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OPENING RODEO SATURDAY 2 P. M.

TRENT VICTOR IN FIRST GAME 1937 SCHEDULE

**Breaks Tie in Eleventh Inning
With Successful Manipulation
Of Squeeze; Divide and Noodle
Meet Saturday, May 1.**

After battling eleven innings with the consolidated Hawley-Truby team in the opening game Saturday of Merkel's Inter-Community league for 1937, Trent was successful in a squeeze play that broke the tie and settled the contest, 2 to 1.

Ox Jones was responsible for the winning run. With the bases loaded, due to a base on balls, a base hit and an error, D. Jones raced home for the decisive score. The decision at the plate—a close one—brought forth a vigorous protest from Manager Eason.

It was a fast, thrilling game, such as fans delight in, and a large crowd was present to welcome the grand opening.

Truby drew first blood in the initial inning and Trent tied it up in the fifth, with nothing more doing in the scoring line until the eleventh.

Hill Hampton, Truby left fielder, brought the fans to their feet on two occasions with circus catches. Pitching honors were about evenly divided between Jones and Garner. Jones gave six hits, whiffing nine. Garner gave five, fanning eleven. Trent was charged with six errors, while Truby players made only one misplay.

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

Next game in the community league will be played Saturday, May 1, between Divide and Noodle.

Mrs. Effie Atwood Jones Found Dead

Mrs. Effie Atwood Jones, 58, widow of the late J. D. Jones, was found dead at her home, a short distance from the home of her brother, B. B. Reynolds, about 12 miles south of town, at 6 o'clock Wednesday evening. Her husband died in November, 1935.

After holding an inquest, Justice of the Peace N. D. Cobb announced a verdict of suicide. Mrs. Jones had left a note directing disposition of her body and other details. She was shot through the right ear and a 38-caliber pistol lay by her side.

Funeral services were to be held at the graveside at White Church cemetery at 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon, with Rev. Arthur Kendall, Methodist pastor at Tuscola, and Rev. Lloyd Mayhew, Methodist pastor at Blair, officiating.

Survivors are her mother, Mrs. L. A. Blackburn, of Nubia; two sisters, Mrs. J. D. Dunlap of Amherst and Mrs. May Cargill of Nubia; one brother, B. B. Reynolds; two children, Claude E. Brandon and Mrs. Mattie Jardon, whose addresses are not known; two grandchildren and ten step-children.

Silver Cup Presented To Largent Hereford

Winner of many ribbons, Publican Domino 10th was further honored Saturday morning when his owners, C. M. Largent & Sons, nationally known Hereford breeders, were presented with a huge silver loving cup by Sam Mashburn, representative of the San Angelo Standard-Times, awarded to the Largent bull which had been voted the outstanding Hereford bull of the state by cattlemen in a contest conducted by that paper.

Visiting newspapermen made pictures of the presentation showing Willie Joe Largent receiving the cup in behalf of the owners and his daughter, Miss Frances Largent, member of the Cowgirls of Hardin-Simmons university. Among other pictures snapped was one of Publican Domino 66th, with C. M. Largent III, son of Willie Joe Largent, standing along side.

At District Conference.

Among those from the local church attending the annual conference of the Abilene Methodist district at Ansonia this week were: Rev. and Mrs. John H. Crow, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Hunter and Mesdames H. C. Williams, H. M. Rainbolt, R. F. Mashburn and W. W. Campbell.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Frank Swafford, about 40, was killed Tuesday night when a 16,000 gallon gasoline tank at the Danube refinery at Borger exploded.

Weldon Larue Stiles, 5, son of Mrs. Robert Stiles, of Whitesboro, was killed by a runaway team attached to a planter, which ran over him.

Huntsville voters overwhelmingly approved a \$20,000 bond issue to provide a recreation park and swimming pool. The vote was 117 for and 26 against.

Blue-eyed June Learned of Houston, a senior, was chosen "sweetheart" of the University of Texas at a revue Saturday, which featured the school's annual home-coming festivities.

George D. Davis, 75-year-old farmer, died in a Brownwood hospital about an hour after his automobile was struck at a grade crossing two miles northeast of Brownwood by a Santa Fe freight train.

The war department has announced transfer of Brigadier-General Charles F. Humphrey, Jr., commander of the fourth brigade at Fort Francis E. Warren, Wyo., to command of the third brigade at Fort Sam Houston.

Upshur county's new \$200,000 court house, under construction since last fall, will be ready for occupancy in about six weeks. Built largely with taxes from oil property, the new court house will be one of a few in the state debt-free.

Ed Wintes, 56, father of two Dallas firemen, was killed almost instantly Wednesday night of last week when he walked into the path of an automobile while crossing the street near his home. His skull was fractured and he received internal injuries.

Bangs vocational agriculture dairy judging team will represent Texas in the National Vocational Agriculture judging contests at the Kansas City Royal Livestock show next fall as a result of work in the 20th annual Smith-Hughes contest at A. & M. college.

Retirement of Dr. J. C. Hardy as president of Mary Hardin-Baylor college, Belton, and appointment of Dr. Gordon Grady Singleton of Mercer university to the position was announced at a banquet climaxing a celebration of Dr. Hardy's 25th anniversary as president.

Gloria Martin, daughter and pupil of Mrs. W. R. Martin of Loraine, won first place in the sixth grade division of grammar grade voice contests at the annual convention of the Texas Federation of Music clubs in San Antonio. She appeared in a Mexican song and dance number.

List of Petit Jurors Called Next Week

The jury panel in 42nd district court for next week includes the following names:

F. A. Sanders, S. G. Tipton, B. F. Yates, Milton Case, Will F. Butman, Merkel; M. N. Rowe, Sidney Richards, W. R. Snow, J. W. Babb, W. L. Hargrove, E. A. Balch, B. F. Cox, B. F. Lawson, K. C. Fry, J. S. Arledge, A. M. Duncan, A. L. Frazier, John A. Ellis, Joe Tudman, R. H. Locke, R. E. Davis, J. W. Taylor, J. W. Harrison, W. Coke Mingus, Earl Landers, Clifton Newberry, Dr. J. A. Ellis, E. W. Couch, A. W. Hollowell, G. P. Harris, O. A. Preacher, H. G. Hall, J. F. Miller, Abilene; J. C. McKee, J. E. Hurt, N. J. Cooley, Ovalo; J. B. Thomas, E. A. Moore, Tye; J. C. Dickson, R. A. Ivey, Ewell Conklin, Tuscola; W. O. Watson, S. V. Shores, Alton Zimmerman, W. H. Dunbar, Lawn; H. W. Carter, C. H. Ellison, W. H. Little, Guion; C. L. Bishop, Trent; Walter Stevens, Buffalo Gap.

April Finally Breaks Into Rain Column

The month of April, usually generous with moisture, had gone rainless until Monday night, when a half-inch rainfall was recorded by the gauge of Volunteer Weather Observer Grover Hale.

The year's total is only 3.9-16 inches, while last year's rainfall up to this date was 5.1-8 inches.

AS FEATURED AT RODEO GROUNDS



SPONSOR MUSIC WEEK PROGRAM

**Study Club and Lions Club
Jointly to Present Talented
Group Here May 4.**

By way of participating in "Music Appreciation Week," which is the first week in May, a musical evening featuring unusual talent is being sponsored jointly by the Fortnightly Study club and the Lions club.

Date for the program has been set for Tuesday, May 4; the place, the Merkel school gymnasium. Sponsors of the entertainment not only extend an invitation to every one in Merkel and the surrounding communities to come and enjoy these features, but anxiously urge their attendance, as the numbers, including well known glee clubs, a quartette, a xylophonist and orchestra and other features, will be of the highest quality and in keeping with the spirit of "Music Appreciation Week."

The committees on arranging the program include: Miss Christine Collins, Mrs. W. T. Sadler and Mrs. W. S. J. Brown from the Fortnightly Study club; Dee Grimes, Booth Warren and Yates Brown from the Lions club.

Further announcement of the program will be made in next week's issue of The Mail.

Apparent Attempt Revealed to Burn Officer's Home

Deputy Sheriff W. E. Lowe and a fingerprint expert were here Wednesday night to investigate an apparent attempt to set fire to the home of City Marshal D. H. Vaughn.

No one was at home earlier in the evening until Mrs. Vaughn returned from prayer meeting. It was then found that some one had apparently poured gasoline on the walls and facings of the dining room, which were scorched, and a charred streak across the floor was observed, which led to a can of gasoline. The fire had evidently died out of its own accord.

York to Succeed Judge John Camp

Resignation of John L. Camp as county judge was accepted by the commissioners' court in a called meeting Wednesday, and Lee R. York, former mayor of Abilene, was named by the court as his successor.

Judge Camp said after the meeting that he would accept a position as counsel for a major oil company with offices in Houston after his resignation becomes effective May 10, and that his family would move to Houston in June.

BOARD ELECTS TUSCOLA MAN

**Connor Robinson Named as
Successor to Roger Burgess as
Head of Merkel Schools.**

Election of Connor Robinson, of Tuscola, as superintendent of the Merkel schools was announced by the board Monday.

He succeeds Roger A. Burgess, now serving his fifteenth year as superintendent here. During an interval of this time, Mr. Burgess was superintendent three years, 1925-28, at Childress, returning to the Merkel schools in 1928.

Mr. Robinson has been connected with the Tuscola schools six years, now serving his fourth term as superintendent. Prior to that he was principal there for two years.

The new school head holds a bachelor of art's degree from Trinity university and lacks only a few hours' work for a master's degree from the University of Texas.

Mr. Robinson was here Monday for a visit and will return later this week for a formal meeting of the school board, at which the election of teachers will probably be the chief business.

Musical Hour at Lions Luncheon

The High School Choral club, directed by Mrs. Comer Haynes, gave three pleasing numbers and Mrs. T. T. Earthman was presented in piano numbers as program features for Tuesday's luncheon of the Lions club. Choral club numbers were: "Boosting the High School," "Napoli" and "Dear Old Dad." Mrs. Earthman's selections included a polka of other days and a medley of waltzes.

On the program committee were Supt. Burgess, Milton Case and C. P. Church.

For the opening number, Yates Brown led a singsong in which the Choral club members joined with the Lions in singing "Love's Old Sweet Song" and "America," with Miss Iris Garrett at the piano. The invocation was given by Herbert Patterson.

One new member, Raymond McNiece, who is to be associated with Reid's Variety store, was elected, and one guest, Byron Williams, of Dallas, was present.

Honor keys for securing two new members each were presented to Wrenn Durham, Paul Douglas and Dean Higgins.

Details of the trip to the quarterly district meeting at Haskell next Tuesday night were planned.

Record of Births.
Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Elton Dowell, Thursday, April 15, 1937.

PRIZE OFFERED BEST DECORATED AUTO IN PARADE

The best decorated automobile in the parade on opening rodeo day here Saturday will receive a cash prize of \$5.00, which special award has been added to the list of prizes announced last week, bringing the total of cash to be awarded to more than \$25.00.

The big street parade, headed by the newly organized Merkel school band, which will make its first public appearance at that time, will form at 10 o'clock, the line extending west on Elm street from the intersection at Kent.

Named as parade marshals are Sheriff Sid McAdams and Deputy Sheriff W. E. Lowe.

More than a hundred firms and individuals have indicated their intention to participate in the parade, which will also include cowboys, rodeo contestants, ladies on horseback and boys and girls on ponies and bicycles.

Two new members, Byers Petty and Stanley King, were added to the parade committee this week by Chairman Nathan Wood, other committeemen being Yates Brown and Norman Hodge.

Besides the prize of \$5.00 for the best decorated automobile, other cash prizes follow:

\$5.00 for the community school with the best exhibit in the parade; \$2.50 for the Merkel Grammar school room having the best group of six Indians (three boys and three girls); \$2.50 for the best team of horses to a wagon; \$2.50 for the best team of mules to a wagon; \$2.00 for the largest family in the parade; \$2.00 for the best clown in parade (boy or girl); \$1.00 for the best all-around cowgirl (15 years or under); \$1.00 for the best all-around cowboy (15 years or under); \$1.00 for the best decorated bicycle (boy or girl.)

All contestants are asked to meet the judges at the city tabernacle after the parade.

Grand Jury Returns Two Bills, Recesses

A grand jury impaneled in 42nd district court Monday morning found cause to return only two indictments and recessed at 3 p. m. the same day, six hours after it had been charged by Judge M. S. Long at the opening of a seven-week term of his court in Abilene.

One bill was for driving while intoxicated; the other charged fraudulent disposal of mortgaged property.

A Merkel man, John R. West, was elected as foreman of the group. Other members are: Grady Neill, Comer Haynes, Merkel; J. D. Coffman, S. G. Oliver, Emmette Whately, Abilene; Andy Shouse, Trent; Ira Toney, Dee Jones, Bradshaw; M. A. Patterson, Lawn; H. V. Riddle, Ovalo; Ernest McIntyre, Tuscola.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, April 27, 1917.)

WARREN-COIT.

Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas Warren announce the marriage of their daughter, Winnie, to Mr. Henry Campbell Coit on the evening of April 13, 1917, at half after eight o'clock, at their residence. The young couple will be at home after May 20th at Plano, Texas.

ARMY OFFICER MARRIES.

Sergeant Foy C. Elliott of the recruiting office, New Orleans, recently married Miss Ethel Watson of Dallas, Texas.

Sergeant Elliott formerly lived in Merkel. He has been recommended for the position of captain on the staff of the adjutant general.

MASHBURN-CANON.

G. T. Mashburn and Miss Virgie Canon, both residents of the Stith community, were united in marriage last Sunday afternoon.

Accompanied by Misses Floy Bradley, Eunice Ford and Ray Massey, these young people drove to the home of A. Pipe where Rev. McAnnally of Stith performed the ceremony. The bride and groom for the present will make their home with the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Mashburn.

J. W. DANIEL DEAD.
Word reached Merkel last Wednesday

MERKEL BAND TO HEAD BIG STREET PARADE

**Day's Program Starts Off With
Colorful Parade at 10 a. m.;
Extra Added Features for
Opening Rodeo Performance.**

As extra added features for the opening day Saturday—first exhibition of the 1937 series of free rodeos sponsored by the Merchants Trade Extension association of Merkel—it is announced that two bucking horses and two of the fiercest bulls to be secured will augment the usual features of calf roping, wild cow milking and steer riding contests.

The show, which will start promptly at 2 o'clock, will be speeded up considerably by the use of an 8-foot lane constructed to the north of the arena, which will permit shifting the cattle from pens to chutes without the interruption of driving them through the arena. The chutes have been reworked to permit the use of seven side delivery chutes, if desired at any time.

First event of the day will be a parade starting at 10 a. m. and featuring decorated cars, school exhibits, the Merkel band and many other unusual displays, for which cash prizes have been offered.

Members of the rodeo committee are Booth Warren, chairman, Bob Malone, Mark Malone, Tom Jinkens, Fred Baker, John Collins, John R. West, Jake Massey, P. A. Diltz and Dr. L. C. Zehnpfennig.

The Malone Brothers, (enough said,) will have charge of the show, assisted by Tom Jinkens.

Contestants are expected to register with Tom Jinkens and pay the entrance fee by 12:30 on show day.

THREE CASH PRIZES.
Cash prizes of \$25 in each event, calf roping, cow milking and steer riding contests, will be awarded to the contestant making the best average during the series of shows. No contestant is eligible to receive more than one seasonal prize.

GRANDSTAND SEATS.
Additional room provided in the grandstands will seat a total of 500 persons. Tickets will be on sale at 1 p. m., one hour before the show. All seats are covered and those who avail themselves of the seats will find every comfort in witnessing the show. The prices will be the same as last year: 25 cents for adults and 10 cents for children under 12.

Harry Bullock Doing Nicely.

Friends here will be glad to learn that Harry Bullock of Albany, who underwent an operation at the Stamford sanitarium last Tuesday, is doing nicely.

day stating that J. W. Daniel was dead at El Paso. The family left here a few days ago in the interest of his health. While he was not expected to live on account of his condition, yet the end came sooner than was expected. Full particulars have not been received.

T. G. Bragg of the Woodroof-Bragg company has purchased the J. W. Daniel property and already moved in.

The school census has been completed by Roy B. Mefford, the available names amounting to 654 as compared with 633 for last year.

W. T. Sherrill is sporting a new Hudson Super-Six, which he has just purchased.

Mrs. J. D. Boring left Wednesday morning for Fort Worth where she will remain indefinitely. Accompanying Mrs. Boring were her children, Miss Bert Boring and W. F. Buchanan of Fort Worth and Emmett D. Boring.

Chas. F. Williams, a medical student of Kansas City, returned this week from his year's work. Vacation time will be spent with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. G. M. Williams.

TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Friends of Mrs. E. D. Massey, Sr., of Denton, who recently underwent major surgery there, will be glad to know she is doing nicely and will be moved home soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Hallie Allen of Fort Worth were guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Reeves, the past week-end.

Mrs. Isom Burks of Dallas is here to spend a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Burks and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Spinks. She plans to join her husband now employed in Burnet, the last of this month.

Mrs. Louis Murdock and son, Carroll, of Big Spring, are visiting with her brother, David Boyd, also Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Murdock, and other relatives.

Mrs. Joe Brown and daughter, Winnie, are this week entertaining Mrs. Brown's sister, Mrs. Alice Moody, of Sweetwater.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Hamner spent Thursday until Monday fishing near Burnet. They were joined there by Mr. and Mrs. Buddie Burks, Messrs. Isom Burks and John Hamner.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Austin and son, Louis, and Weldon Bennett, all of Anson, were recent visitors with Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Carey and daughters.

Mrs. R. B. Johnson, Oakley Reid and R. H. Cooley were elected delegates from Trent for the annual meeting of the Abilene district of the Northwest Texas conference, held in Anson Tuesday and Wednesday. Mrs. Johnson will represent the missionary society.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Blanton and daughter, Reba, of Odessa, were passing guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Howell of Goodman, also Mr. and Mrs. A. Williamson. Mr. Blanton had the misfortune of getting his hand mangled in oil well machinery some time ago and will be unable to resume his work for six weeks.

ART CLUB REGULAR SESSION.

Handiwork proved to be instructive when the Art club met in their bi-weekly meeting last week in the home of Mrs. John Payne. Summer draperies were demonstrated by Mrs. John Strawn.

Refreshments were served to Mesdames C. T. Beckham, T. J. Carleton, R. E. McRee, C. C. Stribling, Alton Boone, Earl Strawn and John Strawn.

ELECTION OF TEACHERS.

Four teachers in the Trent public schools were re-elected, according to announcement of the school board, and teachers to fill the remaining positions will be chosen from applying candidates.

Chosen to serve another year are Miss Magdalene Payne, Miss Hermal Glasgow, Mrs. O. L. Roaves and Mrs. G. W. Scott. John B. Winn was appointed to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of J. H. West.

CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY MEETS.

Stockholders of the Trent Co-Operative Society No. 1 held their annual meeting at the school auditorium Tuesday evening, Apr. 13. Following the financial report by Andy Shouse, manager, a round table discussion followed on the use of better seed, led by

L. W. Ross, L. E. Adrian, R. H. Cooley and W. E. Hamner.

John Crain, secretary of the local society, also Taylor county committeeman, suggested affiliation with the national organization.

Tom Williamson, F. H. Boyd and H. R. Poor were elected to the board of directors. Other directors are: H. L. Wilson, J. C. Crain, W. A. Hogue, L. W. Ross, M. F. Hand and J. J. Anderson.

WOODMEN CIRCLE.

Trent took part in the Kidwell district organization held in Abilene last week co-incident with the state meeting of the Woodmen of the World.

Local team members and officers of Trent Grove No. 668 assisted in the evening program, seating the district and national officers present. Mrs. Laura Kegans and Mrs. Anna Bowers being elected district officers. Team members were: Mesdames Bob Billington, H. R. Poor, Bill Neill, O. L. Bishop, John Wheeler, Grace Butler, Cecil McRee, T. G. Hamner, Misses Ruby

and Beatrice Cooley and Elsie Bishop, also Miss Vera Bright, musician, and Mrs. R. L. Reeves, team captain. Others attending for the one day meeting were Mrs. E. D. Burks, Mrs. Hatie Gafford and Mrs. John Payne.

Local W. O. W. delegates attending the three day session were T. L. Stevens and J. R. Gafford, secretary of Camp No. 2060.

COTTONSEED FOR SALE.

I will have second year's Watson and the Mebane Estate seed, culled and in even weight sacks; these were grown in the Winters section and are really well matured and the best variety. See about these seeds.

L. L. Murray.

LOST ANYTHING? A little ad in our Lost and Found column may bring it right back.

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Names Woman Diplomat. Washington, Apr. 22.—President Roosevelt has nominated Mrs. Borden Harriman as United States minister to Norway, the second woman to be named to a major diplomatic post under the New Deal, the first being Mrs. Ruth Bryan Owen.

FOR STUDENTS.

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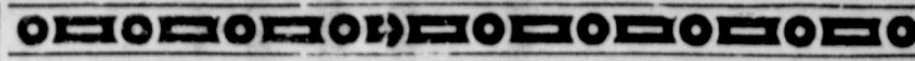
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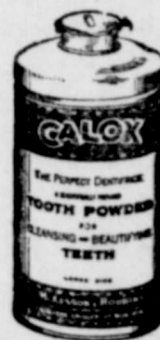
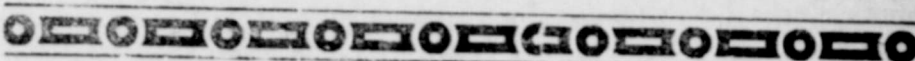
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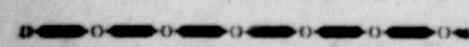
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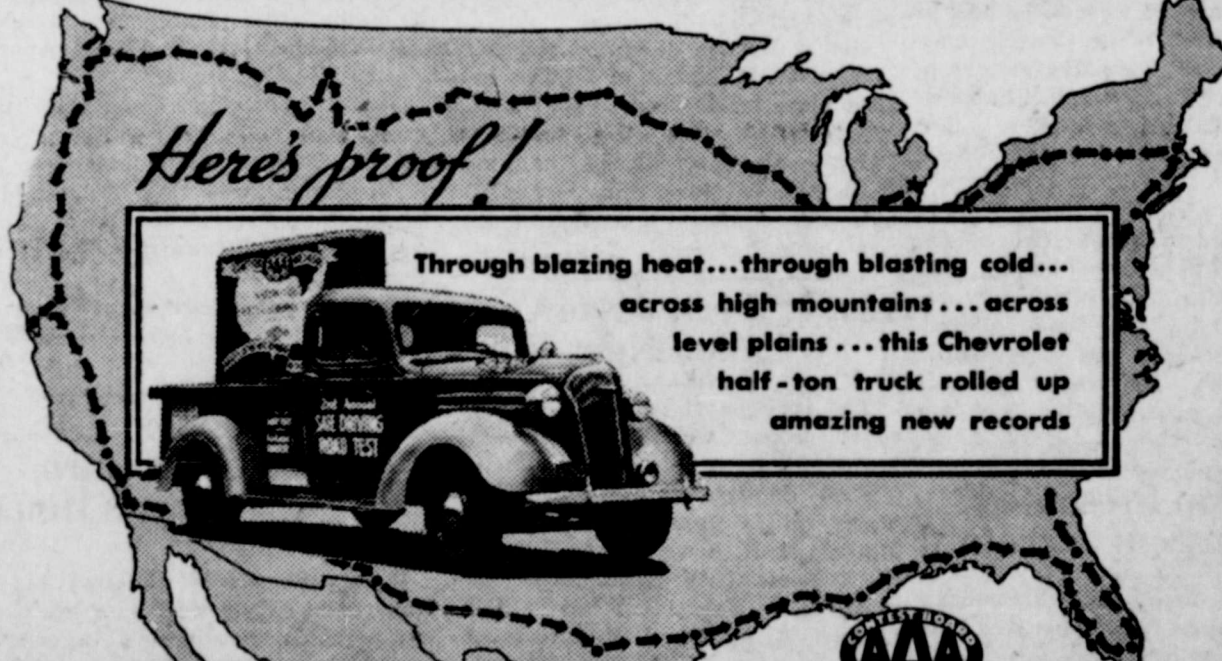
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CONDUCT.

Conduct is something that appears in everyone's life. There is bad conduct and there is good conduct. Some people mean to do right but they like to play pranks. Some pranks are pulled out of turn and don't go so well. If you have a habit of playing pranks, lay 'em off awhile and mend your conduct.

Conduct helps you go as far as anything you have. If your conduct is good, you will get along fine.

HOW ARE YOU, DEAR WORLD, THIS MORNING?

(A Parody.)
 How are you, dear world, this morning.
 Red from the strife in Spain,
 Loud from the booming of cannon
 With the clanking of Il Duce's chain,
 All of the hopes we held supreme are gone
 With the rest of the world
 To wait your fate at dawn.

JUNIOR NEWS.

Banquet, banquet, banquet! That's all we hear. But, it will be fun after all the work is over. The Seniors are all sitting around grinning because they can all remember what a time they were having about this time last year.

Well, there isn't but one student in the whole Junior class that's been doing anything lately, so I'll tell you that and quit.

That most honorable student of whom I was just speaking was none other than Mr. Herman Carson. He has changed his name. It is now Mr. Betty Carson and he is answering Camay ads—for his beautiful complexion.

PERSONALITIES.

Jack Sublet.
 Jack has been in Merkel High four years. In this time he has been active in all school activities, having been in the Spanish club one year, and he also has played on the tennis squad two years. This year his squad won in county meet and played well in district. When Jack finishes school, he would like to take mechanical engineering in some college. We hope your wish, Jack, will come true. Lots of luck!

Pauline McAninch.

Pauline has been in Merkel High four years, and in this time she has been active in all school activities. She has been in the Dramatic club one year, Home Economics club one year, Spanish club two years and Senior Girls' club one year. Pauline has also played on the baseball team for county meet two years and for three years she has been a great help to the volleyball team by playing on it. Pauline says she is undecided as to exactly what she wants to do, but it is between a business course or teaching. If she decides on a business course she wants to be a private secretary, but, if she

teaches, she wants to teach writing and drawing in Grammar school.

THRU THE KEYHOLE.

(By "The Peeper.")
 Miss Betty (spelled with two "e's" in all the papers) Grimes was escorted to McMurry Wednesday night by the clever Mr. Robert Bickley—it was their second episode. In the same bunch were Fannelle, A. C., Phyllis, and Truett. Rebecca, do you mind Truett's going with Phyllis, too?
 Wonder why Norman Bicknell wanted his name in the Badger Weekly so much last week.
 I think Mr. Collinsworth is feeling "at home" now, since summer is here and he can leave off his shoes.
 Mr. Burgess is so "up on clothes" that he even wears a riding habit when he pitches horseshoes.
 Puppy love—Pal Watson and Leila Higgins.
 More something or other—Terria Mae and Paul.
 And still more—Gay West and Billy Largent.
 Vernon, stooping over to pick up some dropped article, on being gently pushed, sprawled. There—you have it in a nut shell.
 Billy Dunning and Willie Mae Hudson are dated for the banquet.
 So are Phyllis and Sylvan.
 And Believe It Or Not—Sis and Vincent!
 Holt Vaughn brought Mildred McLean and Lorene Whisenhunt to school the other day.
 Pauline Higgins went with Lloyd Robertson one day last week.
 Fannelle's got to where she even dreams about A. C. Oh, but you ought to hear that line she has about the new Pontiac—"It's the best looking

thing, and more room—why, four can sit in the front seat without stacking up—and it's just heavenly!"
 Evelyn, Mairy Toombs is just crazy about you. He thinks you're so gorgeous.

Rebbie and Ina Mae finally decided that Jack and Norma weren't coming Saturday night, so they went to town and caught them some boy friends from A. C. C.

Frances is getting letters—if it's not one, it's the other.
 We hear that one of these teachers up here—the one that doesn't know much—has had her face lifted so many times that she has to pull off her hat to brush her teeth.

PERSONALS.

The Choral club presented a pageant, "The Stairway of Life," Thursday morning during the chapel hour. It was greatly enjoyed by the student body and teachers. Also it was given Sunday night at the Baptist church and Sunday before last at the Methodist church.

Hollis, Sis and Frances went to Abilene Thursday afternoon.

Mr. Burgess's government class went to court Monday morning at 8:45.

Herbert Hoover was here for the week-end. Verne, Herbert, Rachel and Herman were at church Sunday night.

STAFF NOTICE.

Nadine Clack has assumed the office of society editor for the remainder of the year now that Jane Ferguson has resigned her place on the Badger Weekly.

JOKES.

Mr. Rudd: "Why don't you make better grades in geometry?"
 T. L.: "Where ignorance is bliss, 'tis folly to be wise."
 J. Grimes: "You should put your hand over your mouth when you yawn."
 Sampy: "What! And get it bitten?"
 Pauline J.: (admiring Marvin's theme): "I suppose your themes just flow out of your fountain pen."
 Marvin H.: (looking ruefully at

fountain pen): "Sometimes the whole thing comes out at once."

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RURAL SOCIETY

SALT BRANCH CLUB.

Every person should eat at least three eggs a week, said Miss Taylor, home demonstration agent, at the meeting of the Salt Branch club in the home of Mrs. T. C. Allen Thursday of last week.

Roll call was answered by "native birds." After the minutes were read and approved, plans were made for the club to have a luncheon on May 13 at Mrs. J. S. Pinckley's. Plans were also made for a "cake walk" to be held at the school house on Apr. 30. An egg demonstration was given by Miss Taylor.

Those present were Mesdames Jack Higgins, Will Higgins, Johnny Cox, Vernon Hudson, Roy Harrell, Carl Baccus, Ellis Harris, Nim Teaff, Joe Higgins, Jarrett Pinckley, J. S. Pinckley, J. C. Allen, T. C. Allen, H. B. Robertson, Ashby, Miss Taylor, Misses Ruth Pinckley, Lena Fay Harrell, Celia Hester.

WEAVER SPRINGS CLUB.

The Weaver Springs Home Demonstration club met Tuesday afternoon, Apr. 13, in the home of Mrs. A. D. King, when the following officers were elected: Mrs. A. D. King, president; Mrs. O. W. Reed, vice-president; Mrs. P. R. Demere, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. J. O. Mainard, reporter; Mrs. J. M. Chaney, council delegate; Mrs. T. P. Reed, parliamentarian. Mrs. P. R. Demere was elected "Repair the House" demonstrator.

It was agreed upon by the club that the regular meeting day be Tuesday. The next meeting will be held in the home of Mrs. P. R. Demere Apr. 22. Miss Christine Craks, Nolan county home demonstration agent, will meet with the club.

GOODMAN CLUB.

The Goodman Home Demonstration club met Apr. 13 in the home of Mrs. M. L. James, each member carrying a covered dish. Upon arrival Mrs. James had a quilt ready and much fun was had helping quilt as well as in exchanging new ideas. At the noon hour a bountiful dinner was served to six members and four visitors.

In the afternoon Miss Gladys Martin, county agent, and Miss Bess Edwards, assistant state home demonstration agent, were with the club. Mrs. Carl Bonneaux discussed "Methods of Getting Rid of Flies, Roaches and Bedbugs." Mrs. C. W. Seago gave a recipe for bedbug fluid that will not stain the beds.

In talking on "Walls, Woodwork and Floors," Miss Martin said, "Oil as a floor finish is not expensive, and keeps water and grease from penetrating the wood." Miss Edwards talked on the value of being a club member. "One day, we learn to use the things we have at hand to a better advantage." This was the first time the club had had a state representative to meet with them.

Refreshments were served to the following members: Mesdames Carl Bonneaux, Robert Carter, G. Tiner, Will Spurgin, S. Berger, John Windward, M. L. James, and visitors, Mrs. E. Howell, Mrs. J. H. Grayson, Mrs. N. J. Maynard, Miss Annzell Seago, Miss Edwards and Miss Martin.

Next club meeting will be with Mrs. Will Spurgin on Apr. 27 at 2:30 p. m. The program will be on "Wool Comforts, Tuffed Bedspreads and Feather Comforts."

MIDWAY CLUB.

Mrs. Guy Sibley was hostess to members of the Midway club on Apr. 14. Principles of egg cookery were discussed and demonstrated by Miss Peggy Taylor, home demonstration agent.

Those present were Mesdames Der- ington, M. C. Graham, Craze, Williams, J. L. Ashford, McSpadden, Otis Ashford, Ed Graham, Burks, Johnson, King, Leon Ashford, Sibley and Mrs. Taylor.

The next meeting will be Apr. 28 with Mrs. Harold King.

WARREN CLUB.

At the regular meeting of the Warren HD club held in the home of Mrs. J. B. Griffin on Apr. 13, Mrs. W. H. Kibbe talked on "Woolen Comforts," Mrs. M. H. Ely on "Feather Comforts" and Mrs. J. B. Griffin on "Tuffed Bedspreads."

Mrs. W. C. Lee, a visitor from Salt Branch, displayed her winning bedspread. Other visitors were Mesdames Joe K. Higgins and Luther Land,

from Salt Branch, T. E. Woolsey, Bill Dunagin from Stith and Mrs. H. H. Hobbs from Warren.

Re-Elect Three from Merkel to Places as District Officers

Honor guests for the organization and first meeting of the Katie Tidwell district convention of the Woodmen Circle, held at the Hilton hotel, Abilene, last Thursday, were: Mrs. Jeanie L. Willard, national vice-president; Mrs. Laura Krebs, Mrs. Lena Shugart, Miss Bessie Dolan, state managers; Mrs. Leitha Miller of Fort Worth, state president, and the Lena Shugart drill team of Alexander Grove No. 1, Dallas.

Following the opening program Thursday morning, held jointly with the Woodmen of the World, Mrs. Mar-

tha Archibald, state attendant, was toastmistress at the noon luncheon, introducing all national, state, district, past guardians, charter members and visiting members.

In the election of officers for the next six months, or until the next convention in Brownwood, Merkel Grove's three district officers were re-elected: Mrs. Winnie Turner, district guardian; Miss Norma Patton, district musician, and Mrs. Lila Rea, district reporter.

With Mrs. Archibald again presiding, the program for the evening session included: seating of district officers by the Merkel drill team, seating of distinguished guests by the Trent drill team, presentation of the flag by the Abilene drill team, followed by special musical numbers and

addresses. The Abilene drill team directed a memorial service.

One of the social features included a dance sponsored by the Woodmen of the World in the evening.

Scout Patrols in First Aid Contest

Patrol No. 1 of the Pine Tree Troop of Girl Scouts was winner over Patrol No. 2 in a contest between the two patrols at their meeting on Wednesday. The contest was to determine which patrol could bandage an arm or ankle, in case of injury, and to tie the bowlin knot the quickest, in which Patrol No. 1 proved to have more skill.

The girls also discussed new ways in which to make money to buy a flag.

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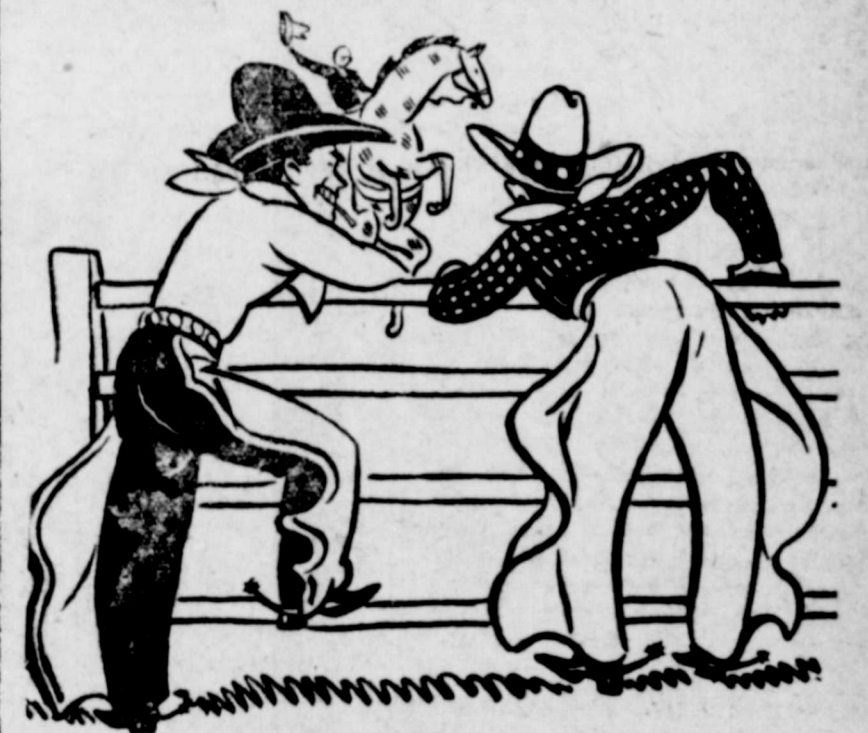
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BLAIR ITEMS

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Grandma Meeks of Tahoka is visiting with her children, Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Barnes and Mr. and Mrs. John Meeks, for an indefinite time. Mrs. Meeks, who is in her "ninties," formerly lived here and we consider her a very distinguished visitor.

Mr. and Mrs. Marcina Doan and Earl Pribble of Lubbock visited relatives and friends here last week-end. Lee Moore of Oklahoma is the house guest of his brother, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Moore, for the week.

Misses Sarah and Neva Malone graciously entertained a group of their friends with a slumberless party in their home last week-end.

The Blair school seniors and their friends enjoyed a picnic outing on the Hugh Campbell place two miles west of Blair Friday night. "Ye scribe" participated in the affair and some fifty or more enjoyed the occasion very much.

Miss Zuma Spears is visiting her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Spears, of Valera, for a ten days stay.

PERSONALS

Mrs. A. D. Guy, Sr., who has been visiting her daughter, Miss Billye Derr, left Saturday to visit another daughter, Mrs. Ruby Adkins, of Goree.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Patterson of Booker, Texas, visited their families, Mrs. Lela Patterson and Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Pinckley, for a short time last week. Mrs. Patterson was a delegate from Booker to the W. M. S. of the Northwest Texas conference, which met at Stamford.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Patterson left Tuesday morning on the Sunshine Special for Flint, Mich. They expect to visit several states on the way back, as he is going after a new Chevrolet.

Mrs. Roy Whisenand and son, Ronald Travis, of Corpus Christi, visited her sister, Miss Margaret Calloway, last week-end.

Mrs. Gerdie Pee and daughter, Gerdie Lou, left Friday for Bogota to be at the bedside of her brother, H. E. Cook, who is seriously ill. She will also visit a son, Milam Pike, who resides there.

Guests Sunday in the home of Mrs. S. A. Coats were: Mr. and Mrs. Ancil Coats and two children of Fort Worth, Mrs. A. Yates and three children of Big Spring, R. B. Baker of Big Spring and Mr. and Mrs. Deck Tyler of Abilene.

Mrs. Amy Sears returned Tuesday

from Fort Worth. She reports that her son-in-law, W. H. Eysen, who underwent surgery last week, is getting along satisfactorily.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Shive and little daughter, Mary Lou, and James Russell, of Clovis, N. M., spent the week-end with home folks.

Glynn and Gwynn Duan of Abilene spent the week-end with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Russell. Mrs. J. E. Tucker is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Ancil Coats, in Fort Worth.

P. A. Diltz, Jr., left Thursday for Blythe, Calif., where he will recuperate from a recent illness.

Dr. and Mrs. J. C. King of Harrold, Texas, and their two children, Leslie and Price, students in Abilene Christian college, were guests Sunday of Mrs. King's brother, City Marshal and Mrs. D. H. Vaughn.

Mrs. John Grable and son visited last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Lee, at Throckmorton, while J. F. Grable, accompanied by his daughter, Miss Billie John, also of Throckmorton, visited his son here. Mrs. Ira D. Lauderdale of Westbrook, sister of Mrs. Grable, is now a guest in the Grable home.

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(This is the second article in the series, "Know Your Players," in the Merkel Inter-Community league. Others in the series to follow next week.)

After only four clubs gained admittance to the Inter-Community league this year, a wide open scramble for players from the disbanded clubs got under way. The combined Hawley-Truby club received needed reinforcements from the ranks of the Union, Hodges and the Tye clubs, who with the addition of several newcomers from other communities promise to give Truby one of the best clubs in the circuit.

At present the Hawley-Truby roster lists: pitchers, Jake Hollis, Dude Hollis and Les Garner; infielders, Roy Day, Finis Bartlett, Jack Grogan, Ves Justice, B. Hollis, Hall and B. Bradford, while the outfield positions will be filled by Grimes, Woods, Ashby, Hampton and Clyburn. The catching duties will be shared by H. Bradford, Stephens and Bruce Jeffries.

Most players on this list are well known to local fans. B. Hollis, J. Hollis, Hall, Grogan, Justice, Hampton and H. Bradford have long been on the Truby team. Such players as Ashby of Tye, Bartlett and Day from Union and Garner and Stephens from the Hodges community are also well known here. Stephens having been on the Union roster.

With the additions of Dude Hollis, brother to Jake and Bill, Grimes of Avoca, Woods of Hawley, Jeffries of Centerline, B. Bradford and Clyburn, the roster is completed and gives Truby followers the hope of a well balanced club that will finish high in the league schedule and run-off.

Of the newer recruits, Grimes seems to stand more chance of breaking into the regular line-up, but while Merkel fans know little of the playing abilities of the other players, fans from the Hawley-Truby communities feel that B. Bradford will continue to be the regular third sacker as long as he stays in uniform.

The Hawley-Truby club is managed again this year by Henry Eason, while Ed Wells has taken over the duties of business manager.

Bereavement acknowledgement engraved cards, with envelopes to match, 50 cents per dozen at Merkel Mail office.

THE BOX SCORE

HAW-TRU	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Grimes, cf	5	0	1	0	0	0
Woods, rf	2	1	0	0	0	0
Ashby, cf	2	0	0	0	0	0
D. Hollis, rf, p	1	0	0	0	0	0
Justice, ss	5	0	0	1	5	2
H. Bradford, c, p	5	0	2	11	0	0
Hampton, lf	4	0	0	3	0	0
B. Bradford, 3b	4	0	1	2	2	0
Grogan, 2b	5	0	1	2	2	0
Hall, 1b	4	0	0	10	1	0
Garner, p	4	0	1	0	1	0
Clyburn, rf	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jeffries, c	0	0	0	0	0	0

TRENT	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Payne, 1b	4	0	2	12	0	0
L. Jones, lf	5	1	2	3	0	0
Scott, cf	4	0	1	2	0	0
H. Tittle, rf	4	0	1	1	0	0
Ox Jones, 3b	5	0	0	1	1	0
C. Tittle, ss	4	0	0	1	7	3
Bright, 2b	1	0	0	0	2	0
Cooley, 2b	3	0	0	3	3	1
O. Jones, c	4	1	1	9	0	0
T. Jones, p	4	0	0	1	3	0

Totals 41 1 6 *30 11 2
 * None out when winning run scored.
 Score by innings:
 Haw-Tru 100 000 000 00—1
 Trent 000 010 000 01—2
 Summary—Triple, L. Jones; runs batted in, H. Bradford, Payne, O.

Jones; left on bases, Truby 9, Trent 9; sacrifice hit, B. Bradford; stolen bases, O. Jones, H. Tittle, H. Bradford; passed ball, O. Jones; strikeouts, Garner 11, Jones 9; losing pitcher, Hollis; double plays, Justice, Grogan and Hall; Cooley, C. Tittle and Payne; C. Tittle, Cooley and Payne. Time of game, 2:05. Umpires, Hollis and Ferrier.

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 Saturday, April 24th
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SPECIALS FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, APRIL 23 AND 24

Bananas, dozen	15c	Spuds, No. 1's, 10 pounds	31c
Corn, Libby's No. 2 cans, 2 for	25c	Lettuce, firm heads	4c

SUGAR 25 pound cloth bag
 Prices are Advancing—Buy Now **\$1.25**

Crackers, 2 pounds A-1 Sodas	19c	Kraut, No. 2 cans, 2 for	15c
Tomato Juice Libby's, 3 tall cans	23c	Spinach, No. 2 cans, 3 for	23c

PRUNES So-Called Gallon cans While They Last **29c**

Coffee, Star State, guaranteed pound	27c	Pineapple, crushed, three 10c cans for	25c
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Sausage, mixed, pound	15c	Veal Loaf, fresh ground, lb. 12 1-2c	
Cheese, pound	22c	Jowls pound	13c
Bologna, sliced or whole, lb.	10c	Roast, beef, pound	13c

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Saturday, April 24th

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BRAGG DRY GOODS COMPANY

"Green Light" Starring Errol Flynn Booked At Queen Theatre

"Green Light," best selling novel for two years and now translated to the screen as a Cosmopolitan production, has been booked by the Queen Theatre for Saturday, previous and Monday and Tuesday nights.

Errol Flynn, the young Irish star who made such a sensational success with his first starring role, "Captain Blood," and followed it with another smash hit in "The Charge of the Light Brigade," has the role of Dr. Newell Paige, a young surgeon who sacrifices his career to save that of an older doctor.

Co-starred with him is the lovely Anita Louise as Phyllis Dexter, for whose mother's death Paige has assumed the blame. The two meet at the home of Francis Ogilvie (played by Margaret Lindsay), a nurse who devotes her life to Paige, and fall instantly in love. But when Phyllis finds who he is she refuses to see him again.

Dean Harcourt (played by Sir Cedric Hardwicke) is a cleric with a broad and beautiful philosophy of life, and the confidante of these three young people. Through him, Phyllis is made to realize that Paige is innocent and she finally goes to him in the Rocky mountains, where he is risking his life

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in the search of a vaccine that will control the dreaded spotted fever. Arriving there, she finds him desperately ill. He has injected himself with the deadly virus. All through his illness, he insists on keeping a case history which will be valuable to other research men if he should die. He recovers, however, and with his recovery makes a valuable contribution to science. Meanwhile the elder doctor clears Paige's name, and, reunited at last, he and Phyllis are married.

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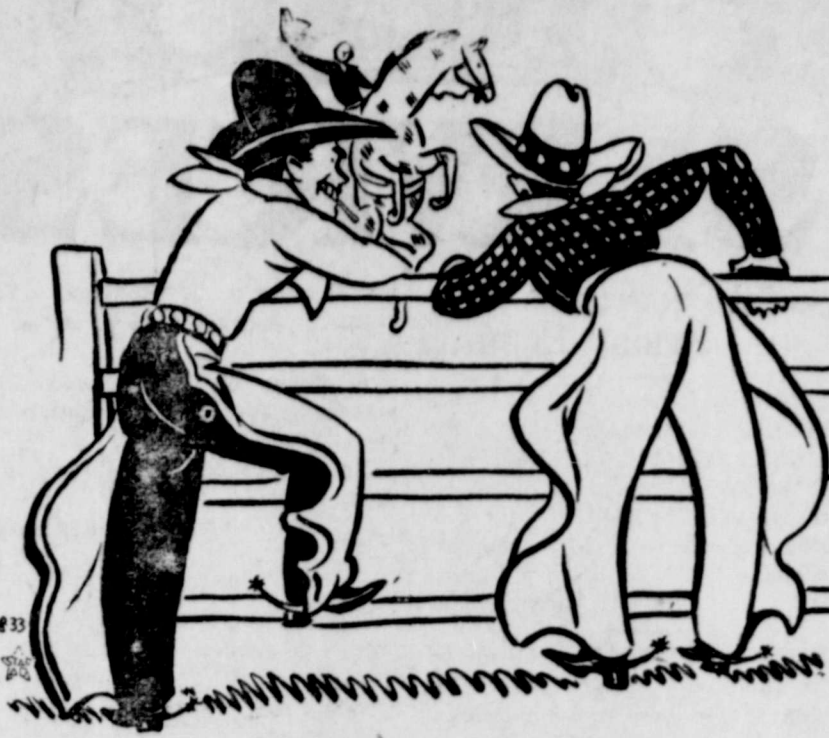
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Saturday, April 24, 2 p.m.

DON'T MISS COLORFUL STREET PARADE 10 A. M.

This will be the first of Six Free Shows sponsored This Summer by the Merchants Trade Extension Association of Merkel—Everybody Invited.

Rules for contestants in the various events follow:

RULES GOVERNING CALF ROPING

1. Entry fee \$2.00. Money to be divided 40-30-20-10. No limit to number of contestants.
2. This is a catch as catch can contest, but calf must be roped in such manner as to hold the calf until roper reaches him.
3. Contestants must use approved neck rein adjusted to prevent his horse busting calf. There will be a 10 second penalty if, in the opinion of the judges, calf is willfully busted. Roper must dismount and go down rope and throw calf by hand. Should calf be down when roper gets to him, he must be let up on his feet and thrown by hand. Must cross any three feet and tie so as to hold calf until passed upon by tie judge.
4. Ten second fine for roper's mount being over foul line when starter's flag drops.
5. Each roper will be allowed two loops and should he miss with both loops he shall retire from the arena.
6. When calf crosses line it is contestant's calf regardless of what happens. Only exception—rope if calf gets out of arena.

RULES GOVERNING WILD COW MILKING

1. Entry fee \$1.50, 50c day money to be added by Association, divided 40-30-20-10. No limit to number of contestants.
2. Contestant must throw first loop. Each roper must have neck rein or strap around horse's neck, adjusted to avoid busting cow. There will be a 10 second penalty if, in the opinion of the judges, cow is willfully busted. Loop must go over cow's head. Rope put on cow in any other manner must be immediately loosed from roper's saddle horn.
3. Cow must be milked standing up. Either man may do milking. Must have enough milk in bottle to show and take it to judge for time.
4. Ten second fine for roper's mount being over foul line when starter's flag drops.
5. When cow crosses line it is contestant's cow regardless of what happens. Only exception—rope if cow gets out of arena.

RULES GOVERNING STEER RIDING CONTEST

1. Entry fee \$1.00. The sum of \$15 day money to be added by Association at each show, divided 40-30-20-10. Limited to first fifteen (15) contestants signing entry and paying entry fee.
2. Rider must be ready when name is called or forfeit ride and entry fee.
3. Must come out of chute with spurs in steer's shoulders and then kick back. Must get off when whistle blows. Must have one hand in the air and not change hands during ride. Must ride eight (8) seconds to qualify.
4. Riding is to be done with a loose rope, and no freak handholds, knots or hitches which would prevent the rope from falling free after the rider leaves the steer are allowed. Each steer must be equipped with a bell.

GENERAL RULES

1. This is strictly an amateur show and professionals will be barred from competition.
2. Entry lists for contestants in all events will close promptly at 12:30 p. m. on every show day. Contestants must register with T. C. Jenkins and pay entry fee by 12:30 o'clock. There will be no exception to this rule.
3. Each show will start promptly at 2:00 p. m. on the following dates, to-wit: April 24, May 8, May 22, June 5, June 19 and July 3. Any postponed show will follow scheduled shows at intervals of two weeks. The management estimates that approximately 2 hours will be required for each show.

GENERAL PRIZES

The Association will offer as special prizes in Calf Roping, Cow Milking and Steer Riding events, \$25 to be awarded in each event, to the contestant making best average during the series of shows. To be eligible for these seasonal prizes contestants must participate in at least four (4) shows. Average to be figured by total number of shows contestants actually participates in. No contestant to be eligible to receive more than one seasonal prize. For the purpose of figuring averages in roping events, no time will not disqualify but will be equivalent to 90 seconds in percentage calculation. In steer riding event, rider being thrown will not disqualify for final—contestants to be credited in percentage calculation with score given steer only.

Charter No. 7481 Reserve District No. 11
REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK
Of Merkel in the State of Texas, at the close of business on March 31st, 1937

ASSETS

1. Loans and discounts	\$208,530.04
2. Overdrafts	485.64
3. United States Government obligations, direct and/or fully guaranteed	27,875.00
4. Other bonds, stocks, and securities	27,634.61
6. Furniture and fixtures	5,000.00
7. Real estate owned other than banking house	6,175.00
8. Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	36,646.09
9. Cash, balances with other banks, and cash items in process of collection	206,955.00
13. Other assets	254.17
TOTAL ASSETS	\$519,564.55

LIABILITIES

14. Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	\$398,747.31
15. Time deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	36,074.65
16. State, county, and municipal deposits	6,004.95
18. Deposits of other banks, including certified and cashiers' checks outstanding	7,208.39
Total of items 14 to 18, inclusive:	
(a) Secured by pledge of loans and/or investments	\$ 6,004.95
(b) Not secured by pledge of loans and/or investments	442,030.35
(c) TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$448,035.30
30. Capital account:	
Common stock, 500 shares, par \$100.00 per share	\$50,000.00
Surplus	12,500.00
Undivided profits—net	9,029.25
TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNT	71,529.25
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$519,564.55

MEMORANDUM: Loans and Investments Pledged to Secure Liabilities

31. United States Government obligations, direct and/or fully guaranteed	\$ 15,000.00
34. TOTAL PLEDGED (excluding rediscounts)	\$15,000.00
35. Pledged:	
(b) Against State, county, and municipal deposits	15,000.00
(h) TOTAL PLEDGED	\$15,000.00

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Taylor, ss:

I, Booth Warren, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

BOOTH WARREN, Cashier.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17th day of April, 1937.

Mary Collins,
Notary Public

(SEAL)

CORRECT—Attest:

J. T. WARREN,
H. C. WEST,
W. S. J. Brown,
Directors.



FORTNIGHTLY STUDY CLUB
Mrs. W. S. J. Brown opened her home Tuesday afternoon to members of the Fortnightly Study club. The study course offered a lesson on "The Woman Movement in the United States since 1900." Mrs. Norman Hodge discussed "The League of Women Voters."

A book review on the popular Dale Carnegie success, "How to Win Friends and Influence People" was brought by Mrs. W. T. Sadler in a most interesting manner. Members present were Miss Julia Martin, Mesdames Cox, West, Swann, Sadler, Warren, Smith, Hodge, Petty, Haynes, Durham, Collins and Brown.

FACULTY CLUB ENTERTAINED.
Messrs. J. P. Rudd, Rex Myers and J. L. Coffman and Supt. R. A. Burgess were hosts Tuesday evening to members of the faculty club in the Burgess home.

Program numbers included readings by Miss Frances Marie Church and Mrs. Comer Haynes, a piano number by Miss Emma Joyner and a vocal duet by Mrs. Elsie Nash and Miss Sybil Smith, with Miss Joyner as accompanist.

After games of "42" were enjoyed, refreshments of Coca-Cola and sandwiches were served to Messrs. and Mesdames Spencer Bird, Elmo Collins, Comer Haynes, J. L. Coffman, C. H. Collinsworth, J. P. Rudd, R. A. Burgess, Mrs. Len Sublett, Mrs. Elsie Nash, Misses Sybil Smith, Alzada Pogue, Vennie Heizer, Imogene Hayes, Emma Joyner, Ella Mae Hogan, Frances Marie Church, Neweta Cleveland, Vera Hayes, Juanita Stroud, Nelda Clements, and Messrs. Rex Myers and T. H. Christopher.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

In honor of the third birthday of her little daughter, Maxine, Mrs. T. L. Kerns invited several of her little friends to help her celebrate the occasion Saturday afternoon.

After outdoor games were enjoyed, ice cream and cake, with rubber balls as favors, were served to Sandra Sadler, Peggy Scott, Betty Joe Reed, Lady Joe Risinger, Bruce Knight and Marie Kerns.

Grown-ups present were Mrs. Grace Kerns, of Weatherford, and Mesdames H. C. Reid and Charlie Knight.

MERKEL HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB.

Mrs. Joe P. Self was hostess to members of the home demonstration club on Friday afternoon of last week. After the business meeting, Miss Taylor, county agent, demonstrated some of the many ways of egg cookery.

During the social hour, in charge of Mrs. Harry Barnett, Mrs. E. E. Wallace rendered a piano solo and poems were read by Bonnie Church and James Glenn Barnett.

Refreshments were served to Miss Taylor, Mesdames W. R. Williams, Lillie Barnett, F. A. Polley, J. Ben Campbell, John Hughes, J. W. Bryan, A. D. Barnes, Norris Barnett, Myrtle Barnett, L. J. Renfro, C. P. Church, Dent Gibson, E. B. Wallace, Harry Barnett, W. H. Ensminger, D. W. Rogers, Kenneth Pee, Clyde Shouse, Lucy Ford, Stacy Bird, Max Swafford, Bob McDonald, Misses Mabel McRee, Lottie Butman, one new member, Mrs. Ted McGehee, and the hostess.

WILLING WORKERS CLASS.

Mrs. W. M. Elliott entertained

members of the Willing workers Sunday School class of Grace Presbyterian church on Tuesday afternoon, Mrs. Williams gave the devotional and an interesting program was carried out. Miss Dorma Lee Shelton gave a reading.

A refreshment plate was served to Mesdames S. A. Derstine, R. A. Walker, L. L. Murray, S. G. Russell, Roger Williams, Marvin Smith, Miss Mary Keny, members, and the following visitors, Mrs. W. O. Miller, Mrs. J. W. McConnell and Miss Dorma Lee Shelton.

The class will meet with Mrs. Derstine on May 11.

LOCAL BRIEFS

With the elimination of the central partition, the spacious interior of the Bullock Hardware store has undergone several important changes, which will conduce largely to the convenience of customers as well as add to the effective display of goods and wares on rows of counters, also on shelves against each wall. The office has been relocated and partitioned off on the south side of the building.

Ed McCrary, connected with the Merkel Motor company for many years, has accepted a position with the National Re-settlement administration at Sweetwater and he and his wife have moved there. Max Swafford will have charge of the parts department of the Merkel Motor company, formerly managed by Ed. Merkel folks regret to lose this estimable couple, but wish them well in their new home.

While riding late Friday afternoon, John Grable of the Grable Motor company sustained a broken left ankle when his horse fell as he was crossing the pavement on Oak street. John was able to proceed with business duties by the aid of a pair of crutches.

District W. M. U. Meeting.

For the meeting of the district seventeen W. M. U. held at Stamford this week, the First Baptist church was represented by Mesdames A. R. Booth, Joe P. Self and Clyde Deavers. Haskell was chosen as host city for 1938.

Texas Theatre

Sweetwater

Friday-Saturday

Don Ameche, Ann Southern in "Fifty Roads to Town"

Sunday-Monday

"Seventh Heaven" With Simone Simon, James Stewart, Jean Hersholt

Tuesday-Wednesday

"Devil's Playground" With Richard Dix, Dolores Del Rio, Chester Morris

Thursday Only

Leo Carillo, Helen Mack in "I Promise to Pay"

R. & R. PALACE

Friday-Saturday

Buck Jones in "Empty Saddles"

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Gene Autry (Your Favorite Western Star) in

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SATURDAY PREVUE 11 P. M., MONDAY and TUESDAY

Errol Flynn and Anita Louise in Lloyd C. Douglas'

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With Margaret Lindsay and Walter Abel Will the GREEN LIGHT mean "Go!" to your Heart? It has changed a million readers' lives! How will it change yours? Added: Pop Eye Cartoon and Other Selected Shorts

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY

Bobby Breen of Radio Fame in

"RAINBOW ON THE RIVER"

With May Robson and Charles Butterworth Also Two-Reel Comedy, "Man to Man"

DON'T FORGET THURSDAY NIGHT

CHURCH SERVICES

Special Program Friday Evening

A "Bishop's Crusade Supper" will be given at the Methodist church Friday night, beginning at 7:45. Dean R. G. Berger of McMurry college will be the principal speaker.

Other services as usual Sunday and next week.

John H. Crow, Pastor.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

The attendance at the six reporting Sunday Schools here last Sunday was 642, as compared with 625 on the previous Sunday and 755 on the same Sunday a year ago.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. As this is the pastor's day a. Baird, there will be no preaching service, morning nor evening. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:45 o'clock.

Every one is cordially invited to these services. Strangers welcome.

R. A. Walker, Pastor.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

B. T. S. meets at 6:45 p. m. Sunday. W. M. U. at 5 o'clock Monday afternoon.

All are cordially invited to attend these services.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. each Sunday

by Brother A. J. Rollings. Young people's program 6:45 p. m. on Sunday.

A service of song, prayer and preaching for each Wednesday evening at 7:45 o'clock.

You are cordially invited to attend these services.

The Elders.

NAZARENE CHURCH.

Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. N.Y.P.S. at 6:30 p. m. Preaching 7:30 p. m. Midweek prayer services each Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

We appreciate your co-operation in all services.

R. T. Smith, Pastor.

NORTH SIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH.

Preaching Saturday night at 7:30 o'clock. Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. B. T. S. at 6:30 p. m. Wednesday night prayer meeting at 7:30. W. M. S. meets at the church Thursday at 2:30 p. m.

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Saturday, April 24

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EXTRA SPECIAL—A solid OAK PORCH ROCKER, bolted construction—a very durable Rocker—Will give years of service.

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A FEW CLOSE-OUTS IN USED FURNITURE

- 1—3-piece Wicker Living Room Suite, priced this week for **\$11.75**
- 2—Odd Oak Dining Room Tables, priced this week for **\$4.95**
- 1—Odd Oak Buffet, priced this week for **\$2.95**
- 1—Odd Oak Buffet, priced this week for **\$4.95**
- 1—Oak Chiffonade, priced this week for **\$4.95**

Several Odd (New) unfinished Chairs, priced this week for **69c**

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Trent Man Victim Of Heart Attack

Residents in the Trent community were deeply shocked to hear of the death of Samuel E. Armstrong, Sr., at an early hour Monday morning. In ill health for sometime, he had suffered a heart attack two weeks before, which was followed by a similar attack Friday of last week, and his condition grew alarming Sunday. Death was attributed to hardening of the arteries.

Mr. Armstrong, 59, was born near Houston, Miss. Coming to Texas in early manhood, he settled at Wall, near San Angelo, and lived there until the death of his brother-in-law, R. M. Beasley, of Trent, three years ago. Since that time he had made his home with his sister there.

Besides this sister, he is survived by two sons, S. E. Armstrong, Jr., a senior in Trent high school, and Max Armstrong of Austin, and two daughters, Mrs. Johnnie Williams and Mrs. Albert Lehr, both of San Angelo.

The body was taken overland to San Angelo Monday, where final ser-

VICES were held from the Methodist church of which he was a member. Interment was in the Wall cemetery.

Two nephews, Malcolm and Lesley Beasley, reside in Trent.

CAKE WALK.

One special novelty in the form of a cake walk will be included in the various forms of entertainment offered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Johnson, two miles southwest of Trent, on Friday night of this week. Come, you may win a cake. Lots of fun.

SPECIAL Beginning Monday

5 Quilts or 5 Blankets Washed for \$1.00

Abilene Laundry Co.
Phone 50 Merkel, Texas

ELI CASE & SON GROCERY & MARKET
Phone 234 Prompt Service

Bananas	Bell Peppers, per pound	15c		
Large Yellow Fruit	Spinach, garden fresh, lb.	5c		
Dozen	Green Beans, 3 lbs.	25c		
	Squash, yellow or white, lb.	10c		
	Cauliflower, pound	17c		
	New Potatoes, fresh dug, per pound	5c		
	Strawberries, pints			
	2 for	27c		
	Cucumbers, pound	15c		
	Radishes, bunch	10c		
	Cabbage, South Texas, lb.	4c		
	Lettuce, large heads	5c		
	Carrots or Beets, bu.	5c		
	Green Onions, large bunches	5c		
	Spuds, No. 1 Russetts, 10 lbs.	39		
	Chocolate Candy, per pound	10c		
	Tasty Summer Drink (8 oz. bottle, all flavors, makes 2 gallons)	3 for 25c		
Palmolive Soap, bar	5c			
Salmons, 16 oz. cans	10c	FLOUR		
Spinach, No.2 can, 3 for	25c	Amayllis, 48 lbs.	\$1.90	
Prunes, 2 pounds	15c	Light Crust, 48 lbs.	\$2.10	
Tomatoes Gingham Girl, 3 for 25		Hill Billy, 48 lbs.	\$2.10	
Raisins, 4 lb. pkg.	33c	Gold Medal, 48 lbs.	\$2.10	
		Pillsbury, 48 lbs.	\$2.10	
		La France, 48 lbs.	\$2.10	
		Western, 48 lbs.	\$1.75	
		Quality, 48 lbs.	\$1.50	
		Gold Chain, 48 lbs.	\$2.10	
		4 lb. carton	58c	
		8 lb. carton	\$1.14	
		8 lb. pail	\$1.22	
		Pork & Beans, regular cans	5c	
		Maxwell House Coffee, 3 lb. can	79c	
		Milk, Baby Size, 7 for	25c	
		Mops, linen or cord, 16 oz., each	23c	
Syrup	Pickles	Catsup		
Ribbon Cane	26 oz. jars	14 oz. bottle		
Gal.	59c	Each	15c	
		Each	10c	
		Fresh Prunes, gallon cans	29c	
		Sugar, pure cane, 10 lbs. cloth	55c	
		Roast Chuck		
Pound		15c	BAR-B-Q	
			Liver, sliced, lb.	15c
			Fresh Channel	
			CAT FISH	
			Pork Chops, pound	23c
			Steak, chuck, lb.	17c
			Hamburger 2 lbs.	25c
			Weiners, pound	17c
			Dry Salt Bacon, pound	23c
			Cheese, pound	19c
			Sausage, mixed, lb.	23c
			Oleo all sweet, lb.	20c
			Steak, T-Bone, lb.	20c