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MANY FEATURES FOR VISITORS TO BUTMAN PICNIC

Two Day Program Announced; Rodeo, Baseball and Candidates Speaking. Topped by Old Fiddlers' Contest.

A program featuring all manner of entertainment is announced for the First Annual Butman Picnic and Rodeo Wednesday and Thursday of next week, including a rodeo, ball game and political speakings each day, with an old fiddlers' contest on the closing night Thursday.

It is estimated that 6,000 were present to enjoy the festivities last year, and an equally large crowd is expected this year.

"The Butman picnic and rodeo," says Sam Butman, Jr., "is promoted by the people of Mulberry canyon and is modeled after the old-fashioned picnic, with rodeo and baseball as added features. It is not a money-making proposition, and no one is particularly benefitted from the proceeds. If there should be a surplus, it will be carried over to the next annual occasion."

It will be interesting, he said, for people to know that a rodeo was staged in the Canyon 50 years ago, with a dance following.

The program for Wednesday includes: 9:30 a. m., candidates' speaking; 1:30 p. m., rodeo; 4 p. m., baseball, Divide vs Truby; 9 p. m., candidates' speaking.

For Thursday: 9:30 a. m., candidates' speaking; 1:30 p. m., rodeo; 4 p. m., baseball, China Grove vs Divide; 9 p. m., stage entertainment and old fiddlers' contest, with cash prizes to winners.

All candidates, whether for precinct, county, district or state, are invited to come and speak during the hours announced, and several candidates for state office are expected.

Set Friday, July 10, For Candidates' Rally To Be Held at Merkel

Candidates for all offices, precinct, county and district, are invited to be present and speak at a candidates' rally here on Friday night, July 10.

While, as an organization, the Lions club does not take any part in politics, yet as a civic-minded organization the directors of the club decided at a luncheon meeting Tuesday at Wozy's cafe to sponsor the affair to the extent of appointing a committee on arrangements.

This committee consists of W. O. Boney, chairman, Fred Hughes and C. J. Glover.

The speaking will be uptown and a loud speaker will be provided, and some one to preside will be selected.

Candidates wishing to take part on the program are asked to notify W. O. Boney, chairman, by Thursday night, July 9, so that division of time allowed each candidate may be allotted.

Absentee Voting to Begin Sunday, July 5

The period of absentee voting in the first democratic primary opens Sunday, July 5, and continues until July 23, three days before the election.

County Clerk W. P. Bounds said Wednesday that ballots were in the hands of the printer and the first batch would be off Saturday, ready to begin absentee voting. Under the state law, absentee voting, at the clerk's office or by mail, begins not more than 20 days and ends three days before the election.

Whether ballots will be cast on Sunday had not been determined Wednesday, Bounds waiting for instructions from Austin before making the announcement.

Test on Bigham Farm Spudded in Tuesday

Revival of oil activity in this area is noted in the report of spudding in a test on the farm of Mrs. M. L. Bigham, south of the French pasture, southeast of town.

Rig was placed the latter part of last week and the well was spudded in Tuesday.

Gilbert S. Johnson, who has operated before in this section, leased up a considerable block before starting to drill.

Interested parties have been here this week looking into other leases.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

A bronze statue bust of John Nance Garner, first Texan to become vice-president, was unveiled during an impressive ceremony at the Texas Centennial exposition, Dallas.

Vince Boss, 20-year-old Italian youth, was assessed the death penalty at Cuero Saturday for the slaying of R. W. Albert, Brenham cheese salesman, near Fairbanks, Mar. 21.

Construction has been started on the four-lane \$2,000,000 causeway, which is expected to relieve for many years the congestion between Galveston and the mainland. The overall length of the new construction is 13,200 feet, with 9,300 feet from shore to shore and 8,194 feet of bridging.

John Davis, 38, rural mail carrier of Blue Ridge, was found dead in his car ten miles northwest of Farmersville Friday night. Death was due to heart failure. His car had run off a highway into a ditch.

Dr. Mark Francis, 72, dean of the school of veterinary medicine at Texas A. & M. college and one of the oldest A. & M. faculty members from point of service, died at his campus home at 5 a. m. Sunday. Death was caused by heart disease.

Miss Marion Fore, daughter of Editor Sam Fore, Jr., of the Floresville, (Texas) Chronicle-Journal, was crowned queen of the Philadelphia national democratic convention.

Luther Montfort, 75, who was in charge of the first passenger train to leave Lubbock for Sweetwater, died at the Santa Fe hospital at Clovis, N. M.

First pension checks under the Texas old-age assistance program were presented Monday by Governor Allred to Frank Kainer, 103-year-old retired farmer from Weimar, and his 95-year-old wife, who received checks for \$25 each.

Abilene's charter study commission organized Tuesday with the selection of W. W. Hair, attorney, as chairman and Ben M. Davis, accountant and attorney, as secretary.

Owens Haynes, 25, a Waco telephone cableman, faced a charge of murder after the fatal plunge of his sweetheart, Miss Leta Mae Tekle, from a 75-foot cliff near that city. Haynes told police the girl jumped as he stood talking to her. She died without making a statement.

Twenty-one persons were drowned and at least 14 others were missing Wednesday night as devastating South Texas floods pounded homes into driftwood, drowned hundreds of head of cattle and did more than \$1,000,000 livestock and crop damage.

While playing with a pet javelina at his home at Austin, former Ranger Captain Frank A. Hamer slipped on the grass and broke his ankle.

List of Petit Jurors Called Next Week

The petit jury list in 104th district court for next week includes the following names:

E. W. King, J. T. Blackburn, W. L. Diltz, W. D. Butler, J. S. Stalls, Merkel; E. M. Randolph, Sr., C. P. Lilly, F. H. Chaney, Joseph H. Rutledge, Horace Holly, Otho M. Polk, W. I. Thornton, Robt. C. Rankin, Geo. W. McDaniel, Jr., R. W. Witt, Riley Horton, Orion Major, O. L. Trout, A. Griffin, Neil Thomason, Geo. L. Smith, Dr. S. R. Sibley, E. R. Hitt, Ben F. Moody, Jinks McGee, B. A. Padgett, J. D. Williams, R. D. Morris, W. P. Kirkpatrick, J. N. Culwell, J. P. Gibson, T. J. Aillet, Ben W. Wagner, Abilene; J. C. Denson, O. L. Henson, W. W. Trammell, Wingate; W. M. Head, O. B. Raper, Lawn; R. A. Reddell, J. W. Appleton, B. D. Appleton, J. S. Yarger, Tuscola; C. A. Tierce, Bradshaw; W. A. Jones, S. H. Edenborough, Guion; J. H. West, H. L. Wilson, Trent; Ernest Teaff, Tye.

Co-Operative Revival From July 19 to Aug. 2

A co-operative revival, sponsored by the Methodist and Presbyterian churches of the city, will begin Sunday, July 19, and continue through Aug. 2.

Rev. R. N. Huckabee of Haskell, one of the best known evangelists in this section, will do the preaching.

Services will be held at Grace Presbyterian church.

ALLRED DEFENDS RECORD; DECRIES SMOKE SCREENS

In Opening Speech at Waxahachie Tuesday Night Governor Allred Made His First Public Appeal for Support of His Administration and Attacked "Smoke Screens" Raised by His Opponents.

Waxahachie, July 2.—Formally opening his campaign for re-election here Tuesday night, Governor James Allred made his first public appeal for support of his administration and attacked "smoke screens" raised by his opponents.

In discussing the state's financial condition, Allred predicted that the state deficit would be wiped out in two more years, without any new taxes, and explained his administration's action regarding old age assistance.

"There is no occasion for the dire predictions of disaster and demand for new and oppressive taxes. It is an old political trick in Texas to throw up a smokescreen of talk about deficits as a basis for new and enormous tax burdens," Allred said.

He dismissed the thought of additional taxes with the assertion that "unless the legislature changes the Texas law so as to authorize payments of outright pensions to everybody over 65 years of age (which it can do, of course, but which would endanger our chances for federal money), then, based upon the percentage qualifying under the laws of other states, I tell you frankly we are not going to need many more taxes."

He said he wanted the state highway department to continue free from executive or political interference; asserted more laws sponsored by organized labor in "the interest of those who toil" had been passed by his administration than any other in the history of the state and said 24 of the 31 platform planks adopted by the state democratic party after his nomination, had been carried out at least in part.

Derstine Park Invites Attention of Tourists

The Derstine park, located on the highway about three miles west of town, was completed this week and there's not a prettier or more inviting spot along the Broadway of America than this little roadside park.

The three-acre plot was donated by Mrs. Sam Derstine and two children as a memorial to her late husband, and funds for improvement were provided through the National Youth Administration, augmented by the state highway department.

Sponsors of the project, the local highway beautification committee, of which Mrs. Asa Sheppard is chairman, feel commendable pride in making possible such a parksite so close to Merkel, and are especially gratified when it is observed how many tourists take advantage of the facilities and conveniences to spend the night or stop for a picnic supper.

With a rock wall paralleling the highway, a circular drive is offset by camp sites and parking spaces, while at convenient locations throughout the park cement-covered picnic tables and barbecue pits are provided, with a more pretentious rock house in the center. The natural scenery is enhanced with shrubs and flowers, carrying out most satisfactorily the original plan for highway beautification and utilitarian purposes as well.

Complete 35 Miles of Road Work in Precinct

Total expenditures in precinct 2 by the WPA and the county as sponsors for the seven months ending June 30, last, amounted to \$41,128.41, according to a summary of the work submitted by County Commissioner A. J. Canon.

Materials furnished by WPA during this period cost \$2,631.14, labor and equipment \$28,490.84, total \$31,121.98, while the proposed budget was \$43,856.39.

The sponsors in the same period expended \$7,700 for equipment, \$1,750 for labor and \$556.43 for materials, total \$10,006.43, against the amount of \$5,522, which it was proposed to furnish.

All told, 64,119 cubic yards of gravel were used and 35 miles of road work completed.

Provision has been made to continue the work for another year, divided into three periods of four months each.

DEMOS RENAME ROOSEVELT BY ACCLAMATION

Noisy Ovation by Delegates Lasting Sixty Minutes Marks Choice; Texas Jack Garner Completes 1936 Ticket.

Convention Hall, Philadelphia, Pa., July 2.—Franklin Delano Roosevelt was renominated by a shouting democratic national convention at 12:42 a. m. Saturday for another four years in the White House.

By acclamation—foregoing the formality of a record vote for the first time since Wilson was so named in 1916—the convention welded in the heat of a final postmidnight demonstration the first half of the Roosevelt-Garner ticket of 1936.

John Nance Garner, who arrived on the scene of victory at the convention Friday night, was re-named Saturday for the vice-presidency, the nominating speech being made by the young governor of Cactus Jack's home state, James V. Allred.

Through eight hours of outpouring praise of Roosevelt—fifty-six nominating and seconding speeches—the tired-throated, weary-eyed delegates stayed to cheer. And at the end, although many in the once-packed galleries had gone, they demonstrated anew.

When Judge John E. Mack of New York placed the president's name in nomination, terming him the friend of "the masses", the convention burst into an ovation that filled this 15,000-seat auditorium with tumult for a solid hour.

The convention floor again was made a sea of banners after Gov. Tom Berry of South Dakota was recognized by Senator Robinson of Arkansas, the convention chairman, to make a motion that the rules be suspended and the nomination recorded by acclamation.

Abilene Man Killed In Car Collision

B. B. Sedberry, employed by Lawrence Jay, Abilene truck operator, was killed and five members of a civilian conservation corps at Buck Horn, N. M., were injured in a collision on the curve at the west end of Mulberry bridge on the highway shortly before midnight Wednesday.

Sedberry, who was traveling west, was crushed to death in the cab of his truck, on which he was hauling oil field casing. His body was brought early Thursday morning to the Barrow funeral home here and later carried to Abilene.

The CCC boys, who were riding in a coupe, were Lang Meadors of Lovelady, Wayne Pyle and Douglas Minton of Weches, Frank Watkins of Frankston and Durwood Tiner of Larue. After having been given emergency treatment here, they were carried to an Abilene hospital.

Mr. Sedberry is survived by his wife, two sons, Beland, Jr., 9, and Albert Leon, 3, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Sedberry, of Abilene, and eight sisters and three brothers.

Later in the night, while the highway was still partially obstructed by the damaged cars, a fruit truck approaching from the east crashed through the screen guards of the approach to the bridge, turned over and landed in the bed of Mulberry creek when the driver apparently threw on his brakes too sharply and locked the wheels. The driver of this truck, named Dalton, helped others extricate his helper, who had been pinned under the car and was also carried to Abilene. Extent of his injuries was not known.

New Jones County HDA Has Taken Over Duties

Anson, July 2.—Miss Gladys Martin, new home demonstration agent for Jones county, arrived in Anson June 28 to assume her duties, following the resignation of Miss Jewel Faulkner, whose marriage to Ulric H. Lea of Knox City took place June 27.

Miss Martin has had seven years experience in the field, four years in Tom Green county and three years in Coryell county, and is highly recommended by the extension service department.

Grain Loans Available

Gain loan applications are now being made in the county farm agent's office, on the third floor of the court house, Abilene.

NO RODEO THIS WEEK, BUT LAST SHOW JULY 18

When the schedule for the series of summer rodeos for 1936 was arranged early in the spring by the Merchants Trade Extension association, shows were provided on alternating Saturdays, beginning Apr. 25, but omitting July 4th because of competition of other and larger rodeos. Hence, there will be no show this week.

Sixth and last rodeo in the series is scheduled for Saturday, July 18.

Merkel's Sponsor to Ride Chief Again

Miss Leta Faye Barbee, selected by the Merchants Trade Extension association as Merkel's sponsor to the Cowboy Reunion, July 2, 3, and 4, left Wednesday afternoon for Stamford, accompanied by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Barbee.

She will again ride Chief, the handsome bay from the Mayberry ranch, the same mount as last year when she won second place in the sponsors' contest, representing Merkel.

In the 1934 contest, as the sponsor from Noodle, Miss Barbee was awarded third place in the same event.

Last week Miss Barbee was Merkel's entry in the sponsors' contest at the Midland rodeo.

Fourth Not to Be Generally Observed

In observance of the Fourth of July, both banks, the post office and city hall will close all day Saturday, but owing to the fact that Independence Day comes on Saturday this year there will be no concerted holiday among the stores generally, although several may close individually for the day.

Lions Play Return Date at Abilene

Out for revenge for the 10-1 defeat in a game played here last week, the Merkel Lions meet the Abilene Lions softball team in a return date at Abilene on Friday night of this week.

The game, which will start at 9:15, will be played on the lighted field at Fair park. It is the third game on Friday night's schedule.

The Merkel Lions will wear for the first time their new white sweat shirts, which the directors of the Lions club authorized to be purchased at their meeting Tuesday.

Change in Schedules Announced by T. & P.

According to a second change in schedules, effective last Sunday, Texas & Pacific train No. 3, west bound, arrives here at 1:41 p. m. instead of 1:12 p. m., and train No. 4, east bound, arrives at 2:34 p. m., the same as on the old schedule operating for several years past.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, July 7, 1916.)

For the Fourth, outings of all kinds were indulged in; among those enjoying the day at Warren's Lake were Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Sharp, Mrs. D. Sheppard, Misses Elma Sheppard and Mae Green. Messrs. Tally Holloway, Claude Comegys, Roscoe Sharp and Bill Sheppard. These spent the night as well as Tuesday at the lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Fitts, Mr. and Mrs. Asa Sheppard and their son, Sterling, enjoyed their holiday Tuesday at Warren's Lake angling for the finny tribe.

W. S. Telford and J. A. Haggard, the former of Anson and the latter of Miles, were here visiting J. P. Sharp and family.

Hayden Turner left Monday for Fayetteville, Rogers and Siloam Springs, Arkansas, where he will be engaged with business matters for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Daniels drove through to Pecos where they spent the Fourth with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Freeman are making a short stop with old Merkel friends en route from their home at Colton, California, to Tennessee.

DIVIDE WINS FROM TRUBY; TIES FOR TOP

Thrilling Game Between Leaders Results in Win for Challengers; Both Games Scheduled July 8 Deferred.

Scoring two runs in the ninth, Divide defeated Truby, 7-6 in a thrilling Inter-Community League game played Wednesday and moved into a tie for first place with their opponents, previously undefeated.

Coming from behind, Divide tied up the score early in the ninth and then, with two out, D. Jones, Divide catcher, got a fluke infield hit, scoring Hammonds for the winning run.

The Tye-Union game, scheduled for Wednesday, was postponed, because many of the Tye players were busy with a thresher crew.

An excess of runs, hits and errors characterized both games of Saturday's double-header, Truby taking the first from Union, 10-8, while Noodle downed Tye, 17-8.

Box scores of the Truby-Union and Noodle-Tye games, played Saturday, appear elsewhere in this issue of The Mail, while the box score of the Truby-Divide game will be printed next week.

The score by innings of the latter game follows:

	R	H	E			
Truby	002	111	001	6	10	3
Divide	000	004	012	7	12	1

Garner and Scott; Barton and Jones.

NEXT GAMES DEFERRED.
No games were carded for Saturday, July 4, which is also an off-rodeo day, but in order that Truby and Divide may play an exhibition game at the Butman picnic next Wednesday, it has been agreed to defer the playing of the two regularly scheduled games to a later date.

Noodle vs Trent in the first game and Tye vs Truby in the nightcap were the playing teams on that date.

TEAM	W	L	Pct.
Divide	4	1	.800
Truby	4	1	.800
Trent	2	2	.500
Noodle	2	2	.500
Union	1	3	.250
Tye	0	4	.000

Sleeper Falls From Pier

New York, N. Y., July 2.—A man identified by a letter in his pocket as Harry Joiner, lay down on a pier to take a nap. In his sleep he rolled off, fell into the river and drowned before witnesses could haul him in.

New Freckles Champion

Dallas, July 2.—Betty Ann Wilson, 9, won the Texas Centennial exhibition freckle contest with an official count of 7,641 freckles on her face and arms, some 2,000 more than the runner-up, H. B. Sanders, Jr.

SPEEDERS GETTING THEIR.

Speeders had better keep one eye on the speedometer of the car and the other one on the street in front of them, for a stop watch may be ticking off the speed you are making. Several parties lately have found it costly to violate the speed ordinance and the law is bent upon strict enforcement.

INJURED IN RUNAWAY.

Quay Hamblet, 13-year-old son of W. F. Hamblet, was painfully injured Wednesday about noon when he jumped from a delivery wagon drawn by a runaway horse.

Quay attempted the jump about the time the horse reached South Third on Oak street and in the fall his head struck a telephone post near the corner at Dr. Miller's home, inflicting an ugly scalp wound and completely demolishing the vehicle in every way.

One of the latest model automobiles to be sold here is the new Chalmers 1917 model touring car, now the property of R. O. Anderson. The new model is a beauty in every respect.

Mrs. C. D. Southard and little son, Dennis, of Fort Smith, Ark., came in Sunday and are guests of Miss Winnie Warren, Mrs. Southard will be remembered as Miss Pearl Clay, a former Merkel girl.

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RURAL SOCIETY

MOCK WEDDING.

The B. T. U. of the Hebron Baptist church gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Carey June 29 for an evening of entertainment. Diversion consisted of a mock wedding and June bridal games, after which refreshments of ice cream and cake were served.

The bride, Arvil Richardson, was given in marriage by the father, James Williams, to the groom, Vernie Merritt, who was attended by Quincy Traylor as best man.

The bride looked unusually lovely in a pink wedding gown with a white hat of fine lacy hemp straw with a wide ribbon band and glossy colorful field flowers. The veil was of misty sheer net. The bride carried a beautiful bouquet of golden sunflowers.

The bridesmaid, Alice Carey, was attired in pale green organdy with a beautiful corsage of red gardenias and a pastel pink crepe hat.

Oliver Carey, the dainty flower girl, wore green print and corsage of fragrant orchids with a hat of fine white straw. She carried a basket of rose petals which she strewed along the bridal path as she tripped to the altar.

The ring bearer, Idell Cooper, wore printed chiffon with corsage of red cherries. The wedding ring was brought in on a large snowy white pillow. Unfortunately, the bridegroom dropped the ring, which was restored from under the divan by those attending the wedding.

The groom wore the customary black. During the course of the ceremony the pipe fell from the bridegroom's pocket, thus causing much embarrassment.

As Mrs. Dale Burleson played the wedding march, "The Fight is On," the bridal parties proceeded to the altar where the bride and groom met under a vine-covered arch where hung a wedding bell which was gently tinkling. The altar was attractively dressed with assorted flowers and ferns.

The mother, Mrs. Bessie Merritt, ceased sobbing long enough to sing, "Pray Your Troubles Away."

The rejected suitor, Mrs. Alice Traylor, was noticed to give deep sobs at frequent intervals.

Guest list for the wedding included: Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Merritt, Mr. and Mrs. Quincy Traylor, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Truman Carey of Lamesa, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pannell, Mrs. Leslie and daughter, Glenna Jean of Fort Worth, Quincy Ray Traylor, Miss Jimmy Ruth Traylor, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Carey, Mrs. W. M. Cooper, Joyce Irvin, Willie Joe Clark, Dan Moody Pannell, Patsy Jean Clark, Delphene Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Carey, Mrs. Woodward of Rochester, Elvée and Margie Carey of Lamesa, Theda Bell Williams, Junior, Othell, Elbert Carey, Burl Carey, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Carey, Mrs. O. B. Williams, Mrs. Clyde Irvin, Mrs. E. C. Russell, Jr., Mrs. Dale Burleson, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Rogers, Jr., Burneal Merritt, Junior Clark, Doris Price, Veda Lee Pannell, Doswell Carey, Gayn Pannell, Blanton Carey, James Reece, Leo Terry, Jackie Pannell, C. T. Meeks, Woodrow Clark, Billy Cooper, Blanche Carey, Bernard Clark, Idell Cooper, Leo Harris, Alice Russell, James Cooper, Ruby Carey, James Williams, Alice Carey, Arvil Richardson.

GIFT PARTY.

Mrs. Will Campbell of Blair was the charming hostess to a gift party honoring her little son, Billie, on his tenth birthday, June 28. During the social hour guests were treated to a very clever program, which included tap dancing by little Blanche Reeves of Philadelphia, a reading by Miss Margie Melton and a special song number by Denzel Ray Melton and Howard Mayberry, after which they were invited into the dining room where a large birthday cake was the table center decoration and many lovely gifts awaited the honoree.

Mesdames Clarence Melton, Kenneth McCleary, Jim Campbell and Pat Addison assisted the hostess in passing a delectable menu to the following: Billie Jean Melton, Annie Clara Doan, Delwee Melton, Carlene Hughes, Mary Elizabeth Melton, Jackie Melton, Ruby Jean Reeves, Blanche Reeves, Mary Lou Hughes, Margie

Melton, Louise McKay, Opal Reeves, Marie McEvers, Rea McKay, Walter Mayberry, Howard Mayberry, Billie D. Doan, Dona D. Doan, Junior Moore, John Hudson Moore, Durwood Doan, Jimmie Campbell, Vaughn Doan, Wallace Doan, Denzel Ray Melton, Billie Reeves, Don Melton, Skeet Cargill, Gordon Cargill, Desmond Doan, Junior Melton, and the honoree and Mesdames W. O. Reeves and Hugh Campbell.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Farmer, Sr., of White Church were the interesting hosts to a birthday celebration held in their home on June 23, H. E. Farmer, Sr., and Arthur Coats being the joint honorees of the elaborate affair.

The climax of the day was the homecoming of their married sons and their families, with well-filled baskets of choice eats. All of their sons were present except Whit Farmer and family of Snyder.

This estimable couple are the proud parents of eight fine sons: Adrian, Murry, Whit, Bell, Arleton, Ira, H. E., Jr., and Louis. Arthur Coats is a salesman for a men's clothing store of Big Spring and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Coats of Merkel.

The afternoon was spent in kodaking and games and refreshments of cake and ice cream were enjoyed by the guests.

Those participating in the celebration were: Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Farmer and children, Edward, Ira, Durrell, Blanche, Yvonne; Mr. and Mrs. Murry Farmer and family, Freda, M. H., Paul E.; Mr. and Mrs. Bell Farmer and son, Randolph; Arleton, Ira, H. E., Jr., and Louis Farmer; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Campbell and son, Jimmie, Mrs. Fay Doan and three children, Wallace, Annie Clara and Vaughn, and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Coats and their hosts.

UNION RIDGE CLUB.

The Union Ridge Home Demonstration club met June 19 in the O. E. Harwell home, with the president in charge.

A council report was given by Mrs. Lige Harris and Miss Mary Bell Douglas was elected as alternate to the A. & M. Short Course.

Plans were made to serve a buffet luncheon under direction of Mrs. O. E. Harwell, food demonstrator, this meeting to be on July 3 in the S. G. Russell home. Each member is asked to be thinking of a quilt pattern and bring one to the club.

Members present were Mesdames W. A. Harris, Kenneth Pea, Lige Harris, S. G. Russell, Jr., J. H. Clark, J. L. McRee, Harwell, M. L. Douglas, Burley and Chester Bonds, Misses Mabel McRee, Ruby Carey, Faye and Mary Bell Douglas, Laverne Harwell and visitors, Mrs. James Harris and daughter, of Brenham.

Many Causes Combine To Increase Deposits

In commenting on the relative deposits of the Farmers and Merchants National bank for the period of June 30, this year, as compared with the same period last year, which reflects an increase of \$80,000, Booth Warren, cashier of that institution, attributes this larger figure to increased business turnover, bonus payments, seasonal sale of wool and mohair, wheat and oats, and cattle and other commodities.

The F. & M. National bank declared a three per cent semi-annual dividend as of June 30, having previously paid the same dividend on Dec. 31, last.

Scotland is warring on dog racing pools.

Spain lists its population from the United States at 1,102.

California's gold yield in 1935 was \$30,429,000, the largest since 1862.

Belgium now has less than 160,000 unemployed.

A restaurant in Tulsa, Okla., advertises "crow dinners."

Standard Typewriter Ribbons 75c each at Merkel Mail office.

Typewriting and carbon paper at Mail office.

Typewriter paper for sale at Merkel Mail office.

Complete line of office supplies at Mail office.

TELEPHONE THE MAIL

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

Comings, Goings, Doings

Miss Marie Pinckley has returned from a two-weeks visit to Denton. She also visited the Texas Centennial while she was away.

Mrs. T. A. Pence of Monahans, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Porter, spent last week with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Thomas of Abilene were week-end visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Porter. Mr. Thomas is coach in the Monahans school and athletic director in Hardin-Simmons university for the summer.

Dr. J. P. Howard and son, Jasper Penn Howard, returned Friday from an extended visit in Washington, D.C., with his brother-in-law, T. W. Penn, who is connected with the war department.

Miss Sarah Sheppard is enjoying a delightful summer trip, which took her, after seeing the Texas Centennial, to Washington, D. C., and New York City; later she will spend two months at Newport, R. I. She is accompanying Lieut. L. R. Herring, who is a nephew of Mrs. W. J. Sheppard, and Mrs. Herring and children of San Francisco, Calif.

Miss Jannell Black is spending the week with relatives at Divide.

Mrs. C. B. Bleike and two children, Charles and Mary Louise, of Houston, and Mrs. J. W. Nevitt of Dallas, former residents of Merkel, arrived Thursday of last week for a week-end visit with their cousin, Mrs. Herbert Patterson. Joined by Mrs. Patterson they spent Monday and Tuesday at Lubbock and Brownfield.

Mrs. Leonard Gay and daughter, Wanda, of McCamey, spent the week-end with relatives here. A niece of Mrs. Gay's, Jennie Lee Miller, returned home with her to spend part of the summer.

Mrs. Tom Greene and little son, Donald, who have been visiting Mrs. Greene's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Grayson, return to Hobbs, N. M., this week, accompanied by Mrs. E. H. Grayson and children to visit her husband at Monument, N. M.

After a pleasant visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pick Allen, Mrs. R. T. Flournoy returned Wednesday to her home in Waco.

Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Coats, Mrs. Leon Coats and Mrs. J. W. Barbee were visiting in Vernon last week. While there, they drove over to Wichita Falls and visited their son, Leon Coats, and found him very much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Walker have as their guest for a few days their niece, Miss Sue Warren, of Paris.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Doan of Rotan visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Scott, of Trent Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Campbell and family of Blair and Mrs. Mary E. Provine and daughter, Nola, were also visitors in this home Sunday.

Mrs. O. L. Click and daughter, Lucile, have been visiting relatives in Lubbock the past two weeks.

Mrs. Frankie Abernathy, teacher in the Cleburne high school, was a passing visitor Tuesday with her cousins, Mrs. Comer Haynes and Mrs. Holland Teaff.

Roy Largent and Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Harkrider were up from Brownwood to spend Tuesday.

Recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Ferguson were Mr. Ferguson's mother, Mrs. C. E. Ferguson, and his two sisters, Miss Minn Ferguson and Mrs. T. C. Elkins, accompanied by her husband and their two children, Gene and Joe, of Stephenville. Returning Jane and Ben Ferguson accompanied them for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Butler had as guests this week Mrs. Butler's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. McKee, of Honey Grove, and a nephew and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. McKee, of Levelland.

Mrs. T. F. Lasater arrived Tuesday from Sweetwater for a visit in the W. D. Butler home.

Manager Norman Hodge of the Queen theatre, accompanied by Mrs. Hodge and children, were in Ballinger on Friday night of last week for the

opening of the new \$65,000 Hodge theatre there, the New Texas.

Miss Mittye Idella Crowder of Snyder is spending her vacation with Miss Lena Faye Harrell.

Returning from California Thursday, Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Dye, Jr. and little daughter were accompanied by their aunt, Mrs. Bob Russell, of El Centro, Calif., who will visit her brothers and sisters, the Woodrum family.

Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Gardner and two daughters expect to leave Monday for Chicago, stopping in Dallas to visit the Centennial and also visiting at Louisville, Ky., and in Southern Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. George Woodrum and two sons, Bobby and Billie, are leaving Sunday for the Centennial. They will go from Dallas to Port Arthur and back home via San Antonio.

R. C. Simmons of Pullman spent the past week in the Dan Reidenbach home.

Mrs. E. Reidenbach and daughter, Miss Leola, and Mrs. Pete Cook spent the week-end in Monday visiting their parents and grandparents.

Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt and Miss Hazel Lee Rainbolt were guests in the C. A. Fryar home in Albany last week. On their return they were accompanied by Mrs. Rainbolt's great-grandson, Carol Moody.

Misses Tommy and Mary Koehler of Raton, N. M., were guests this week of Miss Hazel Lee Rainbolt.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Diltz and two children were up from San Angelo Sunday for a visit with friends here. Returning Misses Mabel Murray, Dorna Lee Shelton and Comora Hughes accompanied them for a visit with their daughter, Betty Jane.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Farmer, accompanied by Virgie Mae and Billy Joe Henry and Jack Huffman, visited relatives in Comanche county Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lawson and son, Bobby Joe, joined by their guests, Mrs. Ben Salter, who is a sister of Mr. Lawson, and daughter, Mary Virginia, of Dallas, went to San Angelo Sunday to visit another sister, Mrs. Salter and daughter remaining for a longer visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Lackey and their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Tillery, and son, of Anniston, Ala., are guests of Mr. Lackey's cousin, Mrs. J. W. Teaff.

Miss Lorena Dry, home demonstration agent of Bell county, spent Saturday night and part of Sunday with her mother, Mrs. J. M. Dry, here, en route to Lubbock where she is to teach a three-weeks course in the home economics division of Texas Technological college.

Mrs. W. T. Sadler returned Monday night from an automobile trip to Maderia Springs, Juarez, El Paso and Clouderoft, N. M. In the party were also Mrs. W. V. Ramsey, Mrs. Stewart Cooper and Mrs. R. A. Webster, of Abilene, and at Clouderoft they visited Mrs. M. T. Ramsey, who is spending the summer there.

Messrs. John West, T. C. Jinkens, Dee Grimes and W. W. Toombs took in the Midland rodeo one day last week.

Mrs. R. I. Grimes left Monday for Sanatorium to spend several weeks in the sanitarium there.

Mrs. Amy Sears returned Tuesday from a visit to Fort Worth, Mrs. DeVerle Johnson accompanying her home for a visit.

Mrs. W. B. Graham is here from Overton for a visit with her mother, Mrs. J. H. McDonald.

Raymond Neal, former local manager of the Community Natural Gas company and now holding a similar place in Hugo, Okla., arrived Wednesday to join his wife and daughter, who have been visiting their aunts, Mrs. Adah Heeter and Miss Sadie Woodrum, for several weeks. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Neal, of Temple, are also here for a visit.

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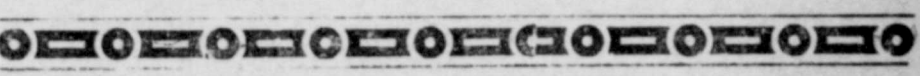


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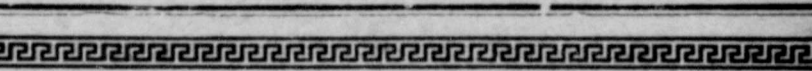
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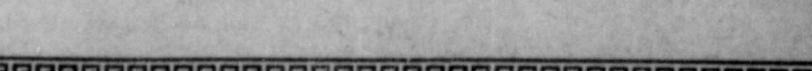
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Sincerely,
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Child Support Debt Not Jail-Exempt, Says Court

Austin, July 2.—Texas' supreme court has sustained the law under which a man can be jailed for failure to make payments under a divorce decree for the support of his children.

The court ordered Claude D. Birkhead remanded to the custody of the sheriff of Fayette county. Birkhead had asked a writ of habeas corpus, contesting the validity of the law as in violation of the constitutional inhibition against imprisonment for debt.

In its opinion, the court found that amounts ordered paid for the support of children was not a debt in the sense used by the constitution. If Birkhead were unable to pay, the court added, that would be a good defense against the contempt of court citation, by which he was jailed.

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Hodges Happenings.

We have been snowed under with weeds until we were "kinda" ashamed to write until we could give a good report on crops in our "city." Most every one has the weeds cut down and both feed and cotton are looking fine. We will soon be needing rain, but know we will get it when God sees fit to send it—and I believe He always sends it when it is best. We are in a habit of grumbling when it doesn't rain (and when it does) until most of us seem to have forgotten that we have a God that will supply all of our needs. We should pray like the men of old, "Dear Lord, increase our faith."

Our sick folks do not seem to be getting any better. Mr. Haney, Mr. Dillion and Miss Elpha Smith are no better. If it is God's will for them to get well, we trust they will be up again soon.

Aunt Josie Peyton is improving slowly now. Mr. and Mrs. John Northam are the proud parents of a fine boy. He arrived about ten days ago at the Abilene sanitarium. Both mother and baby are doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Green spent the week-end with home folks. They are moving to Hawley. We are glad to have them move back near home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Thomas and Arvd Dean, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Walsh and baby spent the day Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Hall Hobbs near Warren.

Several men and boys here have employment on the road. They put in a new bridge on Mulberry creek and are greatly improving the road near the bridge.

Brother Kendall filled his regular appointment at the M. E. church Sunday. He will begin a revival here on Friday night before the third Sunday in July. We hope to have large crowds and a good meeting. Every one that fails to hear Brother Kendall preach misses a blessing.

Several from here have been attending the rodeos in Merkel and report that they are fine.

Well, we must close; hope to have more news next time.

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Miss Jodie Gabbert of Clyde has been visiting the past two weeks with her sister, Mrs. E. A. Click, Jr.

Rev. W. W. Riley is to fill his regular appointment at the Methodist church next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. McBride and sons of Goodman visited Sunday afternoon in the M. L. Douglas home.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Church visited recently with Mr. and Mrs. Walsh of Hamlin.

Mr. and Mrs. George Price and family were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Smith of Cisco.

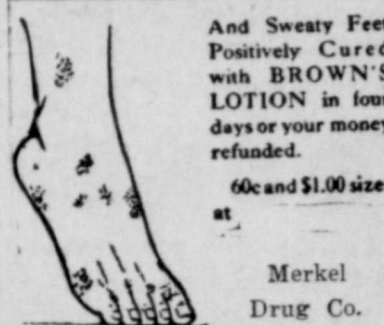
Misses Blanche, Ruby and Alice Carey attended church at Comper Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Newton and family were Sunday guests of his parents at Tye.

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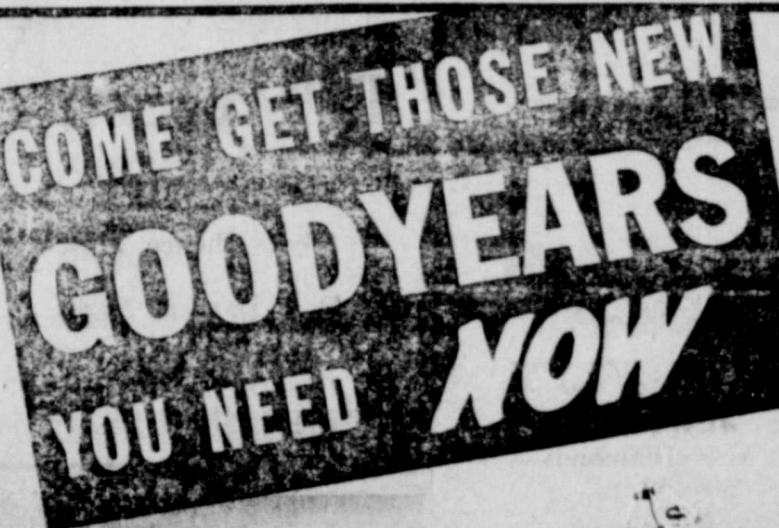
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Hall, rf	5	2	1	0	0 0
Grogan, 2b	5	1	0	3	0 1
Strawn, 3b	5	1	2	4	3 2
Garner, p	5	0	1	0	2 0
Payne, cf	5	2	4	1	0 0
Totals	44	10	15	27	7 5
UNION					
	AB	R	H	PO	A E
C. Propst, cf	4	1	1	1	0 0
Bartlett, ss	5	0	1	2	3 1
Day, p, 2b	5	0	2	5	1 1
Weaver, 3b	4	1	1	1	2 1
C Mayfield, rf	4	2	1	4	0 1
Hubbard, lf	3	0	0	2	0 0
Stephens, lf	2	0	0	0	0 0
V. Mayfield, lb	4	2	1	5	0 0
Parham, c	4	1	1	7	1 1
A. Propst, 2b	2	0	0	0	2 0
Storey, p	2	1	1	0	1 2
Totals	39	8	9	27	10 7

Score by innings:
Truby 002 120 023—10
Union 030 003 002—8

Summary—Runs batted in, Hollis, Payne, Grogan 2, Strawn, Garner, Hampton, Scott, V. Mayfield, Parham, C. Propst, Storey, C. Mayfield, Day, Bartlett, Doubles, Strawn, Payne, Hollis, C. Propst, Weaver, Parham, Stoln bases, Hampton, Scott, Day, C. Mayfield 2. Caught stealing, Strawn, by Parham. Earned runs, Truby 4, Union 5. Innings pitched, Day, 4 1-3, 5 runs, 9 hits; Storey, 4 2-3, 5 runs, 4 hits. Losing pitcher, Storey. Wild pitches, Day, Storey. Passed ball, Scott. Hit batters, Hollis, by Storey. Walked batters, Garner 3. Struck out, by Garner 10, Day 3, Storey 3. Double play, Weaver, Bartlett and V. Mayfield. Time of game, 2:07. Umpires, Hollis and Ferrer.

NOODLE					
	AB	R	H	PO	A E
Justice, cf	7	3	3	3	1 1
Derrick, 3b	4	3	2	4	3 3
Goode, p	5	2	2	0	4 0
Palmer, c	5	2	1	6	2 0
Sharp, ss	6	3	1	1	4 0
R. Williams, lf, rf	5	2	3	0	0 1
Eason, rf	3	0	0	0	0 0
C. Williams, lf	3	1	1	0	0 0
C. Vick, 2b	6	1	1	2	2 0
H. Vick, lb	4	0	0	11	1 1
Totals	48	17	14	27	17 6

TYE					
	AB	R	H	PO	A E
W. Jowers, lf	5	1	3	1	0 1
R. Jowers, cf	2	2	0	3	0 0
J. Jowers, c, ss	5	4	3	9	1 1
Ashby, rf, p, 3b	5	1	1	1	1 0
McDonald, 3b, p	4	0	2	2	2 1
Patterson, 2b	5	0	2	2	3 2
Burns, ss, c	5	0	2	3	1 1
Stout, p, rf	4	0	0	0	0 1
Reese, lb	4	0	0	6	0 1
Totals	39	8	13	27	8 8

Score by innings:
Noodle 100 1(10)1 112—17
Tye 003 0 1 0 202—8

Summary—Runs batted in, Goode 2, C. Vick 2, Derrick 3, Palmer, Sharp, R. Williams 2, Justice, J. Jowers, Ashby 2, McDonald 2, Burns 2, Patterson, Doubles, C. Vick, Goode, J. Jowers, Ashby, McDonald, Triples, R. Williams, Justice, Stolen bases, Derrick, Sharp, R. Williams, C. Williams, C. Vick, W. Jowers, McDonald, Burns. Innings pitched, Stout 4, (none out in 5th), 7 runs, 5 hits; Ashby 4, 8 runs, 11 hits; McDonald 1, 2 runs, 1 hit. Losing pitcher, Stout. Hit batter, R. Williams, by Stout. Passed balls, Palmer 2, Jowers. Walks, by Stout 2, Ashby 4, Goode 5. Struck out, Stout 3, Ashby 6, Goode 5. Time of game, 2:16. Umpires, Hollis and Ferrer.

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NOODLE NEWS

The farmers are all through work and waiting for a rain.

The following Noodle men are enjoying an outing and fishing on the Llano: Lyle, Allan and Finis Cade, Albert and Wilma Criswell, Charley Morgan, Claude Jinkens, Waldo Cox, Jess Bird, Hicks Goode and Ernest Spurgin. They were accompanied by Bernie Bell and Grover Hale of Merkel.

Mrs. Troy Sloan had as her guests last Friday her sister, Mrs. Arthur Steele, and children of Sweetwater, her mother, Mrs. Tom Jinkens, and Mrs. Ted Bicknell and children of Merkel and Norma Jewel and Lavern Jinkens of Fort Worth.

Miss Louise Cox and Bobbie Nell Bicknell are visiting their uncle, John Winter, of Abilene this week.

Mary Jo Bicknell spent last week-end with friends at Lubbock.

Jim Eason and family of Big Spring visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Eason, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Sloan and daughter, Geraldine, and Jacob Pierce left Sunday for Wood county to visit Mrs. Sloan's sister and Mr. Pierce's parents. They were accompanied by Mrs. Houston Scott of Abilene. They expect to visit the Texas Centennial at Dallas on their return trip.

Mrs. O. L. Justice and son, Woodrow, and daughter, Lucile, and Mr. and Mrs. Yes Justice and little daughter, Betty Lou, visited in Ballinger Sunday.

Naylor Eoff and wife spent last week-end at Sweetwater.

B. F. Weeks, Albert Cade and Jack Pierce were Stamford visitors Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Eoff spent several days last week at Colorado, the guests of their daughter, Mrs. P. E. Harkins, and family.

Carl Jackson, Jr., of Mexia was the guest of James Cox last week.

Mattie Lou Bicknell of Merkel visited Beryl Jinkens Friday night. She was accompanied home by Beryl, who spent the week-end at Merkel.

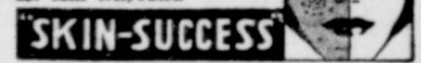
J. T. Murdock, who underwent an operation at Abilene last Tuesday, is reported to be doing nicely at present.

George Cooper, Bill Caldwell and A. C. Sosebee were Anson visitors Sunday.

Mrs. Waldo Cox entertained a number of young people with a party last Wednesday night, the occasion being the birthday of her son, James. After games were played and the gifts admired, cake and ice cream was served to the following guests: Imagene and Clinton Bird, Mary Jo, Bobbie Nell and Peggy Bicknell, Erma, E. W. and Betty Lou Herring, Juanita and Ernest Henderson, Robert Ray and Willie Joe James, Donald, A. L. and Betty Lou Cade, Harold and Ava Ruth Sosebee, Carl Jackson, Jr., Beryl Jinkens, Iris Eoff, Charles Carter and

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<input type="checkbox"/> Life	2.50	<input type="checkbox"/> True Story	2.50
<input type="checkbox"/> Literary Digest	4.50	<input type="checkbox"/> Woman's Home Companion	2.00
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BLAIR ITEMS

Mrs. Lala Brooks and son, John, are visiting the former's daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Moore, and family and other relatives in Baylor county for the week.

Mrs. W. O. Reeves and children of Philadelphia are the interesting guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell for the week-end.

Roy Doan and sons of Rotan spent Sunday afternoon with his mother, Mrs. Susie Doan, and other relatives, and Mrs. Doan accompanied her son home for a month's stay.

There will be a relay service at the Baptist church Sunday, July 5, conducted by Rev. Roy Audings, assisted by Brother J. D. Russell of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Campbell and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth McCleary spent the past Sunday with the former's daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Whit Farmer, of Snyder.

Miss Ada Stamford of Abilene visited last week-end with friends, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Malone, and family. The Mail has been requested to announce that the Blair Home Demonstration club will not meet with Mrs. Luther Orsborn on July 9 on account of the picnic at Butman tabernacle. The postponed date will be announced later.

Mrs. Gardner and baby of Aspermont spent the past week-end with her mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mayfield. Mr. and Mrs. Will Curb and sister of Merkel were guests Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Moore. Miss Neva Malone spent the past week with her uncle, J. A. Stanford, and family, in Abilene.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS POLITICAL

(Subject to the action of the Democratic Primary in July.)

For County Commissioner, Precinct No. 2:

CHAS. (CHARLIE) ORR.
HOUSTON ROBERTSON.
A. J. CANON (Re-election).
P. A. DILTZ.

For County Commissioner, Precinct No. 4, Jones county:

E. F. VANTRESE.
L. R. CADE.

For County Clerk:

(MISS) VIVIAN FRYAR.
CLARENCE L. DARDEN.
E. D. (Dean) DAVIS.
G. B. TITTLE.

For Sheriff:

S. H. (Sid) McADAMS.
BURL WHEELER.
MERVYN MEEKS.
ROSS L. MILLER.

For District Clerk:

MISS BELLE WELLBORN (Re-election.)

For County Attorney:

ESCO WALTER.

For County Tax Assessor-Collector:

C. O. (Pat) PATTERSON.
W. P. BOUNDS.

For Representative, 116th District:

DENT GIBSON.

For Judge, 104th District Court, (Taylor, Jones, Fisher Counties):

OWEN THOMAS.

W. R. CHAPMAN (Re-election.)

For Attorney, 104th District Court, (Taylor, Jones, Fisher Counties):

THOS. E. HAYDEN, JR.
OTIS MILLER (Re-election.)

For Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 5:

S. C. VICK.
N. D. COBB.

E. L. WILSON.

For County Judge:

A. A. HEATHINGTON.
JOHN CAMP (Re-election.)
LINDSAY P. WALDEN.

For Constable, Precinct No. 5:

W. H. LANEY.
J. T. KING.
BERT MELTON.

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FOR SALE—140 acres cotton, F-20 Farmall tractor, disc, planter and cultivator. See Booth Warren at F. & M. National bank.

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Efficient Methods Bring Large Gain in Gas Tax Collections

Austin, July 2.—Gasoline tax collections for the 1935-36 fiscal year are expected by George H. Sheppard, state comptroller, to reach an all-time high of more than \$40,000,000. Sheppard attributed a major portion of the increase to more efficient tax collection methods, particularly to strenuous efforts to prevent evasion by illegitimate dealers.

Approximately six years ago when Sheppard was appointed comptroller by former Governor Dan Moody, he immediately started a detailed study of the state's tax collecting system. He found much room for improvement and directed prime attention at the gasoline tax since it was from this source that important highway construction activities were maintained. Public school officials, hard pressed for funds in the financial crisis, also were looking to gasoline tax receipts to keep open the doors of the state's several thousand school houses.

The story of the substantial increase in gasoline tax collections is one of untiring research and endeavor. It also involved much litigation and for a time an almost steady stream of subpoena servers visited Sheppard with injunctions of various kinds restraining enforcement of new laws passed by the legislature on his recommendation.

Sheppard sponsored the law that required refiners and operators to maintain a detailed record of their transactions and made violations of the gasoline tax law felonies instead of misdemeanors. Since this law became effective, Comptroller Sheppard has filed 176 complaints alleging violation of the statute and nearly 100 felony indictments have been returned. Numerous convictions, with assessment of penalties ranging from fines to two years in the state penitentiary, have had a decided effect in curbing violations.

Prior to the time Comptroller Sheppard took office there was little provision for enforcing the gasoline tax. Through his efforts enforcement efficiency has been stepped up to a point where the state now obtains several millions of dollars more than formerly at a cost of less than one per cent.

Collections in the 1934-35 fiscal year were \$37,152,957, an increase of \$3,273,309 over the previous fiscal year. Receipts for the first nine months of the current fiscal year were \$2,456,131 in excess of revenues for the comparable period of the last fiscal year and Comptroller Sheppard predicted that if the ratio of increase

is maintained through the final three months a new record would be established with several hundred thousands of dollars to spare.

May, 1936, collections totalled \$3,343,963.95, an increase of \$418,922.62 over the same month last year.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank each and every one who were so thoughtful and kind to us in our recent bereavement; also for the beautiful floral offerings.

Mrs. R. H. Denton.
Mrs. R. D. Tyler.
Mrs. B. T. Sublett.
Sam Roberts.

EXPRESSION OF THANKS.

We wish to thank the good people of our community and from town who so willingly worked out our crops last week, also to express our appreciation of many other kindnesses extended.

Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Bland and Relatives.

THANKS NEIGHBORS.

We wish to thank each and every one who so willingly helped to clean our crop and to all who assisted us in any way. We feel like, dear friends, you have saved our crop. We also thank Dr. M. Armstrong for his faithful help.

May heaven bless you all.
Mr. and Mrs. Dan Reidenbach and Children.

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- Lettuce, head 5c
- Oranges, dozen 25c
- Lemons, dozen 27c
- Fresh Peas, 3 pounds 10c
- Supreme Salad Wafers, pound 17c
- Black Walnut Cookies, box 19c
- Red and White Mayonnaise, pint 23c
- Red and White Pickles, pint 24c
- Red and White Stuffed Olives, 7 1-2 oz. jar 23c
- Red and White Queen Olives, 10 oz. jar 23c
- Red and White Grape Juice, pint 15c
- Cracker Jacks, package 4c

- Gold Medal Wheaties, 2 packages 25c
- Red and White Flav-R-Jell, package 5c
- P & G Soap, 6 bars 25c
- Large Oxydol, package 22c
- Red and White Peas, No. 2 can 17c
- Goblin Hominy, No. 2 1-2 can 10c
- Blue and White Pork & Beans, 16 oz. can 5c
- Red and White Pimentos, 4 oz can 9c
- 7 ounce can 12c
- Red and White Broom, each 83c
- Pure Cane Sugar, 10 pounds 53c
- Blue and White Matches, 6 box carton 19c
- Pongee Toilet Tissue, 4 rolls 18c

COFFEE

- Early Riser, pound 17c
- Mart, pound 25c
- Red & White, pound 29c
- Beverly Potted Meat, 3 cans 10c
- Dried Prunes, large size, 2 lbs. 25c
- Red and White Corn Flakes, package 10c

- White Onions, 2 pounds 7c
- Potato Chips, pkg. 5c—10c—15c—25c
- Sliced Bacon, pound 25c
- Boiled Ham, pound 58c
- Lunch Meat, pound 30c
- Cheese, pound 21c
- Jowls, pound 15c

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- Household Magazine 1 year
- Junior Home (for Mothers) 1 year
- McClall's Magazine 1 year
- Movie Classic 1 year
- Needlecraft 1 year
- Open Road (Boys) 2 years
- Parents' Magazine 6 mos.
- Pathfinder (weekly) 1 year
- Pictorial Review 1 year
- Progressive Farmer 1 year
- Romantic Stories 1 year
- Screen Book 1 year
- Southern Agriculturist 1 year
- True Confessions 1 year
- Woman's World 1 year

*NOTE—Check one of the following instead of True Story if you wish. Only one substitution allowed.

- Modern Mechanic & Inv. 1 year
- American Girl 1 year
- Dollmaker 1 year
- Judge 1 year
- Physical Culture 1 year



OFFER NO. 2

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GROUP A

- Select One Magazine
- Better Homes & Gardens 1 yr
- Christian Herald 6 mo
- Flower Grower 1 yr
- Household Magazine 1 yr
- Junior Home (for Mothers) 1 yr
- McClall's Magazine 1 yr
- Movie Classic 1 yr
- Open Road (Boys) 2 yrs
- Parents' Magazine 6 mo
- Pathfinder (weekly) 1 yr
- Pictorial Review 1 yr
- Romantic Stories 1 yr
- Screen Book 1 yr
- True Confessions 1 yr
- American Girl 1 yr
- Dollmaker 1 yr
- The Farm Journal 1 yr
- Progressive Farmer 1 yr
- Southern Agriculturist 1 yr

GROUP B

- Select Three Magazines
- American Pasture Journal 1 yr
- Country Home 1 yr
- Dixie Poultry Journal 1 yr
- The Farm Journal 1 yr
- Gentlewoman Magazine 1 yr
- Good Stories 1 yr
- Home Circle 1 yr
- Home Friends 1 yr
- Housewife Magazine 1 yr
- Illustrated Mechanics 1 yr
- Mother's Home Life 1 yr
- Needlecraft 1 yr
- Poultry Tribune 1 yr
- Progressive Farmer 1 yr
- Southern Agriculturist 1 yr
- Successful Farming 1 yr
- Woman's World 1 yr
- Cleveland Review 1 yr
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BACKWARD PARTY.

Members of the T. E. L. Sunday School class were entertained on Thursday afternoon of last week with a most enjoyable party when Mesdames Joe P. Self, Jinks Winters and John Childress were co-hostesses in entertaining with a "Backward Party."

Guests were received in the basement of the Baptist church and were not admitted unless their dresses were worn backward. The usual procedures were reversed and refreshments were served first: refreshing sherbet, cake and olives having been passed, the program by Miss JoeSue Self, reader, Miss Clara Frances Largent, who sang, and piano numbers by Miss Margaret Miller was rendered.

Those present were Mesdames R. A. Hoover and G. H. Bullock, Stanton, visitors, and class members were Mesdames Booth, Fulton, Largent, Miller, Renfro, Warren, Winters, Childress, Dye, Ford, Misses Self, Largent and Miller.

GIFT PARTY.

Mrs. Earl Watts, recent bride, was complimented Wednesday afternoon of last week with a shower in the home of Mrs. Pick Allen, with Mrs. Emory Jones and Miss Lucy Faye Dwigginns co-hostesses in entertaining.

A color scheme of pink and green was stressed in house decorations of pink roses and other flowers. At the culmination of contests and advice written to the bride, gifts were presented the honoree in a trunk with her having the lucky key after the other guests had failed to open the trunk with their selected keys.

The refreshment plate bearing out the color of pink and green in chicken salad sandwiches, pickles, cookies, punch with pink tinted ice, was attractive with cellophane bags of rice tied with pink and green ribbon for plate favors.

Miss Lucy Faye Dwigginns, sister of the bride, presided at the bride's book for the registration of the following guests: Misses Maxie Banner, Helen Joyner, Vera Walker, Robbie Walker, Anna Lou Church, Gladys Mashburn, Mattie Lou Ford, Mary Helen Mashburn, Phyllis Smith, Grovone Ford, Melbaea Watts, Sally Orr, Mesdames Homer Mayfield of Anson, Daisy Dwigginns, Marvin Smith, Roy Reid, Roger A. Burgess, Ollie Dye, Dent Gibson, A. C. Church, Earl Dwigginns, Chester Hutchison, Bob McDonald, Nell Groene, Ruth Owens, J. R. Brown, Zedie L. Johnson, Stacy Bird, Bryan Dunagin, Burnett Bell, Lucy Ford, Jewel Dunagin, Lee Tipton, C. V. Walden, L. A. Watts, Joe Cypert, Ralph Walker and the hostesses, Mrs. Pick Allen, Mrs. Emory Jones and Miss Lucy Faye Dwigginns.

Many Attend Lueders Baptist Encampment

The Baptist encampment at Lueders drew a number from here including the pastor of the First Baptist church, Rev. C. R. Joyner, Mr. and Mrs. Joe P. Self and daughter, JoySue, Mesdames J. T. Warren, W. B. Stephens, A. R. Booth and Kirby Beckett, the latter of El Paso, and Miss Maude Dean, niece of Mrs. J. S. Swann.

Bryan Bradbury Opens His Campaign Here

J. Bryan Bradbury, of Abilene, member of the house of representatives from the 116th district, (Taylor county), opened his campaign for the democratic nomination for a second term, speaking here Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

He discussed all the leading state issues, including old age assistance taxation and legislation relating to public schools and regulation of public utilities.

Will Build Modern 4-Room Farm House

Misses Ophelia Mason of Deport and Mary Flake of San Antonio and L. L. Mason of Brookston were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Everett King Saturday and also visited in their home Saturday night.

During her visit to Merkel at this time Miss Mason let the contract for a modern 4-room house to be built within the next few weeks on her farm north of town.

Director King Vidor started work in Hollywood as a script clerk at \$12 a week.

There are 550 species of native grasses in Texas, about one half of the whole number of species found in the United States.

Merchants Sales Books 5c, six for 25c or 25 for \$1.00, At Merkel Mail office.

CHURCH SERVICES

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

A total of 691 were present at the six reporting Sunday Schools here last Sunday, as compared with 639 on the previous Sunday. On the same Sunday a year ago 750 were present.

METHODIST CHURCH.

Sunday School 10 a. m. Herbert Patterson, general superintendent. Preaching 11 a. m. by pastor. Young people meeting 7:45 p. m. Evening worship 8:30 p. m.

John H. Crow, Pastor.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m., followed by a communion service. Offering for Reynolds home. Preaching at 8:15 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8:15 o'clock.

You are cordially invited to these services. Strangers welcome.

R. A. Walker, Pastor.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8:15 p. m. BTS at 7:30 p. m. WMU at 4 o'clock Monday afternoon. Prayer meeting at 8:15 o'clock Wednesday evening.

All are cordially invited to attend these services.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

Sam Butman, Jr., in company with Milton McKenzie of Abilene, author of "Texas Toady," and Mrs. McKenzie, spent last week-end in Dallas as special guests of the Texas Centennial.

The A. J. Massey Cash grocery has opened for business in the location next door to the West Texas Utilities office.

Bob McDonald has secured the services of Merle Thornton, who was reared near Noodle and who will be glad to welcome customers at Bob's Beauty and Barber shop.

Statement to Voters From Clyde Shouse

To the Voters of Precinct 5: Having served the people of precinct No. 5 as your public weigher for the past year and one-half, I want to extend my thanks for the uniform courtesy and consideration shown me as well as to express my appreciation of your confidence in electing me to this office.

By oversight I failed to get my name on the ticket for the democratic primary and, having first thought I would ask my friends to write my name in on the ballot, I now find that this is not legal in a primary election.

As there can be no nominee for this office on the democratic party ticket as determined on July 25, I take this method to solicit your support for the office of public weigher in the general election in November, when it will be permissible to write my name on the ballot.

Earnestly soliciting your support, I remain

Respectfully yours,
CLYDE SHOUSE.
(Political Advertising.)

Record of Births.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. A. White, Noodle, Wednesday, July 1, 1936.
Girl to Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Melton, Noodle, Thursday, July 2, 1936.

Mother of Pinky Tomlin Dies.
Durant, Okla., July 2.—Mrs. Louisa Tomlin, 60, mother of Pinky Tomlin, song writer and moving picture actor, died here Tuesday of pneumonia after a three-day illness.

Lehman for Third Term.

Albany, N. Y., July 2.—Governor Herbert H. Lehman announced Tuesday he would run for a third term and fight for "social security" under the Roosevelt banner.

Singing School Closes.

With the singing at the Noodle school house the coming Sunday night, the singing school there will be discontinued for the summer in order to give way to the larger singing meets, W. J. Bicknell, the chairman, announces.

Former Resident Dies.

Friends of the family here have learned of the death of Mrs. W. N. Hall, wife of the late W. N. Hall, who was at one time city marshal of Merkel. She died at Monroe, La., on Monday, June 29.

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Bible study 10 a. m. Lord's day, preaching 11 a. m. and 8:15 p. m. by Brother A. J. Rollins, young people's program 7:15 p. m.

For the Wednesday evening service at 8:15 o'clock, we will have one of the young preachers from A. C. C. You are cordially invited to all of these services.

The Elders.

NAZARENE CHURCH

Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. NYPS at 7:15 p. m. Preaching at 8 p. m. Mid-week prayer meeting each Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

R. T. Smith, Pastor.

NORTHSIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH.

The Lord is blessing the revival to His glory. New members have come into the church, backsliders have been restored. A fine young lady came down the aisle and with the light of heaven in her eyes gave her heart to Jesus.

Brother Sheppard preached to a packed house Sunday evening. He is doing some wonderful preaching. Meeting will continue through the week.

Next Sunday evening the pastor will bring the closing message of the meeting. The subject will be "Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian."

We invite you to attend every service.

Bill E. Dowell, Pastor.

Gain of \$150,000 Over Last Year in Deposits

Total deposits in Merkel banks as of June 30 this year aggregated \$645,963.98, a gain of over \$150,000 as compared with similar figures for June 30, last year, the exact amount being \$153,736.55.

Comparative figures for June 30, last year and this year, reveal the following for the two banks:

Farmers State bank: deposits \$119,798.13 (1935); \$193,483.90 (1936); loans, \$123,529.32, (1935); \$112,019.52 (1936); total resources, \$188,110.22 (1935); \$263,886.45 (1936).

Farmers and Merchants National: deposits, \$372,429.30 (1935); \$452,480.08 (1936); loans, \$241,784.88 (1935); \$219,490.27 (1936); total resources, \$441,284.43 (1935); \$520,025.21 (1936).

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Eastland Man Pleased With Rule Lifting WPA Restrictions on Jobs

Eastland, July 2.—County Judge Clyde L. Garrett, president of the county judges and commissioners association of Texas, expressed much pleasure here when informed that a Washington order had been issued lifting the WPA restriction that a person, to receive a WPA job, must have been on dole prior to Nov. 1, 1935.

The announcement was made by Harry Hopkins, national administrator of the WPA at Washington, in connection with his report that the WPA would be ready to begin a new fiscal year July 1 with nearly four billions of dollars of approved projects available for the program.

Judge Garrett, who is a candidate for congress from the 17th district of Texas, in his capacity as head of the Texas association, headed a delegation of Texas officials to Washington last February to urge, among other things, that the restriction be lifted.

"It is a rank discrimination against the efforts of many of our citizens to help themselves," said Garrett. "Many of them struggled along during the darkest years of the depression, existing upon their own resources and declining to accept relief until these resources were exhausted. To say that relief clients who refused to go on the dole until they were forced to do so cannot now receive WPA employment, is to penalize them for trying to help themselves. I strongly urged against this foolish and discriminatory rule and I am happy to learn that the WPA will lift the restriction."

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