

Keeping Up With Texas

Governor and Mrs. W. Lee O'Daniel announced Saturday that their daughter, Molly, 19, will marry Jack D. Wrather, Jr., 23, of Tyler, at the executive mansion at 8 p. m. Thursday, July 31.

Anna Mary Jones, 15, daughter of Lee Jones of Nacogdoches, and Novis Partin, 10, daughter of M. L. Partin of Beaumont, drowned in beach surf below Sabine Saturday morning while swimming with a party of other children.

Virgil Durwood Thames, 19, was killed at Moran last Friday when a tractor overturned on him. He was digging a trench silo.

A \$221,980 permit for expansion and improvement of Cliff Maus municipal airport gave Corpus Christi a total of \$271,840 in building permits last week, but the coast city took only third place behind Houston first and San Antonio second.

A car-truck collision at Austin Sunday killed Clyde Dell Gossett, 32, of Bryan, and Mrs. Jane Moore, 40, of Brownwood.

Death of Pvt. Carl Rumbaugh, a selectee from West Minister, O., who died Saturday while on routine marching duty at Camp Wolters, Mineral Wells, was attributed to sunstroke.

Carl H. Moorman, 31, of the Union Grove community was drowned Sunday while swimming in a private lake near Gladewater.

Funeral services were held Sunday at Rice for Sgt. Jack Nash, who died at Camp Bowie hospital Saturday from injuries received in an army truck accident.

Ensign William C. Seago, 25, was killed instantly when the training plane he was flying struck the ground 20 miles from the naval air station at Corpus Christi. Edward Jerome Banks died of multiple injuries soon after being removed to the United States Naval hospital at the station.

Leo McGuire, about 35, died en route to a Wichita Falls hospital Monday night shortly after his car hit a pile of surfacing material on the side of the road between Petrolia and Byers and overturned.

Seven were hurt and property damage was estimated at \$35,000 in a fire Tuesday morning at the Southern Press Manufacturing company. The fire was on the eighth anniversary of the last five-alarm fire in Dallas.

Robert Fernandez, 14, of Dallas, who was struck by an automobile while riding a bicycle Sunday, died Monday at Baylor hospital.

A cyclone ripped down part of Main street, Booker, Lipscomb county, wrecking many buildings, but not a person was injured. Damage was estimated at \$50,000.

Selection of Bastrop, Paris and Waco as sites for possible new army camps was announced Wednesday by the war department.

Lawrence Helms, 19, was killed late Tuesday near Borger when a tractor he was driving toppled into a barrow pit pinning him beneath the steering wheel.

Number of Merkel Women Knit for British War Relief

Knitting for the Red Cross and British War Relief organizations has been started by a number of Merkel women, according to Mrs. Connor Robinson, who has been asked to be chairman of this work in Merkel.

A call was issued last week in the Merkel Mail for experienced knitters to Merkel or surrounding communities to do volunteer knitting on garments, such as women's and children's sweaters, socks, mittens and children's caps or beanies. Yarn and needles for these garments will be furnished; but it is desired that experienced knitters work on these garments, as they must be made perfectly, and according to instruction.

Those not capable of knitting garments can knit or crochet six inch squares out of any kind or color of scrap wool yarn, following any pattern, and knit on any size needle up to a No. 6. Anyone having scrap yarn not being used is asked to call Mrs. Robinson who will collect it for use.

Thursday, July 31, from 9 a. m. to 11 a. m. and from 1 p. m. to 5 p. m., knitters may knit or work together at Mrs. Robinson's home.

The following women are knitting garments: Mesdames R. A. Walker, Delma Compton, S. D. Gamble, Eteyl Church, Marvin Boyd, Geo. Brown and Mrs. Robinson. Those knitting or crocheting squares (about whom Mrs. Robinson knows) are Mesdames Edwin Read, Henry West, R. P. Lee of Throckmorton, Miss Lottie Butman, Joy Frances West, Doris Dudley and Joanna Ramsey.

BELOVED WOMAN, 97 YEARS OLD, PASSES AWAY

Grandma Phillips, Charter Member of Shiloh Baptist Church, Claimed by Death; Six Children Survive.

Mrs. Sarah L. Phillips, 97, affectionately called Grandma Phillips by all who knew her, died at 8:30 Monday morning at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Joe Winter, in the Shiloh community. Although in failing health for several months, she was seriously ill only a few days before her death. She was said to have been the oldest resident in Jones county.

A charter member of the Shiloh Baptist church, which was organized 53 years ago—it was at this church where she had worshipped so long that funeral services were held at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, attended by a large concourse of sorrowing relatives and friends who came to pay their last respects to this beloved pioneer woman.

Four preachers, all former pastors, had been called into the service, but only two could be present, Rev. J. B. Bradford, of Abilene, pastor of the Shiloh church, and Rev. W. K. Horn of Tahoka. Burial followed in Rose Hill cemetery here, beside the grave of her husband, W. E. Phillips, who died in 1897. Barrow-Sheppard Funeral home was in charge.

Seven grandsons served as pallbearers: J. D. McGregor, Knott; Winston McGregor, El Paso; Jennings Winter, Lamesa; Bud Winter, Merkel; Morris Phillips, Abilene; Sinclair Phillips, San Angelo; Buck Powell, Buena Vista.

The following great-granddaughters were flower girls: Ivy Lou Phillips, San Angelo; Elva Joe McGregor, Floy McGregor, Knott; Mary Jo Hail, Lula May Hail, Sylvester, and Jerline Pomroy, Merkel.

Mrs. Phillips was born Nov. 32, 1843, near Lexington, Tenn. She was married there shortly after the close of the Civil War and the family came to Texas in 1886, locating in Lamar county. Three years later they moved to Jones county and settled in the Shiloh community. Mrs. Phillips had lived on the old home place with a son, W. A. Phillips, until recently.

Six children survive. They are: W. A. Phillips, Merkel; W. L. Phillips, Trent; Mrs. S. E. Pomroy, Merkel; Mrs. S. M. Powell, Buena Vista, Texas; Mrs. Winter, and Mrs. J. J. McGregor, Knott. Other survivors include 29 grandchildren, 49 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Merkel Citizens Begin Aluminum Collection

Along with British War Relief, Red Cross knitting, buying National Defense Savings stamps and bonds and other patriotic activities, Merkel is going whole-souledly into aluminum collection week, dates for which are July 21-29.

Plans, as outlined by Mayor Henry West, who has been designated local chairman of the drive, include two methods of participation.

Those not in the city limits are urged to bring their scrap aluminum to either the Merkel Motor company or the Yazell Chevrolet company, while town residents are asked to have their aluminum collection ready to be picked up Friday of this week.

An additional depot has been provided by W. A. Stockbridge, agent of the Magnolia Petroleum company, which corporation has advised all of their representatives to offer space on the lot adjacent to warehouses for assembling old aluminum. It may be more convenient for many with cars desiring to contribute to drive by the Magnolia warehouse lot and dump their aluminum scraps at a place set aside for that purpose.

Pots, pans, old car parts made of aluminum and a wide variety of aluminum wares, in fact, anything of aluminum that can be spared, is wanted.

Senator-Elect to Drive Gift-Car to Washington

Austin, July 24.—Gov. W. Lee O'Daniel's friends Monday fitted him out to drive to Washington as U. S. senator-elect in a shiny maroon Lincoln Zephyr automobile, with radio and full equipment.

Texas license plates No. 1 were issued for the handsome car. It is the farewell gift of a group of 50 friends of the governor. Mrs. O'Daniel selected the custom-made maroon plaid covers that will protect the upholstery of the car.

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On the "Broadway of America"

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Youth Caravan Coming to Merkel



Miss Jewell Posey (center on the bottom row) is adult counselor with the Youth Caravan group coming Saturday night to the Methodist church here. Others in the group are: top row, Charles McEwen, Denton, Mo., (left) and Walter Ewing, Wharton, (right.) Bottom row, Roselee Godbey, Georgetown, (left) and Rebecca Douthitt, Pendleton, S. C. (right.)

PLAN ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAY

Qualifying Rounds Now Being Played; Match Play to Begin On Aug. 7.

Qualifying rounds in the annual city golf tournament are now being played, and scores must be turned in not later than 6 p. m. Wednesday, Aug. 6. Qualifying play must be in threesomes or foursomes, it is announced by Connor Robinson, chairman of the tournament committee.

Players are to be divided into two flights, match play of 18 holes to begin Thursday, Aug. 7.

Driving contests in both flights will be held at 6:30 p. m. on Aug. 6 from No. 2 tee. Longest ball in fairway will win in first flight, while in the second flight, longest average for two out of three will determine the winner.

Medalist will be awarded a half dozen golf balls. Other prizes are:

First flight—Winner, leather golf bag; runner-up, golf shoes; consolation winner, Sam Snead golf jacket; runner-up, slacks; driving contest, half dozen golf balls.

Second flight—Winner, golf bag (canvas); runner-up, golf jacket; consolation winner, driver; runner-up, slacks; driving contest, half dozen golf balls.

Fire Gets Headway Frequently In Case Of Delayed Alarm

Almost daily, fire in some part of the country provides an impressive lesson in the dangers of delayed fire alarms. Usually such fires result in loss of life or serious injury and often the building is totally destroyed such as was the case in Merkel last Sunday when the Dowdy house, in the west part of town (occupied by Mr. and Mrs. T. V. Bright and young son) burned to the ground while the family was away for the afternoon. The alarm was not sounded until after the house was in complete flames and could not be saved. Such incidents as this one is convincing argument that more homes should have telephones available or, better, still, it is conclusive argument that any city should be equipped with some sort of community alarm system.

The local fire truck had been called out once each day for five consecutive days up to Thursday to protect properties and extinguish fires: last Sunday, to the Dowdy house, and Monday, four miles east of town to a car fire. The car belonged to a Camp Barkeley boy. The other three calls were to "grass fires" that were threatening to "get away."

Members of the local department met in regular 4th Tuesday, bi-monthly, practice meeting Tuesday evening and held drill practice on Oak street. Hose was stretched and tests made in comparison to man-power strength under certain pressures of water.

It is urged by the department that anyone contemplating to burn off grass on vacant lots, etc., where there is any likelihood of the fire spreading beyond control, call the department before starting the fire. Let the fire truck with its ready supply of water come out and stand by ready to catch any emergency in its earliest stages. It might save a fire sure enough and that is what the department is for.

"HEELING" FINE ART IN ARENA

Cowboy from Wingate Tosses Loop Five Times and Heels Steer Four Times.

During the eight years of the Merkel free summer rodeo spectators have enjoyed many unexpected thrills and spectacular exhibitions that always call for more. The rodeo, most popular form of West Texas entertainment, while traveling along fixed routes of riding and roping events, is a moving picture of many surprising chapters.

Last Saturday, not only were the ropers fast, the riders scrappy and the cattle plenty tough, but fans had an extraordinary thrill coming to them in the outstanding, and almost uncannily accurate "heeling" of Vester Parrish of Wingate, during the team tying contest. In this event, new to the Merkel arena this year, but now familiar to all fans, one cowboy ropes the steer by the head, while another ropes the heels. Parrish heeled for five of the ropers, missing only one loop. He helped the first and second place winners and took third money himself.

A Merkel boy, Leonard Huff, won first in the calf roping contest, split first in cow milking and placed second in team tying.

Winners of first place in riding events were Joe Cavalli, Camp Barkeley, Bill Barton of Abilene, J. B. Hunter of Roscoe and Bobby Williams of Baird.

As usual, the junior cowboys did their part to enliven the proceedings, with eight competing rides and one of them, a certain "Tuffy" Frazier, doing an extra turn. For sticking to his calf for two rides he brought his day's earnings up to a dollar.

Other boys completing rides were Billie Black, Johnny Earl McDaniels, Vernon Lester Bell, Billy Tom Diltz, Buddy Mashburn, Wayne Baccus and James Hellums.

Only two more shows remain on the schedule of the series of six rodeos for the 1941 summer season—Aug. 9 and 30.

WINNING CONTESTANTS.
Results of the afternoon performance follow:

Calf roping—Leonard Huff, Merkel, first, 16.2 seconds; Pete Taylor, Doole, second, 16.4; J. O. Warren, Baird, third, 17.2; James Russell, Merkel, fourth, 18.1.

Wild Cow milking—Huff and Vester Parrish, Wingate, tied for first, 14.4; S. G. Russell, Merkel, third, 15.1; Joe Barnett, fourth, 41.2.

Team tying—N. A. Pitcock, Aspermont, first, 17.2; Huff, second, 18; Parrish, third, 19.

Saddle bronc riding—Joe Cavalli, Camp Barkeley, first; Bill Barton, Abilene, second.

Barback bronc riding—Bobby Williams, Baird, first; Cavalli, second; J. B. Hunter, Roscoe, third.

Bull riding—Barton, first; Williams, second; Hunter, third.

Steer riding—Hunter, first; Johnny Lane, Abilene, second; Barton, third.

Cancel Tournament For Women Golfers

Lack of a sufficient number of entries to merit contest play is the reason given for the cancelling of the blind hole golf tournament for women golfers in Merkel, according to Mrs. Connor Robinson, who was appointed by the Merkel Golf club to try promotion of a woman's tournament.

WORKERS GROUP EXPECTED HERE SATURDAY NIGHT

Schedule of Activities for Week for Young People Under Sponsorship of the Methodist Church Announced.

The Youth Caravan team will arrive in Merkel Saturday afternoon for a week of activity with local young people under the sponsorship of the Methodist church. The group comes here from Plainview and will conclude its summer schedule with the week here.

The only activity Saturday will be a brief planning meeting with officers of the local group. On Sunday, members of the Caravan team will present the Sunday School Worship service, teach four of the Sunday School classes, have part in the morning preaching service and conduct the entire night service. The first sessions of classes will precede the night service. The areas of work will be Worship, World Friendship, Community Service and Recreation. The daily schedule will include a two hour project period, a class session, a forum for youth, worship and recreation. Adults are invited each night to a class for "Adult Workers with Youth" to be conducted by the Caravan counselor, and also to a separate forum for adults which will deal with problems of adults who work with youth. The night worship service is also open to adults. All teachers of young people as well as parents of youth are cordially invited to these activities.

The Caravan is composed of Miss Jewell Posey of the faculty of McMurry college, adult counselor; Roselee Godbey, a senior in Southwestern university from Georgetown, leader in recreation; Rebecca Douthitt from Pendleton, S. C., a senior in Winthrop college, in Central Missouri State Teachers college, leader in community service activities, and Walter "Red" Ewing of Wharton, Texas, graduate of School of Theology, leader of world friendship.

Early Morning Rainfall Nearly Half Inch

With a bank noticeable in the west early in the evening and lightning at frequent intervals during Wednesday evening, it was not until after 1 o'clock Thursday morning that the clouds burst into rain.

Precipitation was gauged at three-eighths of an inch by Volunteer Weather Observer J. I. Ford, bringing the year's figure to 22 3/4 inches.

Oil Notes.
Lewis Production company of Dallas have moved in rig for their No. 1 L. L. Huddleston, three locations east of the Peckham discovery, No. 1 Ruel Ferry, five miles east of town.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From Files of The Merkel Mail, August 12, 1921.)

PIONEER CITIZEN DIES IN CALIFORNIA.

Through the courtesy of our friend and fellow-townsmen, C. K. Russell, we are able to reproduce the following clipping from a California paper, which was sent Mr. Russell by his brother concerning the death and life of J. L. Vaughn, who was Merkel's first station agent when the T. & P. built through here.

Signal Hill, June 28.—In the death of J. L. Vaughn, whose funeral was held from the second Presbyterian church yesterday morning, a career of more than ordinary interest has come to a close. Interment was in Sunnyside cemetery.

Mr. Vaughn was born in Paisley, Scotland, Jan. 3, 1843. In his eighth year his parents immigrated to this country and settled near Braddock, Pa., where he grew to manhood.

He was married on May 24, 1866, to Abbie B. Struble. Miss Struble was at the time a telegraph operator, having the distinction of being the first woman operator and the first teacher of telegraphy in the country, for she instructed many in this art during the days of the Civil War, and the first operator to receive a message over the wire. Moving to Illinois in 1870, Mr. Vaughn entered the railway service and after two years they were transferred to Missouri, where they remained until 1873, when they returned to Pennsylvania. In 1882 a call came to them to go to Merkel, Texas, where a new station had been opened and Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn were placed in charge.

They were virtually the founders

JOHNNY COX RESIGNS FROM ELECTRIC COOP

Was One of the Original Group of Sponsors and Actively Engaged From Inception in REA Development in Area.

One of the leaders in the initial group that launched the Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc., and actively connected with the organization from the preliminary surveys through the completion of energization and successful stages of later growth, Johnny Cox, having tendered his resignation to the board of directors, retired Wednesday from his duties as superintendent after the acceptance of his resignation by the executive board Tuesday night.

In conversation Thursday morning with a representative of The Mail he said that he would rest a few days and probably take a vacation trip, upon his return from which he would announce his plans for the future. No reason was given for his resignation.

In the interim, until a new superintendent is named, Spencer Bird, who has been chief maintenance man for the cooperative, will be in charge of the association's office here. H. R. Roberts of Guion is president of the board of directors; Mrs. George Pepper of Bitter Creek, Nolan county, vice-president, and W. C. Church, Merkel, secretary-treasurer.

Serving originally as chairman of the board when the association was organized in 1939, Johnny Cox later resigned from the board to become

Durham-Woodrum Win Local Golf Tourney

Defeating McCoy and Beech, 3 up and 2, Durham and B. Woodrum came out winners of the low ball, low total tournament of the Merkel Golf club, just concluded.

McCoy and Beech took semi-finals from Robinson and P. West, who had bested Benson and J. Warren in the quarter-finals.

Double-Header Booked Each Monday-Friday

In Monday night's double-header on the softball lot, the F. & M. Bank players defeated a utilities team from Camp Barkeley by a 10-4 score, the game going five innings.

Yazell edged out by a one-run margin over the same utilities team, score 11 to 10, seven-innings being played by agreement.

Double-headers are planned on Mondays and Fridays each week, it is announced by Chairman Buck Leach of the softball committee.

of the town. When they went there, the station house was the only building and the only neighbors were prairie dogs and the large drove of antelope that could be seen at almost any hour of the day. Soon others came in, the Vaughns started a Sunday School and preaching service in the railroad freight house.

Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn later went to Mexico to engage in railway service, where they remained over 20 years, having charge of stations at Diaz and Monteuma. During all this time Mrs. Vaughn co-operated with her husband, being night operator.

The Mexican revolution disturbances compelled Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn to leave their Mexico home and the day after their departure to the United States the depot in which they lived so many years was burned to the ground and all their personal possessions.

Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn left El Paso in 1916, coming to El Snore, Calif., where they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on May 24 of that year.

In November, 1917, Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn came to Long Beach, where they had since resided.

All five of their children are living and all but the eldest, Mrs. Madge Bell Butman, of Merkel, Texas, who recently visited her parents, were in attendance at the funeral.

Mr. Vaughn was a voluminous newspaper writer to northern papers. His "Ramblings Through Mexico" and "A Winter Trip to Southern Mexico" were of special interest.

QUEEN THEATRE CALENDAR

Friday-Saturday—Roy Rogers and Geo. (Gabby) Hayes in "Robin Hood of the Pecos;" color cartoon, "White Eagle" No. 12.
 Saturday preview, Sunday matinee, Monday night—Priscilla Lane, Ronald Reagan in "Million Dollar Baby;" Porky Pig cartoon, Paramount News.
 Tuesday only—"The Cowboy and the Blonde," starring Mary Beth Hughes, George Montgomery; "Take It or Leave It," selected shorts.
 Wednesday-Thursday—"Man Hunt," starring Walter Pidgeon, Joan Bennett, George Sanders; selected short subjects.

"Million Dollar Baby"
 With Priscilla Lane and Jeffrey Lynn, the sweethearts of "Four Daughters" fame, and Ronald Reagan heading the cast, "Million Dollar Baby," a delightful new comedy romance, will be shown at the Queen theatre Saturday preview, Sunday matinee and Monday night.
 Hailed by audiences who previewed the film on the coast as the most heart-warming story of this or any other year, "Million Dollar Baby" chronicles the adventures of a hard-working young girl who suddenly falls heir to a million dollars. What it does to her life—romantically and otherwise—and how she eventually wins a million dollars worth of happiness, makes "Million Dollar Baby" a completely absorbing story.
 Curtis Bernhardt, director of last year's comedy hit, "My Love Came Back," directed "Million Dollar Baby" from the script by Casey Robinson, Richard Macaulay and Jerry Wald, based on a story by Leonard Spigelgass.
 Besides Miss Lane, Lynn and Reagan, the cast includes May Robson, Lee Patrick, Helen Westley, George Barber, Nan Wynn, John Qualen, Walter Catlett, Fay Helm and many more noted players.

"The Cowboy and the Blonde"
 A whirlwind of romance and action is promised in "The Cowboy and the Blonde," which is the attraction Tuesday at the Queen theatre. The top featured roles are filled by Mary Beth Hughes and George Montgomery, two of the most promising screen personalities of recent years.
 She's portrayed as a temperamental screen star, and he's the silent handsome bronco-buster from the lone prairie. But as they both discover, busting hearts hurt more than busting broncos, and Cupid's little arrow has more sting than the bullet of a .45.
 A fine supporting cast consists of Alan Mowbray, Robert Conway, John Miljan, Richard Lane, and Robert Emmett Keane. Ray McCarey directed from a screen play by Walter Bullock and William Brent.

"Man Hunt"
 Thrust off a fifty foot cliff, relentlessly pursued from the Bavarian Alps to the North Sea, across the Channel to England, then from London to the British countryside—that's Walter Pidgeon's fate in the new 20th Century-Fox thriller, "Man Hunt." Tensely exciting, dramatic, and breathtaking, the new film which is slated Wednesday and Thursday at the Queen theatre, offers Pidgeon and Joan Bennett (who is starred with him) the finest roles of their careers.
 Based on the novel "Rogue Male" by Geoffrey Household, "Man Hunt" is preeminently an adventure story, filmed against the swift-moving panorama of recent history. As Captain Alan Thorndike, world-renowned hunter and sharp-shooter, Walter Pidgeon is subjected to barbaric tortures by a cruel foe when he slips up in stalking the biggest game of all.
 He becomes the quarry and leads his pursuers in a thrill-packed chase interwoven with a poignant romance, a chase that culminates in a sensational climax.
 The featured cast, which includes George Sanders, John Carradine and Robby McDowall, was selected with the same exacting care as were the principals. Fritz Lang, who megaphoned "Western Union," directed "Man Hunt." Kenneth Macgowan was the associate producer and Dudley Nichols wrote the screen play.
 Egg production during the first five months of this year was about four per cent larger than in the corresponding period last year.

Since last October the price of crude cottonseed oil at southern mills has risen from about 4.4 cents to 11.5, says Administrator Leon Henderson of the Office of Price Administration and Civilian Supply. A ceiling considerably below present prices is being considered.

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Oil Field Cash for USO



Roustabouts, drillers, producers, farmers and town people chipped in their change and put Hutchinson County more than \$500 over its quota for the U.-ed Service Organizations. Here J. C. Phillips (left), editor and manager of the Berger Daily Times, director of the USO drive for Hutchinson County, is handing E. B. Germany, Dallas, Southwestern regional chairman, a check for \$2,000. Germany flew to the Parkersburg city to receive the check and to thank the Hutchinson County...

BLAIR ITEMS
 Post the past week.
 Rev. J. B. Stewart, M. E. pastor, is to fill his regular appointment at the Methodist church Sunday, July 27. Every one is invited to these services.
 Mr. and Mrs. Herman Doan received a telegram of the death of the latter's sister, Mrs. Reed Cox, of Clint, Saturday. Mr. Doan left Sunday to attend the funeral services at that place. Mrs. Doan was unable to attend the funeral. The entire community extends sympathy to the bereaved in their sad loss.
 J. D. Sandusky, Jr., of Odessa, visited home folks here this week-end.
 Mr. and Mrs. Ray Reynolds and children spent the week-end with the latter's father, Mr. Miller, of Breckenridge.
 A. M. Jackson has returned home after several days visit with home folks at Post. Mr. and Mrs. Jackson have been entertaining relatives from J. T. Williams and two children, Miss Nellie and Mr. Johnson of Mayfield, Ky. Mrs. Harry Matheral and attractive little daughter, Loretta, of Detroit, Mich., Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Williams of Merkel and granddaughter, Shirley Ann Sharp of New Mexico, were the interesting guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Doan Saturday.
 Mrs. Myrtle Scott of Glendale, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Thornton and family, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Boggs of Levelland were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Meeks the past week.
 Mrs. Walter Smith and baby of Kilgore were guests in the home of her cousin, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Sprahlen, recently.
 Mr. and Mrs. Price Melton are the proud parents of a new baby boy born July 18.
 Buddie Derington, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Derington, entered Sadler Clinic Sunday for treatment.

ORDER APPROVING COUNTY TREASURER'S REPORT

On this 14th day of July, 1941, the Commissioners' Court, Taylor County, Texas, in regular session compared and examined the Quarterly report of Roy C. Fuller, County Treasurer, for the quarter ending June 30th, 1941, and found the same to be correct and the respective amounts to have been received and paid out since the preceding report.

Fund	Balance Last Report	Received This Qtr.	Paid Out This Qtr.	Balance June 30, '41
Jury Fund	\$ 12,943.32	\$ 1,154.01	\$ 3,398.00	\$ 10,699.33
Precinct No. 1 Fund	14,449.39	23,876.70	18,845.84	19,480.25
Precinct No. 2 Fund	12,864.58	19,969.30	7,381.81	25,451.87
Precinct No. 3 Fund	350.230d	16,382.92	11,299.04	4,733.65
Precinct No. 4 Fund	1,820.10	20,499.97	13,447.14	8,872.93
5th Class Gen. Fund	15,007.94	3,914.63	7,676.70	11,245.87
5th Class Pauper Fund	5,233.960d	4,909.10	9,368.25	9,693.110d
Court House Sinking Fund	296.56	89.32	.00	385.88
Road Dist. No. 1, Skg. Fund	81.30	14.57	.00	95.87
Road Dist. No. 2, Skg. Fund	491.05	1,004.22	.00	1,495.27
Road Dist. No. 3, Skg. Fund	475.52	.00	.00	475.52
Road Dist. No. 4, Skg. Fund	609.35	.00	.00	609.35
Road Dist. No. 5, Skg. Fund	279.14	.00	.00	279.14
Road Dist. No. 6, Skg. Fund	55.91	2.19	.00	58.10
Road Dist. No. 7, Skg. Fund	6,046.58	41.39	982.16	5,105.81
Hwy. 1 & 30 Skg. Fund	4,186.33	96.56	972.67	3,310.22
Hwy. 600 M. Skg. Fund	10,667.04	437.17	.00	11,104.21
Hwy. 275 M. Skg. Fund	2,026.31	97.53	.00	2,123.84
Permanent Imp. Fund	4,964.84	325.94	971.73	4,319.05
Taylor Co. Jail Fund	8,090.13	355.41	6,642.50	1,803.04
Co.-Wide Machinery Fund	1,088.82	5,515.90	5,438.15	1,166.57
Taylor Co. New Bond Act	125,187.50	.00	125,000.00	187.50
Special Co. R.&B. Fund	786.00	.00	.00	786.00
Officers' Salary Fund	1,158.11	16,888.33	17,255.79	760.65
Taylor Co. Lat.Rd.Acc't	10,328.34	.00	9,191.61	1,136.73
Road Dist. No. 2, Lat.Rd.Acc't	73.41	59.74	64.40	68.75
Road Dist. No. 6, Lat.Rd.Acc't	1,386.25	.00	281.74	1,104.51
Totals	\$229,779.43	\$115,634.90	\$238,247.53	\$107,166.80

List of Securities on hand:
 Owned by Road District No. 7 \$3,907.52
 Owned by Highway 600 M. Fund 2,640.00
 \$6,547.52

BOND AND WARRANT INDEBTEDNESS

	Original Issue	Bonds Redeemed	Outstanding
Taylor County Jail Bonds	\$100,000.00	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 68,000.00
Road Bonds Series 1923	350,000.00	125,000.00	225,000.00
Road Bonds Series 1927	600,000.00	171,000.00	429,000.00
Road Bonds Series 1929	275,000.00	70,000.00	205,000.00
County Warrants Series 1926	54,000.00	24,000.00	30,000.00
Road District No. 1, Refunding	40,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
Road District No. 3, Bonds	15,000.00	11,000.00	4,000.00
Road District No. 4, Bonds	15,000.00	11,000.00	4,000.00
Road District No. 5, Bonds	25,000.00	22,000.00	3,000.00
Road District No. 6, Bonds	25,000.00	22,000.00	3,000.00
Road District No. 7, Bonds	25,000.00	19,000.00	6,000.00
Taylor County New Bond Act Series 1941 (125 M.)	125,000.00	.00	125,000.00
	\$1,649,000.00	\$527,000.00	\$1,122,000.00
Machinery Contracts:			
Precinct No. 1	\$ 3,000.00		
Precinct No. 3	3,398.00		
Precinct No. 4	2,000.00		
County Wide	3,180.06		
	\$11,578.06		11,578.06
Total outstanding indebtedness			\$1,133,578.06

The requirements of Article 401 P. C. have been complied with and tabular statements have been filed as required.

R. L. YOUNG, Commissioner Precinct No. 1
 JNO O. CUNNINGHAM, Commissioner Precinct No. 3
 L. A. DUDLEY, Commissioner Precinct No. 2
 J. L. McMILLON, Commissioner Precinct No. 4
 CARL P. HULSEY, County Judge

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of July, A. D. 1941.
 (SEAL) VIVIAN FRYAR, County Clerk, Taylor County, Texas

Tye Baptist Church to Begin Revival Friday

The Tye Baptist church will begin a revival meeting Friday night, July 25. Rev. A. L. Teaff of Headley will do the preaching and Connell Taylor is to have charge of the song service. Rev. F. H. Porter is pastor of the Tye church.
 Every one is invited to attend these services.
 The platypus is the puzzle of the animal kingdom. It has a ducklike bill, webbed feet and a heavy fur coat; lays eggs, but suckles its young; swims and walks, but is unable to fly, and swims only with its front feet.

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Trent News--Personals

Rev. Cecil Tune and Mrs. Tune are at Eskota this week in a revival meeting.

Mrs. H. F. Powell of Abilene was a guest last week in the home of her daughter, Mrs. L. McRee.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Hamner and son, J. C., have moved to Ranger, where Mr. Hamner has completed a building and is now in the vulcanizing business.

Mr. and Mrs. Raz Bowers and children have returned to their home at Beaumont after visiting for the past several days in the N. L. McLeod home. They were accompanied home by Mrs. T. J. Blackmon, who has been here for the past several weeks.

Miss Louise Allen of Cisco was a recent guest of Mrs. and Mrs. F. H. Duncan.

Friends have received word of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Randolph of Fort Worth on July 15. She is a granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Howell.

Miss Lola Burnett was guest last Thursday of Mrs. J. I. Payne at Colorado City.

Mr. and Mrs. Fay Sipes and children of Golan spent Sunday visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Sipe.

Henry Bright left Monday for Dallas where he will enter the Veterans hospital for treatment. He expects to be there at least a month.

Mr. and Mrs. Pet Turner and Mr. and Mrs. Burk Turner and daughter of San Angelo were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Vessels. Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Vessels of Eastland visited Sunday in the home of Mrs. J. T. Vessels.

Mrs. Herbert Poor and son, Danny, of Lawn were Saturday afternoon visitors with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Adrian have as their guests this week their daughter, Mrs. Ted Norton, and children, of Wichita, Kans.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Bagley and Miss Virginia Lee Cooley of Hamlin were guests Sunday in the O. S. Bishop home.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Winn spent Sunday afternoon visiting in the home of Mesdames Evans and Booser of Sweetwater.

Mrs. Alex Williamson is spending the week in the home of Rev. and Mrs. W. T. Hamor of Winters.

Mr. and Mrs. Truman Kent and Mrs. M. J. Duncan visited in the Sweetwater home Sunday. They are

having their vacation and will be in Colorado state for several days.

Mrs. Tom Greene of Hobbs, N. M., attended the closing meeting of the Baptist revival Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Casey Wash returned Tuesday to their home in Odessa after spending several days visiting in the homes of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Wash and Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Johnson. They were accompanied home by their little daughter, Zotina, and Johnnie Julia Johnson, who had visited their grandparents for the past ten days.

Mr. and Mrs. Philbert Halbrook and children were Philbert Halbrook's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Bright and Mrs. John Halbrook, returning to their home at Lamesa Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Murry Rogers and children of Colorado City were Sunday guests in the M. L. Jones home.

Mrs. Beulah Wilson returned Saturday to her home at Monahans after several days' visit with relatives.

Miss Ernestine Wallace of Lubbock is spending the summer here, dividing time in the McElmurry and Hub Kegans homes. Her parents are in Austin attending the University of Texas.

Little Miss Phyllis Housseaux of Abilene is guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Howell.

Mrs. Willis Maynard and son,

James, of Mingus, Okla., were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Orand. L. Z. Titsworth of Rankin visited his parents Monday of last week.

J. H. Harris and Leo Reynolds have joined the CCC corps and are now stationed at Albany.

Miss Mildred Nixon has accepted work in Abilene.

Mrs. Mattie Blankenship and little daughter, Norma Gene, of Anson were passing guests of friends here Friday. She was down to attend the party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Utley, given by Mesdames Odell Freeman and Othell Barnhill honoring Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Utley, who were recently married.

Mrs. John Payne, who is here from Plainview, is visiting several days this week with her sister, Mrs. C. C. McCormick, at Stith.

Mrs. Beulah Russell has ended a visit of several days in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Bright, returning Saturday to her home at Monahans.

Guests Sunday in the Oliver Bright home numbered in the group Samuel Mitchell of Sulphur Springs and C. H. and Clarence Mitchell of Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. Philbert Halbrook of Lamesa.

The ladies of the M. E. church met Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock, with Mrs. Cecil Tune as leader. The book they are studying is "Jesus and Social Redemption."

The W. M. U. of the Baptist church met in regular session Monday afternoon in the pastor's home.

Mrs. Ed Mays of Fort Worth, who was here for the funeral of Grandma Phillips, will visit in the home of her sister, Mrs. A. W. Woods.

MOORE-JONES.

On July 18 at Kermit, Texas, Miss Merle Jones and G. W. Moore were united in marriage. Mrs. Moore is the charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Jones and lived in Trent for a number of years, attending school here. For the past two years she has been employed at Monahans and has a host of friends who wish for the couple a happy married life.

They spent Saturday and Sunday visiting her parents and have gone to Mineral Wells for several days before returning to Imperial, where Mr. Moore is employed and where they will make their home.

FAREWELL PARTY.

Monday evening Mrs. Oscar Sherrill Bishop entertained a number of the younger set honoring Billy Joe Billington, who is moving to Abilene. Games were played and a treasure hunt enjoyed, at the end of which gifts were presented the honoree.

Refreshments of punch and cake were served to the following: Troy and Wanda Kegans, Allen and Donald Howell, La Nelle Edwards, Betty Jane Tittle, E. W. and Betty Gene Johnson, Ophelia and Talmadge Vessels, Ira Dobbins, Gene Billington, Peggy Titsworth, Jo Ann and Jerry Maisevas of Waco and Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Bishop.

The fruit variety orchard at the Nacogdoches Experiment station contains 301 pear varieties. Hundreds of farm people inspected these varieties, 203 of which were then bearing, during a recent Fruit Day program held at the station.

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| BANANAS, doz | 15c | FLLOUR, 48 lbs | \$1.59 |
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Snow Still Seen As Freeze Goes Into 13th Day

Texas' Coldest Spell For 41 Years Shows No Sign of Letup; Thursday Top Is 24

Dallas headed into its thirteenth day of freezing weather Thursday night as the Weather Bureau hoisted snow signals for this section for Friday and Saturday, with Texas. It was the ninth consecutive day of Dallas' coldest weather in a decade, and despite moderating weather in West Texas the state still was gripped in freezing weather which extended near the coast.

The cold wave is the most tenacious in Texas in forty-one years and in Dallas was comparable with the cold January, 1918, when the mercury dropped below freezing thirty-four days out of the forty. Since Dec. 27, 1917, to Feb. 4, 1918, Dallas had had sub-freezing weather, and some of the lowest temperatures were recorded since the all-time low of 3 below zero was set in January, 1930.

One of Lowest Januarys.

Notorious January, already branded the bitterest month of the year by Dallas' twenty-seven-year tales of the roaring blizzard of '99, will be recorded this year as one of the worst.

The average daily minimum twenty-five for the month for a year by Dallas' records is 36.8 degrees, and is nearly two degrees colder than December's average, next to the coldest month, and nearly four degrees less than the February average. For the current year, however, the average to date is 24.8, twelve degrees below normal.

Traffic Fatalities Increase During Year

Austin, July 24.—With 140 traffic deaths reported for June, state police statisticians Wednesday announced a seven per cent increase in Texas fatalities for the first six months of 1941.

Farm Debt Adjustment Group to Meet Aug. 8

Farm debts adjusted in mid-summer will prevent foreclosures next winter, said FSA County Supervisor Clarence Symes, as he announced the next meeting for the Farm Debt Adjustment committee.

Patriot Quotes

1858 1915 Sweet land of Liberty of thee I sing. WHY fear death... it is the most beautiful adventure of life. Charles Frohman

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE—Two-room house. Mrs. P. A. Diltz, Phone 148. FOR SALE—Elberta and General Lee Peaches, now getting ripe; 50 cents bushel at orchard. D. R. Myers, six miles south of Anson.

An experimental electric locomotive of 4,000 kilowatt capacity and a maximum speed of 112 miles per hour is reported under construction at the Soviet Dynamo works at Moscow. Actor Promoted. Moffett Field, Calif., July 24.—The U. S. army school here listed 74 soldiers for promotion.

SAVE On These Specials. CRYSTAL WHITE SOAP 7 bars. 25c. California LETTUCE, head 5c. Fresh PEAS, pound 5c. Fresh TOMATOES, lb. 5c. MARKET BOLOGNA, lb. 15c. Pure Pork Sausage, lb. 23c. Choice Round STEAK, lb. 33c.

Home of T. V. Bright Destroyed by Fire

Sunday afternoon fire of unknown origin completely destroyed the cottage in Northwest Merkel belonging to Mrs. J. W. Dowdy. The house was occupied by T. V. Bright, of the REA maintenance crew, and family, and their furniture and belongings were a total loss.

Stith Boosters Present 3-Act Comedy July 31

"Aunt Samantha Rules the Roost," a three-act comedy, will be presented by the Stith young people next Thursday evening, July 31. If you like fun, laughter and good entertainment, you are invited to come and bring some one with you, to the Stith tabernacle, ten miles northeast of Merkel, for a night of full entertainment.

LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS

A. L. McGinnis, J. F. and E. P. Mayes and C. R. Rogers, of the Stith community, left Wednesday morning for a vacation trip which will take them to the Pacific Northwest and Yellowstone park. They plan to visit Pueblo, Colo., Salt Lake City, San Francisco, Portland, Ore., and Seattle, Wash., returning by way of Yellowstone park and Denver.

Chosen Senate President

Washington, July 24.—A senate democratic conference unanimously nominated Carter Glass, 83-year old Virginian and one time critic of the New Deal, to succeed the late Pat Harrison as president pro tempore of the senate.

Betty Grimes Ranked With Highest Students

Denton, July 24.—Miss Betty Grimes of Merkel was ranked scholastically with the highest eight per cent of the student body at Texas State College for Women when Dean E. V. White recently announced the honor roll for the second semester of the 1941 session.

Cox Resigns

Coordinator for the system, and an allotment of \$287,000 in federal funds to build the necessary lines and other facilities was granted July 17, 1940. During the interval until Jan. 31, 1941, when the first lines were energized, 400 miles of lines in six counties have been built. The system became fully energized last March.

Commercial chalk today is made mostly of gypsum, but it originally came from chalk deposits, which were composed of tiny shells known as "foraminifera."

The prairies of the midwestern states have large reefs formed by sponges, proving that the land was covered by a great sea, millions of years ago.

Forty-two per cent of the world's annual production of pig iron and 47 per cent of its copper production are consumed in the United States.

Billie Bryan Daniel, 18, Athens youth, was killed in an automobile collision near Frankston Monday night.

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Effective POSTERS When you are going to advertise a play or any event where posters will be used—The Merkel Mail knows the best design and the best colors to use to do the finest job. The Merkel Mail Printers and Publishers

New Equipment Added By City Dry Cleaners

Improvement in service will be the immediate result of the installation of a new combination press by the City Dry Cleaners. The new press is especially adapted for wools and synthetic textiles, such as slacks suits, fine silk dresses, etc.

Work Begun on New Home for Arl Sharps

Dirt was broken and foundation work started early this week on a five-room frame cottage to be erected by Arl Sharp on two lots, site of the old Boaz place across from the High school, that he recently purchased.

Assigned to Air Corps

Melvin W. Lewis, Route 3, Merkel, enlisted in the United States army Tuesday through the recruiting station at Abilene and was assigned to the air corps, Jefferson Barracks, Mo.

Soil erosion has cut the useful life of more than 20 per cent of the water supply reservoirs of the United States to less than 50 years, says H. H. Bennett, chief of the Soil Conservation service. Another 25 per cent will be lost in 50 to 100 years.

Today there are 643 consumers in Taylor, Callahan, Shackelford, Jones, Fisher and Nolan counties, and 132 of that number have been added since March. Fifty are paying "extra minimum" bills, and are carried on the books as that many additional customers.

In June, after three months of full operation, the system had sufficient revenue to pay all operating expenses, interest and principal, and showed a surplus of \$100. Other electric cooperatives have found it necessary to operate from one to two years before reaching that stage.

Thirty miles of "force account" work—extensions to the 400-mile system—are near completion, awaiting shipment of the necessary wire.

Approval is expected shortly for a second B section, which will add 160 miles and bring the cooperative's lines to nearly 600 miles in length. About \$85,000 has been asked as the federal allotment for this section.

In addition, authorization was received six weeks ago to begin organizing a C section of about 200 miles, possibly extending into Coke county.

To Construct Pipeline

Washington, July 24.—Defense officials Wednesday expected nine major companies to co-operate in the construction of a \$70,000,000 pipeline that will deliver 250,000 barrels of crude oil daily from Texas fields to the East coast.

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Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Dresser of Lubbock were passing visitors Wednesday morning with Mr. Dresser's uncle, Carl Black.

Miss Marijann Forrest, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arlo Forrest of Colorado City, spent the last week visiting her cousins, Misses Patricia and Kay Beasley of Trent, and her aunts, Misses Ona and Pauline Johnson here.

Mrs. S. O. Owens and son, George Mack, and Mrs. Nell Groene and two daughters, Dorothy and Ann, spent several days on vacation at Christoval this week.

Corp. Jack Graham arrived home Tuesday on 15-day furlough from Camp Roberts, Calif., to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Graham.

Miss Willie Mae Christopher, teacher of English in McMurry college, Abilene, and Nancy Chris Medley of Georgetown were Sunday guests of Supt. and Mrs. Connor Robinson.

Rev. and Mrs. E. B. Surface of Abilene, parents of Mrs. Connor Robinson, and Kenneth Whitescarver of Roanoke, Va., student in Hardin-Simmons university, were dinner guests in the Connor Robinson home Tuesday evening.

Accompanying her aunt, Mrs. B. R. Blair and son, Dick, and daughter, Mrs. W. B. Harlin, who were returning to their home in Center, Ala., Miss Mary Jo Hutchins went to Dallas Wednesday to spend an indefinite time visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Dowd.

Mrs. C. B. Holland and daughter, Dorothy, and Mr. and Mrs. James Snoddy and children, James Bryan and Joyce Lee, have returned to their homes in Ada and McAlester, Okla., respectively, after a week-end visit with the former's sister, Mrs. E. R. Clack and family. After seeing the 45th division review Saturday morning, they were joined by their son, Harold Holland, who is stationed with the anti-tank battalion, Camp Berkeley.

Mrs. Willard Selders and daughter, Mrs. Kyle Taylor, returned to Gainesville Monday after spending ten days with Mrs. Selders' sister, Mrs. W. W. the Wood family.

H. Lloyd of Comanche is daughter here, Mrs. Bill

Miss Mary Faye Johnson returned Monday from San Antonio, where she had been visiting with her mother, Mrs. Ruby Faye Johnson.

Billy Wood has entered North Texas State Teachers college for the second term of summer school. His brother, Don Wood, is in Brownwood leading the singing for a special meeting. Don was accompanied to Brown-

wood by his grandmother, Mrs. J. H. McDonald, who is visiting a cousin there.

After spending a ten-day furlough with relatives and friends here, Lloyd Vick returned Monday to Camp Bowie, Brownwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Pannell left Sunday for Waco after spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Pannell. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Pannell are moving near Dallas on Mr. Tuttle's ranch, which Paul will manage.

Jimmie Reid is spending a few days with his cousin, Billy Nichols, in the Nichols cabin at Lake Sweetwater.

Mr. and Mrs. Castle Ellis and son, Glenn of Comanche, were week-end visitors last week with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. N. Ellis.

Mrs. Paul Pittinger of Fort Worth returned home Saturday after spending the week with her mother, Mrs. W. T. Bird, who is ill. Another daughter, Mrs. Jack Smith, arrived the latter part of the week to stay with her mother, who is reported improving.

After a visit with Mr. Largent's mother, Mrs. C. M. Largent, Mr. and 85-acre Salinas farm had not made a sons left Friday for their home at Bismarck, Ark. Charlie is located on the B-Bar ranch and has a herd of 90 head of registered Herefords.

Mrs. H. C. Williams accompanied her daughter, Mrs. E. Q. Warren, on her return to Knox City Monday and will remain for a summer visit.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Sumpter drove to Brownwood last Sunday to visit their son, Lieut. Clifton Bellamy, of Camp Bowie, who is to leave next week for two months' maneuvers in Louisiana. Mr. Sumpter, accompanied by his brother, Erwin Sumpter, returned to Merkel the same night, while Mrs. Sumpter remained until Sunday, during which time she also visited in the Z. M. Sumpter and J. W. Sumpter homes in Brownwood.

Miss Fay Pinkley left last week for Denton, where she will attend the last term of summer school at North Texas State Teachers college.

Mrs. Elmo Collins returned last week from Denton where she attended the first term of summer school at North Texas State Teachers college.

Week-end guests in the S. M. Hunter home were two of their daughters, Mrs. Wanda Shelton and Mrs. Don Reeder of Lubbock, also two grandchildren, Glenn Dwight Woody and Joy Nell Reeder.

Miss Marjorie Ann Walker of Abilene was over to spend the week-end

New Air Chief



This is Brig. Gen. Carl Spaatz, newly appointed chief of army air force, now operating as an independent division within the department of war.

with her grandmother, Mrs. R. A. Walker, and family. On Sunday afternoon she was joined by her brother, John Robert, and they returned home Sunday night with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Walker.

Joe Earl Lassiter remained until the end of the first term of summer school at the University of Texas, after adjournment of the legislature, where he served as clerk, and is home for a short vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lassiter.

Visitors over the week-end in the J. T. Dennis home were two of their sons and a daughter: Carlton Dennis and wife and daughter, from Los Angeles, Calif.; Robert Dennis from Corpus Christi and Mr. and Mrs. Olin Lusby of Big Lake. Mr. and Mrs. Briggs Irvin, of San Antonio, who were visiting in Ovalo, for a vacation trip to points in New Mexico.

J. L. Dodge of Denver, Colo., who visited this week in the O. D. Pruitt home, left Thursday for Dallas. He is a cousin of Mrs. Pruitt and the Pruitts visited him in Denver, while on their recent vacation.

V. C. Hennessee, assistant mechanic in the 6th Reconnaissance, Tucson, Ariz., visited here several hours Tuesday afternoon, having flown with one of the pilot fliers from Tucson on a short trip to Abilene.

C. A. Bickley, of Chelsea, Okla., owner of extensive farm and oil properties in the Noodle field, is here for several days looking after his interests.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Robertson and daughter, Mona Madiyn, left Thursday morning for a vacation trip by automobile to California. At Vallejo, they will visit Mrs. Robertson's mother and two sisters.

Miss Joyce Jones, of Bagwell, who had been visiting college friends at Lubbock, arrived Sunday for a summer visit in the Twyman and John Collins homes.

Visitors in the Byrd Hughes home this week are Mrs. Gilly Hurst, of Pinson, Ala., her son, Paul Hurst, of New Jersey, and Miss Edna Darden, also of Pinson, Ala. Mrs. Hurst is a sister of Mrs. Hughes, while Miss Darden is a cousin. The visitors enjoyed especially their trip over the Butman and Collins ranches. After leaving here they will visit in Rotan before returning to Alabama.

Visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Homer Tye this week were Mr. Tye's mother, Mrs. J. V. Tye, of Burleson, and a sister, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Long and daughter, Jeanine, of Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Smith and daughter of San Saba were here for a week-end visit with Mrs. Smith's mother, Mrs. J. M. Dry.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Fox and son, J. D., and daughter, Euvalda, of Abi-

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Hospital Notes.

Five babies were born at the Sadler Clinic during the past week: four boys and one girl. Parents of the boys are Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Watts, Mr. and Mrs. Price Melton, Mr. and Mrs. Buster Horton and Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Patton. Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Williams are the parents of the girl.

Minnie Love, daughter of J. W. Love, was dismissed July 18.

Buddie Derington, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Derington, received an appendectomy July 20.

Receiving tonsillectomies were the son of J. L. Douglas, July 22, and Mrs. Tom Kerns, July 23.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Melton's baby was admitted for surgery, July 23.

Mrs. Bennie Butman, Route 4, was admitted for treatment July 19.

A device has been perfected by which firemen can throw an artificial fog around a fire and suffocate it.

lene, spent last week visiting relatives in Amarillo and Lubbock.

Guests in the W. O. Boney home several days last week were their cousin, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fields and son, Jack, of Bay City.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Boney and daughters, Sylvia Ann and Fanelle, of Colorado City, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Boney.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Mellinger and son, Sylvan, have gone to Dallas and Fort Worth this week for the fall buyers' season. They were joined there by Isadore Mellinger from Clarendon.

Leaving Monday for Dallas, Miss Betty Grimes has accepted a position temporarily with the Roos-Freedman wholesale house during the fall buyers' season.

Attend Funeral of Brother in Dallas

Mrs. N. D. Cobb and Mrs. Earl Stanford attended the funeral at Dallas last Saturday of their brother, Jim Talley, a former resident of Merkel, who died Friday. Mrs. G. R. Holloway, another sister of the deceased, was unable to go for the funeral, but she had visited her brother about two weeks before.

Surviving are two sons, four daughters, one other sister besides the three Merkel women, Mrs. Arthur Hays of Houston, and one brother, Abe Talley, of Corsicana.

A common mineral, corundum, becomes a ruby when it contains a minute quantity of chromium oxide.

Former Merkel Man Succumbs in Dallas

Word was received here last Friday by W. R. Sumpter that Henry Manscill, a former resident of Merkel, dropped dead at 4 o'clock that afternoon at Dallas. The message came in a wire from his son, Leroy Manscill.

Surviving are his wife, one son, Leroy, and two brothers, Ed and Sid Manscill, of New Mexico.

One is Temple Girl.
Temple, Texas, July 24.—Mary Alice Rice, one of four New York show girls left more than \$250,000 each under the will of the late William Guggenheim, is the former Mary Alice Jones of Temple.

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Vistors from Kansas Here to See Parents

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Jones arrived here Tuesday, July 15, from Abilene, Kans., where Mr. Jones was employed with Industrial Engineering Somastic Pipe Coating company, for a few days' visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Angus Garvin. They also visited other relatives here and at Abilene and Midland.

Leaving last Friday they were to visit relatives at Putnam, Cisco and Grand Prairie, Texas, en route to New Orleans, La., where Mr. Jones will continue his work with the same company.

It took 100,000 slaves 30 years to build the great pyramid of Giza.

Texans Give Oil To Great Britain



JOHN F. CAMP, San Antonio oil operator, heads the "Oil for Britain" movement by Texas producers to lift the shutdown to permit an extra day's allowable from their wells to be given to the President of the United States with the request that it be released to the people of Great Britain. The plan sponsored by Camp, when perfected and given final approval by the Texas Railroad Commission, should make available to Great Britain a million barrels or more of Texas crude. The Texas gift is to be made direct to the President who, in turn, will pass it on under the terms of the Lend-Lease Act.

The San Antonio man has already donated 5,000 barrels of regular production from his wells. In acknowledging the gift, President Roosevelt said: "This gift demonstrates that democracy in action is not a bare and meaningless phrase; it symbolizes the spirit of patriotism and unselfishness which exists throughout the country today."

Strategic Outposts for U. S. Defense



Placing U. S. troops in Iceland in occupation of strategic Atlantic outposts were taken "in order to forestall any pincers movement undertaken by Germany against the Western hemisphere," according to a statement by President Roosevelt. Above map indicates how this works. (1) Iceland occupation nullifies any Nazi threat from the north and occupation of Trinidad, and British Guiana (2 and 3) take care of the southern jaw of the pincer hinged on Vichy-French Dakar in Africa. Some sources contend taking over of Azores and Cape Verde Islands (shown in large type) would further greatly strengthen hemisphere defense.

A FRIENDLY TIP about your 1942 INCOME TAX

Right now Congress is putting the final touches on income taxes that will come due in 1942. Many who have never paid one will do so for the first time. Those who have will dig down deeper than ever before.

To figure your tax requires a complete record of all income and expense. The easiest way to do this is through a checking account that tells how your money goes and to whom. The best place to keep one is in a strong bank—our bank.

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Q. Do many bond owners cash their bonds?

A. No. People want to help arm America against all attacks. In many cases, people are putting every cent they can spare into Defense bonds and Stamps. Some are doing this by asking employers or banks to withhold part of their salaries in order to buy these bonds or stamps for them.

NOTE: To purchase Defense Bonds and Stamps, go to the nearest post office or bank, or write for information to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C.

Mount Vernon was neutral ground during the Civil War by agreement of the North and South.

The watermelon crop in Nacogdoches county is expected to net farmers more than \$100,000. Most of the melons are bought by truckers direct from the fields, and farmers are being paid in cash.

Production Credit Lends Two Billions

In connection with the nation-wide celebration of the lending of the two-billion-dollar in production credit association loans, the Texas' 36 associations had its part by hitting an all time high in loans to stockmen and farmers during the first six months of 1941, according to word received by the Coleman Production Credit association.

Reflecting credit demands for seasonal operations and expanded farm production to meet national defense requirements, Texans this year have borrowed \$23,957,630, a gain of 47 per cent over last year's first half total of \$16,442,627. Loans during the period reached a total of 9,377—a gain

of 566,000 bales of cotton of 500 pounds each will have been used in the cotton mattress and comfort programs when the second program is completed, the USDA announces. This represents the raw cotton for stuffing and the amount used in manufacture of ticking and comfort-covering fabrics.

American railroads used only an average of 112 pounds of fuel to move 1,000 tons of freight a mile in 1940.

The pulse in old age runs from 60 to 75.

of 2,991 members. The Coleman Production Credit association has made loans to stockmen and farmers for \$779,412.25 in the period of January 1-June 30, 1941, as compared with loans for \$508,000 during the same period last year.

Anson Boosters Stop Here on Tour Monday

Exploiting the Jones County Pioneer Festival, held in Anson Thursday and Friday of this week, a motorcade of Ansonites visited Merkel Monday, stopping here at 1 p. m., for some ten minutes. The group was headed by Mrs. G. D. Triplett, secretary of the chamber of commerce, with A. L. Stell acting as master of ceremonies.

Welcome was extended the visitors in behalf of the city of Merkel, the Merchants Trade Extension association and the Merkel Lions club, by Dr. L. C. Zehnpfennig when they made their stop in front of the Bragg Dry Goods store.

Featured on the program were several numbers by the three Sosebee sis-

ters and Elmer Farnsworth in a quartet, numbers by a string band and a street dance by several couples in costume to the tunes of the string band.

Accompanying the boosters was a delegation from Hamlin, including the queen of this year's festival, Herbie Fay Johnson.

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Ninety-Two Present At State Park for Sublett Reunion

The Sublett family met for their annual reunion at Abilene State park, July 15 and 16, with 92 present. J. L. Sublett of Terlinqua was the oldest member present and little Miss Brenda Lou Sublett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Sublett of Lubbock, was the youngest.

In a business meeting, J. L. Sublett was retained as president and B. T. Sublett of Merkel was elected secretary-treasurer; Mrs. V. B. Sublett of Merkel, historian, with Miss Elizabeth Sublett of Paducah, Mrs. Ray Newsome and Mrs. Eunice Spann of Alpine, assistants.

The next reunion will be held at the same place, but the date is changed to the first Sunday and Monday after the 16th of July, due to the fact that so many were unable to attend this year with the reunion date falling in the middle of the week.

Following is a list of those present either Tuesday or Wednesday:

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Sublett, Terlinqua; Mrs. J. H. Sublett, Henry Sublett, Jr., Elizabeth Sublett, Yvonne Sublett, Paducah; Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Newsome, Mrs. Eunice Spann, Jim Spann, John Sublett, Pauline Sublett, Alpine; Mrs. T. A. Kellam, T. H. Christopher, Lamesa; Guyn Sublett Woodson, Houston; Leland Walker, Donald Walker, Copperas Cove; Mrs. H. R. Hicks, De Leon; Mr. and Mrs. Ben Sublett and Brenda, Jack Sublett, Anthony Woodward, Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Smith, Ballinger; Mr. and Mrs. Max Roberts and Max, Jr., South Bend; Joyce Hayes, Odessa; Billie Ray Gilmore, Loving, N. M.; Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hedrick, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hedrick, Robert Hedrick, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Adams and Charles, Jr., Mrs. A. H. Hutchins, Mr. and Mrs. Andy E. Brown, Sweetwater.

Mrs. Lula Walker, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Abbott and daughters, Margie Lou and Sue Catherine, Mr. and Mrs. Mack H. Walker, Bettie Lou Walker, Shirley Anne Walker, Billie Ray Walker, Jo Anne Ford, Burwell Ford, Myrtle Sublett, Irene Sublett, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Tyler, Jr., Mrs. R. D. Tyler, Mrs. R. H. Denton, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Stanford, Zeta Fay Stanford, De Verle Stanford, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Orsborn, Lena Fay Orsborn, Nina Orsborn, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Hunter, Marvin Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Sublett, Jim Sublett, Mr. and Mrs. Irl Walker, Irene, Jimmie and Gaston Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. W. J. Hayes, Imogene Hayes, George Sublett, Lynn Shelton, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hicks, Ben Robert Hicks, Mrs. George Crow, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Odell Crow and daughter, Betty Evelyn, Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Sublett, Merkel.

2,000 Old Settlers Register at Reunion

The registration list at the Taylor County Old Settlers picnic at Buffalo Gap last Friday included the names of almost 2,000 persons who came to this county 25, 50 and 60 or more years ago.

They were there with their families, friends and hundreds of visitors, the crowd for the day being estimated at about 8,000.

Nearly a hundred ex-students of old Buffalo Gap college, which was opened in 1883 and continued until 1894, gathered for their first home-coming, and about half that number of Spanish-American war veterans were included in the picnic crowd.

At the morning session, Judge J. M. Wagstaff of Abilene spoke to the Buffalo Gap exes. Chief speaker for the afternoon was William McCraw of Dallas, former attorney general of Texas, who centered his talk on the international situation. Other speakers of prominence were two state officials, George Sheppard, comptroller and charter member of the Taylor County Old Settlers association, and Bascom Giles, state land commissioner, and R. W. Richards of Fort Worth, state commander of the Spanish war veterans.

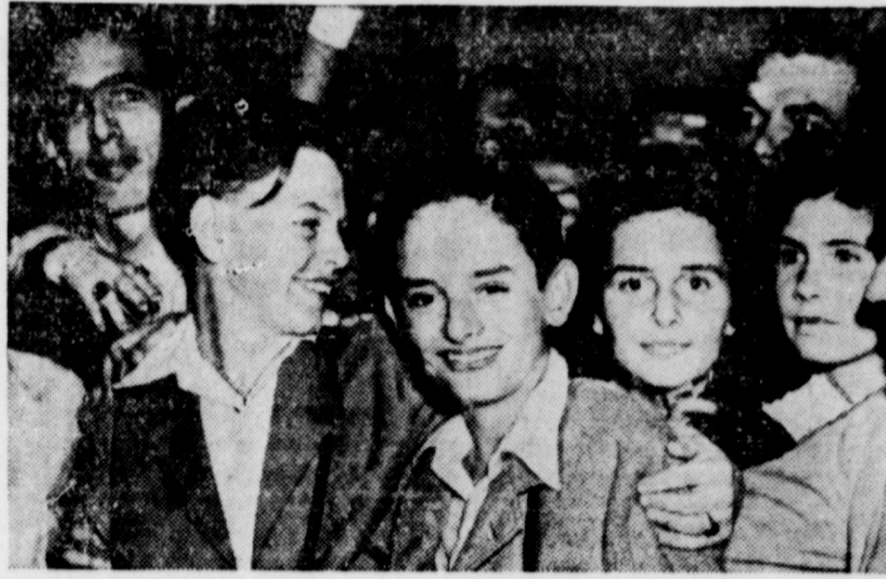
Master of ceremonies for the reunion was Judge T. A. Bledsoe of Abilene, president for life of the reunion association, while Will W. Watson was announcer.

Road brigades of the Bolivian army will construct and maintain national roads in that country because of a current labor shortage.

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Bobby Gallagher (left) U. S. "Boy-Ambassador" to Brazil and Roberto Andrade (right), Brazil's "Boy-Ambassador" who recently visited the U. S., are shown being greeted by crowds upon their arrival in Rio De Janeiro. This is the junior part of the inter-American "Good-Neighbor" policy.



For 21 years Lewis E. Lawes was boss of Sing Sing and now he is leaving to be a writer and lecturer. He is shown taking a last look at his old domain, where as warden he became internationally famous as penologist.

Bomber Production Shows Big Increase

Washington, July 24.—Production of two-engine bombers was nearly doubled in the first six months of this year, defense officials said Sunday in disclosing that gains in the output of combat planes had been far greater than indicated by the announced increases in manufacture of all types of aircraft.

Published figures of the Office of

Taylor County Agent Named President of State Association

College Station, July 25.—J. Knox Parr of Abilene, Taylor County Agricultural agent, was elected president of the Texas County Agricultural Agents' association, at the organization's annual meeting last week on the campus of Texas A. and M. college. He succeeds E. D. Beck of Alice, Jim Wells county.

In addition to serving as president, Parr will represent other county agricultural agents of Extension Service District 7 on the board of directors. The association was formed two years ago for professional improvement of county agricultural agents.

To prevent coccidiosis two and one half per cent of 325 mesh unconditioned sulphur, or flowers of sulphur, should be included in the mash from the time chicks are three to four weeks old and continued until pullets are placed in laying houses at five to six months of age.

Just say you saw it in The Mail.

Production Management, which do not designate types, show aircraft production increased 42 per cent from January to June.

It was learned in other authoritative quarters, however, that two-engine bomber production gained 92 per cent, output of one-engine dive and torpedo bombers 146 per cent and that of pursuit, observation and other military aircraft, 142 per cent.

Only in the heavy bomber class—the giant four-motored craft—was there no appreciable gain in the six months. Some defense officials attributed this to delays in obtaining certain parts. More than 20,000 different parts are required for one of the planes, not including those in the engines.

Officials said these difficulties had been overcome and indicated that an appreciable increase in production might be expected soon.

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Nazis Can't Win, U. T. Economist Says

Austin, July 24.—Germany can't win. That was the flat prediction Sunday of C. E. Ayers, University of Texas economist and author.

"Having lived by the sword, the totalitarian economy has no alternative to going on that way except to perish," he said, "for sooner or later the slave-nations conquered by Germany will rise and crush her."

The German plan of economic world domination, which will ultimately destroy the totalitarian regime, is this, Ayers said:

1. The major industries of the conquered peoples are to be seized and operated by Germans, for German profit; and (2) the peoples themselves will serve as slaves to produce raw materials for German machines, and as consumers to purchase the finished products.

This self-destructive type of order can last only so long as the slave-nations put off revolution, he said, since such exploitation—with a great excess of productive capacity over domestic consumption—will not be borne.

"The totalitarian economy is the economy of crisis," Dr. Ayers pointed out, "and is of its own character self-limiting. That it will live and grow as capitalism has done over a period of centuries is quite impossible."

The first bale of the 1941 cotton crop in the nation was brought in from the farm of Arcadio Salinas in Starr County, Texas, County Agricultural Agent Charles King said the last six months.

crop in four years. He attributed this year's early yield to heavy rains in the last six months.

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SOCIETY

GLEANER CLASS PARTY.
The lovely home of Mrs. Tom Largent was open to the members of the Gleaner Sunday School class on Wednesday afternoon of last week. Mesdames Eli Case and Roy Harrell were co-hostesses with Mrs. Largent. Shasta daisies decorated the rooms.

Mrs. F. E. Church gave an inspiring devotional on "Prayer" and also led in prayer.

A vocal duet, "Sweet Hour of Prayer," and "Beautiful Sunset" was sung by Miss Bess Church and Miss Celia Goodenough, Miss Bonnie Church accompanying.

An enjoyable social hour was spent hemming tea towels for the church kitchen, also planning what the class would do to help British War Relief.

Delicious chicken salad sandwiches, ice box cookies, olives and orangeade were served to the following members: Mesdames Marvin Boyd, Johnny Cox, Lucile White, F. E. Church, John Shannon, Lee Tipton; Misses Lottie Butman, Mossye Sears, Mabel McRee, Ona and Pauline Johnson.

Out-of-town guests were Mrs. Sherman Lane of Houston, Mrs. G. A. Roberts of Tyler, Miss Celia Goodenough of Corpus Christi; also Misses Bess and Bonnie Church and Little Carla Lou Imes of Fort Worth.

MUSICAL EVENING.

Cecil Turner, who was home from Camp Bowie, was named guest of honor at an informal gathering Friday evening in the studio of Christine Collins when a musical program was presented and a social hour enjoyed.

A dainty sandwich plate with fudge squares and iced drink was served at a late hour to the following: Misses Barbara Anders, Imogene Hayes, Betty Lu Higgins, Thelma Mathews, Pearl Mathews, Elna Tucker, Louise Patterson, Christine Collins; Messrs. Cecil Turner, Howard Carson, Marvin Hunter, Edgar Tipton, J. B. Winn, Noel Addey.

BOOK REVIEW

Miss Thelma Mathews extended charming hospitality to members of the Y. W. A. of the Baptist church Tuesday evening.

Miss Nadine Clack, Y. W. A. president, presided over the business meeting, after which a most interesting program on "China" was presented. Mrs. David Gamble ably reviewed the book, "Ann of Ava," which was the story of the Judson family, missionaries in China.

The hostess served delicious ice cream at the close of the program to the following: Misses Mildred Bird, Clara White, Nadine Clack, Bessie McNiece, Lucile Crick, Grovone Ford, Mary Nell Morgan. Dot Swafford.

Cotton Coolness



Lovely Linda Darnell of the movies finds summer coolness in this informal cotton dance frock of white Swiss, trimmed with porcelain blue rick-rack braid and a bouquet of field flowers.

Cleo Reece, Maurine White, Pearl Mathews; Mesdames Bill Fugate, Clyde Bartlett, Cooper Waters, David Gamble, Don Riney and R. H. Mathews, Sr.

NEEDLE AND THIMBLE CLUB.

The Needle and Thimble club met at the home of Mrs. Hoyle Lemens Wednesday for an afternoon of sewing.

Delicious refreshments were served to the following members by the hostess: Mesdames Spencer Bird, Geo. T. Moore, Bill Yazell, W. A. Bowman, Nolan Palmer, John Grable, Buck Leach, Earl Watts, Stacy Bird, David Gamble, Connor Robinson, and one guest, Mrs. M. A. Ribble.

The next meeting of the club will be with Mrs. L. V. Moore on Aug. 6.

JUNIOR G. A.

The Junior G. A. met Monday, July 21, in the home of Mrs. Jack

★ FASHION PREVIEW ★



A first rate fashion buy is this two piece dress which also can be worn as a suit. Featured in the August issue of Good Housekeeping magazine, it comes in soft wool with a mat finish in shades of deep brown, black, green or blue. Modish is the short jacket with a slimming tucked bolero effect with just the proper amount of shoulder padding. The dress is set off by a bright clip and double-brimmed brown felt hat with a forward-dipping feather.

Kemper. Songs were sung and, a story, "Little Miss Peace-Child," was told by Jean Mathews. Closing prayer was led by Miss Dot Swafford.

Games were played on the lawn after which punch, cookies, candy and chewing gum were served to Jean Kemper, Joanna Ramsey, Jean Mathews, Peggy Bicknell, Florene and Irene Stover, Ila Mae Douglas, Alice, Bennie and Orville Kemper and the sponsors, Mrs. Don Riney and Miss Dot Swafford, and the hostess, Mrs. Jack Kemper.

GIRL SCOUTS COMPLETE QUILT.

First local unit to make its quota in the British War Relief campaign was an active troop of Girl Scouts. Meeting early Thursday morning, with Mrs. Lucille White, the girls worked all-day and completed a tacked quilt to be contributed to the British Relief fund.

At the noon hour a covered dish luncheon was served to Nedra Swafford, Genevieve Robertson, Ala Jean Kingsbury, Reba Rae Kingsbury, Betty Gilbert, Mary Ruth Hutcheson, Mary Sue Taylor, Jean Dudley, Johnnie McDonald and Mrs. Lucille White. Assisting the girls were Bobby Glen Gilbert and Lon McDonald.

WARNER-MASSEY.

Miss Della Ray Massey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Massey, and De Loss L. Warner, of Camp Berkeley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Warner, Pueblo, Calif., were married Wednesday in the home of the bride's parents, with Rev. Garrett Richardson officiating.

Besides members of the bride's family, Mrs. Charlie Massey, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Reynolds and Johnny Joe and Wanda Gouge were present to witness the ceremony.

RURAL SOCIETY

COMBS-SMITH.

(Sweetwater Reporter.) Miss Dorothy Mae Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Smith of Merkel, became the bride of J. E. Combs, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Combs, Sr., at 3:45 p. m., Saturday in a ceremony read by the Rev. J. M. Sibley, pastor of the First Baptist church. The vows were exchanged at the home of Mrs. J. L. Boyles, 500 West Third street, grandmother of the groom.

Mrs. Combs chose for her wedding dress a mid-summer royal blue sheer with which she wore black accessories. Fashioned with a full length coat, the ensemble was a modish new fall design.

Mrs. Combs attended Merkel schools and Mr. Combs was educated in Sweetwater schools. The couple is at home at 500 Locust street, after a short wedding trip. Mr. Combs is employed at Montgomery Ward's.

Record of Births.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Williams, Thursday, July 17, 1941.
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Watts, Thursday, July 17, 1941.
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Price Melton, Friday, July 18, 1941.
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Buster Horton, Route 3, Monday, July 21, 1941.
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Patton, Wednesday, July 23, 1941.

In The Churches

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

There were 546 present at the six reporting Sunday Schools here last Sunday, as compared with 516 the previous week. On the same Sunday a year ago the attendance was 527.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Morning sermon at 11. Training Union at 7:30. Evening sermon at 8:15.
Prayer meeting at 8:15 Wednesday evening.

METHODIST CHURCH.

The program for Sunday services, also announcements for the week, will be found in the news columns of The Mail where details of the visit of the Youth Caravan are given.
Marvin Boyd, 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.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School 10 a. m. Morning worship 11 a. m. Sermon subject, "When Man's Extremity Becomes God's Opportunity." Text, Ps. 80: 3, 17 and 19. Evening worship at 8:15. Sermon subject, "Being and Becoming." Text, John 1:42; Mark 1:17. "Thou art . . . Thou shalt be . . . I will make you to become."

Junior-Intermediate C. E. at 7 p. m. Mid-week prayer meeting Wednesday 8:15 p. m.

On Sunday, Aug. 3, Rev. Fred A. Walker, of Brownfield, will begin a revival at our church.

J. Basil Ramsey, Pastor.

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. Crow, Pastor.

NUBIA M. E. CHURCH.

Nubia's revival closed without any visible results, but in words of Dr. Bickley, "the love for our church and the love of God constraineth us to do more and better service for Him."

Mrs. Clyde Latimer was pianist for the meeting and also assisted Mrs. J. B. Stewart in the Vacation Bible school. Hoyt Horton was song leader for the revival.

Ruth Butman represented Nubia youths at the encampment at Buffalo Gap, July 7-11, and reported a very nice time. She will give a report at League Sunday night.

Sunday School and League July 27. You are urged to attend.

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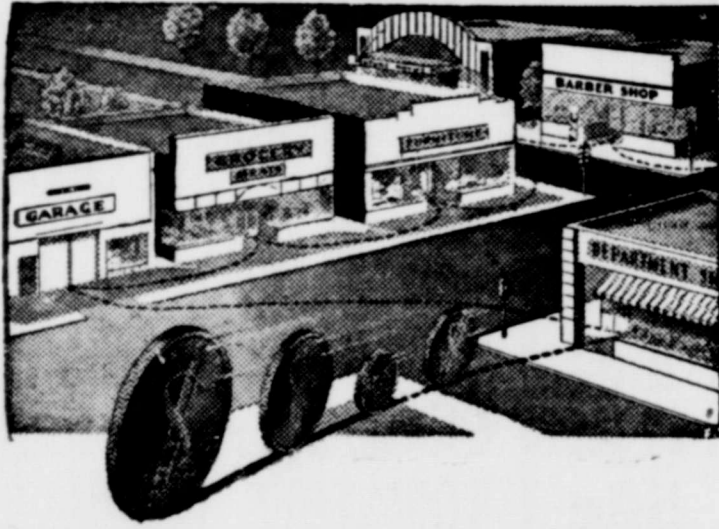
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