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On the "Broadway of America"

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Texas department store sales last month increased seven per cent over those of February, 1939, the University of Texas bureau of business research reports.

Dr. J. D. Sandefer, 72, president of Hardin-Simmons university since 1909 and nationally known educator, died Friday at his home on the university campus.

Houston, one of the fastest building cities in America, ran up its week's total of new construction past the \$500,000 mark last week. Houston's total for the year is \$6,644,510.

Mary Lou Wade, four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Wade of the Fort Phantom hill community, was fatally burned about 6 p. m. Sunday when her clothing became ignited from an open fireplace at her home.

W. H. McGee, Amarillo salesman, was killed instantly early Monday when his car overturned on the highway seven miles south of Lamesa. State highway patrolmen said the machine apparently got out of control due to a flat tire.

The season's first tarpon, a four-footer, was caught off the Bolivar jetties Saturday by F. T. Prather of Port Arthur.

Little Christine Christian, 3, San Antonio, jerked away from the grasp of her eight-year-old sister, Erline, and ran to her death in front of an automobile. Her mother, Mrs. Hubert Christian, who witnessed the accident, collapsed and was taken to a hospital suffering from shock.

Bob Crowder, 50, unemployed road construction worker, Waco, shot his sister-in-law to death, critically wounded his wife, and then killed himself with a 12-gauge shotgun at Waco Saturday afternoon.

G. B. Dealey, chairman of the board of the Belo corporation, publishers of the Dallas News, has announced that half interest in the radio station WFAA transmitter near Grapevine had been sold to Carter Publications, publishers of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, for \$100,000.

A. A. Sprouse, convicted two weeks before of slaying his wife and sentenced to 99 years, hanged himself in the county jail at McKinney early Saturday. Jailers found Sprouse dangling from a small iron pipe in his cell. He had doubled a heavy cord and made a noose.

Otis E. Manger, Houston upholsterer, backed his automobile out of his driveway Friday and crushed to death his 22-months-old daughter, Rita Marie. The fatality was Houston's 12th in auto accidents this year.

A head-on collision during a rain-storm south of Alice Tuesday claimed the life of Maguin Saenz, 48, of Sejita. Two others, Mrs. Grace Nolte of New York and Elvrio Saenz, Sejita, were injured.

Isabelle Messmer, fugitive from a New Jersey woman's reformatory, was convicted at Odessa Tuesday on a charge of murder in connection with the death of Buford Armstrong, former House of David baseball pitcher, and was sentenced to three years in prison.

Jerry Kinney, 17-year-old high school senior, Dallas, was killed near Duncanville Monday when a rifle in the hands of Bill Adin, a companion, was accidentally discharged during a shooting expedition.

Three prominent Robstown men were killed Wednesday in an automobile-train collision five miles west of Robstown. The dead were Truman Kellam, banker and former mayor of Robstown; Raymond Stubbs, business man, and Steven Holcheck, land owner and farmer.

Flying Cadet William N. Donaldson, 24, of Pawtucket, R. I., Kelly field student, was killed late Wednesday in a crash about three miles north of the field that followed a mid-air plane collision during a routine training flight.

Three men were instantly killed and three others injured near Liberty Monday when a large steel pressure-tank exploded. The dead men: Zollie Carl Gage, 23, Longview; A. L. Alvey, 26, Kaufman, and Owen W. Kerfees, 25, Caddo Mills. All were employees of the Autodesk company of Dallas.

Children of Lloyd Mathewson, factory worker at Cleburne, died Tuesday when a burning corn cobs house across the street from his home fell on them.

GEORGE L. WHITE, VETERAN WORLD WAR, SUCCUMBS

Funeral Rites Held Wednesday; Stores Close for Service; Survived by Wife, Parents, Two Brothers, One Sister.

George L. White, 45, World War veteran, died at 9:45 Tuesday morning at the home of his brother, Pete White, where he had been since Thursday so as to be closer to medical care. Death was due to a heart ailment.

Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon from the Methodist church, with Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of Grace Presbyterian church, officiating, assisted by Rev. John H. Crow, Methodist pastor, and Rev. Cooper Waters, pastor of the First Baptist church. Burial followed in Rose Hill cemetery, with Barrow funeral home in charge.

As a mark of respect to a long-time citizen and World War veteran, the stores remained closed during the hour of the funeral service.

Palbearers were Nolan Palmer, S. D. Gamble, W. E. Lowe of Abilene, John Grable, John Curb and W. L. Blair.

Serving as flower girls were Mesdames Nolan Palmer, Bob McDonald, W. T. Sadler, W. S. J. Brown, Nell Lee, V. B. Sublett, Chester Hutcheson, Roy Largent of Brownwood, Earl Baze and Johnny Cox.

Born in Erath county, he moved with his parents to Merkel 31 years ago. He served 14 months overseas with the 11th Supply Train company and was on the firing line at the time of the Armistice. He was married to Miss Lucille Edwards of Marney on Aug. 15, 1922. Since returning from the war he became an automobile salesman, but had engaged in farming south of Tye the past year. He spent six weeks last fall in the Veterans hospital at Muskogee, Okla.

Surviving are his wife, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. White of Merkel, two brothers, Pete and J. L. White of Merkel, and one sister, Miss Luna White, all of Merkel. Another brother, Earl White, died Dec. 20, 1917, in the army service at Camp Bowie.

Among relatives and friends here

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G. W. Harrell, 87, Claimed By Death

G. W. Harrell, 87, well known retired farmer and resident of this section nearly forty years, died at 6:30 Tuesday morning at his farm home four miles northeast of town. He had been seriously ill for about two weeks.

Funeral services were held at 4:30 Tuesday afternoon from the home, with Rev. John H. Crow, pastor of the Methodist church, officiating, assisted by Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of Grace Presbyterian church. Burial followed in Rose Hill cemetery by the side of his wife, who died in 1921. Barrow Funeral home was in charge.

Palbearers were Hob Robertson, Austin Robertson, Eli Case, Pete Petty, Nim Teaff and J. W. Teaff, Jr.

Serving as flower girls were Misses Selena Teaff, Lola Higgins and Lorena Higgins, Mesdames Jarratt Pinckley, Nim Teaff and Pete Petty.

Born in Kentucky, Mr. Harrell came to Texas when a young man, moving from Bell county to this section 37 years ago, and he had resided on the same farm ever since.

Surviving are three sons, Fred, Dallas, Roy and Lee Harrell, Merkel, and eight grandchildren.

School Census Rolls To Close March 31

The last day of March is the closing day for taking the school census and all parents of children between the ages of 6 and 18 should be careful to see that their children have been enumerated.

In case any children of school age have been overlooked, parents are urged by Supt. Connor Robinson to phone his office or to notify Carl Black, census enumerator, before the time limit expires.

MERKEL ASKED TO OBSERVE DATES, MAR. 31 TO APR. 7, AS CITY CLEAN-UP WEEK

The following proclamation has been issued by Mayor H. C. West urging the Merkel citizens to observe Mar. 31 to Apr. 7 as general clean-up week:

"Whereas the week of Mar. 31 to Apr. 7, 1940, has been designated by Governor W. Lee O'Daniel in his proclamation of Mar. 2nd as Texas Health, Clean-up and Safety week, and

"Whereas the Texas state health department, the state fire insurance department and the state department of public safety have agreed to co-operate with the city officials of Texas cities and towns in the observance of this week; and

"Whereas the aims and accomplishments of this week are:

- "1. To protect community health.
 - "2. To safeguard lives of Texas motorists.
 - "3. To create a better home life.
 - "4. To build up pride of ownership.
 - "5. To increase property values.
 - "6. To beautify communities.
- "Now, therefore, I, H. C. West,

mayor of the city of Merkel, do hereby join with the governor of Texas and officials of the Texas state health department, state fire insurance department and state department of public safety, and do hereby proclaim the week of Mar. 31 to Apr. 7, 1940, as Texas Health, Clean-up and Safety week in Merkel, Texas. The schools, churches, clubs, newspaper, civic and patriotic organizations, boy scouts and girl scouts and all our citizenship are urged to take an active part in the observance of this week. All of these organizations are urged to consult and advise with their city officials as to the best ways and means of conducting this campaign so that the greatest benefits may be derived by all our citizens.

"In testimony whereof, I have hereunto signed my name officially, and caused the seal of the city to be impressed thereon, this 26th day of Mar., A. D. 1940.

(Seal) H. C. West, Mayor.

Attest: W. M. Elliott, City Secretary.

MERKEL NETTERS CAPTURE MEET

Merkel Schools Also Rank High In Literary Events of School Competition.

Merkel netters captured both senior boys' titles in tennis matches of the county meet at Abilene last Friday.

Raymond Smith took singles from Billy Pursur of Trent, 6-1, 6-3, in the finals, and the doubles combination of Earl Morehead and Mickey McLean also won the finals at the expense of Trent players, Lewis Tinker and Kenneth Pursur. The sets were 3-6, 6-2, 7-5.

In literary events, Don Wood won first place in senior boys' declamation; Mildred Browning, first in senior girls' declamation, while Benie Kemper placed third in ward school boys' declamation.

Joy Frances West ranked second in story-telling, while the music memory team composed of Patsy Simpson, Frances Walker, Dorothy Jenkins and Carline Hughes tied with North Park for first place.

The High School entry, Betty Reid, was winner as the ready writer. Mildred Browning placed first in typing, Mildred McLean second, and the Merkel team won first place. The short hand team won by default. Loudale Gray, Betty Reid, Mildred McLean, Evadean Terry and Winona Kelsor are the typists.

Second place in junior boys' singles and doubles in tennis were won by Jack Melton, singles, and Tag Shouse and Billy Tom Hutcheson, doubles.

Merkel is matched with Elmdale at 4:40 Friday afternoon in senior high volleyball.

The junior track team scored 12 points in county meet, winning first in high jump, 4 fourth places and 2 third places.

Jack Melton's leap of 5 feet, 2 inches, enabled him to tie Williams of Lawn for first place in high jump.

The senior boys' track team goes direct to district at Sweetwater on Apr. 6.

Badger Band Heard In Second Broadcast

Presenting a 15-minute program of entertainment from the band hall of the world famous Cowboy band, Hardin-Simmons university, scene of the previous broadcast by the Merkel musicians, the Badger band added another chapter Thursday morning to the rapidly spreading reputation of one of Merkel High school's most active organizations.

The entire High school met at 10:45 to listen to the program from KRBC, Abilene, which included "Onward and Upward March" (Kleffman); novelty march, "There's Something About a Soldier," "Serenade" (G. E. Holmes) and march, "Royal Road" (Kleffman).

MUCH INTEREST ALREADY SHOWN

Number of Entries Have Enlisted in Merkel's Home Beautification Contest.

Eleven home owners and five non-home owners have entered the Merkel home beautification contest sponsored by the Fornightly Study club, assisted by three other clubs, the Junior Study, the Home Demonstration and the Lions clubs.

In the home owner group are Mrs. Norman Hodge, Mrs. Frank Golladay, Mrs. T. G. Bragg, Mrs. A. T. Sheppard, Mrs. W. T. Sadler, Paul West, L. C. Zehnpfennig, Mrs. E. M. McDonald, Cheatham McFarland, Mrs. J. T. Dennis and Mrs. George T. Moore.

In the non-home owner group are Mrs. Andy Shouse, Mrs. I. W. Walling, Mrs. Connor Robinson, Mrs. Wrenn Durham and Mrs. David Gamble.

Mrs. Pete West is chairman of the entry committee, which includes also Mrs. Buck Leach, S. M. Hunter and Mrs. Elma McFarland.

In the original outline of the plan, it was stated that most attractive home and yard would be the basis of judging home owner entries, when it should have been stated "most attractive premises," as the home itself as a structure will not be the basic point in judging.

First prize to home owners will be \$5.00 cash and the Merkel Mail loving cup; second prize, \$2.50 in cash.

Similar prizes of \$5.00 and \$2.50 cash will be offered to non-home owners for the best kept premises.

Final date for entries will be Apr. 10.

By proclamation of Mayor H. C. West, the week of Mar. 31 to Apr. 7 has been designated as clean-up week and all citizens are urged to observe the week in full meaning of the spirit of the proclamation.

Date Set for Concert Of Religious Music

On Sunday, May 12, music lovers of Merkel and surrounding territory are invited to attend a concert of religious music given by the Merkel Badger band in the gymnasium of the High school.

The program will consist mainly of sacred music that people of every denomination know and love. Several solo numbers will be presented by Dorothy Shannon and Don Wood, both of the Badger band. The concert will be at three o'clock and, in keeping with religious ideals, will be free to the public. The program will be published at a later date.

Record of Births.
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Byers Petty, Tuesday, March 26, 1940.

THREE ALDERMEN TO BE NAMED IN CITY ELECTION

Three aldermen are to be elected at the annual city election to be held next Tuesday, Apr. 2, and only three names are on the ticket: Dee Grimes, candidate for re-election, John Mansfield and W. O. Boney. The latter is a former member of the city council.

George W. Boyce is to be election judge. The polls will open at 8 a. m. and close at 6 p. m.

TRUSTEES' ELECTION.
The terms of two trustees of the Merkel Independent School district expire this year: S. D. Gamble and Byers Petty.

Election for school trustees in the district will be held the first Saturday in April, the sixth day of the month.

Kerosene Drink Causes Death of Young Child

Poisoning from kerosene which she drank caused the death shortly before one o'clock Sunday afternoon of little Demerice Lindley, age one year and two months, only child of Mrs. Christine Lindley, employed as clerk at the Abilene hotel, 957 South Third street.

The little child was staying at the Roy Ellison home in the White Church community and was in the bedroom by herself Sunday about 10 a. m. when she drank kerosene from a glass containing the oil which had been used to start a fire in a wood heater. Geneva Ellison, daughter of the household, heard the child cough and went to her aid. She was rushed to the Merkel hospital, dying about an hour after arrival.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 Monday afternoon from the Barrow Funeral home, with Rev. J. B. Stewart, Methodist pastor of the district circuit, officiating. Burial followed in Rose Hill cemetery.

The little child is the granddaughter of I. N. Brown of View, formerly of the White Church community.

B. & P. Women Called To Meet Friday Night

A meeting of the Business and Professional Women's club has been called for Friday night at 8 o'clock at the Lions hall. The purpose of this meeting is to elect permanent officers. Miss Cassandra Sheppard and several of the members of the club in Abilene will be present to assist in the organization and further plans for the work of the Merkel club.

Merkel members are invited to a tea to be given by the Abilene club at 4 p. m. Sunday, Mar. 31, at the Wooten hotel, Abilene. Mrs. Bates Thatcher will review a book, "The Nazarene," written by Sholen Asch, during the program hour of the tea.

Business women of Merkel are urged to be present at the Friday night meeting—it's a good way to support your home town and its civic organizations.

Merkel 20 Years Ago

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, April 2, 1920.)

On last Saturday afternoon about six o'clock Merkel's High School building came near to being destroyed by fire. Had it not been for the heroic work of the fire department, the building and all its contents would have been a total loss.

A deal was consummated last week whereby the Presbyterian church of this city purchased the residence known as the Britton property, which will hereafter be known as the Presbyterian manse. The property was purchased from H. L. Houston for the sum of \$3,000.00.

The sum of \$5,998.45 was the sum raised during the past week for the building fund for Merkel's new Baptist church.

Merkel holds the West Texas championship in senior boys' basketball by virtue of the fact that she is undefeated. Further, she holds the championship cup for boys' basketball in Taylor county and also has-

GOLFERS ELECT ROBINSON NEW CLUB PRESIDENT

Dean Higgins Re-Named Secretary; Scotch Foursome Scheduled, With Qualifying Play To Start Immediately.

At a meeting of the members of the Merkel Golf club held at the Merkel Lions hall Tuesday night, Connor Robinson was elected president, succeeding Dr. L. C. Zehnpfennig. Dean Higgins was re-elected secretary. Committees named are:

Grounds: Norman Hodge, chairman, Clesby Patterson, Clyde Bartlett, Paul Douglas.

Tournament: Pete West, chairman, Byron Patterson, Byers Petty.

Membership: Dean Higgins, Horace Boney.

Entertainment: R. T. Gray, chairman, Otton Owens, Stanley King.

A Scotch foursome is announced by Chairman Pete West of the tournament committee as the first activity on the year's calendar. Qualifying will start immediately, to be completed by Apr. 12. Play will start on the 12th, first round to be completed Apr. 19; semi-finals, Apr. 26, and finals, May 4.

All members are asked to turn in as many scores as possible, with a minimum of 18 holes to qualify. Players will be paired by averaging cards. Cards should be filed with Byers Petty.

The winning team will receive an award of eight golf balls, the runner-up team to be awarded four golf balls.

Mother of Mrs. W. H. Laney Passes Away

Mrs. W. H. Laney, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Laney and daughter, June Rose, Homer Laney and Mrs. Floyd Davis of Big Spring returned Wednesday night from Willow, Okla., where they had gone to attend the funeral of Mrs. Laney's mother, Mrs. Mary B. Hubbard, age 87.

Mrs. Hubbard died Tuesday morning and upon receipt of the news Mrs. Laney and children left just as soon as the daughter, Mrs. Davis, arrived from Big Spring. Burial took place Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Week-End Showers Over Area Spotted

Scattered showers in this section Saturday night were accompanied by electrical and thunder storms, usually coincident with the arrival of spring.

While a narrow strip between Merkel and Trent received from an inch to 1½ inches in a torrential down-pour, only three-eighths of an inch of moisture was registered in the town proper by Grover Hale, volunteer weather observer, bringing the year's total to 3 15-16 inches.

Sears Well is making a Big Flow for the last 27 hours. Large crowds are continually going out to see same. There is talk of new companies being organized amid considerable exchange of leases and royalty.

Miss Blanche Durham, after spending several days between terms with her parents here, left Monday for Dallas where she is attending Southern Methodist university of that city.

Mrs. Earl Lassiter entertained with a luncheon Monday in honor of Mrs. Rufus Grisham of Hillsboro. Local guests were Mrs. Lytton Howard, Mrs. Willie Joe Largent and Mrs. Ergeal Meador.

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RURAL SOCIETY

HAYS-HUGHES.

Miss Mary Lou Hughes and Paxton Hays were united in marriage Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock, with Rev. Cooper Waters, pastor of the First Baptist church, reading the ceremony at the Baptist parsonage.

Only attendants of the couple were Verner Hester and Dorothy Horton. The bride, who was a popular student in Merkel High school, is the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hughes of the Blair community, while the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hays of the Salt Branch community.

They are at home at the present with the groom's parents, where they are receiving best wishes of a host of friends.

UNION RIDGE CLUB.

Mrs. O. E. Harwell was hostess to the Union Ridge Home Demonstration club Friday, Mar. 22.

Mrs. Frank Carr was elected delegate to the recreation council, which meets in Abilene once a month. Miss Mabel McRee gave the council report.

Following the program, brick ice cream and angel food cake were served to Mesdames M. L. Douglas, Leo Harris, Denzel Cox, W. C. Lee, H. D. Clark, Kenneth Pee, Pierce Horton, Clem Watts, Bertie Pee, Weldon McAninch, Misses Mabel McRee, La Verne Douglas, Frances Harwell, Patsy Cox and the hostess.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. Clem Watts on Friday, Apr. 5, at 2:30 o'clock.

BLUEBONNET CLUB.

The Bluebonnet club met on Tuesday, Mar. 26, in the home of Mrs. Elmer Patterson, when an interesting program on poultry, "How to House Poultry" and "The Best Treatment for Poultry Diseases," was given by Mrs. A. R. Toombs. Mrs. W. H. Ensminger and Mrs. Tom Russom.

Plans were made to have a political rally at the Butman tabernacle Friday night, Apr. 12, at which time two short plays will be given by the club women.

A refreshment plate was served to the following members: Mesdames James Simpson, Will Butman, Tom Russom, J. L. Perry, A. L. Farmer, A. R. Toombs, E. H. Martin, W. H. Ensminger, W. C. Perkins, J. Lee Coffman, Ben Butman, S. C. Keith and H. H. Cargill.

BIRTHDAY DINNER.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Sloan named his father, J. M. Sloan, as the honored guest for dinner last Sunday, the occasion being his sixty-ninth birthday.

The following were present: Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Burton, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Jones and son, Billy, all of Stith; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Vantrees, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Vantrees, all of Hodges; Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Scott and Miss Jewel Vantrees, of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Pete Wright of Iowa Park; Miss Juanez Jones, Union; Mr. and Mrs. Troy Sloan, Joan and Harold Sloan, Mrs. Odell Vick and little son, Jimmy, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Sloan and daughter, Geraldine, all of Noodle, and the hosts and little son, Larry.

BLAIR W. M. U.

The Blair W. M. U. met on Tuesday, Mar. 19, with Mrs. J. E. Stewart in charge. The service was opened with a song, followed by the devotional and prayer by Mrs. Hurman Doan. Mrs. H. E. Campbell was in charge of the program introducing "Woman's Work."

Those present were Mesdames J. B. Stewart, J. D. Sandusky, J. H. Doan, Jim Campbell, Pat Addison, V. L. Doan, Mrs. H. E. Campbell, and one visitor, Mrs. J. H. Bishop.

The next meeting will be on Apr. 2 at the church. Those on the program are Mesdames J. B. Stewart, J. H. Doan, Dewey Sandusky, S. L. Scogin, Miss Joy Doan, with Mrs. Hugh Campbell as leader.

EASTER PARTY.

Co-hostesses in entertaining a group of friends with an Easter party on last Friday were Mrs. J. D. Sandusky, Miss Madlyn Brown and Miss Gwendolene Sandusky, in the Sandusky home.

Music and games were enjoyed

H-SU Gentlemen, and Coeds, Prefer Brunettes



KOMA BERYL MAHLER • MABEL BIRD • LILLIAN COWAN
FRANCES DEAN - UNIVERSITY QUEEN
CLARINE MARSH

Brunette favorites outnumbered a blonde—whom gentlemen are said to prefer—four to one as Hardin-Simmons University students, in Abilene, elected class favorites and a campus queen. Frances Dean, El Paso senior who is university queen; KOMA Beryl Mahler, Claude senior; Mabel Bird, Abilene sophomore, and Lillian Cowan, Pecos freshman, all are brunettes. Clarine Marsh, Eastland junior, was the lone blonde to be named. Miss Marsh, a talented soprano, is in New York for special voice study this spring. All will be honored in the beauty section of the Bronco, H-SU, annual.

George L. White

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for the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Bond, E. White, Bill Bradley, Buster Robbins, all of Santo; Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Cook, Odessa; Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Glass and daughter, Sweetwater; W. L. White, Andrews; Mr. and Mrs. Jim White, Virgil Bond, Colorado City; Mrs. Margie Lillius, Mr. and Mrs. George French, Maxine French, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. John H. Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Edwards, Monahan; Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Edwards, Allen Edwards, O. J. Edwards, Maryneal; Mr. and Mrs. Guy Nations, Mr. and Mrs. Hal Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. Hal Nunn, Maryneal; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bland, Miss Jessie Clark, Sweetwater; Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bland, Mrs. Arthur Sears, Mrs. C. F. Sears, Mrs. D. T. Laughter, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Dee Bland and family, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Smith, D. O. Huddleston, Miss Vivian Fryar, Ben Bird, Elmer Lowe, J. T. Gray, L. R. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Patterson, Mrs. V. L. Touchstone, Mrs. A. M. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hughes, all of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Largent, Brownwood, and also a number of ex-service men of Abilene in addition to the names listed.

DIVIDE DOINGS

Old man winter came back again Saturday night and Sunday. Ice was plentiful. A shower that fell Saturday night settled the dust and made everything look fresh.

The Nolan Methodist church is to have its spring revival this week. W. H. Hanks of Brownfield is doing the preaching.

D. W. Jones was moved home Tuesday from Sweetwater, following surgery on Mar. 10.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Porter were called to Midland Saturday on account of the illness of Mrs. Porter's sister, Mrs. Mattie Bromsfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Odell Anderson and baby of Merkel and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Campbell of Noodle were pleasant visitors with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Anderson, Sunday.

Fred Slater and Jasper McCoy were in Abilene Friday attending the stock sale.

R. W. Porter, R. B. Jones, R. R. Petty, Ernest Ensminger and Lester Lister attended a dairy meeting in Sweetwater Monday night.

Francis Wheeler of McMurry college, Abilene, spent the Easter holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Wheeler.

E. Royalty and daughters, Carolyn and Phyllis, Paul Blackaby, Pauline Blackaby and the hostess.

Mrs. Ferguson Again To Run for Governor "If Voters Want Me"

Austin, Mar. 28.—Former Governor Miriam A. Ferguson, in a formal statement announced Saturday that she would be a candidate for governor if enough persons asked her to make the race and called on voters to send a postal card saying they would support her at the primary that she might determine with some degree of certainty as to how the voters feel about her election.

Mrs. Ferguson's statement was titled "If I Should Run for Governor," and she outlined her platform, proposing four cardinal points: First, unqualified support of President Roosevelt for a third term; second, a gross receipts tax of 1½ per cent to pay social security obligations; third, economies in state government by reducing appropriations \$25,000,000, and, fourth, removing discrimination against persons who have reached 45 years of age while yet burdened with the expense of raising their families.

Mrs. Ferguson herself would be seeking a third term, she says in her statement, and because of the past and the future she thinks Texas unhesitatingly should vote for Roosevelt again.

FIFTH SUNDAY SINGING.

Dear Friends: Next Sunday is our Fifth Sunday singing day. All singers and lovers of music are cordially invited to be present to start singing promptly at 10:30 at the Baptist church located in the beautiful little city of Blair, five miles southwest of Merkel. So come, spend the day with us singing gospel songs and let's have a grand glorious good time together. I'm truly hoping my wife, who has now been confined to her room and bed for the past five weeks, will be well enough to attend, or at least for me to attend, but in case conditions are such that we will not be there, some one else will be to fill my place and take charge and the singing go on just the same, and I am fully persuaded that the good people of Blair will bring plenty of eats to take care of all visiting singers and no one will be neglected or overlooked.

Our good friend and merchant at Blair, A. M. Jackson, has offered to donate coffee for the noon lunch. So think of him while you are drinking that good coffee. We are looking for visitors and quartettes from Abilene, Anson, Sweetwater, Hamlin, Roby, Comanche, Wingate, Roscoe, Snyder and probably other places; yet, there is Noodle, a large number of singers coming from there; included in this group Mrs. Opal McLeod, a real alto singer and one that plays any number selected by the leader or class. So tell all singers you meet and send a postcard to those you do not see. Please do not be late; remember the time to start is 10:30 a. m.

Lovingly yours,

Tom Spears.
P. S. All ministers are urged to meet with us in this service.

Former Resident Now Fishing Authority In McLennan County

It might bestir the vague recollections of some of the old-timers that on the authority of one J. D. Hanna, of Waco, one of this city's former citizens, Franklin Lafayette Mathews, now lives in Waco and is connected with the Pure Milk company.

In addition to his success in business he has the distinct honor of being the most quoted fishing authority in McLennan county in Jinx Tucker's "Hot Shots" in the Waco News-Tribune.

Warren Makes Splendid Record At County Meet

The Warren school came home from the Jones county interscholastic meet with one first place prize, one second place and one third place.

Elaine Jones and Gwendolyn McClain won first in 4th and 5th grade spelling. The Choral club won second place in the rural division A and Beauford Buntin, third, in junior boys' declamation.

CARD OF THANKS.

We are deeply grateful to every one for their kind assistance and words of sympathy in the loss of our dear father and grandfather. We wish to thank Dr. Armstrong for his untiring efforts during the illness of our loved one, also we wish to express our thanks for the lovely floral gifts. May God's blessings rest upon all of you.

Lee Harrell,
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Harrell and family,
Mr. and Mrs. Roy Harrell and family.

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Sadler to Reveal Platform Planks In April 4 Hookup

Austin, Mar. 28.—First big blast in the 1940 gubernatorial sweepstakes will be fired Apr. 4 by Jerry Sadler, rugged young member of the Texas railroad commission.

The colorful and dynamic Sadler will reveal his platform and proposals over a state-wide hookup Thursday night, Apr. 4, from 8 to 9 p. m. The broadcast will be carried by radio stations WFAA, WBAP, KPRC and WOAI.

Since his opening announcement, Sadler has been deluged with a mail and telegraphic response and declares that he is now ready to reveal his program to the voters.

"For the first time in my memory we are going to have a campaign in Texas based on issues and not personalities. There is no hocus-pocus about my program," Sadler said. "It is clear-cut, plain and fitted to the pattern of the great Lone Star state."

Political Rally at Butman.

The Bluebonnet Hope Demonstration club is sponsoring a political rally Friday night, Apr. 12, at the Butman tabernacle. Time, 7:30. Every one is invited with a special invitation to candidates.

Rabbit Drive Called Off.

Because of conflicting rabbit drives, the rabbit drive announced for Tuesday, Apr. 2, will not be held in the Warren community.

Typewriter paper for sale at Merkel Mail office.

New Bids Sought for Furnishing Cattle For Summer Rodeos

All bids for furnishing stock for the 1940 series of free rodeos sponsored by the Merchants Trade Extension association of Merkel were rejected at a meeting of the rodeo committee held Monday night and new bids have been asked.

Saturday of this week was set as the final date for filing bids, it was announced by Dr. L. C. Zehnppennig, chairman of the rodeo committee.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our thanks to every one of our friends for their kindness and concern during the illness and death of our Baby Joanne. For every prayer that was offered, for every expression of love and for the lovely floral offerings we give our heartfelt gratitude.

Sincerely,
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NEWS AND PERSONALS

And Mrs. Joe English of Lamesa spent Sunday here visiting Mr. and Mrs. Pete McLeod.

Winslow Beckham of Lamesa with a group of friends was a passing visitor here Sunday while on his way to Abilene to attend the funeral of Dr. Sandefer.

Lillian Edwards has been returned home after undergoing an operation at the Sweetwater hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Taylor and Jo spent Easter with Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Winn, Sr. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor live at Sonora.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Terry and little daughter spent the Easter holidays with relatives.

College-goers who were home for the Easter holidays were: Kirby Steadman of Texas Tech, Lubbock; Fred McCurdy of McMurry, Abilene; Tim McLeod of A. C. C., Abilene; Mildred Young of Hardin-Simmons, Abilene, and James Strawn of John Tarleton, Stephenville.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Dingle and children of Merkel were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Jack English.

Mattie and Cora Scott of Abilene visited relatives and friends here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arch McWilliams and son, Jerry, visited Mrs. McWilliams' mother, Mrs. Jack Bright, the past week-end.

Mrs. W. H. Hale of Eskota spent last week with Mrs. M. B. Jones and Mrs. Mattie Walker.

Mrs. Alex Williamson has returned home from Wichita Falls. Returning with her was her mother, Mrs. C. T. Beckham, and Mrs. Winston. Mrs. Louie McRee underwent an operation for appendicitis Monday at the Merkel hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Woods have as their guest Mrs. Woods' sister, Mrs. Ed Maze of Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stevens went to Amherst last week-end to visit Roy and Bill Stevens, brothers of Earl.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES.

The track team of Trent High school won the county meet in Abilene last week-end with a total of 54 points. This is the second consecutive year for Trent to win county.

A number of faculty and local P. T. A. members attended the district P. T. A. meeting in Abilene this week.

The senior class of the Trent High school will soon present a 3-act comedy drama, "Under Western Skies." The definite date has not been set.

HOWELL REUNION.

Easter Sunday marked the time for the annual reunion of the Howell family. Here for the reunion were:

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Howell and children, Trent; Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Howell and son, Lamesa; Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Smith and daughters, Lubbock; Mrs. Bessie Mae Barber and son, Jim David, Fort Worth; Mrs. Tom Ivey, Sweetwater; Mrs. Bessie Billings and Mrs. Cecil Rutherford and two sons, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bowers and Billie Jo, Trent; Mr. and Mrs. John Howell, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Howell, Trent; Mr. and Mrs. Hen Howell and Betty Lou, Trent; Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Sorrels, Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. Gus Norman, Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Davidson and Eddie, Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Howell, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Lige Howell, Trent, and Mrs. Evelyn Crumpler and son, Abilene.

GIFT SHOWER.

On Tuesday of last week Mrs. De Verle Bishop was given a shower in the home of Mrs. J. Cal Hamner. The Easter theme was carried out in the program and decorations. Guests were received by Mrs. John Strawn and Mrs. Stanley Armour. Little bunny rabbits were pinned on each guest and they registered in an egg-shaped book.

Mrs. Earl Strawn presided over the program. Dorothy Jo Strawn sang "Sweet and Low," Mrs. Fred Hale gave a reading, "Jane's Conquest," Mrs. Joe Nalley gave a talk

on Easter and mother's love, including "Mother's Prayer," by Paul Douglas, and she also told why the Easter egg was given to friends. Mrs. Cal Hamner was "Mother Rabbit." Patricia Ann Beasley, Jimmie Winn, Carolyn McRee and Bobby Fortune were the "four little rabbits" who found the Easter egg and presented it to the honor guest.

Mrs. Stanley Armour and Mrs. John Strawn presided at the punch bowl. Cake, candy, peanuts and punch were served to Mesdames De Verle Bishop, Roy Banner, Oscar Bishop, Fred Hale, Ernest Nemir, Lesley Beasley, H. H. McRee, Hub Kegans, Bry Burkhardt, Elsie Bolin of Abilene, Pink Vessels of Merkel, Charles Reid, J. W. Goode, Fannie Vessels, Robert Harris, R. B. Johnson, P. C. Forrester, Ray Freeman, O. A. Smith, Cal Hamner, T. H. Williamson, Ed Burks, Emmett Horton, A. W. Woods, E. M. Sherman, W. B. Neill, C. Croker, B. L. Faulkner, A. C. Terry, M. W. Faulkner, Archer, C. C. Estep, W. R. Scott, J. R. Gafford, Lois Glasgow, C. T. Beckham, Mary Winston, Elery Smith, Roscoe Owens, Ola Lee Winn, L. Z. Titsworth, W. Y. Steen, Joe Nalley, Alton Boone, J. S. Armour, Earl Strawn, W. M. Owens, John Strawn, G. N. Reynolds, Mammie Gafford, Dorris, Thomas J. Young, R. O. Bailey, Mary Leamons, Ruby Bishop, W. G. Anderson, Bob Billington, T. B. Friend, Robert O'Rear, Garnet Bryant, R. L. Fortune.

Those sending gifts were Mesdames Bo Terry, Lucille Wilks, Virgie Hardy, Ed Bowers, Helen Williams, Jack Bright, Gus Brewer, Leona Dobbins, Johnnie B. Winn, Grandmother Armour, Maurine O'Rear, E. Howell, Fay Howell, Tom Vessels, Erin Pentecost of Winters.

Be Careful of Drinking Water for Your Chicks

(Third of a series of Poultry Pointers to be published weekly.)

Drinking water is the cheapest and yet the most important part of your chicks' diet. Water is essential to the efficient digestion and assimilation of the chicks' food. As in the case of feeders, it is more important to have a large number of waterers rather than a few waterers with large capacity, at least during the first weeks. Take the chill off the water when it is first placed before the chicks or you may find that they will not drink enough of it.

Since water is so important to the existence of the chick and the water fountains are visited so often by all the chicks, it becomes an important medium through which infectious disease may find its way into your flock. It is very hard to eliminate all sources of infection though sanitation, and there may be a few chicks in the flock which are weaker than the others, and they may pick up and then "step up" the virulence of the organism passing it on to the other chicks through the water.

Water fountains should be cleaned and sterilized regularly, and a good double-duty antiseptic and drinking water medicine should be kept in all the water that the chicks have to drink during, at least, the first two weeks. It is no longer necessary to provide special fountains of porcelain or glass for if you obtain a drinking water medicine that is already reduced to its organic form, it will not oxidize when it comes in contact with metal, litter, or other organic matter.

Many successful poultrymen consider the purchase of such scientific aids not only an ounce of prevention but a form of insurance against sources of infection beyond their control. For that reason it is wise to get a product that will do more than just color the water; it should check the growth of disease germs in the water and medicate the digestive tract of the chicks as well.

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The members of the chapter conducting teams that participated in the federation and district leadership contests in January have received certificates of merit on chapter conducting. These certificates were awarded to all boys competing in the contests this year. Boys on the senior team receiving certificates are: Francois Harris, Jerry Warren, Billy Clyde Haynes, Jack Hester, Elmer Patterson, Booth Higgins, Forest Glen Barnett, Roy Coats and Stuart Kelly. Those on the junior team are: Delma Harris, R. V. Clark, Charles England, Donnie Melton, Denzel Melton, Jack Haynes, Franklin Deavers, Clarence Harrell and Ollie Blanton. A certificate for news-writing was received by Clyde Deavers. Some twenty other boys will receive certificates this month on jobs related to their projects. Applications for these have already been sent off for approval.

The date for the annual Father and Son banquet has been set for Apr. 4. Plans are being made by the banquet committee which was appointed by the president. Each year the boys of the chapter bring as their guest their father, with the honorary members being guests of the chapter. The banquet is one of the chapter objectives in the program of work set up by the chapter each year.

A beautification project for the Merkel school grounds has been completed by the first year vocational agriculture class under the direction of Chester Collinsworth, instructor.

The boys set out 75 hedge plants bordering each side of the main entrance to the building, from street to doorway. Other shrubs and flowering plants have been planted on various parts of the campus. Twenty boys assisted in the work.

List of Petit Jurors Called for Next Week

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

Z. L. Johnson, Ben S. Butman, J. F. Holloway, J. B. Crain, W. Burton, Merkel; T. S. Rollins, Ray Kelly, George C. Sewell, J. B. Walls, C. L. Saylor, W. L. Butler, C. B. Manley, T. W. Terrell, J. F. Bright, D. F. McKinney, A. B. Robertson, V. S. Cardwell, J. F. Handy, C. V. Wood, John B. Neil, G. R. Elliott, Cliff Baldwin, R. L. Bland, N. R. Ebberson, C. T. Mershon, L. R. Mayfield, E. L. Blackwell, W. H. Manahan, J. L. Allen, Lee Duckworth, T. O. Pearson, T. S. Higginbotham, W. M. Wilison, Russell Smith, Cullen Wilis, Abilene; W. C. Knight, J. S. Hicks, Dan O'Connell, W. R. Bell, L. J. Groves, Tuscola; M. O. Wollam, Jeff Knight, Bradshaw; J. C. McKee, Ovalo; C. W. Stockton, Buffalo Gap; Theo Kincaid, Tye; H. C. Foster, W. T. Talley, Wingate; J. H. Moody, J. W. Bailey, Guion; G. H. McCarty, Lawn.

Texans Pay Record High Poll Taxes

Austin, Mar. 28.—There will be 1,232,087 votes cast in the democratic primary election next July if the 1938 ratio between poll tax payments and voters is maintained, a poll tax report by State Comptroller George Sheppard showed Saturday. Total poll tax payments, reported by county tax collectors, number 1,259,878, a record high for Texas, exceeding the figure of 1,172,926 in 1936, the last presidential year, by 86,952.

The highest vote ever cast in a Texas election was that of 1,114,885 in the first democratic primary of 1938. The number of poll taxes in 1938 was 1,133,796.

Past records indicate that exempt voters number about 15 per cent of the total number of poll tax holders, which would make the total Texas voting strength for 1940 about 1,450,000.

BLAIR ITEMS

Among those on the sick list are Little Patty Joyce, Buddie Maddera, Baby Moore and Sam Provine.

Misses Lucy Moore, Sallie Malone, Lavern and Comora Hughes and Harrison Malone, students at Texas Tech, Lubbock, arrived home last Wednesday for the Easter vacation.

Mrs. H. E. Farmer, Sr., of White Church was a recent guest of Mrs. Hugh Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Scarborough and daughter, Frances, of Abilene, were recent guests of Mrs. and Mrs. Will Moore.

Mrs. A. M. Jackson and son, Billie, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony, and other relatives of Post.

Z. V. Moore attended the soil con-

servation meeting at Abilene Monday.

Otis Moore made a business trip to Lubbock Monday.

Mrs. Joe Abbott and daughter, Peggy, of Abilene, visited Mrs. Pat Addison Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Frame of Abilene were guests Sunday in the home of their parents, Prof. and Mrs. J. S. Grant.

Blair will entertain the Fifth Sunday singing convention. Everybody is invited.

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QUEEN THEATRE CALENDAR

Friday-Saturday—Double feature, 3 Mesquiteers as "Cowboys from Texas," also Stuart Erwin, Marjorie Weaver in "The Honeymoon's Over;" added, Popeye cartoon and serial.

Saturday "Owl" show, Monday-Tuesday—Kay Kyser's College of Musical Knowledge, "That's Right, You're Wrong;" selected short subjects.

Wednesday-Thursday—John Garfield, Ann Sheridan, Pat O'Brien in "Castle on the Hudson."

Next week preview—"Swanee River."

"The Honeymoon's Over"
Stuart Erwin and Marjorie Weaver are featured in this hilarious domestic comedy by 20th Century-Fox, "The Honeymoon's Over," which shows on the double feature bill at the Queen theatre Friday and Saturday with the 3 Mesquiteers in "Cowboys from Texas."

The film is chuckle-full of incidents, accidents, experiences, adventures and no end of hearty laughs. Stuart realizes "The Honeymoon's Over" when he can't make the income come faster than the outgo goes out, while Marjorie soon discovers the difference between romance in an office and love in a cottage. Of course Marjorie's cute in shorts, but that doesn't pay the bills and it takes a bubble bath to melt their troubles down to the vanishing point!

"That's Right, You're Wrong"
Marking the first film appearance of Kay Kyser and his famous band, "That's Right—You're Wrong," coming to the Queen theatre Saturday preview, Monday and Tuesday, co-stars Kay Kyser and Adolphe Menjou at the head of a brilliant cast in what is said to be the novelty screen hit of the season.

Refreshing in its presentation and its ingenious plot, "That's Right—You're Wrong" is said to come as one of the most entertaining offerings of the year. "The College of Musical Knowledge" radio program with which Kyser achieved radio fame is presented in the course of the story, featuring his entire company including Ginny Simms, Harry Babbitt, Sully Mason and Ish Kabibble, who introduce a notable quintet of catchy new tunes in the hit-parade groove.

As the double-crossing producer, Adolphe Menjou has one of his funniest roles to date. May Robson as Kyser's common-sense grandmother; Lucille Ball as a glamor girl; Dennis O'Keefe as manager; Edward Everett Horton as an eccentric scenarist; Roscoe Karns and Moroni Olsen form the principal support.

David Butler produced and directed "That's Right—You're Wrong" for RKO Radio, and also created the original story in collaboration with William Conselman, who with James V. Kern wrote on the screen play.

Final Report 1939 Crop Shows 11,812,281 Bales

Washington, Mar. 28.—The census bureau announced in its final ginning report of the 1939-40 season that the 1939 cotton crop totaled 11,812,281 equivalent 500-pound bales of lint cotton. The agriculture department estimated 11,792,000 bales for the crop last December.

This year's final figures compare with 11,944,028 bales in the 1938 crop and 18,945,028 bales in the 1937 crop, which was a record.

WARREN NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hobbs and family had as their guests during the past week Mrs. Velma Thomas of Blair and Mr. and Mrs. Pete Walsh of Stith.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bochman of Clyde visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Isenburg and family, and other relatives and friends over the week-end.

Visiting Tom Harvell and Claude last Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Porter Petty and children, Billie Joyce and Jimmie, of Hawley, and J. M. Byrd of Stith.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene McCoy of Hodge were overnight visitors of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Baker and family, last Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Gaston Hobbs and little daughter, Glenda Lou, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. John Hobbs and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Foster drove to Brownwood Sunday and brought Mrs. Busby, grandmother of Mrs. Foster, home with them for a visit.

L. B. McCain spent Saturday and Sunday with his family and friends here.

The young people of the community were entertained with a party given by Mr. and Mrs. U. S. Reeder and daughters last Saturday night. Many games were played and songs were sung and a very pleasant and enjoyable time was reported by all present.

Warren school under supervision of our two very capable teachers, Mrs. L. B. McClain and Miss Nora Foster, was well represented at Anson in county track meet last week. We feel very proud of them and the honors they brought home with them.

Members of the Young People's Sunday School class greatly enjoyed a picnic supper at the school house last Sunday evening around 6 o'clock, after which they all drove to Merkel and attended the evening services at the Church of Christ.

Even though the weather on Easter Sunday was rather nippy, Sunday School and church was carried on as usual beginning at 2:30. In the absence of Collen Smith, Brother E. W. Key, pastor of the Merkel Church of Christ, brought us a very interesting message on "The Four Most Wonderful Things." Every one received a benefit from the service and we extend to Brother Key an invitation to visit us again whenever possible.

We wish to take this opportunity to invite all of our friends of Merkel, Stith, Salt Branch, and all surrounding communities to attend singing with us Friday night, Mar. 29, beginning at 7:30. Come on out and help us make it a success. Further announcements will be made then.

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GOODMAN NEWS

Maudine Howell of Winters spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Howell.

Mr. and Mrs. Jennings Winter and sons, Finis and Louis, also Helen Gordon, of Lamesa, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Winter.

Mr. and Mrs. George Lane and Mrs. B. M. Eckert visited in Breckenridge over the week-end.

Mrs. Gene Cade and daughter visited Mr. and Mrs. Marion Sprattlin of Tye Saturday night.

Clyde Shouse and Ralph Walker of Merkel were Goodman visitors Friday.

Tura James of San Antonio is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert James.

Mrs. B. C. Hodge of Whiteface visited her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Hodge, the past week.

Mrs. E. C. Brown and Mrs. Morris Phillips visited in Sweetwater Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Freeman of White Flat spent Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Washburn and family.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Cade and son visited Grandma Cade Sunday.

Jim Washburn went to San Angelo Tuesday where he has employment.

Several from Goodman went to the rabbit drives at Noodle and White Flat.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Dixon of Golan

visited Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Vancil Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Armstrong and

family visited Rev. and Mrs. J. O. Armstrong of Salt Branch Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Phillips of

Abilene spent the week-end with Mrs. E. C. Brown and Mrs. W. A. Phillips.

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FOR SALE—Motor-driven Maytag square-tubbed washing machine; good condition. See Mrs. Hubert Turner in L. R. Cade house on Oak street.

FOR SALE—1932 Chevrolet coach; good running order; might consider exchange for late model, pay cash difference. City Furniture, Joe Garland.

FOR SALE—A few tons of maize heads at \$17 per ton; good bundled cane, well headed; fine for grinding. See A. W. Hunter, Route 4, Merkel, Texas.

HIGH QUALITY Baby Chicks, \$6.45 and \$7.25 hundred; trays for custom hatching. Sharp's Hatchery, "Quality Chicks."

HAVE PLENTY of state registered cottonseed—Harper Mebane, 8 bushels \$12, \$1.50 per bushel; Kasch, \$1.50 per bushel; Ferguson 406 Elite, \$2.00; limited supply of A. D. Mebane Estate, \$1.60. Next door to post office. F. H. Duncan, Sr., Trent, Texas, Dealer.

FOR SALE—300 bushels Watson's Mebane cottonseed, ginned 17 bales at time; culled \$1.00. W. J. Bicknell, Route 2, Merkel, Texas.

FOR SALE—Used Underwood typewriter, good condition, \$20.00; terms if desired. Merkel Mail.

FOR SALE—We have storage tanks, stock tubs, tank floats, windmills, water well supplies, pipes and fittings. Higginbotham-Bartlett Co.

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—First house north of Christian church. See D. W. Ashby, at Comper, Merkel, Route 1.

FOR RENT—Two nicely furnished bedrooms, with connecting bath; quiet location. Sally Orr.

FOR RENT—Two furnished bedrooms or furnished apartment, on Oak street. Mrs. Pick Allen.

FOR RENT—Two unfurnished rooms. Apply Merkel Ice house.

FOR RENT—South apartment, down stairs, private bath. Merkel Hotel.

TYPEWRITER for rent. Merkel Mail office.

WANTED

WANTED—Prospects for cars; will give \$5.00 cash for prospects where sale of over \$200 is made; 1940 license plates on all cars. O. C. Shouse at Merkel Motor Co.

ANNOUNCEMENTS POLITICAL

(Subject to action of the Democratic Primary in July.)
For County Commissioner, Precinct No. 2:

H. B. (Hob) ROBERTSON.
J. CANON (Re-election.)
W. R. (Bill) SUMPSTER.
BUSTER HORTON.
L. A. (Lem) DUDLEY.
W. R. COX.
D. J. (Dave) ANDERSON.
C. R. (Rufe) TITTLE.
For Commissioner, Precinct No. 4.
JONES COUNTY:
T. A. TUCKER.
For Constable, Precinct No. 5, Taylor County:
C. K. RUSSELL.
P. F. WEST.
EARL DANIEL.
BERT MELTON.
For Sheriff, Taylor County:
W. E. (Elmer) LOWE.
SID H. McADAMS (Re-election.)
W. T. McQUARY.
For County Judge, Jones County:
GILBERT SMITH.
For Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 5:
N. D. COBB (Re-election.)
For County Clerk:
R. E. (Rex) DILLARD.
VIVIAN PRYAR (Re-election.)
For District Judge, 104th Judicial District:
OWEN THOMAS.
District Clerk:
ROY SKAGGS (Re-election.)

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF TEXAS
County of _____
vs.
Greeting:
I, _____, County Clerk,
do hereby command that
_____ of the County of _____
do appear before me at _____
on _____ day of _____,
1940, at _____
to answer the claim of _____
against _____
Dated _____ day of _____, 1940.

County Clerk

heirs, assignees, devisees, and legal representatives of Mrs. Florence E. Jesop, deceased, by making publication of this Citation once in each week for two consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof in some newspaper published in your county, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court, 42nd Judicial District of Taylor county, to be held at the court house thereof, in the City of Abilene, Texas, on the 3rd Monday in April, A. D. 1940, same being the 15th day of April, A. D. 1940, then and there to appear and defend the suit filed in said court on the 19th day of February, 1940, in cause numbered 12,036-A, wherein the City of Merkel, a municipal corporation, is plaintiff, and Mrs. Florence E. Jesop and the unknown heirs, assignees, devisees, and legal representatives of Mrs. Florence E. Jesop, deceased; Mrs. Annie L. Stevens, a feme sole; and J. S. Burkhead and wife, Mrs. J. S. Burkhead, are defendants, and said plaintiffs have impleaded Merkel Independent School District, the State of Texas, and Taylor County, Texas, taxing units in said State, to appear in said cause and for each to file its claim for delinquent taxes against the property, or any part thereof, described in the petition of said plaintiff. The cause of action being alleged as follows:

That suit has been brought by the plaintiffs for the collection of delinquent taxes for the years 1920, 1925, 1926, and 1928 to 1939, inclusive, and for the following amounts, of interest, penalties and costs, to-wit: \$184.71 and court costs allowed by law.

That certain taxing units have intervened in this suit and filed claims for taxes on all or part of the property described in plaintiffs' petition, as follows: Name of intervening taxing unit and the amount of taxes, penalties, interest and costs: Merkel Independent School District, a municipal corporation, \$132.21; State of Texas and County of Taylor, Texas, \$55.51. Said taxes are due upon the following described lands or lots: 100 feet by 140 feet out of the S. W. Corner of Block 18, Colledge Addition, and 20 feet off the West side of Lot 8 and 80 feet off the East side of Lot 9, Block 18, Colledge Addition to the town of Merkel.

Plaintiffs allege a prior and constitutional lien upon said land for said taxes, interest, penalties and all costs allowed by law, and pray for the foreclosure of said lien and sale of said lands for the satisfaction of the same.

Each party to said suit shall take notice of, and plead and answer to, all claims and pleadings now on file and hereafter filed in said cause by all other parties therein.

Herein fail not, but have you before said court, on the first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court in the City of Abilene, Texas, this 11th day of March, A. D. 1940.

ROY SKAGGS,
Clerk of the District Court, Taylor County, Texas.
(SEAL) By Birdie Wilson, Deputy.
Issued this the 11th day of March, A. D. 1940.

ROY SKAGGS,
Clerk of the District Court, Taylor County, Texas.
By Birdie Wilson, Deputy.

Mrs. M. J. Wilhelm Passes 90th Birthday

Mrs. M. J. Wilhelm, who passed her ninetieth birthday on Friday, Mar. 22, was honored with a birthday dinner Sunday in the home of her daughter, Mrs. F. H. Harris.

Mrs. Harris is the mother of thirteen children, of whom ten are living, but only two of them, Mrs. Harris and E. L. Wilhelm of Blackwell, were present for the occasion, together with 8 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Besides Mrs. Harris and Mr. E. L. Wilhelm, other living children are: I. B., Frank and Lude Wilhelm, Comanche; Will Wilhelm, Anadarko, Okla.; Mrs. Sara Jane Wood, Weleetka, Okla.; Mrs. J. G. Nichols, McCamey, and Ed Wilhelm, whose address is unknown. There are 50 grandchildren and more than 60 great-grandchildren.

Present to extend congratulations were Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Wilhelm and children, Toke, Allene and Mrs. Bill Blair, Billie Derrell and Bobby Gunn, of Blackwell; Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Harris, Betty Sue, Jerry and Warren, Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harris, J. H., Bobby Jo and Billie, Trent; Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Cooper and Dorris, Trent; Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Kelley, Willie Faye, Don and W. C., Roscoe; Mr. Harris and Estha, Merkel, and Mrs. J. T. Vessels, Fanny and Dorris, Trent.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

PERSONALS

Here to spend Easter with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Elliott, were Lloyd Elliott of Austin and Claude Elliott of San Marcos. They were accompanied by Misses Janell Black and Evelyn Ensminger, students at West Texas State Teachers college, San Marcos, who spent Easter with their parents.

House guest of Mrs. W. A. Ford is her sister, Mrs. O. S. Campbell of Rotan.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Ashby of Kilgore were week-end visitors with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Ashby. Dick West, student at Trinity university, Waxahachie, returned to school Monday after an Easter visit with his parents, Mayor and Mrs. H. C. West.

Miss Jess Sutphen, who teaches in the Wichita Falls schools, spent the Easter holidays here with her mother, Mrs. J. P. Sutphen.

G. M. Sharp and grandson, Robert Lee, returned Friday from a visit with his son, Dallas Sharp, at Stephenville.

Miss Dorma Lee Shelton returned Monday to Lubbock, where she is attending Texas Tech, after a visit over the Easter holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. I. Shelton. Mr. and Mrs. Velmer Shelton and children of Crosbyton were also visitors several days this week in the Shelton home.

Postmaster and Mrs. Wrenn Durham visited last week-end with Mrs. Durham's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Clements at Brownwood.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Dunn were week-end visitors with Mrs. Dunn's parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Dowell. Sylvan Mellinger, student at the University of Texas, spent the Easter vacation at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Max Mellinger.

Mrs. Paul E. Royalty left by Greyhound bus Thursday morning for Stanford, Ky., where she will remain about a month.

Miss Nell Durham, who had spent the past two weeks with her brother and sister-in-law, Postmaster and Mrs. Wrenn Durham, returned last Friday to Lubbock, accompanying Miss Neweta Cleveland, who spent the week-end there.

Miss Laverne Harwell, student at Texas State College for Women, Denton, spent the Easter vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Harwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Verner E. Jones returned Tuesday to their home at Bagwell after a visit in the Twyman and John Collins homes. They came this far to bring their daughter, Joyce Jones, student at Texas Tech, who went on to Lubbock from here with Truett Patterson, Rachel Patterson, Don Warren and Betty Grimes as they returned to college.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. McAninch had three of their daughters home for the week-end: Aline, who teaches at Goree; Pauline, student at Texas State College for Women, Denton, and Wilma, who is taking a technician's course at the Methodist hospital in Dallas.

J. J. Russell, who has been stationed at Warren, Ohio, the past several months, arrived Tuesday for a visit with his mother, Mrs. J. J. Russell, and other relatives. He left Wednesday for Tulsa, Okla., with prospects that he would be transferred and not return to the Ohio city.

Miss Fredia Harrell of Dallas was guest several days this week of Miss Betty Lu Higgins.

Mrs. Joe Garland and daughter, Mary Jo, have returned from a visit with Mrs. Garland's aunt, Mrs. Bud Peters, at Lott, Texas.

Mrs. John H. Crow and Mrs. Pinky Cypert left Tuesday for Plainview to attend a three day conference of Methodist women. Mrs. Cypert went as delegate from the Methodist woman's missionary society.

CARD OF THANKS.

There are no words that can truly express our sincere gratitude and deep appreciation for the many kind words and loving deeds said and done for us during these dark hours of our bereavement.

We thank you for every word or deed done to brighten these, our darkest hours of grief.
May God bless each and every one of you who is our humble and sincere prayer.
Mrs. George L. White.
Mr. and Mrs. J. J. White and Luna White.
Mr. and Mrs. J. C. White and Family.
Mr. and Mrs. J. L. White and Family.
Mr. and Mrs. Grover Hale.
Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Edwards and Family.

RICE-POPHAM.
Miss Lena Geneva Popham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Popham, and William E. Rice of Sweetwater were united in marriage Saturday evening, with Rev. R. T. Smith, pastor of the Nazarene church, officiating.

Plan Birthday Party for Grandma Causseaux

The children of Mrs. Etta Causseaux are helping their mother celebrate her 70th birthday by giving her a dinner, with open house all day, at her home west of Trent on Sunday, Mar. 31.

Mrs. Causseaux, who was Etta Roberson before her marriage to James Putman Causseaux, was born in North Carolina and, after the death of her parents, was carried to South Carolina by her aunt, Mrs. Rogers, at the age of two years. When she was ten years old, they moved to Texas, settling in Bell county, near Belton. After her marriage to Mr. Causseaux on May 27, 1891, at Temple, they moved to Randall county, 35 miles from Amarillo, Happy being their post office. They lived there seven years, then one year in Borden county, coming to Nolan county, near Trent, in 1899, and this has been her home since.

Mr. Causseaux passed away in 1909, leaving his wife and 8 children. They are Ray and Jay, Abilene; Clay, Fort Worth; Mrs. Knox Statter, Trent; Mrs. Eppie Kemper, Merkel; Mrs. Edna Lowery, Weatherford; Mrs. Jimmie Johnson, Amarillo, and Mrs. Nettie Young, who makes her home with her mother. Mrs. Causseaux has 25 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. She is well known to and loved by every one in the White Flat community, where she is called grandma by all her friends. She has always done more than her share in caring for the sick, with always a friendly smile for every one and always ready to lend a helping hand.

Funeral Rites Here For Edgar Hughes

Funeral services were held at 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the Church of Christ here for Edgar Hughes, 59, well known farmer of the Truby community in Jones county and who formerly lived south of Merkel. A nephew, Paul Southern of Abilene, officiated, burial following in Rose Hill cemetery, with the Lawrence Funeral home of Anson in charge. He had been a member of the Church of Christ for 23 years.

Survivors include his wife, five children, Herman of Hamlin, Verlie and Berlie of Dallas, Emery of San Antonio and Mrs. Paul Walters of Mesilla Park, N. M.; one grandson, a brother and sister and three half-brothers and three half-sisters.

T. & P. Offers Free Long Distance Calls For Shippers' Use

A new service for shippers is announced by A. J. Graham, local agent of the Texas & Pacific railway. Phone calls will be placed free by the local office here to any point on the T. & P. railway for the benefit of shippers who desire to place orders by telephone.

**VOTE FOR
ESCO WALTER**
For
DISTRICT ATTORNEY
104th DISTRICT
Composed of Fisher, Jones and
Taylor Counties

Fun Night at Butman.
Another fun night is announced for Friday night of this week at the Butman school house. Every one is invited to come and have a good time.

If you have lost or found anything, want to buy or sell anything, let the folks know it through **The Mail** want ad column. They read it.

**TUNE IN
Thursday, April 4th
8 to 9 p. m.**

WOAI
San Antonio

WBAP
Fort Worth

KPRC
Houston

WFAA
Dallas



JERRY SADLER
FOR GOVERNOR

SPECIALS

for FRIDAY-SATURDAY



MARCH 29th and 30th

WINESAP APPLES Doz. 15c
ORANGES Doz. 25c
LEMONS Doz. 23c

**SUPREME, GRAHAM
Crackers** 1-lb. box 17c

HOUSE CLEANING SALE
R&W Soap 6 bars 20c
R&W Cleanser Per can 4c
Washo Lge. Pkg. 15c
R&W Lye Per can 8c
Mops Each 25c
Johnson's Wax 1 1-3 lb. 59c
**JOHNSON'S
Liquid Wax** 1 1-3 pint 59c
**JOHNSON'S
Glo-Coat** 1 1-3 pint 59c
Windex Per Bottle 18c

**RED & WHITE
COFFEE** 25c
1-lb. Can

**TEXAS GRAPEFRUIT
Juice** 1/2 gallon can 15c
**TOMATO
Juice** 3 cans 22c

MARKET SPECIALS
LUNCH MEATS Lb. 29c
SLICED BACON Lb. 19c
LIVER 2 lbs. 25c

WEST COMPANY, Merkel
D. C. HERRING & SON, Noodle

CARROTS 2 bunches 5c
CAULIFLOWER Head 15c
SPUDS Strictly No. 1 10 lbs. 23c

STRAWBERRIES 2 pints 25c

**STANDARD
Tuna Fish** 2 cans 25c

**DRIED
PRUNES** 25c
2 lbs.

**RED & WHITE
Grape Juice** Pint 17c

**PURE CANE
10-lb. cloth bag** 50c
SUGAR

**RED & WHITE
Fancy Corn** 2 for 25c

**BIRD BRAND
SHORTENING** 39c
4-lb. carton

**WHOLE
Green Beans** No. 2 can 14c
**CRYSTAL
Spinach** No. 2 can 9c

MARKET SPECIALS
CHUCK ROAST Lb. 17 1/2c
MARGARINE Lb. 15c
CHEESE Lb. 25c

A. W. WOOD, Trent
E. BRADLEY, CO., Stith



ADCOCK-CHADWICK.

The marriage of Miss Johnnie Chadwick and Waymon Adcock was solemnized with an impressive early morning ceremony in a beautiful home setting on Easter Sunday. Elmer Adcock, of Abilene, brother of the groom, performed the ceremony at 8 o'clock.

The bride entered upon the arm of her uncle, Mr. Buck Cook. She was attended by Miss Fay Fikes as maid of honor. Roy Robbins served the groom as best man.

Johnnie made a lovely picture in bridal white lace over satin. Her finger tip veil of elusion was caught with lilies and orange blossoms.

For something old she wore a brooch, worn by her grandmother. Mrs. Anna Cook, when she was Johnnie's age; for something new, a diamond ring, gift of her mother, Mrs. Inez Chadwick of Noodle.

The groom is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Adcock, pioneer family of Merkel. He is the enterprising junior partner of Adcock's Dry cleaners and both he and his bride graduated from Merkel High school in 1938. They drove to Snyder for a short honeymoon trip, after which they will make their home in Merkel.

The Noodle home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Inez Chadwick, was tastily decorated with peach blossoms and immediately after the ceremony at an informal reception, coffee and cake were served.

Present for the ceremony were Mrs. Anna E. Cook, Mrs. Inez Chadwick, Jim Cook, all of Noodle; Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Adcock, Mrs. J. M. Bankhead, Roy Robbins, Miss Fay Fikes, of Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Buck Cook of Anson; Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Adcock and daughter, Nida Ruth, of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Adcock, Jr., and daughter, Jimmie, Mr. and Mrs. Garth Austin, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Westbrook, all of Snyder.

Honoring the bridal couple, Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Adcock were hosts for dinner Sunday noon. Guests were Mrs. Inez Chadwick, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Westbrook and Mr. and Mrs. Garth Austin, Snyder; Miss Fay Fikes, Roy Robbins; Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Adcock, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Adcock, Jr., Snyder, and Mrs. J. M. Bankhead.

UECKERT-KING.

The Easter season set wedding bells to ringing for several splendid young couples, the first of which was the marriage of Miss Annie Mae King to Leo Ueckert on Saturday afternoon. The Rev. E. W. Key, minister of the Church of Christ, performed the ceremony at 2 p. m. at his home on Oak street.

The bride is the lovely daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. King, well known family of the Goodman community. She was a senior of Merkel High school until recently she has assisted her father in the grocery store. For her wedding she was attractively dressed in dusty pink with accessories of black.

The groom is the son of Mrs. P. M. Ueckert, also of Goodman. He was graduated from the Goodman High school and is at present engaged in farming in the Goodman community where they will make their home.

JUNIOR STUDY CLUB.

The Junior Study club met on Thursday, Mar. 14, in the home of Miss Billie Gardner. Mrs. Wrenn Durham, the president, called for reports from all officers.

Mrs. Norman Hodge, a member of the Home Beautification committee, gave in detail a report concerning the rules and qualifications in the contest. Various subjects were mentioned and discussed for study by the club next year.

Miss Christine Collins, a visitor, gave an interesting sketch of the life and works of several Texas musicians and composers, and Mrs. Hodge sang two selections by Texas composers. As the program was based on regional novels, Miss Gardner very interestingly reviewed "Shifting Winds" by Katherine Cotton.

Those answering roll call were Mesdames Chester Collinsworth, J. E. Boaz, Jr., Wrenn Durham, R. M. Ferguson, Norman Hodge, Pete West, David Gamble, Elmo Collins, Andy Shouse, Byron Patterson, L. C. Zehnpennig, Urban Zehnpennig, George T. Moore, I. W. Walling, John Grable, W. T. Sadler; Misses Mary Collins, Agnes Clark, Mildred Hamm, Helen Reddell, Imogene Schulze, Frances Largent and the hostess, Miss Gardner.

The club met Thursday, Mar. 21, in regular meeting at the High School gymnasium. Mrs. Comer Haynes directed a one-act drama, "Cabbages" which the club enjoyed very much. Those in the cast were Homer Tye, Mildred McLean, Euvalda Fox, Mildred Browning, Micky McLean, Mildred Smith and Arlie Joe Barron.

Mrs. Durham held a short business session at which time plans were made for a social in April.

Those present were Mesdames J. E. Boaz, Jr., Chester Collinsworth, Wrenn Durham, Pat Davis, R. M. Ferguson, Norman Hodge, Pete West, David Gamble, Elmo Collins, Andy Shouse, Byron Patterson, L. C. Zehnpennig, Urban Zehnpennig, I. W. Walling; Misses Imogene Schulze, Billie Gardner, Frances Largent and Mildred Hamm.

HYLTON MEMBERS INITIATED.

Five members of the newly organized Bessie Grove No. 2184 of Hylton Grove were initiated by the Merkel Grove No. 563 of the Supreme Forest, Woodmen Circle, last Thursday afternoon. The Bessie Grove includes Blackwell and Hylton.

Mrs. Hattie E. Derrick, a new member, transferred from Stamford, was presented a 25-year-pin, and Mrs. Rufe Tittle, who was not present, will also receive a 25-year-pin.

Mrs. Katie Kidwell informed the Grove that her district meeting would be June 13 in Lamesa. She asked the local team to put on the initiatory work. Mrs. Winnie Turner of Merkel is the district president.

Talks were made by all on the good of the society. The secretary read a letter of appreciation from the T. R. Lassiter family.

Delicious ice cream and cookies were served to the following guests: Mesdames Gracie Waggoner, Ruby Waggoner, Grace Moore, Thelma Blair and Miss Gladys Waggoner of Hylton, and Mrs. Katie Kidwell of Abilene, and the following members: Mesdames Lillie Barnett, Irene Barnes, Lucy Bonneaux, Ruby Barnett, Katie Church, Hattie E. Derrick, Rosie Mae Howell, Pearl Hollingsworth, Lillian Mathews, Edith Perry, Nancy Polley, Verdie Patterson, Bea Reeves, Mae Seago, Winnie Turner, Alice Wallace and Misses Betty Lou Howell, Pearl Mathews, Norma Patton, Maurine and Clara B. White.

DEMONSTRATION GIVEN.

Twelve women were present Tuesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Andy Shouse for a demonstration by Miss Hattie Tacker, county agent, of filling of a feather comfort. Those present were Mrs. Clyde Shouse, Mrs. C. L. Daniel, Mrs. O. N. Buford, Miss Wynnonne Coop, Vin-

nie Dee Michie, Mrs. E. N. Brown, Mrs. F. A. Polley, Mrs. J. Ben Campbell, Miss Alessa Kincannon, Miss Hattie Tacker, Mrs. E. B. Wallace and Mrs. Shouse.

JOINT BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.

Birthdays of Rev. Cooper Waters, pastor of the First Baptist church, and Mrs. Waters, also Mrs. Alvin Wozencraft and her sister, Miss Grove Ford, all falling within a few days of each other, the four were named honored guests by Mrs. W. A. Ford for a chicken dinner in her home on Friday evening of last week. Two birthday cakes were cut.

Other guests were Mrs. O. S. Campbell of Rotan, sister of Mrs. Ford, Mrs. S. R. Dwiggin and little Ann Lake Waters.

BAPTIST CIRCLE.

The Maybelle Taylor Circle of the First Baptist church met Monday afternoon in the home of Mrs. A. R. Booth, who gave the opening prayer.

Mrs. W. A. Ford presided over the short business meeting. A letter of thanks to the Merkel W. M. U. from E. M. Collier, superintendent, for the February hospital linen shower was read. Mrs. Ford is arranging to have a box packed with new clothes for the Buckner's Orphans home for next circle meeting.

Mrs. Lum Gilbreath gave an interesting Bible study outlining the Old Testament through the book of Kings. Mrs. Ford closed the meeting with prayer.

Those present were Mesdames Clyde Bartlett, Owen Robertson, W. A. Ford, A. R. Booth and Lum Gilbreath.

The Circle will meet Apr. 8 with Mrs. Clyde Bartlett.

Returned Missionary From China to Speak

At 7:45 next Tuesday evening a returned missionary from China, Rev. Peter King, will speak at the Nazarene church. It will be a treat to any one to hear him and we will appreciate a good crowd for him. He will tell many of the customs in China, which will be very interesting. So come and hear him.

Services Sunday and throughout the week as usual.

R. T. Smith, Pastor.

Sacred Harp Singing Convention At Hodges

At Hodges the old Sacred Harp Singing convention will meet Sunday, Mar. 31, for all-day singing. Lunch will be served at noon. Lee Welch is president of the convention and T. L. Grace of Rule, secretary. Every one is invited to come, bring their books and enjoy some real singing.

Hospital Notes.

Mrs. Fenton Boyd of Trent was admitted to the Merkel hospital Thursday, Mar. 21, for surgery.

Brooks Patterson, well known Merkel grocer and market man, who received major surgery Saturday, is reported getting along nicely.

E. P. Alexander of Sweetwater entered the hospital Monday for treatment.

Mrs. Louie McRee of Trent had major surgery Tuesday. A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Byers Petty at the hospital Tuesday.

LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS

A 1933 Chevrolet coach belonging to a Mr. Riley caught fire about 8 o'clock Saturday night as he drove up to the curbing to park alongside of the Farmers State bank building. When he stopped his car, the blaze from the wiring system was coming up under the floor boards. The fire was extinguished shortly after the arrival of the department.

Dr. L. C. Zehnpennig, past president of the Merkel Lions club, Stanley King, first vice-president, Nolan Palmer, Lion tamer, and Secretary Wrenn Durham attended the luncheon of the Abilene Lions club Thursday at noon at the Hilton hotel, at which the Lions International vice-president, George R. Jordan of Dallas, was the special guest.

At a meeting of the Merkel Volunteer Fire department held Monday night, Chief John Mansfield, President Bob Fowler and City Marshal D. H. Vaughn were named delegates to the quarterly meeting of the Mid-West Texas Firemen's association to be held in Snyder Thursday, Apr. 4.

Pat Patterson of Tuscola has moved to Merkel and opened a garage in the stucco building, corner Elm and Lamar, recently purchased and improved by Joe Gariland. He and his family are also occupying living quarters there.

In The Churches

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE. There were 497 present at the six reporting Sunday Schools here last Sunday, as compared with 587 the previous week. On the same Sunday a year ago the attendance was 628.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH. Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. Training Service 6:45 p. m. Evening sermon 7:30. Wednesday evening prayer service at 7:30 o'clock. Cooper Waters, Pastor. W. J. Largent, Sunday School Superintendent. Will H. Grimes, B. T. U. Director.

BAPTIST W. M. U. Monday, Apr. 1, is the date for the business meeting of the W. M. U. of the First Baptist church, which will be at the church at 3 p. m. Let all officers and chairmen be present. This is time for reports.

METHODIST CHURCH. Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. Morning worship at 11 o'clock. Young

Series of Meetings Will Start Sunday At Church of Christ

The Church of Christ is planning a series of meetings to begin Sunday morning, Mar. 31, and continue through Sunday, Apr. 7. Only night services through the week. We plan to begin promptly at 7:45 and dismiss promptly at 8:45 each evening.

This meeting is to be conducted by home forces. E. W. Key, the local minister, is to do the preaching, and Don Wood will have charge of the song services.

"The Bible" will be the subject at each and every service during this meeting. Do you care to engage in a study of the Bible? Perhaps we can learn some things that will do us good. These lessons will be presented without prejudice or favor. Below is a list of the subjects and the time they will be presented:

Sunday morning, Mar. 31—"What Shall a Bible Preacher Preach?" Sunday evening—"Is the Bible the Word of God?"

Monday evening—"Our Attitude Toward the Bible."

Tuesday evening—"Proper Divisions of the Bible."

Wednesday evening—"Laws of the Bible."

Thursday evening—"God's Power Through the Bible."

Friday evening—"Old and New Testaments Compared."

Sunday morning—"Three Methods of Bible Teaching."

Sunday evening—"Promises of the Bible."

You are cordially invited to come and be with us in any or all of these meetings. Since the Bible is to be our theme all through this meeting, if you have a question that is troubling you, please feel free to present it to the speaker and it will be carefully considered. If he knows the answer he will be glad to give it to you.

E. W. Key, Minister.

Presbyterians Gather, Observe Church Night

"Church Night for Everybody," at Grace Presbyterian church Wednesday night, brought out a goodly number of members of the church and congregation who enjoyed a bountiful supper of sandwiches, cakes and pies served with "Sanka," followed by an interesting and inspiring program.

Mrs. John West and Mrs. Connor Robinson were in charge of arrangements and the program that was directed by the pastor, Rev. R. A. Walker. Invocation was given by Rev. Mr. Walker and, after the supper was served, songs were directed by Supt. Connor Robinson and W. M. Elliott led in prayer.

Doris Dudley gave a reading, "My Chum," and her little brother, Don, another reading, of the humorous type, "My Dad's Auto." Marjorie Ann Walker's selection was "Robin Red Breast and His Cherry Pie."

Reports of Sunday School and church activities were covered in talks by C. J. Glover, superintendent of the Sunday School; W. M. Elliott, clerk of the session; Mrs. Connor Robinson, president of the Woman's Missionary society, and the following teachers: Mrs. George F. West, Willing Workers class; Mrs. John West, the Builders class; John West, men's Bible class; Miss Mamie Ellis, young people's class, and Mrs. W. M. Elliott, junior class.

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people's meeting at 7 p. m. Evening worship at 7:45. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock. John H. Crow, Pastor.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S LEAGUE. "Finding Beauty in the Lives Around Us," (series 2 in Highroad,) will be the subject for the Young People's League of the Methodist church for Sunday evening. The program follows:

Leader, Frances Foster; hymn, "O, Master, Let Me Walk With Thee;" Scripture reading, I Cor. 13:4-7, Betty Lu Higgins; prayer, Louise Patterson; "The Widow's Mite," by leader; hymn, "I Would Be True;" "White Plumes Waving," Dorothy Shannon; story, "One of Those Days," Tommie Grimes; business meeting. —Reporter.

INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE. Members of the Intermediate department of the Methodist church met and organized an Intermediate League Sunday evening. If you are between the ages of 11 and 16, we would like for you to meet with us next Sunday at 7 o'clock.

Evelyn Sears was elected president; Gwendolyn Vaughn, vice-president; Virgil Sears, secretary-treasurer; Mary Faye Johnson, song leader. These officers will serve three months.

"Hymns of Christian Brotherhood" will be the subject for the program for Sunday, Mar. 31, as follows: song, prayer, Scripture, Amos 5:24, Luke 11:2, Matt. 21:12, Virgil Sears; hymn story, "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life," Gwendolyn Vaughn; hymn story, "O Young and

Fearless Prophet," hymn story, "Jesus," Faye Johnson, song, Lesson.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Everyone is cordially invited to these services. Strangers welcome. R. A. Walker, Pastor.

FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Saturday night preaching service at 7:30. Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30.

R. U. Rister, Pastor.

NAZARENE W. M. S.

The woman's missionary society of the Nazarene church met in the home of Mrs. R. T. Smith last Thursday for their afternoon's work, with six members present. Prayer was led by Mrs. Stapleton and Mrs. Smith. Members present were Mesdames Stapleton, Loy Walker, Dora Kell, R. T. Smith, Cora Curb and W. L. Davis.

NUBIA LEAGUE.

The Nubia League started early last Sunday so the Missionary society could put on an Easter program, which they prepared. We want the many visitors to come back to our regular programs. Since 7 o'clock is early now, we will start at 7:50 o'clock. Every one is invited to come. —Reporter.

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