

## Keeping Up With Texas

Judge Sam Russell of Stephenville, who was recently nominated for congress from the 17th district, and John Lee Smith of Throckmorton, successful nominee for state senate, were honored guests at a good will dinner, sponsored by the Sweetwater board of city development, last Thursday night.

Laura June Morris, 4, of Dallas, drowned Friday in about 2 feet of water which had accumulated in an excavation near her home.

Mrs. Leslie Hackemach, 35, was killed by lightning Friday while picking cotton on the family farm 35 miles from Roundtop in the La-Grange section. Her husband, struck by the same bolt, was reported recovering.

A cave-in in a deep ditch at the Leonard Highway underpass project out of Sherman Saturday crushed to death Lacy Brandon, 30, workman employed on a sewer moving job. The dirt slid into a ditch said to have been 16 feet deep and caught Brandon from the neck down and crushed his body.

Two members of the four-man Electra swing band met their deaths early Friday when their automobile plunged into an irrigation ditch between Diversion Lake and Kamay, south of Wichita Falls. The dead were Elliott Harris and Sam Mc-Broom.

Florence L. Murphy, 26, negro, died in the electric chair at state prison at Huntsville early Friday for the assault on a white woman at Terrell.

At 9:15 Thursday night, Aug. 29, Tyler finished a year without a traffic fatality. Its last fatal traffic accident was, Aug. 29, 1939, when Lula Johnson, negro, was the victim.

Ira Badger, 44-year-old Arlington rock mason, was killed instantly in an automobile collision at a Fort Worth street intersection Sunday afternoon about 1:30.

Edith Arnetta Calloway, 12, of Cisco, was fatally injured early Sunday morning in an automobile accident two miles northeast of Ranger. Her mother was killed several years ago in an automobile accident.

Mrs. Perry Jeter, Childrens club woman and civic leader, and Coleman White, 64-year-old Fort Worth resident and gin owner at Memphis, died in a Childrens hospital Monday, victims of a three-car accident Sunday night on highway 370, four miles east of Childress.

Riding in an open box car of a freight train, Samuel Harris Wright, 36, of Fort Worth, was killed instantly near Denton early Sunday when his dangling legs struck steel supports of the Mingo bridge over Elm creek. Jerked from the car, Wright fell into the creek. His skull was fractured.

Injuries suffered early Tuesday morning when the gasoline truck he was driving turned over 10 miles south of Abilene proved fatal Tuesday night to Clarence Clevenger, 19-year-old Coleman youth. Clevenger was seared from the waist up and his left leg severely burned when the gasoline contained in the 1,000 gallon tank truck ignited following the accident.

Second Lt. Henry M. Katterjohn, air corps reserve pilot, who had been a visitor in Abilene Monday morning, died Tuesday night in a plane crash seven miles southeast of Randolph field, San Antonio.

Mrs. R. A. Kennison, 40, of Los Angeles, Calif., died at Monahans at 7:30 Wednesday night of a fractured skull received when her car overturned about eight miles west of the town on highway 80.

Highway Patrolman D. A. McGonagill, 33, was killed by lightning at 6 p. m. Wednesday as he rode his motorcycle along the highway three miles east of Lockney.

Jim Bob Gregg, 24, former editor and publisher of the Santa Anna News and son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Gregg, died at Santa Anna Wednesday morning from a malignant brain tumor.

## Total of 105 Bales Cotton Ginned Here

First report of ginnings for the season is carried by The Mail from the six gins in town, the total up to Wednesday night having reached 105 bales. On the same date last year, these six plants had turned out 135 bales.

Reports were not available from Noodle and Stith this week. The Planters gin at Blair reports 15 bales to date.

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## CAFE OPERATOR HERE 33 YEARS PASSES AWAY

### Heart Trouble Claims Ed Turner, Long-Time Merkel Business Man; Survived by Wife And Four Children.

Finis was written to an active business career of 33 years in Merkel when death claimed Ed Turner, 68, at 2:15 last Friday afternoon at his home on Oak street. Death was due to a heart trouble which caused him to stop work on July 30 and his condition became critical on Monday.

Funeral services were held at 3 p. m. Saturday from the family home with Rev. Neal Lipscomb, Methodist pastor of Lubbock and a close personal friend of the deceased, officiating, assisted by Rev. John H. Crow, local Methodist pastor. Burial followed in Rose Hill cemetery, with Barrow-Sheppard funeral home in charge.

Fallbearers were Watt Blair, M. P. Latimer, A. J. Canon, A. A. McGehee, Brooks Patterson and J. L. Winter.

Assisting with the flowers were Mesdames H. C. Williams, P. T. Allday of Silvertown, J. H. McDonald, W. F. Golladay, W. E. Lowe of Abilene and M. P. Latimer.

Ed Turner was born Dec. 5, 1871, in Chatham, Ill., and came to Texas with his parents when only a small boy, the family settling in Robertson county. Locating in Merkel 33 years ago, he had been engaged continuously all that time in the cafe business. He was married on May 4, 1910, to Winnie Adams of Bomarton.

Surviving are his wife, four children, E. L. Turner, Jr., of Abilene, Margarette Turner and Dale and John Leonard Turner, all of Merkel; two sisters, Mrs. E. J. Noyes, Lampasas, and Mrs. J. E. Allday, Franklin, and one sister-in-law, Mrs. B. F. Turner, San Antonio.

Among the relatives who came for the funeral were the sister, Mrs. Noyes, from Lampasas, and the following sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law: Mr. and Mrs. John Adams and Maxine, Spur; Frank Adams and Mrs. Susan Shaw, Bomarton.

The Mail regrets that limited time permits of only a brief mention in this issue.

## Services Set Friday For Tom Malone, 61

Tom Malone, 61, died at 5 o'clock Thursday morning at the home of a son, Tommy Malone, near Blair.

Funeral services will be held at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon from the Baptist church, with Rev. John Walker, of Maryneal, former pastor at Blair, officiating, assisted by Rev. Cooper Waters, local Baptist pastor. Burial will follow in Rose Hill cemetery.

Surviving are his wife; two sons, Tommy, Blair, and Dee, Abilene; three daughters, Mrs. Florence Galoway, Mrs. Novie Deathridge and Mrs. Billy Deathridge, all of Hamby; nine grandchildren, and two brothers, Bob and Mark Malone, Merkel.

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## Total Rainfall for Year 20 1-2 Inches

With rainfall Tuesday afternoon amounting to 2 3-4 inches, of which two inches fell in little more than an hour, Merkel boasts of getting a full share of the beneficent rains that visited West Texas with the arrival of the first fall month.

On Monday night the gauge showed three-eighths of an inch, to bring the week's figure to 3 1-8 inches.

Rainfall here in June was 6 11-16 inches; in August, 4 1-2 inches. Total for the year to date is 20 1-2 inches.

## Record of Births

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. David Watkins, Friday, August 30, 1940.  
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Barnes, Monday, September 2, 1940.  
Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Cargill, Route 4, Monday, September 2, 1940.  
Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Willie Stover, Tuesday, September 3, 1940.

## FIREBOYS WILL SPONSOR OPEN HOUSE TUESDAY

The Merkel Volunteer fireboys will hold open house Tuesday evening from 7 o'clock on, invitation being extended through the press to all citizens of Merkel and interested friends.

Purpose of the open house is to show the equipment now being used and to create a closer interest between the public and the fireboys.

Domino tables will be provided in the engine room for those wishing to play at a nominal fee.

Coffee and cakes will be served free, Radford grocery furnishing the coffee and the Merchants Biscuit company, the cakes.

## Shaughnessy Play Starts; Two Games Nightly Until Finish

After four postponed games were played last Thursday and Friday night, final standing of the teams in Merkel's softball league showed Hodges in first place, Trent and Noodle tied for second and third, with F. & M. in fourth position.

In the opening double-header of the Shaughnessy Wednesday night, Trent shut out Noodle, 17 to 0, and Hodges also administered a shutout to F. & M., but by a lesser score, 9 to 0.

The same teams were to face each other in Thursday night's double-header and play will continue best two out of three.

The winners of the two series will then play best two out of three and (Continued on Page Two)

## Mrs. Bob Fowler is Slightly Improved

Condition of Mrs. Bob Fowler, who was very seriously injured Monday night in an automobile accident, was reported slightly improved Wednesday night by authorities at the Hendrick hospital, Abilene.

In a head-on collision at South First and Mocking Bird lane, Abilene, between the Fowler pick-up, driven by her husband, and a Ford coach, which was driven by Bill Talbot of Abilene. Mrs. Fowler suffered a deep gash traversing her skull from forehead to the base of her neck, another gash on her forehead and other cuts. Wednesday afternoon Bob told a representative of The Mail that his wife's entire left side was paralyzed from the injury.

Bob received a deep cut on the forehead. Their four-year-old son, Billy, who was with them, suffered only a slight cut on his head.

The Fowlers were returning from Breckenridge, where they had gone that day and where Mr. Fowler is engaged in a building contract. Another son, Bobby, 6, remained here and was spending the night in the E. B. Wallace home.

Poor visibility in the drizzling rain and glare of other automobile headlights were the probable cause of the accident, investigating police officers said. Neither driver can definitely tell how it happened.

Barnett received a deep gash in his upper lip, and Bill Talbot, only other occupant of the Barnett car, had a slight cut on his forehead.

## Grand Jury Expected To Report Thursday

Grand jury in 42nd district court, impaneled Monday morning, was expected to make a partial report Thursday afternoon, according to District Attorney J. R. Black.

More than 50 felony cases were submitted to the body.

T. N. Carswell of Abilene was named foreman, with T. H. Williamson of Trent, secretary. One Merkel man, Comer Haynes, is included in the panel.

## On Draughton's Honor Roll.

Misses Dorothy Horton and Sue Bird, who have been attending Draughton's college of Abilene, were two of the twenty-four highest ranking students whose names appeared on the honor roll of the college for the past term.

## OPENING DAY'S ATTENDANCE IS SCHOOL RECORD

### Four Hundred Pupils Enroll in Grammar School, 307 in High. To Make Grand Total of 707 At First Session.

With total of 707-400 pupils in the Grammar school and 307 in High—enrollment in the Merkel Public schools reached an all-time high on the opening day of the 1940-41 session Monday.

Highest previous enrollment in Grammar school was 388 in 1935, while the previous record at the High school was established last year with 276 pupils enrolled.

The gymnasium-auditorium, seating 1,500 persons, was filled for the opening program.

The overture, "Westward Ho," was played by the Badger band, under direction of Richard Young, after which the audience sang "America," accompanied by the band. Rev. Cooper Waters, pastor of the First Baptist church, led the devotional, and Miss Betty Grimes, Merkel High graduate and senior student at Texas State College for Women, Denton, gave a reading.

After the introduction of new teachers and announcements by Supt. Connor Robinson, closing number was "God Bless America," played by the band.

## Variety of Subjects Hold Lions' Interest

Badger prospects, launching of Boy Scout activities here and a brief outline of the organization and purposes of the West Central Texas Oil & Gas association were subjects of talks before the Lions club at their Tuesday luncheon.

Coach Carroll Benson reported that Badger had been issued to some forty tryouts for the football squad, with practice session starting at 2:30 each afternoon.

A new member of the school faculty, Charlie Clark has had considerable experience with Boy Scout troops and is himself an Eagle Scout. President Gray delegated E. O. Carson, chairman of boys' and girls' work, to confer with the new Scout leader and report to the club what might be done locally.

As spokesman for the oil and gas group, J. C. Watson, of Abilene, secretary of the organization, brought a convincing array of statistics to show just how Merkel by its proximity to the Noodle and other nearby fields was affected by any adverse tax legislation or control. The high tax in this district, he said, is responsible for a 25 per cent decrease in production in this area. Visiting the club with Mr. Watson was Tom Largent, local oil and cattle man.

Report was heard from the cotton premium committee, of which E. O. Carson was active chairman, full details of same appearing elsewhere in this issue of The Mail.

Opening sing-song was led by Nathan Wood, with Gay West at the piano. Invocation was given by M. W. Elliott.

## News Comes of Death Of Bobby Porter, 15

J. Ben Campbell was advised by telegram last Friday of the death of a grand-nephew, Bobby Porter, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Porter of Dallas. Bobby had visited with his parents frequently in the Campbell home here.

Besides his parents, survivors are two sisters, Betty and Margaret Porter.

## Leo Huff Three-Day Winner at Midland

Leo Huff, Merkel cowboy, was three day winner in calf roping in the Midland rodeo, that closed Monday night. His average for the three days was 58 seconds.

In the first go-round Huff won second in time of 18.6 seconds in calf roping. S. G. Russell was second in the Brahma wild cow milking event in the first go-round.

## HODGE TAKES FIRST FLIGHT CONSOLATION

As winner of the first flight consolation in Albany's annual invitation tournament, Norman T. Hodge brought back a golf bag as his trophy.

Dean Higgins, another Merkel golfer, paired with Hodge in the first round, bested his rival of many encounters on the local greens, but was defeated in the second round.

Clesby Patterson in the second flight was eliminated in the second round, while the fourth golfer from here, Dr. L. C. Zehnpennig, lost his first match in the third flight.

## Forty Come Out for Football Practice; First Game Sept. 13

Daily practice brings about forty youngsters out on Badger field and Coach Carroll Benson feels that Merkel High has the best prospects in several years as conference contenders.

Eight lettermen, three old squadmen and a bunch of other boys, practically new, many of them coming in from surrounding schools, afford plenty of material and opportunity for developing an aggressive team, the coach says. Charlie Clark fills the assistant's shoes, which Benson vacated to become coach.

Opening game of the season is with Clyde, on Friday, Sept. 13.

Lettermen in the back field out again for this year are Byron Bryant and Raymond Smith, both with two year numerals, and Jack Melton, a one-year letter man. On the line are Lee Mack Reynolds and Harvey Davis at tackle, Roy Coats at center, and Tillman Rutledge and David Gibson at guard.

Among promising squadmen from last year are Jerry Warren, back; Elbert Hickam, end, and Douglas McCoy, center.

Tryouts for the back field include DeVerl Higgins, Clarence Harrell, R. V. Clark, J. C. Carson, Donald Cade, Doyle Barnes; at end, James Cox and Euell Hickam; guard Glenn Barbee and Buddy Derington; tackle, Banning Butman and Everett Burleson, center, H. F. Hennington, with many other younger and undeveloped lightweight players that will make their mark in years to come.

**Death Takes Met Director.**  
Ferrara, Italy, Sept. 5.—Giulio Gatti Casazza, for 26 years artistic director and fiery impresario of the metropolitan opera in New York, died here Monday in his birthplace.

## Ice Cream Supper.

There is to be an ice cream supper at the church at White Church Friday, Sept. 6, for the benefit of the church. Everyone is invited to come.

## MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, September 10, 1920.)

Louis Swann, who like many other boys of this section has been held in reserve by Uncle Sam's navy, left the first of the week for Galveston where he will have the pleasure of a two-weeks' cruise on the U. S. S. Wheeling from Galveston September 5 for Jamaica, remaining at the latter place until Sept. 19.

Britt Mayfield has accepted a position with the Brown Dry Goods company.

Mrs. Beene and daughter, little Miss Juanita, returned last week from a pleasant visit in East Texas.

Messrs. Jack Durham and Preston Guthrie left last Saturday for Midland, where they will enter Midland Junior college.

The marriage Tuesday morning, Sept. 7, of Miss Geneva Edith Brown of this city to Mr. Melvin J. Evans of Brooklyn, New York, at the home

## NAME WINNERS OF THREE BEST BALES IN LOT

### Premiums of \$116.22 Awarded by Merchants; Comer Haynes, B. H. Henley and T. R. Melton Respective Winners.

Winners of premiums offered by the merchants of Merkel for the three best bales of cotton, according to grade and staple, out of the first 25 ginned in the territory contiguous to Merkel, were Comer Haynes, first; B. H. Henley, Route 4, second, and T. R. Melton, Route 4, third.

The 25th bale was received last Thursday, as reported in The Mail. Samples were registered at the Farmers & Merchants National bank and each sample was given a number, regardless of the order in which they were received. These samples were carried to Abilene Saturday by Byron Curb, local cotton buyer, to be judged by H. J. Matejowsky, government licensed classer. The samples were judged by number only, without the classer knowing the names of the producers.

The winning bale produced by Comer Haynes, weighed 537 pounds, was ginned by the Farmers Co-Operative Society No. 1, and classed strict middling, with a one inch staple. As to price, it would qualify for government loan of 10.01 cents.

Second best bale, raised by B. H. Henley, was ginned at Planters' gin at Blair, weighed 475 pounds and classed strict middling, 29-32 inch staple. It would bring 9.51 under the government loan.

The third best bale was also strict middling, with 7-8 inch staple. It was produced by T. R. Melton, weighed 450 pounds and was ginned at the Planters gin at Blair. It would bring the same price, 9.51, as the Henley bale, under the government loan.

This is the second year of the new program inaugurated by the merchants of Merkel in 1939, whereby premiums paid are based on the grade of cotton instead of time of arrival. A total of \$116.22 was raised by the committee from the Lions club, of which E. O. Carson was active chairman, assisted by Chester Collinsworth, Owen Robertson and E. Y. Bailey. The premium receipts, amounting to \$43.00 in cash and \$73.22, were distributed to the winners on a 50-30-20 basis.

The first bale premium was \$21.50 in cash and \$36.31 in merchandise, total \$57.81; second bale, \$12.90 cash and \$34.49 in merchandise, total \$34.39; third bale, \$8.60 cash and \$15.42 in merchandise, total, 24.02.

The list of merchants subscribing in cash and merchandise to the fund for cotton premiums, totaling \$116.22, follows:

CASH SUBSCRIBERS.  
F. & M. National bank \$5.00, Merkel Drug \$1.00, Wrenn Durham (Continued on Page Two)

of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Brown, was among the most surprising but happy events taking place in this city for some time.

Dr. N. J. Smith recently sold through the Merkel Realty company his home in this city to Mr. J. W. Mayfield of near Blair. Mr. Mayfield will soon move with his family to this property and become a permanent citizen. Dr. Smith in turn purchased a residence in the north part of the city from W. E. Cockerel and will move with his family to same. Mr. Cockerel purchased the residence of R. N. Campbell in the south part of the city and will move immediately to same with his family.

C. C. Dooley and family returned last Saturday from a few weeks' vacation in the Panhandle, where they visited Mrs. Dooley's parents, Rev. and Mrs. M. W. Rogers. They were accompanied by Mrs. A. B. Cranston and Mr. Medlen.

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Cotton Premiums

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\$1.00, Merkel Ice company \$1.00, Lee-Bailey Drug \$1.50, Wooley's cafe \$1.50, West company \$2.50, West's Auto Supply \$2.50, Bob's Barber and Beauty shop 50 cents, West Texas Utilities company \$2.50, W. O. Boney \$1.00, Sadler Clinic \$2.00, Higginbotham-Bartlett \$2.00, Gulf Service (L. E. Sledge) 50 cents, Johnny Cox 50 cents, J. M. Garrett \$1.00, Maurine's Beauty shop 50 cents, Merkel Produce 50 cents, Queen theatre \$1.50, Crown Variety store \$1.00, Turner Bros' grocery \$1.50, E. M. McDonald \$1.25, Dr. C. B. Gardner \$1.00, Texas Cotton Growers Gin company \$5.00, Burton-Lingo company \$2.00, Charlie Curb \$1.00, C. P. Church 25 cents, Dr. L. C. Zehnpenning \$1.00, Curley's Garage 50 cents, Total, \$43.00.

Those subscribing in merchandise were as follows:

FIRST SALE PREMIUMS.

Hi-Way Service station, wash and grease job, \$1.50; Adcock's Cleaners, 2 suits cleaned and pressed, \$1.00; Thompson & Risinger, 95 cents; Nook cafe, one T-bone, 35 cents; W. A. Stockbridge, 5 pounds grease, \$1.00; Warren Higgins, work, \$1.00; Queen theatre, 3 tickets, subject to 3 cents defense tax, 85 cents; Merkel Mail, one year's subscription, \$1.00; Orchid Beauty shop, shampoo and wave set, 75 cents; Max Mellinger, merchandise, \$2.50; Barrow Furniture company, merchandise, \$2.50; Merkel Motor company, merchandise, \$3.00; Dandy bakery, 12 loaves of bread, 96 cents; White & Palmer Service station, one complete lubrication job, \$1.75; Cotton's cafe, lunch, 35 cents; Fox Repair shop, battery charge, 50 cents; Gulf Service station, quart oil, 35 cents; Case grocery, merchandise, \$2.00; Merkel Co-Op station, merchandise, \$1.50; L. M. Melton's Front Street grocery, 24-pound sack flour, 85 cents; Bell & Buford, shave, 25 cents; W. F. Golladay, quart oil, 35 cents; Bragg Dry Goods, merchandise, \$2.50; Bullock Hardware, merchandise, \$2.00; Irl Walker's Wrecking shop, labor, \$1.00; Woodrum's Filling station, 5 gallons gas, 95 cents; Petty & West, merchandise, \$1.25; W. A. Whiteley, one bottle liniment, \$1.00; Merkel cafe, lunch, 35 cents; Buck's Shoe shop, repairing, \$1.00; J. T. Smith, one red clay bull, \$1.00. Total, \$36.31.

SECOND SALE PREMIUMS.

Po-Po Sandwich shop, lunch, 35 cents; Wood's store, merchandise, \$2.50; Bell & Buford, shave, 25 cents; W. F. Golladay, quart oil, 35 cents; O. T. Wiley, shine, 10 cents; Campbell & Wilson grocery, merchandise, \$2.50; City Barber shop, work, \$1.00; Ed's cafe, 2 plate lunches, 50 cents; Wilson's Jewelry, repairs, \$1.00; City Dry Cleaners, cleaning and pressing, \$1.00; McCoy's Barber shop, hair cut and shave, 60 cents; Texaco Service station, 2 quarts "lube," 50 cents; Dandy Bakery, 8 loaves bread, 64 cents; Cotton's cafe, lunch, 35 cents; Merkel Mail, one year's subscription, \$1.00; Queen theatre, two tickets, subject to 3 cents defense tax, 55 cents; Merkel Co-Op station, merchandise, \$1.00; Guitar gin, one bale ginned free, \$5.00; Ben Franklin store, merchandise, \$1.00; Ross Ferrier's Service station, merchandise, \$1.00; Pence cafe, one hamburger, 10 cents. Total, \$21.49.

THIRD SALE PREMIUMS.

Beech laundry, one hour's washing, 35 cents; Patterson's grocery, merchandise, \$1.50; Dandy bakery, 4 loaves bread, 32 cents; Campbell Bros. Service station, merchandise, 50 cents; Cotton's cafe, lunch, 35 cents; Merkel Mail, one year's subscription, \$1.00; Queen theatre, one ticket, subject to 3 cents defense tax, 30 cents; Bell & Buford, shave, 25 cents; W. F. Golladay, quart oil, 35 cents; Hamm gin, one bale ginned free, \$5.00; E. O. Carson grocery, merchandise, \$2.00; Hunter & Sublett, labor, \$1.00; J. Y. Melton, merchandise, \$1.00; H. W. Lemens Moutray station, oil change, \$1.50. Total, \$15.42.

Typewriter paper for sale at Merkel Mail office.

PERSONALS

After a visit over the week-end Labor day holiday, Jimmy West left Monday for Marfa where he will open up a branch store for the Car Parts Depot, Inc., with which he has been associated in El Paso. He has been made manager of the new branch.

Miss Jane Ferguson, who graduated from the East Texas State Teachers college in the summer class, left Saturday for Cross Plains to begin her duties as teacher of home economics in the school there.

Mrs. Kirby Gee and little son, Jud, arrived Friday from Houma, La., to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Sheppard. Mr. Gee will come later in the month to join them.

Week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. McNeill were a son, J. D. McNeill, and Mrs. McNeill, of Waco, and a daughter, Mrs. John Allen Neal, and two sons of Jonesboro.

Mrs. Sam Allen and two daughters, Venita and Geneva, and son, Joe Neal, have moved to town and are now making their home with Mrs. J. S. Swann.

J. D. Shults and family of Lake Creek were visitors last week with his brother, M. T. Shults, and family. On Sunday they all went to Colorado City to spend the day with a sister of the Shults brothers, Mrs. W. R. Reagan.

Mrs. Chester Hutcheson and three children, accompanied by her aunts, Mrs. Mattie Fields and Miss Willie Darsey of McGregor, and Mrs. Ethel Breeding of Houston, a cousin of Mrs. Hutcheson's father, enjoyed a trip last week to Carlsbad Caverns.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe W. Bailey and Mr. and Mrs. Moody of Dallas were passing visitors in the home of the former's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Shouse. They were returning home from a week-end visit to Carlsbad Caverns.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Randal and daughter, Penny, of Quanah, were week-end guests of her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John West.

Mrs. R. A. Walker and daughter, Miss Robbie, returned last Friday from a three-weeks' trip by automobile with another daughter, Mrs. C. O. Patterson, and Mr. Patterson, of Abilene, which took them through the western and Pacific coast states and into Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Seydler and son, Charles, and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hobbs and son, Robert, of Big Spring, were Sunday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Grover Gilbert and family.

J. B. Castles is here for a few days visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Castles, after a short vacation trip to Colorado. Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Castles of Abilene were visitors Tuesday night in the family home.

Miss Frances Castles left Wednesday morning for Casa Grande, Ariz., where she is a teacher in the public school. Miss Himalya Swafford accompanied Miss Castles as far as Odessa. Miss Swafford will teach in the Odessa school this year.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Farmer and sons, Paul E. and Ira Farmer, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bickley of Stanton.

Visiting over the week-end with Mrs. Duncan Briggs were two nieces, Miss Fay Dell Steele of Washington, D. C., and Mary Merkel Steele, of Ringling, Okla.

Miss Mary Kate Campbell left Thursday for Amarillo to resume her duties in the public school there. Jerome Hutcheson and his sister, Mrs. D. L. Holland, both of Shreveport, La., arrived Monday night to be at the bedside of their father, W. D. Hutcheson, who has been seriously ill the past several weeks.

Mrs. S. G. Russell left Wednesday to spend the remainder of the week with her daughters, Mrs. Sam Redwine and Mrs. Sam Nunnally, and their families in Abilene.

Joe Winter, accompanied by his brother, G. W. Winter of Abilene, will leave the last of the week for Lamesa to join Mrs. Winter, who is visiting their son, Jennings Winter, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Sharp visited last week with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Barnes, at Plains Dealings, La., stopping over at Fort Worth on their return to visit their son, George Sharp, and Mrs. Sharp.

Visiting with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Grimes, and other relatives over the week-end were Mr. and Mrs. Ennis Grimes of Quanah and Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Grimes and two daughters of Georgetown.

Miss Bess Church has returned to Corpus Christi, where she will again teach in the Elizabeth Street elementary school. During the past summer Miss Church did work on her master's degree at the University of

Colorado. This is her second year at Corpus.

Mrs. G. J. Jones, who has been visiting with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Grimes, returned Thursday to her home at Nevada, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Hill and little son, Gary, have returned home to Seminole after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hamm.

Mrs. T. E. Collins, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. J. I. Leamon of Trent, left Friday of last week for Denton to visit their sister and daughter, Mrs. Ernest Massey, and family.

After a stay of several days at home, Mrs. J. M. Dry will leave Friday for San Saba, where she will spend the winter in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Clyde Smith. Mrs. W. L. Harkrider will go with her as far as Brownwood, to visit her daughter, Mrs. Roy Largent.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Ferrier, Jr., and little daughter, Roslyn, returned Wednesday to their home at Austin after a visit of a few days with their parents here.

W. A. Campbell left Wednesday to attend sessions of the Abilene presbytery of the Presbyterian church, U. S. A., at Stamford as delegate from Grace Presbyterian church.

After a visit over the week-end and Labor day with Mrs. Terry's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Moore, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Terry, Jr., returned Wednesday to Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Phillips and daughter, Mildred, of Weatherford, were passing visitors Monday with Mrs. R. A. Walker and family.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mansfield and granddaughter, Jo Ann Moore, are spending the week at Christoval.

Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Dye and family have moved to San Angelo, where they have bought an acre of ground and built a home near the new air base addition.

Isadore Mellinger, returning from a vacation visit to Houston and Shreveport, La., visited from Friday to Sunday with his parents here. Upon his return to Clarendon, his brother, Sylvan, who had been managing the store there during his absence, came home.

Mrs. W. M. Larimore of Deport, who accompanied Miss Ophelia Mason and Mrs. R. C. Kimball, also of Deport, to Merkel when they came to look after farm interests, visited with Mrs. R. A. Walker. The party returned home Thursday.

Mrs. J. L. Harris, of Tulia, a former resident of Merkel, who is visiting with her daughter, Mrs. W. H. Bullock, at Albany, is here this week with Mrs. Bullock, spending part time with a cousin, Mrs. D. H. Vaughn.

Softball

(Continued from Page One) the losers a single game to wind up the play-off session.

Line scores for Wednesday:  
Trent --- 407 005 1 17 16 1  
Noodle --- 000 000 0 0 5 10  
Bill Jones and Hutcheson; Presley and Payne.

F. & M. --- 000 000 0 0 2 4  
Hodges --- 021 402 8 9 8 1  
Byron Bryant and Davis; Leverett and Roberts.

POSTPONED GAMES.

First game:  
Trent --- 100 00 1 5 5  
Noodle --- 604 2x 12 7 0  
Strawn, B. Jones, Hamner and Hollis Jones; Presley and Payne.

Second game:  
Trent --- 000 31 4 4 5  
Noodle --- 003 03 6 5 5  
Hamner and Hollis Jones; Presley and Payne.

First game:  
Trent --- 132 50 11 5 0  
Stith --- 010 00 1 4 8  
B. Jones and Hutcheson; Owens and Pete Berry.

Second game:  
Stith --- 001 30 4 3 1  
Trent --- 000 00 0 3 5  
N. Tittle, Hamner and Hutcheson; Clifton and Pete Berry.

FINAL STANDING.

Team--- W L Pct.  
Hodges --- 12 3 .800  
Noodle --- 8 7 .533  
Trent --- 8 7 .533  
F. & M. --- 7 8 .467  
Moutray --- 5 10 .333  
Stith --- 5 10 .333

Visitors in Stout Home Enjoy Picnic

Recent visitors with relatives and friends in this section were Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Allred and children, Velma Lee, Simmie, Royce and Loyce, from Blevins, Ark., and Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Tarvin, Jr., and sons, Arthur and Clinton, from Barnhart. They were among the spectators at the concluding rodeo of the season.

While visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Stout, Route 3, they enjoyed a reunion and picnic at Buffalo Gap and fishing in Lake Abilene. Others in the party were Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Stout and children, A. G. and Laverl, and Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Tarvin, Sr.

Former Cabinet Member Dies.

New York, Sept. 5.—David Franklin Houston, 74, life insurance company executive, former educator and a member of Woodrow Wilson's cabinet through the world war president's eight years in office, died Monday after a brief illness.

Three new buildings at the University of Texas will be constructed this fall. They are a \$400,000 music building, a \$200,000 petroleum engineering building, and a \$200,000 chemical engineering building.

An opening only four-thousandth of an inch wide is large enough to admit a newly hatched clothes moth larva.

Watermelon is a Texas favorite because of its taste, and many people do not know that it is rich in Vitamin C.

There are about 120,000,000 milk cows in the world, of which 24,000,000 are in the United States.

The United States forest service distributed 3,082,111 trees for planting stock in Ohio in 1939.

If you have any visitors, Phone 29 or 61.

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.

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This bank has already qualified as a Lending Agency under the 1940-41 Cotton Loan Program.

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Etsel Church Gets License as Pilot

Still another Merkel-raised boy is a licensed pilot. Etsel Church, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Church, earned his papers from the Corpus Christi Junior college in June.

The Mail learned of this distinction only when his father, F. E. Church, was here Tuesday. Etsel is now working in Odessa.

Mr. Church and his wife and daughter, Bonnie, will be located in Abilene after Thursday of this week, where he will be connected with the R. F. St. John Motor company.

The world's population has increased nearly five-fold in the three centuries between 1630 and 1930, but the birth rate in the United States has declined sharply in the past 50 years.

The planet Jupiter is bigger and heavier than all the other planets rolled into one.

Hospital Notes.

On Thursday, Aug. 29, Phyllis Freeman, daughter of L. A. Freeman, Route 3, received treatment for a broken arm. She was dismissed Friday.

Paul West, who underwent major surgery Friday of last week, is reported getting along nicely.

Mrs. J. H. Ensminger had major surgery Sunday.

Leonard Camp, suffering from acute appendicitis, received major surgery Sunday.

Gwendolyn Vaughn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Vaughn, underwent an appendectomy Monday.

Patients for tonsillectomies during the week were: Ernest Blackburn, son of John H. Blackburn, Route 4; Margaret and Ted Bateman, daughter and son of James M. B. Sylvester, Route A; Mrs. R. O. Collins, Trent; Norma Jean Hodge, and Charles Derrington.

Mr. and Mrs. David Watkins are parents of a baby boy born at the hospital Friday, Aug. 30, 1940.

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**TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS**

Mrs. G. W. Anderson and Mrs. R. B. Johnson, Sr., attended the Ladies' Auxiliary at Methodist First Church in Abilene Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Terry, Jr., of Lubbock spent last week-end with Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Terry, Sr., also here for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Terry are their daughter, Estelle, and baby daughter.

Ola Lee Winn and children and Mrs. Anna Boone went to Hobbs, N. M., last week-end to visit Mrs. Joe Alexander.

Rev. and Mrs. Fred Porter have had as their guest a niece from Big Spring.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Roberts visited Mr. and Mrs. Carter Dyer of Coleman last Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

J. B. Winn, Sr., and Hubert Beckham motored to Hamlin Sunday where they visited Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Boyd and family, also Rev. and Mrs. H. E. East and family.

Mrs. M. L. Tittle, who has been visiting here the past two weeks, has returned to her home in Wichita Falls.

Mrs. J. B. Winn and Mrs. R. B. Johnson spent Sunday with Mrs. Hattie Boozer and family of Sweetwater.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Friend and sons, also Miss Norma Nell Black spent the week-end here.

**ORPHANS PRESENT PROGRAM**

Last Monday, eighteen children from the Boles Orphan home of Quinlan rendered their annual program at the Church of Christ here. At noon a basket lunch was served.

**FISH FRY**

Last Saturday night the home of Mrs. Alex Williamson was the scene of a fish fry. The fish were caught by T. B. Friend on Lake Brownwood. At 7:30 they were served on the lawn to the following: Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bonneaux, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Seago, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Winter, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Fortune, Mr. and Mrs. Windland, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Strawn, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Stribbling, Mrs. C. T. Beckham, Hubert Beckham, Tom Williamson and a large number of children.

**TRENT SCHOOL TO OPEN MONDAY**

Trent school will open Monday for the 1940-41 term, as announced by Supt. R. L. Fortune. Patrons and the general public are invited to attend the opening exercises. First, will be assembly at 9 o'clock in the auditorium to be followed by a brief informal program consisting of speaking and music.

The faculty for this year will be: R. L. Fortune, superintendent; T. C. Blankenship, coach; Mrs. Maurice Faulkner, teacher of English; T. B. Friend, teacher of mathematics, and grade teachers, Mrs. T. B. Friend, Miss Yvonne Hodges, Mrs. R. L. Fortune, Misses Hermal Glasgow and Magdalene Payne.

**School Work Causes Greatest Strain on Eyes, Report Shows**

Of all the activities carried on in the home under artificial light, schoolwork causes the greatest strain on the eyes if the home is improperly lighted.

This is the opinion of many hundreds of men and women interviewed in an extensive survey conducted in eight midwestern and southern states including Texas.

In discussing the survey, R. T. Gray, local manager of the West Texas Utilities, said that seven persons out of 10 named reading or schoolwork when asked what activity in the home calls for the best lighting.

Sewing and mending ranked as a strong second in the survey, while cooking, shaving and similar tasks were considered by others to impose a considerable strain on the eyes in poorly lighted homes.

"Our lighting department," he said, "is glad to make free lighting tests whenever requested. It often is possible to improve light at little or no expense. Our lighting advisors are equipped with a sight meter which scientifically determines the proper candlepower needed for study, reading, mending or any of the various eye usages made in the average home."

Food authorities are predicting that more than a billion pounds of quick-frozen foods will be processed during 1940.

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

**BLAIR ITEMS**

Rev. Charles Williams, Baptist pastor, is to fill his regular appointment at the Baptist church Sunday, Sept. 8. Everyone is invited to attend these services.

The 1940-41 term of the Blair school opened Monday, Sept. 2, with Jack Chapman, principal, and Miss Ruth Chapman, primary teacher. Twenty-eight pupils were enrolled. Trustees are Jim Campbell, Price Melton and Charlie Peterson. The patrons are urged to co-operate with the school faculty and help make the school one of the best of the community has had. The school authorities are working on a hot lunch project. Mr. Chapman stated. A good number of patrons attended the opening exercises.

Little Reuben Horton, who received injuries from a fall from a 14-foot ceiling of the rock building here Sunday afternoon, is getting along as well as could be expected.

H. E. Addison, who is stationed at Fort Bliss, has informed his parents that he had been promoted to corporal and that he has been transferred to Battery F. He just returned from the maneuvers in Louisiana to his post on Aug. 28.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Boler of Brownwood have moved into our midst. Mr. Boler is the Santa Fe agent for the rest of the year.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Campbell and son and Mr. and Mrs. Shorty Swafford and son have been attending the bedside of their sister and aunt, Mrs. Ed Sherman, of Trent, for several days.

Those present for the Bible study at the M. E. church on Tuesday afternoon were Mesdames J. B. Stewart, Carl Hughes, Paul Orsborn, E. J. Orsborn, J. H. Campbell, J. D. Sandusky, Pat Addison; Misses Lena Faye Orsborn, Gwendolyn Sandusky, Nina Orsborn, Carlene Hughes. All are invited to attend these meetings, next of which will be Sept. 10.

Miss Bess James of Carthage, en route from New Mexico, was the guest of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Jackson, and family, last week-end. Miss James is a teacher in the high school at that place.

W. W. Amos of Waxahachie and Grady Amos of New York were guests in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Maddera and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Bryan Thursday.

Master Jimmie Don Davenport of Big Spring is visiting his uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Price Melton, and family for the week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Grant and family have moved to Merkel. We hate to lose these good people, but wish them the best of luck in their new home.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Scogin visited with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Hosea Myers, of Anson, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Pruitt and family motored over to Lake Fort Phantom hill Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. P. T. Jones of Cross Plains and Ernest Moore, Jr., of Weslaco were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. Orvin Bradberry graciously entertained a large group of friends in their home Saturday night with a social. Among out-of-town guests were friends from Sweetwater, Butman and Divide.

**Advertising IS Good News**

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**Three-Day Palomino Show to Be Staged At West Texas Fair**

Abilene, Sept. 5.—There will literally be color galore at the West Texas Fair Oct. 7 to 12.

Not that it will be lacking in other departments, but it will sparkle all over the grounds when the second annual Texas Palomino Association horse show is staged the first three days and nights of the exposition.

Dr. M. T. Ramsey, chairman of the show, said this week more than 200 of the finest Palomino horses of the southwest will be exhibited.

Horse lovers agree the Palomino is the most spectacularly beautiful of them all. The true Palomino is of rich golden color, with silver mane and tail.

All the Palominos will be seen in the grand parade of the Fair, Tuesday morning, Oct. 8, in addition to five performances before the arena in three days.

Dr. Ramsey has arranged an eleven-event arena program which provides competition for both men and women riders. Palominos will be used exclusively.

The Texas Palomino Association, which sponsors the show, has membership from all over the state. It includes not only ranchmen, but sportsmen and others who are horse fanciers by hobby.

Officers are: Jack W. Bridges, Glen Rose, president; W. B. Mitchell, Marfa, first vice-president; Dr. H. Arthur Zappe, secretary.

The Palomino show, one of the Fair's top-notch attractions, will be free. Reserved seats will be offered, however, for 35 cents. There will be a nominal admission of 25 cents for adults for general admission to the Fair grounds. Children under 12 will be admitted free.

**Rich Opportunities for Young Men in Navy**

The United States Navy Recruiting service for West Texas states that the present expansion of the navy has created many excellent opportunities for young men between the age of 18 and 31. Applications are being accepted from those who meet the high physical, mental and moral standard set by the navy department.

Applications must be made in person at the Navy Recruiting Station, located in the Post Office building, Abilene, Texas.

**Drill Reports Must Be Sent in Promptly**

AUSTIN, Aug. 29.—Fire chiefs in Texas cities where members of the fire department attended the annual training school at College Station, have been advised by Marvin Hall, state fire insurance commissioner, that drill report must be sent in promptly every three months.

The chiefs are required to submit a detailed report of the work carried on each drill night, and a majority of the membership must be present at least twice each month throughout the year with the instruction extending over two hours.

During the periods of inclement weather, it was suggested that first aid work, salvage, knots and hitches, and ventilation be studied.

Cities having firemen at the training school are eligible for a credit, the commissioner said, and the engineering department is in the process of adjusting key rates in these cities.

**Texans' Thirst Nets State Over \$7,000,000**

Austin, Sept. 5.—Texans' thirst is producing more and more revenue for the state.

When the liquor board closed its books on the current fiscal year at midnight Saturday it had collected \$7,009,642, exceeding \$7,000,000 for the first time since the board was established in 1935. Net revenue was

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If your local druggist cannot supply you, send \$1.00 to the Kidans Company, Atlanta, Ga., for two full-size boxes on a money-back guarantee.

up \$276,948 over 1938, the previous high.

Expenditures for the year are \$723,508 compared with \$1,000,456 two years ago.

Since its creation the board has collected \$31,389,106, of which \$27,039,471 went to the old age assistance, available school and general revenue funds.

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If you suffer from rheumatic, arthritic or neuralgia pain, try this simple, inexpensive home recipe that thousands are using. Get a package of Ru-Ex Compound today. Mix it with a quart of water, add the juice of 4 lemons. It's easy. No trouble at all and pleasant. You need only 2 table-spoonfuls two times a day. Often within 48 hours — sometimes overnight — splendid results are obtained. If the pains do not quickly leave and if you do not feel better, Ru-Ex will cost you nothing to try as it is sold by your druggist under an absolute money-back guarantee. Ru-Ex Compound is for sale and recommended by

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### QUEEN THEATRE CALENDAR

Friday-Saturday—"West of Abilene," with Charles Starrett and Sons of Pioneers; added, Porky Pig cartoon, serial and comedy.

Saturday preview, Sunday matinee, Monday night—"Comin' Round the Mountain," with Bob (Bazooka) Burns, Una Merkel; also "Little Blabbermouse," color cartoon, News and other short subjects.

Tuesday only—"Girl from God's Country," with Chester Morris, Jane Wyatt, Charles Bickford; added, "Design for Happiness," technicolor short produced by FFA showing the advantages of owning your own home.

Wednesday-Thursday—Edw. G. Robinson back again in the role you like him best, "Brother Orchid," with Ann Sothern, Humphrey Bogart and Allen Jenkins.

#### "West of Abilene"

Popular Charles Starrett, rapidly becoming America's ace outdoor action star, returns to the Queen theatre Friday and Saturday in Columbia's "West of Abilene," tuneful new western thriller with Marjorie Cooley as the romantic interest and the singing Sons of the Pioneers providing the musical interludes. Ralph Cedar directed the film.

#### "Comin' Round the Mountain"

When America took the homespun philosophy of Bob Burns to its heart a few years ago, it was because the genial sage of the Ozarks was completely himself—a hillbilly with a sense of humor. He had taken the airways by storm, and then Hollywood beckoned and he made a film called "Mountain Music," and Bob Burns was definitely "in." The story was right down his alley and the picture was a hit.

The same Bob Burns is to be found in "Comin' Round the Mountain," showing Saturday night, Sunday matinee and Monday night at the Queen theatre.

"Comin' Round the Mountain" tells the story of the "feudin'" Blowers and the Beagles, and of an itinerant salesman who overhears a jam session of the Blowers' "one family" orchestra, consisting of bazookas, jugs and fiddles. He contrives to find them a sponsor for a radio program, to save the local station from going off the air. Everything looks good until the winter truce is called and the spring feudin' gets under way. Then follows a series of hilarious events leading up to the election of Bob Burns as mayor, and his marriage to Una Merkel, which, strangely enough, is effected without benefit of shotgun.

Beside Burns and Miss Merkel, a cast of screen and radio favorites are to be seen, among whom are, Uncle Ezra of Rosedale; Mayor Gildersleeve and the Old Timer of Fibber McGee program; Jerry Colonna of the Bob Hope show and Don Wilson, well-known radio announcer.

#### "Brother Orchid"

"Little Caesar" is back in action again. This time, it's as "Brother Orchid" that Edward G. Robinson is heading the mob. Adapted from the sensational Collier's Magazine story by Richard Connell, "Brother Orchid," which shows at the Queen Wednesday and Thursday, is the hilarious story of an underworld big-shot who goes gunning for culture—a tailor-made role for Robinson.

Members of his "mob" include the girl friend, Flo, a hat check girl in a swank night spot. She took a good tip, and before long she owned the night club. Blonde Ann Sothern plays this role.

Then there's Jack Buck—no relation to Frank Jack always brings them back dead. He is so adept at the double-cross that he is even suspicious of himself. Buck is played by that master of menace, Humphrey Bogart.

Clarence (Ralph Bellamy) is a rancher from the wide open spaces, but he gets taken for rides so often that they're thinking of saddling him. Willie the Knife, played by Allen Jenkins, is a cute little cut-up, with a very pointed sense of humor.

Other members of the cast include Donald Crisp, Charles D. Brown, Cecil Kellaway, Morgan Conway, Richard Lane, Paul Guilfoyle, John Ridgely, Joseph Crehan, Wilfred Lucas, Tom Tyler, Dick Wessel, Granville Bates, and many others. Lloyd Bacon directed the production from the screen play by Earl Baldwin, based on the Richard Connell story.

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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.

### White Church News

Our community was saddened Sunday when we heard of the death of J. D. Malone of Tuscola, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Malone, who were residents of this community 16 years prior to moving to Tuscola about 6 years ago. J. D. attended the school and grew to young manhood here. He was a fine young man and had many friends here who will mourn his going. A large number from our community attended the funeral near Tuscola in the McBee cemetery Sunday afternoon, among them being Mr. and Mrs. Beryl Brown and daughter, Joan, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Demere, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Weston and children, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Pressley and baby, Mr. and Mrs. Allen D. King and son, Mrs. O. W. Reed, J. M. and W. L. Brown and perhaps others, whose names we failed to get. Our entire community sympathizes with Mr. and Mrs. Malone and family in their sorrow.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hall and son, Billy Don, of Olney, are visiting in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. R. McLean. Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Edington and children, James and June, of Abilene, and Rev. and Mrs. A. C. Healer of Sweetwater were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barnes.

Mrs. J. D. Hardin returned home last week after spending several days at the bedside and attending the funeral of her father in Oklahoma. Our community very deeply sympathizes with Mrs. Hardin in the loss of her father.

Mrs. Raymond Demere is visiting relatives in Wichita Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ellison have as their guest Mrs. Ellison's mother of Lubbock.

Our children have already begun their school work at Merkel for another year, going in on the school bus.

Mr. and Mrs. Mondel Rodgers and daughter of Sweetwater visited Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Pressley Sunday.

Every one is asked to remember the ice cream supper at the church Friday night.

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### NEWMAN NEWS

Our meeting closed Sunday with an all-day meeting and dinner at the tabernacle. We had several visitors with us for the day and we ask that they come back and visit us again.

There was a large crowd out for singing Sunday night and we had a good singing.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Boyd and children and Damon Boyd of Sweetwater, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Boyd and children of Roby and Mr. and Mrs. Red Howard and Archie Boyd of Abilene were recent guests in the home of Mrs. Boyd.

Mr. and Mrs. Clovis Creswell and children and Ruby Helen Creswell of Rotan, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Creswell and children of Mulberry Canyon, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Creswell and children, Mrs. Avie Fairly and sons of South Texas, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Creswell and family and Ardis Adams of Ferris and Mrs. Dicey Tate and children of El Paso were recent guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Creswell. They all met there in the home for a family reunion Friday night. The children were all present except one son of O'Donnell. The children living at home with Mr. and Mrs. Creswell are Edith and Doris.

Mayo Fowler and two friends of San Antonio spent the week-end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Fowler and Fairy.

Mr. and Mrs. John Jones and Helen and Mrs. Irl Walker and Jimmie of Merkel visited in the Reeves home Sunday; week-end guests in the Reeves home were Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Reeves and son of Colorado City and Othell W. Reeves of Lubbock.

(Omitted Last Week.)

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Fowler and Fairy visited in Abilene Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Dickerson and Elton Lenoir spent the week-end visiting relatives in Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Reeves and Robert Wayne of Colorado City spent the week-end in the home of Mrs. Fannie Reeves. Those visiting in the Reeves home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Reeves and Robert Wayne of Colorado City, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Jones and Helen, Jimmie and Gaston Walker of Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. Lea Dickerson, Thelbert and Arvale, Mr. and Mrs. Crockett, Orville, Richard and Jerry Lee, Mrs. Boyd, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Dickerson and Elton Lenoir.

Billy Louise Montgomery of Sylvester spent Sunday in the Boyd home.

Several from this community attended the rodeo at Merkel last Friday night and Saturday.

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### Points of Interest Around Hot Springs Described by Visitor

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The town of Hot Springs is noted for its curative mineral water, causing thousands of persons to visit there annually. It is the site of the famous Carrie Tingley hospital for crippled children and for the treatment of infantile paralysis, and it is said to be the finest and the most completely furnished state institution of its kind. The natural hot mineral water is used entirely in the hospital pools for the treatment of infantile paralysis and hydro-therapy cases. In describing the scenic beauties of the New Mexico resort, Mrs. Johnson said:

"There are many interesting things to see. There is the great Elephant Butte dam with its beautiful driveway near Hot Springs. This great dam is 1,674 feet in length, 318 feet in height from bed rock. The flood waters, impounding behind this mass of concrete, back up, forming a lake forty miles in length. It is known as Rio Grande project and was built by the government under the supervision of the reclamation service at a cost of over \$12,000,000 and reclaiming 200,000 acres of fertile land.

"The lake formed by Elephant Butte dam is a favorite resort for fishing, boating and bathing. The butte, rising out of the lake and resembling an elephant's head, has given the dam and lake their names.

"When visiting these places of interest, by all means one should visit the White Sands, the mountain

playground of southern New Mexico, raising its head 12,003 feet above sea level. Sierra Blanca is the highest peak in southern New Mexico and is visible for 100 miles. There are the Organ mountains seen from Las Cruces, N. M. Those towering pipes of rock resemble a gigantic organ in which the changing sun plays a daily color symphony from gray in the early morning through blue and beautiful shades of rose to deep purple at sunset. No one could describe their changing beauty.

"Of unusual interest is the native mud huts, the color of the earth from which they are made. They blend in beautifully and become a part of the landscape. This particular type of house is found throughout the state."

### Barbecue at Noel Home Near Lake Trammel

On Wednesday night of last week a number of relatives and friends enjoyed a barbecue at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Noel near Lake Trammel.

Besides the barbecue, pickles and coffee, there was plenty of roasting ears, tea cakes and iced tea.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Wills, Fluvanna; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Berry, Sweetwater; Mr.

and Mrs. Jack Noel and children, Jewel Fay and Buford, White Church; Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Harrison, Divide; Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Wilson, Blackwell; Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Noel and baby, Sweetwater; Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Lambert, Jr., and daughter, Betty Larue, Mr. and Mrs. Will Butman and children, Louine, Banning and Jack, Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Nath Noel and daughter, Leta, Sweetwater, and Vernon Childress of Blackwell.

The young goats for the barbecue were donated by Earl Berry.

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**APARTMENT FOR RENT**—Mrs. Gertrude Pee.

**FOR RENT**—Nicely furnished apartment; also room and board. Mrs. A. H. Thornton.

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**LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS**

Coming here from Big Spring, where he has operated a service station for the past year, E. C. Atwood assumed the management of the Gulf Service station on the highway on the first of the month. His home formerly in Granbury.

Norman King, who attended a radio school at Port Arthur until recently, when he came home for a vacation, has accepted a place as radio operator at Randolph field, San Antonio, and has already assumed his duties.

Miss Nell Pruitt, who graduated from Shannon's school of Nursing in San Angelo in the spring, started to work Sunday at Roots hospital, Colorado City, her duties being in the surgery room.

Arriving Saturday for a holiday visit with his cousin, A. H. Murphree, Route 3, was Clyde Murphree of the U. S. flying corps at Randolph field, San Antonio, but whose home is at Altoona, Ala. He has been in the service six months, the past three at Randolph field, and will be commissioned a second-lieutenant in November.

Bobby Woodrum was added on the first of the month to the book-keeping department of the Farmers & Merchants National bank. Another change brings Don Warren to the third teller's window, which has been filled by Horace Daniel, who will leave the bank next Monday to accept a place with the Citizens National bank in Abilene.

Since the first of the month Miss Robbie Walker is associated with Maurine's Beauty shop. She just recently returned with her mother from a three-weeks' automobile trip to the Pacific coast states and Canada.

While some improvements and repairs are being made, Ed's cafe will continue to remain closed several more days, it is announced. Opening date will probably be the latter part of next week.

**CARD OF THANKS.**

In deepest appreciation and love for those who in any manner expressed their true friendship for Grover and their deep sympathy for us, in the realization of our loss, we wish by this means to thank each and every one in the Merkel and Lipan communities. In days to come may his life still continue to bless others as it has ours, and may every rich blessing of goodness come to you who have proven your universal love for us.

Mrs. Grover Hale.  
The Hale Brothers and Sisters.  
J. J. White and Family.

**FASHION PREVIEW**



Though featured in the College number of Harper's Bazaar this charming jacket is appealing to all ages. Of hand-woven Harris tweed, checked in green and brown, it is distinguished because of its delicious smell, its smart box cut and its wear-ever usefulness.

**List of Petit Jurors Called for Next Week**

The petit jury for next week in 42nd district court includes the following names:

- Sam Butman, Jr., E. L. Wilson, Jno. W. Wheeler, George Woodrum, J. K. Higgins, Merkel; Clyde R. Campbell, J. G. York, B. D. Parker, J. A. Stanford, Howard Williams, Dr. T. B. Bass, P. C. Jones, J. R. Black, C. R. Staggs, Fred Scott, J. M. Davenport, O. R. Tullis, F. A. Grant, D. C. Lambert, J. A. Mills, J.

- M. Shackelford, Pool Robertson, T. H. Antilley, Altman Smith, C. L. Payne, W. E. Box, O. K. Jones, H. C. Cloud, M. T. Ramsey, L. C. Goldsmith, J. B. Milam, D. G. Webb, Roy Mills, W. M. Gray, H. F. Powell, W. W. Foster, R. W. Miller, Chas. Logsdon, C. B. Hicks, W. Coke Mingus, T. R. Pardue, Wm. J. Nichols, Abilene; J. J. Ewing, Grant Linsley, M. L. Sliger, Wingate; Jeff Graham, Tuscola; R. A. McClain, Buffalo Gap; Geo. Howell, Trent; I. B. Ivey, Ovalo; W. C. Wood, Winters.

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**Rites are Held for Charles H. Miller**

Funeral services for Charles H. Miller, 68, resident of the Noodle community eight years, were held at 10 a. m. Wednesday morning at the Kiker-Knight funeral chapel, Abilene, with Charles Robertson, Abilene Christian college Bible instructor, officiating. Burial followed in Cedar Hill cemetery.

Mr. Miller died early Tuesday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. W. R. Sweeney, of Noodle. He had been ill several weeks and in a critical condition several days.

Born July 4, 1872, he lived in Dallas and Tarrant counties most of his life. He came to the Noodle community in 1932. He was married in Tarrant county in 1898.

Survivors include his wife, four sons, J. C. of Clovis, N. M., H. D. of Fort Worth, and Claude of Bivens; two daughters, Mrs. Sweeney and Mrs. J. L. Wilson of Free; five sisters, and two brothers.

**CARD OF THANKS.**

We wish to thank friends and neighbors for their kindness and thoughtfulness during the illness and death of our dearly loved husband and father, also for the beautiful floral offerings.

May God's richest blessings rest upon all of you.

Mrs. E. L. Turner, Sr., and Family.

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

**Rufus Adcock, Mrs. Myrtle Ussery Wed**

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus L. Adcock returned here Wednesday night from San Antonio, where they had gone after their marriage at Brownwood Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Adcock was Mrs. Myrtle Ussery before her marriage and she formerly lived here.

Herbert L. Newman, minister of the Austin Avenue Church of Christ at Brownwood, read the ceremony at his home at 4 o'clock.

**Store Sales at High Level.**

Dallas, Sept. 5.—Department store sales in the 11th federal reserve bank district were at a higher level during July than any corresponding month since 1929. Daily average sales were five per cent greater during July than the corresponding month of last year.

One hundred and eighty-five graduates, attending the University of Texas from 83 Texas and six out-of-state cities and towns, were cited for honors in spring graduation this year.

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Red & White <b>Tomato Juice, No. 5 can</b> 25c	Sun-Spun <b>Salad Dressing</b> ..... Qt. 29c
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Red & White <b>Laundry Soap</b> .... 7 bars 25c	Supreme <b>Peanut Butter</b> 16-oz. jar 15c
Bird Brand <b>Shortening</b> 3-lb. carton 33c	Del Dixie — Sour or Dill <b>Pickles</b> ..... Qt. 15c
Blue & White <b>Pork &amp; Beans</b> ..... Can 5c	Ginger <b>Snaps</b> ..... 2-lb. pkg. 23c
Puffed <b>Wheat</b> ..... 3 pkgs. 25c	Red & White — No. 3 Sieve <b>Peas</b> ..... 2 No. 2 cans 35c
Gobin <b>Hominy</b> ..... No. 2 1/2 can 10c	

**MARKET SPECIALS**

SLICED <b>BACON</b> ..... Lb. 19c	VEAL <b>CHUCK ROAST</b> ..... Lb. 19c
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**MARR-BRAGG.**

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg of Merkel are announcing today the marriage of their daughter, Miss Iva Bragg, to Mr. Paul Marr, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Marr of Stephenville. The marriage of the couple took place on Saturday, May 25, 1940, the Rev. S. B. Culpepper, close friend of the bridegroom, reading the service in his home in Cleburne, Texas. They will be at home in Stephenville, Texas, after September 10.

**OLD-FASHIONED ICE CREAM SUPPER.**

The spacious lawn of the Spencer Bird home was the scene of a merry party last Friday evening for members of the Jolly Neighbors club. Assuming host duties along with Mr. and Mrs. Bird were Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ferguson and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hicks.

Delicious home-made ice cream and cakes were served and old-fashioned outdoor games were played until a late hour. Those present were Messrs. and Mesdames Andy Shouse, John Grable, Johnny Cox, F. Y. Gaither, Herbert Patterson, Spencer Bird, Raymond Ferguson, Bob Hicks, Miss Christine Collins, C. J. Glover and Mrs. H. R. Hicks, who is the guest of her son, Bob Hicks.

**ALATHEAN CLASS.**

Mrs. Fred Baker, Sr., on Wednesday afternoon entertained her Sunday School class, the Alathean class of the First Baptist church. With the class president in charge, prayer was led by Mrs. O. B. Tatum and Mrs. J. S. Swann brought the devotional. After a short business session, Mrs. J. O. Castles, class teacher, dismissed with prayer.

The social hour was enjoyed by each one showing what her "Sunshine Sister" gave her. Refreshments were served to Mesdames W. O. Boney, O. B. Tatum, W. W. Wheeler, J. Ben Campbell, J. M. Meeks, J. O. Castles, F. O. Polley, J. M. Williamson, W. L. Johnson, G. M. Sharp, J. S. Swann, Chas. West, W. A. McCandless, Pick Allen, W. F. Patterson and the hostess.

The next meeting will be the first Wednesday in October in the home of Mrs. G. M. Sharp, with Mrs. A. H. Zollinger as co-hostess.

**CLASS ENTERTAINED.**

Three visitors from Abilene furnished the program when Mrs. T. T. Earthman entertained her music class on Friday afternoon of last week at the First Baptist church. The program was rendered in the church auditorium, with the social features transplanted to the lawn outside.

Misses Pauline Witt and Gladys Mae Lovelady were each presented in a group of three piano numbers, followed by Miss Pauline Witt in two violin selections, with Miss Mabel Burford as accompanist.

Miss Witt's numbers were: Bach's "Two Part Invention in C Major"; "Waltz in Ab," (Brahms), and "Distant Mountains," (Torjussen; in Miss Lovelady's group were "Pastoral So-

nata I," (Scarloti), "May Night," (Palmgrin), and "Postlude," (The Warrior's Song,) by Heller.

"Sonata in D Major," (Haydn), and "Orientale-Cui," (Spanish dance), by Rehfield, were given on the violin by Miss Witt.

On the lawn guests found much interest in a game of hunting for wild animals, with the prey carrying a musical question on his back to be answered by the successful hunter.

At the conclusion of the games iced watermelons were served to Misses Pauline Witt, Gladys Mae Lovelady and Mabel Burford, Thomas Shipp, Abilene; Doris Clyde Miller, Gwindolene Sandusky, Fannie Lou Jackson, Bonnie McAninch, Dorothy Nell Haynes, Lora Pearl Haynes, Marilyn Petty, Sandra Sadler, Nedra Swafford, Joyce Irvin, Dwight Swafford, Bonnie Church, Joy Christine Curington, Ann Blake, Dorothy Nell Groene, Betty Jane Keifer, Genevieve Robertson, Mary Nell Morgan, Sue Morgan, Marjorie Jo Fulton, Alice Carey, LaNelle Edwards, Frances Harwell, Wanda Douglas, Jeanette Neff, Jorene Rinsinger, Kathleen Bryan, Evelyn Sears and Don Wood.

**GIFT SHOWER.**

The regular meeting of Merkel chapter No. 212 of the Order of the Eastern Star was held Tuesday evening, Aug. 27.

Following the business session, a gift shower was presented to Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Cummins, who are moving to Big Spring, where he has been transferred by the Phillips Oil company. Their many friends regret their departure, but wish them much success in their new work.

Ice cream was served as a treat from the worthy patron to the following members: Messrs. and Mesdames E. B. Reese, H. G. Smith, Andy Shouse, M. S. Cummins; Mesdames Roy Miller, J. M. Williamson, A. H. Thornton, Vernie Merritt, Henry Ueckert, Bob Dean, Irvin Humphreys, Tom Allday, Charlie Seago, Nannie Causseaux and W. L. Johnson and James Haas.

**HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB.**

The Merkel Home Demonstration club will meet Friday afternoon, Sept. 13, at 2 o'clock, in the home of the president, Mrs. Grover Gilbert.

**Merkel Woman is New Zone Leader**

A Merkel woman, Mrs. Herbert Dunn, was elected new leader of this zone of the Abilene district at the conference organization at Abilene last Friday, at which representatives of the fourteen auxiliaries were present. Caps was chosen as the place for the next meeting.

Purpose of the conference, which was held in the First Methodist church, Abilene, with the Woman's Missionary society and Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Hamblen acting as hosts, was to discuss reorganization and study work for fall.

**RURAL SOCIETY**

**WATERMELON FEAST.**

Misses Venita and Geneva Allen entertained the younger set of Noodle with a watermelon feast on the lawn of their home on Wednesday, Aug. 28.

Those present were: Misses Jewell Chancey, Menivil Love, Mary Oleto Dixon, Dorothy Barbee, Wance Tarpley, Yvonne Howard, Bobbie Burnett, Cornelia Swope and Mary Jo Bicknell; Messrs. Tip Carter, Glendell Barbee, Harroll Clemmer, Harlon Winter, Donald Cade, Leroy Eason, James Cox, Geraldwindal Eason, Buss Martin, Edgar Lucas, Roy Satterwhite, Red Sosebee, Harold Sosebee and Charles Clark.

**GOING-AWAY PARTY.**

A fitting climax of the summer season was sponsored by the Epworth League on Saturday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sandusky, naming John Mack Grant honoree to a "going away" party. Jim H. Campbell, Sunday School superintendent, presented the honoree with a beautiful Bible that had his name printed on the inside cover. Miss Joy Doan, senior teacher, presented to John Mack a lovely friendship quilt.

John Mack has been very popular in religious and social activities and has a personality that has won him many friends. He will be greatly missed.

Vocal and instrumental music and games were enjoyed by some forty-eight guests. Popcorn was served by the hosts and Mesdames A. M. Jackson and S. L. Scogin.

**A SURPRISE GIFT.**

On Wednesday of last week Alice Kemper with her family were invited to her grandmother's, Mrs. Etta Causseaux, for a quilting. After admiring the pretty colored blocks, which were made from tobacco sacks dyed to make the colors red, white and blue, she was told the quilt was for her.

A very chatty time was spent while the quilting was going on. The quilt was finished and punch and cake were served to Mesdames Lee Keyes, L. B. Statser, Fred Horton, H. T. Ogletree, Carl Carey, Morgan Brewer, Rose Young, Etta Causseaux, E. A. Kemper, and Alice, Benny, Orvil and Jean Kemper, Brady Young, Jimmy Young, Nell Carey, Helen, Peggy and Jerry Horton.

**COMPERE CLUB.**

The Comper Home Demonstration club will meet with Mrs. A. J. Newman on Thursday, Sept. 12.

Plans for the remainder of the year's work will be made at this meeting.

**MISCELLANEOUS SHOWER.**

To compliment Mrs. Jack Land, Mrs. E. E. Akin entertained on Thursday afternoon of last week with a miscellaneous shower in the home of the honoree's mother, Mrs. Clarence Melton.

At the culmination of an hour of games directed by Mrs. Vernon Melton, a lovely array of gifts was presented the honoree. A blue and pink color scheme was carried out in all details and in a dainty menu, which was passed to Mesdames Jack Land, R. L. McLean, E. E. Akin, Stella Miller, Marvin Egger, Walter Hunter, T. J. Melton, Cynthia Hall, R. B. Horton, Hugh Campbell, Susie Doan, Marvin Melton, T. R. Melton, Eli Brooks, Rex McLean, Virgil Patterson, Vernon Melton, John Fulton and Clarence Melton.

Children present were Shirley Mae Melton, Mary Jo Melton, Betty Lou Melton, Linda Sue McLean, Becky McLean, Bertha Patterson, Billye Sandra Patterson, Lena Jo Fulton, Mary Sue Fulton, Mary Elizabeth Melton, Jackie Melton.

Those sending gifts were Mesdames Shorty Swafford, W. A. Campbell, George Moore, F. L. Castleberry, Glenna Abbott, Pat Addison, Louise Addison, Jim Campbell and Ralph Miller, Mae Melton and Louise Addison.

**P.-T. A. Committee To Meet on Tuesday**

The initial meeting of the executive committee of the Merkel Parent-Teacher's association has been called for Tuesday afternoon, Sept. 10, at 4 p. m. in the Grammar school auditorium by the president, Mrs. Norman Hodge.

The executive committee consists of all officers of the P.-T. A. and all chairmen of all committees. It is planned at this meeting to present and discuss plans for this year's work and duties of each officer and of committeemen. All workers are urged to be present, said Mrs. Hodge.

**Foreign Ships Center Of Most Interest to Galveston Visitors**

Sam Butman, Sr., Miss Lottie Butman, Mrs. Dave Anderson, Mrs. Tommie Russom and Billy Sam, oldest son of Ben Butman, enjoyed a very pleasant trip to Galveston last week.

Of most interest on their trip were the large steamships, all foreign ships anchored for protection and unloading raw cargoes. A Swedish ship was unloading lead and copper from Newfoundland, to be shipped to smelters at El Paso and then shipped back to Great Britain when the copper and lead have been extracted, all ready to be made into solid ore. That country doesn't have sufficient smelters to supply the English government with this material.

The group were permitted to go aboard a Swedish ship that was anchored for protection.

They also saw the workings of the ferry boat system, operated by the state highway department. At one landing, eleven cars and two large commercial trucks heavily loaded were aboard a ferry boat, which also carried passengers, bound for Port Arthur.

Galveston has a beautiful beach and has long been known as one of the favorite resorts of the South, and visitors always have opportunity to see plenty of fish, which the Butman party report ranging from one to 800 pounds.

Naturally interested in wool, Mr. Butman visited several wool houses along the trip.

**Reunion of Elliott Family at Lake Cisco**

For the second annual reunion of the Elliott family held at Lake Cisco on Thursday, Aug. 29, there were 67 members of the family present. M. Elliott of Merkel, one of the surviving members of the original family that came to West Texas in the early 70's, and Mrs. Elliott, were prevented from attending on account of illness. Mr. Elliott is president of the reunion.

Among those from this section attending the Lake Cisco picnic were Miss Willie Elliott, of Sweetwater, who is secretary; Mary Elliott, Mrs. Ruby Robinson and two children, Mrs. J. R. Richardson and two daughters and Mrs. Emma Dennis, Sweetwater; Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Elliott and three daughters, and Mrs. T. L. Finch, all of Nolan, and Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Black and daughter, Jannell, of Merkel, who were joined by Miss Mary Jo Garland.

It was voted to hold the reunion at Sweetwater next year on the third Sunday in August.

**Many From Out of Town for Funeral Of Grover Hale**

Among relatives and friends here for the funeral of Grover Hale, held at the Methodist church on Thursday afternoon of last week, were: Guy Hale, Mrs. W. H. Roach, Ralph and Raymond Roach, Mineral Wells; Mr. and Mrs. Wade H. Roach, Brownwood; Mrs. M. Cook, Mrs. Roy Vieno, Mrs. Joe Murry Thames, Beaumont; Dennis Cook, Leesville, La.; Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lowe, Burl Wheeler, Mrs. Pearl McCoy, Mrs. W. H. McGarr and son, Boy Blue, Royce McGarr, Sarah Crawford, Abilene; J. L. Massey, Lubbock, and Rev. and Mrs. Henry Weldon, Albany.

Pallbearers were John Mansfield, Claude Perry, Booth Warren, Milton Case, Watt Blair and John West.

Flower girls were Becky Gardner, Louise Patterson, Sue Grimes, Mrs. R. D. Hunter, Tommy Grimes and Dora Gaither.

The body was taken overland Friday in a Barrow-Sheppard funeral car to Lipan for burial. A brief service was held at the graveside there at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon.

**In The Churches**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.**

There were 545 present at the six reporting Sunday Schools here last Sunday, as compared with 573 the previous week. On the same Sunday a year ago the attendance was 625.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.**

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Morning sermon at 11. Training Union 7:00. Evening sermon at 8:00.

Teachers' and officers' meeting and prayer meeting 8:00 Wednesday evening.

Cooper Waters, Pastor.

**BAPTIST W. M. U.**

The W. M. U. of the First Baptist church will meet in Circles on Monday as follows:

Blanche Rose, Walker will meet with Mrs. J. S. Swann.

Maybelle Taylor will meet with Mrs. A. R. Booth.

Elkin Lockett will meet with Mrs. W. F. Patterson.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.**

Sunday School at 10 a. m. is the only service at our church. Everyone is urged to attend regularly.

W. M. Elliott, Clerk of Session.

**METHODIST CHURCH.**

Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. Morning sermon at 11 a. m. Young people's meeting at 7:30 p. m. Evening worship at 8:00. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8.

John H. Crow, Pastor.

**NAZARENE CHURCH.**

Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 8:15 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8:15 o'clock.

Everyone is cordially invited to these services.

R. T. Smith, Pastor.

**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 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.

W. L. Massey, Supt.

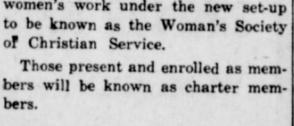
**Methodist Women Begin New Set-Up**

All women members of the Methodist church are urged to be present at the Retreat to be held on Wednesday, Sept. 11, at the church.

This all-day meeting is being held for the purpose of organizing the women's work under the new set-up to be known as the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

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Members of the Hodges Baptist Sunday School rendered a very good program at the Stith zone meeting on Sept. 1. Their theme was "God Is Our Refuge." Special music consisted of a vocal solo by Miss Duke and an instrumental duet by the Huddleston girls.

Stith will sponsor the next program in October, meeting with Shiloh church. Noodle again attained the efficiency banner, with a grade of 62 percent.

All officers were re-elected for the new associational year. They are: Rev. Melvin Byrd, president; Miss Mildred Browning, secretary, and Mrs. V. L. Merritt, reporter.

**Will Preach Farewell Sermon Here Sunday**

E. W. Key, minister of the Church of Christ, having accepted a call to the church at Electra, will preach his farewell sermon Sunday.

Sunday services: Bible classes 9:45, preaching at 10:45, young people's meeting at 7:00. Preaching at 8:00 p. m.

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