# THE MERKEL MAIL

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## **RECORD-BREAKING CROWD** SEES FAST EXHIBITION OF **RIDING, ROPING PROWESS**

In First Rodeo of 1936 Season, PARADE OVER 90 Entries Are Run Through In 110 Minutes by Dexterity **Of Malone Brothers.** 

A card of 90 entries in the various events of calf roping, cow milking and horse and steer riding was run kel.

around the arena-the bleacher sec- flag. tions were entirely sold out.

at the grounds.

been employed to manage this year's Crain. series of shows, were responsible for est rodeos in the country.

Winners in the various events were: Caif roping-Ted Powers, first, 16 being contestants in the various rodeo 1-5 seconds; Leo Huff, second, 17 2-5; events. . O. Warren, third, 19 4-5, and Rural

Stoker, fourth, 22 2-5. Cow Milking-Cub Young, first, 4-5; Burl Hitson, third, 20 4-5, and Guy Caves, fourth, 21 3-5.

Raymond Caldwell, second, and Len

**ELEVEN BLOCKS** 

#### Line of March on Opening Rodeo Day One of Longest in City's History.

minute-in Saturday's rodeo, opening ent Saturday morning to witness the evening, May 8. performance of the series of six free cleven-block-long parade which usher- The place will be the High School 25c shows sponsored again this summer ed in the 1936 summer season of free gymnasium; the time, 8 p. m. Price for the third year by the Merchants rodeos sponsored by the Merchants of tickets will be 50c, the proceeds to Trade Extension association of Mer- Trade Extension association of Mer- form a nucleus for a future library of their appearance follows: kel.

All told, there were 45 calf ropers, Headed by Motorcycle Officers 30 in the cow milking contests, 8 steer Ernest Daniels and Sam Guynes of chuck wagon style, will be just part of riders, 4 horse riders and 3 bull riders, the state highway patrol, the proces- the inducement offered. One special completing the grand entry list of 90. sion moved promptly at 10:30. Next number will be old-fashioned fiddling, It was a gala day in Merkel-a followed Mrs. W. S. J. Brown and Miss and speakers selected because of their crowd of approximately 4,000, the Leta Faye Barbee on handsome fund of recollections of early days largest that has witnessed any show mounts and carrying one a large Tex- will tell the history of Merkel and during the past two years, gathered as flag, the other a United States Taylor county. A skit demonstrating

Prior to the opening of the events, Christian college-25 strong, under the A. C. C. Wildcat band, which had the direction of Durwood Crainalso given a concert uptown after the lent the proper color and atmosphere in their less than two years existence, parade, rendered a half hour concert that makes a parade a parade in fact. Conspicuous in the personnel of the Bob and Mark Malone, who have band was the junior drum major, Kyle of state-wide reputation, and the fall Polley.

the speed with which Saturday's show and candidates were represented in was run through-a record that com- the record-breaking street parade, pares favorably with that of the larg- which included a number of bicycle rders and more than fifty horseback riders, a large number of the latter

The city's fine truck was elaborately decorated for the occasion and the county grader, which so effectively 18 2-5 seconds; Leo Huff, second, 18 assists in levelling premises at the show grounds, also participated.

Nathan Wood is chairman of the Steer riding-Johnny Frazier, first; parade committee which staged such a success on opening day. Others on the committee are: W. W. Haynes, Milton Case and Byers Petty. Serving as parade marshals were: Bob Malone, Mark Malone, Lloyd Jinkens and City Marshal D. H. Vaughn. comes on Saturday, May 9.

Sponsor Pioneer Dinner; Club Members Have Library As **Objective**. With the Centennial idea uppermost "Heirlooms," a comedy in three acts

**HISTORY TO** 

MERKEL, TEXAS, FRIDAY, MAY 1, 1936.

**BE RECALLED** 

**EARLY DAY** 

in the minds of Texans, memories of the early days are naturally recalled and it is with this thought in mind that the Fortnightly Study club will sponthrough in 110 minutes-nearly one a Visitors by the hundreds were pres- sor a Pioneer Dinner here on Friday o'clock at High School gymnasium. from the automobile death Sunday of

in Merkel.

The dinner, which will be served en old fashioned square dance will en-

The Wildcat band from Abilene liven the evening's program. The Fortnightly Study club has undertaken many worth-while objectives of New York, Eva Faye Bush. notably the securing of Dr. Robert Venting of Cleburne, a pulpit orator brother and Flora's husband, Winston home Friday afternoon, completing style show, and their endeavor to es-Some seventy firms, individuals tablish a library here will no doubt meet with the support of the entire community.

> Committee chairmen named for the Fioneer Dinner sponsored by the club, of which Mrs. Henry West is president, are: menu, Mrs. J. T. Warren; decorations, Mrs. C. B. Gardner; program, Mrs. W. S. J. Brown; publicity, Mrs. Tom Largent, and general arrangements, Miss Stell Ledger.

## **Demos Hold Precinct**

Fortnightly Study Club Will Cast Announced for First Event Of School Closing Program; Quaint, Old-Fashioned Singing an Extra Feature.

SENIOR PLAY

**FRIDAY NIGHT** 

"HEIRLOOMS,"

by Sally Shute, will be presented by Former Mayor A. B. Cole of the Senior class of the Merkel High school Friday night, May 1, at 8 The price of admission will be 15c and Matt Arbuckle, 63, tin shop owner. Wade L. Allison of Burkburnett

The cast of characters in the order will serve 18 months in the Wichita county jail as a result of the death of R. H. McFarlane, WPA project

Rachel, negro maid, Janet Hayes. Martha Todd, housekeeper, Missie Spurgin.

Martha's, R. T. Blair. Mrs. Everett, wife of the minister increased in Texas last year, while at Porterville, Ora Derrick.

heirlooms, Willie Mae Nelson.

Martha's, Clifton Bellamy. Flora Tillinghast, a young matron others during a rain storm which

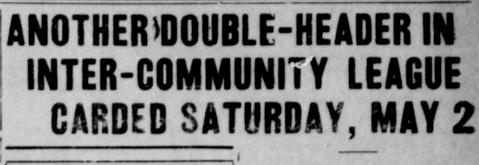
Nora, her maid, Opal Buzbee. Ben Tillinghast, Cynthia's half- Charles Long of Winters, arrived at

Steven Hopewell, friend of the Till- New York City in ten weeks. inghasts, Harold Morgan.

Johnnie Cotton, their young neighbor, Horace Boney. Susie, Johnnie's sister, by Susie

herself. Act I takes place at the Tillinghast homestead at Porterville. Act II, in to bring him to the bank and he bethe apartment of Ben Tillinghast in came exhausted and fell into deep New York City, about two weeks lat- water. er. Act III is the same as Act II,

three weeks later. er man of Mexia and Abilene, has The Merkel audience will appreciate the contrast in characters and in stage treasurer on the democratic ticket. furnishings. Great interest has been Convention Saturday shown among the students in lending



UP

On the "Broadway of America"

KEEPING

WITH TEXAS

Trent and Union Contenders in First Game; Tye vs Divide to Follow: Three Sections of Seats Provided.

5c PER COPY

Another twin bill is in store for Brownsville was released on \$5,000 fans on Saturday of this week; in bond on a murder charge resulting fact, the revised schedule of the Inter-Community league provides for double-headers on alternate Saturdays with the rodeos until July 1, when the first mid-week game will be played. Trent and Union play their first game of the 1936 season in the opener Saturday, while Tye and Divide meet in the nightcap. First game will start at 1:30 p. m.

Three tiers of the bleacher sections are to be moved to the baseball grounds for use Saturday, assuring seats for everybody that wants to pay for the privilege. The twin bill may Tornadic winds slashed through be seen for the bargain price of 10

#### Takes Second Place In 440-Yard Hurdles At Drake Relays

A Merkel boy, Jack Patterson, who is a Sophomore at Rice institute, ranked second in the 440-yard hurdles Saturday at the Drake relays in Des Moines, Iowa. First place in the event was won by Herman Nelson from Oklahoma.

Beneath the caption, "Meet Two Southern Contlemen," the Des Moines Tribune featured a large cut on their sport page during the meet, the twostars depicted being our own Jack A. Garland Adair, former newspap-Patterson and Louis (Smokey) Broth-

ers, both of Rice. announced his candidacy for state In the recent meet between Rice and the University of Texas held at, Aus-Mrs. Chris Rudi, 63, of LaGrange, tin on Apr. 14 Jack won first in high their family heirlooms displayed in died of injuries received several days hurdles and second in low hurdles. Jack's friends here, proud of the

superintendent, on Apr. 10 after a fist fight at Burkburnett. Dr. W. A. Davis, state registrar of Joel Bassett, an old admirer of vital statistics, reported that deaths live births decreased for the first Cynthia Tillinghast, owner of the time since 1930.

Ambrose Tufts, another admirer of Southeast Texas Tuesday, killing four cents, persons and injuring at least a dozen

> soaked most of the state. David Mitchell, son of Mr. and Mrs.

his 2,350 mile horseback trip from After dreaming he was drowning

in Eagle creek, 30 miles south of Sweetwater, Milton King, 18, was actually drowned the following day when he swung over the water with insufficient force for the return swing

Sedberry, third.

Results were announced by loud speaker through courtesy of Manager S. P. Nesmith of the Queen theatre. Second rodeo of the 1936 season

## Death Claims Wife

Mrs. Susie Penn Howard, 46, wife of Dr. J. P. Howard, died at 9 o'clock Wednesday night at her home here. Death, due to a heart ailment, followed an illness of exactly one month. Funeral services were held at 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon from the family residence, with interment in Rose Hill cemetery. Rev. C. R. Joyner, Baptist pastor, officiated, assisted by Rev. John H. Crow, Methodist pas-

Trent; W. W. Haynes, A. B. Patter-F. Y. Gaither.

department, Washington, D. C.

Her mother, Mrs. Sonora E. Penn, died here on Sept. 26, last year.

Mrs. Howard was a consistent member of the Baptist church, her life having been chiefly devoted to love and care for members of her family cerest sympathy to the bereaved husband, sons and brother.

## Special Venire of 150

A special venire of 150 men has been ordered for the trial of Lonnie

Arraigned before Judge Milburn S. ington outfielder. Long on Thursday of last week, the negro, who had been held in an unannounced West Texas jail, pleaded not guilty. He did not ask for bond, and to hasten payments of old age pensions potato salad was served. was returned to jail.

pointed to represent the defendant.

The following firms and individuals were noted in the parade: Burton-Lingo company, Abilene

Radio shop, Buck's Shoe Repair shop, vention to be held in San Antonio May Bullock Hardware company, Dandy 26 will be named. This county will be ris, Lou Ella Hughes, John Leonard, Bakery, Hood Ice company, Eli Case entitled to 10 delegates to the state F. T. Hogan. and Son, Cotton's cafe, Church, Motor convention, one for each 500 votes, or company, Stephens & Stephens Drug- 2 major fraction thereof, cast for this contribution to 1936 by the Senior alcoholic beverages. less clinic, Carson grocery, Mervin democratic candidates for governor class. Meeks, Community Natural Gas com- in the last primary. The state convenpany, Magnolia Petroleum company, tion names delegates to the national Campbell's Grocery and Market, Cur- democratic convention for the nomiley's Repair shop, Barrow Furniture nation of a candidate for president. company, Vick Drug company, E. D. (Dean) Davis, Continental Oil com- "Trip Around World" pany, Bragg Dry Goods company,

Bur! Wheeler, Neill's cafe, Woozy's Pallbearers were: L. E. Adrian, cafe, Economy grocery, Hughes Motor

Angeles, Calif. She has one brother, market, Petty and West, Tom's ficent inducement, but the novelty of 3 W. Penn, connected with the war Wrecking yard, Renfro Cleaners, the entire affair brought forth oceans News, Reid Variety store, Toombs and ble, president, and circle members. Guitar Filling station, Whiteley Bros. Transportation was furnished via Sinclair Refining company, West the globe including visits to the Haand service to the church. Her pass- Thompson and Risinger Filling sta- selected to represent the various ing will leave an empty place in the tion, Hi-Way Service station, Gulf foreign countries were: Mrs. Milton home, and The Mail joins many Service station, P. H. Douglass, F. E. Case's, Mrs. Fred Hughes', Mrs. Dee friends of the family in extending sin- Church, Southwestern Life Insurance Grimes', Mrs. W. S. J. Brown's, recompany, Perry Brothers, Wood's spectively, with the final landing at store, Merkel Ice company, Farmers the home of Mrs. Burgess. State bank, T. C. Jinkens, John Hughes, Merkel farmer, Comer Patterson, ment and refreshments were all in Men for Negro's Trial Queen confectionery, Queen theatre, keeping with the countries visited. Abilene Hatchery.

Greenberg Fractures Wrist. Washington, Apr. 30 .- Hank Green- served pineapple juice while little Mitchell, 43-year-old negro charged berg, Detroit's first baseman and the Mary Faye Johnson strummed her with the fatal shooting of City Mar- American league's most valuable play. ukele. The Shamrock predominated hal Chester C. Hutcheson here on the er last year, suffered a split fracture in the Irish setting where Mrs. Fred night of Apr. 11, which is set for of his left wrist Wednesday in a base- Hughes and Mrs. R. M. Ferguson Monday, May 4, in 42nd district court. line collision with Jake Powell, Wash- were the reception committee. Miss

Pension Payments Near.

was taken Wednesday when Old Age Juarez greeted the visitors in col-Oliver Cunningham and Gray Pension funds were allocated and re- orful atmosphere and setting; here Browne, Abilene attorneys, were ap- ported to the Federal Social securities Miss Christine Collins rendered "Eres board for matching.

Precinct convention to name dele- Act I. gates from Merkel precinct to the An added charm is the quaint, old- cow. county convention to be held in the dis- fashioned singing held, reminding one Dwight L. Lewelling, 56, former gratified at the opportunity afforded trict court room at Abilene on Tues- of 1900. These musicians are: Mrs. T. Dallas county prosecutor who devoted him in entering the Drake relays, will day afternoon, May 5, at 2 o'clock, T. Earthman, Mildred Sosebee, Opal the last ten years of his life to con- watch with much interest his career will be held at 2 o'clock Saturday af- Buzbee, Annie Fern Jones, Cohrene ducting a "rescue mission" for ho- in college athletics.

nacle. W. O. Boney is precinct chair- Carey, Ruby Carey, Hattie Mae Dwig- at Dallas. man. Of Dr. J. P. Howard Laundry, Blake's Dry Cleaners, Black's county's delegation to the state con- Adcock, Frank Mundy.

Scores as Novelty

company, Hunter and Sublett Broth. To many, if not all of the tourists son, W. W. Wood, W. H. Pogue and ers, Liberty Filling station, Wilson who purchased tickets for "A Trip the Jeweler, Fox Wrecking House, J. Around the World," sponsored by the Married on June 25, 1926, Mrs. M. Garrett, Merkel Motor company, Mary Martha circle of the Methodist Howard is survived by her husband Max Mellinger, Mary's Music school, woman's missionary society Tuesday and one son, Jasper Penn Howard, al- Merkel Co-Op station, Lindsay Wal- evening, the opportunity of such an so a stepson, Malvin Howard, of Los den, McDonald grocery, Patterson's inexpensive sight-seeing tour was suf-American cafe, Abilene Reporter- of praise in behalf of Mrs. John Gra-Filling station, Po-Po Sandwich shop, gasoline motor cars, the route around company, West Texas Utilities com- waiian Islands, Ireland, Mexico, Jappany, Wheeler's market, Lions club, an and a return to America. Homes

Decorations, costuming, entertain-When one landed at the Hawaiian islands, Mrs. Milton Case and Mrs. John Dunn extended welcome and Dorothy Lee Shannon sang "Wild Irish Rose" to her colleen, Dora Marie Gaither, with Mary Jo Russell ac-Austin, Apr. 30 .- The initial step companist. A plate featuring (Irish)

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ternoon, May 2, at the city taber- Morrison, Lauretta Randell, Alice boes and other indigents, died Friday

gins, Alice Russell, Zerk Robertson,

Enjoyable Affair By Men's Bible Class

The Business Men's Bible class of the First Baptist church met in the church basement Tuesday night for a little fun and refreshment. 25 regular members and 18 visitors were

charge of the kitchen.

entertaining.

toastmaster.

Wallace acting as leader.

impromptu male quartette, consisting greatest ropers as the place for the Driver of Midland, Texas, to mount of W. J. Largent, Charlie Jones, exhibition. Yates Brown and Charles Largent,

from Rev. J. W. Saffle, who at one greatest roper of goats of the present mount his hurricane deck. Driver is time was pastor of the Merkel church. time, having won every contest which said to be one of the best riders in the His remarks drew great applause and he entered during 1915. It was Holder Midland country, and will give "Blue much favorable comment.

members of the class, the doxology the \$1,000 purse. was sung by the entire group and Rev. C. R. Joyner pronounced the bendition.

reviously when she was gored by a

record he is making and especially

San Antonio was selected by the At the county convention Taylor Bryan Higgins, Felix Stalls, Oscar state democratic executive committee as the place for the state democratic

Thursday in an explosion and fire at Rose.

Attends Conference on Student Leadership

Stephenville, Apr. 30 .- Margaret. When final returns were tabulated, Miller of Merkel, secretary of the A ... Eastland county voted by a majority W. S. council, was included in the It is hoped that play-lovers will see of 164 for legalization of 14 per cent group from John Tarleton college, which attended a student leadership

Miss Evelyn Fowler, 18, burned conference last week-end at Glen

the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leland Problems of student government Glass, at Sweetwater, by whom she were discussed and suggestions made was employed, died Friday afternoon. for 1936-1937 student officers.

MERKEL20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, April 28, 1916.)

the evening, with Allen McGehee in GREAT ROPING CONTEST TO BE the record for roping steers. In twelve HELD IN MERKEL MAY IST. contests in which he entered in the Geo, Weir and Allen Holder Com- Northwest in 1915, he won first money dy, the luncheon was served, during pete for \$1,000 Prize. Each man is a in eleven, his brother having defeated the course of which Winston Polley Champion in his line and will rope him in the only contest he lost. Weir and his able assistants. Hollingsworth, fifteen goats against time, the winner has not made it a profession to rope Morgan and Bellamy, rendered music to take the prize money-Two other goats but believes he will be able to with their string band that was most features will mark the event of the give as good an account of himself in this match as if he were roping steers.

This event has been transferred to filled the air with a guitar solo, but Jay," which is owned by Geo. Weir. Merkel from another city by agreefor having used all of his allotted What will be the greatest exhibition ment of those managing the contest, time in telling the new ones he had of skill in fast roping is scheduled for thus giving the people of this section heard and was called down by the this city next Monday afternoon when a chance of witnessing one of the George Weir, champion steer roper of most dexterous exhibitions of speed Weldon Davis favored the stag af- the world, meets Allen Holder of Gar- and skill possible to be seen in this fair with his speech on "Good Citizen- den City, in a contest of roping fifteen state. Along with the main event are ship," which was followed by a farcical goats each for a purse of \$1,000. This two minor events. Each will be worth Kid Rhythm band put on by Coach purse has been made up for several seeing. An amateur goat ropers' con-Hutto, Buck Leach, Bill Fugat, Ted months but the contestants have fail- test will be held during the main ev-McGehee and Byers Petty, with E. B. ed to agree on the time and location. ent to give Weir and Holder and their Weir's early departure for points out- mounts time to rest. In addition, the The class president, Joe P. Self, side of the state made it necessary for noted pitching horse, "Blue Jay," now was called on for an impromptu the contest to be held at an early date, owned by George Weir, will be here speech, which was matched with an and Merkel was selected by the two with the present selection of "Red"

him. "Blue Jay" has gained considerable reputation during the past few months by dismounting professional The main speech of the evening was credited with being the fastest and riders as fast as they attempted to who challenged Weir to the contest Jay" a "rakin'" from tip to tail, or else stay seated on what is said to be the worst pitchin' hoss ever scratched in Texas.

> All Merkel stores will close during the contest.

ALLEN HOLDER. Allen Holder of Garden City is After short comments by other and friends of the two parties made up

GEORGE WEIR.

George Weir, formerly a resident of this city, is the present holder of

Charlie Jones then would fain have "Red" Driver will mount "Blue

After the invocation by Clark Mun-

present. Booth Warren was toastmaster for

Ushers will be: Mary Frances Har- convention on May 26.

#### PAGE TWO

#### THE MERKEL MAIL

Friday, May 1, 1936

#### TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Friends of the T. D. Sisk family will be sad to learn of the death of Paul Fisk of New York City the first part of the week. The funeral was held from the family residence, 714 N. Beckley St., Dallas, Texas, on the 29th.

Mrs. Leonard Abernathy returned Saturday from a visit with her mother at Stanton,

Mrs. Mitchell Cooper, who underwent surgery at the West Texas Baptist hospital last week for appendicitis, is reported as improving and will probably return home the latter part of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mauldin, accompanied by Mrs. L. B. Gordon, were recent visitors to Stephenville and attended the annual grave working there.

Mr. and Mrs. James Bright, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Springer, To the Citizens of Taylor County: returned Sunday from a visit of a few days in Paris.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Wortham, who recently moved to Merkel, were attending to business here Monday. Mrs. peace in Precinct 1 and to my law Fort Worth; Mrs. Horace Henry, sponsor and they will be honored with visit with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Miller, and new granddaughter, Ellen Carol Ann, at Big Spring. lene public schools and at Abilene high esteem and loved by all who She also reported her son, Bernard, Christian college. I am a member of knew him. able to walk without his crutches.

Mrs. Stanley Armour was hostess Saturday afternoon with a party honoring her young son, Don, on his birthday Games were enjoyed and refreshments of ice cream and cake served to Wayland and Bobby Gale Norwood, Wanda Fay Riggan, Troy Kegans, Billie Wayne and Tommie Hamner and Lindell Quattlebaum.

#### BLAIR ITEMS

The nice rain clouds that have come our way the past week, with the Monday night shower, gave this vicinity several inches of rain. The grain crop has been pepped up by the moisture; in cultivated fields where nothing has been planted there is a good suppl of moisture and in many fields cotton will come up. Crops will not be carried on to maturity by these rains, but will be held up perhaps until addition. al moisture.

Louis Peterson has been real sick the past week.

Mrs. Will Campbell has been suffering from an infected ear for several days.

Little Jimmie Nell Horton is con-

Lindsav Walden Seeks Former Resident of Honor as County Judge

candidacy for the office of your county judge. In doing so, I invite your attention to my record as justice of the Adams, Fort Worth; R. E McGowen, mances of the rodeo will be given each

I was born in south Taylor county, and Leonard McGowen, Lamesa. and received my education in the Abi-

responsibilities and duties incumbent Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bowers, Mr. and new subscriber or renewal, upon a county judge, and if elected Mrs. Duel Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Bert will endeavor to discharge them to the McRee, Mesdames C. T. Beckham, A. best of my ability.

I am married, my wife having also C. C. McRee, John Strawn, Gene ly in South Africa.

have one child. I respectfully ask your considera- T. G. Hamner, A. W. Wood, Leonard tion, support and influence, and will Quattlebaum, Bud Statser, Louie Mcmake good if elected.

LINDSAY P. WALDEN.

Percheron Sales in 1936 Exceed 3.000

During the first few months of 1936 there were 3,095 sales of purebred Percherons made at prices ranging from \$200 to \$3,000 a head, according to Ellis McFarland, secretarytreasurer of the Percheron Horse Association at Chicago.

Among the latest buyer listed is Jack Patterson of Merkel, who has lately purchased the purebred Per-

## Trent Dies at Lamesa

Ed McGowen, age 52, a former Trent citizen, suffered a heart attack at his home a few miles north of Lamesa on Sunday, Apr. 19, and died on the following Wednesday, Apr. 22, at a Lamesa hospital. He had lived at Trent for about nine years prior to his moving to Lamesa about eight years ago. He was a member of the Missionary Baptist church and also a member of the Masonic lodge. Funeral services were held at the

First Baptist church, Lamesa, Thursday, Apr. 23, with the pastor, Rev. E. the winners in the sponsors' contest, F. Cole, officiating, assisted by Rev. W. W. Riley, pastor of the Methodist horsemanship and riding apparel of church at Trent. Interment was in a the girl-and appearance, performance Lamesa cemetery

Leonard McGowen, Sweetwater; three be a fine saddle, second prize a pair I respectfully submit to you my Mrs. R. C. Carraway, Benbrook; Mrs. ship of John Selman of Stamford, will Clay Causseaux, Fort Worth; Mrs. be precented each sponsor. Hale McRee, Trent; Mrs. Vernon

The deceased was a man held in for the reunion this year.

the Taylor county bar, having been Friends from Trent attending the

been reared in Taylor county, and we Chiles, Eldorado, Ark., Bob Dennis, Merkel; Messrs. Hubert Beckham,

Ree, E. C. Smith, Willie Weaver, and his daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Hale Mc-Ree and children, Virginia Chloe and H. L., and his sister, Mrs. S. H. Estep.

Standard Typewriter Ribbons 75c each at Merkel Mail office.

#### TELEPHONE THE MAIL

The Mail will be glad to receive news of entertainments or visitors in Merkel homes. as well as other news items of a general nature. If you have company, entertain friends or return from a trip please teleAttractive Prizes 0202020202020202020 In Sponsor Contest

Stamford, Apr. 30 .- Sponsors and contestants are already making inquiries about the seventh Texas Cowboy Reunion to be held in Stamford, July 2, 3 and 4. H. G. Andrews, chairman of the sponsors' committee, has announced that four towns have selected sponsors to attend this year's reunion, which is to be known as the Texas Cowboy Reunion Celebration of the Texas Centennial.

Attractive prizes are to be awarded which is to be based on appearance, and equipment of the horse. This contest is ty be held the first and s cond Gowen, he is survived by one brother, mornings of the rodeo. First prize will sisters, Mrs. S. H. Estep, Trent, Mrs. of boots, third prize a bridle and Tom Tolson, Hermleigh, and Mrs. An- fourth prize a pair of spurs. A handderson, Coahoma; and eight children, made miniature quirt, the workman-

1.ckets of admission to all perfor-Roby; Mrs. T. N. Middleton, Lamesa, numerous social events. Mrs. H. G. Andrews has been named as hostess

TWO PAPERS FOR \$1.50. The Semi-Weekly Farm News costs licensed to practice law by the su- funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. C. C. \$1.00 per year-the Merkel Mail, \$1.00 preme court after several years of law Stribling, Mr. and Mns. H. Johnston per year in Taylor county, (\$1.50 outstudy at home and in the office of of Eskota, L. W. Ross, Mr. and Mrs. side of Taylor county): both papers Lesley Beasley, Mr. and Mrs. Malcom for \$1.50 in Taylor county, \$2.00 else-I believe I fully appreciate the great Beasley, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Strawn, where. Send in your order, whether

> Wearing a ring showing it was from Williamson, J. B. Winn, Allen Terry, London a swallow was caught recent-

> > Are often caused from the nose being stopped up from a Head Cold. Why suffer? Buy a bottle of BROWN'S NOSOPEN; follow the directions. Guaranteed to open your nasal passage in 20 minutes. BROWN'S NOSOPEN, price \$1.00. Sold and guaranteed by:

> > > Merkel Drug Company

## Stamford Reunion "Where Do You Bank?"

How often during the month are you asked, "where do you bank?" More people than ever before now name this institution.

Our bank has a definite identity in this community. It stands for friendliness, for conservatism, for helpfulness. And we appreciate the obligation we have toward our customers.

THE OLD RELIABLE

## Farmers @ Merchants National Bank

#### Merkel, Tcxas

We Are Cooperating With Merchants Trade Extension Association

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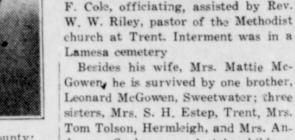
If you have a furnished apartment or furnished rooms

for rent, why not try a classified advertisement in the

Merkel Mail? It will cost only 25 cents per insertion.



MERKEL MAIL WANT ADS FOR RESULTS.



valescing nicely after three weeks illness.

Rev. O. D. Richardson of San Angelo was a guest recently in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Phillips.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Dusek with their three attractive children of Paint Rock were passing visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell and other friends here Sunday.

Mrs. Arthur Moore and little Jimmie Campbell are on the sick list at this time.

Comora Hughes of Merkel attended services at the Baptist church Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moore and little grandson, Reuben Horton, spent the week-end with relatives at Red Spring, Mr. Moore looking after his property at that place.

Odis Moore left Monday for Port Arthur to join his wife and baby, who are visiting her mother at that place. Mrs. Moore's health is not of the best at this time.

Brother Roy Audings of Abilene will preach at the Baptist church Sunday, May 3. Brother Audings is an able preacher. Come and hear him.

Rev. Lloyd Mayhew, M. E. pastor, delivered two very impressive discourses at the morning and evening services last Sunday. Being a gifted speaker, he held close attention throughout. Mrs. Mayhew and daughter accompanied her husband and attended services also.

#### Try our Curb Service. Vick Drug Company.

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

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cheron mare May 213444 fom A. C. Wade of Sweetwater.

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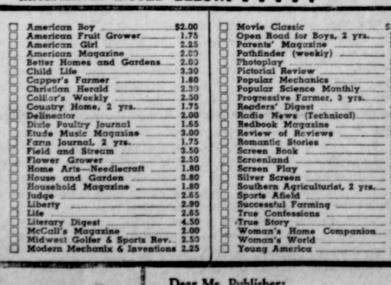
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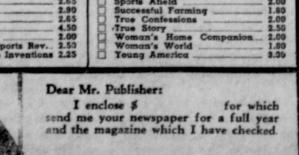
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Friday, May 1, 1986.

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Editor-in-Chief-Clifton Bellamy.

Friday evening, Apr. 24, the Junior

class presented the Senior class a very

colorful and entertaining banquet.

One hundred twenty-two faculty mem-

bers, trustees and wives, Seniors and

Juniors were entertained at this, the

social highlight of the year, in the

No more appropriate decoration's

could have been used than those adorn-

ing the banques hall. Streamers, table

coverings, favors in honor of the Sen-

ior class were blue and white-the

In carrying out the theme of Texas

under six flags, the Juniors provided

equally appropriate favors and for-

mation of the decorations. In front of

each plate was a small cactus in a

small urn decorated in blue and white.

bouquets of larkspur. As beautifully each meet.

a top view of these settings. Twelve place.

which Texas has been were waitresses. Mail.

The menu consisted of stuffed toma-

Immediately after the last course

was served the master of ceremonies

delivered a toast to the Seniors, 'and

Oscar Adcock, president of the Senior

to salad, pressed chicken, buttered

colors of the Senior class.

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JUNIORS FETE SENIORS.

gymnasium.

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Alice Carey, the High school essay

writer, again brought honor to her

school and herself last Saturday when

she won second place in the regional

When the time for training essay

ALICE CAREY BRINGS HOME

Higgins, Willie Mae Nelson.

Mrs. Gamble.

ANOTHER HONOR.

meet held at Abilene.

For the gentlemen were cardboard writers came in the early spring, Miss

sombreros, for the ladies were bon- Ater looked anxiously about among

nets, both containing mints. The floral her English students for possible en-

decorations for the table, which was tries. Several students were interested, in the formation of a T, were blue- but Alice was chosen and has been

of various kinds, logs, trees, and then she brought in another first

by the Senior Class of '36-Miss Alyeen Ater, sponsor.

#### THE MERKEL MAIL

the time and effort these men have UNION RIDGE NEWS given us, in explaining this course.

G AN G CLUB. Members of the G an G club met Belle, motored over to Abilene last Friday night, Apr. 24, in the home of Thursday afternoon and attended the Thelma Patterson for a slumber party Major Bowes' Amateur show at the with Orz Derrick as co-hostess. Dur- Paramount.

ing and joke-telling were the chief isfactorily after having her tonsils reamusements, and later a few of the moved.

entire group went walking. All during the night refreshments in Sweetwater last Friday.

consisting of sandwiches, pickles, po- Misses Faye Douglas and Ruby and tato chips, fruit, cookies and candy Alice Carey and Woodrow Clark and were served. At the breakfast hour Miller Patton attended the Juniortoast, bacon, eggs and coffee were Senior banquet at Merkel Friday served to the following guests: Mary night.

Helen Mashburn and Nell Pruitt, and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Biggs of Odessa club members, Mabel Maddox, Opal and Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Biggs of Mer-Buzbee, Janet Hayes, Eva Faye Bush, kel were Wednesday night bedtime Ruth Kyle, Cohrone Morrison, Lau- guests in the M. L. Douglas home,

Ella Hughes, Mary Frances Harris, Ruby Carey, Willie Mae Nelson, Alice office. Russell and the two hostesses.

GIRLS MEET.

Last Wednesday while the boys were having an agriculture meeting. the girls assembled in the study hall. Mrs. Haynes and Miss Martin planned a short progam for the hour. Mrs. Earthman played several numbers. Special Oil, quart Several of the girls gave talks on the subject, "When I Am Twenty-One." We enjoyed the hour of amusement and hope we can do this again.

bonnets. Along the walls were huge consistently bringing honors from We fill all doctors' prescriptions. Vick Drug Co. Night decorated was the stage. Large cacti First, she won first place in county; Phone 40.

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greens. Directly in front of the main place when she went to district meet. A speaker was a miniature model of the Saturday Alice was not quite as suc-Alamo with the six flags mounted on cessful as far as winning a place is the top. Above and slightly behind the concerned, but Merkel students and speaker was a large five-pointed star teachers are proud of her and feel with a blue bulb in each corner. It is sure that she is almost, if not as good, impossible to describe the beauty of as the Menard girl who won first Sophomore girls dressed in costumes A practice esay written by Alice representative of the six flags under appears in this issue of the Merkel

At eight o'clock John Malone, president of the Junior class, took charge SENIOR DAY AT as master of ceremonies. Mr. O. J. HARDIN-SIMMONS.

Adcock, president of the board of edu- | On Apr. 25 at 9 o'clock Mr. Coffcation, read a short invocation. The man drove the new bus to the High

school building. When he arrived he found these Seniors waiting to be carbeets, escalloped potatoes, crystalized ried to Hardin-Simmons: Clifton Bellpickles, stuffed colery, molded cream, Harris, Mabel Maddox, Lou Ella amy, Robert Higgins, Mary Frances Hughes, Thelma Patterson, Missie Spurgin, Hugh Leonard, John Leonard, Laverne Moore, Oscar Adcock, Halbert Rister, Victor Joyner, Bryan Higgins, Lauretta Randell, Blair, Alice Carey, Ruby Carey, Eva Faye Bush and the Senior sponsor, Miss Stuart, Several of the Seniors were not able to attend the all-day program. We arrived back home about assembled guests. Weldon Davis read 4:30 o'clock, reporting a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Douglas and two daughters, Patricia and Mary

ing the first part of the night danc- Mrs. Lee Ponder is recovering sat-

party went serenading. At sunrise the Mrs. M. F. Carey and Mrs. O. R. Douglas attended a P. T. A. meeting

retta Randall, Missie Spurgin, Lou

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class, responded. John Leonard, Senior vice-president, gave a toast to the faculty, and Mr. Roger A. Burgess responded. Coach Hutto and Miss Maggie Stuart said a few words to the

banquet was on.

wafers and ice tea.

two short selections, "Little Towns of Texas" and "That Gol Darned Wheel." BOYS' LECTURED. Immediately following this a cast of The boys of Merkel High school

girls sang a group of Texas songs. Mr. Templeton of Sylvester gave

sextette. As the crowning event of the even- good lectures.

ent has commented on it.

Bobby Woodrum, Joe Young.

Kelso, Pauline McAninch, Margie Mel. what does not.

Nell Pruitt, Phyllis Smith, Vernell the boys chances to ask mestions Sublett, De La Vergne Teague, Elna about things that were not clear, but Tucker.

Victor Joyner, Odell Latimer, Hugh you let the calf feed itself. eonard, John Leonard, La Verne Moore, Harold Morgan, Frank Mundy, Garth Odom, Winston Polley, Halbert Felix Stalls, Jack Stanford, Murry Toombs, Willie B. Toombs, Billie Woodrum, Alvin Wozencraft,

Eva Faye Bush, Opal Buzbee, Alice Carey, Ruby Carey, Hattie Mae Dwiggins, Mary Frances Harris, Janet Hayes, Lou Ella Hughes, Annie Fern Jones, Ruth Kyle, Mabel Madox, Cohrene Morrison, Thelma Pat-

Juniors, Sylvan Mellinger, Murphy have been listening to some very en-Dye, Junior Grimes, Vernell Bland, lightening talks on Vocational Agri-Lucille Crick and Jane Ferguson, culture. 'All this time that has been presented the comedy "Wild Nell, Pet spent listening to these talks has been of the Plains." A sextette of Junior well spent.

Elna Tucker, Leta Faye Barbee, Ear- us some very good points about the line Kelso, Betty Grimes, Sis Gamble course and Mr. Williams of Winters, and Ina May Berryman composed the with the help of two boys from Winters, also gave us some exceedingly

ing Mr. J. C. Humphries of Abilene In taking this course, the boys do gave a very interesting talk. This was not necessarily have to live on a farm, one of the most interesting speeches but it is best that they do. Sometimes ever delivered at a Junior-Senior ban- boys from town any permitted to take quet in Merkel. Almost everyone pres- this course if they can take care of a project properly. The credits of this

The following persons enjoyed the course are given one and one half hospitality of the Junior class spon- yearly, the course itself counting one sored by Miss Alyeen Ater: Etcyl unit and the projects, one-half unit. Church, M. C. Church, Woodrow Three credits are given for the first Clark, Weldon Davis, P.A. Diltz, Billie two years of work and one credit Dunning, Murphy Dye, Doyle Gray, given for the third year, completing Bob Grimes, Roy Hagler, Le Roy Hes. the course in three years.

ten Norman King, John Malone, When we speak of project we are Sylvan Mellinger, Miller Patton, Mar. taking several things into consideravin Perkins, Paul Ringy, Jack Sub- tion. For a project a boy may choose lett, Lloyd Vick, Dutton Williamson, a calf or a hog or maybe five acres of cotton or one of many other things.

Edith Atkins, Leta Faye Barbee, A boy taking Vocational Agriculture Janet Berry, Ina Mae Berryman, Ver. is required to carry at least two pronell Bland, Nadine Clack, Genevieve jects. Of course, sometimes there is a Cox, Lucille Crick, Elwenna Doan, loss on a project just like any other Levena Douglas, Jane Ferguson, Sis thing, but that is the purpose of this Gamble, Betty Grimes, Willie Mae course: to find out if a certain thing Hudson, La Verra Hughes, Earline pays or to find out what pays and

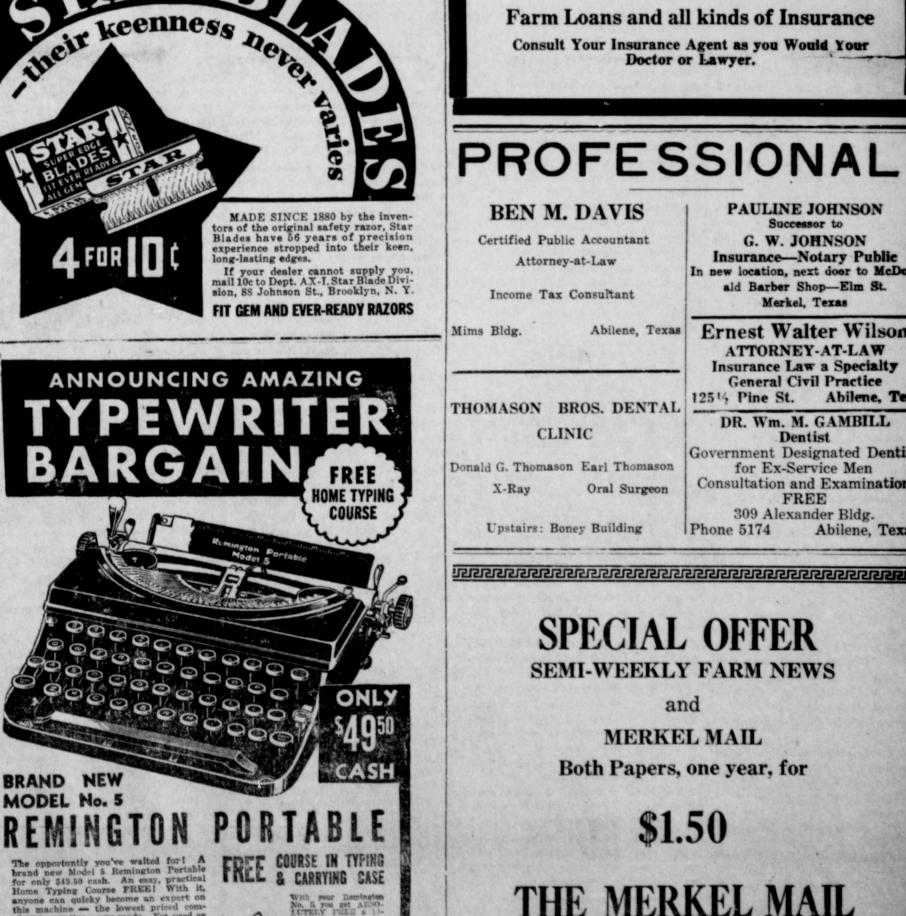
ton, Katherine Osborn, Opal Palmer, These speakers have been giving the boys have been a little timid about

Oscar Adcock, Clifton Bellamy, this. Mr. Williams spoke of feeding a Marvin Berry, R. T. Blair, Horace calf as a project and Jr. Grimes Boney, Bryan Higgins, F. T. Hogan, wanted to know if it would count if

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#### March Sales Highest Any Month in History Of Chevrolet Company

Detroit, Apr. 30 .- Chevrolet sales in March, 126,119 units, were the high. est for any month in the history of the company, it was announced here. A new record was set also for firstquarter sales, which totaled 272,149, a gain of 97,839 over the same period last year. The previous high record for a single month had stood ever since May, 1928, totaling 122,437. The largest previous first quarter record was 248,875 units in 1929.

Sales of used cars by Chevrolet 481,834 (a new record) in the first drops of rain and transform them in- interest for the coming political camdealers were 165,170 in March, and quarter.

#### Trent Visitors Here For Initiation of Four

Merkel Grove No. 563 met in regteam and officers in attendance. Mrs. blooms, which children call "cat each volume. sticker, district manager of Stamford, and Mrs. C. R. Valentine of Lamesa were also present.

officers, with Mrs. O'Kelley as guar- the first time I saw whole forests of day. Thousands of out-of-state visi- Bob Douglas. nelL

very much regretted.

very effectively did the floor work. and valleys, covered with trees ablaze

Refreshments were served to the with the most gorgeous autumn colors following members and guests: Mr. I have ever seen. If I had failed to and Mrs. C. R. Valentine of Lamesa, look back-as Lot's wife should have Mrs. Garner of Colorado, Mrs. Gold- done-I would have missed one of the sticker of Stamford, Messrs, and Mesdames C. P. Church, Harry Barnett, 2. H. Mathews, Sr., A. D. Barnes, Mesdames Henry Ellerbee, John the leafy shades in the tree tops that Wheeler, Jr., Ed Turner, R. H. Math- the beautiful song birds of the air ews, Jr., J. T. Coats, F. A. Pol- choose to build their nests. It is there ley, E. J. Patterson, Lake Renfro, the birds sing their joyful songs, and Peary Hollingsworth, Allday, Bar- it is there they raise their little fledgnett, Carl Bonneaux, Charles Seago, lings. J. C. Allen, J. E. Bowers, J. R. Gafford, L. L. O'Kelley, Ed Burks, Bud Burks, T. G. Hamner, Orion. Tittle, is still inadequate to such a broad C. C. McRee, Mary Neill, Clara Wil- subject. When I think of trees, I am son, Opal Freeman, Laura Kegans, immortal: Dorothy Stevens, Bob Billington, Odessa Butler, R. L. Reeves, Jack Freeman, Roy Williams, Ornintha Pour, Homer Dunn, Ruby Jinkens, Mabel Bicknell, Irl Walker, Misses Maurine and Clara B. White, Thelma and Pearl Mathews, Era Joyce and Ethel Goodwin, Gladys Hamner, Nor-



"The groves were God's first tem- edition of the Texas Almanac-is just ples." Can you imagine a better place off the press. It is the largest vol-\$1.50 lovely trees?

verse

When I stop and really think about issued in 1857 by the Galveston News, trees, I think of them as great, strong, the parent organization of The Dallas immovable beings, lifting their leafy News, its present publishers.

arms up to the heavens. Each Features of the current issue include year when early spring approaches, an extensive description of the Texas begin searching for the first signs | Centennial, including celebrations at of new life in the trees. I like to Dallas and other points in the state, watch them grow and develop into an outline of the history of Texas tender green leaves until soon spring from its beginnings to the present, an has spread her soft green blanket over | illustrated chapter on the wild flow-

in Texas, extensive lists of historic old Billy Newton, who celebrated their

the pastures when the sun has just towns, a text of the state constituearly morning after a light rain, and constitution, and the new farm cen- enth.

see the rays of the sun capture the sus figures of 1935. There is much of

that "spring is here."

to be clinging and sparkling from payments by counties. All figures on among the tree tops. studied trees, I have studied trem chapters devoted to points of interest

The Roby drill team, which was ex- ter driving up, over, and around var- data. Facts and figures come from all ton.

team, captained by Mrs. R. L. Rceves, ginable. I saw vast, tree-covered hills present and future.

most beautiful blessings of life. Besides being beautiful, trees are the homes of the birds. It is among

#### THE MERKEL MAIL

RURAL SOCIETY

The Union Ridge Home Demonstra-

UNION RIDGE CLUB.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

#### New Texas Almanac, Book of 100,000 Facts. Just Off the Press

tion club met Friday in the J. L. Mc-The book of 100,000 facts-the 1936

Taylor and Jones Counties \_\_\_\_\_\$1.00, for God's first temple than a grove of ume in the history of this publication -a total of 512 pages, on better grade Of all the beauties and wonders of of paper and more profusely illustratnature, the tree ranks among the most ed. The 1936 book, although designatwonderful. Not only is the tree a beau- ed as the "Centennial Edition" and tiful symbol of its Creator, it is use- compiled in tribute to the grand celeful in a number of material ways. bration in Texas this year, misses only speaker. Without trees there would be no uni- twenty-one years of reaching its own

centennial year having first been

Misses Mabel McRee, Norma Patton, Mary Belle Douglas. Miss Crippen and Mrs. J. K. Brown of Merkel were visitors.

the world and everywhere is that gor- ers of Texas, lists of the different geous shade of green which proclaims kinds of trees and wild animals found

Especially do I like to look out over towns and origins of names of Texas birthdays recently, were complimented risen and when the delicate shade of tion with all its amendments and brief home on last Saturday afternoon green is most beautiful. Still more account of submission of all adopted from 2 till 6. Billy celebrated his minth beautiful it is to view the trees on an amendments since adoption of the birthday and Theda Belle, her elev-

Kid games were diversion of the afternoon and many little gifts were reto a world of diamonds which seem paign, including the current poll tax ceived and admired by the honorees. state, county and city bonded debts are punch were served to the honorces

Although I have not extensively brought up to date. There are several and the following girls: Pauline Bur- gress, are expected. leson, Ann Newton, Frances Harwell,

Janie B. Garner, district manager of tails," the mesquite trees seem to pro- The Texas Alamanac, always in de- Burleson, Ronald Gere Burleson, Ar-Colorado City, Mrs. Tressie Gold- gress rapidly. Then, after they have mand by business and professional thur, Kermit, Alton and Clinton New- Farmers in Area reaped their yearly harvest of beans, men and women and students in the ton, Charles Harwell, Doyle and Donwhen autumn slowly turns their Lone Star State, will be more in de- ald Ponder, Dan Moody Pannell, Longreen leaves to gold, the trees are still mand this year than ever before. Tex- zell and Nolan Price, Sandford Leo The Merkel drill team, with Mrs. beautiful. How beautiful some trees as history is more glamorous and rich- Carr, Teddie McAninch, Billie Wade. Charles Seago captain, and the Trent look in autumn! I shall never forget ly appealing on the state's 100th birth\_ Jessie and Glendel Williams, Billie

dian, presided during the initiation post oaks in autumn. We were return- tors and newcomers will find this Grown-ups present were Mesdames of the following candidates: Mrs. ing from a trip in the southern part birthday edition particularly accept- J. W. Newton of Tye, O. E. Harwell, Homer Dunn, Mrs. Irl Walker, Mrs. of Texas where the trees always step able. No individual or organization is Walter Teaff, Frank Carr, W. T. Mc-Leonard Jinkens and Mrs. Ted Bick- forth in autumn in red, gold, brown so thoroughly equipped to present in Aninch and Mrs. O. B. Williams, who and many other different colors. Af- book form a compendium of Texas served as co-hostess with Mrs. New-

pected, could not get here-a fact ious mountains, we reached an ideal parts of the state to find, in well edit- Everyone had a very nice time and spot for a backward look. I looked- ed form, their niche in this widely de- wish for the honorees many more After the work, the Trent drill and saw the most beautiful sight ima- manded handbook on Texas-its past, happy birthdays.

> GOODMAN CLUB. (Omitted Last Week.)

members could begin filling them out. Candidate Brooks Most of the girls have their work boxes completed, have finished their cuptowels and have made plans for a garden, and some have their gardens

planted. Ree home with Miss Vara Crippen, the county agent, as principal speaker for the meeting. Topic for discussion was "Warm Bedding." Miss Crippen showed a wool blanket and wool quilt girls. They not only learn improveas examples for club members to make. The next meeting is to be held on taught to beautify their homes in ev- is on a tour of West Texas. From Friday, May 15, in the M. L. Douglas home with the vice-president as main

Refreshments of cake and ice cream put into practice good standards of cludes Pecos and El Paso. were served to the following: Mes- farming and home-making. It will Brooks is advocating free license dames O. E. Harwell, S. O. Patton, help them to have a broader vision of plates for passenger car owners, re-Lee Tipton, W. A. Harris, Kenneth life and set higher goals. "We hope duction in government expenditures Pee, J. L. McRee, S. G. Russell, Jr., to be a 100 per cent club," is the mes- and creation of state department of W. C. Lee, M. L. Douglas, Clarence sage from Lillian Grayson, club re- real estate and industry. Shouse, S. G. Russell, Denzel Cox, porter.

The encampment meets July 9-10.

July 14 Set for Old Settlers Fete

Miss Theda Belle Williams and for the annual reunion of the Taylor \$22,500, will have six classrooms, a with a party in the Clarence Newton County Old Settlers association at gymnasium and an auditorium. It is Buffalo Gap, which will be planned to be made of brick and concrete, with this year with a distinct historical red oak and maple floors. background, in observance of Centennial year.

Crockett and Anson Jones have accepted invitations to attend, and descend- Sweetwater, resident engineer for pub-Refreshments of cake and iced ants of other Texas patriots, including lic works; Pete Olds, architect for members of the constitutional con- David S. Castle, Abilene; W. H. Scott,

Candidates for Circle enough to really appreciate them. for the Centennial tourist in Texas, Charlotte Harwell, Jeanette Teaff, an Indian pageant, it was announced Madge Stanford, Abilene, deputy su-However, my study of trees is mostly and a new map made in four colors Lennie Rea Teaff, Lavern and by T. A. Bledsoe, of Abilene, presi- pervisor. concerned with their beauty. From the especially for this edition of the Tex- Patricia Douglas, Geneva Carr, Bon- dent of the association. Other officers ular session Thursday evening, Apr. time the trees continue in growth un- as Almanac, entitled "Texas for Tour- nie McAninch, Annette Newton, Wan- are: James E. Hurt, Ovalo, vice-16, for initiation work with Trent til they are beautifully decorated with ists," is folded between the leaves of da Lillie Douglas. Boys included Ben- president, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred nie and Hubert Rogers, Jay Everett Jones of Tuscola, secretaries.

Approximately 100 farmers in the Merkel area signed work sheets Monday for participation in the soil con-

servation and domestic allotment program. Knox Parr, farm agent, O. W. Fwing, conservation assistant, and Walter Hammond of Tye, county chairman, were present with the local of commerce in a letter to the editor committeemen from precinct 1 to assist the farmers in completing their trip being to visit and exchange crop layout under the new agricul- greetings with the business men in tural plan.

Similar meetings were held at other places throughout the county during Gospel Meeting to the week. The Goodman Home Demonstration | The sign-up campaign ends May

Campaigns in Car With Loud Speaker

Stressing the slogan, "Put the 4-H club work is one of the greatest state on a business basis," P. Pierce organizations for farm boys and girls. Brooks, Dallas real estate man. spoke Home improvement, as taught in our here late Wednesday afternoon in the clubs, will mean a lot to all of the interest of his candidacy for governor. Traveling in a snow white automoment, but also management. They are ble equipped with loud speakers, he

ery way, both with interior and ex- Merkel he went to Sweetwater, where terior improvements. It gives them he delivered an address Wednesday a knowledge of, and helps them to night. His itinerary westward in-

#### Break Ground for New White Flat School House

Ground breaking ceremony for the White Flat school building took place Wednesday morning at the school, July 17 has been set as the date west of Trent. The building, to cost

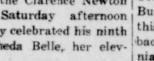
Among the speakers were Carl Anderson, Sweetwater attorney for the Descendants of Sam Houston, David school; (A. H. McElmurry, county school board member; J. G. Irby, former Nolan county superintendent; Tentative plans have been made for Roy Mathews, Sweetwater, and Miss

#### Waco Trade Trippers Will Arrive May 6

Representatives of Waco wholesalers, manufacturers, jobbers, educa-Sign Crop Papers tional institutions and professions, traveling by special train, will stop in Merkel 30 minutes on Wednesday of next week, May 6, between 12:30 p. m. and 1 p. m.

> "This is strictly a business trip and no entertainment is sought," states W. V. Crawford, vice-president and general manager of the Waco chamber of The Mail, the chief purpose of the cities along the route.

Start Sunday, May 3



#### HOLC Loans to 463 Individuals in County

ma Patton, Luna White, Lena Webb,

Messrs. Miller Patton and Griffin

Barnett, and perhaps several others

whose names the reporter did not get.

San Antonio, Apr. 30 .- Home ownloans, for refinancing purposes, from the Home Owner's Loan corporation, amounting to \$1,073,217, as of Jan. ment made by H P. Drought, state sioner. director of the national emergency douncil for Texas. This total represents 463 individual loans to home owners.

The total amount of loans closed in Texas by the Home Owners' Loan corporation as of Jan. 2, 1936, was \$101,823,418, representing 43,741 individual loans. Six hundred and fiftynine applications were pending on the above date.

As of Mar. 26, 1936, 1,000,749 loans, amounting to \$3,031,168,924 had been closed by the Home Owners' Loan scorporation throughout the United States. The average loan amounted to \$3,030, On Mar. 26, 1936, 17,963 loan

requests remained on file with the corporation. Try our Curb Service. Vick

Drug Company.

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each at Merkel Mail office.

Even though one discusses trees at length, it seems that the discussion always reminded of Joyce Kilmer's

> "Poems are made by fools like me, But only God can make a tree."

#### Land Bank Loans in Texas \$140,000.000

San Antonio, Apr. 30 .- During the period from May 1, 1933, through Dec.

31, 1935, 433 federal land bank and land bank commissioner loans, amounting to \$877,750, were closed in Taylor county, according to an an-

state director of the national emer- visiting her son, Rev. John W. Hill. ers in Taylor county have received gency council for Texas. Of this number 181 loans, amounting to \$498,200 were made by the federal land bank and 252 loans, amounting to \$379,550, 2, 1936, according to an announce- were made by the land bank commis-

> federal land bank and land bank com- sit up. missioner in Texas during the above 46,380 individual loans.

#### TWO PAPERS FOR \$1.50.

The Semi-Weekly Farm News costs \$1.00 per year-the Merkel Mail, \$1.00 per year in Taylor county, (\$1.50 outside of Taylor county): both papers

for \$1.50 in Taylor county, \$2.00 elsewhere. Send in your order, whether new subscriber or renewal.

> 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.

Mail Classified Ad for Results.

met Apr. 14 at the Golan school The county demonstrator gave sev- as possible this week. house. After roll call, the meeting was eral good points on dressing the bed, turned over to Miss Faulkner. The also giving suggestions on buying Fireboys Guests at girls are now sewing on their cup- sheeting and the making of pillow towels, and some have finished theirs cases. She had with her some candleand are planning on their other things wick bedspreads, which were very to make.

GOLAN NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pate from Weatherford are visiting Mr. Pate's mother, Mrs. Frank Hail, this week. Golar school children put on a play the club on its meeting days, which a: the Ge'an school house Apr. 15.

The farmers are proud of the rain! Those who attended were Mesdames and are now beginning to plant.

Merkel Saturday to see the rodeo. Farmers are busy planting since the rains. So far very little planting had been done.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hill returned Sunday from Presidio, where they were called Thursday by the serious bell's and Herman Doan's Sunday illness of their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Darwin Hill.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Dean died Saturday morning and was buried in Merkel cemetery Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. D. A. Hill of Moran is visiting with her son. W. C. Hill,

Mrs. D. M Hill returned Thursday nouncement made by H. P. Drought, from Bertram, where she had been J. T. Williams of Newman was here Sunday to attend the laymen's service. Russell Kidd, who is ill of pneumonia, is reported resting very well. Our Methodist pastor, Brother Price of Sylvester, who was serious-The total amount of loans by the ly injured week before last, is able to

Sunday was laymen's day here. period was \$139,850,750 representing Judge Otis Miller of Anson spoke at the 11 o'clock hour.

Brother Long, our presiding elder, called a meeting of the stewards of Sylvester charge Friday night of last week at Sylvester.

Our school will be out May 15. Teachers and children are working Hughes, Carlene Hughes, Gladys hard to finish all school work and to have the closing exercises prepared by that time.

Mr. Rat is due his Day. Celebrate Rat Day with us at Economy Grocery.

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tions. Vick Drug Co. Night Phone 40.

beautiful, also showing wool and cotton spreads. Some new members came into the club. Every one is invited to be with are on Tuesdays every two weeks.

J. W. Tiner, E. H. Grayson, Mae A group of Golan people were in Seago, V. Merrist, H. Tiner, Will Spurgin, John Goode, G. Tiner and P. A. Cooper.

#### BIRTHDAY PARTY.

(Omitted Last Week) Members of Mesdames Hugh Camp. School classes with other friends delightfully complimented Carlene Hughes wth a party in her home on

Edward Farmer and Wallace Doan won thigh honors as favorites and away. presented many beautiful and useful gifts to the honoree. Howard Mayberry and Carlene Hughes were high point players in the toy animals contest. The Easter theme was emphasized in all details.

After the social hour Mesdames Carl Hughes, Spurgin Scott and Hugh Campbell passed a dainty refreshment plate of cake, punch and marshmallows, with Easter bunnies as plate

favors, to the following: Patsy Ruth Scott, Calvin Patter-

on, Howard Mayberry, Sam Finley Doan, Lewis Patterson, Wayne Hugh-Edward Farmer, Vaughn Doan, An- for several years. nie Clara Doan, Ira Travis Farmer.

Whatley, Mesdames Spurgin Scott. Hugh Campbell and the hostesses.

> GOODMAN 4-H CLUB. (Omitted Last Week.)

The Goodman 4-H club met Apr. 14, with sixteen present. Miss Jewel Faulkner, county demonstration agent, was present and gave an nteresting talk on kinds of materials to be used in making slips for best service, also on suitable patterns.

Mrs. C. W. Seago, the sponsor, gave out year books on gardens so that

club held its regular meeting on Apr. 15 and the county agent and his staff The girls in the Golan 4-H elub 14 at the home of Mrs. Carl Bonneaux. are endeavoring to advance it as far

## **Complimentary Supper**

In appreciation of services rendered in fighting the recent fire at the Pence wagon yard and protecting poles and equipment of the company, Manager R. T. Gray of the West Texas Utilities company, complimented the fireboys with a supper at Neill's cafe last Friday night.

Present were: Bill Callahan, N. A. Dowell, Earl Henry, Grisham Dowell, William Neill, W. L. Burns, George Caple, Jack Huffman, Dillard James, Gray and their children, attended the Dean Higgir, Morris Horton, Frank funeral at Cooledge Monday of his Ferrier, Ross Ferrier, Thaxton Neill, grandfather, I. G. Sellers, who died Bill Cox, Odie Williams, Floyd McCoy and A. V. Dye, Sr.

To Sponsor Negro Minstrel.

Apr. 18 in celebration of her ninth minstrel, "Bandana Dames," at the Miss Dorothy Fay Carroll, of Mexia. Woodman hall on Monday night, May

4. Admission 10c. A quilt will be given Over 22 Miles in

#### Record of Births.

Twin boys, to Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Dean, Golan, Friday, Apr. 24, 1936. Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hewitt, residing southwest of town, Monday,

Apr. 27, 1936. Twin boys, to Mr. and Mrs. Haywood Rogers, residing in the Canyon, Tuesday, Apr. 28, 1936.

HEAD TO KUM CMFWY : 789090 Creator of Mr. Dooley Dies. New York, Apr. 30 .--- Peter Dunne, 68, author of the famous Mr. Dooley es, Durwood Doan, Walter Mayberry, stories, centering about the character Pauline Maddera, Desmond Doan, Mur- of a typical son of Erin, died at the iel Scott, J. W. Hughes, Wallace Doan, Hotel Delmonico, where he had lived

#### Sixteen Probable Starters.

Louisville, Ky., Apr. 30 .- Following their final extended workouts, 15 colts and one filly were listed as the probable starters in the 62nd running who died Tuesday at Temple. of the Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs Saturday.

Surplus seed, livestock and farm products may be sold through a want ad in The Mail.

Offce supplies-Mail office. Advertise in The Merkel Mail.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

An eight-day gospel meeting, beginning Sunday, May 3, and continuing through Sunday, May 10, will be held at the Church of Christ conducted by preachers from Abilene Christian col-

Services will be held at 8 p. m. each day of the week, with two services on Sunday, at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. On Wednesday a special feature will be a Capella chorus from Abilene Christian college.

#### Attends Funeral of Aged Grandfather

R. T. Gray, manager of the West Texas Utilities, accompanied by Mrs. Sunday at the age of 87.

He is survived by seven children, 68 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

The Woodmen Circle drill team will Mr. and Mrs. Gray were accompansponsor a play in the form of a negro ied on their return home by his niece,

## **Precinct Graveled**

Completion of approximately twenty? two and one-half miles of gravel road and a thirty-foot concrete bridge three miles northeast of Merkel, all in precinct 2, was revealed in a recent survey of WPA sponsored projects in Taylor county by County Engineer E. O. Francisco.

The graveling of these lateral roads and construction of bridges is proving a big benefit to many residents of the county and making property more valuable as well as serving to distribute work to hundreds in the county.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Mellinger and two sons attended the funeral Wednesday at Lockhart of Mrs. Mellinger's brother-in-law, Morris Rossenwasser,

of respect all day Wednesday and Thursday.

Bereavement cards, already printed, with envelopes to match, 50c per set of one dozen at Merkel Mail office.

Standard Typewriter Ribbons 75c each at Merkel Mail office.

The Mellinger store was closed out

Brother-in-Law of Mrs. Mellinger Dies Friday, May 1, 1936.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS



(Subject to the action of the Democratic Primary in July.) For County Commissioner, Precinct

DON'T SCRATCH: Get Paracide No. 2: **P**Ointment, the guaranteed itch and eczema remedy; Paracide is guaranteed to cure itch, eczema or other skin irritations or mony refunded. Large jar 50c, at Merkel Drug Co.

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FILLING STATION for sale; good location on highway east of town; everything sold at invoice price. T. W. Ward, Merkel, Texas, Route 1.

FOR SALE-Extra good three-year old combination horse. Hughes Motor Company.

WINDMILL FOR SALE. Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt.

DODGE COUPE for sale; excellent condition; new license; \$40.00. O. A. Williams, block west of tabernacle, half block north.

#### WANTED

NOTICE BREEDERS-I will stand my Percheron stallion and black Mammoth jack for service one mile west of Merkel; terms, \$10.00, \$2.00 cash at time of service, balance when colt is foaled. Pierce Horton.

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#### FOR RENT

FOR RENT-My home, completely furnished; all conveniences. Mrs. A. H. Thornton.

FOR RENT-My home in South Merkel; also some 2 1-2 inch piping for sale. Mrs. J. C. Walton at Mrs. Causseaux's.

#### LOCAL BRIEFS.

Miss Vera Richie has accepted a position as assistant in the dental office of Dr. Earl Thomason.

Roy Hewitt, residing southwest of town, on last Friday, added the 2900th name in the birth record column for Dr. M. Armstrong, well known physi-

CHAS. (CHARLIE) ORR. HOUSTON ROBERTSON. A. J. CANON (Re-election.) P. A. DILTZ. For County Commissioner, Precinct No. 4, Jones county: E. F. VANTREESE. L. R. CADE. For County Clerk: (MISS) VIVIAN FRYAR. CLARENCE L. DARDEN. E. D. (Dean) DAVIS. W. B. HALE. For Sheriff: S. H. (Sid) McADAMS. BURL WHEELER. MERVYN MEEKS. ROSS L. MILLER. For Public Weigher, Precinct No. 5: CLYDE SHOUSE (Re-election.) For District Clerk: MISS BELLE WELLBORN (Reelection.) For County Attorney: ESCO WALTER. For County Tax Assessor-Collector: C. O. (Pat) PATTERSON. W. P. BOUNDS. For Justice of the Peace Precinct No. S. C. VICK. N. D. COBB. A. A. HEATHINGTON. JOHN CAMP (Re-election.) LINDSAY P. WALDEN. For Constable, Precinct No. 5: W. H. LANEY. J. T. KING.

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be appreciated.

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#### THE MERKEL MAIL

family.

one is welcome.

#### White Church News

All the farmers are busy planting ner. after the nice rain we had last week. Quite a few of the people in this community attended the rodeo Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. John Frazier and Mr. and Mrs. Wade Ensminger spent the there.

Mrs. Maurice Pressly spent Thursday night with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Evans, of Sweetwater. Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Farmer spent Mrs. Tom Shugart. Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Our Sunday School in progressing "This new term-R&G-stands for when you select an R&G car or truck Farmer of Butman.

Beryl Brown. A large crowd attended the pie sup- There will be a pie supper at the Money Back.' per at the church house Friday night. church house Friday night to raise

and Mrs. Bernard Jones from Divide invited. attended church and Sunday School here Sunday.

Brother Cleburne Jones of Abilene Mr. and Mrs. Howard Brown and conducted the preaching services here children, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Melton. Sunday, We invite everybody in this Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Moore and Mr. community to come to Sunday School. and Mrs. Howard Shugart of Blair Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Windham of attended church here Sunday night.

Buddy Windham, Sunday.

family of Sweetwater spent Sunday ing last week. with Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Farmer. spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. Saturday. and Mrs. W. A. Harrison, of Blair. Clayton Coats of Big Spring spent Fearl Dedmon's place this week. Miss

rice Pressly. Miss Imogene Campbell of Balling-

er spent this week-end with Miss Ail- day. Every one is welcome. eane Frazier.

Mrs. McDonald and Bob McDonald and children of Merkel spent Sunday afternoon with Aunt Alice Brown and Mrs. Nell Pressly.

Those that visited Mrs. Ruth Brown Sunday were: Mrs. H. E. Farmer, Misses Dedmon and Chapman, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Brown of Blair.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Patterson and daughter of Butman spent Wednesday night with his parents, Mr. and Mrs.

Motor Company. Your patronage will Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Turner of Blackwell, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Cole of Merkel and Mr. and Mrs. Howard



Cargill and family of Butman spent Car Buyers Protected Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. B. O. Tur-

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Coats of near Merkel spent the week-end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Frazier.

Mrs. Willis Evans of Sweetwater | Mr. and Mrs. Connell and children of his sister, Mrs. Martin, of Trent.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jones and Mr. money for the church. Every one is

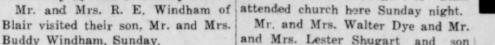
Mrs. P. A. Riggan has been on the sick list the past week.

and Mrs. Lester Shugart and son Mr. and Mrs. Willis Evans and spent a few days on the Concho fish-

Mr. and Mrs. Beryl Brown and dau-Mr. and Mrs. John H. Swinney ghter were shopping in Sweetwater PRICE for your PRODUCE.

Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. Mau- Dedmon was called home on account of sickness in the family.

There will be preaching next Sun-



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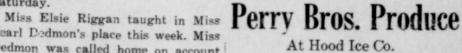
"With Ford dealers the day of the 'used car' is gone," according to W. Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Cooper and dau- W. Haynes, local Ford dealer. certainty that have troubled buyers week-end in El Paso visiting relatives ghter of Eskota spent the week-end "You are now offered an exclusive of used cars for years. with Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Harris and new standard of automotive quality in R&G cars, which you may buy with fore you buy. There's no need to rely Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brown of Bitter as much confidence, and assurance of on the opinion of some one else, or Creek spent Sunday with his mother, satisfaction as a completely new au- trust to verbal claims. You know tomobile.

nicely. There were 81 present last Renewed and Guaranteed. It means at your Ford dealers." Mrs: Ruth Brown is very ill at this Sunday. We are hoping to reach the that each car offered under it must writing. We wish her a speedy recov- 100 mark in the near future. Every meet a rigid set of specifications as to mechanical condition and appearance. And the result is a product so spent Thursday with her sister, Mrs. spent Sunday afternoon in the home fine that it can be sold with a written guarantee of 'Satisfaction or Your

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Tomatoes, 1 pound 12 1-2c	Coffee, pound 25c
Supreme Salad Wafers, 1 pound 17c Red and White	Early Riser Coffee, pound
Baby Food, 3 cans23cAtlasMustard, quart15c	Red and White Meal, 5 pounds 17c
Supreme Peanut Butter, qt	Bird Brand Shortening, 4 lb. carton 48c Yankee Doodle
Queen Olives, quart	Noodles, pkg. 10c Del Dixi
Soap, 6 Giant bars25c	Pickles, sour or dill, qt15c K. C.
Borax Washing Powder, 3 pkgs. 10c	Baking Powder, 25c size18c Red and White
Medium Super Suds, pkg. 9c	Tea, with Free glass, 1-4 pound 25c
Oxydol, pkg. 22c P & G	Red and White Pears, No. 2 1-2 can 22c
Soap, 6 Giant bars	Sliced Bacon, pound28c
Camay Soap, 3 bars 19c	Cheese, pound17c
Gold Medal Wheaties, 2 pkgs. 25c	Dry Salt Plates, pound _15c
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THE MERKEL MAIL

Friday, May 1, 1936.



TENTH INSTALLMENT. SYNOPSIS . . . Barbara Keith, wife Washington, Mr. Keith?" a side room to testify in the divorce control his emotions. "I bought a said. case of Rowland vs. Rowland ... She paper while I breakfasted at my Prompted by his shrewd probaction . . . Detective Tommy Rankin ial plane. headquarters . . . His preliminary in- for the night?" Rankin queried, stopped there on business, at the vestigation disclosed that both Mr. and pointedly. Mrs. Rowland had gathered evidence "The Portman on G Street," Mr. Webb was employed as a manicuragainst the other of infidelity ... The Keith returned. will of Mrs. Rowland's first husband "And when did you leave for tracted him at first sight was her directed her lawyer brother, Mr. Wil- Washington, Mr. Keith? By which loveliness, unostentatious but pleaslard, to handle the estate until she , train?" remarried when the new husband was Mr. Keith hesitated perceptibly. to come into control. Detective Ran- "I went at noon, Mr. Rankin," he character and intelligence. kin finds motives and the evidence of answered presently. "First, at He quietly married the girl, he guilt for the murder of Mrs. Keith, eleven-thirty, I visited my offices. continued, in Windsor, Canada, on

mour of Mrs. Rowland, and his underworld confederates . . . NOW GO of time?" Rankin pressed for de- At the same time, he made con-ON WITH THE STORY.

tails.

trip?"

said

guard.

certainty and composure.

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help us solve her death."

"Thank you. And now, Mr.

Keith, painful though the subject

is, I must ask you to bear with a

few questions about your wife . .

Your cooperation and the informa-

tion you supply might go far to

He could not tell \* , he sensed

that Mr. Keith was relieved, as

though he relaxed after being on

The husband shook his head

clear up this terrible thing. What

sadly. "Of course, I'm anxious

Homer Campbell.

PATHFINDER

At first glance, the escritoire promised as little as the dresser. Mrs. Keith's only letters came from chatty acquaintances, she had absolutely no correspondence of a personal nature or from her family. He did, however, find checkbooks and canceled checks, returned from her bank. They revealed that she had marked special payments, marked only "personal," in amounts of two or three thousand dollars each time. They started as far back as June, two years before and continued regmlarly every two months since.

The only other discovery Raakin made seemed trifling enough. In the dead woman's private medicine cabinet he saw, among other preparations, several bottles labeled "Pyramidon." This he recognized as a medicine in tablet form for headaches. According to their tags, most of the bottles were purchased from local druggists. But the faded and yellow label of one empty botie bore the words, "State Hospital

for Women " Allerton, Indiana.

"You've only returned from do you want to know?"

"First, something about Mrs. of a prominent Philadelphia business "By plane, Mr. Rankin," the Keith's background-who she was man, is murdered as she waits alone in other replied with a visible effort to when you met her?" the detective

was to have testified for the husband, hotel ... and the instant I grasped ing, Mr. Keith related in some dea friend, who was defendant in the the terrible . . . thing, I hired a spec- tail how he met his future wife in Detroit, four summers ago. Vais assigned to the case from police "At what hotel did you put up cationing nearby in Canada, he had

Hotel Michigan where Barbara ist in the beauty salon. What at-

peared to have genuine depth of

leading to the doors of virtually all of My chauffeur drove me there and August 26, 1929. Afterward, he adthe principals involved. These princi- then he took me to West Philadel- mitted in a self-condemnatory pals are, the two Rowlands, Mr. Wib phia in time to catch the through mood, their marital life had not lard, Mr. Keith, husband of the mur train at twelve-twenty-five. I been very harmonious or satisfacdered woman, Hugh Campbell, para reached the capital at three-twenty." tory. Mrs. Keith seldom spoke of "You caught the train in plenty her past.

> scientious efforts to bring her hap-"With about ten minutes to piness. In the beginning, they had spare," the other spoke with more taken a fine residence on the main line; then, unreasonable enough, in "Where did you go in Washing. the fall of 1931 she expressed an ton? I presume this was a business urgent desire to move into the Aldwich Apartments in Chestnut Hill. "Yes, I had a conference with Mr. He had consented. That winter he Leonard Kramer, president of the wanted to send her to Europe, though he could not accompany Rankin wrote the name of the (Continued on Page 7.) company officer in his notebook and

# ing, and her sensibility; she ap-

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Rankin had just turned away from the cabinet when the furious pealing of the doorbell sent him hastening into the hall. The butler preceded him to the door.

A man Rankin recognized as Mortimer Keith pushed breathlessly past, coat and hat in hand. Even in shat moment, when on the verge of a breakdown, the man whose Tikeness the papers carried revealed his aristocratic breeding.

He looked so exhausted that Rankin motioned him to a chair.

"Sit down, Mr. Keith, and take it masy." The detective spoke sympathetically. "My name is Rankinfrom Headquarters. I regret it's my task to investigata your wife's unfortunate death."

Mortimer Keith raised his head wearily. ""It's utterly incredible," I he declared hoarsely. "When I first read the news this morning, I could only pray some mistake had been made. And I hurried back home as quickly as possible."

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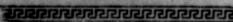
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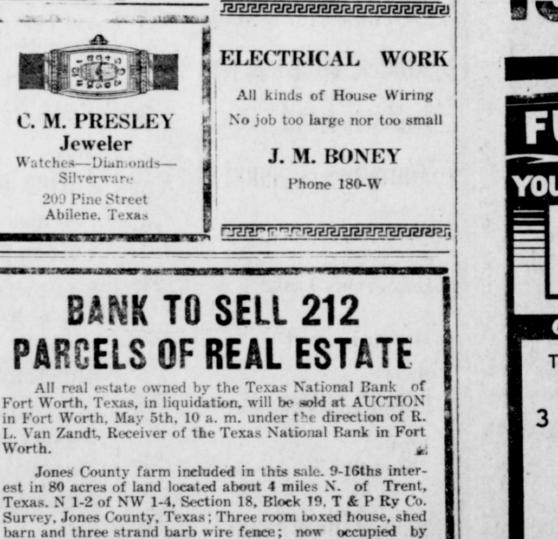
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#### **Divorce Court Murder**

(Continued From Page 6.) Beach.

"Do you know whether Mrs. ities. It is a private matter I pre- Mrs. Keith and then open them Keith ever visited Allerton, Indi- fer not to disclose."

subject. lerton? Certainly not in the four murder case; and I am investigat- regain his equanimity. she may have been there. She you-your wife." ask?"

old label from a hospital in that tate to speak out, Rankin." town in her medicine closet. It had "I'm the best judge of what is contained pyramidon."

Rankin bent toward him to em- Mr. Keith." phasize the importance of his next But Mortimer Keith shook his question.

"Isn't it a fact, Mr. Keith, that in said more gently. spite of your liberal allowance and The detective had to acknowledge like to have a short conversation income, your wife was always defeat in his effort to discover the with him." pressed for funds?'

Mortimer Keith looked startled. Ian. The man stood clearly within "How could you guess that, Ran- his rights in not answering. kin?" he exclaimed. "It's true she worried about money, and often ap- detective returned to Headquarters. "That fellow Campbell Gordon's proached me for more, for charities and clothes. Once I questioned her boon hunting has shown up, Tomabout it, and she made some vague my," the captain announced. "He came in and asked for you of his

excuse about losing it in stocks." "Perhaps this will explain her ex- own accord, twenty minutes ago." penditures." Rankin said, "these hand Campbell proffered, and the check-stubs and canceled checks."

As he studied them, Mr. Keith's visitor flushed. lips tightened into a formidable line, blandly. "I've often wanted to and his eyes flashed in features darkened by a swift anger.

"Steady payments like this for done so before." two years," he cried harshly, at last, "as if she were being blackmailed to prevent me from learning some secret about her!"

"They certainly suggest that," be congratulated on your splendid Rankin said, in disappointed tones. reputation. It's a privilege to know "You had no knowledge of them or you."

to whom or for what reason she drew them?" "No, this is my first inkling of

them.'

"Were you aware, sir, that Mrs. Keith would be a witness in the Rowland divorce suit in Mr. Daw- happened to be called hastily to the country, where there were no newsson's office, yesterday?" Mr. Keith shook his head. "Not papers. I spent the night on the

until I read where she met her death."

"Had you any idea," Rankin ages the Organdy Club." asked. "how she happened to Rankin spoke casually. "That Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cooper of White accompany young Rowland, two was where so much of the trouble Flat Tuesday. weeks ago, and be in a position to began, wasn't it, Campbell? When We had a nice rain Wednesday

aback, and he stared incredulously, fifty-six; you still had four minutes as though he had not heard aright. leeway. And the whole business "You can't tell me, Mr. Keith?" he could be accomplished in hardly her; instead she insisted on spend- said harshly. "You mean you won't?" more than a minute. Mrs. Rowland

head. "I'm sorry I can't oblige," he

ing the cold month alone at Palm "Have it any way you like, Ran- had unlocked the door from the corkin," his opponent returned, firmly. ridor and pulled the curtains; it was The detective could not decide "It concerns me alone and can't only necessary to enter fifteen-owhether to believe the story or not. possibly be of interest to the author- five, close the windows, chloroform

again." ana?" Abruptly Rankin shifted the "Mr. Keith," Rankin cried sharp- Excited, Campbell appeared ready ly, "do you realize what your refusal to blurt out a refutation, but caught The other shook his head. "Al- means? Nothing is private in a himself, in a desperate attempt to

years since we met; before that, ing the murder of some one near to "Well, what of that?" He spoke more calmly. "It's all words, Rannever mentioned it . . . . Why do you The manufacturer winced. "If kin, nothing more; you've no founit had any relation to the crime at dation or confirmation of any of "I found an empty bottle with an all, I promise you I wouldn't hesi- these suppositions. It's ridiculous for me to take them at all seriously." Disappointed at his control. Ranpertinent to the case and what isn't, kin played his trump card, his unwavering gaze fixed on the other.

"Campbell," he demanded slowly, 'where can I find Mitch Riley? I think he could help me and I would

At last he had penetrated Campsecret of Mr. Keith's visit to Sunset bell's vigilant guard. Startled and furious, a cold rage leapt to his eyes, Leaving Cottman on guard, the in which the detective recognized amazement, shock and, what was most significant, fear.

He could not keep a strained timbre from his voice. "Mitch Riley? Oh, yes, he's one of Nick's friends from New York, isn't he, Rankin?"

"Yes, of Alberti's, Dutch Sykes Rankin began by ignoring the and plenty others I needn't mention. Yesterday afternoon, he was in the office where Mrs. Keith died; he "Sit down, Campbell," he invited considerately left his fingerprints on the table beside her. And when I meet you; considering our mutual interests, it's strange we haven't learn why he was there, they are going to hang somebody, Campbell!"

Campbell set aside his cane. "Yes, it is," he agreed. "I might return Campbell regained his composure. 'No, I don't understand his presthe compliment, Rankin; you're to ence, if he was really there. You'll have to scout around to his friends to account for it, Rankin. All I "I had expected to hear from you know is that I haven't laid eyes on before this," the detective continued. him."

"It's been in all the papers that we When the racketeer left Headquarters at the close of the inter-"That's what really brought me view, Smith, a plain-clothes man, in," Campbell returned easily. "I followed him.

(Continued Next Week.)

#### ESKOTA NEWS

(Omi. ed Last Week.) Mrs. M. T. Head and son visited

was where so much of the trouble Flat Tuesday. you and Mrs. Adele Rowland spent night, which surely was needed. Ev-

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give evidence for him?'

"I still don't understand how she ever permitted herself to become involved in such a vulgar public scandal!" the manufacturer rasped out.

"Did you know Mrs. Keith was going out that Wednesday night at all?

"Yes, she was to visit her physician, who attends her when her headaches become particularly vicious. Dr. Anton Brantman on Pine Street. I didn't pay any attention to when she left or returned home."

"Then, Mr. Keith, what was your connection with the Rowland di-> vorce action?"

At the abruptness with which the detective shot this question the other gazed at him in perplexity and surprise.

"My connection?" he repeated wonderingly. "I don't follow you, Rankin;"I haven't the slightest inter- Rankin suggested. est in it."

Rankin's voice rang with the my private affair." vigor he put into his unexpected Abruptly the detective shifted his offensive.

"what were you doing at Sunset day before Mrs. Keith arrived with Inn, the evening of February first- her escort." when Mrs. Rowland discovered her

with her secretary there?"

his sudden query, he succeeded ad- library to wait." mirably.

that out?" he finally asked in a dry could be alone," Rankin stated, "and voice.

the interruption of her husband's lock the hall door." affair."

accidentally . . . I had no warning swift burst of anger. of who" was happening," the other "So that's what you're getting at." floundered. "I was driving to New he said, through his teeth. "You'll York alone that night, and when I claim next I committed the murder reached Quakertown, I decided to myself! Damn it, Rankin, be caresleep there because it was so late. I ful with your charges; you might ime. "That won't wash, Mr. Keith!" office during the time she was the detective answered curtly. "You killed." surely don't hope to persuade me your presence was only a coinci- pened?" the detective observed drily. dence?

The truth is, I have no explanation past two and three o'clock." to offer; I can't tell you why I went

a night there, two weeks ago?" with an effort he held his peace.

wanted to communicate with you."

Perkiomen Creek, at the cottage of

my friend, Nick Alberti, who man-

the lawyers' office?" Rankin chal. graves, his home, for burial. out, 'Oh, my God!' and 'You fool!' That didn't mean wary pleasant and family. news. You were alarmed enough to rush out quickly to . . . well, be on hand yourself and then leave the city."

Again Campbell's features hardened. "You haven't a single fact to prove my connection with Mrs. Keith. It's no use, Rankin; you can't show I had any knowledge of her death before today, or expect

me to admit anything you can use." "At least you have no objection to telling me who phoned you,"

"Oh, but I certainly have. That's

attack. "If I'm not mistaken you "In that case," he demanded, reached Mr. Dawson's office yester-

"No, I wasn't there then," Camphusband in compromising relations bell corrected him. "I followed them by a few minutes-it must have If it was Tommy Rankin's inten- been almost twenty to three; and tion to startle the manufacturer by they had already gone into the

"Mrs. Keith chose to stay in the "How in the world did you find inner office, fifeen-o-five, where she you were aware of that; in fact, Rankin saw no harm in answer- Mrs. Rowland joined you from the ing. "It came out at the hearing library to tell you that." His tone that you reached the Inn just after became hostile. "Just before she Mrs. Rowland's party and witnessed entered fifteen-o-five herself, to un-

The implied accusation brought "Well, it . . . all happened quite Campbell forward in his chair, in a

ad left Philadelphia at about . . ." have the unpleasant job of trying to Dovlously he was stalling for prove them. I was in the main

"So you know when that hap-"And why not?" his visitor de-Mr. Keith compressed his lips. manded wrathfully. "It's in all the "Yes, of course that's ridiculous. papers that she died between half-

"Well, what about the time before you arrived - two-thirty-eight - or It was Rankin's turn to be taken after you left. That was at two

ery one already had their land in fine At the deliberate provocation, the shape and will be busy planting now. racketeer compressed his lips re- Dick Hassell, who was visiting his sentfully and his eyes flashed; but sister, Mrs. C. B. Johnson, was killed Friday by the eastbound passenger "What about that phone call in train. They took his body to Sea-

lenged. "You were heard to cry C. T. Head and family of Abilene spent the week-end with M. T. Head

> Raymond Head, who has just returned from the CCC camp, is spending several days in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Head.

Mrs. Norman Blankenship has returned to her home at Anson after visiting several weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Utley. Mr. and Mrs. J. E Walker visited Sunday afternoon with his brother,

Will Walker, in Sweetwater.

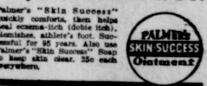
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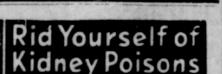
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CLUB PARTY.

Miss Frances Higgins was host- here last Sunday. ess Saturday afternoon to members of the "Three 'F' Club." Games of "Animal" first employed the young ladies and Miss Hollis Perry was high point winner. After the games, dancing was enjoyed and a dainty salad and sandwich plate with iced tea was passed at the refreshment hour to Misses Verne Moore, Fannelle Gray, De La Vergne Teague, Hollis Perry, Jane Ferguson, Sis Gamble, Bettye Grimes, Leta Faye Barbee, Phyllis Smith and the hostess.

#### BIRTHDAY FETE.

Miss Peggy Joyce Dye was a most happy little honoree on Monday afternoon Apr. 20, when her mother, Mrs. A. V. Dye, Jr., invited a number of her little friends in to help celebrate her sixth birthday.

The hours from 3 to 5 were filled with thrills, with all the gifts to be opened and the games to be played, Wednesday evening. and at the refreshment hour a lovely color scheme of pink and yellow was employed in refreshments of cake, ice cream and candy with fluffy yellow chickens for plate favous.

Present were: little Misses Della Gilmore, Becky Jewel Gaither, Mary Ruth Hutcheson, Mary Faye Johnson, Marjorie Ann Walker, Ruby Nell Henslee, Dorothy Nell Lee, Barbara Ann Brown, Sara Genora Brown, Lora Pearl Haynes, Pearl Cypert, Marilyn Petty, Doris Gilmore; Masters Billy for the office of constable, precinct 5, George Reid, Ralph Dye, Marvin subject to the July primary. Estes Jones, Wayne Haynes, Wayne McClain, Fred Lee Hughes, Harold Hughes, Zedic Glynn Johnson, Clennan Doyle Miller, Robert Wayne Sledge, and Mrs. H. C. Reid, Mrs. ly everybody in West Taylor county. Sledge and Mrs. Bert Freeman,

MERKEL HOME DEMONSTRA-TION CLUB.

club met with Mrs. Harry Barnett un Wednesday afternoon of last week. as constable, Several members gave interesting points on safety in the home. The club accepted Mrs. George White's resignation as vice-president and Mrs. Harry Barnett was elected to the office. Tu" in the native tongue to the ac-Mrs. White is moving from the city.

punch and cake was served to Mes- bers. The menu prepared by Mrs. dames George White, Watt Blair, Grimes and Mrs. William Sheppard,

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PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Largent, Jr.,

and two sons, C. M. III and, Larry,

returned the latter part of last week

Mr. and Mrs. W. U. Shannon of

John Shannon home, being accompan-

er, W. J. Shannon, who will visit there

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Gaither have

as their guests Mrs. Gaither's sister,

guests in the W. T. Curb home, Mrs. Ewing is a cousin of Mrs. Curb's and her sister, Miss May Warnick. SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE. Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Wallace and son Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Curb and son, With no report from the Northside visited in Ranger Sunday, having

Byron, and Miss May Warnick, were

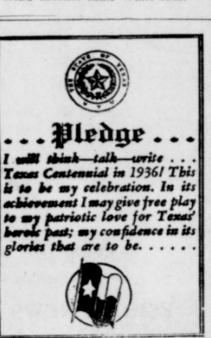
in Ballinger on business Tuesday. ALL DAY QUILTING. Members of the Cross Roads quilting club enjoyed an all-day quilting on Tuesday at the home of Mrs. D. Teaff. A covered dish lunch was served at

Those present were: Mesdames R. F. England, Myrtle Pitts, Arch Teaff, Earnest Teaff, Clyde Newton, Elmer Mattingly, Everett King, A. W. Ely, Belle Kinney, Ruthie Bigham, Earl Baze, W. W. Haynes, E. R. Clack, Walter Teaff, John Newton, Ray Per-1y, Austin, Ted Bigham, H. D. Boyett, J. B. Boyett, J. J. McCartney, Theo Newton, R. F. Holder, Lonnie Williams, Misses Loneita Teaff. Allie Mae King, Aura Ely, Ideen Ely, Lorena McCartney, Ruby Perry, Gladys Newton, Lucille Teaff.

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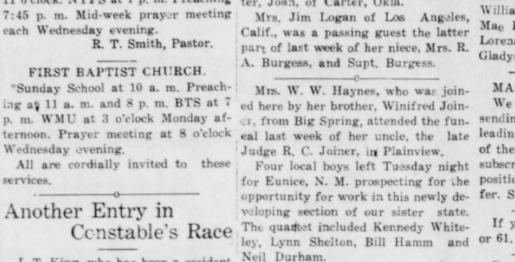
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Friday, May 1, 1936.

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On Sunday, Apr. 26, Mr. and Mrs.

W. L. Burns and granddaughters, Ina

High school Tuesday morning, accom-

panied by Mrs. Leger J. Ray, was a

visitor in the home of Miss Dota Ga-

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Ewing and

routte.

J. T. King, who has been a resident of Taylor county for 38 years, having served as constable of the Merkel precinct for two terms, has authorized The Mail to announce his candidacy

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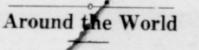
at the four reporting Sunday Schools jous'y ill.

munion service. Offering for Reynolds W. E. Rogers,

R. A. Walker, Pastor.

Having engaged in farming and blacksmithing during this period, he is well acquainted with most of the voters in the precinct, as well as near-For the past fifteen years he has conducted a blacksmith shop here in towa.

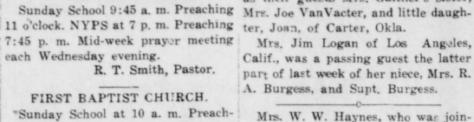
He asks the support of his friends in the coming race, and to those who The Merkel Home Demonstration do not know him he refers them to his life here as citizen and to his record



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companiment of Mrs. Yates Brown, After the business meeting delicious who also played several piano num-

Mae and Hazel Burns, entertained the following guests for dinner: Minor Burns and Miss Edith Roberts of Longview, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Burns and family, Merkel, and Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Books and family, Sweetwater. William Gay and family of Dallas spent the week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Gay, and family. Mrs. Gay's nephew, James Henry Kemp, of Garland, was also a guest in the Gay home. They stayed over for the rodeo, returning home Sunday. Rev. Willis P. Gerhart of Abilene, who was chapel speaker at Merkel



Missionary Baptist church nor from gone to the bedside of his mother,

the Nazarene church, there were 659 Mrs. C. Freeman, age 86, who is ser-

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preach- from Iredell, where they had visited

ing at 11 a. m., followed by a com- Mrs. Largent's parents, Mr. and Mrs.

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening Amarillo were week-end gates in the

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some time.

A. Burgess, and Supt. Burgess.

Tracy Campbell, Clyde Shouse, Lake offered tamales as the chief treat. Renfro, F. A. Polley, R. H. Mathews, When Japan was reached the tourists Jr., J. Ben Campbell, R. H. Mathews, listened to "The Japanese Love Song," Sr., R. A. Burgess, C. P. Church, A. by Helen Heeter and Anne Lee Blake, D. Barnes, Irvin Jowers, Chester with Mrs. C. B. Gardner accompany-Hutcheson, Bob McDonald, E. O. Car- ing, and Mrs. Tom Durham gave an son, Leonard Jinkens, Ted Bicknell, interesting description of the country, S. O. Patton, Homer Dunn, H. C. Barnett, Harry Barnett, Misses Maurine was expected, hot tea and cake reand Clara White, Blanche Carey, Lily freshed the globe-trotters in the orien-Claude Barnett, Norma Patton, Thel- tal parlors of Mrs. Brown. ma Mathews, Lottie Butman and Luna White.

its people, history and religion. As A patriotic program at the home of Mrs. Burgess, where members of the

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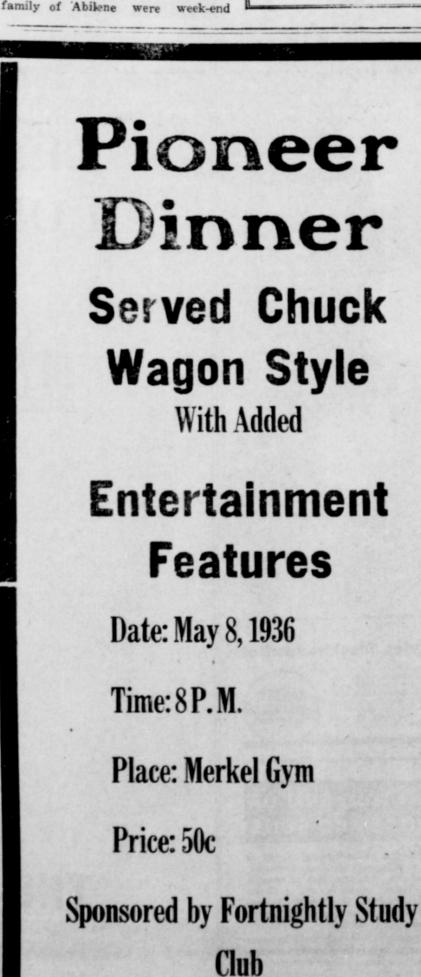
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