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## LARGENT COW GRAND CHAMP TRI-STATE FAIR

Merkel Breeders Also Win Reserve Champion Bull and Champion Steer; Eighteen Herds in Competition.

Amarillo, Sept. 20.—Beau Stanway 2nd, junior yearling bred on the Foster farms, Rexford, Kans., Tuesday was judged grand champion bull of the Tri-State fair Hereford show. Marie Domina, 3 year old cow entered by C. M. Largent and Sons, Merkel, was named grand champion female.

In winning the highest awards at the show, the champions were in competition with a large number of prize stock from the foremost breeding farms in Texas, Oklahoma, Oregon, Kansas, Missouri and Colorado.

Eighteen exhibits from the six states entered 160 head of registered stock in the show.

Publican Domino 10th, junior calf entered by Largent and Sons, was named reserve champion bull, and Iolantone 7th, summer yearling bred by H. R. Hazlett, Eldorado, Kans., was judged reserve grand champion female.

Albert K. Mitchell, Albert, N. M., was the judge.

Mitchell, Frank Farley, member of the Hereford Journal; R. J. Kinzer, secretary of the American Hereford Breeders' association, and other experts said the exhibit here was one of the best shows they had ever worked with.

Besides winning grand champion cow and reserve champion bull, as reported in the above dispatch, C. M. Largent and Sons also showed the champion steer at the Amarillo show and won a number of firsts. C. M. Largent was advised in a private telegram from Willie Joe Largent.

## Addenda of College Students from Merkel

In addition to the list of those going off to college this year, as printed in The Mail last week, others included are Miss Besaylea Church, a 1934 Senior, and her sister, Miss Frances Marie, both of whom will attend McMurry college, and also Miss Florene Rider, who re-enters McMurry for her second year.

## Dunigan to Drill New Taylor Test

Dunigan Bros. and Brahaney of Breckenridge have filed application to drill a second test on the A. W. Hunter tract about four and one-half miles southeast of Merkel.

The test is approximately 900 feet east of Hunter No. 1, a producing well.

## Chatterton Asks Divorce

Los Angeles, Sept. 20.—Suit for divorce was filed here Monday in behalf of Ruth Chatterton, stage and screen star, against George Brent, actor.

## MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, September 18, 1914.)

### FIREFORSE HURT IN USELESS RUN.

"Damon," off horse of the local fire department, furnished excitement for a short while Sunday evening when he responded to a fire alarm without the assistance of a driver and as a result of the same the big black horse is being nursed by the fireboys this week for a badly lacerated upper lip and various cuts about the body.

As is the custom of the local fire department, the team is given some exercise every evening, either with the fire wagon or allowed to graze on the Texas and Pacific right-of-way near the fire station. When grazing Damon is always allowed to remain loose, for he has never been known to leave his teammate. Sunday evening the team, (Damon and Pythias,) were being cared for by Chief Ferrier when the Texas and Pacific passenger train No. 3 departed from Merkel. Just after the engine had passed where the team was standing near the depot, the engineer or fireman started the engine bell to ringing.

The signal was all Damon wanted

## KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

A home rule charter calling for the commission form of government instead of aldermanic was adopted at Uvalde Tuesday, 483 to 145.

Tom Mix, motion picture and circus performer, was made an honorary member of the Panhandle Pioneer association at their reunion at Amarillo Tuesday.

Baylor university at Waco opened its nineteenth annual session Tuesday with an initial enrollment of 1,550, an increase of 200 over the corresponding date a year ago.

S. M. Burns, district attorney at Cameron, Milam county, collapsed Monday while preparing to try a murder case. Physicians said he suffered a stroke of paralysis.

Dr. E. R. Cockrell, 63-year-old president of William Woods college of Fulton, Mo., and former mayor of Ft. Worth died Thursday night at the city hospital in Fayetteville, Ark.

Six Canton residents, riding in a new sedan, were robbed of their automobile on the Dixie highway ten miles east of Terrell by two men who flourished pistols as they sped away.

The Public Works administration Tuesday allotted \$1,219,000 to Houston for the erection of a fireproof city hall, the enterprise being expected to provide employment for 250 men for a year.

H. L. Barber, associate field manager of the Tarrant county better housing program, was appointed by the National Housing administration Thursday as speaker for the West Texas district.

The first carload of Texas grown corn rolled into Fort Worth Monday. The shipment came out of Honda, having been grown in South Texas, and was moved out of Fort Worth to Greenville for milling.

Josie Davidson, 26-year-old Irish waitress employed in a small cafe at Houston, has been advised she is heirless to a fortune of \$150,000 following settlement of litigation over her deceased husband's estate.

Sweetwater Tuesday authorized the issuance of \$122,000 in bonds, to be sold to Uncle Sam at par, and receipt of a public works administration grant of \$48,000, to be used toward building a 15-inch pipe line to Sweetwater lake.

Sheriff Albert W. Saegert of Guadalupe county was elected president and Edinburg was selected the 1935 convention city of the sheriffs' association of Texas at the closing session of their convention Friday at San Angelo.

### Marie's Estate \$280,847.

Los Angeles, Sept. 20.—The estate of the late Marie Dressler, screen actress, is set at \$280,847 in an appraisal subscribed to by the executor of her will, Allen B. Walker, and filed in superior court.

## INTRACOUNTY BANKHEAD TAX SALE ALLOWED

Unlimited Exchange of Certificates Within County; Transfer From One County to Another Through U. S. Pool.

Unlimited exchange of Bankhead tax exemption certificates between producers within a county will be permitted by the United States Department of Agriculture but transfers between farmers in different counties must pass through the national exemption pool. This information was given in a special wire to The Dallas News agricultural department Saturday from C. H. Alvord, assistant to the chief of the cotton production section of the agricultural adjustment administration.

This ruling clears up much uncertainty as to how growers with crops exceeding their allotment under the Bankhead act may acquire tax-free certificates. It means, however, that such localities as the Lower Rio Grande valley (where four counties exceed their quota) will have to depend largely upon the federal pool to obtain exemptions, rather than buying directly from growers in other counties.

While unlimited transfers will be permitted within a county the transaction must be recorded with the county agent, according to the wire. Price of exemption certificates has been fixed at 4c per pound. Surplus certificates will be available for sale in all county offices. Instructions and regulations will be forwarded when approved, Mr. Alvord said.

## Over 4,600 Bales Have Been Ginned to Date

Total ginnings for the season up to Wednesday night at the five gins in Merkel and those at Blair, Noodle and Stith were 4,601 bales, estimated probably as two-thirds of this year's output.

The past week showed 1,408 bales ginned, as compared with 1,526 the previous week.

## Heart O' Texas Ass'n. Honors Albany Editor

Albany, Sept. 20.—The Heart of Texas Press association went out of its territory this year to hold its convention here in honor of Col. Richard McCarty, editor of the Albany News for more than 30 years.

At the close of the two day session Saturday Jack Scott of Cross Plains was elected president and Brownwood was selected as the next meeting place.

## 75 Attend Banquet for Druggists of District

The meeting of druggists of Abilene and the immediate territory, held in Abilene Tuesday, included a noon day luncheon of the local retail trade organization, an afternoon conference of the district code organization and a banquet at night sponsored by the McKessen-Crowdus Drug company of Dallas.

Several prominent men in the drug trade were on the program for speeches at the banquet session which was attended by approximately seventy-five.

Lige Gamble and Sie Hamm, two of our progressive druggists, were present for the banquet.

## Will Demonstrate How To Can Tomato Juice

Mrs. Irma Hensaeling, home economist, will conduct a demonstration on the canning of tomato juice and the making of pickles, next Tuesday at the Farm Homemakers market at Abilene.

The demonstration will be presented Wednesday, the following day at Ovalo, in the home economics room of the high school. The meetings will be held at 2 p. m.

Miss Vara Crippen, home demonstration agent, has requested that all farm food supply demonstrators of county clubs attend the session. Other members are invited.

Mrs. Hensaeling is a representative for a glass jar company.

## LEGISLATURE IS NEAR AGREEMENT ON RELIEF BONDS

Conference Committee Expected to Report Compromise Plan This Week; Issue of \$6,000,000 Appears Likely.

Austin, Sept. 20.—Speedy agreement on two chief points of variance between houses of the Texas legislature on a bill to issue additional state relief bonds was reached Wednesday by house and senate committees.

Differences were compromised by the senate conferees accepting the \$6,000,000 amount proposed by the house, whose representatives in turn accepted a senate innovation to budget expenditures. Conferees, however, reserved the right to reopen discussion on the points at subsequent meetings. Although many details remained to be adjusted, it was likely the committee would report a compromise bill within the week.

Although the senate voted to limit the issue to \$5,000,000, its conferees proposed issuance of the entire \$9,500,000 remaining of \$20,000,000 issue. House conferees, however, held out at first for the smallest amount. The agreement on \$6,000,000 was reached after the committee was deadlocked in balloting on varied sums from the minimum to the maximum. Only Senator Will M. Martin disagreed with the compromise amount.

Expenditure of relief funds would be restricted to a maximum of \$1,000,000 monthly during October, November and December, 1934, and to \$1,500,000 monthly during January and February, 1935, under the agreed budget provision.

## District Meeting of Baptists Set Sept. 25

Baptists of 11 West Texas counties will meet at the Lueders Baptist encampment grounds, Tuesday, September 25, for a missionary session. Several state leaders will attend the meeting, at which 1,500 Baptists are expected. Rev. J. D. Brannon, Abilene, missionary for district 17 of the Texas Baptist convention, will preside.

A recommendation will be made to the 174 churches of the district that their combined membership of 30,672 undertake to raise \$8,900 for state missions by December 1, this year. It will also be recommended that the same churches endeavor to raise \$22,250 for missions of all types, Baptist schools, hospitals and orphanages during the next convention year. Counties of the district are Fisher, Jones, Shackelford, Stephens, Nolan, Taylor, Callahan, Eastland, Kent, Stonewall and Haskell.

Among the Baptist leaders who will take part in the program are: Dr. L. R. Scarborough, president Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary, Ft. Worth; Dr. H. E. Fowler, pastor of East Grand Baptist church, Dallas, and T. C. Gardner, state B. T. S. director, Dallas. The meeting will begin at 10 a. m. with a welcome address by Rev. Henry Littleton of Hamlin.

## Stith Church to Be Host Fifth Sunday

The Fifth Sunday Singing convention is to be held Sunday, September 20, at the Stith Baptist church. This announcement was given The Mail by Tom Spears, president of the convention, who urges that everyone be there promptly at 10:30.

He suggests that all who expect to attend arrange for Bible study early enough to be on time. He also asks everyone to think over the book question as it is planned to purchase at least 75 books for the Fifth Sunday convention.

## McGehee and Ashby in Bakery at Stephenville

Two Merkel men, Ted McGehee and J. D. Ashby, have purchased the bakery at Stephenville and have already gone there to take active charge. The McGehees moved last week-end.

Replacing these two in the Dandy bakery here, Joe Cypert, formerly with the McDonald grocery, and Lester Patterson, who has been employed part time previously, have been added to the working force of the Dandy bakery.

## LOCAL GRIDIRON FANS WILL SEE BADGERS START SEASON WITH CLYDE THIS SATURDAY

### BUCCANEERS WIN FROM MISSIONS

Island City Club Takes First Game in Series for Texas League Championship.

San Antonio, Sept. 20.—The Galveston Buccaneers dropped anchor and let go with a base hit salvo in the eighth inning Wednesday night to beat San Antonio, 8 to 3, thus going one up in the seven game series for the Texas league championship. The rattle bombardment of singles in the fatal eighth drove Earl Caldwell from the mound and started a paid crowd of 9,251 persons filing out of the park before the conclusion of the game.

It was the first melee of the championship series and Tech field was jammed to capacity an hour before game time. Forty five minutes before umpire Frank Coe started the game, ticket booths were closed, leaving approximately 3,000 people on the outside.

### Kiddies' Matinee Palace Saturday

A big time is in store for the kiddies at a special matinee at the Palace theatre at 12:30 Saturday afternoon. Manager Wood announces there will be a series of exciting contests with prizes to the winners.

On Friday and Saturday's program at the Palace there will be a big super-western, also the serial and comedy.

A Fox special, "Stand Up and Cheer," with Warner Baxter and Madge Evans, is billed for Monday and Tuesday of next week. It will be interesting to movie fans to know that Shirley Temple, the greatest child star ever introduced, is also featured in this picture.

Manager Wood announces that on Wednesday and Thursday nights the price will be 10 cents. Tuesday night each week at the Palace is Bank Night.

### Pep Squad Will Enjoy Game From New Bleacher Section Erected by Popular Subscription; Game Starts at 4 P. M.

The Badgers enter their first game of the 1934 season with Clyde on Friday afternoon of this week on the local gridiron. The game starts at 4 p. m.

And for the first time the Pep Squad girls will be seated in special bleachers erected from funds by popular subscription of the local merchants and professional men. The bleacher section, seating 36, has been placed on the south side in mid-field and will give the girls an excellent chance to root in a group and also to see every play their favorites put over.

Coach Irvin has announced the probable line-up against Clyde as follows: Left end, Woodrow Patton or V. Joyner.

Left tackle, Cal McAninch. Left guard, Charles Tipton. Center, W. B. Toombs. Right guard, Ben Sublett or Z. Robertson.

Right tackle, Louis Carson. Right end, Joe Cook or Grissom Dowell.

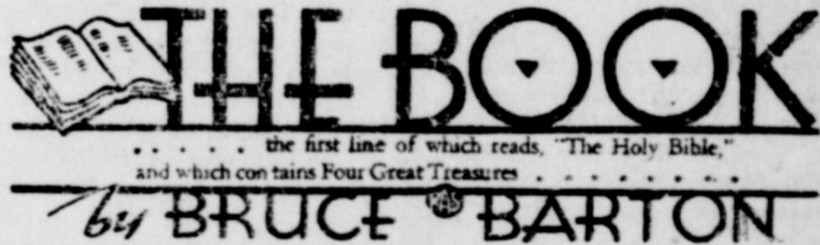
Left half, Bud Gambill or Raymond Richards.

Right half, Robert Higgins. Full back, Harry Boaz, captain. Quarter back, Oscar Adcock.

### 30 Good Sized Heads On One Stalk Maize

J. B. Lilly, of the Castle Peak community, was in town one day recently and left in the lobby of one of the local banks a stalk of maize which had produced 30 good sized heads, all coming from one seed it seemed. The grain was produced from low overflow land and evidently a number of succor stalks sprang out from the original.

Mr. Lilly stated that he had about one-fourth of an acre of similar feed, which demonstrates that, with reasonable moisture even, great quantities of fine feed can and usually is produced in this country.



### A KINGSHIP REFUSED.

Jesus' miracles caused His reputation to spread before Him, and the most dramatic of them, the feeding of a host of people, was followed by one great moment of triumph, which, however, marked the beginning of the end.

That multitude of people whom He had seated in groups of fifty and a hundred rose to their feet after their miraculous meal and discovered that they were an army. They looked up with new eyes at the strong young man who had fed them as Moses had fed their ancestors in the wilderness.

The words of the prophets surged into their minds. Here indeed was a son of David; here was the promised leader who should free his people, drive the Romans before him, and sit again upon the throne in Jerusalem. With a great shout they surged forward.

Did He hesitate for a moment? Was there an instant in which the temptation to seize this proffered leadership battled with His real ideals? We know only the final decision, which was quickly made:

When Jesus therefore perceived that they would come and take him by force, to make him a king, he departed again into a mountain himself alone.

From that hour His popularity waned. Most of those who had followed Him in the hope of reward through a successful revolution began to drop away.

From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him.

Even the twelve were disappointed and disheartened. Why was it necessary for Him to be so inflexible? Why must He always abuse the Pharisees and other influential people? Why turn away so abruptly from those who could be of so much help? Jesus alone saw clearly. He led them away from Galilee into the foreign shores of Tyre and Sidon. He wanted to be alone with them, to try to make them understand why He must refuse temporal power; why, indeed, it would be necessary for Him to insure the permanency of His message by selling it with His blood.

He must "go into Jerusalem." He told them, "and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed." Indignantly they sought to dissuade him. "Be it far from thee, Lord," the hotheaded Peter exclaimed, "this shall never be unto thee." Their remonstrances were in vain.

The whole last year of His ministry has a different tone. He is far more emphatic, far more audacious. Knowing that compromise is useless, He lashes out against the smug complacency of the Pharisees who render lip service to Jehovah but are rotten at the core with selfishness and greed.

Next Week: A Prophet Dishonored.



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Henry Ford Erecting Two Huge New Steel Mills at Dearborn

Dearborn, Mich., Sept. 20.—Henry Ford is today in full swing on the final move that will give his industry an absolutely independent supply of the 36 different kinds of special steels which it requires.

The move involves the building of two huge new steel mills, installation of a vast amount of special machinery and sufficient additions to his present power equipment to drive the new mill.

The construction will require eight months to complete and will cost between \$12,000,000 and \$15,000,000. When the new mills are ready, Ford can produce 3,000 cars a day without buying a pound of steel in the market.

Ford's move will tend further to make the Detroit area a great steel producing district by the addition of 1,500 tons of finished steel a day.

Workmen have already nearly completed the sinking of the caissons for the foundations of the two big mills which will be erected to the east and west of the present open hearth and steel mill buildings.

Built of steel and brick in the same design as the present steel mill, the new buildings will provide 229,400 square feet of floor space and this, together with 64,500 square feet of floors in the present buildings will be required for the new operations.

The building alone will cost \$650,000. Into them will go special machinery and equipment costing more than \$6,000,000—a 54 inch blooming mill, huge reheating furnace, roughing mills, hot finishing mills, cold mill, 500 feet of continuous pickling tanks and several annealing furnaces.

To produce the additional power needed to drive the new mills will involve a practical duplication of the present Rouge Plant power equipment.

Orders for turbo-generators to cost \$2,000,000 were placed a few weeks ago. They will be housed in space provided years ago in the present powerhouse. Into this will go a new high pressure boiler costing \$2,000,000.

In addition, auxiliary equipment for both boiler and turbines, condensers, metering and control equipment, feed and circulating pumps and other machinery will bring the total cost of the new power development well above \$6,000,000.

The combined cost of power and steel developments will be approximately \$12,750,000.

The present steel productive capacity of the Detroit area, including the Newton Steel company at Monroe, is approximately 6,000 tons a day. Ford's new operations will increase this production by 25 per cent.

here for a visit with her mother, Mrs. Amy Sears, and sister, Miss Mary Edna Sears. Mr. Eysen had business in Midland and other points further west, having stopped over for a brief visit.

Mrs. A. V. Henslee and three little daughters have returned home from a two months visit with her husband, who is in the veterans hospital at Muskogee, Okla. She reports his condition is some better and the doctor thinks he will soon be home.

Mr. and Mrs. John Shannon and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Patterson, who went to Houston last week to enter Milton and Jack in Rice university, enjoyed a visit to Galveston also.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Roach and son, Wallace, of Houston, returned to their home Saturday after a pleasant visit with Mrs. Roach's cousins, Mrs. Clarence Eoff and Andrew Barbee, and families.

Misses Marie and Fay Pinckley left for Denton Monday where they will attend North Texas State Teachers college. They were accompanied by Jarrett Pinckley, who will return after a brief visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Hale and Mr. and Mrs. Head of Eskota were house guests of Mrs. Dan Reidenbach Saturday evening. Returning home with them was the latter's son, Raymond Head, who had been visiting in the Canyons.

Dr. C. B. Gardner and S. D. Gamboldrove to Austin Monday when Miss Billy Gardner went to enter the University of Texas. Miss Mary Elizabeth Grimes, who had been visiting her uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Ennis Grimes, returned with them.

Mrs. W. H. Eysen of Tyler is the guest of his sister, Mrs. Duncan Briggs.

Mrs. Cora McAllister of Beaumont is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. D. Daniels, at Stith.

Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Sadler have returned from a visit with his mother in Palestine.

B. L. Peters will leave Friday for Lubbock to enter his Junior year's work in Texas Tech.

Ivy Daniels of Shamrock was a recent visitor with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Daniels, at Stith.

Misses Mary Lou Derington and Ruth Hickox visited Dorothy Derington near Blair last week-end.

Magnolia Co. Club Entertained Here by Agent and Associates

On Wednesday evening the Magnolia club, composed of thirty wholesale agents and service station managers of the Magnolia Petroleum company in the Abilene territory, held its monthly meeting in Merkel, Charlie Jones being the genial host, assisted by local station managers, to a banquet served in the Fulwiler building on Front street and enjoyed by over fifty guests.

To the left on entering the hall, a miniature Magnolia station, with electric lights, pumps and all paraphernalia, greeted the eye, along the walls of the building elaborate advertising banners were displayed and Pegasus, the "flying horse" of Greek mythology and emblem of Magnolia ideals, rode the place cards.

Members of the Merkel Home Demonstration club, of which Mrs. C. P. Church is president, served a bountiful turkey dinner menu, guests being seated in hollow square formation. Assisting in passing the plates were Misses Thelma Matthews, Annie Lee Dubose, Opal Buzbee, Dot Swafford, Aline McAninch and Clara B. White.

With G. L. Smith of Abilene, president of the club, opening the session, invocation was given by Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of Grace Presbyterian church. Guests were welcomed by Henry C. West, with response by Ed Kruger of Fort Worth, assistant manager of the Fort Worth district.

Entertainment features included vocal solos by Mrs. Ernest Old of Abilene, with Miss Iris Garrett as accompanist; readings by Mrs. R. O. Pearson and popular songs by Miss Betty Lou Grimes, for whom Miss Garrett was also accompanist.

Special guests for the meeting were George Witte, sales manager, Fort Worth, and Mr. Cruger. Others present from out of town were: J. E. Foote, district sales manager, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. George Smith, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Flemming, E. Connally, Abilene, Sim Connally, Nathan Morris, John Pilkinton, Roundtree, Adams and Jarke, all of Abilene; C. G. Capps, C. M. Donald, G. C. Barton, R. D. Humphrey, Stamford; Mr. and Mrs. M. Marks, Anson; L. H. Mason, Jaytown; Angie Glenn, Sweetwater; Messrs. Callahan and Anthony, Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Old, Abilene, and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Sloan, Noodla.

Local guests were: Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Henry West, Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Pearson, Misses Iris Garrett, Betty Lou Grimes, Eleanor Mae Hamilton, Sarah Sheppard, Maimie Walker and Bertha Moreland, Comer Patterson, Jimmie Toombs, Joe Sutphen, Paul Collins, S. P. Foster, C. J. Glover, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Whiteley, Jr., and the hosts, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Jones.

Next meeting of the club will be at Hamlin on the third Wednesday in October.

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.

Typewriting and carbon paper at Mail office.

Standard Typewriter Ribbons 75c each at Merkel Mail office.

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DELINQUENT TAXES

The City of Merkel and the Merkel Independent School District offer you the following plan for paying your delinquent taxes:

Table with 2 columns: Payment Date and Principal Plus Percentage. Rows include September (12%), October (13%), November (14%), and December (15%).

After January 1, 1935, no further deductions will be made. So you are requested to pay now and save the difference. The above plan applies only to those who take advantage of same as petitions are being prepared to file additional suits in the near future.

JOE E. CHILDERS, Attorney.

About \$40,000 in Cattle Purchase Already Paid

Approximately \$39,000 has already been received in this county on cattle purchases, it was estimated by County Agent Neal Tuesday.

Total cattle purchase contracts with the government in Taylor county amounted to \$62,277, covering 4,833 head of cattle and including condemned animals.

Record of Births.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Oda Clark. Thursday, September 13, 1934.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Morris Goode, Jones county, Friday, September 14, 1934.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bird, Stith, Saturday, September 15, 1934.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Laboda Yvara, Wednesday, September 19, 1934.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Merle Thornton, residing north of town, Wednesday, September 19, 1934.

Moratorium Upheld.

Dallas, Sept. 20.—The 1934 moratorium law was held constitutional in an opinion handed down by the Fifth court of civil appeals Saturday in favor of Mr. and Mrs. Schuyler B. Marshall, Sr.

The proposed Pan-American highway is considered the longest road project in the world. When completed, it will stretch from Alaska to the southern tip of South America.

Shoe production for the first half of this year totaled 187,072,190 pairs, compared with 173,134,062 pairs in the first half of last year.

The 149 national parks owned by the United States cover a total area of 160,003,000 acres, more than the area of California.

In New York state, no fewer than one in every 22 persons becomes, at some time in his life, a patient in an institution for mentally ill.

Hippocrates was known as the "father of medicine."

Bank clearings for 22 of the leading cities of the United States for the week ended August 22 amounted to \$4,190,227,000, compared with \$4,153,047,000 in the corresponding week last year, an increase of 0.9 percent according to Dun and Bradstreet.

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Genuine Government 12c Cotton Loans Now Available
On eligible cotton stored at Abilene or Sweetwater Compress.
Interest at 4 per cent.
Storage and insurance not to exceed 25c per bale per month.
Your cotton will be handled by local men and your loan carried by your home bank.

Farmers & Merchants National Bank
Merkel, Texas
Inquire at

John Wanamaker Said...
If there is one enterprise on earth the quitter should leave alone, it is advertising. Advertising does not jerk—it pulls. It begins gently at first, but the Pull is steady. It increases day by day—year by year—until it exerts an irresistible power!

THE Merkel Mail
You can establish that same irresistible power for your business with constant advertising in the Merkel Mail. No other medium of advertising is as effective an inexpensive.

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Dependable—Satisfactory. We are always at your service, striving to give our customers the best work it is possible to do—

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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.
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**TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS**

On last Wednesday night Mr. and Mrs. Alex Williamson gave a barbecue at their home in honor of their niece, Mrs. Oscar Tomlin, of Ft. Worth, who has been a guest of her mother, Mrs. Pauline Freeman, the past two weeks. Seventy guests were served to barbecue, pickles, salads, cakes and coffee.

After spending some time in Oklahoma and Fort Worth, also visiting her daughter, Mrs. Lee Rogers, here a while, Mrs. Kinder returned Sunday to her home in California.

On Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Robb O'Rear had as guests in their home Mr. O'Rear's sister, Mrs. W. O. Cobb, and family of Kirkland. They were en route to Abilene to arrange to enter their son in Hardin-Simmons university.

Mrs. Zula Darby and baby of Berger are here on a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bright.

Clyde Deavers, who has been for some time at Houston, has returned home.

Supt. and Mrs. Roy Elliott, accompanied by Spurgeon Spott, and family, were visitors in Abilene Saturday.

Mrs. Frank Duncan, in company with Mrs. Earl Stevens, shopped in Merkel one day last week, the latter calling on her mother, Mrs. L. W. Cox, who lives there.

Mrs. A. Williamson announces that she is the possessor of a new nephew, Garrison Hubert, born to Mr. and Mrs. Winslow Beckham at Lamesa.

Fisher Pollard and family of Midland were guests last Monday in the Scott home. They were en route home after a trip to Abilene where they entered their son in Hardin-Simmons university.

Will McCombs of Rotan was a guest last week with Uncle Billie Goode.

Mrs. L. Z. Titsworth and daughter, Peggy, visited with her sister, Mrs. Stanley Armour, of Eastland, the early part of last week.

Mrs. Walker Steadman and daughter, Mildred, with her sister, Mrs. Lude Keltz, and daughter, Clarice, of Vernon left Wednesday of last week for Denton where they made complete arrangements for Misses Mildred and Clarice to enter C. I. A. Mrs. Steadman returned home Saturday via Vernon, making a visit there with her sisters, Mesdames Keltz and Hardenson.

Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Halbrook visited last week-end with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Holston, of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Scott attended the formal opening at McMurry college on Wednesday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Terry of Lueders were recent guests in the home of the latter's parents, Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Howell.

Miss Virgie Strawn returned last week to take up her line of duties in our schools here, which will begin the first Monday in October.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nalley visited all day last Sunday week in the home of the latter's father, B. E. Rutherford, of Cottonwood.

Mrs. Jim Smith was a week-end guest with her daughter, Mrs. Stanley Armour, in Eastland.

Mrs. Andy Shouse had as her guest on Wednesday of last week her father, R. O. Bailey, of Abilene.

Pastor W. H. Howell filled his regular appointment last Sunday and brought a powerful message on "God's Protecting Power." In the afternoon

several motored to Merkel to attend a Sunday School meeting, also to witness baptismal services there conducted by Brother Howell.

Having completed his work, W. E. Hamner has returned from South Texas where he has been for the past few weeks in the cotton business.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Jones motored to Novice last Sunday and spent the day with the latter's father, J. C. Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewell McLean and two children, Mildred and Hollis, of Blair, were guests last week-end with Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Matthews.

After spending the summer in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lou Dowdy has moved to Merkel to enter her granddaughter, Elizabeth Cathart, in school.

Miss Fannie Aldredge of Abilene was a week-end guest of her uncle, Spurgeon Scott. She also attended services Sunday at the Baptist church.

Mr. and Mrs. John Goode, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Bishop, spent the week-end with relatives in Lamesa, Mr. and Mrs. Bishop, visited with Mrs. Bishop's brother, Walter Smith and family, while Mr. and Mrs. Goode visited with the former's brother, Arthur Goode and family. Miss Hazel Dell Clinton also accompanied them.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Billington was operated on Monday morning and is doing fairly well at this writing, though her condition is very serious.

Mrs. W. E. Shouse is a guest with her daughter, Mrs. C. T. McCormick, at Stith.

**HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB.** Mrs. Ann Boone and Mrs. John Gafford entertained the Home Demonstration club with an all-day quilting affair on September 12 in the home of Mrs. Boone. Everyone brought a covered dish.

Those present were Mesdames A. C. Wash, C. T. Beckham, McDonald, R. B. McRee, Jr., Ed Burks, M. G. Scott, R. B. McRee, Sr., Curley Edwards, A. W. Woods, John Strawn, T. G. Hamner, Hosea Winn, J. I. Leamon, Bessie Billings, L. Z. Titsworth, A. B. Currie, Allen Terry, P. C. Forrester, Lonnie Halbrooks, Joe Boone, Misses Lillian McRee and Virgie Strawn and the hostess.

Only six passengers were killed in railway accidents in Britain in the last year.

**BLAIR ITEMS**

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Moore and sons of Red Springs, Mr. and Mrs. Helms and children and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brooks and children of Winters are visiting at present with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eli Brooks, Mr. Brooks, whose health has been failing fast for several weeks, is not doing any good and his relatives and friends are very much concerned about his condition at this writing.

Mrs. Jessie Wilson and son, Jessie Earl, of Red Springs spent the week-end with her father, J. W. Moore, and other relatives.

Misses Clara and Dene Clinton of Abilene attended services at the Baptist church Sunday. Several from Butman also attended services here Sunday.

The M. E. quarterly conference will meet at Blair Methodist church Saturday. Rev. Mr. Kendall, the pastor, will fill his pulpit Sunday. Everyone is cordially invited to attend these services.

Mr. and Mrs. George West of Trent were the interesting guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Neighbors Sunday.

The Taylor County Singing convention met here Sunday afternoon with a large crowd in attendance, and, what we are saying, there was real singing. The climax of the program was a special reading by little Miss Billie Louise Webb of Abilene and a special song by Master Billie Woods, Merkel. We appreciated these visitors from the surrounding towns and communities and we surely want them back with us as often as it is convenient for them to do so.

Cotton picking is in full swing; there have been 450 bales ginned here up to date.

Zebb Moore made a business trip to Abilene one day recently.

**Texas Employment and Pay Rolls Exceed 1933**

Austin, Sept. 20.—Employment and pay rolls in Texas continue above those of a year ago by considerable margin, according to the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research.

Reports from 1,561 establishments with a total of 82,609 employees show a gain of 9.6 per cent in number of workers, an increase of 11.8 per cent in pay rolls during the week ended August 18, in comparison with the corresponding week last year, the bureau's report said. There was practically no change from July to August.

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### Chevrolet Sales First Eight Months in Excess 1933 Total

Detroit, Sept. 20.—The largest August production for five years, totaling 74,437 units for all plants, is reported by the Chevrolet Motor company. This total includes domestic, export and Canadian production.

For the first eight months of 1934 Chevrolet production totals 692,477, and exceeds by 66,200 the 1933 twelve month's total, which was passed early last month.

Retail sales reported by dealers took a decided upward turn in the last ten days of August, promising continued demand in September. The reported deliveries in the United States exceeded the domestic production.

### State Fair to Feature Musical Extravaganza

Dallas, Sept. 20.—Matinee and night performances daily of "The Show of A Century" will be presented in the auditorium of the 1934 State Fair of Texas, Oct. 6 to 21, it has been announced here by Otto Herold, president of the exposition, upon advice from Mike H. Barnes, producer of the huge musical extravaganza.

Popular prices will prevail at both afternoon and night performances.

Bringing a cast of more than 100 people to the State Fair of Texas "The Show of A Century" will present a galaxy of stars, who are creating a favorable comment throughout the north and east where the big musical show is now on tour.

Among the many featured stars and acts in "The Show of A Century" are Lottie Meyers Disappearing Water Ballet, the Alano Dancers, Willie West and McGintie, Maxwell King and his 10 African Lions, the Hudson Wonders, the Thomas Saxotette, the Odeon Male Octette, the Seven Walker Sisters, Cervone's Band and a fast stepping chorus of 32 beautiful girls.

### Local Dealer Attends Victory Dinner Given by Goodyear at Dallas

S. M. Hunter, well known Goodyear tire dealer of our city, accompanied by Mrs. Hunter and his sister-in-law, Mrs. Jim Hunter, have just returned from Dallas, where Mr. Hunter attended a Victory dinner given by the Goodyear Tire & Rubber company to dealers in this area of the United States whose sales in July and August reached or exceeded the respective quotas set for them by the company.

"Those Victory Dinners were given in various parts of the country by Goodyear," said Mr. Hunter, "and if my own experience is a criterion I know much good resulted from them. I am sure I was greatly benefited, for I came in contact with many progressive Goodyear dealers, and by rubbing elbows with them I got some wonderful inspirations, helpful ideas and valuable sales suggestions.

"When the Goodyear company announced that the Victory Dinner would be served to the 'top' dealers or to those whose sales were up to or better than quota, I just made up my mind that our town must be represented at the meeting," continued Mr. Hunter. "I realized at the outset that to make my quota, which appeared rather high, our station had to do some hard work, not because the G-3 tire required extra sales effort, but I knew we had pretty well saturated the town with these wonderful tires, for the demand was instantaneous when the G-3 was announced about May 1, and sales had grown steadily week by week.

"Nevertheless, I convinced myself and my associates that there were many more prospects yet to be reached. Did we go after them? By constantly driving our message about the G-3 tire the results were very gratifying. And when the final day of the 'G-3 Grand Payoff' arrived we found that we were above our quota.

"I greatly appreciate the assistance given me by the motoring public of our town and its environs to entitle our town to representation at the Victory Dinner in Dallas, but, after all, it was a sort of mutual proposition, because all who helped me also helped themselves, for they got the best tire ever built by Goodyear, a tire that for long mileage, safety and comfort stands in a class by itself."

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### RURAL SOCIETY

#### BUSY BEE CLUB

The Busy Bee club met in the home of Mrs. W. J. Higgins Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, with the president, Mrs. H. B. Robertson, in charge. The subject of the program was "Tomatoes." Each member gave her favorite way of serving tomatoes.

Miss Gladys Petty and Mrs. J. S. Pinckley each gave a report on their trip to the Farmers Short Course at A. & M. college.

Members present were: Mesdames T. C. Allen, W. C. Lee, J. S. Pinckley, W. J. Higgins, Guy McClain, H. B. Robertson, J. C. Higgins and W. E. Petty. Misses Gladys Petty and Ruth Pinckley. Visitors were Mrs. Annie Frizzell, Mrs. Evan Allen, little Miss Genevieve Robertson, Gwen McClain, Edna Marie McCain, Lady Abne Frizzell and little Bobby Joe McClain.

The next meeting will be Thursday, September 27, with Mrs. W. E. Petty. The program is to be a literary program consisting of readings, jokes and stories.

#### CHICKEN FRY

Monday night Miss Lola Reidenbach of the Canyon entertained her house guest, Miss Laverne Locke, of Hamlin, with a party and chicken fry. Games were played till nine o'clock when Lola invited her guests in for a buffet supper.

Out-of-town guests were: Misses Mattie Lee McCracken and Laverne Locke and Duard Parks and Edgar White, all of Hamlin, and J. C. Morgan of Colorado City, a school chum of Lola's.

All had a good time begging Lola to give another party.

#### NOODLE H. D. C.

The principal purpose of the meeting of Noodle Home Demonstration club on September 12 was to hear reports from delegates to Short Course.

In her report on "Dining In-Doors and Out" Mrs. Carl Jackson brought out some good points, especially on "Buffet Luncheon" and "Formal Dinner." Both were discussed from the standpoint of decorations and menus.

Mrs. Carl Bonneaux in her report on "Sponsors Meeting" gave qualities necessary in selection of a sponsor for Girls 4-H clubs. "Above all," stated

Mrs. Bonneaux, "select a person who understands child nature, who is sympathetic, patient, prompt, gentle, natural. Develop confidence. Teach them to enjoy real country life."

Mrs. Bonneaux also gave a report on Art Work, "Appreciation of Pictures." She stressed the fact that, like books, pictures are educational and interesting in that they are taken from real life. "We should reverence and love pictures. Be careful that the pictures in our homes are of the right sort and study more about their arrangement in various rooms in the home."

Mrs. R. C. Goode discussed "Flowers as Decorations in the Home." Mrs. Williamson brought a touching discussion on "Personality," the "quality of being somebody." The elements of personality, as brought out, are love, principles and friendship for others. Mrs. Williamson said: "To have a friend, be a friend. Be somebody. Picturing yourself as others see you. Help someone else to be better."

Mrs. Bonneaux also gave a report of the women's encampment held at Lueders in August.

Plans were discussed for the County Food Exhibit to be held in Anson Sept. 21-22.

Mrs. A. L. Magrini was elected secretary in the absence of Mrs. R. C. Goode.

Mrs. Carl Bonneaux was elected sponsor pro tem of the 4-H club girls in the absence of Mrs. Finis Bell, who begins her school work as intermediate teacher in Noodle school this week.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. E. R. Foster, on September 26, when Miss Sue Bonner, C. H. D. A., will give a demonstration in "menu planning."

#### ESKOTA H. D. C. NEWS

Mrs. John Rudd was hostess to members of the Woman's Home Demonstration club on Tuesday afternoon, September 12. A financial report was given by the club treasurer, Mrs. C. B. Johnston.

Miss Velma Heald, county home demonstration agent, gave a demonstration of arranging table for family style meal and buffet meals. Miss Elizabeth Hodges, Moody, gave a demonstration of tufting bed-spreads.

Plans were made for the club picnic to be held October 3 on Sweetwater creek.

Those who attended the meeting

were Mesdames C. B. Johnston, L. E. F. Johnston, W. J. Farley, Clayton Nichols, D. I. Trent, Dollie Blankenship, Stella McDonald, Lee Rudd, Jr., C. W. Morgan, Connie SoRelle, T. G. Hamner of Trent, Misses Lydia and Vada Bullard, Roberta and Ouida Johnston, and the hostess.

#### Memorialized by Senate.

Austin, Sept. 20.—The Texas senate Saturday memorialized W. E. Doyle of Teague, the last Confederate soldier to serve in the senate, who died September 9.

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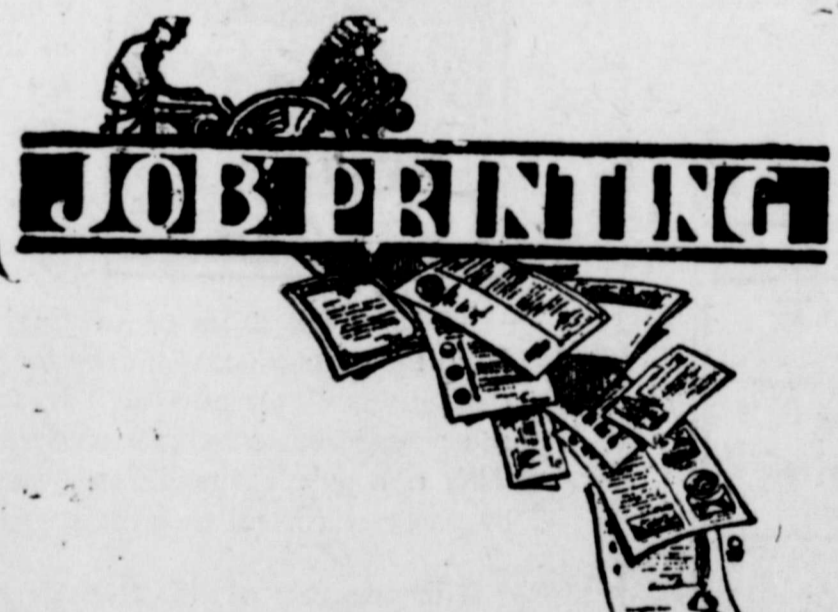
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M. SHAW.

The set-up through which debt-burdened farmers may seek relief under terms of the recent amendments to the national bankruptcy act was completed in Taylor county, Saturday, with the announcement of the appointment of M. Shaw of Abilene as county conciliation commissioner.

Mr. Shaw, who was appointed by Federal Judge James C. Wilson of Fort Worth, by reason of his connection as secretary of the Farm Debt Conciliation board of Taylor county is exceptionally familiar with farming conditions in this section.

Under terms of the recent bankruptcy act amendment, a farmer may, within five years after the amendment takes effect, file with the conciliation commissioner a petition setting out insolvency or inability to meet debts as they mature, and requesting a composition of debts or extension of time to pay. The conciliation commissioner then will attempt to work out a settlement that will be satisfactory to the majority of the farmer's creditors. If the commissioner secures approval of a majority (represented in number of creditors and amount of claims), the court then may make the settlement binding on unsecured minority creditors, even though they disapprove the basis of settlement.

Shaw, in explaining the new procedure Saturday, said, "the final step which the debtor may take as a last resort after all other efforts have failed is the filing of a petition in bankruptcy under the new national amendment. Under these provisions, the debtor may be allowed to retain possession of his farm for a period of either five or six years. During this period he may make certain payments under a six-year purchase plan, including the payment of taxes and one percent interest on the principal each year in addition to certain payments on the principal of the debt. This plan is followed provided the secured creditors give their consent. If they do not accept the plan, the farmer may retain possession by paying into the court a fixed annual rental. At the end of this five or six-year period, or before, the debtor may repurchase the farm by paying the price set by three appraisers appointed by the federal court."

Shaw said that Murray, also chairman of the Texas Farm Debt Conciliation committee, strongly recommends that every effort be made by distressed farmers to secure a voluntary adjustment of their debts through the debt adjustment committees appointed, or with the aid of the county conciliation commissioners, before resorting to bankruptcy proceedings.

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# CHURCH SERVICES

## Will Assist to Form White Church League

The league of the young people's department of the Methodist church here is going to White Church Sunday evening in order to help the White Church young people establish a league.

If you want to come along and help, be at the church a little before regular league time. Everybody invited.

### METHODIST CHURCH.

The Sunday School is the work shop in the church, and what is accomplished today will count much for tomorrow. The things that the boys and girls, as well as the mothers and fathers learn today will linger through the days to come. Let your children stay away from Sunday School today and tomorrow they will not care to go.

The record shows where father and mother are interested in Sunday School and church that the children are also interested and always there are large numbers of children present each Sunday—do not send your children, but come and bring them. There is a place for all the family. We need team-work.

It ain't the guns nor armament, Nor funds that they can pay, But the close co-operation that Makes them win the day. It ain't the individual nor the Army as a whole, But the everlastin' team-work Of every bloomin' soul.

You have a special invitation to attend Sunday School next Sunday morning at 9:45. If you were at Sunday School last Sunday, come next Sunday and bring some one with you—and, if you were not present last Sunday, you come Sunday and bring a big smile with you.

Preaching at 11 a. m. Subject, "Week-End Bargains." Come and worship with us. We had a fine congregation last Sunday and received three new members into the church. We were glad to have Miss Stell Ledger and Miss Ella Mae Agerton, teachers in our schools, to place their membership with us by letter; and Ben Ferguson, who came in by baptism.

At 7:45 p. m. we will have the great pleasure of hearing Dr. W. M. Murrell, our presiding elder, preach. Bro. Murrell needs no introduction to the Merkel people; they gladly hear him. So, if you do not know him and have not heard him, come and hear him Sunday 7:45 p. m.

P. H. Gates, Pastor.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

Attendance at the six reporting Sunday Schools here pegged the 800 mark Sunday, being only two short of that figure. On the previous Sunday 776 were present, while on the same Sunday a year ago the total was 830.

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock the Trent Baptist church held their baptismal services at the Merkel church.

Wednesday evening, Rev. Ira Par-rack, a former pastor here, conducted the prayer meeting services. The Methodist brethren dismissed and visited with us.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. BTS at 6:45 p. m. Prayer meeting at 7:30 Wednesday evening.

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### CLASS LUNCHEON.

Members of the T. E. L. Sunday School class were most delightfully entertained in Abilene Tuesday in the home of Mrs. John Toombs, an ex-member of the class. Invitations were issued for an all-day affair with the entertainment informal. The house was beautifully decorated with a profusion of fall blossoms; a covered dish luncheon was served at noon.

Mesdames R. O. Anderson, Nat Anderson, D. O. Huddleston, George McDonald, L. B. Scott and Marvin Alston, all of Abilene but formerly of Merkel, mingled with the following class members: Mesdames Largent, Barnett, Winters, Renfro, Richie, Lassiter, Dye, Derstine, Stevens, King, McFarland, McNiece, Angus, Swann, Bearden, Collins, Warren, Booth and Miss Laura Barnett.

### BRIDGE GAMES.

Mr. and Mrs. George White entertained very informally a few bridge friends on Monday evening. Progression of the games was interspersed with the passing of candies to Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Sadler, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Irvin, Mrs. Bill Eysen, Miss Mary Eula Sears, Ralph Duke and Mr. and Mrs. George White.

### MERKEL HOST TO VISITING GROVES.

On Friday evening, September 14, Merkel Grove No. 563 was hostess to Abilene and Sweetwater Groves in a special called meeting. Abilene degree team under the supervision of Mrs.

promptly at 10 a. m. so that a good time can be given over to the study of the lesson and yet dismiss in time for the preaching service to start promptly at 11 a. m. The young people meet at 6:30 p. m. and the Junior young people meet at 7:30 p. m. and study the Bible until time for preaching—8 p. m. Come and enjoy these services with us.

For prayer meeting next Wednesday evening we will have a speaker from Abilene Christian college.

Flavil R. Yeakley, Minister.

W. T. St. John, their captain, exemplified the degree of the order to a class of 15, there being one candidate from Abilene, four from Sweetwater and ten from Merkel.

A degree team was organized for Merkel Grove. Mrs. Sallie Gantt was unanimously elected as captain and twelve other women were chosen to be members of the team. The Grove's team has already challenged the W. O. W. team here.

Grove meetings are held first and third Friday afternoons. Every member is requested to attend and do her bit toward making the new team a success.

Mrs. Garner, district manager, in an impressive manner on behalf of the Grove members presented a small gift to Mrs. Alice Church Wallace, who is the Grove's musician and who was recently married.

Refreshments were served to seventy-five members in attendance.

### LOCAL BRIEFS.

Illness has kept Postmaster O. J. Adcock confined to his home all of this week.

Benton Bond of Mill Creek, Johnson county, a brother of Mrs. Roy Reid, is one of the sales force of Reid's Variety store now.

The Rummage Sale, conducted by the Woman's Missionary society of the Methodist church, will continue through Saturday night, unless the stock is sold out. The sale is being held in the Rainbolt building, next door to the West Texas Utilities company.

Pete Boules, formerly of Stephenville, is now employed in Bob McDonald's Barber Shop and will probably make his home here.

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