

Keeping Up With Texas

July old age assistance checks averaging \$18.54 will be mailed to 144,354 applicants, it is announced by the public welfare department. The June average was \$18.50 and 139,307 persons received payment.

A cloudburst which dropped more than five inches of rain north of Albany in an hour last Thursday afternoon flooded a drainage ditch bisecting Albany and blocked traffic for several hours.

Miss Juanita Maupin, 15, of Seabrook died in a Pasadena hospital last Thursday night of injuries received when the car in which she was a passenger crashed into a bridge railing on the Todville road.

W. C. Cruse, a farmer living 10 miles south of Littlefield, was killed by lightning at his home Friday morning during a rain and electrical storm.

Albert R. Miller, Camp Hulen, Texas, soldier, was drowned Friday when an automobile carrying six soldiers from Camp Hulen plunged into Bayou Terrebonne near Schriever, La. The other five men escaped.

Aubrey Butler, 30, of Kingsville, and James Clinton Watson, 29, of Woodsboro, employees of a drilling firm, were killed Monday when a gas line exploded at a well being drilled for a recycling plant near La Gloria.

Floyd Cummings, 50, was found fatally injured Monday beside an engine of the Texola drilling company pumping house near East Mountain in the Gladewater area.

A. C. Cannon, 71, employee at the Abilene state hospital, was killed almost instantly about 9:40 Sunday morning when the automobile he was driving was struck by the Sunshine Special at a railroad crossing a mile west of Abilene.

A truck driver, for the Peden Iron and Steel company of Houston, tentatively identified as J. J. Wright, burned to death Monday when his truck crashed into a ditch after a slight collision with another truck a mile east of Grigsby, in Shelby county.

Quick work by lodgers at a Dallas hotel saved the life of a 37-year-old woman early Monday who attempted death by inhaling gas from a stove. When roomers heard a noise they went to investigate and discovered the woman with an open gas jet in her mouth and a blanket wrapped about her head.

Miss Montie Mae Lee, 18, of Rodessa, La., and Mrs. Lindsey Scott, 22, of James, drowned at Woodell Lake, near Jefferson, Sunday afternoon.

John Lewis Farrar, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Farrar, was fatally injured at Leonard Sunday when he fell from the rear of an automobile as the machine turned into a side street. The youth fell on a concrete street and died eight hours later in a Sherman hospital.

Texas public schools will receive a contribution of approximately \$33,750,000 from the state during 1941-42 on the basis of a \$22.50 per capita scholastic apportionment. The state board of education fixed the apportionment at the limit set by law and unchanged from the current figure Monday.

New Draft Lottery Date Set July 17 For 21-Year-Class

Washington, July 10.—Selective service officials made plans Monday for a new national lottery, to be held July 17, to determine the order in which 21-year-old youths who registered July 1 will be integrated into the list of older registrants by local boards.

Numbers of the new registrants, it was disclosed officially, will be fitted into the existing local number sequences according to the ratio of new names to old.

Thus if a local board had 500 older men on its list and 100 of the 21-year-olds registered, the number of a new registrant would be inserted after every fifth name on the list. Numbers drawn in the new lottery will be preceded by an "S." The holder of "S-1" in this board's area would become the sixth man on the list, the holder of "S-2" twelfth and so on.

WOMEN GOLFERS.

All local women interested in participating in a golf tournament during July 15 through the 26th, see Mrs. Connor Robinson to secure necessary information as to pairings, rules, etc., before July 14.

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COMMITTEES ARE ANNOUNCED BY LION PRESIDENT

Personnel of Standing Committees Listed; Methodist Pastor Named as Song Leader; Gay West, Club Sweetheart.

List of standing committees for the coming year has been announced by Supt. Connor Robinson, recently installed as president of the Merkel Lions club. Committee chairmen and personnel follow:

Attendance—Dee Grimes, chairman; Charles Curb, Frank Breaux.

Constitution and by-laws—R. T. Gray, chairman; A. A. McGehee, Wm. Elliott.

Finance—W. O. Boney, chairman; S. D. Gamble, Byers Petty.

Lions education—Dr. Leo Zehnpennig, chairman; Wrenn Durham, Ray Wilson.

Membership—Clyde Bartlett, chairman; N. T. Hodge, W. A. Stockbridge.

Program and entertainment—Booth Warren, chairman; Owen Robertson.

Publicity—C. J. Glover, chairman, E. O. Nutt.

Boys' and girls' work—E. O. Carson, chairman; Milton Case, Cotton Owens.

Civic improvement and community betterment—H. C. West, chairman; Paul Douglas, W. R. Yazell.

Education rural schools—C. H. Collinsworth, chairman; Johnny Cox, Nathan Wood.

Health and welfare—Dr. W. T. Sadler, chairman; A. T. Sheppard, Hubert Turner.

Safety—Meyer Mellinger, chairman; E. Y. Bailey, Claud Perry.

Sports—Stanley King, chairman; Nolan Palmer.

Song leader—Rev. Marvin Boyd.

Sweetheart—Gay West.

Bank Deposits Up \$111,543 Over Year Ago

Deposits as of June 30 in the Farmers & Merchants National bank were up \$111,543.06 over the same date in 1940, according to quarterly report made to the comptroller of the currency.

Deposits this year are \$661,655.02, as compared with \$450,111.96 on the same date a year ago. On Apr. 4 this year, deposits were \$608,159.62.

Loans as of June 30, this year, were \$256,820.59, as compared with \$264,259.60 a year ago, and \$233,967.80 on Apr. 4.

Total resources as of June 30 were \$652,609.43, as compared with \$530,823.52 a year ago, and \$693,856.95 on Apr. 4.

A semi-annual dividend of 4 percent—63rd semi-annual dividend declared by this institution—was paid to stockholders at the close of the first six months.

Two New Teachers Are Added to School Faculty

At the monthly meeting of the school board, Mrs. Ellen Duncan of the Grammar school was moved to the High School faculty as teacher of history, to take the place of Mrs. T. A. Kellam (Mrs. Len Sublett), whose resignation had been received.

Miss Maurine Tipton, who has been teaching at Ballinger, was elected to take the place of Mrs. Duncan as primer teacher.

Named as teacher of public school music was Miss Mary Elma King, of Fort Worth. She received her bachelor of music from Mary Hardin-Baylor, Belton.

Will Augment Highway Patrol with 100 Officers

Austin, July 10.—The public safety department plans for employing and training more than 100 highway patrolmen and drivers' license examiners authorized in the new departmental appropriation bill signed recently by Gov. W. Lee O'Daniel.

State police director Homer Garrison, Jr., said July 28 was the deadline for sending job applications to the safety department. Examinations will be given about mid-August at various highway patrol district offices.

DATE SET FOR HEREFORD SALE ALSO FALL TOUR

Sept. 1-2 were dates set for the annual tour of the West Texas Hereford association, plans were laid for their second annual fall sale on Oct. 1 and Monday of the last week in next February was fixed as date for their third annual winter sale, by committeemen of the association who met Tuesday in Abilene.

The winter sale will be followed on successive days by sales at Sweetwater, Albany and the F. W. Alexander ranch north of Albany.

W. S. J. Brown of Merkel is chairman of the sales committee. Details of the tour will be mapped by a committee of which D. L. Stevens of Merkel is chairman.

Others from Merkel attending Tuesday's meeting were Booth Warren and Roy Largent.

Ex-Bell Countians Elect Tahoka Editor President at Picnic

Second annual picnic of Ex-Bell county residents, held Sunday at Buffalo Gap, found 67 West Texas towns represented, from a dozen or more counties, and visitors from at least two states. Total registrants numbered 550, but some who attended did not register.

Elected president in succession to Judge A. J. Smith of Anson was E. I. Hill, newspaper publisher of Tahoka, former county attorney of Bell county, former district attorney at Sweetwater and native of Bell county. Joe Childers, Abilene attorney and a grandson of Bell county's earliest settlers, was elected vice-president, and Mrs. Florence French Clifton will again serve the association as secretary-treasurer.

The basket lunches were spread on tables under the liveoaks and the picnic-lunch was the main order of business at 1 p. m. Election of officers and reminiscent talks followed, the crowd lingering until late afternoon before departing to its homes.

Judge James P. Stinson of Abilene, one of the active organizers, was master of ceremonies. Mayor Will Hair of Abilene and Judge Hill were the principal speakers. Mr. and Mrs. Guy Evans of Abilene were in charge of registrations.

Sweetwater Sponsor Wins Saddle at Rodeo

Miss Ruby Claire Eberle, of Sweetwater, was winner of the \$100.00 saddle for first place in the sponsors' contest July 3-4 at the Double Heart ranch rodeo.

Two other \$100.00 saddles were awarded cowboys: Ralph Russell of Merkel in the calf roping event, and Shorty Fuller of Colorado City in the bronc and bull riding contests.

Dates for the annual Double Heart Ranch Round-Up, which is a championship rodeo open to the world, have been set for Aug. 27, 28 and 29, it is announced by Ollie Cox, owner of the Double Heart.

'41 Valedictorian Wins Reader's Digest Award

The Reader's Digest annual award for scholastic achievement has been won by the valedictorian of the graduating class at Merkel High school, Miss Becky Gardner, according to an announcement made Thursday by Supt. Connor Robinson.

Each year the Reader's Digest presents this award to young men and women throughout the country who, by successful records in school work, give promise of attaining leadership in their communities.

Miss Gardner, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Gardner, has received an engrossed certificate of award.

Only Fifteen Cars of Wheat Shipped to Date

Wheat loadings from Merkel had reached 15 carloads, it was reported Thursday morning by Local Agent A. J. Graham of the Texas & Pacific, with 5 cars on the tracks being loaded at that time.

FOURTH RODEO JULY 19—ONLY SHOW IN MONTH

Full Card of Eight Events to be Presented; Series of Six Shows for 1941 at Midway Point, Only Three to Come.

On the basis of spacing rodeo performances three weeks apart, only one show is booked during the current month of July—Saturday, July 19—fourth in the series of free summer rodeos sponsored by the Merchants Trade Extension association of Merkel.

This year is the eighth in succession that the Merkel merchants have provided this form of typical West Texas entertainment for their friends

RESERVED SEAT SALE. Numbered reserved seats for the fourth rodeo of the 1941 season—Saturday, July 19—will be on sale Saturday at both drug stores. Price 40 cents to everybody.

and neighbors, and, in addition to the coming show, two other performances are to follow: Aug. 9 and Aug. 30.

A full card of eight events will be provided: calf roping, wild cow milking, steer riding, junior calf riding, bull riding, team tying and saddle and bareback bronc riding.

At the time of the last show, June 28, farmers were in the midst of the busiest crop work for several years, and it is hoped that another week or ten days will find them ready to share with their families in the big free rodeo on Saturday July 19.

Booth Warren Home Redone Dutch Colonial

Keeping up a steady construction pace, Merkel during the past few years has seen a number of modern homes erected and many other residential improvements.

With the addition of two rooms and a bath upstairs, the Booth Warren home has been re-modeled after the Dutch colonial type, and the extensive improvements, both exterior and interior, are now near completion.

The house and garage have been re-roofed with Texaco thick butt shingles, and the house has been completely re-papered and re-painted.

The bath upstairs is finished with an inlaid linoleum floor, walls of linoleum, while walls of the downstairs bath are of Gib tile with marble base. Remodeling of the kitchen includes rebuilt cabinets and a re-arrangement of the kitchen appliances. The kitchen and breakfast nook have been combined into kitchen with dining space.

The improvements are being handled by Bob Fowler, building contractor.

Local Golf Tourney Reaches Semi-Finals

Defeating Petty and Bartlett, one up, Hodge and G. M. Owens advanced to the semi-finals in the low ball, low total tournament of the Merkel Golf club. They will meet the B. Woodrum-Durham team, who bested Higgins and Bragg, 2 up.

In the lower bracket, quarter-finals are not complete between Robinson-Paul West vs. Benson-J. Warren or J. Patterson-Douglas vs. McCoy-Beech.

Limestone Countians Held Reunion Sunday

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Gray, accompanied by their son, Doyle, attended the second annual reunion and picnic of ex-residents of Limestone county, held last Sunday at the roadside park, three miles north of Novice on highway 84.

It is estimated that about 150 former residents of Limestone county were present.

Musical Entertainment. Every one is invited to attend a musical entertainment at the home of Mrs. Houston Smith on Friday evening, July 11, at 8:30, sponsored by the Goodman Home Demonstration club. A good time is promised for all.

CPL. ROER TAKES VACATION, WINS \$250 PRIZE MONEY

Cpl. Bill Roer, Camp Barkeley, a regular contestant in this year's series of rodeos here, believes in making his furlough pay.

Home on ten-day leave, Cpl. Roer entered the bronc-riding, bull-riding, bull-dogging and wild cow milking events of the fifty-fourth annual frontier days' celebration at Prescott, Ariz. He returned to Phoenix Tuesday with \$250 in prize money and the title of best-looking cowboy.

He finished in the finals of all events entered and set a local record by placing in wild cow milking each of the four days.

Must Make Transfers Of Students During The Month of July

Attention of the patrons who wish transfers made of students of one district to another is called by Supt. Connor Robinson of the Merkel Public schools to the rule that these transfers must be made during the month of July.

Blanks may be obtained from the office of R. T. Gray, secretary of the board, from the superintendent's office, or from the office of County superintendent Tom McGehee.

Transfers may be made to other districts when grades of the students being transferred are not taught in the home district.

Parents residing in districts that are to be transferred to another district by contract need not make application for transfers of their children if they are to attend school in the district which is to be contracted.

Tuition may be charged on any child transferred to another district if the child's grade is taught in the home district.

Each child who needs to transfer must transfer each year. One transfer for all years will not suffice.

Merkel Boy Receives Rating as Sergeant

It's now Sgt. Murry Toombs, the Merkel boy, who volunteered in February and left Abilene on Feb. 26 for Fort Bliss, El Paso, has received his rating as a sergeant, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Toombs.

From Fort Bliss, he was assigned to Cheyenne, Wyo., later being transferred to Fort Leonard F. Wood, Mo., as a member of Co. L, 56th quartermasters corps.

Revival Starts at Noodle.

A revival meeting starts Friday at the Noodle Baptist church. Rev. A. R. Posey, of Abilene, the pastor, will do the preaching, with Rev. Charles Torrence of Aspermont leading the singing.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, July 22, 1921.)

BIG CROWD IS EXPECTED AT PICNIC.

As has been announced, the Merkel people through the Community club and the American Legion are planning to celebrate in grand old fashion on July 27th, with a big barbecue and picnic at the tabernacle.

The following have been named as chairmen of the various committees to take care of a crowd of 3,000 people:

For barbecuing meat, John Sears is the chairman. E. N. Brown is chairman to look after the serving of the dinner in a proper manner. Arnaud Dye, one of our splendid building contractors, was given the job of building the big long dining table for this happy occasion.

H. L. Propst was awarded the chairmanship job of the committee to secure the bread and pickles. And for making that real old time picnic coffee, Uncle Frank Sears will look after same.

On entertainment Mrs. J. T. Den-

TAYLOR COUNTY OLD SETTLERS MEET JULY 18

Home-Coming of Ex-Students of Old Buffalo Gap College Planned; Also to Honor Spanish-American War Veterans.

Program for the annual Taylor County Old Settlers reunion at Buffalo Gap Friday, July 18, will center about two groups, it is announced by Judge T. A. Bledsoe of Abilene, lifetime president of the reunion.

Ex-students of the old Buffalo Gap college, which operated as a leading seat of knowledge in West Texas in the 1880's, will gather for a home-coming, first in its history. At the same time, the Spanish-American War veterans will be honored.

Patriotism will be the theme of the reunion program. William McCraw of Dallas, former attorney general of Texas, will speak. Judge J. M. Wagstaff of Abilene, dean of Taylor county lawyers and a former president of Buffalo Gap college, will welcome the ex-students, to which James Hurt, vice-president of the organization will respond.

Other officers are: W. F. Jones, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Jones, assistant secretary; Dan O. Connell, marshal, and Will Watson, announcer.

Baptist Young People Attend Encampment

A group of young people left Monday morning to attend the annual Baptist encampment of girls' auxiliaries at Lueders. Those spending the entire three days from here included Nedra Swafford, Irlene Walker, Gwendolyn Renfro, Elsie Smith, Dot Swafford, Avalene Mathews, Mrs. Bill Fugat, Mrs. Cooper Waters and Mrs. Don Riney.

They were joined Tuesday evening by a group from the Y. W. A. including Mrs. Clyde Bartlett, counselor, Cleo Reece, Nadine Clack, Mildred Bird and Clara White. The program opened with a vesper service with Miss Mary Margaret Head and Mrs. E. T. Mead in charge. Miss Bobbie Coplin leading the singing and Miss Emma Joyner at the piano. Rev. Douglas Carver preached the sermon after which many dedications were made. Climaxing the evening was the coronation of the queen of the G. A.

Rain Total Already Equal Average Year

Rain that began falling at noon Wednesday, July 2, (date The Mail went to press last week,) amounted to 1 1/2 inches according to the gauge of Volunteer Weather Observer J. L. Ford, the fall lasting scarcely more than an hour.

The total rainfall for the year was brought to 21 1/4 inches, equaling an average year's precipitation locally.

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PERSONALS

Mrs. B. F. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Smith and daughter, Barbara Jane, of Stanton, were week-end guests of Misses Ona and Pauline Johnson.

Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Gardner, accompanied by their two daughters, Misses Billie and Becky, will leave Monday for a vacation trip to the Pacific coast and a visit with relatives of Dr. Gardner at Tacoma, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Walker of Cross Plains were visitors this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Ferguson. Mrs. Walker is the former Jane Ferguson.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bullock spent the Fourth in Clifton visiting with Mr. Bullock's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Reese.

Vincent Barnett, Co. L, 56th quarter-masters corps, Fort Leonard F. Wood, Mo., is home on ten days' leave for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Barnett.

Mrs. Pearl Rutledge and son, Jack, who have been visiting her mother at Shannon, Texas, will go from there to Fort Worth and Wichita Falls to visit other relatives.

Guests last week-end of Mrs. J. M. Williamson were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Blaylock of Dallas.

Home from Denton for a week-end visit, Miss Marie Pinckley and Mrs. Elmo Collins, summer students at North Texas State Teachers college, were accompanied by Mrs. R. H. Garrison, an aunt of their mother, Mrs. J. S. Pinckley. They returned Monday to Denton.

Mrs. Chester Harris and little daughter, Judy, formerly of Lubbock and now of Dallas, are visiting a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Barnett.

Mrs. Murel Thornton and daughter, Peggy Murel, of Monahans, spent last week visiting friends and relatives here.

Passing visitors one day this week with Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Sumpter were Duard Sumpter and his two daughters, Betty and Barbara, of Fresno, Calif., who were on their way to Brownwood to visit his parents. Duard Sumpter is a nephew of the Merkel man.

Lieut. Clifton Bellamy, Co. B, 11th engineers, Camp Bowie, visited July 4 with his parents here, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Sumpter, going on to Lubbock to spend the week-end.

Joe Lawson is here visiting friends and relatives on a ten day furlough from Camp Bowie, Brownwood.

A caller at The Mail office one day last week was W. I. Cogburn, of Fort Worth, who with his wife had been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Beall, at Tuscola. Their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cox, also of Fort Worth, who came west with them, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Cox. Returning to Fort Worth, they were accompanied by Ona Faye Cox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cox, who had been visiting her grandparents several weeks.

Rev. and Mrs. H. Noel Bryant and daughter, Sylvia Marie, were visitors with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Church, the first part of last week. They are moving to Abilene, where Rev. Mr. Bryant has been appointed assistant pastor at St. Paul's Methodist church, and are residing at 1158 Butternut.

Miss Minnie Lois Curb of Pecos is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Cora E. Curb.

Henry E. Spears of Comanche was up to visit his parents the week-end of June 29 and took part in the Fifth Sunday singing.

Mrs. D. N. Price of Snyder is visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Higgins. Mrs. Price is a cousin of Mr. Higgins' father, C. A. Higgins.

Jimmy West of Marfa was home to spend the Fourth with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James H. West, and remained over until Sunday.

Bobby Tom Hodge, after a visit of several days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Norman T. Hodge, returned Sunday to the boys' summer camp near Perryton, where he and a cousin, Sandford Hodge, of Stamford, are enrolled. His parents took him to Stamford, from where he made the

return trip with his uncle and cousin. Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Mayes of Eola visited with her brother, R. A. Ellis, Sunday and Monday.

Mrs. Forrest Gaither and daughter, Becky, returned Monday from a visit with her sisters, Mrs. Joe Van Vactor of Carter, Okla., and Mrs. Lee Davis of Elk City. The other daughter, Dora, who drove up Monday to take the car to her mother, remained for a visit with her aunts.

Mr. and Mrs. Otho Miller of Wellington, Calif., visited last week in the home of her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Decker. Also visiting with the Deckers during the week were W. C. Nalley and daughter, Opal, of Abilene, and granddaughter, George Helen Lee, also of Abilene, and Sam Clinton of Abilene and his sister, Mrs. J. L. Tucker, of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Reid were here from Santa Anna for the funeral Monday afternoon of Mrs. J. N. Hatfield.

State Railroad Commissioner Jerry Sadler was here last Friday, having driven up from Austin on the Fourth. He was guest of his cousin, Dr. W. T. Sadler.

Mrs. Felix Stalls, accompanied by Mrs. Marshall Stalls, both of Odessa, were here the latter part of the week. Mrs. Marshall Stalls going on to Hamlin to visit her folks.

Willie Webb, stationed at Fort Bliss, El Paso, returned to camp Sunday after a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Webb.

Mrs. Doyle Nutt and daughter, Angela, left Wednesday of last week for Leesville, La., to spend a month with her husband, Lieut. Doyle Nutt, who is located there on maneuvers.

Miss Christine Collins returned Wednesday from a week's visit with her sister, Mrs. V. B. Jones, of Bagwell, where she also met another sister, Mrs. Homer Easterwood of Taft.

Mrs. Lecl White and son, Billy Joe, spent the first part of the week with Mr. and Mrs. Dee Bland and family of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Moore returned Wednesday from a visit with his parents at Biardstown.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Cannon of Freer are here for a vacation visit with his mother, Mrs. Annie Turner.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leon McGaughey this week are Mr. and Mrs. Minter King of Midland, who had also visited in Wichita Falls while Minter is on vacation.

Mrs. Glenn Woody and son, Glenn Dwight, who were here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Hunter, have returned to their home at Lubbock. Mrs. Don Reeder, another daughter of the Hunters, and Mr. Reeder were also guests last week in the Hunter home.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Pannell were among the large number from this section who attended the Ex-Bell countians' picnic at Buffalo Gap Sunday.

A recent visitor in the home of Mrs. L. A. Watts was her brother, Charles Foster, of Los Angeles, Calif. Leaving Saturday, accompanied by Mrs. Watts, they will visit relatives in Oklahoma, Missouri, Colorado and points of interest in these states.

Mrs. R. L. Adcock, accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Calvin Barkley of Brownwood, and Miss Berdelle Adcock visited relatives and friends in Stanton early this week. Miss Berdelle Adcock returned Wednesday, planning to go back to Stanton Saturday to join friends on a California trip. Mrs. Adcock and Mrs. Barkley were to return via San Angelo and Winters, expecting to reach home Friday.

Returning from a trip to old Mexico, Mrs. Thomas Bearden stopped here for a visit with her sister, Mrs. Earl Lassiter. She was met here by her four children, Thomas, Jr., Robert Edward, Truman and Mary Evelyn, from Dallas.

Miss Rosemary Lassiter, of Big Spring, spent part of her two weeks' vacation at El Paso and with a fishing party at Buchanan Dam and is spending this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lassiter. Miss Myrtle Lee Antilley of Abilene visited with her Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Boney had as their guests over the week-end their granddaughters, Sylvia Ann and Fanelle Boney, while their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Boney, were vacationing in Oklahoma City, Okla.

Mrs. Earnest Massey and son, Wickford, of Denton, brought her mother, Mrs. J. I. Leamon, to visit in the home of another daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Twyman Collins.

Guests this week in the W. O. Boney home were Mrs. G. W. Plaster and daughter, Marjorie, of Colorado City, also Mrs. Mary Harkins of Roscoe. Mrs. Harkins is a sister of Mrs. Boney.

Miss Maurine Tipton, in company with friends from Ballinger, left this week for New York City, where she will attend Columbia University.

Four Former Baker Girls Center Family Gathering Here Sunday

The presence of Mrs. Jake Miller of Wellington, Calif., here for her first visit to Texas since 1917, was the occasion of a memorable reunion in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Shouse Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Miller, one of four daughters of the late Uncle Jim Baker, who located near Trent in Nolan county in 1879 after having come to Buffalo Gap two years before, is visiting in the home of a sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Decker here, and the other two sisters, Mrs. Clay Reid of Electra and Mrs. Ed Reid of Sweetwater, joined them here Sunday, together with the latter's husband, Ed Reid of Sweetwater.

Also present to enjoy the reunion were a step-sister, Mrs. Mollie Easterwood of Sweetwater; Mrs. Anna Boone, Mrs. Ola Lee Winn and children, Mesdames Ed Bowers, Agnes Burks, Flora Brown, Misses Ola Duncan and Katherine Bryant, Messrs. and Mesdames Frank Duncan, Shorty Duncan, Cal Hamner, Garnett Bryant, all of Trent; Mrs. Alene Washer and son, Bobby, Mr. and Mrs. Clint Reid and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Will Calvert, Sweetwater; Mr. and Mrs. Willis Reid and daughter, McGorgle; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Latimer and Mrs. Hollis McCoy and sons, Jerald and Byrl, Merkel.

Former Residents Enjoy Annual Picnic at Golan

A big crowd was present to enjoy Golan's Fourth of July picnic. Oldest former resident registering was Rader Thompson of Merkel, who came to the Golan community in 1881. Other early residents present were August Newman, 1886; W. C. Hill and wife, also Mrs. D. M. Hill, 1905; T. Jeffrey, 1906, and W. S. Morrow, 1896.

Crowds gathered early, with the cold drinks man first to arrive. After greetings and an interval of visiting, a short program was rendered, with A. D. McCain in charge of ceremonies. Miss Florence Hughes of Abilene led "America," and visitors were welcomed by V. P. Byrom. A prayer by W. M. Byrom closed the program.

Dinner was immediately spread, after which the fat men, boys and girls, all declined running their races. In the ball game, the boys beat the married men and the girls defeated the married women.

It was late in the afternoon before the crowd began saying goodbyes and departed for their respective homes.

CARD OF THANKS.

To Our Many Friends:

We want you to know that your kindness and thoughtfulness during the illness and death of our beloved wife and mother is more deeply appreciated than any words of thanks can express.

J. N. Hatfield
and Children.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Swafford and son, Mike, arrived Wednesday of last week from San Antonio for a visit with his mother, Mrs. T. J. R. Swafford, and other relatives and friends, going from here to Dallas to see a brother of Mrs. Max Swafford, who was seriously ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete White and two children, Bonnie and Jimmy, accompanied by Mrs. W. L. Blair, left Sunday for California. The Whites will visit Mrs. White's sister, Mrs. Virgil Hassey, at Sacramento, and Mrs. Blair, a son, at Philo.

STATEMENT OF CONDITION

AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS JUNE 30, 1941

RESOURCES	
Loans, Time and Demand	\$256,820.59
Overdrafts	807.63
Real Estate on Hand	1.00
Furniture and Fixtures	1,500.00
Stock in Fed. Res. Bank	2,250.00
Gov. Loans on Cotton	\$ 12,851.20
Bonds and Warrants	60,571.30
Cash and Sight Exchange	317,807.71
AVAILABLE CASH	391,230.21
Total	\$652,609.43
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus	26,500.00
Undivided Profits	12,454.41
Deposits	2,000.00
DEPOSITS	561,655.02
Total	\$652,609.43

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Attend Family Reunion Held at Lubbock

Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Adcock, three grandchildren, A. J., Neta Merle and Bobby Betterton, of Odessa, who are visiting them this summer, and Mrs. T. J. Melton returned Wednesday from Lubbock where they attended the annual Bankhead family reunion. They were also accompanied by E. L. Bankhead of Sweetwater, who returned earlier in the week.

The reunion was held in the home of Mrs. E. J. Graves, a sister of Mrs. Adcock. Among the other guests were Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Betterton and two children, Ann and Joe, from Odessa, and Mrs. O. B. Fanning, also of Odessa, a sister of Mr. Betterton.

Merkel Circle Mascot Is Drum Majorette

The group of women who attend the National Convention of the Supreme Forest Woodmen Circle and the celebration of the organization's golden anniversary at Omaha, Neb., including Mesdames E. B. Wallace, Karl Bonneaux, Charlie Seago, Claude Perry, R. H. Mathews and Reuben Reeves, accompanied by C. P. Church, who drove the car, returned Thursday afternoon, July 3.

Among many notable features of the convention, the most interesting was the drum and bugle corps from the Woodmen Circle Home at Sherman because Betty Jane Keifer, Merkel girl, as drum majorette, was one of the most attractive girls in the corps.

Revival at Nubia.

Dr. C. A. Bickley of Abilene will hold a revival meeting at the Nubia Methodist church, July 11-20. We extend a hearty welcome to all. Your presence and prayers will be greatly appreciated. In times like these, may we let God's will be done in our lives! J. B. Stewart, Pastor.

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Chevrolet Workshop Installs New Machines

Two new machines, the very latest of their type, have been installed in the workshop of the Yazell Chevrolet company, adding further to the splendid equipment which has established this shop as one of the most modern in West Texas.

The Sioux valve-grinding machine, just unloaded Monday morning, is said to be the very latest of its kind to be built, equipped to service tractors, automobiles and anything from sewing machines to airplanes. One specially notable feature in connection with this machine is that it is a wet machine grinder, using oil, whereas valves are normally ground dry.

The Sunnen pin hole grinder, another machine installed this week, is equipped for honing out brake shoulders and piston pins. It is said to be the first hard seat grinding machine in town. It has all attachments to handle any motor valve job or grinding job.

Students, faculty members and people from throughout the state borrow more than a million volumes each year from the University of Texas library, foremost library in the South and thirteenth largest college library in the nation.

Services Held Friday For Mrs. N. C. Egger

Mrs. N. C. Egger, 61, wife of a well known stock farmer in the Divide community, died at 4:10 Thursday morning, July 3, at the Merkel hotel. She had been moved to town three weeks before to receive treatment from her physician for a heart ailment.

Funeral services were held at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon from the Nolan Baptist church, with Rev. Dean Elkins, the pastor, officiating. Burial took place in Slater's chapel cemetery under direction of Barrow-Sheppard Funeral home.

As Fannie Landfair, she was married to N. C. Egger in Mills county on Aug. 5, 1896. They had resided in the Divide community the past ten years, coming to this section from Mills county.

Survivors, besides her husband, are four sons, Ben, Alvie, Owen and Marvin, all of Nolan; four daughters, Mrs. Edna Boyd, Mrs. Audrey Spain, Brownwood; Mrs. Ola Yates, Winters, and Mrs. Ruth Boyd, Ranger; a brother, W. H. Landfair, Wichita Falls; a sister, Mrs. G. W. Daugherty, Kaufman, and 21 grandchildren.

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Trent News--Personals

Mrs. W. G. Burkett of Andrews is guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Mangum.

Mr. and Mrs. John Strawn and daughters, Misses Dorothy Jo and Willadean, spent the holidays visiting relatives at Greenville, returning home Sunday.

Miss Dorothy Hood, who has been working in Abilene, is home for a few weeks' vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Vessels and children of Monahan, also Mr. and Mrs. Hanly Vessels of Brownwood visited over the week-end with their mother, Mrs. J. T. Vessels.

Mr. and Mrs. Odell Sipe and children of Dallas were visitors last week of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Sipes.

Steve Payne of Jayton visited Sunday in the home of his mother. Recent guests in the Payne home were Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Riggan and children of Big Spring and Mesdames Ernest Conley and Raymond Russom of Mulberry Canyon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Davidson and little son, Eddie, accompanied by Mrs. T. B. Sorrells of Fort Worth, visited with the J. E. Bowers family Monday. The Davidsons went on to Alpine, while Mrs. Sorrells remained here for a visit of several days with relatives.

Miss Edith Harris of Indian Gap is here for a visit in the R. L. Fortune home.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Booth and daughter, Jo Ann, of Sherman, are visiting this week in the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Armour.

C. H. Foley of Wichita Falls was guest of friends here over the week-end.

Soldiers who were home for the holidays were Jimmy O'Rear, stationed at Scott Field, Ill.; Alva Statter, Denver, Colo., and Sgt. Kenneth Burkhardt, Camp Robinson, Ark.

Louise Purser, who has been employed at Anson, for the past several weeks, is home for a vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Duncan had as visitors over the Fourth Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Kent and Sonny of Sweetwater.

Mrs. H. B. Myers and infant son of Anson were guests last week of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Scogins.

Peggy Titsworth spent the Fourth and the day following visiting her sister, Mrs. Thelma Coleman, of Snyder.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Archer and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Archer and son of Dallas visited through the holidays with their mother, Mrs. Mary Archer.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Williams and son, Billy, of Post, visited last week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. Dock Hoover of Palava visited last week in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert O'Rear.

Mrs. Wallace Kelly and daughter, Patsy, have returned to their home at Tulsa, Okla., after visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hogue, for the past several weeks.

L. E. Adrian and A. Williamson attended the funeral of Ed Herndon at Sweetwater last Friday afternoon.

Mrs. W. E. Hamner and son, John, left Monday for Wichita Falls, where they will join Mr. and Mrs. Buddie Burks, the men having secured employment there.

Mrs. Loyal Armour plans to join her husband at Wichita Falls the latter part of the week.

J. R. Gafford underwent surgery at Hendrick Memorial hospital last Thursday, where he had an eyeball removed. He is at home and improv-

ing. Mesdames Tude Keltz of Vernon and Alma Hardison of Albuquerque, N. M., were guests over the week-end in the Gafford home.

Miss Doris Marie Stevens is spending the week in the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Cox, of Merkel.

Earl Stevens, accompanied by S. G. Russell, attended the rodeo at Pecos on July Fourth.

Among those from here calling at the Clyde Shouse home Sunday afternoon where the Baker girls were having a reunion were Mr. and Mrs. J. Cal Hamner, Mr. and Mrs. Shorty Duncan, Mr. and Mrs. F. Duncan and daughter, Miss Ola, Mrs. Ann Boone, Mrs. H. Winn and children, Jimmie and Martha Ann, Mesdames E. Burks, J. A. Brown and E. Bowers.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cox and children of Snyder were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lesley Beasley.

Walter Smith of Camp Berkeley was a guest the first part of the week in the home of his cousin, Mrs. Tom Williamson.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lee Tittle was buried Tuesday.

Mrs. Joy Burns of Firebaugh, Calif., is guest this week in the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Sherman.

Mrs. Sally Matthews and children of Los Angeles, Calif., will return home the last of this week, her mother, Mrs. Sherman, going with her to spend the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Taylor and children of Sonora were week-end guests of the J. B. Winns.

Cullen Tittle of Fabens is here for a visit of a few days. He, Mrs. Tittle and little sons plan to return home early next week.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our gratitude and appreciation for the love and sympathy shown us by our Merkel friends at the death of our son, Maurice; also for the beautiful floral tributes.

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JOINT BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.

Honoring E. M. Sherman and Mrs. W. A. Campbell of Merkel, Mrs. E. M. Sherman and daughter, Mrs. Mary Neill, were co-hostesses at the Sherman home Sunday. Pictures were made and games played by the younger set; at the noon hour a bountiful meal was served on the lawn to Mrs. G. W. Moore, Mrs. Shorty Swafford

and son, Bobby Joe, Mrs. Cynthia Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Zack Southland and daughters, Roberta, Gloria and Jean, all of Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Robert O'Rear and two daughters, Mary Lu and Willie Jean, and son, Tommy, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Neill, Junior, Virginia and Betty Joe Neill, Pete Neill, Mr. and Mrs. H. Bright, Mrs. Joy Burns of Firebaugh, Calif., Mrs. Sally Matthews and two children, Billy and Irene, of Los Angeles,

Calif.

Those calling in the afternoon to wish the honorees many happy birthdays were Mr. and Mrs. F. Duncan and daughter, Miss Ola, Mr. and Mrs. Shorty Duncan, Mrs. Bob Billington, Mrs. W. E. Shouse, O. L. Bishop, Peggy Titsworth.

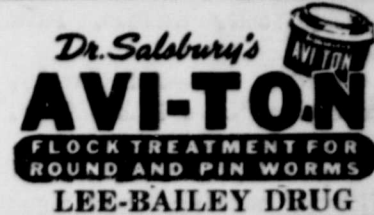
WOODMEN CIRCLE.

Grove 668 of the Woodmen Circle met Saturday afternoon in a special called meeting, with Mrs. E. Burks as guardian, presiding. A musical program was rendered in which Misses Vera Bright and Jonnie Roberts played several numbers, little Miss Cliffa Jean Estep played and sang "What a Friend We Have," and Jerry Estep sang "Farmer in the

Dell."

Mrs. J. A. Brown and Mrs. W. E. Hamner were presented with 25-year pins.

Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served to Mesdames T. G. Hamner, A. C. Wash, E. Burks, N. Reynolds, Clifford Estep, H. O'Kelley, Roy Norton, J. A. Brown, W. E. Hamner, E. Bowers; Misses Vera Bright and Jonnie Roberts and Glenda Reynolds and Cliffa Jean Estep.



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QUEEN THEATRE CALENDAR

Friday-Saturday—John Howard, Ellen Drew in "Texas Rangers Ride Again;" cartoon, "White Eagle" No. 10.

Saturday preview, Sunday matinee, Monday night—Joan Bennett, Franchot Tone in "She Knew All the Answers;" color cartoon, Paramount News.

Tuesday only—Bob Crosby, Jean Rogers in "Let's Make Music;" also selected short subjects.

Wednesday-Thursday — "Shining Victory," starring James Stephenson, Geraldine Fitzgerald; "Information Please" and selected shorts.

"She Knew All the Answers"

As the girl who knows all the answers, beautiful Joan Bennett comes to the Queen screen Saturday preview, Sunday matinee and Monday night, with Franchot Tone in Columbia's newest love-and-laugh farce, "She Knew All the Answers." Proving that Wall Street may know its stocks and blondes but a brunette like Joan Bennett is something else again, the hectic new hit was directed by Richard Wallace from a popular magazine story by June Allen. John Hubbard, Eve Arden and William Tracy are important members of the supporting cast. Miss Bennett appears as a night club performer who, literally and figuratively, goes to work on Wall Street. Determined to win a letter of recommendation from the broker-guardian of a millionaire playboy whom she is determined to marry, she talks her way into a job as switchboard operator in the financier's dignified offices. Knowing less than nothing about switchboards, she manages in practically no time at all to panic not only the office but the Stock Exchange as well!

Mr. Tone is seen as the all-work-and-no-playboy whose office is disrupted, whose conservative aplomb and impressive stock manipulations are completely smashed by the bewildering antics of the beautiful brunette. In "She Knew All the Answers," too, Tone is said to provide an engaging and delightful characterization as he slowly, inevitably, and hilariously moves from stiff-necked austerity to unconventional romance.

Hubbard appears as the playboy responsible for it all; Miss Arden is seen as Joan's wise-cracking roommate, and young Tracy, in what is said to be his finest performance to date, is seen as the office boy who regards the new switchboard operator with unconcealed affection.

"Let's Make Music"

What happens when a spinster music teacher who spends her life hammering Chopin and Beethoven into bored school children suddenly gets in the groove and starts writing swing music for hepcats, provides a riot of fun in "Let's Make Music," which is the offering at the Queen theatre Tuesday only.

Starring Bob Crosby, popular exponent of swing music on the air and at nationally famous hotels, the RKO Radio film presents Jean Rogers in the romantic lead, and Elizabeth Raddon as the elderly small town pedagogue who achieves fame composing jive music for rug cutters.

Leslie Goodwins directed, and Howard Benedict produced the film for RKO Radio.

"Shining Victory"

The feature attraction at the Queen Wednesday and Thursday will be "Shining Victory," a dramatic new story by A. J. Cronin, author of "The Citadel." "Shining Victory" co-stars

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James Stephenson and Geraldine Fitzgerald, with a supporting cast headed by Barbara O'Neil and Donald Crisp, and including Montagu Love, Sig Ruman, G. P. Huntley, Jr., Richard Ainley, Bruce Lester, Billy Bevan and Doris Lloyd.

"Shining Victory" brings to the screen for the first time the mysteries of psychiatry. With bold, masterful strikes, the film lays bare the innermost secrets of a woman's mind. Stephenson who scored such a sensational success in "The Letter," is cast as a psychiatrist, a brilliant young man so intent on his work that he very nearly misses the happiness and love that is his for the taking. Charming and talented Irish Geraldine Fitzgerald, who won so many plaudits for her work in "Wuthering Heights" and "Dark Victory," portrays a young woman doctor who assists Stephenson in his work and falls in love with him after hours. The tender story of their romance is woven through one of the most exciting and unusual dramas ever screened.

The Texas dairy products industry, producing American cheese, butter and ice cream, is operating at the highest point in its history, University of Texas statisticians report.

BLAIR ITEMS

Mrs. Elbert Barnes has been on the sick list since our last write-up and her daughter, Mrs. Pat Brewer, and children of Odessa are with her for an indefinite time.

Mr. and Mrs. Crate Wilson of Anson were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Doan recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bradberry and son, Billie Carrol of Denton, Mrs. Hosea Myers and little son, Byron Dale of Anson, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Scoggin of Trent were passing visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. Vivian Terrell have moved to Big Spring where he has accepted employment.

Mrs. Howard Brown and daughter, Johnnie Nell, have returned home from Ovalo after several days' stay with her sister, Mrs. Lena Thompson and family.

Mrs. A. M. Jackson and son, Billie, are visiting relatives at Post for an indefinite time.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Campbell and son, Billie, attended a birthday dinner in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Sherman at Trent Sunday when Mr. Sherman and Mrs. Campbell were joint honorees in the gala affair.

Mrs. R. B. Horton and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Dee Moore and family of Tye Tuesday.

Little Jerry Blair of Goodman is the guest of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Estall, this week.

White Church News

The Fourth was a very quiet holiday here with several going on picnics, others to the rodeos and several working trying to kill the weeds.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Farmer and son, M. H., Jr., Mrs. Aubra Ray of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Farmer and son, Ira, Mrs. A. D. Barnes and Miss Ailene Frazier attended the funeral of Mrs. Egger of Divide last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Riggan and children of Big Spring were visiting in our community last week in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Riggan, E. E. Conley and D. W. Rodgers.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynward Harrison and children, Mrs. Weston and son, John Weston, of Putnam, were visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Weston and family Friday. John Weston remained for a few days' visit in the home of his brother.

Mr. and Mrs. Hill Simons and daughters of Abilene were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond De-

List of Petit Jurors Called for Next Week

The petit jury for next week in 104th district court includes the following names:

- W. C. Smith, A. J. Patterson, L. J. Renfro, Carl Hughes, Ira Moore, T. J. King, C. P. Church, W. A. McCandless, C. D. Grimes, Merkel; G. W. Cunningham, Leroy Potter, Emit Hollingshead, R. S. Stubbs, Ernest W. Miller, E. L. Montgomery, Geo. J. Miller, J. McAllister Stevenson, Lucian Webb, Sam Yeiser, Dr. L. F. Grubbs, W. R. Biggerstaff, Price Campbell, Roy Boatright, Geo. Shahan, J. C. Bragg, J. L. Ohlhausen, Louis T. Ward, M. L. Thompson, S. J. Canon, A. M. Wimberly, T. H. Ivey, J. M. Patterson, L. L. Milstead, G. L. Jennings, B. C. Leach, F. P. Plumlee, D. M. Gist, W. E. Bailey, John B. Darnell, W. A. Stephens, Glenn L. Corrie, L. D. Kennedy, G. C. Morlan, Abilene; P. E. Gill, Bradshaw; Thos. J. Young, J. S. Armour, Trent; G. W. Shafer, C. O. McIntyre, Wingate; F. V. Jones, Guion; T. L. Kerby, Buffalo Gap.

mere Sunday.

Donald Riggan, small son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Riggan, has been quite sick but is some better at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barnes and son, Doyal, Mrs. Raymond Demere and niece, Ruth Franks of Wichita Falls, and Carl Riggan were joined by Mr. and Mrs. Houston Martin and children, Doris and G. M., Misses Ruth Denton and Lula Belle Patterson of Butman for a picnic at Aolene State park Saturday evening.

Mrs. Aubra Ray visited the past week with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Farmer.

Miss Ailene Frazier spent a few days last week with her friend, Miss Mildred Cook of Divide.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Rodgers' home was the meeting for the Harrison reunion on last Thursday.

Enrollment in the University of Texas law school moved to a new high this summer with 341 students registered for the first term—more than in 1939 and 42 more than last year.

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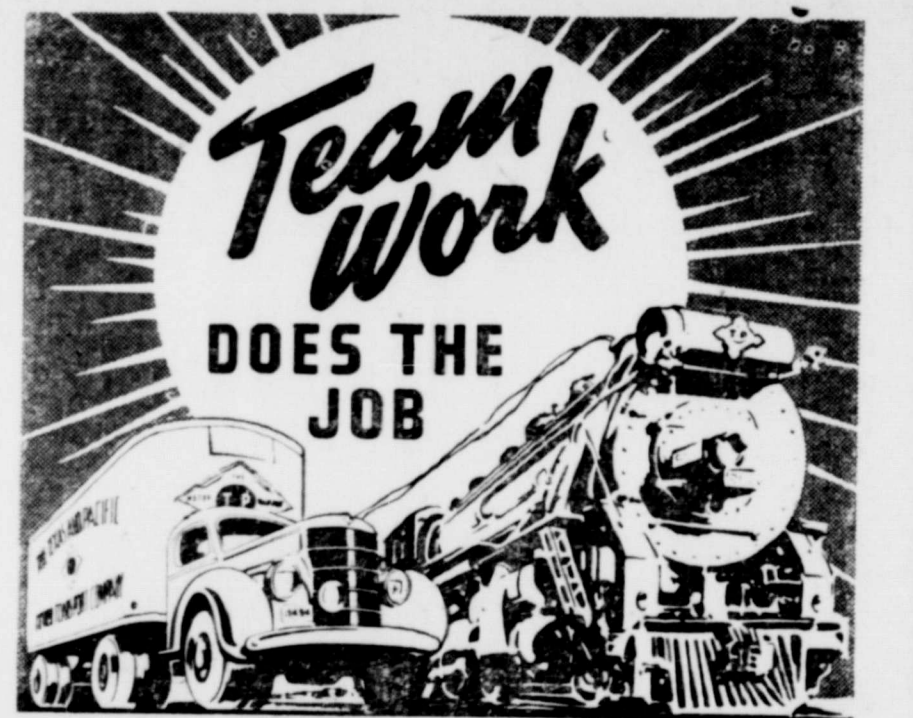
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Annual Reunion of Burfeind Family Held At Hamlin Park July 4

Hamlin, July 10.—A barbecue lunch featured the annual July 4 reunion of the Burfeind family at Hamlin park this year. Visitors were present from many parts of Texas and from Carlsbad, N. M.

The celebration also marked the birthday of Thomas Campbell of Hamlin, one of the family.

Others present were Mrs. Lou Burfeind, Ervin, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Burfeind, Vernon Burfeind, J. W. Burfeind and Roger Lee Burfeind, Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Burfeind and Noma Neighbours, Guthrie; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Burfeind, Ruth Burfeind, Alton Burfeind, Bobby Burfeind, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Odor, Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Burfeind and Fred, Jr., Maryneal; Mr. and Mrs. Louis Burfeind, Clairemont; Mrs. Clay Burchell, Mrs. Lillie Burchell, Alford Burfeind, Howard Burchell and Mary Lou Burchell, Carlsbad; Mrs. W. T. Odor and Betty Henderson, Austin.

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Soul-Winning Stressed At Meeting of Zone 1

Soul-winning was stressed in Sunday Schools in Zone 1 during the month of June and was given particular emphasis in the July program at Riverside. Each discussion on the theme, "What Makes a Great Sunday School," had soul-winning as the central thought.

The essential elements in making a great Sunday School, it was brought out, are the Bible, consecrated workers and the Standard of Excellence.

Unusual interest was manifested both in number in attendance and in the general spiritual atmosphere. Much of this interest is due no doubt to the extensive visitation of the zone superintendent, H. G. Smith, who since his recovery from serious illness has visited one Sunday School in our zone each Sunday.

The former custom of discontinuing the August meeting is being disregarded, the next meeting to be Aug. 3 with Stith church.

The following Sunday Schools were represented at Sunday's meeting, with superintendents listed: Compere, Ross Merritt; Noodle, Loss Storey; Hebron, J. H. Clark; Truby, J. W. Grogan; Stith, C. R. Rogers; Riverside, Albert Story; Shiloh, A. J. Armstrong.

Rites Held Tuesday For Trent Woman

Trent, July 10.—Funeral services for Mrs. Ida Mae Reneau, 64, who died Sunday at her home here after a brief illness, were held from the Trent Baptist church at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, with the pastor, Rev. Fred A. Porter, officiating, assisted by Rev. T. J. Sparkman of Sweetwater. Burial followed in the Trent cemetery under direction of Elliott's Funeral home of Abilene.

Pallbearers were: Buster Edwards, Dave Boyd, Orvin Robinson, Tom Williamson, Edgar Lee Mangum and Chas. Hutcheson.

Flower girls were: Bettie Jean Johnson, Pauline Cook, Ophelia Vessels, Billy Jo Billington, Vera Bright, Dorothy Jo Strawn, Mrs. F. E. Healer and Mrs. Ollie Fox.

Born Ida Mae Downing on Nov. 29, 1876, she was married to William L. Reneau on Sept. 26, 1897, at Honey Grove. They had lived in Trent since 1920, having come from Edgewood in Van Zandt county. Mrs. Reneau had been a member of the Baptist church since she was 17, joining the Prairie Valley Baptist church in Hunt county.

Surviving are her husband, one daughter, Mrs. Ben Butman of Merkel; three sons, Irvin, Big Spring, Floyd, Coleman, and Joe, Abilene, and two grandchildren, Billy and Jerrell Butman.

CARD OF THANKS.
We desire to take this method of expressing our sincere thanks to our many friends for every kindness shown in the illness and death of our dear brother and uncle.

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Mrs. John Walls and Family.

John Hulsey, 18, Dallas, was electrocuted Tuesday night when he came in contact with a 66,000-volt power line after climbing a Texas Power and Light company tower.

In The Churches

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

There were 511 present at the six reporting Sunday Schools here last Sunday, as compared with 550 the previous week. On the same Sunday a year ago the attendance was 653.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Morning sermon at 11. Training Union at 7:15. Evening sermon at 8:15.
Prayer meeting at 8:15 Wednesday evening.

Cooper Waters, Pastor.

METHODIST CHURCH.

Sunday services: Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Morning worship service 11 a. m. Intermediate League 7:15 p. m. Young People's League hour begins at 7:15 p. m. Evening preaching service at 8 p. m.

Week-day activities: Women's Society of Christian Service meets Monday at 3 p. m. Mid-week service every Wednesday night.

There's always a welcome with the Methodists.

Marvin Boyd, Pastor.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Morning worship 11 a. m. Sermon subject, "The Wicked; Their Likeness; Their End." Text, Isaiah 57:20-21. "But the wicked are like the troubled sea; when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt. There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked." No evening services. The pastor will be at Tuscola for the closing service of the revival that has been in progress there this week.

Junior-Intermediate C. E. will meet as usual at the regular time, 7 p. m. Mrs. Ramsey will meet with them.

Mid-week prayer meeting Wednesday, 8:15 p. m.

J. B. Ramsey, Pastor.

FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Preaching Saturday night at 8 o'clock. Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8.

M. C. Miller, Pastor

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Sunday: Bible School 9:45 a. m., preaching 10:45 a. m. and 8:30 p. m., young people's Bible class 7:30 p. m. Wednesday: Ladies' Bible class 4:00 p. m. and prayer meeting at 8:30 p. m. The public is invited to attend each of these services. Come, bring your friends.

Claud C. Smith, Minister.

NAZARENE CHURCH.

Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. NYPS at 7:30 Sunday evening. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. Everyone is cordially invited to these services.

G. O. Grow, Pastor.

NUBIA M. E. CHURCH.

There were 41 present for Sunday School July 6. Little Roy and Joy



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MISCELLANEOUS

FOR SERVICE—Have young OIC (white) boar for service; at A. T. Sheppard farm, two miles northwest Merkel. Vernon Simpson.

Hospital Notes.

Kenneth Turner, cowboy who was injured in the last rodeo, was dismissed Thursday, July 3.

During the past week, five patients received tonsillectomies at the Sadler Clinic. They were: C. L. Scott, Odessa; Susie Beth Bird, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stacy Bird; Robert Riney, Jr.; Mrs. W. J. Derstine, and the son of B. R. Vancil.

Garrett, twins of I. V. Garrett, Sr., sang "Death is Only a Dream."

Nubia's revival begins tonight (Friday.) Mrs. J. B. Stewart, assisted by local women, will be in charge of a vacation Bible school. Parents! Make special effort to enroll your children in this school. They will enjoy it so much as well as learn many beautiful thoughts and ideas that will never leave them. Bring them tonight, so they will all get started off together.

Everybody come to church. Reporter.

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LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS

Mrs. Wanda Shelton, who resigned as bookkeeper for Sadler Clinic, effective as of Saturday, has accepted a position as bookkeeper for Grollman's ready-to-wear store at Lubbock, entering on her duties Monday.

On seven-days' leave Herman Carson is home from Camp Bowie, Brownwood, and his father, E. O. Carson, is taking leave from the grocery store during this time for a vacation at home. J. C. Carson went to Brownwood with his brother Sunday, returning Monday.

A. T. Sheppard of the Barrow-Sheppard company attended the quarterly meeting of the West Texas Funeral Directors and Embalmers association held Tuesday at the Taylor County Veterans clubhouse, Abilene. Approximately 90 were present.

Roy Largent, who has recently moved to Largent and Stevens ranch here, and John T. Yantis, Brownwood banker and cattleman, have returned from a 7,000-mile tour of the Middle West and West, visiting many outstanding herds.

Gerald Derrick, Merkel boy, now with the Remount station at Front Royal, Va., was able to participate in the Texas Cowboy reunion at Stamford last week, having secured a 15-day leave.

In the calf roping contest at Pecos on July Fourth, S. G. Russell, Merkel boy, placed second, with time of 15.2 seconds.

GOLAN NEWS

Arriving here late Friday evening from Hillsboro were Mr. and Mrs. Rollie J. Hill and sons for a short visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Williams. Mrs. Elmer Persely and young daughter, June of Fort Worth, accompanied them and, after spending the night in the Williams home, went to Sylvester to visit a sister, Mrs. Milton Montgomery, and other relatives. Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Hill, John Robert and George, are spending the week with their aunt here and will visit in Merkel with their grandmother, Mrs. D. M. Hill, who has just moved to the Black apartment.

Mrs. O. F. Hill of Hawley is this week visiting in the home of her mother, Mrs. Webster, and Mr. Hill's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hill.

On her way home after a two weeks' visit in Oklahoma, Mrs. J. C. Chambers and son, Johnnie Curtis, visited in the home of her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hill, spending the Fourth of July here and leaving early Saturday morning for their home in Moran.

Mrs. George Bennett of Whitewright was here three days of last week visiting the homes of her niece, Mrs. H. F. Jeffrey, and two nephews, E. S. Williams of Sylvester and L. C. Williams. Leaving for her home Monday morning, she was accompanied by a brother, J. T. Williams, for a month's visit.

Mrs. Geo. Lawlis is caring for her small grandchildren while their mother, Mrs. Frank Lawlis, is in a Kermit hospital.

Mrs. P. H. Buster of Hawley was a week-end visitor of her parents, Mr.

and Mrs. J. D. Green.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis McCain of Odessa were visitors with the A. D. McCains over the Fourth.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Kemp and Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Kinsey visited a while in the C. C. Davis home late Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Murel Thornton and Mrs. Ollie Skidmore of Monahans were greeting friends here the Fourth.

Misses Florence and Mary Hughes of Abilene and their friends, Misses Mildred Knott and Ruth Hill of Abilene, were visitors of their sister, Mrs. Cecil Stephens Friday.

Those attending the Burkley reunion held here the Fourth on the picnic ground were John Burkley and family, Slaton; Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Burkley, Sweetwater; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dunn, Portales, N. M.; Mr. and Mrs. Willis Nazworth, Roby; Edd Chancey, Noodle; Miss Chancey, Merkel; Harold Headstream and family, Roby, and Bobbie Williams, Slaton.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Lawlis of Longworth greeted friends here Friday.

Nadine Holland of Oklahoma is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Dean, for the summer.

Contrary to popular notion, it is perfectly safe to eat acid fruits and drink milk at the same time, University of Texas home economists declare. Milk curdles as soon as it reaches the acid gastric juices in the stomach anyway, and to combine fruit and milk forms a more easily digested curd.

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**MR. AND MRS. BRADSHAW COM-
PLIMENTED WITH SERIES OF
PARTIES AT SWEETWATER.**

Mr. and Mrs. John Bradshaw, who were married at the Methodist church here June 20, were complimented Tuesday evening with a buffet supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Jowell. Sweetwater, with Dr. and Mrs. Earl L. Thomason assisting in the entertaining.

The guest list included the bride, who was Miss Dorma Lee Shelton of Merkel before her marriage. Mr. Bradshaw, Messrs. and Mesdames F. O. Henderson, F. S. Bleck, Earl Thomason and Charles A. Jowell.

Week-end parties at Sweetwater included two for Mr. and Mrs. John Bradshaw.

Mrs. Myron Hubbard of Midland joined Mrs. Tom E. Crowe as hostess for a gift party at the Crowe home, where an all-white decorative theme was used.

Registering in the bride's book were Mesdames Earl Thomason, W. E. Williams, F. O. Henderson, Charles A. Jowell, Tom Headrick, W. L. Wilson, John Ralson, K. M. Sobe, E. S. Bleck; Misses Esther Reitsel, Inez and Charla Ruth Alston.

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Bleck entertained informally at their home for the Bradshaws with an ice cream supper. Guests were Messrs. and Mesdames John Bradshaw, John Ralson, Charles Jowell, F. O. Henderson, Earl Thomason; Mrs. A. D. Martin and Hubert Ralson.

JAMES-WALKER.

The marriage of Miss Faye Walker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Walker, to Sgt. Tura C. James was solemnized Sunday afternoon with Minister Claud C. Smith of the Church of Christ officiating. The ceremony took place in the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Paul Douglas, where Shasta daisies and zinnias beautifully decorated the house. Only members of the immediate families were present for the wedding.

The bride was lovely in a navy sheer wedding dress with white accessories. She was a popular student at Merkel High school, where she graduated with the class of 1939.

The groom, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. James of Trent, graduated from Goodman High school in 1936 and is now stationed at Fort Sam Houston.

The couple left Tuesday for San Antonio where they will make their home.

JUNE WEDDING ANNOUNCED.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Webb are announcing the marriage of their oldest daughter, Lena, to Mr. Calvin Ball, which took place on Tuesday, June 24, at 8 p. m. in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Adcock of Abilene, Mr. Adcock being a minister of the Church of Christ.

Their only attendants were Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Webb, brother and sister-in-law of the bride.

Mr. Ball is the son of Mrs. Odie Ball of Dallas. They will make their home in Abilene.

FIFTH ANNIVERSARY.

(Abilene Reporter-News.)
Fifth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Connor Robinson of Merkel was observed Wednesday evening when the Robinsons were dinner guests of her parents, Rev. and Mrs.

E. B. Surface, 120 Beech. Miss Willie Mae Christopher was also a guest.

Mrs. Robinson is the former Virginia Surface. Her father, pastor of Central Presbyterian church, read the marriage vows in an afternoon home ceremony on July 2, 1936.

**INSTALLATION OF EASTERN
STAR OFFICERS COMPLETE.**

At Tuesday night's meeting, the roster of officers for Merkel chapter of the Eastern Star was complete with installation of three who were unable to attend the regular annual service June 3.

Acting as installing officers were the following past matrons: installing officer, Mrs. Bessie Merritt; marshal, Mrs. Lenalee Smith; chaplain, Mrs. Aurra Johnson, assisted by Mrs. Anna Belle Shouse, worthy matron, acting organist.

Mrs. Alpha Miller was installed as treasurer; Mrs. Priscilla Williamson, chaplain, and Pearl Collins, Adah.

Andy Shouse, worthy patron, and Mrs. Anna Belle Shouse, worthy matron, head the list of eighteen officers of the local chapter.

WILLING WORKERS CLASS.

The Willing Workers class of the Grace Presbyterian church met Tuesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. G. F. West for a social meeting. The class worked on a quilt to be given to the Reynolds Orphans Home, after which they spent a social hour.

The hostess, Mrs. West, served a refreshment plate, consisting of cake and orange sherbet to Mesdames J. E. Tucker, S. G. Russell, S. A. Derrington, W. M. Elliott, J. B. Ramsey; Misses Mary Keny and Mary Derrington and the hostess.

The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. J. R. Wallings, Sept. 9.

T. E. L. CLASS PARTY.

The T. E. L. class of the First Baptist church met in Mrs. Earl Lassiter's home July 2 with Mrs. Bill Fugate and Mrs. Walter Teaff, co-hostesses.

Mrs. A. R. Booth brought the devotional which was followed by a short business meeting.

After a social hour a delicious refreshment plate was served to Mesdames Sally Angus, A. R. Booth, A. D. Fulton, W. J. Largent, Booth Warren, Earl Lassiter, Bill Fugate and Walter Teaff and four visitors, Mrs. Cooper Waters, Mrs. Thomas Bearden, Dallas, Mrs. Johnnie Mathews, Midland, and Mrs. General Jones.

**WOMAN'S MISSIONARY
SOCIETY.**

The Woman's Missionary society of the Grace Presbyterian church met Monday afternoon at the church with Mrs. Delma Compton leader of the program on "The Rural Church" and "Rapid Changes Being Made in the Foreign Field."

The leader gave a Stewardship devotional from Psalms 13, and Mrs. W. M. Elliott discussed "A Builder of a Rural Parish," by Ralph Felton. Mrs. Connor Robinson gave a field talk on "The Rural Church," and Mrs. John West spoke on "The Rapid Changes in the Foreign Field." From "Between the Valley Walls," the work in the Southern mountains was discussed by Mrs. Henry West.

Following a brief business meeting, prayer for missionaries on these fields closed the meeting. Mrs. John

West will be the next leader of a program on "China."

NEEDLE AND THIMBLE CLUB.

The revealing of pals was the occasion of much merriment at the regular meeting of the Needle and Thimble club, which met in the home of Mrs. Buck Leach Tuesday afternoon.

The hostess served a refreshing plate, following the afternoon's sewing, to Mesdames Bill Yazell, Milton Case, David Gamble, Connor Robinson, Spencer Bird, John Grable, J. E. Boaz, Jr., L. V. Moore, Hoyle Lemens, Earl Watts, E. Y. Bailey, W. A. Bowman and Nolan Palmer.

COMRADES CLASS SOCIAL.

In regular monthly social meeting the Comrades class of the Methodist church met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Case with Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Dunn as co-hosts. The guests were dressed as hoboes.

A most enjoyable evening was spent in clever contests and playing of games.

At the refreshment hour a sack lunch and punch in tin cups were passed to the following members: Messrs. and Mesdames Gordon Green, R. M. Ferguson, Earl Watts, Pinky Cypert, Jack Stanford, Ray Wilson; E. L. Dunn, Elvis Green, Kreta Key, Karen Sue and La Jan Case and the hosts.

FIDELIS MATRONS CLASS.

Regular monthly business and social meeting of the Fidelis Matrons class of the First Baptist church was held Tuesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Bob Fowler, with Mrs. David Gamble as co-hostess.

The business meeting was followed by a social hour during which the hostesses served a dainty sandwich plate and cold drinks to Mesdames L. V. Moore, L. B. Whitaker, Hoyle Lemens, Buck Leach, Leon Bigbee, Chas. Knight and E. B. Wallace.

LAS AMIGAS CLASS.

Members of the Las Amigas Sunday School class of the First Baptist church met Tuesday evening in the home of Miss Clara B. White.

Miss Dot Swafford presided over a short business meeting in the absence of the president.

An informal social hour was enjoyed and refreshments were served to Mrs. Don Riney, Misses Bessie Mc-Niece, Dot Swafford, Marie Morgan, Cleo Reece, Nadine Clack, Maurine and Clara B. White.

RURAL SOCIETY

MISCELLANEOUS SHOWER.

Mrs. Marvin Egger and Mrs. Marion Byler were co-hostesses to a prettily planned shower honoring Mrs. Leonard Rotan in the home economics living room at Divide on Tuesday of last week.

After many games were enjoyed, the honoree was presented with an array of lovely gifts, which were admired by all. A dainty plate of pimento-cheese sandwiches, cookies and mints with punch was served to the honoree and Mesdames Ernest Daniel, D. Rotan, T. E. Lane of Sweetwater; Max Holder, O. R. Artman, Herman Jeffrey, Elwin Lewis, J. L. Haley, Alvin Dunlap, Sidney Oliver, Lizzie Galloway, Billie Jo Payne, Marvin Egger and Marion Byler; Misses Vandy Rotan and Ruth Dunlap. Those sending gifts were Mesdames M. H. Farmer, Curtis Lister, Albert Elliott, Murphy Phillips, H. D. Norris, Howard Finch, O. G. Maynard, E. H. Ensminger, J. M. Holder, Tom Lane, R. O. Holland, Mrs. E. A. Dann and Thelma Kinney of Sweetwater.

UNION RIDGE CLUB.

The Union Ridge Home Demonstration club met in the home of Mrs. O. E. Harwell on Friday, June 20. The president, Mrs. Weldon McAninch, called the meeting to order. Mrs. Denzil Cox led the singing and gave the council report. The president was elected as delegate to the Short Course at A. & M.; Mrs. Leo Harris, alternate.

Mrs. Lee Tipton presided for a program using literature on "Refreshing Drinks" and booklets on "The Normal Diet." Readings were given by Charlotte Harwell and Wanda Jean Tipton.

Refreshments of punch and angel squares were served to the following: Mesdames Denzil Cox, Kenneth Pee, Leo Harris, Lee Ponder, Lige Harris, Lee Tipton, Burly Bond, M. L. Douglas, Chester Bond, Pierce Horton, Weldon McAninch, J. E. James, W. T. McAninch, O. E. Harwell and Misses registered for the first term-one McAninch, Frances Harwell and a number of children.

GOODMAN CLUB.

The Goodman Home Demonstration club met June 27 in the home of Mrs. Gene Cade. The club planned a musical entertainment to be in the home of Mrs. Houston Smith Friday night, July 11, at 8:30, for the purpose of

**Death Claims Resident
Of Area Fifty Years**

Funeral services were held at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon from the First Baptist church for Samuel Lyons Ensminger, 79, resident of Taylor county for 50 years. Mr. Ensminger died shortly after midnight Saturday of a foot infection.

Rev. Cooper Waters, pastor of the local church, was assisted by Minister Claud C. Smith of the Church of Christ, and burial followed in Rose Hill cemetery under direction of the Barrow-Sheppard funeral home.

Pallbearers were Watt Blair, Bob Fowler, Roy Miller, Carl Black, Clyde Shouse, E. B. Wallace.

Mr. Ensminger was born Dec. 2, 1861, in Washington county, Tenn., where he resided until manhood. Coming to Texas about 1890, he settled in Denton county and after about a year moved to Taylor county, having resided here virtually all the remainder of his life and engaging in farming most of that time. For the past five years he had made his home with a niece, Mrs. F. A. London.

He was converted in the 'teen age and joined the Baptist church in Tennessee.

Survivors are four brothers: John Ensminger, Merkel; Robert Ensminger, Dodge City, Kans.; C. L. Ensminger, Rotan, and Jim Ensminger, Divide, also a large number of nieces and nephews.

raising money to send a delegate to the Short Course at A. & M. college.

A refreshment plate was served to the following: Mesdames John Windland, Houston Smith, Bob King, Leo Ueckert, Ervin Ueckert and the hostess.

BLUEBONNET CLUB.

The Bluebonnet Home Demonstration club met in the home of Mrs. W. C. Hunter July 8. Mrs. A. L. Farmer called the meeting to order at which time business was transacted and plans for the county-wide rally to be held Aug. 6 were discussed. Each member is urged to bring an outstanding piece of her year's work to the club at next meeting which will be held in the home of Mrs. Ford Butman July 22. From this collection six outstanding accomplishments will be chosen to be presented at the Parade of Progress and Fashion on rally day. Such things as canned goods, embroidered pieces, remodeled furniture, rugs, quilts, knitted garments, bedspreads, tablecloths and any cotton garment made at home are suggested items to bring.

The hostess served a delicious refreshment plate of sandwiches, mints, cakes and iced lemonade to the following: Mesdames Dewell McLean, A. D. Barnes, W. C. Perkins, A. L. Farmer, W. C. Hunter; Blanche and Fredlin Farmer and Buddy and Harold Hunter.

**Mrs. Hatfield Dies
After Long Illness**

Mrs. Daisy Hatfield, 60, wife of J. N. Hatfield, died Sunday at the family home here. She had suffered from ill health for more than 30 years and when stricken with paralysis Tuesday did not regain consciousness.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at the Shiloh Baptist church, conducted by Rev. Cooper Waters, pastor of the First Baptist church, assisted by Rev. O. B. Tatum. Burial followed in the Shiloh cemetery, with Lawrence Funeral home of Anson in charge.

Pallbearers were three sons-in-law, Wesley Davis, Bruni, R. C. Eubanks, Beeville, and H. W. Slater, Hebronville, and Pinky Cypert, Burtis Sharp and Clint Allen.

Born May 31, 1881, in McLennan county, Mrs. Hatfield was married there in 1898. The family moved to the Noodle community in 1903, where they made their home until about three years ago they moved to town.

Mrs. Hatfield joined the Baptist church at Erath in McLennan county in the summer of 1897 and had continued a consistent and consecrated Christian life until her death.

Survivors are her husband, two sons, Carson and Luther, both of Noodle; three daughters, Mrs. Eno Eubank, Beeville; Mrs. Irene Davis, Bruni, and Mrs. Virgie Slater, Hebronville; one sister, Mrs. Annie Scott, Noodle, one brother, Rev. W. K. Horn, Post, and eleven grandchildren.

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