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PERSONAL NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Gene Riodan and baby have returned to their home in Fort Worth after visiting a week with her mother, Mrs. Maye Cargill, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butman, Jr.

Miss Virginia Lee of Mexia, who is a niece of Mr. Lee, and her roommate at Abilene Christian college, Miss Marilyn Money, of Waco, spent the week-end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. Houston Robertson had as their guests over the week-end, Mrs. Robertson's sister, Miss Lucille Hogg, of Bay City, and a sister-in-law, Mrs. E. H. Hogg, of Houston. Mrs. Robertson and Mrs. A. J. Hartley accompanied them to Plainview for a visit with the D. J. Hartley family.

Mrs. J. M. Taylor returned to her home in Blueridge last Friday after spending several days in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. McAninch, and Mrs. Clark Davidson and son, Larry, left Monday by plane for Standish, Mich., after spending several weeks with her parents. Two other daughters, Miss Wilma McAninch of Dallas and Miss Bonnie McAninch and friend, Edward Clampt of Fort Worth, spent the week-end in the McAninch home.

Mr. and Mrs. Twyman Collins were week-end visitors in Denton with Mrs. Collins' sister, Mrs. Floy Massey, and family.

J. F. Hill of Tye was a guest Sunday in the W. M. Elliott home.

B. T. Graham, of Midland, formerly of Merkel, spent Friday night in the Claude Warren home.

Miss Pauline Cook from Ranger spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Artist Cook.

Mr. and Mrs. David Gamble, accompanied by Mrs. H. F. Groene, left Sunday for a two-weeks trip through Mexico. Mrs. Groene, while away, will visit her son, George Groene, and family, at Vera Cruz. While her parents are away, Lynn Gambel is visiting with her maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Ryan, in Dallas.

Mrs. Annie Perry has returned from a visit with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ford Elfers, at Clovis, N. M., who are parents of a newly born daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Graham have returned from a very pleasant visit with their daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Quentin Martin, of Kingsville, and were accompanied home by their granddaughter, Patsy Smith. After leaving Kingsville Mr. and Mrs. Graham and Patsy spent one night with their son, Jack Graham, and family, at Sweeney and returned home via Fort Worth and Dallas.

W. A. Whiteley, who suffered a slight heart attack Friday, is reported improving nicely. Coming to bid him were his daughter, Mrs. Jack Patterson, and husband and son, from Houston, and his two sons, W. A. Whiteley, Jr., and Paul Arnold, from San Angelo, and Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy Whiteley and family from Loco Hills, N. M. Mr. Patterson returned to Houston, but Mrs. Patterson and son are remaining a few days with her father.

O. B. Leach, Fred Baker and Ernest Spurgin spent Monday in Dallas, where Mr. Baker went to consult an eye specialist and Ernest visited with his brother, Ray Spurgin.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Marr of Stephenville spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Braggs, and were accompanied by their Sunday to Chillicothe for a visit in the Wallace Bragg home.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Weston are here from Dutil, N. M., on account of the illness of their daughter, Mary Tom, who was staying with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Demere, to go to school at Trent.

Allen D. King, Morris Prossley and Roy Evans have returned from Pierre, S. D., where they visited in the ranch home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Wilson.

Recent visitors in the home of Mrs. O. W. Reed were her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Athol O. Holder and son of Tulsa, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. George Ferrer of Clovis, N. M., are guests this week in the home of his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Ferrer.

Mrs. Myrtle Boden will leave Sunday for Chandler, Okla., to visit her grand-daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ocie E. Day and little daughter, Ann.

SEVENTH GRADE PUPILS MAKE ABILENE TOUR

Spend Tuesday in Visits to Places of Interest There As Culminating Activity, Social Studies and Science.

As the culminating activity for the six-weeks' term in social studies and science the pupils of the seventh grade made a visit to Abilene Tuesday. Their previous work had been on "Weather Forecasting," "Science on the Farm—Plants, Machines, Animal Feeds and the Sky Above Us," in science classes. In social studies the classes had been working on units about Texas as to crops, soil conservation, colleges and schools, prisons, transportation, also business and leading occupations in the South.

The two seventh grade rooms with Mrs. Johnny Cox, teacher of science, and Mrs. Judd McReynolds, teacher of social studies, sponsored the excursion in a combined effort as a climax for projects worked out.

The fifty-two pupils went to Abilene on a school bus driven by Arthur McCoy. The airport was the first stop where the pupils observed the large passenger planes arriving until Mr. Stiehler was ready to explain the weather forecasting and sending the balloon up to test the wind velocity, direction and altitudes. The class visited the County Agriculture building, hearing County Agent Elmo Cook, Mr. Sims, F. S. A. office, Ollie Higgins, AAA chairman, the home demonstration representative and a member of the Soil Conservation committee speak.

Other places visited on the tour were the county jail, Mead's bakery, Coca-Cola Co., Banner Creamery and last to McMurry college. College life and activities and the school work were explained by Miss Beth Myatt, who very graciously guided the group through the classrooms, laboratories, library and fine art's departments. The college teachers explained the spiritual, mental, physical and social life in the school.

The following students made the field trip: Hugh Baker, Billy Gene Greenfield, Ann Newton, Carol Dunagin, Delores Trevino, Bob Johnson, Maxine Kerns, Donald Cook, Louise Royals, Thomas Watson, John Bishop, Kenneth Bowen, Donald Greenlee, Pauline Harris, Wanda Beard, Emma Jean Ely, Doyle Jones, Billy Harris, Bobby Campbell, Jimmie Lou McLeod, Billy Beard, Joy Johnson Ann Booth, Thantha Decker, Freddie Brabbin, Bobby Dye, Fayrene Reynolds, Franklin Mashburn, Jimmy Petty, Charlene Madison, Mona Robertson, Julia Faye Moore, Veneil Rust, Ramon Cardova, Dale Shugart, Joe Frank Warren, Wanda Thompson, Bryan Mundy, Joann Seymour, Connie Seymour, Merrill Watkins, Elmer Lee Sandusky, Clinton Newton, Bobby Shouse, Charles Reddin, Ken Riney, Paul Wheeler, Boyd Moore, Gaylon Johnson, Donald Rogers and Merkel McCoy.

With Our Boys

Pvt. R. G. Palmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Palmer, Route 1, graduated this week from the Air Training Command's basic airplane mechanics course at Keesler Field, Miss.

Transferred from West Palm Beach, Fla., to Chanute Field, Ill., Lt. and Mrs. Woodrow W. Clemmer stopped here to visit their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Clemmer of Merkel and Mr. and Mrs. John T. Winter of Abilene. Lieutenant Clemmer will spend 4 months in school at Chanute Field and two months in California.

While 1st Lt. Bowman O. Barlow is attending a 10-day school at Fort Knox, Ky., Mrs. Barlow and daughter, Becky, are here with her mother, Mrs. Adah Heeter.

J. W. Love and Son Open Helpy-Selfy Laundry in Trent

Trent, May 1.—The J. W. Love service station, which was destroyed by fire a few months ago, has been rebuilt and recently opened for business in new modern quarters.

In connection with the new business Mr. Love and his son, Elbert, operating as J. W. Love and Son, have also installed a completely new helpy-selfy laundry in Trent which was opened for business last week.

CALENDAR FOR FINAL SCHOOL EVENTS GIVEN

Friday, May 30, is the date for annual commencement exercises of the Merkel High school, while sermon to the Seniors is to be delivered on Sunday evening, May 25, Supt. R. A. McCollum announced Thursday morning.

Invitation to the speakers selected for these two occasions have been mailed out but acceptances are not expected until the latter part of the week.

Grade school graduation has been set for Thursday night, May 29.

Plans are being completed this week for the Junior-Senior banquet, an event of Friday, May 9, at the Bluebonnet hotel, Sweetwater.

Date for the Senior play has not yet been definitely set.

Merkel School Group Attends Funeral Of Jackie Nemir

Supt. R. A. McCollum of the Merkel Public schools and Mrs. McCollum, Coach Carroll Benson and four of the football boys, Billy Morris Base, Hubert Peterson, Billy Joe Knight and Leon Toombs, Jr., attended the funeral at Roscoe Tuesday afternoon of Alvin Jack (Jackie) Nemir, star quarterback on the 1945 district championship Plewboy team. The group carried flowers for the casket from the Merkel school.

Young Nemir died Monday in the Young hospital, Roscoe, after a lengthy illness. Son of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Nemir, he had spent most of his life in Roscoe, but had lived in Trent while very young. He had been barred from playing football last fall when physicians discovered he had high blood pressure and kidney trouble. He had undergone several operations since that time.

Survivors, besides his parents, include two brothers, Robert and Billy Don Nemir; paternal grandfather, A. Nemir, and maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gordon, all of Roscoe; one aunt, Nellie Gordon, Roscoe teacher, and one uncle, Alvin Nemir, Dallas attorney.

Large Crowds Here For Program Each "Appreciation Day"

Again Wednesday a large number of shoppers were in town for "Appreciation Day," which is a regular weekly affair, sponsored each Wednesday by a group of 45 merchants of the town, with a special program at 4 p. m.

In charge of Wednesday's program were Woodrow Wilson, Dee Grimes and Buster Hester.

On ACC Honor Roll.

Abilene, May 1.—Willard R. Paine, 1939 graduate of Merkel High school and son of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Paine, had his name placed on the honor roll for the third nine-weeks' at Abilene Christian college, as a result of his making a grade of "superior" in two subjects. He is a junior and majoring in business administration.

Chairman of Board Of Baylor U. Passes

Waco, May 1.—Dr. J. T. Harrington, 89, chairman of the board of trustees of Baylor university since 1932 and one of the founders of Simmons college, now Hardin-Simmons university, Abilene, died Tuesday night at his home in Waco.

LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS

Isadore and Sylvan Mellinger returned Saturday from Dallas where they attended the Hella Temple Shrine reunion. Both completed their 32nd degree Masonic work and were admitted to the Shrine.

Dr. L. C. Zee is expected to return Friday from San Antonio where he attended a four-day business meeting and lectureship of the Texas State Dental society.

J. C. Walton, who underwent surgery at Hendrick Memorial hospital, Abilene, on Apr. 18, is back on duty at the Walton Barber shop on part time for the present until he regains his strength.

Late Tuesday the city fire truck driver, C. M. McWilliams, and family moved from the Oasis apartments to their living quarters on the second floor of the new city hall and fire station, and the fireboys who live at the station also occupied their new sleeping quarters for the first time.

SCHOOL TO HAVE NEW ATHLETIC FIELD FOR FALL

School Board Buys Approximately 15 Acres in Southwest Part of Town; Field Can Be Made into Bowl.

The Merkel High School Badgers will open their 1947 season on a new athletic field, located in the southwest part of town on a portion of the 14.55-acre tract bought by the school board from G. H. Suber at a consideration of \$3,000.00.

With the attorney's approval of title, the transaction was completed Wednesday, when the deed was filed for recording. The tract lies south of Baker street and takes in part of the old John S. Hughes addition.

It is planned to move the athletic field to the new site for fall, Supt. R. A. McCollum said, with lighting equipment for night football, baseball and track. Eventually, it is contemplated that the new field can be made into a bowl.

Removal of the athletic field from the present crowded school ground will provide more playground space for the grade school, but at present plans for additional school buildings or enlargements are not advanced beyond the stage of preliminary thought and study.

Pairings to be Made In Scotch Foursome

Pairings will be made next Monday for the Scotch Foursome of the Merkel Golf club, and all members intending to participate should turn in their qualifying scores before that date, it is announced by Dean Higgins and Don Warren, members of the tournament committee.

Scores should be posted at the Walton Barber shop before noon Monday.

Rainfall for Four Months Only 2 Inches

The drizzling rain, which fell most of last Thursday, turning into occasional showers, yielded moisture amounting to five-sixteenths of an inch, according to the gauge of Volunteer Weather Observer J. I. Ford, to bring the total precipitation for the first four months of 1947 to exactly two inches.

Additional Donors to 1947 Cemetery Fund

Chairman T. L. Grimes of the 1947 Cemetery Upkeep committee reports the receipt of \$10.00 from George Ferrer, of Clovis, N. M., and during the past week two donations were left at the office of The Merkel Mail. Donors were: Mrs. Charles Davis, \$1.00, and Mrs. T. M. Smith, Abilene, \$3.00.

Uncle of Artist Cook Succumbs in Dallas

Mr. and Mrs. Artist Cook and daughter, Betty Joyce, were called to Lullas Thursday of last week to be at the bedside of Mr. Cook's uncle, Wade Cook, who died Friday night.

After attending the funeral the Cooks returned home Saturday.

Surprise Dinner for W. E. Petty on Birthday

Mrs. W. E. Petty and children gave her husband a surprise dinner on his 70th birthday, which was Apr. 12, but the dinner was deferred until Sunday, Apr. 13.

All five children were present: two sons from Abilene, Byers Petty and family and J. C. Petty and family, Austin Petty and family of Salt Branch, and their two daughters, Mrs. W. L. Frizzell and her youngest daughter, Lady Ann, and one of her granddaughters, Betty Louise Myers, who is a great-granddaughter of the Pettys, and Mrs. Gladys Turner and two children, Vernia Mae and Oral Edison, of Stanton. All members of the two daughters' families could not be present.

Hospital Notes.

Four babies—all boys—were born at the Sadler Clinic during the past week. Parents are: Mr. and Mrs. Earl Carter, Mr. and Mrs. Booth Russom, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Gray and Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Woodard. Patients admitted for surgery were: Mrs. Roscoe Owens, Apr. 25, and P. B. Cooner, Apr. 26; for treatment, Mary Tom Weston and Mrs. Frank Allyn, Apr. 27.

BENEFIT SHOW FOR TEXAS CITY RELIEF FUND

All proceeds will go to the Texas City Relief fund from the benefit show, announced for Tuesday night at the Queen theatre when the feature picture, "Sea of Grass," starring Spencer Tracy and Katharine Hepburn, will be shown. Price of all seats is 50 cents, Manager Norman T. Hodge announces.

Two complete shows will be given: 7:15 and 9:40 p. m. The doors will open at 7 p. m.

The local V. F. W. will handle the advance sale of tickets, which may be purchased at Carson grocery, West company, Cosden Service station, Merkel Drug company, REA and the Farmers and Merchants National bank.

Grammar School Rates Improvement this Year

According to a recent self-evaluation survey made by the faculty, the local grammar school has made improvement during the current school year.

Last year the school was rated 2.3 out of a possible 5.0. This year the rating was 2.8 out of a possible 5.0. This is a net gain of .5 of a point for the year.

Greatest improvement was made in the field of "Home, School and Community Relations" and in the "Program of School Life."

The various sections of the school program were rated as follows: Children, 2.3; teachers, 2.3; program of school life, 2.8; instructional equipment and supplies, 2.7; home, school and community relations, 3.7; school campus, 2.7, and Administration, 3.1.

According to the averages for the state of Texas, the local grammar school rates above the average for the year.

Plans are already being made to improve this self-rating next year.

Vernon Attorney is District Governor

Only delegate from the Merkel Lions club attending the district 2-E convention held Sunday and Monday at Brownwood was Postmaster Wrenn Durham, who, accompanied by his wife and daughters, visited in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Clements.

Marvin C. Culbertson, Vernon attorney, was elected district governor, succeeding R. E. Gracey, of Roscoe, Wichita Falls was named the 1948 convention city.

Welfare Worker Holds In-take First Monday

Mrs. Ruby Payne, representing the State Department of Public Welfare, will hold in-take in the office of Mrs. Elma McFarland on the first Monday of each month instead of the second and fourth Thursdays. Hours are from 9 until 5.

Record of Births.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Carter Thursday, April 24, 1947.
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Booth Russom, Friday, April 25, 1947.
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Gray, Monday, April 28, 1947.
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Woodard, Monday, April 28, 1947.

FORM BASEBALL LEAGUE; START PLAY MAY 11th

Teams from Merkel, Trent, Anson, Sweetwater, Roscoe and Lorraine to Participate in Cotton Belt League.

The Cotton Belt league is the name of the newly formed six-team baseball league which was organized here Monday night, with the election of E. C. Mabrey of Sweetwater as president and Nolan Palmer, secretary-treasurer.

The circuit includes Merkel, Trent, Anson, Sweetwater, Roscoe and Lorraine.

May 11 was designated as opening date, with the Merkel team, sponsored by the Junior chamber of commerce, playing at home. Trent will be their opponents.

Other opening games will be: Sweetwater at Anson, and Lorraine at Roscoe.

The league will have a split season, with play-off at end of the second half. All games will be played on Sundays to start promptly at 3 p. m.

Twelve games will constitute the first half of the season, after which decision will be made as to the number of games to be played in the second half, when possibly two games each week may be scheduled.

Veterans Vocational School to Present Film

On Friday night, May 9, at 8 o'clock a show is to be presented at the Merkel High school gym, sponsored by the Veterans Vocational school, featuring a sound moving picture, "Hunger Signs," which, according to A. A. McKimney, instructor of the agricultural class of the Veterans Vocational Training school at Trent and who taught the Merkel class three months in the winter, deals with soil fertility and the effects that soil deficiencies show in plant growth.

The classes at Butman, Trent and Merkel will attend the show, which is an educational film, and all farmers interested are invited to the show, which is free to the public.

Asks Meeting All Boys Of Cub Scout Age

Jim Nettis, Field Scout Executive of Abilene, is asking all boys of Cub Scout age, 9-11, and their parents to meet with him and the members of the Pack committee in the grade school auditorium next Tuesday night, May 6, at 8 p. m., for the purpose of reorganizing the Cub Pack, which has been inactive for the past year.

According to Mr. Nettis, boys who plan to join must have one or both of their parents present at this organization meeting. All boys regardless of whether they have ever been Cubs or not are invited to join. No boy under 9 or over 11 is eligible.

Box Supper at Stith.

There will be a box supper at the Stith school house Thursday night, May 8, sponsored by the WSCS of the Stith Methodist church. Proceeds are to be used for remodeling the church.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From Files of The Merkel Mail, April 22, 1927.)

SENIOR DAY PROGRAM.

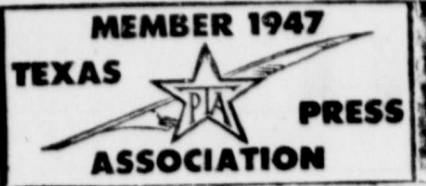
The annual Senior Day was inaugurated with a program given by members of the Senior class in which they complimented the remaining classes of the High school. The exercises were appropriately opened by a most inspirational talk by the Rev. Haymes of Abilene. He was introduced by Miss Orpah Patterson who proceeded as master of ceremonies throughout the remainder of the program. The class prophecy was given by Miss Tommy Durham, after which a saxophone solo was rendered by Charlie Largent with Clyde Mayfield as his accompanist. A vocal solo by Miss Thelma Copeland was next on the program with Inice Brown at the piano, after which Aileen Childress gave a piano number. "The Class Will," read by Maben Rogers, was humorous in its generosity as the victims of each senior's wit were forced to stand and receive their inheritance. The next was a quartette,

sung by Obeal Stubblefield, Tommy Durham, Inice Brown and Helen Booth, with Thelma Copeland soloist and Orpah Patterson at the piano. The concluding number was a vocal duet by Helen Booth and Charlie Largent, accompanied by Inice Brown.

The picnic sponsored by the class was postponed because of the inclement weather.

The following seventh grade pupils were awarded certificates in penmanship by the Minnie E. Grove system: Willie D. Frady, Hazel Highsmith, Holley Perry and Fannie V. Jones. Pins were awarded to the fifth and sixth grade pupils: Opal Huskey, Nell Hughes, Frances M. Church, Meyer Mellinger, Edna Mae Marshall, Margaret Miller, Maureen White, Velma Stevens, Isadore Mellinger, Oleta Moore, Willie Lee Davis, Willie Evelyn Boaz, Juanita Harmon, Ouida Mae Hulsey, Ida Mae Derstine and Himalaya Swafford.

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION.

THE STATE OF TEXAS. TO: Zebdee Leggett, GREETING: You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 16th day of June, A. D. 1947, at or before 10 o'clock A. M., before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County, at the Court House in Abilene, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 30th day of April, 1947. The file number of said suit being No. 15,284-A. The names of the parties in said suit are: Carry Mae Leggett as Plaintiff, and Zebdee Leggett as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married June 21, 1945, and separated on or about August 28, 1945.

No children were born to this marriage and there is no community property.

Plaintiff sues for divorce on the grounds of cruel treatment. If this Citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

Issued this the 30th day of April, A. D., 1947.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 30th day of April, A. D., 1947.

(Seal) J. Neil Daniel, Clerk, District Court, Taylor County, Texas By Thelma Graham, Deputy.

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In The Churches

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

Attendance at the seven reporting Sunday Schools last Sunday was 714 as compared with 752 on the previous Sunday and 804 on the same Sunday a year ago.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Morning sermon at 11. Training Union at 7:00 p. m. Evening sermon at 8:00. Prayer meeting at 7:15 Wednesday evening. Merle Weathers, Pastor.

METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. MYF and juniors meet at 6:30 p. m. L. M. Brown, Pastor.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD.

Sunday School at 3 p. m. Preaching services at 4 p. m. and 8 p. m. Services every Thursday night. H. S. Earp, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday: Bible School at 9:45 a. m.; preaching 10:50 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Young Folks class at 6:50 p. m. Wednesday prayer meeting at 7:30 p. m. Reporter.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School 10 a. m. Offering for Reynolds home, Children meet at 7 p. m. No evening service. Mid-week prayer meeting at 7 o'clock Wednesday evening. D. S. Neel, Pastor.

FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Mid-week prayer meeting at 7:30 Wednesday evening. A. T. Suskey, Pastor.

NAZARENE CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 a. m. Preaching at 11. NYPS at 6:30 p. m. Preaching at 7. Prayer meeting at 7 p. m. Wednesday. Mrs. J. D. Roedler, Pastor.

Varied Program Is Presented by Trent Grammar School

Trent, May 1.—A crowd that taxed the seating capacity of the school auditorium was present to witness and applaud the program presented last Friday night by the Trent grammar school, consisting of songs, readings, short sketches and several special numbers of exceptional merit, such as the "Tom Thumb Wedding," presented in full costume by a large wedding party, and a folk dance deserving of high praise.

Introductory remarks were made by Supt. Ben W. Newhouse, after which the following program was rendered:

- "Welcome," Clyde Butler.
"Springtime" and "I Love America," Norma Jean Kelly and Barbara Washburn, with the audience standing and joining in the latter number.
"Roll Along," fourth grade.
"Uncle Remus Says," Carolyn McRee.
May Day dance, fourth grade.
"Managua Nicaragua," Jerry Estep.
"Little Boy's Welcome," Joel Crain.
"Three Little Boys," Lavinagh Freeman, Eldon James and Jerry Washburn.
"Just Like a Weed," Phyllis Duncan.
"Tom Thumb Wedding," first, second and third grades.
"Pies," Bob Little.
"A Bashful Boy," Paul Farrar.
"A Small Boy's Speech," David Strother.
Flag drill, first, second and third grades.
"Partner Come," second grade.
"She'll Be Coming Around the Mountain," fifth grade.
"Watch My Dust," James Wilks.
"Beautiful Texas," fifth grade.
"If Ever I Get Fat," James Wilks.
"Old McDonald Had a Farm," fifth grade.
"Radio Mix-Up," Richard Brown.
Folk dance, fifth grade.
"Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" and "The Old Lampfighter," seventh grade.
"Little Helpers," sixth grade.

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CARD OF THANKS.

To the Merkel and Trent Friends of Jackie: We wish to express our deep appreciation for the beautiful floral offerings and for each expression of sympathy; especially do we want to express our thanks to the Merkel schools. May God's blessings rest upon each of you.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Nemir, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gordon, Nellie Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. A. Nemir, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Nemir.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank those who helped in any way during the sickness and death of our dear mother, especially do we wish to thank Dr. Sadler who was so attentive. The Haynes Children.

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THE OLD RELIABLE

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Potosi Woman Named Head of P.T.A. Council At Lawn Meeting

Mrs. Riley Miller of Potosi was installed as president of the Taylor County Parent-Teacher council in a ceremony directed by Mrs. Holland Holt of Abilene at an all-day meeting of members held last Friday at the Lawn high school building.

Others taking office were: Mrs. Lance Smith of Lawn, vice-president; Mrs. Ed Clark of Wylie, secretary; Mrs. J. T. Watts of Wylie, treasurer; Mrs. Holt, parliamentarian.

James Box, school superintendent, gave the welcome address. One of the features of the afternoon program was the presentation of a style show by the home economics class, the girls modeling dresses made in class.

Mrs. H. Doyal Ragle of Wylie spoke on "Recreation for All-Around Growth." Martha Dell Ainsworth and Lady Nell McMillen sang a duet arrangement of "Beautiful Dreamer." Sixth and seventh grade girls sang "The House Two Live In" and "Sweet Springtime."

Annual reports from officers and reports from the spring district con-

ference were heard at the morning program. Conference reports were given by Mrs. Arnett Weeks of Lawn, Mrs. Raymond Neal of North Park, Mrs. Porter Loving of North Park, Mrs. Riley Miller and Mrs. Holt.

Following a covered dish luncheon in the basement of the Baptist

church, council members returned to the high school for an afternoon program directed by Mrs. Carl Pearson and Mrs. James Box. Jean Harbeck gave a piano solo; eighth and ninth grade girls gave a chorus reading of "Praise of Peace," and Peggy Jean Adams sang "Somewhere a Voice is Calling."

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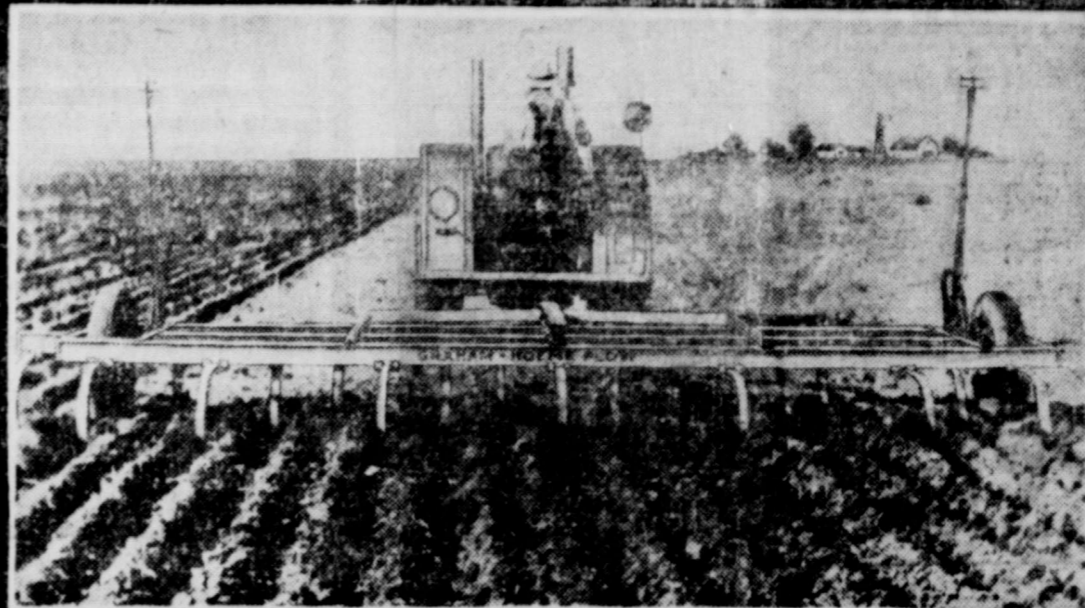
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FARM & HOME SUPPLY



The supervisors of the Middle Clear Fork Soil Conservation district have recently received a small supply of Blue Panic grass seed from the Soil Conservation Service nursery. This grass seed is for use in making trial plantings on district cooperating farms for adaptability in this area. Blue Panic is a deep rooted, perennial bunch grass that forms good sized, tough crowns by means of thick, short, bulbous rhizomes. It may reach a height of 6 to 7 feet under best growing conditions.

This grass was introduced from Australia and has good possibilities for hay, pasture, seed and erosion control in this soil conservation district. It seems to thrive on clays, clay loams and fine sandy loam soils. For this area 3 feet row plantings at the rate of 2 lbs. of seed per acre is recommended. Results with this grass at Stamford, Texas, last year show that it withstood drouthy conditions, made good growth, remained green until killing frost and came back early in the spring about the time Johnson grass begins growth. The seed should be planted on a well prepared seed bed which has been firmed by dragging or by use of cultipacker and planted very shallow, not over 1-2" deep. These trial plantings are being made on the most favorable sites for seed increase plots this year.

Rex McLean, cooperater in the South Trent Conservation group, has recently planted 3 1-2 acres to Weeping Love grass and 3 1-2 acres to Sand Love grass as a start in revegetating a cultivated area above a diversion terrace. Mr. McLean plans to revegetate about 20 acres with these grasses if these trial plantings are successful. These plantings were made with a cultipacker seeding attachment and seeded at the rate of about 1 pound of seed per acre.

Ben Butman, cooperater in the Butman Conservation group, has recently planted a waterway area consisting of about 4 acres to Blue Panic grass. This area is being used for terrace outlets and to serve an outside drainage area which flows through the farm. Mr. Butman plans to use this grass for erosion control primarily but is counting on other uses for seed, hay and pasture. He also planted 1 1-2 acres to Weeping Love grass on an area above his top terrace which was badly eroded and had shallow soil condition. This area is to be retired from cultivation and used for pasture. These plantings were made with cultipacker seeding attachment at the following rates: Blue Panic 2 pounds seed per acre and Weeping love grass one pound seed per acre.

A. H. Murphree, cooperater in Castle Peak Conservation group, has recently planted 4 acres to Blue Panic grass for seed production and for grazing. This was planted with cultipacker seeder at rate of 2 pounds seed per acre.

District Cooperators who have recently constructed terraces on their farms are: W. T. Rainwater Est. and Haskell Bartlett of Sinclair Conservation group, O. B. Boden and Henry Tillett, Jr., of Mt. Pleasant Conservation group, and J. E. Griffin, Sr., of Compere group.

Merkel Society Plans To Invite Presbyterian For October Meeting

Attending the 55th annual meeting last Thursday of the Abilene Presbyterian society, held at the Central Presbyterian church in Stamford, were five members of the missionary society of Grace Presbyterian church: Mesdames D. S. Noel, Henry West, J. L. Tucker, Leo Harris and W. M. Elliott.

Theme of the meeting was "They Gave Themselves," and the guest speaker was Miss Mary Ingram, of Kansas City, Mo., secretary of the board of foreign missions.

Approximately 65 women were present, with most all of the churches in the Presbyterian represented.

A committee of three women was appointed to decide on the next place or meeting, the time to be in October. Hereafter, Presbyterian, which has been meeting only once each year, will meet twice during the year, and the Merkel church plans to extend an invitation for the October meeting.

About 95 per cent of all new locomotives being ordered for American railroads are reported to be Diesel-electric.

QUEEN THEATRE CALENDAR

Friday - Saturday — Double feature program: Charles Starrett, and Smiley Burnette in "The Fighting Frontiersman" and Kenny Delmar, Una Merkel, June Lockhart in "It's A Joke Son;" cartoon and Chick Carter serial.

Sunday-Monday — Judy Garland, Frank Sinatra, Virginia O'Brien, Robert Walker, Van Johnson, Dinah Shore in "Till the Clouds Roll By;" cartoon and latest News.

Tuesday night — Benefit show for Texas City Relief fund: Spencer Tracy, Katharine Hepburn in "Sea of Grass."

Wednesday - Thursday — Dana Andrews, Jane Wyatt in "Boomerang;" cartoon and 2-reel technicolor short.

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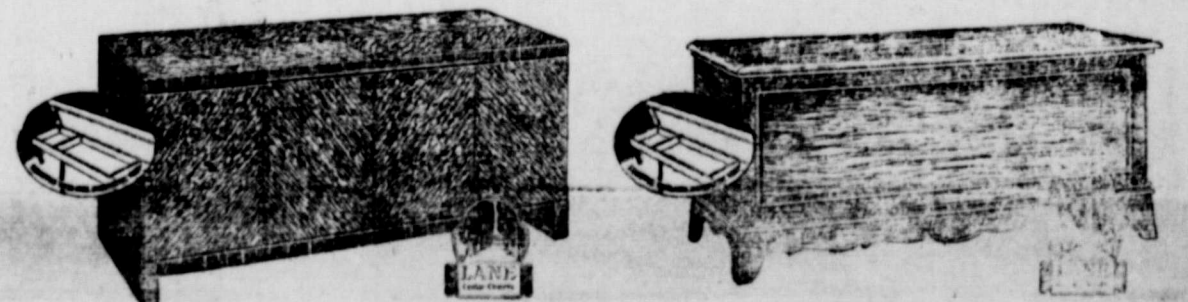
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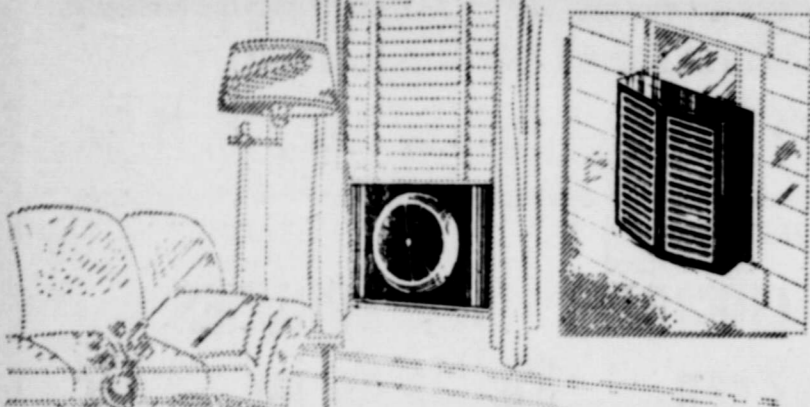
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Mrs. R. C. Warren, Jr., nee Reba Rae Kingsbury, was honored with a gift tea in the home of Mrs. C. C. Conley on Wednesday of last week. The following ladies combined hostess duties for the afternoon: Mesdames Henry Curington, H. R. McKeever, A. A. Reagan, D. A. Lee, George Woodrum, E. O. Carson, Irl Walker, H. B. Robertson, G. C. Gilbert, Clyde Eager, D. E. Bowen, C. C. Conley and Bob McDonald.

Spring flowers were used throughout the home.

Mrs. C. C. Conley headed the receiving line presenting Mrs. L. S. Kingsbury, mother of the bride, the bride and Mrs. R. C. Warren, mother of the bridegroom.

Mrs. Irl Walker invited guests into the dining room where Mrs. Bob McDonald ladled frosted punch, assisted by Mrs. Henry Curington and Mrs. H. R. McKeever. Dainty refreshments were served from a lace-laid table with floral centerpiece. Mrs. A. A. Reagan and Mrs. E. O. Carson invited guests to view a handsome display of gifts. Mrs. D. A. Lee presided at the register.

A most delightful musical program was presented by Mrs. Comer Haynes and Joy Nalley. Approximately 125 invitations were extended.

EASTERN STAR.

Regular meeting of Merkel Chapter No. 212, Order of the Eastern Star, was held on Tuesday evening of last week at the Masonic hall. A short business meeting was followed by an initiation, with Mrs. G. S. Hughes the candidate. She was also one of the honored guests at a special program that followed.

The special program was given in honor of all the members who had been initiated into the chapter during the term of office of Worthy Matron and Patron, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dunagin. The hall was beautifully decorated with flowers that carried out the color scheme of the program.

Mrs. Dunagin, worthy matron, gave

the welcome address, and Star points. Mesdames Craig Humphreys, Howard Carson, H. C. Reid, Melvin Loader and Bryan Dunagin, each gave a poem as she placed a bouquet in a basket. Mrs. D. S. Neel, associate matron, presented this basket of flowers to the guests as she gave a reading. Mrs. Ernest Joyce sang "In the Garden."

Honored members were Mesdames G. S. Hughes, Frank Patterson, Melvin Loader, N. D. Cobb, G. R. Smith, Oscar Johnson, Buck Leach, Earl Duncan, A. C. Terry; Messrs; and Mesdames J. B. Griffin, D. R. Butler, Ross Pratt and Ralph Tarpley.

Other members present were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dunagin and Mesdames G. M. Sharp, Wade Ensminger, Claude Warren, Craig Humphreys, Ray Miller, Ernest Joyce, Bryan Dunagin, H. C. Reid, Florence Berry, D. S. Neel, Howard Carson, Edith B. Giles, Ruby Clifford, W. L. Johnson and C. W. Seago, all of Merkel, Mrs. B. L. Higdon of Trent and Mrs. Jimmy Cooley and Mr. and Mrs. O. R. King from Anson.

MERKEL HD CLUB.

The Merkel Home Demonstration club met Friday afternoon of last week in the home of Mrs. W. C. Lee, with Mrs. Don Riney presiding.

Mrs. S. G. Russell, Jr., gave the council report and Mrs. John S. Hughes conducted a parliamentary drill. Mrs. P. W. Miller brought a very interesting discussion of "Diseases of Children," stressing the importance of immunization, especially for diseases so common to children.

Mrs. Don Riney made the report of district meeting held in Anson on Apr. 23, at which all the districts were represented but one, with 370 members present. The next meeting will be in Brownwood.

At the close of the meeting, refreshments were served to two visitors, Mrs. C. C. Benham and Mrs. F. W. Miller, and the following members: Mesdames Carl Weichmann, J. W. Bryan, Stella Cutler, J. O. Cas-

les, J. Ben Campbell, John Hughes, Irl Walker, Claud Greenlee, Ray Holmes, W. J. Deratino, S. G. Russell, Jr., Rhett Eidson, Jr., A. W. Bailey, W. A. Harris, Miss Lottie Butman and the hostess.

WSSCS LUNCHEON.

The Women's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist church met Monday at the parsonage for a luncheon. Hostesses were Mrs. Leroy Brown, Mrs. Will Sloman and Mrs. John Shannon. Fried chicken was the main dish.

Mrs. Vernon Hudson presided. Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson led the opening prayer. Mrs. Ray Wilson reported on the district conference at Abilene held on Apr. 17. Mrs. Tom Largent gave the devotional, reading from Psalms. Mrs. J. M. Collins talked on the subject "100 Years in China."

Besides the above mentioned there were also the following present: Miss Lottie Butman; Mesdames Jack Miller, W. S. J. Brown, Earl Hughes, Homer Patterson, D. H. Vaughn and L. A. Watts; also a visitor, Mrs. W. U. Shannon, of Brownwood.

SURPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Mrs. L. C. Murry was given a surprise birthday party at her home Wednesday afternoon. When she returned from town the house was filled with friends all singing "Happy Birthday." She received many nice

and useful gifts. Two beautiful birthday cakes and punch were served to those present.

Friends bringing gifts were Mesdames: Odell Freeman, G. M. Freeman, Venita Freeman, Homer Williams, C. A. Anderson, Kenneth Wilser, of Trent; E. L. Russell, Jeff Herndon, Anson; Garlie Williams, Clyde; Mrs. Tom Kerns and Jean, Mrs. Earle Watts and baby, Mrs. J. W. Bryan, Mrs. S. R. Dwiggins, Mrs. Joe Nalley and Joy, Mr. Murry was also present. Mrs. Bob Johnson called in the evening and a number sent gifts.

BAPTIST CIRCLE.

The Blanche Rose Walker Circle of the First Baptist church met Monday afternoon with Mrs. E. O. Carson for a Mission program.

Members present were Mesdames Hugh Campbell, J. S. Swann, J. J. McNiece, A. R. Booth, J. O. Castles, Lucy Ford, Sam Swann, Irl Walker and Earl Lassiter.

SEWING CLUB.

The Sewing club met Wednesday afternoon of last week in the home of Mrs. W. J. Skiles.

A pleasant afternoon was enjoyed by one visitor, Mrs. A. P. Peetre, and those members: Mesdames Nolan Palmer, Norman King, Earle Watts, Doyle Seifried, George T. Moore, H. W. Lemens, Dub Harbinger, Mason Gamble, Lester Dorton,

Garden Hints

from Merkel Garden Club.

Soil should not be spaded if it is still damp. Squeeze a handful of soil and then break it apart. If it crumbles easily, it's ready for spading. If it's still wet and clings together, wait until the soil becomes drier.

For red spiders: Wash out plant with strong current from hose or spray with nicotine solution. Dusting sulphur is also good.

For rust or black spot: Dust with dusting sulphur or spray with Bordeaux mixture.

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HEINZ— FOOD— CEREAL, box 19c	FRUIT in gallons PEACHES ... 59c APRICOTS ... 59c PRUNES ... 59c	MARYLAND CLUB— 4 lb. limit! COFFEE, Drip or Reg., lb. 45c
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SWIFT'S Strained— MEATS, can 21c	FRUIT in gallons PEACHES ... 59c APRICOTS ... 59c PRUNES ... 59c	STARR In Syrup PRUNES 15 oz. jar ... 13c
VEL Box 33c	FRUIT in gallons PEACHES ... 59c APRICOTS ... 59c PRUNES ... 59c	MEADOLAKE— Pound OLEOMARGARINE 43c

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