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BAPTISTS SAY FAREWELL TO JOYNER FAMILY

Congregation Tenders Parting Reception to Pastor Who Leaves to Accept Call to Spur; Suitable Gift Also Presented.

In bidding Godspeed to their pastor, who leaves this week to accept a call to the Spur Baptist church, members of the congregation of the First Baptist church were hosts Monday night in the church basement for a farewell reception to Rev. C. R. Joyner and family. Over a hundred were present.

Garden flowers were tastefully arranged throughout the rooms where, with Clark Mundy as master of ceremonies, an interesting program was rendered. After a song led by Yates Brown, in which all joined, with Miss Emma Joyner as pianist, Rev. Ted McGehee led in prayer. A piano duet was rendered by Mrs. T. T. Earthman and Miss Doris Clyde Miller, with readings by Mrs. George Wilhite and Mrs. Comer Haynes, and a vocal duet by Misses Helen and Pauline Joyner, accompanied by Miss Joyner.

In behalf of the church, Clark Mundy presented the departing pastor and family with a dining room suite, to which Rev. Mr. Joyner responded feelingly. Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of Grace Presbyterian church and a co-worker with the Baptist church leader during the five years of his ministry here, spoke of their happy associations and extended best wishes to Rev. Mr. Joyner in his new field.

A register for parting wishes was in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Yates Brown.

Refreshments of punch and cake were served by Misses Verne Moore, Fannelle Gray, Frances Higgins and Rachel Patterson.

As general chairman, Mrs. O. R. Dye and Mrs. A. R. Booth were assisted by the following committee chairmen, Mesdames Byers Petty, Twyman Collins, Sam Swann and Frank McFarland, with their corps of helpers.

In accentuating their regard and highest esteem for Rev. Mr. Joyner and to show appreciation of his services in this midst, the pastors of Grace Presbyterian church, Rev. R. A. Walker, and of the Methodist church, Rev. John H. Crow, dismissed their Sunday night services to worship with the Baptist congregation.

Announces Election Of Two New Teachers

Announcement of the election of two new teachers to fill the vacancies caused by the resignations of Misses Imogene Hayes and Sybil Smith, both of whom have accepted places at Odessa, was made this week by Supt. Connor Robinson of the Merkel Public Schools.

Miss Himalya Swafford will teach the first grade and Miss Helen Reddell of Anson will teach the fourth grade. The former is a graduate of Hardin-Simmons university and taught last year at Highland; the latter graduated from Abilene Christian college and taught last year at Noodle.

Landmark Gives Way To March of Time

Razing of the West mule barn during the past week has served to provoke diligent inquiry as to the early history of this landmark, well known to old-timers as a livery stable.

On the ground which is being cleared, a modern stucco filling station of the drive-in type will be erected by Henry West, owner of the property. The Gulf Oil Corporation has signed a long term lease for the station, with present plans providing for its management to be in charge of George West. The structure will probably be completed about Nov. 1.

Local history tells that along in 1885 the late J. L. Vaughn and wife established a Presbyterian Sunday School, which was also used as a church and school building on this property. In 1888 when the Presbyterian college was built on the ground now occupied by the Grammar School building, this little school was abandoned and the building sold to Marion French, who used it as a drug store for a number of years.

It was in 1896 that W. M. Muncey bought the property and converted it into a livery stable, which was remodelled and enlarged in 1901 by J. A. Woodard, Sr., and the late J. J. Russell. How livery stables went out of vogue with the advent of the automobile tells the rest of the story.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Traffic accidents, an accidental shooting and an airplane crash caused at least 12 deaths in Texas during the week-end.

Emilio Gonzales, 5, San Antonio, was killed by an automobile as he crossed a street Tuesday night while his mother looked on.

A. D. Justice of Post, student in agriculture at Texas A. & M. college, has been appointed cadet colonel of the school's cadet corps for 1937-38.

C. J. Farrell, former postmaster of Vernon, was found dead in a bathtub at his home at Vernon Sunday night. Death resulted from a heart attack.

Donald Grisham, 35-year-old Westbrook oil field worker, was killed Saturday afternoon when his automobile overturned six miles east of Coahoma.

Texas highway accidents brought death in August to 187 persons, an increase of thirty-three over July, the highest monthly toll since December when 225 were killed.

Mrs. Clarintha Draper of Pontotoc, near Llano, who lacks only a few months of being 100, has lost two sons by death within five months, and she attended both funerals.

The Texas Junior Chamber of Commerce, meeting at Wichita Falls, elected D. L. Liggett of Fort Worth as president, and voted to hold the convention next year in Port Arthur.

Texas citrus orchards have 7,040,946 trees, or more than 1,000,000 less than the peak of 8,200,000 in 1934. The loss is accounted for largely by damage from the hurricane of 1933 and by cold the next winter.

A district court jury at Marshall, which deliberated nine minutes, Tuesday returned a verdict of death in the electric chair for Henderson Young, negro accused of criminally assaulting a Longview woman last Aug. 22.

The Pan American Exposition's popular "Cavalcade of the Americas" will be closed Sunday, directors decided. Since July 19 it has been operated as a free attraction. Operating costs of the current show are \$1,000 daily.

Lee R. Searcy, about 35, manager of the Odessa airport, and Don Bell, about 32, contractor, associated with the Fox Rig and Lumber company of Odessa, were killed probably instantly about 7:30 Saturday night in an airplane accident.

While helping a brother weigh out cotton on their place three miles out of Retan, Miss Irene Howard, 32, was crushed to death by a tractor, which got out of her brother's control and backed over her body. She was attempting to connect the tractor to a wagon.

Miss Dorothy Drane, prominent Corsicana and Texas club woman, was killed Monday morning near Hammond, six miles south of Bremond, when the automobile in which she was riding failed to make a curve and turned over. She was a past president of the Texas Federation of Music clubs.

List of Petit Jurors Called Next Week

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

J. L. Ashford, N. A. Dowell, F. T. Hogan, Joe Spencer, W. C. Hunter, O. B. Boden, Jr., Fred Guitart, Sr., Merkel; Homer H. Hutta, L. M. Wallace, Martin Roberts, Harley Woods, Ed. S. Hughes, E. C. Drake, J. T. Landers, L. E. Brock, G. B. Chinn, J. W. Kinney, Henry Camby (colored), R. A. Middlebrook, L. V. Hood, V. O. Roundtree, L. J. Gorsuch, Ed Henry (colored), Dr. Wade T. Hedrick, F. W. Couch, Lewis Burks, W. P. Gilbreth, Paul Witt, D. W. Jay (colored), W. G. Williams, H. H. Brown, J. L. Easterling, H. B. Hill, H. A. Riggs, C. B. Ross, Tom Eplen, M. M. Ballard, Abilene; J. E. Knight, E. C. Adams, G. W. Wood, Lawn; J. C. Carter, Bradshaw; H. M. Edwards, Wingate; L. E. Adrian, T. G. Hamner, Andy Shouse, Trent; J. W. Burks, J. T. Stevenson, Guion; E. D. Thomas, Tye; J. C. Burleson, Ovalo; M. L. Williams, Buffalo Gap.

Record of Births.
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Sterling, Friday, September 17, 1937.
Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. June Hogan, Wednesday, September 22, 1937.

ALL-STARS COP FINAL IN SET WITH HAMLIN

Defeat Oilers from Wichita Valley League in Past Game Sunday, 6-4; Saturday's Score Went to Big Figures.

Following the run-scoring spree indulged in by the Hamlin Oilers to defeat the Merkel All-Stars here Saturday afternoon, 23 to 6, Manager John Payne took his aggregation of Inter-Community league selections to Hamlin Sunday determined to win.

The Sunday score was a Merkel victory, 6 to 4, with Ox Jones on the mound and Earl Palmer receiving for the All-Stars. Batteries for Hamlin were Courtney and Bradford.

The All-Stars put up a good game Saturday until the fifth inning, but the patched up line-up representing the Merkel league fell apart in the sixth. In that round the Oilers scored ten runs on six hits and five errors. The game was called at the end of the seventh because of exhaustion of fans and players alike.

The score: R H E
Hamlin 23 15 7
All-Stars 6 10 11
Black, Agnew, Ford and Bradford, Brown; L. Jones, D. H. Jones and Othell Jones, Oscar Jones.

Luncheon Marked by Presence of Several Out-of-Town Visitors

Ross Covey of Sweetwater, past president of district 2-E Lions International, George Thompson, also of Sweetwater, chairman of Lions group 5 in the district, T. N. Carswell, secretary of the Abilene chamber of commerce, Coach Pat Davis of the Merkel Badgers and J. N. Carson, now of Abilene, were guests at Tuesday's luncheon of the Merkel Lions club.

Furnishing the entertainment feature were the Bachelorettes, Merkel trio heard over KRBC, consisting of Misses Frances Higgins and Thelma and Pearl Matthews, with Miss Christine Collins as accompanist. They first sang their theme song, "When My Dream Boat Comes Home," followed by entertaining and cleverly rendered medley, "The Lost Chord."

Miss Emma Joyner, who played for the singing led by Yates Brown and who later rendered incidental music during the luncheon, was named pianist and club sweetheart as successor to Miss Iris Garrett, who recently left for college at Denton.

The club voted to invite the Lions of group 5 to meet here for their quarterly gathering in October, also to enter a float in the parade during the West Texas Fair at Abilene. As chairman of the community betterment committee, Henry West will have charge of this feature.

Announcement was made by C. H. Collinsworth, vocational agriculture instructor at the High school, who was speaking in behalf of Supt. Connor Robinson, who could not attend the luncheon, that the school was planning to enter both the Pep Squad and the Merkel Badger band in the parade.

One new member, Claude Reid, was elected on recommendation of the membership committee, of which Dr. L. C. Zehnpfennig is chairman.

Talks were made by each of the visitors, with Mr. Carswell furnishing considerable information about the proposed Merkel-Sylvester-Roby highway and explaining procedure that might be followed of creating a special road district to vote bonds and secure right of way.

Death Verdict Again Given Merkel Negro

A jury in 42nd district court voted Thursday afternoon of last week to give Lonnie Mitchell, Merkel negro, the death penalty after finding him guilty of murder of Chester C. Hutchenson, Merkel city marshal, Apr. 11, 1936.

It was the second trial for Mitchell and the second death sentence. The first was reversed by the court of criminal appeals.

Mitchell's attorneys, appointed by the court, indicated the case will again be appealed.

To Preach Here Sunday.
Dr. Atwood, of Hardin-Simmons university, will preach at the First Baptist church Sunday, both morning and evening. Every one is cordially invited to hear him.

EXPECT STIFF STRUGGLE WITH ANSON TIGERS

Badger Supporters Encouraged By Showing Made Against Clyde Bulldogs in Tie Game; Cars Needed for Transport.

Having held the Clyde Bulldogs to a 7-7 tie on the local gridiron Friday of last week, Coach Pat Davis takes his Badger squad to Anson Friday of this week for what is considered a very stiff game.

It is planned for the players to leave at 1:30 Friday afternoon and any one who is willing to provide cars to carry the players to Anson is requested to let Coach Davis or Supt. Robinson know before that time.

The Pep Squad and Merkel Badger band also will attend the Anson game, leaving here about 2:30 Friday afternoon, and cars will be needed to transport them also.

The school busses, it is explained, will be required to carry students home from school on their regular runs and are not available for making the game.

In the Clyde game the light Merkel team scored first when West blocked a Clyde punt on the 22-yard line in the second quarter. Successive plunges by Windham and West carried the ball to the one-yard line and West carried it over from there. He passed to Adcock for the extra point.

Clyde opened a passing attack in the fourth with Easterling doing the heaving. Wright took one of his bullet passes on the nine-yard and dodged the Merkel secondary to score standing up. Easterling plunged for the extra point.

Merkel outgained the Bulldogs on the ground with 129 yards to Clyde's 111, but in the air the Bulldogs were easily superior, completing 8 of their passes for 73 yards. Only one of Merkel's four passes was good.

A large crowd enjoyed the game, which was made all the more interesting by the use of the loud speaker system, with Dr. L. C. Zehnpfennig doing the announcing.

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Volunteer Transport For Badger Squadmen

In response to the call for volunteers to transport football players to their homes in surrounding communities after practice each afternoon, Chairman King of the Lions club committee having this feature in charge reports the following have offered their cars:

R. T. Gray, S. M. Hunter, Nolan Palmer, Clesby Patterson, John Grable, Dean Higgins, Byron Patterson, Norman Hodge, Dr. L. C. Zehnpfennig, Carlton Vick, C. P. Church and Stanley King.

They will be divided into groups of two serving one day each week, with the last two named as being available when the regulars cannot serve.

Local Parent-Teacher Organization Formed

Organization of the Merkel Parent-Teacher association was perfected at a meeting held Monday afternoon in the study hall of the High school, with the election of Mrs. Comer Robinson as president. Other officers elected are: Mrs. C. B. Gardner, vice-president; Mrs. Joe P. Self, secretary, and Mrs. Sam Swann, treasurer.

Supt. Connor Robinson acted as temporary chairman and Mrs. Comer Haynes as temporary secretary.

Two visitors, Mrs. Holland Holt, of Abilene, vice-president of the sixth district, and Mrs. J. C. Stewart of Lawn, Taylor county PTA council president of the sixth district, assisted in the organization.

About fifty were present for the organization meeting. The official record of members must be completed and in the office of the state organization by Oct. 31.

Dues were set at 25c, which goes to the state association. Any amount above that which members wish to pay will go into the treasury of the local association.

Next meeting was set for 4 p. m. Oct. 13, at which time the question of whether night or day meetings will serve the greater number will be decided.

Pledged Sigma Alpha Mu.
Austin, Sept. 23.—The University of Texas chapter of Sigma Alpha Mu social fraternity has announced the pledging of Sylvan Mellinger of Merkel.

NOVELTY OF DONKEY BALL GAME INVITES FRIENDS TO BOOST BADGER BAND FUND

PRIZES OFFERED FOR BEST POSTERS

Invite Grammar School Students to Submit Fire Prevention Posters in Campaign.

Fire Prevention Week, officially designated as Oct. 3 to 9, inclusive, this year, will find the Merkel Firemen's association sponsoring a Fire Prevention poster contest, in which three cash prizes of \$5, \$3 and \$2 will be offered for the three best posters submitted by pupils of the Grammar school.

After a committee has selected the two best from each of the seven grades in the Grammar school, these fourteen posters will be exhibited in the lobby of the Queen theatre and patrons who attend the benefit performances of "Turn Off the Moon," showing Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 6 and 7, will determine the winners of the three cash prizes by their vote. Posters must be submitted by the students by Oct. 5 and the prizes will be awarded at the end of the first show Thursday night, Oct. 7.

Manager Norman T. Hodge of the Queen theatre has offered a benefit showing for these two nights of "Turn Off the Moon," hilarious comedy featuring Charlie Ruggles, Eleanor Whitney, Johnny Downs, Kenny Baker and Phil Harris and his band, the proceeds both nights to go to the Firemen's fund. Price of admission will be the same 10c and 25c.

Week's Ginnings Reach 1700 Bales

Ginnings for the week up to Wednesday night at the six plants in Merkel and those at Noodle, Stith and Blair rose to 1,700, indicating that the crop is being gathered rapidly. Total for the season to date at these nine gins is 5,227 bales.

During this same period last year, picking and ginning were held up by continued rains, the total having stood two weeks at 5,575 bales.

New Traffic Signal Light to Be Installed

The traffic signal light, ordered by the city council recently to be installed at the intersection of Oak street and the highway, has arrived and will be put in operation as soon as the preliminary electrical work can be done.

This is a standard red, green and amber stop light and will serve to safeguard all manner of traffic, both pedestrian and automobile, at this very busy intersection.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, September 21, 1917.)

H. R. Horton was in Merkel Saturday with a bale of cotton. While here he placed a subscription to The Mail to be sent to his son, O. A., who is with Pershing in France.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg and Mr. and Mrs. E. M. McDonald visited in Westbrook last Sunday, making the trip in their car. On their return trip they ran into the mud just this side of Sweetwater and had a pretty tough time getting through. Otherwise they report a delightful trip.

Misses Lottie and Margia Butman, returned from points in the New England states where they visited relatives.

The Seniors of M. H. S. met Sept. 18 in High School auditorium for purpose of organizing class of 1918. The following officers were elected: Julia Martin, president; Hugh McRee, vice-president; Virginia Duckett, secretary; Bourdon Smith, class historian; Virginia Swafford, class poet; Edna Watts, class prophet; Bessie Tucker, Beulah Walker and Wade Ensinger were appointed as a committee to select class motto and class flower.

NEW NAMES ON HONOR ROLL.
O. A. Horton, Ira Huss, Archie Rose, Fred Harrell, Chas. C. Jones,

Proceeds of Friday Night's Game Played on Burros to Aid In Promotion of Merkel's New Musical Organization.

It's not a three-ring circus, nor technically is it a squared ring attraction, but it's likely to be funnier than the first and more exciting than the latter, with casualties along the southern exposure instead of about the face and eyes as fistic manlers seem to indulge in.

In fact, anything might happen at the donkey softball game to be staged under bright lights on the Badger football field Friday night between a team from the Lions club and a selected ten from the Inter-Community softballers.

The game is scheduled to start at 8 p. m. and duration will be determined by human combativity; the obstinacy of the donkeys will probably be outdone only by the smartness of their tricks.

Tickets will bring 35c for adults and 10c for students, with the proceeds to go to the Merkel Badger band. As manager, Stanley King submits the following array of Lions performers: Clesby Patterson, c; Byron Patterson, p; Byers Petty, 1b; Carlton Vick, 2b; Nolan Palmer, 3b; Norman Hodge, ss; Dr. L. C. Zehnpfennig, rsc; Dean Higgins, lf; Chester Collinsworth, cf; Thaxton Neill, rf. In emergency, the following relief players and pinch hitters will be at hand: Wrenn Durham, Milton Case, R. T. Gray, Booth Warren, John Grable.

Starting line-up of the opposing team, selected from the Inter-Community Softball clubs, with Joe Self as manager, reads: Z. Robertson, c; Pierce, p; Oscar Adcock, 1b; Sam Burns, 2b; Boney, 3b; Robert Higgins, ss; L. Robertson, rsc; V. Garner, lf; King, cf; Joyner, rf. A number of other players are included in the roster, some of whom may be used instead of some of the above players in the starting line-up.

R. T. Gray is general chairman of arrangements.

Name Delegates to State Convention

At a meeting of the Taylor county HD council held Saturday afternoon at the chamber of commerce, Abilene, Mrs. Ben Butman of the Blue Bonnet club, Mrs. W. R. Williams of Merkel and Mrs. Glen Johnson of Buffalo Gap were elected to attend the Home Demonstration association convention at San Antonio Sept. 28-30.

Plans for home demonstration booths at the West Texas fair were completed, ten clubs having indicating plans for exhibits.

Glen Thompson, Roscoe Sharp, John Ware, John D. Dudley, John Edward Hunter, E. M. Harris, George Smith, Geo. N. Reynolds, J. H. Rister, Tye, Willie Leo Miller, Trent, Wayne Ab- ernathy, Trent.

Last Thursday evening R. R. Spurgin of Comere was called to his reward at the age of 67. He had been in ill health for some time.

Misses Dovie and Mary Teaff leave Friday night for Fort Worth where they will enter the Baptist Theological seminary. In addition to special training in Sunday School and kindergarten work, the young ladies will take music and expression.

Mrs. J. E. Faucett of Los Angeles was joined by her husband Saturday for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. O'Brian, and his relatives in Abilene.

Resolutions of Appreciation were adopted as to the removal of H. S. (Dad) Wilson, who has been for a number of years a prominent character among us, to parts in the east, were signed by the following: James E. Adkisson, M. D., W. W. Wheeler, Thos. Johnson, J. C. Comegys, G. E. Comegys, Eugene Hargrove, D. F. Ferguson, W. P. Mahaffey, Walter Jackson and T. L. Grimes.

WTUC Announces Reduction in Rates For Merkel Customers

The West Texas Utilities company this week ignored the rising cost of living when it announced a reduction of 16 2-3 per cent in electric rates in Merkel.

A new low rate of 2 1-2 cents per kilowatt hour for all current over 50 kilowatt hours used monthly in homes equipped with electric ranges was announced by R. T. Gray, local manager. The reduction makes electricity as practical as any other fuel for cooking purposes, he said.

This 2 1-2 cent rate is effective with this month's bills.

Only customers using electric cookery will benefit by this particular reduction, but even the smallest consumer will profit by a reduction in his rate from 10 cents to 9 1-2 cents. Rates for commercial lighting are also in for a reduction from the present schedule of 11, 9 and 5 cents to 10, 8 and 4 cents, respectively, and retail power rate is down from 9 cents to 6 cents.

Where the electric range is installed all current over 50 kilowatt-hours used each month will take the lower rate. It is a step in the "incentive rate schedule," which provides low-cost current for refrigeration, lights and other domestic purposes inasmuch as these are included in the high-usage bracket.

"These reductions are in keeping with the company's policy of lowering rates as fast as increased usage permits," Gray said. "Although the cost of living in general has risen and taxation has reached an unprecedented height, we believe it is wise to encourage home modernization by making electric service as cheap and efficient as possible."

BLAIR ITEMS

Mrs. Jim Maddera, who was bitten by a rattlesnake the past week, is getting along moderately well. We hope nothing will prove serious from the misfortune and that she will be able to be up and out among her friends again soon.

Rev. Lloyd Mayhew, M. E. pastor, is to fill his regular appointment at the Methodist church Sunday, Sept. 26. All are urged to attend these services.

Mrs. Dovie Burnett, Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Pruitt of Anson, Artist Cook and brother, Karl, of Butman, and Mrs. R. B. Horton and children of Big Spring visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell the past week. Mrs. Horton and babies also visited her father, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moore, and other relatives while here.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Bell accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Roy Coats of White Church to Cross Plains on business Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Smith are visiting relatives at Abilene for an indefinite time.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Demere and Mother Demere of Butman were seen in our midst Sunday.

D. C. Doan and Howard Brown are doing jury service in Abilene this week.

Mrs. Wilbanks and Mrs. Bill Caldwell left for Mineola after visiting Mrs. Riley James and Mrs. S. L. Scoggin.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Windham are sporting a new car.

Regular Fourth Sunday singing will be held at 2 p. m. Sunday at the Methodist church.

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The University of the South, Sewanee, Tenn., was established at a meeting of educators atop Lookout Mountain on July 4, 1875.

The first act of congress relative to the building of national highways was passed during Jefferson's administration in 1806 and carried an appropriation of \$30,000.

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

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

LOANS

We are interested in making loans in Merkel to build new homes, modernize existing dwellings, and refinancing. If interested, communicate with us.

ABILENE BUILDING & LOAN ASSOCIATION OF ABILENE Abilene Texas

Football

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The starting line-ups: Merkel Pos. Clyde Dugan LE G. Barnett LT Clemmer V. Barnett (c) LG Harless Shouse C Pyeatt Cox RG Ross Graham RT Waggoner Winter RE Robinson West QB Easterling (c) Malone LH Wright Adcock RH Appleton Windham FB Rutledge

Substitutes: Merkel, Walker, Wozencraft; Clyde, R. Honea, Taylor, Patterson, Kimball.

First downs: Merkel 7, Clyde 7. Touchdowns: Merkel, West; Clyde, Wright.

Points after touchdown: Adcock, Easterling.

Passes: Merkel 4 times, completed one for 7 yards; Clyde 18 times, completed 8 for 73 yards.

Punts: Merkel 4, for 31 yard average; Clyde 5, for 17 yard average.

Penalties: Merkel 1, for five yards; Clyde 5, for 35 yards.

Score by periods: Clyde 0 0 0 7 Merkel 0 7 0 0

Officials: Pratt (Colorado), referee; Forrester (Roby), umpire; Daniels (Roby), head linesman.

FSA Seeks Owner, Tenant Harmony

A drive is being launched to improve relationship between land-owners and tenants who are financed by the Farm Security administration (formerly Resettlement). Clarence Symes, county supervisor, has announced.

Recommendations of a committee of supervisors are being printed for guidance of all county offices in Texas and Oklahoma.

The committee report recommends that leases be prepared at a conference between landlord, tenant, and county supervisor. The lease should always be in writing, it was suggested. A long-time lease was recommended, in place of the one-year lease now commonly used.

"Third-and-fourth" division of crops for rent was declared inequitable by the committee. "On good land it is usually to the disadvantage of the landlord, and on poor land, to the disadvantage of the tenant," the report declared.

FFA Chapter Officers Attend District Meet

On Wednesday night of last week at 7:45 the Merkel Future Farmer officers met at the Abilene High school building in a joint meeting of the other F. F. A. Chapter officers of the Abilene district.

The purpose of this meeting was in the form of a district officers training school for local chapter officers. Local advisers, or teachers, from the various schools in the Abilene district, including Merkel, Winters, Tuscola, Bradshaw, Lawn, Rule, Aspermont and Clyde, were in charge of group meetings. In these meetings, the objectives and plans for the future officers training schools were discussed. Schools will be held each six weeks.

Those attending from Merkel were: Don Warren, Abilene district reporter; Morris Clack, local chapter president; Waymon Adcock, chapter secretary; Elwood Cox, vice-president; Mark Malone, treasurer; L. B. Gibson, parliamentarian, and Griffin Barnett, historian.

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

Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office.

RURAL SOCIETY

SALT BRANCH CLUB.

The Salt Branch Home Demonstration club met in the home of Mrs. Johnny Cox on Sept. 16. Roll call was answered with suggestions for "Program I'd Like to Study Next Year." Miss Peggy Taylor, home demonstration agent, not having been able to meet with the club on that date, it was decided to have a short business session and meet with the Merkel club Sept. 17.

The business session consisted of appointing a special committee to look after the club's interest at the West Texas Free Fair. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess.

Those present were Mesdames T. C. Allen, Will Higgins, Johnny Cox, Roy Harrell, Vernon Hudson, Wilmer Robertson, Paul E. Royalty, J. S. Pinckley; Misses Lena Fay Harrell, Ruth Pinckley, Celia Hester, Genevieve Robertson, Patty McClain.

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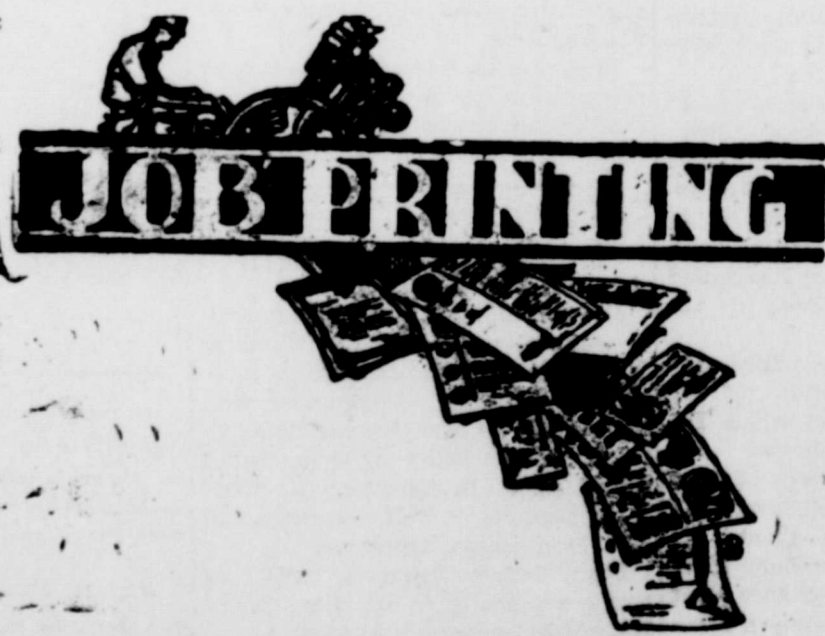
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"Western" Thriller With George O'Brien Has Modern Angles

Described as an ultra modern western, in which cowboys clash with city gangsters on the open rangeland and use airplanes as well as horses in their desperate conflict, "Hollywood Cowboy," an RKO Radio picture, stars George O'Brien, at the Queen theatre Friday and Saturday of this week.

Produced by George A. Hirliman, who was responsible for O'Brien's last two hits, the new action thriller shows the stalwart star back in the saddle again in the type of outdoor film he originally popularized.

Jeffery Carson, cowboy film star, played by O'Brien, finishes a production on location in Wyoming and then embarks incognito on a hunting trip to seek rest and quiet. His peaceful intention, however, is shattered when he becomes vitally involved in a range war. A pretty girl's smile soon has him working as an ordinary cowboy on her aunt's ranch.

Dick Powell Star of New Film Musical

Just what the title indicates is the story of "The Singing Marine," which with Dick Powell as its star, will have its local premiere at the Queen theatre Saturday "Owl" show, Monday and Tuesday.

Dick is a marine—a modest buck private at the San Diego base—and he can sing. So his comrades get up a purse to send him to New York to have a try at "Major Rows" amateur hour.

At the same time, on her own, Dick's sweetheart essays to enter her voice into the competition. This is Doris Weston, a lovely and talented newcomer to movies.

She doesn't get by. The Major's famous gong stops her. But Dick becomes a tremendous success.

That was just too bad! It goes to Dick's head. Spoiled by the adulation of innumerable women, and the fawning of chiselers who surround him, the young Marine forgets his comrades out on the Pacific Coast.

But after all he's only on a leave of absence from the Marines, and when, at the end of his furlough he's shipped with the rest of his company to China, he has a chance to redeem himself with a splendid bit of heroism, which restores him to everyone's good graces.

A splendid cast surrounds Dick Powell in the gay song and dance fest, including Hugh Herbert, Allen Jenkins, Doc Rockwell from vaudeville, Jane Wyman and Veda Ann Borg.

Newspaper War Gives Color to "Exclusive"

A fight-to-the-finish war between two rival newspapers forms the colorful background of the dramatic story "Exclusive," which brings Fred MacMurray, Frances Farmer and Charlie Ruggles to the screen of the Queen theatre Wednesday and Thursday.

Written for the screen by John C. Moffitt, one of the nation's outstanding motion picture critics recently signed to write film stories, "Exclusive" tells of a clash in principles between a father, an old-school newspaperman who places his ideals before gain, and his daughter, a modern girl who believes that journalism, like any

other profession, is a racket to be worked for what it will bring the individual.

Charlie Ruggles plays the father role, the first major dramatic role of his career, and Miss Farmer plays the role of daughter. She is in love with MacMurray, who works with her father and who shares the older man's principles. They break when Miss Farmer refuses to change her attitude toward journalism.

The powerful climax is reached when an article written by Miss Farmer causes one of the town's leading citizens to commit suicide. This makes it necessary for Ruggles to report the event and to reveal his daughter's methods.

The newspaper which employs Miss Farmer is owned by Lloyd Nolan, a crooked politician. The manner in which Ruggles' paper triumphs over Nolan makes "Exclusive" a fast-moving, thrilling and highly entertaining motion picture which is also valuable for the insight it gives into the actual running of a large newspaper. The picture was directed by Alexander Hall.

CARD OF THANKS.

We want to express our heartfelt appreciation for the sympathy and love shown us in our recent bereavement, the loss of our darling baby, Clara Joyce. To every one that extended aid or offered words of comfort we are indeed grateful and we pray God's blessings upon each and every one of you.

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Mellon Will Filed.
Pittsburgh, Sept. 23.—The will of the late Andrew W. Mellon, leaving his entire fortune estimated at between \$100,000,000 and \$200,000,000 to his educational and charitable trust, was filed formally Monday with the register of wills.

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON, D. C.
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Teddy's Secretary Expires.
Glen Cove, N. Y., Sept. 23.—William Loeb, 70, who rose from a professional stenographer to a business executive of high rank, died in a hospital here of pneumonia Monday. He was best known as the secretary of President Theodore Roosevelt, a job he first undertook when Roosevelt was governor of New York.

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Mrs. Hattie Mancill
Claimed by Death

Mrs. Hattie Mancill, 53, resident of Merkel for more than 15 years, died Tuesday night at her home here after more than a year of ill health. About ten days ago her condition became serious, and relatives were called to her bedside.

Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon from the Methodist church, of which Mrs. Mancill was a member, with Rev. Arthur Cox of Garden City, a nephew, and Rev. John H. Crow, pastor of the Merkel church, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill cemetery.

Attending Mrs. Mancill when death came were three sisters, Mrs. W. C. Cosby of Abilene, Mrs. W. H. Cox of Belton and Mrs. A. A. White of Houston, and three children, Mrs. Earl Morgan, Robert and Guy Mancill, all of Merkel. Several other sisters and brothers also survive.

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Funeral Rites for
Clara Joyce Dunn

Funeral services for Clara Joyce Dunn, 3-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Dunn, were held at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon from Grace Presbyterian church conducted by Rev. R. A. Walker, the pastor, assisted by Rev. John H. Crow, Methodist pastor. Burial was in Rose Hill cemetery.

Pallbearers were George White, John A. Grable, Tracy Campbell of Lamesa and Milton Case.

Flower girls were Doris Gay West, Mary Jo Russell, Bonnie Church, Doris Lee Shelton, Mabel Murray, Helen Heeter.

Clara Joyce, who had been in delicate health ever since birth, died at 3:30 Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Dowell are the maternal grandparents and Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Dunn of Southland, paternal grandparents. Besides the latter, others from out-of-town attending the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Allen and daughters, Roysie City; Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Dunn, Sweetwater; Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Campbell and children, Lamesa, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hughes, Abilene.

Church Home-Coming.

The Tye Missionary Baptist church is to have a home-coming service Sunday, Sept. 26. It will be an all-day program, with lunch to be served at the church. All former pastors and members are especially invited to attend.

Undergoes Surgery.

Hol, Vaughn, son of City Marshal and Mrs. D. H. Vaughn, was taken to the Hendrick Memorial hospital, Abilene, Tuesday for an appendix operation. He was resting fairly well Wednesday night, his father reports, although he was running a very high temperature.

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Miss Clara Frances Largent, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Largent, who was named by the Merchants Trade Extension association of Merkel to represent this city as duchess for the West Texas Fair coronation and festivities, has notified the local committee in charge that she will not be in position to serve in this role, owing to the fact that, as a student of Hardin-Simmons university, she and other H-S girls, who had been selected from other towns, had been asked by the school authorities not to take part.

Some twenty towns have already named duchesses to the Cotton Festival of the West Texas Fair.

Hospital for Crippled Children.

Hot Springs, N. M., Sept. 23.—New Mexico's new million-dollar, PWA-built hospital for crippled children was dedicated to the people of the state Sunday by Charles West, undersecretary of the interior.

Plan for '38 State Fair.

Dallas, Sept. 23.—Plans for the 1938 State Fair of Texas will be discussed in December by the stockholders, it was announced Monday. At the close of the Pan-American exposition on Oct. 31 the grounds will be returned to the State Fair and the program resumed.

Fire Prevention Week.

Washington, Sept. 23.—President Roosevelt proclaimed the week beginning Oct. 3 as Fire Prevention Week.

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All School Patrons are
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All patrons of the Merkel Public schools, both fathers and mothers, are invited to attend meetings of the newly organized Parent-Teacher association, it is announced by Mrs. Connor Robinson, president, even though they do not intend to become members by paying the assessment of 25 cents for dues to the state association.

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PERSONALS

T. R. Everitt left Saturday for Dallas where he will visit relatives.

Mrs. M. G. Curtis visited relatives in Anson the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Reid and children were visiting in Merkel Sunday afternoon.

Robert Everitt of Dallas visited Merkel relatives the latter part of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Simpson of Freeport visited in Merkel for a short time Monday afternoon.

Mrs. C. P. Stevens visited last week with Mrs. J. D. Browning in Cisco and attended the Eastland fair.

After a visit with her daughter, Mrs. T. L. Grimes, Mrs. G. J. Jones has returned to her home in Nevada.

Reed Whately enjoyed the past week-end as a guest in the home of Miss Maxine Abernathy of Wichita Falls.

Mrs. Emmett Grimes and daughter of Georgetown visited this week with Mrs. Robert I. Grimes and other relatives.

Miss Loucille Justice has entered Draughon's Business college, Abilene, for a course in book-keeping and secretarial work.

W. J. Largent is in Amarillo this week attending the Tri-State Fair. The Largent show cattle will not go on the road until the Kansas City Royal next month.

Misses Mary, Lizzie and Jennie Keny have as their guest their cousin, Miss Nerva Joplin, of Detroit, Texas, which is the home town of Vice-President John N. Garner.

Burl Wheeler, travelling inspector for the motor transport division of the Texas railroad commission, was working in Merkel Thursday. He was en route to Big Spring.

Mrs. J. L. McRee has just returned from Lubbock where she had been visiting in the home of her son, F. L. McRee, and family, who had spent the week-end in the J. L. McRee home. Friends will be glad to learn that

Ralph Bigham, former Merkelite, who has been seriously ill at a sanitarium in Houston, is greatly improved and is able to sit up for short intervals.

Miss Christine Collins will leave Friday to attend a meeting of the board of the Texas Federation of Music clubs at Ennis. She is a member of the state board from the Sixth district.

Mrs. M. L. Holden joined friends from McCauley for a visit with her two daughters at Big Spring. Those from McCauley were Mesdames J. P. Humphries, Ben Mabry and Walter Peacock.

After a two weeks visit with her daughter, Mrs. G. A. Glenewinkel, Mrs. Allie Lee Lippard of Eastland left Thursday for Odessa to visit with two sons there, L. B. Lippard, Jr., and E. V. Lippard, and their families.

Mrs. Eva Brazel of Mayfield, Ky., is returning home after spending two weeks with her brother, F. A. Sanders, and Mrs. Mary Orr and Miss Sally Orr. She was accompanied home by her sister, Mrs. H. T. Merritt, of Fort Worth.

Roy Elliott, of Dallas, who had been to Amarillo and a number of cities on the Plains on an inspection trip for the Federated Mutual Insurance company of Dallas, stopped over Saturday afternoon for a short visit with his parents, Mayor and Mrs. W. M. Elliott, as he was returning home.

Mrs. Amy Sears returned Saturday night from an extended summer trip. She spent some ten days in Washington, Baltimore and Annapolis, besides visiting interesting points in Virginia, the Carolinas and other Southern states. Mrs. Sears was accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. DeVerle John-

son, and Mrs. Nora Graves joined them at Bristol for part of the trip.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Dennis returned home Saturday night after an extended visit with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Olin Lusby, at Ozona, and having gone with them to points in South Texas. At Bandera they visited T. S. Dennis, a brother of J. T. Dennis and also another brother, F. H. Dennis, at San Antonio. At Corpus Christi they visited their sons, Bob and Herbert.

Mrs. John Pratt, sister of Supt. Connor Robinson, and one-month-old daughter, Robbie Ann, of Fort Worth, spent from Sunday until Tuesday afternoon in the Robinson home. Mrs. Pratt was joined Monday night by her husband, and on Tuesday Mrs. E. C. Robinson of Rotan, mother of Supt. Robinson, also arrived to spend the day. Mrs. Robinson was accompanied by Mrs. Maggie Freeman of Rotan.

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TELEPHONE THE MAIL

The Mail will be glad to receive news of entertainments or visitors in Merkel homes, as well as other news items of a general nature. If you have company, entertain friends or return from a trip please telephone 61 or 29.

Entertainment Given Badger School Band

On Monday evening Mrs. Clyde Shouse and Mrs. C. P. Church entertained the Merkel Badger band on the lawn of Mrs. Church. Greetings were extended by Mrs. Church and talks were made by Supt. Connor Robinson and D. W. Crain, director of the band. After outdoor games were played, directed by Supt. Robinson, the band played several numbers.

Refreshments of punch, sandwiches and cake were passed to Mr. and Mrs. Alex Williamson of Trent, Mr. and Mrs. H. Barnett and Forest Glynn, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Crain and Patty Ruth, Kyle and D. W. Crain, Jr., Jack Haynes, Connor Robinson, Sammie, Jerry and Billie McGehee, Charles Church, Walter Leonard, Doyal Barnes, J. T. Reagan, Tag and O. C. Shouse, Jim Sublett, Moody Lee Coffman, Fred Slayden, Felix Stalls, J. B. Winn, Robert Hicks, Franklin Deavers, Sue Grimes, George Mack Owens, Loudale Gray, Billie and Don Wood, Jannell Black, Anne Lee Blake, Ce-Vene Daniel, Mary Jo Garland, Joy Holloway, Johnnie Roberts, Jake Roberts, Mark Williamson, Etcyl Church, Cal Currington, Marvin Dubose, Clyde Sears, Don Warren, Helen Heeter, Bobbie Woodrum, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Wallace and son, Mrs. C. Shouse and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Church and Bonnie.

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- Supreme Salad Wafers, 1 1-2 lbs. 22c
- Early Riser Coffee, pound 19c
- Blue and White Pork & Beans, per can 5c
- Del Dixi Pickles, sour or dill, qt. 17c
- Large Oxydol, package 23c
- Red and White Cleanser, 2 cans 9c
- Red and White Rice, 2 pound box 19c
- Red and White Fancy Corn, No. 2 can 15c
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- Blue and White Peas, No. 2 can, 2 for 27c
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- Post Bran, package 11c
- Dried Apricots, 2 pounds 29c
- Red and White Catsup, 14 ounce bottle 17c
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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

A. C. Terry, Jr., was a patient Friday at the Hendrick Memorial hospital, Abilene.

Mrs. H. E. East, wife of the pastor of the Baptist church, who received major surgery at the Hendrick Memorial hospital, Abilene, several days ago, was removed to her home in Abilene Monday. She is reported doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Archer of Dallas spent last week with his mother, Mrs. Mary Archer.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Clark of Fort Worth will return to their home Sunday after spending two weeks with Mrs. Clark's sister, Mrs. George West and Mr. West.

Mrs. Pearl Hamner of Salt Lake City, Utah, is spending a few days with her aunt, Mrs. Flora Brown, and cousin, Miss Winnie Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Kelly and baby of Farwell are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hogue.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Coleman of Odesa are spending a few weeks with Mr. and Mrs. L. Z. Titsworth.

Mrs. L. C. Burkhardt of Lamesa visited with her son, Bry Durkhardt, and family a few days last week.

Mrs. Molly Condon has returned from a two months vacation in New Mexico and will spend a few days with her daughter, Mrs. Joe Jackson, and Mr. Jackson.

Mrs. Elizabeth Stanford of Fort Worth is spending a few days with her niece, Mrs. Ben Howell, and attending the bedside of Betty Lou Howell, ill at the Merkel hospital, suffering from a throat infection.

Gus Brewer of Gus' cafe received cuts on the left hand and suffered a severe electrical shock Thursday of last week while adjusting a bus flag in front of Dingle's confectionery.

Mr. and Mrs. David Howell are at home at his father's, George H. Howell, after their marriage in Corsicana on Saturday, Sept. 11.

METHODIST YOUNG PEOPLE TO SYLVESTER.

Several members of the young people's department of the Methodist church attended a district meeting held at Sylvester Thursday and Friday of last week. Those going were Marcell Shouse, district president; James Strawn, Rev. and Mrs. Alsie Carleton,

Dorothy Jo Strawn, Van Sawyer, Hughie Cooley.

Trent again won the banner for the sixth consecutive time, of the seven times it has been offered.

Next union meeting will be held at the local Methodist church Thursday evening, Oct. 14. All members are urged to co-operate in entertaining the visitors from the unions.

SMITH REUNION.

Four brothers of the Smith family, pioneers of this section of the county, with their families held a reunion at Lake Sweetwater Sunday.

Selecting a log cabin for a picturesque scene, the relatives viewed a picnic lunch at the noon hour to the four brothers and their wives, Messrs. and Mesdames O. A. Smith of Trent, E. Clyde Smith and Marvin Smith of Merkel and Bartley Smith of Stanton.

Others attending were Mr. and Mrs. Troy Eiland and children, Eilene, Lois Dee, Bethel and Troyce, of Midland; Mrs. Orlo Forest and two children, Mary Jane and Don Smith, of Stanton; Mr. and Mrs. John Cox and four children, Lowell, Dorothy Sue, Bruce, Barbara Gay, of Snyder; Mrs. Homer Mayfield and daughter, Ludie Gail, Emory Jones and son, Marvin Estes, Mrs. Cooper, Miss Ona Johnson, Frank Johnson, all of Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Lesley Beasley and Patricia Ann, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Terry of Trent.

FORMAL SCHOOL OPENING.

Formal school opening was held at the High School auditorium Friday evening at 8 o'clock. This program was given following the launching of a building program formulated through the local school board recently.

The invocation by A. C. Terry, Sr., was followed by a welcome address by Garnet Wilks, secretary of the school board. Supt. R. L. Fortune then for-

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mally introduced the faculty, both high school and grammar grades, and each responded with a pep talk, climaxed when Principal Scott said, "The spirit makes the school, and school is the background for a town or community, and we, as teachers dedicate our time and experience to the course of a good school for Trent."

Three speakers from Abilene were introduced by Supt. Fortune as the school maker: Supt. McGehee, county superintendent, the schoolhouse maker; David S. Castle, architect for the new building, and the law-maker, Hon. J. Bryan Bradbury, representative. Bradbury stressed the points of establishing a school on morality, naming the pioneers of other days as examples of education.

Seated on the platform with the speaker was Malcolm Beasley, representative member of the trustees. "Benediction was given by R. H. Cooley, patron.

WOODMEN CIRCLE.

Mrs. Agnes Burks was elected guardian of Trent Grove 668 at the regular Tuesday evening session, Mrs. Katie Tidwell, district manager, of Abilene, was in attendance, also Mrs. Martha Archibald, secretary of the Abilene Grove.

Reorganization of the local drill team was discussed and plans made for the district meeting to be held soon. Five members were present.

DONKEY BALL GAME.

A donkey ball game will be played on the school ground here Saturday evening at 8 o'clock.

The ground will be lighted, the benefit to be for the fire department, of which O. L. Bishop is chief.

Any one interested in being a "player" has been asked to see Mr. Bishop or any member of the fire department.

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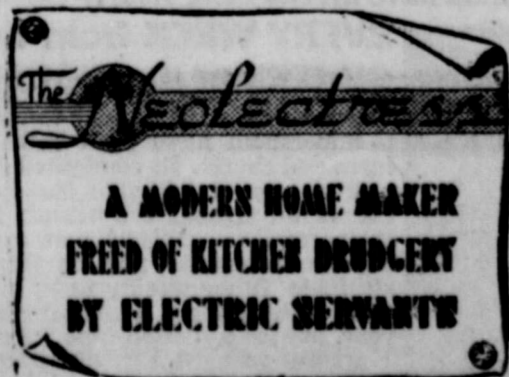
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FORTNIGHTLY CLUB NOTES.

Mrs. W. W. Haynes called a meeting of the Fortnightly Study club on Saturday afternoon at her home. Reports from the City Federation meeting at the home of Mrs. Morgan Jones, Abilene, were given by Miss Johnnie Sears, delegate, and Mrs. Haynes. The Merkel club voted to withdraw from the Abilene City Federation this year.

Miss Julia Martin was leader for a travelogue Tuesday afternoon when members of the Fortnightly Study club met in the home of Mrs. Norman Hodge. Her subject was "Historic Towns and Homes of New England." Mrs. E. Clyde Smith next gave a vivid description of "Vacation Spots in Maine" and Mrs. Twyman Collins delved into the "Artistic Haunts of Cape Cod."

The names of Mrs. Comer Haynes and Miss Mamie Ellis were accepted into membership. Those present were Misses Johnnie Sears, Julia Martin and Christine Collins, Mesdames E. Clyde Smith, W. T. Sadler, Stanley King, Joe P. Self, Sam Swann, Byers Petty, W. W. Haynes, Johnny Cox, T. E. Collins, Connor Robinson, Bill Brown, Tom Largent, F. C. McFarland, George Wilhite, H. C. West and Norman Hodge.

NEW TEACHERS WELCOMED.

The High School gymnasium was the scene of a pretty party on Thursday evening of last week when members of the faculty entertained, naming Mr. and Mrs. Connor Robinson and the new teachers, together with members of the school board and their wives as honor guests.

Mrs. Len Sublett and Mrs. Comer Haynes, Messrs. Coffman and Myers greeted guests and directed games of progressive "42," interspersed with stunts and jokes. At the refreshment hour tables were centered with baskets of cut flowers and a most refreshing ice course was served to Messrs. and Mesdames Robinson, Haynes, Wood, Gray, Petty, McGehee, Collins, Coffman, Myers, Davis, Wilhite, Collinsworth, Misses Smith, Heizer, Pogue, Creighton, Ellis, Church, Joyner, Hayes, Martin, Cleveland, Stroud, Barley, Mesdames Nash and Sublett, Mr. Benson.

MERKEL CLASS MEET IN ANSON HOME.

Members of the T. E. L. Sunday School class were most delightfully entertained in the home of Mrs. L. B. Scott, Anson, last Thursday. A covered dish luncheon was served at one o'clock and the afternoon entertainment was informal. Ladies enjoying this hospitality were Mesdames Jinks Winters, W. J. Largent, A. D. Barnes, John Childress, F. C. McFarland, W. B. Stephens, Booth Warren, O. R. Dye and A. R. Booth.

FIDELIS MATRONS.

The Fidelis Matrons of the Baptist church met on Thursday, Sept. 15, at the Sweetwater Lake cottage of Mrs. W. T. Sadler.

Picnic lunch was served and different entertainment was enjoyed by all during the afternoon.

Later a business session was called by the president, Mrs. W. T. Sadler. Mrs. Sam Swann led the devotional and new officers were elected for the coming year.

Those enjoying this occasion were: Mesdames Sam Swann, O. B. Leach, A. A. McGehee, Rex Myers, Bill Fugate, W. A. Stockbridge, Lendon Coats, Salina Teaff, Earl Baze, E. E. Dunn, Claude Perry, Ted McGehee, W. W. Haynes, Byers Petty, Johnnie Wheeler, Walter Teaff, Henry Ellerbee, Irl Walker, Nim Teaff, Jarrett Pinkley, W. T. Sadler, and the following children, Patsy Swann, Helen Haynes, Sandra Sadler, Gaston Walker, Marion Dunn, Joyce and Gloria Teaff.

MERKEL HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB.

The Merkel Home Demonstration club met Friday afternoon of last week in the home of Mrs. Clyde Shouse, with Mrs. Johnnie Cox as co-hostess and members of Salt Branch club as guests.

Miss Peggy Taylor, county agent, who met with the club, gave a demonstration in hemstitching, showing several different stitches. Plans for the Fair exhibit were also discussed, and each member is urged to get her things together and have them ready to enter. A called meeting will be held Tuesday, Sept. 30, at 2 p. m. in the home of Mrs. C. P. Church, and each one is urged to be present and bring what she has to enter at the Fair so that it can be judged.

Refreshments were passed to Mesdames Royalty, Roy Harrell, Hollis McCoy, Walter Kelso, Misses Lena Faye Harrell and Celia Hester, Miss Taylor, Mesdames Latimer, Fred Guitart, Connor Robinson, Ted McGehee, Herbert Dunn, J. R. Barnett, W. R. Williams, Norris Barnett, Bob McDon-

Merkel Hospital Notes

Mrs. Tom Jinkens, seriously ill at her home for several days, was admitted to the hospital Wednesday for treatment.

G. M. McElmurry of White Flat entered the hospital Monday for treatment and minor surgery.

Tonsillectomies were had by the son of Mrs. Wynona Scoggins on Thursday and by Miss Pauline McAninch on Wednesday.

Jimmie Louis Floyd, 5-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Floyd, was brought to the hospital Friday, with a head injury received when struck by a car as he was crossing the highway west of town.

The daughter of Ben Howell of Trent was dismissed Tuesday.

ald, Lendon Coats, V. B. Sublett, J. Ben Campbell, Chester Hutcheson, F. A. Polley, C. P. Church, John S. Hughes, E. B. Wallace, Miss Myrtle Barnett, Mrs. Cox and Mrs. Shouse.

FAREWELL DINNER PARTY. Miss Pauline Joyner, who is leaving for Spur to make her home, was complimented Tuesday evening by Miss Rachael Patterson with a dinner and theatre party.

Guests were invited for six o'clock when a most delectable bird supper was served, after which all went to the local theatre for a showing of "The Life of the Party." Miss Joyner was presented a lovely "beauty kit" as a parting gift from the guests, who were Misses Hollis Perry, Frances Higgins, De La Vergne Teague, Johnnie Chadwick, Verne Moore, Fannelle Gray and Grovone Ford.

1937 CLASS PARTY.

On Friday afternoon, Sept. 10, from 2:30 to 4:30 p. m., Mrs. T. T. Earthman entertained her music class in the High School gymnasium. Each pupil answered roll call by naming a musician.

At 2:45 p. m. Mr. Thurman Morrison, assistant teacher in the piano department of Hardin-Simmons university, with one piano student and two violin students of Dr. Hubert Preston, also of Hardin-Simmons, arrived, and after being introduced to the class entertained with the following program: Violin numbers, "Hungarian Concerto" (Rieding), "Trees" (Rosbach), and "Pale Moon" (Logan), by Dorothy Mack Amon; piano numbers, "Melodie" (Moszkowski), "Waltz in A Minor" (Chopin), and "Polichinelle" (Rachmaninoff), by Wanda Fox; violin numbers, "Chant Negre" (Kramer) and "Dance Rustique" (Brown), by Lucialis Jones, concluding with "Purple Valsante" (Poldini) and "Liebestraum" (Liszt) by Thurman Morrison.

Following this a game of arranging cards of "time" was enjoyed, then the even and odd had a clothespin race, the odd numbers winning. Each found his place at the table by finding the answer in musical terms to the questions that were passed.

A lovely refreshment plate of cream with five notes of music as decoration was served, with plate favors of musicians' pictures, music and pink roses lending a touch of class colors, which are pink and green.

Those enjoying the happy occasion were: Mr. Morrison, Mrs. Warren Smith and son, Jackie, Miss Joyce Heizer, Billie and Don Wood, Mary Jo Russell, Jannell Black, Juanee Jones, Dorothy and Willadene Strawn, Dorothy Shannon, Gwendolyn Sandusky, Charles Church, Doris Clyde Miller, Bonnie Church, Joyce Fulton, Wilma McAninch, Mary Nell Morgan, LaNell Edwards, Dorothy Jo Rutledge, Wanda Lilly Douglas, Dorothy Nell and Lorr Pearl Haynes, Louise Richie, Mary Jo Garland, Dorothy Nell Groene, JoySue Self, Evelyn Sears, Anne Lee Blake, Gay West and the hostess.

COUPLES' CLASS PARTY.

On Tuesday evening, Sept. 14, the members of the Couples' class of the First Methodist church met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Grable, with Mrs. Grable and Mrs. Wrenn Durham as co-hostesses.

After a short business session, games of progressive "42" were enjoyed. Punch was served during the game hour.

The color scheme of green and white was carried out in the refreshment plate which consisted of coconut macaroons and ice cream.

Those present were Messrs. and Mesdames Earl Watts, Herbert Dunn, Ray Wilson, Milton Case, Jack Higgins, C. H. Collinsworth, Elmo Collins; Messrs. John Grable, Wrenn Durham and the hostesses.

BIRTHDAY PARTIES.

Patsy Ruth Daniel was the happy honoree of a birthday party on her eighth anniversary last Thursday, given by her mother, Mrs. Algie Daniel,

CHURCH SERVICES

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

Total attendance at the six reporting Sunday Schools here last Sunday was 565, as compared with 632 on the previous Sunday. On the same Sunday a year ago 645 were present.

METHODIST CHURCH.

Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Young people's meeting 7 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.

John H. Crow, Pastor.

METHODIST YOUNG PEOPLE'S PROGRAM.

For Sunday, Sept. 26, 7 p. m.: Leader, Mary Jo Russell. Theme, "Temptations of Youth Today."

Song, No. 97. Scripture. Song. "Making the Best of Things," Dora Marie Gaither. "Growth of Personality," Sue Grimes. "Who Should Go to College?" Tommie Evelyn Grimes. Special number, Mary Jo Russell. Prayer. Business. Benediction.

in the home of Patsy's grandmother, Mrs. J. C. Walton.

The honoree was remembered with many beautiful gifts and games were enjoyed until the refreshment hour when ice cream and cake were served to Patricia Douglas, Ray Ann Hamm, Peggy Dye, Betty Smith, Marjorie Ann Walker, Peggy Simpson, Leon Toombs, Jr., Glenn Toombs, Bobby Gilbert, Marvin Estes Jones, Billy Joe Toombs, Billy Morris, Patsy Daniel, Mrs. Marvin Wilson and Mrs. Leon Toombs.

Mrs. B. M. Tipton entertained Saturday afternoon honoring her daughter, Jo Marvryn, on her seventh birthday in the home of the young lady's grandmother, Mrs. S. G. Tipton.

Games were played, then each little guest was given a "tail" to pin on the donkey, the prize going to Sue Mayfield. Gifts were opened and admired then the large pink and white birthday cake was brought in and placed before Jo Marvryn while the guests sang "Happy Birthday."

Punch and birthday cake, with "guess what" plate favors, were served to Sue Mayfield, Joy Frances West, Anne Booth, Sandra Sadler, Leon Toombs, Jr., Billy George Reid, Dick Sears, Wanda Jean and Wayne Tipton, Janice Patterson, James Roy Baccus, Douglas Baker, Charlotte Harwell, Betty Katherine Smith, Billie Carolyn Chambless of Abilene, Mrs. Leon Toombs, Mrs. Roy Baccus, Mrs. H. B. Chambless of Abilene, Mrs. C. J. Chambless and the hostesses.

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All are cordially invited to these services.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting at 7:30 Wednesday evening.

Every one is cordially invited to these services. Strangers welcome.

R. A. Walker, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

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Preaching at 8 o'clock Saturday night, Bible study 10 a. m. Sunday. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday night at 8 o'clock.

J. L. Burleson, Pastor.

NAZARENE CHURCH.

Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

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Calif., fresh Prunes, doz. 10c

Tokay Grapes, 3 lbs. 25c

Roman Beauty, med. size Apples, 2 dozen 29c

Washington Delicious Apples, large size, doz. 40c

Marsh Seedless Grapefruit, 3 for 25c

Calif. med. size Oranges, dozen 19c

Fancy Limes, dozen 15c

Pineapple, small cans, 3 for 25c

Pickles, sours, qt. cans 19c

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Coffee, Sunset, 3 lb. glass jar 79c

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Coffee, Monitor, with spoon, 1 lb. 17c

Syrup, Pure Ribbon Cane, gallon 59c

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Steak, chuck, lb. 19c

Roast, chuck, lb. 17c

Oleo, all sweet, lb. 20c

Weiners, pound 17c

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