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TWIN BILL SCHEDULED IN INTER-COMMUNITY LEAGUE NEXT WEDNESDAY, JULY 21

Hawley-Truby and Divide Contenders in First; Trent and Noodle Meet in Nightcap; First Game Called 1:30 P. M.

Two games will be played in Merkel's Inter-Community league next Wednesday. The first is the regularly scheduled game between Hawley-Truby and Divide; the second brings Trent and Noodle as contenders in the game postponed from July 17, because of the change in the date of the last rodeo of the season.

As usual with twin bills, the price of one admission to the grandstand will entitle the holder to see both games.

The first game is carded to start at 1:30 p. m.

DIVIDE BEATS NOODLE

In the first mid-week game of the league schedule, played Wednesday, Divide whipped Noodle 6-3 to retain first place in the race.

Hanna was backed poorly by his teammates, who made six errors behind his seven-hit pitching. Hanna struck out five men, while Payne, his opponent, whiffed eight of the Divide players.

Neill, with three singles, led the Divide attack, while Sharp and W. Jowers led Noodle with two each. One of Sharp's hits was a homer. Latimer of Divide also hit for four sacks.

The box score of Wednesday's game will be printed in next week's issue of The Mail. The score by innings follows:

Noodle	002 000 100—3 7 4
Divide	231 000 00x—6 9 6

Payne and Ashford; Hanna and D. Jones.

TRENT AGAIN DEFEATS TRUBY

The second round of the Inter-Community play started Saturday, with Trent handing Truby a 4-2 defeat. In the first game of the season, Trent bested Truby 2-1 in an eleven inning thriller, and Saturday's game was just as good; however, it lasted only the regulation distance.

The game was a pitching duel between Garner of Truby and Jones of Trent, with the latter getting the best of the argument. Each pitcher allowed only seven hits and walked one man apiece, but Lefty whiffed 12 men compared to Garner's 5.

The highlight of the game was the playing of C. Tittle, Trent shortstop. Usually an erratic fielder, he handled all his chances perfectly and, in addition, got two hits, one of them a home run with one aboard, to give Trent its first two runs.

Truby tied the game in the 8th on a hit batter, a sacrifice and two singles, only to see Trent go into the lead again in their half of the inning.

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

LEAGUE STANDING

TEAM	W	L	Pct.
Divide	3	0	1.000
Trent	2	2	.500
Hawley-Truby	1	2	.333
Noodle	1	3	.250

Important Meeting Of VA Boys Saturday

C. H. Collingsworth, Merkel High School vocational agriculture teacher, is asking that all boys who plan on enrolling in vocational agriculture for the school year 1937-38 meet at the VA room Saturday morning at 9 o'clock. It is important that all boys be present if possible.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss and check projects now in progress and a discussion of projects for the coming year.

Mr. Collingsworth will give a demonstration on the construction of concrete tile as adopted for use in the irrigation of gardens, orchards, etc. At this time Mr. Collingsworth will also give a demonstration on caponizing cockerels.

Fathers of the boys are invited to attend this meeting.

Merkel Vocalists on KRBC

Miss Elna Tucker will give her second program over KRBC, in a series of broadcasts, at 3:15 to 3:30 Monday afternoon. Miss Louelle Justice will have the same hour on the following Monday in song program.

Modern Composer Dies

Hollywood, July 15.—George Gershwin, 38, noted composer of modern music, died at Cedars of Lebanon hospital Sunday morning after an operation for a brain tumor.

MISS STAMFORD NAMED GODDESS OF WEST TEXAS

Frances Prewit Wins Title Over Field of 23 Contestants; Betty Grimes, '36 Goddess, Featured in Coronation Program.

Sweetwater, July 15.—Blonde beauty of Frances Prewit of Stamford won her the title of "Goddess of West Texas" in Sweetwater's third annual water carnival and sports festival here Saturday evening.

Second was little Wynona Keller of Snyder, a mite of feminine pulchritude weighing 97 pounds. Third in the premier beauty contest of West Texas was Twilight Stewart of Mineral Wells.

A twilight rainbow in the east furnished an artistic setting for the bathing beauty revue, as Betty Lou Grimes of Merkel, 1936 "Goddess," led the line of 22 candidates and Thelma Margaret Fife as "Miss Sweetwater" followed, over the elevated platform to the east side of the pool.

Frank N. Watson, director-general of the Pan American exposition at Dallas, placed the crown relinquished by Miss Grimes on the new "Goddess" as a crowd estimated at 5,000 looked on.

Chisholm Trail Boys Home from Jamboree

O. C. Shouse, Jr., who made the trip to Washington, D. C., as representative of the Merkel Boy Scout troop, with forty others from the Chisholm Trail area, arrived home Tuesday afternoon, having been met in Abilene by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Shouse, and Scoutmaster George W. Wilhite.

The National Jamboree of Boy Scouts, which began June 30, closed Friday of last week, and from Washington the boys went on to New York City and Niagara Falls.

Karl Bonneau, Jr., Eagle Scout from Goodman, but a member of Troop 77 of Abilene, was selected to represent this region in escorting President Roosevelt. There were twelve Scouts, one from each region.

A summer camp program for Boy Scouts has been announced for July 25 to Aug. 8 at Camp Tonkawa Grounds. Boys interested in going can secure particulars from Scoutmaster Wilhite.

Brother of Late Jim Grayson Dies at Waco

News was received here Wednesday of the death of Charlie Grayson of Waco, brother of the late Jim Grayson and of Hugh and Sam Grayson of Merkel.

Funeral services were to be held in Waco at 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon. Among those going from here were: Mr. and Mrs. Sam Grayson, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Grayson, Mrs. J. H. Grayson, Mrs. Mae Seago, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Greene and probably others.

It was just two months ago that Jim Grayson died here. With the death of Charlie Grayson, only four brothers remain: Frank Grayson, Bovina; Marion Grayson, California, and Sam and Hugh Grayson of Merkel.

Woodrow Wozencraft Elected Fire Chief

Woodrow Wozencraft, more popularly known as "Woody," who literally grew up in the fire department, was honored with election as chief of the Merkel Volunteer Fire department at their regular monthly meeting Monday night. He takes the place made vacant by the tragic death of Jimmy Toombs on July 2.

First alarm since the new chief was elected resulted from a trash fire Wednesday afternoon in South Merkel. Early Thursday morning the servant's house at the home of Mrs. Frank McFarland, which was discovered afire, was partially destroyed.

Senate Leader Dead

Washington, July 15.—Senator Joe T. Robinson of Arkansas, democratic leader in the senate since 1922, died alone early Wednesday in his apartment home. Death was due to a heart disease.

Only Japanese Woman Lawyer

Chicago, July 15.—Miss Elizabeth Chi, who was admitted to practice in the United States district court here, claims to be the only Japanese woman lawyer in the United States. Miss Chi was born and educated in Chicago.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

The state department of public safety reported Friday that 426 deaths resulted from 3,746 accidents reported during March, April and May.

Sergt. Walter E. Black, 33, a Brooks Field mechanic, was fatally injured when a plane on which he was working in a hangar fell on him.

A total of 2,400,000 clothing and household articles were distributed to families still on governmental relief in Texas during the first four months of 1937.

Enrollees in the Civilian Conservation Corps in the Eighth Corps area numbered 35,226, as of June 20, it was announced by Col. W. F. Jones, corps area CCC officer.

Texas, with 8,432 births reported in May, led all other states, according to U. S. census bureau reports. Illinois, with 1,700,000 more population, reported 135 less births.

A special election to name a mayor to succeed the late A. J. Parker, who was slain recently, and an alderman to fill the place of H. T. Hood, will be held at Roscoe Aug. 3.

J. C. Brewster, 26, collapsed and died of what physicians said they believed was a heart attack, Monday, as he was practicing for a softball game at Kidd Springs, Dallas.

Lieutenant-Governor Walter F. Woodul of Houston Monday spiked reports he would be a candidate for governor next summer and reiterated his intention to run for attorney general.

Five years in the penitentiary was the sentence assessed at Snyder Wednesday against J. Leonard Heard, 57, admitted slayer of Jim Reynolds, his 65-year-old trapping partner. Heard's plea was self-defense.

Col. H. H. Carmichael, head of the Texas ranger force, Wednesday suspended Ranger Power Fenner pending a "full" inquiry into Fenner's recent actions growing out of investigation of the Blanton disappearance mystery.

Gibb Gilchrist, state highway engineer for nine years, has decided to resign and accept the engineering deanship at Texas A. & M. college, tendered him recently by the board of directors. His resignation becomes effective Sept. 1.

H. F. Courtney of Kansas City Sunday was declared winner of the third annual fishing rodeo held during the last week by the Galveston Junior Chamber of Commerce. Courtney landed six tarpon and a number of smaller fish to amass a total of 8,180 points.

Sid Kelso, former Texas ranger, and Earl Wright, also of Austin, were charged Tuesday at Austin with a misdemeanor offense in the claimed abduction of Miss Ethel Johnson, 24, from Fort Worth on Sunday night. The complaint alleged false imprisonment by assault and violence.

Old Age Assistance Checks Put in Mails

Austin, July 15.—The old age pension organization started mailing July checks Tuesday, two weeks after they were supposed to have been mailed. Officials blamed the delay on the lateness in receiving federal assistance, as the federal grant of \$1,605,672 for July and August was not received until Monday.

July checks will go to 123,675 persons, as compared with 127,858 in June. A further reduction in the rolls is expected next month.

Guests at Sweetwater Lions Annual Picnic

Joe P. Self, president of the Merkel Lions club, and Yates Brown, secretary, accompanied by their wives, were guests Tuesday evening at the annual summer picnic of the Sweetwater Lions and their ladies held at Lake Sweetwater. An outdoor banquet was served at seven o'clock.

Guest of honor was R. S. Covey, superintendent of the Sweetwater schools and retiring governor of district 2-E of Lions International.

The presidents and secretaries of the Lions clubs of Merkel, Abilene, Albany, Haskell and Roscoe were among the guests.

Twenty-five or more Merkel Lions have indicated their intention to attend the quarterly district meeting of Lions club at Fair park, Abilene, on Friday evening of this week at 6:30.

TO PRESENT CURLY SEALE, TRAINED HORSE AS ADDED FEATURE FINAL SHOW

PLACES 3 TIMES IN FOUR EVENTS

Merkel Contestant Very Much in Money at Two-Day Butman Rodeo and Picnic.

S. G. Russell of Merkel won first money in calf roping on the opening day of the Butman Rodeo and Picnic, placing second in cow milking the same day, and was in a tie for fourth place in calf roping the second day. Fast time marked the events of both shows.

Winners on Thursday were: Calf roping—Russell, 17.4, first; Otto Pridemore, Coleman, 20, second; Hunter Swann, Trent, 21.4, third; Alton Whiteaker, Dora, 22.2, fourth.

Cow milking—Whiteaker, 14, first; Russell, 16.2, second; N. A. Pitcock, Aspermont, 17.4, third; Phelton Herrington, Ranger, 19, fourth.

Steer riding—G. K. Lewallen, Blackwell, and Gerald Derrick, Merkel, tied for first; Jasbo Hester, Brownwood, third; Len Sedberry, Albany, fourth.

Friday's winners were: Calf roping—Phelton Herrington, 16, first; Pridemore, 18, second. Whiteaker and Russell with time 21.3 tied for fourth.

Cow milking—Zelma Herrington, 12, first; Phelton Herrington, 13.1, second; Frank Holick, Aspermont, 14, third; Roy Seawalt, Aspermont, 17.1, fourth.

Steer riding—Eldon Faulks, Anson, first; Sedberry, second; Bob Elliott, Swenson, third; Worthan, fourth.

Entrants in the junior steer riding included Ed Chase, Bill Moore, Glendell Barbee, C. P. Worthan and Benny Toney.

Leonard Huff of Merkel won the junior calf roping contest on the second day in time of 29.2. Claud Swann of Trent placed second, and Glendell Barbee of Merkel, third.

In a matched roping, Leonard Huff lost to Ralph Russell of Merkel. Both are 15 years old. Simpson Johnson of Guion won a matched roping from Sheriff Sid H. McAdams.

Two Fingers Cut Off As Truck Door Slams

Little Bobby Spratlen, 4-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Spratlen, residing near Merkel, sustained a very painful injury Monday when a truck door slammed, cutting off two middle fingers.

It is thought they may be saved by the attending physician who sewed them back. Bobby is resting very well at last report.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, July 13, 1917.)

R. J. Adcock and his granddaughter, Miss Fanny Moore, left Wednesday for Fort Worth to visit his daughter, Mrs. R. A. Kunze.

Dr. Robert Irvin Grimes, formerly of Sylvester, son of our fellow townsman, T. L. Grimes, has received notice of his appointment as first lieutenant, Medical Reserve corps. He immediately wired his acceptance and is holding himself in readiness for a call to actual service.

H. Turner and family left Thursday morning for Siloam Springs, Ark., where they will remain.

Emmitt Boring has received word from his brother, Robert V. Boring, Newport, R. I., that he is stationed on the historic old boat, "Constellation," a full-pledged sailor of the navy.

W. M. Tucker and family and J. R. Kerbo and family, all of Red River county, are visiting T. R. Lassiter and family.

A crowd of young people motored out to Warren's lake Friday evening to enjoy boating and bathing. After spending quite a while in and on the lake, they were called by their charming chaperon to partake of the lunch she had spread. Those present were Misses Ona Costephens of Stamford,

Sixth Performance of Merkel's Free Rodeos for 1937 on Calendar for Saturday; Seasonal Prizes to be Awarded.

With an established reputation as A-1 in the rodeo show world, the series of 1937 free rodeos sponsored by the Merchants Trade Extension association of Merkel will culminate Saturday in the sixth and last of the shows for the summer season. The performance will start promptly at 2 p. m.

A glance at the order of events will give some idea of the bigness of this last show in which, in order that it may eclipse any of the previous shows of the summer, several added features are to be introduced.

Chief of these special features is the presentation of Miss Curly Seale and her jumping horse, of Baird. Miss Seale owns and operates her own ranch in Callahan county and, it will be remembered, was winner of the sponsor saddle in the first sponsor contest at the Stamford Cowboy reunion.

Nothing more thrilling than the two events when she rides her horse as he hurdles an automobile and later jumps through a blazing hoop has been offered in the local arena.

The seasonal prizes of \$25 cash in each of the three events, calf roping, cow milking and steer riding, will be awarded toward the close of the show. A bulldogging exhibition, junior calf riding and a matched roping event are other extras on the calendar, with Bill Brabbin entering on the Baker bull as the grand finale.

MORNING PARADE. The merchants and business men of Merkel all plan to participate in the morning parade which is to form at 10 o'clock. In making plans for staging this parade, General Chairman Nathan Wood has been assisted by Yates Brown, Norman T. Hodge, Byers Petty, Stanley King, O. R. Dye and Tom Allday.

Besides the merchants' floats, all the rodeo contestants, have been asked to ride in the parade, with women horseback riders, boys and girls on horseback, decorated bicycles and probably other special features.

While not definitely arranged, it is hoped that Miss Seale will arrive from Baird in time to participate in the morning street parade.

ORDER OF EVENTS. Order of events for the final show, as announced by Chairman Booth Warren, follows:

Grand entry—All contestants asked to participate.

Bronc horses and bucking bulls.

First section calf ropers. (This event and also cow milking event in two.)

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Glenn Lassiter of Abilene, Annie Mae Costephens, Clara Beard, Annie Louise Bickley, Messrs. Howell Brittain, Aaron Bryant, Roy Holmes and Joe Bickley.

Half dozen young ladies invaded the quietness that usually reigns over Evilla Villa on the evening of July third and took charge of the home for a spend-the-night party. Coming for luncheon, which was served on the lawn, were Messrs. Bill O'Brian, De Verle Johnson and W. S. J. Brown. The young ladies who remained for the night were Misses Madalyn Adkisson of Beaumont, Gertrude Cauthern of Alamogordo, N. M., and Lillie Dean of Siloam Springs, Ark., Jewell Toombs, Gladys Haynes and Ruby Hamm.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR PROGRAM

Leader, Will Merritt. "The Eternal Helper," Claud Riney. "Strong and Tender," Berdon Smith.

"Help in Perplexity," Pearl Toombs. "Shelter in Adversity," Ona Fay Bland.

"Protection in Danger," Frank Armstrong.

"What Help Can We Receive From God?" Tom Allday; "On What Condition Does God Help Us?" Andrew Baker; "What Need Have We of God's Help?" Evelyn Barbee.

Audit of City Books Shows All Records Satisfactorily Kept

Covering a detail check and verification of all receipts and disbursements in all funds for the period begun May 1, 1936, and ended Apr. 30, 1937, the O. S. Burkett Audit company of Abilene have submitted their audit report of the City of Merkel to the mayor and city council.

On the pages following the introductory letter, the report takes into consideration in the order named: cash receipts, bank reconciliation-all funds, tax rates and values, accounts receivable, summary of indebtedness, original bonds-1901, refunding bonds-1936, and receipts and disbursements. Total operating income for the current year amounted to \$19,124.19, operating expense \$10,254.34, the difference being applied on fixed charges of refunding bonds and interest.

Efficiency and accuracy of City Secretary-Collector Yates Brown is attested in the following excerpt from the report: "We have traced all receipts, as shown by the records, directly into the bank accounts and have found that all of the receipts have been properly and satisfactorily accounted for. In like manner we have examined all the disbursements and have found them to be proper and correct charges to the account affected."

The report also expresses appreciation of courtesy and co-operation extended the auditing firm by the mayor and city secretary-collector.

UNION RIDGE NEWS

A meeting is in progress at the Methodist church. Rev. Melvin Byrd, a student of Hardin-Simmons, is doing the preaching. Services are held at 10:30 in the mornings, 8:30 at night, with prayer meetings beginning at sundown. The meetings will last for an indefinite time.

Carl and Ottis Rogers of Clyde were week-end guests of a brother, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rogers.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Burleson returned Monday of last week from Sherman. They were accompanied by Grandma Stanley, who remained for a longer visit.

Miss Gladys Newton and Genevieve Womack attended church at Tye Sunday night.

Mrs. Hugh McRee and two children returned to Lubbock Sunday after an extended visit in the J. L. McRee home.

Miss LaVerne Harwell has returned from a visit of several days with relatives in Abilene, and Miss Frances Harwell is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Dora Wharton, of Wichita Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Addie Jones and sons of Warren were Sunday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Douglas.

If you have any visitors. Phone 29 or 61.

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Hodges Happenings

Well, we are back again. News has been plentiful, but time scarce. So we just haven't stopped long enough to write the happenings.

Hoing and canning have kept the women folks as well as the men folks quite busy for the last few weeks, but we notice most of the men (and some of the women) have taken off long enough to attend the rodeos both at Merkel and Stamford, and from the way they are talking "ye scribe" thinks that next Saturday's rodeo at Merkel will be well attended by the Hodges folks.

Guess every ball fan knows what our Mars boys (Hodges) ball team has been doing to the other teams; at least, if they read The Mail, they know what a grand team we have. "Three cheers for Mars!"

M. E. Bowen attended the North and West Texas Singing convention at Anton, 30 miles north of Lubbock, the first Sunday in July.

Mr. and Mrs. Buster Jones received the sad news of the death of the former's sister at Albany last week. Mrs. Willie Burns had been in ill health for several years. Death was caused by drowning. She had gone to a tank after a bucket of water. She leaves two children, her husband, parents and several brothers and sisters. We extend our sincere sympathy to the bereaved family.

Mrs. Harvey Newton and baby daughter were brought home from the Abilene sanitarium the past week. Mother and baby are doing nicely. The young lady arrived June 27.

Mrs. Stanley Walker and baby are also doing fine and have been moved to the home of Mr. Walker's mother for a few days. The young man arrived June 25 and has been named Robert Sam.

Mrs. Coda Stephenson was brought home from the hospital in Abilene last week. We hope she will soon be up again. Both she and Mr. Stephenson have the sympathy of our entire community in the loss of their infant baby boy. The baby arrived June 25 and was buried in Midway cemetery on the 26th. Brother Owens, Baptist

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minister of Abilene, read the simple funeral rites at the graveside.

Mrs. Camilla Ball of Enid, Okla., has returned home after visiting for several weeks in the Grady Wilson home and with other relatives in Abilene.

M. E. Bowen has purchased a new International pick-up.

Mrs. Neely Spradlin plans to leave Friday for Oakley, Calif., for an extended stay with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Hudson, and family.

Otis McCoy and Miss Helen Nicholson were united in marriage Saturday night, June 26, and have moved into the little house on Leonard McCoy's place. We hope for this young couple much happiness.

Mrs. Short Owens is on the sick list. We wish her a speedy recovery.

The Sunday night singings at the Baptist church are growing in popularity and attendance. Everyone is invited to attend, and we assure you if you are looking for a blessing, you will be greatly blessed by such fine singing.

NOTICE

To all singers and song lovers: On next Sunday, July 18, the Taylor County Booster Singing convention will meet in regular session at Mt. Pleasant, 4 miles south of Merkel at 2:30 p. m.

All singers and song lovers are invited to attend and arrange any special numbers you may wish. Specials will be appreciated.

R. M. Bethel, Reporter.

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

Big Increase in Collections.

Washington, July 15.—Internal revenue collections totaled \$4,652,504,000 (billions) in the last fiscal period, an advance of \$1,132,295,000 (billion) over the previous year. Income tax receipts climbed \$736,442,000 to \$2,149,381,000 (billions).

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 us before you renew.

Second sheets for sale at Merkel Mail office.

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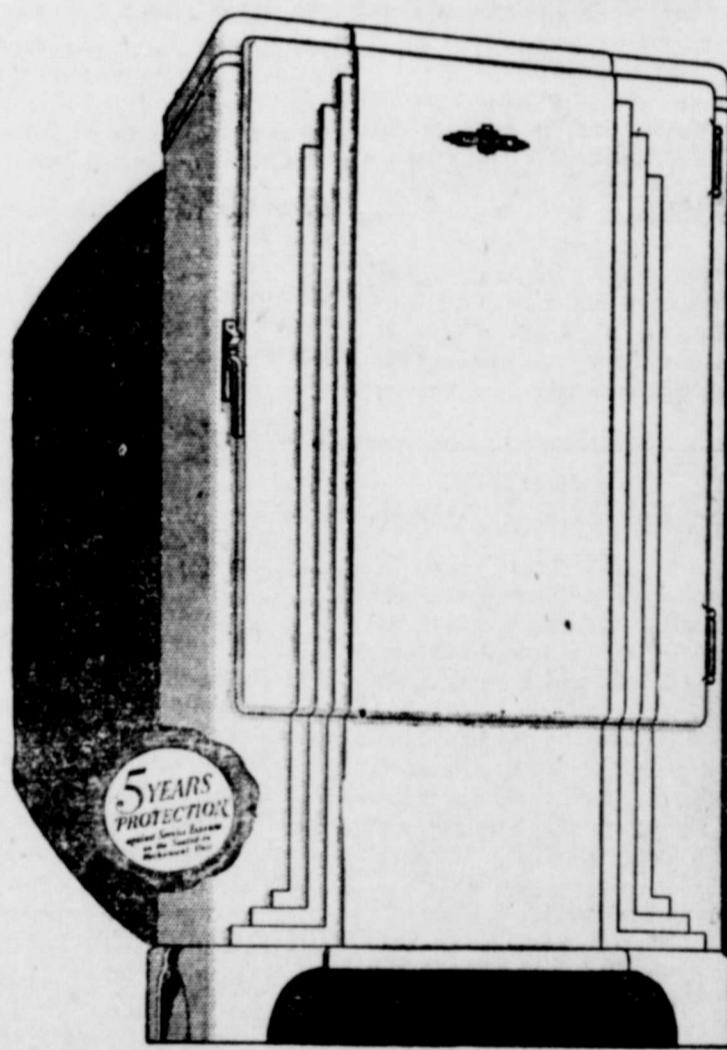
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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Boyd have as their guests this week their two granddaughters, children of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Reid of Forsan.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Faulkner and three children of Oklahoma spent the week here with her mother, Mrs. Rosa Edwards, also Mrs. Faulkner's brothers, Carl, Cloys and Buster Edwards.

Oretha Dunn is spending several weeks with her cousin, Elsie Bishop, Miss Dunn lives in San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. Louie McRee and Mr. and Mrs. Robertus McRee, accompanied by Mrs. R. B. McRee, Sr., departed by automobile Sunday morning on a tour of four states. They plan to continue to Denver, Colo., before returning. They will visit points of interest in New Mexico and Arizona.

Talmadge Vessels, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Vessels of Royalty, arrived Friday for a visit with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Vessels.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Hamner and Malcolm Beasley made a trip to Mason county in regard to a deer hunt planned for next fall.

W. E. Hamner left Thursday for South Texas to buy cotton. Mr. Hamner, local buyer, goes each year for this purpose. He also visits relatives at Taft and Burnet.

Rev. C. A. Long, presiding elder of the Abilene district of the Methodist church, conducted quarterly conference here Wednesday evening, preceding prayer meeting. He was accompanied by Mrs. Long.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Estep and children were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. Vanlandingham of Sweetwater.

J. W. Goode, Edgar Lee Mangum, Deverle Bishop, Ed Howell, John Howell, Fred McCurdy, A. C. Terry, Jr., and Woody Howell are attending the Citizens Training camp located at San Antonio. They will return Aug. 1.

Rev. and Mrs. Alsie Carleton are in Roscoe this week to assist in a Methodist revival in progress there by Rev. C. E. Jameson, Colorado pastor.

Ed Bowers, local merchant, was a guest of his son, Jack, employee of the Lucas Funeral home in Fort Worth, the past week-end. They also attended the Frontier Fiesta.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Williams visited friends and relatives in Abilene Sunday. They were accompanied by Miss Marie Cates, who attended a birthday celebration honoring her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. McMillan.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Williamson and son, Mark, also Miss Helen McLeod, departed Wednesday by automobile for Denver, Colo., and other points of interest for a two weeks vacation. They were joined by Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Beckham of Lamesa. The evangelistic party conducting a revival now in progress at the Baptist church will occupy the Williamson residence in their absence.

NEW DRILL CAPTAIN ELECTED.

Trent Circle No. 668 was in its regular session Tuesday, July 6, at the W. O. W. hall, with nine of its twelve officers present. Miss Laura Kegans, guardian, presided. Charges were reported after being called on by the past guardian, Sovereign Agnes Burks. The flag of the United States of America was presented and the

pledge of allegiance given. The ballot was made for one application, Mrs. Isom Burks. Mrs. T. G. Hamner was elected drill captain to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. R. L. Reeves.

The charter was draped for Mrs. Itasca L. Young of Philadelphia, formerly of Texas, who died in a Dallas hospital June 22. Mrs. Young was a circle official for many years.

TRAILER FIRE.

A trailer of household furnishings was completely destroyed by fire here Sunday at 10 a. m. However, the truck and driver escaped serious injury.

Discovering the fire near town, the driver of the truck came in to Trent and was assisted by the Trent fire department in saving the truck.

The driver was Bill Moody and a companion employee was E. Ryan. The goods belonged to Tom Kelley and were en route to Kermit. All were from Oklahoma City.

ATTEND DISTRICT MEETING.

Members of the young people's department of the Methodist church attended a district meeting at First church, Abilene, Thursday evening. The Trent union received the banner presented each meeting, for the third time.

Twenty-eight persons attended including Rev. and Mrs. Alsie Carleton, Finish Crutchfield of Denton, Tia Juana Smith of Lamesa and Oretha Dunn of San Antonio.

BASEBALL NEWS.

Trent outdid Winters again Sunday on the Winters ground in a slow motion baseball game. Final score was 16 runs for Trent while Winters scored only twice. The Jones boys were again in the box, with Othell catching.

The game scheduled with Loraine has been called off, due to the fact Loraine has disbanded. The players found an inability to practice, S. D. Wathington, manager, wrote to John Payne, Trent manager.

Plans are under way, however, for a game with some club here Sunday.

MARRIAGE OF FORMER TRENT GIRL.

Miss Willie Driggers became the bride of J. M. Dennis in a simple ceremony Sunday at the home of W. G. Cypert, minister of the Church of Christ, Merkel.

Mrs. Dennis is the daughter of Mrs. A. B. Driggers of the White Flat community. She was educated in the Trent and White Flat schools, having graduated from the Trent High school in

1923. Since graduation, she has been active in civic and club activities.

Mr. Dennis is engaged in ranching and farming at Rochelle, near Brady, where the couple will make their home.

The ceremony was witnessed by Mr. and Mrs. Ray Freeman, sister and brother-in-law of the bride.

BAPTIST REVIVAL IN PROGRESS.

The Baptist revival, now being held at the Baptist church, is developing spiritual results. Many people are attending each service and much interest is manifest. The pastor, Rev. H. East, is conducting the twice daily services. Kenneth Unkart has charge of the singing and Oliver Duck is pianist.

The public is cordially invited to attend. Services will continue through July 25.

BLAIR ITEMS

The nice rain that fell Saturday night was just what we were looking for to put things just right. The row crops are growing by leaps and bounds. Threatening clouds still hang around and there will be more showers before the skies clear up.

Miss Mavis Peterson of Cross Plains spent the week-end with Misses Sarah and Neva Malone.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Horton and children, Jimmie Nell and Reuben, spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moore and Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell.

Jack Hughes of Douglas, Ariz., visi-

ted in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Latimer and family the past several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Doan have a fine baby boy who came to live in their home, arriving July 8. He weighs 8 pounds.

Mr. and Mrs. Marcina Doan and Earl Pribble of Lubbock visited relatives here Saturday.

Mrs. Jessie Neighbours and daughter, Miss Noma, have returned home after an extended visit with relatives in King county and in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Spears and grandsons motored over and spent the week-end with their son, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Spears, and family of Valera.

Mrs. Sam Horton and Mrs. Fred Horton of Trent visited with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Doan Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moore motored over to Big Spring Friday and spent the day with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Horton.

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RESOURCES

Loans and discounts, on personal or collateral security	\$163,050.67
Loans secured by real estate	8,113.31
Overdrafts	811.25
Securities of U. S., any State or political subdivision thereof	33,325.94
Customers' bonds held for safekeeping	2,700.00
Banking House	15,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	6,975.25
Real Estate owned, other than banking house	9,267.48
Cash and due from approved reserve agents	42,558.73
Stock and/or assessment Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.	153.96
Other Resources (Itemize)—1929 Pontiac coach, 1935 Chevrolet Coach, 1 truck and trailer, 1 horse	2,212.36
TOTAL	\$284,169.45

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$40,000.00
Income Debentures sold	25,000.00
Total Capital Structure	65,000.00
Surplus Fund	2,500.00
Undivided Profits, net	2,885.02
Individual Deposits subject to check, including time deposits due in 30 days	177,606.99
State Funds on Deposit	21,250.00
Time Certificates of Deposit	8,000.00
Cashier's Checks Outstanding	4,227.44
Customers' bonds deposited for safekeeping	2,700.00
TOTAL	\$284,169.45

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Taylor: We, M. Armstrong, as President, and Joe P. Self, as Cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

M. ARMSTRONG, President.

JOE P. SELF, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of July, A. D. 1937.

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Table with columns for teams (HAW-TRU, TRENT) and players (Williams, Grimes, Justice, etc.) with scores for runs, hits, errors, and totals.

Summary—Runs batted in, Baxler 2, C. Tittle 2, Cooley, Hamner, Doubles, Williams, H. Tittle, Home run, C. Tittle. Sacrifice hits, Grimes, Grogan, D. H. Jones. Stolen bases, Williams, Justice, Hampton, Payne, H. Tittle, Hamner 2. Left on base, Truby 7, Trent 5. Earned runs, Truby 2, Trent 4. Double play, Justice to Grogan. Hit by pitcher, Garner by Jones. Wild pitch, Garner. Base on balls, Garner 1, Jones 1. Struck out, Garner 5, Jones 12. Time of game 1:41. Umpires, Corley and Ferrier.

On Tech Honor Roll

Lubbock, July 15.—Clifton N. Bellamy, son of Mrs. W. R. Sumpter, of Merkel, and James Hays, son of J. S. Hays, of Merkel, made the spring semester honor roll at Texas Technological college, each with an average grade of B.

Cat Mothers Squirrels

New London, Conn., July 15.—A cat, nursing three gray squirrels in addition to her litter of kittens, became the feature of the annual biological exhibition at Bulkeley school.

Broken-Back Diver Swims

St. Louis, Mo., July 15.—Ray Woods, professional high diver who fractured his spine in a dive from the San Francisco-Oakland bridge last March, hasn't yet recovered use of his legs, but is swimming again.

Standard Typewriter Ribbons 7c each at Merkel Mail office.

PERSONALS

W. B. Hendon of McCaulley was the week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Blair.

William Howard Demere of Wichita Falls is visiting his father, W. C. Demere.

Miss Fannie Boaz is visiting in the home of her uncle, J. W. Rainwater, at Troy.

Miss Dorothy Lou Martin of White Deer is spending the week with her aunt, Mrs. W. O. Boney.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Smith and son, Claud, Jr., returned last week from a business trip to De Leon and Gorman.

Mrs. Pearl Rutledge and son, Jack, left Monday for a six weeks visit in Fort Worth, Shannon and Gladewater.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Elliott of Dallas arrived Tuesday for a short visit with his parents, Mayor and Mrs. W. M. El. liott.

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Shafer of Dallas were visitors last week-end with Mrs. Shafer's mother, Mrs. Seth Hamilton.

Miss Virginia Wilson of Thornton is a guest in the homes of Mrs. F. C. McFarland and Mrs. Lige Gamble this week.

Misses Emma Pence of Snyder and Pauline Pence of Sweetwater were guests this week of W. H. Pence and family.

Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Sharp of Fort Worth are here for a summer visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Sharp.

Week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Adcock were the latter's sister, Mrs. O. T. Murr, and family of Fort McKavitt.

Tuesday noted the removal of Supt. and Mrs. Conner Robinson to Merkel. They are occupying the J. E. Richardson home.

Misses Mabel Murray, Dorma Lee Shelton and Comora Hughes are spending the week with Jane Diltz in San Angelo.

Miss Thelma Patterson, who is training as a nurse at San Angelo, is spending a few days vacation with the home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Cash of Christoval were week-end guests of her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Stevens.

Miss Mary Kate Campbell left Friday for Amarillo where she will be engaged in summer work until the opening of school.

John W. Wheeler left Saturday to visit with relatives at Jacksboro. At Clyde he was joined by his sister, Mrs. John Dickerson.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Fowler and Bob and Dempsey Fowler attended the funeral at Post Sunday afternoon of their brother-in-law, Bob Johnson.

Mrs. Charlie Driskill and two daughters, Virginia and Jean, of Santo, were visitors Saturday night with her mother, Mrs. Mary Reeder.

Claud Abbott and son, James Edwin, and mother, Mrs. Art Abbott, of Clarksville, were guests of Mr. Abbott's sister-in-law, Mrs. T. R. Lassiter, the past week.

Mrs. T. A. Clarida of Terrell is here for a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Norman T. Hodge. Dub Rush, also of Denton, a nephew of Mrs. Hodge, is visiting in the Hodge home, too.

A. D. Guy, Sr., of Aquilla, who has been visiting his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George Caple, left Wednesday for Gorce to visit another daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Adkins.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Tucker have as their guests this week Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Ozee and children from Fort Worth, who are also visiting other relatives here. Mr. Ozee and Mr. Tucker are cousins.

After a visit with their son-in-law and daughter, Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Willingham, at Hope, N. M., Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Church reached home last week, having made the return trip across the Plains.

Messrs. Raymond Touchstone and Ennis Grimes of Chillicothe were visitors here a few hours Wednesday afternoon. Misses Betty and Sue Grimes accompanied them home for a visit with the Ennis Grimeses.

Mrs. F. L. (Hugh) McRee and children, Shirley Ann, Vara Jean and Hugh, Jr., returned Sunday to their home in Lubbock after having spent a week in the J. L. McRee home, grandparents of the children.

Mrs. J. S. Pinckley, Misses Ruth and Vannie Sue Pinckley and Mrs. Elmo Collins returned Wednesday from Denton where they drove down to bring another daughter, Miss Marie Pinckley, home from North Texas State Teachers college.

Joining his brother-in-law, Jack Laird, at Odessa, Norman Hodge, manager of the Queen theatre, is spending the week camping and fishing near Silver City, N. M. Their headquarters is a lodge in the mountains reached only on horseback.

Leaving here Wednesday morning, Mrs. T. G. Bragg and Mr. and Mrs. Emory McDonald were to join Mr. Bragg at Mineral Wells, where he had been since Sunday and visit Fort Worth and Dallas. They expected to see Casa Manana Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Murray of LeFors, and Miss Madelyn Murray and Gordon Murray of Pampa, who came for a week-end visit with the L. I. Murrays, returned Sunday, accompanied by the children of Mr. and Mrs. Murray who had been visiting here.

Rev. P. H. Gates, former Methodist pastor here, and family of Spur were visiting friends here over the week-end. Mrs. Dovey Stephens and Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Church and family joined them in an outing on Monday afternoon at the Mrs. Clyde Sears ranch near Wingate.

Upon their return from a vacation to Clarksville, Tenn., Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Slayden and two sons, Troy and Fred, were accompanied by Mrs. Slayden's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Slayden, who are dividing time between the Slayden home and that of another daughter, Mrs. Elmer Adcock.

Mrs. E. Clyde Smith, accompanied by Miss Mary Helen Mashburn, left Thursday for Dallas to spend several days at the Greater Texas Pan-American Exposition. On Sunday they will meet Mrs. Smith's mother, Mrs. Hattie L. Cooper, and Miss Phyllis Smith, who are returning from a seven weeks trip to northern and eastern cities.

Mrs. Max Mellinger and son, Sylvan, returned Tuesday from Livingston, accompanied by Mrs. Mellinger's brother, Harry Freedman, of Lockhart. While away Mrs. Mellinger visited at Austin, Lockhart and Livingston. Sylvan went to Livingston about six weeks ago to manage the Fair Store there during the illness of his uncle, who is manager of the store.

Rodeo

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sections, so as to break the same-ness.)

Bulldogging exhibition.
Second section calf ropers.
Miss Curly Seale and her jumping horse.

First section cow milkers.
Junior calf riding.
Second section cow milkers.

Brahma steer riding contest.
Matched roping (Ralph Russell-Leonard Huff) three calves each.

Awarding seasonal prizes—calf roping, cow milking, steer riding.
Grand finale—Bill Brabbin on the Baker bull.

DOUBLE HEART CALVES.
Brahma calves belonging to Ollie Cox (Double Heart Ranch) will be used in calf roping events.

The junior calf riding event will be limited to boys under 15 years of age. Those desiring to enter should make application to Tom Jinkens Saturday morning and should also have entrance blank with liability waiver signed by their parents or guardian.

OTHER NOTES.
City Marshal D. H. Vaughn has assured the committee that the arena will be sprinkled and as dust-free as possible. Also, identification tags will be furnished all contestants and arena hands. Doc Vaughn and his assistants have been requested to keep every one else out of the arena and off the pens and fences. The public is requested to co-operate.

Grandstand seats will be on sale as usual at the drug stores uptown until 12:30 p. m., after that at the rodeo grounds.

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NOTICE MASONS

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O. B. Leach, W. M.
Carl Black, Secretary.

LEGAL NOTICE

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

Notice is hereby given that original letters testamentary upon the estate of DOTA GAROUTTE, deceased, were granted to me, the undersigned, on the 3rd day of June, 1937, A. D., by the county court of Taylor County, Texas. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same to me within the time prescribed by law. My residence and post office address are Sweetwater, Nolan County, State of Texas.

Philip Yonge,
Executor of Estate of DOTA Garoutte,
Deceased.

Attend District Meeting of Circle

When Mrs. Bess Utterback of San Angelo, district manager of the Woodmen Circle, held a district meeting at Sweetwater Monday, sixteen members of the Merkel Grove responded to the invitation, and the drill team conducted the initiatory work for the class of candidates, put on the floor work and took a part in the grand finale with the Roby and Big Spring teams.

During the installation service of district officers named, Mrs. Annie Lee Walker assisted as installing attendant and Mrs. Lila Rea as installing chaplain.

The meeting for the evening was open, followed by a dance given by the W. O. W.

HD Clubs Announce Rally Day Program

Plans for Rally Day, which is to be observed with a picnic at Buffalo Gap on Aug. 5, were outlined at the monthly meeting of the county council of home demonstration clubs held Saturday at Abilene.

Beginning at 10 a. m., with registration of club members and their families, the program will include several interesting speakers and musical numbers and a contest of stunts. If five clubs enter the competition, three prizes will be awarded: \$2 for first, \$1 for second and a blue ribbon for third.

The August council meeting will be held that day at Buffalo Gap.

Attention was directed to the district bedspread, comfort and linen show at San Angelo on Oct. 25.

Before the meeting Miss Taylor, county agent, presided at a meeting of club reporters giving them points as to how to write-up their meetings.

LOCAL BRIEFS

Some sections surrounding Merkel, both to the north and south, received beneficial rains during the past week, but local showers Saturday evening here netted precipitation of only a quarter of an inch, according to the gauge of Volunteer Weather Observer Grover Hale. Year's rainfall now totals 8 9-16 inches.

Only Merkelites to attend a picnic of Taylor County Rural Carriers and Retired Carriers at Lake Abilene last Monday evening were Mr. and Mrs. J. Ben Campbell and their daughter, Mrs. H. C. Reid, and son, Billy George.

Messrs. T. L. Grimes, Jake Massey and W. J. Sheppard are sitting as a board of equalization for the city of Merkel, having begun their sessions Tuesday.

JOINT RESOLUTIONS.

The following joint resolutions on the life of Fire Chief Jimmy B. Toombs, deceased, have been adopted by the City of Merkel and by the Merkel Volunteer Fire department:

"Whereas, Jimmy B. Toombs, fire chief of the Merkel Volunteer Fire department, City of Merkel, Texas, and one of our loyal and efficient

fireboys for many years, lost his life in an automobile accident on July 2, 1937, and

"Whereas, Fire Chief Toombs was a man beloved and respected by all in the community; therefore,

"Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Merkel and the Merkel Volunteer Fire department that in his death we have lost a most valuable fire-fighter and member of the department as well as a beloved chief and citizen of our city, and that his deeds will live long in the memory of all; and

"Be it further resolved that we, jointly, express our sympathy and condolence to his parents and other relatives for the inexpressible loss sustained by them and us; that copies of this resolution be mailed to his parents, forwarded to the press for publication and spread upon the minutes of both, the City Council and Fire department, which will be preserved by the secretaries.

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"City of Merkel.

"Yates Brown, Secretary.

"Joe P. Self, President,
"Merkel Volunteer Fire Department.

"Dean Higgins, Secretary."

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Mrs. F. P. Kirk of the Kirk's Hatchery, Abilene, has returned from Waco where she took a post graduate course in a school on poultry health problems under the direction of Dr. J. E. Salsbury, veterinarian and specialist on poultry diseases. Dr. Salsbury is the founder and president of Dr. Salsbury's Laboratories of Charles City, Iowa, and of Dr. Salsbury's Nation-Wide Poultry Health Service, of

which Kirk's Hatchery is a member. Mrs. Kirk graduated from the course with high honors, receiving a certificate of merit.

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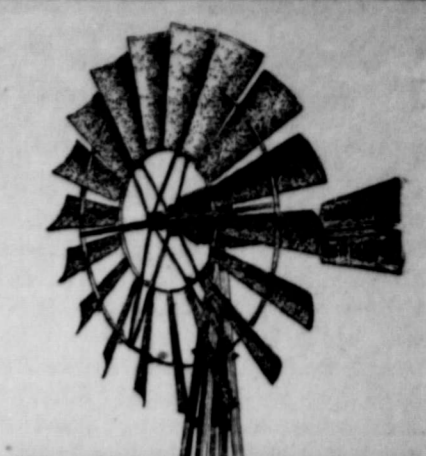
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- Oranges, 6 for 19c
- Lemons, 6 for 17c
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- Green Beans, pound 10c
- Spuds, 10 pounds 30c
- Supreme Salad Wafers, 1 lb. box 17c

5c Your Choice 5c Following Items

- One package Jell-o all flavors
- One package Flav-R-Jell all flavors
- One No. 1 can Tomatoes
- Two Mouse Traps
- One can Red and White Cleanser
- One can Tomato Paste
- One package Macaroni
- One can Sardines
- One cake Lady Godiva Soap

- Early Riser Coffee, pound 17c
- Pure Cane Sugar, cloth bag, 10 lbs. 51c
- Hershey's Chocolate Syrup, can 5c
- Red and White Peaches, No. 2 1-2 can 18c
- Red and White Sweet Pickle Peaches, 28c

10c Your Choice 10c Following Items

- Three packages Wrigley's Gum
- Three 5c Boxes Salt
- Three 5c Borax Washing Powder
- Three cans Potted Meat
- One 1-2 pound can Hershey's Cocoa
- One Pint Jar Vinegar
- One package 15 Dixie Cups
- One package Red and White Pancake Flour
- One 8 ounce Jar Sweet Pickles
- One No. 2 1-2 can Hominy
- One No. 2 can Green Beans
- One No. 1 can Pineapple

- Sun Spun Salad Dressing, pint 25c
- Kellogg's Rice Krispies, 2 pkgs. 25c
- Red and White Tomato Juice, 3 cans 23c
- Wim Pep Dog Food, 2 cans 15c
- Red and White Meal, 5 pound bag 25c
- Red and White Flour, 12 pounds 59c
- 24 lbs. \$1.00-48 lbs \$1.89
- Shortening, 4 lb. carton 55c
- Cheese, pound 19c
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O'Brien and Fonda Star In "Slim," New Thriller

It's quite an accomplishment these days—after movies have seemingly invaded all the trades and professions to find interesting characters to weave stories around—for a film producer to discover one occupation which hitherto hadn't been picturized.

And that's just what Warner Bros. have done in the case of "Slim," the interesting and exciting melodrama which had its local showing Thursday at the Queen theatre and closes Friday.

"Slim" is a story of the colorful, perilous, touch-and-go lives of high-fension linesmen, those sturdy lads who put up steel towers across the land and string the wires that carry electrical power over the mountains and deserts.

With Pat O'Brien, Henry Fonda, Margaret Lindsay and Stuart Erwin in the leading roles, and such excellent supporting players as J. Farrell McDonald, John Littel, Jane Wyman and Dick Purcell, "Slim" proves to be a first class movie, with an entirely new background.

In connection with the feature is the Bradock-Louis fight picture showing for last times.

Robert Taylor and Barbara Stanwyck in "This is My Affair"

Two great stars, Robert Taylor and Barbara Stanwyck, achieve their true greatness together in "This is My Affair," which opens for the Saturday "Owl" show and continues Monday and Tuesday at the Queen theatre. That they should do so is not exactly surprising, for Twentieth Century-Fox, producers of the picture the world is talking about, have cast as co-stars the screen's most talked-about, real-life sweethearts, regarded in Hollywood as the film colony's Number One off-screen romance.

In "This is My Affair," both Taylor and Miss Stanwyck find the most important story either one has ever had, a dramatic account of a love supremely courageous and unshamed, endangering the nation's highest places and gambling life itself for a higher stake. And for Victor McLaglen, who heads the strong supporting cast, it marks the strongest role he has had since his powerful characterization in "The Informer" earned him the acting award of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

A picture in the mood of great ro-

manance, with the surge of mighty drama, "This is My Affair" not only provides Robert Taylor with a truly Taylor-made role, allowing Barbara Stanwyck to match his greatness with a fire and power given full scope for the first time, but it gives them their supreme opportunity to do these things together—to be together, to act together, to become greater together.

The supporting cast includes Sidney Blackmer, John Carridine, Alan Dinehart, Douglas Fowley, Robert McWade, Frank Conroy and Sig Rumann. Darryl F. Zanuck, vice-president in charge of production at Twentieth Century-Fox, chose William A. Seiter to direct the original screen play by Allen Rivkin and Lamar Trotti. Kenneth Macgowan was associate producer, and Mack Gordon and Harry Revel wrote the music and lyrics for the three atmospheric songs in the film.

As "King of Hockey" Brings Popular Sport To Front in Film

Romance in a new setting will be found in the Warner Bros. picture, "King of Hockey," which comes to the Queen theatre Wednesday, one day only—Bargain Nite. It is staged in the atmosphere of Madison Square Garden, New York, and carries all the thrill, color and drama of the popular sport of hockey.

Dick Purcell has the role of the hockey player, a cocky, conceited chap, but likeable withal, who is the best hockey player on ice and knows it. Honest also, he is the victim of circumstances that pull him down, although he eventually makes an astonishing comeback.

Anne Nagel has the leading feminine role, being the sweetheart of the hockey player, while Ann Gilles plays the part of her seven-year-old sister who brings the two together. A secondary romance is carried on by Marie Wilson, a dumb blonde, and Wayne Morris, who is also on the hockey team and a roommate of Purcell.

George E. Stone plays the part of the head of the gambling syndicate and Joseph Crehan, that of manager of the professional hockey team. Others in the cast include Gordon Hart, Dora Clemant, Guy Usher, Garry Owen, Max Hoffman, Jr., Andre Beranger, Frank Paylen, Frank Bruno and Harry Davenport. Noel Smith directed.

The merchants who advertise in this paper will give you the best values for your money.

COMPERE NEWS

A large crowd attended preaching at the Baptist church Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Bigham and son, Harold Dean, spent the day with the latter's mother, Mrs. J. F. Merritt, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Adkins were visitors Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Ray.

Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Davis were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Johnson are visiting their daughter at Hamby this week.

Mrs. A. W. Clemmer had as her guest the past week her brother-in-law, Bill Delots, of South Texas.

Mrs. Jeff Chancey's sister, Mrs. Brown, and little son from New Mexico are visiting her the last few days. Misses Geneva and Ona Fay Foster of Tye, who have been visiting their grandmother, Mrs. J. Foster, have returned to their home.

Mrs. Clona McClure of Merkel was a week-end visitor in this community.

Those from out of the community attending church at Compere last week were: Mr. and Mrs. Ira Stanley and family and Mr. and Mrs. John Browning and family of Suth, and Mr. and Mrs. Hardy Rutledge and children of Shiloh.

Five Bibles more than 325 years old are in the library of Brite College of the Bible at Texas Christian university. The oldest was printed at Basal, Germany, in 1491.

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

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

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

Typewriter paper for sale at Merkel Mail office.

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

PATTERSON GROCERY & MARKET

We Deliver Phone 9

SPECIALS FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

POTATOES, U. S. No. 1's, 10 pounds 19c

BLACKEYED PEAS, fresh, pound 5c

GREEN BEANS, Colorado, 2 pounds 25c

LETTUCE, large firm heads 5c

TOMATOES, 2 pounds for 15c

TURNIPS & TOPS, 2 bunches 15c

SQUASH, pound 5c

BELL PEPPERS, extra nice, pound 15c

OKRA, nice and tender, pound 15c

PEAS, Pure Maid, 3 cans 19c

APRICOTS, tall cans, 2 for 25c

PINEAPPLE, No. 2 can, 2 for 25c

PEARS, No. 2 cans, 2 for 25c

PRUNES, So-Called Gallon 29c

FREE! Coffee served all day in our store Saturday July 17th.

TWO POST TOASTIES and 1 HUSKIES 38c
1 Box POST BRAN FREE

CRISCO, 3 pounds 63c

EXTRA POUND with 3 pound 5c

SHORTENING, Mrs. Tucker's, 8 lbs. \$1.07

FLOUR, Carnation, 48 lbs. \$1.95—24 lbs. \$1.05
Large Mixing Bowl Free with each 48 or 24 Pound Sack

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RED FACES

Not only will your face be red but also the figures in your financial balance sheet may turn crimson if you suffer an uninsured loss from fire or other threatening hazards.

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BRING US YOUR OLD MATTRESS AND RECEIVE

\$8.00

AS PAYMENT ON EITHER A SIMMONS OR A SEALY INNER-SPRING MATTRESS PRICED

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Merkel, Texas

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REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE

FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK

Of Merkel in the State of Texas, at the Close of Business on June 30th, 1937.

(Published in response to call made by Comptroller of the Currency, under Section 5211, U. S. Revised Statutes)

ASSETS

1. Loans and discounts	\$229,594.17
2. Overdrafts	126.33
3. United States Government obligations, direct and/or fully guaranteed	27,875.00
4. Other bonds, stocks, and securities	25,912.97
6. Furniture and fixtures	4,500.00
7. Real estate owned other than banking house	6,000.00
8. Reserve with Federal Reserve bank	49,834.54
9. Cash, balances with other banks, and cash items in process of collection	230,214.77
13. Other assets	254.17
TOTAL ASSETS	\$574,111.95

LIABILITIES

14. Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	\$455,826.66
15. Time deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	39,074.65
16. State, county, and municipal deposits	1,773.41
18. Deposits of other banks, including certified and cashiers' checks outstanding	6,181.99
Total of items 14 to 18, inclusive:	
(a) Secured by pledge of loans and/or investments	\$ 1,773.41
(b) Not secured by pledge of loans and/or investments	501,083.30
(c) TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$502,856.71
30 Capital account:	
Common stock, 500 shares, par \$100.00 per share	\$50,000.00
Surplus	13,500.00
Undivided profits—net	7,755.24
TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNT	71,255.24
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$574,111.95

MEMORANDUM: Loans and Investments Pledged to Secure Liabilities

31. United States Government obligations, direct and/or fully guaranteed	\$ 15,000.00
34. TOTAL PLEDGED (excluding rediscounts)	\$15,000.00
35 Pledged:	
(b) Against State, county, and municipal deposits	15,000.00
(h) TOTAL PLEDGED	\$15,000.00

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Taylor, ss:

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

BOOTH WARREN, Cashier.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 7th day of July, 1937.

(SEAL) CORRECT—Attest:

J. T. WARREN,
H. C. WEST,
W. S. J. BROWN,
Directors.

Form B-76

No. 1398

BANKS

OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE HOME STATE BANK

At Trent, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 30th day of June, 1937, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, State of Texas, on the 16th day of July, 1937.

RESOURCES

Loans and discounts, on personal or collateral security	\$ 98,876.09
Loans secured by real estate	2,644.50
Overdrafts	33.62
Securities of U. S., any State or political subdivision thereof	26,338.61
Banking House	2,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	500.00
Cash and due from approved reserve agents	147,349.80
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check on demand	9,555.27
TOTAL	\$287,352.89

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 25,000.00
Income Debentures sold	NONE
Total Capital Structure	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus Fund	25,000.00
Undivided Profits, net	12,768.74
Reserve for Interest	16.22
Individual Deposits subject to check, including time deposits due in 30 days	211,850.38
Time Certificates of Deposit	12,737.55
TOTAL	\$287,352.89

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Taylor:

We, H. W. Beckham, as President, and L. E. Adrian, as Cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

H. W. BECKHAM, President.
L. E. ADRIAN, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of July, A. D. 1937.

J. G. Wilks,

Notary Public, Taylor County, Texas.

(SEAL) CORRECT—ATTEST:

A. WILLIAMSON,
T. H. WILLIAMSON,
T. L. STEVENS,
Directors.

MERKEL MAIL WANT ADS FOR RESULTS—PHONE 61

RURAL SOCIETY

SALT BRANCH CLUB.

The Salt Branch Home Demonstration club met July 8 with Mrs. Raymond Higgins. Miss Taylor demonstrated refinishing furniture. She especially dwelt on cleaning the piece of furniture, gave a recipe for cleaning fluid and emphasized the first coat of varnish must be thoroughly dry before applying the second, giving as first and last warning—be sure you are willing to work before starting to refinish a piece of furniture, for, if not done correctly, it will not look well.

Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess to Mesdames T. C. Allen, J. C. Allen, W. U. Beene, Johnny Cox, Will Higgins, Ollie Higgins, Vernon Hudson, L. B. McClain, Roy Harrell, Raymond Higgins, J. S. Pinckley, Misses Ruth Pinkley and Celia Hobbs.

The next meeting will be a picnic on July 22 at 8 o'clock; place, Shannon's. Be sure to come and bring a friend.

HOLD OPEN HOUSE.

The charming home of Mr. and Mrs. Lockford Patterson near Blair was opened Sunday for a gathering of relatives.

Those enjoying the day in the Patterson home were: Mr. and Mrs. Albert Patterson and family of White Church, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Patter-

son, also of White Church, Mrs. Odie Carpenter and family of Dallas, who are visiting relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Estall and family of Butman, Roy Scoot, also of Butman, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Blair of Merkel.

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Read the advertisements in this paper. There's a message in every one of them that may enable you to save money. At least you will know where to find what you want without doing a lot of hunting and asking questions, and you also know the merchants appreciate your patronage because they solicit your business and make special offering of their goods.

Standard Typewriter Ribbons 75c each at Merkel Mail office.

Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office.

Presenting A Double Feature Program

Saturday, July 17

The Merchants of Merkel Welcome You to Their

FREE RODEO

Last Round-Up of Summer Season

2 P. M.

Big Street PARADE

10 A. M.



The following firms and individuals—members of the Merkel Trade Extension Association—invite everybody to come to Merkel and spend a royal good time next Saturday:

Farmers State Bank in Merkel

Bragg Dry Goods Company

West Company

Bob McDonald Barber and Beauty Shop

Woodrum Filling Station

Burton-Lingo Company

W. T. Sadler, M. D.

L. C. Zehnpfennig, D. D. S.

Merkel Drug Company

Modern Beauty Shop

Reid's Variety Store

Max Mellinger

Merkel Co-Op Station

Wheeler Market

Petty and West Barber Shop

Church Motor Company

Merkel Cafe

City Barber Shop

Front Street Grocery

Cotton's Cafe

Liberty Service Station

Texaco Service Station

Merkel Ice Company

Bullock Hardware Company

Collins Service Station

West Texas Utilities Company

F. E. Church Motor Company

C. B. Gardner, M. D.

Grable Motor Company

Gulf Service Station

Corner Garage

Queen Theatre

The Farmers & Merchants National Bank

Woozy's Cafe

W. O. Boney

Patterson Grocery and Market

City Dry Cleaners

Vick Drug Company

Economy Grocery

Maurine's Beauty Shop

Campbell's Grocery and Market

Ed's Cafe

Dr. Curley's Place

Charlie Jones

W. A. Stockbridge, Magnolia Agent

P & K Service Station

L. D. Henry Sinclair Station

Buck's Shoe Repairing

Wood's Store in Merkel

Black's Radio Shop

Hunter and Sublett

Sheppard and Shelton

Merkel Produce Company

Higginbotham-Bartlett Co.

Dandy Bakery

Carson Grocery

Queen Confectionery

Blake's Dry Cleaners

Merkel Motor Company

J. D. Porter

Tom's Wrecking Yard—G. M. C.

Smith's Self-Serving Laundry

Hi-Way Service Station

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The Merkel Mail

Let's Buck 'Em Up On

RODEO DAY

Specials for Friday and Saturday, July 16-17

SPUDS, No. 1 Reds, 10 pounds 23c

TOMATOES, fresh pinks, pound 5c

Bananas, 2 doz. 25c

FREE! 1 pkg. Post Bran Flakes when you buy 2 pkgs. Post Toasties and 1 pkg. Huskies, 50c value for 35c

FREE! Book of 60 asst. Jelly Glass Labels When you buy 1 bottle Certo or 2 pkgs. Sure-Jell for 23c

Sugar Pure Cane Cloth Bag 10 Pounds **52c**

TEA, Bliss, 1-4 pound 15c

GREEN BEANS, No. 2 can, 3 for 25c

Compound Bird Brand 8 Pound Carton **\$1.05**

SALAD DRESSING, Best Maid, pint 19c

JELLO ICE CREAM POWDER, recipe Book FREE, 2 packages 15c

COFFEE, Maxwell House, 1 lb. can 29c Drip or Regular Grind, 3 lbs. 85c

MARKET SPECIALS

Steak Chuck, pound 20c T-Bone, pound 23c Round, pound 28c

SLICED BACON, Three Pigs, lb. 35c

BOLOGNA, square and good, 2 lbs. 25c

Cheese, full cream lb. 19c

OLEO, Wilson's cup and saucer free, 2 lbs. 43c

ROAST, Chuck, pound 17c

CAMPBELL'S GROCERY & MARKET

NEW SAFETY for BABIES-

Mother—think of it! Nineteenth of all the hospitals important in maternity work now give their babies a body-rub every day with Mennen Antiseptic Oil! Why? Because this treatment keeps the baby safer from his worst enemy, GERMS...helps protect his skin against infection. Give your baby this greater safety. It's so important! Buy a bottle of Mennen Antiseptic Oil at your druggist's today

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DINNER PARTY.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hodge extended delightful hospitality at dinner on last Friday evening to Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Sadler, Dr. and Mrs. L. C. Zehnpfennig and Mr. and Mrs. Byron Patterson in their lovely new rock home on Oak street.

Beautiful cut flowers centered, the table where a three-course summer menu was served. Favors for the ladies were arm corsages and buttonieres for the gentlemen.

LAWN PARTY

Mesdames Tom Largent and F. C. McFarland entertained on last Thursday evening on the spacious McFarland lawn in compliment to former Merkel people, "The S. S. Harris family," who were popular residents of this city twenty years ago.

A delicious fried chicken menu with home-made ice cream and cake was enjoyed and reminiscences of old times made the occasion a most happy one for the honorees, Mrs. S. S. Harris and Mrs. Harry Harris, both of Fort Stockton, and Mrs. Lee Adams of Ingewood, California. Mr. and Mrs. Lige Gamble, Mrs. Ross Ferrier, Mrs. G. C. Farrow, Miss Christine Collins, Mrs. S. W. Sheppard, Mesdames Largent and McFarland.

FARM PARTY.

Honors for the cleverest party of the summer go to Mrs. Comer Haynes who entertained last Friday afternoon at her home southeast of town with a "Farm Party." In entertaining she named as her honor guests, her younger cousin, Betty Grimes, who is a 1937 graduate of Merkel High school; a niece, Vivian Arnett of Anson, and another niece, Madra Nixon of Berkeley, California, who made her home in Merkel several years ago with her parents, Captain and Mrs. L. H. Nixon.

The guests were asked to wear cotton frocks and were greeted at the front porch by miniature farm animals. Cut flowers decorated the entertaining rooms and the "farm girl" motif was stressed in table appointments where progressive games named from farm life were played.

Following the games a seated program was enjoyed. Sis Gamble read the poem, "On the Old Farm," and a vocal duet of favorite melodies was sung by Helen and Pauline Joyner. A story, "By Rule of Contrary," was told by Frances Largent.

The hostess presented the honorees with gifts of stationery portfolios and at the refreshment hour she was assisted by Miss Vennie Heizer in serving a delectable salad course to Misses Vivian Arnett, Betty Grimes, Madra Nixon, Hollis Perry, Mabel Murray, Pauline Joyner, Juanita Huskey, Frances Largent, Sarah Sheppard, Sis Gamble, Lois Whiteley, Dot Swafford, Verne Moore, Mary Jo Russell, Veda Helen Bradley, Helen Joyner, Dorna Lee Shelton, Mary Helen Mashburn, Jane Ferguson, De La Vergne Teague, Mrs. Caribel Moore.

HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB. The Merkel Home Demonstration club met last Friday afternoon in the home of Mrs. A. D. Barnes. After the business meeting, Miss Taylor, county agent who met with the club, demonstrated "Refinishing Furniture."

Mrs. Shouse reported on the "Achievement Day" that some of the members visited out at Goodman.

Refreshments were passed to Mesdames Ted McGehee, J. Ben Campbell, F. A. Polley, E. B. Wallace, John Hughes, J. W. Bryan, V. B. Sublett, C. P. Church, Joe P. Self, Dent Gibson, Harry Barnett, Bob McDonald, Norris Barnett, Jim Barnett, Misses Clara and Maurine White, Myrtle Barnett and Luna White, Mrs. Patterson and the hostess.

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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 us before you renew. Second sheets for sale at Merkel Mail office.

Office supplies—Mail office.

CHURCH SERVICES

Subjects Announced For Evening Sermons

"The Worst Person in Merkel" is the subject announced by Dr. J. Frank Weems for his sermon Thursday evening of this week in the Baptist protracted meeting now in progress at the city tabernacle.

Subjects of other evening sermons to follow are: "Hell and How to Get There," Friday; "Second Coming of Christ," Saturday; "Your Light," Sunday morning; "Leprosy and Sin," Sunday night; "Mrs. Lot in Sodom's Society," Monday; "God's Blockade of the Road to Hell," Tuesday; "A Great Meeting and You'll Be There," Wednesday.

Services are held twice daily: at 10 a. m. and 8:15 p. m. Mark Short of Fairfield his leading the singing.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE. There were 534 present at the six reporting Sunday Schools here last Sunday, as compared with 514 on the previous Sunday. On the same Sunday a year ago 641 were in attendance.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 8:30 p. m. Young people's program 7:30 p. m. on Sunday.

A service of song, prayer and preaching for each Wednesday evening at 8:30 o'clock.

You are cordially invited to attend these services.

The Elders.

NORTH SIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH.

Preaching Saturday night at 8 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 services.

R. C. Reagh, Supt.

NAZARENE CHURCH.

During the pastor's absence while he is away holding a series of revivals, the pulpit is being filled by J. W. Campbell, of Abilene, elder in the Nazarene church.

All services will be held as usual. Every one is cordially invited to attend these services.

R. T. Smith, Pastor.

Marriage of Graham Couple Solemnized In Ceremony Here

A marriage of interest especially to friends of the groom who graduated from the Merkel High school in 1928 took place Thursday evening of last week at the home of Elder W. G. Cypert, when Rex Roberts and Miss Estelline Willis, both of Graham, were united.

Max Roberts, a brother of the groom, and Mrs. Roberts and their little son, Max, Jr., accompanied them over for the wedding. Others attending were Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Sublett and sons, Ben, Jack and Jim, also Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cypert.

Mr. Roberts has a responsible position with the Josaline Production company at Bryson, a booming oil town near Graham.

Members of Grogan Family in Reunion

First annual reunion of the Grogan family was held Sunday, July 11, at Abilene State park, with nineteen guests present from Anson, Merkel and Abilene.

A permanent organization was perfected, officers were elected and the second Sunday in July was set as meeting time. J. W. Grogan of Anson was made reunion president, and Mrs. Castle B. Ellis of Abilene was elected secretary. The 1938 meeting is to be held at the Abilene State park.

Swimming was a featured entertainment of the day. Kodak pictures were made and a basket lunch was served.

Those present: Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Grogan and children, J. T. and Vivian, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Grogan and children, Granville, Melva, Deleath and Arvis, Mr. and Mrs. Paul D. Grogan and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Grogan, all of Anson; Mr. and Mrs. V. N. Ellis of Merkel and Mr. and Mrs. Castle B. Ellis and son, Glynn Edward, of Abilene.

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Merkel Hospital Notes

Two girl babies were born at the Merkel hospital the past week: one to Mr. and Mrs. Ace Lawson on Sunday, the other to Mr. and Mrs. Homer H. Newby on Wednesday.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Jones, residing north of town, had a tonsillectomy Wednesday Mrs. Walter Dye, residing south of town, entered the hospital Monday for treatment.

Dennis Davis Buys Interest in Grocery

Announcement of change in ownership of the Economy Grocery was made this week with the purchase by Dennis D. Davis of the half interest held by Tom Allday. T. O. Neill continues as the other partner.

Dennis Davis has been employed for the past several weeks at the Economy Grocery and is an experienced grocery man, having engaged in the business in Stonewall prior to coming to this section in 1924.

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Head of Orphanage Speaks Here Sunday

Hubert Johnson, superintendent of the Methodist Orphanage at Waco, will speak at the 11 o'clock hour at the Methodist church Sunday.

Because of the Baptist revival, there will be no preaching service in the evening, nor mid-week prayer meeting. Other services as usual.

The pastor is in a revival at Nubia this week, moving to Blair for next week and Mt. Pleasant for the following week.

John H. Crow, Pastor.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. On account of the Baptist revival, evening service on Sunday and prayer meeting will not be held during the meeting.

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R. A. Walker, Pastor.

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