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MANY CALLERS GREET 92-YEAR OLD PIONEER

Mrs. J. B. Warren, Resident of Merkel Territory Since 1905, Is Honored with Birthday Celebration and Reunion.

Gazing back down the vista of 92 full years, Mrs. J. B. Warren, pioneer resident of the Merkel territory since 1905, entertained her birthday callers on Sunday, Aug. 8, with stories of Texas during the early years of its statehood, and described the stirring days when, as a Civil War bride of six weeks, she sent her husband off to fight with General McGruder.

Her birthday was on Tuesday, Aug. 10, but as several of her children live at a distance, it was decided to hold the reunion at the old family home on the preceding Sunday.

At one o'clock the seven children, with their husbands or wives, were seated around the dining table with their mother presiding at the head from her wheeled chair. The children present were Tom Warren of Waco (Mrs. Warren was unable to be present); Messrs. and Mesdames W. B. Warren, Anson; E. Q. Warren, Knox City; J. Frank Campbell, and Misses Johnnie and Irene Warren, all of this place.

During the afternoon, an informal reception was held at the home, with old time friends and acquaintances calling throughout the time to pay their respects and offer their congratulations. Among these old friends were W. J. Shannon of Coryell, Mrs. Joe Sappington and son, Miller Sappington, and daughter, Miss Maude, of Waco, and Mrs. A. B. Estes and daughter, Miss Mamie of Cisco. The Waco friends were here a day or two before the family gathering, and Mrs. Estes was here on Monday following.

Mrs. Warren is still keenly and actively interested in the affairs and well-being of her children and grandchildren, though confined to her room much of the time. She has always been a great reader and radio fan, keeping abreast of questions of the day along all lines, and her comments on modern problems and social conditions are concise and to the point.

Born in Tennessee in 1845, the year Texas became a state, Margaret Ann Miller was next to the youngest of 12 children born to her parents. The family came to Texas in 1855, locating at what was then called Rainey's Creek, now Coryell City. Here she spent her early girlhood, and it was here that she was wooed and won by the tall, handsome, self-contained young teacher from the Stephenville schools, young John B. Warren, marrying him just six weeks before he was called for active duty in the Confederate army, stationed at Galveston. As a war bride of 16, young Margaret maintained her own new home during her husband's absence, though the unsettled state of the country and

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Lions Have President Of McMurry as Speaker

Only seven Lions out of a total membership of 52 were missing at Tuesday's club luncheon.

Dr. T. W. Brabham, president of McMurry college, who is leading the Methodist revival this week, was a special guest and gave a practical talk on the importance of the church to business, to homes and the community.

Other guests were: Rev. Albert Click, Methodist pastor of Tye; Noel Bryant, of Dodsenville, ministerial student at Southern Methodist university, and Robert Lindsey of Stuttgart, Ark.

Notes of the Presbyterian camp meeting at Buffalo Gap were given by Supt. Connor Robinson of the Merkel schools, and Clesby Patterson reported for the cotton premium committee.

To the program committee for the watermelon feast and ladies' night at Shannon's next Tuesday, which consists of Yates Brown, Wrenn Durham and C. H. Jones, the tail twister, Carlton Vick, was added, and President Joe P. Self named a committee of four Lionesses to assist: Mrs. Stanley King, Mrs. Milton Case, Mrs. Connor Robinson and the club's sweetheart, Miss Iris Garrett.

Following the singsong as the opening number, the invocation was given by Dr. Brabham and Misses Helen and Pauline Joyner entertained with two song numbers, "Dawn of Tomorrow" and "Chloe," with Miss Garrett as accompanist.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Clyde Wilson, 50-year-old railroad switchman, was killed at Corpus Christi when he fell under a moving boxcar. His legs were mangled.

The tenth office of the social security board in Texas was opened at San Angelo Saturday. W. O. King was named manager.

Eight per cent of the college students in Texas will be eligible for NYA part-time jobs, J. C. Kellman, Texas NYA director, announced Saturday.

Mrs. Mary McDonald Edwards, 20, burned to death in an automobile collision near Pasadena when the car in which she was riding burst into flames.

Vince Boss, 20-year-old Houstonian, was given a death penalty by a jury at Lockhart for the murder of R. W. Albert, Brenham cheese salesman, on Mar. 21, 1936.

Gilbert T. Moss, 30, automobile body craftsman, died at Dallas a few minutes after he received an electrical shock from an exposed wire in an extension cord.

By a vote of 632 against and 389 for, Coleman county residents Saturday voted down a proposal for issuance of \$200,000 in bonds to erect a new court house.

Beginning Aug. 22 a stricter state driving license law takes effect for new drivers. It will not apply to old drivers until the original licenses issued for three years expire in 1939.

An outing at Eagle Mountain lake ended in tragedy when Cyrus Honeycutt, 15, of Dallas, was drowned when he stepped into deep water while wading a few feet from the shore of the lake.

Fear of infantile paralysis caused closing of the Bradshaw schools until later in the year. After the death of a young girl at Lawn, the Bradshaw school was shut down to prevent possible spread.

Bob White, 27-year-old negro, was charged Wednesday with criminal assault in connection with an attack, Aug. 11, on the wife of a wealthy stockman-farmer at her country home near Livingston.

Les Cranfill, former Hardin-Simmons University football coach, who has been coach at Del Rio high school for the last two years, has accepted the position of Temple high school athletic director and football coach.

As she walked over a familiar crossing, Mrs. John Ditta, 76, of Arlington was killed instantly by a fast Texas and Pacific passenger train. Apparently frightened by the oncoming train, she is said to have run down the track.

Dan G. Fisher, 60, chairman of the state board of pardons and former publicity director of the Dallas Railway and Terminal company and the Dallas Power and Light company, died at a Dallas hospital, following a stroke.

Lawrence Rea, widely sought Texas desperado, killed himself when the house in which he was hiding at Houston was surrounded by officers. Certain that Rea was in the house, officers shot tear gas shells through the window.

Enthusiastic over their two-weeks' trip in Mexico, Governor and Mrs. James V. Allred returned to Austin Monday. They were accompanied by their older son, Jim Boy, and by Mrs. Allred's mother, Mrs. Claude Miller of Wichita Falls.

The state board of control has chosen Dr. L. R. Brown of Little Rock, Ark., as superintendent of the Galveston state psychopathic hospital in succession of Dr. Giles W. Day, who resigned to accept a position with a Fort Worth hospital.

The two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Swinney of DeLeon was killed by an automobile which was being backed up at the Swinney home. The child had climbed on the side of the automobile opposite the driver and fell under a wheel when the machine was started.

The Boys camp meeting, held annually since 1889 in the heart of the Davis mountains and drawing ranch families from many miles around, opened Tuesday under the superintendence of Dr. John H. Burma of Sherman, who succeeds the late Rev. R. L. Irving, who died July 29, this year.

LEGISLATURE TO CONVENE IN EXTRA SESSION

Gov. Allred Tentatively Sets Week of Sept. 20; Levying of New Taxes Only Subject to be Submitted.

Austin, Aug. 19.—Gov. James V. Allred said Tuesday that he had selected tentatively the week of Sept. 20 to convene the legislature in special session to raise new revenue for social activities and general functions of the government.

Allred made the decision in response to inquiries from numerous members, who sought advice in order to arrange affairs for the session, which may be extended into a second thirty-day meet. He had tentatively chosen Wednesday, Sept. 22, on the understanding it was a Monday, but indicated it might be convened earlier in the week.

Although he expressed hope the revenue problem could be solved in one thirty-day session, he recently said the first session would be ordered early enough in September so a second one, if necessary, would expire before Thanksgiving Day. By calling it for Sept. 20 or 21, a second session would be completed several days before Thanksgiving.

Legislators will be held at the outset to the task of levying new taxes, Allred said, and after that is accomplished the subject of reducing state expenses may be submitted.

Death Claim Earl Perkins, Long Time Resident of Canyon

Earl Perkins, 46, who was reared in Mulberry canyon and had lived there most of his life, succumbed to a lingering illness shortly afternoon Friday, Aug. 13, at his home four miles east of Dora.

Funeral services were held at Slater's chapel at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon, with J. P. Crenshaw, Church of Christ minister of Sweetwater, officiating, and burial followed in the chapel cemetery.

Earl Perkins was born in Mills county, but his parents moved to this section when he was very young. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Rachael Helms Perkins; five daughters, Mrs. Roy Spencer, Nolan; Mrs. Henry Jeffrey, Dora, and Betty Lou, Frankie Nell and Margaret Ann Perkins; three sons, Elmo, Wylie and Billy Joe Perkins; his mother, Mrs. L. E. Perkins, of Mulberry canyon; two brothers, Clark Perkins of Mulberry canyon and Mack Perkins of Merkel; and three sisters, Mrs. G. C. Griffith, Jonesboro; Mrs. Vida Farris, Sweetwater, and Mrs. J. A. Cook, Dora.

Third Bale Premium Goes to J. D. Dooley

Merkel's third bale of 1937 cotton was received Thursday afternoon of last week, shortly after The Mail went to press. Grower was J. D. Dooley of Noodle. The bale was ginned at the Noodle gin, weighed 520 pounds and was bought by the gin at 10-1-2 cents.

Premium of \$18.15 in cash and merchandise was awarded Mr. Dooley by the merchants of Merkel. Bill Herring of Noodle received a premium of \$45.15 for the first bale and Zeb Moore of Blair was awarded \$27.15 as premium for the second bale.

Merchants' contributions were raised by a committee from the Lions club consisting of Clesby Patterson, chairman, Henry West and O. R. Dye, assisted by E. O. Carson and Dee Grimes.

Boy's Leg Broken When Struck by Automobile

Lupe Ribera, 5-year-old son of Frank Ribera, Mexican WPA worker, sustained a broken left leg late Saturday afternoon when he was struck by a car as he crossed the highway west of town. The leg was broken at the hip.

The car was driven by Leslie Anthony, city secretary of Odessa, who was returning home with his wife and sons from a vacation visit to Alabama. He brought the injured boy to the Merkel sanitarium where the broken bone was set and where he is now receiving treatment.

6 AMENDMENTS FOR DECISION IN MONDAY'S VOTE

Special State Election Called for Submission of Changes in Constitution; Polls Open 8 a. m. to 7 p. m.

Supplies have been received by Sam Swann, presiding judge of the Merkel precinct, for the special state election on constitutional amendments to be held Monday, Aug. 23.

Voting box in the Merkel precinct will be at the City hall. Polls will be open from 8 a. m. to 7 p. m.

Briefly the six amendments to the state constitution submitted to the electorate in Monday's election provide:

For state compliance with the federal social security program for aid to the needy blind;

For state compliance with the federal social security program for aid to destitute children;

Revision of the laws governing incorporation of state banks omitting that clause requiring double liability of stockholders. (Under present laws stockholders in state banks must be doubly liable for all stock owned, while national banks require only single liability.)

For a special road taxing plan applying only to Harris county;

For repeal of the salary system of compensation of local, county and district officers, which replaced the fee system three years ago, and leaving the matter of compensation of officers in the hands of the legislature; and

A tax discount plan, putting a premium on tax payments in advance of the due date. Three per cent discount would be allowed on ad valorem taxes—state, county, city and school—paid 90 days before the date due. Two per cent would be allowed on taxes paid 60 days in advance, and one per cent on accounts paid 30 days before due. Normal tax would be payable during the month preceding the deadline.

Funeral Rites Held At Nolan Cemetery For H. H. Price, 88

A life span of nearly nine decades was closed when death claimed H. H. Price, age 88, at 3 o'clock last Friday afternoon at his farm home four miles west of Merkel. He had been in poor health for a long time, having been confined to his bed for the last ten days.

Funeral services were held at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon at the graveside in Nolan cemetery, conducted by Rev. W. H. Hanks, Methodist pastor of Hamlin.

Mr. Price was married Oct. 8, 1881, in Chickasha county, Miss., to Miss Martha Jane Thacker, who survives him. She is 79 years of age. When the couple moved to Texas in 1890, they settled in Hill county, moving to this section 27 years ago. The family had lived 20 years at the farm home where he died.

Besides his wife, three sons and three daughters, 42 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren survive. The sons are: C. A. Price, Big Spring; Houston Price, Tahoka; and Will Price, Estancia, N. M.; the daughters, Mrs. E. A. Lewis, Sweetwater; Mrs. W. M. Wilkerson, Vincent, and Mrs. J. H. Maddera, Blair.

Call for Assembly Of Football Players

High School boys interested in football and in making plans for training camp are asked to meet with Coach Pat Davis at the High School gymnasium at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon, Aug. 23.

First game of the 1937 season is scheduled with Clyde on Friday, Sept. 17, so there is not much time to get ready for the opening game, which is to be played on the local gridiron.

Pep Squad Gets Busy; Meeting Set Saturday

There will be a Pep Squad meeting at Merkel High school Saturday afternoon, Aug. 21, at 2 o'clock. All old members and those who plan to be in the Pep Squad are asked to come.

This meeting is important because there will be a football game Sept. 17 and plans must be made.

Hollis Perry is main leader of the Pep Squad, with Fannelle Gray and Dorna Lee Shelton, assistants.

NOODLE OPPOSES HAWLEY-TRUBY IN OPENING GAME SHAUGHNESSY PLAY-OFF

PLAY STARTS IN TOURNAMENT

Golfers Paired in Two Flights of Match Play; Higgins Wins Flag Competition.

Based on players' rating in the flag tournament, pairings were made for a championship tournament among members of the Merkel Golf club, 32 players being paired in two flights.

All first round matches in the second flight have been finished, but only two in the first flight.

Two matches in the second round of the second flight show W. O. Boney winner over Yates Brown and George T. Moore winner over Sylvan Mellingier.

Pairings, with winner's name in parenthesis, if match has been played, follow:

FIRST FLIGHT.
(Dean Higgins)—R. T. Gray.
N. T. Hodge—Dr. L. C. Zehnpfennig.

Rev. John H. Crow—Ted McGehee.
(Clesby Patterson)—Bobbie Woodrum.

Myer Mellingier—Connor Robinson.
O. R. Dye—Horace Boney.
Byron Patterson—Booth Warren.
Rev. R. A. Walker—Claude Dye.

SECOND FLIGHT.
(Bob Corley)—Horace Daniel.
(Al McGehee)—Billie Woodrum.
(W. O. Boney)—Verner Hester.
(Yates Brown)—Alvin Wozencraft.
(George T. Moore)—Victor Harris.
(Sylvan Mellingier)—Don Warren.
(Byers Petty)—Murphy Dye.
(Sampie McGehee)—MURRY Toombs.

HIGGINS WINS FLAG.
Dean Higgins' flag rested on the ninth hole to win the flag tournament; N. T. Hodge reached the eighth green to place second; Rev. John Crow's flag was one stroke off No. 8 tee; R. T. Gray and Clesby Patterson each made the 7th hole.

On the 7th green were Ted McGehee, Dr. L. C. Zehnpfennig and Bobbie Woodrum. Next in order were Meyer Mellingier, O. R. Dye, Byron Patterson, Rev. R. A. Walker, Connor Robinson, Horace Boney, Claude Dye and Booth Warren.

Record of Births.
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sheppard, Wednesday, August 18, 1937.

"Bulldog Drummond" Dead.
London, Aug. 19.—"Bulldog Drummond" is dead. Lieut. Col. Cyril McNeile, creator of the well-known detective character, died Saturday at his home in Pullborough, Sussex. He was 49.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, August 17, 1917.)

Miss Dorothy Duckett returned Tuesday from El Paso where she has been visiting Misses Geneva and Nina Warnick.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Burns and family left Saturday to visit relatives in Dallas. They will go through in their car.

Robert Balch of Midland, formerly of Merkel, visited in the city last Saturday. He is book-keeper in the Midland National bank.

The art display given by Miss Irene Swann last Friday afternoon was attended by over 100 interested parties. Miss Swann has a large and most beautiful collection. She is an artist of great ability and we predict that she is bound to go high upon the ladder of fame.

Miss Ethel Jenkins, who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Patterson, has returned to her home in Dallas.

Miss Leola Merritt, who has been in summer school in Canyon, Texas, and the guest of her sister, Mrs. Cleveland Baker, returned home Sunday.

Chester Hall, who has been accepted for service in the navy, left Sun-

Play for Post-Season Cash Prizes Of \$175 Starts Friday; Game Called 2:30 P. M.; Divide vs. Trent Saturday.

Hawley-Truby, winner of first place in the regular season schedule of the Merkel Inter-Community league, will meet Noodle, tail-ender, in the opening game Friday afternoon of the Shaughnessy play-off; Divide, second place winner, and Trent, winner of third position, are to play Saturday afternoon.

Games will be called each day at 2:30 p. m., the two first named clubs to play best two out of three games alternating with the Divide-Trent clubs, who are also to play best two

LEAGUE STANDING.		
TEAM—	W	L Pct.
Hawley-Truby	7	3 .700
Divide	6	4 .600
Trent	4	6 .400
Noodle	3	7 .300

out of three. Winners of the two series will then play for first and second position, the losers to play for third and fourth.

Cash prizes of \$100, \$50 and \$25 will go to winners of first, second and third place, respectively, under the Shaughnessy play-off plan.

SEASON WINNERS.
Truby's 3-1 defeat of Noodle Saturday made it necessary for Divide to win their game from Trent, (re-set for Monday because of postponement of the game from Saturday due to a number of funerals being held on the Divide,) in order to cinch the flag. But Trent was the victor, 2-1, in that game which went 12 innings, and the percentage table was in a double tie.

In the play-off of this tie, before the Shaughnessy could start, Truby defeated Divide Tuesday, 4-3, handing Divide their fourth straight loss, and cinching first place for Truby. Trent bounced Noodle in Wednesday's game, 4-1, taking third place and leaving Noodle in the cellar.

As winner of first place for the season, Hawley-Truby drew \$30; Divide, second place winner, was awarded \$12.50, while Trent, in third position, received \$7.50.

Box scores of the Wednesday game last week between Hawley-Truby (Continued on Page Six.)

To Wed Andy.
Hollywood, Calif., Aug. 19.—Miss Alyce McLaughlin, former dancer, will wed Charles Correll, the Andy of the radio team of Amos 'n' Andy, on Sept. 11, it was revealed here Monday. They plan to fly to Del Monte after the ceremony for a brief honeymoon.

New names added to the honor roll since we last printed it are: L. M. Hutchins, Chester A. Duncan, Trent; John T. Morris, Trent; Joe L. Evans, Trent; W. W. McElmurray, Trent; Hubert J. Swann, Trent; John Moore, Lieut. B. B. Brown, Chester Hall, Stuart Grimes, Jas. White, Lloyd Sheppard.

Mr. and Mrs. Brew Hancock are visiting in Dallas for a few weeks.

Saturday night as W. N. Hall was driving in town an automobile recklessly ran into the rear of his buggy, practically demolishing the vehicle. The compact threw Mr. Hall out of the buggy and on the sidewalk bruising him considerably.

The driver of the car proved to be a heartless fellow that ought to be in the penitentiary. He drove on as if he had done the proper thing, without even stopping to make inquiry into the extent of injury.

A short time ago a car of ladies south of town was run into by a reckless driver. Later there was an accident east of town. There are too many such accidents and some method will have to be adopted soon to correct the evil.

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BLAIR ITEMS

Another sad occurrence happened in our vicinity on Aug. 13 when H. H. Price passed away at his home. He had been in feeble health for some time. He was one of our best citizens and a prosperous farmer. The community feels a great loss in the going of this estimable character and sincere sympathy is extended to the bereaved ones.

Mrs. Will Bonds of Wood county is the house guest of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Fate Scoggins, for an indefinite time.

There will be singing at the Methodist church Sunday afternoon, Aug. 22. Every one is invited to attend and hear some good old gospel singing.

Rev. Lloyd Mayhew, M. E. pastor, is to fill his regular appointment at the M. E. church Sunday, Aug. 22. An urgent invitation is extended every one to come and help in these services.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Moore and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moore and Mrs. Eli Brooks and family last week-end. They were accompanied by Leo Brooks, who had been visiting relatives there for several weeks.

Mrs. Lena Thompson and daughters of Abilene are the guests of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Brown and family.

Mrs. Thomas of Bronte was a recent visitor with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Mitchell and family.

Mrs. Pat Addison is still on the sick list.

Mrs. Earl Palmer and son of Noodle visited her grandparents and other relatives here last week-end.

DORA DOINGS

Our community was thrown in sorrow by the passing of two of our neighbors, friends and relatives, when last Friday noon Earl Perkins passed away from us. He had suffered long and patiently, without a murmur, and then Friday John Holt, or Uncle John as every one called him, died suddenly at his home in Nolan. Although he was very weak and feeble since an attack of "flu" in March, he was no worse than usual, having gone for a ride Friday morning. It was a shock to his family and friends. To these people we extend our heartfelt sympathy and pray God's comfort to you in these dark lonely days.

Mrs. M. D. Burrus of Plainview returned home Saturday after spending the week here with her mother, Mrs. S. E. Porter.

Mrs. H. A. Tyrone and children returned home Friday from their vacation in South Texas and on the gulf shore. Mrs. George C. Hardy and baby came home with them for a few days visit.

Mr. Petty and the VA boys have gone on a vacation and fishing trip somewhere on the Concho and will be gone three days.

Mrs. Bailey Whisenhunt of Eden is here visiting her daughter, Mrs. Willis Perry, and her son, Monroe, and families.

Mrs. E. P. Perry and children are in Clyde a few days this week visiting Joe T. Perry and family.

The Cross Brothers lost two fine work mares this week from feeding fresh bigera head. The veterinary pronounced it a poison gas from the stem in the head of the feed.

Olan J. Jones returned home Monday from Loraine where he has been working through the summer. He will finish high school this year. Our school starts the last Monday in the month. Miss Novis Whiteaker of Abilene is visiting this week with her brother, Alton Whiteaker, and family east of Dora.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Whiteaker were in Rotan over the week-end visiting Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Ware.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stain were picnicking on Sweetwater lake Tuesday, meeting friends and relatives from Sweetwater for the day.

HOLIDAY NOTICE.

Monday, Aug. 23, 1937, (Special State Election day), a legal holiday, will be observed by the undersigned banks.

F. & M. NATIONAL BANK. FARMERS STATE BANK.

Six good houses, well located, close to schools, good condition; rent \$7.50 to \$10; will sell, good terms; first come, first served. John S. Hughes.

Office supplies—Mail office.

Birthday Party

(Continued From Page One.) dangers from Indian raiding parties made it necessary for her to stay with her parents a part of the time. After bravely meeting these problems, and as a pioneer wife and mother who fought privations and hardships incident to those times, Mrs. Warren has little understanding and less patience with that class of modern wives who demand the moon and become chronic naggers when they can't have it. According to her plan of living, a woman's first and foremost duty is to make her husband and family happy and if she has any time left over after that, she can work with her flowers or something.

When Lt. Warren was honorably discharged from the battered and torn Army of the Confederacy, he and his child-wife took up the arduous task of making a home and rearing a family in a state disorganized by problems of Reconstruction, and in a country where the Indian warwhoop was still more than merely an echo. Their children were all born at Coryell, the family coming to this county in 1905. Mr. Warren had made a prospecting trip out here the previous year, purchasing the farm north of town which has for years been known as the Warren farm and which is still owned by his widow. Here they lived until 1912, moving into town and taking up their residence in the home which is still the family home. Mr. Warren died here in October, 1914. The incidents of these years, their trials, tribulations, and joys and triumphs have become family history, a history which is typical of the average Texas family.

Among her own immediate circle, Mrs. Warren and one sister-in-law, Mrs. Will Miller of Colorado City, are the sole survivors. During the birthday celebration, which has continued through this week as grandchildren and great-grandchildren came from every part of the state to pay tribute to the tiny little old lady known to the whole family as Little Grandmother, almost every member of the family has been present at one time or another. On Sunday, only two of her nine living grandchildren were able to be present. They were Mrs. Bonnie Griswold of this city and Miss Dorothy Virginia Warren of Knox City. Hollis Warren of Kermit and Miss Anna Lou Warren of Knox City were here on Wednesday. Of her five great-grandchildren, four have been in attendance. They are Wilda Gene and Jo Anne Campbell of O'Donnell, children of Mrs. Warren's oldest grandson, the late J. W. Campbell, and James Wade and Bobby Lee Griswold, sons of Mrs. Bonnie Griswold. The fifth is Master Warren Boyd Campbell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wade Campbell of Hobbs, N. M. The great granddaughters were accompanied by their mother, who is now the wife of Dr. Ferrell Larrabee of O'Donnell.

The reunion held each August at Mrs. Warren's birthday has come to be one of the main events of the Warren family calendar, and indeed for friends and acquaintances here and throughout Central and West Texas. In spite of her failing health, friends and members of the family anticipate helping her celebrate her full century, while to children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and friends alike, a visit to Little Grandmother is a treat to be looked forward to from one time to another.

During Sunday afternoon and the following days, more than one hundred friends and acquaintances called at the family residence in the north part of town.

To Receive B. A. Degree From Teachers' College

Miss Imogene Hayes, teacher in the Merkel Schools, will receive the Bachelor of Arts degree from North Texas State Teachers college, Denton, on Aug. 20. She is a member of the Kappa Delta Phi, national honor educational society which invites to its membership only those students who have exceedingly high scholarship. She also belongs to the Mary Arden club.

Approximately five hundred students will be graduated at which the hooding ceremony will be observed.

The first well drilled for oil, the Drake well of 1859, was 69 1-2 feet deep. Today wells 10,000 feet deep are quite common.

Second sheets for sale at Merkel Mail office.

TELEPHONE THE MAIL

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

PERSONAL NEWS NOTES

Miss Laverne Collins of Coleman is the guest of Miss Iris Garrett.

Miss Sue Grimes has been visiting Miss Ollie Lou Tippett in San Angelo since Saturday.

Don Swafford, employed at Odessa, is here for a visit with his mother, Mrs. T. J. R. Swafford.

T. G. Bragg left Monday for Mineral Wells for the benefit of the baths and medical treatment.

Misses Helen Heeter and Billie McGehee are visiting this week with Miss Betty Jo Reid at Santa Anna.

Miss Lois Whiteley returned Thursday of last week from visits in Brownwood, Gatesville and Hillsboro.

Miss Ruth Pinckley has returned from Denton, where she spent a month visiting relatives and friends.

Miss Mary Hendricks of Corpus Christi is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. M. E. Bell, and other relatives.

Wednesday guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. Clyde Smith were the latter's uncle, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Cooper, of Eastland.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Reed had as their guests over the week-end Mr. and Mrs. Harden Reed, their son from Slaton.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Seale and son of San Antonio are visiting her brother, Claude Smith and family, also other relatives.

Together with a party of Abilene friends Mrs. W. T. Sadler left Tuesday for New Mexico and other interesting points in the West.

Mrs. Jay Hendricks and sons of Corpus Christi and Mrs. Alvin Lay and daughter of Coahoma are visiting their mother, Mrs. M. F. Bell.

After a visit with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. George Caple, Mrs. A. D. Guy, Sr., returned Saturday to her home at Aquilla.

Jimmy Harris of Bryan is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lige Harris. Another son, Bill Harris, of Morton, also spent the week-end at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Largent and Mr. and Mrs. W. S. J. Brown returned Saturday from a vacation trip to New Mexico, Colorado and Wyoming.

Miss Nell Swann is enjoying a visit in Chicago, the guest of her brother, James Swann. Miss Irene Swann is spending a month in Mexico City.

Mr. and Mrs. Wes Derstine and family of Lamesa are visiting this week with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Middleton.

Miss Christine Collins, who left Sunday to visit her sister, Mrs. V. B. Jones, at Bagwell, will also visit friends in Dallas before returning home.

Enjoying a visit to Carlsbad Caverns last week-end were Misses Alice Russell and Sybil Harris, Miss Mary Lou Youngblood of Abilene and Leo Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Winter and children, Beatrice and Buddie, spent the week-end at Lamesa visiting his brother, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Winter and family.

Miss Madlyn Murray, who was accompanied by her niece, Janna Dean, returned Tuesday to Pampa after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Murray.

Mrs. C. O. Lynch and daughter of Phoenix, Ariz., who have been visiting her sister, Mrs. O. R. Dye, were accompanied on their return home by Murphy Dye.

Mrs. Jackson E. Parker returned Saturday to her home in Andrews after a visit with her mother, Mrs. J. S. Blair. Her daughter, Jean, remained for a longer visit.

Friends here have received word of the marriage of Miss Leona Mullen and Leonard Lamirand of Lamesa on July 27. Mrs. Lamirand is a former resident of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Henderson and family have returned from a two weeks visit to Dallas and Alba. Mrs. Henderson's mother and sister of Dallas returned home with them.

Mrs. L. G. Shafer of Dallas is visiting her mother, Mrs. Seth Hamilton. She was accompanied by an uncle, Bob Everett, also of Dallas, who is visiting his father, Tom Everett.

Miss La Verne Hoover from San Saba, who visited several days in the homes of Misses Fannelle Gray and Verne Moore, left Monday for Slaton to visit with relatives there.

Miss Clarice Jordan of Fort Worth, who was a classmate of Miss Margaret Miller at Tarleton college, spent Thursday night of last week here and together they went Friday to Fluvanna, where they will play for the Baptist revival. Miss Miller, who taught music in the Fluvanna schools last year, will attend North Texas State Teachers college at Denton this year, and Miss Jordan will have her place in the Fluvanna schools.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Comegys, accompanied by Grisham Dowell, left Sunday morning for California, Grisham going to Colton, Calif., while the others had Brawley as their destination.

Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Caple and son, Bubba, of Waco, arrived Wednesday

for a visit with his brother, Mr. and Mrs. George Caple. Bennie, their other son, had been here for several weeks.

Frank Hill, Tahoka editor, and Mrs. Hill and daughter, Patricia, returning from the meeting of the West Texas Press association at Sweetwater, were week-end guests of Dr. J. P. Howard. Mrs. Hill is a sister of Dr. Howard.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Hutchins and daughter, Mary Jo, have returned from a visit with relatives in Dallas, Fort Worth, Emory and Alba. While in Dallas they visited the Greater Texas and Pan American Exposition.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Allen and daughters, Roberta and Oneta, of Royce City, who were guests last week of Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Dowell and Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Dunn, returned home Sunday. Mrs. Allen and Mrs. Dowell are sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. Burney Reagh and three children arrived Tuesday night from Laird Hill for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Reagh. Burney is recuperating from an injury resulting when he stuck a nail in his foot.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. King returned Sunday from McCulloch county where Mr. King was called Friday by the illness of a sister, who suffered a stroke on the previous Tuesday. Mrs. King went down Sunday. They report the sister getting along nicely.

Warren Smith, now employed with the Sanders Drug store at Pecos, is here for a visit. Warren was chairman of the baseball committee for the 1936 Inter-Community league and his visit this summer comes very timely with the Shaughnessy starting Friday.

Dr. M. Armstrong and Mrs. Armstrong and their son and daughter-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. Frank Armstrong, of Fort Worth, left Sunday for a vacation at Ruidoso, N. M. Mary Jo Armstrong, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Frank Armstrong, was already in a girls' camp at Ruidoso.

Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Sublett returned Tuesday night after spending a week in South Texas. They were accompanied by their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Sublett, of Copperas Cove, and visited San Antonio, Corpus Christi, Port Aransas and Mustang Island among other interesting points.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Neal and daughter, Margaret Rebecca, left Wednesday for Ballinger and Temple, later expecting to go to Galveston before returning to their home at Hugo, Okla. Mrs. Neal and daughter had been here several weeks, Raymond joining them Monday to begin his vacation.

Mrs. D. M. Hill returned last week-end from Ruidoso where she and her niece, Mrs. G. H. Johnson of Sweetwater, vacationed for a week. En route home they came via El Paso and Balmorhea, where they also spent a few days visiting with a brother and sister-in-law of Mrs. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Costepphan.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen D. King and son, Allen D., Jr., and Miss Olive May Reed attended the Angola Gout sale at Junction last week. They went on to San Antonio where they visited their aunt and family, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Frazier, on West Summit avenue. They went on to Corpus Christi, Aransas Pass, Port Aransas and stayed one day and night on Mustang Island.

Mrs. Catherine Lake, one of the matrons at the Eastern Star home at Arlington, returned Friday after a short visit with her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George Caple. Judge B. H. Howard and son, Uris Howard, of Crosbyton, who were guests of his son, Dr. J. P. Howard, last week, returned home Friday.

Robert Lindsey of Stuttgart, Ark., who arrived last week for a visit with his mother, Mrs. R. P. Lindsey, was joined here Wednesday by his wife, her mother, Mrs. Starnes, and a sister of his wife from Oklahoma City, and together with Mrs. Lindsey and Charles, they left for Carlsbad Caverns, El Paso and White Sands, N. M.

Passing visitors in Merkel Wednesday were Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Tucker of Los Angeles, Calif., and Miss Fay Altman, who were returning home from a visit to Fort Worth. Miss Altman is a niece of Mrs. Ed Turner and will be remembered as a visitor here several years ago when she entertained as a whistler. She appeared in a whistling number over the radio while in Fort Worth and also whistles over a Los Angeles station.

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The Box Scores

WEDNESDAY'S GAME.

DIVIDE	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
McLean, cf	5	0	0	3	0	1
Jones, c	5	0	1	6	0	0
Hammonds, lf	6	0	2	1	0	0
Carpenter, 2b	6	0	0	7	3	0
Hanna, p	5	0	2	0	4	0
Latimer, 1b	5	0	0	14	1	0
J. Seymore, 3b	5	0	1	0	1	0
Neill, rf	2	0	0	0	0	0
D. Seymore, rf	2	0	1	0	0	0
Koerth, ss	4	0	1	4	2	3
Totals	45	0	8	35	11	4

HAW-TRU— AB R H PO A E
 Grimes, rf 5 1 0 2 0 0
 H. Bradford, c 4 0 0 17 0 0
 Justice, ss 5 0 0 4 3 0
 Williams, cf 5 0 3 2 0 0
 B. Bradford, 3b 5 0 1 2 0 0
 Grogan, 2b 5 0 1 0 3 1
 Stephens, 1b 1 0 0 1 0 0
 Hollis, 1b, p 4 0 2 3 1 1
 Hampton, lf 5 0 0 1 0 0
 Garner, p, 1b 5 0 0 4 0 0

Totals 44 1 7 36 7 2
 x—Two out when winning run scored.
 *—Grimes scored, running for Hollis in 12th.

Score by innings:
 Divide 000 000 000 000—0
 Haw 000 000 000 001—1
 Summary—Runs batted in, Garner, Doubles, Koerth, Williams, Triple, D. Seymore. Sacrifice hits, H. Bradford. Stolen bases, Hammonds, D. Seymore, Koerth, Grimes. Passed ball, H. Bradford. Left on base, Divide 12, Truby 7. Base on balls, Garner 3. Strike-outs, Garner 13, Hollis 4, Hanna 6. Wild pitch, Hanna. Innings pitched, Garner 9 (none out, two on in 10th), no runs, 7 hits; Hollis 3, no runs, 1 hit. Winning pitcher, Hollis. Time of game 2:33. Umpires, Bryant and Patterson.

MONDAY'S GAME.

TRENT	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Hammer, cf	5	0	1	3	0	0
D. H. Jones, 3b	5	0	1	2	1	0
Payne, 1b	4	0	0	16	0	1
Boone, 2b	5	0	1	4	7	2
L. Jones, lf	5	0	0	0	0	1
H. Tittle, rf	4	1	1	3	0	0
C. Tittle, ss	5	1	1	1	3	2
O. Jones, c	5	0	1	6	0	0
Ox Jones, p	5	0	1	1	5	0
Totals	43	2	7	36	16	6

DIVIDE— AB R H PO A E
 McLean, cf 4 0 1 1 0 0
 Latimer, 1b 5 1 2 12 4 1
 Hammonds, lf 6 0 1 2 0 0
 Carpenter, 2b 6 0 0 4 7 0
 Hanna, rf, p 6 0 0 2 0 0
 J. Seymore, 3b 5 0 2 1 2 0
 D. Jones, c 4 0 0 8 4 0
 Koerth, ss 4 0 0 6 2 4
 D. Seymore, p, rf 5 0 1 0 3 0

Totals 45 1 7 36 22 5
 Score by innings:
 Trent 000 100 000 001—2
 Divide 000 010 000 000—1

Summary—Runs batted in, Hammer, C. Tittle, Hammonds, Doubles, D. H. Jones, J. Seymore, Triples, H. Tittle, Latimer. Sacrifice hits, H. Tittle, Hammonds. Stolen bases, Hammer, Payne, C. Tittle, Ox Jones, Hammonds. Earned run, Trent 1. Left on base, Trent 8, Divide 13. Double plays, Ox Jones to Payne, Koerth to Carpenter to Latimer. Hit batter, McLean by Jones. Base on balls, D. Seymore 2, Ox Jones 2. Strike-outs, D. Seymore 3, Hanna 4, Ox Jones 6. Innings pitched, D. Seymore 8, 1 run, 4 hits; Hanna 4, 1 run, 3 hits. Losing pitcher, Hanna. Time of game 2:40. Umpires, Bryant and Zehnpfennig.

New Stars Added To Fiesta Shows

Fort Worth, Aug. 19.—With attendance at the Fort Worth Frontier Fiesta continuing above last year, Billy Rose, director-general, has announced several new acts for Casa Manana, Pioneer Palace and the Firefly Garden as a means of adding the spice of variety to the solid entertainment fare. Joe Jackson, who for more than forty years has been hailed by audiences here and abroad as one of the foremost comic pantomimists has been added to the cast of the Casa Manana revue. He is presenting his cleverly timed, laughable tramp bicycle act.

Also new in the roster of Casa Manana talent are the Huberts, Fritz and Jean, who are offering their amusing version of two inebriates escorting each other home.

The Three Swifts, comic jugglers who have recently starred in New York at the French Casino, will be added to Casa Manana on August 21.

In Pioneer Palace, Rose is introducing this week Art Frank and Chester Frederick, stellar dancers. Frank is an amusing rube dancer and Frederick does a thoroughly modern hot jazz dance routine.

The addition of the new acts is expected to increase the enthusiasm of the public for the Fiesta shows which, box office figures reveal, is even now at a high pitch.

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The above named banks are of the opinion that the constitution amendments regarding the double liability of stockholders in state banks should be voted favorably. Our reasons for calling this to the attention of our customers and friends are shown below.

FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION
 WASHINGTON
 July 2, 1937
 Our attention has been called to the proposed amendment to the constitution of Texas to be submitted to voters in an election to be held Monday, August 23, 1937, which provides for the elimination of double liability on stock of State banks in Texas. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation favors the proposed amendment.
 Inasmuch as more than 98 percent of the depositors in insured banks are fully insured against loss by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, removal of double liability will not affect their interests adversely. Double liability of stockholders in most national banks has been eliminated. Passage of the proposed amendment to the constitution of Texas will put stockholders of State banks in Texas on a par with stockholders of national banks, thus avoiding discrimination.
 Very truly yours,
Leslie C. Cassidy
 Chairman
 JAMES V. ALBRED
 EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
 AUSTIN, TEXAS
 July 9, 1937
 On Monday, August 23, 1937, there will be submitted to the voters of Texas, among other things, an amendment to the Constitution of Texas which provides for the elimination of double liability on stock of state banks in Texas.
 Since double liability of stockholders in almost all national banks has been eliminated, I think that the policy should also be extended to our state banks in order to put our state bank stockholders in the same position and with no more liability than the stockholders in the national banks in Texas. In my opinion, the adoption of such an amendment will not materially or adversely affect the interests of the depositors since they are protected by other means.
 I am in favor of the passage of this amendment and I endorse same to the voters of Texas.
 Sincerely yours,
James Beest
 Governor of Texas

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation insures depositors and banks pay the premium. Therefore, any assessment upon stockholders after they pay deposit insurance premium is unfair.
 The major portion of the assessment would only be for the benefit of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and that Corporation does not want both our insurance premium and double assessment.

In its banking reform, the Congress of the United States, at the suggestion of Hon. J. F. T. O'Connor, Comptroller of the Currency, Washington, D. C., permitted removal of double liability from national banks as of July 1, 1937. The state banks should be placed on the same basis as the national banks.

Thirty-two states have already voted to eliminate the double liability of stockholders in state banks. We are asking the voters of Texas to do the same for state banks in Texas by voting FOR this amendment.

For the amendment of Section 16 to Article XVI of the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing for the amount of the liability of stock-holders in State banks.

Against the amendment of Section 16 of Article XVI of the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing for the amount of the liability of stock-holders in State banks.

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Descendants of Pioneer Taylor Couple Gather In Family Reunion

Holding their first reunion in more than a decade, descendants of a pioneer West Texas couple gathered at Sweetwater municipal park Sunday, Aug. 8.

Included were the seven children of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Brown, who settled in Taylor county in 1890. Both Mr. and Mrs. Brown died a few years ago.

The children were J. A. Brown, Rotan; Elmer and Carl Brown, San Angelo; Guy Brown, Slaton; Mrs. Joe Higgins, Merkel; Mrs. R. H. Hobbs, Austin, and Mrs. J. R. Griffith, Abilene.

Grandchildren, great-grandchildren and visitors joining in the day's reunion were: Annabel Brown, Rotan; Mrs. J. B. Coker and son, Carroll, Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Yarborough and daughter, Irene, Jayton; Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Cowan Hudson and daughter, Doris, Mrs. Ara Brown, all of San Angelo; Jess Higgins, Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Allen and children, Jerry, Nancy and Dale, J. R. Griffith and children, Woodrow, Jack, Elmer and Roy, and Mr. and Mrs. Will Griffith, all of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Higgins and son, Don, Big Spring; Mr. and Mrs. Mack Buzbee and daughter, Opal; Joe Higgins and sons, Orien and Robert, Miss Maxie Banner, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Daniel and daughter, Mary Frances, all of Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Roe and daughter, Patricia Ann, Stamford; Mrs. R. A. May and Bobbie, Colorado; Mrs. C. A. Russell and children, Ralph, Mary Eleanor and Richard, Houston; Mr. and Mrs. Joel Brown and children, Tommie, Joan and Sandra, Sweetwater; Mrs. Guy Brown and children, Margie and Jack, and Mr. and Mrs. Odell Hubbard, Slaton.

The day was spent in swimming, kodaking and renewal of happy memories by members of a family group. There was a barbecue dinner at noon.

Woman Publisher Heads West Texans

Sweetwater, Aug. 19.—Mary Dunbar, publisher of the Palo Pinto Star, was elected president of the West Texas Press association at a business session Saturday, closing a two-day convention. She succeeds R. Henderson Shuffler of Odessa.

Vice-presidents elected were Douglas Meador of Matador and Sam Roberts of Haskell, Cedric Harrison of Seymour and George Bennett of Sweetwater were elected members of the board and C. J. Smyth of Snyder re-elected secretary-treasurer.

The Pecos Enterprise, published by Barney Hubbs, was awarded a gold cup for the best West Texas weekly, and Seymour was selected as site of the next convention.

Cedric Harrison of Seymour defeated his son, Cedric, Jr., to win the Bill Parker gold trophy in the convention tournament.

A TRIBUTE TO MRS. JESSIE NEIGHBOURS

More than thirty years ago the writer of these words was permitted to meet the subject of this sketch, in the sanctity of the beautiful home where for many years she remained and gave testimony to a life consecrated to high and noble purpose.

Although her health had not been of the best for some time, her condition had rapidly declined the last few weeks. The realization that she had gone brought great sorrow to her many friends and loved ones. In early life Mrs. Neighbours had been a member of the Christian church and none had been more faithful than she in the discharge of her Christian obligation.

A large crowd attended the funeral services and what beautiful flowers covered the mound of such a beautiful life, bearing eloquent tribute to the love and esteem in which she was held.

A beautiful tribute to her life was paid by Elder J. P. Crenshaw of Sweetwater, who told of her noble character and life into which came the beauties of many promises in the Bible, fulfilled in her day.

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"Kid Galahad" Billed For Prevue at Queen

Bette Davis was winner of the 1935 Academy gold statue for the best feminine film performance of the year.

Edward G. Robinson's every picture has been great since "Little Caesar," back in 1930.

Humphrey Bogart was the main figure in the recent "Black Legion" thriller, and the menacing bandit in "Petrified Forest."

Each an individual Warner Bros. star—but now all working together in "Kid Galahad," an exciting story of the prize ring and those who surround it! The picture plays Saturday "Owl" show, Monday and Tuesday at the Queen theatre.

The story deals with two rival underworld fight-managers, Robinson and Bogart, and their attempts to double-cross each other. Eddie's fighter is "Kid Galahad" (called that because of his idealistic attitude toward women), played by a 23-year-old newcomer to the screen named Wayne Morris. It is predicted that this movie will shoot him right into stardom.

Bogart's 'boy' is another very unusual character—William Haade, who was taken right off the skeleton of a steel office-building in New York City to play the lead in the stage production "Iron Men." He's a genuine steel worker. Directly from the Broadway play he was brought to Hollywood to do "Chuck McGraw," the heavyweight champion in "Kid Galahad."

The fight between these two boys is said to be the bitterest ever shown on stage or screen—with no punches pulled. Morris weighs 195, Haade 210. The battle goes eleven rounds.

Miss Davis plays the part of "Fluff," girl friend of Robinson. A new young leading lady on the Warner lot—Jane Bryan, who scored so heavily in Bette's last picture, "Marked Woman," plays the romantic lead opposite Morris.

Then there are some real fighters, professionals, too, such as Bob Nestell, the heavyweight contender, Hank

Hankinson and Jack Kranze—and immense scenes of Madison Square Garden battles.

9 Comedians Enliven "Hotel Haywire" Scenes

Let nine comedians loose in a hotel as crazy as the house that Jack built and the resulting picture should be something. That's what Paramount has done in its newest comedy, "Hotel Haywire," which plays Wednesday and Thursday at the Queen theatre.

Headed by Leo Carrillo and Lynne Overman, the cast includes known comedians even in bit roles. Carrillo plays "Zodiac Zippe," astrologer and gentle racketeer, whose money-making activities include everything short of actual murder. Lynne Overman plays the role of a dentist who finds himself headed for divorce through a practical joke played on him by a poker playing friend.

Benny Baker, as a vaudeville actor turned detective, has an opportunity in "Hotel Haywire" to show how a detective should and shouldn't act. Assisted by his vaudeville partner, Collette Lyons, who makes her movie debut in this picture, Baker gets in Overman's hair while he and his partner trail both Overman and his wife, played by Spring Byington.

Miss Byington, remembered for her part in "Ah, Wilderness," adds a comic portrayal to her list of successful movie roles as the wife. Chester Conklin, former Mack Sennett comedian, and Teddy Hart, whose few screen appearances have made him a man to watch, are cast as partners in a law firm involved in the divorce proceedings. George Barbier, Porter Hall, Mary Carlisle and John Patterson round out the cast.

West Texas Fair to Re-Open Oct. 4-9

Abilene, Aug. 19.—Gates of the Abilene, Aug. 12.—Gates of the West Texas Fair, depression-closed for six years, will swing open, Oct. 4 to 9, to show a new and greater West Texas in prosperity's Sunday suit.

So that people may see the development of West Texas, admission to the West Texas Fair grounds will be free to the public. All exhibits, commercial or educational are to be without charges.

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Combined with educational exhibits, the most colorful spectacle ever brought to West Texas, "The Arabian Nights," with a cast of 400 people, is to be the featured entertainment. "The Arabian Nights" is a pageant of exciting beauty with magnificent settings.

During the second night of the pageant, the Cotton Festival, with princesses from every part of West Texas taking part, opens. On Wednesday the coronation of the Texas Cotton Queen and King Cotton will be included in "The Arabian Nights" production. The royal court will include the representative princesses.

The opening day will find the old Fair grounds in new finery. Reconstruction and beautification work on buildings and grounds commenced several days ago.

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Advertisement for 'PROFESSIONAL' services, listing Ben M. Davis (Attorney-at-Law) and Pauline Johnson (Successor to G. W. Johnson).

Large advertisement for 'THE MERKEL MAIL' newspaper, featuring 'REDUCED PRICE' and 'New Fall Clubbing Rate'.

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LODGE CALLS

NOTICE MASONS
A stated meeting of Merkel lodge No. 710, A. F. and A. M., will be held Saturday, Aug. 21, at 8 p. m. All members are urged to attend. Visiting brethren cordially invited.

O. B. Leach, W. M.
Carl Black, Secretary.

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

You are hereby commanded to summon Maria L. Garcia by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, to appear at the next regular term of the 42nd District Court of Taylor County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Abilene, Texas, on the first Monday in September, A. D. 1937, the same being the 6th day of September, A. D. 1937, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 21st day of July, A. D. 1937, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 11,158-A, wherein Domingo Garcia, is Plaintiff, and Maria L. Garcia, is Defendant, and a brief statement of plaintiff's cause of action, being as follows: Plaintiff alleges that Plaintiff and Defendant were married about Jan. 2, 1928, and separated about June 1, 1936. That there is no community property; that there are two minor children. Plaintiff sues for divorce on the ground of cruel treatment, also for the care, control and custody of Alice Garcia, one of the minor children, all of which is fully shown in plaintiff's original petition, now on file.

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

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, on this 21st day of July, A. D. 1937.

(Seal) Belle Wellborn, Clerk District Court, Taylor County, Texas.

NOTICE OF EXECUTION SALE.

The State of Texas, County of Taylor: By virtue of an order of sale issued out of the District Court of Galveston County, Texas, on a judgment rendered in said court on the 12th day of June, 1937, for the sum of Nine thousand, two hundred and sixty-one and 25/100 Dollars (\$9,261.25) and costs of suit, in favor of City Bank Farmers Trust Company, Trustee for Jennie Sealy Smith, The Sealy & Smith Foundation for the John Sealy Hospital, Jennie Sealy Smith, F. W.

Catterall and City Bank Farmers Trust Company, Trustees under the Eleventh Clause of the Will of John Sealy, deceased, and against Mrs. M. E. Floyd, a feme sole, David Floyd, Essie Floyd, a feme sole, Bowie Floyd, Dewey Floyd, Lewis Floyd, Price Floyd, Paul Floyd, Lillian Floyd, a feme sole, Hollis Floyd, Mrs. Lucile Floyd Foster and her husband, H. C. Foster, in the case of the said City Bank Farmers Trust Company, Trustee for Jennie Sealy Smith, The Sealy & Smith Foundation for the John Sealy Hospital, Jennie Sealy Smith, F. W. Catterall and City Bank Farmers Trust Company, Trustees under the Eleventh Clause of the Will of John Sealy, deceased, as plaintiffs, and the said Mrs. M. E. Floyd, a feme sole, David Floyd, Essie Floyd, a feme sole, Bowie Floyd, Dewey Floyd, Lewis Floyd, Price Floyd, Paul Floyd, Lillian Floyd, a feme sole, Hollis Floyd, Mrs. Lucile Floyd Foster and her husband, H. C. Foster, as defendants, No. 52592 in said court, I did on the 3rd day of August, 1937, at 4 o'clock P. M. levy upon the following described tracts and parcels of land situated in the County of Taylor, State of Texas, as the property of the said Mrs. M. E. Floyd, a feme sole, David Floyd, Essie Floyd, a feme sole, Bowie Floyd, Dewey Floyd, Lewis Floyd, Price Floyd, Paul Floyd, Lillian Floyd, a feme sole, Hollis Floyd, Mrs. Lucile Floyd Foster and her husband, H. C. Foster, to-wit:

Lot numbered Twenty-four (24), containing forty (40) acres, more or less, and Lot numbered Sixteen (16), containing one hundred and sixty-six (166) acres, more or less, in League numbered 148, of Grimes County School Land, as per part of the Subdivision thereof of record in the Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, save and excepting therefrom all oil, gas, coal and other minerals; and levied upon as the property of the said Mrs. M. E. Floyd, a feme sole, David Floyd, Essie Floyd, a feme sole, Bowie Floyd, Dewey Floyd, Lewis Floyd, Price Floyd, Paul Floyd, Lillian Floyd, a feme sole, Hollis Floyd, Mrs. Lucile Floyd Foster and her husband, H. C. Foster, in and to said property. Witness my hand at Abilene, Texas, this 3rd day of August, 1937.

Sid H. McAdams,
Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas.
By Wade Willis, Deputy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County—Greetings:

You are hereby commanded to summon Erma Divan by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, to appear at the next regular term of the Forty Second District Court of Taylor County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Abilene, Texas, on the first Monday in September, A. D. 1937, the same being the 6th day of September, A. D. 1937, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 2nd day of August, A. D. 1937, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 11,177-A, wherein O. E. Divan is Plaintiff, and Erma Divan is Defendant, and a brief statement of plaintiff's cause of action, being as follows: Suit for divorce to dissolve the marriage of O. E. Divan and Erma Divan, to award the custody, care and control of two minor children to defendant, Erma Divan. That plaintiff, O. E. Divan, and defendant, Erma Divan, were legally married on the 15th day of Feb. 1930, and separated permanently on the 18th day of February, 1932. Plaintiff sues for divorce on the grounds of cruel treatment and there is no community property; and all of which is fully set forth in plaintiff's petition on file in said Court.

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

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, on this 2nd day of August, A. D. 1937.

(Seal) Belle Wellborn, Clerk District Court, Taylor County, Texas.

Week-End Death Toll 20.

Dallas, Aug. 19.—Traffic, violence and drownings combined to snuff out lives of twenty persons and injure at least sixteen others throughout Texas over the last week-end.

Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office.
Read Merkel Mail Want Ads.

TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Cullen Tittle spent two weeks recently with Mr. and Mrs. Orion Tittle in El Paso.

Mr. and Mrs. Luke Bishop of Houston spent the past week with Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Bishop. They were accompanied by Mrs. Fite, also of Houston.

Rev. and Mrs. Alsie Carleton were called to Carlsbad, N. M., to attend the bedside of his mother, Mrs. T. J. Carleton, who was stricken seriously ill while returning to her home from here. They will continue their visit until Thursday.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Shouse Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McWilliams and children, Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Shouse and son, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Shouse and children of Merkel.

W. R. (Bill) Springer arrived this week from Pampa, to assume his duties as public weigher. Mr. and Mrs. Springer and son, Weldon, will live in the house they formerly occupied in South Trent.

Willie Weaver of Lamesa spent the week-end here with his mother, Mrs. Weaver, and sister, Mrs. Oscar Jones and Mr. Jones.

Weldon Tittle of Austin is here to spend a brief vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Tittle.

Miss Marjorie Adrian had as her house guests last week Misses Mabel Morton of Sweetwater and Marie Baker of Texline. Misses Morton and Adrian were former schoolmates.

Mrs. Casey Wash and baby, Zolene, have returned to their home near Odessa after spending the past few weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Johnson. Mr. Wash came for her last week, accompanied by Mrs. Johnnie Terry and daughter, Johnnie Julia, also of Odessa, who visited Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Terry, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Still and children of O'Donnell, returning from a visit to East Texas, spent Thursday night with Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Estep. Together, they spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Willard Estep of Paint Rock.

Mrs. Tannie Jones and son, Lindley, of Odessa, spent the week-end here with relatives.

Wayne Dudley and Rex Dudley have returned to their home at Hughes Springs after visiting two weeks with Mr. and Mrs. C. A. McCurdy, also Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Dudley and other relatives.

LaNelle Edwards has as her guests this week her cousins, Jackie and Nancy Childers of Anson.

Mrs. Bill Corder of Abilene was a Sunday guest of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Shouse. Mrs. Shouse and Mrs. Corder are cousins.

COZART FUNERAL HELD AT GRAHAM.

G. O. Cozart, 60, a former resident of Trent and Merkel, died Sunday in a Fort Worth hospital after an illness of three weeks.

Funeral services were held in Graham, which had been his home for the past ten years, at 3 p. m. Monday.

At the time of his death, Mr. Cozart was president of the North Central Texas Fair association and owner of the Gratek Refining company at Graham.

Survivors include the widow; a son, Otto Cozart, and three daughters, Mrs. W. A. Acree, Mrs. B. Baker and Mrs. E. R. Marchman, all of Graham. Mrs. T. L. Stevens of Trent, a sister, and Mr. Stevens attended the last rites.

SWIMMING PARTY AT SHANNON'S.

Trent Grove members enjoyed an outing late Tuesday afternoon to replace their regular session. The group enjoyed a swim, after which watermelons were served on the lawn surrounding Shannon's swimming pool. Informal games were played.

Those attending were Mesdames Bill Neill, John Payne, Ed Burks, Isom Burks, Ruby Windland, Odessa Butler, Misses Vera Bright and Elsie Bishop and Master Billy Payne.

BIBLE SCHOOL PARTY IN ADRIAN HOME.

Members of the Bible School class of the Church of Christ, taught by Miss Marjorie Adrian, were entertained with a social at her home Saturday evening. The lawn was the setting for this gay affair, where informal games were played under the direction of Miss Adrian.

Ice cream and cookies were served to the following members and their guests: Misses Christine and Gloria McLeod, Dorothy Joe Strawn, Hazel Wanda Williamson, Lavora Barnes, Vesta Scott and George Helen Lee; Messrs. Mark Williamson, Cullen Cunningham, Dow Williamson, James Strawn and Kenneth Burkhardt.

METHODIST YOUNG PEOPLE.

The young people of the Methodist church met Sunday at twilight, having as their subject "Scripture Meditation" with Hazel Wanda Williamson as leader. A general topic was discussed entitled "Cash and Credit Re-

ward." Responsive reading was given by L. D. Jones and Mrs. Ida V. O'Neal. A hymn was sung, followed by the scripture lesson by Wilson Bright.

"Necessity of Faith in Present undertaking" was the subject of a special address by Miss Beatrice Cooley, vice-president of the organization.

The league benediction was given in concert by thirty-two members.

COLORED REVIVALIST HERE.

A colored revival started here last week and will continue throughout the week. Doing the preaching is Sam Williams of Roby, leader in the colored saints of the Holy Ghost church, (better known as the Holy Rolys). The nightly services are being held in a brush arbor north of the cotton yard. Crowds continue with each service and the colored public has been invited to attend. ("Ye reporter" has been cordially invited to gather all publicity matter possible even to inquiries if the pastor's picture was desired to be published in The Mail.)

Drill Team Guests of Open House at Abilene

Merkel Woodmen Circle drill team girls (14 in number) accepted the invitation and motored to Abilene for the open house meeting of Abilene Grove held in the W. O. W. hall Tuesday night, Aug. 17. The team presented the flag and put on a fancy drill.

About 150 were in attendance and all reported a pleasant time.

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

RURAL SOCIETY

SALT BRANCH CLUB.

The Salt Branch Home Demonstration club met August 12 in the home of Mrs. Carl Baccus. After roll call, the minutes were read and Mrs. Vernon Hudson conducted a drill in parliamentary law.

Plans for three well balanced meals were made by the club members under the supervision of their food demonstrator, Mrs. J. S. Pinckley. Plans were also made for the other meetings of this year. The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. J. R. Hester on the second of September, at which time the county home demonstration agent, Miss Taylor, will be present.

Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess. Those present were Mesdames Carl Baccus, Johnny Cox, Vernon Hudson, Ollie Higgins, Bill Hays, Raymond Higgins, Roy Harrell, Selma Payne, W. U. Beene, J. S. Pinckley, L. B. McClain, Paul Royalty, Misses Ruth Pinckley, Lena Fay Harrell, Celia Hester; visitors, Genevieve Robertson, Wilma Lee Payne, Mrs. Payne, Miss Bigham.

COMPERE CLUB.

Mesdames H. Smith, O. Johnson, Ramsey, Chancey, Marshall, Bristow and Newman gathered in Mrs. Ramsey's home on Aug. 12 for a jelly roll exhibit by Miss Martin. Two children of members were guests; Jeff Ely Chancey and Margaret Ann Bristow.

A called session will be held with Mrs. Marshall, date to be announced later.

Typewriter paper for sale at Merkel Mail office.

Eastern Star Holds Regular Session

Merkel chapter No. 212, Order of the Eastern Star, met in regular stated meeting Tuesday night, Aug. 17. Only eight members were present. Mrs. Lila Rea, associate matron, presided during the absence of Worthy Matron Georgia Allday.

Preparations are being made to celebrate the birthday of Rob Morris, founder of the Order of the Eastern Star, with an old-fashioned basket picnic on the night of Aug. 31 at Shannon's pool at 8 o'clock. Every member of the order is requested to attend and bring a well-filled basket of eats, as an invitation has been extended to the Masons and their wives. It is the desire of the worthy matron that all members take part in helping to put this picnic over in a successful manner.

"The Masons," she said, "have been so kind to the members of the Eastern Star from time to time that we feel that in some small way we would like to show our appreciation toward them; therefore, we are inviting them and their wives to our picnic."

Oldest Mason Dies.

Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Aug. 19.—Charles Joseph Coyle, who set his age at 104 and was credited with being the oldest member of the Masonic order in the country, died Aug. 12.

Favor Black's Confirmation.

Washington, Aug. 19.—The senate judiciary committee voted 13 to 4 to recommend confirmation of Senator Hugo Black of Alabama as justice of the supreme court.

THE RED & WHITE STORES

SPECIALS FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, AUG. 20-21

Bananas, dozen	15c
Oranges, dozen	29c
Lettuce, head	5c
Green Beans, 2 pounds	17c
Rutabagas, pound	5c
Spuds 10 pounds	19c
A-1 Soda	
Crackers, 2 lb. box	19c
Pure Cane	
Sugar, cloth bag, 10 lbs.	49c
Gallon	
Apricots, per can	49c
Supreme	
Peanut Butter, pint	18c
Early Riser	
Coffee, pound	19c
Red and White	
Dressing, pint	25c
Red and White	
Fruit Cocktail, No. 1 can	15c
Red and White	
Flav-R-Jell, package	5c

Beverly	
Potted Meat, 3 cans	10c
Blue and White	
Pork & Beans, per can	7c
Blue and White	
Matches, 6 box carton	19c
Vim Pep	
Dog Food, 3 cans	25c
Seedless	
Raisins, 2 pounds	22c
Iowa Club	
Corn, No. 2 can	11c
Standard	
Green Beans, No. 2 can	10c
Calumet	
Baking Powder, 1 lb. can	22c
Del Dixi	
Sweet Pickles, quart	27c
Huskies, 2 packages	25c
Shortening, 4 lb. carton	52c
Sliced Bacon, lb.	34c
Cheese, pound	23c
Bologna, pound	15c

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STEAK-SUPPER.

Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Sadler entertained at their Lake cottage, Sweetwater, Thursday evening with a steak-supper. Guests, arriving early, enjoying a swim. Canoeing and fishing also were most delightful pastimes. Later steaks were broiled in the open and served with many tempting viands. Games of bridge were played until a late hour.

The guest list included Messrs. and Mesdames Connor Robinson, Bob Corley, Chester Collinsworth, Charles Largent, Wrenn Durham, L. C. Zehn-pfennig, Miss Christine Collins and C. J. Glover.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Bennie Caple of Waco, who has been the summer guest of his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. George Caple, will long remember Monday evening when he was named honoree of a party at Shannon's pool in celebration of his eleventh birthday.

After a delightful swim, games were played on the lawn and refreshments of sandwiches and cold drinks were served. Bennie was also the recipient of many nice gifts. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Bud Winter and daughter, Beatrice, and son, Bud-die, Odell Sweeney and Mr. and Mrs. Caple.

CORPUS CHRISTI GIRL HONORED.

Miss Pearl Mathews entertained a few friends Tuesday afternoon from four till six to compliment Miss Mary Hendricks of Corpus Christi.

Games were played until tea time when refreshments were served to Misses Mary Hendricks, Frances Higgins, Dorma Lee Shelton, Mabel Murry, Comora Hughes, Laverne Harwell, Mary Nell Morgan, Thelma Mathews, Joyce Hayes, Wilma McAninch and the hostess.

LOCAL BRIEFS

Claude Reid, brother of Roy Reid, assumed the management of Reid's Variety store here Tuesday morning, succeeding Raymond McNiece, who had been manager since Mr. Reid opened his store at Santa Anna and moved here. Claude Reid was here when the store first opened in Merkel, having since completed four years service in the marine corps. For the past several weeks he has been connected with the Santa Anna store.

Reports Wednesday were that the Golden Petroleum No. 1 Braune, near View, was drilling about 2,483 feet in the Cook sand. Pay has been found in the View vicinity around 2,500 feet.

For the third Wednesday in succession, light showers fell in this vicinity, temporarily dispelling the protracted hot spell. The late afternoon rainfall Wednesday was gauged at a quarter of an inch by Volunteer Weather Observer Grover Hale.

The Joy Boys, appearing on KRBC at 11:45 each morning, include in their personnel three of Merkel's young musicians: Norman Bicknell, tenor, guitar and vocal; John Duran, guitar, and Winston Polley, bass viol. The editor of The Mail had not learned last week of the addition of the two first named boys to the Joy Boys orchestra.

Lloyd Vick, who went to Port Arthur with the Abilene boxing team last week, was eliminated by Charles Smith of Vernon in the second round.

Owing to the early cotton crop, the merchants of Merkel decided to begin keeping their doors open after 6 p. m., effective last Monday. It had originally been planned to continue early closing until Sept. 1.

THANKS FIREBOYS.

We wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to the Chief Woodrow Wozencraft and the Merkel fireboys for their splendid work in preventing the spread of the fire Wednesday morning from the Guthrie place to our home. In connection with our thanks, we want the fireboys to know there may be something better a little later.

Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Sublett.

Early Morning Fire Destroys Cottage

Fire at 4:30 Wednesday morning almost completely destroyed the Cecil Guthrie cottage near the south end of Oak street, which was occupied at the time by Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Wallace.

The latter lost all their household furnishings and clothing, only a few articles of wearing apparel being saved.

It is understood that the house was insured, but, as the owner resides at Big Spring, the amount was not learned. No insurance was carried on the contents. Origin of the fire is undetermined.

CHURCH SERVICES

Methodist Revival Closes Sunday Night

HEAD TO KUM CMFW al CMFWW Methodist revival services were held indoors Wednesday night because of the shower of rain earlier in the evening. The threatening weather, however, did not prevent a good attendance. Dr. T. W. Brabham, president of McMurry college, is doing some very effective preaching. Services will continue through Sunday night, the evening service to be held outdoors when the weather permits.

The Nazarene church began their revival Wednesday night, under the leadership of Rev. Jimmy Heasley.

Beginning Saturday night, the services will be transferred to the City tabernacle and continue through Aug. 29.

Dr. Frank Hall of Fort Worth arrived Wednesday night to conduct the meeting at the North Side Baptist church. Services will be held each evening. Every one is invited to attend.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

There were 577 present at the six reporting Sunday Schools here last Sunday, as compared with 560 on the previous Sunday. On the same Sunday a year ago 653 were present.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m., but no night preaching service because of the Methodist revival. B. T. S. at 7:15 p. m. W. M. U. at 4 o'clock Monday afternoon. Prayer meeting at 8:15 Wednesday evening.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. No preaching service morning nor evening because of the camp meeting at the Presbyterian encampment grounds at Buffalo Gap, and the prayer meeting service on Wednesday evening is temporarily suspended, because the pastor will be in a revival at Baird. R. A. Walker, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Bible Study Sunday 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Young people's program 7 p. m. Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock a service of song, prayer and Bible study.

Brother E. W. Hampton will preach for Sunday, Aug. 22. Come to our services.

The Elders.

Gins Turn Out 35 Bales Early Cotton

Up to Wednesday noon the Merkel gins had turned out 35 bales of the 1937 crop, and indications are that a steady movement of the staple will begin within a few days.

Changes at the Merkel Gin company, (the former Sam Swann gin,) have about been finished. The gin stands have been completely overhauled and the old round bale machinery junked. A new round bale outfit has been moved here from Paint Rock. H. H. Toombs is to be manager of the Merkel Gin, with Mack Tucker secretary. Jake Massey has been elected manager of the Merkel Farmers' Co-operative gin for 1937-38.

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

Number from Merkel Attend Funeral of James A. Pruitt

James Alexander Pruitt, 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Pruitt of Big Spring and nephew of Mrs. Elmer Lowe, died Friday in Big Spring after a brief, undetermined illness. Burial took place in the Decker community south of Sweetwater. He was an only child.

Mrs. Lowe, who went to Big Spring as soon as she learned of her nephew's illness, will remain there for the rest of the week with her sister.

Her husband, Deputy Sheriff W. E. Lowe, and son, Jack, attended the funeral services. Among others from Merkel were: Dr. and Mrs. L. C. Zehn-pfennig, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley King, Mrs. Fred Guitar, Sr., Mrs. Fred Guitar, Jr., Mrs. Ed. Turner, Mrs. S. D. Gamble, Mrs. Frank McFarland, Miss Vera Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Patterson and daughter, Louise, Mrs. Robert Eddins of Littlefield, and also Mr. and Mrs. Comer Patterson of Abilene.

Work Starts on New Largent Brick Home

Foundations are being poured this week for the handsome story-and-half brick veneer home being erected by Mr. and Mrs. Tom Largent. The plans provide for eight rooms and two baths. Excavations for the basement have already been completed.

Attend Men's District Meeting at Buffalo Gap

Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of Grace Presbyterian church, Mayor and Mrs. Elliott and Tom Douglass attended the camp meeting at the Presbyterian grounds at Buffalo Gap Wednesday, the men having been present at the quarterly district meeting of the men's group of the Abilene presbytery. Tom Douglass is pianist for the men's organization.

The camp meeting under the auspices of the Presbyterian church at Buffalo Gap will continue through Sunday.

Brother-in-Law of Tom Jinkens Dies

S. L. McNay, well known stockman who formerly lived on the Divide, died at Fort Worth Saturday, Aug. 7, and was buried there on the following Tuesday. He was a brother-in-law of Mrs. Tom Jinkens of Merkel and Mrs. A. W. Cook of Dora.

Mr. and Mrs. Jinkens, who were there at the time of his death, remained for the funeral. Among others who attended the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Cook, Louis Cook, Venie Powers, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Bicknell, Leonard Jinkens, from here, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Steele, of Sweetwater, and Mr. and Mrs. John Bryson of Brownfield.

Mrs. McNey accompanied her sister, Mrs. Jinkens, on her return home and is spending several days here. Mrs. Lloyd Jinkens of Fort Worth is also a visitor in the Jinkens home.

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N. Palmer of Noodle At Head of League Hitters for Season

While J. Hollis of Hawley-Truby with an average of .444 leads the Inter-Community league in hitting, according to tabulations furnished by League Statistician Burnis Tucker, including the full 18-game schedule, he has participated in only three games.

Actual leader in season batting is Nolan Palmer of Noodle, who held an average of .385 in seven games. In tabulations two weeks ago, Lefty Hanna, Divide pitcher, topped the sluggers with an average of .385. He is now running close behind Palmer, hitting at a clip of .350 in nine games. H. Bradford of Hawley-Truby is the next ranking hitter with an average of .333.

Nine players are pounding the horseshod to rate in the .300 or better class, as follows:

Table with columns: Player, G, A, B, R, H, Pct. J. Hollis (H) 3 9 2 4 .444, N. Palmer (N) 7 26 3 10 .385, Hanna (D) 9 40 10 14 .350, H. Bradford (H) 5 12 0 4 .333, H. Vick (N) 7 19 2 6 .316, J. Seymore (D) 5 19 2 6 .316, S. Williams (H) 8 32 3 10 .313, B. Jowers (N) 5 13 3 5 .308, D. Seymore (D) 9 36 6 11 .306 (H—Hawley-Truby; D—Divide; N—Noodle.)

OTHER STATISTICS.

Hanna of Divide has garnered 14 hits, greatest number piled up in the season. D. Seymore, also of Divide, ranks second with 11 safeties.

Eleven runs by Latimer (D) set the pace in scoring, with Hanna (D) runner-up with 10 tallies.

S. Williams (H), C. Tittle (T), Latimer (D), Sharp (N) and D. Seymore (D) are each credited with a home run.

S. Williams (H) leads in two-baggers, with an accumulation of 4; B. Bradford (H) and McLean (D) each slammed out three doubles.

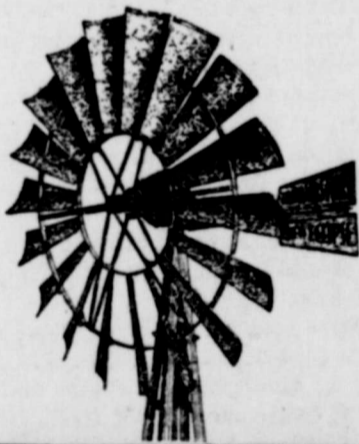
D. Seymore (D) is the only hitter with two triples to his record. Leading base stealers rank as follows: Hamner (T) 5, Grimes (H) 4, Cooley (T) 4, Hammonds (D) 4.

Responsible for batting in 8 runs, D. Jones (D) is the class leader, followed by Hanna (D) 7 and McLean (D) 7 also.

Hanna (D) pitched 70 innings. Next

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in line was Payne (N) who was on the mound 62 2-3 innings. Hanna was winning pitcher in six games, losing only two. Most strike-outs also belong to Hanna, a total of 73. Nearest competitor was L. Jones (T) 35.

Stith, Mars, Noodle Softball Winners

Stith, Mars and Noodle were winners in the softball league the past week, Mars moving up a game nearer the league leaders, the State Bank.

Results were: Stith 13, FFA-Tom Cats 7. Mars 14, Salt Branch 7. Noodle 9, FFA-Tom Cats 4.

For Thursday afternoon of this week two games are scheduled: Lions vs Mars, Stith vs State Bank. Contenders Tuesday are: Salt Branch vs FFA-Tom Cats and Lions vs Noodle; on Thursday, Aug. 26, State Bank and Mars, present league leaders, will meet.

The State Bank of Merkel, entered in the district softball tournament at Sweetwater, were eliminated by Jayton Monday night, 9-1.

LEAGUE STANDING. TEAM— W L Pct. State Bank 4 0 1.000, Mars 3 0 1.000, Lions 2 1 .667, Stith 2 2 .500, Noodle 2 2 .500, FFA-Tom Cats 0 4 .000, Salt Branch 0 4 .000

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

Merkel Hospital Notes

Five tonsillectomies were had at the Merkel sanitarium during the past week: the son of John Dunn of DeLeon, the son of Lyle Cade, two sons of Mrs. Clyde Sears and the son of W. O. Miller.

Frank Hamm, who entered the sanitarium for surgery Aug. 9, was dismissed Monday.

Mrs. Pat Patterson received major surgery Monday, and Mrs. Dale Burleson entered Thursday for treatment. A boy was born Wednesday to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sheppard.

Baseball

(Continued From Page One.) and Divide, of Saturday's game between Hawley-Truby and Noodle and of Monday's game between Divide and Trent appear elsewhere in this issue of The Mail.

Line scores of Tuesday's and Wednesday's game follow:

Table with columns: Team, Score. Divide 011 000 001-3 4 6, Hawley-Truby 001 200 10x-4 8 5, Hanna and Jones; Price and Bradford, Noodle 000 000 001-1 4 6, Trent 130 000 00x-4 5 2, Goode and Sharp; H. Jones and O. Jones.

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