valedictorian, and Lois Orand.

Juniors are Charles Andy Shouse, A. C. Terry, Jr., Elery Smith and Billy Joe Bowers.

TRENT MAN HONORED ON BIRTHDAY.

(Omitted Last Week.)

Mrs. C. T. Beckham honored her son, Hubert, on his birthday Thursday, Apr. 22, with a luncheon served at her lovely suburban home. She was assisted by her daughters, Mrs. Alex Williamson and Mrs. C. C. Stribling. Rooms were decorated with bluebonnets and business men and associates were in attendance for the occasion.

Guests were Messrs. H. R. Poor, A. W. Woods, L. E. Adrian, Ed Bowers, C. C. Stribling, Alex Williamson, Tom Williamson, John Strawn, Roy Stewart, C. C. McRee, L. Z. Tittsworth, Bry Burkhardt, Earl Strawn, Ollie Smith, John B. Winn, Hubert McLeod, Spurgeon Scott, J. P. Roberts, Mark Williamson and Cullen Carrington.

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Connor Robinson of Tuscola, recently elected superintendent of the Merkel schools for next year, presided over the meeting as retiring president. Dean R. G. Boger, McMurry college, gave the principal address on "How to Get Along With People."

Elected President Literature Club

Denton, May 6.—Miss Faye Pinckley of Merkel will be president of the Current Literature club on the campus of North Texas State Teachers college, where she is a student, next year. Officers for the club's 1937-38 year were elected last week.

Miss Pinckley is a junior in the college. The Current Literature club is a local social and literary organization for junior and senior women at the college.

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NOTICE—Party who picked up sack of groceries by mistake in Campbell's Grocery and Market last Saturday, please return or pay for same and nothing will be said.

LEGAL NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS. To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County—Greetings:

You are hereby commanded to summon Leona E. Gates by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, to appear at the next regular term of the 104th District Court of Taylor County, to be held at the Court House thereof, in Abilene, Texas, on the first Monday in June, A. D. 1937, the same being the 7th day of June, A. D. 1937, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 26th day of April, A. D. 1937, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 2857-B, wherein Robert L. Gates is plaintiff, and Leona E. Gates is Defendant, and a brief statement of plaintiff's cause of action, being as follows: That plaintiff and defendant were married July 15, 1915, and on August 1, 1932, defendant voluntarily left his bed and board with the intention of abandonment. There is no community property. That there are four children, Henry, age 17, Lillie, age 15, Dorothy, age 12, Berlin, age 8, all of whom have continuously lived with and been under the care, control and support of plaintiff since said separation. Wherefore, plaintiff prays for divorce and complete care, custody and control of said minor children. Herein fail not but have before said Court at its next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed same.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, on this 26th day of April, A. D. 1937.

(Seal) Belle Wellborn, Clerk, District Court, Taylor County, Texas. By Zola McKee, Deputy.

Merchants Sales Books 5c, six for 25c or 25 for \$1.00, at Merkel Mail office.

Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office.

"Penrod and Sam," Comedy-Thriller, At Queen Saturday

"Penrod and Sam," generally regarded as the most popular story of adolescent fun and adventure that the great Booth Tarkington ever wrote, has been booked as the feature attraction at the Queen theatre for one day only, Saturday.

Lads between the ages of 9 and 13 dominate the "Penrod and Sam" film, but it must not be assumed from this that the picture is aimed at juvenile audiences. It isn't. There's plenty of good, solid melodrama in it, a lot of laughs, an odd tear or so here and there, and all the entertainment material that an adult might desire.

For months, to the bewilderment of their families, Penrod, Sam and a score or more of kid companions have been having secret and mysterious meetings from time to time, and it is apparent that they have some sort of mystic organization. Some of the parents are worried about this.

When Penrod gets into a fight with Rodney Bitts, the son of his father's employer, and Rodney, beaten, complains to his father that Penrod is the leader of a gang of young thugs, the situation becomes serious.

In reality, the youngsters have formed a "Junior G-Men of America," and their opportunity arrives when a bunch of gangsters come to town, and, in the course of their shooting their way out, kill an old colored woman, mother of one of the "G-Men."

They manage to round up the bandits who held up the town bank—in the very old barn where they, the youngsters, have been holding their secret meetings—and recover the money after no end of thrilling and perilous adventures.

New Comedy Romance Stars Fernand Gravet

The unusual procedure of launching a newcomer to American films with a starring role is followed in "The King and the Chorus Girl," the spirited comedy produced by Mervyn LeRoy for Warner Bros., which plays Saturday night prevue, Monday and Tuesday nights at the Queen theatre.

The player in this case is Ferdinand Gravet, famous continental screen star, who makes his American bow in this picture. LeRoy met him last year in Paris, promptly signed him to a long term contract and brought him to Hollywood.

LeRoy insists the action was not a gamble and declares his belief that American audiences will echo the praises of those in Europe once they see the tall, dark-haired, quiet spoken star. Incidentally, M. Gravet speaks English with an intriguing Oxfordian accent despite his birth in Belgium and his present residence in France. This is the result of his early schooling in England.

Norman Krasna and Groucho Marx fashioned a swift-paced, laugh-crammed story for the new star. In it, he plays the role of a wealthy, spend-thrift ex-king who falls head over heels in love with an American chorus girl who isn't impressed by royalty. The chorus in this case is Joan Blondell.

Two experts in comedy—Edward Everett Horton and Mary Nash—are the ever-worried relatives of "King Alfred VII," and others in the cast include Alan Mowbray, Luis Alberni and Jane Wyman. Kenny Baker, of radio fame, is the solo singer in the numbers which show the "can can" dance in the gay Follies Bergeres in Paris.

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Dealing with the heroic efforts of a young physician to rehabilitate himself after he has been unjustly stripped of his reputation and driven from practice, "Once a Doctor," heralded as one of the most thrilling melodramas of the year, comes from the First National studios to the Queen theatre one day only (Friday) at the new summer bargain prices of 10 and 15 cents.

Donald Woods, who was so excellent in "Anthony Adverse," plays the doctor. Jean Muir, for the first time a "glamor girl," is the feminine influence that helps him in his struggle and crowns his victory.

The climax of "Once a Doctor" is the transfer from a tramp steamer to a gorgeous yacht, in midocean, at the height of a terrific storm, of the young and persecuted surgeon so that he may perform an operation that saves the life of his benefactor. These scenes are said to be thrilling in the extreme.

Merkel Chapter OES In Regular Session

Merkel Chapter 212, Order of Eastern Star met in stated session Tuesday night with Worthy Patron H. G. Smith and Mrs. Bessie Cummins, presiding as worthy matron, as Mrs. Merritt was ill.

The chapter room was decorated with the five colors carrying out the degrees of the order, and Mrs. Lila Rya, conductress, presented Mrs. Fannie Merritt, Mrs. John Childress and Mrs. Andy Shouse the candidates at the altar for the obligation. The degrees were given by the star points very impressively.

Sherbet and cake were served to twenty-seven members and visitors.

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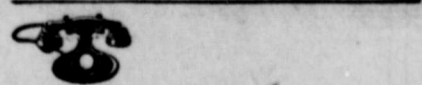
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Strawberries, 2 pints 19c

Apples, Winesap, doz. 27c

Carrots, 3 bunches 10c

Lettuce, head 5c

Lemons, dozen 25c

Grapefruit, 4 for 25c

Spuds, Brown Beauty 5 pounds 19c

Supreme Vanilla Wafers, 14 oz. box 22c

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6 lbs. 35c—12 lbs. 63c
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Camay Soap, perfume free, 3 bars 19c

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3 cans 50c

Red and White Corn, No. 2 can, 2 cans 29c

Red and White Peas, No. 2 can, 2 cans 35c

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Standard Tomatoes, No. 2 can, 3 cans 25c

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Red and White Baby Food all flavors, 3 cans 25c

Gallon Fresh Prunes, per can 29c

Pure Apple Butter, quart 22c

Red and White Stuffed Olives, 7 3-4 oz. jar 25c

Red and White Sour Pickles, 16 oz. jar 23c

Blue and White Oats, with chinaware, pkg. 25c

Vim Pep Dog Food, 1 lb. can 7c

Scott Paper Towels 2 rolls 25c

Blu Kross Toilet Tissue, 3 rolls 23c

Red and White Tea, 1-4 pound 19c

Del Dixi Pickles, sour or dill quart 17c

Goblin Hominy, No. 2 1-2 can 10c

Red and White Grape Juice, pint 18c—quart 33c

Red and White Mayonnaise, pint 25c

Grapefruit Juice, No. 2 can 10c

Pure Cane Sugar, cloth bag, 10 pounds 55c

Red and White Soap, 6 bars 25c

Red and White Milk, 4 small or 2 tall cans 15c

Dried Prunes large size, 2 lbs. 29c

Early Riser Coffee, pound 17c

Red and White Potted Meat, 4 cans 15c

Red and White Vienna Sausage, 3 cans 25c

Red and White Pancake Flour, pkg. 10c

1 pkg. Kellogg's Whole Wheat Biscuit—1 pkg. Kellogg's Krumbles 23c

Water Glass FREE

Sun Spun Salad Dressing, pint 23c

Red and White Pears, No. 2 1-2 can 19c

Red and White Marshmallows, pound 15c

Red and White Tomato Juice, 3 cans 23c

Red and White Coffee, 1 lb. 27c—2 lbs. 53c

Palmolive Soap, 3 bars 19c

Crystal White Soap, 5 bars 23c

Concentrated Super Suds, large pkg. 19c

Western Club Ginger Ale, 24 oz. bottle 10c

(Plus 4c bottle deposit)

Blue and White Tamales, 2 cans 25c

Fresh Blackeyed Peas, per can 10c

Kuners Peas, No. 2 can 14c

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Shortening, 4 lb. carton 55c

Crisco, 3 lb. can 63c

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WTCC Program at Brownwood Outlined

Brownwood, May 6.—Program for the 19th Annual Convention of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce to be held in Brownwood May 10, 11, and 12 has been announced and includes business discussions and entertainment features of interest to every West Texan.

Brownwood and the WTCC convention office here are making plans to entertain at least 10,000 people.

Speakers of national prominence will appear on programs of the convention business sessions. "West Texas Follies of 1937" in which West Texas' most beautiful girl will be crowned Queen will be staged Monday and Tuesday nights, May 10 and 11. Dances also will be held Monday and Tuesday nights and other entertainment features are being arranged.

Preliminaries in the "My Home Town" speaking contest will be held Monday afternoon, Monday night and Tuesday afternoon in First Presbyterian church. The finals will be held at the final general assembly of the convention Wednesday morning. C. M. Caldwell, Abilene, is chairman of the contest.

DORA DOINGS

Wanted—A good slow five inch train.

Fishing is the main sport now, besides baseball and rodeo. Our team did the job up good in the game with Noodle Saturday and that's the way we hope to do the rest of the summer. Our rodeo performers, Albert Oliver and Alton Whiteaker, won nicely at Albany Saturday and hope to do that well or better at the next event.

Jeff McKee died early Saturday morning at his home near Nolan. The funeral was held from the Church of Christ at Nolan with burial in the Nolan cemetery Sunday afternoon. Bailey Slinger conducted the service, assisted by Brother Dean Elkins. The burial was in charge of Mr. Johnston of Sweetwater.

Mrs. S. E. Porter came in from Plainview where she had been visiting her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Miley Burruss.

Bill Perry and Miss Bernice Adkins surprised their friends by going over to Abilene Friday evening and getting married. We wish them a long and happy and prosperous life.

Dee Bland and family of Merkel were visitors with her mother, Mrs. Rape, Sunday. Mrs. McCain of Merkel was also a caller in the Rape home Sunday.

A message was received Saturday night from Lamesa that Mrs. Dr. Richardson was quite sick with pneumonia in the sanitarium there. Her children, Mrs. Patty Elliott, J. R. and family and B. L. and family left immediately for that city.

The Doyle Moore residence built of native rock is going up fast and is going to be one of the nicest homes in the Divide.

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THE BOX SCORE

NOODLE—		A	B	R	H	P	O	A	E
Williams, 3b	----	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1
Derrick, ss, 3b	----	4	0	1	0	0	1	0	1
Sharp, 2b	----	4	0	1	1	1	1	0	0
B. Jowers, 1b	----	3	2	1	6	1	1	1	1
Parham, c	----	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Ashford, c	----	3	0	1	4	1	0	0	0
N. Palmer, ss	----	3	0	2	2	2	1	1	1
Goode, p	----	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
E. Palmer, p	----	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
W. Jowers, lf	----	4	0	1	3	0	2	2	2
R. Payne, 3b, p	----	4	1	0	0	2	0	0	0
C. Justice, rf	----	2	0	1	0	0	1	1	1
Eason, rf	----	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	1
C. Vick, cf	----	4	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
Totals	----	36	4	9	24	7	8	8	8
DIVIDE—		A	B	R	H	P	O	A	E
McLean, cf	----	5	3	1	0	1	0	0	0
Barton, p	----	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
D. Seymore, rf	----	5	2	2	0	0	1	1	1
J. Seymore, ss	----	3	2	3	0	1	1	1	1
Koerth, ss	----	5	1	2	1	0	0	0	0
Hammonds, lf	----	6	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Carpenter, 2b	----	4	2	1	2	2	0	0	0
Latimer, 1b	----	4	3	2	7	0	0	0	0
xBarton	----	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Neill, 3b	----	5	2	1	0	3	1	1	1
Jones, c	----	5	1	2	16	1	0	0	0
Hanna, p, rf	----	5	2	2	0	1	0	0	0
Totals	----	47	18	17	27	9	3	3	3

x—Batted for Latimer in 8th.

Score by innings:
Noodle 010 011 010—4
Divide 114 200 46x—18

Summary—Runs batted in, Ashford, N. Palmer, W. Jowers, R. Payne, J. Seymore 2, Hanna, Hammonds 2, Carpenter 2, Koerth, McLean 2, D. Seymore 2, Jones 5, Barton, Doubles, McLean, D. Seymore, Triples, D. Seymore, J. Seymore, E. Palmer. Earned runs, Noodle 3, Divide 12. Sacrifice hit, Latimer. Stolen bases, W. Jowers, B. Jowers. Caught stealing, Justice by Jones. Passed ball, Ashford. Innings pitched—Palmer 2, 2 runs, 3 hits; Goode 1, 4 runs, 3 hits; Payne 5, 12 runs, 11 hits; Hanna 7, 2 runs, 5 hits; Barton 2, 1 run, 4 hits. Strike-outs, Palmer 2, Payne 1, Hanna 12, Barton 2. Walked batters, Barton 2, Palmer 1, Goode 1, Payne 1. Winning pitcher, Hanna. Losing pitcher, Goode. Time of game 1:50. Umpires, Ferrier and Zehapennig.

BLAIR ITEMS

There is not much to be said about the weather this week; it has been rather cool most of the time, and it has not been encouraging to cotton planting. A good rain would be appreciated just now.

Mrs. W. C. Kimbrough and children of Amarillo are spending the week with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Claud Derrington.

Mr. and Mrs. John J. Porter of Big Spring and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. McKay and family of Abilene visited Mr. and Mrs. J. N. McKay last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Whatley and family attended preaching services at Hebron Sunday, visiting in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Williamson and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Reese and also in the J. H. Clark home. They were accompanied by little Miss Annie Clara Doan.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Lewis and Mr. and Mrs. Garland Lewis and daughters, Ina V. and Wanda, of the Divide visited Mr. and Mrs. Jim Maddera Sunday.

Mrs. John Neighbors spent the past week with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. George West, of Trent.

Mrs. Eula Provine and daughter, Miss Nola, of Merkel and Mr. and Mrs. Luther Osborn spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Campbell.

Aaron Horton and two attractive daughters, Misses Mary Ella and Dorothy, and Mr. and Mrs. Buster Horton and baby of Salt Branch attended singing at the school auditorium Thursday night. The Horton quartette rendered some mighty fine singing. There were also talented singers from Merkel, Mt. Pleasant and Nubia.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Latimer have moved to Merkel. We hate to lose this esteemed couple and hope them much happiness in their new home.

Richard Melton and R. B. Horton made a business trip to Baylor county the past week.

Merchants Sales Books 5c, six for 25c or 25 for \$1.00, at Merkel Mail office.

We fill all doctor's prescriptions. Vick Drug company.

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WEEK-END FOOD SPECIALS FOR FRIDAY and SATURDAY MAY 7-8

Bananas, dozen	15c	Spuds, new, 5 pounds	24c
Apples, Winesaps, doz.	15c	Lemons, Sunkist, dozen	14c

Compound Bird Brand 4 lbs. 53c--8 lbs. \$1.04

Spinach, No. 2 can, 3 for	25c	Salad Dressing, Best Maid, qt.	29c
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Tomatoes, Gingham Girl or Fair Play, 3 for	23c	Coffee, Folgers 2 pound can	61c
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Tomato Juice, Libby's 1-2 gal. 25c

Fruit for Salad, Libby's No. 1 tall can, 2 for	35c	Tea Lipton's Glass FREE 1-4 pound	25c
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Peaches, sliced, No.2 1-2, 2 for	35c	Scot Tissue, 3 rolls	25c
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COCOA, Justo, 2 pound can . 15c

MEATS FOR EVERY OCCASION

Bologna, sliced, pound	10c	Bacon, sliced, Wilson's, lb.	29c
Veal Loaf, lean, pound	12 1-2c	Dry Salt Jowls, lb.	14c
Steak, seven, pound	15c	Bacon, lb.	20c
		Sausage, mixed, pound	15c

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PHONE 61

THE MERKEL MAIL

NOODLE NEWS

Rev. L. D. Crumpler filled his regular appointment at the 11 o'clock hour Sunday at the Baptist church.

Singing at the high school auditorium Sunday night was well attended by a large crowd, visitors coming from Abilene, Trent, Merkel and other surrounding communities. Several special features were presented, among which were a trio from Merkel composed of Thelma and Pearl Mathews and Frances Higgins, with Miss Christine Collins playing the accompaniment; Miss Higgins and Alton Bicknell sang "The Indian Love Call;" the Sosebee Sisters presented a quartette number, also a quartette from Abilene rendered a selection; a young lady from Abilene gave a solo, and Mrs. Dan Haddox, also of Abilene, rendered two selections on an accordion. There were also other special features.

Mrs. Ray Spurgin returned Sunday from several weeks visit with her sister, Mrs. Homer Herring, of Bishop. She visited in Dallas with her husband several days before going to South Texas.

Mrs. Ernest Spurgin and little son,

Milton Mack, visited Mrs. Waldo Cox Sunday.

Tea Bicknell and family spent Sunday in the home of Otto Bicknell.

Joyce Mashburn of Comper spent the week-end with Louise Cox.

T. F. Sosebee of Stamford was a guest of A. C. Sosebee and family Sunday.

Mrs. Pearl McCoy and little niece, Bobbie Nell Jinkens, of Merkel visited C. B. Jinkens and family Friday.

E. M. Tarpley and family were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Sloan.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Church of Merkel visited Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Bicknell.

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Thompson of Dallas spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Herring. Their daughter, Lenore, returned home with them after a three weeks visit with her relatives here and at Anson and Stamford.

A. C. and O. W. Sosebee and W. J. Bicknell attended a meeting of the county school board at Anson Monday.

Miss Ruby Blanche Jinkens and brother, T. C., of Merkel, attended singing here Sunday night.

Mrs. A. F. Barbee and daughters,

Leta Fay and Dot, Juanita Morgan, Mrs. A. C. Sosebee and daughter, Ava Ruth, were Abilene visitors Saturday.

Mrs. O. L. Justice visited her daughter, Mrs. Clifford Rodden, of Abilene Monday of last week. She also attended a tea there given by the study club in honor of the mothers.

Mrs. Bell and Mrs. Wright, two of grammar school teachers, took their pupils to Shannon's pool last Friday for an all-day outing and picnic. A number of the parents also attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lucas entertained a number of young people Saturday night honoring their cousin, Miss Leta Fay Tarpley, on her birthday. Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served to twenty-five guests.

LOST ANYTHING? A little ad in our Lost and Found column may bring it right back.

Read Merkel Mail Want Ads. Adding machine rolls 15c or two for 25c; regular retail price everywhere. For Sale at Merkel Mail office.

Second sheets for sale at Merkel Mail office.

Possom Kingdom No More. Mineral Wells, May 6.—Possom Kingdom is no more. The Possom Kingdom transient camp, where the works progress administration took highway wanderers from idleness and put them to work, was abandoned recently. Local labor will complete construction projects.

Bereavement acknowledgement engraved cards, with envelopes to match, 50 cents per dozen at Merkel Mail office.

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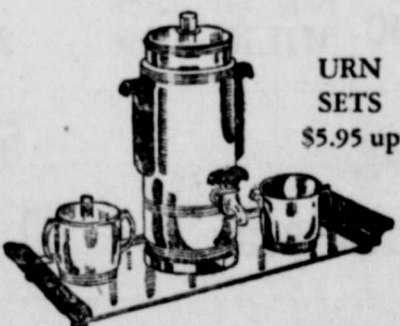
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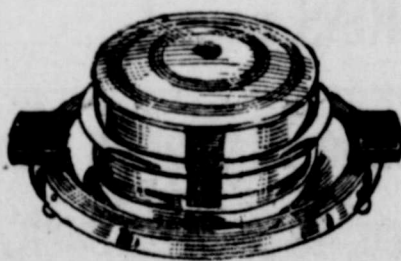


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TOASTERS \$2.95 up



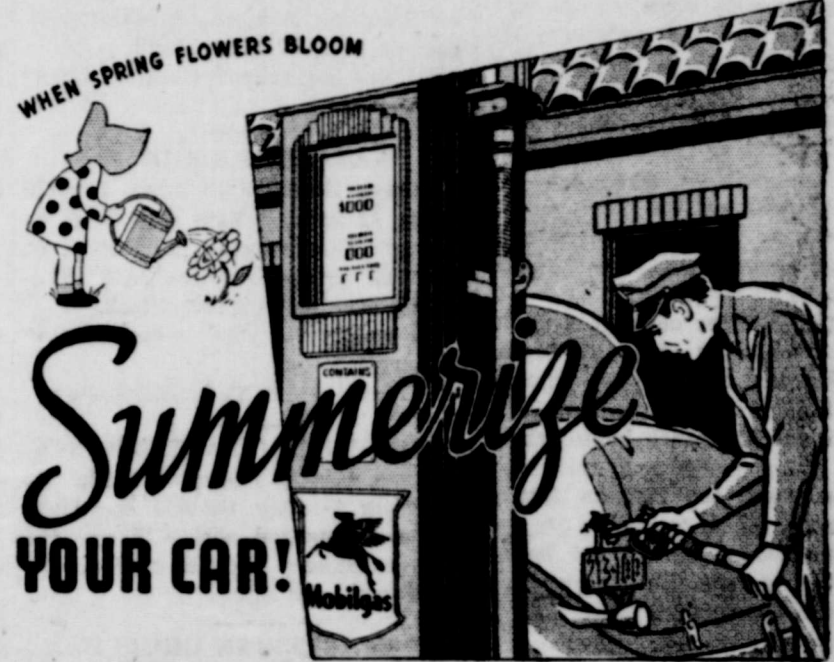
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FORTNIGHTLY STUDY CLUB.
Mrs. Lige Gamble extended hospitality to the Fortnightly Study club members on Tuesday afternoon. Subject material for the program was on "Education of Girls and Women." Mrs. J. P. Rudd was leader for this program. She conducted a round table discussion on "Woman's Struggle for the Right to Education."
Answering roll call were the following club members: Mesdames Cox, McFarland, Gamble, Haynes, Swann, West, Self, Rudd, Burgess, Petty, Largent, Brown, Durham, Lindsey, Smith, Booth, Collins, Warren, Sadler, Wilhite, Misses Christine Collins and Julia Martin.

PICNIC SUPPER.
The new Derstine park furnished a rustic setting for picnickers on last Thursday evening when B. T. S. members took themselves there for a outing. Following supper, open air games were enjoyed by Misses Emma, Helen and Lona Joyner, Dot Swafford, Thelma Mathews, Vivian Davis, Lucille Crick, Bess McNiece, Mr. Roy Reid and son, T. L. Reid.

ALL-DAY OUTING AT BUTMAN RANCH.
(Written by Mrs. W. R. Williams.)
Fifteen members and seven guests of the Home Demonstration club met at the home of Miss Lottie Butman at 8:30 Friday morning. We proceeded to drive to the Butman ranch through the most gorgeous scenery of wild flowers, hills and lacy greenery. We parked on the bank of the Big Elm creek; the hunt started for redbud, cactus, wild honeysuckle and many different plants of the woods. Then came the dinner hour; many well filled baskets, with all the picnic accessories, even to the coffee made over the camp fire, wonderful appetites and lots of fun and laughter.
Then the younger ones went to inspect the waterfalls and wade in the creek. We left this much enjoyed place at 2:30 in the afternoon to journey on to the old ranch house where we saw many interesting things in the home where the Butman family were reared. At a tenant house we saw them feeding the orphan lambs with bottles of milk. The keeper told us that each lamb drank three quarts of milk a day. Then we stopped at the wonderful dam with its beautiful spillway. Words cannot describe its massiveness.
We all came home with dreams that we would repeat it at an early date.

CLASS PARTY.
Misses Marilyn Sue Grimes and Tommie Evelyn Grimes were co-hostesses to members of the intermediate department of the Methodist Sunday School on Monday evening in the Dee Grimes home. An evening of interesting games was climaxed with the serving of delicious chicken salad sandwiches, ice cream and cake.
Those present were Mrs. Johnny Cox, Misses Becky Gardner, Geraldine Teague, Dora Marie Gaither, Dorothy Lee Shannon, Louise Patterson, Clara Joyce Cox, Billie Woods, Floyd Hutcherson, Jerry Warren, Charles Church, Don Wood, Billie Wood, Ben Robert Hicks and the hostesses.

CAKE WALK.
The Union Ridge Home Demonstration club is sponsoring a cake walk at the Union Ridge school house on Friday night of this week, May 7. Every one is welcome and plenty of fun is planned for every one.

Texas Theatre
Sweetwater

Friday-Saturday
Claire Trevor, Lloyd Nolan in "King of Gamblers"

Sunday-Monday
Carole Lombard, Fred McMurray in "Swing High, Swing Low"

Tuesday-Wednesday
"The Girl From Scotland Yard"
With Kareem Morley, Robert Baldwin

Thursday Only
George Arliss in "Man of Affairs"

R. & R. PALACE
Friday-Saturday
Tex Ritter in "Headin' for the Rio Grande"

CHURCH SERVICES

METHODIST CHURCH.
Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Herbert Patterson, general superintendent. Sermon by pastor. Evening worship at 8 o'clock. Wednesday evening prayer meeting at 8 o'clock.
A special Mother's day program will be rendered by the choir at both services. The program includes "Beauty of Jesus" (Rev. Lon Jones), as the opening number. After the Apostles' Creed, the choir will sing "Gloria Patri." A junior quartette will sing "God Bless Our Mothers," (Lane), and a junior girls' chorus will render "One Who Still Loves is Mother," (Kelly). The choir will give three anthems: "Morning Land," (Wilson), "The Prodigal and the Song," (Wilson), and "Mother's Evening Song," (Molly.)
John H. Crow, Pastor.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.
Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.
B. T. S. meets at 7 p. m. Sunday. W. M. U. at 8 o'clock Monday afternoon. Prayer meeting at 8 o'clock Wednesday evening.
The offering at the church hour Sunday will be made in honor of "Mothers" and the proceeds will go to the Hendrick Memorial hospital, Abilene, for their charity fund.
All are cordially invited to attend these services.

NAZARENE CHURCH
Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. NYPS at 6:30 p. m. Mother's Day program at 7:30 p. m. Midweek prayer services each Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.
We appreciate your co-operation in all services.
R. T. Smith, Pastor.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.
There were 663 present at the six reporting Sunday Schools last Sunday, as compared with 637 on the previous Sunday and 715 on the same Sunday a year ago.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
Sunday School at 10 a. m. As this is the pastor's day at Baird, there will be no preaching service, morning nor night. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.
Every one is cordially invited to these services. Strangers welcome.
R. A. Walker, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.
Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. each Sunday by Brother A. J. Rollings. Young

people's program 7 p. m. on Sunday.
A service of song, prayer and preaching for each Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.
You are cordially invited to attend these services.
The Elders.

NORTH SIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH.
Preaching Saturday night at 7:30 o'clock. Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. B. T. S. at 6:30 p. m. Wednesday night prayer meeting at 7:30. W. M. S. meets at the church Thursday at 2:30 p. m.
All are cordially invited to our services.
R. C. Reagh, Supt.

"Brown Wren Patrol" Conducts Scout Meet
Wednesday's meeting of the Pine Tree Troop of Girl Scouts was conducted by the "Brown Wren Patrol." The first number on the program was a reading by Johnnie McDonald, and after the reading the girls sang "The Star Spangled Banner."
At the completion of the program the captain taught the troop the color guard ceremony, and the girls visited Miss Dora Garoutte, with a bouquet of roses, after closing the meeting with their usual circle.

Change of Sinclair Agency Announced

Announcement of a business change this week places Bertis Lang as wholesale agent for the Sinclair Refining company, succeeding J. D. Porter, agent for the company here for the past five years, during which time the agency showed remarkable growth.
Due to another business change, the Hi-Way Service station, formerly operated by Clyde Shouse, passes to the control of P. H. Douglass and Son, with Ralph Walker continuing his service with the station in the capacity of manager.
Future plans of Mr. Porter and Mr. Shouse are not ready to be announced.

Named Exposition Chief.
Washington, May 6.—President Roosevelt has sent to the senate the nomination of Cullen F. Thomas, Dallas attorney, to be United States commissioner general for the Greater Texas and Pan-American exposition.

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SATURDAY—ONE DAY ONLY
New Feature and Short Subjects—Booth Tarkington's **"PENROD AND SAM"**
With Billy Mauch (Young Anthony Adverse) and Frank Craven—A Picture Everybody Should Bring His Dad to See
Added: Two Reel Comedy, "Ditto," and The Westerners in a Screen Song; Also "Jungle Jim"

SATURDAY PREVUE 11 P. M., MONDAY and TUESDAY
Fernand Gravet and Joan Blondell in **"KING AND THE CHORUS GIRL"**
With Edward Everett Horton, Alan Mowbray and Kenny Baker, Radio Favorite
Also Popeye in "Organ Grinder's Swing" plus "World on Parade," Short Subject

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY
Kay Francis—William Powell in **"ONE WAY PASSAGE"**
Also "Porky's Road Race" and "Big Courtship," 2 Reel Comedies

DON'T FORGET THURSDAY NIGHT
COMING SOON
"SWING HIGH, SWING LOW"

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Brown and son, Jimmy Earl, returned Saturday of last week to their home at Roswell, N. M., after a visit with Mrs. Brown's mother, Mrs. L. A. Watts, and other relatives.
Gordon Murray, student in West Texas State Teachers college at Canyon, was home to spend the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Murray.
Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Haynes and children, accompanied by Mrs. Haynes' mother, Mrs. W. S. Joiner, of Tye, visited Sunday with an aunt of Mrs. Haynes and sister of Mrs. Joiner, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Davis, at Hubbard.
Miss Margaret Miller, who teaches in the P. S. school, spent the week-end at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Miller.
Mrs. O. E. Fox and children were week-end visitors in Fort Worth with her brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Fox, and family.
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Conneys, former Merckelites, now of Abilene, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Ted Sloan, also of Abilene, left Saturday to visit Mr. and Mrs. George Groene in Tampico, Mexico.
Mrs. W. A. McSpadden left Saturday for a month's visit with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Warren McSpadden, of New York City. Her nephew, Van Roberts, of Abilene accompanied her for a two weeks vacation visit to New York City.
Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Grayson and children arrived Saturday from

Merkel Hospital Notes

Four patients for minor surgery and one for major surgery entered the Merkel hospital the past week. Those for minor surgery were: Mrs. H. B. Bassett, Clyde; Mrs. J. M. Hudson, Elvia Cooley and Miss Melba Watts, Merckel.
Miss Addie Morris, Tye, Route 1, who underwent major surgery, was dismissed Wednesday.
Ed Criswell, who had been in the hospital for treatment, was dismissed Saturday.
Tulare, Calif., for a visit with home folks. They were accompanied by his aunt, Mrs. Arthur Laxson, of McFarland, Calif., and John Williams, of Tulare, Calif., who will visit his brothers here.
David Gamble, student at the University of Texas, arrived Tuesday for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Gamble.
A. T. Sheppard left Tuesday afternoon for Mineral Wells to attend the bi-state convention of the Funeral Directors and Embalmers association of Texas and Oklahoma.
Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Harris and daughter of Tuscola are spending the week with his father, Mr. and Mrs. Lige Harris.
Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Harwell and children, accompanied by Mrs. Harwell's mother, Mrs. Dora Wharton, of Wichita Falls, who is their guest,

made a week-end visit to Carlsbad Caverns.

Adele to Enter Films.
London, May 6.—Lady Charles Cavendish, the former Adele Astaire, plans soon to make her debut in British talking pictures with Jack Buchanan, actor-manager, the Daily Mail reports.

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SQUASH, white, nice and tender, 2 lbs. .. 15c	1-2 Gallon Bucket P. NUT BUTTER 55
LETTUCE, large firm heads, each 5c	2 Pound Quart Jar P. NUT BUTTER 29
Fancy Pinks	16 Ounce Linen or Cord MOPS, each 23c
Tomatoes, 2 lbs. 25c	A-1 Saltines CRACKERS 2 lbs 19
Nice and Tender	Pure Ribbon Cane SYRUP, gal. 59c
CARROTS, bunch 5	Macaroni or Spaghetti 6 boxes 23
Well Bleached	Jersey
CELERY, stalk 18c	Bran or Corn Flakes, pkg. 10c
Large Yellow Fruit	Nice Size PRUNES, 2 lbs. 15c
BANANAS, dozen 15c	Baby Size Cans MILK, 7 for 25c
California and Full of Juice	
ORANGES, dozen 25c	
Extra Fancy	
APPLES, 2 dozen 29c	
TEXAS GRAPEFRUIT, 2 for 15c	
LIMES, ripe and juicy, dozen 15c	
SPUDS, No. 1's, 10 pounds 33c	
NEW CROP ONIONS, pound 5c	
SUGAR, Pure Cane, 10 pounds cloth bag 55c	
FLOUR, Western, 48 pounds sack, guaranteed \$1.75	
SHORTENING	LAMB CHOPS, pound 35c
Mrs. Tucker's	FRESH CHANNEL CAT FISH, pound 30c
8 lb. carton \$1.14	SAUSAGE, per pound 15c
LAUNDRY SOAP	Dry Salt
6 bars 25c	JOWLS, lb. 15c
	Sugar Cured BACON, lb. 28c
	Fresh Calf LIVER, 2 lbs. 25c
	Half or Whole HAMS, lb. 29c
CANDY	Armour's Sliced BACON, lb. 29c
Mixed	Any Cut PORK, lb. 23c
Pound 10c	
ELI CASE & SON	Hamburger lb 12 1-2
GROCERY & MARKET	Chuck Baby Beef
Phone 234	STEAK, pound 17c
Prompt Service	T-Bone
	STEAK, lb. 20c
	Fancy Chuck
	ROAST, lb. 15c
	BOLOGNA lb. 12 1-2
	Kraft's Elkhorn
	CHEESE, lb. 19c
	Oleomargarine
	All Sweet
	Pound 20c