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MERKEL, TEXAS, FRIDAY. JULY 9, 1937.

On the "Broadway of America"

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MERKEL'S FIRE CHIEF KILLED IN HIGHWAY CRASH

Hundreds Attend Rites at Metho- ground tank 12 miles northwest of roon; Had Lived Most of His party of young people. Life in This Community.

sorrowing parents, sisters and broth- chickens. er and other relatives to pay final timely death in a highway accident Rowe, was drowned. two miles west of town Friday after-

John H. Crow, the pastor, assisted by highest in Texas history. Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of Grace Presbyterian church, and Ted McGehee. It was the latter as chaplain of drowning of Henry Mendoza, 41, who the Merkel Fire department who read sank in 15 feet of water in the Sabine the brief sketch of the life of the de- river while attempting to rescue his ceased.

Interment followed in Rose Hill cemetery, with the funeral cortege led by the city fire truck, followed department; the Sweetwater men were troyed. in the chief's official car.

Byron Patterson, Fred Guitar, Jr., home near Vineyard Monday morning, June 30, '37 Carl Mathews, J. E. Tucker and C. O. the five-months-old baby of Mr. and (Pat) Patterson of Abilene. Members Mrs. Lois Felkner was burned t of the city council and of the fire de- death and Mrs. Felkner received sev partment were named honorary pall- ere burns.

Serving as flower girls were: Mrs. Fleyd Davis, McCamey; Mrs. C. W. Guthrie, Big Spring; Mrs. Comer miles south of Garrison on the Nacog Patterson, Abilene; Mesdames Byron Patterson, Fred Guitar, Jr., Stacy from the rear of a truck, the wheel Bird, Finis Cade, and Miss Hallie passing over his head.

skull fractured when his automobile, ted in the recent legislative session, traveling east, crashed into a high- was held Monday by F. C. Bolton, who way maintenance truck. He was was elevated from brought to the Merkel sanitarium by by the board of directors, a passing motorist, but died before regaining consciousness. He had been (Continued on Page Five.)

Badger School Band's First Public Concert Meets with Approval

With a feeling of genuine pride, a concert rendered by the newly organ- the construction. ized Badger School band, directed by D. W. Crain, who is also director of

began practice only five months ago, On the same day as his death his son, the program was unusually well pres- D. M. Oldham, Jr., Abilene attorney, ented. Opening with a march, the was elected a vice-president of the numbers included two chorals by Bach Texas Bar association at the meeting and Beethoven; "Hail, Hail, the of that group in San Antonio, Gang's All Here" and "Old Brown Mare"; waltz selections; "The First Parade," a march, and a trombone smeer, called "Trombone Antics," concluding with "The Eyes of Texas."

As special added numbers Misses Mary Jo Garland sang "Sweet Lei Lani" and "Boo Hoo," with Miss Christine Collins as accompanist.

The band will play Friday night at the Butman picnic.

Attends Meeting of Area VA Instructors

Monday of last week a number of the Merkel Future Farmers, accom-Merkel High school, journeyed to the of the two-day affair. Llano river below Junction for several days outing.

While there, the boys enjoyed swimming and fishing privileges through the compliments of Hon. Coke Stevenson, camping on his place.

Mr. Collinsworth carried the boys through the Big Point Ranch game and pheasants observed were quite a

TO STEPHENVILLE CONFERENCE. to attend the summer conference of all the vocational agriculture teachers in Area IV. The purpose of work and other activities for vocationschools in Area IV for the coming

Mr. Collinsworth is chairman of the committee on F. F. A. work. He will return the latter part of the week.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Edna Hodges, 15, drowned in a dist Church Saturday After- Weatherford while on a picnic with a

Governor James V. Allred Tuesday signed a bill passed at the recent special session of legislature closing Hundreds of friends gathered with for five years the season on prairie

A short-circuited pump on a bridge teer Fire department and popular in the death of a negro and injury to young business man, who met an un- three white men. The negro, H. A.

Aggregating approximately \$4,186,-

Orange's holiday casualty was the sister, Mrs. Claud Bergeron.

The sun's rays shining through a glass show case were blamed for igniting fireworks in a showcase of a Dalby Chief A. C. Forgay and Truck las drug store, when a stock of fire-Driver G. E. Blair of the Sweetwater works valued at about \$400 was des-

Pallbearers were: Parker Sharp, In a fire which destroyed the family Total loans:

Roy Weatherly, 26, of Garrison was killed Sunday morning about nin doches highway as he was throw

The new position of vice-president Jimmy's chest was crushed and his of Texas A. & M. college, a post crea-

collecting that day and was apparent. Miss Rebecca Coursey, aged spinster, leased Thursday morning by J. C. trocuted early Friday of last week in the state prison at Hunt'sville. He was the 145th to die in the Texas

that plans had practically been completed for a pulp plant with a daily large number gathered at the High capacity of 75 tons. The plant would School gymnasium Friday evening of cost \$1,500,000 and from 400 to 500 last week to enjoy the first public men would be employed for a year in

De Marcus Oldham, 85, native Texthe Abilene Christian College band. an, died Saturday at Abilene, follow-When it is realized that the band ing a heart attack two days earlier.

The state board of education voted months of 1936, \$4,474.65. Tuesday, 6 to 2, to boost the allotment from \$19 to \$22 per scholastic. 20 Girls Compete for By this action public schools of Texas will receive approximately \$4,700,000 Anne Lee Blake, Jannell Black and more from the state per capita apportionment during the year starting next Sept. 1 than ever before in his-

Butman Picnic and

The sixth annual Butman picnic and rodeo was to swing into action the municipal swimming pool at 7 p. Thursday morning when Representa- m. as a part of the third annual watpanied by C. H. Collinsworth, vocational agriculture instructor in the was to speak on the opening program

> Home Demonstration club is also to hostess to the visiting girls. present a play that evening.

is headlined with a rodeo and ball of Merkel will be honor guest at the game each afternoon, also includes a revue. While not eligible to compete be played: program by the school children of in this year's contest, she has been preserve twice. The wild deer, turkey Butman, an old time singing and a honored with selection to lead the Branch vs Tom Cats, State Bank vs Hollis Brown, Trent; Charlie B. Boyd, string music contest.

Old-timers of Taylor county, especially Mulberry canyon, will be guests C. H. Collinsworth, Merkel VA on the second day, with Hon. Thomas teacher, went to Stephenville Monday E. Hayden of Abilene the principal Adda Mae Doran, 60, pianist for En- State Bank vs Tom Cats, Lions vs A. Garcus, Merkel; Tracey Gilbreth, speaker on the morning program.

On the roded schedule will be steer of his operatic career, died at her riding, bronc riding, mule bareback home here. the conference is to work out plans, riding, calf roping and wild cow milking events. Jim Cook, president of the al agriculture boys in all the high Butman pinenic and rodeo, is arena

Tuesday, July 6, 1937.

BIG INCREASE BANK DEPOSITS **OVER YEAR AGO**

Banks Show a Total of \$713,-941.14 to Depositors' Credit; Big Gain in Resources Also.

Indicating healthy effects of the large grain crop which was put on the market at an unusually favorable B. Toombs, chief of Merkel's Volunin the death of the two Merkel banks as of June 30 reflect.

P. Self was installed president at Tuesday's luncheon, succeeding the same prospersus condition which is evident over all this section of West

Deposits in the Merkel banks as of 000 compared with the previous peak June 50 totalled \$713,941.14, an in-Funeral services were held at the of \$4,067,062 in August, 1936, gaso-crease of \$67,977.16 over the same date Methodist church, conducted by Rev. line tax collections in June were the last year. Loans also show a decided increase, outstanding loans as of June 30 this year being \$57,725.75 greater than last year.

A semi-annual dividend of three per cent was declared as of June 30 by the Farmers and Merchants National bank, this being the 55th dividend declared by this bank.

A comparison of the loans, deposits and total resources of the combined figures of the Merkel banks as of June 30 this year, the same date a year ago and three months ago fol-

\$389,235.54

d	Mar. 31, '37	356,960.66
	June 30, '36	
	Total deposits:	
	June 30, '37	\$713,941.14
	Mar. 31, '37	626,287.51
a,	Mar. 31, '37 June 30, '36	645,863.98
·	Total resources:	
5-	June 30, '37	\$858,281.40
n	Mar. 31, '37	770,396.04
S	June 30, '36	783,911.66

Wheat Crop in Area

which is about all harvested now, is told in the shipment of 102 cars for C. C. Matura, 66-year-old slayer of the season, according to figures renear Haskell, in May, 1936, was elec- Childress, local agent of the T. & P.

is probable that not more than two program of the Taylor County Old church, officiating. or three more cars of this season's Announcement comes from Orange crop will be shipped from here.

Slight Decline In Postal Receipts

Postal receipts for the fiscal year ending June 30 fell off \$33.57, as compared with the year ending June 30, 1936, it is shown by the report of Postmaster Wrenn Durham.

Receipts for the year ending June

Receipts for the first six months of 1937 were \$4,376.56; for the first six

"Goddess West Texas"

Sweetwater, July 8 .- Up to Wednesday twenty West Texas girls had entered the contest to win the "Goddess of West Texas" beauty title at the Sweetwater Water Carnival Saturday and an all-expense trip to the Rodeo Under Way Fort Worth and Dallas expositions, with at least two more expected before registration Saturday morning.

The beauty revue is to be held at and Saturday.

"Miss Sweetwater" is to be selected Friday night from a group of 16 en-The Merkel school band is to play tries. Ineligible to compete for the on Friday night and the Merkel "Goddess" crown, she is to serve as

As winner of the 1936 "Goddess of The program for two days, which West Texas" title, Betty Lou Grimes parade of out-of-town girls.

> Pianist for Caruso Dies. Los Angeles, Calif., July 8 .- Mrs. rico Caruso when he was at the height Mars.

Fuss Against Fuss. Oklahoma City, Okla., July 8.-It Tye was "Fuss vs. Fuss" in divorce court Lions

MERKEL LIONS INSTALL NEW SET OFFICERS

Combined Figures of Merkel Joe P. Self Heads Civic Group For Ensuing Year; Retiring PARADE PLANNED President and Secretary Given Rising Vote of Thanks.

> Heading the slate of officers of the Lions club for the ensuing year, Joe P. Self was installed president at Henry C. West.

Other officers installed at the same time are: Dr. L. C. Zehnpfennig, first vice-president; C. J. Glover, second ing Saturday, July 17, date of the vice-president; Stanley King, third final rodeo for the 1937 season, a vice-president; Byers Petty, secretary; banner day in Merkel, the special com-Carlton Vick, tail twister; Nathan Wood, Lion tamer; new directors, A. A. McGehee and R. T. Gray,

the entire proceedings, climaxed by a date. rising vote of thanks for the retiring

cers, but before retiring officially as one of the directors. club president, Henry West took oc- Details of program for the day will Divide. casion to express the pleasure he had be ready for next week's issue of The derived from the office in association Mail.

or bestowed upon him in electing him port that Bill Brabbin was badly inas president, Joe Self said: "We, the jured the second day of the Big Spring officers, have a task, to compete with rodeo was erroneous. He was carried the outgoing officers," and paid per- from the arena unconscious, but not Wins 400 Meter Event sonal tribute to the retiring president seriously hurt. Bill took second money and associates. "The Lions club is in the first day's steer riding compe-Passes 100-Car Mark what members make it," he stated, tition there.

(Continued on Page Five.)

Arizona Governor One of Speakers at

association. Other entertainers will ers, at Tye. Doughboys of Fort Worth.

30, this year, were \$9.640.01, while program feature, and an Indian pag- B. Dinwiddie of El Paso and A. J. for the previous year receipts totalled eans is to be presented in the evening Dinwiddie of Post. by Boy Scouts of the Chisholm Trail council. A concrete platform is being constructed for the square dance.

lunch-friends of former years get- this week at the Horn Baptist church, ina's penitentiary for conspiracy to ting together in groups under the Everybody is invited to attend the violate the state banking laws, was: shade of the oak trees as they spread services. salads, fried chicken and other foods from ample hampers.

Undefeated Softball Teams Match Game

Postponed game between Stith and Mars, originally scheduled for June 10, will be played at 3:30 Friday af-

Stith and Mars, both undefeated in regular army to war strength. Merkel's Softball league, are tied for Results for the past week follow:

Stith 7, Lions 3. State Bank 11, Salt Branch' 1. Tye 17, Lions 10.

and F. F. A. was understood to have of the boys who have enlisted in Combeen only a practice game.

LEAGUE STANDING. Stith Record of Births.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Leon Johnson, He alleged neglect, humiliation and less day, July 6, 1937.

Was Fuss vs. Fuss in divorce court library in divorce court library.

State Bank 2 3 .400 bert O. Ricker, Merkel; Jewell E. Wolves in the vicinity are doing conditions.

Tom Cats 1 2 .333 Sanders, Hawley; Charles M. Story, Siderable devilment and it is proposed. F. F. A. 1 3 .250 Merkel; Vernon B. Simpson, Merkel; to take some measures looking to their pain.

Salt Branch 2 3 .400 bert O. Ricker, Merkel; Jewell E. Wolves in the vicinity are doing conditions.

TRENT VS HAWLEY-TRUBY INTER-COMMUNITY LEAGUE GAME CALLED 2:30 P. M.

NEXT RODEO DAY

Morning Program Announced for Final Show in Series Of 1937 Season.

With the objective in mind of makmittee, of which Nathan Wood is chairman, initiated plans at a meet-Enthusiasm and a deep apprecia- ing Wednesday for a spectacular boys have played one less game than tion of the spirit of Lionism pervaded street parade on the morning of that Trent because their contest with Di-

president, Henry C. West, on motion besides the chairman, include Yates this game is to be set later in the seaof Dr. Zehnpfennig, and a similar tri- Brown and Norman Hodge; meeting son. bute to Yates Brown, who is relin- with these three Wednesday were Because of the postponement of the quishing the office of secretary which Stanley King and Byers Petty, added final rodeo of the season from July 3 he has held since the re-organization members of the committee, President to July 17, the Trent-Noodle game set of the club nearly three years ago. S. D. Gamble of the Merchants Trade for July 17 has been moved to the fol-Following the installation of offi- Extension association and O. R. Dye, lowing Wednesday, July 21, as part

officers, who he said "had done your eral of the regular contestants in the work well" and with satisfactory re- Merkel show at the various other bigger rodeos about the country. Fans al-First thanking the club for the hon- so will be glad to learn that the re-

Rites Held at Tye

Old Settlers' Picnic Funeral rites for E. W. Dinwiddie, kel boy. 82, retired farmer, were held from the In the 50th annual National A. A.

Gap Friday, July 16. The day's fes- taken overland in a funeral coach of York A. C. by a couple of yards. Tom tivities will get under way at 10 a. m. Laughter Undertaking company, Abi- Moore of the Olympic club was third, The Eagle band of Abilene high lene, for burial in the Big Spring and fourth went to Del Fishback of school will be the official musical cemetery at Plano in Dallas county. | the Olympic club. group, it is announced by Judge T. A. Mr. Dinwiddie died Sunday at the

An old fiddlers contest is another and Blanche Dinwiddie; two sons, J. a foreign tour.

Revival Meeting at Horn.

Saturday Will Witness Another Fast Game; Noodle Meets Divide Wednesday in First Mid-Week Contest.

At 2:30 p. m. Saturday Trent and the Hawley-Truby club are scheduled as opponents in Merkel's Inter-Community league.

Play-by-play report of the game will again be featured.

In the June 26 engagement Hawley-Truby defeated Noodle to win their first game this season in the Community league, but the Hawley-Truby vide on May 29 was postponed on ac-Members of the parade committee, count of rain. Date for play off of

of a twin bill with Hawley-Truby and

Fans will note that beginning next week when Noodle and Divide meet with the entire personnel of the club Rodeo fans have followed with in- on Wednesday, mid-week games will and to thank the committees and club terest and pride the success of sev- follow for the balance of the schedule.

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In National A. A. U.

"Patterson of Rice Captures 400 Meters in A. A. U. Meet" was the For Retired Farmer Sunday's Dallas News telling the story of another victory for the Mer-

Governor R. C. Stanford of Arizona, Tye Presbyterian church at 5 o'clock U. track and field championships at who was born in Buffalo Gap in 1878, Monday afternoon, with Rev. R. A. Milwaukee, Wis., Saturday he ran While some grain is yet stored, it will be the speaker for the morning Walker, pastor of Grace Presbyterian the 400-meter hurdles in the good time of 52.3 seconds to defeat Settlers reunion to be held at Buffalo On Tuesday morning the body was James Hamilton Hucker of the New

Jack arrived home Thursday morn-Bledsoe of Abilene, president of the home of a daughter, Mrs. J. J. Jow- inng, but only for a few days, as he will compete at the Pan-American include the Webb twin brothers, Lu- Survivors are four daughters: Mrs. events in Dallas, July 15-18, and will they and Lucien, and the Light Crust J. W. Bradley of Wylie, Mrs. Jowers, leave July 21 for New York City to Mrs. Laura Dark of Pomonia, Calif., join a group of A. 'A. U. athletes for

Luke Lea Gets Pardon. Raleigh, N. C., July 8 .- Col. Luks. Lea, former publisher and former Uni-Rev. Will Horn is to do the preach- ted States senator from Tennessee, Highlight of the day is the basket ing at the revival to begin Friday of who served two years in North Carol-

granted a pardon by Governor Hoey.

MERKEL20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, July 6, 1917.)

Report from Washington states that | Sheppard, Merkel; Arthur Story, Merternoon of this week on the local dia- the war department called for 70,000 kel; Spurgeon Scott, Trent; Paul additional recruits in order to fill the Turner, Merkel; George White, Mer-

Our local company has been designated I Company, Seventh regiment, Texas National Guard. The company will be commanded by Captain R. M. Wagstaff, an Abilene boy, with Lieutenant Alan McDavid second in com-The game on Tuesday between Mars | mand. Following is a complete list pany I: Robert R. Adams, Merkel; Six more scheduled games are to Louis B. Baker, Merkel; Daniel O. Blackmon, Trent; Edgar A. Breeze, On Thursday of this weeks Salt Merkel; William B. Brown, Merkel; Hawley; Louis Caldwell, Hawley; For Tuesday of next week conten- Marvin J. Cook, Hodges; Arthur Derders are: Stith vs Tye, Salt Branch ington, Merkel; Royce E. Dowdy, vs F. F. A.; for Thursday, July 15: Trent; Frank J. Ferrier, Merkel; Dee Hawley; James F. Holloway, Merkel; Brittain Jobe, Merkel; Robertus Mc-W L Pct. Ree, Jr., Trent; John Mackechney, 0 1.000 Hawley; James E. Morris, Trent; Jus-0 1.000 ton L. Moran, Hawley; Frank

kel; Riley D. Whitten, Merkel; Leslie B. Wells, Merkel.

F. A. Sanders and family, E. P. Beene and family, Charlie Orr and family, Ray Adkisson, Harry Merritt, Louise Lomax, J. A. Sheppard and others went out to Elm Tuesday evening and stayed over Wednesday, fishing and having a general good time.

Mrs. J. A. Adkisson, Misses Madaline and Marie and Ray, of Beaumont, came through in their car and are visiting with relatives and friends for a couple of weeks.

Dr. C. J. Sherrell has enlisted in the dental section of the Officers' Reserve Corps of the army and will begin his duties 'August 1st.

TO FORM COYOTE CLUB. Sam Butman has called a meeting of the citizens of his community to meet at the Butman school house next 2 2 .500 O'Brient, Merkel; Barney F. Perkins, Thursday night with a view to the 3 .400 Hawley; Archie B. Rose, Merkel; Her- organization of a Coyote club. The

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RURAL SOCIETY

WARREN CLUB. .

room demonstrator, told how she reno- joined them for the trip to Galveston. always there. vated her room, and guests were in terested in viewing what she had accomplished. Entertainment and games | nary events of their trip. were enjoyed by every one.

Refreshments were served to the following members and guests: Mes dames Britt Baker, Ross Baker, J. B. Griffin, Joe Higgins, M. J. Hines, W. H. Kelso, Luther Land, Joe Price, Miss Ella Hobbs; Mesdames Mack Buzbee, R. A. Proctor, Walter Teaff and Miss Opal Buzbee from Merkel; Mrs. W. C Lee, Mrs. J. Allen from Salt Branch; Misses Idene and Vera Ely from Tye, Misses Kelso from Warren and Miss Gladys Martin, county demonstrator.

Mrs. W. H. Kelso will have the club July 13."Variety in Sponge Cake Adds Variety to the Menu" will be the subject of discussion.

UNION RIDGE CLUB.

The Union Ridge Home Demonstration club met Friday in the S. O. Patton home with Miss Norma Patton as wo-hostess. A study of parliamentary Old Settlers picnic at Buffalo Gap on rules and by-laws was the subject for that date the picnic has been postponclub study. Plans were also made to ed until a later date to be announced have an entertainment for club mem- soon. bers and their families. Mrs. J. L. birthday gifts.

Punch and cookies were served to Mesdames W. A. Harris, M. L. Douglas, L. S. Tipton, Clark, S. G. Russell, day nights at 7:30 o'clock instead of Sr., W. C. Lee, Lige Harris, J. L. Douglas, J. L. McRee, K. Pee, Patton and Misses Mabel McRee, Sybil Harris, Norma Patton, Fay and Mary Bell Douglas, and one visitor, Miss Mamie Lee Harris, of Lucy, N. M.

JULY FOURTH PICNIC. A group of families, including about

forty persons i nall, enjoyed a picnic on the Clear fork on the Fourth. Swimming was the chief diversion of the day with dinner spread picnicfashion at noon.

Those taking part on this occasion Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Douglas and two sons, Billy and Donald, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rogers and son, Woodrow, Hubert and Benjamin, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Deen and children, Lassie, Truman, Clayton, Junior, Morris, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Douglas and daughters, Mary Bell, Fay, LaVerne and Patricia, all of laundry, making a total of six washthe Union Ridge community; Mr. and ing machines available for the use of Mrs. Addie Jones and sons, Doyle and Dwain, of the Warren community; Mr. and Mrs. W. R. McBride and sons, James, Fay and J. B., of south of Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Harwell Deen, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Deen and a trio that spent a couple of enjoyable son, Bruce Edward, of the Golan com- days on the Jim Ned included Brooks munity, Mr. Freeman of Tahoka, and Patterson, Bill Cox and Ed Turner. Red Tarbutton and Mrs. L. W. Hen- They brought back a nice showing, too. son and children, Mary Ivey and Homer, of Stanton.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Genevieve Robertson celebrated her ther mother, Mrs. H. B. Robertson. combines and grain trucks. Some of what we have done. In checking up Games were played and many beau- our rodeo performers, however, were our gravel, we find we have used on tiful gifts presented the honoree,

following: Elmer and W. B. Criswell, Mrs. Alton Whiteaker, J. L. and Jim approximately 90 miles complete in " Christine, John Angus, Juanita and Cook and Miss Mildred Cook. They Charlie Ben Garvin, Mary Alice Hes- reported a nice trip and fine enterter, James and Lu Jane Land, Jimmie tainment at Stamford show. and Billy Joyce Petty, and Mesdames Angus Garvin, Elmer Criswell and Henry Hester.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our heartfelt appreciation for the sympathy and the assistance and the many kindnesses shown us in our recent bereavement, against Coahoma Sunday. in the loss of our dear son and brother; also our thanks for the beautiful floral offerings.

May God's richest blessings rest on each of you is our prayer.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Toombs and

Murry. Mr. and Mrs. Warren Higgins

and Family

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Risinger and Family

Mr. and Mrs. Irven Thompson Steal Bridge Roof.

Venice, July 8 .- The entire roof of he world famous Bridge of Sighsns of lead-was discovered to en stolen. The theft was found when rain began to leak through structure which has been visited literally millions of Americans.

Singing at Delmar Club in Galveston

Miss Minnie Fergusson and her Texas, during which time they spent July Fourth, several of the youngsters son, who are now singing with Doc place, especially on holidays. Mize's orchestrae appearing at the Delmar club in the Island City.

o Mexico City.

The Fergussons were accompanied present. o San Antonio by Mrs. J. B. Rosson The Warren Home Demonstration and daughter, who visited two other

A visit to the historic San Jacinto battlefield was one of the extraordi-

Postpone Picnic Date Of Woodmen Circle

Merkel Grove No. 563 Woodmen Circle met on July 1, with Mrs. Winnie Turner, guardian, presiding. District manager, Mrs. Katie Tidwell was presented and given the honor salute. After instructing members in the work, she urged that they write at least one new member in the spec ial campaign now being held by Nat-

ional headquarters at Omaha, Nebr. The charter was draped for Mrs. Itasca L. Young of Philadelphia, formerly of Texas, who died in 2 Dallas hospital on June 22.

The Grove voted to have its annual pienic on Friday night, July 16, at Shannon's pool, but on account of the

The drill team will be represented lett, Abilene. Douglas and Mrs. J. H. Clark received in the parade on July 17, it being the last rodeo trades day.

For the summer months the Grove will meet on the first and third Thurs- Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Brown and in the afternoon.

LOCAL BRIEFS

Golden Petroleum No. 1 Christian reported to have set 8 3-4 inch pipe Monday at a depth of 1810 feet and is drilling about The Hard Market Busher and Mrs. J. H. Foy, Mr. and Mrs. Gusher Martin Mrs. P. R. W. L. Martin Mrs. P. R. W. Martin Mrs. P. R. W. L. Martin Mrs. P. R. W. Martin Mrs. P. W. Martin Mrs. P. R. W. Martin Mrs. P. R. W. Martin Mrs. P. R. W. Martin Braune, three miles west of View, is drilling ahead. The Humble deep test, half mile east of Noodle creek field, was past 4,500 feet at last report.

W. T. McAninch was carried to the Merkel sanitarium Saturday morning for medical attention, after he had and Mrs. Vivian Boyd, Mr. and Mrs. were: Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Church, fainted and dropped to the side walk on a downtown street, but was revived in a short while. The attending physician reports that he suffered an attack of syncopy.

> Two new Maytags in addition to equipment already installed have been added at Mrs. Stevens' Helpy-Selfy Hedrick, Will H. Jobe and three sons,

While fishing trips on the Fourth were too numerous for the newspaper- | Committe Total of man to attempt to chronicle them all,

DORA DOINGS

ninth birthday with a party given by community; no noise but the hum of ing this report to let the people know in Stamford for their celebration. Ice cream cups were served to the Among those going were Mr. and by 1,760 yards per mile and you have

> Aunt Fannie Perry returned Sunday evening from a month's visit in Clovis, N. M.

> Loraine were here visiting relatives the first of the week.

> Hershell Barton went to Loraine to play ball with the Loraine nine

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Dennis are enjoying a new car. We are glad to report Clarence Us- | this project over,

sery resting better after having been very sick Thursday night. Mrs. Elgie Hamm is in Dallas for an operation of the throat and will

be away about a month. Clyde Oliver of Dallas spent the week-end here with his parents, Mr.

and Mrs. W. G. Oliver. Mrs. Rose Perry and daughter, Jew-!, visited her brother, Riley Whisenhunt, and family, near Nubia, Sun-

Has your subscription expired? Come in and renew it next time you are in town. Special club rates of Semi-Weekly Farm News, Pathfinder and several Magazine Offers.

Lake Sweetwater Site of Sublett Family Reunion

One hundred and twenty-five were father, Tom Fergusson, have returned present to enjoy the Sublett family refrom an extended motor trip to South union held at Lake Sweetwater on several days at Galveston and had the going Saturday night and reserving a privilege of hearing the Simpson Sis- suitable place for the reunion, due to ters, granddaughters of Mr. Fergus- the fact the lake is such a popular

A very desirable place was chosen on the east side of the lake at a camp The Simpson Sisters-Mary Olive, house, which, though small, proved Loessa and Jessie LaVerne-are ap- large enough for shade for the lunch pearing this week-end at Dallas and tables and all the crowd. The breeze will go later with the Mize orchestra from the lake was fine and a very enjoyable time was reported by all

This reunion is an annual affair and all look forward from one year club met in the home of Mrs. M. H. daughters there, and at San Antonio till the next for the pleasure of being Ely on June 22. Mrs. Ely, who is bed- Mrs. I. D. Simpson and son, I. D., together and the good eats that are

> Lunch was served picnic style at 12 noon. E. J. Orsborn gave thanks. Patterson's market prepared the barbecue and it just couldn't have been better. Barbecue, fried chicken, chicken and dressing, chicken salad, pickles of various kinds, salads, pies and cakes, iced tea and punch were served to the following:

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Sublett, Terlingua; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Newsom and sons, Sherman and Phillip, Alpine; John L. Sublett, Alpine; Mrs. Pearl Sublett and son, John, and Miss Irene Sublett, Brownwood: Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Orsborn and children, Catherine,

Lena Fay, Nina and Paul, Mrs. L. C. Sublett, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hayes and children, Imogene, Joyce and D. C., Mr. and Mrs. Luther Orsborn, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hicks, Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Sublett and three boys, Ben, Jack and Jim, Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Sublett, George A. Sublett, Mr. and Mrs. Irl Walker, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Hunter and children, Wanda and Marvin, Mr. and Mrs. Odell Crow, Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Walker and son, Miss

Myrtle Sublett, Miss Gwendolyn Sub-

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Hedrick and family, L. G., Jr., Betty, Robert, Luella and Tom, Mr. and Mrs. Harold De Verle, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Hutchins, Merrill, Yvonne and Patsy, Sweetwater: Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Woody, Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Francis and family, Mary, Ross, T. R., Mr. and Mrs. Charles Idding and son, Mrs. Gladys Marie Sublett and Martin, Mrs. B. F. Wade, Mrs. Della Montgomery, Miss Helen Bacon, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Martin, Sweetwater; Rex Roberts, Miss Estelline Willis, Southland: Towner Leper, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Greer and Kayo, Mr. L. Hefner, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gainer and son, Billie Gene, Mrs. Cora Herner and two sons, Dick and J. R., Mr. and Mrs. Jack Johnson and two sons, Sweetwater; Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Huff, Lubbock; Miss Yvonne Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Weems and Shirley, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Harrell, Vance and Carl, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hanks, Mr. and Mrs. Ward and son, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hedrick, Sweetwater.

90 Miles Gravel Roads Showing that over half of the original grant of federal funds for his precinct remains yet to be used, County Commissioner A. J. Canon has prepared the following statement covering the year's work:

"June 30 was the end of our year's The Fourth was very quiet in this work on the gravel job and I am makthe roads 147,663 yards; divide this

precinct No. 2. "The amount of government funds used for labor and equipment is \$73, 216.76. This i- out of the original grant of about \$150,000, which leaves a nice balance yet to work on. The Mrs. Frank Magee and daughter of county part of this job so far is \$13, 025.98, which has all been paid in mat-

erials, equipment and labor. "I hope we may continue with this work until all of our precinct has a good gravel road.

"With thanks and best wishes to all who have co-operated in helping get

"Yours truly, "A. J. Canon."

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to take this method of ex pressing our sincerest appreciation and gratitude to all those friends who so kindly and faithfully assisted us in the long illness and death of our dear husband and son; also for the beautiful flowers sent to cover his last

May God's richest blessings be with

Mrs. Homer Mayfield and Daughter. Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Smith and J. A. Mayfield and Family.

Condensed Statement

The Old Reliable FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK Merkel, Texas

Close of Business, June 30, 1937.

LIABILITIES
Capital Stock\$ 50,000.00 Surplus 13,500.00
Undivided Profits 7,755.24. Borrowed Money NONE
DEPOSITS 502,856.71
Total\$574,111.95

The above statement is correct. Booth Warren, Cashier.

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Lew Ayres, Benny Baker and Eugene Pallette turn detective in "The Crime Nobody Saw," a thrilling mystery story well spiced with comedy which comes to the Queen theatre one day only, Wednesday, which is "Bargain Nite."

The three are playwrights who are up against a stone wall for a plot. A play must be delivered the very next day or there is a singularly ominous "or else" from a producer who had given them a liberal advance.

Fate comes to their rescue by staging a murder right in their living room. Their next door neighbor is slain and it becomes necessary for them to solve it before the police learn about the crime. All kinds of complications and setbacks arise but when it is all over the police have their man, the three have a plot for a mystery story and Ayres has a new girl friend, lovely Ruth Coleman.

"The Crime Nobody Saw" moves at a rapid pace. An unusual twist in the murder is calculated to defy solution from the most adept solvers of film mysteries. For this, special credit is due to Charles Barton, who directed.

"Slim" Comes Next Wednesday to Queen

mance, luxurious as orchids on ermine, hardy lads who string electrical pow- Sunday. Metropole" opens with the "Owl drama, "Slim," which is scheduled Mrs. Price Melton the past week. Show" Saturday and continues Mon- to open at the Queen theatre next

er and Adolphe Menjou in the starring ed from another studio for this one Will Campbell, last week-end. picture, carries the title role of "Slim," Against the background of gay a young farm lad who, fascinated by Paree and the continent's most luxur- the work of a wire-gang crossing his ious rendezvous, the screen's most ex- father's land, becomes one of them, citing lovers play love's most excit- with the aid of "Red," a jovial and Miss Bonnie Lee Wood, of Lufkin. En- tend a reunion of the W. F. Jones ing game, while M'sieu Menjou throws gallant wire-stringer who is portray- joying the party were Nell Scoggins, family. away the rule book and Gregory Rat- ed by that perpetual favorite, Pat Dorothy and Mary Derington, Joy

"Cafe Metropole" gets off to a live- while-with "Cally," a hospital nurse, Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. Vernon Gosdin. Mr. and Mrs. Lee Ponder and ly start in the smart Parisian spot who is none other than the lovely

are short the 480,000 francs which he One of the pals of the two boys is Most interesting, to him, is the fact laughs. The boss of all the gang is visited Mrs. Mitchell Cooper Friday. that a rich American patron, Charles J. Farrell MacDonald, who in this Winniger, is arriving with his sister, picture turned in his one-thousandth Helen Westley, and his daughter, performance before the camera. The 25c or 25 for \$1.00, at Merkel Mail are in town. Special club rates on Loretta Young, and wishes a table res- cast includes such excellent support- office.

cover his borrowings, and finds that The authenticity of the picture as each at Merkel Mail office. his slim, handsome young opponent, a story of linesmen's activities is Tyrone Power, has not the money to vouched for by the producers, who cover his losses, he can force Tyrone, used in it several crews of real exupon threat of exposure to the police. perts in that line who were loaned by to masquerade as His Highness, the contractors that were building the Prince Alexis Panaieff, in a scheme transmission wires connecting the to win the affections of the lovely famed Boulder Dam and the city of

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the third glass of champagne, roman- places-are depicted for your enter- son, Teddie, of Ranger, and Mrs. The Misses Baker remained for a Claude Doan of Clyde visited Mr. and longer visit.

guests of their cousin, Mr. and Mrs. Church.

slumber party in honor of their niece, They were en route to Abilene to at-Doan, Irene Derington, Thelma M., is visiting her grandparents Mr. They are both in love-after a Thomas, Doris Mitchell, Lucy Moore, and Mrs. W. A. Harris.

of that name, where, presiding suave- Margaret Lindsay. But there's no daughter, Miss Thelma, Mr. and Mrs. and Mrs. Dale Light and children and ly over his restaurant, Adolphe Menjou enmity between them; they're great Jim Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cavette Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Hass and family seems untroubled by the possibility pals and comrades, each willing to of- and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Moore en- of Clyde enjoyed a picnic on the river that auditors will arrive in a few days fer his life to save the other's-and joyed a fishing and picnic outing the the Fourth.

Stuart Erwin, who never fails to win Misses Idell and Delphine, of Merkel, the J. L. McRee home

Standard Typewriter Ribbons 75c

Read Merkel Mail Want Ads.

Mr. and Mrs. Oren Neill and two Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Douglas and middle of last week, where they were Mr. and Mrs. Preston Doan and guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Locks.

Mr. and Mrs. Terrell Mashburn of Mrs. Ina Grice and daughter, Mary Merkel were Sunday night and Mon-Louise, of Dallas, were the house day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence

Miss Mamie Lee Harris of Lucy, N.

Mrs. Hugh McRee and children of Mrs. W. M. Cooper and daughters, Lubbock, spent a few days recently in

and several Magazine Offers.







UNION RIDGE NEWS

Mrs. F. W. Henson and two child-Roy Doan of Post spent Saturday ren, Mary Ivey and Homer, of Stanwith his mother, Mrs. Susie Doan. | ton, were Sunday and Sunday night Mr. and Mrs. Riley James gave a guests of relatives in our community.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Windham and l'amily, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Dean, Mr.

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AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS JUNE 30, 1937

ASSETS

Loans and Discounts	\$159,841.37
Overdrafts	
Banking House, Furniture and Fixtures	21,975.25
Other Real Estate	9,267.48
F. D. I. C.	153.96
Other Assets	2,212.36
Customers Bonds Deposited	2,700.00
CASH AND AVAILABLE CASH:	
Bills of Exchange	\$11,323.11
U. S. Bonds and Warrants	33,325.94
Cash and Due from Banks	42,558.73—87,207.78
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Total	\$284,169.45

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 40,000.00
Income Debentures	25,000.00
Undivided Profits	5,385.02
Bonds Deposited	2,700.00
DEPOSITS	211,084.43
Total	\$284 169 AS

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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Dingle were week-end guests of Greyhound bus officials for the Pan American Exposition at Dallas.

Milton Clinton, of Blythe, Calif., brother of S. D. Clinton, was a Trent visitor this week. He visited old friends, having been a resident here 20 years ago.

Mrs. Rosa Humphrey of Nocona was guest Friday and Saturday of her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Vessels. Flat.

Odessa hospital Thursday of last week. Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Terry, topics, discussed by Hazel Wanda Wilalso of Odessa, spent the week-end liamson, Charles Andy Shouse, Alvis here, having come Wednesday, and Cooley, Mabel Sawyer and Beatrice carried Mrs. Johnson to Mrs. Casey's. Cooley, Their daughter, Johnnie Julia, spent several days here with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Terry, Sr.

Irvin Reneau of Abilene was a holiday guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Reneau. Mrs. Reneau, who was recently ill, is reported resting well. She is, however, still under the care of a physician.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Terry, Mr. and of a relative, Homer Mayfield, who died at Abilene and was laid to rest in Rose Hill cemetery at Merkel Wednesday of last week.

Mrs. Ina Grice and daughter, Mary Louise, of Dallas, spent the week-end here with her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Sherman. They, with Mrs. Sherman, visited Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Will Campbell of Blair.

Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Crutchfield and son of Denton were guests this week in the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Rev. and Mrs. Alsie Carleton.

Mrs. Bob Billington and two children have returned home after spending six weeks visiting relatives in Oklahoma

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Estep had as their holiday guests their children, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Estep, and daughter, Dorothy Nell, of Paint Rock; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rogge and daughter, Billie Mae, of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Estep and children and Mrs. Ida V. O'Neal of Trent.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Rosson and Claude, Jr., and Edgar Turner, o Taft, are spending their vacation with Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Wood and other relatives

Nolan Hickey of Fort Smith, Ark., is spending a few weeks with his mother, Mrs. Susie Hickey.

Reuben Parker of Stanton is visiting his sister, Mrs. Leonard Abermathy, and Mr. Abernathy.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Steadman and two children of Fort Worth spent the Fourth heer with Mrs. Asha Steadman and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Shouse had as their holiday dinner guests Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Shouse and two sons, Charles and Bobby Carroll, Mrs. W. E. Shouse, Rev. and Mrs. Alsie Carleton, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie McCormick and two daughters, Mildred and Eve lyn, of Stith, Rev. and Mrs. R. O. Bailey, also Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Bailey of Dallas,

BASEBALL RESULTS.

Trent won two out of three baseball games over the week-end, defeating Loraine 16 to 6 at Loraine.

Lawn copped a 4-2 decision from Trent Sunday afternoon on the Trent ground. Trent had slugged a 11-4 victory over the same club Saturday.

ART CLUB IN LAST SUMMER SESSION.

The Art club, which originally began last September, voted to hold its final meeting during the summer months, to be resumed in cooler weath-



er. No definite date, however, has Barlow, Robert Adams, J. W. Goode, been set. This final meeting was held Edgar Lee Mangum. in the newly decorated and furnished home of Mrs. John Strawn.

Mrs. Alex Williamson, prominent or classifications. Seventeen were in ported by the national organization. attendance at Tuesday's meeting.

METHODIST YOUNG PEOPLE Mr. and Mrs. Bondie Vessels and ular program at the church for their trict manager, was introduced and children of Royalty were also holiday Sunday meeting, with devotional by given the honor salute, Mrs. Winnie visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Vessels and Mardell Shouse, songs by the congre- Turner, guardian of Merkel, was also Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Graham of White gation and prayer led by Rev. Alsie a visitor for this meeting. Ten mem-Carleton. The general subject was bers were present. Mrs. Cleve Johnson is attending the taken from "The Hi-Road," periodical bedside of her daughter, Mrs. Casey for this organization, entitled "Mak-Wash, who received surgery in an ing of America." Mardell Shouse, Union president, was also leader for the

> A brief business session was held preceding the benediction.

> > SWIMMING PARTY AT SHANNON'S.

Members of the young people's department of the Methodist church and | * their guests were entertained Monday * evening with a swimming party and Mrs. O. A. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. supper at Shannon's poel in Merkel. * Lesley Beasley, attended the funeral After swimming was enjoyed, informal games were played on the lawn, after which a picnic supper was ser-

Those attending were: Rev. and Mrs. Alsie Carleton, Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Crutchfield of Denton, Finis Crutchfield, also of Denton, Miss Evelyn Crockett of Waco, Miss Tia Juana Smith of Lamesa, also Mardell Shouse, Dow Williamson, Hughie Cooley, Van Sawyer, Thurman Jenes, Elsie Bishop, Hazel Williamson, S. E. Armstrong, Jr., DeVerle Bishop, Beatrice and Ruby Cooley, Wilma and Lola Fern Martin, James Strawn, Dorothy Jo Strawn, Charles Shouse, Tom Sawyer, Annie Mae Sawyer, Oscar Sherrill Bishop, L. D. Jones, Imogene Mangum, John Hamner, Othell and Hollis Jones, Alvis Cooley, Glennie Mabel Sawyer, R. T. Bishop, Allen

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LODGE MEETING.

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Arrangements were made for the Trent Grove to send a degree team to Brownwood convention this fall.

The young people rendered a reg- Mrs. Katie Kidwell of Abilene, dis-

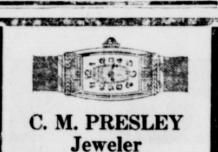
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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF DOTA GAROUTTE, DECEASED:

Notice is hereby given that original eletters testamentary upon the estate were granted to me, the undersigned, on the 3rd day of June, 1937, A. D., tives and friends. by the county court of Taylor County, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Blake, accom- tower of Mineral Wells. Texas. All persons having claims panied by their daughter, Anne Lee, After a two-weeks visit with her ed to present the same to me within the time prescribed by law. My residence and post office address are Sweetwater, Nolan County, State of

Philip Yonge, Executor of Estate of Dota Garoutte,

Install Officers

(Continued From Page One.) further illustrating the point by comgreatest weapon.

Following the singing of a verse of Miss Iris Garrett as pianist, at the ing the Joe Selfs. Horace Wade and were accompanied home by Mrs. invocation was given by S. M. Hunter. also guests Monday in the Self home. Waco, Mr. Caple's nephew.

As a new member of the club, Conner Robinson, new superintendent of Merkel some time this wek.

STANDING COMMITTEES. President Self announced the apchairman of each committee:

Membership-Dr. L. C. Zehnpfennig, Paul Douglass, J. D. Porter. Attendance-R. T. Gray, E. O. Car-

Finance-Dee Grimes, W. O. Boney, M. Hunter. Publicity-C. J. Glover, Meyer Mell-

Raymond McNiece.

inger, Raymond Wilson.

Program-Yates Brown, Wrenn last week. Durham, C. H. Jones.

C. Shouse, W. B. Thomas.

O. R. Dye, A. T. Sheppard, A. J. Can- trip through New Mexico and Pacific their parents here. They were accom-

Public safety-A. E. Higgins, Will Sheppard, Milton Case, Arthur Law-

Boys' and girls' work-C. H. Col-Church, Tom Kerns.

Public health and welfare-S. D. Gemble, Dr. W. T. Sadler, Dr. R. I. Jane, of Austin, are visiting her par- eral Wells to attend the funeral of a

Community West, Charlie Curb, T. O. Neill. Athletics-Stanley King, N. T.

Hodge, Nolan Palmer, Byron Patterson, Alvin Wozencraft. Education-Conner Robinson,

A. Grable, Clesby Patterson.

PERSONAL NEWS NOTES

were up from Santa Anna to spend with the Burton-Lingo company. the Fourth.

Miss Duncan Briggs, in Austin.

Betty Jean Gilbert is spending a Mrs. V. P. Tippett of San Angelo. month with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. I. F. Gilbert, of Big Spring.

were week-end and holiday visitors with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sid Criswell.

Miss Mamie Harris is here from N. M. Lucy, N. M., to spend the summer W. A. Harris.

Monday from Talco for a vacation daughter of Tahoka, Mrs. J. O. Mc- associated with Carl Mathews in the A. B. Patterson.

vice Station and you will find me co visited with their parents, Mr. and visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Toombs, three sisters and one broththere most of the time; will appreciate Mrs. W. L. Whatley, over the week- W. M. Hays.

end and holiday. ents, Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Compton.

daughter, Mary Lou, came from Clov- home in Mexia. is, N. M., to spend the Fourth with Mrs. Frank Cox and family and W. partment, the following committee

mother, Mrs. G. J. Jones, at Nevada, Mrs. H. H. Hobbs. Texas.

Mrs. R. A. McCollum returned Mon- home with them Monday.

Grimes, Mrs. George Swaim returned home from a visit in East Texas. Friday of last week to her home at Pendletonville.

camping at Cisco.

Henry West family for a July Fourth Anderson's mother here. outing at Menard.

Walker, and family.

Miss Lois, spent ten days with her Nell, also of Brownfield. parison with a football team where co- other two daughters, Mr. and Mrs. J. Mr. and Mrs. George E. Caple reoperation and team work are the A. O'Donnell and Mr. and Mrs. L. D. turned Monday night from a holiday Summers of San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Sheppard Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Regeon and sons, of Dallas, who are guests in the home W. K., Jr., and Royce, of Sudan, were the Merkel Public schools, was given of his parents here, and Miss Marian Fourth of July visitors in the home a cordial, Lion welcome. Supt. Robin- Sheppard, also of Dallas, were visitors of Mrs. A. E. Regeon and daughter, son indicated that he would move to to the Stamford Cowboy reunion Fri- Lois. Also Mr. and Mrs. Vernie Adams

Patterson), of Breckenridge, and Miss visitors in the Regeon home. pointment of the following standing Opal Sloan, who is teaching in Abilene Miss Julia Martin, accompanied by committees, the first named being Christian college this summer, were Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Calvert of Sweetpassing guests with friends here Sun- water, left Tuesday to spend a week

his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. will visit Miss Lurline Long, a sister son, Allen McGehee, Victor Harris, Warren. Their two granddaughters, of Mrs. Calvert, also Mrs. I. S. Allen, Catherine Coit of Dallas and Barbara a former resident of Merkel.

accompanied by Don and Jerry War- were accompanied by Etta Ruth and Constitution and by-laws-Rev. ren and Clyde Sears, were among the Janna Dean, children of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Crow, L. J. Renfro, W. A. many Merkelites who visited the Cow- Dean Murray. Miss Mary Jo Garland, boy Reunion and Rodeo at Stamford who accompanied the Murrays to Pam-

Lions education-Booth Warren, O. companied by his brother and wife, Hayes, who are summer students in Mr. and Mrs. Grover Douglass, of North Texas State Teachers college, Civic improvement-W. W. Haynes, Odessa, left Sunday for a vacation Denton, spent the week-end with

coast states. was guest last week of her parents, sisters, Miss Janet Hayes and Mrs. Mr. and Mrs. Victor Harris, returned Luther Allen. home Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Victor linsworth, Herbert Patterson, C. P. Harris spent Sunday and Monday Westbrook were guests Saturday of visiting relatives at Eliasville.

betterment-Henry Darsey, who went from here to the their son accompanied him as far as furniture markets in Chicago, was ex- Throckmorton to visit with her parpected back Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Dye and sons, Murphy and Ralph, spent the week-end in Pecos and visited the rodeo. E. Tankersley and three children of They also visited McCamey where they Fort Worth, and Mrs. Tucker's b

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Reid and children left their son, Murphy, who has work

Included in one party to visit the Stamford Cowboy reunion were Mr. arrive Thursday night. Mrs. Duncan Briggs left Sunday for and Mrs. W. S. J. Brown, Mr. and vacation visit with her daughter, Mrs. Tom Largent and Mrs. Yates Brown who were joined by Mr. and

Misses Lola Reidenbach, Faith How-Mr. and Mrs. Lee Criswell of Odessa were visiting in Merkel Saturday af- ing his car noticed the Toombs car

called there by the illness of Mrs. leg. Mr. and Mrs. Esker Curtis of Durham's sister, Miss Wanda Clem-

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Beech arrived Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Jaynes and baby ity. At the time of his death, he was and Mrs. Neva Higgins of Abilene tion.

in Borger after a visit with their par- roll, a niece of Mr. Gray, who had Merkel. Both of his grandmothers also been a house guest in the Gray home, live at Merkel. They are Mrs. J. R. Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Shive and returned Friday of last week to her Toombs and Mrs. E. C. Riney.

Mrs. T. L. Grimes and daughter, Mrs. M. F. Reeder, who is sick. Mrs. Parker Sharp, Tom Allday and Joe P. Tommy Evelyn, returned Saturday Thelma Thomas spent the first part Self. from a three-weeks visit with her of the week in the home of Mr. and Among the many out-of-town rela-

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sheppard and Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Thomas and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sheppard of Dallas daughter were week-end and holiday spent the holiday with their mothvisitors with Mrs. Thomas' parents, er, Mrs. S. W. Sheppard, and other Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Beene, at Com- relatives. Miss Marian Sheppard, who came last week for a visit, returned

day night from a holiday visit with Guests Sunday afternoon of Mr. and her husband, who is doing summer Mrs. Louis Ketcham were his sister work at the University of Texas at and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Less Lynch, of Meadow, who were accom-After a visit with her sister, Mrs. panied by Mrs. Edna Gray, also of Nannie Armstrong, and brother, T. L. Meadow. The party were returning

Mr. and Mrs. Joe P. Self and daughter, JoySue, and Mr. and Mrs. Miss Ollie Lou Tippett of San An- Joe P. Self, Jr., spent the Fourth at gelo, who came up with her parents, their cabin at Lueders, having as their DOTA GAROUTTE, deceased, Mr. and Mrs. V. P. Tippett, last week, guests Mr. and Mrs. S. I. Self of Denremained for a longer visit with rela- ton, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Sliegh of Waco and Mr. and Mrs. H. C. High-

and Misses Helen Heeter and Billie grandmother. Mrs. T. J. Toombs McGehee, spent Sunday and Monday and other relatives, Miss Lady Jane Anderson returned to her home in Mr. and Mrs. Sid Foy of Baird were Abilene the latter part of last week. up for the week-end, Sid returning Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nat Anhome, while Mrs. Foy joined the derson, paid a Sunday visit to Mrs.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Lindsey and L. M. Moore of Bairdstown is a daughter, Joan, of Brownfield, spent Merkel visitor, dividing his time with Sunday and Monday with Mr. and his brother, Willie Moore, and family, Mrs. A. A. Lindsey and Mr. and Mrs. and his brother-in-law, Rev. R .A. J. M. Chaney. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Lindsey and Mrs. J. B. Rosson and daughter, daughters, Wanda Joyce and Dona

visit with their parent's, Mr. and Mrs. Misses Ethel Biggerstaff and Thel- A. D. Guy, Sr., at Aquilla, and Mr. "America," led by Nathan Wood, with ma Coffee of Frisco, Texas, are visit- and Mrs. J. E. Caple at Waco. They opening of the luncheon program, the Jeanette Wade of Sweetwater were Caple's father and by Bennie Caple of

of Fort Worth and Ralph and Dean Mrs. Lon Keahcy (nee Miss Helen Adams of Littlefield were week-end

at Dallas enjoying the Greater Texas Tom Coit of Dallas is visiting with and Pan American Exposition. They

Beckett of El Paso, have returned Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Murray and daughter, Mabel, upon their return J. T. Warren and Booth Warren, from a visit to Lefors and Pampa, pa, visited in the Catts home there.

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Douglass, ac- Misses Norah Foster and Imogene panied back to Denton Monday by Mrs. H. G. Edleman of Best, who Miss Joyce Hayes, who will visit her

Mr. and Mrs. Ira D. Lauderdale of their sister, Mrs. John Grable. On Sat-Mrs. Guy Darsey and daughter, urday night Mr. Grable left for Minents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hamm. Mr. cousin there, and Mrs. Grable and

ents, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Lee.

er and sister, D. M. Clinton and Mrs. tives and friends attending the fun- Visit to Old Home Mattie Larsen, of Blythe, Calif. A eral were: Mr. and Mrs. Tom Toombs son, A. J. Tucker, was here for the holidays from Vernon, and another and family, Meadows; Joe Bailey and son, Jasper Tucker, and family of L. T. Toombs, Eunice, N. M.; Mr. and Plainview visited them Tuesday and Mrs. Cleo Toombs, Dallas; Mr. and Wednesday. Rev. Charles Tucker of Mrs. Jay Huskey, Carrolton; Mr. and having in her old home town, Nacog-Cordell, Okla., was also expected to Mrs. J. J. Riney and family, Slaton; doches, one of the pleasurable events

Jimmy Toombs

(Continued From Page One.) ell and Faye Foust of Sweetwater ly returning home. Motorists followternoon. Miss Reidenbach planned to swerve to the left side of the road, leave Sweetwater Tuesday with Miss where it struck the grader truck. Wal- Tom Moore, Ropesville; A. C. Smith, tie Sutphen of Merkel and Mr. and

Postmaster and Mrs. Wrenn Dur- chain which controlled the scraper, Falls. with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. ham went to Brownwood Monday, suffered cuts in the scalp and on one Born on a farm near Nubia, he lat-Breckenridge were visitors over the ents, who is now at the hospital there. er moved with his family to Merkel, Fourth with Mrs. Curtis' mother, Mrs. | Mrs. Durham remained to be with her attended the schools here and had spent most of his life in this commun-

visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Murray and two children of Floydada operation of the Texaco Filling sta-Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Whatley of Wa- have returned to their homes after His parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. er survive. The sisters are: Mrs. War-Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Gray and family ren Higgins, Mrs. Joe Risinger and Mrs. R. B. Turner and son, Bonnie left Sunday for a vacation visit at Mrs. Irven Thompson, all of Merkel; Ralph, have returned to their home Cloudcroft, N. M. Miss Dorothy Car- the brother, Murry Toombs, also of

> In a called meeting of the fire depart of last week with their mother, on the death of their deceased chief:

Hayes, Mrs. Dot Bodkin, Mr. and Mrs. Redland Herald: Castle Ellis, Misses Nell and Norma

Town Most Enjoyable

Word received from Mrs. J. P. Sutphen tells of the lovely visit she is Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Toombs, Mr. and being described in the following ac-Mrs. Pointz Haskins, Mrs. Lawrence count taken from the Nacogdoches

"A very joyful occasion was the Riney, Carl Bush, Mrs. Clifford Orr, home-coming reunion of the Muckleroy L. R. Thompson, Joe Bacon, George family last Wednesday, which was Harris, Abilene; J. D. Ashby, Step- held at the tourist camp at Egg Nogs henville; Miss Bertha Moreland, Mr. branch. The honorees were Mrs. Mat-Louise Sinclair for a visit in Clovis, ter L. Bush, driver of the truck, who Tom Beene, W. P. Freeman, Sweet- Mrs. Vernon Sutphen of Donna, Texwas at the side of the truck fixing a water; Mrs. Jim Morrow, Wichita as. Quite a number of friends and relatives were present to give them a loving welcome. And, oh, what a nice din-Adding machine rolls 15c or two ner was spread under those lovely for 25c; regular retail price every- trees and what a lovely time we all where. For Sale at Merkel Mail office. had together, recalling past days!"

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Sugar, cloth bag, 10 lbs. 51c Red and White

Meal, 5 pounds _____25c Ice Cream Salt, 5 pounds

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Red and White

Sliced Peach, No. 1, 2 for 25c

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.25c Soap, 6 Giant bars

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Red and White Mayonnaise, pint 25c

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whole, pound .25c

Sliced Bacon, pound 29c

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DOUGLASS-WEBB.

The wedding of Miss Maymie Webb to Barney Douglass was quietly solemnized at 10 o'clock Saturday evening by Elmer Adcock.

panied the couple to the home of Mr. guests, after assembling at the Hodge and Mrs. Elmer Adcock, where the home, were motored out to Shannon's

and Mrs. W. W. Webb of this city. Mr. | cut and served with ice cream, Minia-Douglass is the son of Mr. and Mrs. ture flags were given as favors to Paul Douglass, also of Merkel, and is Bobby Tom and Norma Jean Hodge, associated with his father in operating Ray Ann and Allan Hamm, Jane Darthe Sinclair station.

on vacation, the couple are tempor- ald, Sandra Sadler, Peggy and Patsy arily located at the Douglass home but Simpson. Mrs. Hodge was assisted in will later occupy an apartment,

VISITORS COMPLIMENTED. Mrs. W. W. Haynes had the honor

to entertain two most attractive HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB. young ladies on Thursday afternoon her two nieces, Miss Madra Nixon in the home of Mrs. J. Ben Campbell, 8:15 p. m. daily. ian Arnett of Anson with a pretty mer in the home of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Haynes.

The entertaining rooms were decor- families ated with crepe myrtle where games to Misses Nixon and Arnett, Betty upholstering. Grimes, Clara Frances Largent, Pauline Joyner, Grovene and Mattie Lou passed to Mesdames Dent Gibson, good song leader and knows how to Ford, Fannelle Gray, De La Vergne Lillie Barnett, John Hughes, J. W. get the people to sing with the Spirit Teague, Frances Higgins, Sis Gamble, Bryan, Norris Barnett, L. J. Renfro, and understanding. Rachel Patterson, Verne Moore, Jane Harry Barnett, C. P. Church, Bob Mc-Ferguson, La Verne Hughes and the Donald, Joe P. Self, E. B. Wallace, communities need just the type meet-

PATRIOTIC PARTY.

Mrs. Twyman Collins and Mrs. E. W. King were co-hostesses on Thurs- tle Barnett and Mary Campbell. day afternoon of last week to members of the T. E. L. Sunday School class, in the home of Mrs. Collins. The approaching Fourth of July celebration furnished inspiration for the party. Mrs. Lucy Tracey Haynes gave a patriotic rending and Mrs. A. R. Booth told in story form "Why We Celebrate July Fourth." Two entertaining contests were arranged by the hostesses.

At the refreshment hour tables were laid with red, white and blue covers and the same colors were reflected in the refreshment plate of B. P. Middleton and son, Bobby Jack. sandwiches, shrimp salad with iced drink and Texas flags as favors, Can- with Mrs. Walker. dy firecrackers also decorated the plates. The guest list included Mrs. J. W. Saffle of Plainview and Mrs. Joe Self, Jr., of Abilene, Mesdames F. C. McFarland, O. R. Dye, W. J. Largent, Booth Warren, A. R. Booth, Joe P. Self, L. C. Kyle, J. L. Winter, Comer Haynes and Miss Maxie Ban-

WEEK-END HOUSE PARTY.

Dr. and Mrs. Stewart Cooper and Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Sadler kept open house at the Lake cottage, Sweetwater, over the Fourth of July holidays. Guests called informally, some spending the night, others just long enough for a swim. Those enjoying this delightful hospitality were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Largent and their house guests, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Yingling of Dallas, Dr. and Mrs. Scott Hollis, Abilene, Messrs, Claude Young and Dan Holland, Abilene, C. J. Glover and Vincent Barnett, Mr. and Mrs. Lige Gam-

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Sunday-Monday

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"The Unknown Ranger"

Mr. and Mrs, Booth Warren, Miss Christine Collins, Dr. and Mrs. Stewart Cooper, Abilene, and their two ons, Jimmy and Stewart, Jr., Dr. and Mrs. Sadler and little Misses Sandra Sadler and Sue Mayfield. BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.

and daughter, Sis Gamble, Dr.

and Mrs. L. C. Zehnpfennig and

Bobby Tom Hodge had a double celebration on Monday when his moth-Charlie Webb, brother of the bride, er invited friends in to honor his birthand Miss Lucy Fae Dwiggins accom- day on the Fourth of July! The little wedding took place. The bride was picnic grounds where they enjoyed a lovely in blue with all blue accessories. grand hour of play before the lovely Miss Webb is the daughter of Mr. birthday cake with its six candles was sey, Austin, Marilyn Petty, Leon While the Paul Douglasses are away Toombs, Jr., Johnny and Lon McDonentertaining by Miss Geraldine Teague, Mrs. Leon Toombs and Miss Idelle

of Berkley, California, and Miss Viv- with Mrs. F. A. Polley as co-hostess. Mrs. Clyde Shouse gave an interparty from five to seven. Misses Nix- esting report from the last council tor of the First Baptist church, Jackon and Arnett are here for the sum- meeting and plans were made for a sonville, Texas, to do the preaching, to each citizen to put his best into this You are cordially invited to attend picnic out at Shannon's on Tuesday and Mark Short of Fairfield, Texas, night for the club members and their to lead the singing.

were passed at the refreshment hour with the club and will demonstrate in the evangelistic field.

Reid, F. A. Polley and J. Ben Camp- ging the full co-operation of all conbell, and Misses Jessie Margaret Berry, Clara White, Lottie Butman, Myr-

WILLING WORKERS CLASS.

The Willing Workers of Grace Presbyterian church held their June meeting with Mrs. J. R. Walling, Mrs. Mc-Connell gave the devotional and an interesting program was rendered.

Refreshment's of cake and punch were served to the following members and visitors: Mesdames R. A. Walker, L. L. Murray, S. G. Russell, Elliott, J. E. Tucker, Miss Mary Keny, Mrs. J. W. McConnell and Mrs. The next meeting will be Sept. 8,

Called "Miracle Crop."

Amarillo, July 8 .- Texas wheat this season proved the old saying by Plains and Panhandle farmers that it is a "miracle crop," as dismal prospects on June 1 were turned into a bumper crop of 40,000,000 bushels by soaking

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tinent take refuge-

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BAPTIST REVIVAL BEGINS SUNDAY



DR. J. FRANK WEEDEN EVANGELIST

The annual protracted meeting of the Merkel Baptist church will begin Sunday, July 11, and continue through The Merkel Home Demonstration Sunday, July 25. Services will be held churches. We believe they deserve the of last week when she complimented club met Friday afternoon, June 25, at the city tabernacle 10 a. m. and

> We are fortunate in securing the zens, services of Dr. J. Frank Weeden, pas-

Dr. Weeden is one of the leading time. Next meeting will be with Mrs. A. pastor-evangelists in Texas. While ha and contests proved happy diversion. D. Barnes on July 9, at which time has done constructive work as a pas-Delicious pineapple sherbet and cake Miss Taylor, county agent, will be tor, he also has been very successful

> Mr. Short has been conducting sing-Delicious ice cream and cake were ing in revivals for some time. He is a

We believe Merkel and surrounding Clyde Shouse, Claude Smith, H. C. ing these men will conduct. We are ur- ago 548 were present.

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Subjects



(Signed) W. J. Largent W. W. Haynes Joe P. Self

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE. Attendance at the six reporting vices. Sunday Schools here last Sunday was 514, a drop of nine from the previous Sunday. On the same Sunday a year

Patterson, general superintendent'. Sermon by pastor. On account of the Baptist revival, evening service on Sunday and prayer meeting will not be held during the meeting. PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. Sunday School at 10 a. m. As this s the pastor's day at Baird, there will be no preaching service, morning nor evening, and on account of the Bap-

will be held.

cerned in the moral and spiritual condition of our town and communities. We have no greater asset than our is interested in the welfare of our citi- program 7:30 p. m. on Sunday.

Therefore, we are making this appeal ing at 8:30 o'clock. meeting. We feel sure the results will these services. justify the efforts we put forth at this

Committee.

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ti.t revival, no prayer meeting service

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hold revival meetings at Monkstown,

Abilene, elder in the Nazarene church,

cordially invited to attend these ser-

Other services as usual. Every one

R. A. Walker, Pastor.

Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Herbert

John H. Crow, Pastor.

The Elders.

NORTH SIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH.

Preaching Saturday night at o'clock. Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7. p. m. Wednesday night prayer meeting at 8. All are cordially invited to our ser-

R. C. Reagh, Supt.

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Merkel Hospital Notes

Tonsillectomies were had during the week at the Merkel sanitarium by a daughter of F. L. Castleberry of Mt. Pleasant and by Mrs. Hughes, a daughter of Mrs. Helen Phillips of

Walter Bush of Abilene, who sustained injuries in an automobile accident, received minor surgery, and the following patients entered the hospital for treatment: Mrs. Short Owens The pastor left Saturday to be gone of Abilene, Clark Perkins of the Disix weeks, during which time he will vide and Glenn Toombs

Horace Armstrong of Salt Branch is reported getting along nicely after During his absence, the pulpit will major surgery on Wednesday of last be filled here by J. W. Campbell of week.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our sincere thanks for the kind expressions of sympathy and love and for assistance rendered by friends in our sad hour, the loss of our dear little baby daugh-Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching ter, also for the beautiful floral of-

May God's blessings rest upon all

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Bananas Dozen

Limes Dozen

Blackeyed Peas, lb. 5c

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Watermelons, (cold), Priced Right 15c Cantaloupes, Peaches and other Fresh Fruits **Priced Right** Fresh-Vine Ripened

15c Tomatoes, 3 pounds _____25c Home Grown

Okra, pound _____ 12 1-2c California White Potatoes, 10 lbs. Bell Peppers, pound 15c

Sugar, pure cane, 10 lb. cloth

Crackers

A-1 Saltines Flour

Gold Chain, Amaryllis, La France, 48 lbs.

Coffee 1b. can

Maxwell House 81c

2 pounds _____19c

Shortening, 8 pound carton Peanut Butter, qt. jar ... 29c

Milk, baby, 7 cans 25c Corn Flakes, pkg. 10c

Prunes, 2 pounds ... Catsup, 14 oz., 2 for ____25c S. Dressing, M. Whip, qt. 39c Gelatine, all flavors, pkg. 5c | Tomatoes, 3 for

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