# Keeping Up With Texas

The name of Dan Moody, which friends recently filed in the gubernatorial bracket, was dropped from the list of those certified by the state democratic executive committee to county committees for printing on the July ballot after Moody stated he would not become a candidate.

Alvin C. Jeter, 25, unemployed Wichitan, was drowned in Lake Wichita late Saturday afternoon when the tiny rowboat in which he was running a trotline overturned in the rough water.

J. Dixie Hardcastle, 16, of Devine, was killed and seven persons were injured Monday when a Houstonbound bus and an outbound truck collided on the Humble highway.

Robert Lee Curry, 19, of Evant in Coryell county, died at 9:30 Saturday night in a Waco hospital from injuries received in a truck accident near Gatesville Friday.

A freight train Saturday crushed 45, Dallas, and trainmen found his 16-year-old son, Lee, asleep nearby. The boy was not hurt.

Lloyd Hamlin, 14-year-old farm boy, was killed instantly when struck by lightning while working a tractor on his father's farm 14 miles north of Big Spring Saturday afternoon. His grandfather, Lee Hamlin, was killed by lightning on the same farm five years ago.

Billy Bob Coffey, Fort Worth, annexed his first Texas amateur championship Sunday after his triumph over Joe Worthington of Kingsville. cumstances, the night's program of

was killed by electricity at noon contest. Monday when a steel tank in his truck brushed against a highline porarily in the bareback riding consouthwest of Electra.

years publisher and editor of the Buck Killough, Abilene performer, Mart Herald, has sold his paper to volunteered to substitute for him in two of his employees, Charles R. steer riding, Killough came up with Yancey and Louis Hartley, who have first money for Brabbin, while copassumed charge. Mr. Spencer's apping second money himself. pointment as postmaster at Mart has Saturday's starting time found

Wallace Hinson, 20, died at San necessary eight seconds in steer rid-Angelo Sunday night, a few hours after receiving injuries in a motorcycle accident near San Angelo. Formerly a resident of Stamford, he was buried there Monday.

Rufus E. Hardburgher, 61, of Lubbock, died in a Cisco hospital Tuesday afternoon from injuries received Monday in an auto crash four miles west of Baird. The accident occurred when the car in which he was riding plunged into a ditch in trying to dodge another vehicle.

Mrs. George R. French of Abilene was killed, and three other women and a negro man were seriously injured in a head-on automobile collision near Bradshaw early Wednesday night.

The supreme court ruled Wednesday the general tax remission bill attempting to donate to all counties one-half of the state ad valorem tax for general fund purposes for a period of five years was "clearly unconstitutional and void."

Citizens of the little city of Italy, ired by Mussolini's entering the war against the Allies after they had sent him a message asking that he refrain from doing so, were urging by petitions Wednesday that the name of the Texas town be changed.

Summer school enrollment at the University of Texas fell from 5,107 last year to 4,962 this year. The drop was attributable to extension of graduate courses in other state schools.

War and a possible seasonal decline combined to drop new passenger car registrations in Texas during May below those of the preceding month for the first time in many months. Sales in 15 thickly populated coun- week, drouth-breaking rains visited ties totaled 5,660, a decline of 3.7 this section at intervals through Sun-

from April. West Texan and cashier of the First In the Mt. Pleasant area rainfall National bank at Pecos since its or- was as much as three inches Thursa month ago.

#### Record of Births.

ris, Abilene, Friday, June 7, 1940.

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MERKEL, TEXAS, FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 1940.

On the "Broadway of America"

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## DESPITE CLOUDS **BOTH WEEK-END** RODEOS STAGED

Friday Night's Crowd Curtailed Considerably; Saturday's Attendance Also Below the Average Account Weather.

Lowering clouds and heavy thunder and electrical disturbances to the contrary, the show went on to the final steer rider, although the attendance at last Friday night's show, opening performance of the second the sleeping body of Charlie Paris, week-end double rodeo, was considerably curtailed.

> With 63 entries the show was completed in less than two hours and, despite dust and other adverse cir-

RESERVED SEAT SALE. Numbered reserved seats for the next night rodeo of the season — Friday night, June 21 — will be on sale Monday, June 17, at both drug stores. Price 40 cents to everybody.

The new Texas amateur titlist also | events did not suffer either in scarholds the state open championship. city of thrills or in lack of interest. Howard J. Sparks, 26, employee Only six ropers qualified out of a of a trucking company at Electra, field of 18 in the cow milking event

Bill Brabbin was knocked out temnear Zacquiesta ranch, 20 miles test, but came back to compete in other riding events. The same rider J. L. Spencer, for twenty-eight was injured Saturday and, when

been confirmed by the United States douds gathering again and they hung heavy over the arena throughout the At a called meeting Tuesday the performance, but a satisfied crowd, Stripes, were pine trees, rattlesnakes favor in the colony where it originat-Abilene city commission voted to sell though smaller than the usual Satwater to the city of Anson from Fort urday attendance, witnessed a first Phantom Hill reservoir for a \$300 rate entertainment, in which not a per year standby charge and five single cowboy qualified in the bull cents per 1,000 gallons of water used. riding and only three stayed the

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#### Nubia League Sponsors Play Friday Night

"Aunt Tillie Goes to Town," riotous farce in three acts, will be presented at Butman tabernacle on Friday, June 14, at 8:30 p. m., sponsored by the Nubia League. There will be plenty of good music between the acts. The price of admission is 10 cents for everybody.

The cast of characters: Tillie Trask (Aunt Tillie), Mrs.

Loyd Matthews. Lucinda Talbot, her maid, Mrs.

Dewell McLean

Pamela Marsh, Aunt Tillie's charming niece, Mildred McLean. Lizzie Parson, an aspiring young novelist, Mrs. Don Riney.

Ellen Neeland, who appears suddenly, Eva Brown. Roland Howland, who always has

an explanation for everything, R. G. Toombs. Luther Lorrimer, Ronald's wealthy

employer, Loyd Matthews.

Mervin Tucker, who is in a peck of trouble, Joe Seymore.

Charlie One Lung, a cook, Don Mrs. Tillie Tucker, Mervin's aunt,

Mrs. Wade Ensminger. Dr. Hattie Bing, a chiropractor, Mrs. Joe Seymore.

#### Rainfall Locally **Exceeds Two Inches**

Beginning Thursday night of last To Place Flags On day, Merkel proper receiving more T. H. Beauchamp, 77, pioneer than two inches during the period. Thursday to the week-end.

Precipitation in Merkel Thursday Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Reddell Mor- night was gauged at seven-eighths day of this week. of an inch, while the late Saturday In order that no one may be over! Newtonville, Ont., June 13 .- Nor- week for Los Angeles, California, nesday to hear the Hon. Thos. Blan-Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wash- afternoon downpours and showers looked, the request is made that man McLeod Rogers, Canada's min- where they will attend summer school. ton. burn, Route 2, Sunday, June 9, 1940. continuing through Saturday night names of all ex-service men buried ister of national defense, was killed Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Joe C. Hig- yielded 1 3-16 inches, making a total in Rose Hill cemetery be left with Monday in the crash of a military son, Trent, Wednesday, June 12, 1940. 8 1-4 inches.

#### OLD GLORY'S BIRTHDAY



Our Flag has been waving in the breeze since June 14, 1777, when it was adopted by the Continental Congress. U. S. Marines display the Stars and Stripes along with their regimental standard. At right: Grand Union, rattlesnake and pine tree flags, prominent among early colonial banners.

years ago. Since that time it has American Marines at that time. symbolized the hopes, aspirations and The Grand Union flag was popular spirit of a nation devoted to the cause with naval men and it was sometimes of liberty.

and other designs. The Grand Union ed.

waters, and such flags bore the words, on June 14, 1777. "An appeal to Heaven."

Romance has trailed Old Glory | bol, with its motto "Don't tread on since it became our national flag 163 me," also appeared on the drums of

called the "First Navy Ensign." Prominent among early American There were scores of other colonial flags, forerunners of the Stars and banners, each of which found special flag, with a British jack appearing Even today there is a certain mys-

where forty-eight stars are now tery about Old Glory. Historians fail shown in a blue field, was the im- to agree as to who designed it, almediate ancestor of our national flag though tradition points to Betsy Ross, Pine tree flags were displayed by a Quaker City seamstress, as the the cruisers of Washington's fleet maker of the first Stars and Stripes which operated in New England adopted by the Continental Congress

Rattlesnake designs were frequent- benefits we enjoy as citizens, each of y used by the southern colonies, and us should display the Star-Spangled a flag of this type was carried by Banner on Flag Day, and by so doing the U. S. Marines and bluejackets honor the birth of our flag. No flag from the Continential Navy, who in the world is more beautiful. No made a landing in the Bahamas in flag spreads its folds over a more

With a deep appreciation of the March, 1776. The rattlesnake sym- highly favored land than ours.

# HODGES RETAINS TOP OF COLUMN

Fifth Straight Victory; Roberts Hits Homer.

Defeating Stith, 12 to 7, in the twin bill, Hodges annexed their fifth straight win in Merkel's softball league to retain top of the percentage column with a straight 1.000.

Feature of the Hodges-Stith game was a home run in the sixth by Roberts, with the bases loaded.

Only one game was played Thursday night of last week, the second, Trent vs. Stith, having to be called the election has been worked out," on account of rain. In the girls game, Mayor H. C. West said Tuesday Trent was winner over White Church, night.

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#### **Graves Ex-Service** Men In Rose Hill

ley King as a member of Parramore ed by the city council he would make ganization 33 years ago, died Tues- day night, and practically the entire Post of the American Legion. Abi- announcement as to Sunday opening, day. He was stricken with paralysis territory surrounding Merkel enjoy- lene, has arranged to secure flags to promising an even better program from his home at Chillicothe. ed beneficial rains some time from be placed on graves of World War in future for the pleasure of his paveterans buried in Rose Hill cemetery | trons. on National Flag day, which is Fri-

some time Friday.

# **VOTE SANCTIONS** SUNDAY SHOWS

Defeats Stith Club, 12-7, for Tuesday's Election Results In Count of 209 For, 167 Against Sunday Movies. .

By a vote of 209 for and 167 opening game of Monday night's against, Sunday afternoon movies were sanctioned in Merkel at a special election held Tuesday on the question of whether or not motion picture houses should be permitted to operate between 2 and 6 p. m. on Sundays.

"Further action is in the hands of the city council, and no definite plan of procedure following the result of

The present city ordinance against In the only other game played operation of Sunday movies first during the week, Noodle shut out F. must be repealed by the city council, & M., 10-0, in the nightcap Monday. as Merkel has heretofore prohibited theatres from operating on Sunday. In a similar election a year ago.

the vote was 176 against Sunday

picture shows and only 96 for.

Referring to the favorable vote in Tuesday's election, Manager Norman T. Hodge of the Queen theatre said Representing ex-service men, Stan- that as soon as action was complet-

#### Killed In Air Crash.

#### men Circle Jointly Celebrate Occasion; Hear Half Century History Told. As June 6 was the 50th anniver-

**OBSERVANCE 50TH** 

**ANNIVERSARY** 

sary of the Woodmen of the World, society, but due to some confusion the Merkel Mail cup. the local group were unable to hear Mr. Bradshaw's talk.

W. M. Elliott, acting as master of ceremonies, gave a summary of the Sam Swann and the John Wests. life of the W. O. W. Insurance society from June 3, 1890, when J. C. Root of Lyons, Ia., met with a number of fraternalists in Omaha, Nebr., to organize a fraternal beneficiary society, its operation to be worldwide and free from the imperfections and limited possibilities which characterized fraternal organizations ed the second prize of \$2.50 cash. of that day. Then on the next day, June 4, another meeting was held at which Mr. Root was elected sovnounced to the world that the Sovcharitable services of the order.

strongest financially, and the most Mrs. E. L. Harwell, all of Abilene, practical fraternally, of all organiza- made the following summary: and Canada.

5,000 members had been enrolled and age on any score card. We also found new camps were formed on every many unusually well planned founda-(Continued on Page Three)

# **Three More Donations**

Red Cross War Relief fund are ac- wished had been entered in the conknowledged through the columns of test. The Mail this week, making a total In next week's issue of The Mail of \$43.00 donated thus far from an article by Mrs. John R. Dressen, friends of the cause in this city.

Red Cross may give check to Mrs. why some yards won prizes or honor-Elma McFarland or C. P. Church, able mention and why others did not members of the executive committee rate so high. of the Taylor county chapter, or leave at the Merkel Mail office. Additional donors are: Miss Johnny Sears .

John H. Leonard \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Nannie Causseaux 1.00 Previously reported \_

# NORMAN HODGE HOME WINNER OF FIRST PLACE

Local W. O. W. Camp and Wood- Baptist Parsonage Awarded Second Place; Other Winners Announced By Judges, Who Speak Highly of City's Homes.

As winner of first place in the home-owners division of the home the local W. O. W. camp and Wood- beautification contest, sponsored by men Circle held open house on that the Fortnightly Study club with the night to celebrate the occasion. The co-operation of the Junior Study, national president, Sovereign De Em- Home Demonstration and Lions clubs, mett Bradshaw, broadcast the history Mrs. Norman T. Hodge has been of the life of the W. O. W. Insurance awarded a cash prize of \$5.00 and

The latter has to be won three years before it is permanently owned. Previous winners of the cup are Mrs.

Second place in the home-owners division won a cash prize of \$2.50 for the Baptist parsonage.

In the division of non-home owners, or renters, Mrs. Connor Robinson won the first prize of \$5.00 cash, while Mrs. David Gamble was award-

All entries were graded by points, based on lawn, material, condition of material and accessories, and in the ereign commander. On June 5, a con- group scoring above 80 points honorstitution was adopted, and on June able mention was given by the judges 6, 1890, the Associated Press and to Mrs. Frank Golladay, Methodist parsonage, Cheathem McFarland, E. ereign camp had been established and M. McDonald, J. F. Walker and Paul would proceed to organize its camps West. Honorable mention was also and carry out the fraternal and given Mrs. Andy Shouse in the renters' division.

Mr. Root and his associates were In submitting their reports based thus instrumental in bringing into on a score sheet for each garden, the the field of fraternal life insurance judges, who were Mrs. John R. Dresa new society, destined to become the sen, Mrs. W. M. Daugherity and

tions of this class. One of the build- "Many gardens have one or many ing owners in Omaha, Nebr., gave one excellent features but lacking some room rent free for six months, for requirement such as a rose garden the office. This organization was or having very few shrubs, poor established both in the United States grass, etc., pull the grade down. We have found unusually well kept By the end of the first year over places, which grades a high percenttion plantings. The garden that is entered and graded low may be best

in a year or two." The judges also commented very For Red Cross Fund favorably on the number of attractive homes in Merkel and observed Three other contributions to the several not competing that they

chairman of the committee of judges, Those wishing to contribute to the will be printed, bringing out points

> Favor Assistance to Allies. Washington, June 13. - Crowded \$10.00 galleries violated senate rules Mon-\_\_ 2.00 day to applaud loudly an appeal by Sen. Lee (D-Okla) that the United 30.00 States "send the Allies everything we can except men" to "pool defenses \$43.00 against a common enemy."

# **MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO**

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, June 18, 1920.)

new Overland sedan.

George Woodrum, proprietor of the Woodrum Filling station, is the owner of a new Gardner touring car.

new Studebaker touring car. Raymond Touchstone stopped off

here to mix with home folks and stand and growing nicely. He also friends on a return trip to Dallas reports about two hundred acres.

Misses Annie and Josie Smith and Miss Lorena Dry, all excellent young and Cal Hamner, all of Trent, were lady teachers of Merkel, left this among the crowd coming down Wed-

J. L. Banner and family leave this Three others were killed in the crash. birthday anniversary of his father, J. J. Stallings.

Dr. Geo. Miller has recently pur- which will be celebrated June 22. chased for his wife and daughter, a The Senior Mr. Banner has been a citizen of Comanche county since 1871.

D. O. Huddleston, one among those of our citizens who helped to blaze the way in West Texas, in speaking about the crop conditions, looks on G. J. Jones, local cotton buyer, is the bright side and is optimistic over enjoying the comforts of a handsome the future outcome of the present crops. He recently visited his farms where he has about 600 acres in cotton which he says is up to a good planted in feed stuff.

Jas. Bright, C. T. Beckham, Will

Mrs. A. C. McGee of Fort Worth gins, Route 3, Monday, June 10, 1940. of 2 1-16 inches during the rainy the clerk at the window in the post plane near here. He was flying from week for Comanche where they go is here for an extended visit in the Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Patter- spell. Rainfall for the year totals office or at the Merkel Mail office Ottawa to Toronto for an address. to be present at the one hundredth home of her parents, Mayor and Mrs.

#### Reunion of Bridges Family At Lueders

The 69th birthday of H. S. Bridges of Rotan, oldest son in the family of ten children of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Bridges, was honored at a reunion of the Bridges family at Lueders on Sunday, June 2. Six children were present: two sons, J. H. Bridges of Lamesa and the honoree, and four daughters, Mrs. S. R. Dwiggins and Mrs. Lucy Ford, Merkel, Mrs. O. S. Campbell, Rotan, and Mrs. M. H. Jones, Thalia.

The parents settled in the Stith community in 1904 and H. S. Bridges, their oldest son, whose birthday was celebrated at Lueders, was engaged in the gin business at Stith for some time.

A picnic dinner and get-together were enjoyed at the Lueders tabernacle, the entertainment program being in charge of J. T. Bridges, son of kel, first, 17 seconds; Zelma Herring-H. S. Bridges, who is scoutmaster at ton, Ranger, second, 18.8; Wayne Vernon. Those present were:

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Bridges and fong, fourth, 21. Billie Jean, Rotan; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bridges and Forest, Lamesa; Mr. rington, Ranger, first, 18.8; Sig and Mrs, Horace Holt and daughters, Faircloth, Ranger, second, 31.2; Jim- Farland and Cheatham and their New Mexico; Mrs. S. R. Dwiggins, bo Reynolds, Albany, third, 38; house guest, Mrs. Jess Roberts Mrs. Earl Watts and son, Mr. and George Brown, Woodson, fourth, of Humboldt, Tenn. Mrs. Earl Dwiggins and daughter, 38.8. Mrs. W. A. Ford and Grovene, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Wozencraft, Merkel; Derrick, Merkel, first; Bill Barton, Mrs. O. S. Campbell, Rotan; Mr. and Abilene, second; Smoky Stockton, Mrs. M. H. Janes, Mr. and Mrs. Car- Houston, third. roll Janes and daughter, Thalia; Saddle bronc riding-Barton, first; Mrs. Jim Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. Jasbo Hester, Fort Worth, second Emmett Crawford, Vernon; Mr. and Johnny Downs, Abilene, third. Mrs. Doss and children, Amarillo; Bull riding-Derrick, first; Bill Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Bridges and son, Brabbin, Merkel, second. Feris Gillam, Mrs. Joe Skipworth, Steer riding-Barton, first; Scoop Mrs. T. J. Bridges, Howard and Haynes, Fort Worth, and Terrell Mrs. Jim Shaffer, former residents Helen Bridges, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Lawrence, Albany, tied for second of the Canyon, and of Mrs. P. T. All-Bridges and two daughters, Mr. and and third; Derrick, fourth. Mrs. Elmer Owens and daughter, Vernon; Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Bridges, Coleman; Alla Jane Bridges, Rotan; Miss Ola Bridges, Mr. Linberg, Tulsa, Okla.; Mr. and Mrs. Grady 24; Brown, fourth, 25.8. Bridges and baby, Archer City; Miss Edith Bridges, Clovis, N. M.; Merkel, first, 14.6; Reynolds, second Mr. and Mrs. Dick Bowers, Mr. and Mrs. Robin Bowers, Abilene, and Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Burton, Merkel.

#### 13th Baker-Watters Reunion Is Held

Thirteen cities were represented Sunday at Forest Park in Fort Worth for the thirteenth consecutive annual reunion of the Baker and Watters families. The main "hub" was missing, however, as G. L. Baker and Mrs. Baker (nee Watters) were ed by ill health from attending. Even so, more than 125 people were present from these cities: Wellington, Tokio, Morgan, Dallas, Cle- day night of this week, second game burne, Fort Worth, San Antonio, being between Trent and Moutray. Merkel, Brownwood, Eulogy, Denton,

Those attending from here were Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Mashburn, Mr. White C. Girls 474 4 19 16 8 and Mrs. Fred Baker, Jr., Mr. and Trent Girls \_ 28-10 3 23 13 4 Mrs. A. B. Patterson, Mrs. Claude Dye and Billy and Bobby, Mr. and jer; King, Cox and Jeffreys. Mrs. Byron Patterson and Paula, Stith Mr. and Mrs. Earl Beech and Patsy, Hodges Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Leach, Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Baker, Sr., Mr. and Ernest Hartline and Roberts. Mrs. Britt Baker and Elaine Jones. F. & M. ... 000 000 0 0 4 Ray and Wanda Jones came from Noodle \_\_\_\_\_ 042 301 x 10 7 2 Tokio and went on to Fort Worth Smith, Floyd and Walker, Davis; with the Britt Bakers.

#### Merkel Sends Three Delegates to State Firemen's Meeting

Leaving Sunday afternoon over the T. & P. railway, John Mansfield, chief of the Merkel Volunteer Fire department, and Parker Sharp went te Houston as delegates to the State kel Mail office. Firemen's convention, which opened Tuesday and continues through

Bob Fowler, former chief and past president of the Merkel Firemen's association, who is the third delegate, left with his family by automobile Saturday, going first to Breckenridge for a visit, thence on to New Orleans before returning to Houston for the convention sessions.

#### Applications Due In Mattress-Making

All applications for participation in the government's cotton mattress making program must be in by June 15, Hattie Tacker, county home demonstration agent, said Tuesday.

The applications may be filed with the community committee or at the home demonstration agent's office. The government furnishes cotton and ticking for mattresses for low income families on farms (less than \$400 a year) and the mattresses are to be made in centers to be establish-

To date there have been 575 applications filed.

The first comedy was performed in Athens about 580 B. C., on a mov

#### Rodeos

(Continued from Page Cne) ing. The Brahma cows and calves were also in tiptop fettle.

The various events were run through Saturday afternoon with ducing 45 entries taking not much over an hour and a half.

In the absence of Dr. L. C. Zehnpfennig, chairman of the rodeo committee, who is on vacation, his place in the judges' stand was capably fill-Zehnpfennig on the committee.

Friday night, June 21, and Saturday

afternoon, June 22. The list of cowboys in the money for each show follows:

FRIDAY NIGHT'S WINNERS.

Calf roping-Ralph Russell, Mer-Boyd, Trent, third, 19.2; Birch Wil-

Wild cow milking-Phelton Her-

Bareback brone riding - Gerald

Calf roping - Phelton Herrington, first, 18.6; Zelma Herrington, second, 22.6; Vester Parrish, Wingate, third,

Wild cow milking-S. G. Russell, 17.4; Ralph Russell, Merkel, third 21.8; Earl Stevens, Trent, fourth,

Bareback bronc riding - Barton first; Downs, second; J. W. Clemor, third.

Saddle bronc riding-Hester, first; Barton, second; Eddie Caldwell, Breckenridge, third.

rence, tied for second and third.

#### Softball

(Continued from Page One)

Trent girls play Merkel on Thurs-On next Monday night, the sched-

The scores by innings: A. Frazier, Shugart and F. Fraz-

600 100 0 7 5 001 038 x 12 7 6 Woolsey, Shaw and Berry; Watts,

Presley and Payne.

LE	AGUE STANDING.		
Team-	W	L	Pct.
Hodges	5	0	1.000
Noodle	2	1	.667
Moutray	2	2	.500
Trent	1	1	.500
F. & M	1	4	.200
Stith	0	3	.000

Adding machine rolls at The Mer-

#### LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS

First carload of wheat of the 1940 season was shipped from Merkel on typical speed, the whole show intro- Graham, agent for the T. & P. rail- "The Bread I Make Most." The club

Samples of some Boysen berries raised by W. R. Sumpter on his place Mr. and Mrs. Williams and Miss Sue in Northwest Merkel were brought Killebrew, recreation directors at ed by Harry Bullock, co-worker with to the office of The Mail. They are the Merkel Public schools, will also be similar in taste to dewberries but do present, and there will be an old-Third in the series of double shows | not have so many seeds. Plants were | fashioned ice cream supper. for the 1940 season is scheduled for secured near Kerrville, Mr. Sumpter states, and from eight vines he has Hattie Tacker, county demonstration already picked about three gallons of agent, gave a demonstration on berries, with more blooms in sight. breads, which were cooked and pass-

> Mrs. Henry C. West, president of the Abilene Presbyterial, was guest season held by the missionary societies of the Matthews Memorial Presbyterian church at Albany on Tuesday of last week. Accompanying Mrs. West to Albany were Mrs. Elma Mc-

Vernon Mansfield is now located in Corpus Christi, where he is employed by a service station and parking lot establishment.

Friends have received cards announcing the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shaffer of Silverton and is a great-grandson of Mr. and tan. She had lived in Rotan 52 years. day of Silverton.

Recuperating from an attack of appendicitis suffered Sunday mornbut he has not yet returned to work.

#### Thirty-One Members Pence Family In Annual Reunion

Annual reunion of the Pence famiwas held at Lake Sweetwater Sunlay, with 31 members of the family Steer riding-Brabbin, first; Buck and a number of friends present. A Killough, Abilene, and Terrell Law- mid-day picnic was enjoyed in the park, but owing to showers of rain the group repaired to the home of a son, Luther Pence, at Sweetwater in the afternoon hours.

Members of the family present were: Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Pence, Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Farr and children, Esther and Dondley, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jinkens and children, Bob-Shreveport, La., and Oklahoma City, ule provides: Stith vs. Noodle, Hodges Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Pence and chilbie Nell and Jimmie Ray, Merkel; dren, Emma Lee and Inez. Mr. and Mrs. John W. Pence and daughter, Pauline, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Will Pence and children, Bill Bob and Mary Frances, Anson; Mr. and Mrs. Luther Pence and children, Wanda Ruth and Jane, Sweetwater, and Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Pence and children, Ralph and Kay, Austin.



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#### RURAL SOCIETY

SALT BRANCH CLUB.

Mrs. Roy Harrell was hostess to Friday of last week. Shipper was T. the Salt Branch Home Demonstra-J. Hinds. It is expected that several tion club on Thursday afternoon, more cars will be loaded, A. J. June 6. Roll call was answered with way, told a representative of The voted to have a "community meet" at the school house Friday night, June 14, at which time there will be a speaker for the frozen locker unit;

After the business session, Miss ed to the members.

Refreshments were served to the following members: Mesdames Smith, speaker at the final luncheon of the Ollie Higgins, Hudson, Hays, Buster Horton, Aaron Horton, Cox, Jess Higgins, Beene, Ada Higgins, Baccus, Robertson, Pinckley, Hewitt, Allen, Hammock; Misses Hattie Tacker, Ruth Pinckley, Lola Higgins, Lena Fay Harrell; the following visitors, Mesdames F. E. Church, Tucker, J. L. Hudson and daughter, Betty Lou, and the hostess.

#### **Long-Time Resident** Of Rotan Passes Away

Mrs. Mary S. Burrow, maternal grandmother of Supt. Connor Robinson of the Merkel Public schools, died on June 5. He is named Frank Keith Monday morning at her home at Ro-Funeral services were held from the Methodist church at 2 p. m. Tuesday, with the pastor, Rev. Joe Boyd,

officiating. Survivors include three children: Mrs. E. C. Robinson of Fluvanna, ing, Frank Woodrum was able to sit Hal Burrow of near Rotan and Mrs. up Wednesday and to drive to the Ed Dulaney of Rotan, eight grand-Woodrum Service station Thursday, children and three great-grandchildren. Her husband, the late J. W. Burrow, died in 1937.

> went to Rotan Monday upon learn- J. A. Scott and Mrs. Lee Keyes, both ing of his grandmother's death and of Trent, and both admitted Thursreturned Tuesday for the funeral. day, June 13.

Just say you saw it in The Mail. Higgins, Route 3.

# **OLD GLORY!**

June 14 is Flag Day . . . a day officially designated for the honoring of the flag of our country. For 163 years, Old Glory has symbolized the freedom, liberty, and opportunity which are ours as citizens of the United States of America. To the Stars and Stripes, a Salute . . . "long may it wave o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave."

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#### Hospital Notes-

J. W. Love, admitted to the Sadler clinic on Tuesday for treatment, was dismissed the following day.

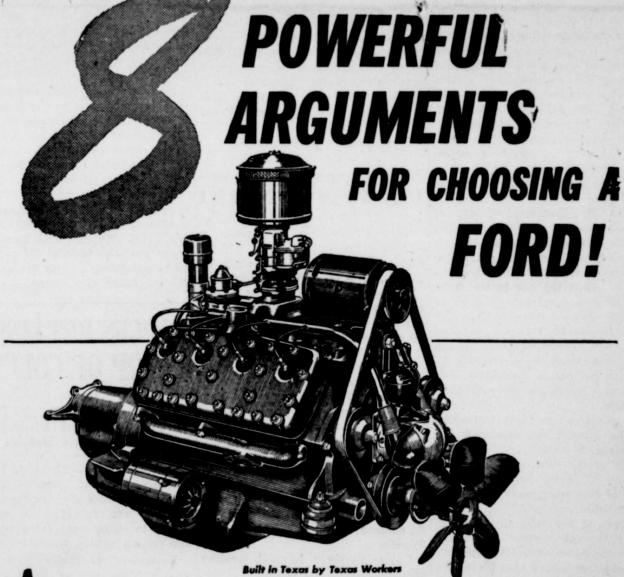
Among others going from Merkel Two boys were born at the hospiwere Mrs. John West and Mrs. Henry tal during the past week: the pa- The one title is "postmaster." rents, Mr. and Mrs. Reddell Morris, Abilene, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe C.

#### To Abandon Grain Peg.

Chicago, June 13 .- Minimum prices on grain futures will be abolished by the Chicago board of trade effec-Other patients received for treat- tive at the opening of business Fri-Supt. and Mrs. Connor Robinson ment during the past week were Mrs. day, June 14, it was announced Tues-

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#### TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Louise Matheny of Washington, D. C., and Mrs. Matheny of Abilene visited Mrs. C. C. McRee, who is And still you love me true. ill. last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Winslow Beckham and children of Lamesa spent the week-end here.

Mr. and Mrs. John Strawn and family have returned home after hav- With open arms you receive me, ing visited for several days with rela-

tives in Greenville. Mr. and Mrs. Byron Dingle and children of Merkel visited Mr. and

Mrs. A. J. English Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Slim Messenger and two children, W. H. and Josh Ray, of Colorado City, and Mrs. Early of Big Spring spent Monday with Mrs. Bob Billington.

Sunday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Gafford were: Mrs. A. C. Keltz of Vernon, Mrs. Alma Hardison and son of Albuquerque, N. M., I know when sorrow comes my way Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bicknell of You'd take me by the hand man and Judith Kay, of Trent, Miss You know I understand." Thelma Jones of El Paso, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nalley, Trent.

Helen Williams has gone to Abilene where she will be a student in McMurry college this summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Brewer have Where'er I go, whate'er I do, been visiting in Louisiana for the I'm sure I won't forget past few days.

Supt. and Mrs. R. L. Fortune and Since the day when we first met. Bobbie, and Mrs. Zed Bright and little son spent the week-end in Brownwood.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at the Trent Missionary Baptist church for Mrs. Henry Lester. Burial followed in the Merkel cemetery. Mrs. Lester had lived near Trent for many years and was deeply loved by all who knew her.

WOODMEN CIRCLE.

met Wednesday afternoon, June 5, due to National Guard field trainfor their monthly social. A short ing this summer may be made up business session was also held. Two by WPA workers who participate in candidates for membership were re- such activities, it was announced ceived into the Grove, after which Saturday by H. P. Drought, state adthe meeting was turned over to Mrs. ministrator. Ruby E. Swinney, chairman of the consisted of a very appropriate reading by Mrs. Swinney and music by Miss Jonnie Roberts at the piano.

The gift basket went to Mrs. E. H.

cake was served. for the next social meeting to be held Wednesday afternoon, July 3. All members are expected to attend.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Little Sue McRee was honored on her fourth birthday, with a party given last Monday afternoon. Games were played, after which Sue opened and admired her many and beautiful little gifts. Then cake and ice cream was served from a table decorated in pink and white with the large white cake with four pink candles as the center piece to the following: C. W. Edwards, Freddie Lee Boone, Patricia Ann Beasley, Veneta Quattlebaum, Sonny Williams, Tommie and Ruby Lee Jones, Robertus McRee, Carolyn McRee, Ruby and Joy Billington, Annie Laurie and Grady Anderson, Jr., Andy Merl Beasley, Sylvia June Taylor, Mrs. Buster Horton and son; also Mesdames H. H. McRee, Malcolm Beasley, Leonard Quattlebaum, D. H. Jones, Joe Boone, Cecil Taylor, Earl Billington, Andy Shouse, Lillie McRee, Anderson, Miss Vera Bright, Powell of Abilene, also two aunts of Abilene, and Mrs. Louie McRee.

#### First Meeting of Four **Brothers Since 1928**

Trent, June 13 .- Mr. and Mrs. Boss Gray, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Grant and sons, Joe and Maurice, Deport; Mr. and Mrs. Waylen Gray, Forney; Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Gray and sons, James and Leroy, Lamesa, N. M.; W. R. Gray, Las Cruces; his daughter, Miss Ona Fae Gray, El Paso; and W. L. Gray, U. S. S. Tenn., Seattle, Wash., left for their respective homes Monday afternoon after a week-end visit with their mother, Mrs. Smith Gray, Caps, and their sisters, Mesdames E. W. King, Merkel, and A. J. Brewster and Clint

Stewart, Caps. Mrs. Gray and her daughters and two granddaughters, Mesdames Carlton and Harold King, were hostesses to a picnic dinner at State Park, Abilene, Sunday honoring the visitors who were in their first meeting of the four brothers since 1928. Others enjoying the outing were Harold, Carlton, Raebon and Nan King, Merkel; Misses Bobbie and Patsy Brewster, Billijo Stewart, Caps, and Lady Jane Anderson, Abilene; A. J. Brewster, Clint Stewart and Billie Tom Brewster, Dave and Odell Anderson, Butman.

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You put the sunshine in the sky And roll the clouds away, It's mighty nice to have you, Pal, To count on every day.

And now, if fate should deem it so That you and I must part, Remember, friend, where'er I go, I'll take you in my heart.

Noodle, Mr. and Mrs. Foy Stead And say, "Buck up, Old Pal of mine,

And all my joys you share with me, Texas. As true friends always do, This is why I love you so And to you I'll be true.

The joys we've had together

I'll keep a special place for you In the corner of my heart, And never forget you, friend of mine, Though we are far apart.

-Vennie Greene.

#### **WPA Grants Guard** Members Time Off

San Antonio, June 13. - Any Grove No. 668 Woodmen Circle amount of time lost from projects

Drought has been advised by program committee. The program Colonel F. E. Harrington, commissioner of Works Projects, that previous restrictions limiting the time which may be allowed for National Guard training are waived "during Burks, after which ice cream and the entire period of National Guard training." This order was issued Mrs. Ed Burks and Mrs. J. E. following advice that the normal Bowers are the program committee two-week training period would be extended in many cases this year.

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#### Open House

(Continued from Page One) hand. Just within a few years, W. O. W. assumed a permanent and prominent place among the fraternal beneficiary organizations.

Mr. Root labored earnestly for 23 years and, organizing camps in the Robert Harris, Charles and Bonnie Southland, he was suddenly stricken and called to his reward at Hendersonville, N. C., on the evening of Dec. 24, 1913. He was laid to rest in a beautiful mausoleum in Forest Lawn cemetery, Omaha, Nebr.

At the time of Mr. Root's death, Italy Goes To War William Alexander Fraser of Dallas Texas, was sovereign adviser and the leadership fell upon his shoulders. It was through Mr. Fraser's efforts that the War Memorial hospital at ed Germany at war against Great San Antonio was established. Later, Britain and France Monday night he was responsible for the adjunct to to wrest dominion over the Mediterthe hospital, known as the William ranean from the Allies. Alexander Fraser chapel, and a monument to the memory of W. O. W. members who lost their lives in the World War. He was called from his labors on Nov. 6, 1932, and was laid to rest in his home town, Dallas,

Then, in turn, the leadership fell upon De Emmett Bradshaw, the present president, who is responsible for the present offices in the headquarters building.

Almost from the beginning John T Yates of Omaha, Nebr., served as secretary and retired from office Mar. 15, 1937. He died Feb. 16, 1939, and upon his retirement the present secretary, Farrar Newberry, of Omaha, Nebr., was elected.

The assets of over \$129,000,000 are to guarantee the fulfillment of every legitimate contract, and a record of payment to beneficiaries of deceased and disabled members of approximately \$285,000,000. W. O. W. is represented in 44 states.

At the open house, the program rendered included the singing of "America" by the entire group; a piano duet by Charles and Bonnie Church; a reading, which was very comical, by Pearl Mathews; a song by Misses Jean, Pearl and Avalene Mathews; a song by Thelma Mathews, and a song by Master Roy Kent Mathews.

Several talks were made on the good of the order with the one word, 'co-operation." being stressed.

The big three-tiered cake with 50 candles was lighted and A. C. Terry had the honor of blowing the candles all out. Refreshments were served to liott, Watt Blair, A. C. Terry, L. R. Harris, C. C. Conley, C. P. Church, H. H. Hobbs, P. E. Wheeler, Buster Moulder, O. C. Williams, A. D. Ful-

ton; Mesdames R. H. Mathews, Sr., Roy H. Mathews, Jr., Harry Barnett, J. M. Stephens, Marlin; Misses Thelma, Pearl, Avalene and Jean Mathews, Esther Harris, Joy Sue Hobbs, Mary Nell and Sue Morgan, Zena Mae Barnett; Messrs. G. H. Hobbs, Seth Morgan, Floyd McCoy, Church, W. T. Walker, T. O. Lackey, Larue Boyd, Columbia, Miss., J. R. Gafford. Doyle and E. A. Conley, James Glynn Barnett, Roy Kent Mathews.

# On Germany's Side

Rome, Italy, June 13 .- Italy join-

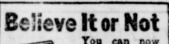
Premier Benito Mussolini cast the fateful die in a dramatic announcement which called the Allies starvers and the holders of all the riches and gold on earth.

Italy cheered his decision, and wept, too; but mostly it cheered.

Berlin sources said Italian troops already had set upon France through the Riviera to sandwich Paris, marching from the south to meet the hardpressing Nazi forces driving down from the north. An Italian communique, however, said the war declaration was not effective until Tuesday.

Attacks on French possessions in the Mediterranean were considered imminent-in response to the continual cries for Italian conquest of such prizes as Corsica and Tunisia.

Mussolini defined his principal war aim as control of the Mediterranean and warned his non-belligerent neighbors to preserve rigidly their neutrality, lest the war spread to the Balkans and to Egypt and Turkey.





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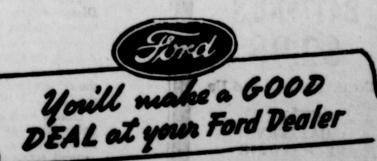
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## QUEEN THEATRE **CALENDAR**

Friday-Saturday, double feature-John Garfield, Anne Shirley, Claude starring Russell Hayden and Jean Parker; Porky Pig cartoon and

Saturday preview, Monday-Tuesof Wrath," starring Henry Fonda, Jane Darwell; color cartoon and News.

Wednesday-Thursday-Zorina and Richard Greene in "I Was An Adventuress;" short subjects included. five years.

#### "Knights of the Range"

Rustlers and varmints, beware! in a job well done, for it was he who who is not a candidate. taught Russell "Lucky" Hayden to Lattimore is prominent in fratern-Grey's "Knights of the Range," state of Texas. which Paramount will present Friday and Saturday at the Queen theatre, with Victor Jory, Jean Parker, J. Farrell MacDonald and Britt Wood also featured in the cast, Hayden submitted to tests which show fifths of a second.

gram will be "Saturday's Children," planes, artillery, small arms and amstarring John Garfield, Anne Shir- munition as well as food, clothing ley and Claude Rains.

#### "The Grapes of Wrath"

Long before literary critics had finished pounding out "Bravos!" in appreciation of John Steinbeck's stirring masterpiece, "The Grapes of Wrath," Darryl F. Zanuck had quietly completed his plans for the filming of this most discussed novel of modern literature.

Zanuck, production chief of the 20th Century-Fox studios, paid \$70,-000 for the movie rights to Steinbeck's best-seller. By paying this price, the highest ever paid for a of recruits for World War duty had novel, Zanuck indicated his uncompromising belief that "The Grapes of Wrath" provides the mightiest and director, announced that the Civilian most human moving picture drama | Conservation Corps was prepared to of a generation.

"The Grapes of Wrath" will be presented at the Queen theatre Saturday night preview, Monday and

#### "I Was An Adventuress"

Filled to the final fadeout with glamorous romance and exciting drama. "I Was An Adventuress" brings beautiful Zorina and handsome Richard Greene together on the screen of the Queen theatre Wednesday and Thursday in a film of which Darryl F. Zanuck, production chief of the 20th Century-Fox studios, can well be proud.

Zorina, who appears by courtesy of Samuel Goldwyn, plays the part of the self-styled Countess Tanya Vronsky, an exquisite huntress of fortunes, who thought romance was not for her until she met the one man, in the person of Greene. Together Zorina and Greene move romantically through gay continental resorts to prove themselves by all odds one of the most attractive pairs the screen has ever cast together. and her first dramatic role grants Zorina an opportunity to prove herself a fine dramatic actress.

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#### Fort Worth Attorney Candidate for Place Supreme Court Bench

Fort Worth, June 13 .- H. S. Lattimore, Fort Worth attorney and to work. former district and court of civil ap-Grey's "Knights of the Range," peals judge, announced his candidacy for chief justice of the supreme court of Texas.

Lattimore was born in Fort Worth and is a graduate of Baylor university, and the University of Texas day-John Steinbeck's "The Grapes law school. Except for fourteen months which he spent in service in the World War, and the years he has served on the bench, he has been engaged in the active practice of law in Fort Worth for the last twenty-

> Lattimore is forty-eight years of age, married, and has two children.

"Lucky" is now the second-fastest supreme court is the position which last week. drawing cowboy actor in Hollywood, was formerly held by the late C. M. and William Boyd, the famous "Hop- Cureton, whose unexpired term is along Cassidy," can take satisfaction now being completed by W. F. Moore Demere's brother, Jack Moore, of her daughter.

draw a gun. While working in Zane al, religious and civic work over the

#### General Pershing Urges Allied Aid

Washington, June 13. - General that he can draw a gun in only two- John J. Pershing Saturday urged that the United States send to the On the same double feature pro- Allies "unlimited quantities" of airand medical supplies.

Appealing in a statement for contributions to the Red Cross, the commander of the American World War army asserted that the Allies were fighting "a war of civilization" and that they were "holding our front

In talking to reporters, Pershing said he was heartily in favor of compulsory military service in this country. He added that if such a plan was adopted an immediate expansion of the army would be possible in case of a threatened invasion. He recalled that the training

required many months. Meanwhite, James J. McEnte, CCC equip and operate a total of 63 schools for training motor mechanics.

#### White Church News

We are all smiles over the good the weather clears and it's dry enough | Campbell, for the month.

members of the Sunday School gath- indefinite stay. ered with well filled baskets and ening games until 10 o'clock.

The political rally was rained out Campbell. didates had spoken.

Pat, of Merkel spent the week-end, Mrs. Nora Pruitt left Wednesday free trip to the Short Course at A.

W. L. Barnes of Cross Roads, N. rose, of Jasper. The chief justiceship of the M., visited his nephew, A. D. Barnes,

Floyd Hardin made a business trip to Big Spring Monday. Bill Williams of San Antonio is

visiting Woodrow Barnes. Arlton Farmer, who is stationed in the U. S. army camp at San Antonio, is at home for a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ellison were shopping in Abilene last Thursday. Raymond Demere made a business trip to Fort Worth last week.

Mrs. A. M. Shugart has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Cliff Petty, of Throckmorton for several days. Rev. J. B. Stewart will preach here Sunday, so every one try to be present at both services and also come in time for Sunday School and League.

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#### BLAIR ITEMS

Kenneth McCleary who is station rains we have been having; the farm- ed at San Diego, Calif., is visiting ers surely will be busy as soon as with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Wilson and Our Sunday School enjoyed a pic- children of Megargel motored over nic last Wednesday evening at the Wednesday to the latter's parents, BLAIR GIRLS MODEL DRESSES. A. D. Barnes home. Some fifty Mr. and Mrs. Jim Williams, for an

joyed a real good supper with cold Houston and Etsel Farmer of Brown- Mary Sue Grant, Jimmy Nell Horton, drinks, and every one joined in play- wood were passing visitors during Otilla Doan, Lila May Lowery, the week with Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Jackie Melton and Mary E. Melton.

Thursday night before all the can- Mr. and Mrs. Will Moore and Clarence Melton, R. B. Horton, Carl family spent the week-end with rela- Doan, Ruth Lowery and J. S. Grant. Mrs. Elsie Nash and son, Billy tives at Weinert.

in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe for several weeks' visit with her & M. college in July as the outstanddaughter, Mr. and Mrs. Etsel Prim- ing club girl in Taylor county. She Mr. and Mrs. John Meeks visited

Mr. and Mrs. Knox Beall of Abilene Mr. and Mrs. Frank Demere had last week-end and Mrs. Meeks reas their guest the past week Mrs. mained for several days to be with Mrs. A. M. Jackson left the past

week for an extended visit with her parents at Post.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Jenkins and children of Divide spent Sunday

with Mr. and Mrs. J. Williams. Mr. and Mrs. Claude Doan of Clyde visited Mr. and Mrs. Price Melton Monday. They were accompanied home by the former's mother, Mrs. Susie Doan, for a visit

Girls from the Blair 4-H club who modeled dresses in Abilene Saturday

of several weeks.

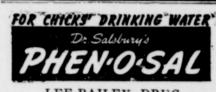
of club work.

Arliton Farmer of Fort Sam in the 4,H club dress parade were: Adults present were Mesdames

Mary Sue Grant was awarded a

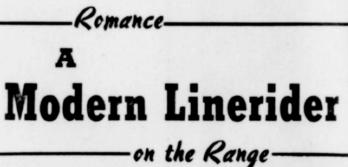
Just say you saw it in The Mail.

also made a report of her three years











"Hangin' a pot's like bulldoggin' a steer

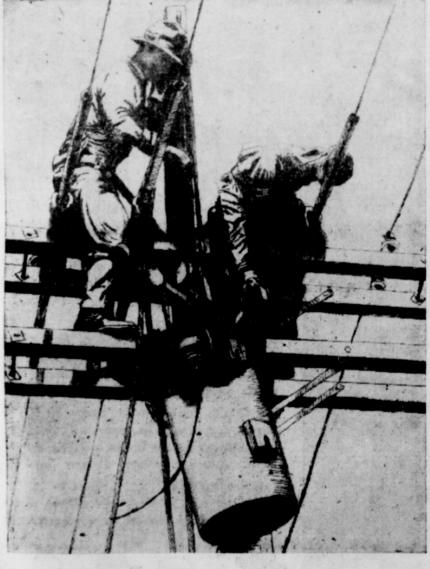
THE modern linerider has a language all his own, much the same as the West Texas cowboy uses a "range" tongue "foreign" to most of us.

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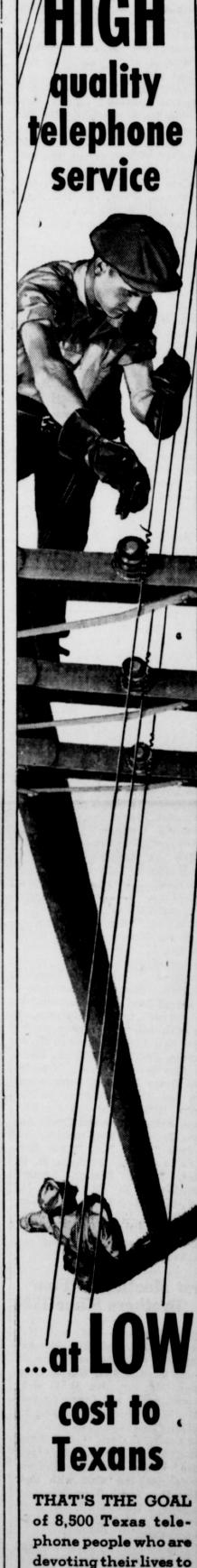
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#### LODGE CALLS

NOTICE MASONS A stated meeting of Merkel lodge No. 710, A. F. and A. M., will be held Saturday, lodge No. 710, A. F. and A. Mrs. W. C. Burleson. June 15, at 8 p. m. Election of officers. All members are urged to be present. Visiting brethren cordially invited.

H. G. Smith, W. M. W. C. Black, Secretary.

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS POLITICAL**

(Subject to action of the Democratic Primary in July.) For County Commissioner, Precinct

H. B. (Hob) ROBERTSON.

A. J. CANON (Re-election.) W. R. (Bill) SUMPTER.

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, Tay-

lor County: C. K. RUSSELL.

P. F. WEST.

EARL DANIEL.

BERT MELTON.

J. L. WINTER.

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 FRYAR (Re-election.) C. L. DARDEN.

For District Judge, 104th Judicial District:

OWEN THOMAS. W. R. CHAPMAN (Re-election.)

For District Clerk: ROY SKAGGS (Re-election.)

For Congress (17th District): OTIS MILLER.

THOMAS L. BLANTON. SAM RUSSELL.

C. L. (Clyde) GARRETT. (Re-Election)

For County Attorney: BRYAN BRADBURY.

THEO ASH.

For Tax Assessor-Collector: C. O. (PAT) PATTERSON

(Re-election.)

R. S. (Bob) WALKER. For State Legislature:

JOE HUMPHREY.

For County Judge: CARL P. HULSEY (Re-election.)

#### Bombs Miss Actor.

gomery, American film star now Brown and family of Quanah. Acwhen German bombs fell near his will visit with them. ambulance, it was learned Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Church and

### **PERSONALS**

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Hale returned Monday from a visit with Mr. Hale's sister, Mrs. W. H. Roach in Mineral Wells. They were accompanied home by his nephew, Ralph Roach, who will visit here several

Mrs. Tom Greene and son, Donald, of Hobbs, N. M., are visiting with her mother, Mrs. J. H. Grayson, DON'T LET blue bugs and other in- since Wednesday of last week when sects kill your chickens; buy they brought Mrs. Grayson home Stephens appetizer and conditioner, from Hobbs. Mr. Greene is expected (formerly Egg Producer;) every a week from next Sunday and Mrs. Washington, D. C., and New York bottle guaranteed. Joe Stalls, rear Greene and son will return home City, possibly going on to Canada.

Returning from a visit with her grandmother, Mrs. Lula Sadler, at Montalba in East Texas, Sandra Sadler was accompanied by her cousin, Sue Mayfield, of Arp, who lets and fryers. Shanks Nursery, 1-2 a guest in the home of her son and T. Sadler, having returned with Mrs. Sadler when she went after Sandra.

> Dr. and Mrs. L. C. Zehnpfennig left Saturday for a vacation visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Zehnpfennig, in Ethan, S. D.

J. D. Porter is spending several weeks with his daughter and son-in- Mathews. law, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Pence, at Menahans.

mother, Mrs. G. J. Jones, in Nevada, Collin county.

end with her daughter, Jannell, who summer school, and returning home 41 years. with her was another niece, Evelyn

Miss Delia Kuykendall is visiting

Burnis Tucker of Palestine was a Durham. passing visitor Sunday night with er and family.

parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Pat- went to Odessa to visit Joe Cook. terson. Mrs. Edwin Heald and daughter, Minnie Lou, of Lubbock, also 120 Youths Apply At spent a few days with her parents,

Mr. and Mrs. Patterson. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Baze and daughter from Santa Fe Springs, Calif., are visiting in the homes of his parents, Mr., and Mrs. J. R. Baze,

Rev. Cooper Waters, pastor of the First Baptist church, and Mrs. Waters and little daughter returned Monday from Wichita Falls where Rev. Mr. Waters was engaged in a two-weeks' revival. While away Mrs. Waters visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Galloway in Olney,

and with relatives at Wichita Falls. Week-end guests of Mrs. W. L. Harkrider were her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harry

Firstbrook of Dallas. Mr. and Mrs. N. D. Callaway and Mr. and Mrs. George T. Moore visited last week in Quanah as guests of Mrs. Callaway's parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. J. Hanna. They also had the G. F. Woods returned Monday

pleasure of seeing the Pat Davises. from Marshall where he went for dental treatment in the T. & P. hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Britt Baker and little niece, Elaine Jones, accompanied by Elaine's brother and sister, Ray and Wanda Jones, of Tokio, Texas, went to Kaufman Saturday where they visited with their niece and cousin, H. R. Cates, and family. Returning to Fort Worth Sunday morning, they attended the Baker-Watters family reunion. Elaine accompanied her brother and sister to Tokio, where she will visit with them and their grandfather, J. T. Jones, for

a while. Rubynell Henslee has returned home from a two-weeks' visit with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Cogburn, of Fort Worth. She also ing in the Rube Henslee home is Mrs.

grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cox. and 42nd Districts in Taylor County Guests this week of Mrs. Mary Orr and Miss Sally Orr are their daughter-in-law and sister-in-law, Mrs. W. H. Orr, of Wicket, and Mrs. Ernest Kelly, of Denver City.

Week-end guests of Mrs. J. A. Milliken were Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Holt Paris, June 13. - Robert Mont- of Waco and Mr. and Mrs. Dewey driving an ambulance in France, companying the latter on their renarrowly escaped death Saturday turn home was Wayne McLean, who

granddaughter, Clara Frances Dwig- Shiloh Church Plans gins, have returned from a visit in Clayton, N. M.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Gamble and Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Sublett returned trip at Lake Brownwood. In the party also were Mr. and Mrs. Jess Warren and Dr. and Mrs. Charles Williams tion to every one interested to attend of Abilene.

Adcock went to Waco to join her Duke, on a three-weeks' automobile Miss Eva Howard of Houston. Going by Nashville, Tenn., they will visit preached by Rev. J. J. Gentry.

were week-end visitors with his others of the Sheppard family. Re-Sheppard, in Dallas this week.

After a week-end visit with Mrs. Adah Heeter and Miss Sadie Woodrum, Mrs. John Woodrum and daughters, Misses Winterdean and Janell, returned home Tuesday to Abilene.

Miss Betty Hollingshead of Abi-

Miss Leta Faye Barbee, who is Mrs. T. L. Grimes and daughter, home last week for a visit with her diversions after supper. Tommye, are visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Barbee.

Mrs. Carl Black visited last week- Plainview over the week-end. continues in summer school at the day from a ten days' visit in Gates- Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Wozencraft, Mr.

was accompanied by a niece, Eliza- ell City, she attended the home-com- lene. beth Elliott, of Divide, who entered ing, not having been back there for Welcoming their new granddaugh-

Ensminger, who attended the regu- ter, Dana Kay Durham, Mr. and Mrs. lar session of State Teachers college. Earl Clements and daughter, Wanda, Lois Burleson from Rancho Saca- of Brownwood, were guests in the tal, Paul Spur, Ariz., visited last home of Wrenn Durham the past week-end with his parents, Mr. and week. Mr. Clements and Wanda have returned home, but Mrs. Clements remained with her daughter. Another relatives and friends in Wichita guest in the home is Miss Bess Ferris, of Fort Worth, aunt of Mrs.

Home on leave of absence from his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Tuck- San Diego, Calif., where he is stationed with the marine corps, Jack Mrs. Ray Evans of San Angelo Lowe is visiting his parents, Mr. and and Mrs. Juanita Hutchins of Hous- Mrs. W. E. Lowe in Abilene. On ton were week-end guests of their Thursday Jack and Junior Grimes

# Navy Recruiting Office

During the week ending Wednesday, a total of 120 youths applied for enlistment at the United States and his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Earl naval recruiting office in charge of J. J. Mockbee, chief signalman, U. S. N., at Abilene, of which number 40 were accepted for application. Nineteen were rejected and 21 accepted for enlistment, subject to final

acceptance. Among those accepted this week for enlistment by the Abilene office was Robert Grimes, while among recruits previously accepted for enlistment was William D. Bland, also of

The U. S. army recruiting station at Abilene reports the enlistment of Jerrell D. Dixon, son of R. L. Dixon, Merkel, Route 2, who has been assigned to the field artillery, Fort Sill, Okla.



ESCO WALTER HE HAS SERVED:

visited relatives at Granbury. Visit- Two Terms as Justice of the Peace Three Terms as County Attorney Henslee's miece, Ona Fay Cox, of For Three Terms He Has Assisted Fort Worth, who is also visiting her the District Attorneys of the 104th

> Qualified By Experience He Deserves a Promotion **VOTE FOR**

for District Attorney 104th District Fisher - Jones - Taylor

# **Home-Coming Sunday**

Program for the home-coming at Tuesday from several days' fishing Shiloh Baptist church Sunday, June 16, has been announced and committees in charge extend an invita-

Following the opening song, at Leaving Wednesday, Miss Berdelle 10:15 a. m., "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms," by the congregation, uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Rev. Melvin Byrd, the pastor, will welcome the visitors. After prayer, tour. Fourth member of the party is the congregation will join in a song service and the sermon will be

Lunch will be served at the noon hour. The afternoon program will Mr. and Mrs. Doss Sheppard and open at 1:45 with a song service, foldaughter, Miss Marian Sheppard, lowed by prayer. Rev. Mr. Byrd, the pastor, will give a history of the mother, Mrs. S. W. Sheppard, and church, recognizing former pastors, charter members and old members. turning they were accompanied by After a vocal duet by Dorothy and is now her guest. Mrs. Sadler is also Mrs. U. H. Zehnpfennig, who is visit- Donald Rutledge, Rev. W. K. Horn ing her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill will preach the afternoon sermon, followed by the benediction.

#### Wozencraft Family Meet At Lake Cisco

Lake Cisco was the scene of a piclene is this week's guest of Miss Pearl | nic supper on Thursday night of last week when members of the Wozencraft family gathered for a happy employed at Corpus Christi, arrived reunion. Skating and swimming were

Among those present from Mer-Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Patterson and kel and Abilene were Mrs. W. A. daughter, Louise, visited relatives at Wozencraft, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Wozencraft, Necander Wozencraft, Mrs. J. F. Campbell returned Mon- Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Collins, Southwest Texas State Teachers ville, Coryell City and Waco, with and Mrs. Louis George and four college at San Marcos. Mrs. Black friends and relatives. While at Cory- children and Dick Wozencraft, Abi-

Rites Held for Mrs. Nancy M. Lester, 81, White Flat Resident

Trent, June 13 .- Funeral services were held at 3 p. m. Monday from the Baptist church here for Mrs. Nancy M. Lester, 81, who died Sunday at her home in the White Flat community, where she had resided for 53 years, ever since coming to Nolan

Rev. T. J. Young, of Rule, former pastor of the Baptist church here, conducted the rites and burial followed in Rose Hill cemetery at Merkel, with Barrow-Sheppard Funeral home in charge.

Born Nancy Matilda Mason on Apr. 22, 1859, in Gadston, Ga., she was married to H. L. Lester in 1881, the couple moving to Texas a year later. They were the parents of eight children, all of whom died in early childhood. Her husband died in 1916. Mrs. Lester was converted when a child and joined the Baptist church.

Surviving relatives are a brother, R. F. Mason, Culman, Ala.; a sister, Sondrell Lewis, Trent, and four adopted children: Otis Lester, Abi-

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STONE-CLARKE. (Abilene Reporter-News.)

Dr. E. B. Surface.

Attendants were Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Hamilton.

A white eyelet pique over tan taffeta was frock chosen by the bride. Brown and white were accessory colors, and a corsage of white sweetheart roses. Heirloom in the family of a life-long friend, Mrs. H. C. Scott, was the gold necklace which she wore about her throat. She wore a dinner ring belonging to Mrs. Loyd Anderson. Mrs. Anderson was a club "sister" when they attended Abilene Christian college and the bride is the ninth member of the club to wear the

The couple is on a wedding trip to Fort Worth and Dallas.

Mrs. Stone is an Abilene high school, graduate and holds a degree from Abilene Christian college. In A. C. C., she was a four-year member of the Lucky 13 Pals, an organization for Abilene girls. In her senior year she was a candidate for campus queen. For the past two years, she has taught school in Merkel.

high school and of A. C. C. where he field and Thelma Mathews. was a four-year letterman in basketball and football. He was a member of Trojan, men's social club and of the "C" club, athletic organi-

The couple will live at 1329 South guest of honor.

BRIDE COMPLIMENTED.

ter, the former Anna Lou Church, Buster Moulder, T. E. Collins and Nell Morgan. was named honoree for a gift party David Gamble, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. on Thursday afternoon of last week, Mathews; Miss Betty Hollingshead hosted by Louise Hudson and Mrs. of Abilene, Rev. and Mrs. Cooper

flower centered table where guests Thelma Mathews.

FOR ...

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Miss Vivian Fryar

Your County Clerk the Past 31/2 Years

played throughout the entertainment Agnes Clarke, daughter of Mr. and hour by Mrs. E. Dwiggins, Clara Mrs. Luther Clarke, and Robert Frances Dwiggins and Laurel Sher-Stone, son of J. B. Stone, were mar- rill, while Maida Fern Young, ried Friday evening at the home of Pauline Bradley, Muriel and Winona Kelso assisted with refreshments.

> Thank you cards were passed on a white and silver tray adorned with snapdragons bearing the names of "Anna Lou and R. A."

Guests were Mesdames Maggie Wilson, John Malone, Curtis Mc-Aninch, Anna Regeon, W. H. Kelso, Sam Mashburn, Paul Bradley, Claude Young, E. H. Thompson, Bob Mashburn, Bill Dunagin, J. S. Varner, Euel Mashburn, Ira Stanley, Truett Jones, Earl Dwiggins, Carl Mashy burn, Fletcher Jones, Clarence Church, W. C. Church, Clark Mundy and Mac Hudson.

Misses Lois Regeon, Louise Hud- in the home of Mrs. Tom Largent. son, Myrtle Massey, Muriel and Lovely flowers decorated the Arnwine and Agnes Gordonkeir.

Dunagin, C. L. Daniels and Wesley Largent and Miss Vinnie Heizer. Stone is a graduate of Lubbock Mashburn; Misses Mary Anna May-

LOS AMIGAS COMPLIMENT

FORMER CLASS MEMBER. manager of the budget department School class on Tuesday evening, party on Monday. of the Goodyear Tire company in Abi- naming Mrs. Buster Moulder, who

WOODMEN CIRCLE.

or the Katie Kidwell district.

The district manager, Mrs. Katie at this meeting of the death of the husband of Mrs. Dora Alexander Talley, national president of the Woodmen Circle, who was laid to rest

Clara B. White, respectively, led the hite talked for a very interesting draping of the charter for the late thirty minutes on Girl Scouting, Mrs. Renna Mae Burns Keifer.

sent to Mrs. Hollingsworth.

The Katie Kidwell district convena summary of the program to be

rendered, in which she asked the Merkel drill team to put on the fancy drill. Mrs. Mathews, team captain, called a practice for Monday night.

As June 6 was the golden anniversary of the Woodmen of the World, the local camp had invited the Woodmen Circle to help celebrate the occasion, the camp to furnish the sandto attend the celebration.

A refreshing drink was served to the honoree, Mrs. Buster Moulder, and Mesdames Katie Kidwell, Abilene, Lillie Barnett, Winnie Turner, Ruby Barnett, Nancy Polley, Lillian Mathews, Sallie Mathews, Bea Reeves, Edith Perry, Alice Wallace and Miss Clara B. White.

> HOME BEAUTIFICATION JUDGES COMPLIMENTED

WITH LUNCHEON. Members of the various committees working with the home beautificaclub, entertained the three Abilene

Winona Kelso, Maida Fern Young, beautifully appointed tables where a Bersha Thompson, Pauline Bradley, summer menu was served to Mes- become warmer. In the event of ly. Imogene Hayes, Dolly Berry, Nell dames E. L. Harwell, John R. Dressen and W. M. Daugherity, all of Those sending gifts were Mesdames Abilene, Mesdames Pete West, S. D. lawn. Guy Glenn, Snyder, Cyrus Pee, T. G. Gamble, F. C. McFarland, Andy Bragg, Ellis Harris, Walter McCart- Shouse, Stanley King, O. B. Leach, a. m. and 8 p. m., except on Sundays, ney, Brit Baker, Bill Mashburn, Johnny Cox, Connor Robinson, Tom when the regular services will be

> ABILENE VISITOR ENTERTAINED.

Miss Betty Hollingshead of Abi- Martha; Mrs. A. H. Thornton, Elec Miss Thelma Mathews entertained Pearl Mathews, was complimented Shouse, sentinel. zation. He is employed as assistant members of the Los Amigas Sunday by her hostess with an afternoon

was the former Norma Patton, the furnished diversion until tea time sented a beautiful bouquet of gladioli Gene Paine; prayer, G. W. Wilhite; Following a delightful social hour served with Coca Colas to Misses ent were Mrs. Alton Nutt and Mrs. Kingsberry; "Diligence," Don Wood; of games, the honoree was presented Hollingshead, Margie Hogan, Nan- J. H. Grayson. gifts from the class. Dainty refresh. cille Hogan, Betty Lu Higgins, Louise Mrs. R. A. Shaver, Jr., of Roches- ments were served to Mesdames Patterson, Dora Gaither and Mary

LINEN SHOWER.

Walter Kelso in the Hudson home at Waters, Misses Edith Neill, Clara B. be married June 25, was very much Mrs. W. L. Johnson, leader. Mrs. Irl White, Nadine Clack, Dot Swafford, surprised on last Friday afternoon Walker led the opening prayer and Mrs. John Malone presided at a Bess McNiece, Pearl Mathews and when a number of her home ec pupils Mrs. J. O. Castles taught the Bible entertained in her honor at the home of Miss Dora Marie Gaither.

Following an enjoyable game Mrs. Buster Moulder, nee Miss a linen shower was presented the Sam Swann, W. W. Wheeler, Coop- p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday Norma Patton, of Sweetwater, was bride-to-be in an improvised oil tank. er Waters, J. O. Castles, J. S. Swann, evening. honored with a shower presented in Delicious angel food cake with iced W. L. Johnson, Sr., and one visitor, the form of a "gift basket" by mem- drink was served to Misses Neweta Mrs. George L. Paxton of Abilene. bers of the Woodmen Circle of Grove Cleveland and her successor, Frances No. 563 on Thursday afternoon of Cleveland, of Lubbock, Mary Ellen | The Elkin Lockett Circle met in the last week. Mrs. Moulder is pianist Key, Helen Heeter, Wanda Douglas, home of Mrs. G. M. Sharp on Monfor the local Grove and is also pianist Dorothy Nell Groene, Becky Gard- day afternoon, with Mrs. Chas. West meeting Wednesday evening at ner, Betty Lu Higgins, Janet Teaff, the leader. Opening prayer was led o'clock. Jeanette Neff, Geraldine Teague, by Mrs. J. M. Meeks. Mrs. J. L. Wint-Kidwell, informed the Merkel Grove Dorothy Lee Shannon and Mary Jo er taught an interesting Bible les-Hutchins.

in Dallas, Texas. The Grove voted club enjoyed the hospitality Friday member, Mrs. Chatman, and one visifor the secretary, Mrs. Winnie Turn- of Mesdames Andy and Clyde Shouse tor, Mrs. Van Lang. Closing prayer er, to send Mrs. Talley a card of in the home of the former, when a program on dresser scarfs and chair The attendant and assistant at- cushions was featured. After a short with Mrs. Chatman on June 24. tendant, Mrs. Alice Wallace and Miss business session, Mrs. G. W. Wiltheir needs, and the joys of sponsor-The secretary reported that Mrs. ship. Mrs. Buck Leach talked of Pearl Hollingsworth was having a materials for dresser scarfs and fine time on her vacation and it was chair cushions, passing samples, and voted that a card of greetings be Mrs. W. R. Sumpter talked of finishes for the scarfs and cushions.

Refreshments were passed to Mestion at Big Spring on June 14 was dames J. Ben Campbell, E. B. Waldiscussed, with Mrs. Kidwell giving lace, J. W. Bryan, C. P. Church, Harry Barnett, W. R. Sumpter, Grover Gilbert, Paul Blackaby, Bob Mc-Donald, Walter Teaff, Roy H. Mathews, Bob Sumpter, Fred Baker, Jr., Owen Robertson, Buck Leach, Holt Vaughn, Clark Mundy, Norris Barnett, Faby Mashburn, G. W. Wilhite, and the hostesses.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. Bill Sumpter on June 21, the program being "Food for thought."

MRS. E. B. REECE NAMED O. E. S. WORTHY MATRON.

Installation of officers was held Tuesday evening, June 11, for the Order of the Eastern Star. The hall was decorated with spring flowers and Mrs. Tom Greene presided at installation services. Others taking part in the program were Mrs. Chas. Seago, marshal; Miss Pearl Collins, organist, and Mrs. Ida Sharp, chap-

Officers are: Mrs. E. B. Reece, worthy matron; E. B. Reece, worthy patron; Mrs. Anna Belle Shouse, associate matron; M. S. Cummins, associate patron; Mrs. W. L. Johnson, secretary; Mrs. Roy Miller, treasurer; Mrs. Chas. Seago, conductress; Mrs. C. C. McRee, associate conductress; Mrs. J. M. Williamson, chaplain; Mrs. H. G. Smith, marshal; Miss Pearl Collins, organist; Mrs. Bert McRee, Adah; Mrs. M. S. Cummins, Ruth; Mrs. Nannie Causseaux, Esther; Mrs. Pierce Horton

#### **Baptist Revival** To Open Sunday

An exceptionally strong revival at the First Baptist church beginning Sunday and continuing through the remainder of the month. The singer, here last February when he led the Sunday a year ago. singing in the spring revival. His work was so well liked that the church voted to invite him to return before that meeeting closed. Mr. Matthews has turned down several other invi- June 17, at the church for their Roytations in the meantime in order to al Service program, with the Elkin come back to Merkel this summer. Lockett Circle in charge, The beautiful baritone voice of this young man will be heard in a solo at each service during the two weeks.

The preacher, Rev. Sidney F. Martin of Memphis, Texas, is well known in West Texas because of several tion contest sponsored by the Fort- both as a pastor and as an evangel- Mrs. J. M. Williamson; "Some Nignightly Study club, the Junior Study ist is outstanding. Rev. Mr. Martin erians We Should Know," Mrs. O. B. club and the Home Demonstration preaches with conviction and clarity Tatum. as few men are able to command. judges with a luncheon Wednesday One sample of his preaching calls for

The services will be held inside the church building unless the evenings Every one is urged to attend regularwarmer weather the evening services will be held out of doors on the church

Services will be held daily at 10 held: Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 8 p. m., Training Union 7:15 p. m.

lene, who is the house guest of Miss ta; H. G. Smith, warder; Andy

The retiring worthy matron and Table games and musical numbers H. G. Smith. Mrs. Smith was pre- songs, Don Wood; Scripture reading, when a dainty sandwich course was from Harry Woodrum. Others pres- program, "Gardens," Mrs. Deane

W. M. U. CIRCLES. The Blanche Rose Walker Circle Don Wood; benediction, Willard of the First Baptist church met in Paine; program leader, Billy Wood. the home of Mrs. J. S. Swann on Miss Neweta Cleveland, who is to Monday afternoon, June 10, with

> lesson. Those present were Mesdames E.

son from II Chronicles to Mesdames West, Zollinger, Meeks, Williamson, HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB. Clark, Sharp, Winter, Douglas, Skid-The Merkel Home Demonstration more, Gilbreath, Collins, one new was led by Mrs. Collins.

The next Circle meeting will be

#### In The Churches

team is to lead in the summer revival SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE. lene school man, will speak at the 11 wiches and the Circle to furnish the John Matthews of Fort Worth, won 473 as compared with 546 on the ed. cakes and pies. Every one was urged his way into the hearts of the people previous Sunday and 542 on the same

BAPTIST W. M. U.

tist church will meet on Monday, Baptist revival.

Topic for the month is "Holding Fast in Africa." The program follows: Bible study, "Suppose," Psa. 77:1-12; song, "Send the Light;" "Consider Africa," Mrs. A. H. Zollinger; "Beginning in Nigeria," Mrs. pastorates in this section. His record Oda Clark; "Progressing in Nigeria,"

> PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. Sunday School will be held each Sunday at the usual hour, 10 a. m.

W. M. Elliott.

Clerk of Session. CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Sunday services: Bible classes 9:45, preaching at 10:45, young people's meeting at 7. Preaching at 8 p. m. by Melba Gladys Horton, and "The Wednesday evening Bible study at Spirit of the Worker," by Sybil o'clock.

You are invited to attend. E. W. Key, Minister.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETING The program for the young peoworthy patron were Mr. and Mrs. ple's meeting at 7:15 p. m. follows: "Decisions," Bobby Woodrum; speter of the Bible," Billy Wood; song, have lots of fun.

FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST

CHURCH. Preaching Saturday night at 8 o'clock. Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Young people's Bible study 3 p. m. All young people invited to attend these studies. Preaching service 8

R. U. Rister, Pastor.

NAZARENE CHURCH. Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Prayer

Everyone is cordially invited to these services.

R. T. Smith, Pastor.

NUBIA LEAGUE.

We had an interesting program last Sunday, with Nina Joyce Riney in charge. After the League program Bishop Hunter of Merkel brought a wonderful message.

The first talk for next Sunday is

## **Humphrey Speaker On** Laymen's Program

Joe Humphrey, well known Abi-Rainy weather cut down last o'clock hour Sunday morning at the Sunday's attendance at the six re- Methodist church when laymen's and porting Sunday Schools in Merkel to Father's day will be jointly observ-

Sunday School will be held at the usual hour, 9:45 a. m., young people meet at 7:15, but there will be no evening service Sunday nor prayer The W. M. U. of the First Bap- meeting Wednesday because of the

John H. Crow, Pastor.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETING. "What Makes a Vocation Chris-

tian" is the subject of the young people's meeting on Sunday, June 16, with L. S. Tipton the leader. The program is as follows:

Hymn, "True - Hearted, Whole-Hearted;" Scripture reading: Matt. 6:24-33; I Cor. 1:26-31, leader; talks, "What Makes a Job a Vocation," Billy George Gant; "Types of Work to Which God Calls Men," J. V. Patterson; "The Spirit of the Worker," Ben Ferguson.

Since college has been dismissed. we would like to have you students come back to League. We'll be seeing all of you at 7:15 next Sunday even--Reporter.

'What Makes a Job a Vocation" by Nina Joyce Riney, followed by "Types of Work to Which God Calls Men," Riney. The title of the second series is "What Makes a Vocation Christian," with Annie C. Cargill reading the Scripture. First talk is by Mrs. Dewell McLean and second by Mildred McLean.

We had several visitors in our crowd Sunday night. We invite every one that can to be with us each Sunday night.

The League is sponsoring a play at Butman this Friday night. Come, cial paper on "My Favorite Charac- bring your nickels and dimes and We had our monthly League social

> last Thursday night and every one reported a good time. -Assistant Reporter.

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