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TRENT CLUB GRABS TITLE AND \$100 PRIZE; TRUBY IN SECOND PLACE

Three Earned Runs Bring Victory to Trent in Final Game of Play-Off With Truby; Stores Close for Game.

Trent shut out Truby, 3-0, Tuesday afternoon to win the final game of the Shaughnessy play-off in the Merkel Inter-Community league.

It was a thrilling game witnessed by a record-breaking crowd, as the downtown stores showed 100 per cent co-operation in closing for the event. Seats in the grandstand were sold out long before the game was called.

As winner of first place Trent was awarded \$100 by the Merchants Trade Extension association, with Truby, the runner-up, receiving \$50 as second place winner. Divide took \$25 for third place, and Noodle copped fourth and a \$12 catcher's mitt. Noodle had forfeited to Divide in the third place play-off, after Truby defeated Divide in Thursday's game last week.

Checks for the stipulated amount have been handed by Warren Smith, as chairman of the baseball committee, to the following managers: for Trent, Leonard Quattlebaum; for Truby, Henry Eason; for Divide, J. B. McCoy, and to Jack Goode of the Noodle club was presented the catcher's mitt.

Warren Smith headed a group of indefatigable workers in putting over the 1936 Inter-Community league schedule, and it was due to their wise guidance, long experience and diligence in every detail that the whole program worked out so satisfactorily and successfully.

Others serving on the baseball committee were Stoney King, Joe P. Self, R. T. Gray and L. J. Renfro.

PLAY-OFF SERIES.

Truby, by shutting out Divide, 5-0, in Thursday's game last week, made it two straight and won place in the final play-off with Trent, who also had taken two in a row from Noodle.

Opening game of the little "world series" was played Saturday, with Trent the victor, 10-9. After trailing up to the eighth, Trent scored three runs on four hits, three of them to the infield, for the extra tally to win.

Truby evened up the series Monday, 10-5. Although outhit by the opposition, heavy slugging at opportune times by J. Hollis, B. Hollis and Williams accounted for Truby's victory. In the first inning with two on and one out, B. Hollis was passed intentionally only to be followed by J. Hollis who hit a home run into right field.

In the final game Trent scored two runs in the fourth when Boone hit a homer with one on ahead of him. The third run came in the fifth when T. Jones doubled, moved to third on a wild pitch and scored on a sacrifice hit.

Box scores of all three games in the series appear elsewhere in this issue of The Mail.

Mother of Trent Man Succumbs at Cuthbirth

Trent, Aug. 27.—Funeral rites for Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth Williams, 65, mother of Roger Williams of this place, were held from the Cuthbirth Baptist church last Saturday at 3 o'clock. Burial was made in the Cuthbirth cemetery beside the grave of her husband.

Mrs. Williams, who was a resident of Lamesa, died at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Wilmer Womack, at Cuthbirth, with whom she was making her home. She had been in ill health for about fifteen years, but died unexpectedly early Friday morning of heart ailment.

Eight children, fourteen grandchildren and two brothers survive, all of whom were present for the last rites. The children are: Mrs. Edna Buckolew, Mrs. Irvin Wright, Lamesa; Mrs. Womack, Mrs. Harry Ponds, Mrs. P. G. Fuller, Cuthbirth; Roger Williams, Trent; E. D. Williams, Sparsburg, and Burnie Williams, Lamesa. The brothers are Charles Tims, Headley, and N. J. Tims, Abilene.

To Hold Fifth Sunday Singing at Hawley

Fifth Sunday singing is scheduled at the school building at Hawley, according to announcement of T. H. Spears, president of the association. All singers are urged to be present and to bring their new books.

RED DEVILS, STITH IN TIE

Each Team Won Six and Lost One in Softball League Schedule; Will Play It Off.

Although Doc's Cops defeated the Red Devils, 9-5, thereby breaking the latter's record as the only undefeated club in the softball league, the young policemen lost in the final game of the schedule, played Wednesday of this week, to Stith, 4-5.

The result of that game, that is, Stith's victory brought the latter club into a tie with the Red Devils for first place, each having won six games and lost only one. The tie will be played off, but no date has been set Thursday morning.

The single game lost by the Red Devils was to Doc's Cops, while Stith owed their only defeat to the Red Devils. Besides losing to Stith, the Cops' only other defeat chalked against Doc's Cops was 2-0 at the hands of Mars.

Owing to the fact that the Blair team could not get here Tuesday, a postponed game between the Lions and Mars was played, the latter emerging victors 10-5.

Besides deciding the tie between the Red Devils and Stith for the championship, there is still one unplayed game on the schedule of the softball league, viz., Blair vs the Lions.

Results of the games below were furnished The Mail by Sylvan Melinger, official score-keeper:

Fireboys 001 201 0— 4 7 12
Stith 016 320 x—12 7 2
W. Neill and E. Jones; H. Burns and P. Berry.

Red Devils 100 301 0—5 9 8
Doc's Cops 014 030 1—9 14 3
L. Robertson and C. Patterson; H. Floyd and R. T. Blair.

Mt. Pleasant 000 010 0— 1 6 10
Fireboys 143 000 6—14 10 3
Jack Hogan, Curb and Curb; W. Neill and E. Jones.

Lions 001 020 2— 5 3 2
Mars 020 008 x—10 9 7
B. Patterson and W. Durham; H. Eason and J. McCaleb.

Doc's Cops 000 103 0—4 11 3
Stith 300 020 0—5 8 4
H. Floyd and R. T. Blair; H. Burns and P. Berry.

STANDING OF TEAMS.

TEAMS—	W	L	Pct.
Red Devils	6	1	.857
Stith	6	1	.857
Doc's Cops	5	2	.714
Mars	4	3	.571
Lions	2	4	.333
Blair	2	4	.333
Mt. Pleasant	1	6	.143
Fireboys	1	6	.143

Road Work Suspended While Cotton is Picked

In order that the workers may be free to assist in gathering the cotton crop, County Commissioner A. J. Cannon advised The Mail that WPA road work in precinct No. 2 would be stopped after Friday and not resumed until Sept. 17.

This temporary suspension will not interfere with the road program, as time for completion has been extended to June 30, he stated.

Sacred Harp Singing Convention at Hodges

The West Texas Fifth Sunday Sacred Harp Singing convention will convene Sunday, Aug. 30, at the Missionary Baptist church at Hodges on old highway between Abilene and Anson, with dinner for everybody.

All singers and lovers of these old songs are invited to be there. Officers of the association are: T. L. Grace, Haskell, president; E. Bishop, Wingate, vice-president, and Mrs. J. G. Webb, Sagerton, secretary.

Record of Births.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. John Reagh, Thursday, August 27, 1936.
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Vick, Friday, Aug. 21, 1936.

SCHOOLS OPEN NEW SESSION SEPT. 14TH

Supt. Burgess Asks that All Preliminary Matters be Attended to Week Before Opening; Routes of School Busses.

The 1936-37 session of the Merkel schools will open on Monday, Sept. 14. During the week of Sept. 7, the week before school opens, all preliminary matters will be gotten out of the way, Supt. Burgess announces. During this week all students who have not last year attended the Merkel schools should bring their report cards for last year for approval. High school students should secure now a complete record of all work done in the 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th grades and bring this to the superintendent's office during the week of Sept. 7.

During this week before school opens, textbooks should be turned in, entrance examinations taken, Seniors register, last year's book record made straight, or any other preliminary matters that should be attended to before the student may register. Students should watch next week's issue of the Merkel Mail for a definite schedule.

The faculty is now complete. Miss Juanita Stroud from Honey Grove, a graduate of C. L. A., was elected to fill the vacancy in Spanish; Miss Elsa Starke of Holland, also a graduate of C. L. A., was elected to fill the second grade vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Evelyn Curb. Miss Curb goes to Cameron at a substantial raise in salary.

Bus routes have been tentatively mapped out and bus drivers employed. J. Lee Coffman will drive the Stith-Salt Branch bus, while Max Swafford has just been employed to drive the Mulberry Canyon bus. The route for the Stith bus is tentatively fixed as follows: Start at the corner one mile north of the C. M. Largent residence, thence east via Warren school and Stith school to the Mashburn corner three miles east of Stith, thence south one mile, thence west to Robertson-D. Teaff corner, thence due south via Salt Branch school to state highway No. 1, thence west to Merkel High school.

MULBERRY CANYON ROUTE.

As tentatively fixed, the Mulberry Canyon route will be as follows: Begin at center point, one mile south of (Continued on Page Four)

Death Claims Mrs. J. E. McGaughey, 67

Funeral services were held at 2:30 Tuesday afternoon from the family residence in North Merkel for Mrs. J. E. McGaughey, 67, who died at 10:45 Monday morning. She had been in ill health for more than a year, having suffered two strokes during that period.

Rev. John H. Crow, pastor of the Methodist church, officiated, with interment in Rose Hill cemetery. Pallbearers were George Woodrum, E. T. Sublett, Minter King, Floyd McCoy, Joe Holmes and Deck Tyler, the latter of Abilene.

Mrs. McGaughey was married to J. E. McGaughey 52 years ago at Clio in Brown county, and the family had resided here for 30 years where Mr. McGaughey was engaged in the drayage business until poor health compelled him to retire five years ago.

Survivors include, besides her husband, one daughter, Mrs. E. W. Holt, of Duncan, Okla., who was present during her mother's last illness; three sons, Lewis McGaughey, Fresno, Calif.; H. D. and Leon McGaughey, Merkel. Fourteen grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren, one brother, B. L. Mallow, of Brownwood, and one sister, Mrs. W. J. Bowden, of Abilene, also survive.

Minnesota Governor Dies.

Rochester, Minn., Aug. 27.—Floyd B. Olson, farmer-labor governor of Minnesota and long prominent in state and national political circles, died here Saturday night. Death was due to an inoperable cancer of the stomach and complications.

Postpone Flight a Year.

Fairbanks, Alaska, Aug. 27.—Persistent bad flying weather has caused a year's postponement of Mrs. Wiley Post's flight to Point Barrow to help set monuments at the place where her husband and Will Rogers crashed to their deaths Aug. 15, 1935.

EASTLAND MAN GETS MAJORITY OF OVER 15,000

Unseats Tom Blanton for Congressional Honor from 17th District; Carries All But Two Counties, and Tied in One.

Marking the close of the most heated political race in this section for many years, County Judge Clyde L. Garrett of Eastland unseated Congressman Thomas L. Blanton, who has represented the 17th district for 20 years, with one brief interval when he was not a candidate, piling up a majority of 15,096 votes in Saturday's run-off.

Judge Garrett, who is now serving his fourth term as county judge of Eastland county and who is president of the County Judges and County Commissioners' association of Texas, carried every county except two, Shackelford, former home county of Blanton, and Hamilton, where incomplete returns show the two are tied.

Returns from 12 counties, with three incomplete give the following figures:

Garrett 33,314
Blanton 18,218

In the only two state-wide races, Ernest Thompson, incumbent, had a decisive lead over Frank S. Morris for railroad commissioner, while in the race for commissioner of agriculture the incumbent, J. E. McDonald, held a healthy margin over George B. Terrell.

COUNTY RACES.

Sheriff Burt Wheeler was defeated by Sid McAdams of Lawn, a former county commissioner, McAdams' majority being 1,247, while Miss Vivian Fryar won the nomination for county clerk over Clarence Darden by 725 votes.

A. J. Canon was re-elected commissioner of precinct No. 2 over Houston Robertson, while J. T. King defeated the incumbent, W. H. Laney, for constable, precinct No. 5.

Tabulated returns of the race for sheriff, county clerk, commissioner, precinct No. 2, and constable, precinct No. 5, appear elsewhere in this issue. Vote of the Merkel box complete and county totals in the congressional race will also be found on the same page.

Long Illness Takes Roscoe Bland, Age 51

Following an illness of more than two years, during the last six months of which his condition had been serious, Roscoe Bland, 51, died at 10:30 Thursday morning, Aug. 20, at his home west of town.

Funeral services were held at 10 o'clock Friday morning from the First Baptist church, with Rev. C. R. Joyner, the pastor, officiating, assisted by Rev. E. B. Surface, pastor of Central Presbyterian church, Abilene. Interment was in Rose Hill cemetery.

Pallbearers were E. W. King, E. R. Clack, John Shannon, Pierce Horton, H. H. Toombs and John Collins.

Born June 13, 1885, in Wilson county, Tenn., Mr. Bland had lived in West Texas 35 years, having been engaged in farming as long as his health permitted. He was married in 1905 to Miss Clara Cox, who died in 1911. In 1917 he was married to Miss Esther Rister. He was united to the Baptist church at Comper in 1920.

Survivors are Mrs. Bland and six children: Marvin Bland, Mrs. Raymond Brewer, Vernell, W. D. Marie and Jackie Bland, all of Merkel; six grandchildren; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bland, of Merkel; five brothers, R. L. Bland, Abilene; M. L. Bland, Post; J. A. Bland, Sweetwater; A. C. Bland, Wichita Falls, and Dee Bland, Orange, Calif.; two sisters, Mrs. R. R. Clark and Mrs. J. L. White, Merkel.

All were present for the last rites except one brother, Dee Bland, of California.

Death Penalty for Negro.

Asheville, N. C., Aug. 27.—Martin Moore, 22-year-old negro, was convicted of first degree murder here Saturday for the slaying of Helen Clevinger, New York co-ed, the verdict carrying a mandatory death sentence.

Film Pair to Marry.

Hollywood, Calif., Aug. 27.—Jeanette MacDonald, screen singer, and Gene Raymond, film actor, have announced their engagement to be married. The time and place of the wedding have not been decided.

CALL MASS MEETING OF MERCHANTS TO OUTLINE PLANS FOR FALL PROGRAM

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Since May, more than 120,000 visitors have registered at Sam Houston's home, a Texas shrine on highway 75 at Huntsville.

Jim Power, Post business man, defeated Sheriff W. F. Cato of Garza county by 32 votes in the run-off primary. The count was: Power, 757; Cato, 725.

L. M. Swift, 50, prominent South Texas merchant, was shot to death at Tivoli, 14 miles northeast of Refugio, while resisting burglars who entered the back door of his establishment.

R. B. Harrison, recognized by a deputy sheriff at Houston as a wanted man from his picture in a detective magazine, has started the trip back to Barton, Fla., to face trial on murder charges.

J. B. Early, maintenance engineer for the state highway department, has announced that work of rebuilding the Temple-Belton road will start Sept. 5 and conclude in 50 to 45 working days.

Bennie Armstrong, 24-year-old negro farmer at Jasper, ran amuck with a shotgun Tuesday, killed his mother-in-law, seriously wounded his estranged wife and another negro woman, then killed himself.

A total of 1,542 feet of the bridge across the Red River U. S. highway 70, longest bridge between Texas and Oklahoma—one and one-tenth miles long—was destroyed by fire early Sunday morning.

Edmund W. Matthews, 30, former student at Texas A. & M. college, drowned in Sabine lake Saturday when an outboard motorboat from which he and E. J. Galbreath were fishing capsized in rough water.

Defeating Mayor Oscar Holcombe of Houston in the run-off, Albert Thomas, 38-year-old assistant federal attorney for South Texas, will succeed Representative Joe Eagle as congressman from the eighth Texas district.

Degrees have been conferred by the University of Texas School of law on 2,952 students since its opening in 1883, of which number 42 have been women. There are 43 applicants for law degrees at the current summer session.

Secretary of State R. B. (Dick) Stanford, former Waco attorney and McLennan county judge, was Saturday appointed by Governor Allred to fill the unexpired term of Judge Sam R. Scott of the 54th district court, Waco, who died Aug. 20.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, September 1, 1916.)

Dem Rust arrived Monday afternoon from Utah where he has been for the past four years and will pay an extended visit to his mother, who has been in very bad health for the past few weeks. Mr. Rust is undecided whether he will return but will probably make Merkel his home for some time.

While away he spent a great portion of his time in the mining business and saw much of the increased interest given the Northwest in its mining interest that followed the outbreak of the European war.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Duff of Paris arrived here Tuesday morning and will make Merkel their home in the future. During the entire forenoon Mr. Duff was searching the town over for a home and was all but disappointed in his endeavors. He will be connected with the Woodroof store and is an experienced dry goods man.

J. H. McDonald, who has the Louisiana fever and goes back there to chill about once a year, dropped in on home folks Saturday and was busy up until the middle of this week shaking hands with friends.

John Moore, living near Dora, age about 30 years, was reported to have

Success of Series of Summer Shows and Ball Games Prompts Further Efforts Along Lines of Trade Extension.

From expressions of a great many of the merchants, who have expressed such satisfaction with the success of the third season of free summer rodeos and Inter-Community league baseball sponsored by the Merchants Trade Extension association of Merkel, President Dee Grimes of the association, after conferring with members of the board of directors, has called a mass meeting of all merchants, business and professional men of Merkel for Tuesday night of next week, Sept. 1, with the object in mind of discussing and outlining a fall program to continue the good work.

The place will be the large room adjoining the display space of the Merkel Motor company establishment. The time, 8 p. m. Tuesday, Sept. 1. Plenty of chairs will be provided and every one with the interest of Merkel's growth and progress at heart is invited to attend.

A meeting of the directors of the association will be held on Monday night before the meeting, at which time the financial report for the 1936 season will be received, and other business transacted in connection with winding up details of the summer features.

876 Bales of 1936 Crop Already Ginned Here

The continued extremely hot and dry weather has caused cotton to burst open rapidly in this section, with a total of 876 bales having already been ginned at the six plants here and those at Stith, Blair and Noodle.

The Mail has no comparable figure of ginning up to this date in previous years, but as of Sept. 25, last year, nearly a month later, only 392 bales had been ginned by the same plants.

Radio Singer Heard At Election Party

Guests at Saturday night's election party in the space back of the Vick Drug store were entertained by Charlie Sherrill's popular orchestra, who kindly donated their services.

A special number on the program featured a song and guitar contribution from Lucas, youthful member of the Yellow Jacket band that broadcasts over KTAT, Fort Worth.

Million Dollars Expended.

Cleveland, O., Aug. 27.—Dr. Francis E. Townsend, advocate of \$200-a-month pensions for the aged, testified that more than a million dollars had been spent organizing Townsend clubs in the United States.

killed himself Sunday evening just after dark, by placing the muzzle of a target rifle against his head and pulling the trigger.

Master Charm Burroughs is in Fort Worth visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Rudmose and other relatives.

Mildred "Templeton" Harrison, the beautiful little girl who has made her home with Mrs. Alice Templeton, deceased, departed Wednesday night in company with the remains of her "Auntie Mother." Hereafter Mildred will make her home with Mr. and Mrs. John D. Terry of Clinton, Okla.

Mrs. Harry Harris of Abilene is visiting her cousin, Mrs. John D. Gaither, and friends here this week.

Miss Agnes Hall, who spends a greater part of her time in Waco, has been called here by the serious illness of her father, Capt. E. Hall.

While the ten year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Harris of Stith was riding a calf Sunday, he lost his place amidship the youthful bovine and was thrown with such force that he sustained internal injuries and up to Tuesday morning his exact condition could not be ascertained.

TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Melton and two children of Mulberry canyon, Mr. and Mrs. Hurley Cogburn and family of Abilene and Mrs. Cynthia Hall of Bovina were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Sherman.

Hanley Vessels, local CCC enrollee in camp near Pecos, was a guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Vessels, last week.

Miss Doreen Scott of Abilene spent the week-end with Miss Mildred Steadman.

Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Hodge and son, H. C., accompanied by Mrs. Grant Riggan, spent the week-end in Stanton with Mr. and Mrs. Will Mattingly.

Will Hamner has returned from South Texas where he spent some time on business.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Massey and children of Denton were guests of her mother, Mrs. J. I. Leamon, the past week-end.

Miss Imagene Mangum is spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Mangum, before resuming her school work in Eldorado.

Mrs. Isoni Burks is doing nicely after having major surgery at an Abilene hospital last Saturday. Mrs. Burks was formerly Alta Mae Spinks.

Little Tilda Lou Steen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ozro Steen, received painful injuries when she fell from a fence Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Bishop and Miss Elsie Bishop spent a few days visiting in Waco and other points of interest, and on their return home have as their guest Miss Evelyn Crockett of Waco.

CHEERFUL HELPERS.

The Cheerful Helpers, junior girls and boys Sunday School classes of the Baptist church, of which Mrs. C. C. Stribling and Mrs. Ed Burks are teachers, were given a picnic at the Roadside park Wednesday, Aug. 20. Entertainment consisted of games and usage of the park equipment.

Picnic delicacies were served buffet style at the rustic tables made of native rock.

Included in the group were Avis Neill, Wilma and Wanda Stribling, Claude Stewart, Norma Mae Wilson, Mrs. Stribling and Mrs. Burks.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

Mrs. Elbert Rogers was hostess to a group of children, Saturday after-

noon honoring her son, Dickie, on his seventh birthday. The little guests enjoyed games and contests, after which pictures were made of the group before being invited to be served with ice cream and cake.

Those present were: Martha Ann Winn, Garland Phillips, H. L. McRee, LaNelle Edwards, Patsy Ruth Scott, Peggy Titsworth, Edwin Earl Winn, Alma Jeanne Payne, Jackie Boone, Billy Cooper, Peggy Jean and Barbara Dean Rogers. Grown-ups present were Mr. and Mrs. A. J. English, parents of the honoree.

REUNION AND PICNIC.

A reunion in the form of a picnic was held last Sunday in a grove of trees forming a perfect park effect at the Bland ranch, with Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Cooley and family as hosts.

A bountiful lunch was served on tables spread suitable for the occasion. After noon a musical program was rendered by local talent followed by a singsong.

Those attending from out of town were: Mrs. W. S. Moore and sons from Lamesa, Mr. and Mrs. Orvel Lawliss and family from O'Donnell, Mrs. Agnes Bigham and family of Hamlin, Mrs. Bettye Green and son, Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cooley, Truby, Mrs. Tommie Neill, Hamlin, Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Bagley, Anson, Mrs. W. E. Shouse and Mr. and Mrs. Andy Shouse, Trent.

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White Church News

The 11-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Bryan died Saturday, Aug. 22, at their home. Funeral services were held at 11 o'clock Sunday morning at the White Church church house, with burial in the White Church cemetery. Besides the parents, she is survived by five brothers and two sisters.

People of this community extend their deepest sympathy to the family. A number in the community are picking cotton and by another week most of the farmers will be picking.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Watkins of Rochester are visiting Mrs. Alice Brown and Mrs. Nell Pressly.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Berry were hosts for a large number of relatives Sunday. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Columbus Riggan and family, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Brown and family, Mrs. Kate Phillips and daughters, Mrs. Amanda Shugart, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Shugart and family, Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Windham and daughter, Boise Pressly, Esther Harris, Ted Windham, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Brown, of this community; Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Pettit and family and Mr. and Mrs. Felix Posey and family of Throckmorton.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian Evans of White Deer and Mr. and Mrs. Willis Evans of Sweetwater visited Fern and Ray Evans and Mr. and Mrs. Morris Pressly Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mose Brown are spending several weeks in Sweetwater visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Ensminger and Wade, Jr., spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Frazier.

Mr. and Mrs. Beryl Brown visited

in Sweetwater Saturday. Mrs. W. A. Harrison of Blair visited several days this week with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Rogers.

The Baptist meeting is going on over at Butman. Brother Thurman is doing the preaching. Every one is cordially invited to come and hear him preach.

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.

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.

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Railroad Jim THE COLUMN CONDUCTOR Says... Freight trains nowadays act like express specials. New freight schedules are so fast, I sometimes wonder if everything has to be delivered day before yesterday. Many of our passenger trains are running faster schedules, too. Well, one thing is sure. We make faster runs, but the first railroad commandment is still "Safety First." That's one rule they won't change. Western railroads and allied industries provided jobs for 750,000 workers last year. Some of them live in our town. Good neighbors. Passenger fares are now the lowest in history with substantial reductions on round trips. And no more surcharge for riding in sleeping cars. This new free pick-up-and-delivery of less than carload freight—I heard some traveling salesmen talking about it on the train yesterday. They said it saves shippers a lot of money and centers all responsibility on the railroad. For rail and picks up the freight at shipper's door and delivers to receiver's door. Of course, local delivery men get the haul from door-to-door and car-to-door at their own expense. The railroad handles the whole transaction. When railroad are busy, notice to us along the railroad are prosperous. The merchants put more ads in the newspapers. We're proud of railroad achievements, appreciate the public's good will and increased patronage, and pledge continued progress.

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The Box Scores

SATURDAY'S GAME.

TRENT	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
J. Payne, 1b	4	1	2	6	0	0
Terry, 3b	5	3	2	2	0	0
D. Jones	1	0	1	1	0	1
Weaver, c	4	2	2	10	1	0
Cooley, lf	3	0	1	0	0	0
H. Tittle, rf	5	0	0	3	1	0
O. Tittle, 2b	2	0	0	3	3	0
Boone, 2b	2	1	2	0	0	0
Hamner, cf	5	1	3	1	0	0
C. Tittle, ss	5	1	1	1	2	1
L. Jones, p	2	0	1	0	1	0
T. Jones, p	1	1	0	0	0	0

TRENT	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Bradford, 3b	5	1	1	2	2	0
C. Williams, cf	5	1	3	1	1	0
V. Justice, ss	4	1	1	1	1	1
B. Hollis, 1b	1	2	1	9	0	0
Scott, c	2	0	0	4	0	0
J. T. Grogan, rf	2	0	0	0	0	0
J. Hollis, p, c	2	1	1	3	2	1
Price, rf	1	1	0	0	0	0
Hampton, lf	3	1	1	2	0	0
J. Grogan, 2b	5	1	1	2	4	0
R. O. Payne, lf, rf, c	3	0	1	2	0	2
Garner, p	1	0	0	1	0	0

Totals 39 10 15 27 8 2
Score by innings—
Trent 100 112 230—10
Truby 300 150 000—9

Summary—Runs batted in, D. Jones, J. Payne, Weaver 4, Cooley, Hamner 2, L. Jones, Bradford 2, Williams 3, Scott, J. Hollis 2, Hampton. Two-base hits, J. Payne, Williams 2. Three-base hits, Boone, Hamner, J. Hollis. Home run, Hamner. Sacrifice hits, Cooley 2, R. O. Payne. Stolen bases, Terry 2, D. Jones, B. Hollis, Hampton. Left on bases, Trent 8, Truby 7. Base on balls, L. Jones 7, T. Jones 1. Strike-outs, L. Jones 10. Hit by pitcher, by L. Jones (Justice), (Hampton), by J. Hollis (J. Payne, L. Jones), by Garner (T. Jones.) Earned runs, Trent 8, Truby 9. Winning pitcher, T. Jones. Losing pitcher, Garner. Time of game 2:15. Umpires, Bryant, Zehnpfennig and Patterson.

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MONDAY'S GAME.

TRUBY	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Bradford, ss	5	2	2	1	0	0
C. Williams, cf	5	1	2	5	0	2
Justice, ss	5	1	1	3	3	2
B. Hollis, p	4	1	2	1	1	0
J. Hollis, 1b	4	2	1	7	2	0
Hall, c	5	0	0	6	1	0
Hampton, lf	5	2	2	2	0	0
J. Grogan, 2b	4	0	2	2	2	0
Payne, rf	3	1	0	0	0	0

TRENT	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
J. Payne, 1b	5	1	3	7	0	0
Terry, 3b	5	1	2	1	1	1
Weaver, c	4	2	2	7	0	0
Cooley, lf	5	0	1	2	0	1
H. Tittle, rf	5	0	2	4	0	0
Boone, 2b	5	1	2	3	1	0
Hamner, cf	3	0	0	1	0	0
O. Tittle, cf	1	0	0	1	0	0
C. Tittle, ss	4	0	2	0	2	1
O. Jones, p	0	0	0	0	1	0
T. Jones, p	4	0	0	1	2	0

Totals 40 10 12 27 9 4
Score by innings:
Truby 351 100 000—10
Trent 100 020 011—5
Summary—Runs batted in, Bradford, Williams 2, Justice, B. Hollis, J. Hollis 3, Hall, J. Grogan, Weaver 2, H. Tittle 2, O. Tittle. Two-base hits, Bradford, B. Hollis. Home run, J. Hollis. Sacrifice hit, J. Grogan. Hits and runs, off O. Jones, 5 and 6 in 1-3 innings. Bases on ball, off O. Jones 1, T. Jones 1. Struck out, by T. Jones 7, by B. Hollis 4. Double plays, J. Grogan and J. Hollis. Left on bases, Truby 7, Trent 9. Earned runs, Truby 9, Trent 5. Time of game 1:50. Umpires, Ferrier, Zehnpfennig and Bryant.

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TUESDAY'S GAME.

TRUBY	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Bradford, 3b	5	0	0	0	4	0
C. Williams, cf	4	0	1	0	0	0
V. Justice, ss	4	0	2	3	4	1
B. Hollis, 1b	0	0	0	14	0	1
J. Hollis, lf	4	0	0	1	0	0
Hall, c	4	0	0	4	0	0
Price, p	4	0	0	1	1	0
J. Grogan, 2b	3	0	1	0	5	0
R. O. Payne, rf	3	0	0	1	0	0
xxJ. T. Grogan	1	0	0	0	0	0
xxxGarner	1	0	0	0	0	0

TRENT	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
J. Payne, 1b	3	0	0	13	0	0
Terry, 3b	4	1	1	2	1	0
Weaver, c	3	0	1	1	0	0
Boone, 2b	4	1	2	2	6	1
Cooley, lf	3	0	0	0	0	0
H. Tittle, rf	3	0	1	2	0	0
Hamner, cf	3	0	0	5	0	0
C. Tittle, ss	3	0	1	1	5	1
T. Jones, p	3	1	1	1	1	0
xL. Jones	1	0	1	0	0	0

Totals 33 0 4 24 14 2
Score by innings:
Truby 30 3 8 27 13 2
Trent 100 020 011—5
Summary—Runs batted in, Bradford, Williams 2, Justice, B. Hollis, J. Hollis 3, Hall, J. Grogan, Weaver 2, H. Tittle 2, O. Tittle. Two-base hits, Bradford, B. Hollis. Home run, J. Hollis. Sacrifice hit, J. Grogan. Hits and runs, off O. Jones, 5 and 6 in 1-3 innings. Bases on ball, off O. Jones 1, T. Jones 1. Struck out, by T. Jones 7, by B. Hollis 4. Double plays, J. Grogan and J. Hollis. Left on bases, Truby 7, Trent 9. Earned runs, Truby 9, Trent 5. Time of game 1:50. Umpires, Ferrier, Zehnpfennig and Bryant.

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Score by innings—

Truby 000 000 000—0
Trent 000 210 00x—3
Summary—Runs batted in, Boone 2, J. Payne, Doubles, T. Jones, J. Grogan, Home runs, Boone, Sacrifice hits, J. Payne, Weaver. Stolen bases, Weaver, Terry, H. Tittle, C. Tittle, Williams. Left on base, Truby 10, Trent 5. Earned runs, Trent 3. Struck out, by Price 3, by Jones 1. Base on balls, off Jones 4. Wild pitches, Price 2. Time of game 1:40. Umpires, C. Hollis, Ferrier, Bryant and Zehnpfennig.

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Surprise Dinner on 53rd Wedding Anniversary

On the occasion of their 53rd wedding anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Baker were the honorees of a surprise birthday dinner at their home near Stith on Sunday, Aug. 23.

Those present for the happy celebration were: the honorees and Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Buck Leach, Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. Byron Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Mashburn, Terrell Mashburn, Miss Flo Rider, all of Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Beech, Henderson; Mrs. Claude Dye and sons, Billy Jean and Bobby Brooks, Pecos; Mrs. Jewel McLaughlin, McAdoo; Mrs. H. L. Dennis, Hugh Ralph and Jackie Wayne Dennis, Matador; Misses Wanda and Elaine Jones, Tokio.

An especial guest was Miss Adele Lain, niece of Mrs. Baker, who is a missionary to Brazil.

Texas' Supply of Fine Colts Shows Gain

Austin, Aug. 27.—Texas' supply of well-bred colts has increased twofold during the last two and one-half years, the department of agriculture reported Thursday as a result of the jack and stallion provision of the racing act.

Charles E. Baughman, chief clerk of the department, estimated that 12,000 colts bred from 296 jacks and stallions of finest strains ranged pasture lands this year where two and one-half years ago there were only 1,000.

The racing act set aside a portion of funds accruing from wagering on horse races to finance a state-owned jack and stallion service under direction of the department. More than \$204,000 accruing from the tax has been invested in registered and high-grade studs.

School Opening

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Blair, thence south to Nubia, then east one mile, south one mile (vic. Whit Ritchie's), thence west one mile to Cross Roads church (this loop via Whit Ritchie's not to be made when roads are muddy), then south one mile to the IXL corner, thence back north one mile to Cross Roads church, thence west to Butman school, thence north to White Church school, thence north to the Demere corner, thence east to T. J. Melton residence one mile south of Blair, thence north to Blair school, thence south one mile to the T. J. Melton residence, thence east to the Dub Hughes residence, thence north to Merkel High school.

In the afternoon the buses will begin at the place of ending, indicated above, and reverse the morning route. The new Chevrolet bus with steel Superior body has arrived to be put in service in the Mulberry Canyon. The new Ford bus purchased last year will again be in service on the Stith-Salt Branch route.

EARLY REGISTRATION.

All students of both High and Grammar grades who did not attend Merkel High school last year should bring their cards and register during the week of Sept. 7. For the first time, an attempt to register all High school students before school opens will be made. This means both new and former students who will this year be in the 8th, 9th, 10th or 11th grades. All High school students should watch the next week's issue of this paper for definite schedule of registration.

Students are urged to read carefully the announcements in next week's Merkel Mail and be governed accordingly. By early registration students have a better choice of subjects in classes where the registration under state regulation must cease when a certain number have registered for that class.

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 bit of hunting and asking questions, and you also know the merchants appreciate your patronage because they solicit your business and make special offerings of their goods.

Comings, Goings, Doings

Mrs. Emory Jones has entered Parsons Beauty school at Abilene.

Miss Emma Lillian Savage of Abilene is the house guest of Miss Betty Lou Grimes.

Messrs. J. H. Grayson and S. L. Grayson left Wednesday to visit a brother at Friona.

Miss Maymie Webb was a week-end visitor with Misses Hazel Rhodes and Charlene Goodie in Clyde.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Hays of Clyde spent the week-end with Mrs. Hays mother, Mrs. Will Webb.

Miss Helen McDonald has returned to her home in Houston after a visit with her aunt, Mrs. S. F. Haynes.

G. M. Sharp returned Tuesday very much improved after having been to the sanitarium at Savannah, Mo.

P. A. Compton and son, Glynn, of Borger, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Compton, a few days last week.

Burneal Merritt is among those in attendance at the Centennial celebrations at Dallas and Fort Worth this week.

Mrs. Gladys McLean and Mrs. Nell Lee were visitors last week to the Centennial shows at Fort Worth and Dallas.

Bonnie Ralph Turner, Jr., is spending a few weeks with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Compton, at Noodle.

Mrs. C. L. Daniel, Horace and DeVenue, returned Saturday from a trip to San Antonio, Corpus Christi and Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Warlick and babies from Abilene spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Russell.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Dean of Dallas were out for a week-end visit with his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Dean and family.

Mrs. DeVerle Johnson arrived from McKinney the latter part of last week for a visit with her mother, Mrs. Amy Sears.

Mrs. Hugh Brewster of Sudan is visiting this week with her father, J. S. Thomas, who is reported slightly improved.

Miss Aliene McAninch has returned home from summer school at C. I. A., Denton.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Jinkens and daughter of Fort Worth are here for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jinkens.

Mrs. Don Loyd of Fort Worth, a former classmate at Hardin-Simmons university, is the house guest of Mrs. W. T. Sadler this week.

Week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Ellis were the former's sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Mays, of Eola, Concho county.

After a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Largent, Mrs. G. C. Farrow returned Tuesday to Olney, her husband driving over to take her home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Patterson and Comer and Louise Patterson returned Sunday from an extended summer trip to Colorado and other western states.

Miss Sarah Sheppard has returned from a delightful summer spent on the New England coast, having also visited in Washington, D. C., and New York City.

Mrs. Duncan Briggs returned Friday from a vacation visit with her daughter, Miss Duncan Briggs, at Austin, also visiting relatives and friends at Brady.

Reports continue favorable as to the condition of T. G. Bragg, who underwent an operation on Wednesday of last week at Scott and White's sanitarium at Temple.

Mrs. T. D. Compton returned Monday from an extended visit with her son, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Compton, at Borger and daughter, Mrs. Bonnie Turner, at Amarillo.

Enjoying a week-end trip to the Centennial at Fort Worth were: Mrs. M. E. Perry, Misses Hollis Perry and Frances Higgins, H. H. Toombs and son, DeVerle Toombs.

Messrs. A. T. Sheppard, Booth Warren, Lee Cox and George Woodrum drove down to Temple Sunday to visit T. G. Bragg, who is in the Scott and White sanitarium.

Miss Marizoe West left Wednesday for El Paso where she will visit relatives until Sept. 1, at which time she enters the nurses' training school of the El Paso Masonic hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Case and Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Collinsworth spent several days this week at the Texas Centennial exposition at Dallas and Fort Worth's Frontier Centennial.

Miss Maimie Ellis has returned from Sul Ross State Teachers college at Alpine, where she completed work leading up to the award of her bachelor of science degree, together with a permanent high school certificate.

Passing visitors on Wednesday with Mrs. Duncan Briggs were her brother-in-law, J. B. Steele, and three daughters, Ardienne, Faydelle and Mary Merkel, of Ringling, Okla., who

were returning home from a western trip.

Miss Venice Bell, secretary for the Gold Bond Casket Co., Abilene, after visiting the Centennial in Dallas and Fort Worth's Frontier Centennial, is here spending the remainder of her vacation with her mother, Mrs. John B. Bell.

Mrs. Dee Grimes, who had been in the Methodist hospital since Aug. 3 from injuries received in an automobile accident, accompanied by her daughter, Miss Betty Lou Grimes, who had been with her, returned home Sunday.

Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of Grace Presbyterian church, returned Monday from Beardstown in East Texas where he had been holding a revival for the past two weeks. Mrs. Ralph Walker and two children returned with him.

Guests Saturday of Mrs. Adah Heeter and Miss Sadie Woodrum were their uncle, J. A. Boyce, of Abilene, an aunt, Mrs. Hart Boyce, her daughter, Mrs. Nellie Campbell, and the latter's son, David Campbell, of Texarkana, Ark.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Young and three daughters of Lampasas, accompanied by Miss Alice Bigham of Abilene, were recent guests in the S. D. Gamble home, on their return from Alpine where two of the daughters had been in school the past summer.

Miss Frances Marie Church had as her guest last week-end Noel Bryant, who was en route to his home in Hereford from Dallas, where he is doing work of a B. D. degree in the graduate school of S. M. U. He will return to S. M. U. the middle of September.

W. R. Barnett, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Barnett, arrived Sunday from Newport, R. I., to spend two weeks. He will leave Sept. 4 for San Diego, Calif.

Misses Audrey and Lorene Poston of Breckenridge were guests of Misses Eva and Ova Martin Sunday and Monday of this week.

Mrs. B. A. Cox, of Houston, who is a sister of Mrs. George F. West, is visiting with Mrs. West and a niece and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Booth Warren. Mr. Norval Green, a daughter of Mrs. Cox, and her two daughters, Nancy and Janice, of Pickwick, Tenn., are also visitors in the same home.

Returning from Flint, Mich., in their new car, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Eddins of Sweetwater stopped over for a visit of two or three days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Guitar, Sr. While in the north and east, Mr. and Mrs. Eddins spent four days in New York City, enjoying the sights and thrills of the metropolis.

Observe Anniversary Eastern Star Founder

At 6:30 p. m. Tuesday, Aug. 25, thirty members of the Eastern Star and their families and friends, each with a well-filled basket, gathered at Derstine park to commemorate the anniversary of Rob Morris, founder of the order.

Greetings were first in order and all were happy to have Mrs. Fannie Norman of Thorndale, Mr. and Mrs. Tucker of Borger, Mr. and Mrs. Dean of Anson and Mr. and Mrs. Buck Leach of Merkel as special guests.

After the table was spread, invocation was said by Mr. Merritt, husband of the worthy matron, and, after all had enjoyed the bountiful feed, the following program was rendered:

"History of Rob Morris" was given by Mrs. Bessie Cummins; a reading, "Are You a Star?" by Mrs. Priscilla Williamson, and Mrs. Lila Rea presented "The Level and the Square," the masterpiece of Rob Morris. Misses Smith and Rutledge accompanied by Mrs. H. G. Smith on guitar, rendered two songs, "Texas Centennial" and a cowboy selection.

Goodnight was said with all singing in unison, "Till We Meet Again."

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank the many friends and neighbors who were so kind and sympathetic in assisting us by word or deed during the long illness and death of our dear wife and mother, also for the beautiful floral offerings. May God's richest blessings rest upon you all.

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View First Foreign Ship to Anchor in Canal at Brownsville

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Petty have just returned from a trip to Waco and other parts of the state, having been guests in Waco of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Petty.

They also went to Corpus Christi for a little fishing spree. Mr. Petty reports, but the fish were not very hungry. They nevertheless had plenty to eat, he says. After visiting his sister, Mrs. H. E. Johnson, there, they went on to the valley, where grapefruit, oranges and lemons grow in such abundance. "They have a bountiful crop this year," said Mr. Petty, "and let's trust they don't have a storm to destroy them."

Back to Bay City, they visited Mrs. Petty's brother, Dr. Odis Rainer, pastor of the First Baptist church.

They witnessed the unique sight of viewing the first foreign ship anchor in the canal at Brownsville. It was from Hamburg, Germany, and will be loaded with cotton before it leaves.

Members of Thornton Family Enjoy Three Affairs During Week

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Thornton and children have been together on three delightful occasions this week. Sunday every one brought baskets to the Thornton home and had a bountiful lunch. Picture taking and serving of watermelons afforded afternoon entertainment.

Tuesday was spent picnicking at the Abilene State park, returning to Ira Thornton's at Caps for supper. On Wednesday every one gathered at Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Patton's for dinner.

Those present for each occasion were: Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Thornton, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Thornton and three children, Columbus, O., Mr. and Mrs. Ira Thornton and two children of Caps, Mrs. Claude Kyle and daughter of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Patton and family of Merkel and Mrs. L. M. Scoggins of Abilene.

Family Meets in First Reunion in Nine Years

Four generations of descendants of Mr. and Mrs. Smith Gray, pioneer residents of Caps, met in their first reunion in nine years at Abilene State park Aug. 22, 23 and 24, celebrating the 50th wedding anniversary of the aged Caps couple.

Mr. and Mrs. Gray were married in Spa, Ky., and came to Texas 47 years ago, settling on Blossom prairie near Deport. In 1915 they moved to Taylor county and lived on their farm south of View until they moved to their present home four years ago. They have ten children, all living except two, Mrs. Leona Gray Monk, who died in 1913 at the age of 20, and H. L. Gray, who died in 1928, being 32 years of age. A grandson, Slim Fleming, burned to death in a stove explosion last Dec. 8.

Six children with their families were present, two being unable to attend, Mrs. S. R. Fleming of Las Cruces, N. M., and W. L. Gray of San Francisco.

On Sunday afternoon a program was given, which included: Billijo Stewart, a granddaughter, who sang two numbers, "Silver-Haired Daddy" and "When I Take My Vacation"; Bobbie Brewster, who read "The Golden Wedding," and Patsy Brewster, who sang "Home on the Range" and "Beautiful Texas." Then a shower of gifts were presented to the honored couple.

Children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren present were: Mr. and Mrs. Boss Gray, Waylen Gray and Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Grant and son, Deport; Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Gray and sons, James and Leroy, Las Cruces, N. M.; W. R. Gray, Masilla Park, N. M.; Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Brewster, Patsy and Bobbie Brewster, Mr. and Mrs. Clint Stewart and Billijo of Caps; Mr. and Mrs. E. W. King and sons, Carlton and Raebon and Mr. and Mrs. Harold King, Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Fleming and son, Havernon, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Fleming, Mrs. H. B. Fleming and sons, Donald and Jimmie, Mrs. Slim Fleming and daughter, Maurine, of Las Cruces, N. M.; Herman Gray, Jr., of Paris; Mrs. H. L. Gray, Paris.

Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Robert Buie, Beverly and Victor Buie, Stamford; Mr. and Mrs. Buford Books, Bettie, Martha and Bobbie Books, Sweetwater; Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Dill, Masilla Park, N. M.; Skeet Malone, Merkel; Mrs. Ruby Shull, Aline, Bobbie and Janie Shull, Abilene; Mrs. Hodges, Buffalo Gap, and Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Adcock, Misses Berdelle Adcock and Floy McKinney of Merkel.

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RURAL SOCIETY

TWO COUNTIES HOLD JOINT ENCAMPMENT.

Women of Jones County Home Demonstration clubs held their regular encampment at Lueders Aug. 19-20, being joined by Miss Jean Day, of Aspermont, with some 25 or 30 women from Stonewall county.

Feature events of the encampment were held Wednesday with a picnic supper served to approximately 275 men and women, followed by an evening of entertainment of recreation and stunts.

Guests included Miss Evelyn Jennings, CHDA, Fisher county, also the Fisher county farm agent, T. H. Roensch, and wife; Mr. and Mrs. Ulric H. Lea, Knox City, (Mrs. Lea was formerly Miss Jewell Faulkner, CHDA, Jones county); R. H. Maxwell, Jones county farm agent, and wife; Judge Burleson and County Commissioners Sanders and Turner of Jones county.

Thursday morning's program consisted of recreation, directed by Mrs. C. W. Seago, and Short Course reports and demonstrations by delegates as follows: "Some Interesting Things at Guion Hall," Mrs. Marvin Carlton, Neinda club, Jones county; "Yard Furnishings," Mrs. E. C. Viertel, Aspermont club, Stonewall county; "My Bedroom," Mrs. F. W. Pee, Neinda club, winner first place Jones county tufted bedspreads; Mrs. B. C. Omon, Lueders wardrobe work; Mrs. John James, Stonewall county; "Better Grooming," Mrs. A. B. Gwinn, Stonewall county; "Hooked Mats," Miss Pearl Bristow, Hamlin; "Quilts," Miss Gladys Moore, Stonewall county; address, "Four Wishes," Mrs. Vernie L. Merritt, council delegate, Jones county; "Having a Hobby," Mrs. Cora Carter, Lueders.

Demonstrations: "Sunday Night Suppers," "Summer Parties" and "Cheese in the Menu," Mrs. John Childers, Aspermont.

A business meeting was held in the afternoon for election of officers, with Mrs. Ina Moorhead, Lueders, elected as encampment chairman for 1937. A unanimous vote was cast to hold joint encampment again in 1937 of both Jones and Stonewall counties.

Each club member present talked on "What Club Work Has Meant to Me."

MISCELLANEOUS SHOWER.

Of interest among the home affairs was the prettily planned party for a group of friends on Aug. 20 in the home of Mrs. Wade Ensminger of Butman, complimenting Mrs. Homer Newby and Mrs. John Henry Swinney with a miscellaneous shower of many beautiful and useful gifts.

Miss Fern Evans and Mrs. Hugh Campbell entertained in the reception room with games and contests, with the prizes being graciously presented to the honorees.

Mesdames Vergil Harrison, Johnnie Frazier, Ernest Meeks, Houston Martin, Will Butman and Dewey Rogers and Miss Aline Frazier assisted the hostess in the dining room where a dainty refreshment plate of cake, punch and mints with miniature shoes as plate favors was passed to the following:

Mesdames Dewitt Campbell, Willis Evans, Houston Martin, E. M. Blackburn, Rubel Johnson, Paul Reed, A. Mainard, Will Butman, Frase Demere, Ernest Meeks, J. T. Newby, Homer Newby, Clovis Harrison, Johnnie Frazier, John Swinney, E. W. Turner, A. Thurmond, A. D. Scott, Sam Butman, Jr., W. A. Harrison, Dewey Rogers, Jess Russom, Ford Butman, A. V. Farmer, Beryl Brown, E. Masserang, Tom Estill, E. A. Thomas, Vada Coats, Vivian Masserang, W. S. Masserang, Lenward Harrison, Buck Weston, Hugh Campbell, Frank Demere, O. D. Pruitt, Misses Lottie Butman, Fern Evans, Opal Lowery, Aline Frazier and the hostesses.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Mrs. Oscar Johnson and Mrs. Ben Adkins entertained Aug. 20 in Mrs. Adkins' home at Comere in honor of Mrs. Johnson's son, Robert Ray, who was two years old.

Cream cones and cakes were served to the following guests: Virginia Rainwater, Mrs. M. A. Lucas and children, Bettie, Kenneth and Junes; Mrs. A. W. Clemmer and daughter, Doloresia; Mrs. C. Snell, Polly and Wilma Dee; Mrs. G. A. Rainwater, Lucy and Dorothy; Mrs. W. L. McDonald and Ernestine; Johnnie Burns, Mrs. M. D. Lucas, Mrs. I. B. Ray, Bill David, Betty Jo, Jerry and Martha Ann; Mrs. E. Lucas and Jonel, Mrs. Ray Lucas and Luna, Mrs. Chester Lucas and Ella Faye, Mrs. Dee Lucas and Sara, Kathleen, Melvine, M. J. and Patsy, Mrs. Vergie Davis, Mrs. Howard Smith, Leon Adkins, Mrs. A. J. Newman, Mrs. Ben Adkins and the hostess.

A happy time with music was enjoyed by all with Robert Ray and his birthday gifts.

COMPERE HD CLUB.

The Compere Home Demonstration club met in the home of Mrs. Ben Ad-

Vegetables, Meal, Flour Cost Rising

Fort Worth, Aug. 27.—Canned vegetables are costing 25 per cent more this year than at the same time in 1935.

Due to a surplus from last year, fruits generally are no higher than for the same period a year ago.

The drought in the corn belt has forced syrup up 30 per cent in the last six or seven weeks.

There has been and likely will be no advance on sugar and tobacco. Meats are lower than a year ago.

These and other reactions were noted on the wholesale grocery market Tuesday and were being reflected in varying degrees in retail stores.

Vegetables, wholesalers say, are the items affected principally by the drought. Lack of moisture in the 24 states of the Midwest vegetable area has skyrocketed prices, especially those on corn, hominy, kraut and green beans.

How soon the rapid rises in the price of flour will be reflected in retail quotations on bread is a subject for speculation. Flour has advanced \$1.30 a barrel in the last eight weeks.

The club ladies are working on a club quilt, which is to be sold later this year.

Iced tea and cake were served to members and visitors.

The club adjourned to meet with Mrs. A. J. Newman on Sept. 1.

WEINER ROAST.

The Senior union of the Hebron B. T. U. met at the new Derstine park for a weiner roast Saturday night. Delightful social hours were enjoyed, during which refreshments of sandwiches and punch were served.

Those enjoying this gayly appointed affair were: Mrs. J. M. Williamson, chaperon; Doswell Carey, Burneal Merritt, Guinn Pannell, Blanton Carey, Billy Williams, Doris Price, Cullen Price, James Williams, Dick Hass, Syble Harris, Junior Clark, Ruby Carey, Vernon Lofton of Hermleigh, Louis Austin of Anson, Aline Carey and Weldon Bennett, also of Anson.

HEBRON NEWS

William Pinnell and sister, Mrs. Kemper Zercher, and two children of Dallas were recent visitors with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Pannell. On their return they were accompanied by Miss Deleah Pannell, leaving little Dickie Zercher for an extended visit with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Pannell of Pampa were also recent guests in the Pannell home.

Those spending Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Carey and family were Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Austin and son, Louis, Weldon Bennett, all of Anson, and Vernon Lofton of Hermleigh.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Williams and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Herman Pierce of Carpenter's Gap.

Mrs. Lewis Tucker and little son, Bobby Ray, of Borger are visiting in the homes of C. L. Tucker and Mrs. V. L. Merritt.

Mrs. V. L. Merritt, Mrs. E. B. Reece and Mrs. J. M. Deen attended the women's encampment at Lueders Aug. 19-20.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Traylor and two children, Jimmy Ruth and Quincy Ray, visited from Friday until Sunday with Mrs. Traylor's mother, Mrs. Lucas, of Winters.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ensminger of Merkel visited the latter's brother, C. L. Tucker, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Carey and sons visited Sunday in the home of Mrs. R. H. Carey and daughter of Maryneal. While there they also attended the singing at High Point. On their return they called on Miss Addie Mae Rogers of Nolan, who has been ill for some time. Miss Rogers was a former teacher of the Union Ridge school.

MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS.

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FOR SALE—My farm, 2 1-2 miles southwest of town. Mrs. A. H. Thornton.

FOR SALE—Nice white pigs, \$5.00 each. M. Armstrong.

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Furnished two-room apartment, also three-room furnished apartment, Phone 30. Mrs. S. F. Haynes.

WANTED

WANTED—Man, with or without team, with or without family, to gather maize and cotton; house furnished. Lee D. Williams, Noodle.

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—Brown leather billfold, with driver's license and identification card, also \$4.50 in money. \$1.00 reward for return to Horace Boney or Merkel Mail.

LEGAL NOTICE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS.
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon Thomas J. Mezell by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, to appear at the next regular term of the 42nd District Court of Taylor County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Abilene, Texas, on the 1st Monday in September A. D. 1936, the same being the 7th day of September A. D. 1936, then and there to answer Plaintiff's Amended petition filed in said Court on the 5th day of August A. D. 1936, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 10,812-A, wherein Mrs. Audria Mezell, by next friend, H. A. McMinn and Mrs. M. E. McMinn is Plaintiff, and Thomas J. Mezell is Defendant, and a brief statement of plaintiff's cause of action, being as follows: that plaintiff and defendant married on or about December 21, 1935 and separated on or about May 24, 1936. Plaintiff sues for a divorce and annulment of marriage on the ground of cruel treatment, all of which is fully alleged in Plaintiff's First Amended Petition now on file, there being no children nor community property.

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

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, on this 5th day of August A. D. 1936.

Belle Wellborn, Clerk,
District Court Taylor County, Texas.
(Seal) By Birdie Wilson, Deputy.

Woodmen Circle Guests Fill Places at Session

Merkel Grove No. 563, Woodmen Circle, met in regular session on Thursday afternoon, Aug. 20. In the absence of Guardian Katie Church, Past Guardian Rea, assisted by the team, opened the meeting, seated the officers and presented the following guests:

Mrs. Katie Kidwell, field worker, who was invited to preside as guardian; Mrs. Mary Adams, field worker, to fill the station as adviser, and Mrs. Florence St. John, captain of Abilene drill team, in the absence of Mrs. Seago, to captain Merkel drill team. Mrs. Rea resumed her station and conducted the opening exercises.

Mrs. Lillie Barnett, as attendant, assisted by the team, presented Mrs. Flossie Fowler and Mrs. Renie Keifer for the degrees of the order.

Mrs. Kidwell and Mrs. St. John made interesting talks, giving in detail the work carried out in the state convention recently held in Hollister, Mo.

Refreshing cold drinks were served at the conclusion of the program to members and guests.

To Attend Dental Meet.

Dr. Wm. M. Gambill of Abilene announces that his office will be closed next week, while he is attending the dental convention in Dallas. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Gambill, and daughter, Miss Billie Bernice. Bud Gambill will leave Aug. 31 for football practice with Abilene Eagles.

Out of gas or got a flat? Phone 245. We hurry.

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

Commissioner, Prec. 2

Merkel	476	351
Trent	112	52
Nubia	82	47
Blair	49	21
Tye-Merkel	58	13
Caps-Merkel	17	20
Totals	794	504

Constable, Prec. 5

Merkel	502	318
Nubia	64	54
Blair	51	19
Tye-Merkel	21	51
Caps-Merkel	12	23
Totals	650	465

County Clerk

K. C. Hall	58	110
Fair Park	370	503
North Park	99	195
Orange Street	241	367
Cedar Street	263	347
McMurry	141	167
Butternut Street	498	547
Gowan Motors	292	455
Court House	275	267
Merkel	439	393
Caps-Abilene	38	20
Tye-Merkel	38	32
Trent	59	107
Bradshaw	56	100
Tye-Abilene	25	38
Tuscola	137	100
Potosi	50	47
Lawn	139	137
Ovalo	93	115
Caps-Merkel	20	18
Guion	41	74
Moro	42	33
View	87	29
Lisman	7	5
Hamby	8	32
Buffalo Gap	69	66
Jim Ned	29	40
Shep	65	84
Nubia	64	65
Blair	43	27
Iberis	30	21
Totals	3,816	4,541

For Congress

Tabulated results from the 12 counties in the 17th district congressional race follow: Those marked (x) are incomplete:

County—	Blanton	Garrett
Taylor	3958	4401
Stephens	1106	2299
Fisher	1061	1760
Nolan	953	3279
Shackelford	973	788
Callahan	914	1446
Comanche	1374	3139
Palo Pinto	1196	3073
xEastland	1798	5259
xJones	1289	2892
Erath	2028	3410
xHamilton	1568	1568

A Correction.

By error in reporting that Isadore Mellinger would go to Clarendon to open a store about the first of September, The Mail stated that the Mellingers had sold their store at Livingston. They will continue to operate the store at Livingston, which is in charge of Herman Davis, a brother-in-law of Mrs. Mellinger.

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Wednesday-Thursday

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Don't Forget Thursday Night

Merkel Complete

For railroad commissioner—Thompson 505, Morris 297.
For state commissioner of agriculture—Terrell 300, McDonald 490.
For congress, 17th district—Blanton 329, Garrett 498.
For county clerk—Darden 429, Fryar 395.
For sheriff—Wheeler 413, McAdams 416.
For county commissioner, Precinct No. 2—Canon 476, Robertson 351.
For constable, Precinct No. 5—King 502, Laney 318.
Total vote cast 836.

Sheriff's Race

K. C. Hall	61	106
Fair Park	414	463
North Park	129	162
Orange Street	242	366
Cedar Street	294	314
McMurry	117	186
Butternut Street	473	572
Gowan Motors	345	400
Court House	263	284
Merkel	413	416
Caps-Abilene	11	44
Tye-Merkel	33	36
Trent	78	87
Bradshaw	53	104
Tye-Abilene	28	35
Tuscola	64	172
Potosi	27	69
Lawn	47	233
Ovalo	67	138
Caps-Merkel	12	26
Guion	42	71
Moro	39	35
View	37	78
Lisman	1	11
Hamby	18	21
Buffalo Gap	41	90
Jim Ned	13	54
Shep	66	85
Nubia	46	83
Blair	32	38
Iberis	16	38
Totals	3,522	4,769

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(Political Advertising.)

Well Rounded Program At Weatherford College

Weatherford College has planned a well rounded program for 1936-1937. It has many new courses added to its curriculum in the field of journalism, music, art, designing, drawing, commercial art, accounting, typing, shorthand, and several others.

This is a day of junior college education. Weatherford College is sympathetic and appreciates the high school graduates. It offers guidance, assistance, and helps break the gap between the senior high school and the larger institutions of higher learning. Weatherford College graduates are eagerly sought and freely accepted in all universities and higher institutions of learning because of the high standard of work done in the class room, laboratories, extra curricular activities, and the educational guidance program that is offered by the college. All work is fully accredited with the state department of education.

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Card of Appreciation to Voters, Friends From Houston Robertson

To My Friends and Voters: I want to thank each and every one of you for the nice things you have said about me, while I was in the race for commissioner.

To those of you who supported me, words cannot express my appreciation to you, and I hope that some time I will have the opportunity to do as much for you.

To those of you who supported Mr. Canon, will say you voted for a good friend of mine, and I hope there are no ill feelings between you and me, and, in these closing words, again I thank you.

HOUSTON ROBERTSON.
(Political Advertising.)

Special Showing Latest Electrical Appliances

Announcing open house all day, Friday, Aug. 28, the local office of the West Texas Utilities company will hold a special fall showing of the latest in modern, time and labor saving electrical appliances.

The display will be held at the company's display room and refreshments will be served all day, it is announced by R. T. Gray, local manager.

Adding machines rolls 15c, or two for 25c; regular retail price everywhere. For Sale at Merkel Mail office.

For the fourth successive year Greece had a bumper wheat crop in 1935.

Churches of Texas Introduce Theme Song

Haskell, Aug. 27.—Through their state committee on co-operation for a dedication to religion and the higher standards of life this Centennial year, the churches of Texas have introduced their theme song. Announcement of the new song was made by Rev. R. N. Huckabee, Texas Centennial Revival chairman.

Selection of the song was made by a committee composed of Dr. L. U. Spellman, San Angelo; Dr. W. M. Pearce, Lubbock, and Dr. E. H. Lightfoot, Cleburne. The front cover contains a picture of General Sam Houston leading the battle of San Jacinto where Texas obtained political freedom and quotes him in his rallying call for a greater victory for Texas, "conquering herself, her passions and her sins."

R. E. Shepherd, former "singing mayor" of Wichita Falls, says, "I am very much pleased with 'God Keep You, Texas' and expect to use it often during the year. The chorus is especially good and the verses have a message which should be on the heart of every true Texan."

As a result of the legislative primaries, and based on the personnel of the administrative departments, next January will be the first time since 1919 when there has been neither a woman in the state legislature nor as head of a department.

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- Green Beans, pound 10c
- Lettuce, head 6c
- Spuds, 10 pounds 36c
- Supreme Salad Wafers, 1 lb. box 17c
- Red and White Tea, with Free Glass, 1-4 pound 23c
- Red and White Peaches, No. 2 1-2 can, 2 for 33c
- Red and White Cake Flour, large pkg. 25c
- Crystal Spinach, No. 2 can 10c
- Cut Green Beans, No. 2 can 10c
- Standard Tomatoes, No. 2, 3 for 25c
- Economy Peas, No. 2 can 15c
- Gallon Peaches, per can 43c
- Red and White Grape Juice, pint 15c
- Red and White Flav-R-Jell, all flavors, pkg. 5c
- Post Bran Flakes, pkg. 11c
- Gold Medal Wheaties, 2 pkgs. 25c
- Yankee Doodle Macaroni, pkg. 5c
- Red and White Preserves, strawberry, 1 lb. jar 23c
- Pure Cane Sugar, 10 lbs. 53c
- Blue and White Matches, 6 box carton 19c
- Early Riser Coffee, pound 17c
- Red and White Soap, 5 bars 19c
- Pure Pork Sausage, lb. 19c
- Sliced Bacon, pound 25c
- Salt Pork, pound 19c
- Bologna, 2 pounds 25c
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NOODLE NEWS

Pulling bolls is the order of the day. A group of school children left Tuesday morning for Dallas to attend the Centennial. The trip was made in the school bus and a truck. They were accompanied by Prof. and Mrs. Bell and Mrs. Waldo Cox.

Mrs. G. G. Cantrell and children of Carlsbad, N. M., are the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Sosebee. Mrs. J. M. Cook and granddaughter, Johnnie Chadwick, are visiting Mrs. Cook's daughter, Mrs. Roy Meeks, of Slaton. Miss Chadwick visited the Matador ranch and an uncle near Amarillo. They expect to return home the last of the week.

Prof. and Mrs. F. T. Bell went to DeLeon Friday; returning Saturday, they were accompanied by little Misses Beryl Dean Jinkens and Bobbie Nell Bicknell and Ronald Lee Bell.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Howard are visiting their daughter at LaJunta, Colo.

John C. Thompson and son, John M., of Dallas, spent the week-end here, the guests of relatives. Mr. Thompson, who is secretary of the Cotton Ginners association of Texas, went to Lubbock last Thursday to preside at the ginners' convention. They left Monday for Quanah to attend the convention there. They were accompanied by Roger Sosebee who will attend the Centennial before returning home.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar McGinnis spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. Arlie Brothers, at Paducah. They made the trip with Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Hawk of Snyder, who are visiting his parents, also of Paducah.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Crow spent the week-end at Stamford. They were accompanied home by his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Walgren, and daughter, Gladys, and Miss Pauline Kelly of Anson.

Boyd Tarpley took a truck load of cattle to Fort Worth Sunday. He was accompanied by J. D. Sosbee, who remained in Fort Worth to attend the Frontier Centennial.

Jack Pierce was a visitor in Stamford Sunday.

Mrs. Ellis Dunning and son, Stanley, of Oklahoma City are visiting her sister, Mrs. A. L. Cade.

After three weeks visit with Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Ely, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Brown and sons, Ergeal and Billy Dale, left Saturday for their home in Capitan, N. M.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Womack and family of Fort Stanton, N. M., are visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Goode and, while here, are going on to the Centennial.

Misses Juana and Wallace Ely are attending the Centennial this week.

Miss Mildred Sharp of Draughon's Business college spent the week-end with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Jackson and Carl, Jr., of Mexia were visiting Mr. Jackson's parents Sunday and attended Sunday School here.

The Baptist people held conference Sunday and called Brother Crumpler back as their pastor another year.

Otho Kinder of Mt. Pleasant is

visiting his sister, Mrs. Ellie Satterwhite.

Mrs. Waldo Cox entertained her Sunday School class Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Cade drove over to Abilene Sunday afternoon to visit Mrs. Gene Cade, who is in the sanitarium. They reported Mrs. Cade as improving some.

Looks good to see Alec Carter out at the ball games again, but he is not improving as he would like and is going through the clinic at Temple the first of September.

Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Irving and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Perrin attended church at Horn Sunday night.

Leon Walker, Stanley Dunning of Oklahoma City and Wallace Ely took a swim at Shannon's Monday night.

BLAIR ITEMS

The entire community was saddened by the death of little Clara Lee Bryan, who died suddenly Saturday afternoon at her home. She was 11 years old and had just lived long enough to be very dear to her parents and other loved one's hearts.

Their hearts are so lonely for her; One of their greatest blessings has flown, But heaven will be sweeter and nearer to them, Knowing their daughter is home.

The little body was laid to rest in the White Church cemetery, funeral services being conducted by Rev. Ted McGehee of Merkel. The loved ones have the sympathy of all in their bereavement.

The Baptist meeting, conducted by Rev. Roy Audings, closed Sunday night, with visible results of several additions to the church by letter and baptism. The entire meeting was exceptionally attended and a fine interest was manifested by all. Rev. Mr. Audings is a hard worker—his messages are logical and convincing. Miss Zula Spears presented a fine spirit of co-operation by playing the piano for the meeting. She is very talented and possesses unusual ability in the evangelistic field.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Doan and family of Rotan visited their mother, Mrs. Susie Doan, and other relatives last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Mayberry of Abilene were interesting guests of their son,

Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Mayberry, and family Saturday.

Mrs. Chalmers Patterson and children returned Monday to their home at Littlefield after several weeks stay with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Spears, and Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Patterson.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Harrison have entertained their nephews from Stanton for several days.

The cotton ginning season started several days ago, the local gin having ginned some 50 bales of cotton up to date. There is a great deal of cotton open and quite a demand for hands.

Earl Sowell of Corpus Christi is the house guest of his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Latimer, for an indefinite time. Mr. Sowell is recovering nicely from a major operation he underwent recently.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Anthony entertained their mother, Mrs. S. G. Sherrill, and sister, Mrs. R. J. Johnson, and R. J. Johnson and sons, Arlen, Ray and Monty Joe, of Clyde, recently.

Dalton Lewis Mayo, handsome son of Mr. and Mrs. Price Mayo of Duke-don, Tenn., and Etzel Farmer of But-

man spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell.

Mrs. John Walker and children of Clyde visited in the Mark and Bob Malone homes Saturday

Mr. and Mrs. George Anderson and Mrs. Fanne Seymour and two attractive children, Billie and Fan, of Nubia, spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Horton.

Mr. and Mrs. Tucker, Mrs. John Russell and daughter, Miss Nina Belle, of Merkel and Mrs. Frank Demere of White Church visited Mrs. Will Campbell the past week.

Miss Dorris, the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Mitchell, is visiting for an indefinite time with relatives at Bronte.

Carlene Hughes spent the past week visiting in the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hughes, of Merkel.

Mrs. Pat Addison and daughters, Misses Louise and Madalyn, and Mrs. Will Campbell and son, Billie, visited with Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Jones at Treat one day the past week.

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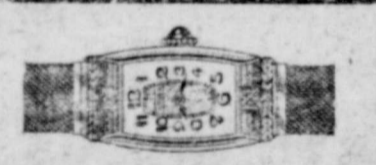
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The common cold germ is marshalling his forces for the annual attack. Soon this insidious enemy will prepare to live up to his reputation as America's greatest enemy to good health. Each year more than two hundred million "common colds" undermine the health of the nation and often pave the way for such serious illnesses as pneumonia, bronchitis, influenza, tuberculosis, and other health-wrecking respiratory diseases.

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Discusses Diseases In Poultry Flocks

"How to Prevent Disease in Your Poultry Flock" is discussed in the following article, one of a series prepared for The Mail by C. H. Collinsworth, instructor in Merkel High school:

Reports have been coming in about rather heavy losses in some poultry flocks in the surrounding territory. Causes of the losses, of course, vary widely, from different kinds of parasites, both external and internal, to the many diseases causing death in chickens and other poultry.

The old saying, "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," holds very true, especially in poultry. A sick chicken is almost worthless property, and it is difficult to doctor chickens successfully.

To prevent diseases, we need to understand something about them. Some diseases are caused by infection; others result from faults of nutrition, and still others are traceable to the general conditions surrounding the flock.

The first rule of health is sanitation. The observance of this rule comprises the following points: (1) quarantine of new stock until it is known to be healthy; (2) protecting the flock from access to polluted drinking water, spoiled or infected feeds, or contaminated grounds; (3) burying or burning of diseased carcasses; (4) thoroughly cleaning and disinfecting premises contaminated by disease; (5) protecting the flock from vermin and diseases and parasites carried by free flying birds, and (6) preventing persons who have unhealthy chickens from entering the poultry yards or houses.

Proper nutrition is the second rule of health. Some diseases are caused by a feeding ration lacking certain elements, while others are due to excessive feeding of some feeds. Rickets and nutritional roup are diseases caused by unbalanced ration. A balanced cereal ration with meat scraps and shell or bone, a regular allowance of given feeds, and clean water should contain all the vital elements of nutrition for the birds.

The third rule of health is good surroundings; that is, roomy, comfortable, well ventilated poultry houses, free from drafts or dampness.

Large flocks should be divided into smaller units for convenience in care

and feeding as well as an aid to disease prevention. "Mister Poultryman; check up on your equipment, care and management and your poultry will repay you in dollars and cents."

Centennial Swells Gasoline Tax Till

Austin, Aug. 27.—Sponsors of the bill passed in the state legislature to appropriate \$3,000,000 for the celebration of Texas' 100th anniversary pointed out in their fight for the bill's passage that the state treasury would be reimbursed that amount with increased gasoline taxes during 1936. Their promise has been more than fulfilled during the first seven months of the Centennial year.

From Jan. 1 through July 31 the state gasoline tax till has been swelled by \$3,148,749 over and above the amount collected for the same period last year. Taxes from the sale of gasoline to residents and visitors to Texas have already shown a profit of \$148,749 to the state on its appropriation of \$3,000,000 for the first seven months of 1936 and fall tourist travel promises to add substantially to the tax revenue by the end of the year.

Centennial officials anticipate increased travel into Texas from out-of-state during fall months and if such is true revenue provided by gasoline tax will run the amount past the \$6,000,000 mark for 1936, thereby showing a profit of \$3,000,000 to the taxpayers of Texas on their Centennial investment.

Mrs. Goldsticker Now Arkansas State Mgr.

Mrs. Tressie Goldsticker of Stamford has been appointed Arkansas state manager of the Woodmen Circle, according to an announcement from Woodmen Circle national headquarters in Omaha, Nebr. Mrs. Goldsticker succeeds Mrs. Elizabeth C. Geyer of Little Rock, who has been state manager of Arkansas for the past twenty years and who recently resigned. Mrs. Geyer, who has been a member of the Woodmen Circle National Legislative committee for the past five years, is one of the organization's pioneer members, having joined in 1904.

Mrs. Goldsticker, who is well known to Woodmen Circle members in Arkansas, has been actively identified with the work of the society for the past twenty-five years. She has been

a district manager for the society in Texas for nearly twenty years. She has represented Texas at a number of national conventions as well as being a past member of the National Legislative committee. She will make her home in Little Rock.

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Coco Cola, ice cold, bottle 5c	Grape Juice, pints 18c	
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 - True Confessions
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COATS-DILTZ.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip A. Diltz are announcing the marriage of their daughter, Dorris Mack, to Clayton Darrell Coats on Friday, Aug. 21.

This marriage unites two prominent families of West Texas. Philip Diltz is a well known farmer, having served as Taylor county commissioner for eight years. Clayton is the youngest son of D. D. Coats, retired farmer.

This young couple has hosts of friends who wish them much happiness through life.

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM CALIFORNIA.

The following announcement will be of interest to many Merkel friends this week:

"Dr. and Mrs. George Louis Miller request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Claire Louise, to Mr. James Joseph Savage on Sunday, the thirteenth of September, nineteen hundred and thirty-six, two o'clock in the afternoon at the Grace Lutheran Church, 3993 Park Boulevard, San Diego, California."

WHATLEY-WOODS.

(Waco Tribune-Herald.)

Miss Ina Woods and C. D. Whatley, both of Waco, were married Sunday morning at 9 o'clock in the First Baptist church at Austin, Rev. Mr. Hancock performing the ceremony in the presence of Miss Evelyn Woods of Bryan, sister of the bride, and William Jackson of Austin.

The bride wore an early fall model of black and white crepe and a corsage of lilies of the valley and white rosebuds. Her accessories were black.

Mrs. Whatley is the daughter of L. A. Woods, former Wacoan, state superintendent of education, and Mrs. Woods. She received her early education in the Waco public schools and later received her A. B. degree from Baylor university. Mrs. Whatley is a member of the South Waco school faculty. Mr. Whatley, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Whatley of Merkel, came to Waco in 1935 as manager of the Heart o' Texas Motor club and has for the last several months been connected in the sales department at Central Motor company. He was educated in the Merkel public schools and later attended Simmons university at Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Whatley returned to Waco Sunday night and are now at home at 3100 Novice road.

FAREWELL PARTY.

Miss Marizoe West, who left on Wednesday morning for El Paso to enter the Nurses' Training school, El Paso Masonic hospital, was complimented on Tuesday with a "Post-Office" shower by many of her friends as a farewell compliment. Also Mrs. John West entertained with a "back-yard-party" in her honor in the evening.

The lighted flower garden was studded with tables appointed for anagrams, dominoes, monopoly, checkers and bridge and, following a most enjoyable hour of games, sherbet, sandwiches and olives were passed to Miss Marizoe West, Mrs. Norval Green of Pickwick, Tenn., Mrs. B. A. Cox of Houston, Mrs. Geo. F. West, Messrs. and Mesdames Henry West, James West, John West, Booth Warren, Messrs. Paul West, James H. West, Jr., Gerald, Jack Dawson, Dick West, Don and Jerry Warren, Misses Gay, Gloria and Joy Frances West, Nancy and Janice Green, Pickwick, Tenn.

K. K. K. KLUB.

A new social club was organized on Monday afternoon in the home of Becky Gardner and the following officers were elected: Miss Becky Gardner, president; Miss Tommie Evelyn Grimes, secretary, and Miss Sue Sue Grimes, reporter. Other members present were Misses Dora Marie Gaither, Dorothy Lee Shannon and Geraldine Teague.

CALIFORNIA VISITOR COMPLIMENTED.

Mr. and Mrs. Selma Russell entertained a number of friends and relatives Monday evening of last week in honor of their brother, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Russell, of El Centro, Calif., who left for their home on the following day.

Watermelon was served to the honorees and Mrs. D. A. Dickey, Mr. and Mrs. Irving Allen and children, Sweetwater; Mr. and Mrs. John Warlick and babies, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Nunnally and son, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Dunning, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Russell and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Ferguson and children, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Cochran and children, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Russell and son, Mrs. Fannie McConnell; Leo Harris, and James, Ralph and Alice Russell.

SLUMBER PARTY.

The "Three 'F' Club" rooms were

the scene of a gay group on Tuesday night when club members met there for a "no-hostess" slumber party. A cold supper was eaten picnic-fashion and initiated a slumberless night for Misses Lillian Savage of Abilene, house guest of Miss Bettye Lou Grimes, Elma Mae Gamble, Fannelle Gray, Hollis Perry and Frances Higgins.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Master Wayne McLean was all of five years old, so on Tuesday afternoon his mother, Mrs. Gladys McLean, invited a group of his little friends to celebrate his birthday with a jolly party at Shannon's pool.

After playing various games, ice cream and cake, with vari-colored balloons as plate favors, were served to Peggy Joyce Dye, Dorothy Nell Lee, Robert Lee, Glenn Toombs, Robert Wayne Sledge, Billie Morris Baze, Patsy Simpson, Peggy Simpson and Marvin Estes Jones.

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To the Voters of Precinct 2, Taylor County:

Accept my appreciation and gratitude for the vote that gave me the position of your commissioner for the next two years. I shall try even harder to make you a better commissioner in the future than I have been in the past.

To those who did not see fit to vote for me, I hold no ill will whatsoever.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

There were 681 present at the six reporting Sunday Schools here last Sunday, as compared with 653 on the previous Sunday. On the same Sunday a year ago 677 were present.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. at the tabernacle. All are cordially invited to attend these services.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. by the pastor, who has returned from conducting a revival in East Texas. No evening service on account of Baptist revival.

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening. You are cordially invited to these services. Strangers welcome.

R. A. Walker, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Bible study Sunday 10 a. m., preaching 11 a. m. and 8:15 p. m. The young people have an interesting program each Sunday evening at 7:15.

A preaching service coupled with a prayer service is had each Wednesday evening at 7:30.

The Elders.

NORTHSIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH.

"The Lord has done great things for us, whereof we are glad." Through the vast heat of Sunday afternoon, a great crowd came and filled the tabernacle. It was a day that shall be long remembered. Brother Greggs from Tye brought one of the greatest messages I have ever heard. Special songs were rendered and testimonies and prayers were offered unto the Lord. There was great rejoicing and, as the pastor brought the service to a climax and extended an invitation, five backsliders came weeping and confessing; and they were followed by three who came accepting Christ. An-

other young boy was saved in the evening service.

We had the largest crowd Sunday night that I have ever seen in the building at a preaching service. Praise the Lord for victory. Attend every service—you are welcome.

Bill E. Dowell, Pastor.

Robertson Reunion Held on Clear Fork

The riverside of the Clear Fork, near Hawley, was the meeting place for the Robertson reunion held Saturday and Sunday, with all the children present. Boating, swimming, fishing and swinging furnished the entertainment.

On Sunday morning, Sunday School was held and then Rev. Clay Lyles of Floydada preached. There were 46 in the service.

Plans were made for an annual picnic and the following officers named: Austin Robertson, Merkel, president; Claud Patton, Floydada, secretary, and H. B. Robertson, Merkel, manager.

In the afternoon watermelons were served, their donor being Eli Case.

Present were: Mr. and Mrs. Earl Rainer and son, Arliss; Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Rainer and son, Glenn; Mr. and Mrs. Areal Rainer; Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Lyles and children, Clay and Verena; Mr. and Mrs. Claud Patton and children, Claudie Myrtle, Fannie Ruth and Tiny; Mrs. Ocie Golightly, all of Floydada; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ingram, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Baker and children, Lile Lee, Alton and Wayne; Mrs. Elsie Roland and children, Mary Evelyn, Elsie Mae and Troy; Mr. and Mrs. Pete Petty; Mr. and Mrs. Houston Robertson and son, Lloyd; Mr. and Mrs. Hob Robertson and children, Glenn and Genevieve; Mr. and Mrs. Austin Robertson and children, Evelyn, Zerk, Peggy, Doris and William Truett.

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Salt, 26 oz. boxes, 3 for 10c	Burbanks Potatoes, lb. 5c
Coffee, Maxwell House, 3 lbs. 75c	Onions, per pound 4c
Pork & Beans, 16 ounce can 5c	Okra, per pound 12 1-2c
Salmons Tall Cans Each 10c	Peppers, per pound 10c
Shortening Jewel or Vegetole 8 lb. carton \$1.00	Squash, 2 pounds 15c
Mackerel, tall cans, 3 for 25c	Yams, per peck 60c
Grape Juice Punch, pint 10c	Tomatoes, 2 pounds 15c
Pickles Sours, 48 ounce jar 29c	Beets, per bunch 5c
Syrup Pure Ribbon Cane Gal. 59c	Catsup, 14 oz., 2 for 25c
Tomatoes Tall Cans 3 for 25c	Matches, 3 for 10c
Corn No. 2 Size Cans Each 10c	Oats, Plate, large pkg. 25c
	Smax Crackers, box 10c
	Toilet Tissue, per roll 5c
	Coffee, Cooper's, 3 lbs. 75c
	Tea, W. P. 1-4 lb. pkg. 15c
	Corn Flakes, pkg. 10c
	Syrup, 1-2 gallon 25c
	Peanut Butter, 24 oz. jar 25c

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