

GYM PROJECT DELAYED BUT STILL ACTIVE

Supt. Burgess Explains Status as to National Funds for Labor; Probability for Fall, or Least After Crop Gathered.

"In May the approval by the state headquarters of the CWA was secured for the building of the Merkel combination gymnasium-auditorium," Supt. Roger A. Burgess stated Thursday morning in outlining the status of the project. "Plans for the building were then also approved by the state department of education. The Merkel school board had appropriated the money for the material to be used and all was ready to go."

"But on June 1 the national government reduced the allotment for CWA labor to where it was impossible for any construction of projects to be begun. The state office now informs us that the amount of labor to be allotted will probably not be increased until after crops are gathered. In other words, the government will not likely provide for any more labor until after the demand for labor on farms is over. So long as labor can be had on farms, the government will not provide any allotment for labor. This (Continued on Page Five)

School Enrollment Passes 800; Cost Per Pupil Comes Down

Supt. Burgess has just made his annual report to the state department of education. Some of these items should interest the patrons of the school. The enrollment again shows a gain of about 11 per cent or 83 over last year. Last year the enrollment was 733 pupils, while this year shows 816 enrolled. The average daily attendance this year was 618 as compared with 521 last year, and with 495 in 1931-32. Number of graduates increased from 33 to 41. Number of pupils from other districts increased from 52 to 103. Most of these out-of-district pupils came to high school where the enrollment increased from 210 last year to 262 this year.

COSTS SHOW FURTHER DECLINE

The report shows that the average teacher's salary decreased from \$747 in 1931-1932 to \$651 last year and to \$650.57 this year. In 1930-31 this was \$663.07 per year. This average salary of \$650 per year means that Merkel teachers get \$54.25 per month when put upon a twelve month basis. Out of this salary the teacher is expected to save enough to attend summer school. Teaching costs per pupil per year have shown a further decline this year. This year it cost \$27.40 to teach one pupil for the year, or \$3.04 per pupil per month. Compared with last year, this shows a decrease from \$32.64 to \$27.40 per pupil. In 1930-31, the cost was \$49.80 per pupil per year as compared to \$27.40 this year. This is a decrease of \$22.40 per pupil or a (Continued on Page Five)

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, July 3, 1914.)

In the installation of officers for the local Masonic lodge on Tuesday night the following were seated for the ensuing year: Wesley Edwards, W. M.; Thomas Johnson, S. W.; N. D. Cobb, J. W.; J. J. Stallings, treasurer; H. R. Hicks, secretary, and J. M. Garrett, tiller.

Mrs. J. E. Nobles and two daughters, Misses Tina and Ida, are here from Fort Worth visiting their daughter and sister, Mrs. W. D. Hutcherson.

Sam Butman, Jr., left Monday afternoon for El Paso to see the sights of the border and for a while.

Mrs. W. H. SoRelle, who has been here for some time with her daughter, Mrs. W. A. Scott, left Sunday night to visit her daughter, Mrs. M. E. Mackey.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Harris and little daughter, Ruby, have returned home from Ringgold where they visited the latter's sister, Mrs. C. Gass.

Conner Adams, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Adams, came in from Texas-

TWO BIG DAYS AT BUTMAN RANCH RODEO, PICNIC

The annual rodeo and picnic at Butman, two big days, July 11 and 12, will afford plenty of entertainment for everybody, young and old, first settlers and newcomers.

Besides spectacular rodeo events such as calf roping, wild cow milking, bronc busting and steer riding, an old fiddlers contest is on the program and the candidates will be there in numbers.

Not only county and precinct candidates, but some district, and maybe a candidate for a state office, will also be among the speakers.

Sam Butman, Jr., and J. L. Cargill, in charge of publicity, call special attention to the fact that there is no gate charge. Everybody is invited.

Brothers in Entire Charge of Service

A feature, something out of the ordinary, was added to the annual family reunion of the Adcocks, which was held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday of last week at Richards Park at Brady.

At the Sunday morning service of the Church of Christ there, Elmer Adcock preached the sermon and his father, Postmaster Adcock, and five of the latter's brothers assisted in the church services. For the communion service, two brothers, J. E. Adcock and O. J. Adcock, served at the table, while four other brothers served the audience.

For the family reunion, Postmaster and Mrs. Adcock, accompanied by their two sons, Elmer and Waymon, and their daughter, Mrs. A. A. Betterton, and three children and Barney Douglas, and Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Adcock and their daughter, Frances, and Mrs. Adcock's two nephews, Dutton and Bobby Williamson, went from here.

Including the father, R. A. Adcock, of Gustine, the seven brothers and two sisters and their families and two other families directly connected, a total of 58 were assembled for the reunion.

Program and Candidate Rally at Salt Branch

The Salt Branch Girls club is staging a unique program and candidate rally at the school house Friday night, July 13, at 8 o'clock.

There will be a snappy glee program, consisting of two one-act plays and a medley of old southern songs and there will also be plenty of ice cream, punch and cake to be sold cheaply. A beautiful hooked rug is to be given away.

All candidates are invited and each will be given a few minutes on the program.

Come and help these girls out; they are raising the money to send delegates to the A. & M. Short Course and your help will be appreciated. There will be a full evening—plenty of fun and entertainment.

kana accompanied by Fred Davis. Immediately after reaching here the two boys left for Noodle and have been engaged in chopping cotton for Lawrence Farris of that community during the week.

HIBBITTS-RICE.

A quiet home wedding was celebrated Sunday evening at 6 o'clock in Fort Worth at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Kunze when the latter's sister, Mrs. Jeffie Hibbits, and Mr. A. M. Rice were married. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. R. J. Adcock of Merkel.

ALL ABOARD FOR THE CITY.

Friday morning of last week three of our prominent young men, H. C. Burroughs, Jr., Emmett Grimes and Jess Ferguson, were caught boarding the late east bound T. & P. No. 6. Asked where they were going—reply was, "That they were going to Galveston to take a swim in the briny deep, take in the sights and forget about these hot days in the far, far west."

Mr. and Mrs. John Hamm motored to Abilene Monday with friends.

GIRLS TO COMPETE NEXT RODEO DAY AS MORNING FEATURE AFTER PARADE

If plans of the rodeo committee of the Merkel Merchants Trade Extension association for a girls' rodeo Saturday morning, July 14, immediately following the parade, materialize as planned, another novel feature and a still further success will be added to the accomplishments of the summer program.

Three prizes will be offered in a goat roping contest restricted to girl entrants only, and, if couples desire to do so—a girl and her boy friend—

a goat milking contest will also be added to the calendar, the boy to do the roping and the girl to dismount from her saddle and milk the goat.

Those desiring to enter should see Tom Jenkins, arena manager, or W. E. Lowe, chairman of the committee, or any member of the committee.

Cigarette races for girls only will also be on the morning bill.

The above will be entirely extra from the regular fifth rodeo performance on Saturday of next week, July 14, commencing at 2 p. m.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

J. W. Green, 55-year-old retired McKinney merchant and landowner, was injured fatally by an enraged bull that gored him on his farm near Allen.

Close to 100,000 people attended the opening on Independence day of the 15,000-acre Palo Duro Canyon state park, 30 miles southeast of Amarillo.

The cost for the support and maintenance of the state's nineteen elementary institutions for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1933, was \$3,785,541.

Walter Brooks, 46, drowned Tuesday night in a lake near his home at Bagwell, a town east of Clarksville. Becoming fatigued by swimming, he was unable to reach the shore.

Roy Helman, Dallas, and Ned Allen, Longview, were killed Monday at Center when their plane crashed as the two men waved goodbye to their sweethearts on the ground below.

For the second time in a year Abilene voters Saturday refused to legalize 3.2 beer, the drys winning a city election by a margin of 35 votes. The total was 1,418 against beer to 1,383 for.

Three prisoners broke jail at Goldthwaite on the Fourth after they had roughly treated and knocked down Mrs. W. H. Lee, wife of the jailer, escaping in a car that they picked up parked near the jail.

Injuries from an accidental gunshot wound when a .22 rifle was discharged when he was fishing on the lower Concho river with his father and brother caused the death of Bobbie Smith, 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Smith of Paint Rock.

The Metropolitan hotel at Fort Worth lost approximately \$3,000 from its office safe early Friday morning to two matter-of-fact gunmen, who forced the night clerk to open the strong box, took the money and then headed the clerk and bellboys into a checkroom.

Four persons, only one of whom had been identified Thursday morning, were known to have been killed and others were injured Tuesday when a tire blowout caused a San Antonio-Dallas motor bus to crash into a bridge near Lancaster and the big machine burned. The one identified was Miss Maxine Ellis, 32, of Rocky Ford, Colo.

Small to Speak Here Saturday 2:15 P. M.

Senator Clint Small of Amarillo will speak on the street here at 2:15 p. m. Saturday of this week. The Mail was informed just a few minutes before going to press by Tom K. Eplen of Abilene, district campaign manager for the Amarillo candidate for governor.

Following the speaking date here, it is announced that Senator Small will go to Trent to make an address the same afternoon.

Attend Funeral at Anson.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Emory Jones and son, Marvin Estes, went to Anson Wednesday to attend the funeral of J. A. Mayfield, Jr., brother-in-law of Mrs. Homer Mayfield, who was Miss Ola Ellen Smith, J. A., Jr., who was 16 years old, was injured in the Anson-Merkel football game last year, it will be remembered.

PERSONALS

Miss Fay Talley of Corsicana is the guest of her sister, Mrs. L. T. Toombs. Miss Mamie Walker is enjoying a visit with friends and relatives in Paris.

Mrs. R. D. Wise of Fort Worth was the week-end guest of Mrs. Warren Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Webster spent this week with their daughter, Mrs. S. D. Wink, of Putnam.

Miss Fanny Bell Boaz accompanied Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Earthman to San Angelo to spend the Fourth.

Little 5-year-old Jean Steakley of Ovalo spent last week with her grandmother, Mrs. J. J. McNiece.

Misses Irene Perry and Pauline Toombs were guests over July Fourth of Mrs. Frank Smith in Anson.

Emmett Wallace of Waco arrived Wednesday to be the guest of his cousins, Mr. and Mrs. George Caple.

Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Pee, accompanied by Miss Ona Johnson, are camping this week at 700 Springs on the Llano.

Mrs. Frank Vernon and Miss Frances Hall of Dallas were guests Tuesday of their cousin, Mrs. George Caple.

Gilbert Walton, accompanied by his daughter, Puggy Lou, is here from Sacramento, Calif., for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Walton.

Mayor and Mrs. W. M. Elliott spent Tuesday in Stamford taking in the Cowboy Reunion and visiting relatives.

Leonard Morrison and son, Doyle, of Conroe are visiting relatives here. On Friday Doyle will leave for Oklahoma where he has accepted employment.

Miss Nina Bell Russell, who was called home from Canyon by her mother's illness, has returned to summer school.

Mrs. George White has as her guests this week her mother, Mrs. Wesley Edwards, and her brother, Allen Edwards, of Maryneal.

Ross Wheeler returned Monday from Carlsbad where he left Mrs. Wheeler to remain sometime for the benefit of her health.

Otto Wink of Putnam spent a few days this week with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Webster, also his cousins, J. P. and Willie Holsey. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mayfield and daughters Minnie Alice and Jimmy Sue, of Abilene were guests over the Fourth in the C. E. Conner home.

Misses Inogene Hayes and Pauline Pinckley are home from the state teachers college at Denton for a short holiday visit on account of the Fourth.

L. B. Howard, now of Fort Worth, was a Merkel visitor Thursday. He with his family are visiting relatives and friends in Abilene and Merkel.

Mrs. M. L. Holden and family, joined by her cousin, Mrs. J. D. Wood of Abilene, attended a reunion of Hood county old settlers at Lover's Retreat Sunday.

J. Olin Lusby, local manager of the West Texas Utilities company, and Mrs. Lusby and Wren Durham left Tuesday afternoon for a vacation in the New Mexico mountains.

Mrs. Homer Easterwood and children and Miss Christine Collins accompanied Mrs. Verner Jones and daughter, Miss Joyce Jones, to Bagwell for a few days visit, returning Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Fleming of Las Cruces, N. M., are here for a visit with their aunt, Mrs. E. W. King, and relatives at Caps and Buffalo Gap. They will spend the Fourth at Deport.

On their return trip from San Francisco, Calif., to their homes in Purcell, Okla., Mesdames Warlick West and (Continued From Page Two.)

BASEBALL

LEAGUE STANDING

Team.	W	L	Pct
Stith	2	0	1.000
Tye	2	0	1.000
Trent	2	0	1.000
Noodle	2	1	.667
Nubia	1	1	.500
Compere	0	2	.000
Merkel	0	2	.000
W. O. W.	0	3	.000

RESULTS

Trent 7, Compere 5.
Noodle 14, W. O. W. 3.
Noodle 8, Compere 2.

By agreement, when Compere entered the Merkel inter-community league to replace Dora, Trent and Noodle agreed to waive their wins over Dora and each to play Compere a game, so that Compere would have an even break.

Trent won their game from Compere Thursday of last week, 7-5, and moved up to a tie for first place in the league. Noodle also won from Compere in a July 4 game, 8-2.

In the regularly scheduled game Saturday, Noodle won from W. O. W. 14-3.

Box scores of the Trent-Compere and the Noodle-W. O. W. games appear elsewhere in this issue. That of the Noodle-Compere game will be printed next week.

STITH VS NUBIA.
Stith and Nubia play at 3 o'clock Saturday in their regularly scheduled game.

Aline Parks Injured In Auto Collision

Miss Aline Parks, daughter of Mrs. Hattie Parks, is still in the West Texas Baptist sanitarium as the result of injuries received in a head-on car collision about four miles east of Sweetwater on Thursday night of last week. Her left leg was broken and she received painful scalp wounds.

Others in the car, which was driven by Cephus Wozencraft, were Miss Marie Tarvin and Jim Derrington and all three of them received more or less serious bruises and cuts.

Blinding headlights were said to have been the cause of the collision with the other car, occupants of which were Mr. and Mrs. Albert Johnson and Ed F. Patterson, all of Sweetwater. Both cars were badly wrecked.

THE BOOK

... the first line of which reads, "The Holy Bible," and which contains Four Great Treasures.
BY BRUCE BARTON
THE GREAT LIFE.

One spring evening some nineteen hundred years ago a band of hard-faced men stole out of Jerusalem, crossed a little valley and made their way into the Garden of Gethsemane. Armed with clubs and spears, they carried torches which cast weird shadows through the trees, and, though they doubtless tried to move quietly, the noise of their progress must have jangled cruelly in the peace of that lovely night. At the gate that opened into a garden on the slope of the hill stood Jesus of Nazareth awaiting them. A pathetic little company of disciples trembled about Him, but, as the heavy steps drew closer and the spear points gleamed in the flickering light, the disciples melted away until He was left alone.

Not quite alone.

And there followed him a certain young man, having a linen cloth cast about his naked body; and the young men (soldiers or members of the mob) laid hold on him?

And he left the linen cloth, and fled from them naked.

These words are our introduction to an important historical character. The young man who left his linen cloth and fled naked was Mark, author of the so-called "second Gospel," which, in point of composition, is actually the first. Before any other kind had thought of it, he conceived the grand idea of making a written record of the words and works of Jesus.

He was not one of the original twelve disciples; indeed, he may never have seen Jesus except on that fateful night. His mother was a believer. The Last Supper was at her house.

You can picture the active-minded boy, lying curious in his bed in the family room downstairs, overhearing the wonderful farewell words of Jesus, the final hymn, and the rustle of preparation for departure. On the impulse of the moment he jumped out of bed and followed to the Garden. Whether he was a witness to any of the events of the next few days we have no means of knowing. We do know, however, that he was associated for a time with Paul and later with Peter. Hearing them talk about Jesus, he began gradually to compose his book. It is a brief straightforward story.

For a time his book was the only life of Jesus. Then a Jew named Matthew, apparently the same man who had been a tax collector and was called to discipleship, looked it over and said to himself: "This book would be much more useful if it had a lot of Old Testament references." So he made additions, sprinkling his narrative with the phrase, "that it might be fulfilled as was written by the prophets." It is obvious that he was bent on giving the life of Jesus all the Old Testament authority possible.

Next Week: Luke Ushers in Women.

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The Box Scores

THURSDAY'S GAME
COMPERE— AB R H PO A E
Childers, 2b 5 0 1 2 4 0
L. Spurgin, 3b 4 0 0 1 1 1
O. Johnson, 1b 5 0 1 12 1 3
Stanley, rf 4 0 1 1 0 0
R. Merritt, lf 4 1 2 2 0 0
E. Spurgin, cf 4 1 2 0 0 0
Blair, ss 3 2 0 3 3 1
W. Spurgin, c 4 1 1 3 0 0
Stout, p 3 0 0 0 3 1
Totals 36 5 8 21 12 6

TRENT— AB R H PO A E
J. Payne, 1b 4 1 1 13 0 0
D.H. Jones, lf, cf, 3b 4 1 1 9 2 1
Terry, ss 3 2 2 9 6 0
Weaver, cf, c 4 0 0 8 0 0
H. Tittle, rf 4 0 3 0 0 0
Springer, c, lf 4 0 0 2 1 0
Barnes, 3b, cf 2 0 1 2 1 2
C. Tittle, 2b 4 1 0 2 2 0
Nugent, p 4 1 1 0 5 0
H. Jones, cf 2 1 0 0 0 0
Totals 35 7 9 27 17 3

Score by innings:
Compere 000 002 000—5
Trent 100 001 50x—7

Summary of game—Double, O. Johnson. Sacrifice, Terry. Stolen bases, R. Merritt 2, J. Payne. Forced out, Compere 2. Left on base, Compere 3, Trent 5. Wild pitches, Nugent 3. Walks, Nugent 5. Struck out, Stout 1, Nugent 8. Passed balls, W. Spurgin 3, Springer, Weaver. Hit by pitched ball, by Nugent (L. Spurgin.) Earned runs, off Stout 0, off Nugent 2. Time of game, 2 hours, 20 minutes. Umpires, Wolfe, Jinkens, Renfro.

SATURDAY'S GAME
NOODLE— AB R H PO A E
Justice, ss 4 3 3 9 2 0
H. Vick, c 3 2 2 6 0 0
N. Eoff, cf 6 0 0 2 0 0
Black, rf 6 2 2 1 1 0
Sharp, 3b 5 1 2 3 1 2
Herron, 2b 5 1 1 2 6 0
Irvin, rf 4 2 2 0 0 0
F. Carter, 1b 5 1 2 10 0 1
A. Carter, p 3 0 1 6 2 0
Goode, p 2 2 2 0 0 0
C. Foster, c 2 0 0 3 0 0
Totals 45 14 17 27 12 3

W. O. W.— AB R H PO A E
King, rf 3 0 0 0 0 0
Johnson, cf 5 0 0 0 0 1
H. Bryant, 2b 2 0 0 3 1 2
Sutphen, lf, ss 4 1 1 1 3 2
Tipton, 1b 4 1 1 11 0 1
Ashford, c 3 1 1 2 1 0
F. Bryant, 3b 2 0 1 4 1 1
Thompson, p, rf 4 0 0 1 4 0
Humphreys, ss, 2b 4 0 0 3 6 1
Fulton, p 2 0 1 1 3 0
Martin, lf 2 0 1 0 0 0
Totals 35 3 5 27 19 7

Score by innings:
Noodle 207 100 301—14
W. O. W. 000 020 010—3

Summary of game—Double, H. Vick. Home runs, F. Carter, Irvin. Runs batted in, H. Vick, Sharp, N. Eoff 4, Black, Herron, Irvin 3, F. Carter 4, F. Bryant 2, Thompson. Innings pitched, A. Carter 5, 2 hits, 2 runs (2 earned.) Goode 4, 3 hits, 1 run, (1 earned.) Thompson 6, 11 hits, 10 runs (5 earned.) Fulton 3, 6 hits, 4 runs (1 earned.) Walks, Thompson 3. Struck out, by Thompson 1, Carter 6. Goode 2. Wild pitch, Carter. Passed balls, Ashford 3, Thompson. Winning pitcher, Carter. Losing pitcher, Thompson. Double plays, H. Bryant to Tipton, Fulton to F. Bryant. Stolen bases, Justice 2, Sharp, F. Bryant 2. Left on base, Noodle 9, W. O. W. 8. Hit by pitcher, by Carter (F. Bryant.) by Goode, (F. Bryant.) Time of game, 2 hours. Umpires, Wolfe and Jinkens.

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Tye Again Leads in Club Batting; Four Hitters Average .500

Tye is leading in club hitting, while Trent leads in club fielding, according to official averages compiled after the second round of play, that is, after each team had played two games in the Merkel inter-community league. (The averages include three games for Trent, as this team played Compere Thursday.)

Burleson of Merkel, boasting an average of .750, leads the circuit in hitting, but he has played in only one game. Four players, Justice and O. Eoff of Noodle, W. Jowers of Tye and S. Burns of Stith, having played in two games, are each tying with a .500 average and are actual league leaders.

INDIVIDUAL BATTING.
The leading fifteen hitters follow:
Team— G AB H Avg.
Burleson, M 1 4 3 .750
Herron, T 1 5 3 .600
Justice, No 2 8 4 .500
O. Eoff, No 2 8 4 .500
W. Jowers, T 2 8 4 .500
S. Burns, S 2 4 2 .500
R. Merritt, C 1 4 2 .500
E. Spurgin, C 1 4 2 .500
F. Burns, T 1 2 1 .500
H. Tittle, Tr 3 13 6 .462
B. Jowers, T 2 7 3 .429
D. Seymour, N 2 7 3 .429
Terry, Tr 3 10 4 .400
Davis, T 1 5 2 .400
Kirby, T 1 5 2 .400

CLUB BATTING.
Team— G AB H Avg.
Tye 2 80 25 .313
Stith 2 81 21 .259
Noodle 2 74 19 .257
Trent 3 108 25 .231
Compere 1 36 8 .222
W. O. W. 2 71 13 .185
Merkel 2 60 11 .183
Nubia 2 59 8 .136

CLUB FIELDING.
Team— PO A E Avg.
Trent 81 40 8 .694
Noodle 51 21 6 .617
Tye 47 26 7 .604
Nubia 54 27 10 .879
Compere 24 12 6 .833
W. O. W. 54 19 11 .808
Merkel 48 17 7 .800
Stith 54 19 16 .781

PERSONALS

(Continued From Page One)
Frank Russell spent Friday night in the home of their uncle, E. W. King and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Smalley Young have as their guests the former's brother, J. K. Young and his two sons, V. J. and J. K. Young, Jr., of Kansas City, Mo. V. J. Young is accompanied by his wife and family.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. McElyea, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Herndon, all of Fort Worth, were passing guests with Mrs. McElyea's brother, Mr. and Mrs. George Caple, on their way to Carlsbad Caverns.

Miss Laura Pearson of Colorado, sister of R. O. Pearson, and Miss Dorothy Davis of Sweetwater, sister of Mrs. Pearson, have returned to their homes after a week's visit with Mr. and Mrs. Pearson.

Miss Mary Kate Campbell left Wednesday on a tour of the western states. At Seattle she will join the Florence Hale Alaskan tour and will spend ten days seeing some of the wonders of our Alaskan territory.

M. and Mrs. J. J. Russell, Jr., of Midland were visitors this week with his parents, J. J. going on to Fort Worth the early part of the week.

Mrs. Russell left Wednesday to join him there for a few days. Misses Iris Garritt and Georgene Bullock were week-end visitors with Miss Margaret Miller at Stephenville. Returning they were accompanied by Mrs. J. E. Richardson, who had been visiting her daughter, Mildred, and other relatives.

"Sis" and "Bussie" Boaz left Saturday morning with Mrs. Edgar Boaz and children of Anson for a three weeks tour of the northwestern states, Colorado, Wyoming, Washington, Utah, Oregon, California, Arizona and New Mexico.

Dr. and Mrs. L. C. Zehnpfennig, Miss Ceilia Zehnpfennig and Mr. and Mrs. George Cople drove over to Tuscola Monday evening for a chicken barbecue and bridge in the home of Dr. and Mrs. O. W. Little, complimentary to Miss Zehnpfennig.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Gaither and Mrs. Becky Jewel, drove to Elk City Tuesday, to visit Mrs. Gaither's

mother, Mrs. H. A. Maloy, and on returning were accompanied by their other daughter, Dora Marie, who had been visiting her grandmother several weeks.

Mrs. W. H. Jackson, of Clarksville, a sister of Mrs. L. L. Murray, who has been a guest in the Murray home, will return to Clarksville Friday. Mrs. Murray's mother, Mrs. W. D. Stalls of Pampa, will remain to spend the summer here.

Tom Henderson, accompanied by his daughter, Mrs. Claude Smith and son, Atwell, left Saturday morning for Savannah, Mo., where he will undergo medical treatment. They will visit relatives at Alba, Texas, and Durant, Okla., en route. They expect to be gone three weeks or more.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Tucker and family of Altus, Okla., were visitors Saturday night with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Tucker, their son, Billie, remaining over for a month's stay with his grandparents. Mrs. Mary Tankersley and children of Ft. Worth are also guests this week of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tucker.

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SATURDAY, JULY 6th

Two years ago Whitaker carried both Trent and Merkel boxes in race for Representative on principal plank of control of utility corporations. This year he offers the same program and in addition has plans that would save thousands of dollars to Taylor County in taxes and bring in \$25,000 per year to Taylor county schools without adding to state expenses. He will discuss these in detail Saturday afternoon.

FURNISHED APARTMENTS

If you have a furnished apartment or furnished rooms for rent, why not try a classified advertisement in the Merkel Mail? It will cost only 25 cents per insertion.

PHONE 61

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YOUR STOMACH
It's time to do something when:
—You can't look a meal in the face;
—Eating always means stomach pain, distress;
—Gas, belching, bloating give you daily discomfort;
—You're nervous; you lose sleep; you're dragging around "half alive."
If that describes you, then you already know baking soda and things like that don't do any lasting good.
If you're going to get that stomach back on the job—to where you can eat what you like and enjoy it, sleep like a log, feel "like a million dollars"—isn't it common sense to get after the cause?
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RURAL SOCIETY

NOODLE H. D. C. NEWS.

The Noodle Home Demonstration club met in regular session June 27 in the home of Mrs. Carl Bonneaux to observe "Wardrobe Achievement Day."

A program prepared by the demonstrators, Mrs. Carl Bonneaux and Mrs. Carl Jackson, Class I and class II, respectively, was rendered as follows:

Welcome and introduction of honored visitors, Mrs. Williamson, chairman.

Response, Mrs. Wyche and Mrs. C. H. Heald, Anderson Chapel club members.

Piano solo, Miss Annozelle Seago. Reading, "The Gate," Miss Fayette Howell.

Vocal solo, "I Love a Little Cottage," Mrs. Grover Tiner.

Readings: "The New Star" and "Jonah and the Whale," Carl Bonneaux, Jr. (The former number was used as a declamation in which Carl, Jr., won district championship in the U. I. L. this spring.)

Piano solo, Miss Marie Walsh. "What Club Work Has Meant to Me," Mrs. V. L. Merritt.

"Why I Enjoy Being a Co-operator," Mrs. C. W. Seago.

"What my Foundation Pattern Means to Me," Mrs. Carl Jackson.

"What Being a Demonstrator Has Meant to Me," Mrs. Carl Bonneaux.

Mrs. Bonneaux's wardrobe was inspected and dresses to be worn in the county contest were exhibited by club members, after which Mrs. Bonneaux and Mrs. Jackson, assisted by the 4-H club girls, served refreshments to 90 visitors and club members from Anson, Merkel, Trent, Anderson chapel, Abilene, Goodman, Hebron and Noodle.

Our next regular meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Carl Jackson on July 11.

MOONLIGHT PARTY.

The young folks of the Mt. Pleasant Methodist Sunday School enjoyed a party given by the odd members of the class. After a merry time of playing games, ice cream and cake were served in the open in the old-fashioned way where everyone helped themselves and ate all they wanted.

Those present were: Lee Darden, Mary and Wilbur Click, Ford, Della and Ruth Smith, Loyce and Royce Curb, Marie and Connie Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Pyles, Tom, Eleanor May, June and Jack Hogan, Doris and Arlie Whisenant, Odelle Anderson, Hazel Blair, Ethel King, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Darden, Jr., Mrs. Otis Odom, Dena Kate and Paul Odom; and all of these young folks are real joy makers as well as Sunday School workers.

BUSY BEE CLUB.

The Busy Bee club met with Mrs. Nim Teaff for an all-day meeting Thursday, June 28. Mrs. J. J. Jowers of Tye demonstrated the making of yeast bread, and at noon a delicious covered dish luncheon was served.

A business session was held during the afternoon, when Mrs. J. S. Pinckley was elected delegate to the Short Course at A. & M. college and Miss Gladys Petty, alternate.

Mesdames Roy Harrell, W. J. Higgins and F. L. Castleberry are to re-

present the club at the yeast bread demonstration at Merkel Thursday.

The following members were present: Mesdames W. E. Petty, W. C. Lee, F. L. Castleberry, W. U. Boone, J. S. Pinckley, Roy Harrell, Luther Land, Ollie Higgins, H. B. Robertson, Angus Garvin, W. J. Higgins, Joe Higgins and Guy McClain, Misses Gladys Petty and Ruth Pinckley and the hostess. Visitors were Mrs. Harris, Mrs. J. J. Jowers and Miss Laura Maye Jowers.

The next meeting will be July 12 at the home of Mrs. J. S. Pinckley.

BRIDAL SHOWER.

Mrs. Roy Patterson, a recent bride, was honored with a miscellaneous shower by Miss Braunell Armstrong Tuesday afternoon in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Pinckley.

Many beautiful and useful gifts were presented to Mrs. Patterson in a unique manner. Guests registered in the bride's book by writing their favorite recipe.

Cake and lemonade were served to the following: Mesdames W. M. Hays, W. C. Lee, Neva Higgins, Henry Hester, Roy Baccus and sons, Angus Garvin, Otis Foster and daughter, Bobbie Fern, Nim Teaff, J. O. Armstrong, J. S. Pinckley, O. W. Paine, Misses Nora-h Foster, Gladys Petty, Evelyn Robertson, Braunell Armstrong, Frances Hester, Wilma Lee and Jean Paine, Ruth, Pauline and Marie Pinckley, Hortense and Linnie Faye Armstrong, Annie D. and Evelyn Garvin, Fay and Vannie Sue Pinckley and the honoree.

SALT BRANCH GIRLS CLUB.

The Salt Branch girls club will meet Thursday, July 12, at 10 o'clock when Mrs. Lee will give the girls a canning demonstration. Each girl is to bring a covered dish for lunch.

The afternoon will be spent in final practice and preparation for the program on Friday night.

Miss Vera Crippen, our home demonstration agent, will meet with us in the morning. The picture contest will be held at this meeting.

ESKOTA H. D. C. NEWS.

Mrs. C. E. Kiser was hostess to the members of the Woman's Home Demonstration club on Tuesday afternoon, June 26.

Mrs. C. B. Johnston read a series of articles on "County Money and Its Expenditures in Texas."

Plans were made to attend the style show at Roby on June 30.

Delicious iced punch and cake were served to the following members during the social hour: Mesdames C. B. Johnston, A. E. Bullard, L. E. F. Johnston, Clayton Nichols, Ollie Matthews and the hostess.

The club reporter wishes to say that we are very proud of our wardrobe demonstrator, Mrs. C. B. Johnston, whose wardrobe was awarded first place in Fisher county at the style show June 30. Mrs. Johnston will be given a free trip to A. & M. Short Course as a prize for her work.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Complimenting their son, Billie, on his ninth birthday, Mr. and Mrs. Will Campbell entertained a group of their young friends Thursday, June 28. After a series of games and kidding, the guests were invited into the din-

ing room where cake and punch were served. Mesdames John Russell, Pat Addison and Jim Campbell assisted the hosts in this enjoyable affair.

Guests were Kenneth Maddera, Jimmie Campbell, Louise Addison, Jack Russell, Madeline Addison, Billie Russell, Peggie Rogers, Denzel Ray Melton, Mildred Maddera, Wallace Doan, Pauline Maddera, Deverle Melton, Vaughn Doan, Wallace Melton, Annie Clara Doan, Joan Gregg, Doris Mitchell, Jimmie Nell Horton, Theresa Fae Dulin, Reuben Horton and the honoree; Mesdames Fay Doan, John Russell, R. B. Horton, Pat Addison, Jewell Maddera, T. A. Mitchell, Theresa Dulin, Kate Campbell, Oscar Dulin, Jim Campbell and the hosts.

BLAIR SOCIAL.

In celebration of her birthday, Miss Harriet Rogers entertained a large number of her friends on June 28. Miss Rogers, assisted by Miss Edith Fay Bush, directed several hours of play on the lawn after which the guests were invited into the dining room where delicious refreshments were served.

Read the advertisements in this paper. There's a message in every one of them that may enable you to save money. At least you will know where to find what you want without doing a lot of hunting and asking questions, and you also know the merchants appreciate your patronage because they solicit your business and make special offering of their goods.

A report by the comptroller of the currency shows that on May 1 there were 5,375 licensed national banks in this country with deposits of nearly \$19,000,000,000 and 185 unlicensed banks with frozen deposits of \$161,244,000.

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Junior Texas Senator Opens Battle in Speech At Greenville Saturday

Greenville, July 5.—Tom Connally, opening his campaign for re-election to the United States senate, Saturday night gave his stand on several important policies and recounted his part in the recovery measures of the administration. The senator praised President Roosevelt and pointed to the progress made while he has been in office.

Connally stressed the Connally amendment adopted by the senate to increase the tariff duty on farm products, his proposal and subsequent enactment of the drouth legislation in 1929 for the good of Texas farmers, the Jones-Connally cattle relief act, his coauthorship of the Connally-Patman American Legion bill providing for coinage of memorial half dollars for the Texas Centennial, his policy of supporting measures to adequately care for wounded and disabled veterans and their widows and orphans and his attitude on the prohibition question.

He asserted that Roosevelt is a leader, and not a dictator, and that with his leadership and the counsel of the congressional majority the new deal will bring to the people all of the benefits they may hope for.

R & R PALACE Sweetwater. Friday-Saturday Marion Davies and Gary Cooper in "OPERATOR 13". Sunday-Monday R & R Super Road Show with Sylvia Sidney and Cary Grant in "THIRTY DAY PRINCESS". Tuesday-Wednesday Joe E. Brown and Alice White in "A VERY HONORABLE GUY". Thursday Only Richard Barthelmess in "A MODERN HERO". R. & R. RITZ Friday-Saturday Lane Chandler in "BATTLING BUCKAROO". Monday Only "ALL QUIET ON THE WESTERN FRONT". Tuesday-Wednesday Katharine Hepburn in "LITTLE WOMEN".

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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Edwards entertained as dinner guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Vergil Bobston and Miss Fannie Aldredge, all of Abilene.

S. C. Armstrong and two sons of San Angelo are guests of the former's sister, Mrs. R. M. Beasley. Mr. Armstrong is in company with his two daughters, Mrs. Lebr and Mrs. Williams, also of Angelo, who, too, are guests in Mrs. Beasley's home.

Mrs. Huff and daughter, Miss Olive, of Dora attended to business and visited with friends here Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewellen of Houston were week-end guests of friends here last week. They were en route to Memphis to visit Mr. and Mrs. Jack Boone. Mrs. Lewellen will be remembered as Miss Pearl Martin, who taught school here formerly.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hall, accompanied by L. W. Ross, returned Monday from a trip to Carlsbad Caverns. They were joined at Alpine by Miss Ina Patten, who is in school there and who made the trip with them.

Mrs. Royce Dowdy, in company with Mrs. Ben Howell and daughter, Betty Lue, enjoyed a pleasant outing at Shannon's pool Wednesday evening of last week.

Mrs. Bry Burkhardt, who underwent a serious operation last week in the West Texas Baptist sanitarium, returned home this week and is doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Cunningham of Lubbock were week-end guests of Pastor Reaves and family. They were in company with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Elliott, who were guests with Mr. W. H. Hale and daughter, Mrs. Ebock.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wiser are announcing the arrival of a baby girl who made her appearance Friday of last week.

Baptist services are being held twice daily at the church, 10:30 a. m. and 8 o'clock in the evening. The meeting is starting off fine. Burl King of Tye is conducting the singing and is very spiritual. Rev. C. R. Joyner of Merkel, who is doing the preaching, is inspiring to all who hear him. Come.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith of Lubbock, en route to Stamford for the Cowboy Reunion, stopped over Sunday and visited relatives here.

Hollis Conner of Oklahoma is here for a visit with his mother, Mrs. A. B. Currie, for a few days.

Mrs. J. M. Reeves of Knox City, who has been a house guest of Mrs. R. M. Beasley for the last few days, left for Merkel Wednesday of last week to visit with friends and relatives before returning home.

Miss Fannye Aldredge was a week-end guest with relatives and friends here last week.

Bob Howell, Check Hutcheson and Gene Murdock left Sunday for Camp Bullard at San Antonio where they will spend some few weeks.

Sam Rossen has been quite ill for the past two weeks but is slowly improving.

Mrs. J. E. Bowers is filling her place at the store after being out some two weeks.

Mrs. Ben Howell and daughter, Betty Lue, accompanied by Mrs. Royce Dowdy, motored to Sweetwater Saturday afternoon and attended to business matters.

Mrs. Clark Hamner, who has been suffering from an attack of appendicitis, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Smith.

Miss Victorene Bishop and Pinkie Vessels drove to Sweetwater Sunday afternoon and were quietly married. These are popular young people of our community and we are wishing

them a long and successful married life.

Mrs. Beckham returned home last week from a visit in different parts of the east. She was accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Alex Williamson, and son, Mark. The latter returned with his grandmother, Mrs. Williamson remaining over at Mineral Wells for a visit before returning.

SILVER TEA.

Mrs. Rudolf Shannon opened her home in South Trent Tuesday afternoon, June 27, for a silver tea. Women of the missionary society of the Methodist church were sponsors for this affair, the proceeds going for church benefits. Mrs. W. B. Reaves, wife of the pastor, opened the program with a devotional and Mrs. Ben Howell and Mrs. Alton Boone entertained with special violin selections. Mrs. John Payne gave an interesting reading in negro dialect. Clever games and contests were enjoyed until the refreshment hour, during which Mrs. Howell sang, playing her own guitar accompaniment.

Tea and coffee were served to Mesdames M. G. Scott, R. B. McRee, Oliver Bright, J. C. Churchwell, W. B. Reaves, W. E. Shouse, C. L. Duncan, H. G. Kegans, M. L. Jones, O. A. Smith, John Payne, Andy Shouse, Alton Boone, Ben Howell, E. L. Mangum and Miss Lillian McRee.

HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB.

The Home Demonstration club met in regular session on Wednesday, June 27, at the club house. Miss Vera Crippen, the county demonstration agent, Mrs. S. O. Price and Mrs. L. P. Johnson of Abilene met with the club and cut foundation patterns. Mrs. Allen Terry demonstrated cut work designs.

Those present were Mesdames Tom Vessels, Tom Williamson, A. W. Woods, John Gafford, Marvin Murdock, Frank Allen, John Strawn, A. B. Currie, W. R. McLeod, A. C. Wash, Stanley Armour, Ellery Smith and Misses Fannie Vessels, Currie, Dolie Wash and Maimie Gafford.

METHODIST W. M. S.

The Methodist W. M. S. met Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the church for the fifth lesson of "Bible Study of Christian Ideals and Practices in Business." After the opening song, "Sweet Hour of Prayer," Mrs. R. B. McRee, Sr., led in prayer. The devotional was given by Mrs. Mangum and special music was rendered by Mrs. Gafford. "Interdependence" was discussed by Mrs. M. G. Scott, "Uses of Leisure Time" being the topic of Mrs. W. B. Reaves. The meeting was closed with prayer by Mrs. M. G. Scott.

Crime has increased in England about 25 per cent since the World War.

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GOLAN NEWS

Little Miss Marie King is visiting relatives in Abilene this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Davis of near Hodges were Sunday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Herron. Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Jeffrey and Mrs. L. C. Williams were in Merkel on business Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Bessie McClung is visiting her sister, Mrs. Bob Jones.

A great number of young folks gathered at Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Kinsey's for a party Saturday night. Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Hill are in Hermleigh this week visiting relatives. J. T. Williams is in Stamford visiting relatives and attending the Cowboy Reunion.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gann were New-man visitors Saturday night and Sunday.

Mrs. J. R. Dean is visiting in Anson this week.

There were 75 present for Sunday School Sunday. A drive is on to enroll more members.

The union meeting is to commence Friday night before the third Sunday in August.

15 New Streamlined Buses Put in Service

Mrs. L. C. Williams and Lawrence Byrom are on the sick list this week.

The first five of the 15 new streamlined buses ordered by the Southwestern Greyhound lines have been delivered and put into service over the line from Dallas and Fort Worth to El Paso.

With the addition of these new buses by the Southwestern Greyhound lines, the Dallas-El Paso territory will continue to enjoy bus transportation equal to the best in the nation. Ten additional new buses have been ordered and will be placed in operation between Dallas and St. Louis via Tulsa within the next two weeks, providing service from St. Louis to El Paso without a change in buses, and requiring only one change (at El Paso) between St. Louis and Los Angeles.

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Chevrolet Co. Reports Heavy Sales in June

Detroit, June 28.—Chevrolet's recent announcement of price reductions on its entire line, and the public interest focused on these cars at the General Motors Exhibits in 61 cities, are cited by W. E. Holler, Chevrolet general sales manager, as an explanation of the company's unexpectedly heavy sales thus far in June.

Instead of sharing the 12 per cent business recession predicted by experts for the industry as a whole, Chevrolet showed a 19 per cent gain over its sales volume for the same period in May, and also hung up a substantial increase over early June sales of last year.

On the strength of dealers' reports immediately after the price reduction, which was announced June 2, production schedules for June were revised upward, approaching the 100,000-mark achieved earlier in the year. Now that actual retail deliveries are in for the first 10-day period, complete justification of the upward revision is

seen, and factories will be operating near capacity well into July at least. "The immediate surge in sales," said Mr. Holler, "will have a far-reaching effect. It means fewer layoffs, by far, than are customary at this season of the year. Not only in our own plants throughout the United States, but in hundreds of allied industries which provide us with parts and materials, the gain in Chevrolet sales will make itself substantially felt, and in this way, will tie in closely with the nation's recovery program." The price reductions, as much as \$50 on some models, affect the entire line of Chevrolet knee-action Master models, the new improved Standard six, and all Chevrolet trucks.

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 S. H. McADAMS.
 DAVE BOOTH.
 For Public Weigher, Precinct No. 5:
 ORIEN HIGGINS.
 A. D. FULTON.
 CLYDE SHOUSE.
 For County Commissioner, Precinct No. 2:
 A. J. CANON, (Re-election.)
 L. L. MURRAY.
 ANDY SHOUSE.
 For County Tax Assessor-Collector:
 GRADY PARMELLY.
 For County Clerk:
 W. P. BOUNDS, (Re-election.)
 BERT E. LOW.
 For District Clerk:
 BELLE WELLBORN, (Re-election.)
 J. E. McPHERSON.
 For County Supt. of Schools:
 M. A. WILLIAMS, (Re-election.)
 C. A. COCKRELL.
 NENA KATE RAMSEY.
 TOM McGEHEE.
 LEROY STONE.
 For Public Weigher, Precinct No. 21:
 JOHN PAYNE, (Re-election.)
 For District Attorney, 104th Judicial District:
 OTIS MILLER, of Jones County.
 W. J. CUNNINGHAM, (Re-Election.)
 GRAY BROWNE.
 For County Judge:
 JOHN L. CAMP, (Re-election.)
 For Representative (116 District):
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 WANTED—Poultry and eggs; top prices. Butman Picnic, July 11-12.
 WANTED TO BUY Chevrolet or Ford. Box 428, Merkel, Texas.
 WANTED TO TRADE wide tired wagon for 4-wheel trailer. B. H. Stallo, Route 3, Merkel, Texas.
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 FOUND—Auto ignition key. Owner can get same by paying for this ad.
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**Five Merkel Youths
Leave for CCC Camp**

Five Merkel boys are included in the list of 32 Taylor county youths picked as applicants and alternates for the next allotment in the civilian conservation corps from this county, as certified by Lloyd B. Thomas, county relief administrator.
 These boys, Delbert Derrington, Dennis Walker, B. E. Bount, Clarence Bow and Walter Bilberry, reported at Big Spring first for medical examination and were then to be assigned to forest army camps.
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ESKOTA NEWS

Old Sol has beamed down with such a relentless, merciless brilliance in this neighborhood for the past week the feedstuff and gardens look rather sick.
 R. J. Anderson of this community, who has been seriously ill, is reported to be greatly improved. We hope for Mr. Anderson a speedy recovery.
 Mrs. C. B. Johnston, Mrs. L. E. F. Johnston and Misses Lydia Bullard, Jennie Marie Whisenant and Roberta Johnston attended the Woman's Demonstration club style show at Roby Saturday.
 Mr. and Mrs. Fred Harding and son are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Mathews, of this place.
 Mrs. Frank Allyn and children, Fred and Louise, and Miss "Chunky" Parker, all of Trent, were visiting friends and relatives in this community Monday.
 J. F. Parker was visiting with friends here last week in behalf of his candidacy for sheriff of Fisher county.
 Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Bullard are visiting their son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Van Bullard, of Rotan this week. Mrs. Lucy Vickers, Mrs. Dan Burdall and Mrs. Carl George are visiting Misses Lydia and Vada Bullard while their parents are away.
 Mrs. C. B. Johnston judged the Woman's Home Demonstration club wardrobe co-operators' dresses at Moody at their regular meeting last week.
 Mr. and Mrs. D. I. Trent, Mrs. M. E. Trent and Mrs. Clayton Nichols attended the funeral of Mrs. Mary Wells at Sweetwater Saturday afternoon.
 Little Billy Kiser visited his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Maulden, at Sylvester last week.
 Feda Dodson is visiting friends and relatives here this week. He is employed at Post.
 Mrs. Lula Wallace is visiting her sister, Mrs. Owen SoRelle of Rotan this week.
 Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Utley and children, Jackie and Mattie, and Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Nichols and Donnie Vearl enjoyed a swim and spread their supper at Shannon's pool at Merkel Friday evening.
 A meeting will start here Thursday night, July 5, at the Church of Christ with Brother G. B. Shelbert of Abilene in charge. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.
 Bud Trent, Clayton Nichols and Fred Allyn left Tuesday morning for Stamford where they will attend the Cowboy Reunion.
 Several from here attended the rodeo at Merkel last Trades Day. Bud Trent of this place has been suffering from a couple of broken ribs he received while trying to milk one of their wild Brahma cows.
 C. B. Johnston, Mrs. L. E. F. Johnston, Anna May, Nora and Ellen Morgan all attended the singing at White Flat Sunday afternoon.
 Singing was well attended here Sunday night.

**Ford Salesmen Enjoy
Picnic at Shannon's**

Ford salesmen of Abilene, Stamford, Merkel and Anson, along with their families, numbering 152 in all, were guests of the Fulwiler Motor company at a picnic at Shannon's pool Monday evening.
 The picnic was in the nature of an award of a sales campaign which had been conducted between Ford salesmen of Fulwiler Motor company, Abilene, Merkel Motor company and the Anson Motor company. The Stamford salesmen were special guests.
 The sales contest was scored on the basis of baseball. Anson defeated the Merkel salesmen four runs. Fulwiler Motor company were divided into two groups, the Giants and the Yanks, the latter winning by eight runs.

SPONSOR EXPRESSES THANKS.

As sponsor from Merkel to the Cowboy Reunion at Stamford, I want to express my appreciation to the members of the Merchants Trade Extension association who extended me this honor and I am also sincerely grateful to everyone who helped me. Ellen Smith, J. A., Jr., who was 16 did my best and want you to know of the pleasure it afforded me to represent Merkel.
 Lou Largent.
 STUART-PROBST.
 Miss Mildred Probst, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Probst, and Grover Stuart of Denton were united in marriage Saturday evening, the ceremony being performed by W. G. Cybert at his home here. The young couple will make their home at Denton.

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Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office.
 If you have any visitors. Phone 29 or 61.

Gymnasium

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 means that the construction of the Merkel gymnasium-auditorium will likely be delayed until next fall, as the board will wait until this government labor is provided at no cost to the people of Merkel.
 "The board is of the opinion that the construction is merely delayed, that the building must be built soon or the school will lose its affiliation. No school the size of Merkel will now be permitted to hold its affiliation when no gymnasium facilities are provided. All schools around Merkel that are Merkel's size, and many smaller, have already provided such facilities and the state department insists in its report that Merkel provide gymnasium facilities at an early date or lose its affiliation."

Enrollment

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 decrease in teaching costs of about 45 per cent. It should be pointed out, Supt. Burgess says, that this \$3.04 per month is the teaching cost and does not include cost of bonds, etc.
 At some future time, Supt. Burgess hopes to give to the public through the columns of The Mail a comparison of Merkel's teaching costs with those of surrounding communities. Operating upon a larger scale will inevitably mean that the cost per pupil in Merkel will be much lower than in surrounding communities. Operating a smaller school will of necessity mean that the cost per pupil must be much higher than in Merkel.
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**A Brief Address From
JUDGE WILLIAM E. HAWKINS
Concerning His Candidacy**

To Taylor County Democrats:
 I am a candidate for the Democratic nomination as the Taylor County Representative in our next State Legislature.

The making of laws for any free people is, intrinsically, an exacting task of great responsibility, calling for special qualifications and fitness. In too many instances legislators have not measured up to that high standard.

The grave duty and responsibility of making laws for approximately six millions of Texans, at this critical period of our history, necessarily will be fraught with unusual and tremendous and far-reaching consequences.

Confronting the people of Texas, and of Taylor County, and of Abilene, there now are, and, until properly settled, there will be, numerous very serious governmental situations and matters which should be handled promptly and effectively, yet calmly, dispassionately and wisely, and in full conformity with all Constitutional provisions and all pertinent and applicable decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States, and of the two courts of last resort within this State, namely, our own Supreme Court, in civil matters, and our Court of Criminal Appeals, in criminal matters.

Certain changes in phraseology of some now existing laws, civil and criminal, will, indeed, be advisable and commendable; but all of that patch-work will not go deep enough or far enough, in matters of general public policy, to furnish solutions of many serious problems which must be solved during the years 1935 and 1936. Constructive statesmanship is the need of the hour.

Consequently, and to an extent unprecedented since the First Congress of the Republic of Texas, there will be, in our next Legislature, an imperative and indispensable need for broad and constructive statesmanship, based upon rugged personal integrity, and extended and ripe experience in substantially all classes of State affairs, and practical and long and intimate acquaintance with the machinery and actual operations of the Legislative, Executive, and Judicial branches of our State government, and with the internal affairs and operations of county and city governments, including revision and amendments of city charters. I have gone through that flint mill.

Many of the important issues to be fought out and settled at Austin, in our next Legislature, will be such as to try the mettle and the wisdom and the souls of men of even mature and practical experience. That will not be the right place or time for personal advertisement, or for merely enacting into law either (a) some pet measure of any relatively inexperienced, although worthy, young man, or (b) the theoretical fancies of even a brilliant college professor, who, at best, has scarcely more than a speaking acquaintance with actual government.

Obviously the best material now available from Taylor County for that great work is none too good. Why should you be content with less?

I have been asked why I now tender to the people of Taylor County my time and services in the Legislature.

My answer is:
 Because I know the very warp and woof of Texas government and public affairs, and the practical needs of my State, and of every section thereof, from a governmental standpoint, and how to meet and supply those requirements; and I believe that in my efforts so to do I will have the confidence and active cooperation of a working majority of my associates in the Legislature, from all sections of our State; and thus I will be able to render efficient and notable and enduring service in behalf of a great people, by whom, signally and repeatedly, I have been honored.

Additionally, (but incidentally), I have cherished, from my boyhood, the hope that, some day, after having served, faithfully, my full apprenticeship in government matters I may serve for one term as a member of the Legislature of my State, as a fitting and crowning incident of my entire public life and service.

However, even now, I stand bare-headed in contemplation of the magnitude and high responsibilities of the work and duties which my expected success at the polls will place upon me. But, being in vigorous health, and capable of performing as much hard work as any other man, I shall welcome that task and the corresponding opportunity for unselfish and patriotic service in the present crisis in the political history of Texas. I have no personal axe to grind, and I will not serve or cater to any special interest. My entire and undivided fealty and loyalty shall be to the whole people, on the sound basis of the common welfare.

For your information (and not in a spirit of boasting) I refer you to my work and record as a lawyer, in nearly all classes of cases, beginning in Dallas and extending over nearly all of Texas, in State and Federal trial courts and in State appellate courts, and ranging thence up to and including the Supreme Court of the United States in numerous cases, and also to my work and record in several public offices as follows:

- (1) Assistant County Attorney of Dallas County, for two years, with jurisdiction over all felonies as well as all misdemeanors; the law then making no provision for a District Attorney in that county.
- (2) First Assistant Attorney General, for four years, under Attorney General Robert Vance Davidson.
- (3) Commissioner of Insurance and Banking and ex-officio member of the State Banking Board and of the State Fire Rating Board, and having immediate supervision and control of largely more than one hundred (100) domestic and foreign insurance companies, and more than six hundred (600) State banks, and sixteen (16) traveling bank examiners.
- (4) Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of Texas, for eight years.

My work in each of those positions stood up, gratifyingly, under acid tests. To that effect, unquestionably, are the public records.

My platform will be given wide publicity throughout Taylor County, through the press, and in circular form. From it you will get a cross-section view of my stand on various features of public policy.

Press of professional duties and my own personal business affairs delayed, until June 16th, my filing for a place on the official ballot, and have left to me, thus far, but little time for making a personal canvass; but I hope to meet you personally, and also to be heard by you, during this campaign. In the list of eight candidates for such Representative, upon the official Primary Election Ballot, my name will stand first.

Very earnestly I ask for your vote, and for your active support of my candidacy.

Abilene, Texas,
 July 4, 1934.

Sincerely yours,
 William E. Hawkins.

(Political Advertisement)

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SALAD DRESSING, Sun Spun 8 ounce 10c
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VINEGAR, Red & White, quart flask 17c

Pickles sour or dill quart 17c

Coffee pound 31c

Coffee Sun Up pound 21c

Jello all flavors pkg. 6c

BEANS, Navy, 3 pounds 19c

WASHO, washing powder, pkg 19c

SOAP R & W Giant 5 bars 19c

TEA, Red and White, 1-4 pound 19c

Meal R & W Cream 5 pounds 15c

BAKING POWDER, K. C., 25c size 19c

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POST TOASTIES, pkg. 10c

DRIED PEACHES, 2 pounds 24c

BACON sliced pound 23c

CHEESE Full Cream pound 20c



BRIDE COMPLIMENTED.

Mrs. Corvin Leverich, who was until her marriage recently Miss Marie Stanford, was complimented on last Friday afternoon in the home of Mrs. L. T. Toombs with a "shower". Mrs. N. D. Cobb and Miss Pauline Toombs were co-hostesses with Mrs. Toombs in entertaining.

Misses Fae Talley and Hollis Perry cleverly presented a lovely assortment of beautiful gifts in the manner of the "weekly wash" and after these had been opened and admired delicious ice cream and cake was served to Mrs. Corvin Leverich, Mrs. W. E. Stanford, Mrs. Steve Leverich, Mesdames Paul Stanford, Stanley Stanford, W. V. Cranford, Nell Groene, Cotton Owens, Kenneth Mayfield, E. H. Jowers, W. A. Whiteley, Jr., Etsel Church, Ernie Higgins, L. T. Toombs and N. D. Cobb, Misses Lois Whiteley, Florene Rider, Bessie Lea Church, Frances Marie Church, Pauline Toombs, Missie Dye, Beth Holloway, Fae Talley, Hollis Perry, Joella McLeod, Trent, and Opal Bushy.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Master Billie Joe Toombs was a very happy little honoree Monday afternoon when Mrs. L. T. Toombs invited a number of his friends in to help him celebrate his 7th birthday anniversary.

Outdoor games were played and an impromptu program on which almost all the little guests took part was very much enjoyed. Refreshing fruit punch and cake was served to Billie Joe Toombs, Billie Jean Dye, Jasper Howard, Jerry McGehee, Billie Woods, Billie Joe Coker, Peggy Joyce Toombs, Malcolm and Glen Toombs, Gloria Nan Toombs, Gerald Renfro and Mary Fae Swafford.

HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB.

Fourteen members and three visitors were present for the all-day meeting of the Merkel Home Demonstration club at the home of Mrs. C. P. Church Thursday afternoon of last week. Members all brought covered dishes and five foundation patterns were cut and fitted. Miss Vera Crippen, the county agent, was assisted by Mrs. Priest and Mrs. Turner of Abilene in directing this feature.

Those present were: Mesdames W. A. McCandless, Bob Conder, Matt Blair, R. H. Matthews, Jr., two Mrs. Polk, T. J. R. Swafford, L. J. Renfro, E. C. Richards, H. B. Chambless, C. P. Church, Misses Lana White, Mary Keny and Alice Church and the visitors from Abilene.

The yeast bread making school, postponed from last week, will be held at the home of Mrs. George White this (Thursday) afternoon.

FRIENDS ENTERTAINED.

Miss Sallie May Salter entertained a few of her friends with a party Monday evening. Games were played and all reported a most enjoyable time. Her guests were:

Misses Della Miller, Mattie Ruth Gay, Edna Mae Marshall, Elizabeth Webster, Altie Grayson, Irene Webster, Ruby Grace Jones, Mesdames J. C. Gay, Matty Ash, E. C. Reagh, Alice Gay, Artie Keichum, and Messrs. Winston Polley, John Reagh, Sam Greer, Dub Douglas, Dub Harris, Coy Williams, Ceef Williams, Homer Reynolds, Homer Callahan, Lloyd Mathew, Charlie Webster, Alvie Peterson, Thomas Gay, Dennis Walker, Richard Elliott, J. D. Sosebee and Bob Carter.

GARRISON-COLE.

Miss Lillian Cole, daughter of Mrs. R. E. Cole, and Mr. William Henry Garrison drove to Vernon Tuesday where at 5 o'clock that afternoon they were united in marriage by Rev. J. H. Hamblen, pastor of the Methodist church there and an uncle of the bride. For her wedding dress the bride wore Alice blue crepe, with white accessories.

On Wednesday following the ceremony they returned here and will be at home with the bride's mother, where best wishes of many friends are being extended.

McGINNIS-BOSEBEE.

Miss Louise Sosebee and Oscar McGinnis of the Noodle community stole a march on their many friends Saturday afternoon by driving to Merkel and getting married.

The wedding ceremony was performed by W. G. Cypert at his residence in Merkel and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Sloan were the only witnesses.

The bride was attired in a traveling suit of burnt orange boucle with white accessories.

The bride is the beautiful and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Sosebee, having graduated from Anson high school the past term. The groom is an enterprising young farmer of this community. He is also associated with his father in the dairy business.

CHURCH SERVICES

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

We had an increased attendance Sunday morning in all departments of the Sunday School; we are striving to reach the 500 mark in attendance.

The quarterly associational W. M. U. will meet in an all-day meeting with the Lanar Street Baptist church at Sweetwater Friday. All ladies bring a covered dish.

Brother Joyner is in a meeting at Trent this week and Brother Howell, pastor at Trent, will preach for us next Sunday morning. Sunday night we will have the pleasure of seeing the "Passion Play" brought to us by Brother Williams of Dallas. He has shown this play in all the larger towns and we anticipate a treat in having it here.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8:15 p. m. B. T. S. at 7:30 p. m. W. M. U. 4 o'clock Monday afternoon and prayer meeting at 8:15 Wednesday evening.

BAPTIST W. M. S.

The W. M. S. will meet at 4 o'clock Monday for Bible study. Mrs. J. C. Childress will bring the Sunday School lessons. This month is the time for Baptists to shower the West Texas Baptist sanitarium. We wish all ladies who can to bring sheets, pillow cases, towels, tray cloths and hot water bottle covers, or anything you can bring will be appreciated.

B. Y. F. U. PROGRAM.

Discussion No. 1, topic, "What is Prayer?" Vivian Davis.

Discussion No. 2, topic, "What Profit is There in Prayer?" Iris Garrett.

Discussion No. 3, topic, "Two Parables on Prayer," Loftin Peters.

Discussion No. 4, topic, "The Ladder of Prayer," Dick Joyner.

Discussion No. 5, topic, "Christ's Practice of Prayer," Sis Gamble.

THE METHODIST CHURCH.

Sunday School at 9:45 a. m., Herbert Patterson, superintendent. We had 42 more last Sunday than the Sunday before, but we are not where we should be in numbers. Why not you come next Sunday? Just retire Saturday night with this on your mind—that I am going to Sunday School and you will find yourself ready at 9:45.

Preaching at 11 a. m. Subject, "Destruction of Jerusalem," and remember this one thing—the Christians of that day put the "handwriting on the wall" that brought the destruction to the city of Jerusalem.

Young people's meeting at 7:30 p. m.

Preaching at 8:30 p. m. This is the Lord's Day and I wonder what the Lord would say if He should come and find His people not in His house of worship? Come and give your endorsement to the service.

Dr. W. M. Murrell, the presiding elder, will be with us on Wednesday night, July 11, for the quarterly conference. Come and attend the service. P. H. Gates, Pastor.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

No Sunday School was held at the Presbyterian church last Sunday, owing to the Buffalo Gap encampment. The other five Sunday Schools reported an attendance of 727, which was an increase over that of the Sunday before, 702.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. This is the only service Sunday, as it is the pastor's day at Baird. Everyone is urged to be on time so that the service may be dismissed in time to attend one of the other churches.

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.

R. A. Walker, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Good preaching Lord's day at 11 a. m. and 8:30 p. m. by Brother Chas. H. Robertson from A. C. C. Bible study 10 a. m. and young people's program 6 p. m.

Bible study conducted by Brother Robertson at 8:30 p. m. Wednesday. We invite you to hear Brother Robertson.

The Elders.

NAZARENE CHURCH.

Regular services Sunday and all of next week as usual. The pastor has been spending a few days in Whom, but will return in time for Sunday services.

J. L. Mayhall, Pastor.

NORTHSIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH.

Our God is a great and powerful God, able to break the cords of sin and set those who are captive to sin free.

We thank God for the manifestation of His love and power last Sunday as a young man and his wife who had not attended church for ten years came to our services, were gloriously saved and united with the church.

The young people are giving us some good programs.

We have services every Saturday night, Sunday 11 a. m. and 8:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday night. Teachers Bible study Friday night.

We welcome you to all our services. Ernest C. Dowell, Pastor.

Seven years ago Texas was producing 17 per cent of the nation's petroleum. Last year it produced 43 per cent and the present year likely will see a further relative gain in the total.

Standard Typewriter Ribbons 76¢ each at Merkel Mail office.

TELEPHONE THE MAIL.

The Mail will be glad to receive news of entertainments or visitors in Merkel homes, as well as other news items of a general nature. If you have company, entertain friends or return from a trip please telephone 61 or 29.



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LOCAL BRIEFS.

On the first of the month Ed V. Lancaster moved his Philco Radio shop from the former location on Kent street to the Boney building, until recently occupied by Brown's Bargain store. Here he will have larger and more commodious quarters as well as location on Front street.

Heavy clouds, both Saturday and Sunday afternoons, failed to add very much to the local moisture supply, although Saturday's rainfall of 3-16 of an inch was most welcome. This brought the year's total to slightly over 7 inches, 7 1-8 inches, to be exact.

Robert S. Dunn, local representative of the Southland Life Insurance company, who has interested himself in Perry Dickinson's campaign for sheriff, spoke in behalf of his candidacy at Caps Monday night. He will speak at Hamby Friday night and at Lawn Saturday afternoon.

Under direction of N. J. Stewart, construction foreman, a crew of telephone workers and their families have come to Merkel and will be here for several months overhauling the toll lines between Sweetwater and Abilene. These newcomers are: Mr. and Mrs. E. Easter and son, Mr. and Mrs. Patton and three children and Mr. Patton's father and Mr. and Mrs. Travis-Beall.

Read the advertisements in this paper. There's a message in every one of them that may enable you to save money. At least you will know where to find what you want without doing a lot of hunting and asking questions, and you also know the merchants appreciate your patronage because they solicit your business and make special offering of their goods.

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