

BLAIR ITEMS

Rev. Charles Williams, Baptist pastor of Buffalo Gap, is to fill his regular appointment at the Baptist church Sunday, June 9. Every one is cordially invited to attend these services.

Mrs. Pat Addison attended the graduation exercises at Abilene Tuesday of her daughter, Madlyn Addison. Miss Madlyn accompanied her mother home for several days' stay with home folks and other relatives. Master Bruce Freeman is also a guest in this home for the week.

Miss Fannie Lois Jackson has returned home after two weeks' visit with relatives at Carthage. She was accompanied by Bess James of that place for an indefinite stay in the home of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Jackson.

Mesdames Price Melton, S. L. Scogin and A. M. Jackson visited Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Doan of Clyde the past week.

John Mack Grant has returned

home after several days' visit with his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Frame, of Abilene.

J. Cavett of Sweetwater left over the Santa Fe Friday for his home after several days' visit with his son, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cavett.

Miss Sarah Malone, Harrison Malone, Miss Lucy Moore and Misses Lavera and Comora Hughes, students at Texas Tech, Lubbock, have returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Malone and son are visiting their son in Abilene and three daughters of Hamby for an indefinite time.

Hugh Campbell dined in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Spurgeon Scott of Trent Saturday.

Seventh graders of the Blair school receiving the American Legion awards for outstanding records in scholarship and citizenship were Durwood Doan and Mary Sue Grant.

The Epworth League met Sunday night with John Mack Grant presiding. Mrs. A. M. Jackson was song leader, with Gwendolyn Sandusky at the piano. The opening prayer was led by Jim Campbell, and A. M. Jackson gave the Scripture reading.

Others on the program were Fannie Lou Jackson, S. L. Scogin, Gwendolyn Sandusky, Jimmie Nell Horton, Nell Scogin, Mrs. E. J. Orsborn, Mrs. Pat Addison, Miss Madlyn Addison, Abilene, with Miss Louise Addison, group leader. John Mack Grant resigned as president and Miss Joy Doan was elected to the place; J. D. Sandusky was elected vice-president.

Miss Lena Faye Orsborn, group leader No. 1, and the group will entertain Miss Louise Addison and group No. 2 with a social at the M. E. church Friday, June 21.

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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Weldon Tittle of Austin is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rufe Tittle, for a few days.

Mrs. Casey Wash of Odessa and Zolyne are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. John Strawn and family went to Greenville last Sunday.

Hazel Dell Clinton has been operating the Courtesy Beauty shoppe in the absence of Ada Gray the past week.

Mrs. Arch McWilliams and Jerry of Snyder are spending a few days here. Also here is Mrs. R. W. Darby of Borger. Mrs. McWilliams and Mrs. Darby are sisters and are visiting their mother, Mrs. Jack Bright.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Friend and boys have gone to Brownwood where they will spend the summer.

Lindly Burl Jones of Crane is visiting with relatives here and is to remain for about two weeks.

Mrs. W. H. Hale, who has been living at Eskota, has moved to her old home place west of town.

Hazel Wanda Williamson, a student in McMurry college, is here to spend the summer.

Ola Lee Winn spent a few days last week with Mrs. Maude Alexander of Hobbs, N. M.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe English of Lamesa were passing guests here last week while on their way to Dallas.

Quite a few people from here attended the home-coming at White Flat Sunday.

Mrs. Rudolph Shannon of Fort Stockton was a recent visitor.

Ruth Marie Murdock of Sweetwater has been visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Archer.

The seventh grade class returned last Friday evening from a tour of important and very interesting points in Texas. They visited the Alamo at San Antonio, and the state capitol and other places. Two seventh graders, Buddy Winter and June Riggs, were recipients of awards from the Parramore Post, American Legion, Abilene, for outstanding records in scholarship and citizenship, presented at the fifth annual graduation program held in May at the veterans' club house, Abilene.

Dr. Thomas Taylor, president of Howard Payne, Brownwood, who delivered the address to the seniors last Friday, spoke on "Preparedness." After his address, Mrs. Bud Winter, president of the local P. T. A., was presented a medallion and key for being voted the person who had been most faithful in the interests of the school.

Mrs. Joe Nalley went to Temple Sunday where she will attend the commencement exercises of the senior class of Scott and White Hospital Training School for Nurses. She will be the guest of a cousin finishing in this class. The Nalley family visited for a few hours in the home of Mrs. Nalley's brother of Putnam, and Mr. Nalley and girls accompanied Mrs. Nalley as far as Eastland.

FAULKNER-ROTAN.

Homer Faulkner of Trent and Miss Ferriell Rotan of Nolan, Texas, were united in marriage last Saturday. Mrs. Faulkner, who graduated this year from the Divide school, is the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. Rotan of Nolan. Homer, who also graduated this year from the Trent school, is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Faulkner of this city.

KING REUNION.

The State Park of Buffalo Gap was the scene Sunday of a reunion of the E. W. Kings. Those attending the reunion besides Mr. and Mrs. E. W. King were: W. L. Gray of Bremerton, Wash., Mr. and Mrs. Parish Gray and family, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gray and sons, James and Lee Roy of Lamesa, N. M.; Raymond Gray of Las Cruces, N. M., and his daughter, Annie Fay Gray, of El Paso; Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Gray of Forney, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Gray and sons, Morris and Joe of Detroit, Texas; Mrs. King's mother, Mrs. Gray, Mr. and Mrs. Clement Stewart of Caps; Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Buster and children, Bobbie Louise, Patsy and Billy Tom of Caps and Lady Jane Anderson of Abilene.

EASON CLUB.

The Eason Sisters-in-law club met Sunday, June 2, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Eason of route 2, Merkel, it being the occasion of Mrs. Eason's birthday. Their sons, Terrill and Jimmie, and their families of Big Spring arrived by 12 o'clock Saturday night. Also from Big Spring were S. T. Eason and daughter, Mrs. Gilmore, George and Bettie Holt and Anna Waters, Mrs. R. B. Johnson, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Johnson, Jr., and Jeannie of Trent, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Stephenson

Reynolds Family Holds Reunion

Annual reunion of the Reynolds family was held at Abilene state park Sunday. A picnic lunch, swimming, skating and visiting featured the day.

Members of the family attending were: Mrs. T. E. Reynolds, Mrs. Willie Perry and daughter, Cleon, Mr. and Mrs. John Dudley, all of Quanah; Joyce and Johnnie Vaughn of Divide; Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Perry and daughter, Larose, from View; Mr. and Mrs. Cramer Reynolds and son, Oris, and Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Perry from Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Elias Pruitt and sons, Aulton and Marvin, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Pruitt, all of Tye; Mrs. Effie Pruitt and daughter, Loretta, T. G. Pruitt, Mr. and Mrs. Forest Reynolds and son, Hugh Earnest, and Frank Reynolds, all of Abilene; Mrs. Vance Cotten and children, V. B. and Dorothy Jo, Mr. and Mrs. Buck Black, all from Albany; Mrs. Ella Wilemon of Hamlin.

Others attending the reunion were: Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Gatewood and daughter, Mary Louise, Tommy Griggs, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Bressie and daughter, Betty Jean, all of Stamford; Mr. and Mrs. Buck Wilemon, all of Hamlin; Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Woodard of Wylie; Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Mason and daughters, Lula Jane and Patricia Jean, of San Angelo; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Tripp and daughter, Virginia, and Francis Thompson, all of Abilene; Darma Jean Buck and Imogene Cooper, both of Divide.

Leave for Knudsen.

New York, June 6.—Directors of General Motors Corp., Monday granted a leave of absence to William S. Knudsen, president, so that he may devote full time to his duties as a member of the national defense council.

of Rotan, Emmett Eason and Mrs. Eason of San Angelo.

There was more food than twice that number could have eaten. A good time was had by all and all had left for their separate homes by five o'clock intending to meet July 28 in the home of Mrs. Stephenson of Rotan.



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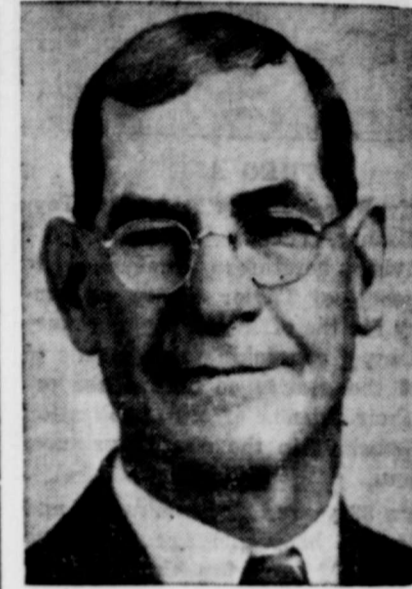
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OBITUARY

IN MEMORY OF GRANDMOTHER MEEKS.

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

For 81 years Grandmother Meeks was a Christian into whose life came the bounties of many promises in the Bible fulfilled in her day.

She, being dead, yet speaketh—the historic background of her life has been written deep and everlasting into the lives of her children and grandchildren. Ninety-seven years the clock of life gave this noble woman power to speak of many experiences and great rewards to a life rare and sacred, and what beautiful flowers covered the mound of such a beautiful life!

The entire community extends the tenderest sympathy to the bereaved ones.

A Friend, Mrs. Hugh Campbell.

Theo Ash Solicits Support In Race for County Attorney



THEO ASH

To My Friends and Citizens of Taylor County, Texas:

Having heretofore announced to the people of Taylor county my candidacy for the office of Taylor county attorney, I am taking this means to solicit the assistance of the readers and their friends of this publication in my behalf in the coming primary election.

I am 33 years of age, married, and we have a baby girl age 7. I have lived in Abilene for the past 18 years, having attended Abilene High school and Hardin-Simmons university. I secured my license to practice law by home study efforts, and have been practicing law in the courts of Texas for the past six years.

During the years I have been your justice of the peace, I have made every effort to carry out the important duties of the office in detail, with close attention to strict enforcement of our laws as they are written, yet with fairness, impartiality and equitable justice to every person coming into the court. I believe that every person, no matter what his social or financial standing may be is entitled to the same rights and equality in this office or any other office.



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In doing these things and performing these duties, the experience gained and the knowledge gained has enabled me to become qualified to render Taylor county efficient, fair and impartial service in the county attorney's office in investigating and prosecuting criminal cases to effect.

I have been a member of the Baptist church for many years and have attended the Victory Men's Bible class for the past 8 years. I have worked hard and diligently in my present office, and have conducted my public and private life in such a manner as to merit your confidence and trust. The county attorney's job is the next step up for me, and it has been your custom when one has served efficiently and qualified himself, to promote him to the county attorney's office.

Respectfully submitted, THEO ASH.

More Than 200 At White Flat Picnic

More than 200 ex-settlers, residents and friends gathered Sunday at the White Flat school for home-coming and a basket dinner served at noon.

A. H. McElmurray presided for the morning singing, and to introduce guests.

A barbecued dinner with cakes and pies was served.

STOP, LOOK, LISTEN!

Save your pennies, save your laughs to see the three-act play, "Aunt Tillie Goes to Town," to be presented at the Butman tabernacle on June 14, sponsored by the Nubia League.

If you want to laugh and have fun, don't fail to see "Aunt Tillie Goes to Town."

Mrs. Don Riney is president of the Nubia League, Nell Butman, reporter.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the many friends for their assistance and kind words of sympathy during the illness and death of our dear mother. We will always remember the friends and neighbors who were so kind to us in our sorrow.

May God's blessings rest upon all of you.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Harris and Family.

Adding machine rolls 15c or two for 25c; regular retail price everywhere. For sale at the Merkel Mail.

Ranking Contestants In Each Event Listed

The ten highest ranking contestants for the seasonal prizes in calf roping and cow-milking, offered by the Merchants Trade Extension association of Merkel, and the five ranking contestants in three riding divisions are printed below.

Cash prizes totaling \$100 are to be awarded to the contestants making the best averages in each of the five divisions during the series of shows.

In the standing of contestants listed below, averages in calf roping and cow milking are in seconds and decimal fractions thereof, while in the riding events averages are based on percentages. (Figure in parenthesis indicates number of shows participated in.)

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Ask Congress Stay On Job. Washington, June 6.—A conference of house republicans unanimously demanded Monday that congress stay in session "as long as the interest of the country requires."

Flag Salute Law Upheld. Washington, June 6.—The supreme court ruled Monday that school children may legally be required to salute the American flag to promote patriotism.

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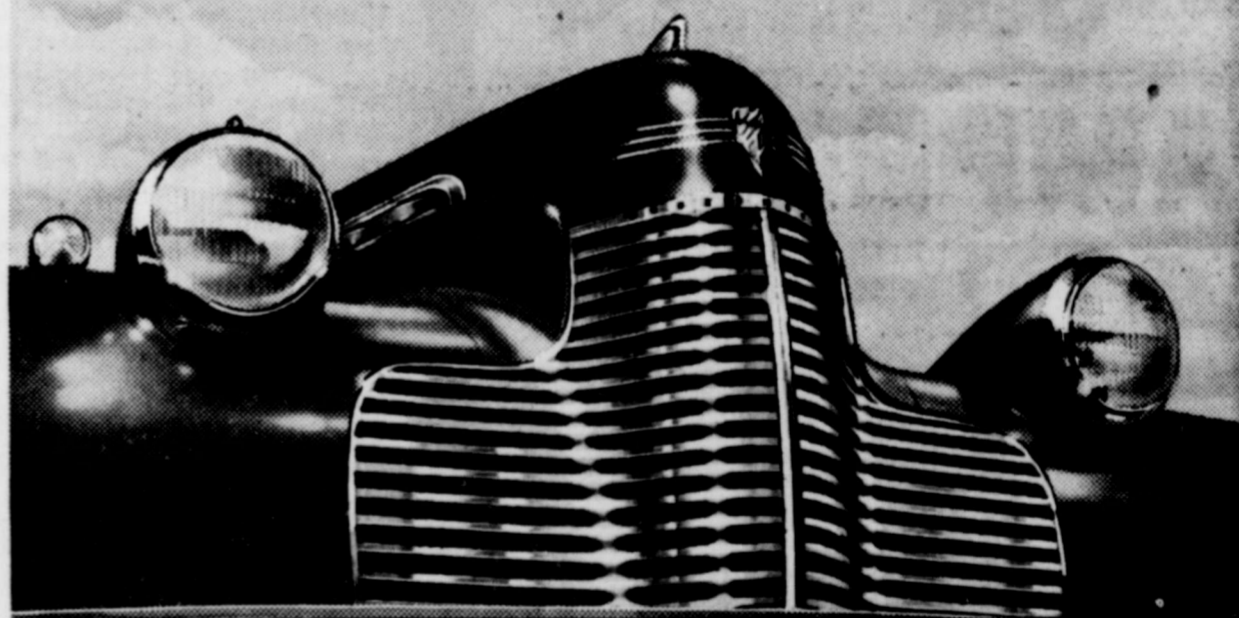
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