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PERSONAL NEWS NOTES

Sunday visitors in the T. J. Melton home were Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Welch and Mrs. Gertrude Davis of Santa Anna, and Mrs. Minnie Draper, a niece, whom he had not seen in fifteen years, of Waco. Other members of the immediate family present were Mrs. M. M. Owens, Mrs. Lela McEver, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Sears of Snyder, Wallace Melton of Odessa, Shirley Mae Melton of Paducah and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Carson.

Mr. and Mrs. Rayford Cockrell and family of Breckenridge spent a day night in the home of her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Carey.

Week-end guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willie H. Moore were Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Wallace, Glendon, Ina Mae and Ina Jean, of Munday, Mr. and Mrs. Emmitt Wallace, Cecil Marie and Billy Wallace, of Abilene, and Mrs. and Mrs. W. H. Moore and family. Mrs. Lewis Wallace is a sister to Mrs. Willie M. Moore.

Mrs. J. E. Tucker, a former long-time resident of Merkel, is visiting with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Bertha Ensminger, until June 1. A son, Burnis Tucker, brought her from Joshua the latter part of last week and she was met here by another son, Leo Tucker, and wife, from Rule, who visited until Saturday.

Miss Mattie Lou Bicknell of Seagraves spent Monday night with her cousin, Gerrie Jenkins.

Mrs. W. A. Harris is spending the week in Abilene with friends and relatives.

Mrs. T. R. Bicknell of Seagraves and Mrs. W. A. Steele of Sweetwater were overnight visitors Monday with their father, T. C. Jinkens.

Mrs. J. L. Tucker returned Monday from Lubbock, where she visited her son, Jasper Tucker, and family, during the Pioneer Round-Up there.

Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Ruby Jinkens and family were Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Dee Clark and Mrs. W. A. Steele, of Sweetwater, and Lloyd Gilmore.

After spending his two weeks vacation with his mother, Mrs. M. D. Lucas, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lucas returned Wednesday to their home in Flint, Mich.

Mrs. R. B. Horton and Mrs. Hugh Campbell, drove down to Temple on Saturday and were accompanied on their return home Sunday by their husband and son, R. B. Horton, who had undergone surgery at Scott and White hospital three weeks before.

Mrs. George Coker of Fort Worth was due to arrive Thursday afternoon to spend the week-end with her mother, Mrs. N. D. Cobb. Her brother, Billy Cobb, who has been here the past several days with his mother, will accompany her home.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Gamble returned Monday from a trip to San Antonio and Houston, visiting in the latter city with his mother, Mrs. S. A. Chenault.

After visiting several days here with his sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Ferrier, Mr. and Mrs. Frank O'Brian, of Pomona, Calif., left the latter part of last week, accompanied by Mrs. Ferrier, for Fort Worth, where they visited Ross Ferrier, Jr., and family, going from there to Monroe, La., to visit Mrs. O'Brian's relatives, then on to Atlanta, Ga., and other southern cities.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Grimes, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Pee, returned Wednesday from Fort Worth and Dallas, where Mr. and Mrs. Grimes and Mrs. Pee attended the American Fashion Association's show and Mr. Pee attended to business matters.

First Lt. Bowman O. Barlow, who completed UMT school at Fort Knox, Ky., arrived here Monday morning, accompanied by his mother, Mrs. H. S. Stith, and his brother, Seymour Stith, of Jeffersontown, Ky., who are visiting in the Woodrum home. The latter part of the week Lieutenant Barlow and his wife and daughter, Becky, and Mrs. Stith and Seymour will leave for Camp Hood, where he is stationed.

David Wozencraft, who is employed in San Francisco, Calif., is home on a vacation visit with his mother, Mrs. W. A. Wozencraft.

OPEN HOUSE IN HONOR OF 50th WEDDING DATE

Golden Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Frazier Celebrated Monday in the Home of a Daughter in Sweetwater.

A number of Merkelites went over to Sweetwater Monday for the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Frazier, pioneer Merkel residents, who moved to Sweetwater a few months ago to make their home with their daughter, Mrs. Henry Walker.

In celebration of the occasion, their daughter and her husband and their granddaughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Perry, entertained with an open house at the Walker home, where Rev. C. A. Bickley of Lubbock, a nephew of Mrs. Frazier, read the anniversary marriage service at 4 p. m. in the presence of the relatives of the couple before the guests arrived. The bride wore an orchid corsage. Calling hours were from 4 to 8 p. m.

The guests were received by Mr. and Mrs. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Perry and the honorees, Mr. and Mrs. Frazier. Mrs. Walter Frazier, sister-in-law of Mr. Frazier, was at the registration table. Assisting in the dining room, where cake and punch were served, were two nieces, Mrs. C. A. Bickley of Lubbock and Mrs. Gladys Sublett Kellam of Lamesa.

Mrs. Frazier, as Fannie McNeese, taught the first school at Rock Crossing, south of Merkel, in 1892-'93. Mr. Frazier came to this community with his parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Frazier, in November, of 1895. They were married May 19, 1897, at the home of Mrs. Frazier's sister, the late Mrs. J. S. Bickley.

Mr. Frazier served two terms as Taylor county commissioner in the 1920's and also served two terms on the Merkel city council and was a steward in the Merkel, Methodist church.

Among relatives and friends from Merkel present for the celebration were Mesdames W. H. Laney, R. A. Walker, M. Armstrong, J. R. Pee, J. M. Dry, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Frazier, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Kelley, Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Miller and Miss Jennie Keny.

Finalists Determined In Scotch Foursome

Defeating H. O. Boney and R. O. Anderson, 4 up and 2, in the lower bracket of the Merkel Golf Club foursome, Nolan Palmer and W. O. Boney advanced to the final match where they will meet Lester Dorton and Chesby Patterson, who bested Norman Hodge and Sylvan Mellinger 4-3.

Qualifying rounds will start this week-end in the city tournament to follow the foursome, it is announced.

May Rainfall Attains Total of Four Inches

This section's crop prospects were further enhanced with moisture of 1 1/4 inches, resulting from the rain that fell last Friday morning, according to Volunteer Weather Observer J. I. Ford, bringing the total for May to four inches and for the year, to 6 inches.

31 Children Present At Child Health Clinic

The co-operation from parents to the Child Health Clinic, sponsored by the Merkel Parent-Teacher association, was gratifying when 31 children were brought for immunizations on last Friday afternoon.

SECOND GRADERS VISIT DOWNTOWN CONCERNS

Thirty-eight pupils in Mrs. H. C. Reid's second grade spent Tuesday morning in a visit of four interesting downtown establishments and took lunch on the lawn at the water tower.

Places visited were the Kimbell Milling company, the Merkel Bakery, The Merkel Mail and the city hall and fire station.

Early Thursday morning The Mail was in receipt of a note of thanks "for showing us such a good time," signed individually by members of the class.

JUNE 15 DATE REUNION OF EX-BELL COUNTIANS

The annual reunion of Ex-Residents of Bell county will be held at the Presbyterian encampment grounds in Buffalo Gap Sunday, June 15, according to Joe Childers, of Abilene, president of the association.

Vice-president is C. J. Glover, of Merkel, and secretary-treasurer is Mrs. Florence Clifton, of Abilene.

Members of the association are former residents of Bell county now living in Taylor and other West Texas counties, who annually get together for a picnic punch and the exchange of reminiscences.

"The Song of America" To Be Presented by 8th Grade Members

On Thursday evening, May 29, the eighth grade of the Merkel Grammar school, as their graduation program, will present, "The Song of America," under the direction of Miss Christine Collins, teacher of public school music, and Mrs. Ellen McReynolds and Mrs. Evelyn Slinger, class sponsors. Norma Jean Hodges is to be reader and Miss Collins, accompanist.

Winners of the 8th grade American Legion awards are Dudley Farr and Bobbie Nell Jenkins, it was announced Thursday morning by Principal C. A. Farley.

The program, which will begin at 8:30 p. m., follows:

1. Prelude, "God Bless America."
2. "By the Waters of Minnetonka."
3. "Faith of Our Fathers."
4. "Turkey in the Straw."
5. "Yankee Doodle."
6. "The Star Spangled Banner."
7. "Oh, Susanna."
8. Negro Spiritual.
9. "Battle Hymn of the Republic."
10. Faculty awards, Supt. R. A. McCollum.

Senior Class Presents Annual Play May 23

A large cast of Seniors will be seen in their class play, "Good Neighbors," on Friday night, May 23, in the school gymnasium.

"Good Neighbors," a three-act play, is a comedy of home life among the neighbors who live in the small town of Summerville. When an aristocratic family visits in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vaski, natives of Summerville, the visitors soon learn how to become "good neighbors."

The play is good, not only because of its rank among modern plays, but also because of the strong cast of actors.

The time has been set for eight o'clock. Price of tickets will be fifteen and thirty cents.

Rotan Forfeits Game; Badgers Play Trent

The Merkel Badgers got off to a good start on their 1947 baseball campaign by winning two games in one day, Wednesday, May 21.

The locals won their initial conference game by a score of 9-0, via the forfeit route, over the Rotan Yellowhammers, who could not come to Merkel due to final examination reviews.

Attend Funeral of Uncle at Levelland

A few hours after Mrs. George Reeves of Rotan came here to join a son, A. D. Reeves, of Denver, Colo., who arrived Wednesday of last week to visit his brothers, Eldon and Othell Reeves, also a sister, Mrs. Irl Walker, she was called to the bedside of her brother, W. A. Davis, of Levelland, who died Sunday.

Mrs. Walker and Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Reeves attended the funeral which was held Monday at Levelland, and A. D. Reeves also went to Levelland but was unable to remain for the funeral and returned to Denver Monday by plane. Mrs. John Cross of Rotan and Mrs. Ed Aldredge also attended the funeral.

"Appreciation Day" Brings Large Crowd

With J. Parker Sharp as the announcer, representatives of Donnelly Bros. Hatchery, Burton-Lingo company and the H. and H. Laundry were in charge of this week's "Appreciation Day," which drew another large crowd.

"Appreciation Day" is scheduled each Wednesday as a courtesy from 45 Merkel merchants, with the feature event at 4 p. m.

46 CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION CLASS OF 1947

Methodist Pastor to Preach Commencement Sermon; Dr. W. E. King, of Abilene, Will Deliver Address to Class.

First event of commencement week—May 25-30—at Merkel High school will be the sermon to Seniors, which will be delivered by Rev. L. M. Brown, pastor of the Merkel Methodist church at 8 o'clock on Sunday evening, May 25, in the school gymnasium.

The evening's program includes: Processional, music department; invocation, Minister Orvil Filbeck of the Church of Christ; music, "Now the Day is Over," (Gould-Barnby); "Lift Up Your Heads," (Lynes); "Oh, That Men Would Praise the Lord," (Holton); "Flower Song," (Lange); "A Garden Lullaby," (Tillotson); "Softly the Silent Night," (Winn); "Thanks Be to God," (Dickson); Girl's Choral club; sermon; benediction by Rev. E. M. Weathers, pastor of the First Baptist church.

Dr. W. E. King, pastor of the University Baptist church, Abilene, will deliver the address to the graduates on Friday evening, May 30. The program follows: Processional, music department; invocation, Rev. D. S. Neel, pastor of Grace Presbyterian church; music, "To the School," (Wilkes); "Life Is a Song," (Gainer); Senior class; address; presentation of scholarships, Principal Edwin E. Read; presentation of diplomas, Supt. R. A. McCollum; music, "Farewell, Comrades," (Fay); "I Passed By Your Window," (Taylor); class; benediction, Dr. King; recessional, music department.

There are forty-six candidates for graduation.

Lion President Names Nominating Committee

In discussing plans for the use and supervision of the proposed Community Center, sponsored by the Merkel Lions club, members of the club voted at their luncheon Tuesday to ask the presidents of other civic organizations in the city to meet with Lion President Riggs Shepperd for a conference to bring out suggestions which would help in arriving a working plan to serve the purposes of the project.

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Lorraine Beats Merkel In Cotton Belt Game

In the Cotton Belt League game played Sunday at Lorraine, the Merkel Jaycees sponsored team lost by a 5-2 score. Roscoe defeated Trent, 7-5, in a 10-inning game played at Trent.

The Merkel boys will play at Roscoe next Sunday, May 25.

Fox to Build New Home for Repair Shop

Ollie Fox has purchased the 25-foot corner lot at North Front street and Rannels, adjoining his present location, from Johnny Jacobs and will move his repair shop to this lot just as soon as construction of a 20x25 concrete tile building, to be erected north of the present structure fronting the highway, can be completed.

32 HIGH SCHOOL PUPILS AWARDED DIPLOMAS.

The 1926-'27 term of the Merkel Public schools came to a close Monday evening when Superintendent Irvin L. Jackson presented diplomas to thirty-two fine young men and women of the town and community who had successfully completed the school work.

The graduating address, which was scheduled to have been delivered by President Baxter of Abilene Christian College, was ably delivered by Dean Cox of that college, Mr. Baxter being unable to be present on account of illness. The entire program was carried out as planned with the above exception and was very fine and inspirational.

VOTE TO CLOSE BLOCK BETWEEN GYM AND HIGH

Members of the city council and the board of the Merkel Independent School district were to meet Thursday night at the school house to consider further the proposal submitted to the same groups at a joint meeting held Monday night at the city hall, by C. E. Loveless, representing the Southwestern Appraisal company, Fort Worth, which offered to contract for \$8,000 to make a survey of property values in the school district including the city of Merkel and set up a complete record in book and card form for the use of the two governing bodies as to fair values of all property and improvements in the district, the two bodies to apportion the cost by agreement.

At Monday night's meeting, the city council adopted two ordinances, presented by Supt. R. A. McCollum in behalf of the school board: one to order permanently closed certain streets and alleys in the recently acquired tract to be used as a football field, which had been laid out on the plat of the addition but had never been opened; the other, to close the block on Manchester street, running from Austin to Fannin streets, (between the gym and high school grounds), as a safety measure for the protection of the school children, most of whom cross this street one or more times each day.

Several applications for the position of nightwatchman had been submitted, but the city council decided to leave the appointment open until a later date.

ONE MEMBER OF 20-MAN CREW MEETS DEATH

All But One of the Crew on B-29 That Crashed Near Merkel Early Tuesday Night Drop to Safe Landing.

Nineteen members of the 20-man crew of the B-29 which crashed about 8:10 Tuesday night three and one-half miles west of Merkel, just south of the railroad tracks, parachuted to safety, and eighteen of the number were accounted for before midnight.

Of the two missing crewmen, the nineteenth member, Sgt. Gregory Bussiere, was found about midnight Tuesday on the King ranch about 17 miles southwest of Merkel. He suffered a badly injured knee.

Shortly before noon Wednesday the body of the 20th crewman, Lt. Irving Bloom of Albuquerque, N. M., was found by searchers suspended in a tree about 12 miles southwest of Merkel. He was wearing his parachute which had caught in the tree. The parachute was open.

Ten of the fliers were taken to the Sweetwater hospital, two were brought to Merkel and two were carried to Hendrick Memorial hospital. Five who were seriously injured were later flown to Brooke General hospital, San Antonio.

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The plane, from the Roswell, N. M., Army Air Base on a routine training flight to Puerto Rico, developed a fire in the No. 3 engine, the engine nearest the fuselage on the right side. Capt. Alfonso Cameron, pilot of the craft, said the plane quickly filled with smoke from the burning engine and when it was seen that the flames could not be extinguished he ordered the men to abandon ship.

The plane was at an altitude of approximately 20,000 feet and flying just south of Sweetwater when the crew began jumping.

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Excitement ran high in Merkel, from where many had seen the ship in flames before it crashed and hundreds went to the scene shortly after.

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Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Ted Heath, Sunday, May 18, 1947.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Campbell, Tuesday, May 20, 1947.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From Files of The Merkel Mail, May 27, 1927.)

Irish Lee Ash of Merkel, Texas, has probably hung up a new record for school attendance or at least has a good start on one. He was graduated from the Merkel Grammar school with the record of not having been tardy nor absent from school a single time during the seven years of attendance. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Ash of this city. He was highly commended for his attendance record by his school principal, Mrs. Len C. Sublett, upon graduation.

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In The Churches

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.
Attendance at the seven reporting Sunday Schools last Sunday was 756 as compared with 741 on the previous Sunday and 794 on the same Sunday a year ago.

METHODIST CHURCH
Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 8:00 p. m. MYF and Juniors meet at 7:00 p. m.
L. M. Brown, Pastor.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
Sunday School at 10 a. m. Morning sermon at 11. Children meet at 7 p. m. No evening service. Mid-week prayer meeting at 8 p. m. Wednesday.
D. S. Neel, 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.

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 8:00 Wednesday evening.
Merle Weathers, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Sunday: Bible School at 9:45 a. m.; preaching 10:50 a. m. and 8:00 p. m. Young Folks class at 7:00 p. m. Wednesday prayer meeting at 8:00 p. m.
Reporter.

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.

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.

WITH OUR BOYS
Pvt. Davey L. Cox, son of Mr. and Mrs. Denzel Cox, left Sunday morning, after a ten-day delay en route from Fort Ord, Calif., to Camp Kilmer, N. J.

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PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Campbell of Fort Stockton spent Mother's Day with his mother, Mrs. Lorinda Campbell. She went home with him and spent the past week, returning last Saturday evening. Mrs. Campbell reports she had a wonderful visit and everything looks prosperous there.

After a between-semester furlough, Master Sgt. and Mrs. Noel Addy and daughter, Patricia, left Wednesday to return to Chanute Field, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Reeves of Chandler, Ariz., who are here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Mathews, went as far as McKinney with the Addys being accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Mathews and Mrs. Roy H. Mathews to visit the latter's husband, who is in the Veterans hospital there.

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Buy School Building; To Convert into Store

Joe Garland, who bought the Warren school building, dimensions 24x66, will move the structure to town and convert it into a store building to be erected on his lot, corner Edwards and North Third streets.

LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS

Stacy Bird and Wright Dishman announce the opening of their new garage, to be known as the B. and D. garage, corner North Front street and Lamar, on Monday, May 26.

The street marker project, sponsored by the Merkel junior chamber of commerce, is nearing completion.

now that the names of the streets are being painted on the posts already erected at intersections.

In separate live stock sales during the week, C. K. Russell delivered

36 head of hogs averaging 199 pounds to a Sweetwater buyer for 24 1-2 cents, and disposed of 21 steers in the Abilene market at a quotation of 19 cents. The steers averaged 693 pounds.

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TO: J. H. Wilson and his unknown wife, if any, and babies, unknown heirs, assignees, devisees and legal representatives of J. H. Wilson and the unknown wife of the said J. H. Wilson, if living, and if dead, the unknown heirs of the said unknown wife of the said J. H. Wilson, 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 30th day of June, A. D. 1947, at or before 10 o'clock A. M., before the Honorable 144th District Court of Taylor County, at the Court House in Abilene, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 14th day of May, 1947. The file number of said suit being No. 5515-B.

The names of the parties in said suit are: Ema Grace Von Wahlde, a widow, individually, Robert Charles Von Wahlde, Doris Nadene Krueger, a widow B. J. Von Wahlde, R. B. Von Wahlde and Robert Reese Von Wahlde, by next friend, Ema Grace Von Wahlde as Plaintiff, and J. H. Wilson and his unknown wife, if any, and the heirs, unknown heirs, assignees, devisees and legal representatives of J. H. Wilson and the unknown wife of the said J. H. Wilson, if living, and if dead, the unknown heirs of the said unknown wife of the said J. H. Wilson as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows to wit: The Plaintiffs sue the Defendants in trespass to try title and for damages to the hereinafter described property to-wit: Being Lot No. Five (5) in Block One Hundred and Ninety (190), Subdivision "Y" of Out Lot No. Two (2), in The City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas. Plaintiffs also sue defendants for title and possession to said property alleging the said Ten Year Statute of Limitation against said Defendant.

Issued this the 15th day of May, 1947. Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 15th day of May, A. D. 1947.
(Seal) J. Neil Daniel, Clerk, District Court, Taylor County, Texas By Grace Jenkins, Deputy.

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TO: W. H. Hyder, 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 23rd 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 7th day of May, 1947. The file number of said suit being No. 15,300-A.

The names of the parties in said suit are: Mrs. Lela Dean Hyder as Plaintiff, and W. H. Hyder as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married on or about the 1st day of January, 1940, and lived together until on or about the 20th day of January, 1940. Plaintiff and Defendant accumulated no community property during their marriage, and there were no children born. Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of abandonment.

Issued this the 7th day of May, 1947. Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 7th day of May, A. D. 1947.
(Seal) J. Neil Daniel, Clerk, District Court, Taylor County, Texas By Grace Jenkins, Deputy.

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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.



Margaret O'Brien, Metro-Goldwyn-Meyer movie star, who is the official Veterans of Foreign Wars Buddy Poppy Girl for 1947, flashes the impish smile which helped skyrocket her to the heights of motion picture fame.

Over 50 Present for Showing of VA Picture

About 50 interested persons, including some who were not taking Veterans Vocational training and several ladies, were present for the showing of the picture, "Hunger Signs," presented by the Veterans Vocational school at the school gym Friday night of last week.

"We want to express our appreciation for the large number that came out and to invite them to any future show that the Veterans agricultural classes may present," A. A. McKimney, instructor of the training school at Trent and formerly of the Merkel school, stated to a representative of The Mail.

Eskimos of Alaska are decreasing in population.

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.

QUEEN THEATRE CALENDAR

Friday - Saturday - Double feature program: Gene Autry, Cass County Boys in "Trail to San Antonio" and Penny Singleton, Arthur Lake, Anita Louise in "Blondie's Big Moment;" Chick Carter serial and cartoon.

Sunday, Monday and Tuesday - Joel McCrea, Veronica Lake, Donald Crisp, Don DeFore, Charlie Ruggles in "Ramrod;" cartoon and latest News.

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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 12 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 30th day of June, A. D., 1947, at or before 10 o'clock A. M., before the Honorable 104th District Court of Taylor County, at the Court House in Abilene, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 8th day of May, 1947.

The file number of said being No. 5505-B. The names of the parties in said suit are: L. P. Walter as Plaintiff and George H. Gordon, if alive and if dead the heirs of the said George H. Gordon, L. P. Payne, Sr., if alive and if dead the heirs of the said L. P. Payne, Sr., Henry Gartrell, if alive and if dead the heirs of the said Henry Gartrell, James Gartrell, Jr., if alive and if dead the heirs of the same James L. Gartrell, James L. Gartrell, Jr., if alive and if dead the heirs of the same James L. Gartrell, Jr., E. Seeligson, if alive and if dead the heirs of the said E. Seeligson, E. Seeligson, if alive and if dead the heirs of the said E. Seeligson, L. Seeligson, if alive and if dead the heirs of the said L. Seeligson, L. Seeligson, if alive and if dead the heirs of the said L. Seeligson, M. E. Gartrell, if alive

and if dead the heirs of the same M. E. Gartrell, J. L. Gartrell, if alive and if dead the heirs of the said J. L. Gartrell and Lucius Gartrell, if alive, and if dead the heirs of the said Lucius Gartrell, as Defendants.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Plaintiff sues the above named defendants in trespass to try title and for damages for title and possession of Lot Number Ten (10), Block Number Thirty (30), in the City of Abilene, Texas as shown by plat or map of the City of Abilene, in Vol. "C", page 590 of the Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas recorded in the office of the County Clerk of said County and to which records reference is hereby made for all purposes. Plaintiff also pleads the Five, Ten and Twenty-Five year statute of limitation against said defendants for the title and possession of said lot. Plaintiff asks for damages in the amount of One Thousand dollars against said defendants.

Issued this 15th day of May, 1947. Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this 15th day of May, A. D., 1947.

(Seal) J. Neil Daniel, Clerk, Court, Taylor County, Texas. By Grace Jenkins, Deputy.

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TO: Ralph Butts, Elmo Butts, Willard Powell, Elmer Butts, and Dillard Powell. 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 28th day of June, A. D., 1947, at or before 10 o'clock A. M., before the Honorable 104th District Court of Taylor County, at the Court House in Abilene, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 10th day of May, 1947. The file number of said suit being No. 5508-B.

The names of the parties in said suit are: Herbert Roberts and Louis Roddy, as Independent Executors of the Estate of Mary Priscilla Butts Roddy, Deceased, as Plaintiff, and Ralph Butts, Elmo Butts, Willard Powell, Elmer Butts, and Dillard

Powell as Defendants.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: A suit by Herbert Roberts and Louis Roddy, Independent Executors of the Estate of Mary Priscilla Butts Roddy, Deceased, for construction of the will of Mary Priscilla Butts Roddy, wherein plaintiffs allege that said will provides that her estate be divided equally between Herbert Roberts, Louis Roddy, the plaintiff herein, and Ralph Butts, Elmer Butts and Dillard Powell, three of the defendants herein; that Elmo Butts and Willard Powell, defendants, have notified plaintiffs that Mary Priscilla Butts Roddy, deceased, intended them as beneficiaries under her will instead of Elmer Butts and Dillard Powell and that they, Elmo Butts and Willard Powell, are entitled to a portion of the said estate; and praying the court to construe the said will and instruct plaintiffs how to distribute the same.

Issued this 17th day of May, 1947. Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this 17th day of May, A. D., 1947.

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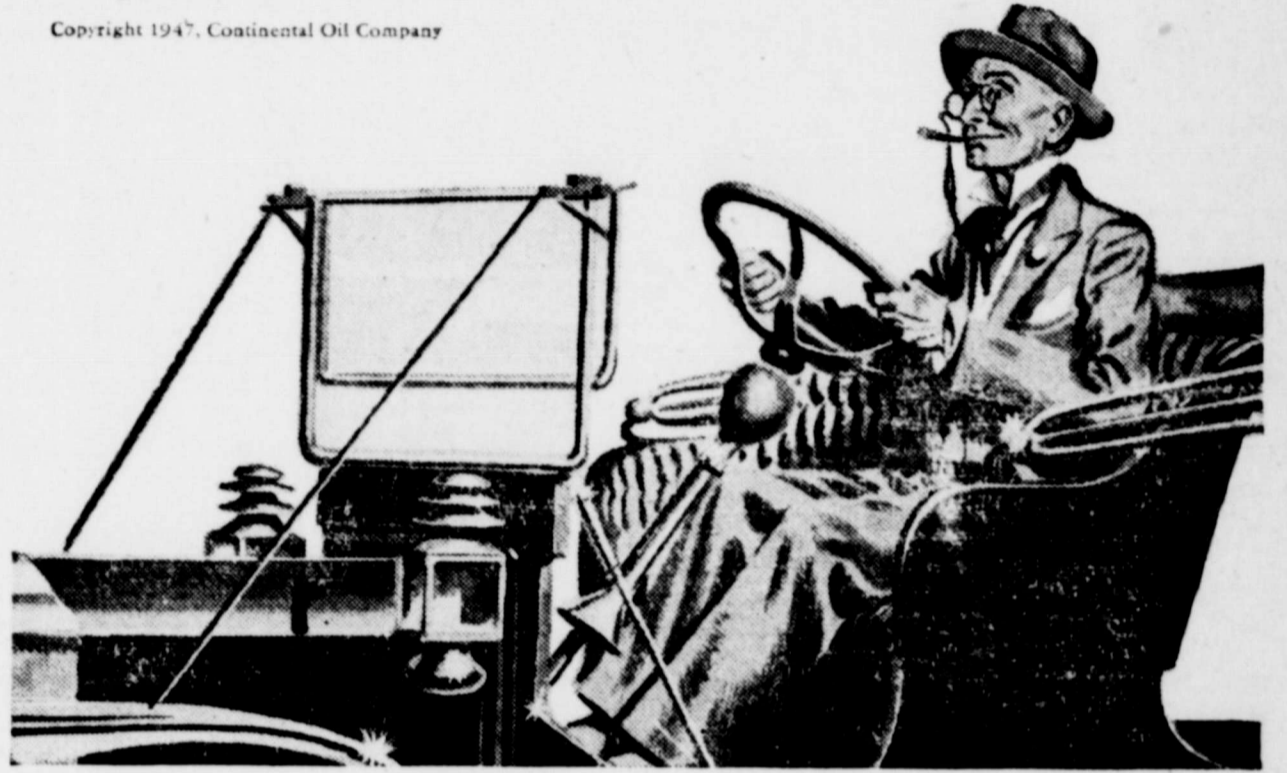
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Sweet clover plantings on the Bob Riney, W. A. Daniel, Odell Freeman, Paul Collins, Lige Gamble and Charles McArthur farms are making rapid growth. These crops should be ready for grazing in the immediate future.

A. J. Barbee, Sr., cooperater in

the North West Noodle Conservation group, is making plans to harvest his first crop of alfalfa hay from his alfalfa crop which was seeded last September. The alfalfa crop has made excellent growth and now has a growth of from 18" to 22". This planting has been irrigated one time and responded very favorably to this application of water.

Vessie Justice, cooperater in the South Noodle Conservation group, has been sodding the channel of a diversion terrace and roadside ditch to buffalo grass to prevent erosion. This sodding was done in strip across the channel at intervals to check erosion. Mr. Justice plans to seed the channel of these structures to Bermuda grass to form a permanent protective cover to prevent erosion.

Booth Warren, cooperater in the Salt Branch group, has recently planted 2 acres to Blue Panic grass for permanent pasture. This was planted with cultipacker seeding attachment at the rate of 2 pounds of seed per acre. Mr. Warren also planted the channel of a diversion terrace and some contour furrows to weeping love grass and bermuda grass.

Ray Perry, cooperater in Comper Conservation group, has planted 2 acres to Blue Panic grass at the rate of 2 pounds of seed per acre and this was seeded with a grass drill. This planting was made on two different soil conditions and for two different purposes. One area was seeded above a diversion terrace which was planned to be retired from cultivation and seeded to pasture grasses. The other area was seeded in a water way for erosion control and for use as a meadow strip.

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Merkel Girl at Top McMurry Honor Roll

Abilene, May 22.—Ranking first in the entire school, scholastically, Miss Vera Lou Allred of Merkel stood at the top of the honor roll recently released by McMurry College officials.

Miss Allred, a McMurry senior, is a member of the Future Teachers of America, Kappa Pi, the Women's Athletic association and the Wah Wahaysees.

Another student from Merkel and a sister of Miss Allred, Miss Viola Allred, sophomore, ranked among the upper ten per cent of the school.

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Noodle Classes Make Abilene Tour Friday

The Noodle 7th and 8th grades and their sponsor, O. F. Hill, and a few parents accompanying them, went on an educational tour in Abilene Friday, May 9. Among the places visited were: The Abilene Reporter-News, Texas Coca-Cola Bottling company, Banner Creamery and Mead's Bakery.

Those making the tour were—eighth grade—Eugene Bumpass, Barbara Bartlett, Juanita Carr, Mary John Carr, Henry Dillard, Burl Dillard, Billy Flint, Dorothy Goode, Betty Jane Griffin, Bettie Lou Justice, Ella Fay Lucas, Christine Martin, G. W. Rogers, Joan Sloan; seventh grade, Neva Bishop,

Delores Clemmer, Von Katherine Herron, Aleene Maxwell, Clara Gregory, Bessie Herring, Alice Spurgin, Darnette Perrin, Kenneth Baucus, Bobby Amason and Larue Weeks. Also going were Eddie Bumpass and Omer Bishop, Mrs. O. F. Hill, Mrs. W. Rogers, Mrs. C. B. Lucas, Mrs. Gene Bumpass, Mr. and Mrs. V. R. Justice, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Sloan, Mrs. Clayton Dillard and Frances Earle Hill.

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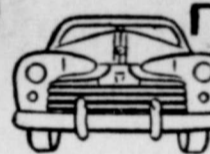
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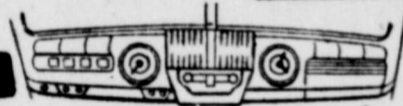
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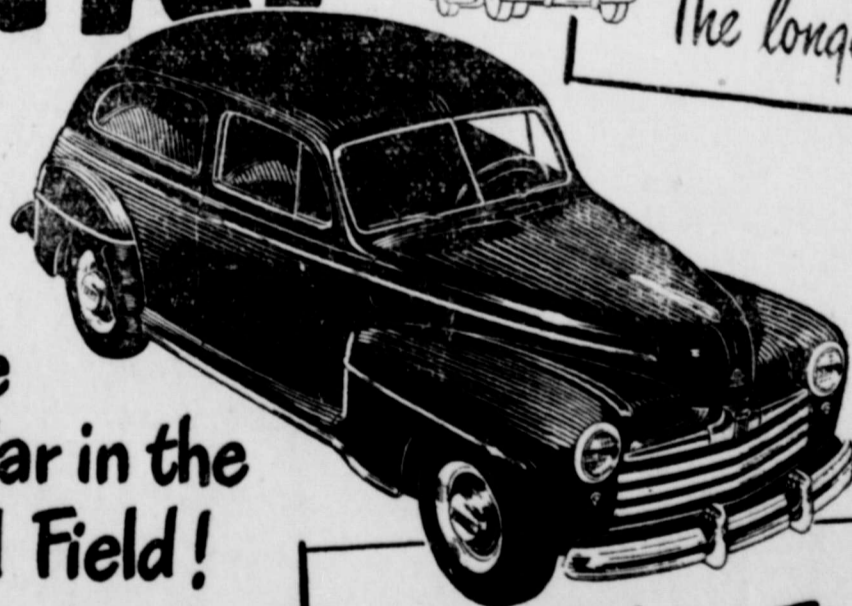
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His manuscript was one of about 20,000 manuscripts entered in the 21 classifications, which covered almost every phase of writing used in high school English and social studies class.

Estes is feature editor this year of The Battery, Abilene high school paper, a two year member of the Press club and a three year member of The Battery staff. He plans to attend the University of Texas and major in journalism.

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Music Recital by Pupils of Christine Collins on Thursday

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"Hawaiian Grand March," Glenda Ann Pangle.
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"Hiking," La Jan, Karen Sue and Creta Key Case.
"Down on the Farm," Ben Neel.
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"La Cucaracha," Sue McRee.
"The Circus Band," Delbert Allred.
"General Bum Bum," Billie Joyce Rutledge.
"Look for the Silver Lining," Carolyn McRee.
"Song of Love," Joe Neel.
"Gertrude's Dream," Peggy Bond.
"I Tipped My Hat," Rex Riney.
"Minuet," "Climbing," Judy Steadman.
"Smoke Gets In Your Eyes," Charlene Madson.
"Off to Camp," Carol Dunagin.
"Bells of St. Mary's," Joy and Roy Garrett.
"Washington's Grand March," Patricia Beasley.
"How Are Things in Glocomora," Joatheata Holloway and Jenn Miller.
"Beautiful Blue Danube," Bobby June Riney.
"Moonlight and Roses," Colleen Harris.
"Jingle Bells Gallop," Cherrie Woody.
"Memories," Marlene McKeever.
"Moonlight Bay," Patsy Swann.

Wanda Tipton, Labye June Riney.
"March of the Noble," Charles Neel.
"Win a Song In My Heart," Norma Jean Hodge.
"Variations of Sweet Bye and Bye," La Nelle Carey.
"The Holy City," Joy Lansford.
"Edieweise Glide," Wanda Tipton.
"Let the Rest of the World Go By," Mary Frances Teaff and Margie Skurlock.
"Twilight Reverie," Doris Cooper.
"The Voice in the Old Village Choir," Clara Frances Dwiggins and Burl McCoy.
"Song of India," Buddy McKeever.
"Sorta Miss You," "Till the End of Time," Mary Jo McConnell.
"Napoleon's Last Charge," Joy Lansford.
"Old Man River," Don Dudley.
"Claire de Lune," Patsy Lou Dunagin.
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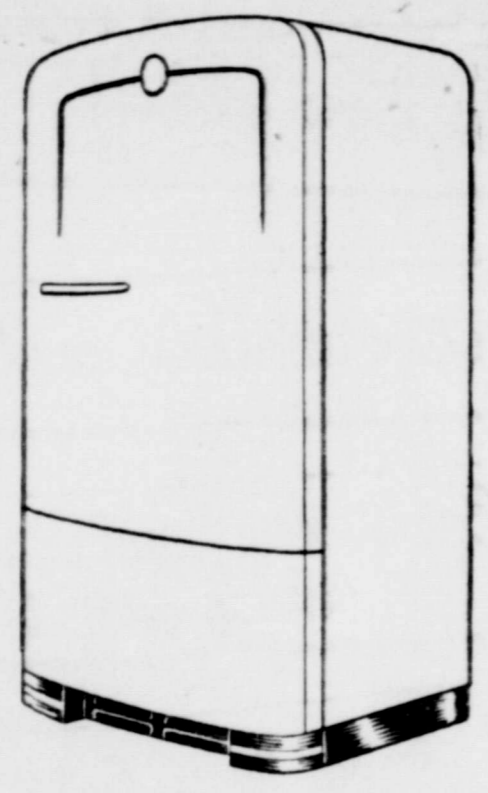
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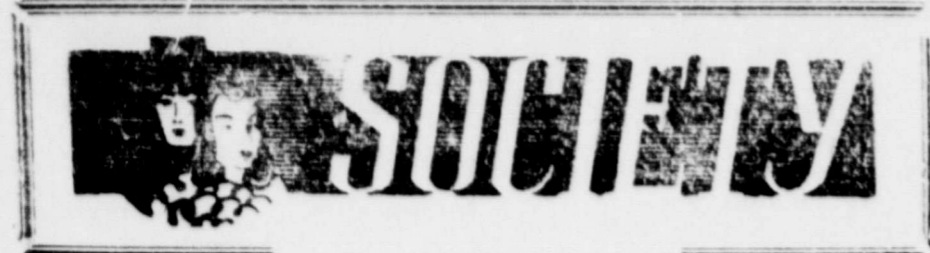
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GARDEN CLUB.

Mrs. George T. Moore extended gracious hospitality to members of the Garden club on Thursday afternoon of last week. The program was presented by Mrs. Joe Bailey Toombs, who spoke on "Flower Arrangements," and by Mrs. Paul West who told how to make your own corsages. Plans were perfected for a Garden party to be held the first week in June on the lawn of Mrs. W. S. J. Brown's home when members will wear formal dresses and picture hats which must be trimmed with home-grown flowers or vegetables. Slides will be shown, depicting various garden tours. The interested public is invited.

The hostess served sandwiches, cookies and iced drinks to Mesdames Shannon, Dennis, Bryan, Lassiter, West, Hicks, Toombs, Ferguson, Miller, Hughes, Sloman, Seifried, Benson, Brown, Petty, Grimes, Moore, one visitor, Mrs. Pinky Cyfert, and one new member, Mrs. Horace Boney.

T. E. L. LUNCHEON.

Members of the T. E. L. class of the First Baptist church met on Thursday of last week in the home of Mrs. T. J. Bird for a covered dish luncheon, featuring fried chicken and delicious salads. Mrs. Earl Baze and Mrs. Lucy Ford were co-hostesses in entertaining.

It was also the occasion for revealing of pals.

In the class meeting in the afternoon, Mrs. Irl Walker brought an interesting devotional on "Prayer."

Those present were Mesdames Owen Robertson, Earl Lassiter, Booth Warren, Alonzo Peterson, A. R. Booth, Irl Walker, E. R. Clark, Charles Seago, Ernest Teaff, T. T. Earthman, L. J. Renfro, Dent Gibson, A. D. Barnes, V. E. Eller, Clarence Perry, Claude Warren, Craig Humphreys, Robert Harris, Ernest Douglas, Sam Swann and Earl Teague and the hostesses.

WEDDING DATE ANNOUNCED.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren McClung of McPherson, Kans., announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Peggy, to Guy N. Pannell, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Pannell, of Merkel.

The wedding will take place at the Victory Center in Abilene on Saturday, May 24.

BOOK REVIEW.

A number of guests were present Monday afternoon when Mrs. W. T. Sadler gave a book review of "The Bomb That Fell on America," by Herman Hagerdon, for members of the Woman's Missionary society of the First Baptist church at their meeting held in the church.

Following the opening song, "Beautiful Words of Life," Mrs. A. R. Booth led the opening prayer.

Those present were Mesdames J. S. Swann, H. R. Hicks, W. W. Wheeler, E. M. Weathers, Earl Lassiter, Sam Swann, E. O. Carson, J. D. Bradley, Geo. T. Moore, Don Riney, Horace Boney, Mack Tucker, A. D. Fulton, J. M. Stephens, Nim J. Teaff, Jarrett Pinkley, Ray Holmes, S. G. Russell, Jr., P. F. Harris, Royce Eiland, W. J. Largent, H. C. Reynolds, J. J. McNiece, Rhett Eidson, Jr., J. O. Castles, W. L. Johnson and Austin Petty, and the following visiting ladies from the Methodist church: Mesdames J. M. Collins, Tom Lar-

gent, Ray Wilson, John Shannon, Urban Shannon, W. S. J. Brown, Jack Miller, Will Sloman, Vernon Hudson, D. H. Vaughn, Denzel Cox and Clark Church.

COUPLES CLASS PARTY.

Messrs. Jack Dawson West and Vernon Horton were hosts to a social given in the home of Mrs. Henry West on Friday evening of last week for the Friendship Couples' class of Grace Presbyterian church.

Games of "42" afforded diversion for the evening and at the refreshment hour delicious ice cream and cookies were served to Rev. and Mrs. D. S. Neel, Messrs. and Mesdames Glenn Abbott, Leo Harris, Sidney Foy, Vernon Horton, Jack West, Henry West, W. J. Derstine, Mesdames S. G. Russell and Edwin Orr.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Mrs. E. H. Hendricks entertained her son, D. C., with a wicker roast at the Roadside park Thursday, May 8. After roasting weiners and marshmallows over an open fire, which were served with cake and lemonade, games were enjoyed.

On returning to the house beautiful and useful gifts were viewed by Glynn Clark, Kenneth and Wesley Smith, G. F. and Perry Lee Woods, Ernest Hendricks, Joe Doan, James and John Ed Bow, Claude Smith, Billie Caldwell, Buri Cargill, Bobby Dean, Harland Jones, Betsy Woods, Cherrise Woody, Juatheata Holloway, Patsy Anderson, Helen Daniel, Billie Webber, Barbara Sue McLeod, Maxine Buchanan, Nelda Jones, the hosts, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Hendricks, and Mrs. Claude Smith.

PARTY FOR GRANDSON.

On Thursday evening of last week, Mrs. S. A. Hampton entertained her grandson, Junior Bland, from San Angelo, with a party on his fifth birthday.

Games were played after which the gifts were opened and admired. Cake and punch were then served to the honoree and the following: Ronnie Toombs, Lester Dorton, Martha Nell James, John Riggs Sheppard, Don Wilson, Ronnie Barnett, Sammy Smith, Joy Billington, Ruby Billington and Carol Ann Johnson.

Others attending were Mesdames Morris Smith, Lloyd Robertson and Earl Billington of Abilene.

RURAL SOCIETY

BLUEBONNET CLUB.

The Bluebonnet Home Demonstration club was pleasantly entertained on May 13 when Mrs. W. T. Sadler reviewed the book, "Mr. Whittle and the Morning Star," by Robert Nathan. Mrs. Sadler was presented by

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"Eleven million people can't be wrong—it's the Laugh-Hit of a Generation!"

Michael Chekhov -:- Joanne Dru -:- Richard Norris
"Abie's Irish Rose"
Sport—Stan Kenton Musical

Mrs. W. H. Ensminger, club president.

Punch was ladled by club members from a beautiful newly acquired punch bowl. Present were the following visitors, Mesdames R. L. McLean, Twyman Collins, Charles W. Lawson, Doyle O. Moore, Ernest Meeks, Carvel Clark, Buzz Oliver, John Oliver, Allen King, Pat Trammell and W. T. Sadler, and the following members, Mesdames Frank Demere, Frank Brnovak, W. H. Ensminger, A. L. Farmer, Dewel McLean, R. G. Toombs, Artist Cook, Tom Russon, W. C. Hunter and C. B. Kniffen.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Buddy King was honored on his third birthday anniversary, May 14, by his mother, Mrs. Allen D. King, with a party in their ranch home.

After games were played the little folks gathered around the dining table and sang "Happy Birthday" while the lighted candles burned on the birthday cakes, which were then cut and served with ice cream, punch and candies to the following: Ann, Joy and Jimmy Reed, of Levelland, Johnny, Bobby, Peggy, Neil and Paula Collins of Trent, Nathan, Neta and Jimmie Moore, Georgie May Reed, Allen, Jr., Ida May, Buddy and Sue King; Mesdames Paul Collins, Otis Moore, Raymond Reed

of Levelland, O. W. Reed, John Coomer; Messrs. John Coomer, Allen D. King, Frank Reed of Colorado City.

Trent Social Notes.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PARTY.

On Wednesday evening, May 14, Mr. and Mrs. Lesley Beasley entertained in their home with a party for the men's and women's class of the Methodist church. Marjorie Beasley and Christine Kitchens had many enjoyable games and skits for the members to play, after which a short business meeting was held.

Delicious home-made cake and ice cream were served to 35 members. The next party will be at the John Strawn home on June 20.

SURPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTY.

A surprise birthday party was given Weldon Washburn on his sixteenth birthday Friday, May 9, by his mother, Mrs. J. C. Washburn, and his classmates at the Trent school.

Games were enjoyed until a late hour when the honoree was called in to blow out the candles on the birthday cake, which Miss Margie Carey cut and which was served with punch and cake by Jean Richburger, Ros-

Closing Exercises Held At Noodle High School

Rev. D. S. Neel, pastor of Grace Presbyterian church, delivered the sermon to the senior class of the Noodle high school last Sunday morning.

Commencement exercises are to be held on Thursday evening of this week at 8:30. Omer Bishop is valedictorian of the class, and Warren Blair salutatorian.

Hospital Notes.

Mrs. Gene Williams underwent surgery May 20 at Sadler Clinic. Mrs. M. E. Ryals was received May 17 for radium treatment; other patients admitted for treatment were: Mrs. Annie Scott, Mrs. W. J. Skiles,

etta Holloway, Ruth Hopper and Elvée Carey, to 36 classmates and friends.

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Fr., May 15; Oddie Jones, May 17; Rev. Rufus Kitchens, May 20; C. R. Rogers, Sr., May 21. David Wozencraft received a tonsillectomy Thursday.

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Mary Lee Taylor's Fruit Icebox Cake
Broadcast: May 24, 1947

- 1/2 cup Fat Milk
- 2 teaspoons unflavored gelatin
- 3 tablespoons cold water
- 1 1/2 cups sliced, fresh strawberries
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup white cream (cherry 2 oz.)
- 1 1/2 tablespoons lemon juice
- few grains salt
- 8 strips plain cake, 1x3 inches

Chill milk until icy cold. Soften gelatin in cold water. Mix strawberries with sugar. Blend cheese, lemon juice and salt together. Dissolve gelatin over boiling water; stir into cheese mixture. Add berries. Chill until syrupy. Line an oiled 1 1/2-pint mold with cake strips. Whip chilled milk until stiff. Fold into chilled gelatin mixture. Put into mold. Chill until firm. Unmold. Garnish with whole strawberries if desired. Makes 4 servings.

*To use frozen, sweetened strawberries, omit sugar. Thaw berries; add to cheese mixture without draining. Cut-up, canned peaches, pineapple or fruit cocktail can replace strawberries if you use 1 cup fruit and 1/2 cup juice.

**Pound, sponge, angel cake or lady fingers can be used.

You Will Need— PET MILK, small 7c

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- ALL NO. 2 CANS—
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- Turnip Greens
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- Sardines — Puree
- Chili Beans
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- ALL NO. 2 CANS—

VEL or DREFT
large box ... 30c

Hunt's California FANCY **SPINACH**
No. 2 1/2 can ... 17c

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1/4 lb. box ... 25c

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- California— Carrots, bn. ... 5c
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