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LOFTON-CAREY.

Miss Ruby Carey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Carey and Vernon Lofton, son of Mr. and Mrs. K. P. Lofton, Sr., of Hermleigh, were married at 6 o'clock Saturday evening in the home of the bride's parents.

Rev. Arvil Richardson, a student in Hardin-Simmons university and former pastor of the bride, read the ceremony in the presence of the immediate family.

The bride looked very pretty in a tunic of wine crepe with brown accessories. Her traveling dress was an ensemble of a gold taffeta blouse and brown skirt of wool crepe with brown accessories. Blanche Carey served her sister as maid of honor. The groom was attended by Clements Carey of Lamesa, brother of the bride, as best man.

Mrs. Lofton was graduated from Merkel High school with the class of 1936 and has been very active in church work. Mr. Lofton was graduated from the Pyron High school in 1933 and is a member of a well known family in the Hermleigh area.

Following a honeymoon trip to an unannounced destination, the couple will reside at Hermleigh where Mr. Lofton is engaged in farming.

An informal reception followed the ceremony with the bride making the first cut in a beautiful three-tiered wedding cake.

Relatives coming from distant towns for the reception were Mr. and Mrs. K. P. Lofton, Sr., of Hermleigh, Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Darden and little son of Sweetwater and Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Austin and son, Louis, of Anson.

SALT BRANCH CLUB.

The Salt Branch club met with Mrs. Will Higgins on Sept. 10, when a very interesting lecture and demonstration on "Serving a Family Meal" was given by Mrs. Johnny Cox.

Next meeting will be with Mrs. W. C. Lee Sept. 24. Each member is to bring two cooked vegetables and Miss Crippen will meet with the club.

Those present were Mesdames W. C. Lee, Odis Foster, Jack Higgins, Will Higgins, Johnny Cox and Roy Hartell and Miss Celia Hester.

STORK SHOWER.

Naming Mrs. George Smith and Mrs. Ralph Ramsey as honorees, a group of friends met on Wednesday, Sept. 9, in the A. W. Clemmer home at Compere.

After the gifts were presented, a social hour was spent and ice cream and cake was served to the following: Mesdames N. C. Palmer, C. L. Palmer, R. S. Palmer, Ernest Lucas, Roy Lucas, Chester Lucas, Manuel Lucas, M. D. Lucas, D. D. Davis, Ben Adkins, T. K. Marshall, Fred Kelso, Roy Kelso, Henry Foster, A. W. Clemmer, C. M. Foster, R. I. Jackson, C. Childers, Alice Varner, Mary R. Terry, Jeff Chaney, Dewey Ramsey, Anna Bean, E. F. Breeden, A. J. Newman and Miss Nora Kelso.

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BLAIR ITEMS

R. E. Windham, who has been real sick, is convalescing nicely and his friends are hoping for a complete recovery soon.

Several from here entered Merkel High school Monday for the 1936-37 term.

Hugh Campbell has been on the sick list since our last news letter. Mrs. Ellsworth Bell and Mrs. John Neighbors are also on the sick list.

Zeb Moore left last week in response to a telegram telling of the illness of his son, Otis Moore, of Dallas, who entered the hospital at that place for treatment. Little Jacqueline Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Moore of Dallas, accompanied him back home for an indefinite stay.

Miss Vernie Derrick of Merkel is spending the week with Misses Sarah and Neva Malone.

Harlis McEverett of Duncan, Ariz., visited his parents for some ten days recently; also a daughter, Mrs. L. E. Taylor and son, Jimmie, and Miss Catherine Hamilton of Breckenridge and Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Adcock and mother, Grandma Bankhead, and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Adcock of Merkel were guests in this home the past week-end.

Miss Lois Rosson, attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Rosson of Merkel, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell for a week.

Mrs. Tom Melton spent the past week-end with her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Jene Bankhead of Sweetwater.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Latimer and family and Mr. Sowers visited relatives at Hamlin Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. M. A. Reeves of Eastland is visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. A. Harrison.

Mrs. Jim Burfeind of King county and daughter, Mrs. James Farr, and little son of Archer City are visiting their parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Neighbors.

Rev. Roy Audings, Baptist pastor, will fill his regular appointment at the Baptist church Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Horton and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Dee Moore of Tye over the week-end.

Mrs. Carl Doan and family spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Horton of Trent.

Johnny Latimer attended the Baptist association at Abilene Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Campbell and son and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Campbell

and son visited Mr. and Mrs. Gene Campbell of Roby Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Wilkerson and children of the Plains are visiting their sister, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Maddera, for an indefinite time.

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HEBRON NEWS

Mrs. J. M. Williamson left last week with relatives from Trent to attend the Dallas Centennial.

Mr. and Mrs. Lige Harris and daughter, Syble, and Miss Doris Price spent Sunday with Mrs. Ollie Skidmore and family of Golan.

Clements Carey of Lamesa, who came for the wedding of his sister, Miss Ruby Carey, to Vernon Lofton of Hermleigh, was accompanied home Monday by another sister, Miss Alice Carey, for an extended visit.

Miss Doris Hass of Clyde is visiting her sister, Mrs. Bob Dean, and her brother, James Hass.

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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Buddie Winter, little son of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Winter, was in Merkel Tuesday for a tonsil operation.

Bart Bishop of Lamesa was a guest the past week-end of his brother, O. L. Bishop, and family. Miss Margaret Chatwell accompanied him here for a visit with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Roberts and Mrs. Vernon Cronon of Jefferson spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Roberts, local T. & P. agent.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Estep of Sweetwater are announcing the birth of a son, named Jerry Edwin, weight 7 1-2 pounds. Mother and baby both doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Merton Bell of DeLeon, local teachers in the public schools, have taken residence here and are at home in the Ben Howell home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Taylor of Hawley have taken an apartment with Mrs. Annie Boone. Mr. Taylor will teach in the local high school.

Miss Hermal Glasgow of Aspermont will be located here in the Bright apartment with her mother and sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rogge and children of Abilene were guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Estep Sunday.

Anna Verne Clement of Abilene spent a few days with Joy and June Brucher.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nalley spent Labor day visiting with friends in Cisco.

Mrs. Asha Steadman and daughter, Mildred, and Mrs. Joe Nalley were shopping in Abilene Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Craddock of Cisco were guests of friends here Wednesday of last week. Mrs. Craddock visited her nephew, Fenton Boyd and family, returning to the home of Mrs. Joe Nalley, where she and Mr. Craddock were served a six o'clock dinner.

Joe Nalley, A. C. Terry, Sr., and Mr. Craddock made a business trip to Colorado Wednesday. Edgar Lee Mangum spent the week-end with home folks, resuming his studies at McMurry Monday.

Rev. C. B. Carlton, Methodist pastor, attended to business in Abilene Monday morning.

SCHOOL OPENING.

Monday morning, Sept. 14, found Trent pupils, teachers and patrons assembled for school opening for the ensuing year.

Asssemblage was held in the High School auditorium at 9 o'clock with Supt. G. W. Scott in charge, J. E. Halbrooks, president of the school board, gave an inspirational address to pupils, stressing responsibility of children to their parents and urging cooperation in all phases of school work. Remarks were made by Supt. Scott and response was made by patrons of the school, assurance being given at the same time that the building program was not to be abandoned.

New teachers were introduced and teachers who were retained were greeted.

New teachers are: Merton Bell, science; Bob Taylor, history and athletics; Mrs. Merton Bell, English and public speaking. Other teachers are: G. W. Scott, High school; Miss Maggie Payne, 5th and 6th grades; Mrs. G. W. Scott, 3rd and 4th grades; Miss Hermal Glasgow, 2nd and 3rd grades, and Mrs. O. L. Reeves, primary.

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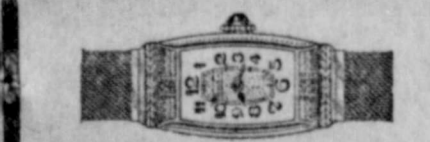
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NOODLE NEWS

The long hoped for rain has come, although it is too late to help cotton, will be a great benefit to late feed and grass and enable us to plant fall gardens.

The gin has been running day and night for the past ten days, something over 1,000 bales having been ginned.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Sloan had as their guests last Wednesday and Thursday Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gause of Mound City, Kans., and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Watson of Fulton, Kans. The latter are cousins of Mr. Sloan whom he had not seen in 34 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley King and son, Norman, of Merkel visited Andrew Barbee and family Sunday. They were accompanied by Miss Leta Fay Barbee, who will attend school at Merkel this term.

Mrs. Naylor Eoff has as her guest her little nephew, Paul Earl Rape, of Sweetwater.

Mrs. Carlton Vick and baby of Merkel are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Sloan, this week.

Mrs. Ray Spurgin accompanied her husband, who is hauling cotton to Houston, on his latest trip. They will visit the Centennial shows on their return trip.

Miss Lucille Justice is visiting her sister, Mrs. Clifford Roden, at Ballinger.

Mrs. Cecil Hawk and children of Rotan spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Sosebee, returning home Monday. Mr. Hawk also spent Sunday night with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Sloan made a business trip to Abilene Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Crow spent the week-end with his brother near Tye. J. D. Sosebee and Charlie and Otho Meeks left Sunday for the Plains where they expect to work the next several months.

Alvin Witt of Bishop is the guest of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Herring.

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Cavalcade Positively Not to Close Until Exposition is Over

Dallas, Sept. 17.—The Cavalcade of Texas, the great dramatic spectacle which features the history of the Lone Star State, will be continued until the close of the Texas Centennial exposition Nov. 29, so Director General Harry Olmstead stated this week.

"There have been many rumors, probably started by ticket speculators to the effect that Cavalcade of Texas would close during September," Mr. Olmstead said. "We have no intention of closing this great spectacle. What is worrying us is the problem of providing room for the hundreds of thousands of people who wish to see Cavalcade. Our two matinee and three night performances daily are crowded to the limit. The people of the United States are being thrilled by this story of Texas history depicted on the world's largest stage."

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Goodman Gossip

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Homer Maynard and family of Pampa and Grandmother Maynard visited Mr. and Mrs. Bert James last week-end.

Miss Pauline Tiner and Emmett Tiner left Monday for school. She is entering Hardin-Simmons university and he, A. & M. college. Edward Seago accompanied him as far as Dallas where he will visit the Centennial.

The Shiloh Baptist church called for their pastor Brother Daniels. We think he is mighty fine for the few times we have heard him. So, if you have not heard him, come to church the second Sunday. Sunday School every Sunday and BTU every Sunday evening at 7:30.

Hoyt Barnes and Odell Pomroy of New Mexico spent the week-end at their homes.

Miss Agnes Williams of Colorado City was guest Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Williams.

Miss Thelma Deavers, who is teaching near O'Donnell, spent the week-end at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Fortune are spending several days at Brownwood.

Miss Verlin Cook was guest Friday night of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Phillips.

Our school will begin Monday. We hope to have a better school this year than we have ever had. Visit the school when you can.

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Harley Sadler, Popular West Texas Showman Brings Circus Here

The old statement that there is nothing new under the sun is being refuted this season by Harley Sadler, popular Texas showman, who is bringing the Harley Sadler Circus to Merkel on Saturday, Sept. 19, for an afternoon and night performance.

Believing that the public wants something different in the way of circus entertainment, Harley Sadler has assembled a circus that is a distinct departure from all circus performances. The performance opens with a processional pageant, depicting "Texas Under Six Flags," with all special costumes and musical numbers, then comes the circus performance where act after act takes place with lightning-like rapidity.

Among the circus acts will be the great Orton troupe of wire walkers, acrobats, and gymnasts, the Valera family presenting a sensational flying act high in the big tent, Miss Tito Morimoto, little Japanese star of the circus, acclaimed to be one of the greatest performers in the circus world. Mundee and June, jugglers extraordinary, Capt. James J. Hamiter and his school of highly trained horses, the Gomez troupe of acrobats, from Old Mexico, Lee Smith and his gang of funny clowns to make you laugh, Capt. Buck Bonham and his performing elephants, featuring his act by allowing himself to be carried the length of the hippodrome track by his head in the mouth of "Big Vera," world's largest elephant. Another feature of the Harley Sadler circus is "Mary," baby elephant, and it is said the Sadler circus is the only circus on the road today with a mother and baby elephant. The baby elephant stands about three feet high and weighs about two hundred and fifty pounds.

The band, under the direction of Professor Eddie See, will present a thirty minute overture preceding the performance. As a special feature attraction, Harley Sadler circus presents Ramon, Argentine movie star in person, who will be seen in the main show performance. Denver Crumpler, tenor, will sing during the presentation of "Texas Under Six Flags." Among the strange and curious animals carried by the Sadler circus will be seen a "Maskutis," the largest type of anthropoid on exhibition in America today, and the only one in this country, weighing 350 pounds, standing over six feet tall, and makes a giant ourangoutang in the next cage to him, look small in comparison. All in all, it promises to be a real circus performance, brought to Merkel, with Harley Sadler himself in person with it.

Motorists Warned of Roadside Fire Danger

Lighted cigarettes and cigars which are carelessly tossed from speeding automobiles often set fire to dry weeds along the highways and result in heavy damage to property, warned Harry Hines, chairman of the state highway commission, at his home in Wichita Falls this week. He asked that Texas motorists aid in preventing such fires.

Many fields and pastures have been damaged, he said, and numerous trees and plants set out in the state-wide beautification program have been destroyed by such blazes.

DORA DOINGS

Yep! We knew all the time that it would rain and we sure had a nice one Tuesday morning—just the thing to bring up grain to plant on now.

Our fair was a nice affair and we enjoyed it, for there is where you meet your neighbors and friends from adjoining communities and really have a good time. One good feature was the ball game with the Hamlin Oilers. Score, 10-9 in favor of Divide.

Our school has turned out for three or four weeks so the children can help gather the cotton crop.

Mr. and Mrs. George Whiteaker moved to Abilene last week. Mr. Whiteaker, who is still improving nicely, was able to come out home for a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Z. Porter and daughter of Sweetwater were visitors on the Divide Monday.

Mrs. Porter of Cottonwood was a week-end visitor with her sister, Mrs. Joe Brownfield.

CARD OF THANKS.

We take this means of expressing our sincere thanks for the kindnesses of neighbors and lovely floral offerings; we also especially thank O. J. Adcock for his efforts and use of the Church of Christ at Merkel.

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Discusses Symptoms, Control of Disease Among Baby Chicks

For the information and guidance of poultry-raisers, C. H. Collinsworth, vocational agriculture instructor of the Merkel High school, has supplied the following interesting facts about a most common disease among chickens:

Pullorum disease (bacillary white diarrhea) is quite widespread, existing in every section of the United States where very many numbers of poultry are kept. It causes heavy financial losses resulting from the death of baby chicks, low egg production in hens and pullets, reduced hatchability of eggs and occasionally death to grown hens. Pullorum disease does not attack other species of domestic fowls to any serious extent.

Cause: The disease is caused by a germ (Salmonella pullorum). This germ is quite easily destroyed by direct sunlight, heat or disinfectants; however, it will live considerably longer if not disturbed by the above agencies.

The disease is commonly transmitted from the hen to the chick by means of the egg. If an infected egg is hatched, it produces an infected chick. Such chicks may die of the disease any time during the first three weeks of their lives, or they may survive and grow to maturity and become a spreader of the disease themselves. Chicks having the disease are constantly throwing off the disease germs by their droppings, thereby spreading the infection.

If infected eggs are hatched in an incubator or under a hen there is danger of spreading the disease from infected chicks. There is even more danger in the incubator because usually eggs from several flocks (some of which may be infected) are being hatched and in this way almost every chick hatched may become infected. Many progressive hatcherymen have already realized the danger in this and are protecting the customer from the disease by requiring the flocks from which hatching eggs are secured to be tested for the pullorum disease-carriers.

Symptoms: Pullorum disease is found in chicks from hatching time until they are three weeks old. Chicks may die suddenly, generally however they will huddle together or remain under the hen or hover too much of the time. They appear drowsy and sleepy. They stand about with eyes closed, ruffled feathers, picking at their feed from time to time but apparently not eating it. Their droppings may be whitish, foamy and sticky, or sometimes brownish in color. The chicks may soon become "past-up behind," and unless removed the chick usually soon dies.

Control: We know of no medicine or method of vaccination that will cure this disease. The only practicable means of controlling pullorum disease is to detect the carrier hens through blood tests and then remove the infected birds from the flock.

Warning: In some sections of our country there have been men selling medicines that they claim will cure the pullorum disease. Usually their medicine is made up mostly of "colored water" that is harmless to the birds but also useless. By avoiding such medicines you save your money.

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