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URGE MARKERS FOR EARLY DAY FORTS IN WEST

Advisory Board of 24th District Counties Suggests that Historical Spots Be Surrounded With Park Areas.

Austin, July 3.—West Texas made its bid before the Centennial historical advisory board Tuesday for recognition of factors contributing to the "winning of the West."

Judge R. C. Crane of Sweetwater, president of the West Texas Historical association, presented the large area's claim for recognition. He asked for "substantial, inexpensive markers" to define sites and deeds in the transformation of the West from wilderness to civilization.

Praising West Texas pioneers who came on a gamble and suffered untold hardships, Judge Crane reviewed for the board locations of West Texas forts and their history, along with recounting several important Indian battles and locations of soldier and ranger camps.

Dr. R. N. Richardson, vice-president of Hardin-Simmons university, Abilene, represented the 24th senatorial district's Centennial advisory committee. He asked purchase as park sites for Forts Griffin in Shackelford county, Phantom Hill in Jones county and Chadbourne in Coke county.

Resolution to ask for such markings and, if possible, the purchase of park areas surrounding these three forts was adopted at a meeting of members of county Centennial advisory boards of the 24th senatorial district held Friday afternoon of last week at the Hilton hotel in Abilene.

Dr. R. N. Richardson, chairman of the district organization, presided at this meeting and was asked to serve with a committee to present the request to the state historical commission.

Besides members of the Taylor county advisory board, representatives were present at this meeting from Shackelford, Coleman, Jones and Nolan counties.

Postpone Luncheon Until Next Week

Due to the fact that Tuesday, regular meeting day for the local Lions club, was also the opening day of the Cowboy Reunion at Stamford and hence a number of Lions were out of the city, the luncheon was postponed until the following Tuesday.

At that time new officers for the coming year will be installed.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, July 2, 1915.)

The large Saint Bernard dog belonging to Sammie Scheidler, formerly of this city, was poisoned last week at the family home in Corpus Christi. Many Merkel children will remember the large dog and will regret to hear that some one intentionally poisoned him. The animal was valued at \$500, being of registered pedigree.

I have for sale a fine violin, which is over 150 years old, also a bicycle which will sell cheap.

Capt. E. Hall

Miss Mary Jennings of Abilene is in our little city visiting old friends and relatives.

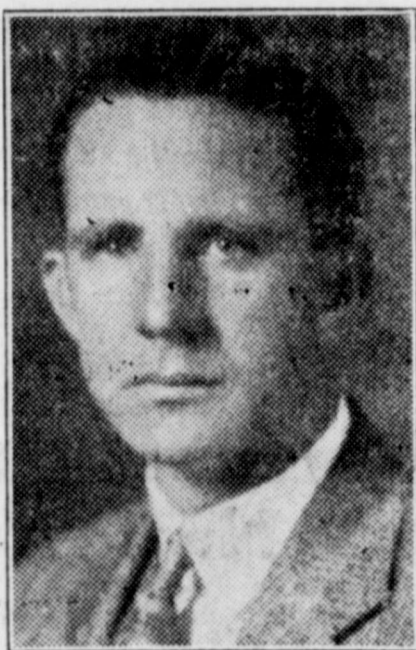
Mrs. Frank Johnson of Stamford is here visiting her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Johnson.

Ennis Grimes, Owen Ellis and W. L. Diltz, Jr., are in Galveston this week, jumping the sea waves and seeing things in the Gulf city.

Mrs. Chas. Deutchman is enjoying a visit from her sister, Miss Bertie Carpenter of Crosbyton.

Mrs. A. C. McGee of Detroit, Tex.

LEADS SINGING AGAIN FOR FIRST BAPTIST REVIVAL



JOE TRUSSELL.

The annual protracted meeting of the First Baptist church will begin Sunday morning, July 7, at the City Tabernacle.

"We are fortunate," said Rev. C. R. Joyner, pastor of the church, "in securing Rev. H. R. Whatley of Haskell to do the preaching, and Brother Joe Trussell to lead the singing. Brother Whatley has been very successful in conducting meetings in some of the leading churches in the state. Brother Trussell was here several months ago for a meeting. Those who have heard him will appreciate hearing him again; those who have not heard him will want to hear his inspirational singing."

"We want to extend an invitation to the members of other churches, the town and community to co-operate with us in so far as you can, and trust you may get a blessing out of the meeting."

Death Claims D. H. Powers at Age of 38

D. H. Powers, 38, died at 2:30 last Friday morning at the home of his father-in-law, D. J. Gibson, southeast of town, where he had been living for the past three months, a victim of lung trouble.

The body was carried to Old Ochiltree and burial took place there Sunday.

Mr. Powers was a member of the Masonic lodge and of the Lutheran church. He is survived by his wife and two sons, Harold and Ace, and three brothers and one sister.

Mrs. Powers' mother, Mrs. Gibson, and a sister-in-law, Mrs. Albert Peterson, of Abilene, went to Old Ochiltree with Mrs. Powers and her children to attend the funeral. Mrs. Gibson and Mrs. Peterson were expecting to return this week, but Mrs. Powers and sons will probably remain there sometime.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Tommy Thompson, 26, was electrocuted Tuesday night while installing a conveyor in a warehouse at Houston.

Warren Dodson, formerly county attorney, has been appointed postmaster. Snyder, succeeding Mrs. Gladys Anderson.

John Dgerzomawke, 55, was killed instantly when struck by lightning as he was chopping cotton on his farm between Beasley and Rosenberg.

Governor Allred has appointed Robert Lee Bobbitt, a former attorney general, of Laredo, as a justice on the San Antonio court of civil appeals to fill a vacancy.

Col. Joseph A. Baker, commander of the seventh cavalry at Fort Bliss, was ordered relieved and was assigned as chief of staff of the third corps area, with headquarters at Baltimore, Md.

Two bandits armed with sawed off shotguns robbed the First National bank of Bronte of \$300 Monday afternoon and fled northward on highway 70, as Coke county officers pursued.

Stanley Wood, 31-year-old Talpa resident, drew a 10-year penitentiary sentence upon his conviction in the murder of Fred Brown, rancher of the same community, by a district court jury at Brownwood.

In response to questions asked by Comptroller George H. Sheppard, the attorney general ruled that the act of the last called session of the 43rd legislature proposing discounts for prompt payment of property taxes was unconstitutional.

Oscar Baker Martin, 64, director of the Texas A. & M. college extension service, died suddenly Sunday. He suffered a paralytic stroke while reading a newspaper in his home Sunday morning and died late the same night without regaining consciousness.

Governor Allred drafted Orville S. Carpenter of Dallas to succeed George B. Simpson, formerly of Corpus Christi, as state auditor and efficiency expert. Carpenter will fill the place only temporarily, as his personal business would not permit a permanent acceptance.

The body of a man taken Tuesday morning from Lytle creek, near Cameron dam east of Abilene, was later identified as that of Richard Alton Harrison, 33, of Midland. He had left a party of friends near Lytle lake Saturday night, saying he was returning to town. Result of the inquest had not been announced Thursday morning.

More than 180 men have paid entry fees for the rodeo contests. In addition to these, 31 active cowboys over 55 years of age had entered for the old-timers' calf roping competition.

Both Merkel Banks Insure All Deposits

Both Merkel banks received wires Saturday morning from Leo R. Crowley, chairman of the Federal Deposit Insurance corporation, advising that deposits in these banks will continue to be fully insured, as heretofore, under the provisions of the federal banking act, up to \$5,000.

The message from Crowley, Washington, D. C., which was received by each of the Merkel banks, was dated June 28, as follows:

"You are advised that by joint resolution of congress approved today by the president deposits in your bank continue to be insured without interruption until August 31, 1935, and that provision is made in the existing law whereby permanent insurance may be effective from that date. The maximum of such insurance for deposits for each depositor in your bank is five thousand dollars."

Services at Hebron.

Rev. Arvil Richardson of Abilene will fill his regular appointment at Hebron Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night. Preaching Saturday night at 8 o'clock. Sunday School at 10 a. m., preaching at 11 a. m. and 8:30 p. m. BYPU at 8 p. m.

Record of Births.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Homer Foster, Saturday, June 29, 1935. Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bowles, Trent, Tuesday, July 3, 1935. Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Selva Fowler, Wednesday, July 3, 1935.

FIFTY-THREE GIRLS ENTER IN SPONSOR EVENT

Preliminary Judging At Stamford Show Completed Tuesday; Finals on Thursday to Include Best Fifteen.

Preliminary Judging of the fifty-three sponsors to the Cowboy Reunion at Stamford was completed Tuesday morning under the direction of H. G. Andrews, chairman of the sponsors committee, and out of this group of fifteen were to be selected to enter the finals Thursday morning.

Names of these fifteen girls, however, will not be known until they enter the arena for final judging Thursday morning and the winners will not be announced until during Thursday afternoon's show.

In the meantime, the sponsors are participants in a very busy and interesting program of riding contests and parades by day and social engagements at night.

Tuesday night visiting sponsors were complimented with a dance at the Stamford country club.

Literally hundreds went from Merkel for the opening day and many others drove over Tuesday for the evening rodeo performance.

Members of the sponsors committee, named by the Merchants Trade Extension association, and which functioned so capably in arranging details for the selection of "Miss Merkel" to the Stamford show, were all in attendance during Tuesday's events. Booth Warren is chairman of this committee, assisted by Dee Grimes, W. W. Haynes and W. E. Lowe.

They as well as all other visitors who witnessed the preliminary riding exhibitions in the sponsors contest at Stamford, expressed gratification over the splendid showing made by Miss Leta Faye Barbee as "Miss Merkel."

The sponsor having the best horse, the most attractive riding outfit and showing the best horsemanship will win a prize saddle.

Every indication points to a record-breaking attendance at Stamford this year, exceeding last year's mark of 55,000.

An old fiddlers' contest will be held on the third day, July 4. Only fiddlers 50 and older are eligible. Cash prizes will be awarded.

Funeral Rites Held For Mrs. S. C. Keith, Formerly of Merkel

Mrs. S. C. Keith, who formerly lived here, her home having been on Bettis heights, died Sunday morning at the home of her niece, Mrs. A. D. Clark, in Meridian, where she had been making her home since the death of her husband nine years ago. They had come to Merkel in 1900.

About 14 months ago Mrs. Keith fell and broke her leg; recently she fell and broke it again and she had been going down steadily since.

The body was brought to Merkel for burial, with funeral services at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon from the Church of Christ, conducted by Elder O. J. Adcock. Interment was in Rose Hill cemetery beside the grave of her husband.

Active pallbearers were: Twyman Collins, B. T. Sublett, Rufus Adcock, V. N. Ellis, Castle Ellis and W. D. Hutcheson; honorary, T. R. Lassiter, Joe Holmes, C. M. Largent, J. P. Sharp, J. A. Buford, and Austin Fitts, Abilene.

Included among those who came from out-of-town for the funeral were: Mrs. and Mrs. A. D. Clark and son, Wendell Clark, Mrs. E. S. Tabor and Mrs. W. T. Elliott, of Meridian, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nobles and Mrs. George Nobles, of Fort Worth. Mrs. Joe Nobles was reared in the Keith home as a foster-daughter.

RODEO FANS CONTINUE TO BE ENTERTAINED, THRILLED WITH EACH PERFORMANCE

BASEBALL LEAGUE STANDING

TEAM	W	L	Pct
Truby	3	0	1.000
Noodle	5	1	.750
Union	2	1	.667
Divide	2	1	.667
Tye	2	2	.500
Stith	1	2	.333
Trent	0	3	.000
Hodges	0	3	.000

RESULTS

Noodle 5, Tye 2.

Noodle moved into undisputed second place in the Inter-Community league by defeating Tye, 5 to 2, in Saturday's game. A home run by Payne in the eighth with two men aboard provided the winning margin.

Prior to Saturday's game, three other clubs, Union, Tye and Divide, were tying with Noodle for second berth. As the result of their victory, Noodle now holds that place alone, with Union and Divide tying for third place and Tye dropping to fourth position.

Box score of the Noodle-Tye game appears elsewhere in this issue of The Mail.

On Saturday of this week a twin bill is booked, with Trent and Hodges contenders in the first game and Stith vs Union for the nightcap. The first game starts at 1 p. m.

Over \$25,000 in Checks Being Distributed to Taylor County Farmers

Distribution of cotton checks totaling \$25,588.86, final 18 per cent of the 1934 exemption certificate payment to Taylor county farmers, started Wednesday.

Notices were mailed in advance, giving recipients the hour and place where they may receive checks. The schedule includes all day Tuesday at Merkel. On Monday distribution will take place during the morning at Trent and in the afternoon at Tye.

County Farm Agent Parr states that persons unable to appear at the designated place and time may call at the central office in Abilene Saturday.

Payment of the concluding 18 per cent brings to approximately \$28,000 the amount paid farmers of this county for surplus certificates placed in the national pool during the fall of 1934. An additional 32 per cent of certificates remained unsold; and holders may either re-pool the coupons, to be liquidated by the first of October, or may exchange them for certificates usable in 1935. Agent Parr asked that farmers be prepared to exchange or re-pool their unsold certificates, when calling for the last payment checks at the distributing points. The time limit for doing so is (Continued on Page 2.)

Calf Roping, Cow Milking, Steer Riding Follow in Rapid Succession to Make Two Hour Program of Great Sport.

Although time in both calf roping and cow milking events in Saturday's free rodeo was slow and only one steer rider stayed until the whistle blew, a crowd of several thousand witnessed the fourth show of the 1935 season and enjoyed its thrills to the fullest.

Practically all the seats in the bleacher section were sold, which gives warning to those desiring this accommodation to come early and get the choice seats. It is announced, however, by the officials of the Merkel Trade Extension association that seat sales will be limited to the actual seating capacity of the stands.

Grady George won first money in cow milking with time of 29 3-5 seconds. Louis Cook ranked second at 31 seconds; Walter Frazier, third, 31 4-5 seconds and Leo Huff, fourth, 33 1-5 seconds.

Best time in calf roping went to Earl Stevens in 35 seconds. Louis Cook, with 48 seconds, was next; Leo Huff, third, 48 3-5 seconds, and Alton Whitaker, fourth, 52 2-5 seconds.

Out of a group of six steer riders, Gerald Derrick, who, by the way, is one of the ten ranking contestants for the season, was the only performer not unseated.

Following a grand entry of all the contestants and riders, in which Miss Leta Faye Barbee, Merkel's representative to the Stamford show, participated, Miss Barbee gave a riding exhibition in the arena, circling the barriers and making the hurdles in skillful manner, both as to horse and rider.

Another Stamford sponsor, Miss Marie Love, of Anson, was a special guest of the day and took her place with the riders as they circled the arena.

Bulldogging exhibitions by George Wilderspin and Andy Robertson, both of Fort Worth, and steer riding by the latter afforded extra entertainment for rodeo spectators.

TEN RANKING CONTESTANTS

Averages compiled after the fourth rodeo show the following ten ranking contestants for the season:

Bill Evans	75.0
Gerald Derrick	68.9
Giles White	68.0
Jack Fabor	67.0
Grady George	63.7
Odie Alston	63.3
Lavega White	62.8
Frank Young	59.3
Jim Langston	58.8
Louis Cook	57.6

THE BOOK

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

64 BRUCE BARTON THE BIBLE CALLS HER GREAT.

Ask a dozen Bible students, "Who is the one woman whom the Bible calls great?" and even they would likely give a wide variety of answers. Was it Pharaoh's daughter, whose wit and courage saved the life of Moses? Was it the mighty Queen of Sheba, ruler of an empire? Was it the mother of Solomon, who made him king, or the mother of John the Baptist, who consecrated him to his splendid mission? None of these; none of the women of royal birth; none whose close relation to kings or apostles made their names famous for deeds of public renown. Quite a different sort of woman altogether. Let us look a moment at the picture of her which is given in the fourth chapter of Second Kings.

First of all, she was domestic, a home-maker, living not in the city but in one of the northern villages. Her husband was a farmer, which meant that he had his house on the edge of town, as was the custom then. A main road ran near by, and important people used it. Solomon, too, appears to have traveled there in his time.

The "great woman" had executive ability. In the early days of her married life she had no children, and that fact shadowed her life. But she did not complain. The narrative distinctly implied that she accepted the situation and made the best of it, giving herself to such activities as lightened the load of her husband. She was religious, and she was hospitable. To these last two characteristics she owed the friendship that brought her the happiness which she desired above all else, and won for her the place of honor in the Bible records.

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THE BOOK

(Continued from Page One.)

And it fell on a day, that Elisha passed to Shunem, where was a great woman; and she constrained him to eat bread. And so it was, that as oft as he passed by, he turned in thither to eat bread.

And she said unto her husband, Behold now, I perceive that this is an holy man of God, which passeth by us continually.

Let us make a little chamber, I pray thee, on the wall; and let us set for him there a bed, and a table, and a stool, and a candlestick; and it shall be, when he cometh to us, that he shall turn in thither.

As to what happened afterward, the fulfillment of her long desire for a son, the growth of the boy, his illness, and his miraculous recovery at the hand of the prophet Elisha—all these are written in the next thirty verses of the chapter.

She was just a small-town woman who loved her husband and wanted motherhood more than anything in the world, and baked good bread and kept a clean guest room. The Bible does not tell us her name, but of all the women whose biographies it records it speaks of her alone as "great."

Next Week: Esther.

Cotton Checks

(Continued from Page One)

Farmers, both signers and non-signers, who have not secured Bankhead applications for 1935 certificate exemptions are urged to do so at once. All contract signers have been mailed blanks, but a number have not returned the signed documents.

The county cotton committee is composed of J. Walter Hammond of Tye, H. R. Robertson of Merkel and H. S. Nall of Bradshaw.

UNION RIDGE NEWS

Most every one in our community is making plans for the Fourth.

Master Billy Bob Douglas and Mrs. J. W. Taylor are visiting in Big Spring for a few days.

Miss Blanche Carey, who has been visiting home folks, returned Tuesday to Sweetwater.

There will be church next Sunday at the Methodist church at 3 o'clock, with preaching by Rev. W. B. Reaves.

Messrs. Carl and Otis Rogers of Clyde were week-end guests of their brother, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rogers.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Click of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Gabbert.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Ponder have as their guests the former's parents, of Granite, Okla.

Miss Wanda Lillie Douglas is visiting little Miss Janice Eason of Abilene.

Several from here attended the Fifth Sunday singing at Merkel.

Educational Program

Continues to Aug. 29

Additional funds amounting to \$2,511 for carrying out the emergency educational program from June 28 to August 29 at Merkel and Abilene were provided in a supplementary grant by the Texas relief commission Tuesday.

Twenty-two teachers who are eligible for relief will be employed for a nine-weeks period at \$12 per week and one teacher will be hired for the same period at \$15 per week.

The 12 teachers now employed for the high school work must be re-certified this week at the welfare office in Abilene before resuming their duties.

Pangburn's Ice Cream, pint 19c; quart 34c. Merkel Drug Co.

MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS.

We will appreciate the privilege of sending in your subscriptions to the leading magazines. On a great many of them, if you want to include your subscription to The Mail, we are in position to make special clubbing offer. See us before you renew.

RURAL SOCIETY

BUSY BEE CLUB.

The Busy Bee club met Thursday, June 27, with Mrs. Roy Harrell as hostess. The main feature of the meeting was a sweet dough demonstration with the following variations, clover leaf rolls, tea rings, coffee cake, braids and twists, by Miss Vara Crippen.

The hostess, assisted by Miss Lena Faye Harrell, served iced punch with the delicious cakes and rolls prepared by Miss Crippen.

A short business meeting was held. The club voted to discontinue the regular meetings until Sept. 19, when the meeting will be with Mrs. Ellis Harris.

The following members were present: Mesdames Ollie Higgins, Luther Land, W. J. Higgins, Guy McClain, H. B. Robertson, T. C. Allen, W. E. Petty, Joe C. Higgins, J. S. Pinckley, Roy Harrell, Ellis Harris and Miss Ruth Pinckley. Visitors were Miss Lena Faye Harrell and Miss Vara Crippen, County Home Demonstration agent.

BLAIR HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB.

The Blair Home Demonstration club met with Mrs. Carl Hughes on June 29, the meeting being presided over by the vice-president, Mrs. Carl Hughes. Minutes were read by the secretary-treasurer, Mrs. V. L. Doan.

Mrs. E. J. Orsborn, wardrobe demonstrator, was elected delegate to the Short Course at A. & M. college.

There were six members present and the following visitors: Mrs. G. Ward, Little Caroline Eason, Gladys Whatley, Mary Lou and Caroline Hughes.

Mrs. Carl Hughes received the gift basket. After the business hour, dainty refreshments of ice cream and cake were served.

The county demonstration agent has requested that the program for the next meeting, to be held with Mrs. Will T. Whatley on July 18, be on sweet dough and variation. The home agent will score plain loaf. Each member will bring a plain loaf of bread to be scored. Also each member will bring a gift for the club basket.

Club members are urged to attend these meetings and visitors are cordially invited.

MONROE-PATTON.

Miss Vera Patton of Merkel and Neal Monroe of Menard were married at Abilene Saturday afternoon by Justice James Gray Bledsoe.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. Patton, who live six miles north of Merkel. The couple will make their home at Menard, where Mr. Monroe is engaged in farming.

Hope Church of Christ Revival Starts July 6

On July 6, Hope Church of Christ, which is ten miles northwest of Merkel, will begin their series of meetings. There will be services both in the morning and in the evening.

Brother E. H. Garner of Littlefield will do the preaching. He was with this church last year and conducted a successful meeting.

Every one is invited to attend these services.

We carry gray edged sympathy cards in stock, also regular mourning correspondence cards. The Merkel Mail.

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Gasoline Company Gives Motorists 15 Ways to Save Gasoline Money

When the man bites the dog, it is news. And when a gasoline company advises motorists how to save gasoline, that is news, too.

Hence it is news to announce that the Gulf Refining company has just issued a booklet entitled, "15 Ways To Save Gasoline Money." Although the information contained in the eight-page booklet is simple, it consists of driving hints which should benefit millions of motorists.

Do you know what parking secret saves gasoline? The booklet tells you. Have you discovered what driving speeds assure the greatest economy in gasoline consumption? The booklet tells you. And what fact concerning the inflation of your tires boosts your gasoline mileage? The booklet tells you this, too.

According to Dr. Paul D. Foote, vice-president of the Gulf Research & Development corporation, considerable care was given to the preparation of the literature. The data was prepared, changed, and checked over and over again by the leading petroleum and automobile engineers. Caution was exercised in listing the various methods to save the motorists' money, and at least 15 additional ways to cut gasoline costs were eliminated be-

cause they were open to debate.

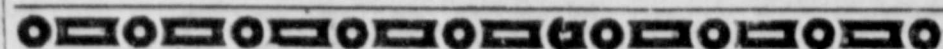
For convenience's sake, the Gulf booklet is divided into three sections. The first chapter is devoted to economy short-cuts which can be controlled by the motorists. The second part is given over to economies which can be secured at no cost at reputable service stations or dealers, such as Gulf's stations. And the third section consists of savings which can be obtained through enlisting the help of competent garage mechanics.

To announce this new booklet, "15 Ways To Save Gasoline Money," to the motoring public, the Gulf Refining company has undertaken an advertising campaign which is outstanding in many ways, including the number of newspapers to be used. More than 1200 newspapers from Maine to Texas, the largest journalistic army in the modern history of petroleum advertising, will be employed. The offer of the free booklet to any motorist who will drive into Gulf's 40,000 dealers is allied with an interesting "sporting offer" to car owners.

Mail want ads pay dividends.

Sore Gums-Pyorrhea

Foul breath, loose teeth or sore Gums are disgusting to behold, all will agree. LETO'S PYORRHEA REMEDY is highly recommended by leading druggists and never disappoints. Druggists return money if it fails. Merkel Drug Co.



JULY 4th

To Mother it means a picnic at the lake, to Dad a let down from the labors of the week, to the kids a chance to set off their fireworks and to the dog a day spent under the front porch.

But to the American people it represents an opportunity to give the Liberty Bell a resounding ring, to reaffirm their faith in the Constitution and re-pledge themselves to the ideals our forefathers so stoutly defended 159 years ago.

We Will Not Be Open for Business Thursday

THE OLD RELIABLE

Farmers & Merchants National Bank

Merkel, Texas



A Buying Guide

BEFORE you order dinner at a restaurant, you consult the bill-of-fare. Before you take a long trip by motor car, you pore over road maps. Before you start out on a shopping trip, you should consult the advertisements in this paper. For the same reasons!

The advertising columns are a buying guide to you in the purchase of everything you need—including amusements! A guide that saves you time and conserves your energy; that saves useless steps and guards against false ones; that puts the s-t-r-e-t-c-h in the family budget.

The advertisements in this paper are so interesting, it is difficult to see how any one could overlook them... fail to profit by them. Just check with yourself and be sure that you are reading the advertisements regularly—the big ones and the little ones. It is time well spent.

Avoid time-wasting, money-wasting detours on the road to merchandise value... Read the advertising "Road Maps."

TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

J. C. Murdock, who had been visiting here and at Big Spring with his sons, returned last Saturday evening to his home in Sherman. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Murdock and son, T. G., made the trip, visiting over Sunday with their older son, Eugene, who is employed there, and other relatives.

Miss Dollie Wash is home from a few days vacation with relatives in San Antonio. She made the trip with her brother, Joe, and family, of Hamlin.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyce Jones of Hermleigh came Tuesday of last week for a visit with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Rogers. Boyce returned home Wednesday while his wife remained over for a longer visit here. Friday she and her mother were guests in the Bernie Bell home in Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond O'Neal have moved to Novice where he is employed in a grocery store.

Mrs. W. R. Darby and children of Borger are guests at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bright.

Mrs. Johnnie Wheeler and little daughter, Johnnie, visited relatives in Oklahoma several days recently.

Frank Allyn, who is employed in the Western Union office at Cisco, is spending his vacation with his family on the Allyn ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Shouse had as a recent guest Mrs. Shouse's mother, Mrs. Bailey, of Abilene. It will be remembered by a lot of old timers that Mrs. Bailey was once a resident of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Johnson, Jr., of Golan were week-end guests of his parents.

Supt. Scott with his family have moved here to be ready for the next school term. The new school bus, recently bought, is a beauty, and prospects for a new high school building are looking good.

Mrs. R. C. Duncan of A. C. C. was a week-end guest of the F. H. Duncan family. She was also getting located for the school term.

Mrs. L. Ben Howell and daughter, Betty Lou, and Mrs. L. T. Stanford motored to Lake Sweetwater Sunday afternoon, where they enjoyed a picnic lunch for the entertainment of Mrs. Stanford, who is their house guest.

July Fourth will be a gala day for the W. O. W. and Circle members and their families, who are celebrating with a fish fry at Lake Sweetwater.

Miss Mona Robinson, who has been a guest of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Williams, of Ranger, for the past three weeks, was accompanied home

by them last Friday. They remained over for a day's visit. Sweetwater Lake has charms for the Trent fishermen. Leaving before dawn last Friday Buster Edwards and J. E. Bowers returned home with a nice catch in time for the noon meal. Miss Ethel King of Merkel was the week-end guest of Miss Beulah Wilson.

We fill all doctors' prescriptions! Vick Drug Co.

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Mail want ads pay dividends

List of Petit Jurors Called Next Week

The following names are on the jury list for next week in 104th district court:

- H. H. Cargill, W. L. Moore, J. F. Moody, E. H. Douglas, H. W. Mayfield, E. R. Turner, W. B. Moore, Milton Case, B. B. Reynolds, Merkel; B. H. McClary, E. L. Horton, N. L. Lewis (colored), B. D. Bryan, G. C. Smith, Esco Allen, Walter, A. M. Duncan, Earl N. Garrett, Walter H. Denison, A. M. Irvin, Cecil Eager, Clyde Hughes, Alvis Parker, D. E. Jones, W. C. Sikes, W. W. Kennedy, Clyde Landers, L. A. Smith, W. L. Blakney, J. W. Henderson, T. G. Moore, B. C. Leach, E. B. Cox, Abilene; E. F. Martin, W. L. Marshall, J. L. Black, C. A. Conklin, Leo Standard, F. E. Roberson, Ed S. Jones, Robert Mc-

Call, Tuscola; S. V. Roberts, A. G. Carriger, D. A. Acker, Lawn; L. C. Carpenter, Loy Jackson, Wingate; J. P. Hamon, Goldsboro; H. V. Riddle, Ovalo; C. E. Shouse, Trent; C. W. Rister, Tye; H. P. Sandefer, Guion,

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Stephenville, July 3.—Margaret Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Miller of Merkel, has a good record to her credit after completing the first half of the initial session of summer school at John Tarleton college.

Miss Miller is a senior at Tarleton, and is working toward the completion of a fine arts course. She is studying piano under Charles V. Froh, head of the Tarleton Conservatory, who reports that she is working on the program to be given at her senior recital next year.

The Box Score

NOODLE—	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Goode, p	5	1	2	3	1	0
H. Vick, c	5	1	2	8	0	0
Reese, 3b	3	0	0	1	2	0
xxPayne, cf	2	1	1	0	0	0
Black, cf, 3b	4	0	0	0	0	0
Justice, ss	3	2	1	2	5	1
Sharp, 2b	4	0	2	2	2	1
C. Vick, rf	4	0	0	0	0	0
Williams, lf	2	0	0	0	0	0
xCarter, lf	2	0	1	0	0	0
Derrick, 1b	4	0	1	1	0	0

Totals	38	5	10	27	10	2
TYE—	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
W. Jowers, lf	4	0	0	1	0	0
B. Jowers, lb	4	1	2	13	0	0
J. Jowers, c	4	0	1	6	2	0
M. Street, 2b, ss	3	0	0	3	5	2
Ashby, cf	4	0	1	0	0	0
C. Street, 3b	4	0	1	2	0	2
Woods, ss, lf	4	0	0	0	0	0
Stout, p	2	1	1	2	5	0
Herod, rf, 2b	3	0	0	0	1	1
xxxLeonard	1	0	0	0	0	0

Totals 34 2 6 27 18 8
x—Batted for Williams in 7th.
xx—Batted for Reese in 8th.
xxx—Batted for Stout in 9th.

Score by innings:
Noodle 000 000 140—5
Tye 001 001 000—2
Summary—Runs batted in, C. Vick, Payne 3, Sharp, B. Jowers, Ashby, Double, Ashby, Home run, Payne. Earned runs, Noodle 3, Tye 2. Left on bases, Noodle 7, Tye 5. Stolen bases, B. Jowers, C. Street, Stout. Struck out by Goode 5, by Stout 4. Double play, M. Street to B. Jowers. Time of game 1:37. Umpires, Hollis and Essom.

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BLAIR ITEMS

The fair weather the past week has been mightily fine for the grain harvest. Most of the grain was ripe when fields became dry enough to be entered. Today is threatening; a little rain would not be bad on lots of stuff, and would do very little damage unless it were long continued.

Mrs. Elva Smith and children of Wichita Falls visited with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Campbell, recently. Mrs. Lena Thomas and daughters of Abilene spent several days recently with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Phillips, and other relatives of this place.

Mrs. Jim Moore and daughter, Mrs. R. B. Horton, and children visited

with Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Moore and Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Wilson of Red Springs the past week-end. Mr. Moore was looking after his business at that place while away.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Smith have gone to their daughter's, Mr. and Mrs. Ponk Lepard, of Hermleigh, for an indefinite stay.

Mrs. H. E. Campbell spent the past week with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Farmer of Butman, Mr. and Mrs. Farmer have been entertaining a big, fine baby girl at their home since June 23. She weighed eight pounds and has been christened Blanche Yvonne.

Mr. and Mrs. John Neighbors entertained visitors recently.

Rev. Ted McGohee of Merkel will

fill the Baptist pulpit here Sunday. Rev. Charles Williams of View preached at the Baptist church here the past Sunday.

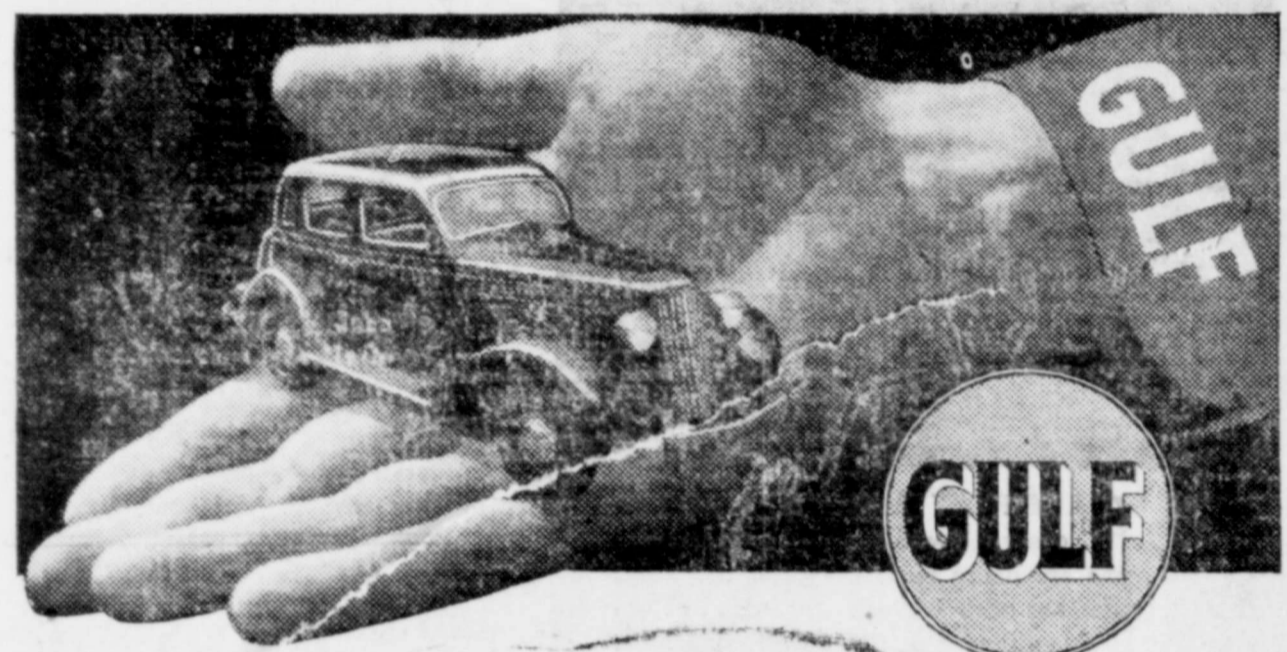
Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Mayfield and children of Sweetwater visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mayfield Sunday.

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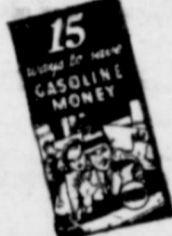
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- Sports Afield... 1 Yr.
- Silver Screen... 1 Yr.
- Woman's World... 2 Yrs.
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- Capper's Farmer... 1 Yr.
- Gentlewoman Magazine... 1 Yr.
- Good Stories... 1 Yr.
- Home Circle... 1 Yr.
- Household Magazine... 1 Yr.
- Illustrated Mechanics... 1 Yr.
- Mother's Home Life... 1 Yr.
- Needlecraft... 1 Yr.
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- NEW MOVIE... 1 Yr.
- Pathfinder (Weekly)... 1 Yr.
- TOWER RADIO... 1 Yr.
- Good Stories... 1 Yr.
- SERENADE (Romance)... 1 Yr.
- Open Road (Boys)... 2 Yrs.
- Needlecraft... 1 Yr.

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GROUP B—CHOOSE 1

- Woman's World... 1 Yr.
- Household Magazine... 1 Yr.
- Capper's Farmer... 1 Yr.
- Progressive Farmer... 2 Yrs.
- Home Circle... 1 Yr.
- Illustrated Mechanics... 1 Yr.
- The Farm Journal... 1 Yr.
- The Country Home... 1 Yr.
- Mother's Home Life... 1 Yr.
- Southern Agriculturist... 1 Yr.
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All Set for Butman Annual Picnic, Rodeo

Coming in mid-week, two days, Wednesday and Thursday, July 10 and 11, following the Stamford Cof-boy reunion and preceding the next Merkel rodeo, large crowds are expected at the annual Butman Picnic and Rodeo, plans for which are rapidly being completed, according to Sam Butman, Jr., and J. L. Cargill, in charge of arrangements.

Besides rodeo performances on both days, a singing convention is scheduled for the first night, (Wednesday,) and on the second night comes the Old Settlers Fiddlers contest. Although not definitely arranged, it is understood that J. Bryan Bradbury, representative in the state legislature from Taylor county, will attend and speak on "Old Age Pensions" and prominent prohibition speakers will be secured also for addresses.

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Dallas Newspaper to Conduct Rural Home Improvement Contest

Improvements in the appearance of farm homes and houses in towns of less than 2,500 population, located on cardinal highways, is the objective of an undertaking sponsored by the Dallas Morning News and conducted by the cooperative extension service of Texas A. & M. college.

Nine state prizes ranging from \$250 for first place down to \$25 for ninth, and district prizes ranging from \$75 down to \$25 in each of nine districts into which the state has been divided will be provided in the "Centennial Farm and home contest" sponsored by the Dallas newspaper.

Working on the certainty that homes scattered along the state's principal highways will be seen by thousands of Centennial visitors, the News conceived a plan of widespread improvement by putting it on a contest basis. With improvement of the homes, visitors to the state will be favorably impressed with what they see and carry away with them a much better opinion of Texas. The News calls it "an investment in good appearance."

The contest is open to any Texas family living along a state or federal designated highway in the state. It is estimated that 75,000 to 100,000 families are eligible to compete. Women county home demonstration agents already are distributing information concerning the contest, as are county farm agents in 231 counties.

Points for judging will include buildings and equipment, the grounds, the soil, the crops, the livestock and the food supply and other resources.

Said Miss Mildred Horton, state home demonstration agent:

"The influence of home demonstration activities is continually broadening and far-reaching. The landscaping of one farm home in a community frequently is the inspiration for a veritable epidemic of home improvements and the development of a single community attracts the attention of residents of far away places. We receive reports continually of organized pilgrimages to homes whose enhanced attractiveness has occasioned widespread comment. Within the last few weeks twenty-two Montgomery county women formed an automobile caravan and traveled 122 miles to inspect improvements made on a group of Nacogdoches county farm homes. There can be no doubt but that the families of Texas crave a more abundant life and they are desirous of beauty and comfort in

their homes. Our agents are eager and enthusiastic about the Centennial demonstration contest and I am confident that entries will be enrolled by the thousands between now and the closing of registrations, September 1."

Full details may be obtained from county demonstration agents or from the Dallas News and Semi-Weekly Farm News.

Hodges Happenings.

Crops are looking better around here now. The grain has all been cut and threshing is to start this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Garner, Jr., and baby of Hawley spent the past week here with Mr. Garner's parents.

Marion Spradlin of Tye spent the past week with his sister, Mrs. Charles Walsh, and family.

Mrs. Clarence Church, who underwent an appendix operation at the West Texas Baptist sanitarium, Abilene, last Tuesday night, is doing nicely and will soon be able to return home.

Miss Mattie Sue Holloway from East Texas is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Jewel Thomas.

Master Charles Walsh, Jr., is spending the week with his grandparents near Hamlin.

Miss Doris Jones spent the weekend with friends and relatives in Anson.

Mrs. L. McCaleb has as her summer guest her mother, Mrs. Sheldon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Waddle made a recent trip to Stephenville and Fort Worth.

Mrs. Charles Walsh was called to Abilene to be at the bedside of her brother, who underwent a lung operation at the West Texas Baptist sanitarium Monday. He stood the operation fine and seems to be much better.

News is scarce; so we will close for this time. Come on, White Flat, we like to read your "dots."

Old Settlers to Meet In Reunion July 19th

Taylor County Old Settlers reunion at Buffalo Gap will be held Friday, July 19, it has been announced by T. A. Bledsoe, president of the association.

At a meeting in Buffalo Gap Saturday, July 6, at 2 p. m., officials of the organization will receive sealed bids on the various concessions for the reunion. The bids will be received subject to acceptance or rejection. Officials besides Mr. Bledsoe are Jim Hurt, Ovalo, vice-president, and Fred Jones, Tuscola, secretary.

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PERSONALS

Jim Wheeler of Loraine visited his sister, Mrs. J. H. Witcher, Sunday.

Mrs. H. C. Williams left Wednesday for Knox City to visit her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. E. Q. Warren.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wheeler of Loraine are visiting their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wheeler.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hughes and two sons have returned from a visit with relatives at Center, Texas, and Natchitoches, La.

Mrs. A. Watson of Los Angeles, Calif., who was a girlhood friend of Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson, visited the latter last week.

After a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson, Mrs. Dewey Holland returned Monday to her home in Dallas.

Dr. J. H. Barnett of Marlin, accompanied by his aunt, Mrs. J. G. Sadler, of Gatesville, is visiting Dr. M. Armstrong and other relatives.

Mrs. H. L. Davenport and son, Joe, of Shawnee, Okla., are visiting her sister, Miss Mae Melton, and parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Milton of Blair.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cook and daughter, Margaret, and Mrs. Clyde Reddin, all of Port Arthur, are guests of their sister, Mrs. George Woodrum.

Dee Nobles, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. B. Ward, of Seattle, Wash., were visitors last week in the W. D. Hutcheson home, Dee Nobles being a nephew of Mrs. Hutcheson.

Mrs. W. T. Sadler and little daughter, Sandra Lou, who were accompanied on a visit to Dr. Sadler's mother

at Montalba by Mrs. Sadler's mother, Mrs. A. R. Booth, and little sister, Ann Booth, returned Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Spears and family of Valera, Coleman county, were guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Spears, for the Fifth Sunday singing held here last Sunday.

En route to El Paso and Old Mexico, J. L. Richardson and son, Francis, of Dallas were passing guests with his brother, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Richardson, Wednesday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Hassey and daughter, Betty Joe, who have been in Sacramento, Calif., are here for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Sanders, and his mother at Tye.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nobles and Mrs. George Nobles of Fort Worth, who came for the funeral of Mrs. S. C. Keith, were guests in the home of Mr. Nobles' sister, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson.

Among visitors at the rodeo Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Mathis of Americus, Ga., and their two daughters, Miss Sarah Mathis, of Americus, and Mrs. Harry Arthur, of Albany, Ga., who are guests of Dr. and Mrs. L. F. Grubbs, of Abilene.

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LOCAL BRIEFS.

T. H. Christopher left Sunday for Lubbock, having accepted the contract for a four-room, four-apartment structure of stucco at that place. He probably will be away several months.

First carload of 1935 wheat was shipped from this point last Saturday by L. L. Murray. Up to Wednesday morning only one other freight shipment of wheat had left here, H. D. Swann being the shipper.

William Vehle, formerly of Stamford, is proprietor of a new lunch and cold drink stand opened the latter part of last week in the John Wheeler building on Front street. He and his wife and son have moved here to make Merkel their home.

Mrs. Lee Tipton and Mrs. Clarence Church, both of whom underwent operations for appendicitis recently at the West Texas Baptist sanitarium, Abilene, have returned home within the past few days.

Bud Barton, who underwent major surgery at the West Texas Baptist sanitarium, has regained his strength sufficiently to be brought home.

Following a minor surgical operation at the West Texas Baptist sanitarium, Miss Pauline Joyner was reported doing nicely Wednesday morning and it was expected she would be brought home during the day.

Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office.

THE RED & WHITE STORES

SPECIALS FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, JULY 5-6

- Lemons, dozen 19c
- Peaches, dozen 15c
- Oranges, dozen 25c
- Celery, stalk 10c
- New Spuds, 10 pounds 10c
- White Onions, 3 pounds 10c

- Red and White Pineapple, No. 2, each 16c
- 2 for 31c
- Red and White Peaches, No. 2 1-2 can, 2 for 33c
- Red and White Pears, No. 2 1-2, each 22c
- 2 for 43c
- Red and White Apricots, No. 2 1-2 can, each 25c
- Whole Wheat Flour, 6 pounds 29c
- Pure Cane Sugar, 10 pounds 55c
- Early Riser Coffee, pound 15c
- Calumet Baking Powder, pound 22c
- Red and White Marshmallows, pound 18c
- Red and White Tea, with glass, 1-4 lb. 24c
- Gold Medal Wheaties, 2 pkgs. 25c
- Del Dixi Pickles, sour or dill, qt. 15c

17 PIECE BEVERAGE SET WITH \$10 PURCHASE for 98c

- Seedless Raisins, 2 pounds 18c
- Red and White Flav-R-Jell, all flavors, pkg 5c
- Red and White Grape Jam, 1 lb. jar 15c
- Red and White Macaroni, 2 packages 13c
- Red and White Flour, 12 lbs. 55c
- 24 lbs. 98c— 48 lbs. \$1.88
- Grapefruit Juice, 10 oz. can 10c
- Prune Juice, 12 1-2 oz. can 10c
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BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Thursday afternoon, June 27, Merkel's youngest set gathered at the home of Mrs. B. M. Williams, Jr., to help her little daughter, Peggy Sue, celebrate her fourth birthday. After the presents were opened, each guest received a rubber ball on a string as a party favor. Kodak pictures were made and games were played on the lawn, each little fellow displaying his full amount of energy.

All were called in to the dining room to watch Peggy Sue blow out the four candles on her pink and white angel food cake, which was topped with her name. The cake was cut and served with ice cream cones to Mary Ruth Hutcheson, Joe Marvin Tipton, Mattie Lou Bicknell, Minnie Lois Curb, Billy George Reid, Geraldine Jinkens, Oscar Church, Greta Key Case, Jean Ecton Jowers, Daisy Jor-ene Risinger, Jerry Allen, Abilene, Shirley Ann Sharp, Stanton, and the honoree.

Grown-ups attending were Mesdames Bunk Tipton, B. M. Williams, Sr., Lois Curb, H. C. Reid, Irvin Jowers, Milton Case, B. M. Williams, Jr., and Kenneth Sharp, Stanton.

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

CHURCH SERVICES

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE. Attendance at the six reporting Sunday Schools here last Sunday was 750, as compared with 687 on the previous Sunday. On the same Sunday a year ago 727 were present.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m., followed by communion service. Offering for Reynolds home. Sunday night service and Wednesday evening prayer meeting service will be suspended because of the Baptist revival.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH. Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8:15 p. m. BTS at 7:30 p. m. WMU at 4 o'clock Monday afternoon.

Our meeting begins next Sunday morning. We earnestly urge all Baptists to be at this church Sunday morning and strive to make this meeting what God would have it. Every one cordially invited to all services.

METHODIST CHURCH. Services as usual Sunday and all of next week, except that Sunday night service and prayer meeting service will be suspended because of the Baptist revival.

NAZARENE CHURCH. We just closed a very successful revival at our church. We had about 20 seekers at our altars and about 18 of that number prayed through.

There will be preaching Sunday 11 a. m. and 8:30 p. m. Sunday School

10 a. m. NYPS at 730 p. m. Come worship with us. J. L. Mayhall, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST. Bible classes at 10 a. m. Lord's day, preaching 11 a. m., young people's program 7:30 p. m., and preaching 8:30 p. m. Bible study, prayer and song service Wednesday 8:30 p. m. We welcome you. The Elders.

NORTHSIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH. Last Sunday morning a host of church members gave their pastor a "surprise love offering."

Next Sunday morning is "Special Tithing Day." Everybody bring your tithe unto the house of the Lord. Prayer meeting every Wednesday night. Preaching every Saturday night, Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and Sunday night. The women meet every Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the church.

We urge everybody to be present next Sunday. There will be some important business to come before the church. Next Sunday night the Lord's supper will be observed. We welcome you to our services. Ernest C. Dowell, Pastor.

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GOLAN NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Burns Smith of Lubbock visited Mr. and Mrs. Hugh F. Jeffrey Thursday and Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hunter of Nubia were here fishing Friday and Friday night.

Third quarterly conference met at Newman Sunday, June 30. A number of Golan representatives were there.

Scott Holland of Sylwester, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Dean of this community, was buried at Roby last week. Death followed a long illness.

Mrs. Homer Lawlis is reported seriously ill.

Miss Eldora Hill of Dallas is spending a week's vacation with her sister, Mrs. L. C. Williams. Miss Hill is representative for Bourjois, New York, in the W. A. Green department store at Dallas.

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Burbank Potatoes, Strictly No. 1 lb. 3c
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