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COLORFUL PARADE TO PRECEDE LAST SHOW

U-R INVITED TO REVIVAL AT CITY TABERNACLE

Pastor Gates, Assisted by Bob Watkins, Soloist and Singer, Leading the Methodists of Town in Annual Meeting.

"Our Sunday School will be held under the tabernacle next Sunday at 9:45 a. m. and we will have all other services there, as the revival will be in progress until August 26."

This announcement comes from Rev. P. H. Gates, pastor of the Methodist church, who is leading the revival now being held at the tabernacle, with services twice daily, at 10 a. m. and 8:15 p. m.

"We urge," the announcement continues, "that you come and help out in these services—we need you and you need us. Put something into these services, and you will get something out of them."

Bob Watkins, soloist and singer, is directing the song service and assisting with the young people's work being joined by his wife in these activities.

Temporary Halt Called Cattle Buying Program

The government drouth cattle purchasing program came to a temporary stop in Taylor county Wednesday afternoon with issuance of orders by Lloyd B. Thomas, county relief administrator, to halt further deliveries at the government pens in Abilene until shipping orders are received.

The work in this county is in charge of Leon L. Shields as appraiser and Dr. George H. Allen, veterinary with the bureau of animal industry as inspector.

Record of Births.

- Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Henry D. Boyett, residing south of Tye, Thursday, August 9, 1934.
- Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Joe H. Arnwine, Friday, August 10, 1934.
- Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Kit Woods, Friday, August 10, 1934.
- Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Borden Perkins, residing east of town, Saturday, August 11, 1934.
- Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Page, residing north of Trent, Saturday, August 11, 1934.
- Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Boden, Jr., Mt. Pleasant, Tuesday, August 14, 1934.
- Boy, to Mrs. O. W. Martin, Stith, Tuesday, August 14, 1934.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, August 14, 1914.)

MERKEL COUNTRY PROSPECTS.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Cross returned home Tuesday from a two months visit with relatives and friends in Austin, Georgetown, Temple, Gatesville and other points in that section of the state. Mr. Cross paid The Mail office a visit Wednesday and was "puffed up considerably" over the bumper crop conditions of the Merkel country. "Two things he looked forward to while in the east were the cool breezes of the West Texas and The Merkel Mail each week. The first he could not get and the latter he had to walk a mile every week while in Austin to read I. N. Taylor's paper."

A. C. Liles and Ben Bridges were in town Wednesday, having just returned from the Roby country where they visited "kinfolks." Both Mr. Liles and Mr. Bridges state the crops in the Roby and Sylvester country are exceedingly fine.

T. E. Whitlow of Bells Falls came in Tuesday afternoon to inspect a farm he has in the Shiloh country and to visit his old friend, A. C. Boney.

B. N. Wheeler, who lives west of Noodle, was in Merkel Wednesday. In a talk for the press, he states that his feed crop is the best he has had in years and gives the country in general credit with having the largest feed crop the Merkel country has ever raised.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Shackled and closely guarded, Joe Palmer was brought back Wednesday from Paducah, Ky., and locked in the same cell from which he escaped July 22 in Texas' most spectacular prison break.

Publishers of the Temple Morning News announced that with the issue of last Saturday the paper would discontinue publication. Good will and paid circulation were taken over by the Temple Daily Telegram.

Little June Preston, 4, of Temple, who went to Hollywood on a vacation trip with her parents, was spotted by an executive of the R-K-O studios as she walked along a studio corridor and was signed to a long term contract.

Flames which swept the business district of Wright City, booming little oil town, claimed the life of Miss Sarah Phillips, 19, beauty shop operator, whose charred body was removed from the building in which she rented a room.

J. W. Roberts of the Scurry County Times, Snyder, was elected president of the West Texas Press association and Big Spring selected as the next meeting place at the closing session of the annual convention at Spur last week-end.

Judge J. L. Goodman of Franklin, oldest member of the legislature, having celebrated his 51st birthday during the last session, was eliminated in the race for representative from his district, the run-off being left to two younger men.

James A. Patterson, 43, sentenced to 15 years on three charges of aiding prisoners to escape by smuggling guns to Raymond Hamilton, Joe Palmer and Irvin (Blackie) Thompson, changed his penitentiary guard uniform for convict garb Wednesday and spent the first day of his term splitting wood.

Henry Methvin, escaped Texas convict, was Monday granted a conditional pardon because he furnished the information that led to the fatal ambush of Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker. The application for clemency was signed jointly by Frank Harzer, ranger captain, and Lee Simmons, general manager of the prison system.

After the receipt of Eastland county returns, which were delayed until Sunday in reaching the state democratic executive committee, a new high record of 1,018,861 votes in Texas was established. Judge W. C. Morrow of the court of criminal appeals received that number of votes. State Superintendent L. A. Woods also received over a million votes.

Mr. Wheeler has always been an advocate of more feed and less cotton and diversification of farming in general.

J. M. Williamson of Route 2 was in Merkel Tuesday reporting one of the largest rains in his section that has fallen in some time.

S. N. Reeves of Ellis county was marooned in Merkel during the week, his son not being able to drive their car here from Trent on account of high water. While here, Mr. Reeves took occasion to look over some of the Merkel country and was highly pleased with same, his business here being on a prospecting tour.

T. L. Stevens of Trent was in town with a smile on his face that reached from "one to the other" and stated that his country received in total on Monday and Tuesday a four inch rain.

Ed Blackburn was seen in one of the local hardware stores Wednesday figuring on buying farm wagons and implements to handle the crop he is expecting to raise this fall.

Ed Vantreese of Route 2, near Noodle, reports a four inch rain at his place and was joyously relating the possibilities of the Noodle country as a means of helping to "raise the national debt." For the information of our readers Mr. Vantreese left Merkel. (Continued on Page Two.)

PIONEER COUPLE TO HOLD OPEN HOUSE ON GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

M. and Mrs. J. H. Grayson, pioneers of the Goodman community, will hold all-day open house Sunday, August 19, celebrating their golden wedding anniversary.

They are expecting all of their children and grandchildren, brothers and sisters and an uncle of Mrs. Grayson's.

James H. Grayson and Anna Rogers met in Heidenheimer, Bell county, Texas, in December, 1883, fell in love and married August 21, 1884, having been united in marriage by Rev. Mr. Campbell. Moving to Jones county in a covered wagon they settled near An-

son Nov. 9, 1887, later moving to the site of their present home six miles north of Trent where they first lived in a tent.

Ten children were born to them and there are eight living, all with families of their own. The children are: W. R. Grayson, Parmer county; Mrs. U. B. Wheeler, Parmer county; Mrs. Fred Dupuy, Mexia; Rogers Grayson, Tahoka; Mrs. C. W. Seago, Goodman; Edgar Grayson, Goodman; Mrs. Tom Greene, Goodman, and Floyd Grayson, Hamlin.

Thirty grandchildren will gather to honor the occasion.

SCHOOLS OPEN MONDAY, TENTH

Miss Stell Ledger of Abilene Elected to Fill Vacancy in Grammar School.

Monday, September 10, was set as the date for the opening of the 1934-35 session of the Merkel Public schools at the meeting of the school board Friday evening, August 10.

At the same meeting of the board Miss Stell Ledger of Abilene was elected to fill the place made vacant by the resignation of Miss Virginia Welch, that of teacher of geography in grades 5-6-7. Miss Welch resigned to accept a position of teacher of home economics in the Seagraves high school.

Miss Ledger is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Ledger, her father having been pastor of the Methodist church at Trent at one time, during which she attended the Merkel schools from which she was graduated. She attended Texas Tech four years and has taught the past four years.

The budget for the school year of 1934-35 was also adopted at the stated meeting of the board. The report submitted by Supt. Burgess shows the Merkel schools to be on a cash basis and in excellent financial condition.

Supt. Burgess calls attention to the routine of school opening in the following announcements:

"During the week preceding the opening date, all summer books should be returned, entrance or make-up examinations taken, seniors register and new students present their credits. New students should now begin to assemble their credits so that time may be saved at the opening of school.

No new student will be allowed to enroll until his high school work is complete for all his high school work. This should be gotten now. A student entering any grade above the 8th grade should not only have his report card for the previous year, but should in addition have a complete statement of all work he has done in high school—all work done above the 7th grade. If the student waits, the teacher to whom he writes for these credits may not be readily found, and a serious delay will come right at the opening of school. These credits should be gotten now."

Will Advise Time to Cash Cotton Forms

Following the announcement that the agriculture adjustment administration would buy 1933 cotton options at a price equal to the market value of the cotton, less ten-cent per pound loans and nominal handling charges, C. Metz Heald, county agent, pointed out that final arrangements for the plan have not yet been worked out.

Agent Heald stated that he would announce date for the certificates to be presented just as soon as he receives his instructions.

ORDER TEN PER CENT REDUCTION

City Dads Make Flat Cut of That Size in Real Estate Valuations for 1934.

At a called meeting of the city council on Monday night of this week the major portion of the time was spent in a thorough discussion of the matter of city valuations versus city indebtedness.

The climax of the meeting came when a motion was adopted that the 1934 equalization board for the city be instructed to make a general reduction of 10 per cent on last year's tax assessment on all real estate. Values on personal property were not included.

The mayor and city council took into consideration the suggestion made at the public budget hearing for a 25 per cent reduction, but concluded that a ten per cent reduction would be as much as could be allowed.

When the equalization board has completed its work, the valuations will be the lowest in eight years. The figures on assessed valuations of real estate for the past several years diminish like this:

- 1930—\$1,330,545.00.
- 1931—\$1,319,780.00.
- 1932—\$1,132,340.00.
- 1933—\$1,081,450.00.
- 1934—Approximate value, \$973,450.00, lowest since 1926.

It will be interesting to the tax payer who has the interest of his city at heart to note some of the facts and figures, as reported for the close of the recent fiscal year, ending April 1, 1934.

The reduction on bonds and warrants amounted to some \$7,500.00.

The city working fund was reduced \$2,975.00, showing this account out of debt at the end of the fiscal year and making a total reduction of \$10,475.00.

Outstanding bonds and funding warrants amount to \$147,107.44 to be paid extending over a period of years.

Charge of Burglary Follows Arrest Here

A charge in connection with the burglary of tools from J. T. Coats' garage Monday night was filed before Judge W. W. Wheeler Wednesday against R. H. Taylor, who was transferred to the county jail at Abilene until bond was perfected. Taylor waived examining trial, his bail being fixed at \$500.

Arrest of Taylor was accomplished by City Marshal Chester Hutcheson, who answered a phone call about 4 a. m. Wednesday from Ray Spurgin that some one was attempting to steal a tire off his truck.

Besides the burglary charge, County Attorney Gray Brown said two misdemeanor complaints would be filed in the county court against Taylor in connection with thefts of auto and truck wheels and tires.

To Buy Surpluses. Washington, Aug. 16.—President Roosevelt ordered the federal emergency relief administration Monday to purchase wherever possible surplus fodder and fruit crops for drouth aid purposes.

BASEBALL LEAGUE STANDING

Team.	W	L	Pct
Tye	6	0	1.000
Trent	5	1	.833
Noodle	5	2	.714
Stith	4	3	.571
Nubia	3	3	.500
Merkel	1	5	.167
W. O. W.	1	5	.167
Compere	0	6	.000

RESULTS

Trent 3, Stith 1.
Tye 9, Noodle 8.
Nubia 13, Merkel 2.
W. O. W. 15, Compere 8.
Noodle 4, Stith 3.

THREE MORE GAMES.

August 16—Trent vs Tye.
August 17—Merkel vs Compere.
August 18—W. O. W. vs Nubia.

Should Trent win from Tye in Thursday's game, these two teams would be tying for first place; if Tye wins, Trent remains in second place. Should Nubia win from W. O. W. Saturday, they would move into a tie with Stith for last place in first division and would have to play off for place.

Noodle is secure in third place. After the first division teams are determined, play-off for prizes will follow next week according to the Shaughnessy plan.

Box scores of the Compere-Nubia game on Wednesday, August 8, of the Stith-Trent game Friday and the Noodle-Tye game Saturday appear elsewhere in this issue.

Results of other games follow:

Monday—	R	H	E
Nubia	014	010	016—13 12 1
Merkel	100	100	000—2 4 4
Palmer and Miller; Sledge, Wilson and Hale.			
Tuesday—	R	H	E
Compere	201	040	010—8 14 6
W. O. W.	300	000	37x—13 14 3
Stout and Spurgin; Fulton, Thompson and Ashford.			
Wednesday—	R	H	E
Stith	010	101	000—3 6 3
Noodle	002	001	001—4 11 3
Decker, Dobbs and Mashburn; Goode and Vick.			

AN ATTRACTIVE LIST OF PRIZES BEING OFFERED

Cowgirls, Cowboys, Bicycles, Decorated Cars and Floats, all Will Show in Gala Formation As Climax of Season.

Plans for the last parade and rodeo of the summer program point to a big time generally for all of Merkel's guests. The date is August 25.

Prizes of \$1.00 each will be awarded for the following entries in the parade to form at 10 o'clock Saturday morning of next week, as announced by Chairman O. R. Dye:


- For best decorated bicycle.
- To boy, under 15, with best cowboy rigging and horse.
- To girl, under 15, with best cowgirl rigging and horse.
- Oldest cowboy in parade.
- To girl, over 15, with best cowgirl rigging and horse.
- Best decorated float, wagon or car in parade.

Immediately following the parade a bicycle race will be staged at the baseball ground, the winner to receive \$1.00.

Judges of these events will be: M. G. King, Mt. Pleasant; Aaron Horton, Mulberry; W. T. Cox, Castle Peak, and Eli Cordell, Nubia.

A special morning program at the rodeo grounds will include roping for boys under 15 and for men over 50.

It is especially urged that the ropers and riders who have been participating in the various events assemble at the grounds before the parade starts and that they ride in a section. In addition, everybody on horseback is invited to take place in the parade. Tom Jinkens, arena manager, urges that this would be a most appropriate way for the riders and ropers to show (Continued on Page Five.)



THE BOOK

... the first line of which reads, "The Holy Bible," and which contains Four Great Treasures ...

by BRUCE BARTON

IN THE WILDERNESS.

John drew great crowds. He must have been a powerfully dramatic figure, his leathern girdle about his loins, eating his locusts and wild honey, and denouncing the eminent Pharisees and Sadducees as a "generation of vipers."

Who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance: And think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.

Jesus felt the contagion of the movement. He also went to John and asked to be baptized, and John looking up and seeing Him on the bank uttered a noble testimony to the sort of boy and young man that Jesus must have been:

I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me? It is noteworthy that no sense of guilt or shame appears to have had a part in His religious experience at this point. He did not argue with John about their relative fitness to baptize each other. He felt that the spirit of devotion which was in Him demanded some outward expression, and John's way, through baptism, was the way that presented itself.

It was a wonderful day for Him. He had made His decision. He had put the old life behind Him. John, His popular and powerful cousin, had recognized His inherent power. From thenceforth He would be a carpenter no longer, but a preacher like John, rebuking men for their sins, calling them to repentance. The day ended, night fell, and with it came the reaction. He went away into the wilderness and remained for more than a month in solitude, tortured by questionings and doubts. He felt power stirring within Him. How should He use it, and for what? The Gospel narrative dramatizes that period of self-searching by the appearance of Satan in person, with a three-fold temptation.

And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. The temptation to use His power for material success—money, comfort, ease.

Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple. And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down.

The temptation to achieve cheap fame by performing wonders. Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them;

And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. The temptation to become a political leader, to use the popular discontent and His strategic position as a working man's leader as a tool for His own advancement.

Next Week: A Master Gathers Pupils.

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White Church News

The Methodist meeting at this place closed Sunday night with a good meeting and the church greatly revived.
Rev. McDonald of Caps did the preaching, assisted by the pastor, Rev. Arthur Kendall of Abilene.
Little Billie and Don Harrison have returned home after a few days visit with their father in Abilene.
Mrs. Ollie Barnes and daughter, Miss Nan, of Abilene are visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barnes this week.
Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Lindsey and little daughter, Joyce, of Celeste, are visiting Mrs. Lindsey's mother, Mrs. Nell Pressley.
Mrs. P. A. Riggan has been sick but is much better at this time.
Mrs. Tim Long and two little daughters of Big Spring are visiting Mrs. Long's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Sugart.
Mr. and Mrs. Leon Coats and little daughter, Peggy, are spending the week in Big Spring.
Mr. and Mrs. Guy Vanlandingham and two daughters of Stanton are visiting at this time in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Harrison.
Dinner guests in the A. D. Barnes home Sunday were: Rev. and Mrs. McDonald and Miss Winnie Kendall of Caps, Rev. and Mrs. Frank Bax and mother and sister, Mrs. Everson and Evelyn of Quanah, Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Kendall of Abilene, Mr. Massarang and grandson, Richard, of Butman and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Campbell and son, Jimmie, of Blair.
Mr. and Mrs. Howard Brown have moved to Blair. We regret to lose these good people from our midst.
Howard Sugart returned Saturday from a visit with his friend, Lloyd Snow, of Clyde.

RURAL SOCIETY

CELEBRATES SEVENTY-SECOND BIRTHDAY.
W. M. Carey was the honoree at a birthday party in his home Wednesday, August 8, when his children surprised him with a dinner on the occasion of his 72nd birthday anniversary. All of the children were present.
At the noon hour dinner was served to: Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Carey, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Carey and two sons, Doswell and Blanton, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Carey and four sons, Elbert, Othell, O. R., Jr., and Burl, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Carey and daughter, L. Nelle, N. A. Smith, and Truman, Clements, Blanche, Ruby and Alice Carey.
MT. PLEASANT CONTEST CLOSES.
The Methodist Sunday School at Mt. Pleasant is still growing. The class of young folks closed their contest of Bible chapter reading for the summer months last Sunday when the even numbers were ahead 332 chapters.
Those on the honor roll for the last six weeks for not missing a Sunday were: Mary Cick, Davis Whisenant, Marie and Connie Rogers, and Loyce and Royce Curb.
MRS. FRANK DEMERE ENTERTAINS.
Mrs. Frank Demere entertained on Wednesday, August 8, in honor of her niece, Mrs. Allen D. King. Games and contests were enjoyed throughout the afternoon until the time came for the presentation of a large number of gifts to Mrs. King.
Mrs. Demere was assisted by Mrs. Frase Demere, Mrs. Raymond Demere, Mrs. A. D. Barnes and Mrs. R. M. Kelso of San Diego, Calif., in serving delicious ice cream topped with cherries and cake to the following: Messdames Lena Meeks, H. S. Weston, D. W. Rogers, Roy Hunter, E. M. Blackburn, M. H. Farmer, Ruby Montgomery, Wade Ensminger, F. N. Hill, Leon Coats, Allen D. King, H. E. Farmer, W. C. Berry, W. C. Hunter, W. A. Harrison, Leon Toombs, Emory Jones, John Crain, John Coomer, Paul Reid, and Misses Ethel Hamilton, Margie Coats and Beulah Harrison.
Vote for Lon A. Smith for Railroad Commissioner. Led opponent in first primary over 60,000 votes. (Pol. Adv.)
Complete line of office supplies at Mail office.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Max Mellinger and three sons spent Sunday with friends in Ballinger.
Miss Mary Gunn Milam of Dallas is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Nannie Causseaux.
Mrs. H. C. Coit and children of Dallas are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Warren.
Messrs. Paul West and Paul Collins left Sunday morning for a vacation trip to Colorado Springs.
Miss Ona Campbell of Delores, Colo., is visiting her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ben Campbell.
Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Vanlandingham and son and Mrs. Pardue of Stanton are visiting relatives here.
Malvin Howard arrived Saturday from Houston for a visit with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. P. Howard.
Mrs. Walter Mashburn and two children of Colton, Calif., were recent guests of Mrs. E. C. Spurgin of Stith.
Mrs. Elbert Ammon of Statesville, S. C., is visiting in the home of her uncle, J. M. Cook, and family at Noodle.
Miss Mary Kate Campbell returned Friday of last week from an extended summer tour which included a trip to Alaska.
Mrs. T. E. Compton, P. A. Diltz, Jr., and M. S. G. Russell and son, Ralph, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Cook at Noodle.
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Porter of Dallas were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Campbell. Mrs. Porter is a niece of Mrs. Campbell's.
Mr. R. P. Lindsey and son, Charles, of Ashown, Ark., have returned home after a visit with her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Jones.
After a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Ashby, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ben Ashby and son, Joe Ben, Jr., have returned to their home at DeLeon.
Mr. and Mrs. Dee Grimes returned Wednesday from Dallas where they had gone in the interest of the Brazz Dry Goods company for the fall buying season.
Mrs. Amy Sears and Miss Mary Eula Sears returned Saturday from a five weeks trip, which included many interesting points and wound up at Bristol, Va.
The last report from J. E. Addison, who underwent a major operation at San Angelo Wednesday of last week, was that he was standing the ordeal satisfactorily.
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Grimes and daughter, Tommy Evelyn, are again residents of Merkel, having leased the house on Oak street formerly occupied by the Hulsey family.
Mrs. E. C. Ray and children, Kenneth, Vernon, Anna Loyce and Peggy June, of Coleman, spent the past weekend with Mrs. Ray's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butman, Sr.
Supt. and Mrs. Burgess left Saturday morning for Lubbock for a ten-day visit with their relatives. He will be back in his office at the High school about August 25.
On their return from Waco Sunday, George Caple and C. B. Williams were accompanied by Benjamin T. Caple, George's nephew, who is visiting with the Caples here.
Cephas Wozencraft left the latter part of the week for Toyah where he will visit a brother, William Wozencraft. He will remain for sometime, if he finds employment there.
Miss Evelyn Lepard, after spending several days in the city with her grandparents, Judge and Mrs. W. W. Wheeler, and other relatives, has returned to her home in Anson.
Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Bird, accompanied by Mrs. L. E. Mills, Miss Martha Bird and Stacy Bird have returned from a visit with their daughter, Mrs. Jack Smith, in Nacogdoches.
After a visit with Miss Johnnie Sears, Miss Carrie Coffey departed Monday for her home in Vernon, making the trip with Mrs. L. M. Touchstone of Abilene, who was going to Chillicothe.
Judge and Mrs. W. W. Wheeler, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Leopard and four children made a short visit last Sunday with the former's sister, Mrs. W. M. Turner, and family at Rule.
Miss Iris Garrett left Friday for Waco to join her brother, Barney Garrett, on a visit to his brother, Rev. and Mrs. Ray Garrett, at Inverness, Fla. She will be away until about September first.
Miss Thelma Clower of Paducah stopped over Tuesday night for a visit with Mrs. H. C. Reid, being en route to the World's Fair. She accompanied Mr. Reid as far as Dallas, where he went on business Wednesday.
A party enjoying an auto trip to Stanton and Midland Sunday included Miss Lula Martin of Knott, Mrs. Cleo Baughman of Oklahoma City and Messrs. F. A. Sanders and John Dunn, the latter of Mulberry canyon.
Mrs. Jess Compton and son and Robert Compton have returned to their home at Blvthe, Calif., accompanied by Mrs. T. D. Compton and T.

D. Jr., who will visit in San Francisco, Los Angeles and San Diego.
After a visit with her grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. M. Armstrong, little Miss Mary Joe Armstrong has returned to Fort Worth. She was accompanied as far as Cisco by her grandmother, where both visited with the latter's daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Cox.
Mr. and Mrs. Ford Butman and children, Ford, Jr., Charles and Eddy, of Long Beach, Calif., and Mrs. Jess Ray, of Coleman, mother of Mrs. Butman, who has been visiting in California since March, arrived at the Butman ranch Saturday morning for a few weeks visit.
Miss Fannie Belle Boaz has returned from an extended visit, first with relatives at Troy, later going to Temple, San Antonio, Houston and Galveston. On her return she was accompanied by her uncle, J. M. Rainwater, and his son, Clyde, of Troy, who are guests in the Boaz home.
Loving Cup Awarded Abilene R & W Unit
Formal presentation of a loving cup won by the Abilene Red and White grocery unit for having the cleanest stores in the United States and Canada featured a banquet for unit store managers and employees at the Wooten hotel, Abilene, Monday night. More than 150, including wives and friends, were in attendance.
Among those present from Merkel were: Mr. and Mrs. John West, W. I. Peters, Lofin and Gerald Peters, Misses Sarah Sheppard and Mildred Richardson and Jack Dawson West.
UNION RIDGE NEWS
The Union Ridge Home Demonstration club was well represented at Buffalo Gap last Thursday and the picnic was enjoyed by everyone.
Recent guests in the O. R. Douglas home were Mr. and Mrs. O. Larry Jordan and baby son of Longview and Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Nichols and Mrs. L. A. Jorden, all of Eastland.
Mr. and Mrs. U. S. Reeder and family and Mrs. S. A. Hobbs and Miss Elin Hobbs visited relatives at Monday last week.
Everyone is asked to remember that next Sunday afternoon there will be church at the Methodist church.
Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Hobby of Abilene were Sunday guests in the M. L. Douglas home and on Monday Mrs. L. I. Vanceill and daughter of the Golan community were guests in this home.
Mrs. Len Covington and two daughters, Mrs. Hall and Miss Edith Covington, and Jack Verden of Goldthwaite were recent guests in the J. L. McRee home.
Mrs. Ross Baker has returned from a three weeks visit with relatives in Austin.
Messrs. J. W. Traylor and M. L. Douglas were Abilene visitors Saturday.
The Baptist meeting is set to begin next Friday night.
Mrs. J. W. Taylor, who spent a week in the home of her daughter, Mrs. O. R. Douglas, has gone to Fort Worth to visit a son.
Merkel 20 Years Ago
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kel for a short time, hoping to find a better place but returned last fall after seeing the fallacy of his move.
S. W. H. Buzbee, a Merkel country farmer, took advantage of the rain and came in to the city Tuesday for the first time in several moons.
W. T. Sherrill of Comper was in town Wednesday, temporarily water-bound. However, he was able to go along home toward night.
S. E. Adeock of Blair has 65 acres of cotton and does not want to prophesy what it will make but stated Wednesday that it was the finest he had ever seen in this country and early had one half bale of fruit per acre on it now, if not more than that amount.
George Cannon made The Mail office his headquarters Wednesday between showers and talked in high spirits over conditions in the Stith county.
Ralph Green, the "bronco buster" who lives north of Trent, was in town Wednesday advertising the contest he will appear in here Saturday. Ralph states that the cotton in his section of the country north of Trent on the river is as fine as can be and everybody out his way has feed galore.
Continues Critically Ill.
Reports Thursday from the bedside of Mrs. John A. Woodward, Sr., of Trent, former Merkel resident, were that she continues critically ill.
Meeting Begins at Hebron.
The meeting will start at Hebron Friday night, August 17. Rev. Ted McGehee and Rev. Mr. Payne from East Texas will do the preaching.
Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office.

Visit Locale Foster's "Old Kentucky Home"
A visit to "The Old Kentucky Home," where Stephen Foster wrote the immortal song, was one of the interesting experiences of Mrs. Amy Sears and Miss Mary Eula Sears on their five weeks automobile trip to Virginia. Foster's old home is owned by the state of Kentucky and the Merkel visitors had the privilege of seeing the desk where the writer sat while composing his song.
En route to Bristol, they were entertained by friends of Mrs. Sears in Ackerman, Miss., Greenwood, Miss., which is located in the river delta, and Murry and Louisville, Ky. They crossed the Mississippi at Vicksburg, where is located the National military park, center of the famous siege during the Civil War. They also saw the Jefferson Davis monument at Fairview, Ky.
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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Otto Blackmon and family and Joe English and family of Lamesa visited relatives here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Smith of Port Arthur are here for a visit with the latter's aunt, Mrs. N. L. McLeod. Mrs. Smith will be remembered as Jewel Blackmon.

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Hamner of Wink returned home the middle of this week after a two weeks visit with relatives here.

Mesdames John B. Winn, Boots Brown and Joe Boone motored to Hemphill and spent the day last Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. English.

A number of the club members here attended the annual picnic which was held at Buffalo Gap on Thursday of last week. Among them were: Mrs. Stanley Armour and children, Mrs. L. Z. Titsworth and daughter, Peggy, Mr. and Mrs. Wash and daughter, Dolly, Mrs. John Payne and children, Mrs. Henry Ogletree and son, Smithy, and Miss Fanny Bell Vessel. They were accompanied by Mrs. Wash and children of Hamlin, who were guests in the Wash home here.

Emory Smith of Lubbock is here for a few days visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Causseaux are announcing the arrival of a fine baby boy this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Hays Wheatley are moving into town this week to make ready for their daughter to enter school here, which will begin in September.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nalley are slated to leave here next Saturday for Denver, Colo., where they will attend the carriers convention, to which Mr. Nalley is a delegate. They will be accompanied by their two daughters and Mr. Nalley's father.

Pastor Howell closed a meeting at Stith Sunday, doing the preaching for Houston Scott. The results of the meeting were good. Brother Howell now goes to a meeting near Lamesa.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Pufferford in company with Mr. and Mrs. Pete Cunningham, all of Abilene, were guests in the Nalley home Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Bess Billings visited the greater part of last week in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Johnson, accompanied by Mrs. Ed Burks, were Hamilton visitors Sunday in the home of the former's daughter, Mrs. Casey Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Smith and two daughters, Willie Jean and Betty Jane, of Lubbock, came Saturday, arriving in time to take breakfast with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Smith. They will visit with Mrs. Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Howell also while here.

In response to a phone message, Jim Smith made a trip to Meadew last Thursday to visit the bedside of his sister, Mrs. V. H. Watkins, who is quite ill. Mrs. Watkins is the mother of Dr. Watkins, who once lived here. Her condition was improved Saturday and Mr. Smith returned home.

On Wednesday night of last week near midnight the town was awakened by the fire alarm to learn the garage of Algie Steen was burning. The garage was completely destroyed together with Mr. Steen's car and washing machine.

Several of our folks attended the meeting at White Flat Sunday night, which was by error reported closed last week.

Joe Nalley and Aubrey Terry attended the rural mail carriers meeting at Abilene Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Borden Perkins are the happy parents of a fine baby girl, who arrived Saturday.

Mrs. John Barnes and two daughters of Cordell, Okla., together with Mrs. Norman Barnes of Roby were guests Wednesday afternoon of last week of Mrs. J. I. Leamon. They once lived here and we welcome these good people among us any time.

Mrs. Clifford Estep and daughter have returned from Post where they

made a short visit with her sister, Mrs. Stilles.

Ben Howell, Joe Boone and A. W. Woods with their families attended the Red and White banquet at the Western hotel at Abilene Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott and two daughters, Doreen and Gean, went to Ireland this week, visiting relatives on both sides. Mrs. Scott's father, Mr. Adams, who had been here for some five months, returned to his home with them.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Y. Steen returned from Greenville Monday. After a visit with friends and relatives there, they returned via Clyde and spent time there long enough to purchase a home and will move there soon.

Miss Gladys Rogers returned home Saturday after spending a few days in Abilene. She was accompanied by her cousin, Miss Yvonne Dodd, who will spend the remainder of the week with her.

Miss Helen Bright had as her week-end guest Miss Lurline Brookshire of Abilene.

T. C. Burkhardt of Lamesa has returned home after a visit with his brother, Bry Burkhardt. Kenneth Ray accompanied him home for an extended visit with his uncle.

Miss Fanny Bell Vessel spent the week-end visiting in Merkel last week.

Alton Lobbins is visiting his parents in Colorado this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Rogers were shoppers in Merkel Monday.

MORRIS RICHARDSON

Miss Christine Richardson of White Flat and R. B. Morris of Merkel were married Saturday morning at Merkel. Mrs. Morris is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Richardson of White Flat, where she was a Freshman in high school. The groom is the son of R. B. Morris of Merkel. They are a popular young couple and have many friends who wish for them a long and happy married life.

SLUMBER PARTY

Edith Hale entertained a few friends with a slumber party Saturday night, July 28. Miss Lena Bright was the honored guest, the occasion being her birthday.

Games were played in the forepart of the night. May Hamner was winner in the running contest.

Refreshments consisting of sandwiches, cake and punch were served buffet style at midnight.

Those enjoying the affair were Lena Bright, May and Gladys Hamner, Helen and Vera Bright, Helen Hogue, Pete Smith, Opal Branum, Louise Allyn, Chunky Parker and the hostess.

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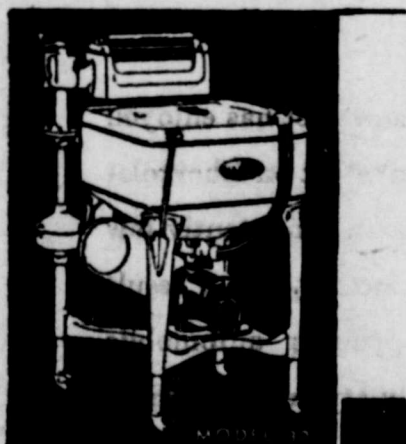
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Hood, p	4	1	0	1	8	0
W. Spurgin, c	4	1	1	4	0	0
R. Merritt, lf	4	1	1	2	0	0
Burleson, ss	4	0	0	8	8	1
L. Spurgin, 3b	3	0	1	2	0	0
Vaughn, rf	4	0	0	1	0	1

NUBIA	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
T. Seymour, 2b	5	1	3	4	8	1
Latimer, 1b	5	0	0	7	1	0
McLean, cf	4	3	2	1	0	1
E. Palmer, lf, p	5	1	1	1	1	0
J. Seymour, 3b	5	2	1	0	0	2
Miller, c	4	0	1	13	1	0
Stout, ss	4	0	1	0	4	2
Neill, rf	3	1	1	1	0	0
D. Seymour, p, lf	4	0	1	0	0	1

Totals 35 4 5 24 9 4
 Score by innings:
 Compere 110 290 099-1
 Nubia 010 310 12x-8
 Summary—Doubles, T. Seymour, McLean, Triple, W. Spurgin. Home run, J. Seymour. Runs batted in, Stanley, R. Merritt, L. Spurgin, J. Seymour, Stout, Neill, Miller, E. Palmer, D. Seymour 2. Earned runs, Nubia 4. Left on base, Compere 4, Nubia 8. Base on balls, Hood 1, Seymour 1. Struck out, by Hood 4, Seymour 8, Palmer 5. Innings pitched, Seymour 6, 4 runs, 5 hits; Palmer 3, no runs, no hits. Winning pitcher, Seymour. Double play, Hood to Burleson to Johnson. Time of game, 2:05. Umpires, Wolfe, Young and Renfro.

STITH	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Dwiggins, lf	4	0	0	0	8	0
Palmer, 3b	4	0	0	1	8	2
S. Burns, cf	4	0	0	1	8	0
Byrd, c	4	1	2	10	0	1
Dunagin, 1b	0	0	0	0	1	0
C. Mashburn, 1b	3	0	0	0	1	0
D. Mashburn, 3b	4	0	2	1	1	0
H. Burns, ss	4	0	0	0	1	0
Reddin, rf	4	0	2	0	0	0
Dobbs, p	3	0	0	0	2	0
r-Decker	1	0	0	0	0	0

TRENT	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
J. Payne, cf	4	0	1	3	0	0
Weaver, lf	4	0	1	3	0	0
Boone, 2b	4	0	0	2	2	0
D.H. Jones, rf, ss	4	1	3	1	2	0
Reid, 1b	3	0	1	10	0	0
H. Tittle, rf	2	0	1	1	0	0
C. Tittle, ss	2	0	0	1	0	1
S. Payne, c	4	1	2	5	0	0
Barnes, 3b	2	1	1	1	1	0
O. Jones, p	3	0	0	0	3	0

Totals 32 3 10 27 8 1
 Score by innings:
 Stith 000 100 000-1
 Trent 000 000 21x-3
 Summary—Sacrifice hits, Reid, Barnes. Stolen base, D. Mashburn. Runs batted in, C. Mashburn, Weaver 2. Earned runs, Trent 2, Stith 1. Left on base, Stith 8, Trent 7. Doubles, Weaver, D. H. Jones. Triple, Byrd. Struck out, by Dobbs 6, O. Jones 5. Time of game, 1:48. Umpires, Renfro and Young.

Vote for Lon A. Smith for Railroad Commissioner. Led opponent in first primary over 40,000 votes. (Pol. Adv.)

BLAIR ITEMS

Large and interested audiences continue to attend the revival meetings at nights conducted at the Church of Christ by Evangelist Ernest H. Witt of Marshall. Brother Witt deals with doctrine of the being of God and His sovereignty, and he clearly presents the love of God and His kindness. Elder Hobbs of A. C. C. has charge of the splendid song services.

Mrs. Duesick, who has been under treatment at an Abilene sanitarium the past week, returned home Saturday and is convalescing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Latimer are enjoying an extended visit with relatives from Arizona.

Miss Frances Russell, accompanied by her cousin, Miss Williams, of Lubbock, are pending several days with relatives in Bosque county.

Miss Vernie Derrick of Merkel was the interesting guest of Misses Sarah and Neva Malone recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Zebb Moore and daughter, Miss Lucy, returned home last week-end from Port Arthur after a visit with their son, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Moore. Mr. Moore, who had been real sick, was getting along nicely.

Mrs. Chalmers Patterson of Lubbock returned home after several days stay with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Spears. She was accompanied back by her three children who had spent the summer with their grandparents.

R. E. Windham has returned from an extended tour of East Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Odie Pribble have moved to Amarillo. We are very sorry to lose this young couple but wish them every success.

Monta J. Moore has returned home from Texas Tech at Lubbock.

Howard Brown has moved his family from the White Church community

Into our midst. Mr. Brown is in the grocery business at this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Doan and charming daughter, Otis Ray, spent Sunday with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Price Melton.

Doris Mitchell, who has been visiting with relatives at Bronte, returned home Sunday, accompanied by her aunt, Miss Margaret Thomas, of that place.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mayfield enjoyed a pleasant visit recently with relatives in Oklahoma.

The eloquent Prof. Ezell Murdock of Abilene closed a ten days singing school here Friday. Mr. Murdock was assisted by Miss Leola Marie Clark as pianist. Miss Clark is the accomplished young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Clark of Wylie. Mr. Murdock was rich and pleasing in his manner of teaching and many visitors from the surrounding towns and communities enjoyed these gospel song services. A strong friendship has already been evidenced from these services of song and the community made stronger.

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 ORIEN HIGGINS.
 CLYDE SHOUSE.
 For County Commissioner, Precinct No. 2:
 A. J. CANON. (Re-election.)
 ANDY SHOUSE.
 For County Supt. of Schools:
 M. A. WILLIAMS. (Re-election.)
 TOM MCGHEE.
 For District Attorney, 104th Judicial District:
 OTIS MILLER, of Jones County.
 W. J. CUNNINGHAM. (Re-Election.)
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(Political Advertisement.)

WOODMEN CIRCLE MEETING.
 Mrs. Jannie B. Garner, district manager of the Woodmen Circle, will be present at the regular meeting hour Friday afternoon to install the newly elected officers. Members are requested to attend. All candidates are especially urged to go to Abilene that night with Mrs. Garner for the exemplification of the degrees put on by Abilene's degree team.

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ALONG THE COAST OF ALASKA

By Mary Kate Campbell

(First of a series of four descriptive articles of "A Tour of Alaska.")

On Board S. S. Aleutian,
 July 14, 1934.

Arriving in Seattle we spent the day getting things in readiness for our sailing early on the day of July 14. Quite early on that morning there was a hum and stir of people and baggage in the hotel lobby. Due to an unusual occurrence—the strike—our manager had to readjust plans for us. Instead of boarding our steamer at Seattle we had to take a small boat to Tacoma where we boarded the Aleutian. This caused much delay and we did not get on our way till late in the day. Sailing was very smooth. Of course, we are within the inside passage and there is no occasion for the water to be rough. At Tacoma we had the pleasure of watching the loading of various products for various parts of Alaska. Among these products were vegetables, fruits, matches, carbide, lumber, sheet iron and many other things.

During the rest of the day nothing of special interest happened except

wandering about the decks learning where everything is and meeting various people.

On July 15 we waked finding ourselves docked at Vancouver, British Columbia. We had to take on oil. During the time the oil was being taken on, an accident occurred which caused an extra amount of work among the employees. The oil pipe burst and threw oil all about, on deck into one room and on a number of passengers and employees. From the way they went about the cleaning it must have not been a new experience. Everything cleaned and the oil tank soon filled, we were on our way by 10:30.

During our stop in Vancouver a number of us took a sight-seeing drive over the city. It is a mass of beauty with all its gorgeous flowers and trees. I have never seen in a hot house plants and flowers that would equal the ones growing outside in Vancouver. Stanley Park, covering 1,000 acres of natural beauty, boasts of its beauty, recreation and what I would call an outdoor museum. Of course, we saw only a small portion of the park.

Vancouver is quite a city, even though it has no building in it that is over 60 years old. It was completely wiped out by fire, but has made much progress during these few years. Its tallest building is 18 stories. Shipbuilding, lumber mills and shipping are among the principal industries.

Of course, everyone knows that words can never do justice to a description. Nature can produce and the eyes may appreciate many, many times what words cannot touch at all. However, one will find Vancouver a very interesting place to spend some time.

Rodeo

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their appreciation of the program the Merkel merchants have sponsored.

RODEO WINNERS.

Out of a field of 23 entries Raymond Raspberry of Sweetwater topped the list in calf roping last Saturday, his time being 19 3-5 seconds. Other winners in this event in the order named were: Tommy Corbett, Shorty Rutledge, Tommy Hodges and Buck Weston and Giles White, the latter two tying for fifth place.

Bud Trent's time of 15 4-5 seconds set the pace in wild cow milking, with

Walter Frazier, Clyde Acton, Giles White and Frank Young also placing. Ernest Acton of Roscoe, who was knocked unconscious while garter-tying a steer, was sufficiently recovered to be taken home about 7:30 Saturday night.

EASTERN STAR SALE.

The public is invited to attend the sale held by the O. E. S. ladies in front of Max Mellinger's store on Saturday, August 25. They will sell that good old home made ice cream, cakes, sandwiches and bottled drinks. Your patronage will be appreciated.

(Advertisement.)

Dr. Randolph Clark, one of the founders of Texas Christian university, celebrated his ninetieth birthday Wednesday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. F. H. Chandler, in Fort Worth.

Dr. George W. Truett, pastor of the First Baptist church of Dallas, was elected president of the Baptist World congress assembled in Berlin.

Texas republicans cast a total of 1,554 votes in the first primary election. The state convention of the party meets at Houston Sept. 11.

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LOST AND FOUND

LOST—Dehorned Hereford bull, about 7 years old; been gone 60 days; has "K" on left hip. Reward \$5.00. See Andrew Barbee, Merkel, Texas, Route 2.

LEGAL NOTICE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS.

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County—Greetings:

You are hereby commanded to summon W. A. Jones by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day thereof, in some newspaper published in your County, to appear at the next regular term of the 42nd District Court of Taylor County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Abilene, Texas, on the first Monday in September, A. D. 1934, the same being the 3rd day of September, A. D. 1934, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 31st day of July, A. D. 1934, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 10,066-A, wherein Myrtle Jones, is plaintiff, and W. A. Jones, is defendant, and a brief statement of plaintiff's cause of action, being as follows: Plaintiff and defendant were married about Dec. 3, 1904 and separated about Aug. 1, 1925. Plaintiff sues for divorce on the ground of three years abandonment, all of which is fully alleged in her original petition.

Herein fail not but have before said Court, at its next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, on this 31st day of July, A. D. 1934.
 Belle Wellborn, Clerk,
 District Court, Taylor County, Texas.
 (Seal)

CARD OF THANKS.

Words cannot express our sincere appreciation and thanks to our many friends and neighbors for their kindness, help and sympathy during the illness and death of our wife and mother, also for the many beautiful flowers.

May God bless and keep each of you.

C. A. Hudson and Family.

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SALAD DRESSING, quart jar	25c
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TOMATOES, 3 cans	25c
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PICKLES, quart jar	19c
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COFFEE, 1 pound can	35c
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SALT, package	9c
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COCOANUT, per can	12c
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GRAPE NUTS FLAKES, package	10c
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SALMON, 2 cans	25c
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Good Grade	
TOILET TISSUE, 4 rolls	19c
Dyanshine	
SHOE POLISH, bottle	19c
Old Dutch	
CLEANSER, 2 cans	17c
Giant Red and White Laundry	
SOAP, 6 bars	23c
Red and White	
CORN FLAKES, package	10c
K. C.	
BAKING POWDER, 25c size	19c
Blue and White 12 Ounce	
BLUING, bottle	15c
Blue and White	
PORK & BEANS, 4 cans	25c
No. 1 Blue and White	
PINEAPPLE, 3 cans	25c
Any Flavor	
FLAV-R-JELL, package	5c
Kuners Whole—10 Ounces	
SWEET PICKLES, jar	15c
Kellogg's	
WHOLE WHEAT BISCUIT, 2 pkgs.	25c
Quart Blue and White	
OLIVES, jar	34c
Swift Jewel	
SHORTENING, 4 pound carton	35c
Sliced, Sugar Cured	
BACON, pound	23c
Full Cream	
CHEESE, pound	20c



WILSON-CAMPBELL.

The marriage of Miss Lucile Campbell and Raymond Wilson was solemnized in a pretty home ceremony Saturday evening at 9:15 in the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. W. W. Campbell, the Rev. Ted McGehee officiating with a pretty ring ceremony in the presence of only a few relatives and close friends.

Lucile was a very popular High school student, graduating in 1933. She attended Hardin and Simmons university the following year. She is the youngest daughter of Mrs. W. W. Campbell. Raymond graduated from Merkel High in 1934; he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Wilson and is a very efficient employee of the "M" System grocery store.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson are at present on a honeymoon trip to the Carlsbad Caverns; after their return they will be at home with the bride's mother.

The guests present for the wedding were Mrs. Campbell, Miss Mildred Humphrey of Castor, La., cousin of the bride, Mrs. Elmer McLeod of Trent and Mrs. Cyrus Pee, sister of the groom.

Two Allred Speakers Are Scheduled Here

Two speakers will visit Merkel in behalf of the candidacy of James V. Allred for governor; one, Judge E. M. Overshiner of Abilene to be here Saturday afternoon to speak on the streets at 5 p. m. Senator Woodville Rogers of San Antonio will speak here next Wednesday at 5:30 p. m.

Prof. W. A. Stephenson, candidate for the legislature, will also speak here Saturday afternoon over loud speaker.

Mrs. C. A. Hudson Claimed By Death

Funeral services were held at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon from the Methodist church here for Mrs. C. A. Hudson, age 54, wife of a well known Salt Branch farmer, Revs. Berry Baker and P. H. Gates officiated for the rites, and interment was in Rose Hill cemetery.

Mrs. Hudson was born April 24, 1880, in Tennessee and was married August 7, 1902, at Mt. Vernon in East Texas. The family has resided in this section since 1914 when they settled near Tye, later moving to the Salt Branch community. She had been a consistent member of the Methodist church since girlhood. Besides her husband, she is survived by six children: W. C. Hudson, San Angelo; J. L. Hudson, Patnam; J. A. Brown, Merkel; Mrs. O. J. Fikes, Stith; Miss Willie Mae Hudson and Vernon Hudson, Merkel. There are nine grandchildren. Her step-mother, Mrs. Dora Kelso, of Sulphur, Okla., one brother, J. R. Kelso, who resides in Arkansas, a half-brother, W. O. Kelso, of Winsboro, Texas, and two half-sisters, Mrs. W. E. Hill and Mrs. Jeff Hill of Sulphur, Okla., also survive.

Palace Theatre Here To Re-Open August 29

First known as the Palace and rechristened as such, a new motion picture house will open here on Wednesday, August 29. The first feature to be presented will be Harold Lloyd's newest, "The Cats Paw," which will also be shown on Thursday, the day following.

M. M. Wood, former show operator in Anson, will open the new house. He has been engaged in the business over 14 years and will be assisted by his wife.

New, wide-range, high fidelity sound system is being installed and the theatre is being completely overhauled and made ready for the opening.

Mr. Wood states that Fox, Columbia and independent company pictures will be shown with changes three times per week.

Admiral Byrd Rescued.

Little America, Antarctica, Aug. 16.—Rear-Admiral Richard E. Byrd, his hair long and shaggy, his body thin and weak from months of isolation in the dark Antarctic winter, on Saturday greeted the three men who arrived by tractor to relieve him from his vigil at Bolling Advance weather base, 123 miles south of here toward the pole.

Vote for Lon A. Smith for Railroad Commissioner. Led opponent in first primary over 40,000 votes. (Pol. Adv.)

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CHURCH SERVICES

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

The pastor, who, according to annual custom, has been holding a revival at Rocky Ford in Red River county, has written that the revival there will close Friday night and he will return in time for regular church services Sunday.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. by the pastor, but in the evening the congregation will join in the Methodist revival.

R. A. Walker, Pastor.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Sunday morning we had a good attendance at Sunday School and preaching Brother Tatum, pastor at Clyde, preached Sunday morning. Brother Tatum is a brother of Rev. O. B. Tatum, who lives in Merkel.

Our Sunday School superintendent, W. J. Largent, will be away for the next several months with his show cattle. Bill Haynes will "carry on" while Mr. Largent is away.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. B. T. S. at 7:30 p. m. W. M. U. at 4 o'clock Monday afternoon. No night service Sunday on account of Methodist revival.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

Sunday School attendance at the six reporting Sunday Schools here continues to range in the 700 figures, around a hundred short of the same time last summer. Last Sunday 752 were present as compared with 766 on the Sunday before and 876 on the same Sunday a year ago.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Brother Eugene White of A. C. C. Abilene, will be with us Sunday and will speak for us at the morning hour, 11 a. m., and at the evening hour, 8:30 p. m. We invite all to hear him.

The usual services for the week are as follows: Bible study Lord's day 10 a. m., preaching 11 a. m. and 8:30 p. m. Wednesday evening a service of song, prayer and Bible study at 8:30. The Elders.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETING.

The following program will be given at the Young People's meeting of the Methodist church:

Subject, "An Ambassador of Christ, John Wesley." Scripture passages from Matthew and Ephesians.

Notes and introduction to subject, Wanda Hunter, leader.

"The Ambassador's Work," Paul Collins.

"The Ambassador's Methods," Walderine Huskey.

"The Ambassador's Spirit," Pauline Lassiter.

Business. Benediction.

We want to urge every young person in town to attend our revival. Young people's meeting is held every evening at the Methodist church at 7:15. You are invited.

NAZARENE CHURCH.

The writer has been called for a revival meeting at Pair Valley, McCullough county. We will try to have the pulpit supplied by a local man in our absence. We trust that our dear people will carry while we are out of town.

Let's everybody come to Sunday School next Sunday and to prayer meeting on Wednesday night.

J. L. Mayhall, Pastor.

NORTHSIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH.

Sunday morning we had the most touching and unusual service I have ever been privileged to witness. About 25 children at the request of the pastor arose from their seats and led the way to the "church altar of prayer." As they beautifully knelt around the altar, perfectly quiet and reverent, the spirit of our God came into our midst like a rushing mighty wind. All hearts rejoiced as they looked upon the beautiful scene. Teachers, pastor and many of our workers came kneeling with them. Teachers praised God for their pupils and many of the children who were Christians prayed sweet prayers that brought tears of joy to most everyone present.

Sunday night the pastor preached

to a large audience on the text, "For, as he thinketh in his heart, so is he," after which almost every Christian came down to the front pledging themselves to surrender their whole lives into His service.

The attendance at our church services is increasing each Sunday. Our Wednesday night prayer meetings are growing in attendance and interest. There were about 50 present at our last meeting.

We sincerely appreciated the special invitation given our church by the Methodist pastor to work with them in their revival. We shall be glad to do so and pray that many souls will be saved.

Ernest C. Dowell, Pastor.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

Tank building is in progress on the Butman ranch. Mr. Butman says he is getting ready for a rain.

Winners of premiums for the first and second bales of 1934 cotton, grown and ginned in Merkel trade territory, were announced in last week's issue of The Mail: Dave Hendricks and D. T. Dunn, respectively. The third bale awards went to Jim Douglas.

Mrs. S. F. Haynes is recovering from an attack of appendicitis suffered some ten days ago, a fact her many friends will be glad to learn.

Welcome news to property owners and business men generally was the recent announcement by County Judge John L. Camp of a budget for the next year of a twenty-cent reduction in the county tax rate without an increase in valuations.

The Mail acknowledges receipt with thanks of some luscious peaches from the trees of Ben Jones on Kent street. They show what kind of fruit can be grown here with a little attention.

Will pay 14c for infertile eggs; must be stamped. W. I. Peters, Red & White Store.

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Soap Flakes	5 lb. Pkg.	29c
Pork & Beans	Per Can	5c
SOAP	Blue Barrel or Big Ben Giant Bars, 7 for	25c
Peanut Butter	Qt. Jar	25c
Crackers	Excel Saltines 2 lb. box	21c
Pickles	Sour or dill Quart jar	20c
FLOUR	Fresh Car Just Unloaded Yukons Best	\$1.95
	Queen of West	\$1.75
Corn Flakes	Millers Lg. pkg.	10c
Syrup	Texas Special Gallon bucket	55c
Salt	Ice Cream 5 lb. pkg.	7c

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Do you want a man who is a prohibitionist? Who is against horse race gambling? And other similar vices? Who is a Christian and who does not believe in riding the fence on moral questions?

Do you want a man who is against deficiency judgments?

Do you want a man who believes in old age pensions?

Do you want a man who believes in taxing equities only?

Do you want a man who believes in a higher income tax on the higher brackets and profit tax on the big pipe line companies in order to take some of the taxes off of the homes and real estate and reduce the tax burdens of the little man?

Do you want a man who will work for economic recovery and not so much for political recognition?

Do you want a man who spoke for Franklin D. Roosevelt and the entire Democratic ticket while his opponent was speaking for the Republican party?

Do you want a man who is not radical in thought or fanatical in action?

If you want a man of this type and who is qualified by training and experience and whose ability is beyond question, who is level headed, then vote for

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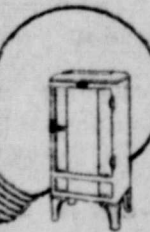
And, the freezer is centrally located... a feature which not only provides room on both

sides of the freezing unit for tall bottles, but which helps account for the fact that the entire food compartment of the Frigidaire '34



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