

## Keeping Up With Texas

Mr. and Mrs. H. I. Macomber of Beaumont were killed Saturday at a grade crossing at Pflugerville, 15 miles north of Austin, when their coupe was struck by the northbound M. K. & T. Texas Special.

The body of John A. Falker, 60, oil barge captain, was found floating in the harbor at Texas City Saturday. A verdict of accidental drowning was returned.

A young man tentatively identified as Felipe Lozana, 18, San Antonio, was fatally shot Saturday when he failed to halt at a policeman's command.

Fritz Heil, 31, was killed at Corpus Christi Saturday morning on the W. C. Hornsby lease west of La Klorian in Jim Wells county when an oil well in the high-pressure area blew in.

George Barber, who recently resigned as secretary-manager of the Sweetwater Board of City Development, has announced that he will enter the newspaper field in Abilene, establishing the West Texas Sporting News about Mar. 1.

J. W. Maxcy, 77, retired engineer, who quarried the granite for the state capitol building in Austin, died Friday afternoon in Houston. The body was taken to San Antonio for cremation.

Burns suffered in an explosion of kerosene being poured into a wood stove Friday claimed the lives of two Burk Burnett boys, Euel Dean, 4, and J. H., Jr., 12, sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Germany, who were seared in rescue attempts.

Judge W. E. Jones, superintendent of the Confederate home in Austin, was killed and two other persons seriously injured in an automobile collision on the outskirts of Lytle, near San Antonio, Monday afternoon.

Linda Lee Jenkins, 6-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Jenkins of Driscoll, smothered in bed at the family home Sunday. The mother had left the child on a bed and stepped outside. Returning in a few minutes, she found the baby's head pinned between the mattress and bed railing.

Peter Rosales, Jr., member of the Engineer corps of the Second division, Fort Sam Houston, was killed Sunday night when an automobile and a truck sideswiped 20 miles northwest of Eagle Pass.

John Webb, 45, of San Antonio, died in a Georgetown hospital after suffering a heart attack while driving his automobile near Georgetown Monday. The car in which Webb and a companion were driving went into a ditch and a trailer overturned when Webb was stricken.

Miss Beatrice Calhoun, 24-year-old Brownwood waitress, died Monday morning, bringing to four the number of dead in week-end highway accidents in the Brownwood area. She was injured Sunday night in a two-car collision four miles north of Brownwood.

Private Alvin D. Blanke, Fort Worth, was burned to death at 4:40 a. m. Monday, when his car overturned 18 miles northeast of Brownwood on the Fort Worth highway, pinning him beneath the wreckage.

J. Harold Ray Avent, 40, who recently moved from Brownwood to Cisco, died in a Brownwood hospital Sunday afternoon of injuries received near Rising Star Saturday when his car was wrecked after striking a hog.

Pvt. Gordon R. Patterson, Company H, 111th Medical regiment, died Sunday morning at Brownwood of injuries received Saturday night when he was struck by a car driven by another soldier near Camp Bowie.

Judge Walter Morris of 67th district court, Fort Worth, Tuesday granted a divorce in the suit brought by Nenetta Burton Carter against Amon Carter. The defendant filed a waiver in the case.

Fire Wednesday destroyed the \$75,000 north side school building and equipment near Vernon. The Vernon fire department was unable to aid because of lack of water.

A Fort Bliss soldier, Bobby L. Hollis, 20, of the 61st field artillery, was killed and three other men injured Wednesday when an automobile in which they were riding turned over four miles east of El Paso.

Six members of a Cotton Belt railroad crew were injured, two fatally, at noon Monday when their motor-driven car was in collision with a long truck near Forest, Cherokee county. The dead: Jack Murry, 35, of Trinidad, and Howard Bell, 35, of Tyler.

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## DEATH CLAIMS PROMINENT CLUB, CHURCH LEADER

Funeral Rites Held Saturday For Mrs. C. P. Church, 50, Resident of Merkel 42 Years; Husband, 3 Children Survive.

Mrs. C. P. Church, 50, active leader in church and club circles here and president of the Taylor County Home Demonstration council, died at 4:15 last Friday morning at the family home of a sudden illness.

While she had not been in good health for several years, she had not been seriously ill and was stricken during the night.

Funeral services were held at the Methodist church at 2:30 Saturday afternoon, with the pastor, Rev. Marvin Boyd, officiating, assisted by Minister Lee Starnes of the Church of Christ and Rev. Cooper Waters, pastor of the First Baptist church. Burial followed in Rose Hill cemetery under direction of Elliott's funeral home, Abilene.

Pallbearers were W. W. Toombs, E. O. Carson, Bob Fowler, L. E. Gowan and Carroll Dickenson of Abilene and Joe Self of Breckenridge.

Serving as flower girls were Miss Hattie Tacker, Abilene, Miss Eloise Clemmer; Mesdames J. M. Hamilton, A. W. Clemmer, L. A. Groene, L. E. Gowan, Joe P. Self and John Hughes.

Mrs. Church, who had resided here 42 years since coming to Merkel with her parents when she was only eight years of age, was born Mary Katie Wheeler in Parker county on Jan. 26, 1891. On Mar. 7, 1909, she was married to C. P. Church at Noodle.

Mrs. Church was a charter member of the local Grove of the Woodmen Circle and had served the Grove as its guardian. She was also one of the leaders in organizing the Merkel Home Demonstration club and had served as its president. At the time of her death she was president of the Taylor county council. Her interest in church work began in her girlhood and for many years she had taught a Sunday School class.

Surviving are her husband, a daughter, Mrs. E. B. Wallace, two sons, Charles and Bonnie; a grandson, Colonel James Wallace, and her father, Ben Wheeler, all of Merkel; two brothers, Andrew Wheeler, of Huntsville, Ark., and Paul, of Merkel; two sisters, Mrs. Arthur Rogers, Merkel, and Mrs. Ruby Hayhurst, Anson.

Among out-of-town relatives here for the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Davis and daughter, Ernestine Davis, Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Shaver, Rochester; Mrs. R. O. Wheeler, Ada, Okla.; Mr. and Mrs. R. A. McCollum, Dimmitt; Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. Omar Wheeler and daughter and son-in-law, Tullia; Mrs. Ruby Hayhurst, Anson; Andrew Wheeler, Huntsville, Ark.; Misses Ruth, Annie and Ethel Howard, Clyde Alvin Howard, Boles home, Quinlan; Miss Dorothy Howard, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Holt and son, Crane; Miss Bess Church, Corpus Christi, and Pearl Collins, Brownwood.

## Queen to be Revealed At Coronation Service Monday Night, Feb. 17

Suspense reigns over the followers of the two candidates in the race for High School queen. Although the final elimination election took place at the chapel period Tuesday, the winner was not announced and will not be revealed until Feb. 17.

Climaxing a patriotic program to be given at the gym, a coronation ceremony will take place and either Maude Turner, Senior favorite, or Wanda Douglas, Sophomore favorite, will be crowned queen of Merkel High school.

Mrs. Comer Haynes is chairman of the committee planning this program.

## "Safety" is Theme of Next P.-T. A. Meeting

Theme of the program for the P.-T. A. February meeting to be held at the Grammar School building next Tuesday night, beginning at 7:30, is "Safety in Home, School and Community," with Mrs. Ellen Duncan as leader.

## FRIDAY NIGHT'S DOWNPOUR YIELDS FINE SEASONING

The first month of the year lacked only a few hours of getting by without measurable rainfall in this section, but with steady downpours throughout the night Friday, precipitation of 1 3/4 inches was gauged by Volunteer Weather Observer Ford Saturday morning. Most of this moisture fell during the early hours Friday night.

Farming and ranching were both greatly benefited by the timely rainfall, small grain receiving the greatest benefit of all. Land already cultivated was favored with a good planting season and the "bottom" season was greatly strengthened.

## Drilling Contract Let for New Test North of Town

Newest development in oil activity in the Merkel area is the announcement made Thursday by Tom Largent that he had contracted with Merry Brothers and Perini, Inc., to drill a test before Apr. 1 on a block of 1,700 acres he had assembled, with the Collins stock pen about six miles north of town as the center of the block.

Location of the test is 330 feet from the west and south lines of the Collins tract.

The Danciger No. 1 Gale, southeast offset to the discovery well, No. 1 Kelso, in the Stith community, had reached a depth Thursday morning of 2,706 feet, with a showing of oil reported in the Swastika lime.

The same company's Kelso No. 2 northwest offset, which resumed operations after shutting down when water was encountered at 2,237, drilled past the water a short ways and, it was reported, found a favorable oil showing.

The Humble No. 1-B D. O. Huddleston was drilling around 2,000 feet Thursday morning, it was learned.

## Bartlett Buys Fagan Property on Oak

A real estate transaction was completed Wednesday whereby Clyde Bartlett becomes owner of the Fagan property, one and a half story structure, occupying two lots, 100x140 feet, on the corner of Oak street and Austin. The consideration was not given.

Plans are being drawn for the erection of two modern homes on the premises, it is announced by the new owner.

Mrs. Earl Teague, who has been a tenant there for a number of years, and daughter, Geraldine, will stay in the John Grable home until she makes more definite plans.

## Badgers Continue Undeclared Record

Leading the county round robin tournament, the Merkel Badgers have to their credit ten straight conference wins.

The local cagers ran over the Trent Gorillas for a 25-12 victory at the gym Friday night. In a bout with Bradshaw played at Ovalo Tuesday night, Merkel won 16-11.

Following the announced schedule, the Merkel team will go to Ovalo, Tuesday night. The Badgers will compete with Wylie at the local gym, Friday, Feb. 14, for the final conference game of the schedule, but one game with Tuscola will yet have to be made up.

## Texas Farmers Paid \$42,300,400 by U. S.

Washington, Feb. 6.—The agriculture department reported Wednesday it had distributed \$585,605,000 in benefit payments during the first half of the current fiscal year among farmers who had co-operated with the crop control programs.

Texas led with \$42,300,400, with Iowa close behind with \$41,975,000. Included were \$161,111,000 for parity payments, \$165,510,000 for soil conservation payments and \$13,519,000 for sugar payments.

## LADIES GUESTS AT LIONS CLUB, ANNUAL PARTY

String Quartet from Hardin-Simmons University Featured Entertainers; Fifty-Seven Present for Enjoyable Affair.

The Hardin-Simmons string quartet, including Saretta Morrow, Alma Jane Page and Wanda Mae Clements and Mrs. Richard Young, was featured on the entertainment program for the annual ladies' night banquet of the Merkel Lions club at the club hall Tuesday night, with 57 guests present.

Their numbers were "Londonderry Air," "Serenade to a Cornstalk Fiddler," "Love's Old Sweet Song," "Only Forever" and "There I Go."

R. T. Gray, president of the club, acted as toastmaster; after the invocation by W. M. Elliott and the roll call, guests were introduced. Welcomed as a new member was W. R. Yazell, new Chevrolet dealer here, who transferred from the Carrollton club. Mrs. Yazell was also present.

For securing twelve new members during the past year, John Grable had previously been presented a master key, and added honor was conferred with the presentation at the banquet of a large master key emblem mounted on a plaque from Lions International. His name was embossed in bronze.

As one member, Doyle Nutt, a reserve officer, leaves this week for service at Fort Sam Houston, the toastmaster referred to the banquet as also a farewell for Mr. Nutt.

Introduction of the program numbers was made by Supt. Connor Robinson, acting chairman of the committee in the absence of Nathan Wood. Music during the course of the banquet was played by Miss Gay West, the club pianist and sweetheart. Service for the three-course dinner was furnished by Cotton's cafe.

Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Gray, Dr. and Mrs. L. C. Zehnpenning, Messrs. and Mesdames E. Y. Bailey, W. O. Boney, Milton Case, Paul Douglas, Wrenn Durham, W. M. Elliott, Dee Grimes, John Grable, Norman T. Dodge, Stanley King, A. A. McGehee, Doyle Nutt, Claude Perry, Byers Petty, Owen Robertson, Connor Robinson, A. T. Sheppard, Booth Warren, Henry West, Ray Wilson, W. R. Yazell; Mesdames S. D. Gamble, Richard Young; Misses Christine Collins, Gay West, Esther Goltz of Abilene, Saretta Morrow, Alma Jane Page and Wanda Mae Clements, Hardin-Simmons university; Messrs. E. O. Carson, Myer Mellinger, C. J. Glover.

## Farmers Urge Tax On Natural Resources

Austin, Feb. 6.—Members of the Texas Dirt Farmers congress returned to their homes Wednesday after closing their third annual session here with re-election of Bailey B. Ragsdale, former state representative from Crockett, as president.

Urging a moderately increased tax on natural resources, more than 100 delegates and visitors from 32 major Texas farm and live stock organizations went on record against the enactment of any sales tax to finance state social security obligations.

## School Heads Oppose Appointive Plan

Meeting Tuesday in Abilene, county and independent school superintendents in the Abilene district, which includes nine counties, went on record as opposing the naming of a state superintendent of schools by an appointive board, but declared in favor of lengthening the elective term from two to four years.

R. N. Sandlin, Abilene, district deputy superintendent of education, presided. Among those present at the meeting was Supt. Connor Robinson of the Merkel schools.

## Interurban Makes Last Run.

Dallas, Feb. 6.—The Corsicana interurban has made its last run. Late Tuesday night the last car sped over the rails from Dallas to Corsicana and shortly thereafter the power in the lines was shut off.

## TWO-DAY PROGRAM TO MARK ENERGIZING REA LINES IN MERKEL AREA

### TWO CONFERENCE LEADERS MEET FRIDAY NIGHT

Merkel sport fans will witness the most spectacular non-conference game of the season when two conference leaders meet at the gym here Friday night. The Anson team is leading the Jones county conference, while Merkel is the only undefeated team in the Taylor county round robin tournament.

Backing the Badgers will be the Badger band in full uniform, the student body and a large majority of supporting townspeople is expected. The game will begin at 7:30 with admission prices, 5, 10 and 15 cents.

### Bank and Stores Open Again Friday Night For Camp Workers

For the benefit of workers at Camp Berkeley, who receive their pay checks each Friday, the Farmers & Merchants National bank will continue the practice started three weeks ago of opening two hours Friday night, from 7 to 9 o'clock, making it possible for the workers to cash their checks when they return from work, which is after regular banking hours.

A great many of the stores remain open until nine each Friday night for the benefit of camp workers who do not have opportunity in regular store hours to do their shopping.

### Miss Pauline Ballew Fills Faculty Vacancy

Miss Pauline Ballew of Sweetwater, elected to the Merkel school faculty to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Billie Gardner, assumed her duties Monday morning as teacher of English in the 5th, 6th and 7th grades.

Miss Ballew holds a B. A. degree from Hardin-Simmons university and comes to Merkel from Roby where she has been teaching.

### County Poll Taxes Issued Total 6,637

C. O. (Pat) Patterson, county assessor-collector of taxes, Wednesday reported the final total of poll taxes issued as 6,637.

This was half a thousand more than it was believed last week the number would be. It compares with about 7,200 paid two years ago, the last off-election year.

## MERKEL 30 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, February 17, 1911.)

W. R. Bigham, who has a big bunch of cattle in old Mexico, has abandoned all hopes of making any shipments and returned from El Paso this week. He said: "My cattle are on the Creel ranch west of Chihuahua and in the heart of the trouble. Insurrectos camped for some bit on this ranch, appropriated several hundred saddle horses and about three cars of my cattle. I did not try to ship out any cattle, for I am of a very peaceable disposition. I remained at El Paso some time, thinking I might get to see a battle but they just march around and keep out of each other's way and never shoot unless they are out of range. An American believes in fighting or running and I ran home."

Hon. J. C. Mason, a prominent and wealthy citizen of Lamar county, is among the prospectors of the Merkel country this week.

Another of our aged and honorable citizens has answered the death summons and our community is grieved at the death of W. L. Bridges, which occurred Monday night near

### Display of Merchandise by Electrical Dealers; Special Ceremonies Planned 2:30 P. M. Saturday at Sub-Station.

Several hundred visitors are expected for the week-end celebration here Friday and Saturday, marking completion of the energizing of "A" project of the Taylor Electric Co-operative, Inc., embracing approximately 400 miles.

One of the features of the program will be an electrical dealers' display of merchandise both days in the Neely building, formerly occupied by the Barrow-Sheppard furniture company, said Johnny Cox, superintendent of the project.

Invitations to attend the merchandise show and the jubilee celebration have been sent to more than 900 subscribers over the signatures of the board of directors and the office personnel.

Sam Butman, Jr., is president of the organization; A. W. McKee, vice-president, and W. C. Church, secretary-treasurer. Other directors are H. R. Roberts, N. A. Estes, Ed Gist, Comer Haynes, O. S. Moore and Mrs. Tom Russom.

Besides Supt. Cox, the office personnel includes Spencer Bird, maintenance foreman; T. V. Bright and M. L. Cope, maintenance crew; Ruth Roberts, bookkeeper, and Elna Tucker, filing clerk.

The work of energizing the lines, which started last Thursday morning, will probably be completed by the end of the week, this phase of operations having been delayed by the inclement weather last week-end.

The merchandise display will include dairy equipment, household appliances and farm equipment shown by dealers from Abilene, Sweetwater and Merkel.

In charge of a cooking display will be Kathryn Harris, REA home economist from Washington, D. C. She will give kitchen demonstrations of electric ranges and refrigerators in the store building Friday afternoon and beginning at 9 a. m. Saturday. Cookies and coffee will be served Saturday morning until 11.

Directors will be guests of the superintendent and office personnel for lunch at 11:30. Business meeting of the directors is planned from 12:45 to 2:15 p. m. in the project office.

The formal dedication program is scheduled for 2:30 Saturday afternoon at the REA sub-station, just east of the cemetery.

Addresses will be given by Supt. Connor Robinson, representing the city and citizenship of Merkel, Mayor Henry Marshall of Sweetwater, Merle

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Stith. On Feb. 4th, Chas. N. Wilson, lifelong citizen of Texas, was found dead in his bed at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. R. Barnett.

J. T. Darden, a citizen of the Caps community, went to San Patricio county seeking health and last week a brother, H. F. Darden, received a message stating that J. T. had been seriously hurt by a team running away with a wagon. Mr. Darden found his brother dead upon his arrival there.

The music recital by the pupils of Miss Laura Jennings at her home on Oak street Saturday afternoon was a perfect success. Miss Jennings is the music teacher at the North Ward school. The pupils reflected much credit on their teacher and covered themselves with glory.

Virgil Touchstone has taken charge of the soda fountain at Armstrong and Co. "Tut" is a popular young man and invites the patronage of his friends.

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**"A BOY'S LOVE"**

By BENNY KEMPER

"Aw heck, what's the use," thought Jimmy Webb.

"Say Jimmy," called some one but Jimmy deep in his own thoughts did not hear him.

"Why should a girl of her type like me, a poor kid, not so much on looks, and a born sissy."

"Jimmy," came the voice again, "wake up."

"Oh, hello."

There stood Tommie Paine, Jimmy's rival. Jimmy's best girl friend had said that she liked Tommie best of all the boys in Trenton high school.

"What the heck's wrong with you?"

"Oh, nothing," was the reply.

Jimmy was trying hard not to let any one know that he had been badly hurt down deep in his heart.

Joyce Land, Jimmy's girl, came out of the building looking very happy.

"Joyce, what will you be doing tonight that will keep me from coming over to your house?" asked Jimmy.

"Seeing Tommie," was the reply.

Jimmy, hurt, walked home with his head down. He was thinking to himself.

"What's the use? You can't expect a girl to like any one like me. I used to think girls were O. K. but now I know that's not as much right as I thought. A girl takes to the boys that have money. Tommie's dad can afford to get him anything that he wants. He makes the girls think that he's just it. I know what I'll do. I'll quit having anything to do with the girls. No, that won't do. I'll try to make something out of myself."

Time went by. It had been two weeks since Tommie and Jimmie had spoken. Though it was not Tommie's fault, Jimmy had set himself off from everyone.

"Say Joyce," said Tommie one afternoon, "why does Jimmy do as he does? All he does is go in the gym each afternoon and stay for two hours."

"Have you ever looked in on him?"

"No."

"Well, why don't we?"

"Swell idea. Come on."

As the two came to the gym, Jimmy came out.

"Say Jimmy," said Joyce, "why do you go in there every afternoon?"

"None of your beeswax," was the reply.

"Well, how do you like that?"

It was one afternoon in the fall when Jimmy saw Joyce and Tommie in the woods. He could not make out what they were saying but he thought he knew what they were talking about.

"Oh, Tommie, you are so nice," thought Jimmy. "That's just like a girl always falling for a boy who has lots of money. I would like to hear what they are saying. I'll just go a little nearer."

Just then he slipped and fell. Unknown to Jimmy a fifteen-foot cliff was just ahead. Rolling, he came to the edge of the cliff. He saw what was ahead too late; over he went.

"What was that?" asked Joyce.

"I don't know, dear, but let's go and see."

Upon coming to the cliff, Joyce saw what was below.

"Tom, Tommie, come here! There's some one down there! He's hurt!"

"I'll see if I can't get down here."

The next thing Jimmy remembers is he's in a bed with a soft face next to his. Jimmy looks up and sees Joyce.

"Joyce, I didn't know you cared for me."

"Jimmy, dear, are you all right? Of course, I care for you."

"But Tommie," went on Jimmy, "what of him?"

"Oh, is that what made you act the way you did? Jimmy, didn't you know? He's my cousin."

To safeguard food in the home, the federal food and drug administration emphasizes that there is no reason to place insecticides on shelves next to flour, cornstarch, baking powder, salt or sugar.

**WE ALL NEED THIS PATROLMAN**



Safety experts declare the standard driver's license law now before the Legislature will protect farmers and rural motorists who suffered a 31 per cent increase in traffic deaths last year. Automobile accidents during 1939 and 1940 killed 3,300 Texans and injured 70,000 others—considerably more than the casualties of England since the air bombing began last September.

**PERSONALS**

James T. Murdock, Serv. and Amm. 6th battery, 1st F. A. 1st Bn., Fort Sill, Okla., spent the week-end with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Murdock. Visiting the first of the week in the Murdock home was J. B. Power from Nacogdoches, an uncle of Mrs. Murdock.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Janes and daughter, Kay, Mrs. S. M. Reddin, Pauline Patton and Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Reddin visited relatives at Austin during inauguration week, returning home following the day's ceremonies.

Staff Sgt. and Mrs. O. D. Allamon of Randolph field, San Antonio, are visitors this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Harris.

Mrs. Chester Imes and two children arrived Saturday for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Largent. Mr. Imes will join them later, after a business trip north.

George T. Moore drove to Quanah to join his wife over the week-end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Davis. They returned home Sunday. Mrs. Moore had accompanied the Davises home after they had spent the previous week-end in the Moore home here.

Mr. and Mrs. George McBeth and Miss Vera McBeth of Rotan and Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Brooks of Chickasha, Okla., were passing visitors last Sunday of Mrs. J. T. Johnson and Miss Delia Kuykendall.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Easterwood of Taft were here for a brief visit last week with the Collins families.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Blair and family had as their week-end guests, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Lassiter and son, Mr. and Mrs. Claud Venison and son, all of Big Spring.

Misses Clarice Fay Blair and Irene Moore were guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Crow of Noodle.

Mrs. D. H. Pugh and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Hewitt and son, Donald, and daughters, Jeanette and Betty, of Big Spring, visited Mrs. J. T. Johnson and Miss Delia Kuykendall Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Olin Lusby of Big Lake spent the week-end with Mrs. Lusby's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Dennis. J. R. Cox of Sweetwater was also a guest in the J. T. Dennis home Sunday.

A passing guest with Mr. and Mrs. Arl Sharp the past week was Mrs. Sharp's uncle, Horace Stroud, of Crawfordville, Ind., who lived here shortly after the turn of the century. He was returning home from California, where he had taken a son to enter aviation school at Glendale, Calif.

Guests of Mrs. S. C. Boyce and daughter, Miss Loraine, are Mrs. Boyce's sister, Mrs. Nannie Mitchell, and daughter, Miss Seawillow Mitchell, of Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. McCandless of Cisco were here Saturday for the funeral of Mrs. C. P. Church. Mrs. McCandless is a former district manager of the Woodmen Circle, Mrs. Church having served as guardian of the local Grove of the Circle.

Miss Jane Ferguson, who teaches in the Cross Plains school, was home to spend the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ferguson.

Truett Patterson, student in Texas Tech, was home to spend the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Patterson.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Harris and Mrs.

S. G. Russell spent Sunday in Anson with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Redwine. Sammie Doris Redwine, who has had pneumonia, is improving.

Among soldier boys home for the week-end were the following from Camp Bowie, Brownwood: Jack Dawson West, Herman Carson, Louis Farmer and Joe Lawson.

Rev. Marvin Boyd, pastor of the Methodist church, left Monday for Dallas to attend the "Ministers' Week of Lectures" at Southern Methodist university. He is expected home Friday.

Don Warren, who has been one of the tellers at the Farmers & Merchants National bank since June of 1940, left Wednesday for College Station to enter A. & M. college for the next term. He will major in chemistry and has enrolled in the chemical warfare division.

Chester Collinsworth, vocational agriculture instructor at Merkel High school, and S. D. Gamble left Sunday for Cynthia, Ky., to buy some Southdown ewes, which they will use as foundation stock.

**CARD OF THANKS.**

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks for the love and sympathy shown us in the loss of our dear loved one; for the many kindnesses shown in bringing dishes for meals and for the many beautiful floral offerings.

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

C. P. Church and Boys.  
Alice and Wallace.  
Ben Wheeler and Family.

**LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS**

Mrs. R. A. Walker and family moved Wednesday to the cottage back of the Richie duplex, just south of the railroad, which she recently purchased from the Richie heirs. Mr. and Mrs. W. C. McCandless moved from this cottage to the home of Mrs. E. N. Brown, and John L. Jones and family, previous tenants of Mrs. Brown, have taken the Ira Moore rent cottage.

Ben Robert Hicks is one of five initiates to begin pledging this semester in the I. H. R. fraternity, oldest organization of the kind on the McMurry campus. Ben Robert is a junior this year.

Morris Clack, student at Draughon's Business college, Abilene, has accepted a position in the bookkeeping department of Radford grocery, Abilene. Miss Lucille Crick, another Draughon student, has accepted a position with the Service Parts company of Abilene.

Three volunteers Tuesday filled the quota for Draft Board No. 2 for Taylor county (outside of Abilene) for the first February call. There are six volunteers to fill a quota of five. One Merkel boy, Murry Toombs, helped to make up the group of three who volunteered Tuesday.

Turner Brothers, one of Merkel's progressive grocery firms, are this week making considerable changes in the interior of their store, with enlarged space for display of stock and having re-arranged the fixtures so that more room is provided in the rear. Announcement is made in their advertising space of a ten-day sale starting Friday, Feb. 7.

**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 Surplus Marketing administration of the department of agriculture announced that an estimated 2,000,000 pounds of butter were bought with blue stamps in September. Approximately 100,000 cows would be required to produce the milk needed.

Panthers, leopards and Mexican mountain lions were numerous in the forests along the southern Texas coast in pre-revolutionary times, according to old records in the University of Texas Library.

A total of 154,096 bales of cotton had been ordered from the Surplus Marketing administration for use in the department of agriculture's cotton mattress demonstration program, as of Dec. 1.

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.

**SPECIALS for FRIDAY and SATURDAY!**

Pure Apple VINEGAR Full Quart Jar	10c	Crystal White SOAP 7 Bars	25c
14 Ounce Bottle CATSUP	10c	Quart Jar Mustard Bran	9c
5 LBS. CRC PINTO BEANS	10 lbs. 48c	SOUR PICKLES Quart Jar	10c
1 Pound POPCORN	10c	No. 2 Cans Tomatoes	2 for 15c
Pork & Beans	1 lb. can 5c	Crisp LETTUCE	Head 5c
Nice Size Texas ORANGES	Doz. 15c	SERVING STAR STATE COFFEE FREE	
Large Grapefruit	Doz. 20c	1 lb. Star State	25c
Lemons	Doz. 20c	U. S. No. 1 SPUDS	10 lbs. 15c
Arkansas Black APPLES	Peck 40c	MACARONI and SPAGHETTI	3 boxes for 10c
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## QUEEN THEATRE CALENDAR

Friday-Saturday—Charles Starrett and Sons of Pioneers in "Thundering Frontier;" also Popeye cartoon and serial; special REA 30 minute feature, "Power and the Land."

Saturday preview, Sunday matinee, Monday night—Jack Benny, Fred Allen, Mary Martin in "Love Thy Neighbor," with Rochester; added, Donald Duck color cartoon, News and short subject.

Tuesday only—Richard Dix, Kent Taylor in "Men Against the Sky;" also 2 reel comedy and short subject.

Wednesday-Thursday — Cesar Romero, Virginia Gilmore in "Tall, Dark and Handsome," with a special added attraction: "Uncle Sam, The Non-Belligerent," latest March of Time.

### "Men Against the Sky"

Richard Dix, Kent Taylor, Edmund Lowe and Wendy Barrie, four of the screen's most popular top-flight players, contribute their respective talents to the sterling entertainment contained in "Men Against the Sky," coming to the Queen theatre Tuesday only.

Cast respectively as a flyer, aircraft designer, plane manufacturer and draftsman, the four stars are seen as members of an airplane company seeking to evolve the world's fastest pursuit ship.

Their hectic as well as romantic adventures make for the comedy and excitement of the RKO Radio action drama.

### "Love Thy Neighbor"

With commendable sagacity, Paramount Pictures saw the great possibilities in the famous feud between Jack Benny and Fred Allen as the basis for a first-rate comedy. They weren't at all wrong, for "Love Thy Neighbor," starring the feverish feudists, to be shown at the Queen theatre Saturday night preview, Sunday matinee and Monday night, is one of the most hilarious pictures produced in a long, long time.

Witty, tuneful and expertly produced, it is grand screen entertainment, boasting the excellent capabilities of such favorite performers as Mary (My Heart Belongs to Daddy) Martin, Verree Teasdale, The Merry Macs, Virginia Dale, the graceful and beautiful Merriell Abbott Dancers and Rochester.

The flames of the feud, in the picture, burst high when Benny steals The Merry Macs from the Fred Allen show. Allen, in retaliation, succeeds in luring Rochester, Benny's valet, away from the comedian. The resulting gags are screamingly funny.

The beautiful Miss Martin gives screen audiences a first opportunity to hear her sing the song that made her famous. When you hear her sing you'll know why it made her an outstanding success.

Three hit tunes are in the picture, "Do You Know Why," "Isn't That Just Like Love," and "Dearest, Darkest I."

The picture was produced and directed by Mark Sandrich.

### "Tall, Dark and Handsome"

That perennial love-story formula of "boy meets girl—boy gets girl" certainly never worked in handsome Cesar Romero's films. He never got the girl—but his luck changed in "Tall, Dark and Handsome."

And that's why lovely Virginia Gilmore, who heads the featured cast with Cesar in the 20th Century-Fox film coming to the Queen theatre Wednesday and Thursday had to forgive him for his over-enthusiasm in the fadeout scene.

After all, a fellow who has waited for six years and has paraded before the cameras in over thirty films without getting the girl, deserves to celebrate the end of such cinematic starvation.

"Certainly I've wooed plenty of beautiful women on the screen," Cesar admitted, "but when the fadeout clinch was photographed, I was never around. Believe me, before 'Tall, Dark and Handsome' came along, I was getting downright upset about the whole affair."

Although his screen career is studded with many fine roles, Cesar's romantic efforts in pictures were of the losing kind.

"Sometimes they killed me," Cesar recalls. "Sometimes they tossed me in jail or unveiled me as an underserving suitor. Once, in 'Wife, Husband and Friend,' I tried to take Loretta Young away from her husband, Warner Baxter. But in the final footage she was true to her hubby."

"It always boiled down to the same thing—I never get the girl!"

Now after six years of chanting the male version of "always a brides-

## 1941 Maid Of Cotton



Alice Erle Beasley of LaGrange, Tenn., selected 1941 Maid of Cotton at the southwide contest held at Memphis, hears about the modeling course she'll receive in New York from John Robert Powers, head of the world's most famous modeling agency and chairman of judges of the Maid of Cotton Contest. Miss Beasley, daughter of a cotton planter, will represent the raw cotton industry in a nationwide air tour of cotton fashion shows in 24 major cities under sponsorship of the National Cotton Council, the Memphis Cotton Carnival Association, and the Cotton Exchanges of Memphis, New Orleans and New York.

### List of Petit Jurors Called for Next Week

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

Bob McDonald, J. H. Doan, W. M. Warner, O. B. Boden, Jr., E. W. Turner, D. H. Vaughn, Leon Toombs, Merkel, O. D. Windham, S. A. Chambers, Dwight Williams, G. F. Duncan, E. D. Woodlock, A. B. Boyd, W. V. Powell, H. A. Riggs, J. R. Russell, H. H. Earnest, C. L. Holt, J. L. Collins, M. L. Bird, B. A. Young, Walter Hale, D. A. Barnes, N. B. Davis, J. B. Stevenson, Marion E. Power, Edgar Music, N. T. Griffin, Sidney Richards, W. A. Farmer, J. H. Anderson, J. N. Hopkins, R. B. Leach, D. D. Johnson, Harley Woods, C. F. Brooks, W. R. Cranston, Abilene; W. E. Mayhew, B. D. Belew, Winters; Carl Graham, Fred White, Joe Warford, L. J. Covington, J. E. Graham, Tuscola; J. L. Levy, Ovalo; M. C. Wolfe, C. J. Patterson, Lawn; T. Y. Landingham, View; Jack Richards, Tye; Leslie Beasley, Trent.

### Living Costs Go Up Slightly During '40

New York, Feb. 6.—The National Industrial Conference board reported Tuesday that the cost of living of wage earners in the United States advanced nine-tenths of one per cent in 1940 over 1939 but remained under that of both 1937 and 1938.

Food prices were principally responsible for the rise, averaging 1.4 per cent higher than in 1939. Except for 1939, however, this all-important item of the workers' budget cost less in 1940 than in any year since 1934. Other items costing slightly more in 1940 than they did a year earlier included housing, sundries, clothing, fuel and light.

The conference board is a research organization supported largely by business concerns.

maid—never a bride," Romero gets the fadeout clinch, and most important of all—Virginia Gilmore!

"Tall, Dark and Handsome" has a strong featured cast including Milton Berle, Charlotte Greenwood, Sheldon Leonard and many others.

### Five-Point Safety Bill Referred to Committee

Austin, Feb. 6.—The highways and motor traffic committee of the senate, to which Senator John Lee Smith of Throckmorton has been named a member, will handle a large number of important bills to be introduced during the regular session of the 47th legislature.

Among bills to be considered by the committee are all of the proposals embodied in the 5-point legislative program for safety now being sponsored by twenty-one state organizations. The appeal for effective legislation to curb the rising tide of traffic fatalities and injuries in Texas was formulated after numerous conferences of officials and members of the various organizations. Proposals offered are: a standard driver's license law, an increased highway patrol, a strengthened drunk driving law, a revision of the obsolete speed law and a uniform reporting of serious accidents.

A bill has already been introduced and sent to the highways and motor traffic committee, which would give Texas a standard driver's license law. The bill has been drafted to add "teeth" to driving regulations in order to enable the control of reckless, irresponsible, incompetent and to some extent curb drunken drivers. This one bill also covers two more of the five points of the legislative program, namely, provisions for an adequate highway patrol and proposing a uniform accident report.

### Joe Penner's Estate More than \$100,000

Los Angeles, Feb. 6.—Joe Penner, radio, stage and screen comedian, who died unexpectedly in Philadelphia Jan. 10, left an estate valued at more than \$100,000, his will, filed Tuesday for probate, shows.

The will left 60 2-3 per cent of the estate to his widow, Mrs. Eleanor Penner, and another 33 1-3 per cent to his parents, Sophie and John Pinter.

Remainder of the estate is to be divided equally among two of Penner's uncles, Alex Kiraly of Detroit and John Kiraly of Chicago, and a brother-in-law, George L. Vogt, Jr., of Los Angeles.

### Flier for Britain Commended.

Austin, Feb. 6.—Ira Lee Sullivan of Hillsboro, 20-year-old former pilot of British bombing planes, was "commended" by the Texas house of representatives Monday and invited to visit the house at his convenience.

## Patriotic Quotes

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GOVERNMENT of the people, by the people, and for the people shall not perish from the earth.

Abraham Lincoln

Standing on the battlefield of Gettysburg where almost 46,000 soldiers of the North and South had died, Lincoln dedicated the National Soldiers' Cemetery on November 19, 1863, with a masterly oration. It contains fewer than three hundred words, but each is a forensic pearl of price.

### Wage-Hour Law Upheld.

Washington, Feb. 6.—The supreme court Monday upheld the constitutionality of the wage-hour law. The unanimous action of the high court came in rulings on two test cases involving a small Georgia lumber company and a group of southern cotton mills. Justice Harlan F. Stone wrote the decisions.

The first English newspaper proposed to do no more than publish news which had already been published abroad.

### "PERCE STRINGS" by JIM WEST



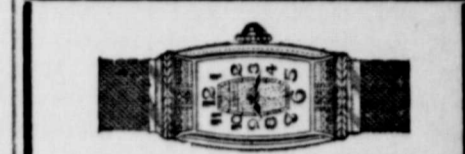
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### Safety Conference Set for April 8-9

Austin, Feb. 6.—Dates of the third annual Texas Safety conference in Houston were announced Wednesday by George Clarke, secretary of the Texas Safety association, as Apr. 8 and 9.

Among those invited to address the conference were J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Congressman Martin Dies of Orange, who has been investigating un-American activities.

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### To Continue Course In Aerial Photography

Corporal Jack C. Tucker, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Tucker of Merkel, has just been selected to pursue a course in aerial photography at Lawry field, Colo., according to an announcement by the commanding general of Hamilton field, Calif.

Corporal Tucker is a graduate of Merkel High school. He enlisted in the Air Corps at Randolph field, Texas, for service on the west coast in May, 1940. Since that time he has been stationed at Hamilton field, with the Headquarters Air Base squadron, as an apprentice photographer. The course of study Corporal Tucker will pursue will qualify him for assignment with a tactical air squadron as an aerial photographer and laboratory technician.

### Army Strength To Be Doubled by June 15

Washington, Feb. 6.—The war department estimated Monday that the expanding army, already the largest in the country's peace-time history, would reach a total of 1,418,000 officers and men by June 15 this year.

Officials estimated 1,317,100 would be in uniform by that date at 147 army posts in the continental United States. This indicated that about 100,000 additional men would be stationed at overseas garrisons such as Hawaii, the Panama Canal, Puerto Rico and Newfoundland.

The total strength predicted by June 15 is nearly twice that of the force now under arms.

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**TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS**

Charlene James, who is working in Abilene, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert James, Sunday.

Visiting here this week were Mr. and Mrs. Casey Wash and Zolyne of Odessa. They were accompanied by Mrs. A. C. Wash and Dollie, who are returning here to live.

Mrs. C. C. McRee has gone to Abilene to visit her mother, Mrs. Matheny, for a few days.

Mrs. Joe Brown and Winnie have been in Sweetwater the past week staying with Mrs. Moody, a sister of Mrs. Brown, who is ill.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Kent and son of Sweetwater visited Mrs. Kent's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Duncan, Sr., and other relatives here Sunday.

R. L. Fortune, superintendent of the Trent schools, attended the superintendents' luncheon that was held at the Hilton hotel in Abilene Tuesday, Feb. 4.

Mrs. C. E. Brown and Billy spent the past week-end in Post.

Edith Harris had as her Sunday guests her sister, Mrs. Bill Bilton, and a friend, Edna Stell. They were from Brownwood.

Mrs. Ben Howell and Betty are visiting in Fort Worth this week.

Norma Nell Black of Brownwood visited Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Friend this week.

**SCHOOL NEWS.**

The NYA boys, who are working at the Trent school, have completely refinished the gym floor in preparation for the girls' district basketball tournament to be held here sometime this month.

They have also underpinned with rock a teacherage on the campus.

They have cleared an undergrowth of brush on the campus and have finished 300 feet of flagstone walk.

The Trent Girls' basketball team won the consolation award at the Avoca tournament last week-end.

Helga Beasley was chosen for the all-tournament team. Helga and Willadene Strawn also won awards for outstanding playing.

The Trent Junior girls beat Eskota last Tuesday night, 28-16.

Games to be played this week are: Trent senior boys vs. Ovalo in a conference game; Junior boys vs. Loraine Tuesday night.

Wednesday night the senior boys and senior girls go to Eula.

Friday night Trent boys play Wylie here in a conference game.

**SURPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTY.**

Willie Pratt Brown was honored last Wednesday night with a surprise birthday party that was held at the home of Mrs. R. B. Johnson, Jr.

Many delightful games were played, after which a refreshment plate was passed to: Claude Stuart, Doyle Howell, J. B. Winn, Troy Kegans, J. C. Hamner, Price Mitchell, Junior Eckert, James Earl Stevens, Don Armour, Andy Murl Beasley, Gene Billington, Billy Jo Billington, Betty Jane Tittle, Johnnie James, Bobbie James, Carleta Hood, Charis Smith, Peggy Titsworth, Patsy Pomroy, Geraldine Pomroy, Margie Pearl Beasley and a few others who did not register.

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**Nazis Make Slaves of the Conquered French People**



IN THE DOZEN nations which Adolf Hitler's armies have conquered there are 85 million people, today reduced to vassalage and made to contribute to the building of the new and greater Nazi German State. Under a merciless military order, two million prisoners of war have been formed into labor battalions to reconstruct for German use the railroads, bridges and other public works destroyed during the fighting. Watched over by military guards and pushed to the limit of their endurance, once-free European fathers and brothers now work side by side in slavery.



THESE and other uncensored scenes in the latest March of Time entitled "Uncle Sam—The Non-Belligerent" are taken from the contraband Nazi newsreels, Deutsche Wochenschau, intended for showing in South America only. This film, intercepted and seized by British officials, was obtained from the Canadian Film Commissioner for exclusive use by The March of Time. Exhausted French prisoners in a bucket brigade (above left), saddened French children standing in line with pails to receive soup rations from their Nazi conquerors (above right), and many similar scenes included in the March of Time film have taken on a meaning entirely different from that originally intended by the Nazi Propaganda Ministry, which has been attempting to frighten South American countries away from cooperation with the U. S. in hemisphere defense.

**BLAIR ITEMS**

Rev. Emmett L. Whitaker of Abilene will fill the pulpit at the Baptist church Sunday, Feb. 9. Rev. Mr. Whitaker is a former pastor and needs no introduction. He is known as a very able speaker. Members are urged to attend these services and visitors are cordially invited to worship with us.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Moore had as their week-end visitors the latter's sister, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Wallace and family and Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Donaldson and son of Munday.

A crowd of young folks enjoyed an entertainment in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Sandusky Saturday night.

H. T. Horton of Wichita Falls was guest of his aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell, Monday.

Jess Russom has been on the sick list.

**William G. McAdoo Dies.**

Washington, Feb. 6. — William Gibbs McAdoo, World War cabinet officer, former senator, and distinguished in law, finance, and shipping, died Saturday after a heart attack.

A new car, given the best of care, should last the careful driver for approximately 100,000 miles.

**Live Stock Shipments Show Decrease in 1940**

Austin, Feb. 6.—Texas ranches marketed 80,577 carloads of live stock during 1940, the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research estimates.

Total shipments were 9.4 per cent below those of 1939, with sheep marketings showing the only increase—11.8 per cent, to 11,446 cars.

Cattle shipments—47,125 cars—dropped 14.4 per cent; calves—13,672 cars—declined 10 per cent; and hogs—8,334 cars—fell 1.5 per cent.

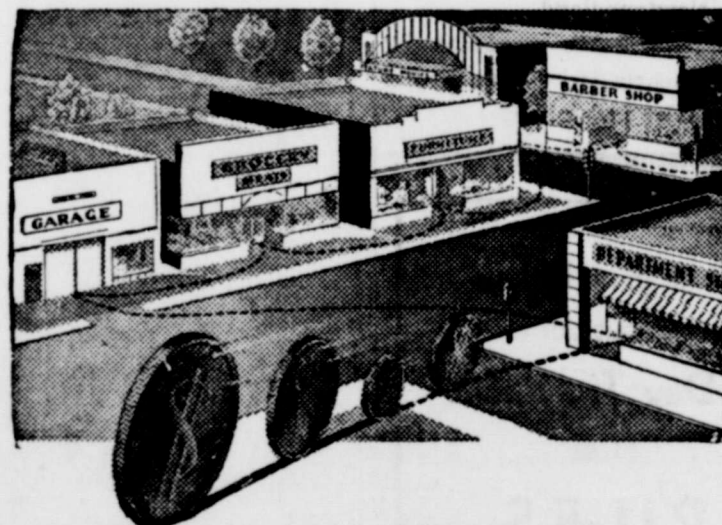
During December total shipments were 4,296 cars—5.5 per cent fewer

than in December, 1939. Cattle shipments were down 10.8 per cent, calves about the same as a year ago, and sheep movement slumped 33.3 per cent. The movement of hogs, however, showed a gain of 27.8 per cent.

**Declines Solons' Bid.**

Austin, Feb. 6.—John Nance Garner, former vice-president of the United States, Monday declined an invitation to address the Texas legislature. Garner expressed thanks for the invitation but said he had adopted a policy against any public speeches. He is now at his Uvalde home.

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Through all pain at times she'd smile, A smile of heavenly birth; And when the angels called her home, She smiled farewell to earth. Heaven retaineth now our treasure, Earth the lonely casket keeps; And the sunbeams love to linger Where our darling Mother sleeps.

—A Friend.

**Urges U. S. Declare War.**

Washington, Feb. 6.—Former U. S. Ambassador to Germany James W. Gerard created a tense situation in the house foreign affairs hearing on the lend-lease bill when he urged the United States to declare war on Germany now rather than wait for Hitler to embark on world conquest if Britain fails.

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**LOST AND FOUND**

**LOST**—On Feb. 1 a white Collie pup was taken from J. B. Jones place; had black spots on hips and side of head and eyes. Please return pup and get reward, \$1.00. Mrs. J. B. Jones, Route 4.

**LOST**—On Jan. 14, pair of rimless glasses, in front of Sally Orr's home. Reward. Mrs. Opal Primrose, Sally Orr's apartment.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

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**LODGE CALLS**

**NOTICE MASONS**  
A stated meeting of Merkel lodge No. 710, A. F. and A. M., will be held Saturday, Feb. 8, at 7:30 p. m. All members are urged to be present. Visiting brethren cordially invited.  
J. F. Walker, W. M.  
W. C. Black, Secretary.

**Reserve Lieutenant Called to Service**

Doyle Nutt, a reserve officer, has received notice to report at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Sunday, and will leave Merkel Friday.

Mr. Nutt, who came to Merkel April of last year as owner of the Nutt Variety store, a Ben Franklin store, holds the rank of first-lieutenant, signal reserve, which he attained at A. & M. college.

In his short residence here he has taken an active part in all civic affairs and church life, being a member of the Lions club and Merchants Trade Extension association.

During his absence in the military service, Mrs. Nutt will have charge of the store.

**FEATURED IN BENEFIT**



Verna Warren, talented assistant to Mondro, the man of mystery, will appear here at the Grammar School auditorium Monday night, Feb. 10, at 7:30. The

show, featuring Mondro the magician, is being sponsored by the Merkel Fireboys. Admission prices, 10 cents for children and 30 cents for adults.

**Tennessee Visitor Herded Sheep Half Century Ago in Canyon**

N. S. Dickey, of Pulaski, Tenn., who herded sheep 49 years ago for Sam Butman on his ranch in Mulberry Canyon, was a caller at The Mail office Saturday. He is here visiting his cousins, the Campbell brothers, and many old-time friends. Included in the latter is Taylor Campbell, who is not a relative, by the way, Mr. Dickey says, but just a warm personal friend.

On Thursday of last week Mr. Dickey had gone over the same grounds with Mr. Butman and daughter, Miss Lottie Butman, where he herded sheep nearly a half century

ago. Mr. and Mrs. John Hughes were also in the group that stopped at the Butman camp house on Elm creek for lunch that day. With John Hughes and Jim Moore, Mr. Dickey, had gone over the mountain on another visit to see Ollie Reed, an old Tennessee man.

After visiting a brother, Alexander Dickey, in Sweetwater, the Tennessee visitor expects to leave in a few days for Madera, Calif., to visit a daughter, Mrs. Chester Williams.

In the earliest period of the colonization of Texas, the town of San Felipe, Stephen F. Austin's colonial capital, boasted of possibly a dozen log cabins and only one frame building—which was a saloon and billiard hall, records in the University Library show.

**Awards Given Scouts At Court of Honor**

At the court of honor of the Abilene district, Boy Scouts of America, held last Friday night at the city auditorium in Abilene, four Boy Scouts of Merkel, Ikey Turner, Derwood Doan, Norman Cruse and Benny Kemper, were present.

Seven local Scouts were up for advancement, including James Griswold, Derwood Doan, Norman Cruse and Sammy Myers, all second class.

Merit badges were awarded to Ikey Turner, book-binding and handicraft; Norman Cruse, book-binding and woodwork, and Benny Kemper, handicraft. Tenderfoot Scouts were Leroy Smith and Waymon Rutledge.

Two or three hikes are planned for the coming Saturday, and a steak fry for the Scouts and their fathers is also being planned.

**Celebration**

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Gruver, manager of the Abilene chamber of commerce, and Knox Parr, Taylor county agent, Dallas Scarborough of Abilene will speak on future development of the REA.

Mrs. L. A. Groene, Route 2, Abilene, home demonstration leader, will present a special program on ridding the farm of obsolete appliances. The Merkel High School band, under the direction of Richard Young, will furnish music for the program.

Following the ceremonies at the sub-station, close of the two-day program is scheduled at the demonstration building downtown.

**4,000 Majors Needed.**

Washington, Feb. 6.—The army is in need of 4,000 additional officers of the grade of major, it is announced by the war department, and it is planned to call 3,000 officers of this grade from among the Officers Reserve Corps by June 1. The other 1,000 needed officers will be obtained by promotions of captains of the line in the regular army.

**Locomotive Boiler Explodes.**

Denver, Feb. 6.—Twenty-five persons were injured when a locomotive boiler exploded Tuesday in downtown Denver. The blast occurred as the engine reached a grade crossing; most of those injured were in autos waiting for the train to pass. The engineer escaped with minor injuries.

**Killed Overseas.**

Dallas, Feb. 6.—Cable advices from England informed relatives in Dallas that Francis Dean Carracher, 26, Dallas flier and former second-lieutenant in the U. S. army air corps, had been killed in flying action over Manchester, January 31.

Contracts have recently been awarded for the construction of 276 miles of REA lines to serve 442 members of the McCulloch County Electric Cooperative, 116 miles of lines to serve 176 members of the Bandera County Electric Cooperative, and 253 miles of lines to serve 400 members of the Concho Valley Electric Cooperative.

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

**Fire Losses for Past Year Exceed \$16,000**

A good part of Merkel's 20 per cent credit for good fire record covering a period of five years will be lost to policy-holders, when new rates are announced Mar. 1 by the state fire insurance department.

The total of insured fire losses in the city of Merkel for the year 1940 was \$16,284, according to the annual report of City Fire Marshal D. H. Vaughn.

The credit or charge for good fire record is based on an average of five years and, while losses in the four other years in the present calculation were comparatively small, only a few hundred dollars each year, the large figure of losses in 1940 will wipe out most, if not all of the 20 per cent credit, it is anticipated.

**CARD OF THANKS.**

We take this method of expressing our appreciation to all those who in any way extended help and sympathy in our recent bereavement, the loss of our dear mother, also for the beautiful flowers sent as a tribute of love.

May God's richest blessings rest upon you all.

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LEMONS .....	Doz. 19c	SPUDS .....	10 lbs. 19c
YAMS .....	4 lbs. 15c	LETTUCE .....	Head 7c

SUPREME Salad Wafers .. 1 lb. box 17c

RED & WHITE Coffee .. 1 lb. can 25c

PURE CANE Sugar .. 10 lb. cloth bag 49c

RED & WHITE Meal .. 5 lb. bag 17c

SUN-SPUN Salad Dressing .. Pint 19c

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6 lb. Bag ..	29c	24 lb. Bag ..	87c
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RED & WHITE Corn, No. 2 can .. 2 for 25c

DRIED Peaches .. 2 lbs. 25c

RED & WHITE Milk .. 4 small or 2 tall 15c

RED & WHITE Tomato Juice 1/2 gal. can 25c

RED & WHITE Laundry Soap .. 7 bars 25c

HERSHEY'S Cocoa .. 1 lb. box 19c

HERSHEY'S Chocolate .. 1/2 lb. pkg. 15c

**MARKET SPECIALS**

SNOWDRIFT .. 3 lb. can 49c

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PORK CHOPS .. Lb. 25c

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**FORTNIGHTLY STUDY CLUB HEARS PROGRAM ON "TEXAS."**

Mrs. Owen Robertson and Mrs. Harry Bullock presented a very interesting program on "Texas" to Fortnightly Study club members when they met in the home of the president, Mrs. Johnny Cox, Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Bullock discussed Texas from the industrial and scenic point of view. Stating we should be proud of Texas for its high ranking in industries, she named the most important industries and natural products. Mrs. Bullock also said Texas is indeed a beautiful state, pointing out some of the most beautiful scenes. She gave two Texas legends: one about the origin of our state flower, "The Bluebonnet," and the other was the origin of another flower found in the mountainous country, the "Indian Paint Brush."

Mrs. Robertson discussed Texas literature, naming writers, some of their works and the different periods in all types of literature. Giving examples of the earliest poetry, she used a poem written twenty years later to show the advancement in poetry. Among the poems Mrs. Robertson read was "I Am Texas," written by Lexie Dean Robertson, Texas poet laureate. Most popular Texas literature with foreigners are the cowboy songs and poems. Mrs. Bullock closed the program by asking questions about Texas.

Mrs. Cox presided for the business meeting and members answered roll call with facts about Texas.

One visitor, Mrs. Chester Innes of Tulsa, Okla., and the following members were present: Mesdames W. S. J. Brown, Johnny Cox, S. D. Gamble, John Leonard, Comer Haynes, Stanley King, Tom Largent, Elma McFarland, Owen Robertson, Harry Bullock, Elsie Nash, Ellen Duncan, Connor Robinson, W. T. Sadler, H. C. West, Len Sublett, Bud Winter; Misses Mildred Holt, Vennie Heizer, Mamie Ellis, Christine Collins and Alzada Pogue.

**ALATHEAN CLASS SOCIAL.**

The Alathan Sunday School class of the First Baptist church met in the home of Mrs. Chas. West Wednesday afternoon. The class was called to order by the president, Mrs. J. O. Castles led the prayer and Mrs. J. M. Williamson brought the devotional after reports from the secretary were given. The class will meet to quilt Feb. 14. Mrs. J. J. McNiece closed the business session with prayer.

After several games were enjoyed, refreshments of angel food cake, whip cream, jello, chocolate and coffee were served to Mesdames W. O. Boney, J. J. McNiece, J. O. Castles, J. M. Meeks, G. M. Sharp, W. F. Patterson, F. A. Polley, J. Ben Campbell, C. P. Stevens, W. L. Johnson, J. W. McConnell, Frank Hamm, J. M. Williamson and O. B. Tatum, co-hostess with Mrs. West. Visitors present were Mesdames S. J. Criswell, Pearl Hollingsworth and J. W. Saffel.

**HONOR NEW PASTOR'S WIFE.**

Invited to tea and to meet very informally the Presbyterian pastor's wife, Mrs. J. Basil Ramsey, women members and several others who attend the church were entertained Friday afternoon, January 31, from four to five by Mrs. Connor Robinson in the Robinson home.

Guest chatted together as tea was served. The dining table featured a pink and white color scheme with sweet peas and fernery arranged in a low pottery bowl flanked by pink candles.

There were forty-six invited guests.

**CHEERFUL WORKERS ENJOY EVENING OF GAMES.**

Mrs. Norman Hodge most graciously entertained members of the Sunday School class of which she is teacher on last Monday evening. Various table games centered around "42" as chief diversion for the evening until the refreshment hour when a dainty sandwich plate with cookies and hot drinks was served to Misses Hettie Logan Clay, Mildred West, Pauline Ballew, La Verne Dunbar, Ethel King; Messrs. Charles Clark, J. V. Patterson, Cal McAninch, Ben Ferguson, Billy Geo. Gant, Etcyl Church, Mr. and Mrs. N. T. Hodge, Robert Tom and Norma Jean Hodge.

**WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.**

The Woman's Missionary society of the Grace Presbyterian church met Monday afternoon at the church, with Mrs. Connor Robinson leader of the program on Africa and the church's work among colored people in America.

The leader led the devotional on "Brotherly Love," I John 4:11-21 being used as the Scripture reading; then a discussion was given of the work in the West Africa Mission station. Mrs. W. M. Elliott told of the work of "The Halsey Memorial Press, Elat Africa," and station letters were read from Benito, Spanish Guinea, Africa.

All present took part in the "Questions and Answers" given on the work among colored people, and Mrs. Henry West gave a brief survey on Presbyterian work with this people.

Prayer for these Mission workers was given.

A business session followed the program.

**SEWING CLUB.**

Mrs. Connor Robinson was a most gracious hostess Wednesday afternoon to the Needle and Thimble club. Chatting and sewing were the main diversion of the afternoon.

Refreshments were served to one visitor, Mrs. Stanton Cline, and these members, Mesdames Stacy Bird, E. Y. Bailey, Earl Watts, Max Swafford, Worth Lee, Nolan Palmer, Milton Case, David Gamble, L. V. Moore, Owen Robertson and George T. Moore.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. Max Swafford on Feb. 19.

If you have any visitors, Phone 29 or 61.

**★ FASHION PREVIEW ★**



Inspiration for this pastel wool dress was drawn from the outfits worn by cowboys at rodeos. Pictured in the January Good Housekeeping. It has pearl-stud snap buttons, deep three-button cuffs in true cowboy spirit.

**RURAL SOCIETY**

**UNION RIDGE CLUB.**

The Union Ridge Home Demonstration club met with Mrs. Leo Harris Friday afternoon.

The president held a brief business meeting in which roll call was answered by "My Favorite Shrub." Mrs. Denzil Cox gave the council report. Miss Mabel McRee is flower chairman.

The club stood in silent tribute for the loss of Mrs. Colonel Church, council president.

Miss Tacker's demonstration was selecting cuttings of shrubs and she gave members cuttings to plant for yard improvements.

Refreshments of punch and chocolate cake with valentine candies were served to one new member, Mrs. Lee Fonder, and guests, Mesdames S. A. Derstine, Don Riney, R. D. Hunter, S. G. Russell, Sr., and Miss Mary Derstine, and the following members: Mesdames Lige Harris, Lee Tipton, Kenneth Pee, Burly Bond, Denzil Cox, Weldon McAninch, Chester Bond, S. O. Patton, O. R. Douglas, Woodrow Patton, Lee Ponder, W. C. Lee, O. E. Harwell; Misses Mabel McRee and Hattie Tacker and the hostess.

Next meeting is with Mrs. Lige Harris, Feb. 14, 2:30 p. m.

**CLUB ORGANIZED.**  
On Jan. 24, 1941, a number of women of the Goodman community and organized a home demonstration club.

The home demonstration agent, Miss Gladys Martin, was present and gave a very enthusiastic talk about the benefits of a club and her timely suggestions were very valuable in the selecting of officers and planning the first meeting, which is to be held in the home of Mrs. J. W. Tiner, on Friday afternoon, Feb. 14, at which time a valentine theme will be carried out.

Year books for 1941 were distributed and the club will meet each second and fourth Friday afternoons of the month.

Every member is urged to attend and new members will be welcomed by the club at any and all times.

The following officers were elected: Mrs. E. C. Cade, president; Mrs. Henry Eckert, vice president; Mrs. J. W. Tiner, secretary; Mrs. Clifford Eoff, reporter, and Mrs. Houston Smith, council representative.

**BIRTHDAY DINNER.**  
Little Jimmie Gordon Russell celebrated his fifth birthday Jan. 26 with a birthday dinner given him by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Russell, Jr.

Present for the celebration were Mr. and Mrs. Sam J. Nunnally and Sammy, Jr., Abilene; Mrs. Sam T. Redwine and Sammy Doris, Anson; Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Shive and Mary Lou, Brownwood; Mrs. S. G. Russell, Jimmie and Ralph and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Harris.

**Jean Paine is Voted Sweetheart of F. F. A.**

At a meeting of the Merkel chapter, Future Farmers of America, last Friday Jean Paine, a Senior in High school, was named F. F. A. sweetheart.

Jean, a popular student in all campus activities, is a member of the Badger band and active in the Players club. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Paine.

**Death Claims Grandma Neill at Age of 88**

Mrs. America Elizabeth Neill, 88, wife of the late D. J. Neill, who died in 1937, passed away at 1:30 last Friday morning at the home of a son, G. B. Neill, in Mulberry Canyon. She had been able to sit up on Wednesday before her death, which resulted from infirmities of age.

Funeral services were held at 11 o'clock Saturday morning from the Nubia Methodist church, with Rev. J. B. Stewart, pastor of the Blair circuit, officiating. Burial followed in Rose Hill cemetery, with Barrow-Sheppard in charge.

Four grandsons, Bill Neill, T. J. Neill, George W. Neill, of Abilene, and Kenneth Neill, of Black, and R. G. Toombs and J. P. Pyle served as pallbearers.

Surviving are three sons, G. B. Neill and H. G. Neill, Merkel, and W. C. Neill, Black, and one daughter, Mrs. A. E. Crawley, Ranger. Twenty-three grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren and one brother, Davis Cantley, also survive. Her husband is buried at Gorman.

**Wheeler Grandchildren Honored at Dinner**

The four grandchildren of Ben Wheeler, Misses Ruth, Ethel and Annie Howard and Clyde Howard, who are located at Boles Orphans home, Quinlan, and their sister, Miss Dorothy May Howard, student at Abilene Christian college, who were here Saturday for the funeral of their aunt, Mrs. C. P. Church, were his guests Sunday for dinner at Ed's Cafe.

Others present were J. A. Wheeler of Huntsville, Ala., a son of Mr. Wheeler, and Mrs. R. A. McCollum, a niece, and Mr. McCollum, of Dimmitt.

**Weta-Frances to Give Program on Manners**

The Weta-Frances club of Merkel High school will have its regular meeting Thursday night, Feb. 6, in the studio.

Patricia Leonard and Betty Jane Curb will have charge of a program on "Manners." Those taking part in it will be Patsy Cox, Lillian Fikes, Lula Belle Patterson and Neta Mashburn. Musical numbers will be given by Dorothy Nell Groene and Marjorie Jo Fulton.

Miss Frances Cleveland is club sponsor.

**Hospital Notes.**

Mrs. J. H. Grayson was admitted to the Sadler Clinic on Friday, Jan. 31, for treatment and X-ray and was dismissed the next day.

Tuesday, Mrs. Annie Scott was admitted to the hospital for treatment. A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Bertis Lang, Abilene, at the hospital Feb. 2.

**Youth and Democracy.**

Fort Worth, Feb. 6.—Dr. W. R. White, president of Hardin-Simmons university, told a meeting of educators here Tuesday night that preservation of the democratic form of government may depend upon education of the American youth.

**In The Churches**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.**

There were 395 present at the six reporting Sunday Schools here last Sunday, as compared with 557 the previous week. On the same Sunday a year ago the attendance was 538.

**GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.**

Sunday School 10 a. m. Morning worship 11. Sermon subject, "Not peace, but a sword." Text: Matt. 10:34, "Think not that I come to send peace on the earth; I came not to send peace but a sword." Communion.

Evening worship 7 p. m. Sermon subject, "The Atonement." Text: I John 4:10, "Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins."

Meeting of the young people at 6:15 p. m. at the church. Mid-week prayer meeting Wednesday 7:15 p. m. We are planning a systematic study of the Book of the Psalms.

Your pastor urges your attendance upon as many of the services as possible.

J. B. Ramsey, Pastor.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.**

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Morning sermon at 11. Training Union 6:15. Evening sermon at 7:15.

Teachers' and officers' meeting and prayer meeting 7:15 Wednesday evening.

Cooper Waters, Pastor.

**METHODIST CHURCH.**

Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Morning worship service 11 a. m. Intermediate League 6:15 p. m. Senior-Y. P. League 6:15 p. m. Evening service, 7 p. m. Woman's Society of Christian Service Mondays at 2:30. Mid-Week service Wednesdays at 7:15 p. m. Stewards meet second Tuesday night in each month.

Marvin Boyd, Pastor.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST.**

Sunday services: Bible classes 9:45, preaching at 10:45, young people's meeting at 6:15. Preaching at 7 p. m. Wednesday evening Bible study at 7 o'clock.

You are invited to attend.

Lee Starnes, Minister.

**NAZARENE CHURCH.**

Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. NYPS at 6:30 Sunday evening. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Everyone is cordially invited to these services.

G. O. Crow, Pastor.

**FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST CHURCH.**

Preaching Saturday night at 7:30 o'clock. Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30.

M. C. Miller, Pastor.

**Record of Births.**

Girl to Mr. and Mrs. Bertis Lang, Abilene, Sunday, February 2, 1941.

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