

## Keeping Up With Texas

Cowan Yeary, 68, prominent farmer near Kingston, was killed Monday when his automobile was struck by a passenger train north of Greenville.

Harley Parks of Odessa, superintendent of the Sun Oil company in West Texas, drowned Sunday while attempting to swim from a raft to the shore in the Red Bluff dam lake.

Jere Bucher, 29, of Odessa, was injured fatally in a fall from the top of a drilling rig at a test well southwest of Seminole Sunday.

Despite efforts of his stepfather to save him, Jackie Willard Messick, 12, Dallas, died at a San Antonio hospital Saturday of burns received when the truck in which he was riding collided with a train and caught fire, on the Laredo highway south of San Antonio. Troy Messick, his stepfather and driver of the truck, was also burned when he pulled the boy from the wreck.

Lawson Fuller, 16, was thrown across a wire fence and killed when the car his stepfather, L. E. Sneed, was driving overturned, near Odessa.

Mrs. Pearl Marie Henslee, 42, of Dallas, was killed instantly early Sunday in an automobile accident near Rosenberg, in which her husband, George Henslee, and his father, Philip Henslee of Emory, were seriously injured. Other occupants of the automobile were only slightly injured.

Failure of a light truck to negotiate a jog in Cedar Springs at Schley Sunday afternoon raised Dallas' traffic toll to 17 when Norman E. Gilcrease, 27, driver, was killed as the truck overturned. His cousin, R. L. Gilcrease, a passenger, was unhurt.

A basic air corps flying school to cost \$4,363,000 will be established on a 1,100-acre site six miles northeast of Waco, if satisfactory arrangements can be made to acquire the real estate, the war department notified Texas members of congress Tuesday.

Andrew Dilworth of San Antonio was elected commander of the Texas department of the American Legion Tuesday, succeeding Ed Riedel of San Angelo. He defeated Sam Forman, Jr., of Houston. El Paso was picked for the next convention city in a contest with Beaumont.

J. L. Stevenson, 14, burned to death Tuesday when fire destroyed the trailer house in which he was sleeping. The youth accompanied two uncles, oil field workers, to a well 10 miles north of Wichita Falls. They were working on a well 150 feet from the trailer when the fire broke out, but were unable to rescue the boy.

G. M. Finfroch, 50, and B. Melvin Davis, 32, were killed Wednesday by the explosion of an oil well perforating gun which they were loading by hand with slugs and powder at the shop of the Gun Perforating & Well Testing company at Corpus Christi. They were found lying on the floor in pools of blood by another employee, J. C. May, who heard the blast and ran from his home nearby.

Robert F. Williams, 70, and his wife, 65, were killed and three others were injured when a car overturned on the Austin highway five miles east of Fredericksburg Tuesday afternoon.

Henry Weber, 42, of Abilene, died in a San Angelo hospital Tuesday 24 hours after being struck by a falling piece of pipe while plugging a well on the Jimmy Nutt ranch near Merton.

Fire of undetermined origin destroyed the A. T. Smith feed mill and storage house at Corsicana Monday night, with the loss estimated at \$8,000. The loss included 5,000 bales of hay.

Mrs. J. L. Steele, 30, of Dallas, died Monday of injuries suffered Sunday when the automobile her husband was driving overturned in a ditch near Dallas.

Lyle Harverly, 37, died Monday night of injuries suffered earlier in the day when he was struck by a concrete machine dipper on the Denison Dam project at Denison.

Rosa Lee Mallock, about 40, and T. W. Miller, 64, both of Clovis, N. M., were killed near Littlefield in an automobile collision. E. L. Roberts, Jr., of Amarillo, occupant of the other car, suffered a crushed chest and other injuries.

## Cheese Plant Group Meet Encouraging Response in Drive

A close check-up of subscriptions to the proposed cheese plant cooperative showed at noon Thursday that approximately \$3,000 had already been pledged by merchants and business and professional men of Merkel, it was stated by Johnny Cox, one of the committee workers.

A goal of \$3,500 has been set for in-town subscriptions, before asking the farmers to take an equal amount in memberships.

With a total of \$7,000 cash, the balance necessary for installation of a complete plant may be borrowed from a commodity bank at Houston.

Dr. W. T. Sadler is chairman of the committee securing subscriptions, assisted by Johnny Cox, Chester Collinsworth and Ray Wilson.

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## TRIO'S ATTEMPT TO BREAK JAIL IS FRUSTRATED

### Sheriff Sid H. McAdams Sustains Severe Injuries in Fracas, But Prisoners Are Overpowered by County Officers.

In an attempted day light break from the Taylor county jail Wednesday afternoon, three prisoners, Alfred McLure, Ed Wolfe and Doyle Morgan, were foiled by the effective efforts of Jailer Jess Edwards, Sheriff Sid McAdams and several other officers, but not without its casualties.

The three prisoners and Edwards and McAdams were all injured during the attempted jail break. Sheriff McAdams the most severely. He received five head wounds that required 67 stitches to close, a broken rib, slight concussion and a broken hand.

Edwards received a broken rib, cuts and bruises about the face in the fracas, while each of the prisoners suffered cuts that necessitated approximately 15 stitches.

The attempted break came when Edwards went to the prisoners' third-floor cell for some trash. When he unlocked the door, they sprang at him and started beating him about the face.

Coming to Edwards' assistance first was Sheriff McAdams, accompanied by Leo Standard of Tuscola. Later Wade Willis, deputy sheriff, Mervyn Meeks, constable, and E. E. Shankle, deputy constable, arrived on the scene, and order was soon restored.

McAdams was carried to Hendrick Memorial hospital, Abilene, where his condition was described Wednesday night by the attending physician as good.

## TEL Class to Quit For British Wednesday

Members of the T. E. L. Sunday School class of the First Baptist church are to meet in the building formerly used by the WPA sewing room to quilt for the American Red Cross and the British War Relief next Wednesday, Aug. 27. The class is asked to bring any materials, old clothing, cotton or anything suitable to be used in making quilts.

No arrangements have been made for lunch to be served at the noon hour, and members may come either in the morning or the afternoon, but quilters are especially urged to stay all day.

## 11th Annual Double Heart Ranch Round-Up And Race Aug. 27-28-29

Beautiful girls from all over the West Texas plains will compete in the sponsors' contest at the 11th Annual Double Heart Ranch round-up and race meet Aug. 27, 28 and 29. The sponsors' contest is judged by time only, and the girls will ride the flag race, barrel race and relay race, each one trying to beat the other, in order to win the \$100 saddle, \$30 pair of hand-made boots or the Stetson hat that the Double Heart ranch is giving as prizes to the three winners of the contest.

Some of the girls already entered are: Jessie Myers, Hamlin; Betty Glover, China Grove; Patricia Clark, Abilene; Myrtle Greathouse, Cottonwood; Billie Lou Thompson, Snyder; Irene Giles, Dalhart; Mrs. P. M. Myers of the Myers ranch at Hamlin; Opal Etheredge, Hermleigh, and Betty Helen Bishop, Winters.

And there will be beautiful horses as well, for all ranchmen that raise high class horses are invited to enter one or more horses in the races. There will be three races each day: a race for saddle horses, one for two-year-olds and one free-for-all race, also one for Palominos only, of any age. Races will start at 5 p. m. each day, with the rodeo at 8 p. m. Dancing will start at 9:30 in the open air pavilion.

A new one-half mile circle race track has just been finished. Entrance fees of \$10, with \$25 added by the Double Heart ranch, will be split 50-30-20 in the saddle horse race, which will be one-fourth mile, and also in the two-year old race, which will be three-eighths mile. The free-for-all will be a five-eighths mile race; entrance fee \$25, with \$50 added by the Double Heart.

The wild Brahma stock, owned by Double Heart ranch, are in excellent shape and rarin' to go. Ollie Cox of the Double Heart ranch said when in Merkel Wednesday.

## FOOTBALL BOYS CALLED TO MEET ON MONDAY NIGHT

All boys who are interested in coming out for the football team this year are called to meet at the gym Monday night at 8 o'clock, it is announced by Coach Carroll Benson.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss plans for a training camp to be held at Lueders from Sept. 1 to 6. Funds for the camp are to be raised this week by subscriptions from the business men of the town, with R. T. Gray taking the lead in soliciting the money to defray costs of the camp.

At least ten of the boys who earned letters last year are expected back and prospects point to a very strong aggregation of Badgers for the season of 1941.

## Greenville Pastor Will Lead Revival Beginning Sunday

An eight day series of revival services will begin this Sunday at the Methodist church. Rev. Tim W. Guthrie, pastor of the Lee Street Methodist church at Greenville, will be the guest preacher during the week. He will arrive in time for the Sunday night service. "Brother Guthrie is likable and sincere, and the people of Merkel will enjoy his good preaching," states Rev. Marvin Boyd local Methodist pastor.

Every effort will be made to hold the services under the most comfortable conditions possible. The night services are planned as outdoor meetings. Services will be held each week day at 10 a. m. and 8 p. m. Announcements will be made regarding meetings of children's and young people's groups, prayer services and services in various homes.

The Methodists are extending a cordial invitation to everyone in Merkel and surrounding territory to attend these services.

## New Regulations For 1941 Cotton Loans

New regulations for handling loans on the 1941 cotton crop have been received by John Curb, chairman of the Taylor County Agriculture association.

Numerous changes have been made from the old set-up, notably in the charge for handling loan applications. The new rates, much cheaper than those of last year, were established by the Commodity Credit corporation. Under the new rate announced, the price will range from 15 to 35 cents per note in comparison with charges of \$1 to \$2.50 per bale in previous years.

Changes in handling of the loans have been announced, with only approved lending agencies, warehouses and the Production Credit association being eligible to make loans.

Agencies to handle the loans must submit a list of clerks to the county committee, which in turn submits it to the state AAA office for approval. No loan will be approved by the Commodity Credit corporation that does not bear the name of a certified clerk, County Chairman Curb said.

## Richard Young Accepts Position in Corpus

Richard Young, director of the Merkel Badger band for the past two years, has been elected band director in Driscoll high school, Corpus Christi, according to word received from R. B. Fisher, superintendent of the Corpus Christi public schools.

Mr. Young resigned here in August and received appointment at Corpus Christi a few days later.

## Merkel Man Oldest At Family Reunion

Due to illness, only seventy-six, a much smaller number than usual, registered at the third annual reunion of the Elliott family held at Sweet-water Sunday.

M. Elliott of Merkel was the oldest member of the family present, with Mrs. Jane Snyder of Barton, N. M., second oldest. Mrs. Ike Elliott of Nevada traveled the farthest to be there.

Among those from Merkel present, besides Mr. M. Elliott, were his wife and Carl Black, a son-in-law, who was joined there by his daughter, Mrs. Felix Stalls, of Odessa. The reunion is to be held at Sweet-water again next year in August.

## FINAL SHOW OF SEASON SET FOR AUGUST 30

### Eight Event Carded for Sixth And Concluding Performance Of 1941 Season; Yearling Bulls To Be Substituted.

Sixth and concluding rodeo of the 1941 season—eighth consecutive year that the Merchants Trade Extension of Merkel has sponsored a series of free summer shows—is scheduled for Saturday of next week, Aug. 30. Starting time is 2 p. m.

As co-chairmen of the rodeo committee, the Laney brothers, Homer and Howard, who are also furnishing the stock for this year's series of

## RESERVED SEAT SALE.

Numbered reserved seats for the final rodeo of the 1941 season—Saturday, Aug. 30—will be on sale Saturday at both drug stores. Price 40 cents to everybody.

shows, announce that yearling bulls will be substituted in the coming show for the heavier stock that have been used with the expectation that they will give the cowboys a much tougher and rougher ride.

The day's program will include a full card of eight events: calf roping, wild cow milking, steer riding, bull riding, team tying, junior calf riding and saddle and bareback bronc riding.

## Bragg and Woodrum Choose Teams in Annual Battle

One of the most exciting contests in the life of the Merkel Golf club is the annual battle between teams chosen by T. G. Bragg and George Woodrum, with the losers entertaining at a watermelon feast. Date for the feast is next Tuesday at the golf course.

Up to Thursday morning, Woodrum's aggregation was leading, one up. Woodrum selectees had taken five matches to four for the Bragg players.

Winners on the Woodrum side and their opponents are: Paul Douglas over A. A. McGehee, Floyd McCoy over Bartlett, E. Y. Bailey over W. O. Boney, Jack Melton over Don Warren, Bobby Woodrum over Cotton Owens.

The four Bragg men coming out winners are: Dean Higgins over Hodge, Horace Boney over George T. Moore, Read over Sammie McGehee, Rev. Marvin Boyd over Beech.

Bragg and Woodrum are yet to play their match, and there are 17 other unplayed matches, the Bragg player being listed first in each of the following sets: Robinson vs. Palmer, Booth Warren vs. Robertson, Clesby Patterson vs. Dr. L. C. Zehn-pennig, Collinsworth vs. Byron Patterson, Durham vs. Jack Patterson, Petty vs. Gray, Brooks Patterson vs. Benson, Stanford vs. G. M. Owens, Weldon Coats vs. Meyer Mellinger, Shouse vs. Braux; Cypert vs. Grimes, Paul West vs. Jimmie Kuykendall, Cobb vs. Worth Lee, Jerry Warren vs. Lendon Coats, Gordon Green vs. Norman King, Medford McCoy vs. Truett Perry, Troyce Perry vs. McNeill.

## Lions Hear Report on Cheese Plant Project

Report of the progress of the cheese plant committee featured the luncheon meeting of the Lions club Tuesday. As chairman of the committee, Dr. Sadler outlined the plan to raise at least \$3,500 in subscriptions from the business men of Merkel, to be matched by an equal amount taken by farmers to organize a cheese plant cooperative. He was followed by Johnny Cox and Chester Collinsworth, also members of the committee.

The invocation was given by Johnny Cox, and incidental music was rendered during the luncheon by Gay West. Only guest present was Jack Patterson.

## Record of Births.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Cramer Reynolds, Friday, August 15, 1941.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Ingram, Tuesday, August 19, 1941.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. R. C. McLean, Blair, Wednesday, August 20, 1941.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. John A. Woodard, Trent, Thursday, August 21, 1941.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Bunyan, Abilene, Thursday, August 21, 1941.

## DOUGLAS WINS FIRST FLIGHT; TOP UNFINISHED

In the finals of the championship flight of the Merkel Golf club tournament, Norman Hodge will meet the winner of semi-finals between Connor Robinson and Booth Warren. The latter advanced to the semi-finals by defeating Palmer, 5 up and 3.

After eliminating Weldon Coats, 4 up and 3, Hodge bested Clesby Patterson, 4 up and 3, and then defeated Higgins, 4-3, in the semi-finals.

First flight winner was Paul Douglas, who took his final match from Jack Patterson, 2-up. In the same round of play, Petty had lost his semi-final to Patterson.

## PUBLIC SCHOOL TERM TO OPEN MONDAY, SEPT. 1

### Faculty Meeting Called by Supt. Connor Robinson for 10 a. m. Aug. 30; \$21,000 Grant Asked For Additional Building.

The 1941-42 session of the Merkel Public schools will open Monday, Sept. 1, first Monday in the month. Supt. Connor Robinson has called a faculty meeting for Saturday morning, Aug. 30, at 10 o'clock, in advance of the opening of school.

With the exception of assistant coach and band director, the faculty is now complete.

All pupils who expect to attend Merkel High school for the first time are asked to meet with the principal, Edwin E. Read, on Friday, Aug. 29, or Saturday afternoon, Aug. 30, to arrange schedules.

During the summer months, the inside of the gymnasium has been repainted and the interior of the Grammar school has also had a repainting job.

Public hearing on the annual budget was held Thursday of last week and approved at a meeting of the board Thursday morning of this week. The budget provides for an expenditure of \$47,000, only a few dollars more than for last year, when the amount was \$46,924.50.

Following a visit of Supt. Robinson to Fort Worth last week, the application of federal funds for a new building to house the vocational agricultural and home economics departments and the band on the southeast corner of the campus was advanced with the approval of the Fort Worth office and sent to Austin. If the grant is finally approved at Austin and Washington, it will require a \$7,000 bond issue locally. David S. Castles of Abilene has drawn the plans for the new building, which will cost \$28,000.

Application has also been made for a continuation of the WPA lunch room project to provide hot lunches for undernourished children.

Bus routes will be the same as last year, it was stated by Supt. Robinson, who called attention to the charge for \$1.00 per month, payable in advance, for the privilege of riding the bus if the student lives in the confines of the Merkel school district.

## Over 100 Attend Annual Callaway Reunion

Attendance reached over 100 at the annual reunion of the Callaway family held Friday through Sunday at the Presbyterian encampment grounds at Buffalo Gap. Several states were represented in the number.

Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Stanley King, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Barbee, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Sosebee, Mr. and Mrs. Dock Callaway and family, Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Wheeler and family, Tulsa; Mrs. Taylor Golden and family, Plainview; Oscar Callaway and family, Matador; Lee Callaway and family, Abilene; Oscar Callaway and family, Comanche; Clem Callaway, Corsicana; Earl Callaway, Corpus Christi; Otho Callaway, Whitney; Rice Callaway and family, Nardin, Okla., and C. Lassiter and family, Abilene.

## Open Air Services At Gospel Meeting Of Church of Christ

The gospel meeting which began last Friday night at the Church of Christ continues with increasing attendance and interest. Raymond C. Keley, evangelist from Lubbock, is doing the preaching for this series of meetings, and Don Wood of Merkel is conducting the song service.

The evening services are being held on the lawn, east of the church house. Claude C. Smith, local evangelist, insists each evening that the people come dressed comfortably and enjoy this open-air feast of spiritual things. Afternoon services are being held at 4 and evening services at 8:15. The meeting is scheduled to close Sunday evening. Minister Keley announces that he will discuss the following subjects:

Thursday night: "The Gospel Paul Preached."

Friday night: "Should a Person Get Religion and Join the Church of His Choice?"

Saturday night: "Heartfelt Religion."

Sunday night: "Is the Church of Christ in Existence?"

## Twirlers Attend Music School in Abilene

Misses Mary Faye Johnson and Wanda Douglas, twirlers and majorettes for the Merkel Badger band, are taking a two weeks' course at the Vandercook School of Music at Hardin-Simmons. They are especially interested in the classes for majorettes and twirlers.

While attending the school, they are staying at Mary Frances hall, girls dormitory at Hardin-Simmons.

## Merkel Families Attend Annual Adcock Reunion

Annual reunion of the Adcock family was held at Comanche over a three-day period, Aug. 12, 13 and 14, with sixty-five registering during the three days.

Those attending from Merkel were Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Adcock Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Adcock, Miss Berdelle Adcock and Mrs. Harold King and daughter, Frances Nan.

## MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

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### LAYMAN TO TALK AT BAPTIST CHURCH.

Pastor Parrack, who is out of town this week in a meeting, announces that on next Sunday morning at eleven o'clock Mr. Ernest M. Mims will deliver an address on "The One Hundred Per Cent Christian" at the Baptist church and urges that all members be present to hear him.

Mr. Mims, although a young man, is an able and eloquent speaker, and we are sure those who hear him will be benefited. Mr. Mims addressed a meeting of wholesale dealers and traveling men in Dallas some few days ago and, according to newspaper report, was highly appreciated by the 300 guests present.

### POPULAR YOUNG BANKER WEDS IN AMARILLO.

In the city of Amarillo at nine o'clock Monday evening, Mr. W. L. Diltz, Jr., of Merkel and Miss Edith Aikman, of Canyon City, were happily united in marriage. Immediately

after the ceremony the happy couple left for this city where they will make their home; arriving Tuesday.

The bride is an accomplished and estimable young lady who has many friends and admirers in Merkel; having been one of the popular and efficient teachers in the Merkel school for two terms. The groom is a Merkel reared young man of unquestioned honor and excellent business ability, who by his pleasing manners and square dealings has made close friends of all those with whom he has become acquainted. For a number of years he has been connected with the Farmers State bank as assistant cashier and which position he will continue to hold.

On Monday afternoon the "Camp Fire Girls" were entertained at the home of their guardian, Mrs. Groene. Delicious cream and cake were served to: Lillie Pratt Sears, Ona Fae Bland, Christian Collins, Iva Bragg, Lola Armstrong, Hazel Harkrider and Evelyn Haman.

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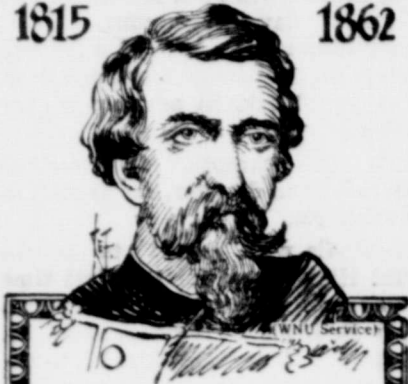
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A California scientist says inexpensive substitutes for novocain, anti-septics and possibly sulfanilamide and its derivatives may soon be made from corncobs, oat hulls and other farm waste materials.

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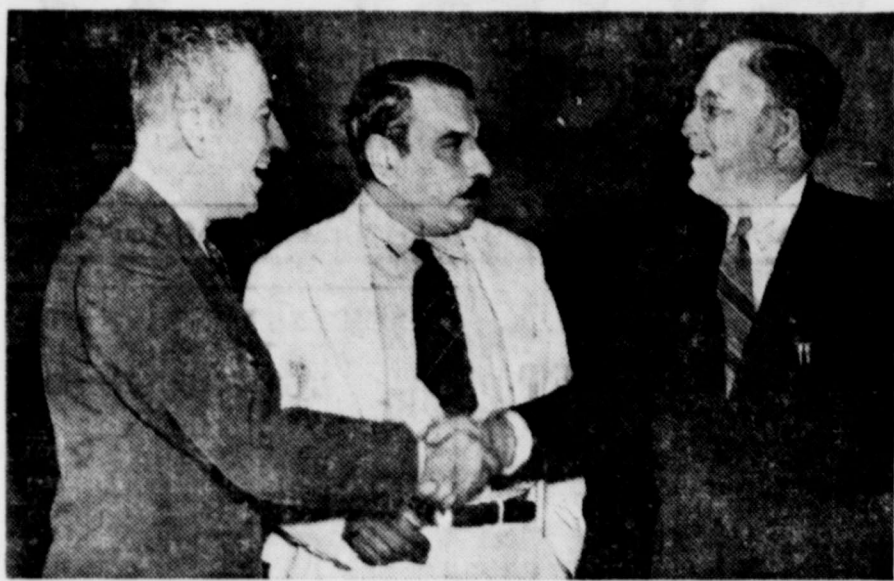
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### New and Old Governors of Puerto Rico



Rexford Guy Tugwell, left, who has been nominated by President Roosevelt to be governor of Puerto Rico, shakes hands with Guy J. Swope, right, the retiring governor. In the center is Luis Monzomarin, president of the Puerto Rican senate. The meeting took place on the liner S. S. Coamo, when Tugwell greeted the newly arrived retiring governor.

## Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Tucker, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Derstine and son, visited in Littlefield over the week-end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Blair and children and Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Vick and children.

Mrs. T. M. Murdock, while visiting her children of Merkel, was surprised by a visit during the week from her son and daughter of Littlefield, Mrs. J. B. Hair and children and Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Vick and children.

A daughter and a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Kenneth Bailey, of Burkburnett, and Mrs. Odell McLean, Wichita Falls, are visiting this week with Mr. and Mrs. P. R. McLean.

Miss Violet Elliott, of Cisco, is spending the week with Misses Mabel Murray and Comora Hughes. Miss Elliott was a roommate at Texas Tech with Misses Murray and Hughes.

Paul Douglas left Thursday for Roswell, to join his wife and sister-in-law, Mrs. Fay Jaynes, who had accompanied their brother on his return to Roswell last week. Mr. and Mrs. Douglas and Mrs. Jaynes will go on to Ruidoso for a vacation visit.

Mrs. Elma McFarland and son, Cheatham, accompanied by Miss Sue Grimes, left Tuesday for Dallas, where Mrs. McFarland will visit in the homes of her brothers, Doss and Bill Sheppard. Sue Grimes will visit her sister, Betty Grimes, with the staff of WFAA-KGKO, radio station of the Dallas News.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Miller and children, Anna Ruth, Betty, Gene, Jim and Mickey, of Atlanta, Texas, spent the past week visiting in the W. R. Swinney home. Mrs. Swinney

accompanied them to Clovis, N. M., for a visit with a brother, James C. Miller and family.

W. R. Swinney attended the Crook family reunion in Waco over the week-end.

Passing visitors in the J. S. Pinckley home last Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gerkey and son, Eddy, of Joplin, Mo., and Mrs. Gerkey's mother, Mrs. Blevins, of Byers, Okla. Mr. Gerkey is a cousin of Mrs. Pinckley.

Miss Sue Pinckley visited with her sister, Mrs. Roy Patterson, in Abilene, from Monday to Wednesday of this week.

Having completed their summer's work at TSCW, Misses Faye and Marie Pinckley are expected to return home from Denton Sunday.

Following the Callaway reunion at Buffalo Gap last week, Earl Callaway of Corpus Christi visited several days with his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley King.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Largent, accompanied by Miss Jess Stuphen and Burl Scott, of Anson, have just returned from an automobile trip through several of the northwestern states. Visiting the Yellowstone National park first, they drove to Glacier park in Montana and to Lake Louise in Canada and on to British Columbia and made the trip back by Salt Lake City.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nalley have recently enjoyed as guests in their home, W. A. (Tink) Buford and daughters, Mildred and Mary Lou of Salado; Mrs. Mary E. Ross of Hale Center, Mrs. George Ross and daughter, Theda Jean, of Littlefield, and Dewey Dockery of Vernon.

Leaving Saturday Miss Vinnie Heizer joined Miss Mildred Holt at Hamlin for a vacation trip to Yellowstone park. They accompanied Miss Holt's brother, J. C. Holt, and wife, of Odessa.

Misses Annie C. Cargill and Louise Richie spent last week-end visiting relatives and friends in Brownwood.

Rev. and Mrs. E. B. Surface of Abilene spent Monday in the home of Supt. and Mrs. Connor Robinson. A birthday dinner helped mark the Aug. 18th birthday celebration of Rev. Mr. Surface, father of Mrs. Robinson.

Spending the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Tucker, were Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Tucker and family, of Plainview. Guests Monday in the Tucker home were Mrs. Julia Prim and two grandsons of Sweetwater. Mrs. Prim is a sister-in-law of Mr. Tucker.

After spending a week visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson, Mrs. Dewey Holland left Friday for her home in Shreveport, La.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Toombs and son, Leon, Jr., accompanied by Mrs. Toombs' mother, Mrs. F. R. Demere, are enjoying a vacation automobile tour through Arkansas and Missouri.

Miss Eva Horton, accompanied by little Miss Yvonne Horton, drove to Plainview Monday and returned Tuesday to bring her mother, Mrs. H. R. Horton home. Mrs. Horton had been visiting the past three weeks with a son and daughter at Plainview.

R. W. Reynolds of Comanche is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Reynolds.

Weldon and Glendel Barbee, H. R. Chancey and O. C. Shouse, Jr., returned Tuesday from an automobile trip to South Texas, stopping first at College Station, and going to Houston, Galveston and San Antonio.

### Butman Women Work For British War Relief

On Aug. 19, a group of women met at Butman to make plans for a center to work for the British War Relief.

Miss Ona Johnson, Mesdames Lucille White and W. S. J. Brown came from Merkel and talked to the women about sewing and making quilts; they demonstrated some quilts that had been donated to them.

On Aug. 26, Miss Caroline Chambers of Abilene will be out to direct in knitting. Those interested in knitting are asked to bring knitting needles and one 25 pound sugar sack for quilt lining and as many 6 inch blocks of new print, string blocks, solid or print. There will be a machine for sewing blocks together and to make linings. All who are concerned are to be there promptly at 2 o'clock and if there are enough women interested to carry on the work, a working center will be established in each community. The women will make garments at home as it will be more convenient. All women are urged to be present and to bring some one with them.

After spending the past several months in El Paso, Mrs. Dovie Stephens has returned home.

J. A. Barnett, who is stationed at San Diego, Calif., has returned to his naval base to enroll in the naval medical school. He spent a nine-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Barnett.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bone and Mrs. Paul Ingils and daughter, Paula, of Fort Worth, were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Barnett. Mr. Bone is a brother of Mrs. Barnett and Mrs. Ingils, her niece.

Mrs. Howard Masserang and son, Weldon, of Clint, Texas, have returned home after a three-weeks' visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Turner, and other relatives. She also visited in the E. Masserang home at Trent. They were accompanied home by Mr. and Mrs. Turner, Miss Lula Belle Patterson and a brother, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Turner and daughter, Shirley Anne, of Abilene. They will also visit another daughter and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Frazier, and family. Mrs. Turner will visit a sister, Mrs. Bertie Davis, of Ysleta, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. George Crow, Sr., have as their guest this week-end, Miss Clarice Blair, of Noodle.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Moore and family had as their guests Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moore, Mr. and Mrs. George Crow, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Will Toombs and daughter, Peggy, Mr. and Mrs. Odell Crow and daughter, Betty, Mrs. Stanley Toombs, C. W. McCall and Clarice Blair.

Mr. and Mrs. Lois Curb and daughter, of Pecos, spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. Cora E. Curb.

After joining Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Adcock at the Adcock family reunion at Comanche last week, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Graves of Lubbock returned to Merkel with the Adcocks and stopped over for a short visit here. Mrs. Graves and Mrs. Adcock are sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. Dutch Bryant and daughters, Betty and Patsy, visited last week with her father, J. A. Ford, at Texarkana and other relatives at Mt. Pleasant.

Leaving Saturday afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Higgins and daughter, Betty Lu, were accompanied to Corpus Christi for a week's vacation by Misses Thelma Mathews and Lou Jane Land.

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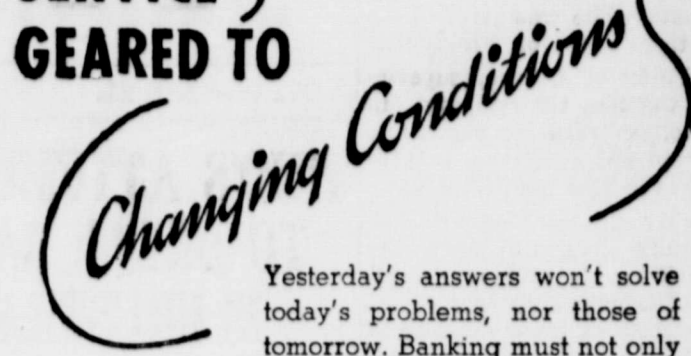
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### GOLAN NEWS

Last week's showers were of little benefit. The heat wave of the last few days seems to be cooling a little. Mrs. H. F. Jeffrey was admitted to the Rotan hospital Friday for surgery.

Many friends and relatives of Mr. and Mrs. John Herron enjoyed an ice cream party and shower Friday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Vancil.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hill, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hill, are vacationing in San Antonio and Galveston leaving Friday for a week's stay.

Visiting here for several days were Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hill of Lueders. After a few days visit in McCombs with Mrs. Hill's parents, they will go on to San Antonio to join Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hill, visiting A. D. Hill, another son and brother.

J. T. Williams has returned home after a month's visit in and near

Whitewright. Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Williams of McKinney accompanied him, going on for a week's tour of West Texas.

Mrs. D. M. Hill of Merkel returned to her home Saturday after a week's visit in the L. C. Williams home.

Those visiting Hugh Jeffrey in Rotan Sunday were his wife and son, Tom, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Jeffrey, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jones and Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Williams.

Alfusa Byrom, now stationed in Wichita Falls, visited home folks Sunday.

Leaving for Colorado state this week for a week's visit were Mr. and Mrs. Luther Davis and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Parsons of Sybester were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Byrom.

Sixty-one were present for Sunday School last Sunday. Brother Jones, our Methodist pastor, preaches here Sunday. Come for Sunday School and stay for church. We need you.

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**TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS**

Miss Dorothy Jo Strawn returned Monday from Sweetwater, where she had visited for the past several days. She was accompanied home by her friend, Miss Kathleen Freeman.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Williamson and daughter and son, Hazel and Dow, attended the Smith annual reunion held at the Hancock park at Lampasas. Seventy-five kinspeople were present.

Gus Booth of Sherman is here for a stay of several weeks in the home of his sister, Mrs. Armour.

Mr. and Mrs. Pink Vessels and daughters of Houston returned home Monday after spending Saturday and Sunday here visiting in the O. L. Bishop and J. T. Vessels homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Deverle Bishop and baby, Sue, of Lamesa, visited over the week-end with relatives. They were accompanied home by Mr. and Mrs. Jake Banner.

Mrs. Elizabeth Stanford returned Monday to her home in Fort Worth after visiting for the past several days in the home of her niece, Mrs. Ben Howell.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Smith of Lubbock returned home Monday after a visit of several days. Their daughters who had been here for the past week returned with them.

Steve Payne, government trapper, was home for a short while last week to visit his mother, Mrs. Lyda Payne. He is being transferred from Kent county to Swisher county.

Rev. and Mrs. W. T. Hamor and son, Billy, of Winters, visited last week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Williamson and in the C. T. Beckham home.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Blankinship and son, Layne Boyce, went to Stephenville Saturday for a week's visit with Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Blankinship. They were accompanied home by Bryant Blankinship, who has been spending the summer there.

Mrs. Hurlt O'Kelley entered the Sadler Clinic Saturday for treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Beckham and sons of Lamesa came over Saturday evening, returning Sunday, for a visit with relatives. Their son, C. T., who had been visiting his grandmother for the past week, returned with them, while W. J. stayed over for this week.

Little Miss Claudine Stribbling is guest this week of her cousin, Wanda Lou Kegans.

Misses Wanda Dingle of Merkel and Ernestine Massey of Denton were Sunday visitors in the J. B. Winn home.

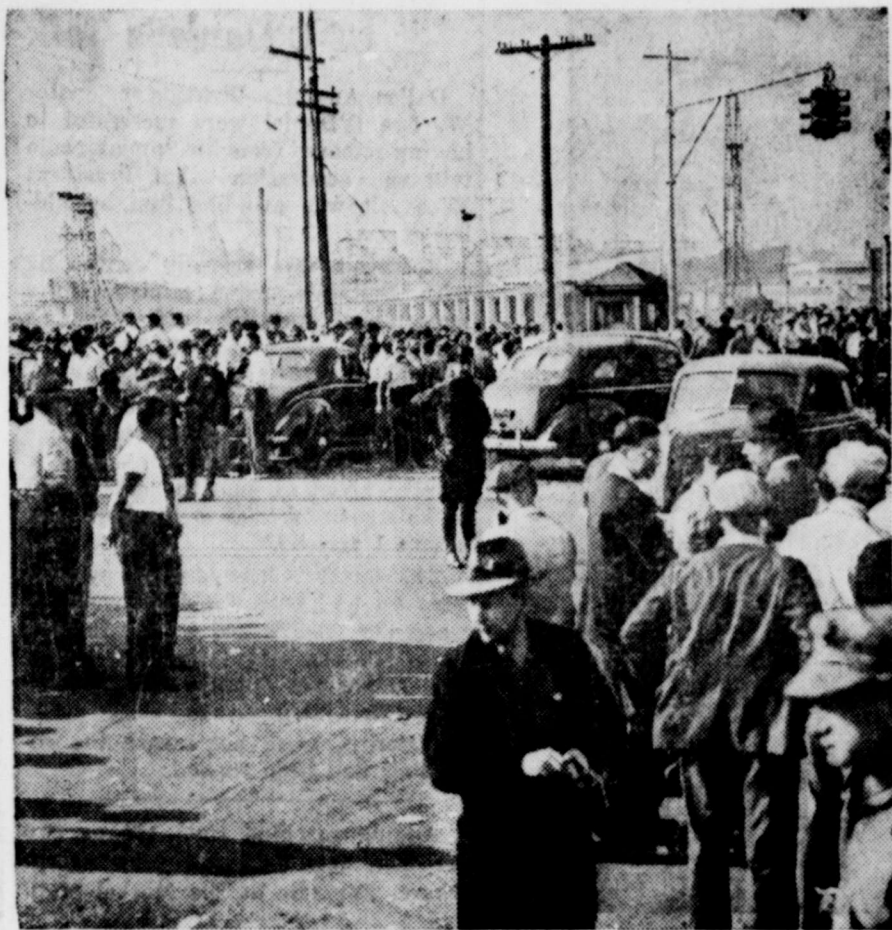
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Duncan and daughters, Misses Jacqueline and Deiores, of Coleman, were over for the week-end. The girls remained for a week's visit, dividing time with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Duncan, and their aunt and family, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert West.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Y. Steen attended the Callahan county home-coming at Clyde last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Owens, accompanied by their grandson, Owen Edward Palmer, spent a very enjoyable week-end at Lake Sweetwater. They were joined there by Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Davenport of Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Friend and sons, also Miss Norman Nell Black and

**Strike Stops Warship Building**



While work on some \$373,000,000 worth of warships and merchantmen remained at a standstill, these members of the C.I.O. industrial union of America picketed outside the yards of the Federal Shipbuilding & Dry Dock company at Kearney, N. J. The strike was called over the failure of the company and the union to agree in a dispute over the classification of some 1,500 workers.

Harley Haynes Black of Brownwood, were over for the week-end.

Billy Reynolds returned home Saturday after a pleasant visit with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Chambless, of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Brown of the Goodman community had as recent guests their son, Clyde and his wife and two children, Marilyn and Doreen, of Brawley, Calif.; also another son, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brown and children, Virgil and Billy Dale, of Capitan, N. M.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Quattlebaum and son, Leon, Mrs. Robert Monday and Miss Thelma Quattlebaum, all of Little Rock, Ark., returned Monday after visiting with relatives here for the past several days. Mr. and Mrs. Quattlebaum lived here some 16 years ago, while the other ladies, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Quattlebaum, had been away some nine years.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawson Williams of Clovis, N. M., have returned home after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Bishop went to Hamlin Friday for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Cooley. Mr. Bishop returned Saturday, Mrs. Bishop remaining for a longer stay.

Messrs. Mark Williamson, Lewis Tiner and Horace Bartlett of Roby made a business trip to Stephenville Wednesday of last week.

Mrs. G. H. Watkins and Miss Verlin Cook of Lubbock visited over the week-end here with friends.

Mrs. Ann Boone and grandson, Edwin Earl Winn, returned Saturday from an extended visit with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Alexander of Hobbs, N. M.

Mrs. A. J. Hughes of Roby was a guest a few days last week in the home of her son, Bruce Hughes, and family.

Mrs. J. T. Vessels had as her week-end guests her children: Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Vessels and daughter, Miss Billy Mae, of Eastland; Mr. and Mrs. R. Pink Vessels and daughters, Janis Gayle and Wanda Ann, of Houston; Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Vessels of Brownwood; Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Vessels and children, Miss Ophelia and Talmadge, Waymon and Jerry, of Trent; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harris and sons, Bobby Joe and Billy Othell, of Trent; J. H. Harris of Breckenridge, and Mr. Pollie Harris of Rule.

**CLADBURN-CLINTON.**

Miss Hazel Dell Clinton became the bride of Boyd Cladburn on Thursday, Aug. 14. Rev. Fred Porter, Baptist pastor, read the ceremony at the parsonage. Only guests at the wedding were two uncles of the bride. John Goode of Waco and Arthur Goode, of Lamesa, her father, Sam Clinton of Abilene and her brother, Britton Clinton, also of Abilene.

The bride wore an attractive costume of blue, with white accessories.

Both the contracting parties were graduates from Goodman high school with the class of 1937 and later the bride attended the Parson school of beauty culture at Abilene. She has been employed as an operator now for some time. The couple left at once by car for Clarksville, Miss., where they will reside. The groom is an employee of the Dixie Greyhound line.

**TEACHER MARRIES.**

Announcements have been received here of the marriage of Miss Yvonne Hodges to Jack Chapman of View, which took place last Friday in Abilene at the home of James F. Cox, who read the ceremony.

Mrs. Chapman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. Hodges of Denton, was a teacher in our school last year and has many close friends here who wish them a very happy married life.

She is a graduate of Abilene Christian college. Mr. Chapman was graduated from McMurry college. They will be at home at Blair after September 1, where both are to teach in the school next term.

**BIRTHDAY PARTY.**

Little Miss Bobby Fortune had a few of her next door neighbor friends in to help her celebrate her fifth birthday on Saturday, Aug. 16. Although her birthday came several days earlier, owing to the fact she and her mother were away from home at the time and on account of illness of a relative the celebration was postponed and fewer friends were invited.

She wore an attractive orange colored evening dress and her cake was all white, with pink candles and two pink doves perched on top. Plate favors were Japanese umbrellas in pink mint cups. Pink ice cream and orange soda pop were served with the cake to Laverne and Betty Dobbins, Bobby and Janie Owens and Sonny Williams.

**SUNRISE BREAKFAST.**

Rev. Cecil Tune gave his time in the Friday evening service of the Methodist revival entirely to the young people, having invited them to sit on the front seats, which were practically filled.

He used for his text, "Remember thy Creator in the days of thy youth."

He also extended an invitation to the young folks to meet in the church at the early hour of 5 Saturday morning to attend a sunrise breakfast at the roadside park between Trent and Merkel. A number were on hand for the breakfast, which proved a very enjoyable occasion. Rev. Mr. Tune and his wife were assisted by Rev. and Mrs. Fred Porter as sponsors.

**Aug. 30 Last Day For Wheat Growers to Apply for Insurance**

A. L. Cook, AAA administrative secretary, Monday reminded Taylor county wheat growers that Aug. 30 is deadline for applying for insurance on 1942 wheat crops.

To date only 38 applications have been filed, while a total of 612 policies were taken during the past year. On these policies, \$23,400 in indemnities were paid.

Cook pleaded that the farmers not wait until the deadline to flood the

office with applications. "We can't handle them all on the last day," he said.

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**Q.** Mrs. Jones says that household electric rates have been cut about in half during the last 10-15 years. Mrs. Smith says they are about the same as they used to be. Who is right?

**A.** Mrs. Jones is right. Your electric rate today is about half as much as it was just a few years ago. Today you get about twice as much electricity for the same money.

**Q.** What has made reduction in electric rates possible?

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### QUEEN THEATRE CALENDAR

Friday-Saturday—Gary Cooper, Jean Arthur in "The Plainsman;" cartoon, first chapter, "The Spider Returns."

Saturday preview, Sunday matinee, Monday night—Ginger Rogers in "Tom, Dick and Harry," with George Murphy, Alan Marshal, Burgess Meredith; latest March of Time, "Thumbs Up, Texas."

Tuesday only—"The Case of the Black Parrott," starring William Lundigan, Marij Wrixon; selected short subjects.

Wednesday-Thursday—"Country Fair," starring Eddie Foy, Andy Clyde; "Information Please," selected shorts.

#### "The Plainsman"

A sweeping panorama of America's greatness in the making is "The Plainsman," Cecil B. DeMille's tribute to the men and women of America who brought civilization to the plains, which shows Friday and Saturday at the Queen theatre.

Handsome Gary Cooper is cast as "Wild Bill" Hickok in the saga and lovely Jean Arthur portrays "Calamity Jane," famous frontier-woman who loved the silent, hard-fighting peace officer but could not have him.

Cooper is widely known for his portrayals of the outdoor man-of-action, soldier-of-fortune and seeker-after-danger. "Wild Bill" who was sent into the West by the government in the early seventies to find out who was responsible for selling guns to the Indians, was all that "Calamity Jane," on the other hand, was a hard-boiled beauty, equally familiar with shooting irons and the bullwhacker's whip. There was something of the tomboy about "Calamity Jane," which is particularly adaptable to the hoydenish Jean Arthur.

Behind this tender romance DeMille paints on heroic canvas the whole of the American frontier scene in the ten years which immediately followed the Civil War. Such famous frontier folk as "Buffalo Bill," played by James Ellison; his wife, Louisa portrayed by Helen Burgess; "Broken Nose" Jack McCall, desperado gun-runner, played by Charles Bickford, and General George A. Custer, portrayed by John Miljan, all come to life again, while 2,000 Cheyenne Indians, 250 army cavalrymen and an equal number of horses are employed in the characteristic DeMille manner to capture the sweep and scope of the period of American westward expansion.

#### "Tom, Dick and Harry"

Vivacious Ginger Rogers, whose deft portrayals of the typical American girl have made her one of the most popular and best-loved stars of the screen, delivers another excellent characterization in "Tom, Dick and Harry," which comes to the Queen theatre Saturday preview, Sunday matinee and Monday night.

In contrast to the versatile Ginger's last film "Kitty Foyle," which won her the famous Academy Award, the current vehicle is a light, whimsical romantic comedy and presents the talented young actress as a very romantic, highly imaginative telephone girl.

George Murphy, Alan Marshal and Burgess Meredith are seen in the title roles, turning in a triple-threat performance that further reveals their propensities for sprightly comedy.

Her adventures with the young men, the hilarious fantasy which results when she gives free rein to her imagination by visualizing marital life with each boy-friend, and the delightful, surprise denouement when she

### March of Time Pictures "Thumbs Up, Texas," in Latest Release



When Texans get enthused, they get enthused, says March of Time in its newest release, "Thumbs Up, Texas," to be shown at the Queen theatre Saturday preview, Sunday matinee and Monday night. Pictured here are sons and daughters of Texas in the spirit of patriotism and enthusiasm that characterizes the film.

makes her momentous decision, are said to provide sparkling entertainment.

Directed by Garson Kanin and produced for RKO Radio by Robert Sisk, "Tom, Dick and Harry" also includes in its notable cast Jane Seymour, Joe Cunningham and Lenore Lonergan.

#### "Country Fair"

"Country Fair," one of Republic's popular rural dramas, with a large cast of screen and radio favorites, is the booking at the Queen theatre Wednesday and Thursday.

Lulubelle and Scotty, widely renowned on the vaudeville circuits, have the top spots on the billing, and they demonstrate just why it is that the homespun comedians hold their audiences, year in and year out, while the so-called "smart, sophisticated drama" languishes at the box office.

For sheer entertainment, it is hard to beat this engagingly rural pair. Pitted against smart city slickers, they hold their own in every fray.

A spritely romance runs through the film, between June Clyde and Eddie Foy, Jr. They present a deft mixture of comedy and romance which proves most captivating.

Harold Peary, known to his myriads of radio fans as the "Gilder-sleeve" of the Fibber McGee program, proves just as hilariously entertaining as a film player as he does as a radio star. The Vass Family and Whitey Ford, also famous over the ether waves, have prominent spots on the bill.

Director Frank McDonald has done an expert job, with much credit due to Dorrell and Stuart McGowan, who fashioned the screenplay from a clever original story by Jack Townley.

Armand Schaefer was the associate producer in charge.

### Two Army Bills Meet Approval of President

Washington, Aug. 19.—The army's top draft age was officially lowered to 28 Monday and at the same time the way was cleared for an order extending the service periods of the army's rank and file by eighteen months.

With swift strokes of his pen, President Roosevelt signed into law two measures revising the draft act and affecting the lives of millions of young men.

The first granted mandatory deferment from the draft to men who were 28 years old last July 1. Registrants whose twenty-eighth birthday falls after that date will be liable for induction up until the following July 1 when they, too, will receive automatic mandatory deferment.

The second, source of prolonged controversy in congress and approved by only one vote in the house, gives Mr. Roosevelt authority to keep selectees, National Guardsmen, reservists and enlisted men in service for as much as eighteen months beyond the period for which they were inducted. It was believed an executive order extending the service of these men, with some possible exceptions, would be issued by Mr. Roosevelt soon.

The service extension measure also will permit a swift expansion of the army should the danger of war become more imminent or actual hostilities involve this country. It eliminated the previous limit of 900,000 on the number of trainees who may be in service at any one time.

The Chinese population—about 1,500,000—of Hong Kong and affiliated mainland territories is made up of "punti," the original Cantonese-speaking inhabitants; "hakka" or "strangers," and "Hoklo," seafarers, who live mostly in sampans and junks.

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### March of Time Shows Texas' Part in Defense Plans of the Nation

Texas' part in the defense plans of the nation will be heralded to the entire nation and to the world in the newest March of Time release, "Thumbs Up, Texas," which will be screened at the Queen theatre Saturday preview, Sunday matinee and Monday night, on the same bill with "Tom, Dick and Harry."

"Thumbs Up, Texas," comes to the screen in several thrill and action packed reels and will give the United States an idea of what the Lone Star State has done and is doing to prepare itself in the national defense plan.

For the first time in the history of March of Time, a complete crew of cameramen, technicians and directors devoted more than a month to one subject. More than 60,000 feet of film was shot, so complete was the coverage of this state's almost unlimited boundaries. It was the first time this tremendous footage was filmed to get the material as it will appear on the Queen theatre's silver sheet.

For the first time, the editors and producers of March of Time have unleashed all their adjectives to tell the country about Texas. Westbrook Van Voorhis, commentator of the film whose voice is known to movie-goers and radio tuners in every place, was so thrilled when he made the commentary that he will tour the state. He will touch many of the spots depicted in "Thumbs Up, Texas."

The natural resources of the state, together with the military camps and preparedness plans, are prominently shown. Rangers and pretty girls, for which the state is famed, play a prominent part in the picturization of Texas and its defense plans.

"Thumbs Up, Texas," was to have been released during September; but at the behest of the Texas showmen, it is being released especially for the pleasure of Texas theatre-goers two or three weeks ahead of the national release.

Signing of the armistice ending the British-French war in Syria marked the first time since Waterloo that representatives of France and Britain had met on opposite sides of a peace table.

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### BLAIR ITEMS

The revival will begin at the M. E. church at Blair Friday night, Aug. 22. Rev. Cecil Tune, pastor of the Trent church, will deliver discourses Friday and Saturday nights. Rev. J. B. Stewart will preach at the eleven o'clock service Sunday morning and Rev. R. L. Gilpin of Tye will conduct the meeting throughout the series of services. Everyone is cordially invited to share this great feast of gospel preaching with the Methodist church.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Moore of Monahans are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Z. V. Moore, for an indefinite time.

Ray Osborn, accompanied by Paul Osborn of White Church, made a business trip to Big Spring this week-end and also visited a cousin, Herman Scott, at that place.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Shore of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. George Lowery and son, Wayne, of Cleburne were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Pruitt and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brown and two sons of Captain, N. M., were interesting guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Doan recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Estall spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Walden of White Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Windham of Merkel were seen in our midst Sunday.

R. E. Windham of Merkel was seen in our midst this week-end.

More than 2,000,000 trees were planted this spring by farmers and ranchers in the Southern Great Plains. Trees and shrubs were furnished for erosion control purposes by the Soil Conservation Service.

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### Remarks About FDR Deleted from Record Of O'Daniel's Talk

Dallas, Aug. 21.—Friends of Senator W. Lee O'Daniel were successful in having removed from his Sunday radio talk an accusation that President Roosevelt was avoiding him by hiding at sea.

Roosevelt was secretly conferring with Britain's prime minister in a momentous meeting off Canada's coast.

O'Daniel in his transcription of the Sunday broadcast, said that "maybe he (Roosevelt) has read what some of the Texas political newspapers printed about me and thought it best to hide out and take to the high seas before I arrived."

The senator's friends said they were sure he had been "joking" when he made the remark and sought to have radio stations originating the broadcast delete the remark. The stations complied.

Listeners were not aware the recording had been shaved.

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

### Two Million More Bales are Consumed

Washington, Aug. 21.—The census bureau reported Friday that cotton consumed in the cotton year which ended July 31 totaled 9,718,220 bales of lint and 1,354,938 bales of linters, compared with 7,783,774 and 1,060,864 in the previous year, and 6,858,426 and 850,640 two years ago.

Cotton consumed during July totaled 928,943 bales of lint and 134,006 of linters, compared with 875,137 and 126,351 during June this year, and 622,723 and 79,240 in July last year.

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WANTED TO TRADE for 100 used tires. S. M. Hunter.

GENTLEMEN wants convenient bedroom, small apartment, or store space; must be away from radio. Box "C" care of Merkel Mail.

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STRAYED—White face Hereford; cross branded on left shoulder. \$20 reward. Notify G. H. Johnson, Sweetwater, Texas.

**Legal Notice**

THE STATE OF TEXAS, To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County—Greeting:

You Are Hereby Commanded to summon Corene Portis by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, to appear at the next regular term of the 42nd District Court of Taylor County, to be held at the Court House thereof, in Abilene, Texas, on the First Monday in September, A. D. 1941, the same being the 1st day of September, A. D. 1941, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 30th day of July, A. D. 1941, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 12,521-A, wherein Grant Portis is Plaintiff, and Corene Portis is Defendant, and a brief statement of plaintiff's cause of action, being as follows:

Plaintiff and Defendant were married June 15, 1936, and separated December 1, 1940, and that there are no children and no community property. Plaintiff sues for divorce on the grounds of cruel treatment, all of which is fully alleged in Plaintiff's Petition on file in said court. Herein Fail Not but have before said Court at its next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, on this 30th day of July, A. D. 1941.

ROY SKAGGS, Clerk District Court, Taylor County, Texas. By Penn Gilbreth, Deputy.

**Call Meeting of Pep Squad for Tuesday**

All girls interested in being in the Pep Squad this year are asked to meet with the leaders in the High School gymnasium Tuesday afternoon at 2:30. Plans for organization will be made at this time. Joyce Cox, Bobbie Bryant and Betty Curb are the leaders.

MASSAGEUR. Mrs. Dovie Stephens has returned home and announces the opening of her office in her home on Famin street. Scientific massageur and adjuster.

**Farm Bureau Leaders Discuss 1942 Program**

Plans for the 1942 farm program will be discussed by leaders of the Texas Farm Bureau federation at the district meeting in Abilene, Wooten hotel, Aug. 28, according to Earl C. Hays, Coleman county farmer and director of the organization for this district.

Hays stated that the Farm Bureau was represented in 41 states by farmers asking fair prices for what farmers sell as compared with things they buy. All members support the national Farm Bureau's program for fair prices, Hays said.

On the program will be J. Walter Hammond, president of the Texas Farm Bureau federation, E. R. Alexander, general manager of the TFBC, and district Farm Bureau leaders. All in attendance will have a part in the discussion according to Hays' plans.

The Farm Bureau meeting for this district held at Coleman last March 10 was attended by more than 200 farmers and farm leaders. Hays expects an even larger attendance at the Thursday conference.

District 7 is composed of the following counties: Blanco, Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, Erath, Gillespie, Jones, Llano, McCulloch, Mason, Mills, Palo Pinto, Runnels, San Saba, Shackelford, Stephens and Taylor.

Each of the above counties is expected to have more than twenty-five representatives present at the Abilene meeting. The conference begins at 10 a. m.

**LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS**

In the calf roping contest at the Big Spring rodeo, which closed Sunday, Jimmy Russell, Merkel boy, copped the calf roping contest. Winning time for three calves was 56.7 seconds. Zelma Herrington of Ranger was second in 58.1 seconds.

Sellers radio shop is now open for business in the building three doors east of the post office. Frank Sellers, an experienced radio technician, who bought the radio department from Garrett Richardson, is actively in charge of all radio repair work.

Rev. Cooper Waters, who has been ill with summer "flu," is recuperating nicely and expects to fill his pulpit at the Sunday services.

As co-chairmen of the local quilting unit for British War Relief, Mrs. Lucile White and Mrs. W. S. J. Brown report that 20 quilts are now ready to be turned in to headquarters. Work will continue indefinitely and all women are urged to interest themselves and help in this work. Headquarters are in the former WPA sewing room.

W. J. Sheppard has returned to Merkel and accepted a position with the Bragg Dry Goods company in the sales department during the fall months.

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

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NOTE—To buy Defense bonds and stamps, go to the nearest post office, bank, or saving and loan association; or write to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C., for a mail order form.

**Air Support Chief**



Col. Wm. E. Lynd, appointed chief of the air support command, formerly air officer of general headquarters in the war department. There are now five air support commands.

Italian money changers sat on benches or "bancas," which if the owner failed in business, was broken up—hence "bankruptcy."

United States farms using electricity doubled during the decade 1930-1940, according to a study made of the 1940 farm census.

**Women Golfers to Stage Contest at Melon Feed**

At the annual watermelon feed given by the Men's Golf club Tuesday night, Aug. 26, there will be a driving contest for the women present. Three prizes will be given; 1st prize, six golf balls; 2nd prize, four golf balls; consolation prize, two golf balls. Two balls are to be driven by each contestant—and the longest ball in the fairway will be given 1st place; second longest ball in the fairway will be 2nd prize; shortest ball in the fairway will be awarded consolation.

Each woman who desires to enter should come prepared with golf club and two balls and be ready to compete at 6 p. m. on No. 2 tee stand. The committee in charge appointed by the golf club consists of Mrs. E. E. Read, Mrs. Joe Cypert and Mrs. Connor Robinson.

**Hospital Notes.**

Mrs. Hurler O'Kelly of Trent was admitted to Sadler Clinic Aug. 16 for treatment and surgery; Mrs. Annie Scott was admitted for treatment the same day. Thelma Coleman underwent surgery Aug. 18. Son of Dave Tarpley received a tonsillectomy Aug. 18. A girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Bunyan, Abilene, Aug. 21. Mrs. D. J. Mathews was dismissed Aug. 15 and Elmo Hicks, Abilene, was dismissed Aug. 17.

Paul Arnold Whiteley and Mrs. C. W. Newton received tonsillectomies during the week at the office of Dr. C. B. Gardner.

Sweet corn is likely to become a major commercial crop in the Lower Rio Grande valley for early spring markets, says a Texas magazine. The Iona hybrid, planted to some 3,000 acres, has done excellently in that section.

**Prices Going Up**



Leon Henderson, chief of Office of Price Administration and Civilian Supply, told congress that there soon will be a tremendous increase in the cost of living. He appeared before the house banking and currency committee to urge passage of the price-fixing bill. Photo shows Henderson pointing to 10-foot chart showing changes in commodity prices of present war period.

The average speed of worker bees engaged in making honey is about 15 miles an hour.

Key West, Fla., is more than 600 miles farther south than Los Angeles, Calif.

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<b>Sun Spun SALAD DRESSING</b>	qt.	<b>35c</b>

GRAPES, 2 pounds ..... 17c	ORANGES, dozen ..... 23c
LIMES, each ..... 1c	LETTUCE, head ..... 5c
<b>GREEN BEANS, 2 pounds ..... 17c</b>	

RED & WHITE Tomato Juice, 3 cans ..... 25c	BLUE & WHITE Pork & Beans, 3 cans ..... 17c
RED & WHITE Green Lima Beans, 2 cans 29	PICNIC GOLDEN Syrup, glass jug ..... 37c

Red & White COFFEE

1 lb. can

28c

RED & WHITE Rice, 2 lbs. .... 19c	RED & WHITE Malted Milk, 1 lb. can ..... 29c
PEANUT Butter, qt. .... 29c	BLACKEYED PEAS, 3 cans ..... 25c

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SLICED BACON, lb. .... 25c	LUNCH MEAT, lb. .... 29c
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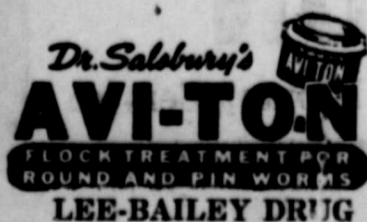


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**BRIDAL SHOWER.**

Mrs. Ollie Fox and daughter, Euvalda, Mrs. Delma Compton and Mrs. Roy H. Mathews entertained Wednesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Ollie Fox with a bridal shower honoring Mrs. J. L. Meeks and Mrs. Howard Windham (nee Miriam and Mickey Diltz.)

Mrs. Delma Compton, aunt of the brides, presided at the brides' books and the books were later presented to the brides.

Mrs. Don Riney was in charge of the social hour during which several games were played and guests viewed the many useful and lovely gifts.

Refreshments were served to the following: Mesdames Watt Blair, Delma Compton, Will Campbell, Wayne Boyd, John Boyd, A. J. Stapleton, Fred Baker, Sr., Fred Baker, Jr., O. B. Leach, Ted Windham, Wilbur Thomas, Jasper Hobbs, R. E. Windham, S. G. Russell, Jr., Don Riney, Selma Russell, John Meeks, Ernest Meeks, J. L. Tucker, Roy H. Mathews, Ollie Fox; Misses Helen Heeter, Dorothy Hood, Elna Tucker and Euvalda Fox.

Those sending gifts were: Mrs. R. M. Diltz, Dallas; Mrs. Clayton Coats, Big Spring; Mrs. Fenton Boyd, Sweetwater; Mrs. Sam Redwine, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ensminger and son, Mesdames P. A. Diltz, Leo Harris, Dee Grimes, T. G. Bragg, Cyrus Pee, Roy Hunter, Roy Hunter, Jr., Gertrude Pee, G. W. Hughes, Arch Rose, Tommy Patterson and Jerry Frank, Waymon Adcock, Inez Chadwick, Will Hutcheson, Lige Harris.

**CAPLE-JONES.**

Marriage of Miss Zona Lee Jones of Midland and George E. Caple of Abilene, formerly of Merkel, took place at Midland Sunday morning in the home of bride's mother, Mrs. E. Jones. Rev. W. C. Taggart of Abilene read the ceremony.

The bride was given in marriage by her cousin, James Jones of Stanton. Upon their return from a honeymoon trip in New Mexico, the couple will be at home in Abilene, where Mr. Caple is an employee of the Texas

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Railroad commission. After graduating from Stanton high school Mrs. Caple attended business college in Abilene and Dallas. A resident of Midland for three years, she was employed in the office of Barney Grafa, realtor, for more than a year prior to her marriage.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Caple of Waco and was for a number of years connected with The Merkel Mail before his appointment two years ago to a place under the railroad commission.

**DOWELL-QUINN.**

On Tuesday, Aug. 12, at the home of Rev. H. A. Hood, Phoenix, Ariz., informal rites united Miss Barbara Quinn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Quinn, of that city, and Gresham C. Dowell, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Dowell of Merkel.

Mrs. C. A. Lewis, the bride's sister from Needles, Calif., was the matron of honor, and Miss Betty Berner was maid of honor. Best man was Jack Barry.

Mrs. Dowell is a graduate of Phoenix Union high school and attended Phoenix Junior college last year. Gresham attended the Merkel schools and is now employed with the Pacific Greyhound lines.

After a wedding trip to the Grand Canyon and Boulder dam, the couple are at home in Phoenix at 842 North Fifth avenue.

**COX-WAKEFIELD.**

Mrs. Trula Wakefield of Itasca and W. R. Cox of Merkel were quietly married in the home of Rev. C. H. Sisserson in Itasca at four o'clock Saturday afternoon. Their only attendants were Mrs. A. C. Johnson, sister of the groom, and Mrs. C. H. Sisserson, the pastor's wife. They are now at home in Merkel.

Their many friends in Itasca and Merkel wish them much success and happiness in their married life.

**FORMER MERKEL WOMAN**

**ELECTED WMU HEAD.**  
(Abilene Reporter-News.)

Newcomer to the Woman's Missionary union of the First Baptist church and resident of the town for less than a year, Mrs. W. W. Haynes was given yesterday the highest post in the union. Mrs. Haynes has had wide experience in missionary work, at Merkel and prior to that at Caps as well as in the district. She is the former Lora Joyner, a daughter of Mrs. W. F. Joyner of Caps.

**BIRTHDAY SURPRISE.**

Women of the Missionary society of Grace Presbyterian church delightfully surprised Mrs. R. A. Walker Monday afternoon when they visited her to help celebrate her birthday.

Bringing a small gift from the society—and refreshments—the group enjoyed the afternoon's fellowship with Mrs. Walker. Those present were Mesdames Connor Robinson, W. M. Elliott, Henry West, Delma Comp-

**RURAL SOCIETY**

**BIRTHDAY PARTY.**

Honoring Jewel Laverne Click and Patsy Jean Floyd on their fifth birthday, their mothers, Mrs. E. A. Click, Jr., and Mrs. P. R. Floyd entertained in the home of Mrs. E. A. Click, Sr., in the Mt. Pleasant community, Tuesday, Aug. 19. Children's games were played in the hour before a lovely array of gifts was opened by the little honorees and passed to the other children.

Colored animal balloons were used as plate favors and refreshments of ice cream and birthday cake were served to the following: Bobbie Donald Click, Raymond Click, Billie Jean Grayson, Junior Greenfield, Frances Foster, Eulala Floyd, Mary Lu Foster, Billie Gene Greenfield, Elizabeth Ann Darden, Jimmie and Leon Floyd, Billie Gene Foster, Billie, Joan and Juanell Seymore, Jo Nell Sneed, Doris and Peggy Curb, James Henry Roland, Betty Kathrine Smith, Johnnie Ford Henslee, Borden Emmett Perkins, Peggy Joy Greenfield and Yvonne Perkins, Bobby and Lola Mae Roland, Jerry Curb and the honorees.

Mothers present were Mesdames Morris Smith, R. S. Darden, Jr., Jay Greenfield, W. R. Click, Homer Foster, Ford Smith, Walter Henslee, E. A. Click, Sr., Henry Roland and the hostesses.

Those sending gifts were Mrs. C. R. Roland and Wesley Joe Martin.

**Methodist Revival to Begin at Blair Friday**

Revival services at the Blair Methodist church will begin Friday night, Aug. 22, with evening services at 8 o'clock and morning services at 11. Rev. Cecil Tune, pastor at Trent, will preach Friday and Saturday nights. The pastor will be in charge of the 11 o'clock service Sunday. Rev. R. L. Gilpin, pastor at Tye, will preach Sunday night and throughout the remaining services.

A vacation Bible school will be conducted for intermediates and children in connection with the revival.

J. B. Stewart, Pastor.

**Bible School to Close With Program Friday**

Commencement of the vacation Bible school of the First Baptist church is scheduled for 8 o'clock Friday night, marking the close of a two-weeks' term. Everybody is invited to come, especially the parents. At this time the children will go through the daily program, just as they do each morning. Handwork will be on display in the basement, each department having a booth, and parents and visitors are invited to view these displays after the program is completed. Enrollment has reached the 100 mark and diplomas will be presented each child who has attended as many as two days.

Each department will give a ten-minute program, it is announced by Mrs. Cooper Waters, who has been acting superintendent on account of her husband's illness.

**Abilene Girls Defeat Local Softball Team**

The girls from the Right-way laundry, Abilene, shut out the Merkel girls, 8-0, in the opening game of Friday night's twin bill. In the nightcap, the F. & M. Bank softballers defeated Barkeley Utilities, 5 to 2.

Close scores marked both games Monday night. The Bankers won from Trent, 14-13, but lost to the Utilities from Camp Barkeley, the game going two extra innings. Final score was 7-6.

**Pep Squad Must Have Uniforms September 12**

Those girls who wish to be in the Pep Squad this year, and who do not already have a uniform, are asked to go to Langford and Son's in Abilene and have measurements taken as soon as possible. It is important that each member have her suit for the first football game of the 1941 season, to be played Sept. 12 against Clyde on the local gridiron.

Head yell leader is Joyce Cox, with Betty Curb and Bobbie Bryant as able assistants.

ton, J. Basil Ramsey, S. G. Russell and G. F. West.

**NEEDLE AND THIMBLE CLUB.**

The Needle and Thimble Club met Wednesday, Aug. 20, at the home of Mrs. Geo. T. Moore for an afternoon of sewing and chatting.

Mrs. Lee Henry of Abilene, Taylor County Red Cross Production chairman, and Mrs. C. B. Gardner were club guests. Mrs. Henry talked to the club on Red Cross sewing projects and the club is hemming this week 140 Turkish toweling diapers for the Red Cross. These diapers are to be finished and brought back to Mrs. Moore's by Wednesday, Aug. 27.

Those present were Mesdames Jonn Grable, David Gamble, L. V. Moore, E. Y. Bailey, Spencer Bird, W. A. Bowman, Earl Watts, Owen Robertson, Nolan Palmer, Herbert Dunn, Stacy Bird, Worth Lee and Connor Robinson.

The club will meet Wednesday, Sept. 3, with Mrs. Nolan Palmer.

**In The Churches**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE**

There were 527 present at the six reporting Sunday Schools here last Sunday, as compared with 506 the previous week. On the same Sunday a year ago the attendance was 544.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.**

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Morning sermon at 11. Training Union at 7:15. Evening sermon at 8:00. The pastor will be back in his pulpit morning and evening. Prayer meeting at 8:00 Wednesday evening.

Cooper Waters, Pastor.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.**

Sunday School at 10 a. m. As the pastor is engaged in holding a revival at Zion's chapel, there will be no preaching service, morning nor night. J. Basil 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. A. V. Henderson, 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.

Claude 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. Crow, Pastor.

**NUBIA M. E. CHURCH.**

A general theme in the meditations and prayers Sunday morning will be more appreciative of the peace we enjoy in our home land. To do so we must share in the responsibilities which God has placed around us. One very small job anybody can do is to attend services in the church of your choice.

Nubia church, Sunday School and League urge you to attend regularly.

Reporter.

Dormitories built for industrial defense workers at Orange, Texas, are beginning to fill, reports the housing coordinator for the Farm Security Administration.

**Women Hold Meeting At Brownwood Aug. 28**

Announcement of the Latin-American conference of the club women of the Sixth district, Texas Federation of Women's clubs, to be held in Brownwood Aug. 28, has been received by Mrs. Tom Largent, president of the Fortnightly Study club.

Howard Payne college is sponsoring the meeting, assisted by the Brownwood city federation. All sessions will be held at the Howard Payne college in the Mims auditorium. Registration begins at 8:30, the program to start at 9:30 and continue through the evening session. Panel discussions, con-

versational tours, technicolor movies and musical numbers will constitute the program.

Among the prominent speakers will be Mrs. Nancy Ripley Armstrong, chairman of Inter-National Relations of the General Federation of Women's clubs, and Dr. A. J. Armstrong of Baylor university, Waco.

The city federation will be hosts for a garden tea at 5 p. m.

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FILL OUT COUPON AND MAIL TODAY

Gentlemen:

I'm enclosing \$3.85 for a year's subscription to your newspaper and the magazines I have checked on the above list. The total number of points is not more than 12.

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<p style="font-size: small;">Small Cans</p> <h2 style="margin: 0;">MILK</h2> <p style="margin: 0;">6 for 25c</p>	<p style="font-size: small;">Maxwell House</p> <h2 style="margin: 0;">COFFEE</h2> <p style="margin: 0;">3 pounds 88c</p>	<p style="font-size: small;">PURE CANE</p> <h2 style="margin: 0;">SUGAR</h2> <p style="margin: 0;">10 lbs Kraft bag 59</p>
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GREEN BEANS, No. 2 Can ..... 10c

PORK & BEANS, 16 ounce cans ..... 6c

FRUIT COCKTAIL, No. 1 cans ..... 10c

FRESH FRUITS & VEGETABLES

BANANAS, dozen	15c
LIMES, each	1c
CARROTS, 3 bunches	10c
LETTUCE, head	5c
RUTABAGAS, pound	4 1/2c
GREEN BEANS, 2 lbs.	25c
CABBAGE, firm, Green, lb.	5c
Shafer, Long White	
POTATOES, 10, lbs.	28c

<p style="font-size: x-small;">Lux or Lifebuoy</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">TOILET SOAP, 2 bars ..... 11c</p>	<p style="font-size: x-small;">COCOA COLA, DR. PEPPER</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">or R. C. COLA, crt, 6 bottles 25c</p>
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<p style="font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">PICNIC HAMS</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Half or Whole</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">Pound ..... 24c</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">HOT BAR-B-Q</p>	<p style="font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">PORK STEAK, nice and lean, lb. .... 25c</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">BRISKET ROAST, lb. .... 17c</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">WEINERS, Skinless, pound ..... 21c</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">SLICED BOLOGNA, lb. .... 15c</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">OLEOMARGARINE, Lily, lb. .... 15c</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">SLICED BACON, lb. .... 25c</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">SUGAR CURED JOWLS, lb. .... 15c</p>
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