

**Keeping Up
With Texas**

Governor W. Lee O'Daniel has appointed John Payne, manager of the Austin Daily Tribune, and Rev. Edmund Heinsohn, pastor of the University Methodist church in Austin, to the library and historical commission of Texas.

C. G. Scruggs of McGregor was elected president of the State Future Farmers of America last Friday at Houston. Jack Dempsey, Sulphur Springs, was elected vice-president.

Kenneth Faucett, 21, of Darrouzett, died Saturday night at Perryton, shortly after a projecting part of a grain combine which was being towed along highway 117 shattered the windshield of Faucett's car and pierced his head.

Damage was estimated at \$32,000 from a fire that swept through the Grand theatre at Fort Stockton early Sunday morning.

John Thompson Storey, 80, retired Lockhart banker and son of former Governor L. J. Storey, died Sunday at his home at Lockhart.

Dean Emeritus Charles Puryear of Texas A. & M. college died Thursday night, July 11, in a Bryan hospital.

Two children, Julian Don Mata, 2, and Eva Fuentes, 9, were burned to death at San Angelo last Friday in a fire that injured three other persons.

J. F. Yearwood, for many years an XIT foreman and the only lifetime director of the Texas Hereford association, died Thursday night, July 11, at Georgetown.

Gloria Burns, 18, Port Arthur blonde, was proclaimed "Miss Texas" at the Mineral Wells health festival. She will represent Texas at the "Miss America" contest, Atlantic City, Sept. 2-8.

Mrs. Marshall Cloyd, 26, Dallas, drowned early Monday in Lake Brownwood, while swimming near the cabin of her brother, G. N. Harrison, Jr., of Brownwood. It was the first drowning of the year at Lake Brownwood.

Ball, 79, of San Antonio, died at Temple Thursday, July 11, after a six-weeks' illness. He was prominent in Texas Masonic circles.

"Punk" Chamberlain, 18, Melrose, N. M., was killed instantly, and Eszell Potts, 30, Hammond, Okla., critically injured when a truck driven by the latter struck a concrete culvert six miles south of Rule last Friday morning. Chamberlain's body was cut in two.

Jesse L. Avant, 84-year-old former Indian fighter, trail driver and Southwest peace officer in the days of the old "Wild West," died Saturday in an El Paso hospital.

Governor W. Lee O'Daniel will make a swing through West Texas in the closing week of the primary campaign, opening Monday night in Brownwood. Other dates are Wichita Falls, Tuesday night; Amarillo, Wednesday night; Lubbock, Thursday night, and Abilene, Friday night.

By a vote of 3,258 to 18, San Angelo property owners Tuesday endorsed a \$300,000 bond issue for establishment of a United States air corps specialized aviation training corps.

Five men died Monday in the flaming wreckage of a truck, and a car which collided on the San Antonio-Seguin highway. The dead were Tim Walker, 27; John Edward Miller, 14, and W. J. Davis, negro youth, all from Trinity; and Ricardo Suarez, 28, and Sam Morina, both of Sekuin.

Mrs. S. H. Conant, 57, died at a Waco hospital Friday afternoon of injuries received earlier in the day when struck by a truck at a street intersection. Investigators said the truck was backing up when Mrs. Conant was struck.

W. T. (Uncle Bud) Roberts, 91, first white settler of Howard county, died Tuesday after a long illness at his ranch home southeast of Big Seguin.

Mrs. D. L. Miller, about 60, was killed at Plainview Tuesday when her automobile overturned after a tire blowout.

Hugh L. Brown, 63, an invalid, was saved from death Monday night by Mrs. W. H. Gandy when Brown's home at Dallas was destroyed by fire. Mrs. Gandy, whose weight is little more than half that of Brown, carried the aged man from a flaming room to safety.

Construction was started Tuesday on a \$450,000 pants factory at Dallas, which officials said would occupy 90,000 square feet of floor space.

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On the "Broadway of America"

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FULL PROGRAM OF 1910 BUTMAN RODEO PICNIC

Rodeo, Softball in Afternoons; Amateur Hour, Entertainment Features at Night; Fun For All in Two-Day Affair.

Various committees composed of nearly 50 of the community's leading citizens are working hard to complete plans for the ninth free annual Butman Rodeo-Picnic scheduled July 25-26.

Every minute of the two-day program is filled with thrilling entertainment. The morning of each day from 10 to 12 o'clock will be devoted to political speaking; rodeo from 2 to 4 p. m.; fat people's race at 5 p. m., and a softball game will start at 5:30 p. m. each day—between Merkel women and White Church women the first day and the winners vs. Trent women the second day.

Night program on the first day will be an amateur hour, starting at 9 p. m., preceded by special features and followed by a request program. A string band contest is scheduled to start at 8:30 the second evening, to be followed by a jiggling contest and other entertainments.

Sam Butman, Sr., is president; E. H. Cordill, vice-president, and Mrs. Tom Russom, secretary-treasurer of the summer entertainment, with Sam Butman, Jr., as general manager, assisted by Mrs. Don Riney. Jim Cook is chairman of the rodeo committee, which also includes Will F. Butman, Mrs. Will F. Butman, L. A. Dudley, D. J. Anderson, Clovis Harrison, Gordon Crawford and Lewis Cook.

Seventy-five head of stock have
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Stith Loses to Trent, But Annexes One at Expense of Leaders

After having been smothered by Trent in a 15-4 score in the nightcap of last Thursday night's game, Stith ran up seven tallies in Monday night's opener to defeat Hodges, league leaders, who managed to annex only three counters.

Trent's victory enabled them to stay in second place in league standing.

In the nightcap Monday the F. & M. softballers bested Noodle 10 to 3. Robert Higgins hit a homer in the first frame, driving in one man ahead of him, and the Bankers salted the game away with five more runs in the second.

In an exhibition double-header last Friday night, the Bankers broke even, taking the opener from Clyde 15-8 but scoring only a lone tally to 9 for the visitors from Caps in the second game. Two homers featured the first encounter, Davis scoring one ahead of him in the first and Smith bringing two runners home with his circuit clout in the fourth.

On Thursday night of this week the women's game is between the Stith and White Church teams, with
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Destructive Blaze Sweeps Dye Home

The home of A. V. Dye, Sr., on West Elm street, was almost completely destroyed by fire shortly before three o'clock last Friday morning, and contents were practically a total loss. The origin of the fire which started in the northeast corner of the house is not known.

Insurance in the amount of \$2,000 was carried on the house, and \$750 on the furniture.

Noted Doctor Dies.

New York, July 18.—Dr. S. Adolph Knopf, 82, authority on tuberculosis and a founder of the National Tuberculosis association, died Monday.

Record of Births.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Reese, Abilene, Saturday, July 13, 1910.
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. William Neill, Tuesday, July 16, 1910.

TREAT IN STORE FOR LOVERS OF SPORT AND FUN

Few sports, if any, provide more amusement to players and fans alike than a donkey ball game. So through President R. T. Gray of the Lions club another troupe of the performing quadrupeds has been booked for a Merkel engagement, this time on Friday night, July 26.

Chairman Stanley King and his assistants, Nolan Palmer and Byron Patterson, of the sports committee of the Lions club have organized a full quota of experienced donkey trainers from the club membership, who will have as their opponents an all-star aggregation picked and managed by John Mansfield.

Place of the encounter will be the Merkel softball field; the time, 8 p. m., Friday, July 26. Price of admission will be 10 cents for children and 25 cents for adults.

Fund Is Authorized For Taylor Electric Co-Operative A Line

Wires received Tuesday by Johnny Cox, coordinator of the Taylor Electric Co-Operative, Inc., from Congressman Clyde Garrett and Senator Tom Connally advised that allotment of \$287,000 for the construction of the Co-Operative's A line, a distance of 395.5 miles, had been secured.

The line is a combination of the old A and B lines, and goes into Jones, Taylor, Fisher, Callahan, Shackelford and Nolan counties and has more than 800 members.

The contract for construction of this line probably will be let in about two weeks, Cox said after receiving word from Washington. The contract engineer has been asked to release contract specifications so that bids can be figured.

Two staking crews are at work now on the approved line and Cox urges that all members co-operate with right-of-way men who precede stakemen, getting meter locations and house wiring contracts to determine transformer capacities.

New projects are being worked up and communities not already serviced by REA are urged to get in touch with Cox. Work is progressing on another 150-mile line and is expected to be completed within the next 30 days.

Program for Old Settlers Reunion

Program for the Taylor County Old Settlers' reunion at Buffalo Gap Friday of this week will open at 10 a. m. with a 30-minute concert by the Abilene high school band, it is announced by Judge T. A. Bledsoe, president of the association, at the close of which invocation will be offered by Dr. M. A. Jenkins, pastor of the First Baptist church in Abilene.

After Judge Bledsoe extends welcome, W. H. Free will lead the assemblage in singing national and patriotic and sacred songs. Representatives of the Spanish War veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion will give talks.

Political candidates will be allowed to make brief announcements. More band music will follow lunch. A musical entertainment beginning at 4 p. m. will include a solo by Ed Shumway, songs by Bertha and Clara Galle, music by the Shep Troubadours, and an old fiddlers' contest. The Abilene square dance set will give exhibitions at 6 p. m.

Candidate Rally Set At Compere July 23

All candidates are invited to be at A. J. Newman's store at Compere on Tuesday night, July 23, to address the voters of the community, it is announced by a special committee on arrangements.

All voters, especially those who have not heard the candidates, are invited to be present to see and hear each one's claim to office.

ANNUAL MELON FEAST STAGED BY LIONS CLUB

Group of 57, Including Members, Ladies and Guests, Gather on Baptist Church Lawn for Informal Evening.

Annual watermelon feast of the Merkel Lions club found a group of fifty-seven, including members, their wives and friends, gathered on the spacious lawn of the First Baptist church Tuesday night, when the evening was spent informally around long tables loaded with luscious red-ripe melons, which were cut and served in bountiful proportions.

President R. T. Gray of the Lions club is authority for the statement that the committee on arrangements, Milton Case, Ray Wilson and E. O. Carson, contracted with Paul Douglas to haul a thousand pounds of San Antonio's best variety for the occasion. The club is indebted to the pastor of the First Baptist church, Rev. Cooper Waters, for the courtesy of use of the lawn.

As the watermelon cut was substituted for the regular luncheon meeting, roll call proceeded in the customary way, with added high-lights when members reported correct age, pet name, etc., of their "better half" or else settled with Tail Twister Norman Hodge, which latter course was resorted to by many.

Members and guests present were: Messrs. and Mesdames W. O. Boney, E. Y. Bailey, A. J. Canon, Elmo Collins, Paul Douglas, Wrenn Durham, S. D. Gamble, R. T. Gray, Dee Grimes, John Grable, N. T. Hodge, Stanley King, Bert Melton, A. A. McGehee, Nolan Palmer, Byers Petty, Owen Robertson, Connor Robinson, W. A. Stockbridge, H. L. Turner, Ray Wilson, Nathan Wood; Rev. and Mrs. Cooper Waters; Mrs. Frank Robinson and son, Bobby, Crane; Misses Christine Collins and Gay West; Dr. L. C. Zehnpfennig, Messrs. Frank Breaux, Milton Case, C. J. Glover, Myer Mellinger, A. T. Sheppard, F. M. Simpson.

Interesting Review From National Demo Convention

Impressions and personal views of the convention are revealed by Mrs. Lynn Shelton, who is attending her first democratic national conclave, which opened in Chicago Monday, in the following letter to the Mail written Monday:

"We are stopping at the Belair hotel and the 'Garner-for-President' headquarters are located in the Sherman hotel, so we go by there in going to and from our hotel, which is quite a piece from the convention hall. While in the Sherman hotel, I had the privilege of being introduced to Senator Tom Connally, Senator Duncan from New Mexico, Elliott Roosevelt and other men of importance whose names I fail to recall. From the Sherman hotel, we rushed out on Washington avenue, via a crowded bus. I cannot see how there could be people enough left anywhere else, from the crowd assembled at the convention hall. After much confusion, I found where I was supposed to sit and settled down for a long hour of waiting to see what was going to happen. On the main floor, each state had its particular label; therefore, you begin to realize that this was the United States in a small representation from each state. Cameramen with their cameras almost blind you with flashes. To me it was all very interesting, though you are probably waiting for me to tell you what the chairman was talking about.

"It was but a short time, probably twenty minutes after I was seated, that I learned from the gentleman sitting by me that the chairman had announced that the convention was to adjourn until 9 that evening, so everyone rushed out to buy a newspaper to find out what had taken place."

Mrs. Shelton, who went with Mrs. Claude Young of Abilene, adds that they plan to come home about Saturday.

ALL-CANDIDATES' RALLY SET FOR SATURDAY NIGHT

A county-wide candidates' rally is to be held here Saturday night, beginning at 8 o'clock, with W. O. Boney, precinct chairman, presiding. The loud speaker apparatus will be hooked up in front of the Merkel Motor company on Edwards street. A similar candidates' rally had been scheduled for next Thursday night at Butman, but the program of the Butman Rodeo-Picnic provides for political speakings during the morning hours of each of the two-day community celebration.

"Blind Bogey" Next Tournament Plan Merkel Golf Club

A "blind bogey" tournament, which promises a new twist to Merkel golfers as tournament play, will start Saturday, July 20, to be concluded Sunday, Aug. 4.

Details of play, as announced by the tournament committee, provide that 18 holes must be played in at least three-somes, with each member of the three-some signing the cards. Score cards may be secured at Petty & West Barber shop, where scores will be posted. Members of the tournament committee are Weston West, Byers Petty and Byron Patterson.

Each player will be assigned a handicap, which added to or subtracted from his total score on 18 holes will determine his net score. A number will be drawn by the committee and the player (or players) who has that net score, or nearest thereto, will be the winner.

Franklin D. Roosevelt Wins on First Ballot

Chicago Stadium, July 18.—Discarding an ancient tradition, the democratic national convention noisily nominated Franklin D. Roosevelt for a third term as president of the United States early today—and did it by acclamation.

A smashing majority of the convention's 1,100 votes had been cast for the president, to the clamor of the delegates and the jammed galleries. Before the result could be announced, James A. Farley, once a third term foe, a candidate himself, announced his support for the ticket, and moved that the rules be suspended and the president be acclaimed the party's nominee.

Farley's motion was seconded by Senator Walsh of Massachusetts and Senator Tydings of Maryland. Rep. Rayburn of Texas already had turned Texas' 46 votes from Vice-President Garner to Mr. Roosevelt.

Official result of the ballot, as announced by tally clerks, gave Roosevelt 946 13-30; Farley, 72 27-30; Garner, 61; Tydings, 9 1-2; Hull, 5 2-3.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, July 16, 1920.)

Mrs. G. A. Gutherie and son, Preston, returned Tuesday night from their trip to Fannin county where they visited old friends and relatives.

Miss Dixie Howard, bookkeeper for the Merkel Dry Goods Co., is visiting her sister who lives at Hillsboro, Texas.

W. S. J. Brown and Warren Smith returned Wednesday from a trip by auto to Glen Rose and Fort Worth.

Miss Virginia Swafford has returned to her home at Big Spring after a visit with relatives and friends here.

R. L. Bland left the first of the week on a business trip to points in Georgia and other Southern States.

Geo. Brown and family, accompanied by Miss Lola Armstrong, left the first of the week for a fishing

EVERYBODY LOVES A FAT MAN, BUT WATCH 'EM ROPE

Fat Men's Roping Contest Extra Added Feature for Saturday Afternoon Show; Boots Scramble Friday Night.

It's an ancient saying, probably dates prior to the Confucius era, "everybody loves a fat man." Genial Macklyn Arbuckle typified the adage on the stage years ago in many a riotous comedy.

So the fat man will have another day Saturday at the Merkel rodeo, which is introducing a fat man's calf roping event as one of the added features. Just how much fun will be invoked depends on the fat men, like Chief T. A. Hackney and Dee Bland of the Abilene police force, who have already entered the competition. Another Bland, his name is Alvie, Sweetwater chief, is also reported as wanting to take part. Out of a class headed by such celebrities and many others from Abilene and Sweetwater and local men as well, who knows how much art and speed with the lariat and tie-rope may be developed?

The usual full schedule of events, including calf roping, cow milking, saddle bronc and bareback bronc riding, bull and steer riding, will be staged at both of the week-end shows, Friday night and Saturday afternoon, with the fat man's roping contest a stellar attraction for the afternoon show and the hilarious "boots scramble" to bring lots of fun in its first presentation in the local arena Friday night.

Starting time for the Friday night performance is 8 p. m.; the Saturday show will start at 2 p. m.

The "green tag" sale had exceeded the 400 mark up to Wednesday night, with prospects of a general spread over Thursday and Friday, to complete the "1 in 1,000" campaign.

NO CHANGE IN PRICE.
Directors of the Merchants Trade Extension association, sponsors of the series of summer entertainments, have decided to retain the same ad-
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Friends of "Elmer And Jimmie" Lowe Plan Booster Trip

Plans were started Thursday to get together a delegation of Merkelites to leave here Monday at 1 p. m. for Abilene to boost "Elmer Lowe for sheriff."

"This is strictly an impromptu affair and all of Elmer's and Jimmie's friends are urged to join the party," said Dr. L. C. Zehnpfennig, one of the sponsors of the delegation.

"It is planned to spend an hour in Abilene, to visit among friends and do what can be done to help a home-town boy make good," he added.

Miss Mamie Moore left Monday night for California where she will make her home.

Percy Jones and family and father-in-law, W. B. Farmer, returned last Friday from a fishing trip and visit down in Stephens county.

Our readers are familiar with the fact that owing to the death last January of Mr. H. C. Williams, our postmaster, there was held a civil service examination for the purpose of selecting a new postmaster and to Mr. Shirley King fell the appointment. He immediately filled out the required bond and will receive his commission from Washington within the next 30 days.

Mr. King has had considerable experience and is one of the best young men in all the whole country, is thoroughly capable and will no doubt make a very efficient and accommodating postmaster for Merkel.

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Criticizes Truck Regulation Tangle

Lubbock, July 18.—"Truck transportation has reached its political load limit in Texas," Railroad Commission Candidate Olin Culberson declared here in a recent speech.

"The 7,000-pound load limit is bad enough, but the further burden of political boondoggling into business is a worse handicap," Culberson declared.

"Many bus and truck operators exist merely upon the whim of political-minded, ambitious and uniformed regulatory authority, and thousands of jobs and tremendous investments as well as public convenience rest upon political expediency," Culberson added. "This situation stinks and must be corrected by a commissioner who has no political debts to pay and fears no political reprisal. I mean an honest man experienced and proved capable."

Methodists to Begin Revival at Blair

Blair, July 18.—The Methodist revival will begin Friday night, July 19, with Rev. Cecil Fox, pastor of the Methodist church at Roby, leading in this evangelistic effort.

According to reports, he is an evangelist of high reputation and has proved his ability as pastor in local churches. He is an able speaker and will bring fresh messages to challenge sinner and saint alike.

Rev. J. B. Stewart, the pastor, will assist Rev. Mr. Fox in making the meeting a spiritual success. Those who attend these meetings will be rich in spiritual blessings as workers together for God. The public is cordially invited.

Mrs. Hugh Campbell,
Correspondent.

Butman Rodeo

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Been secured for the rodeo performances, which will feature bronc riding, steer riding, bull riding, calf roping, wild cow decorating and junior steer riding. The committee is planning for a swift, thrilling and spilling rodeo with no side lines to delay its procedure.

The stage entertainment under management of Joe Seymore, assisted by Mrs. Don Riney, Lloyd Mathews, Jack Nowell, Mrs. Lota Butman, J. W. Brown and M. P. (Uncle Jack) Latimer, has been well planned to fill two nights full of enjoyable entertainment of all kinds.

E. H. Cordill, assisted by Dewell McLean and Howard Cargill, has made plans to take care of candidate speaking.

A special feature committee consisting of Mrs. Wade Ensminger, Mrs. Ben Butman and Mrs. W. C. Perkins, together with the committee on outdoor games and sports, consisting of J. Lee Coffman, J. B. Stewart, A. D. Scott and Roy Jennings, have arranged a softball game for each day to begin at 5:30 p. m. the first day.

After the work of the grounds committee is completed, the decoration committee plans to add color and attraction to the entire layout.

The finance and concession committees are looking forward to an adequate supply of eats, drinks and amusement. All indications point to a general theme that these are to be the community's two-day vacation, and everybody is cordially invited.

Believe It or Not

You can now buy for \$1.00 enough genuine 100% Mineral Wells, Palo Pinto County, Texas, BAKERWELL dehydrated mineral water crystals to make 20 gallons No. 4 strong mineral water. Why suffer from aches, pains and nervousness caused by acidity and constipation. BEWARE OF SUBSTITUTES. Call your local Drug, Department or Grocery Store or Bakerwell Mineral Water Co. Mineral Wells, Texas

Resident of Taylor County for 12 Years, Doss Seeks Judgeship



To the Citizens of Fisher, Jones and Taylor Counties:

I have entered the race for district judge of the 104th judicial district composed of the above counties, with malice toward none and good will toward all, and on my own merits without disparagement of any one.

I was born and reared in middle Tennessee, and upon obtaining my majority, decided to follow the advice of Horace Greeley and came west. I was educated at Howard institute, Mt. Pleasant, Tenn., and at Vanderbilt university, Nashville, Tenn.

I was admitted to the Texas bar in 1903, maintained a law office in Greenville, Texas, for five years and thereafter begun to practice law in West Texas. I located in Rannels county in February, 1909, and have continuously practiced law in West Texas since that time, moving from Ballinger to Abilene twelve years ago. I have never had any other occupation or business and have never before asked for an elective office.

For several years at Ballinger I was attorney for the city without salary and soon after I came to Abilene I served one term as corporation judge of the City of Abilene, appointed by the city commission. I was reappointed for a second term, but resigned at the end of three months. The first seven years of my residence in Abilene I was a member of the law firm of Davidson, Doss and McMahon and the last five years I have practiced alone. I have practiced law continuously for 37 years, it being my only occupation.

I am a member of the Methodist church affiliated with the St. Paul congregation in Abilene, and have always tried to be on the right side of every moral issue. My father and grandfather spent their lives as pioneer Methodist circuit riders. My family consists of my wife, our four children, two of whom are married and two of whom are still in school.

In 1898 I enlisted for service in the Spanish American war and for a time was located in the fever camps in Miami, Fla. I am a member of the local Park Minter Camp of Spanish American War Veterans at Abilene. During the World War I was chairman for Rannels county of the committee investigating un-American activities, was a minute man making weekly speeches in theatres and other public places; was on the selective draft board and registered for service. I made speeches during the World war on Liberty Loan, and Red Cross drives and other patriotic programs.

I know that I understand the duties of district judge and I believe that I can perform them in a manner that will reflect honor to the of-

fice and credit to myself and I promise you that I will, to the utmost of my ability, render you the kind of service you have a right to expect, and that I will administer four-square justice under the law to every man regardless of position, rank or social status.

Sincerely,
A. K. Doss.

Canon Asks Another Term to Finish Up Latest Road Project

To the Voters of Precinct No. 2:
I take this means of thanking you for the support you are giving me and for the favors you have shown me. I am very grateful to you, and trust that in your opinion I merit your continued co-operation.

A word of explanation is due my friends, regarding my reason for seeking re-election to the office of commissioner. As you know, I have succeeded in getting a federal project assigned to this precinct, and county-wide funds in the amount of \$260,200.00 have already been o.k.'ed in Washington.

It is not as easy as some people would have you believe to get these projects assigned. There is a great deal of red tape connected with it, and they must be figured and re-figured several times. So long as I have succeeded in getting this project approved, I really am anxious to stay in office until it is finished.

I know the set-up better than anyone could possibly know it who has not been working on the plans, and I feel that I am, for that reason alone, better qualified to give the precinct more efficient service and to enable this part of the county to receive more benefit from the project than could anyone not thoroughly familiar with its every detail.

In determining for whom you cast your vote for commissioner, I trust you will consider these facts, and, if you vote for me, I will continue to give you the best service of which I am capable.

Yours sincerely,
A. J. Canon.
(Political advertisement.)

High School Library Open During Summer

The Merkel High School library is open free for the public use this summer from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m., and, "if there is a book which you have been intending to read for some time now is the time to get that book and read it," is the message from Miss Vernell Bland, custodian.

"We have fiction, religion, sciences, both social and pure, biography, dramatics and history," she states. "Any sort of references may be verified from one of our many reference books. The newest current magazines are also available."

Beginning Monday, July 22, there will be a story hour held in the study hall for the smaller children. The hour will begin at 2 p. m.

NOTICE!

I represent Sam L. Dryden & Son Marble and Granite Works, Abilene, and am in position to quote you prices on monuments as large or as small as you want. Have some markers for grown-ups as low as \$15; child's marker for less.

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FARM LOANS AND ALL KINDS OF INSURANCE
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NECROLOGY

MRS. BARNEY WILLIAMS.
Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon, July 11, at the Methodist church here for Mrs. Mildred Bartlett Williams, wife of Barney Williams, who died in an Odessa hospital.

Rev. John H. Crow, pastor of the Merkel church, officiated, assisted by Rev. Frank D. Tuly. Burial followed in Rose Hill cemetery, with Rix funeral home of Odessa in charge.

Pallbearers were J. H. and A. B. Waters, Parker Sharp, Vernon Evans, Bill Sumrow and Wesley Steed.

Besides the husband, her parents, grandparents, two sisters, one brother and several aunts who attended survive.

Mildred Josephine Bartlett was born in Clifton, Texas, on July 22, 1921, having lived there until coming to Odessa. She was married to Barney Williams on June 25 in Lovington, N. M., and only a bride of 15 days.

She was a member of the Methodist church, her favorite Scripture being the 23rd Psalm.

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He has lived in county 38 years. He is fully qualified to carry on the duties of the office.

He guarantees courteous treatment to one and all having business transactions in the office.

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He needs the office. Why not give him a chance?

He Will Deeply Appreciate Your Vote and Influence In His Behalf

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Reserve District No. 11

REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE

FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK

Of Merkel, in the State of Texas, at the close of business on June 29, 1940 published in response to call made by Comptroller of the Currency, Under section 5211, U. S. Revised Statutes

ASSETS

1. Loans and discounts (including \$150.65 overdrafts)	\$316,572.71
2. United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	37,950.00
3. Obligations of States and political subdivisions	14,248.11
4. Other bonds, notes, and debentures	6,912.50
5. Corporate stocks, including stock of Federal Reserve bank	2,150.00
6. Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection	150,989.20
7. Furniture and fixtures, \$2,000.00	2,000.00
8. Real estate owned other than bank premises	1.00
12. TOTAL ASSETS	\$530,823.52

LIABILITIES

13. Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	\$419,068.85
14. Time deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	17,667.75
16. Deposits of States and political subdivisions	11,446.62
17. Deposits of banks	1,734.65
18. Other deposits (certified and cashier's checks, etc.)	194.09
19. TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$450,111.96
24. TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$450,111.96

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

25. Capital Stock:	
(c) Common stock, total par \$50,000.00	50,000.00
26. Surplus	22,500.00
27. Undivided profits	8,211.56
29. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	80,711.56
30. TOTAL Liabilities and Capital Accounts	\$530,823.52

MEMORANDA

31. Pledged assets (and securities loaned) (book value):	
(a) United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed, pledged to secure deposits and other liabilities	4,350.00
(b) Other assets pledged to secure deposits and other liabilities (including notes and bills rediscounted and securities sold under repurchase agreement)	14,500.00
(c) TOTAL	\$ 18,850.00
32. Secured liabilities:	
(a) Deposits secured by pledged assets pursuant to requirements of law	11,446.62
(d) TOTAL	\$ 11,446.62

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Taylor, ss:

I, Booth Warren, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

BOOTH WARREN, Cashier

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 9th day of July, 1940.

(SEAL)

MARY COLLINS, Notary Public.

CORRECT—Attest:
W. S. J. BROWN,
SAM BUTMAN, Sr.
H. C. WEST,
Directors.

(Publisher's note—By inadvertence of the advertising department, figures used in condensed statement as of June 29, 1940, of the above bank, published in last week's issue of The Mail, were those copied from the statement of March 26, 1940, and were not the correct figures for the first mentioned date, June 29, 1940, as printed in the above complete statement of the F. & M. Nat'l bank.)

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QUEEN THEATRE CALENDAR

Last times Friday—Bob Burns in "Alias the Deacon;" added, U. S. Navy of 1940—March of Time.
 Saturday only — Gene Autry, Smiley Burnette in "Gaucho Serenade," also selected short subjects.
 Saturday preview, Sunday matinee, Monday night—Bob Hope, Paulette Goddard in "Ghost Breakers;" added, Donald Duck cartoon and shorts.
 Tuesday-Wednesday — Lloyd Nolan, Barton McLane in "Gangs of Chicago."
 Thursday-Friday, July 25-26—Bing Crosby in "If I Had My Way;" special added attraction, 20-minute story of "State Fair of Texas" in technicolor.

Bob Burns
 Bob Burns, the fun-loving man with the bazooka and the relatives, is back in all his glory in the new Universal comedy, "Alias the Deacon," which opened Thursday at the Queen theatre.

He is the same Burns who created a new kind of screen humor a few years back with his first picture, "Rhythm on the Range," and he is all the more refreshing now because he is back again with the familiar Burns character.

The title role of "Alias the Deacon" was made to order for Burns, and he takes full advantage of his opportunities. In contrast to his recent screen appearances, Burns attempts no pretexts. He plays his character for comedy and is content with that. And his portrayal of the philosophical card sharp in the oil boom town is Burns to the life.

"The Ghost Breakers"

Spooks to the left of them, spooks to the right of them, Paulette Goddard and Bob Hope, go after ghosts with gags in one of the merriest mystery stories of the season coming to the Queen theatre Saturday preview, Sunday matinee and Monday night. It's Paramount's "The Ghost Breakers." It will break you up completely.

Cleverly directed by George Marshall from a well-planned screen-play by Walter DeLeon, it gives Bob Hope ample opportunity to ad lib at the expense of the wierdest assortment of uncanny goings-on ever assembled. Dressed in the latest fashions that display her gorgeous figure to perfection, Paulette Goddard is an eye-ful.

Action is the keynote of "The Ghost Breakers." From the very first moment when Paulette finds that she has inherited a haunted castle on an island off Cuba, until she finds out why it was haunted, at the end of the picture, not a moment is wasted. It is only natural that two people united in solving such a thrilling riddle should gradually drift into romance, although they are thrown together accidentally in the beginning.

"If I Had My Way"

The happy combination of Bing Crosby and Gloria Jean will result in top-notch entertainment when "If I Had My Way" is presented at the Queen theatre next Thursday and Friday, July 25 and 26.

Musically, the picture is one of Crosby's best. Gloria, who made her debut in "The Under-Pup" is an unusual child soprano. She is twelve years old, yet she handles difficult renditions in a manner that has amazed musical experts.

Eight songs are to be heard in "If I Had My Way." Of these, "I Haven't Time to Be a Millionaire," and "Pessimistic Character" are duets by Bing and Gloria. Other numbers include a solo by Crosby, "If I Had My Way," a solo by Gloria, "Little Gray Home in the West," "April Played the Fiddle," sung by Crosby accompanied by Six Hits and a Miss, and two songs, "Ida," sung by the famous vaudeville and minstrel performer, Eddie Leonard, and "Rings on My Fingers," sung by Blanche Ring. The last two numbers are accompanied by the Six Hits and a Miss.

Carbon paper, 8 1/2 x 11, two sheets for 5 cents; 25 cents per dozen. At Merkel Mail office.

California Cotton Blossom



In a brilliantly flowered cotton evening dress, Ruth Rogers, Paramount starlet, reigned as queen of the annual cotton festival at Bak ersfield, California. The festival was observed throughout the San Joaquin Valley, the great cotton producing area of southern California.

Sadler Making Five to Eight Speeches Daily

Austin, July 18.—Political observers throughout the state are marveling at the campaign being waged by Jerry Sadler for governor and are loud in their predictions that Sadler will be in the run-off with Governor W. Lee O'Daniel.

Sadler is making a whirlwind campaign which will carry him into practically every section of the state and so far on his tour he has spoken to more than 15,000 people daily. He is making from five to eight speeches each day.

He is the avowed foe of a sales-tax in any form, and more particularly the "transaction tax form." Instead of taxing property which a sales tax would do, Sadler proposes to tax "those most able to pay." He advocates increased taxes on oil and sulphur, and a tax of one cent per thousand cubic feet of natural gas. He proposes adjustment of the franchise tax laws to raise funds to match teachers' retirement funds, which now amount to more than \$6,000,000, none of which has been paid into the fund by the state.

"We've got the sales-tax gang on the run," Sadler said in a recent speech. "They can dish it out, but they can't take it and already they

are laying down a blitzkrieg trying to fool the people again. But big business started too late, and their general, Governor O'Daniel, is not even enough to swing the tide of battle. We can make it unanimous and avert at the first primary on July 27, we can show Governor O'Daniel and his sales-tax gang, which is big business, that Texas does not want a sales-tax in any form."

Thompson Donates Salary to Pensions

Austin, July 18.—The state old age pension fund received its first outright individual donation in history Tuesday.

Ernest O. Thompson, member of the railroad commission and candidate for governor, contributed his salary from the state for the month of June, as he had promised in his campaign.

The amount was \$583.33, Thompson cashing the salary checks and adding \$3.33 to cover a discount. All state general fund warrants are discounted if cashed before called in by the treasury.

The candidate said he also would contribute his July and August salary.

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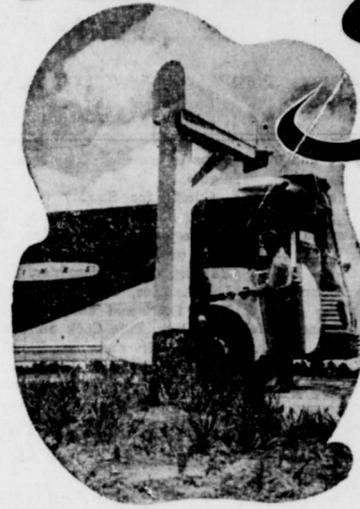
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Hereford Authority Dies.
 Kansas City, July 18.—John Morton Hazelton, 73, co-founder and for 20 years editor of the American Hereford Journal, died at his home Monday following a heart attack. He was author of "the history and handbook of Hereford cattle," and generally was recognized as an authority on the breed.

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- HARD and CRISP LETTUCE Head 3 1/2c

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PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Euell Allen and children, Jerry Nancy and Baby Dale, from Abilene, spent a few days in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pick Allen, after a vacation trip to Christoval.

Mrs. Vester Bland, the former Lucille Hampton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hampton of Merkel, is visiting here from Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mansfield left Saturday for a vacation trip, which took them first to Big Spring for the District Firemen's meeting and on to Denver City to visit Mr. and Mrs. Ayers, formerly of Merkel. They expected also to visit interesting points in New Mexico.

Guest of Mrs. George F. West is her sister, Mrs. J. E. Stephenson of Augusta, Ark., who was accompanied here by her daughter, Miss Mildred Stephenson, and who will continue her visit here until the daughter returns from Hereford.

W. B. Cargill, enrollee at a CCC camp at Lake Brownwood, spent last week-end with his mother, Mrs. Maye Cargill.

Jack Higgins, who is now employed at Artesia, N. M., was here for a short visit Sunday and Monday. Returning he was accompanied by Mrs. Higgins and their son, Jerry Don, who had been visiting relatives here.

Mrs. R. E. Neal and daughter, Margaret Rebecca, of Hugo, Okla., arrived Saturday night for a summer visit with her aunts, Mrs. Adah Heeter and Miss Sadie Woodrum.

Earl Morton, formerly of Sherman and now stationed at Kelly Field, San Antonio, was a visitor several days last week with Mrs. W. E. Carr and Roland Miller.

Miss Iris Garrett, who had been visiting in Hamilton since Sunday, returned home Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Elliott arrived Monday from Dallas for a week's vacation visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Elliott. Mrs. H. L. Wagoner and daughter, Betty, who were guests in the Elliott home, left Tuesday for their home at Hillsboro.

After a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Latimer, at Douglas, Ariz., Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Connell stopped over Saturday for a visit with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Latimer, departing Monday for their home at Tulsa, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Davidson of Denton were guests Tuesday and Wednesday in the home of Mrs. Davidson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Miller, leaving Wednesday for Weatherford where Mr. Davidson is to hold a meeting near that place. Miss Doris Clyde Miller, who had been visiting her sister and taking summer work at the North Texas State Teachers college, returned home Tuesday as the Davidsons came to visit her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Sharp and nephew, Jimmy Bourn, of Fort Worth, are spending the week with Mr. Sharp's mother, Mrs. J. P. Sharp, and other relatives.

Week-end visitors here were Mr. and Mrs. Hugh M. Kelly from Midland, who after visiting with Mrs. Kelly's parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Justice, left for Eunice, N. M., where Mr. Kelly has been transferred by the Hughes Tool company.

Jimmy West of El Paso visited for a short while Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James H. West. He had the opportunity to come to Merkel with a friend who was coming to Abilene.

Roy Blair of Fort Worth is visiting his grandmother, Mrs. J. S. Blair, and other relatives.

Mary Jo Hutchins returned Saturday after a week's visit with her cousin, Jeanne Parker, of Andrews. She was accompanied by Mrs. Parker and Jeanne, the latter remaining here

LIONS TO SPONSOR DONKEY BALL GAME



Typical dash to first base on one of those wily quadrupeds — stellar performers in the donkey ball game to be sponsored here by the Lions club Friday night, July 26. Rider is willing and pushing his mount, but the burro hasn't made up his mind.

for a visit with Mary Jo and other relatives.

Carl Bush, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Bush, left Friday for Oklahoma City, where he was promoted as territory manager for the W. A. Shaeffer Pen company.

E. O. Carson, who left Sunday for Temple to go through the Scott & White clinic, is expected home Thursday or Friday.

Miss Maimie Ellis, who has been attending first term of summer school at Texas Technological college, Lubbock, returned home Wednesday. Later in the week she will leave for Troy and, after a visit there, bring her father, R. A. Ellis, back home.

Mrs. John Shannon, her mother, Mrs. J. S. Touchstone, and brother, C. L. Sherrill, have returned from a week's visit with relatives in Gatesville.

Mrs. Ralph Walker and two children, John Robert and Ann, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Warren, at Detroit in Red River county, and other relatives in East Texas.

Mrs. Frank Robinson and son, Bobby, of Crane, are guests in the S. D. Gamble home.

Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Latimer, accompanied by their son, Clyde Latimer and family, left Thursday morning for Douglas, Ariz., where they will visit another son, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Latimer, and family.

Mrs. W. C. Black, who had been visiting her daughter, Jannell, at San Marcos, returned home Wednesday.

Mrs. Mattie Ruth Cobb and son, J. D., and niece, Jennie Lee Miller, from Penwell, are visiting Mrs. Cobb's father-in-law and other friends here. They came as far as Merkel with Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Gay and daughter, Wanda, who were on their way to Cross Plains to visit Mrs. Gay's parents.

Guests since Monday of Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Shults, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Simmons and family of Seminole left Wednesday for Hollis, Okla.

Mrs. W. F. Murphy and son, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Murphy of Brownfield, are visiting her brother, John Hall Hobbs, and sister, Mrs. U. S. Reeder. Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Hobbs of Dallas are also visiting in the John Hall Hobbs and Reeder homes.

Mrs. Vera Cox of Thrifty, Texas, spent the week-end with her brother, U. S. Reeder, and family. Miss Berntha Reeder of Brownwood, a niece of Mr. Reeder, is also visiting in the Reeder home this week.

Colon Johnson and Sue Carter of Itasca made a short visit in the W. R. Cox home on Friday of last week, en route to California.

Mrs. Lou Martin and daughter of Detroit, Mich., Mrs. H. D. McCuan and grandson of Paducah, Ky., and Mrs. I. E. Lassiter of Memphis, Tenn., were recent guests in the home of T. R. Lassiter and Miss Mae Lassiter. The party were en route to California.

Miss Betty Grimes, who attended first term of summer session at the Texas State College for Women at Denton, returned home the latter part of last week.

Mrs. C. E. Jacobs left Tuesday for a series of visits, first with her brother and family at Garland, then her daughter at Celeste, and from there to Nashville, Tenn., where she will visit three sisters.

Mrs. W. S. Slayden of Santa Paula, Calif., who is a guest of her sister, Mrs. Elmer Adcock, in Abilene, was a visitor in Merkel this week. On Monday, she will leave with Mrs. Adcock and daughter, Nida Ruth, to visit relatives in Clarksville, Tenn.

Arriving Sunday morning to spend a week with their cousin, Alene Cox, were Mary Ruth and Loneta Johnson of Itasca. They came with their brother, Carroll, who was en route to El Paso. The girls are making

plans to see their first rodeo Friday night.

Guests for Sunday night supper in the home of Mrs. J. M. Cook at Noodle were Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Eoff of Bakersfield, Calif.; Mrs. Bill Barbee and daughter, Willie, of Los Angeles, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Buck Cook and daughter, Cherrie Kay, Mrs. Pete Cook and daughter, Snookie, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Watts and son, Gerry, all of Anson, and Mr. and Mrs. Waymon Adcock.

To Report for Army Duties Late In July

Clifton Bellamy, who received his bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from Texas Technological college at summer graduation, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Sumpter, this week.

As a second-lieutenant in the engineer reserves, he will report somewhere in East Texas on July 30 for 28 days of active duty in the National Guard and army maneuvers. Clifton already has a job under the state highway department to which he will return after the maneuvers.

Rodeo

(Continued from Page One) mission charges; 40 cents for every body for the night shows; 25 cents for adults and 10 cents for children at the afternoon performance, the association absorbing the 10 per cent national defense tax.

RESERVED SEATS. For the night show, numbered reserved seats are on sale at both drug stores, price 40 cents. Sale will be transferred to the rodeo grounds at 6:30 on the night of the show.

For the afternoon show, no numbered seats will be sold. Prices are 25 cents for adults and 10 cents for children under 12. Seats will be on sale at the rodeo grounds at 12:30 p. m. on show day.

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Softball

(Continued from Page One) Trent and Moutray matched in the men's league.

Monday night's contenders are: Stith vs. Noodle and Hodges vs. Trent, while on Thursday night of next week Trent and Stith girls' teams will play first, with F. & M. meeting Moutray in the second game on the schedule.

The line scores:
White C. Girls 010 160 0 8 7 10
Trent Girls — 402 493 x 22 18 10
Shugart, A. Frazier and F. Frazier; Cox, R. Jeffreys, N. Jones and J. Jeffreys.
Trent — 005 224 2 15 15 5
Stith — 001 010 2 4 7 6
B. Jones and Hutcheson; McDonald and Pete Berry.
Hodges — 000 000 3 3 6 4
Stith — 104 110 x 7 6 2
Earl Hartline, Watts, Ernest Hartline and Roberts; Elmer Woolsey and Pete Berry.
F. & M. — 251 002 0 10 8 1
Noodle — 000 210 0 3 3 4
B. Bryant and Walker; Presley, Don Cade and Payne.

EXHIBITION DOUBLE-HEADER.
F. & M. — 242 610 0 15 15 9
Clyde — 000 350 0 8 3 5
Smith, Lloyd Robertson, Dye and Walker; Paulk and McKniffin.
F. & M. — 100 000 0 1 2 3
Caps — 204 021 x 9 5 5
Dye, Smith and Walker; Mallon and Darby.

LEAGUE STANDING.
Team— W L Pct.
Hodges — 8 2 .800
Trent — 4 2 .667
Noodle — 4 4 .500
Moutray — 4 5 .444
F. & M. — 3 6 .333
Stith — 2 7 .222

Dionnes Give Ambulance.

North Bay, Ont., July 18.—The Dionne quintuplets will give a fully-equipped ambulance to the Canadian Red Cross society, it was announced Tuesday. Decision to make the purchase was made at the last meeting of the board of guardians. It will cost \$1750.

Student Transfers To Be Made in July

Supt. Connor Robinson of the Merkel Public schools to the requirement that transfers of students from one district to another must be made during July. Blanks may be secured locally from the superintendent's office or from the office of R. T. Gray, secretary of the board, or from the office of County Superintendent Tom McGehee in Abilene.

Transfers may be made to other districts when grades of the students being transferred are not taught in their home districts.

Parents residing in districts that are to be transferred to another district by contract need not make application for transfers of their children if they are to attend school in the district which is to be contracted.

Tuition may be charged on any child transferred to another district if the child's grade is taught in his home district.

Each child who needs to transfer must transfer each year. One transfer for all years will not suffice.

If you have any visitors, Phone 29 or 61.

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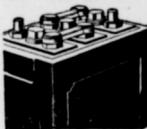
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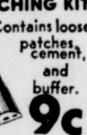
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For Ford A **\$1.19**
Ford A Repair Kit **59c**
Chevrolet 6 (29-34) **59c**

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5.50x17 **\$1.39**
6.00x16 **\$1.59**

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LEGAL NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS
To the Sheriff or any constable of Taylor county—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon Louetta Head, A. S. Head, Carl Head (or Carroll Head), Vina Henderson, and the heirs, assignees, devisees and legal representatives of Louetta Head, A. S. Head, Carl Head (or Carroll Head), and Vina Henderson; Dewey B. Henderson; Pat Henderson, James Henderson, Mozelle Henderson, minors, and E. C. Scarborough, by making publication of this citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, to appear at the next regular term of the 42nd district court of Taylor county, to be holden at the court house thereof, in Abilene, Texas, on the first Monday in September, A. D. 1940, the same being the 2nd day of September, A. D. 1940, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 11th day of June, A. D. 1940, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said court No. 12,145-A, wherein Clayton Lusby is plaintiff, and Louetta Head, A. S. Head, Carl Head (or Carroll Head), Vina Henderson, and the heirs, assignees, devisees and legal representatives of Louetta Head, A. S. Head, Carl Head (or Carroll Head) and Vina Henderson; Dewey B. Henderson; Pat Henderson, James Henderson, Mozelle Henderson, minors, Lucille or Lou E. Scarborough, Harold Scarborough, E. C. Scarborough and Texas Bitulithic Company, are defendants, and a brief statement of plaintiff's cause of action, being as follows: That on or about the 29th day of March, A. D. 1940, the plaintiff was lawfully seized and possessed of the following described lands and premises in Taylor County, Texas, holding and claiming the same in fee simple title thereto, said land described as follows, to-wit:

Lot 13 Block C of Henry James Subdivision Block 187 known as Sunny Side Addition to the City of Abilene, Texas, located in Taylor County, Texas, according to the map of said addition now of record in the county clerk's office of Taylor County, Texas, specific reference to which is here made. That on the day and year last aforesaid defendants unlawfully entered upon said premises and ejected plaintiff therefrom and unlawfully withholds from him the possession thereof to his damage in the sum of \$5,000.00. That the reasonable annual rental value of said lands and premises is \$1,000.00.

Wherefore, plaintiff prays judgment of the court that defendants be cited to appear and answer this petition in terms of law and upon final hearing hereof plaintiff have judgment for title and possession of said lands and premises; that writ of restitution issue and for costs of court, and for such other relief in law and in equity to which he may be entitled for all of which he will ever pray.

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

Given under my hand and seal of said court, at office in Abilene, Texas, on this 12th day of June, A. D. 1940.

Roy Skaggs, Clerk,
District Court, Taylor County, Texas.
By Penn Gilbreth, Deputy.

Grady Collins, 25, Nacogdoches farmer, was found shot to death near his home Monday.

TELEPHONE THE MAIL

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS
POLITICAL**

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

- 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, Taylor County:

- C. K. RUSSELL.
- P. F. WEST.
- BERT MELTON.
- J. L. WINTER.
- T. C. (Tom) JINKENS.

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.
- A. K. DOSS.

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:

- J. C. (Joe) HUMPHREY.
- ERNEST W. WILSON.

For County Judge:

- CARL P. HULSEY (Re-election.)

Millionth 1940 Chevrolet to be Contest Award



Some conception of the demand for the 1940 Chevrolet may be gained from the fact that the one-millionth model of this year's production left the assembly line at Flint, Mich., on July 12. In celebration of the public appreciation reflected by this tremendous production record, M. E. Coyle, general manager of Chevrolet, shown (left) above with W. E. Holler, general sales manager, announced that the one-millionth 1940 car, together with a trip to the New York World's Fair, would be awarded in a contest which is open now and will close Aug. 31. Details are obtainable at any of the company's dealers.

Four Local Boys to Enter Soap Box Derby

Four Merkel boys will enter the Abilene Soap Box derby Sunday. The boys and their sponsors are: Ben Speck, Nutt's Variety store; Curtis Holmes, Merkel Mail and Campbell's Grocery; E. A. Conley, Barrow Furniture company, and Ikey Turner, Moutray Service station.

The paddle tennis tournament, held at the school Wednesday morning, attracted twenty-seven boys. Winners were Gwynn Pannell, senior; Ikey Turner, junior, and Billy Holmes, smaller boys. Winners in the teams of four were Jack Melton, Weldon Holmes, Billy Tom Diltz and Jim Speck. Prizes were donated by Nutt's Variety store, West company and Bullock Hardware. The next tournament will be a washer tournament on Friday, Aug. 2.

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Individual Income, Excess Profits for Year Show Decline

Washington, July 18.—Collections of individual income taxes and excess profit taxes declined slightly but returns from all other forms of federal internal revenue increased in the fiscal year just ended.

The treasury, in an analysis of collections in the year ended June 30, reported Tuesday that individual income taxes totaled \$979,104,556, compared with \$1,028,833,796 in the preceding fiscal year.

However, corporation income taxes increased from \$1,122,540,800 in the previous fiscal year to \$1,124,551,918.

Employment taxes—social security and railroad retirement—increased from \$740,428,865 to \$833,521,224, and miscellaneous internal revenue rose from \$2,262,714,117 to \$2,384,072,335. Excess profits tax collections dropped from \$27,056,372 to \$18,333,839.

These made up a total internal revenue collection of \$5,339,583,925, compared with \$5,181,573,952 the preceding year.

The treasury classifies as internal revenue nearly all its collections, except customs, proceeds on government investments and a few other small income sources.

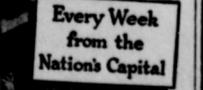
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More Foods Added On Surplus List

Four foods have been added to the designated list of surplus commodities for food stamp plan patrons during the period from July 22 through Aug. 11, it was announced Wednesday by E. A. McBryde, organizer for the food stamp program, which got under way in Taylor county Tuesday.

They include three vegetables—fresh lima beans, fresh beets and fresh corn—and one fruit, oranges.

These four foods, and those continued on the list of surplus commodities are obtainable at local stores with blue food order stamps. The complete list of blue stamp foods for Taylor county, in addition to the four previously named, includes fresh cabbage, carrots, tomatoes, snap beans, rice, butter, raisins, pork lard, all pork (except pork cooked or packed in metal or glass containers), corn meal, shell eggs, dried prunes, hominy grits, dry edible beans, wheat flour, and whole wheat (graham) flour.

MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS.

We will appreciate the privilege of sending in your subscription to the leading magazines. On a great many of them, if you want to include your subscription to The Mail, we are in position to make special clubbing offer. See us before you renew.

The first recorded cattle brand in Texas was granted to Don Nicholas Saez, resident of Real de las Sabinas between 1748 and 1750.

Just say you saw it in The Mail.

Gold Imports Still Gain.

Washington, July 18.—A large shipment from England boosted gold imports to \$154,212,780 in the week ended July 10. The commerce department said the week's gold cargoes nearly doubled the preceding week, including \$119,765,938 from England.

Standard Typewriter Ribbons 75c each at Merkel Mail office.



E. L. WHITAKER CANDIDATE FOR REPRESENTATIVE

- For finding a way to pay pensions in full without a sales tax. Am for working on the problem until something is worked out. Experience as former member of legislature will be helpful.
- For co-operation with President and Governor in defense program.

SPECIALS

for FRIDAY-SATURDAY

JULY 19th and 20th

ORANGES Doz. 27c LEMONS Doz. 19c LETTUCE Head 5c	CABBAGE 3 lbs. 10c RED SPUDS 10 lbs. 19c GREEN BEANS 2 lbs. 15c
PAPER PLATES DIXIE CUPS Spoons and FORKS PKG. WHITE NAPKINS	9c
SUPREME Salad Wafers 1-lb. box 17c PURE CANE SUGAR 10-lb. cloth bag 49c Kotex Pkg. 20c Kleenex 2 pkgs. 25c RED & WHITE Corn (No. 2 can) 2 for 25c RED & WHITE Peas (No. 2 can) Each 18c RED & WHITE Soap 7 bars 25c	STUFFED Olives Bottle 13c RIPE Olives Can 10c RED & WHITE Vienna Sausage 3 cans 25c LUNCHEON Meat Per Can 25c BIRD BRAND SHORTENING 3-lb. carton 35c RED & WHITE Grape Juice Pint 15c SOUR OR DILL Pickles Quart 15c RED & WHITE Coffee Lb. 25c RED & WHITE Pears No. 2 1/2 can 22c

MARKET SPECIALS

BLUE & WHITE MARGARINE Lb. 15c BOILED HAM Lb. 38c	SMALL WEINERS Lb. 19c BOLOGNA SAUSAGE 2 lbs. 25c
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SLICED BACON LB. 19c

WEST COMPANY, Merkel
A. W. WOOD, Trent

D. C. HERRING & SON, Noodle
E. BRADLEY MERC. CO., Stith

NEWMAN NEWS

Brother L. G. Sheppard of Sweetwater filled his regular appointment at the Baptist church Sunday morning, but could not be with us Sunday night, as he left after church Sunday morning to go to Dallas where he will help hold a meeting for the next few days.

Mrs. Lea Dickerson went to College Station last week as a Short Course delegate. Her son, Truett Dickerson, and wife of Houston, met her at College Station and on their return to Houston Mrs. Lea Dickerson went with them to visit a few days.

J. R. Cunningham and Dalton Self went to Houston last week as delegates to the F. F. A. convention. On their return home they were glad to report a nice trip.

Mrs. Dickerson of Abilene is visiting with her son, Lea Dickerson, and daughter, Mrs. Muriel Cunningham, of this community.

Louis Chase of Abilene has been visiting in the home of Bill Jones for the past few weeks. Before his return home he was honored with a party. Several games were played, then ice cream and cookies were served to Doris Mae Creswell, Thelbert and Arvalee Dickerson, June and H. T. Farmer, J. R. Cunningham, Harold Mauldin of Sylvester, Bill Jones and Louis Chase. Parents present were Mr. and Mrs. Alda Cunningham and Mr. and Mrs. Clay Jones.

Misses Velma and Lura Cook of Abilene were home with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cook, for the week-end.

Mrs. McWilliams of Sylvester is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Glen Talbot.

Our meeting will begin here Aug. 2. Brother Boyd of Rotan will hold the meeting.

We have singing every first and third Sunday night and preaching every second Sunday at the Baptist church. Preaching in the evening at 3:30 every third Sunday at the Methodist church. Everyone is welcome to Newman.

WARREN NEWS

(Omitted Last Week.)

Miss Norah Foster, who is attending school at N. T. S. T. C. at Denton, spent the week-end with home-folks.

Mrs. T. M. Walker of McKinney arrived last Saturday to visit her brothers, Tom and Bill Harvell, and other relatives and friends for a few weeks.

J. H. Harris of Trent visited friends and relatives here Saturday night.

Miss Mae Chancey returned from Trent last week where she had been employed by Mrs. R. M. Beasley. Miss Beatrice Reeder has taken her place there.

Mr. and Mrs. U. S. Reeder and daughter have as their guest Mr. Reeder's niece, Miss Murlene Cox of Brownwood.

Mrs. C. E. Thomas, mother of Mrs. H. H. Hobbs, returned last week from an extended visit with relatives in Arkansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Baker and family had as their guests last week, Mr. Baker's sisters of Austin. Miss Dessie Baker accompanied them to Austin Sunday for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Houston Robertson and Tom Harvell drove to Buffalo Gap last Sunday to attend the Bell county reunion.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Addison are the proud parents of a beautiful baby girl born June 27, who has been named Erma Lee. Welcome to our midst, young lady!

Actor's Widow Dies.

New London, Conn., July 18.—Mrs. Richard Mansfield, about 80, widow of the noted actor, died July 12. Her husband died in 1907.

JERRY SADLER for GOVERNOR



The "Sales-Tax Gang" is on the run

Jerry Sadler offers a workable tax plan. . . . Read his platform and join the throng. . . . Jerry Sadler has led the fight and has routed the "Sales-Tax Gang." Elect Sadler your Governor

VOTE AGAINST A SALES TAX

SAVING MONEY With Cotton Bags



Clean kitchen curtains always improve the cook's disposition and certainly do put a new face on the kitchen. Why not have several pairs so that you can put up clean ones at a moment's notice? Attractive sash curtains can be made from two cotton flour bags, in very little time. Carry out the color scheme of your kitchen by binding the edges with bias tape. Colored rick rack stitched in rows about one inch apart across the bottom makes an attractive finish. Or you can simply hem them and put some quaint applique design at the bottom, using up scraps of goods you have about the house. Cotton sugar liners are made of a lighter weight material and any baker or grocer will be glad to sell them to you for a few cents.

Other Cotton Bag sewing ideas are illustrated in a free booklet. Send to National Cotton Council, Box 18, Memphis, or Textile Bags, 100 N. LaSalle St., Chicago.

If Elected, Sumpter Pledges Voters Full Co-Operation in Work

Precinct No. 2, Taylor County, Friends and Neighbors:

I solicit your vote and influence for the coming primary July 27. I will co-operate with you for better roads without a raise in taxes. I will pull for money allotment for different projects in our precinct. I will co-operate with cities of Merkel and Trent to have better streets. It is my full desire to keep working men in precinct No. 2 so they won't have to go to other precincts to work, so that our own precinct will benefit from money allotted.

"I know every road in the precinct and know every piece of road machinery and know how to operate same. I think this is worth much to the county in saving money. If you elect me your commissioner I will pull at all times for the betterment of our precinct and community. Thanking you one and all for the consideration already shown.

Respectfully,
W. R. (Bill) Sumpter.
(Political advertisement.)

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



JOE ETHERIDGE
CANDIDATE FOR
REPRESENTATIVE
FROM TAYLOR COUNTY
116th District

1st. Qualified by twenty years experience with buyers and sellers, producers and consumers to know the needs of business and industry.

2nd. Favors abolishing the Drug Store "Saloon." There are fifteen in the County, filling over 1,000 "prescriptions" daily, or almost a hundred gallons a day, in "dry" Abilene.

3rd. Favors full pensions NOW with a natural resource tax. No Sales Tax on the poor.

4th. Favors raising the truck load limit to a reasonable average of the Nation.

Let's go forward with a man who believes in Democracy, and in doing what the majority of the people want; a man who has always been on the right side of every moral issue, fighting, in election years and non-election years for those things that build character; a man sincere in his convictions who wants to serve his people to the best of his ability.

Army Orders 627 Tanks 12-Ton Size

Washington, July 18.—The army awarded a contract Monday for \$11,000,000 worth of light tanks to bring its tank fleet to 1,671—enough to outfit the two new mechanized stream-line divisions and have a few hundred left for other purposes.

The 627 tanks ordered were the first to be purchased with funds from the new multi-billion-dollar defense program. The army had ordered 552 light tanks with 1940 funds and has on hand 492 light and medium tanks and combat cars built within the last four years.

The new order, representing the biggest single purchase of this nature in peace-time history, went to the American Car & Foundry Company of Berwick, Pa.

The tanks, weighing about twelve tons, will be equipped with four machine guns of thirty caliber, one machine gun of forty-five caliber and one 37-millimeter anti-tank gun. The army's tanks on hand include

a number of medium tanks of about twenty tons. The feasibility of using heavy tanks as well is being investigated in the light of experiences in Europe.

The war department plans to let contracts in the near future for about 1,400 additional tanks and is understood to be planning ultimately to have a fleet of 6,000.

"Ma" Announces Rally.

Austin, July 18.—Mrs. Miriam A. Ferguson, candidate for governor, has announced an 8 o'clock political rally in Marine park, Fort Worth, July 24, where both she and her husband, James E. Ferguson, "will pour it on." Both speeches will be broadcast over the Texas Quality network.

CARD OF THANKS.

I take this method of expressing my sincere appreciation to my many friends and relatives who were so kind and sympathetic to me in the loss of my dear wife; also for the beautiful floral offerings.

Barney Williams.



ROY C. FULLER
Candidate for
County Treasurer

I trust that my record as a private citizen and public official will merit your continued confidence.

10c — Big Juicy Hamburgers — 10c
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"... I've had my electric range only a short time ... but never before have I had such perfect results. My kitchen is several degrees cooler than in previous summers and I've done less scrubbing than ever before in my life!"—MRS. W. E. HARDIN, Clarendon.

"My electric range is so easy to clean, so dependable, and, above all, so very safe. It's the last word in cooking economy."—MRS. T. B. KLEPPER, Crowell.

"I like my new electric range even better than my old one. It makes my kitchen look nicer ... and it cooks faster. Then, too, I like the flat, easily cleaned surface which is so convenient for holding dishes until ready to serve."—MRS. T. C. PRICE, Bronte.

"... Since getting our electric range, I have to clean less than I ever did before in my kitchen work. It is always ready to use—just flip a switch. I find it quite economical and I know that I am doing the best and easiest cooking I have ever done."—MRS. AUSTIN A. DOAK, Vernon.

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HENDRICKS-HOGAN.
Wedding bells rang out last Sunday afternoon when Miss Margie Hogan became the bride of John Bell (Bud) Hendricks of Corpus Christi.

The ceremony was read by the Rev. Cooper Waters, pastor of the First Baptist church, at his home in the presence of only a few close friends of the couple, at two o'clock. Miss Betty Lu Higgins was maid of honor and Bernie Bell attended as best man.

The bride is the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Hogan, who have recently moved to Merkel from the Mount Pleasant community. She was a most popular graduate of Merkel High school last year. For her wedding she was very lovely in a heaven's blue frock with accessories in navy and white.

The groom is the son of Mr. Jay Hendricks of Corpus Christi, and a grandson of Mrs. M. F. Bell of this city. He attended Schreiner Military Institute at Kerrville following graduation at Corpus Christi, and it is at Corpus Christi where they will make their home.

Gift Party.

Mrs. John Bell Hendricks, nee Miss Margie Hogan, was named guest of honor at a pretty party on Monday afternoon in the home of Mrs. M. B. Bell, with Mesdames June Hogan, Tom Hogan, Jack Hogan and Miss Nan Hogan co-hostesses in entertaining.

A clever "shower" decoration was composed of a parasol of rice which descended upon the blind-folded bride, advising her of a shower of lovely gifts to be opened.

At the tea hour a dainty sandwich plate, sweets and iced drinks were passed to Mesdames Bud Hendricks, Tom Hogan, Bob Riney, Lucille White, Della Henslee, Ford Smith, G. D. Richie, Emmett Ayers, M. B. Bell, M. F. Bell, Waymon Adcock, Barney Douglass, Homer Newby, Earl Watts, Nolan Palmer, Lee Darden, Morris Smith, F. T. Hogan, W. W. Toombs, Jack Hogan, June Hogan, Irven Thompson, Alvin Lay, Joe Rinsinger, Warren Higgins, J. M. Toombs; Misses Vernelle and Marie Bland, Thelma and Pearl Mathews, Clara B. White, Betty Lu Higgins, Ruby Jinkens, Euvalda Fox, Peggy Joyce Toombs, Sue and Evelyn McCormick, Mamie Marshall, Clarice Blair, May Delle Kingsbury, Lucille Gilmore, Leola Reidenbach, Mary Lu Higgins, Patty Hays, Anne Blake and Clarice Higgins.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Woman's Missionary society of Grace Presbyterian church met in the home of Mrs. Henry West Monday afternoon for the concluding lesson in the book, "The Charms of the Bible," by Jesse Bowman Young, which the society has studied the past four months.

The devotional from Matt. 9:35.

10:1 and 11:1 was given by Mrs. Connor Robinson, who has taught the book.

A summer offering program was given and prayer offered for the missionaries in the China and North Carolina fields by the members.

During the social hour which followed, a gift from the society was presented to Mrs. I. W. Walling, who is soon to move to Coleman. A delicious refreshment plate was served by the hostess to Mesdames I. W. Walling, W. M. Elliott, R. A. Walker, John West, Delma Compton and Connor Robinson.

WOODMEN CIRCLE.

As the regular meeting of Grove No. 563 of the Woodmen Circle came on a holiday, members met on Wednesday, July 3, with the guardian, Mrs. Lillie Barnett, presiding.

Communications were read from Mrs. Dora Alexander Talley, national president; Mrs. Katie Kidwell, district manager, and Mrs. Norma Molden, the former Norma Patton.

Mrs. Katie Church was elected past guardian, as the former past guardian had been elected secretary. Mrs. Ruby Barnett drew the "gift" basket.

Those attending this meeting were Mesdames Lillie Barnett, Winnie Turner, Lillian Mathews, Ruby Barnett, Edith Perry, Lucy Bonneaux and Alice Wallace and Miss Maurine White.

SHOWER FOR MRS. JAY GREENFIELD.

On Thursday afternoon of last week Mrs. Jay Greenfield was the recipient of a shower of lovely gifts in the home of Mrs. W. R. Sumpter, with Mrs. Price Floyd co-hostess.

Games and contests were greatly enjoyed, at the culmination of which the winners, Mrs. Bob Sumpter and Mrs. W. R. Click, graciously presented their prizes to the honoree, Mrs. Greenfield.

Delicious ice cream and cake were served to Mesdames W. R. Click, Dee Floyd, Homer Foster, Bob Sumpter, Clark Mundy, Louis Ashford, Alonzo Peterson, Dewey Garmany, E. A. Click, Jr., Stanley King, Charley Mundy, Tom King, E. A. Click, Sr., E. H. Cordill, W. F. Hamblet, D. A. Lee, George Woodrum, Price Floyd; Misses Irene Warren, Nonie Root, Lillian Floyd, Essie Floyd and Ruth Pinckley.

Those sending gifts were Mesdames M. L. Estes, Joe Garland, Ollie Stempson, Snyder, S. L. Johnson, Snyder, Walter Henslee, Misses Johnnie Warren and Sallie Orr.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

On last Saturday afternoon Miss Alene Cox was hostess to a surprise tea party given at her home in honor of Bobbie Nell Jinkens on her seventh birthday. The attractive little honoree was surprised to find a decorated room, a table loaded with presents and a few of her friends singing "Happy Birthday to You."

After the presents were opened

and admired, games and a program of songs followed. Shirley Ann Sharp and Peggy Sue Williams sang "Maw, He's Making Eyes at Me" and "Oh, Johnny, Oh," and the two tapdanced to "In an Old Dutch Garden." Shirley sang "Rancho Grande" in Spanish, after which she joined Bobbie Nell in singing "Wonderful Words of Life," and while Miss Cox played the violin the three, Bobbie Nell, Shirley Ann and Peggy Sue, sang "Cowboy Jack" and "My Buddy." Mrs. Fred Jinkens and son, Jimmie Ray, visited during the song program.

Refreshments were served to Shirley Ann Sharp, Peggy Sue Williams, Edith Marie Cox and the honoree, after which the happy occasion was ended as Peggy Sue sang "Goodbye, Little Darling, Goodbye."

RURAL SOCIETY

ABBOTT-ADDISON.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. (Pat) Addison of Merkel are announcing the marriage of their daughter, Miss Madlyn Addison, to Mr. Glenn Abbott, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Abbott, of Abilene. Only attendants were Miss Louise Addison, sister of the bride, and Junior Hopper.

The young couple were married at an early hour Sunday, July 14, the ring ceremony being said by Rev. C. A. Bickley at his home, 1225 Sayles, Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Abbott will be at home temporarily at 1002 Butternut street, Abilene.

BLUEBONNET CLUB.

Members of the Bluebonnet Home Demonstration club were entertained in the home of Mrs. James Simpson on Tuesday, July 16, with the president, Mrs. A. R. Toombs, in charge.

After a song and short business session, Mrs. Toombs gave an interesting report on her trip to A. & M. Short Course at College Station.

Refreshments were served to Mesdames A. R. Toombs, T. J. Neill, W. C. Perkins, Tom Russom, R. D. Hunter, H. H. Cargill, W. H. Ensminger, Ben Butman, Roy Hunter, Jim Perry, Lloyd Matthews, George Anderson, Dewell McLean, one visitor, Mrs. R. L. McLean, and the hostess.

COMPERE CLUB.

The Compere club met July 11 in the comfortable home of Mrs. T. A. Tucker for its last meeting until September. With Mrs. I. B. Ray presiding, the members had the customary business routine.

Iced punch, sandwiches and cakes were served to Mesdames Ray, Ramsay, Adkins, Johnson and Newman, and visitors, Betty Joe Ray, Robert Ray Johnson and Ida Beth Adkins.

IN-HONOR-SUPPER.

Miss Mamie Frances Marshall of Arlington and Miss Clarice Fay Blair of Noodle were honored guests last Friday night at a supper given on the lovely lawn of the country home of Mr. and Mrs. George Crow, Jr., at Hawley.

A large number of friends of the honoree were present to share in the pleasures of the evening.

FISH FRY.

A fish fry was enjoyed Thursday night of last week in the back yard of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Blair of Noodle.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Chancey, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Blair, Misses Clarice Fay Blair, Judy Chancey, Mamie Frances Marshall of Arlington, and Messrs. H. R. Chancey, Jr., Glendel and Weldon Barbee and Paul Chancey.

Hospital Notes.

Mrs. J. H. Grayson, who was admitted to the Sadler Clinic July 7 for treatment, was dismissed the following Friday.

Bill Sheppard of Dallas had major surgery on Monday.

Mrs. Annie Scott of Trent was received Monday for treatment. Another patient received Monday was Margaret Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Bristow, for a tonsillectomy.

Allen Kegans of Trent had major surgery Wednesday. Mrs. Buck Armour of Trent was admitted Thursday for major surgery.

Two babies were born at the hospital during the past week. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Reese of Abilene are parents of a girl born last Saturday and Mr. and Mrs. William Neill are parents of a boy born Tuesday.

Lodge to Entertain With Melon Feast

Next Monday night, July 22, at 8 o'clock, all Masons, their families and all members of the Eastern Star will gather at the First Baptist church lawn for a watermelon feast, also widows of deceased Masons are to be present.

John F. Walker, Master, By W. C. Black, Secretary.

Hope Church of Christ Announces Revival



At the gospel meeting to begin at the Hope Church of Christ on Friday, July 19, and to continue through July 28, the preaching will be done by Woodie Holden (above), with George Cheairs as song leader.

The Hope church is located 2-1/2 miles northeast of Stith. Services will be held at 10:30 a. m. and 8:15 p. m., (in open air if weather permits.)

LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS

Dr. W. T. Sadler, joined by Dr. W. V. Ramsey of Abilene, were numbered among the large crowd of friends from this section who went to Haskell Tuesday night to hear Jerry Sadler speak in his campaign for governor. The fiery railroad commissioner will speak nearer home Friday night, having been invited by Judge Otis Miller to share time with him on the federal lawn at Abilene.

A. F. Sanders, who had the misfortune to sustain an injured knee when kicked by a cow two weeks ago, was able to be in town Saturday from his ranch home near Mulberry canyon.

Returning from Dallas, where he consulted two well known stomach specialists, Paul West brought back decidedly encouraging reports and is again actively in charge of the Red & White grocery department of the West company.

Nita Mae Boyd, who represented Merkel one year in the sponsor contest at the Stamford Cowboy reunion, won third place in a similar sponsors' contest at Coleman last week. Her prize was a pair of hand-made boots.

Woodrow W. Barnes, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barnes, Route 4, and James W. Cooper, of Trent, Route 1, who recently enlisted in the United States army, were assigned to the 19th coast artillery, Fort Rosecrans, Calif.

Report comes as to two more Merkel boys who joined the navy. Walter Etsel Hunter, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hunter, and Elwood Cox, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Murphee, have both been sent to San Diego, Calif.

Following disturbances last weekend, a suit was filed early this week in 104th district court by County Attorney Esco Walter, asking an injunction to restrain Rance Evans, local negro, from operating a gambling hall. Complaint against the negro was signed by C. K. Russell, constable.

Enlistments at Record.

Washington, July 18.—The army reports a peace-time record of 22,947 enlistments for June, and noted proudly that six out of ten rookies had better than a grammar school education.

In The Churches

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.
There were 615 present at the six reporting Sunday Schools here last Sunday, as compared with 653 the previous week. On the same Sunday a year ago the attendance was 652.

NAZARENE CHURCH.

Rev. Earnest Gates of Hawley will preach Sunday at 11 a. m. and 8:15 p. m. Everyone is invited to come out and hear him. He is a young man and we would appreciate having him a good hearing.

R. T. Smith, Pastor.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Morning sermon at 11. Training Union 7:30. Evening sermon at 8:30. Teachers' and officers' meeting and prayer meeting 8:15 Wednesday evening.

Cooper Waters, Pastor.

METHODIST CHURCH.

Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. Morning sermon at 11 a. m. Young people's meeting at 7:45 p. m. Evening worship at 8:15. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8:15.

John H. Crow, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Sunday services: Bible classes 9:45, preaching at 10:45, young people's meeting at 7:15. Preaching at 8:15 p. m.

Wednesday evening Bible study at 8:15 o'clock.

You are invited to attend.

E. W. Key, Minister.

FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST CHURCH.

With the close last Sunday of our two-weeks' revival conducted by Rev. Jim C. Lott of Weatherford, there were ten additions to the church, six by conversion and four by letter.

The resignation of our pastor, Rev. R. U. Rister, which was presented last Sunday, was accepted, but while the church is without a pastor all services will be held as usual on Sunday and during the week.

W. L. Massey, Supt.

WHITE CHURCH LEAGUE.

At Sunday night's meeting of the White Church League, the following new officers were elected: Aileen Frazier, president; Clayton Doan, vice-president; Beryl Brown, secretary-treasurer; group captains, Ruth Denton and Elby Frazier; social committee, Mrs. A. D. Barnes, Clayton Doan and Mrs. Beryl Brown; sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barnes, Maxine Phillips, Reporter.

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Revival at Blair To Begin Friday

A revival meeting will begin at the Methodist church at Blair on Friday night, July 19.

Services will be conducted by Rev. Cecil Fox, pastor of the Methodist church at Roby. Hours will be 11 a. m. and 8:30 p. m., and a hearty welcome is extended to all. Your prayers will be appreciated.

J. B. Stewart, Pastor.

Arlington Man to Preach Here Sunday

Dr. George W. Fender, of Arlington, field representative of the board of Nations Missions, will fill the pulpit at Grace Presbyterian church at the 11 o'clock hour Sunday morning. Sunday School at the usual hour, 10 a. m.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend these services.

W. M. Elliott, Clerk of Session.

Work for Texans.

Washington, July 18.—The war department has ordered construction of temporary housing facilities at existing air fields, estimated to cost a total of \$1,090,150, but no definite information is available as to when the work will actually start.

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- COLD WATERMELONS AT ALL TIMES
- Pure Cane Kraft Bag Sugar .. 10 lbs. 46c
- Pure Lard 4 lbs. 31c
- Puffed Wheat Pkg. 5c
- Guaranteed Flour .. 48 lbs. \$1.09
- Ice Cream Salt .. 4-lb. pkg. 10c
- Reg. 25c Size Oxydol Pkg. 19c
- P & G Laundry Soap 7 bars 25c
- Vanilla Wafers .. 14-oz. 10c
- All Flavors Jello Pkg. 5c

MISS VIVIAN FRYAR, For County Clerk

CONSIDER:
I have resided in and near Abilene practically all my life and have contributed liberally to churches, civic enterprises and in assisting those less fortunate than myself. I have educated a sister and helped my parents through the depression and through sickness. I am now and have always had to make my own way.

CONSIDER:
By hard work and close application, I have acquainted myself with every detail of the office and with the law bearing upon its duties.

CONSIDER:
The two County Clerks immediately preceding me held the office for four terms each. I am now serving my second term.

- No. 1 Grade Salt Pork Lb. 9c
- Oleo Lb. 10 1/2c
- Sliced Bacon lb. 15c
- Seven Steak lb. 20c
- Chuck Roast lb. 19c
- Pork Chops Lb. 19c
- Hockless Picnic Ham Lb. 15c
- Dressed Fryers
- Hot Bar-B-Q --

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