

Keeping Up With Texas

A new University of Texas music department building, requiring a permit for \$475,185, gave Austin last week's lead in the Texas building parade. The capital city issued a total of \$536,102 in permits for seven days. Houston was second, with \$237,390, which boomed its total for the year to \$2,241,465.

J. C. Coit, about 82, well known banker of Denton for nearly 50 years, died on the street there Monday. He left no survivors.

Ray Ashworth, who resigned Saturday as chief of police at San Antonio, was named Monday to the same post at Houston.

Ten men perished Saturday in a mauling, screaming crowd of homeless transients trapped by fire in a second floor Salvation army hotel at Dallas.

Daniel William Puckett, 81, retired Lubbock lawyer, was fatally burned Sunday when his bathrobe caught fire from a gas stove.

Youngest and oldest dentists in San Angelo, Dr. A. Eugene Steger, 22, and Dr. H. E. Mayfield, 68, died within a few hours of each other last Thursday and were both buried Friday afternoon, after separate services.

Mrs. C. G. Archery, 49, was killed, and Mrs. Minnie Harrison, 55, was critically injured when they were struck down while crossing a Houston street by an automobile Saturday night.

Ray Gilbreth, 43, of Eulogy, was shot down and killed Saturday night in a dance hall at Eulogy, in Bosque county, eight miles east of Glen Rose.

Mrs. J. C. Healer, 38, of Waco, was recorded Monday as the fourth traffic fatality in McLennan county for 1941, after a truck-car collision on the Marlin highway late Sunday night.

Pvt. George W. Massie of San Antonio, a member of the division of military police at Camp Bowie, was shot in the chest and died within five minutes Sunday night when a pistol in the hands of his tentmate, Pvt. Clemens L. Schrupp, also of San Antonio, was discharged as the two men prepared to go on duty.

Twelve-year-old William L. Burdine was killed Monday night on a highway near Bryan when an automobile struck his bicycle. Johnny Carrabba, a companion, received a broken leg and other injuries.

The senate committee on governor's nominations Tuesday recommended confirmation of William J. Lawson, former secretary of the governor whom the chief executive recently named secretary of state.

First-Lieut. Don D. Cascio of Staten Island, N. Y., and Technical Sergt. Thomas C. Cobb, Jr., of Nixon, Texas, were killed Tuesday when their training plane crashed into the bank of the main Concho river near San Angelo.

William C. Cantrell, 77, Fort Worth, was killed Tuesday when a motor-driven saw broke from its moorings. The saw cut off Cantrell's right arm and split his skull while his son, Johnson Cantrell, looked on horror-stricken and unable to help.

Miss Audrey Louise Jones, of Houston, granddaughter of Jesse Jones, federal loan administrator, has been appointed by Governor W. Lee O'Daniel to represent this state at the 1941 Mardi Gras in Galveston Feb. 21-25.

Ed Stewart, grocery broker and long time Abilene civic worker, was presented at the Abilene chamber of commerce banquet Monday night as the new president of that body. He succeeds W. P. Wright, oil company agent.

Final approval has been given by the war department to plans for building a \$6,000,000 air corps technical school at Wichita Falls.

Tentative dates for the annual West Texas Chamber of Commerce convention have been set for May 15, 16 and 17. President Joe S. Bridwell of Wichita Falls announced Tuesday.

Texarkana's oldest resident, Mrs. Rebecca Eubanks, 102, died Sunday from the effects of a hip fracture received in a fall on Tuesday before.

The Sheffield Steel company, a division of the American Rolling Mills company, will erect a \$12,000,000 plant at Houston, Texas, it was announced from Kansas City Wednesday.

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NEW ERA DAWNS FOR FARMER IN COMING OF REA

Two-Day Celebration in Merkel Marks Energizing of Most of "A" Lines of Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Symbolic of the transition from the old to the new, in this case the energizing of most of the "A" line of the Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc., was the final ceremony Saturday afternoon at the organization's sub-station here when an old-fashioned oil lamp with its smoked chimney and a washboard were buried in the corner of the lot, celebrating the occasion.

Mrs. L. A. Groene, Route 2, Abilene, in giving her version of "Ridding the Farm of Obsolete Appliances," concluded her remarks "Let's bury old pet sins and hope they never rise again. I do not want to see any tears." As the dirt was being spread over the burial spot, Jack Haynes of the Merkel Badger band sounded taps and Tom Lindley of Potosi, one of the oldest participants in the day's program, suggested "Let's join in silent prayer."

Mr. Lindley was one of those who took part in the service when the first person was buried in Taylor county in 1877, a baby by the name of Pitts, whose parents were traveling through this country. The coffin was made out of old boards from a box in which the family carried their bedding.

The program at the sub-station, which was attended by several hundred and which climaxed the two-day celebration, was in charge of Johnny Cox, REA superintendent, and it had its elements of seriousness as well as rejoicing for the energizing of the lines means a decided forward step in the farm life of this whole section.

Energizing of the "A" project of the Cooperative, which began Thursday two weeks ago, had proceeded systematically and practically the full 400 miles had been energized at the time of the celebration. Combined "A" and "B" projects embrace 600 miles, representing approximately 1,250 consumers. Total allotment for the two projects was \$287,000.

Visitors from the six counties in the Cooperative's territory were welcomed by Supt. Connor Robinson of the Merkel Public schools in behalf of the city of Merkel. He referred to contrasts now existing—blackouts in most parts of the world, but "in this America of ours, light and still more light."

Introducing the board of directors, Supt. Cox paid tribute to the group of nine men who had worked so diligently throughout the past few months and now saw the realization of their work when most of the "A" (Continued on Page Two)

Second District Meet To Be Held at Trent

Trent, Feb. 13.—Seven teams are represented in the second district meet in girls' basketball to be held at Trent, beginning Thursday night, Feb. 20. Noodle, Sylvester, Luaders, Pyron, Roby, Westbrook and Trent are the seven teams.

Following is the schedule for the meet: Thursday night, Feb. 20—Roby vs. Westbrook; Sylvester vs. Noodle; Pyron vs. Trent. Friday night, Feb. 21—Roby vs. Pyron; Westbrook vs. Luaders; Noodle vs. Trent. Saturday afternoon, Feb. 22—Roby vs. Noodle; Pyron vs. Luaders; Trent vs. Sylvester. Saturday night, Feb. 22—Pyron vs. Westbrook; Roby vs. Sylvester; Noodle vs. Luaders. Thursday night, Feb. 27—Luaders vs. Sylvester; Noodle vs. Westbrook; Roby vs. Trent. Friday night, Feb. 28—Noodle vs. Pyron; Westbrook vs. Sylvester; Luaders vs. Trent. Saturday night, Mar. 1—Luaders vs. Roby; Sylvester vs. Pyron; Trent vs. Westbrook.

The meet this year will be run off in a single round robin instead of a double elimination that was used last year. Night games will start at 7 o'clock. Day games will begin at 1 o'clock.

BROTHERHOOD IS HONORED AT ALL-MEN BANQUET

Last Monday evening about thirty-five men of the First Baptist church met in the basement of the church for a banquet.

Booth Warren acted as toastmaster and principal speaker was Rev. Dick O'Brien, popular after-dinner speaker and pastor of the First Baptist church, Stamford. A colored quartet from Abilene brought several numbers and Rev. J. B. Ramsey, pastor of the local Presbyterian church, made a short talk.

Rev. Cooper Waters brought attention to the fact that there is a regular missionary working among the local Mexicans but that there is no building for them to meet in. A motion was made and carried that the men of the local church adopt this as a men's project and the amount necessary to carry out the project was subscribed at once.

Safety Emphasized By Speakers on PTA Program for Month

"Safety, in Home, School and Community," theme of the February meeting of the Merkel Parent-Teacher association, was the subject of an interesting talk made at Tuesday night's meeting at the High School gymnasium by Royce Blackmon, Abilene, member of the state highway patrol.

Mrs. Norman T. Hodge, president of the Merkel P.T. A. unit, was in charge of the business session, which opened the program, and as program leader Mrs. Ellen Duncan introduced the entertainment numbers.

Opening the program was a piano solo, "Tramp, Tramp, Tramp," by Miss Pearl Mathews. The girls' sextet from the Choral club were presented in a cycle of songs, centering on "Grandmother's Valentines," under the direction of Mrs. Comer Haynes. Norma Jean Hodge gave two popular song numbers, "You Say the Sweetest Things, Baby," and "That's for Me," and J. B. Winn of Trent was also presented in two of the late hits, "Sierra Sue," and "Violetta, Hear My Song," with Miss Christine Collins accompanist for both singers.

Through introductions of the old favorites made in the course of a skit, with Tommie Evelyn Grimes in costume enacting the part of "Grandmother" and Marjorie Jo Fulton, the enthralled granddaughter, the sextet, composed of Betty Lu Higgins, Louise Patterson, Doris Miller, Bonnie Church, Mary Lou Higgins and Venita Allen, revived memories of "Grandmother's Valentines" as they sang: "I'll Take You Home Again." (Continued on Page Two)

Abilenian Speaks at Trent P.T. A. Meeting

Trent, Feb. 13.—Leader for the February meeting of the Trent Parent-Teacher association, held Tuesday night, was Supt. R. L. Fortune. Hon. Bryan Bradbury of Abilene was guest speaker.

Program numbers included songs by the first and second grades, "When You Are Happy" and "Gay Valentine." As a choral reading they gave "I Dreamed I was a Snowman." At the January meeting "Economic Security" was topic for the program, with T. B. Friend as leader. Supt. Fortune discussed "Dignity and Worth of Useful Labor," and T. C. Blankenship talked on "Right of Youth to Employment." Kathleen Bryan gave a piano solo.

Ray Wilson Has Bought Home on Oak Street

Ray Wilson has purchased the brick home of C. P. Church on Oak street, the consideration being \$3,000. He will not move in until the house is vacated about the first of March by Mr. Church.

Colonel Church plans to move to a house he owns further down the street, and the home of a daughter, Mrs. E. B. Wallace, will be moved to a lot adjoining this home. Herbert Dunn will move into the Ray Wilson's present home.

DEATH CLAIMS E. E. SEYMORE, NUBIA FARMER

Funeral Services Held Wednesday Afternoon at Tye Presbyterian Church; Wife and Eight Children Survive.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 Wednesday afternoon from the Presbyterian church at Tye for E. E. Seymore, 66, well known farmer of the Nubia community, who died Tuesday morning of pneumonia.

Rev. J. B. Ramsey, Presbyterian pastor, officiated, assisted by Rev. J. B. Stewart, Methodist pastor of the Blair circuit. Burial followed in the Tye cemetery, under the direction of Elliott's funeral home, Abilene.

Earnest E. Seymore was born Apr. 3, 1874, at Atwood, Tenn. He was married Oct. 15, 1893, to Miss Luia Florence Flippen at Trezevant, Tenn., who survives, and to this union were born nine children, eight of whom are living: four daughters, Mrs. Tinnie Kiggins, White Flat community; Mrs. Bertie Woods, Belton; Mrs. Pearlie Towland, Tye, and Mrs. Minnie B. Wolf, Nubia, and four sons, W. B. Seymore, Sudan; E. B. Seymore, Chowchilla, Calif.; Joe Seymore and Tom Seymore, Merkel. Twenty-four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren also survive.

Mr. Seymore came to West Texas in 1906, having farmed in the Tye community until about 12 years ago when he moved to Mulberry Canyon. Since coming to this section he had been a member of the Presbyterian church at Tye and later Grace Presbyterian church at Merkel, but for a number of years ill health had prevented him from taking an active part in church work.

The four sons and two grandsons, Floyd and Lloyd Seymore, served as pallbearers.

Hardie Rutledge Dies After Long Illness

Hardie Rutledge, 49, who had resided in the Goodman community for 33 years, died at 2:30 Friday afternoon at his home. He had been ill for more than two years, part of which time he was at Sanatorium.

Funeral services were held at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon from the Shiloh Baptist church, with Rev. W. K. Horn, pastor at Post, officiating. He was assisted by Rev. Buell Bradford, Shiloh pastor, and Rev. Melvin Byrd of Abilene, former pastor at Shiloh. Burial followed in the Trent cemetery under direction of Barrow-Shepard funeral home.

Pallbearers were Houston Smith, Gene Cade, Earnest McCright, Zed Bright, Hollis Mitchell, Ferrell Mitchell. Flower girls were Mesdames Earnest McCright, Zed Bright, Gene Cade and Tom Green, of Hobbs, N. M.; Misses Letha Tiner, Loraine King, Virginia Chloe McRee and Ladie Fred Crain.

Survivors are his wife, the former Blanche James, to whom he was married Aug. 13, 1911; two sons, Donald and Weldon, who live at home; two daughters, Mrs. Orvin Robinson, Trent, and Dorothy Rutledge, and one grandson, Jerry Robinson. Donald and Dorothy are twins.

Five brothers also survive: R. B. Rutledge, Wichita Falls; Earnest, Texico, N. M.; F. V., Madill, Okla.; D. T. and M. L., Merkel. He was next to the youngest in a family of six brothers, sons of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Rutledge, both deceased.

Methodist Pastor At Father's Bedside

Rev. Marvin Boyd, pastor of the Methodist church, is in Cisco at the bedside of his father, who had a recurrence of a stroke Wednesday morning and who is considered in a critical condition.

Rev. Mr. Boyd went to Cisco earlier in the week upon receipt of news of his father's first stroke. Mrs. Boyd joined him there Wednesday.

Singing at Warren. There will be a singing at the Warren school house Friday night, beginning at 7:30. Everybody is invited.

QUEEN-ELECT TO BE NAMED AT COURT FEB. 17

The court of Columbia and Uncle Sam will be the setting for the coronation ceremony to be held in the High School gymnasium next Monday night, Feb. 17, at 7:30 o'clock. Representatives from all High School classes, clubs and activities will be honored as members of the procession are presented at court.

The High School band will play a fifteen-minute program of patriotic selections. Mrs. Richard Young will play the processional. High School students will furnish the other numbers for the one-hour program.

High light of the evening will be the crowning of the queen, chosen by Columbia and crowned by her page, "School," represented by Superintendent Connor Robinson. Principal Rex Myers, sponsor of the annual, will be master of ceremonies. Admission, 10 and 15 cents.

Noodle Community To Celebrate Half-Century of Progress

Just a few short years ago pioneers began drifting into the Noodle Creek territory, a broad, mesquite-dotted unfenced ranch land; a mere handfast settling along Noodle creek, just South of the Clear fork of the Brazos.

These pioneers, like their forefathers, soon saw the need of some educational advantages for their children, and there was established a one teacher school, the school being located on a hill overlooking Noodle Creek valley, and it was named "Noodle," the date being just fifty years ago, the fall of 1891.

A half century has passed, many of the pioneers have gone on to their reward, but many of their descendants continue to reside in the land they love; their children and grandchildren, together with many so-called "newcomers" now comprise the citizenship of the thriving community, and the one teacher school has grown into one of the best rural high schools in West Texas.

This being the fiftieth anniversary of the Noodle school what should be more fitting than a "Home-Coming," so a home-coming it will be. All former students of the school, together (Continued on Page Two)

Bank to Open From 7 to 9 Friday Night

The Farmers & Merchants National bank, continuing the practice instituted several weeks ago, will open Friday night two hours, from 7 to 9, so that camp workers may cash their pay checks and for the convenience of the stores who remain open and who would otherwise have to carry an extra amount of cash on hand.

WIN TO BRING CHAMPIONSHIP OF COUNTY LEAGUE

Undeclared Badgers Have Only To Defeat Wylie to Cinch Conference Title; Time, Friday, 7:30 P. M.

The Merkel Cagers have only to win over Wylie in a game scheduled for Friday night to cinch the Taylor county conference title. With two games yet to be played, the undeclared Merkel team is tied for the championship with the Lawn team, which has lost two conference games.

The game with Wylie will begin at 7:30 at the local gym with admission prices, 10 cents and 15 cents. With a rousing school spirit prompting the band and student body, the Badgers are sure to win the title.

In a conference bout at Ovalo Tuesday Merkel won 32-19. Merkel lost in a fierce battle with Anson Friday by two points. It was a non-conference game.

One other game is to be played with Tuscola to make up for a scheduled date postponed before the holidays.

Summary of Badger scores for the season follows:

- Merkel 37, Lawn 22.
- Merkel 20, Trent 12.
- Merkel 21, Bradshaw 17.
- Merkel 20, Ovalo 12.
- Merkel 17, Wylie 16.
- Merkel 24, Tuscola 14.
- Merkel 12, Lawn 10.
- Merkel 25, Trent 12.
- Merkel 16, Bradshaw 11.
- Merkel 32, Ovalo 19.

Possible Shutdown of REA Line for Cleanup

Consumers of Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc., were advised Wednesday by Johnny Cox, superintendent of the lines, that there may be possible shut-downs of power on sections of the line during the next few days, "while the contractor does some cleanup work on the job."

"This will be done a section at a time, so that every one is not cut off at the same time," Cox said. Power shut-offs at night should be reported to the office, the REA superintendent added.

Relative of Baptist Pastor Seriously Ill

Rev. Cooper Waters, pastor of the First Baptist church, returned late Wednesday from Wichita Falls, to which place he had taken his brother-in-law, A. C. O'Guinn, from Cordill, Okla., where he had been seriously ill with pneumonia.

Mr. O'Guinn had previously had an appendicitis attack, but pneumonia developed before an operation could be had. It was expected that he would undergo the operation at Wichita Falls Thursday morning.

MERKEL 30 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, February 3, 1911.)

Duke Evans, who has been with The Mail for a long time and to whom we are under obligations for much faithful service, resigned his position. Duke intends to take some recreation and possibly a little later attend business college, but we predict that he will fall by the wayside and return to a case in some print shop and he is a good printer. Once a type-setter, it is hard to ever reform.

Miller Elliott, who began his ink-dobbing career in The Mail office and quit to take employment in the house of our enemy, has returned to his first love and will help run the old rag by the hard times.

Alex A. Wisdom resigned his position the first of the month with J. P. Sharp and will return to his home at Pottsville. Mr. Wisdom has made many friends in our little city and will be sorely missed in business, fraternal and social circles.

John Sears received and put into

operation recently on his stock farm north of this city a prickly pear-burner, the third of its kind to be sold in our country. The others have been used on the places of Arthur Sears and W. H. Derstine. It is estimated that figuring the cost of gasoline, time, etc., the burner makes a saving of two-thirds of the feed bill and this is no small item for our stock-growers in the present condition of our country and prevailing prices of feedstuffs.

R. S. Heizer, Merkel, and Mrs. Emma Scoggin, Clarendon.—Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

The above information was brought to Merkel yesterday morning on the same train which bore the happy bride and groom. The Mail joins with the many friends of Rev. R. S. Heizer in congratulations to both and a hearty welcome for his chosen helpmate to the church and social circles of our little city.

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Celebration

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line was being energized. As the directors mounted the speakers' platform, they were greeted with enthusiastic applause.

Officers and directors are: Sam Butman, Jr., Merkel, president; A. W. McKee, Potosi, vice-president; W. C. Church, Merkel, secretary-treasurer; H. R. Roberts, Guion; N. A. Estes, Elmdale; Ed Gist, Hamby; Comer Haynes, Merkel; O. S. Moore, Divide, and Mrs. Tom Russom, Merkel.

From Sweetwater Mayor Henry Marshall brought greetings of the Nolan county people and pledged Sweetwater's willingness to help in any way in further REA work.

Merle Gruver, manager of the Abilene chamber of commerce, was one of the speakers. "It is a real pleasure to be present," he said, "and we rejoice with you. Abilene is happy to have been a part in getting the REA units established in Taylor and adjoining counties. While the camp is absorbing much of Abilene's interest at this time, we are not forgetting other friends in this area, especially our rural friends."

Directors of the Cooperative were congratulated on their efforts and hard work in making the lines a success by B. R. Blankenship, of Abilene, president of the West Texas Fair and chairman of the agriculture committee of the chamber of commerce.

County Agent Knox Parr voiced his pleasure in being present to help celebrate the energizing of the "lines that mean so much to the rural people. Electrification on the farm is not only a great labor-saver, but it means contentment on the farm. Electrification helps to round out the lives of all, both young and old." "With the advent of electricity," he said, "the farm is a good place to begin the decentralizing of industry."

Miss Hattie Tacker, county home demonstration agent, was another of the speakers to extend congratulations to the Cooperative's board, and several other county agents and demonstration agents were present for the day's program, including agents from Nolan and Fisher counties.

Among other visitors were Supt. League of the Hamilton REA, Supt. Tunnell of the Stephenville REA and Supt. Troy Peoples from Rotan.

Enthusiastic in his praise of the REA was Dallas Scarborough, ex-mayor of Abilene, who stressed the thought that "the salvation of our country is in the ownership of the soil by the people who farm it." "If," he said, "the REA did no more than bring relief to the farm mothers, it is worth more than it cost. Let the home on the farm be sufficiently attractive that people will want to stay there."

Concluding he said, "You have done a great work for this section and are to be congratulated on the success of the project. It is a great blessing to the country. And in this connection, let me tell you that you need not be bothered about the future of democracy. This is a great country and it will live always as a democracy, Hitler or no Hitler."

The Badger band, under the direction of Richard Young, which played both days on the downtown streets and in the demonstration building, had opened the program at the substitution with several numbers and, after the closing remarks of Supt. Johnny Cox, "Time changes everything—the REA is here—Time marches on," broke into "The Old Gray Mare She Ain't What She Used to Be."

A final get-together was held at the uptown building, where Miss Kathryn Harris, REA home economist, continued demonstrations of cooking on electric ranges and use of other electric appliances. She had supervised demonstrations both Friday afternoon and at intervals Saturday morning, which were of special interest to the women visitors.

At 11:30 Saturday REA employees were hosts to the directors of the Cooperative and their wives at a luncheon at the Lions hall. Featured on the entertainment program were Richard Young in a cornet solo, "The

Holy City," and Mrs. Homer Patterson, who sang "Have You Ever Been to Texas in the Spring?" and "Without a Song." Mrs. Young was accompanist for both soloists. Miss Gay West played intermittent piano music during the luncheon. Invocation was given by W. C. Church.

Present for the luncheon were: Messrs. and Mesdames Sam Butman, Jr.; A. W. McKee, Potosi; H. R. Roberts, Guion; N. A. Estes, Elmdale; Ed Gist, Hamby; O. S. Moore, Divide; W. C. Church, Comer Haynes, Tom Russom, Merkel; Bryan Bradbury, Abilene; J. L. Loftis, Richard Young, Johnny Cox. Spencer Bird, T. V. Bright, M. L. Cope; Mrs. Homer Patterson, Misses Kathryn Harris, Gay West, Ruth Roberts and Elna Tucker and F. E. Everett, Jr.

Personnel of the office force: Johnny Cox, superintendent; F. E. Everett, Jr., resident engineer; Spencer Bird, maintenance foreman; T. V. Bright, M. L. Cope, maintenance crew; Ruth Roberts, bookkeeper; Elna Tucker, filing clerk.

At the close of the two-day celebration Supt. Cox was enthusiastic in his expression of appreciation and a big "Thank You" to the merchants of Merkel and all locally who helped put over the program, to the appliance dealers, to the members of the highway patrol, M. T. Rierison and M. B. Thomas, and to those from Abilene and Sweetwater who took part on the program.

Electrical appliance dealers from Sweetwater, Abilene and Merkel had a varied display of merchandise at the exhibit hall during the two-day celebration.

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Kathleen," "Juanita," "Jeanie with the Light Brown Hair," "While My Pretty One Sleeps" and "Old Folks at Home."

In recognition of "Founder's Day," Mrs. H. C. Reid read an address of the president of the Parent-Teacher association, Mrs. William Kletzer, reviewing the history of the national congress from its organization in 1897.

Demonstrations of Scout work, both boys and girls, were given by the two organizations under direction of their leaders, Charles Clark of Troop 20 of Merkel Boy Scouts, and Mrs. Hob Robertson and Mrs. Richard Young, leaders of the Girl Scouts.

Mrs. C. B. Gardner was named chairman of a nominating committee to report a slate of officers at the next meeting. With her on the committee are Mrs. Billy Cobb and Mrs. Clyde Sears.

Announcement of plans for "play night" on Feb. 24, to be sponsored by the Merkel P.-T. A., was made by Supt. Connor Robinson, the proceeds to be used to buy books for the Grammar School library.

Next meeting of the Parent-Teacher association will be on Mar. 11, which has been designated "Men's Night."

Home-Coming

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with all friends are to be invited to an old-fashioned West Texas celebration.

The celebration will be under the direction of the present school board and in co-operation with Superintendent E. E. Read and his faculty.

O. W. Sosbee, president of the school board, and a child of one of the pioneer families, attended his first school with the opening of the Noodle school. "Ode," as he is known to his hundreds of friends, is very enthusiastically primed for the "biggest show" in Noodle's history.

Committees have been appointed and work will soon be underway on all fronts. Details of the celebration will be announced later.

Other members of the school board are: C. E. Morgan, J. K. Blair, A. D. McCain, E. V. Satterwhite, Carson Hatfield and Joe Winter; both Mr. Hatfield and Mr. Winter are also sons of pioneer families.

There is an old saying, "Once you have drunk water of Noodle creek, you will always return," so make your plans now to attend the celebration which will be held in early spring.

Merkel Woman Attends Funeral of Uncle

Miss Ona Johnson accompanied Misses Ruth and Dixie Howard and Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Grisham, all of Abilene, to Abernathy last Saturday for the funeral of R. T. Greer, who died of a heart attack Friday.

His wife is the former Miss Lucy Beam, sister of Mrs. W. R. Walker, who died last April. Mr. and Mrs. Greer were former residents of Merkel.

The Abilenians are cousins of Mrs. Greer, while Mr. Greer was an uncle by marriage of Miss Johnson.

Patriotic Quotes
Sweet Land of Liberty of thee I sing

1767 1845



OUR federal union!
It must and shall be preserved!

Andrew Jackson

President Jackson gave this toast at a banquet in 1832 on Thomas Jefferson's birthday. It was aimed at Vice President John C. Calhoun, advocate of the right of states to ignore laws of the federal government.

LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS

Personnel of the mechanical force of the Yazell Chevrolet company, just recently opened for business, includes: John Hayney, formerly of Dallas, and J. T. Medart, formerly of Lampasas, mechanical department; Ira Page from Denton, body and fender work and painter, and Jack Higgins, who is moving back to Merkel from Lubbock, grease and wash department. Otto Bicknell has joined the agency as salesman.

Mrs. Ed Turner, proprietor of Ed's cafe, has been confined to her home since Sunday with the "flu." Jack Traweck, who formerly cooked for the cafe, has returned as cook during her illness.

Mrs. Earl Teague and daughter, Mrs. Geraldine, are occupying an apartment in the home of Mrs. J. T. Warren, since vacating the Fagan house on Oak street. The arrangement gives Mrs. Warren some one permanently in the house with her.

After a week's absence on account of the "flu," Mrs. Alvin Wozencraft is again on the job at Wozy's cafe, having resumed her duties Wednesday.

Robert Higgins, who volunteered last week, was in the group that left for Dallas Wednesday to fill the Feb. 12 quota from Draft Board No. 2, Taylor county (outside of Abilene.) Vernon Davis volunteered at the same time as Robert but was not included in this quota.

Ex-Senator Smoot Dies.
St. Petersburg, Fla., Feb. 13.—Former United States Senator Reed Smoot, 79, of Utah, who gained national prominence as co-author of the Smoot-Hawley tariff act, died here Sunday after a lingering illness.

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

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Firstbrook of Dallas were week-end guests of Mrs. Firstbrook's mother, Mrs. W. L. Harkrider. Other guests Sunday in the Harkrider home were Mr. and Mrs. G. C. McDonald of Abilene. Mrs. McDonald is a sister of Mrs. Harkrider.

Mrs. D. M. Hill, who formerly had an apartment with Mrs. Earl Teague, has stored her furniture and left Tuesday to stay for the present with a daughter, Mrs. L. C. Williams, and Mr. Williams, at Golan.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Connell, formerly of Tulsa, Okla., but en route to Douglas, Ariz., where they will make their future home, visited her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Latimer, and other relatives in and near Merkel the past week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. (Buck) Bledsoe of Abilene, former friends of Mrs. Ella Cruse and family in Weatherford, were visitors in the Cruse home Sunday afternoon.

H. D. Norris, superintendent of the Divide school, was a pleasant caller at The Mail office Saturday afternoon. While here, he added the name of the school to The Mail's subscription list.

Mrs. H. C. Williams is visiting her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. E. Q. Warren, in Knox City.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Ensminger of Divide were guests Saturday of Mr. and Mrs. M. Elliott.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Smith of Odessa were guests the latter part of the week of Misses Ona and Pauline Johnson.

Mrs. Ada Heeter, Mrs. Ray King and Misses Sadie Woodrum and Helen Heeter drove over to San Angelo Friday of last week to spend the day with Mrs. A. V. Dye, Sr.

W. A. Pannell and Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Zercher and sons, Richard and David, of Dallas, spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Pannell.

Mrs. J. E. Boaz, Sr., Mrs. Otto Bicknell and Miss Fannie Boaz returned Tuesday from a visit with Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Scroggins in Mercedes. Going by Austin, they stopped for a visit with the J. T. Kings and were accompanied to the valley by Miss Mary King.

Guest this week in the J. L. Tucker home is George Burroughs of Temple, who is recuperating from a recent operation before returning to work.

Mrs. Jackson Parker is here visiting her mother, Mrs. J. S. Blair. On the 20th she will join her husband, Lieut. Parker, who is being transferred on that date to Fort Brown, Brownsville.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Sheppard, long-time residents of Merkel, have removed to Big Spring temporarily, and will make their future home either there or at Amarillo.

Mrs. George Brown and daughter, Miss Madyln, former residents of Merkel and more recently of San Juan, Texas, are visiting in the Dr. M. Armstrong home.

Hospital Notes.

Mrs. E. D. Thomas of Tye was admitted to the Sadler Clinic Tuesday, Feb. 11, for treatment.

Miss Mae Melton of Sweetwater was admitted to the hospital for treatment Wednesday, Feb. 12.

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RESOLUTION OF RESPECT.

In memory of our club member, Mrs. C. P. Church, who died Jan. 31, 1941. Death for the first time has entered our club, taking our beloved member, who has been a member of the Merkel Home Demonstration club for 6 years, serving 3 consecutive years as president of the club and the following 2 years as council member, resigning the 3rd year to become chairman of Taylor county council, in which capacity she was engaged at the time of her death.

In the passing of our beloved member we have lost one of our best club leaders. Therefore be it our best club members, the Merkel Home Demonstration club, in testimony of its loss, that we tender to the family of our deceased member our sincere condolence in their deep affliction and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the family.

Mrs. John S. Hughes,
Mrs. Earnest Teaff,
Mrs. Harny Barnett,
Committee.

Cemetery Working.

It is planned to have a cemetery working at White Church cemetery on Wednesday, Feb. 19. Every one is urged to come and take part.

Just say you saw it in The Mail.

Mondro's Magic is Pleasing to Crowd

Monday night Mondro, the magician, and his able assistants presented a program of mystifying, artistic and pleasing entertainment at the Grammar School auditorium, the attraction being presented under the auspices of the Merkel Volunteer Fire department.

The crowd was small, but very appreciative and unstinted applause greeted his presentation of many new, and some old experiments.

Incidental piano music was furnished by Miss Pearl Mathews.

Merkel Girl First in Consolation Doubles

Abilene, Feb. 13.—Florine Varner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Varner of Merkel, representing Abilene Christian college, won first in consolation women's doubles at the Southern intercollegiate badminton tournament held this past week-end at Baylor university, Waco.

Abilene Christian college players swept first honors in five divisions and were runner-up in three to dominate the event, which is one of the largest held annually in the Southwest.

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QUEEN THEATRE CALENDAR

Friday-Saturday—The 3 Mesquites in "Under Texas Skies;" also Andy Clyde 2-reel comedy, Porky Pig cartoon and serial.

Saturday preview, Sunday matinee, Monday night—Fred Astaire, Paulette Goddard in "Second Chorus," with Artie Shaw and his band; added Popeye cartoon, News and short.

Tuesday only—Marjorie Rambeau, Alan Hale in "Tugboat Annie Sails Again," with Jane Wyman, Ronald Reagan.

Wednesday-Thursday—Anna Neagle in "No, No, Nanette;" "Information Please" and cartoon.

"Second Chorus"

When a pair of swing trumpet players fall for the same girl, they not only blow their own horns—they'd like to blow each other's brains out!

But when one of the trumpet players can dance, well, that puts him a couple feet in front of his rival, doesn't it?

That's what happens in Paramount's newest comedy, "Second Chorus," coming Saturday preview, Sunday matinee and Monday night to the Queen theatre, when Fred Astaire, as a trumpet player with frolicsome feet, crosses horns with trumpet player Burgess Meredith for the love of beautiful Paulette Goddard.

Not only are they rivals for Paulette, but they also are aspirants for places in Artie Shaw's swing band, which is featured in the exuberant story. Shaw, in the picture, introduces a larger and from all reports, swifter band than he had before his vacation from the jitterbugs.

In the picture, Astaire is the trumpet-playing leader of the Ivy College Perennials and Meredith a trumpet-tooter who tries to mislead. The swing crew is held together year after year only because Astaire and Meredith are very smart—in deliberately flunking their courses so they could stay in school and in the band business. Just when everything is going swell, with Paulette Goddard as the band's business manager, disaster strikes. Astaire and Meredith are graduated.

The band breaks up and Paulette gets a job managing Artie Shaw's aggregation. She gets Fred and Burgess auditions with Shaw, but each ruins the other's chances with practical jokes. The film zips along merrily until the climax, when Fred leads Shaw's band by doing a dance with a baton and a trumpet, at a concert backed by Charles Butterworth, who plays a wealthy music-lover who is tone-deaf.

Paulette Goddard and Fred Astaire do a dance called "Dig It," to the tune of a swing number called, "I Ain't Hep to That Step But I'll Dig It," which already has the jitterbugs cutting rugs. Other numbers in the blithesome comedy are a hot concerto composed and played by Artie Shaw, "Love of My Life" and "Poor Mr. Chilholm."

"Tugboat Annie Sails Again"

"Tugboat Annie Sails Again," with Marjorie Rambeau in the title role of the salty old lady sea captain, will be shown Tuesday only at the Queen theatre. A full cargo of laughs goes with it, as "Annie" and Captain Bullwinkle turn their Saturday Evening Post feud into a happy, scrappy screen comedy.

Alan Hale plays the role of Bullwinkle, while Jane Wyman and Ronald Reagan carry the love interest in a story that is packed to the hilt with fun, romance, action and adventure. Lewis Seiler directed the production. Walter DeLeon's original screen play is based on the characters created by Norman Reilly Raine.

Others in the cast beside Miss Rambeau, Hale, Miss Wyman and Reagan, include Clarence Kolb, Charles Halton, Paul Hurst, Victor Kilian, Chill Wills, Harry Shannon, Sidney Bracy, and many more. Max Steiner wrote the musical score.

"No, No, Nanette"

Few songs of recent years have so captured the public fancy as did "Tea for Two" and "I Want to Be Happy," the two hit numbers of "No, No, Nanette."

Sung and whistled and hummed by millions ever since the musical comedy became a success, those tunes, as well as the title-song itself, "No, No, Nanette," have become widely known, and they added much to the musical reputation of Vincent Youmans, who wrote the melodies, and Irving

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Dallas County Shows Reduction in Number Of Traffic Fatalities

Austin, Feb. 13. — Suburban and rural Dallas county ran a close second to the safety-minded City of Dallas during 1940 for reduction in traffic fatalities, state police statisticians announced Monday.

Dallas effected a 31 per cent reduction in deaths, from 32 to 22, while the rest of the county reduced fatalities from 65 to 48, or 26 per cent.

Of the 11 counties surrounding major cities in Texas, only three ended 1940 with an improved suburban and rural traffic death rate: Dallas; Jefferson, from 29 in 1939 to 26 in 1940, and Wichita, from 10 to 9. Two counties were unchanged, McLennan with 16 deaths and Nueces with 21.

Increases were reported in Harris, from 67 to 82; Tarrant, 24 to 29; Bexar, 25 to 34; Galveston, 13 to 15; Travis, 13 to 14, and El Paso, 20 to 25.

"This Dallas county record is further proof that traffic fatalities can be reduced enormously when a thorough and adequate plan of combating them is put into effect," said Col. Homer Garrison, Jr., state police director. "An intelligent, hard-driving enforcement and education program has been initiated by Sheriff R. A. (Smoot) Schmidt, officials of the smaller cities in the county, and by safety organizations, together with physical improvements contributed by engineers. It has been the pleasure of the highway patrol to cooperate in achieving this gratifying record."

Caesar and Otto Harbach, the lyricists.

Now the three songs come to the Queen screen Wednesday and Thursday in RKO Radio's streamlined version of the original show, with Anna Neagle in the title-role of the busy Nanette and a brilliant supporting cast headed by Richard Carlson, Victor Mature, Roland Young, Helen Broderick and ZaSu Pitts. Herbert Wilcox produced and directed the offering.

Employed in Plant of Large Aircraft Concern

Cecil Lamar Justice has written friends from Santa Monica, Calif., that he is now employed at Douglas Aircraft company in that city in the production department.

Cecil recently graduated from Western Air college, Alhambra, Calif., where he took a special course of training in aircraft construction. The school recommended him for employment which he obtained the day after his training was completed.

News dispatches state that the Douglas plant has 20,000 employees now and plans to employ 20,000 additional trained men within the next six months to assist in manufacturing back orders totaling \$550,000,000.

Untrained men are warned against visiting aircraft plants in Southern California in search of employment, lest they be disappointed.

A careful motorist doesn't have to worry about his driving. It's the reckless, indifferent driver that brings on the strain. A standard driver's license law will be an added protection to the driver who is interested in safety for self-protection.

Farm co-ops with a membership of more than three million producers handled a two billion dollar business during the 1939-40 marketing season, according to reports of the Farm Credit administration.

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NEWMAN NEWS

There were 53 mattresses made at the Newman center, which ended Saturday.

Brother Bud Self preached at the Baptist church Sunday afternoon at 2:30, after which conference was held and Brother Lee Hollis was elected pastor for a year. Our meeting days are second and fourth Sundays of each month.

Othell Reeves has returned to Lubbock after spending a week at home.

Fairy Beth Fowler of Abilene spent the week-end visiting in Merkel.

Othell Reeves and Alice Boen and sons spent Friday in Rotan with a sister, Mrs. John Cross.

Johnnie Floyd of Rotan spent Friday night in the Reeves home.

Othell Reeves, Alice Boen and sons and Johnnie Floyd spent Saturday visiting in Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Jones and Helen and Mrs. Edward Aldridge and Barbara Ann of Merkel were Sunday visitors in the Reeves home.

There will be a meeting at the school house Thursday night, Feb. 13, to decide when to have the rabbit drive.

There will be a bridal shower given for Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hall in the Hall home Friday night, Feb. 14.

Just say you saw it in The Mail.

List of Petit Jurors Called for Next Week

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

N. W. Durham, Andrew Baker, Mark Malone, J. T. Coats, A. B. Rose, Ross W. Wheeler, Merkel; H. Crow, C. J. Hardwick, W. D. Smith, W. E. Hendricks, D. C. Clark, J. O. Karnes, A. T. Morrison, Jack Hogan, R. N. Hardison, L. C. Dunn, F. W. Schroeder, L. C. Sharp, J. W. Weems, F. C. Hughes, E. J. Mills, George F. Price, L. P. Rankin, S. M. Miller, B. L. Bates, G. A. Collins, V. L. Musick,

J. W. Taylor, Lee N. Guy, H. E. Turner, J. P. Hay, J. H. Bourland, J. D. Perry, Sr., Abilene; W. T. White, D. C. Swindell, Tuscola; G. D. Myers, M. A. Patterson, Lawn; Lee Rogers, Trent; M. R. Brookerson, G. O. Fisher, Buffalo Gap; O. C. Parrish, Wingate; M. C. Shaffer, Cuion; C. W. Rister, H. A. King, Tye; A. Yates, Ovalo; D. A. Dobbings, Winters.

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West Texas and the nation now have an abundance of electric power to meet the national defense requirements over and above present consumption in home and business.

Present-day plant generating capacity in the United States is greater than the combined electrical output of England, France and Germany, a recent survey shows.

The nation's utilities companies, owned and operated by men and women who invested in sound business enterprise and who've learned to render emergency service through long experience, have prepared in advance and without the use of tax money or government aid.

U. S. electric power facilities now exceed 40,000,000 kilowatts compared to less than 9,000,000 kilowatts each in England, France and Germany.

The West Texas Utilities company, now entering its thirtieth year of service to West Texans, already is serving three national defense units: the Army air base at San Angelo, Camp Barkeley at Abilene and the air training school at Stamford.

The company has three major generating stations and 14 standby power plants, maintained as a reserve supply of electricity. Eighteen interconnections give added security against shortage or prolonged interruptions.

A total of 2,713 miles of transmission lines form a network giving nearly every community served by the company at least two incoming sources of electric power and many communities three sources of supply.

Such transmission systems throughout the nation have replaced small isolated plants subject to frequent breakdowns and expensive overhead, depreciation and operating costs. The first such line in West Texas was constructed by the company in 1915 and extended from Abilene to Merkel.

Supplying the nation as a whole are 82,000 miles of high voltage transmission lines, 60,000 volts and over, interconnected to give U. S. a higher peak of service efficiency and cost economy than any other country in the world.

COMPERE NEWS

The following pupils of the Compere school, of which Mrs. M. K. Milner is teacher, have made the "A" honor roll for the past month:

- First grade—Alice Nell Spurgin. Second grade—Falba Horton. Fourth grade—Willie Lee Spurgin. Sixth grade—Mary June Palmer. Seventh grade—Edna Jo Horton.

TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Monk Stowe and children of Abilene visited for a short time Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Gus Brewer.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bowers of Fort Worth visited Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bowers and Billy Joe over the weekend.

Mrs. C. T. Beckham, Hubert Beckham and Mrs. C. C. Stribbling went to visit Mr. and Mrs. Winslow Beckham and family of Lamesa Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Greene of Hobbs, N. M., were visitors here Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. English and Mrs. Joe Boone and sons visited Mr. and Mrs. Jeff English and son of Rotan Sunday.

Eben Morris and his mother of Colorado visited Mr. and Mrs. W. Y. Steen Sunday.

Wynonne Hodges and Virgie Hardy spent the past week-end in their respective homes in Clyde.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Terry, Sr., had as their week-end guests their daughter, Mrs. Lofton and her daughter of Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Allan Terry and daughter, also Mr. and Mrs. Harold Terry and daughter of Lubbock.

BISHOP-BARNES.

Lavora Barnes, attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Barnes, and R. J. Bishop, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Bishop, were united in marriage last Saturday night in Abilene.

The bride wore a frock of heavenly blue with black accessories.

Only attendants of the couple were Jake Banner of Trent and Miss Johnnie of Abilene.

The couple will live in Trent.

SCHOOL NEWS.

Trent Senior boys' and girls' basketball teams played Eula at Trent Monday night.

Trent boys play their final conference game of the season Friday night of this week when they meet Lawn in their own gymnasium.

Mrs. Clara Mae Cook has been added to the personnel of the Trent cafeteria.

Taylor County Supt. Tom McGehee in company with Mr. Neetum.

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county sanitary engineer, gave the Trent school and campus an inspection Monday and gave an A-1 report as to condition.

James Grace, Nolan county recreational director, visited the Trent schools Monday and has assigned another recreation director for this school.

Garrett Named to Head Guide Service

Washington, Feb. 13.—A former Texas congressman, Clyde L. Garrett of Eastland, has been appointed head of an "official guide service" for businessmen in Washington seeking contracts with the government.

Established in the office of Secretary of Commerce Jesse H. Jones, the function of the new service is to assist the hundred and one business and industrial leaders continually arriving here in making contact with proper departmental officials.

Endorsed by the congressional delegations of Georgia, Louisiana and Alabama, as well as Texas, Garrett accepted the position at a salary reported in the \$6,000 to \$7,000 bracket. He has several persons employed under him.

Garrett, in congress during the past four years, was succeeded by Representative Sam Russell of Stephenville, who defeated him in the democratic run-off primary in August.

We take orders for egg stamps The Merkel Mail office.

Local Food Dealers Invited to Opening Vernon Packing Co.

Vernon, Feb. 13.—Seventeen Merkel food dealers and butchers have been invited to the formal opening of the Vernon Packing company Feb. 24-28.

Five days have been designated to honor the customers of the rapidly growing business, and more than 2,700 invitations have been mailed. Customers visiting the plant, as well-equipped as any in the Southwest, will be entertained with guest tours and with daily banquets.

Those invited from Merkel are S. C. Glass, L. M. Melton, S. E. Everett, Ray Wilson, Mrs. W. W. Campbell, H. C. Dunn, C. E. Turner, H. L. Turner, Eli Case, Milton Case, E. O. Carson, Herman Carson, W. R. Wheeler, J. Y. Melton, Nathan Wood, Bert Melton and Jack West.



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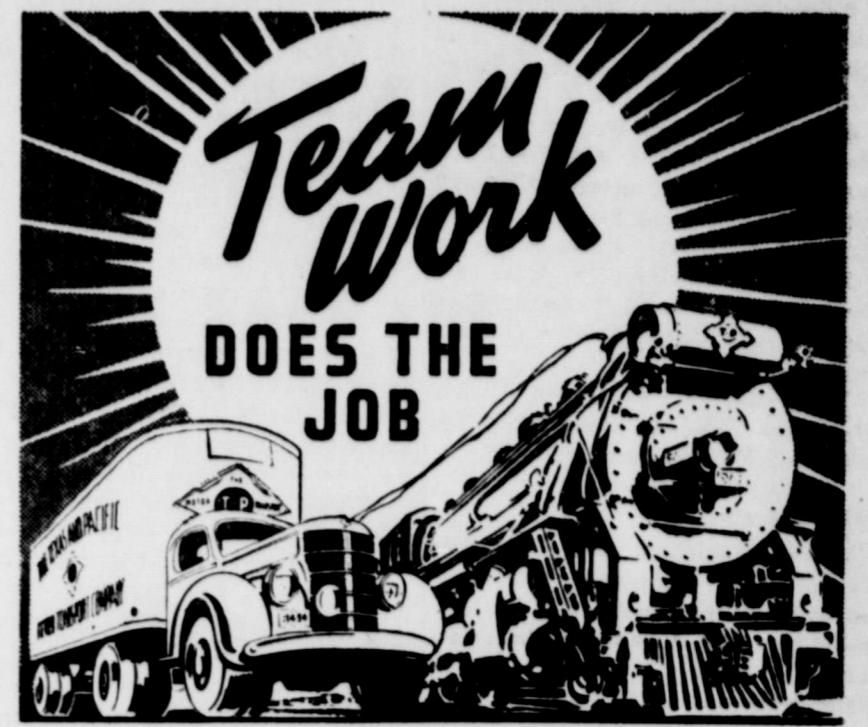
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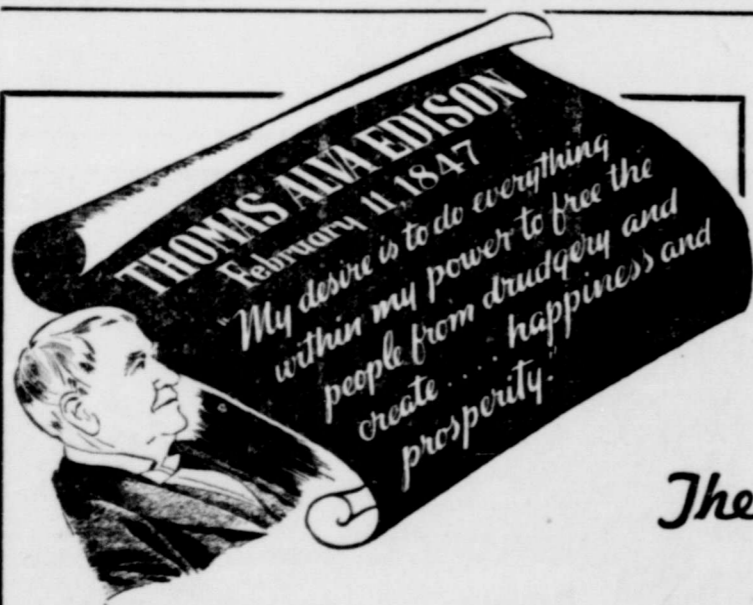
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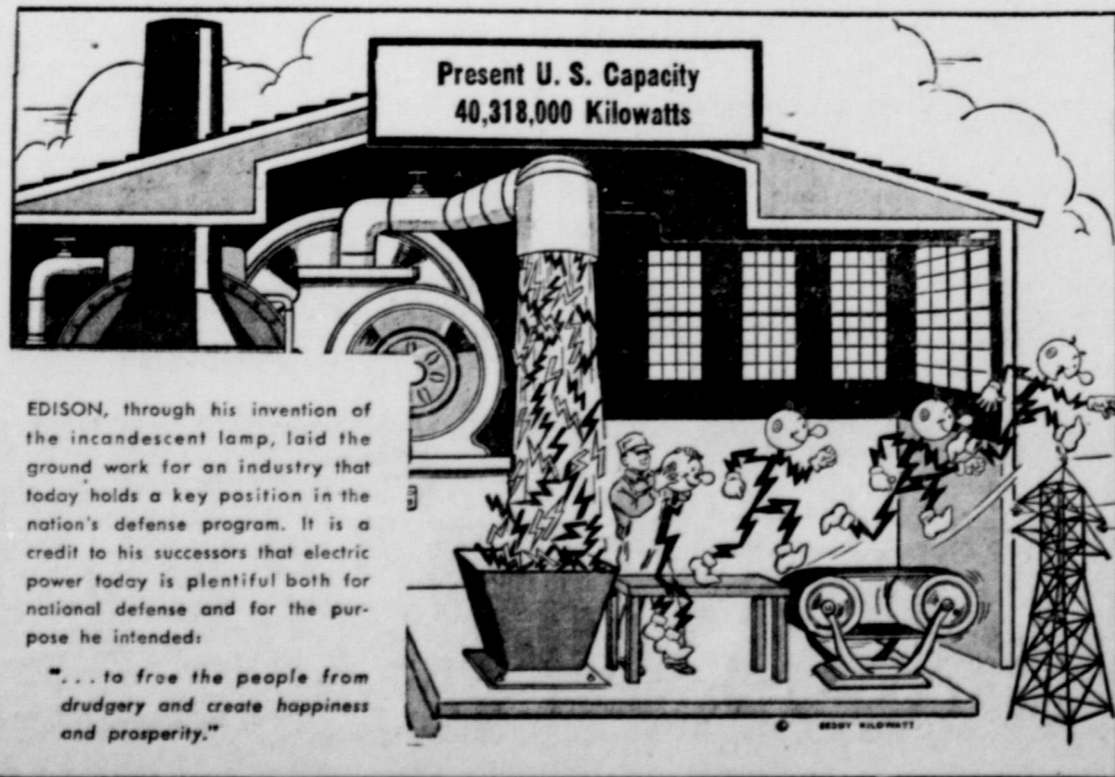


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FOR RENT—4-room house in northwest Merkel (known as Pribble place.) See Mrs. J. W. Dowdy, 1126 Meander St., Abilene, Texas.

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LOST AND FOUND

LOST—Two \$5 bills and several ones tied up in lady's handkerchief, here in town Wednesday. \$2.50 reward. Notify Mrs. T. H. Spears, Route 4, Merkel, Texas.

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

Mrs. Gardner's Mother Is Buried in Indiana

Following receipt of news of the death last Friday of her mother, Mrs. W. P. Brown, Mrs. C. B. Gardner left at once for Paragon, Ind., the old family home, where the funeral was held Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Brown, who was 72 years old, had been ill for over three years, her condition having been critical for some time. She had visited several times in the home of her daughter here.

Mrs. Gardner returned to Chicago, Ill., with her sister, Mrs. Seth D. Sims, where she will remain a few days. These two are the only surviving children.

Services Held Monday For McGinnis Baby

Little Sherry Carol, two-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar McGinnis, of Paducah, died at 7:15 Sunday evening at the Hendrick Memorial hospital, Abilene.

Funeral services were held from the Church of Christ here at 3:30 Monday afternoon, with Minister Gordon Teel of Paducah, officiating. Burial followed in Rose Hill cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Sosebe of Noodle are the maternal grandparents. The paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Frank McGinnis of Comper.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our appreciation to those whose thoughtful deeds and tender words of sympathy brought comfort to our hearts in the loss of loved one, also for the beautiful floral offerings.

May God's richest blessings be upon you.

Mrs. Hardy Rutledge, Dorothy, Don and Weldon. Mr. and Mrs. Orvin Robinson and Jerry.

RURAL SOCIETY

SALT BRANCH CLUB.

The Salt Branch Home Demonstration club met with Mrs. Buster Horton on Wednesday, Feb. 5.

Mrs. Vernon Hudson led the program on "Rock Gardening." Mrs. J. S. Pinckley gave an interesting talk on "The Care of Plants."

Members drew club pals for the year and exchanged gift packages.

Refreshments were served to Mesdames J. O. Horton, Vernon Hudson, Bill Hays, Joe Higgins, M. H. Barker, J. S. Pinckley, W. H. Higgins, T. C. Allen, W. U. Beene, J. C. Allen, Carl Baccus, Smith, Buster Horton and Miss Ruth Pinckley. Mrs. Joe Higgins was a visitor.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. Jess Higgins, Feb. 20.

BLUEBONNET CLUB.

The Bluebonnet Home Demonstration club met in the home of Mrs. Jim Perry, Feb. 4. The club was called to order by Mrs. Tom Russom and a singsong was enjoyed by all. Members answered roll call with a suggestion on year books fixed by the council.

Miss Hattie Tacker, county agent, gave a demonstration on selecting cuttings of shrubs, and shrubs suitable for climates. She also gave members some cuttings for yard improvements. The club's goal for the year is to root at least one shrub. Members are urged to enlist in making the club one hundred per cent on yard improvements. One new member was added.

A refreshment plate of sandwiches, cookies and hot drinks, with valentines as plate favors, was passed to the following members: Mesdames W. C. Perkins, A. R. Toombs, Ford Butman, Tom Russom, Lucy Scott, Riley Whisenhunt, A. D. Barnes, Ray Reynolds, Lloyd Matthews, Will Butman, A. L. Farmer and Elmer Patterson; Misses Hattie Tacker and Louene Butman and the hostess.

The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Dewell McLean, Feb. 18.

BRIDAL SHOWER.

On Friday afternoon, Feb. 7, Misses Norah Foster and Beatrice Reeder were co-hostesses for a bridal shower honoring Mrs. Earl Cross, the former Miss Claudean Harvell. The valentine theme was carried out in red and white. Various games were played and refreshments of hot chocolate, mints and cheese-cakes were served.

Those present were Mesdames H. C. Chancey, Ira Cross, M. H. Ely, Porter Petty, J. B. Griffin, Houston Robertson, U. S. Reeder, Oddie Jones, R. V. Jones, J. H. Robert, Otis Foster, J. B. Foster, Britt Baker; Mr. H. B. Robertson; Misses Genevieve Robertson, Beatrice Reeder, Winnie Cross and the following children: Doyle Jones, Emogene Ely, M. H. Ely, Jr., Bobby Fern Foster, Betty Foster, Mary Frances Reeder and Irene Cross.

Those sending gifts were Mesdames M. J. Hines, H. H. Hobbs, R. B. Buntin, Gaither Isenburg, John Hobbs, A. J. Hartley, H. B. Robertson, W. T. White, Willie Chancey, Bill Harvell, Vee Garner; Mr. and Mrs. Dale Gardner; Mr. J. M. Byrd, and Misses Lois Chancey and Ella Hobbs.

MT. PLEASANT WSCS.

The Mt. Pleasant Women's Society of Christian Service met in the home of Mrs. Cora Pruitt on Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 5. The meeting was called to order by the president and opening prayer was given by Mrs. Pruitt. The society was studying the life of David, on which Mrs. Dillard gave a talk. The women are to give a sunshine bag to some of the sick people of our community.

The next meeting is to be with Mrs. Morris Smith on Wednesday, Feb. 19, which is to be a quilting. The club is going to quilt quilts for the purpose of raising money for the society.

Four new members joined, three visitors and six old members were present.

At the refreshment hour a plate of cake with cocoa was served.

WHITE CHURCH WSCS.

The Women's Society of Christian Service of White Church met at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. John Coomer.

Mrs. Coomer led the devotional on "Prayer," Romans 6:4 being used as the Scripture reading. A discussion was given on "Investing Our Heritage for Minority Groups and Interracial Co-operation."

A business session was held and the decision to make a few improvements in the church was made.

Those present were Mesdames John Coomer, P. R. McLean, Raymond Demere, J. B. Stewart and John Swinney.

BLAIR ITEMS

Rev. Emmett L. Whitaker, Abilene Baptist minister, delivered an eloquent discourse here Sunday, Feb. 9. The church is indeed very fortunate to have Rev. Mr. Whitaker on the field again. Rich in simplicity and frankness, this young evangelist has grown closer to the Blair folks.

Brother Whitaker will preach here Sunday morning, Mar. 2, and emphasizes the importance of church attendance and desires all possible co-operation from the members in these services. Much good could be accomplished in building up our present condition, if all the members would right themselves in the great work of God's kingdom.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Wilson and two children of Seymour spent the weekend with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moore and other relatives.

Mrs. J. C. Horton of Wichita Falls visited several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Addison, the past week and was accompanied home by her sister, Miss Louise Addison, for an indefinite stay.

Mr. and Mrs. Hosea Myers of Anson spent Sunday with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Scogin. A sister from Sweetwater and her family also visited in this home.

Mrs. R. B. Horton left Monday for Brownwood to visit with her husband, who has accepted employment with the Eaton Oil company of that place.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Sandusky and family visited the latter's sister, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stevens of Trent Sunday afternoon.

Herman Doan is doing jury service in Abilene this week.

Sandra Sue, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Loper, was born Dec. 28, to brighten this home for six weeks, and died Feb. 6.

Little Sandra Sue, you were just a lovely bud,
God plucked you from this earth for
His garden above;
Now that you are with Jesus,
In heaven with the blest,
We would not call you back,
But say, Dear Baby, with God is
best.

Services Held Friday For Sandra Sue Loper

Funeral services were held from the Methodist church here last Friday afternoon for Sandra Sue, six-weeks-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Loper of the Blair community, who died Thursday night. Rev. Marvin Boyd, the pastor, conducted the rites, and burial followed in Rose Hill cemetery, with Barrow-Sheppard funeral home in charge.

Surviving are the parents, four brothers and two sisters.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our thanks and appreciation for the kindness and help shown during the sickness and death of our baby; also for the beautiful flowers.

May God bless you all.
Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Loper and Family.

To Wed Lehman's Nephew.

Hollywood, Calif., Feb. 13.—Bettie Avery, 18, New York model here on a movie assignment, said Tuesday she had become engaged to Orim Lehman, 22-year-old nephew of Gov. Herbert Lehman of New York. A June wedding is planned, she said.

Former Justice Dies.

Washington, Feb. 13.—Willis Van Devanter, former associate justice of the United States supreme court who retired in 1937, died suddenly Saturday night of a heart attack. He was 81 years old.

Queen Helps the Hungry.

London, Feb. 13.—Eight mobile canteens presented by Queen Elizabeth have been placed in service to rush food to bombed areas of England, Lord Woolton, food administrator, announced Tuesday.

Winant Confirmed.

Washington, Feb. 13.—The senate Monday confirmed the nomination of John G. Winant, former republican governor of New Hampshire, as United States ambassador to Great Britain.

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.

Twin Daughter of Big Spring Couple Dies

Little Jerry Sue, one of twin daughters born last Friday to Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Coats, Big Spring, died Monday.

Attending the funeral services held Tuesday at Big Spring were Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Compton, Mrs. Tom Coats, Mrs. Lendon Coats and Misses Miriam and Mickey Diltz, P. A. Diltz, Jr., and Billy Tom Diltz. Mrs. P. A. Diltz, mother of Mrs. Coats, was already in Big Spring with her daughter.

Sherry Lou, the other twin, is reported getting along nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Dolph Coats are the paternal grandparents. The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Diltz.

Nine Students on Honor Roll, Butman School

The following pupils of Butman school made an average of 90 or above for the past month:

- Fourth grade—Novis Smith.
- Fifth grade—Denzil Riggan, Buddie Harold Hunter, Frances Perkins, Ula Dix Brown, La Verne Brown.
- Sixth grade—Bobby Glenn Peterson.
- Seventh grade—J. E. Meeks, Jr., Murle Riggan.

Those having perfect attendance for the month were: Nally Mae Moorhead, Margaret Perkins, Billy Butman, Lloyd Ray Smith, Herbert Swinney, Novis Smith, J. T. Moorhead, Murle Riggan, Wiley Perkins, Frances Perkins, Elvis Rogers.

Council Plans for Intermediates' Camp

Rev. J. B. Ramsey, pastor of the Grace Presbyterian church, went to Albany Monday to attend a meeting of the Intermediate Conference committee of which he is a member. This

meeting was held at the Mathews Memorial Presbyterian church.

This committee, part of the Christian Education Committee of the Abilene presbytery, set up machinery for the first Intermediate encampment to be held at Buffalo Gap June 16-20.

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SOCIETY

JUNIOR STUDY CLUB ENTER-TAINED WITH INDIAN PROGRAM.

The home of Mrs. Andy Shouse was the meeting place for members of the Junior Study club on Thursday afternoon of last week. Mrs. Elmo Collins was co-hostess with Mrs. Shouse. The entertaining rooms were made especially attractive with beautiful cut flowers.

Mrs. L. C. Zehnpennig was leader, choosing "Indian Lore" as her subject. Christine Collins served as commentator introducing the following numbers: "Pale Moon" (Frederick Logan), sung by Thelma and Pearl Mathews; "Indian Idyl" (Edward McDowell), played by Ladie Fred Crain of Trent; "Indian Love Call" (Rudolf Friml), sung by Myrtle Patterson. "Natoma," by Victor Herbert, was played by Pearl Mathews. A popular selection, "Cherokee," by Ray Noble, was sung by Mrs. Norman Hodge, and "By the Waters of the Minnetonka," by Thurlow Lieurance, was sung by Dorothy Shannon. Christine Collins was piano accompanist for the vocals.

Mrs. Chester Imes, former member but now of Tulsa, spoke expressions of encouragement to the members.

MRS. CHESTER IMES COMPLIMENTED WITH PARTY.

Mrs. Wrenn Durham was hostess to contract devotees at a smart Saturday-bridge, naming Mrs. Chester Imes, of Tulsa, Okla., who is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Largent this week, as guest of honor.

An attractive arrangement of giant pansies decorated the rooms and tables were appointed in valentine motif. Dainty valentine candies were enjoyed during games of contract bridge, after which a delectable sandwich plate, with wafers and iced drink, was served.

Mrs. Imes was remembered with a guest prize. Mrs. W. T. Sadler won the "travel" prize, and Mrs. Milton Case was awarded high score prize.

The guest list included Mrs. Imes, Mrs. Largent, Mesdames S. D. Gamble, Milton Case, L. C. Zehnpennig, J. E. Boaz, Jr., Pete West, W. T. Sadler, Durham and Misses Christine Collins, Frances Cleveland and La Verne Dunbar.

ABILENE PEOPLE ENLIVEN SOCIAL OF TRAINING UNION.

Thursday evening, Feb. 6, the members of the Adult Training Union of the First Baptist church were named guests for a cleverly planned social given in the basement of the church. A valentine theme was employed in all party arrangements for which Mrs. J. M. Williamson, president of the Union, may be given credit.

Rev. Cooper Waters announced the following musical program: A vocal trio, composed of Misses Thelma and Pearl Mathews and Mrs. Don Riney, followed by a vocal solo by Miss Doris Clyde Miller, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Comer Haynes. Members of the Hardin-Simmons

Girls' quartet delighted their audience with several sacred numbers. Mr. J. D. Riddle, educational and music director of the First Baptist church of Abilene, was also present for the party along with Mr. and Mrs. James Alexander, directors of the Friendship Mission in Abilene.

Mrs. Alexander directed several interesting games following the program and at the refreshment hour individual cherry pies and coffee were served to 40 members and the above mentioned out-of-town guests.

WILLING WORKERS.

The Willing Workers class of the Grace Presbyterian church met in the home of Mrs. J. R. Walling Tuesday afternoon for their regular monthly meeting.

The program was opened with a song, "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes," with Mrs. Walling at the piano. The devotional was given by Mrs. S. A. Derstine from the 13th Chapter of First Corinthians. Prayer was led by Mrs. J. R. Walling. Songs, poems and readings were given by the class members and roll call was answered with favorite Scriptures. The program was closed with the class song, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," and prayer by Mrs. G. F. West.

Mrs. Walling was assisted by Mrs. John R. Walling in serving a refreshment plate consisting of grape juice, sandwiches, cake and wafers, with valentines as plate favors, to the following: Miss Mary Derstine, a visitor, Mesdames L. L. Murray, S. G. Russell, S. A. Derstine, W. M. Elliott, G. F. West and Miss Mary Keny and the hostess and her assistant.

The class will meet in the home of Mrs. G. F. West on March 11 at 3 p. m.

SWEETHEART BANQUET.

One of the prettiest social affairs the young people's department of the First Baptist church has enjoyed this year was the Sweetheart banquet Tuesday evening at the church. The tables were beautifully decorated with red and white carrying out the valentine theme. Place cards were found in tiny red cups covered with white cellophane in which were found "red hot" hearts.

Cecil Turner acted as Lovemaster and Howard Carson led the invocation. A delicious chicken plate was served, after which the following program was given: Welcome, by Pearl Mathews; response, Billy Largent; fellowship songs with entire group joining was led by Thelma Mathews; two clever readings by Mrs. Owen Robertson, a teacher in the young people's department; old love songs, by Mrs. T. T. Earthman, also a teacher in the department.

The address of the evening was brought by Rev. Dean Elkins of Nolan. His theme was "Love, the Greatest Thing in the World."

Following a few remarks by Mrs. Cooper Waters, superintendent of the young people's department, Byers Petty, another of the teachers, gave the benediction. Mesdames E. R.

Clack, Clyde Bartlett and W. A. McCandless served the banquet. The young people plan to make the affair an annual one in the church each year at Valentine. Thirty young people attended.

KING'S DAUGHTERS CLASS PARTY.

Mrs. W. W. Campbell very graciously opened her home on Oak street Tuesday evening for the King's Daughters party with Mrs. J. A. Miliken and Mrs. N. D. Cobb joint hostesses. As guests entered each one was handed a colored heart on which was written a Scripture verse for roll call. Mrs. Harkrider read the Scripture and prayer was offered by one of the esteemed former members, Mrs. George Brown.

Business being dispensed with, a jolly social hour was enjoyed. Mrs. McSpadden read a collection of poems; Mrs. Hollingsworth rendered a beautiful piano solo, and Mrs. Watts gave an original poem, "The Old Bookcase." Then came a valentine contest and Mrs. Harkrider proved her ability by fast thinking. "The Soldier's Passport to Heaven," a very clever scissor and paper trick, was demonstrated by Mrs. Campbell.

Refreshments of chicken salad, sandwiches, pickles, potato chips, heart-shaped cookies, coffee and chocolate were served to Mesdames Sutphen, Cox, Bragg, Curb, McSpadden, Tucker, R. N. Campbell, Golladay, Pee, Hollingsworth, Harkrider, Baccus, Sears, Watts, O'Brian, Armstrong, Brown, Russell, Black and Miss Madden Brown, Master Warren McSpadden and the hostesses.

JOLLY NEIGHBORS.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hicks entertained members of their game club on Monday evening, "Ladies' Night," as it was officially dubbed, because the men did not win a game, was highly enjoyable and following three progressions of "84" a most delectable salad course with punch was served to Messrs. and Mesdames T. L. Grimes, Raymond Ferguson, F. Y. Gaither, Herbert Patterson, John Grable and Andy Shouse, Miss Christine Collins and C. J. Glover.

FIDELIS MATRONS.

The Fidelis Matrons Sunday School class of the First Baptist church had its monthly meeting Wednesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. L. V. Moore, with Mrs. Hoyle Lemens co-hostess. Mrs. Nim Teaff brought the devotional. Mrs. Dean Higgins presided over a business session.

After an informal social hour, a delicious refreshment plate was served to Mesdames Sam Swann, Dean Higgins, David Gamble, Nim Teaff, Max Swafford, George T. Moore, C. W. Newton, Tommy Sheppard, Floyd Cole, C. M. Linn, Jarrett Pinckley, E. Y. Bailey, Cooper Waters, Miss Johnny Sears and the hostesses.

HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB.

The Merkel Home Demonstration club met Friday in the home of Mrs. Stanley King with Mrs. Andy Shouse as co-hostess.

Mrs. Don Riney led the singsong with Mrs. Andy Shouse at the piano. The club stood in silent prayer in memory of a late member and council president, Mrs. C. P. Church.

Reports of committees were heard and dates in the year books were completed. The program included "Preparation of Soil," by Mrs. Bob McDonald, and "Rock Gardens," by Mrs. Fred A. Baker, Jr.

Refreshments were served to Mesdames R. L. Sumpter, Stanley King, Charles Knight, Don Riney, Tommie Sheppard, John S. Hughes, Walter Teaff, Earnest Teaff, Holt Vaughn, Grover Gilbert, C. W. Newton, Harry Barnett, J. W. Bryan, J. Ben Campbell, Alonzo Peterson, Clark Mundy, Bill Sumpter, Fred A. Baker, Andy Shouse, Bob McDonald, R. L. Adcock, Clyde Shouse, Craig Humphreys, Fred A. Baker, Jr., and E. B. Wallace and Miss Irene Warren.

FAREWELL DINNER.

In honor of her daughter, Bettie, Mrs. Bob Campbell gave a birthday and farewell party on Thursday of last week.

After games were played, sandwiches, cake, coffee and hot chocolate were served.

Those present were Mesdames Grover Hale, W. W. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Perry, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Pinky Cyfert, Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Fox, Mrs. Dixie Scott, Mrs. A. W. Black, Miss Helen Smith and John B. Hughes.

WOODMEN CIRCLE.

Thursday afternoon, Feb. 6, members of the Merkel Grove of the Woodmen Circle met in regular session. The secretary, Mrs. Pearl Hollingsworth, was instructed to order 25-year-pins for Mrs. Dona Martin and Mrs. Bertie Coats.

The charter was draped for an old member, who at one time was guard-

ian of the local Grove, Mrs. Katie Church.

Members present were Mesdames Katie Kidwell, Lillie Barnett, Pearl Hollingsworth and Nancy Polley and Miss Maurine White.

The next meeting will be Thursday, Feb. 20.

At a meeting of the Grove held Jan. 16, cards of thanks were read from Mrs. Wallace Wheeler and Mrs. Norma Moulder. The guardian appointed Mrs. Lucy Bonneaux as chairman of the program committee with Mrs. Winnie Turner and Mrs. Lillian Mathews as her assistants.

O. E. S. MEETING.

Merkel Chapter No. 212, Order of Eastern Star, met in regular session Tuesday, Feb. 11. Mrs. J. M. Williamson presided in the absence of the worthy matron.

After the business several talks were made. A song, "My Mother's Bible," was sung by Mesdames Merritt, Seago and Shouse. A poem, "Do Not Judge Too Hard," was read by Mrs. Seago. Mr. H. G. Smith played three numbers on his violin.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Shouse; Mesdames J. M. Williamson, Aurra Johnson, Henry Ueckert, Ida Sharp, Mae Seago and Vernie Merritt.

W. M. U. CIRCLES.

The Maybelle Taylor Circle of the First Baptist church met in the home of Mrs. Hoyle Lemens Monday afternoon, with Mrs. Clyde Bartlett presiding over a short business meeting. Mrs. Lum Gilbreath was guest teacher for the Bible study.

Those present were Mesdames A. R. Booth, Earl Baze, Clyde Bartlett, Owen Robertson, Hoyle Lemens, Don Riney and Mrs. Lum Gilbreath.

The Circle will meet with Mrs. A. R. Booth at 2:30 Monday, Feb. 24.

The Elkin Lockett Circle met in the home of Mrs. G. M. Sharp Monday afternoon. In the absence of the leader, Mrs. Lucy Ford, Mrs. Chas. West was in charge of the meeting, which was opened with prayer led by Mrs. J. F. Campbell.

The Circle elected Mrs. J. M. Williamson as Bible teacher after the resignation of Mrs. J. L. Winter had been accepted. Mrs. J. M. Meeks was elected assistant teacher and Mrs. West was elected secretary. Mrs. Williamson taught a wonderful Bible lesson to the following members: Mesdames Chas. West, J. M. Meeks, W. F. Patterson, J. F. Campbell, O. B. Tatum, A. H. Zollinger, S. J. Criswell, J. T. Northcutt, Oda Clark, J. J. McNiece, J. M. Williamson and G. M. Sharp. The meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. Meeks.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. J. F. Campbell Feb. 24.

The Blanche Rose Walker Circle met in the home of Mrs. J. O. Castles Monday afternoon. Mrs. A. D. Fulton opened the meeting with prayer and Mrs. Castles taught the Bible lesson.

Those present were Mesdames J. S. Swann, A. D. Fulton, E. O. Carson, J. O. Castles, W. L. Johnson.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. J. S. Swann on Feb. 24.

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In The Churches

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

There were 498 present at the six reporting Sunday Schools here last Sunday, as compared with 395 the previous week. On the same Sunday a year ago the attendance was 577.

METHODIST CHURCH.

Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Morning worship service 11 a. m. Intermediate League 6:30 p. m. Senior-Y. P. League 6:30 p. m. Evening service, 7:15 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.

GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. The pastor will preach at Tye at the morning hour, but will be away at Post in the evening, so there will be no evening worship at the church for third Sunday.

Mid-week prayer meeting Wednesday 7:15 p. m.

J. B. Ramsey, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Our regular schedule of services is as follows:

Sunday: Bible School 9:45 a. m., preaching 10:45 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., young people's Bible class 6:45 p. m. Wednesday: Ladies' Bible class 2:30 p. m. and prayer meeting at 7:30 p. m.

The public is invited to attend each of these services. Come bring your friends.

Lee Starnes, Minister.

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.

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.

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