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## DIPLOMAS AWARDED TO GRADUATING CLASS OF 50, CLOSING 1936-37 SESSION

Thomas E. Hayden, Abilene Attorney, Delivers Address to Seniors; Sylvan Mellinger, Janet Berry, Honor Pupils.

Diplomas were presented fifty seniors of Merkel High school by Supt. Roger A. Burgess at graduation exercises Friday evening at the gymnasium-auditorium.

Sylvan Mellinger with an average of 94.10, was valedictorian of the class. Second honors were won by Janet Berry, whose average was 92.26.

Thomas E. Hayden, Abilene attorney and former mayor of that city, delivered the address to graduates. Rev. Ted McGehee gave the invocation after the processional, "March of Progress," by Mrs. T. T. Eartman. The senior class sang "The Old High School," by Wilkes-Engelinger, and "Night Shadows Falling," by Denver-Lemare, and the benediction was also pronounced by Rev. Ted McGehee.

The list of graduates follows:

Edith Akin, Leta Faye Barbee, Janet Berry, Ina Mae Berryman, Vernell Bland, Nadine Clack, Lucille Crick, Jva Jewel Dickson, Elweena Doan, Levena Douglas, Jane Ferguson, Sis Gamble, Betty Grimes, Lela Higgins, Pauline Higgins, Willie Mae Hudson, LaVerne Hughes, Earline Kelso, Pauline McAninch, Margie Melton, Catherine Osborn, Opal Palmer, Nell Pruitt, Phyllis Smith, De La Vergne Teague, Elna Tucker, Lorene Whisenant.

Woodrow Clark, M. C. Church, Weldon Davis, Billie Dunning, Murphy Dye, LeRoy Eason, L. B. Gibson, Doyle Gray, Robert Grimes, Jr., Roy Hagler, LaRoy Hester, Norman King, John Malone, Sylvan Mellinger, Marvin Perkins, Paul Riney, Jack Sublett, Stanley Toombs, Lloyd Vick, Dutton Williamson, Bobbie Woodrum, Elmer Woolsey, Morris Wozencraft.

### List of Pupils on Honor Roll for Year

The following students of the Merkel Public schools have been on the honor roll for each of the six six-weeks periods of the 1936-37 session:

Eleventh grade—Nadine Clack, Margie Melton.

Ninth grade—Billie Wood, Mary Jo Russell, Mattie Reynolds.

Eighth grade—Don Wood.

Seventh grade—Dora Marie Gaither, Becky Gardner, Tommy Evelyn Grimes.

Sixth grade—Jack Hester, Dwight Swafford.

Fifth grade—Dorothy Nell Groene, George Mack Owens, Peggy Joyce Toombs, Wanda McCoy, Doris Leonard.

Fourth grade—Bonnie Jaynes, Joy-Sue Self.

Third grade—Bobbie Nell Reagan, Foy Westenhovner, Geraldine Williams, Betty Gilbert.

Second grade—Glenn Toombs, Barbara Ann Brown, Minor Burns, Geraldine Jinkens.

First grade—Billy Nash, Tommie Allday, Mattie Lou Bicknell.

### Local Showers During Week Gauge an Inch

With torrential rains in Northwest Texas and also to the south in the San Angelo area, rainfall in and near Merkel during the past week is still to be classed as local showers.

The gauge of Valunteer Weather Observer Grover Hale registered three-eighths of an inch for Wednesday's downpour, but reports are that it was spotted, not extending beyond the city limits in two directions.

Measuring three-eighths of an inch Saturday afternoon and a quarter of an inch during Sunday and Sunday night, the figure for the seven days since last Thursday amounts to an even inch, bringing the year's total to 7 1-4 inches.

### Derrick Erected Again For Deep Test Wilcat

Derrick has been erected again on the Humble No. 1 R. E. Teaff estate, scheduled Jones county Ordovician wildcat half a mile east of the Noodle creek field.

It had been completed and operations were scheduled to have begun last week when wind blew it over.

## KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Woodrow Walker, 22, was killed instantly early Sunday morning in an automobile accident on highway 7, near the outskirts of Roscoe.

D. B. Bunch, 52, employee of a vinegar factory at Paris, died Monday of a skull fracture received in a fall from a freight car at the plant Saturday.

Emery A. Grantham, Albany youth, was ranked third by instructors at the United States Naval academy at Annapolis, in the graduating class of 1937.

Ralph L. Buell, formerly managing editor of the Brownsville Herald, has been appointed head of the driver's license division of the public safety department.

Baylor University Monday conferred degrees upon the Keys quadruplets—Mary, Mona, Leota and Roberta—first quadruplets in history to graduate from college.

Four deputy sheriffs arrested 110 negroes at a dance hall near Marlin Sunday night. Some of them were charged with drunkenness. All of them were finger-printed.

Thirty-six passengers marooned on a Fort Worth and Denver train for nearly 24 hours between two flooded streams near Perico, 22 miles northwest of Dalhart, were rescued late Wednesday.

Movement of livestock from Texas to interstate points and to the Fort Worth market during April totaled 12,021 cars, against 9,369 cars during April last year, an increase of nearly 30 per cent.

J. W. Calhoun, comptroller of the University of Texas, was named president ad interim of the university to succeed the late Dr. H. Y. Benedict at a meeting of the board of regents held at Galveston Monday.

J. G. Robertson, about 35, of Chicago, was drowned and Mrs. Robertson narrowly escaped with her life when they were thrown from the boat in which they were fishing in the Gulf of Mexico near Port Aransas.

John S. Reddit, chairman of the senate finance committee, expressed the opinion Wednesday that full payment of the \$19 per capita scholastic apportionment would be made by the end of the fiscal year, Aug. 31.

William Niven, 86, honorary life member of the American museum of natural history and a fellow of the American Geographical society and royal society of arts, London, died Wednesday at his home in Austin.

The body of Earl Pyle, 19, was found early Saturday morning by three girls near the railroad track south of Lufkin. Both legs and an arm were cut off and the head mangled. Officers believed he was killed by a train.

Three gunmen, armed with automatic pistols and posing as Texas rangers, shot R. E. (Bob) Rutledge of Houston in the heart and took \$1,000 at a race horse book-making place in Stafford near Houston Saturday.

H. J. Turney, convicted robber from Harris county, was indicted Wednesday at Huntsville on a murder charge in connection with the stabbing of Alton Crowson, another convict, at a motion picture show in the Texas prison chapel several days ago.

A toll of 23 was taken in the second heaviest week-end in violent deaths of the year in Texas. Fourteen were killed in traffic accidents, three died in shootings, one died of electrocution, one by drowning, one from acid and one by being struck by a train.

Mrs. Eli Hertzberg, music patron and life president of the Tuesday Music club, San Antonio, died Saturday morning in the Santa Rosa hospital, following an emergency operation. She was known throughout the state as a patron of the arts and artists, and had been an impelling force in San Antonio music circles for years.

**Connally to Open Fair.**  
Dallas, June 3.—Senator Tom Connally announced in Washington Thursday that he will formally open the Pan American Exposition here June 12.

**Woman, 92, Goes to School.**  
Kenton, O., June 3.—Mrs. Hanna Bacon, 92, and reputed to be an excellent cook, has attended her first cooking school demonstration.

## SIX SADDLES TO BE AWARDED IN STAMFORD SHOW

Best String of Rodeo Stock in History Being Assembled for Texas Cowboy Reunion; Dates July 1, 2 and 3.

Stamford, June 3.—What promises to be the best string of rodeo stock in the history of the Texas Cowboy Reunion is being assembled here for the eighth annual round-up which will be held on July 1, 2 and 3.

Twenty-five new bucking horses, calculated to give trouble to the best of bronc riders, have been imported to add to the outlaw broncs already available on nearby ranches. Rancorous steeds that have built up reputations for aerial tendencies in past rodeos are being retained. Among these are "Calmamity Jane," "Candy Wagon," "Dr. Blackwell," "Pitchfork Bay" and "Throckmorton Dun."

Ten new wild Brahma steers have been added to the herd of 26 which the Reunion kept over from last year. Those that showed gentle tendencies have been cut out. Three cars—75 head—of cows have been bought for the wild-cow-milking contest and 50 roping calves are being shipped in.

Prizes totalling \$2,300 will be awarded in this year's rodeo. Besides the daily cash prizes in calf-roping, wild-cow-milking, bronc riding and steer riding, six handsome saddles are to be awarded the champions in the various contests. One of these will go to the champion bronc rider, one to the champion cow-milker and one to the cowboy making the best record in calf-roping. Of the other saddles, one goes as first prize in the cutting-horse contest, one to the winner in the old-time calf-ropers' contest and one to the winning cowgirl sponsor. Besides these special made saddles presented by the Reunion management, Jack M. Little of Dallas will give a saddle to the winner of the junior cowboy contest, which will be a new feature this year.

The Texas Cowboy Reunion rodeo is unique in that actual cowhands from the ranches of Texas and adjoining states are featured. Professional rodeo performers are barred from the contests.

### Joe Self Elected New Lion President

At Tuesday's luncheon of the Lions club, Joe P. Self, former first vice-president, was elected club president, to be installed the first meeting in July.

Other officers elected for the ensuing year follow: Dr. L. C. Zehnpfennig, first vice-president; C. J. Glover, second vice-president; Stanley King, third vice-president; Byers Petty, secretary; Nathan Wood, Lion tamer; Carleton Vick, tail twister; directors, Allen McGehee and R. T. Gray.

Delegates named to the district convention at Weatherford June 8-9 are C. P. Church, A. E. Higgins, J. D. Porter and Joe P. Self.

For perfect attendance from Sept. 1 to Apr. 30, eight Lions were awarded special honor pins: Yates Brown, E. O. Carson, Milton Case, C. J. Glover, R. T. Gray, Dee Grimes, Byers Petty and Henry C. West.

Prior to the luncheon, Yates Brown led the singing of "America" and the invocation was given by W. W. Haynes.

### List of Petit Jurors Called Next Week

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

W. T. Bird, W. M. Carey, W. M. Warner, W. L. Brown, Ernest Smith, W. T. Cox, Merkel, B. L. Ellis, J. F. Smith, C. R. Horton, G. L. Jennings, Lonnie Hill, E. A. Bonine, Julius Olsen, J. E. Austin, J. S. Logsdon, T. S. Higginbotham, J. W. Chaney, D. B. Massey, R. A. Vanleave, W. W. Bailey, J. E. Davis, H. J. Holley, Willie Gilmore, W. A. Gavin, Don R. Marshall, Hugh E. Wilson, Ed Fly, Luke E. Lee, Drew Beam, A. T. Courtney, T. M. Bouldin, Dr. C. B. Leggett, Abilene, Astor Adams, R. E. Grant, W. M. Little, W. G. Stewart, D. D. Porter, Lawn, V. E. Vessels, P. C. Forrester, Trent, J. H. Boozer, Guion; Mac Sayles, H. B. Williams, R. N. Williams, Geo. Hafner, Tuscola; J. W. Rister, Bob Gilbert, Tye; Floyd Tate, J. E. Beverly, Buffalo Gap; W. A. Porter, Winters; J. D. Polk, Wingate.

## FOURTH PERFORMANCE OF SERIES OF FREE RODEOS CARDED THIS SATURDAY

### GAME POSTPONED; RAIN INTERVENES

Jupiter Pluvius Twice Prevents Game Between Divide and Hawley-Truby Ball Clubs.

After intervening Saturday to prevent the scheduled game between Divide and Hawley-Truby in Merkel's Inter-Community league, Jupiter Pluvius again caused postponement of the game which had been re-set Wednesday between these two teams.

Date for this game has been advanced by the baseball committee to the end of the playing schedule.

Trent and Divide are matched for the next league game, which is to be played Saturday, June 12.

TEAM—	W	L	Pct.
Divide	1	0	1.000
Trent	1	1	.500
Noodle	1	1	.500
Hawley-Truby	0	1	.000

### Stith, Tye Winners In Softball Tuesday

Defeating Salt Branch, 14-1, Stith was easy winner in the opening game Tuesday of the Community Softball league. Nightcap of the twin bill was a closely contested battle between Tye and the State bank, with the former winning 4-3.

Carded for Thursday afternoon of this week were: F. F. A. vs Lions club and Tom Cats vs Mars.

Next Tuesday's contenders are: Salt Branch vs Tye and State bank vs F. F. A.; on Thursday, June 10, the playing teams are Lions vs Tom Cats, Mars vs Stith.

Tom Jinkens has been selected as official umpire of the series.

Score by innings:	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
Salt Branch	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stith	4	2	2	2	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

W. H. Higgins and B. Higgins; H. Burns and E. Evans.

### Yield of Small Grain Better Than Expected

Harvesting of the small grain crop which got well under way the first of the week has been slowed down somewhat by the scattered showers and damp weather.

The yield is promising to exceed expectations, however, with wheat averaging from 15 to 20 bushels and in one instance as much as 30, while the oat crop will average 30 bushels, or better, according to some estimates.

Prices for both crops are considered favorable.

## MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, June 1, 1917.)

William Lafayette Harkrider died at seven o'clock Saturday morning. His death was the quiet passing of a strong character. Pallbearers were Messrs. H. L. Propst, R. L. Bland, T. A. Johnson, A. H. Thornton, R. A. Martin and B. A. Walters.

Judge C. D. Mims and family are packing up to move to their old home at Tyler, where the Judge will continue in the practice of his law profession.

Miss Irene Swann, who has been attending college at Marion, Ala., returned home Thursday morning. Miss Swann finished in art, receiving her diploma and all qualifications in this line. Miss Swann taught art here last year and although she has a splendid offer in our neighboring city we hope she will remain in Merkel.

Pleasant reunion of old friends was enjoyed Monday afternoon in the home of Misses Olive and Dota Garoutte. In the earlier days of Merkel the first named of these ladies was the teacher of a Sunday School class of little girls and one little boy, who promised to be good if we'd let him stay. These girls, now grown to womanhood, have

### Plans Under Way to Add Mule Riding Feature to Other Regular Events; System Devised to Expedite Program.

With a view further speeding up the run of events in Saturday's rodeo, it is planned to alternate the bronc riding and bull riding after this fashion: one horse first released from the chute, followed by two bulls, then another horse, two more bulls and the third horse.

Announcement of this plan was made Thursday morning by the rodeo committee, the decision to alternate the two events arising from the fact that it takes time to change saddles and adjust stirrups for the riders, and while this process is in progress the bull riding may proceed.

It is also being planned, if arrangements can be made, to bring on five mules simultaneously to be ridden with surcingle as a special feature between the calf roping and cow milking events, which constitutes the backbone of the regular program culminating with the steer riding contest.

Saturday's show will be the fourth in the series of six free summer rodeos sponsored by the Merchants Trade Extension association of Merkel for 1937.

The day's events will start promptly at 2 p. m., with a preliminary musical program of popular selections over the public address system owned and operated by the association.

Grandstand seats will be on sale at both drug stores uptown prior to 12:30 p. m., after which the ticket window will be open at the grounds.

### Contestant Breaks Leg in Roping Event

Leo Huff was brought to the Merkel hospital Monday afternoon with both bones in his right leg broken below the knee, sustained as he stepped from his horse after roping a calf in the Double Heart rodeo.

Huff was in his second day of roping in a match against Jack Sellers of Del Rio at the ranch south of Sweetwater. He had roped a calf and was dismounting when the horse apparently stepped on his leg. He was brought to Merkel by C. E. (Jack) Boyd of Nolan and Algie Daniel. Allen Holder of Midland took Huff's place in the roping event.

In the finals of the four-way matched roping contest, Jack Sellers was winner with a total of 56.6 on four calves, over E. Pardee of Lamar, Colo., who tied four in the finals in 85.4.

**Record of Births.**  
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Eoff, residing near Noodle, Thursday, May 27, 1937.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kilgore, residing three miles north of Trent, Wednesday, June 2, 1937.

never forgotten the class association of childhood and, as several are visiting in Merkel at this time, the opportunity for paying a visit to their old teacher was not allowed to pass. Those now here are Mrs. Sue Browning Steele of Waurika, Okla., Mrs. Edith Freeman Goodwin of Maryneal, Mrs. Lizzie Calvert Latham of Merkel, Mrs. Duncan Browning Briggs and Miss Eva Williams.

Visitors in Abilene the past week were as follows: Mrs. Ollie Sharp, C. L. Tucker, Ollie Dye, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Thornton, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Burroughs, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Propst and little son, Walter Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Baker and H. T. Merritt and son, Jack.

Wallace Bragg, who has just graduated in the high school at Hillsboro, arrived in Merkel last Friday night. He is only sixteen years of age and has made unusually splendid progress in his studies. It was for school purposes that he remained in Hillsboro when his father, T. G. Bragg, and family moved here two months ago.

Dennis Lilly of Castle Peak will leave Saturday for Denton where he will attend the summer normal.

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MERKEL'S UNEXCELLED SCHOOL SYSTEM.

When Supt. R. A. Burgess handed diplomas to fifty proud Seniors last Friday night, it was the fifteenth occasion in which he had had the privilege of making such awards. It was in 1919 that he first became head of the Merkel schools, having served continuously in that capacity since, with the exception of three years, 1925 to 1927, inclusive, when he was superintendent of the Childress schools. Previously he had served two years as principal of the High school here. So his connection with the Merkel school, which terminated this June, actually covers 17 years.

A glimpse of the changes in these years reveals that in 1919 the graduating class numbered 9; in 1937, 50. Enrollment for 1919-20 was 549; for 1936-37, 824. From five units of affiliation in 1919, the close of the 1936-37 session brought the announcement that with credits of one and one-half units granted for vocational agriculture and one unit for home economics, the local schools now boast 25 1-2 credits, and next year another one and one-half credits should be granted for the second year of vocational agriculture.

Merkel's modern school plant of today consists of a 14-room High School building, a 15-room Grammar school with auditorium and a new auditorium-gymnasium capable of seating 1,200 persons and containing a basketball court 80x52 feet.

The High School in the year just closed had 141 students from 16 surrounding districts, drawing students from all parts of Merkel's trade territory.

THE PLAYGROUND OF THIS SECTION.

One of the improvements which the Amson Western-Enterprise admits as being lacking in their progressive little city is a park and swimming pool.

We here in Merkel have been long used to the alluring waters of Shannon's pool and the inviting and shaded greensward which John Shannon has spent so much effort in developing into one of the most beautiful spots in West Texas for picnic parties and outings of every nature.

We say it, not boastfully. Editor Henslee, but merely to reiterate Merkel's appreciation of our own Shannon's pool and playground.

LOCAL BRIEFS

Scoutmaster G. W. Wilhite and a group of fifteen members of the local Boy Scout troop were expected to return Thursday afternoon from Buffalo Gap where they had spent the last three days in camp.

Re-arrangement of the main sales room of the West Company has been under way this week. With the removal of the partitions separating various departments, large counters and tables for the better display of hardware and kitchen and household supplies provide additional convenience for shoppers.

Daughter is Born.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Hunter, maternal grandparents, have received news of the arrival of a six and one-half pound daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Don Reeder at 7 o'clock Sunday evening at Washington, D. C.

Weds Make-Up Artist.

Las Vegas, Nev., June 3.—Martha Blye, roughhouse comedienne of the scenes, and Hamilton (Buddy) Westmore, movie make-up artist, were married Sunday by Judge Marion B. Earl.

Millionaire Indian's Funeral.

Muskogee, Okla., June 3.—Funeral services for Enus Wilson, 35, last millionaire Indian of the Five Civilized tribes, were held at his palatial home near Muskogee Tuesday.

Bob Burns Weds Secretary.

Las Vegas, Nev., June 3.—Bob Burns, radio and screen performer, and his secretary, Miss Harriet Madella Foster, were married here Monday afternoon. The sage of Van Buren, Ark., gave his age as 45 and his bride's 23.

The merchants who advertise in this paper will give you the best values for your money.

Standard Typewriter Ribbons 70c each at Merkel Mail office.

Daring New Drama, "Marked Woman," Stars Bette Davis

When an actress of Bette Davis' dramatic stature is cast in a film that is powerful, vivid and dynamic—that's real entertainment.

So it is no wonder that audiences everywhere sit breathless through the First National melodrama, "Marked Woman," which shows prevue Thursday night of this week and completes the engagement Friday night.

Last year Bette received the award of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences (top prize of all for the best screen performance by an actress.) "Marked Woman" undoubtedly will put her among those considered for the 1937 gold statuette.

In it, she is alternately tender, hard and gay, and versatile actress that she is, she does them all admirably. Bette plays one of half a dozen nightclub girls who are forced by their overlord, a racketeer who buys the place, into helping him to rob the patrons, both by overcharging and by luring them to his gambling rooms.

This big boss is played by Eduardo Ciannelli, who was so sensational in both stage and screen versions of "Winterset." The other girls of the nightclub are Isabell Jewell, Jane Bryan, Rosalind Marquis, Lola Lane and Mayo Methot. Jane Bryan, a newcomer to the screen, turns in a particularly fine performance as Bette's schoolgirl sister.

A patron of the club is killed by Ciannelli's henchmen. This brings to hurricane force the storms of indignation that have been growing throughout the city against racketeers.

By dint of bribing and intimidation, Ciannelli and his gang have gained control of every night club in the city, leaving a trail of blood in their wake. But their murderous deeds are hushed up, and bait is always available in any amount to rescue loyal henchmen who become entangled in the law. They are a law to themselves, apparently immune to punishment.

The brave young attorney, who dares to arrest and prosecute them, is Humphrey Bogart, fresh from his recent triumph in "Black Legion."

With the aid of the nightclub girls—especially Bette, whose own young sister met a tragic death through her association with the underworld—he is able to break up racketeering and place its big shots behind the bars. The girls give their testimony with the full knowledge that they face the underworld's vengeance.

Masterfully directed by Lloyd Bacon, "Marked Woman" is a gripping drama that you won't want to miss.

Snowbound Couple Marooned in Cabin In Lively New Film

Marooned by the blizzard in a mountain lodge, with only a stuffed moose as chaperon and caviar and crackers for food—that's the romantic predicament that faces Don Ameche and Ann Sothern in "Fifty Roads to Town."

Twentieth Century-Fox's laugh-spiced romance opening at the Queen theatre, for the "Owl" show Saturday night, also Monday and Tuesday.

Supporting these two vital, delightful and thrilling stars, Slim Sumner, Jane Darwell, John Qualen, Douglas Fowley, Allan Lane, Alan Dinehart and Stepin Fetchit add humor and excitement to the season's most zestful escapade.

A riotous adventure of mistaken identities, "Fifty Roads to Town" starts off in high when Don Ameche, receiving a mysterious telephone call that someone is ready to shoot him on sight, hurriedly leaves town in his car. Roaring along the road to Canada at the same time is Ann Sothern, and chasing both of them is a motorcycle cop.

After eluding pursuit, Don and Ann arrive by different routes at a cabin in the hills, where he makes her throw into the fire a legal document which he believes is a subpoena for him. Actually, it is her marriage license, for she was running away from her millionaire parents to get married.

Don is afraid to let the girl go, thinking she will betray him, and she, hearing a radio announcement that police are seeking a dangerous gangster in his mountain hideout, suspects that Don is the man.

By the time she finds out that Don is not a gangster, but just running away to prevent being mixed up in a divorce case, a heavy snowfall sets in, with the possibility of their being snowed in for the winter. The couple are heartily sick of their caviar diet, and realize that they are falling in love with each other.

The arrival of the real gangster, closely followed by the police, brings an exciting climax to the film, with Don and Ann finally working out a solution which takes care of two cases of mistaken identity by the simple process of merging them for keeps.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

PERSONAL NEWS NOTES

Miss Peggy Barnett spent last week-end in Dallas.

Miss Minnie Lee Coats, who teaches in the Coleman schools, has returned home.

Miss Evelyn Curb, who teaches in the Cameron public schools, arrived home last Friday.

Miss Maimie Ellis is at home from Fort Stockton, where she teaches in the public schools.

Miss Billie Nelson, who is employed at the Hollywood shop at Odessa, was home for the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Stuart of Lamesa spent Sunday with Mrs. Stuart's sister, Mrs. Len Sublett.

Mrs. E. Clyde Smith was guest Thursday at a party at Hamlin, where she formerly lived.

Mrs. W. B. Graham and son, Joe Earl, of Laird Hill, are visiting her mother, Mrs. J. H. McDonald.

Miss Martha Bird, who teaches in the Graham schools, will remain there as a teacher in summer school.

Mrs. O. D. Campbell of Rochester, who has been visiting Mrs. W. A. Ford, has returned to her home.

With the close of the school session, Miss Jess Sutphen, who teaches at Wichita Falls, has returned home.

Mrs. O. N. Buford and Mrs. Tom Allday and children left Wednesday morning for a visit in Silvertown.

Miss Fay Pinckley who has been attending the North Texas State Teachers college, arrived from Denton Friday.

Miss Mary Kate Campbell arrived home Monday afternoon from Amarillo, where she teaches in the public schools.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Hunter and family of Alpine arrived Friday to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hunter.

Mary Jo Russell is spending the week in the home of County Auditor L. R. Thompson and Mrs. Thompson in Abilene.

Mrs. Jeffie Hibbetts Rice, of Uvalde, is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. H. Hunter, also dividing time with the O. J. Adcock household.

George Mack Owens visited the past week with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Owens, and aunt, Miss Ada Owens, in Abilene.

Rev. C. R. Joyner, pastor of the First Baptist church, left Monday to attend the State Pastors conference at Seminary Hill, Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe P. Self and daughter, Joy Sue, accompanied by Gwendolyn Vaughn, spent the Monday holiday at their cabin at Lueders.

Milam Pike and three children of Bogata, who came to bring his mother, Mrs. J. R. Pee, and Miss Gertie Lou, home, remained for a visit this week.

Returning from a visit in Lamesa, Mrs. W. W. Campbell was accompanied by Mrs. Tracy Campbell and two children, who are paying Merkel relatives a visit.

Merkel's contingent of students at John Tarleton college—Misses Mary Helen Mashburn and Missie Spurgin, Victor Joyner and Bussie Boaz—have returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Garrett were out from Waco for a week-end visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Garrett. Miss Iris Garrett returned with them for a visit.

Miss Margaret Miller, who returned last week from Fluvanna, where she teaches in the schools, left Saturday for a summer course in the State Teachers college at Denton.

Miss Irene Swann, who teaches in Roswell, N. M., returned home the latter part of last week. Miss Nell Swann is not expected from Tyler until the latter part of this week.

Mrs. Thomas Durham returned Monday from a visit with relatives in Wellington. Her daughter, Mrs. L. D. Foreman, of Woodward, Okla., and son, Neil Durham, of Albany, are now visiting here.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley King and son, Norman, left Saturday morning for a vacation visit in Corpus Christi.

Warren Higgins returned last week from a fishing trip with a party of Abilene sportsmen to Corpus Christi.

Mr. and Mrs. I. F. Gilbert and daughter, Vonelle, and Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Seydler and son of Big Spring visited Mr. and Mrs. Grover Gilbert Sunday. Bobby Glenn Gilbert accompanied them home for a two-weeks visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Herral of Fort Stockton, who came for the graduating exercises of their nephews, Dutton, from the High school, and Bobby, from Grammar school, were guests of their sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Adcock.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Patterson have as their guest Mrs. Patterson's aunt, Mrs. R. A. Watters, of Dallas. Misses Mary and Grace Watters, daughters of Mrs. Watters, came out to spend the week-end and were accompanied by Miss Irma Lee Rhea of Throckmorton.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Dennis returned last week from a visit with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Olin Lusby, at Ozona, having accom-

panied Mrs. Bob Dennis and Mrs. R. B. McRee, Sr., of Trent, Mrs. Lusby came home with them and is spending the week here.

Week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Gray were the former's uncle, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Sellers, and family, and his son, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Sellers, and daughter, of Cooleedge. Miss Dorothy Carroll of Mexia, a niece of Mr. Gray, arrived Friday for a visit in the Gray household.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Grimes and two daughters, Misses Betty and Marilyn Sue, were in Denton Monday for the graduation of a friend from Texas College for Women. Their daughter, Miss Betty Grimes, who graduated from Merkel High this year, will enter the College for Women at Denton in the fall.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wilson and daughter of Dallas were week-end visitors with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Wilson, at the same time helping the elder Wilson celebrate his 71st birthday. All of the Wilson children were present except Harold and his wife, who were here the previous Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Duke of Waco were guests Tuesday night of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Adcock. Mrs. Duke and Mrs. Adcock are sisters.

Married at Ballinger.

Ballinger, June 3.—J. L. Smith, ranchman of Sheffield, Texas, and Miss Billie Geraldine Kelleher, were married here Saturday, May 29, and are spending their honeymoon in Dallas and eastern cities. They will be at home June 15.

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# 183 PUPILS ON HONOR ROLL OF MERKEL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The following 183 pupils of the Merkel Public Schools—48 from High school and 135 from Grammar school—have for the sixth (last) six-weeks period of the 1936-1937 session been neither tardy nor absent, have averaged 90 or more in deportment, have not made less than 75 on any subject and have a general average of 90 or more for the period:

### GRAMMAR SCHOOL

**First Grade, Mrs. Nash.**  
Billie Morris Baze, 95; Patsy Ruth Daniel, 95; Patricia Douglas, 95; Ray Ann Hamm, 95; Joyce Robinson, 95; Mattie Lou Bicknell, 94; Wayne Buchanan, 95; Jay Greenfield, 93; Leon Floyd, 93; T. J. Bird, Jr., 92; Tommie Allday, 91; Billie Eugene Holmes, 91.

**First Grade, Miss Smith.**  
Betty Joyce Bond, 96; Jimmy Walker, 96; Billy Nash, 96; Stanley Stanford, 95; Petty Jean Mathews, 95; Marvin Jones, 95; Betty Jane Keifer, 95; Peggy Simpson, 95; Willie Bell Hawkins, 94; Waymon Lepard, 94; Flossie T. London, 94; Pauline Wheeler, 93; Oneil James, 92; Wayne Haynes, 92; Ina Milton, 91; Evelyn Newman, 91.

**Second Grade, Miss Pogue.**  
Barbara Ann Brown, 97; George Anne Groene, 97; Geraldine Jinkens, 97; Mary Ruth Hutcheson, 96; Minor Burns, 94; Bonnie Church, 93; Robert Burns, 90; Frankie Earl Henry, 90.

**Second Grade, Miss Creighton.**  
Martha Rister, 96; Betty Jo Perry, 96; Mary Faye Johnson, 96; Joanna Ramsey, 93; Glenn Toombs, 92; Jack Walker, 90; Laverl Stout, 90; Otis Williams, 90.

**Third Grade, Miss Heizer.**  
Rachel Miller, 97; John Robert Walker, 97; Gwyndolyn Vaughn, 96; Geraldine Williams, 96; Dorothy Nell Lee, 95; Bobbie Nell Reagan, 94; Christine Rhynes, 93; A. G. Stout, 93; Foy Westenhover, 93; Marvin Rister, 92; Loree Smith, 92; Ace Powers, 91; Gerald Renfro, 91; Zedic Glynn Johnson, 91.

**Third Grade, Mrs. Bird.**  
Betty Gilbert, 96; Doris Jean Dudley, 95; Becky Gaither, 95; Dormon Clark, 94; Eulala Floyd, 94; James Roy Baccus, 93; June Castleberry, 91; James Wade Griswold, 91; Billie Gene Dye, 90; Calvin Hickman, 90.

**Fourth Grade, Miss I. Hayes.**  
Bonnie Jaynes, 96; Dorothy Jean Jinkens, 96; Patsy Marie Simpson, 96; Julio Botello, 95; Ralph Dye, 93; Benny Kemper, 93; Mary Lou Bow, 92; Leona Buchanan, 92; Ralph Hardy, 90.

**Fourth Grade, Miss Joyner.**  
JoySue Self, 96; Frances Walker, 96; Harold Powers, 94; Leroy Smith, 93; Mary Smith, 92; Mary Evelyn Perry, 91; Juanita Walker, 91; Joyce Marie Webb, 91.

**Fifth Grade, Miss Church.**  
Mary Alice Hester, 95; Dorothy Nell Haynes, 94; Dorothy Nell Groene, 94; Marjorie Joe Fulton, 94; Mary Jo Hutchins, 94; Glenn Blair, 93; R. V. Clark, 91; Franklin Deavers, 91; Jack Haynes, 91; Clarice Higgins, 91; Bobbie Fay Bryant, 90; Weldon Holmes, 90.

**Fifth Grade, Miss Hogan.**  
Wanda McCoy, 95; Avalene Mathews, 95; Willie Sue Morgan, 95;

George Mack Owens, 95; Irlene Walker, 94; Don Hutcheson, 93; Doris Lepard, 93; Peggy Joyce Toombs, 92; Johnnie McDonald, 91; Nedra Swafford, 91; Tennie Lee Miller, 90; Gwendolyn Sandusky, 90.

**Sixth Grade, Miss Vera Hayes.**  
Nina Orsborn, 94; Dwight Swafford, 93; Aubrey Shouse, 92; Juanez Holt, 92; Janet Teaff, 90.

**Sixth Grade, Mrs. Collins.**  
Lavern Douglas, 95; Sue Grimes, 95; Jack Hester, 95; Billy Tom Hutcheson, 94; Hazel Burns, 91; H. J. Burns, 90; Elbert Hickman, 90.

**Seventh Grade, Mr. Wilhite.**  
Doris Clyde Miller, 95; Bob Williams, 94; Louise Patterson, 93; O. C. Shouse, 92; Mildred Smith, 92; Theda Perry, 92; Douglas McCoy, 91; Harweda Worthan, 90.

**Seventh Grade, Mrs. Sublett.**  
Becky Gardner, 97; Dora Marie Gaither, 97; Tommy Evelyn Grimes, 94; Betty Lu Higgins, 94; Alene Cox, 91; Mary Lee, 93.

**HIGH SCHOOL**  
**Eighth Grade.**  
Mildred McLean, 95; Billy Largent, 93; Vivian Turner, 93; Doris Gay West, 93; Don Wood, 93; Mickey McLean, 91; Lester Rister, 91; Frances Hester, 91.

**Ninth Grade.**  
Mary Jo Russell, 96; Billie Wood, 95; Faye Walker, 94; Kenneth Neill, 94; Joy Doag, 93; Mabel Murray, 92; Bernice Lewis, 92; Elva Hughes, 92; B. Lois Campbell, 92; Mattie Reynolds, 92; Don Warren, 91; CeVene Daniel, 91; Mary Jo Garland, 91; Ben Ferguson, 90; Mildred Bird, 90; Edith Butman, 90.

**Junior Class.**  
Jannell Black, 95; Fredia Farmer, 94; Pauline Blackaby, 93; O. D. Blair, 93; Mildred Humphrey, 92; Dorothy Sue Bird, 92; Pauline Joyner, 92; Billie G. Gant, 91; Marvin Hunter, 91; Inez Smith, 91.

**Senior Class.**  
Jane Ferguson, 95; Sylvan Mellinger, 95; Janet Berry, 93; Murphy Dye, 93; Nadine Clack, 92; Betty Grimes, 92; LaVerne Hughes, 92; Dutton Williams, 92; M. C. Church, 91; Billie Dunning, 90; Margie Melton, 90; Pauline McAninch, 90; Marvin Perkins, 90; Jack Sublett, 90.

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## BLAIR ITEMS

There has been lots of threatening weather the past week with showers Saturday and Sunday, which will help the feed crop considerably. But it has been a backward spring for cotton; the present moisture, however, is getting much of it started. A slow rain would be a fine thing and bring out the stand uniformly.

The Blair school closed a successful session Friday, with Prof. T. R. Francis, principal, Miss Elleta Foster, intermediate, and Miss Nina Bell Russell, primary. The commencement exercises were a credit to any community. The same school faculty have been re-elected for the 1937-38 term, with Carl Hughes, Z. V. Moore and R. E. Windham as trustees.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Harrison, and family have moved to Albany for the year. Elmer Harrison, who has accepted employment at that place, came during the week and took his parents back to live with him. We hate to give up these fine people, but we wish them every success in their new home.

Miss Mary Frances Harris spent several days the past week with her grandmother, Mrs. W. W. Wheeler, in Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Horton, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Gosdin, motored over and spent the week-end with the latter's parents at Iredell.

Master Wilburn Lowery spent the past week-end with his aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butman, Jr., of Butman.

Miss Lucy Moore of Abilene Christian college returned home last week-end.

J. W. Harrison was complimented Saturday morning in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell with a farewell party. Some thirty-five guests

participated in this delightful affair. Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Mitchell and daughter spent the week-end with relatives at Bronte. They were accompanied back by their niece, little Jo Ann Thomas, for an indefinite stay.

The Crow brothers of Merkel have bought the M. L. Windham filling station and solicit the patronage of the public.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Hunter and family of Alpine and Mrs. Jeffie Rice of Uvalde were interesting week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hunter. Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Mayfield and son and Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Farrow and baby of Abilene visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mayfield, Sunday.

Several from here attended the Fifth Sunday singing at Noodle Sunday.

Rev. Mr. Powers, Baptist pastor, is to fill his regular appointment at the Baptist church Sunday, June 6.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Campbell entertained visitors from New Mexico recently.

The two sons of Prof. and Mrs. T. R. Francis, from Houston and Abilene, are at home for an indefinite time.

Mrs. Mary Neill and Miss Edith Neill of Wayland college attended services at the Baptist church Sunday.

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### Wins Prize for Essay On Greater Texas, Pan American Exposition

As writer of one of the many thousand essays in the "Greater Texas Essay Contest," conducted by the Dallas Chamber of Commerce and sponsored by the Greater Texas and Pan-American Exposition, Sue Grimes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dee Grimes and pupil in the sixth grade of the Merkel schools, was awarded special recognition and a cash prize of \$2.00.

The schools of the state were divided into twenty-four districts outside of the Dallas district and eight winners were selected from each district. Winner in each district of first place received a trip to the Exposition; second place winner receives \$10 and the next six winners receive \$2 each.

The essay written by the Merkel prize winner and which was captioned "Why I Want to See the Greater Texas and Pan American Exposition at Dallas," follows:

"Who would want to miss an exposition that is to be greater than the late Texas Centennial at Dallas? I'm sure none of us would.

"Dallas is a city which has been for years the center of the wholesale and retail merchandise industry, the city that has brought to us the State Fair many years, which has given the people of Texas as well as the entire United States the privilege to see such a grand show as the Texas Centennial. Yet, the people of that great city have higher ambitions. They are going to create an exposition which people from Mexico, Europe, Cuba, Canada and all of the United States will come to see. That is the 'Greater Texas and Pan American Exposition.'

"The Cavalcade, at the Centennial, was the greatest show of its type. It gave the history of Texas since the first white man landed in our state to the present time. The Cavalcade was educational in more than one way, for the people who are interested in dramatics. They had the lighting, costumes and acting to observe and admire.

"The Black Forest was one exhibit many favored. There the greatest ice skaters of the world gave an unusually pleasing performance. One man mastered the feat of jumping over five barrels without falling on the ice. In quaint old buildings, (which were covered with snow), small trinkets and souvenirs were on display to be sold. Before one reached the exit one might watch the German cooks make and shape the pretzels which were luscious to eat while warm.

"The 'Midway' was the greatest thrill in the entire Centennial for many. Riding the 'Roller Coaster' and other things was quite exciting.

"This coming exposition will be very educational for everyone. The great beauty of Mexico will be brought to our very doors. Architects are now working at their utmost to create the most outstanding buildings man ever viewed. Other abilities will be displayed, for is not pottery one of the largest industries of the other countries? It requires great art to produce such beautiful vases and other articles found in pottery.

"Surely if you saw the Texas Centennial and have heard or read how great this future exposition is to be, you will make a special effort to visit the largest show ever to be seen by the public of the United States as well as the whole world.

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### TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mrs. Jennie Vessels of Coahoma spent Tuesday of last week with her nephew, Mrs. J. T. Vessels, and family. Mrs. Vessels is 79 years of age.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Shouse, accompanied by Rev. and Mrs. R. O. Bailey, were visitors to Dallas from Thursday to Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bailey and Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Bailey.

Mr. and Mrs. James Bright have returned from an extended tour of twelve states. Jack Perkins, who accompanied them, remained in California, where he is employed.

Miss Doreen Scott of Abilene was the week-end guest of Miss Dorothy Jo Strawn.

Edgar Lee Mangum, student in McMurry college, has returned home to spend vacation days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Mangum, before going to Citizens Military Training camp at Camp Bullis near San Antonio for a month's stay in July.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Clyde Smith of Merkel were Saturday evening guests of his brother, Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Smith, and family.

Mardell Shouse, president of the Union of the Lighted Cross, Abilene district, attended the assembly of the Methodist young people at McMurry college this week. Beatrice and Alvis Cooley, Hazel Wanda Williamson and Mrs. Alice Carleton also attended.

Mrs. Katie Tidwell, district manager of the Woodmen Circle, was the Thursday guest of Mrs. Ed Burks, past guardian of the local Grove.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Ballio and children of Sylvester were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Brewer. The Ballios moved Tuesday to the Orand rent house.

Paul J. Spencer of Gentry, Mo., was a business visitor in Trent Monday. In crafting two peacocks here, one escaped and Mr. Spencer spent some time trying to recapture it. He was transporting them to his home for pets.

Miss Mildred Steadman, teacher in the Goodman public school, will attend Texas Tech for the coming term. She plans to leave the last of the week.

Mrs. Raymond O'Neal of San Angelo was a Monday guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Estep.

Lester Wilson, employed at Midland, spent the week-end here with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Ozro Steen and children have returned home from Lamesa, where Mr. Steen has been employed the past month.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Taylor and baby Jo, of Sonora, spent the week here with Mrs. Taylor's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Winn, Sr., also with her sister, Mrs. Pearl Duncan and Mr. Duncan. Mr. Taylor also attended to business matters.

Billy Payne spent the past two weeks with his cousins, O. C. and Tag Shouse, in Merkel.

Tannie Jones, local baseball pitcher, has departed for Crane where he is employed.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Freeman are announcing the birth of a baby boy Monday morning, May 31.

Mrs. Alex Williamson and son, Mark, are spending several days visiting relatives and friends in Wichita Falls.

S. E. Armstrong, Jr., has returned from San Angelo after visiting his sisters, Mrs. Johnnie Williams and Mrs. Albert Lehr.

Mrs. W. H. Hale and daughter, Miss Edythe, teacher in the Eskota school, have removed to their home in West Trent.

### METHODIST YOUNG PEOPLE REORGANIZE.

Quarterly offices were filled at the Sunday evening meeting of the young people's division of the M. E. church. Following a brief devotional and program, the time was devoted to the election of officers. This group is sponsored by Rev. and Mrs. Alsie Carleton.

The nominating committee, through Miss Hazel Wanda Williamson, reported the following officers elected: Hughie Cooley, president; Beatrice Cooley, vice-president; Dorothy Jo Strawn, secretary; Tom Sawyer, treasurer; Alvis Cooley, chairman of evangelism and church relationship;

Lola Fern Martin, recreational chairman; Charles Andy Shouse, reporter; James Strawn, chairman community service.

### CHURCH WOMEN HONORED AT PARSONAGE.

Mrs. Alsie Carleton was hostess to women of the Methodist church Thursday afternoon from 2 to 4 o'clock. A formal program was opened with a "Melody of Folk Songs" by Mrs. Andy Shouse. Other numbers were: "The Afternoon Tea," a reading by Mrs. John Payne; "Pioneer Days," a discussion led by Mrs. R. B. McRee, Sr.; "Jokes of the Family," reminiscences by Mrs. Earl Strawn; "A College Day Prank," by Mrs. Louie McRee.

Mrs. H. J. Kegans and Mrs. Tom Williamson directed a contest that followed.

A tea plate was passed to Mesdames R. B. McRee, Sr., Louie McRee, John Payne, Andy Shouse, Lesley Beasley, H. J. Kegans, John Strawn, Earl Strawn, R. O. Bailey, Tom Williamson, H. H. McRee and Miss Hermal Glasgow.

### JUNIOR CLASS PARTY IN HOME OF TEACHER.

Miss Beatrice Cooley was hostess to members of her Sunday School class on Friday, May 28, entertaining at her home in North Trent.

Outdoor games were played, after which refreshments of a strawberry drink and cake were served to the following youngsters: Marjorie Pearl Beasley, Euna Mae Cooley, Virginia Lee Cooley, Helga Beasley, Junior and Helen Sue Cooley, Andy Merle Beasley, Peggy Titsworth and J. K. Cooley.

### SWEETWATER SWATTERS DEFEATED.

Trent served revenge on Sweetwater here last Sunday by defeating them 10 to 2 in 6 innings. Rain prevented completion of the game.

Manager Payne set an example for his teammates by pounding out four hits out of four trips to the plate.

Sweetwater batteries were LaRue and Pace; Trent, Lefty Jones and O. Jones. Trent's hurler was given credit for 7 strike-outs.

Trent will go to Coahoma June 13 and has been promised a return game with the Coahoma aggregation here June 20.

Trent and Loraine are to exchange games, but dates are to be arranged.

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE.** is hereby given that the stockholders of the Farmers State Bank in Merkel will reduce the Capital Stock from \$40,000 to \$25,000 as prescribed by law.

**H. J. R. No. 26**

**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION** proposing an amendment to Article III of the Constitution of the State of Texas by adopting a new Section to be known as Section 51-c which shall provide that the Legislature shall have the power to provide, under such limitations and restrictions as may be deemed by the Legislature expedient for assistance to the needy blind over the age of twenty-one (21) years, and for the payment of same not to exceed Fifteen Dollars (\$15) per month each, and providing for payment of such assistance or aid only to actual bona fide citizens of Texas and providing that the requirements for the length of time of actual residence in Texas shall never be less than five (5) years during the nine (9) years immediately preceding the application for such assistance and continuously for one year immediately preceding such application; and providing that the Legislature shall have the authority to accept from the Government of the United States financial aid for assistance to such blind; providing for an election on the question of adoption or rejection of such amendment and making an appropriation therefor; providing for the proclamation and publication thereof and prescribing the form of ballot.

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:**

**Section 1.** That Article III of the Constitution of the State of Texas, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a Section to be known as Article 51-c which shall read as follows:

"Section 51-c. The Legislature shall have the power by General Laws to provide, under such limitations and regulations and restrictions as may be deemed by the Legislature to be expedient, for assistance to the needy blind over the age of twenty-one (21) years, and for the payment of same not to exceed Fifteen Dollars (\$15) per month per person; such assistance or aid to be granted only to actual bona fide citizens of Texas; provided that no habitual criminal and no habitual drunkard and no inmate of any State or upon any 'unfortunate' person, shall be eligible for such assistance to the needy blind over the age of twenty-one (21) years; provided, further, that the requirements for the length of time of actual residence in Texas shall never be less than five (5) years during the nine (9) years immediately preceding the application for assistance to the needy blind over the age of twenty-one (21) years; and continuously for one year immediately preceding such application.

"The Legislature shall have the authority to accept from the Government of the United States such financial aid for assistance to the needy blind as that Government may offer not inconsistent with the restrictions hereinabove provided."

**Sec. 2.** The foregoing Constitutional Amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this State at a special election to be held throughout the State of Texas on the fourth Monday of August, 1937, at which election all voters favoring the proposed Amendment shall write or have printed on their ballots the following words:

"FOR the Amendment to the State Constitution providing for assistance to the needy blind over the age of twenty-one (21) years not to exceed Fifteen Dollars (\$15) per month per person, and providing for acceptance from the Government of the United States of America financial aid for such payment."

Those voters opposing said proposed Amendment shall write or have printed on their ballots the words:

"AGAINST the Amendment to the State Constitution providing for assistance to the needy blind over the age of twenty-one (21) years, not to exceed Fifteen Dollars (\$15) per month per person, and providing for acceptance from the Government of the United States of America financial aid for such payment."

If it appears from the returns of said election that a majority of the votes cast are in favor of said Amendment, the same shall become a part of the State Constitution.

**Sec. 3.** The Governor of the State of Texas shall issue the necessary proclamation for said election and shall have the same published as required by the Constitution for Amendments thereto.

**Sec. 4.** The sum of Nine Thousand Dollars (\$9,000), or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the Treasury of the State, not otherwise appropriated, to pay the expenses of such publication and election.

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The above is a true and correct copy.

EDWARD CLARK  
Secretary of State

**NOTICE.**

The undersigned as trustees have for sale the following tracts of land, to-wit:

The Cozey Theatre in the town of Merkel, Texas, and the D. W. Jones tract of 190 acres, 20 miles southwest of Merkel.

It is necessary for us to sell and close these two tracts out at an early date and we are going to sell them at bargain price and if anyone is interested in the purchase of these properties please advise us or either one of us.

A. T. Sheppard.  
W. O. Boney.  
M. Armstrong.  
Trustees.

**Kindergarten Class Enacts Novelty Play**

The kindergarten speech class of Mrs. G. W. Wilhite presented a three-act novelty play, "Mother Goose's Three Wishes," at the Grammar School auditorium Monday evening.

The cast of characters read: Mother Goose, Marilyn Petty. Humpty Dumpty, Billie Baze. Little Bo Peep, Norma Jean Hodge. Little Miss Muffett, Loveta Coffman.

Jack, Bobbie Hodge. Jill, Patsy Lou Dunagin.

Special numbers were presented between Acts 1 and 2 as follows: "Downtrodden," Billie Baze.

"His New Brother," Oscar Bonnie Church.

"The Kid," Johnnie McDonald.

"The Japanese Lass," Nedra Swafford.

"The Boy That Didn't Catch Things," Buddy Winter.

Between Acts 2 and 3 the following numbers were given:

"Jimmie Brown's Sister's Wedding," Peggy Joyce Toombs.

"Who Is to Blame," Doris Jean Duddle.

"Father Dresses the Baby," Dwight Swafford.

"Just Dot," Becky Gaither.

**Suffocation Verdict In Death of Baby**

In connection with the death of four-months-old Herman Lloyd Daniel, which occurred early Wednesday morning of last week, Justice of the Peace N. D. Cobb announced Friday that his verdict was "death by suffocation caused by the accidental burning of a house."

Returning of the verdict was delayed to allow a report of a 42nd district grand jury, but the jury made no mention of the case in its report.

We fill all doctor's prescriptions. Vick Drug company.

**RURAL SOCIETY**

**SALT BRANCH CLUB.**

The Salt Branch Home Demonstration club met May 27 in the home of Mrs. Nim Teaff, with Miss Taylor, the county Home Demonstration agent, present.

Roll call was answered with "My Favorite Breed of Chicken." Some added valuable information on culling and brooding. Miss Taylor gave a talk on chicken dishes, told how to fry a chicken brown and crisp. Dressing, baking and serving chicken followed. The hostess served dainty dessert at the end of the chicken meal.

Those present were Mesdames T. C. Allen, J. C. Allen, Johnny Cox, Jack Higgins, Joe Higgins, Vernon Hudson, Jarrett Pinckley, Ellis Petty, Paul E. Royalty, Hobson Robertson; Misses Celia Hester and Jennie V. Robertson.

**COMPERE CLUB.**

The Compere Home Demonstration club had angel food cake served from start to finish with Miss Martin showing at Mrs. Bristow's home. Mrs. Bristow added ice cream and Mrs. Ray had "sunshine" cake.

Members present were Mesdames Marshall, Ramsey, Chancey, Merritt, Bristow, Newman, and guests, Mrs. Horton and Mrs. Lonsignant.

Next meeting will be June 10 with Mrs. Jeff Chancey.

**MIDWAY CLUB.**

Members of the Midway Home Demonstration club met May 26 with Mrs. Derrington. Miss Taylor, county agent, was present and gave a demonstration of poultry cookery.

Those present were Mesdames King, Burks, Williams, Johnson, Sibley, McSpadden, M. C. Graham, J. L. Ashford, Eli Graham, Leon Ashford, Giles Graham, Harris, McCandless, Derrington, Miss Taylor and Miss Irene Derrington.

Members are to take covered dishes on June 9 and spend the day with Mrs. Williams and work on the club quilt.

**HONOR MAY BRIDE.**

Mrs. Euel Mashburn, who, until her marriage May 22, was Mary Ella Horton, was honored Tuesday with a gift party, for which Dorothy Horton, Mrs. Buster Horton and Mrs. J. A. Horton were hostesses in the Horton home at Mulberry.

A program was opened with piano selections by Mrs. T. T. Earthman and Miss Gertrude Stanley, and vocal numbers by Lela and Pauline Higgins. The bride was sent on a treasure hunt through the entertaining rooms and led to a chest of gifts from the guests.

Refreshments were served from a table covered with a hand-drawn cover, and centered by a three-tiered wedding cake, topped with a miniature bride and groom. Seventy guests called during the afternoon.

**One Girl Scout Wins Gold Star Award**

The Pine Tree Troop of Girl Scouts is proud to announce one Gold Star Girl Scout for the year 1936-37. Dora Marie Gaither received the honor. She did not miss a meeting and fulfilled all the laws of Scouting.

Sue Grimes, Tommy Evleyn Grimes, Louise Patterson, Evelyn Sears and Doris Clyde Miller are Silver Star Scouts, holding a record of 90 per cent.

The troop will spend from 4 Thursday afternoon until Saturday at 6 p. m. in camp at Buffalo Gap. They will be under the direction of the captain, Mrs. G. W. Wilhite, and one other adult, (yet undecided.)

**Becky Gaither Given Honor Student Medal**

As honor student of Mrs. Wilhite's speech class, which carries with it a record of perfect attendance for nine months, no tardies, preparation of every lesson to the average of 95 per cent, perfect attitude and the completion of a year's work as outlined by the course of study, Becky Gaither was awarded the prize and also the honor student medal. Dora Gaither made second highest average.

For perfect attendance records for nine months, Becky and Dora Gaither also received medals.

Those holding perfect attendance records for the time enrolled were: Doris Jean Dudley, Buddy Winter, Patsy Lou Dunagin, Johnnie McDonald and Oscar Bonnie Church.

Marilyn Petty was credited with the best notebook.

**235 Present for Patterson Reunion**

There were 235 present, including several county and district officers, at the third annual reunion of the Patterson family held at Lake Sweetwater Sunday, May 23.

Oldest person present was Mrs. J. A. Patterson, Sr., of Merkel, who is 82. The youngest in the group was Paula, two-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Byron Patterson.

**Summer School to Start Monday, June 7**

G. W. Wilhite announces that he will conduct summer school from June 7 to Aug. 6 and will be in the office at the Grammar School building Friday and Saturday to meet those interested in taking summer work.

Those pupils in Grammar school who failed to make their grade, or for some other plausible reason wish to study during the summer, are solicited.

High school students who failed the preceding term, those desiring higher classification, and those wishing to raise the standard of their present classification are asked to attend.

Pupils from rural schools who want to prepare for High school or entrance into the Merkel schools next September are invited also.

All classes and fees will be governed according to state requirements: \$12.50 for two High School subjects, or \$7.50 for one; \$12.50 for Grammar School course.

**Merkel Couple Oldest Settlers at Reunion**

When former residents of the White Flat community from many Texas towns and communities and three other states gathered at White Flat on Monday of last week for annual home-coming day, Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Decker, of Merkel, who came here 53 years ago, were recognized as the oldest residents in this section.

T. W. Neill of White Flat received an award for being a resident of that community longer than any one else present, having settled at White Flat in 1886.

**THE RED & WHITE STORES**

**SPECIALS FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, JUNE 4-5**

- Apples, Winesap, doz. .... 28c
- Oranges, dozen ..... 25c
- Lettuce, head ..... 5c
- New Spuds, 5 pounds ..... 15c
- Fresh Pineapple, each ..... 19c
- Blackeyed Peas, pound ..... 5c
- Fresh Corn, 6 for ..... 25c
- Early Riser Coffee, pound ..... 17c
- Red and White Fruit Pectin, 3 oz. pkg. .... 10c
- Del Dixi Pickles, sour or dill, qt. .... 17c
- Fancy Green Beans, No. 2 can ..... 17c
- Sinclair Fresh Limas, No. 2, 2 for ..... 25c
- Red and White Peas, No. 2 can ..... 18c
- Red and White Corn, No. 2 can, 2 for ..... 29c
- Red and White Apricots, No. 1 can ..... 17c
- No. 2 1-2 can ..... 23c
- Red and White Salmon, No. 1 tall can ..... 25c

- Gold Medal Wheaties, 2 pkgs. .... 25c
- Red and White Flav-R-Jell, pkg. .... 5c
- Red and White Mayonnaise, pint ..... 27c
- Evaporated Apricots, 1 1-2 pounds ..... 25c
- Red and White Pineapple Juice, 2 cans ..... 19c
- Texas Grapefruit Juice, No. 2 can 3 for ..... 25c
- Treesweet Orange Juice, per can ..... 10c
- Red and White Tomato Juice, 6 cans ..... 45c
- Whole Wheat Flour, 3 pounds ..... 20c
- Red and White Meal, 5 pounds ..... 25c
- Pure Cane Sugar, cloth bag, 10 lbs. 55c
- Red and White Soap, 5 bars ..... 23c
- Shortening, 4 lb. carton 55c
- Sliced Bacon, pound ..... 29c
- Cheese, pound ..... 19c
- Rologna, pound ..... 15c

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**MRS. BURGESS PARTY HONOREE.**

Mrs. R. A. Burgess, who is to leave Merkel shortly, was complimented Thursday with a morning party in the Sam Butman home. Members of the Gleaners Sunday School class, together with members of the missionary society, were hostesses.

A seated program was opened by Mrs. G. W. Wilhite, with a musical reading, Mary Jo Russell playing her accompaniment.

Mrs. DeVerle Johnson sang "I Pass by Your Window." Mrs. John Grable read two poems and Mrs. Homer Patterson sang "Beloved, It is Morn." Christine Collins was accompanist for both soloists. Mary Jo Russell entertained with a piano solo.

Culminating the program, Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson, as president of the missionary society, made the presentation speech for a gift of linen from the society, and Mrs. Robert Hicks, president of the Gleaners class, presented a set of crystal to Mrs. Burgess.

A color theme of gold was given emphasis in flowers and refreshments. Plate favors were hand-painted gladstone bags.

Those present: Mesdames Burgess, H. C. Williams, Lila Rea, W. H. Eysen of Fort Worth, C. B. Gardner, Tom Allday, Tom Largent, S. M. Hunter, F. Y. Gaither, Herbert Patterson, Ida Armstrong, Elmer Lowe, John Shannon, J. D. Sandusky, W. S. J. Brown, Roy Baccus, Clyde Sears, DeVerle Johnson, W. D. Hutcheson, John H. Crow, Dee Grimes, D. H. Vaughn, Fred Hughes of Abilene, John Grable, Bill Hayes, Kenneth Pee, Lee Tipton, G. A. Roberts, Homer Patterson, Mack Buzbee, Tom Durham, Fred Latham, Denzel Cox, C. K. Russell, Raymond Ferguson, R. F. Mashburn, Robert Hicks; Misses Lottie Butman, Mary Jo Russell, Christine Collins and Mabel McRee.

**TO BE MARRIED IN BROWN WOOD SUNDAY.**

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Clements of Brownwood are announcing the approaching marriage of their daughter, Nelda, to Wrenn Durham of this city, the wedding to occur at Brownwood on Sunday, June 6.

Miss Clements, who taught in the Merkel High school the past year, went home by way of Fort Worth where she was named honoree at a party Monday, and she is to be honoree at a number of affairs which are being planned by friends in her home town.

**YOUNGER SET ENTERTAINED.**

Miss Sis Gamble entertained a group informally on Wednesday evening of last week. Dancing proved happy diversion and during the refreshment hour refreshing punch, cookies and candy were served to Misses Sarah Sheppard, Betty Grimes, Frances Higgins, Hollis Perry, Fannelle Gray, Phyllis Smith and the hostess; Messrs. Billie Woodrum, A. C. Sears, Vincent Barnett, Norman King, Norman Bicknell, Bond Anderson, Dick West, Tracy Woods, Sylvan Mellinger and Murphy Dye.

**THREE "F" CLUB PICNIC.**

Members of the Three "F" club motored to the State Park south of Buffalo Gap for an al fresco supper on Tuesday of this week. Dancing was again the evening's diversion following supper. One visitor, Miss Dorothy Fay Carroll, of Mexia, who is the house guest of Miss Fannelle Gray, and the following club members and escorts were on the outing: Misses Sis Gamble, Frances Higgins, Betty Grimes, Verne Moore, Rachael Patterson, Fannelle Gray; Messrs. Vincent Barnett, Vernon Mansfield, Billie Woodrum, Doyle Gray, Jack Dawson West, Bond Anderson, Bud Gambill, Oscar Adeock, Raymond Richards, Dick West, Robert Grimes, Jr.

**EASTERN STAR INSTALLATION.**

Tuesday evening, June 1, a pretty installation was held for officers of Merkel Chapter 212, Order of the Eastern Star. The walls having been newly painted and lovely lights installed, the chapter room was attractively decorated with baskets of roses and spring blossoms.

Miss Minnie Higgins, botham, deputy grand matron for section 6, was grand installing officer, assisted by Mrs. Blanche Houghton, grand installing marshal, Mrs. Lamoyan Hughes, grand chaplain, and Miss Eleanor Connell, grand organist, all of Abilene Chapter No. 50.

The following officers, (four could not be present,) were installed for the ensuing year: Mrs. Georgia Allday, worthy matron; Mrs. Lila Rea, associate matron; Mose Cummins, associate patron; Mrs. Aupia Johnson, secretary; Mrs. Nannie Causseaux, conductress; Mrs. Lenalee Smith, associate conductress; Mrs. Priscilla Williamson, warden; Mrs. Houston Smith, sentinel; Ada Star Point, Mrs. Annabelle Shouse; Ruth Star Point, Mrs. Opal Reese; Martha Star Point,

# CHURCH SERVICES

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.**

There were 583 present at the six reporting Sunday Schools here last Sunday, as compared with 655 on the previous Sunday. On the same Sunday a year ago 657 were in attendance.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.**

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8:15 p. m. B. T. S. meets at 7:30 p. m. Sunday. W. M. U. at 4 o'clock Monday afternoon. Prayer meeting at 8:15 o'clock Wednesday evening. All are cordially invited to attend these services.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.**

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. followed by a communion service. Offering for Reynolds home. Preaching at 8:15 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8:15. Every one is cordially invited to these services. Strangers welcome.

R. A. Walker, Pastor.

**METHODIST CHURCH.**

Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Herbert Patterson, general superintendent. Sermon by pastor, Evening worship at 8:15 o'clock. Wednesday evening prayer meeting at 8:15 o'clock. John H. Crow, Pastor.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST.**

Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 8:30 p. m. Young people's program 7:30 p. m. on Sunday. A service of song, prayer and preaching for each Wednesday evening at 8:30 o'clock. You are cordially invited to attend these services.

The Elders.

Miss Pearl Collins; Electra Star Point, Mrs. Bessie Cummins. Loyalty and co-operation were pledged by all officers to the worthy matron-elect.

Delightful refreshments of brick ice cream and angel food cake with five-pointed hand-painted stars as plate favors were served to twenty-two members and the four visitors from Abilene.

**MERKEL HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB.**

Members of the Merkel Home Demonstration club met last Friday morning in the home of Mrs. C. P. Church for an all-day meeting, with a covered dish luncheon at noon. Miss Taylor, county agent, met with the club and demonstrated chicken cookery.

After luncheon, Mr. Wilhite discussed with the club plans for the Boy Scout banquet. After the business hour, piano numbers were given by Mrs. V. B. Sublett and Mrs. E. B. Wallace, and Johnnie McDonald and Bonnie Church gave readings.

Those present were Mesdames John Hughes, J. W. Bryan, L. J. Renfro, W. L. Williams, Norris Barnett, J. L. Barnett, Clyde Shouse, Ted McGehee, Dent Gibson, Harry Barnett, Bob McDonald, E. B. Wallace, Pick Allen, J. Ben Campbell, F. A. Polley, Gilmore, C. P. Church, one new member, Mrs. Fred Guiter, and Misses Lottie Butman, Jessie Margaret Berry and Miss Taylor.

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**Friday-Saturday "Champagne Waltz"**

With Gladys Swarouth, Fred MacMurray, Jack Oakie

**Sunday-Monday**

Loretta Young, Tyrone Power, Adolph Menjou in "Cafe Metropole"

**Tuesday-Wednesday**

Robert Montgomery, Rosalind Russell in "Night Must Fall"

**R. & R. PALACE**

**Friday-Saturday**

Bob Steele in "Border Phantom"

**NAZARENE CHURCH**

Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. NYPS at 7:45 p. m. Preaching 8:15 p. m. Midweek prayer services each Wednesday evening at 8:15 o'clock.

We appreciate your co-operation in all services.

R. T. Smith, Pastor.

**NORTH SIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH.**

Preaching Saturday night at 8 o'clock. Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Wednesday night prayer meeting at 8.

All are cordially invited to our services.

R. C. Reagh, Supt.

**CARD OF THANKS.**

We wish to thank friends and neighbors who were so kind and loving to us in our sad bereavement, the tragic loss of our little son. To every one that rendered aid or extended the word of sympathy, we are indeed grateful. We also wish to express our thanks for the floral offerings.

May God's richest blessings be with you all.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Daniel.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Daniel and Family.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Daniel and Family.

Mrs. S. A. Goodman and Family.

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**OF MORE THAN PASSING INTEREST**

Phyllis Smith was One Sweet Girl Graduate who certainly fell heir to a wonderful trip, the gift of her grandmother, Mrs. Hattie L. Cooper, as a graduation present. Leaving on the Sunshine Special Saturday morning, she accompanied Mrs. Cooper to Chicago for an extended visit with her son, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Cooper, and family. While away Phyllis will visit also with her father's people in Evanston, Ill. On June 20 they will go to Washington, D. C.; boat trips and other excursions are included in their itinerary.

Mrs. W. H. Eysen and young son, Timmy, also left on the Sunshine Special Saturday for their home in Fort Worth after a visit with Mrs. Eysen's mother, Mrs. Amy Sears, and sister, Mrs. DeVerle Johnson. Mrs. Eysen as Totem Queen of McMurry college both years of 1926 and 1927 was presented in a court of "Beauties of Yesteryear" in an elaborate setting preceding an outdoor presentation of "The Mikado" at McMurry college Wednesday evening.

Miss Mollie Frank Touchstone was also represented in the cortege of beauties as Freshman Favorite of 1937. Miss Anna Lou Church sang in the chorus of the opera.

Dr. and Mrs. L. C. Zehnpfennig answered the gypsy call Sunday when they left by motor for Omaha, Nebr., to attend the graduation exercises of Dr. Zehnpfennig's brother, Urban Zehnpfennig, from the medical school of Creighton university at that place. Together the brothers will visit their parents at Ethan, S. D., before returning for the younger Zehnpfennig's first glimpse of Texas, when he accompanies his brother home for a visit.

Four local people left Monday for Temple as attendants in Miss Helen Patterson's wedding: Mrs. W. T. Sadler, Mrs. Claude Young, Misses Johnnie Sears and Evelyn Curb, Miss Patterson will be remembered as a teacher in the Merkel High school. She was to be married to Lon Keahey in an elaborate church ceremony at the Grace Presbyterian church. Announcement of her wedding was made at a May breakfast by her mother, Mrs. John Houghton, and she has been honored with numerous affairs since. The Merkelites are dated for two luncheons and a rehearsal dinner before the wedding Wednesday evening.

Mr. Keahey has been principal of the junior high school at Breckenridge for a number of years.

Mrs. Claude Young will leave June 4 for Washington, D. C., where she

will again do work on her master's degree at George Washington university.

Mrs. DeVerle Johnson is painting with the Abilene Art colony, who annually hold a two-weeks summer art school under the auspices of the Creative Sketch club. E. G. Eisenlohr, distinguished Dallas artist, is directing the colony. Mr. Eisenlohr and visiting students were complimented with a garden tea at the Forest Kendall home at 1137 Grand Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

Mr. Eisenlohr will lecture on art at the Y. W. C. A. Saturday evening at 8 o'clock. The artist will exhibit several of his etchings, lithographs and oil paintings.

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## Merkel Hospital Notes

Mrs. Jackson Parker and daughter, Jean, Mrs. Frank Allyn of Trent and Mrs. A. A. McGehee had tonsillectomies at the Merkel hospital during the past week.

Leo Huff was brought to the hospital Monday with a fractured leg, and Lena Fay Harrell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Harrell, was dismissed Tuesday after minor surgery.

A daughter was born Thursday, May 27, to Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Eoff.

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