

## Keeping Up With Texas

Milo K. Roth, 37, secretary of the Chickasha, Okla., chamber of commerce, has accepted the position of secretary-manager of the Sweetwater board of city development, succeeding George D. Barber, resigned. He will assume his duties Mar. 17.

Eddie Mack Groves, 21-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Groves of Tuscola, drowned late Friday in a fish pond at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. McCormick, Tuscola. His body was found shortly after the children with whom he had been playing missed him.

T. J. Willis, Jr., and W. A. Glenn, Jr., both of Abilene, were killed Saturday night when the car in which they were riding struck a bridge on highway 80 between Ranger and Strawn.

Alma Deax, 20-year-old operator of a highway cafe near Camp Barkeley, died Saturday night in Hendrick Memorial hospital, Abilene, a short time after drinking carboic acid. She left a note, addressed to an acquaintance, describing herself as "tired of living."

Ned Satterwhite, 21, and Rector McCollum, 19, both employees of the Big Lake Oil company at Texon, were killed early Saturday morning when their automobile struck a bridge on the Texon-Rankin highway. The men were returning from McCamey.

Indictments were returned Saturday by the 53rd district court grand jury at Austin against Neal Powers, Renne Allred, Raymond Allred and Elbert Hooper on complaints of conspiracy to commit perjury in connection with Powers' trial of an oil case at Lockhart last Feb. 12.

Pvt. Jackie Gascoe, 22, was killed Sunday night when he was struck by an automobile on a road near Fort Bliss. He was a member of C battery, 260th coast artillery, Washington, D. C.

Federal Judge T. Whitfield Davidson Monday sentenced E. J. Railton, former Dallas park board member, to serve two years in prison and fined him \$500 on a charge of conspiring to steal WPA property.

James D. (Red) Moore, 55, WPA worker, died before reaching a hospital after being struck by an automobile Saturday night in Gladewater. Witnesses said the victim walked from behind a parked car into the path of the automobile.

Doris Hartnett, 14, and Glenn Ray Glover, 17, high school sweethearts, were killed in a train-auto crash at Weatherford Saturday night that also injured three other schoolmates.

Jimmie Saxon, 19, who had recently received an appointment to the United States naval academy, was killed Saturday in a traffic accident, bringing the Tarrant county toll to fifteen so far for 1941.

A. M. Nichols, Tulsa, Okla., and Elmo Lawrence, Kilgore, were fatally burned Saturday in an explosion and fire at a crude oil pumping station 12 miles from Livingston. A third man, J. M. Holt, Shreveport, La., later died from burns in the pipeline blowout.

Eldridge McCall, 24, of college Station, teacher at Tomball, died Sunday shortly after he was injured in an automobile collision near Brenham.

The U. S. NY-54, first all-steel tug turned out at the Livingston Shipbuilding Company plant in Orange for the United States government under the national defense program, left port Tuesday for an unannounced destination.

Herman A. (Jack) Griggs, 42, died Tuesday in a Pampa hospital 30 minutes after he fell 50 feet from a derrick on a Skelly oil test, 14 miles northwest of Pampa.

Lady Domino 4th of Black & Largent, Granbury, Texas, was named the champion female in the open class of the Tucson, Ariz., Live Stock show Tuesday.

Texas farms and ranches contained 6,944,000 cattle and calves, including dairy animals, on Jan. 1 this year, the agriculture department at Washington reports. Value of the cattle is placed at \$219,694,000.

Big Spring was allocated \$543,780 for airport improvement as part of the nation-wide program sponsored by the Civil Aeronautics authority in grants by the Works Progress administration receiving presidential approval Tuesday.

A Hudson bombing plane, en route for delivery to the British air force, snagged a steel radio tower, crashed and burned at El Paso Wednesday, killing both its pilots. Dead were Pilot Marino Guglielmetti, 42, of North Hollywood, Calif., and Co-Pilot Robert McKee, 30, of Burbank, Calif.

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## MAUDIE TURNER CROWNED QUEEN OF HIGH SCHOOL

**Patriotic Theme Marks Evening's Program Presented Before Columbia and Her Court At School Gymnasium.**

Against a background of patriotic colors, Maudie Turner, Senior representative, was crowned Queen of Merkel High school on Monday night.

The High School band, under the direction of Richard Young, played a prelude of national airs. Stepping to the time of a brisk march, Clarice Higgins, followed by Fredda Nell Huddleston and Mary Faye Johnson, twirlers, and Jeanette Neff and Evelyn McCormick, flag bearers, led the procession to the stage, where Columbia and Uncle Sam remained to receive their guests. Becky Gardner and James Cox impersonated these characters.

Mrs. Young played a medley of piano numbers as the procession filed before the throne: Geraldine Teague and Jerry Warren representing the Annual staff. Sue Grimes, band sweetheart, escorted by La Moine Sherrill. Maureen Moore, football queen, escorted by Byron Bryant, football captain.

Mickey Diltz, volley ball, and Donald Cade, basketball.

Joyce Cox, Pep Squad, and Harvey Davis, football.

Jean Paine, F. F. A. sweetheart, with Delma Harris.

Louise Patterson, Choral club, and Sammie McGehee, Players' club.

Dora Gaither, best all-round girl, and Douglas McCoy, best all-round (Continued on Page Two)

## Coming of Electricity Celebrated at Divide

Energization of the new power lines of the Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc., made it possible for lights and demonstrations to be had with electric power of the new association at the REA celebration held Thursday night of last week at the Divide school.

Supt. H. D. Norris of the Divide school acted as master of ceremonies and introduced the speakers, among whom were Johnny Cox, superintendent of the Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc., and Earl Bunkley, representing the Sweetwater junior chamber of commerce.

The celebration was sponsored by the Parent-Teacher association of Divide and all funds received were applied to the gymnasium fund, to be used in ceiling the auditorium-gymnasium with sound-deadening materials in the near future.

## Recordio is Given to School by P.-T. A.

A Wilcox-Gay recordio was presented to the Merkel schools last week as a gift from the Merkel Parent-Teacher association, Mrs. Norman Hodge, president.

The recordio is an electric device—a radio and phonograph combined, equipped with a recording arm and microphone so that records can be made of speech, choral and band work. It is also equipped to serve as a loud speaker and public address system for public gatherings in the gym.

The gift was purchased by the association at a cost of \$90.00 from the H. N. White Music company of Abilene. The school is very proud of its recordio, and wishes to thank the Parent-Teacher association and all who contributed in any way toward its purchase.

## No. 2 Kelso Makes Good Show of Oil

Danciger Oil & Refineries No. 2 Kelso cemented casing Monday above a good showing of oil and gas in time, about a foot of saturation having been drilled to a total depth of 2,668 feet. Operators recovered about three barrels an hour on preliminary testing before underreaming casing to cement.

Diagonal southeast offset to the discovery well, Danciger No. 1 Gale, has been abandoned.

## GENERAL RAINS BRIGHTEN YEAR'S CROP PROSPECTS

Spring crop prospects were greatly enhanced by rainfall Wednesday afternoon, gauged at three-fourths of an inch by Volunteer Weather Observer J. I. Ford, most of which fell gradually and soaked into the ground.

The rains were reported general over this section of West Texas, assuring plenty of moisture for spring planting and greatly benefiting small grains, especially wheat and oats, as well as improving prospects for an abundance of early grass.

Rainfall the last night in January measured 1 3/4 inches, and Wednesday's precipitation brings the year's figure to 2 1/2 inches.

## Sweetwater Lions Club Host for Zone Meeting Tuesday

Quarterly zone meeting of the Lions club will be held Tuesday night, beginning at 7:30, in the Chesterfield room of the Bankhead cafe, Sweetwater. The group includes Sweetwater, Merkel, Abilene and Roscoe.

District Governor Frank Crippliver of Wichita Falls and George Thompson, past group chairman, now of Wichita Falls, are expected to be present for the meeting.

An entertainment program will include as the feature attraction Bob the Magician, who will present his famed guillotine act. A Sweetwater Lion will be elected to serve as victim.

More than twenty Merkel Lions signified their intention of attending the zone meeting after announcements of plans of the Sweetwater club had been made by Ross Covey, chairman of the committee on arrangements, Sweetwater, and R. E. Gracey of Roscoe, zone chairman, who were guests of the Merkel Lions at their Tuesday luncheon.

Only other guest was Comer Haynes, who explained the need of more money for additional soil conservation districts organized in excess of the expected number. He presented a petition to the legislature for an amendment to increase the appropriation for this purpose, which was (Continued on Page Two)

## Volunteers Answer Replacement Call

Leaving on the Sunshine Special Thursday morning for the Dallas induction station from the Taylor county board, No. 2, were Vernon Lee Davis, William Aubrey Byram, Jr., and Homer Henry Reynolds. This group answers the replacement call to make up for men rejected in the last January call.

Six men have already volunteered for the induction Feb. 27, and only two more are needed to make the entire group volunteers. Already listed are Jack Murry Toombs, Merideth Dean Gannaway, J. D. Spinks, Jr., Roy Franklin Scott, James Ward and Earnest Hamon.

In the group that left on Feb. 12, all five were volunteers: William Keener, Robert Higgins, Merkel; Robert Elbery Patterson, Henry Harvey Grant, Lawn, and Maurice Behne, a transfer, who were sent to Camp Bowie, Brownwood.

## Youths Against Liquor Invade Texas Capital

Austin, Feb. 20. — Denouncing liquor and gambling, an estimated 5,000 Texas youths captured the capital Tuesday.

Waving placards, they made a friendly invasion of the house and senate chambers, paraded down Congress avenue and massed in rallies to demonstrate, in the words of a leader, that old women and preachers were not alone in opposing liquor.

Both branches of the legislature suspended business to hear from the youthful petitioners who packed the galleries and cheered speakers.

In senate ceremonies, young Bob Laprade of Temple accused the liquor traffic of contaminating political life, adding to the registers of eleemosynary institutions and increasing highway accidents.

## PLAY NIGHT IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY AT GYM

**Basketball Game, Faculty vs. Town Men, with Faculty Women vs. Town Women in Volley Ball, Featured Events.**

A hilarious evening of play for the participants and spectators is in store for members and friends of the Merkel Parent-Teacher association, Monday night, Feb. 24, in the Merkel High School gymnasium at 7:30 o'clock.

The evening's entertainment features a basketball game, refereed by Coach Carroll Benson, between the men of the Merkel Public School faculty and business men of Merkel; and a volley ball game between the women of the Merkel faculty and the Merkel women. Substitutes will be needed for all four teams and anyone desiring to demonstrate his or her ability in a game for fun is asked to notify Mrs. Owen Robertson, hospital's chairman, in charge of general arrangements.

Admission to the gym is 10 cents to adults and 5 cents to school children. Sandwiches and coffee will be sold throughout the evening. For a night of fun, plan to attend these games of skill and you will be allowed to "boo" players and referee alike. Proceeds of the evening's entertainment will be used for the purchase of library books for grade and high school pupils.

## Camp Barkeley Made Ready for Main Body

The first truck load of troops from the 45th Division National Guard arrived Saturday at Camp Barkeley, the group including 103 soldiers and 10 officers, technicians who will put the camp in readiness for the main body, scheduled to be brought to Texas from Fort Sill, Okla., the last of the month.

First units of the division will arrive at Camp Barkeley Sunday. It will be an advance detachment of about 1,600 men. This group will make preparations for the first echelon of more than 10,000, which is to arrive Feb. 28.

The second echelon will leave Fort Sill Mar. 7 and will include more than 5,000 enlisted men and officers. The advance detachment for this echelon will leave Mar. 3, made up of 232 enlisted men and six officers.

The 45th is an infantry division, made up of between 17,000 and 18,000 enlisted men and between 900 and 1,000 officers, a total strength of something less than 19,000. The division is composed of the Oklahoma, New Mexico and Colorado National Guards and has been stationed at Fort Sill since last autumn.

## Football Schedule For 1941 Announced

Merkel High school's nine-game football schedule for next semester was announced by Superintendent Connor Robinson Tuesday.

With six conference games to play, the Badgers will have three non-league tilts.

The schedule: The 12—Clyde at Merkel. Sept. 19—Anson at Anson. Sept. 26—Roscoe at Merkel (x). Oct. 3—Winters at Winters. Oct. 10—Lorraine at Merkel (x). Oct. 17—Open. Oct. 24—Snyder at Snyder (x). Oct. 31—Roby at Merkel (x). Nov. 11—Rotan at Merkel (x). Nov. 20—Baird at Baird (x). x—Denotes conference games.

## P.-T. A. Council Will Meet at Lawn Friday

The Lawn Parent-Teacher association will be host to an all-day meeting of the Taylor County council of Parents and Teachers Friday, Feb. 21, with 10 a. m. set as opening time.

Teacher associations in Taylor county (Abilene associations excepted) meet together quarterly to talk over Parent-Teacher procedures, problems, goals and accomplishments. The Merkel Parent-Teacher association will be represented.

## NAMES OF FIVE NEW DIRECTORS ARE ANNOUNCED

Canvass of the ballots for five new directors of the Merchants Trade Extension association of Merkel revealed that Owen Robertson, S. D. Gamble, Ray Wilson, R. T. Gray and W. R. Yazell were the five men selected, it was announced by Clyde Bartlett, chairman of the election committee.

At a meeting of the directors to be called at an early date by President W. O. Boney, new directors will be installed.

They succeed W. O. Boney, W. H. Bullock, E. O. Carson, Paul Douglass and Roy Reid, whose terms expired and who are not eligible for the office of director until one year has elapsed.

Holdover directors are: Dee Grimes, Nathan Wood, Clyde Bartlett, E. Y. Bailey and Booth Warren.

## Annual Meeting of REA Members Set Monday, Mar. 10

"It is expected that the work of setting circuit breakers and meters and energization of the last section of Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc.'s 'A' project, embracing 400 miles of lines, will be completed this week," Johnny Cox, superintendent, said Tuesday.

Construction work has already been completed by the contractor, the REA line inspector has already inspected and inventoried the line and all cleanup work has been completed, he added.

"Members on 'A' line, who have signed applications since the contractor started work and who will be served on force account by our maintenance men will receive attention just as quickly as it is possible to get to them," Cox said. "All are expected to be served within thirty days. Other force account extensions will follow in short order."

An interesting report as of the period ending Oct. 31, 1940, has been compiled of the 700 REA cooperatives operating in the United States. (Continued on Page Two)

## Stanford Child is Seriously Burned as Oil Drum Explodes

Stanley Stanford, Jr., 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Stanford, was reported doing very well Thursday morning, considering his condition.

He was taken to Hendrick Memorial hospital, Abilene, Saturday afternoon with first degree burns covering almost all of his body, resulting from the explosion of a crude oil drum in which he was building a fire. He was given a blood transfusion Saturday night.

## BADGERS ANNEX TAYLOR COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

**Carroll Benson's Undeclared Quintet Competes with Sweetwater in First Round of District Meet.**

Climaxing the Taylor round robin tournament, Merkel downed Wylie, 25-15, in the local gym Friday night, to clinch the conference title. Carroll Benson, in his first year as coach here, led the undefeated Badgers to their first championship in some fifteen years. Lawn was runner-up for the title with two losses.

As Taylor county's champions, the Badgers will play in the District 5 cage tourney at Sweetwater this week-end, in which eight county champions, also Sweetwater, Abilene and Big Spring will compete.

Friday at 2:30 p. m. Merkel will battle with Sweetwater, the defending champion. The winner of this bout will meet Forsan at 8 Friday night.

Semi-finals of the District meet are scheduled for Saturday morning at 10 and 11. The consolation finals are set for 8, championship game at 9.

Merkel's starting lineup is composed of Jack Melton, Raymond Smith, forwards; Elbert Hickam, center; James Cox, Glenn Barbee, guards. Frequent substitutes are Donald Cade, Billy White and H. F. Hennington.

In a return non-conference game with Anson last Wednesday, Merkel lost 40-26.

Since the Badgers had already won the title, the game with Tuscola, which remained unplayed, was cancelled.

## Bank, Post Office To Observe Holiday

As work at Camp Barkeley nears completion, the number on the pay roll is gradually tapering off, but, as time is figured up to Tuesday each week, pay checks received Friday should reach a considerable sum any way.

In keeping with the practice started when camp work began, the Farmers & Merchants National bank will be open two hours Friday night, from 7 to 9 o'clock, to cash pay roll checks and co-operate with the merchants who stay open Friday nights and who would otherwise have to carry an extra amount of cash on hand.

Saturday being George Washington's birthday, the bank will observe the day, according to custom, as a holiday.

The post office will also observe the day, which is a national holiday. Postmaster Wrenn Durham, announced. The windows will be closed all day and no delivery will be made by rural carriers.

## MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, February 11, 1921.)

J. D. Gaither, eldest son of B. C. Gaither of this city, died at his home in El Paso on last Friday, February 4, and was laid to rest in the Elks cemetery of that city the following day.

A wife and six children, besides a father, several brothers and sisters are left to mourn his death.

On Wednesday evening, Rev. C. C. Dooley, pastor of the Presbyterian church, in his usual appropriate manner, pronounced the words which bound in holy wedlock, Mr. Clifford Rose, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rose, and Miss Bertha Chadwick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Chadwick, the happy event taking place at the home of the bridegroom's parents.

Miss Tina Nobles of Fort Worth was here several days first of the week, the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson.

On last Monday afternoon the Presbyterian Ladies' auxiliary met at

the home of Mrs. Dr. Johnson and were royally entertained by the hostess and mother, Mrs. Sandefer. Next meeting will be with Mrs. J. G. Jones.

We, the undersigned business firms, agree, as customary each year, to close our places of business at 6 p. m., except Saturdays, beginning Monday, February 14, and ending September first:

Liberty Hdw. Co., Barrow Furniture Co., the Star Store, J. T. Dennis, Woodroof-Bragg Co., G. M. Sharp, Bradshaw and Sublett, Patterson Bros., Bridge and Byrd, Freedman and Melling, West Co., W. W. Wood Grocery, Crown Hdw. Co., Winter and Walker, E. L. Ash, J. B. Bell and Son, J. T. Darsey, Rose and Stevens, Merkel Dry Goods Co., J. M. Dry, E. L. Wilson, V. B. Sublett, Bob Martin Grocery Co., and the Brown Dry Goods Co.

Mrs. Harrell, wife of G. W. Harrell, of the Salt Branch community, died at the family residence last Friday.

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**Lions Club**

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signed individually by practically all Lions present.

A letter from Supt. Johnny Cox of the Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc., expressing thanks from the board of directors to the Lions club and other organizations and individuals for co-operation in the recent REA celebration, was read by President R. T. Gray.

At the suggestion of Mayor H. C. West, the president and secretary were instructed to write the officials of the Texas & Pacific railway and urge that the Sunshine trains in both directions stop here.

County Commissioner Lem Dudley was given a big hand after W. O. Boney had reported his splendid co-operation in road work on the Camp Berkeley road and in securing a highway marker directing tourists to the camp from the main highway.

A new member, received by transfer from the Carrollton club at the Ladies' night meeting of the club on Feb. 4, was given recognition during the proceedings Tuesday.

Opening singsong was led by Nathan Wood, with Gay West at the piano. Invocation was given by Johnny Cox.

**Coronation**

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boy. Peggy Robertson, most popular girl, and Glenn Barbee, most popular boy.

Dorothy Jinkens, Freshman candidate, with Jimmie White.

Wanda Douglas, Sophomore candidate, with R. V. Clark.

Venita Allen, Junior candidate, with Jack Hester.

Maudie Turner, Senior candidate, with John Mack Grant.

Rex Myers, sponsor of the Annual, was master of ceremonies for the program given before the court. Dorothy Shannon sang, "America, I Love You." Tommy Grimes gave a toast, "My Land." Doris Clyde Miller and Bonnie Church sang "God Bless America."

Columbia gave her proclamation, declaring the Senior candidate worthy of the title, "Queen of Columbia's Court." She asked her loyal knight, School, portrayed by Superintendent Robinson, to crown the candidate.

Mrs. Comer Haynes was chairman of the committee in charge of plans for and staging of the coronation.

Ushers were: Patsy Simpson, Wanda Dingle, Sue Pincley, Ruth Bell, Nell Butman, Lorena Higgins and Frances Hester.

**REA**

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showing that the amount of interest and principal paid at the close of the period on REA generating plants, lines, wiring and plumbing loans was \$1,045,072.87 in advance of the amount due.

In announcing the annual meeting of the Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc., Supt. Johnny Cox said: "All members are urged to reserve the date of Monday, Mar. 10, as the annual membership meeting is to be held in Merkel on that date. All members are urged to be present to hear reports of the Cooperative and to elect directors for the coming year."

**Mrs. Hale Attends Funeral at Lipan**

Mrs. Grover Hale went to Lipan on Wednesday of last week to attend the funeral of Harry Hale, brother of her late husband, who died Tuesday of a heart attack.

Mr. Hale, who was unmarried, is survived by two brothers and four sisters.

Mrs. Hale was accompanied by Mrs. Claude Perry.

**South Italy Banned to Aliens.**

Rome, Feb. 20.—The Italian government Wednesday issued an order forbidding foreign residents to travel anywhere in Italy south of Naples.

**PERSONALS**

Miss La Verne Harwell of Hardin-Simmons university was home to spend Sunday. She makes her home with her grandmother, Mrs. L. D. Harwell, in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Key and family of Colorado City visited here Sunday with Mrs. Key's mother, Mrs. J. L. Iglehart, who has been ill the past three weeks in the home of another daughter, Mrs. M. T. Shultz.

Jack Smith of troop G, 112th cavalry, Fort Clark, visited home folks and friends the past few days. He has now returned to Fort Clark.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Robinson of Fluvanna, parents of Supt. Connor Robinson, were guests overnight Sunday in the Robinson home en route to Breckenridge on business. They returned Monday night to their home, stopping again, briefly, in Merkel.

Pvt. John W. Cook from Camp Bowie, Brownwood, was home visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Artist Cook, Sunday.

Pvt. Elmo Perkins from Camp Bowie, Brownwood, has returned to camp after a visit with his mother, Mrs. Earl Perkins.

Mrs. Connor Robinson was in Abilene Saturday night to attend a buffet supper in honor of Mrs. Joseph Perkins, Eastland, former Texas Federation of Women's clubs president, given by the American Association of University Women.

Mrs. Robinson and Miss Billie Gardner of Merkel hold membership in this organization, which holds its state convention in Abilene beginning Apr. 4.

Andy Shouse, who has been confined to his home for the past week on account of illness, is slowly convalescing.

Miss Dorma Lee Shelton, student in Texas Technological college, Lubbock, was home to spend the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. I. Shelton.

Lt. Doyle Nutt, Construction company, 52nd battalion, Fort Sam Houston, who spent the week-end at home, was accompanied to San Antonio by Mrs. Nutt, who returned home Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lassiter have moved back to Merkel and are occupying one of the apartments into which the Teaff family home has been arranged, with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Stephens in the other. Mr. Lassiter has been employed at Camp Berkeley for some time. Their daughter, Rosemary, who visited with her parents here from Sunday to Tuesday, continues her work at Big Spring, Joe Earl, their son, is a student at the University of Texas.

Dick West, student at Trinity university, Waxahachie, was home to spend the week-end with his parents, Mayor and Mrs. H. C. West. Another son, Jack Dawson West, was also home from Camp Bowie, Brownwood, and with both of these two brothers here Mrs. Sid Foy of Baird came up for a week-end visit, too.

Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Carson, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Austin Robertson and son, drove to Camp Bowie, Brownwood, Sunday to see their sons who are stationed there, Herman Carson and Zerk Robertson.

Responding to a message Monday afternoon, Rev. and Mrs. Cooper Waters and daughter, Anna Lake, drove to Wichita Falls to remain at the bedside of his brother-in-law, A. C. O'Guinn, who underwent an appendectomy after being seriously ill with pneumonia.

**First Grade Students Have Valentine Party**

The first grade of Trent school was entertained Friday afternoon, Feb. 14, by their room mothers, Mrs. Malcolm Beasley and Mrs. Leslie Beasley. Songs and stories were sung and told by the children.

The valentine mail box was opened and valentines were distributed by Ancel Armstrong, who acted as postmaster, and those acting as carriers were: Carey Baldwin, Weldon Beasley, Jerry Cade, Van Porter Graham, Tommy Scott, John Mark Stoker, Dars Shultz, Kenneth Swinney, Earl Crews, Terry Reynolds, Jerry Vessels, Verna Mayhugh, Patricia Beasley, Mona Campbell, Betty Clemons, Patsy Patterson, Margorie Reid, Faye Shultz, La Dean Washburn, Jeanne Weiser, Alta Woodard, Theresa Kay Beasley.

Punch and heart shaped cookies were served by the room mothers.

Egg production in the United States in November, 1940 was the highest ever reported for that month, says the Agricultural Marketing service.

A homemaker can figure on about 12 servings from a pound of prunes.

Standard Typewriter Ribbons 75c each at Merkel Mail office.

**Band Students Attend Band Clinic at Waco**

Participating in the State Band Clinic held in Waco Feb. 13, 14, 15, were 15 members of the Merkel Badger band. These students were in the various instrumental classes and some of them were in the enormous "Blue Band" composed of students picked from West Texas high schools. Contest numbers for the National contest were studied, with Forrest L. Butchel, widely known composer and teacher, head instructor.

As a climax to the three-day school, the students attended a concert by the widely known Golden Wave band of Baylor university, under the direction of Dr. Fred Perry.

Richard Young, director of the Merkel band, was elected to the position of secretary of Region 2 of the Texas Music Educators association. Region 2 includes Taylor county and six other surrounding counties. Mr. Young succeeds Frank Burkett, band and orchestra director of Breckenridge high school as secretary.

Interest in the band at Merkel is fast developing to a point where many students are enrolling in the band each week. Band Clinics such as the one at Waco are doing a great deal to promote interest in instrumental music.

The students who attended the Clinic at Waco were: Bonnie Lou White, Joe Earl Kimbrough, Billy Haynes, Forrest Glenn Barnett, Franklin Deavers, Genevieve Robertson, Evelyn Sears, Wayne Hughes, Sampie McGehee, Jerry Warren, Tag Shouse, Billy Joe White, Fredda Nell Huddleston and Virgil Sears. The chaperons were Mr. Comer Haynes, Mrs. Clyde Sears and Mrs. George White.

**Annual Hereford Sale Set for Friday**

Twenty-two breeders have consigned 58 head of animals—39 bulls and 19 cows—to the annual auction sale of the West Texas Hereford association, to be held at Abilene Friday of this week.

The sale is scheduled in the live stock pavilion at the fair grounds and will begin at 1 p. m.

A Merkel man, Bill Brown, is chairman of the sales committee, and in preparation for the auction a sale ring was constructed this week in the pavilion under the supervision of Brown and D. L. Stevens, another Merkel man. It is announced that the pavilion and sales arena will be in the best shape ever for the Friday sale.

Officials of the West Texas Hereford association were re-elected at the annual membership meeting Tuesday for the second straight year. They are: J. Ernest Grissom, Abilene, president; A. E. Fogle, Tuscola, vice-president, and Mrs. Rupert Harkrider, Abilene, secretary-treasurer.

Merkel consignors to the sale include Largent & Stevens, Noodle Hereford ranch and Comer Haynes.

**Utmost Help for Britain.**

Washington, Feb. 20.—Three southern senators backed the lease-lend bill Wednesday, and one of them, Bailey (D-NC), asserted that the utmost help should be given to England even if the ultimate result is war.

**SPECIALS for FRIDAY and SATURDAY!**

- Sour Pickles Qt. 10c
- Pepper Mix, 24 oz. 29c
- Mince Meat Qt. 25c
- OATS 5 lbs. 25c
- Crax 2 lb. box 15c
- GEBHARDT'S Chili Beans Can 7c
- Catsup 14 oz. 10c
- 1 LB. CAN Pork & Beans Can 5c
- Armour's Star, 1 Lb. Can CHILI 2 cans 35c
- Build-Up Grapefruit Juice Doz. cans 45c
- JELLO Pkg. 5c
- Matches Carton 15c
- Size 88 Fancy Delicious APPLES Doz. 40c
- Spuds 10 lbs. 15c
- SPECIAL PRICE — ON — Assorted Preserves
- 56 Oz. Can Brooks' Tomato Juice 20c
- SANKA COFFEE Lb. 37c
- PEANUT BUTTER Qt. 25c

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**Loosed Trailer Wrecks Car, Injuring Three**

In an extraordinary traffic accident about five and a half miles east of Merkel, shortly before noon Saturday, three persons were injured. Cause of the crash was a trailer chassis, two wheels and an axle of a Model T, which worked loose from the car of Ernest Neff, Route 3, and struck the side of the other automobile going in the opposite direction.

Driver of the wrecked car, which turned over twice after it was hit by the trailer, was Mack Landers, Sweetwater, who received cuts and bruises. Two hitch-hikers, riding with him, Caleb Carman of Blackwell, employee of the CCC camp at Brownwood, and A. L. Temple, Long Island, N. Y., were brought to the Sadler Clinic for treatment. Carmen had three ribs broken and several cuts, and Temple, less seriously hurt, was bruised and shaken.

Paul Oder and M. R. McDonald, state highway patrolmen, who investigated the accident, said Landers was driving west in a 1936 model car, which he had purchased Saturday morning. The trailer struck the left front of Landers' car as he attempted to swerve and avoid it, the impact turning his car over.

Carman, who was going to Blackwell, his home, was picked up by Landers at Abilene; the other rider, who joined them at Tye, was headed for El Paso.

Landers drives one of the T & P. mail trucks and was due to pilot the eastbound mail truck from Sweetwater, which arrives here at 1:30 p. m.

**Annual Hereford Sale Set for Friday**

Twenty-two breeders have consigned 58 head of animals—39 bulls and 19 cows—to the annual auction sale of the West Texas Hereford association, to be held at Abilene Friday of this week.

The sale is scheduled in the live stock pavilion at the fair grounds and will begin at 1 p. m.

A Merkel man, Bill Brown, is chairman of the sales committee, and in preparation for the auction a sale ring was constructed this week in the pavilion under the supervision of Brown and D. L. Stevens, another Merkel man. It is announced that the pavilion and sales arena will be in the best shape ever for the Friday sale.

Officials of the West Texas Hereford association were re-elected at the annual membership meeting Tuesday for the second straight year. They are: J. Ernest Grissom, Abilene, president; A. E. Fogle, Tuscola, vice-president, and Mrs. Rupert Harkrider, Abilene, secretary-treasurer.

Merkel consignors to the sale include Largent & Stevens, Noodle Hereford ranch and Comer Haynes.

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**ACC Begins Annual Lectureship Sunday**

Abilene, Feb. 20.—Sixteen prominent ministers are listed on the program for the Abilene Christian college's 24th annual Bible lectureship which begins Sunday and continues through Thursday night.

Ten main lectures will be delivered on the general topic of "Christian Citizenship" and there will be six panel discussions on the subject, "Opportunities for Extending the Borders of the Kingdom." Also, there will be special programs and social events for the several hundred out of town visitors expected to attend.

Ministers listed on the program are: Charles H. Roberson, Abilene; Luther G. Roberts, Amarillo; Byron Fullerton, Chickasha, Okla.; C. E. Fritts, Denver, Colo.; C. L. Wilkerson, Springfield, Mo.; P. D. Wilkerson, Houston; Jack Meyer, Birmingham, Ala.; John Wolfe, El Paso; L. R. Wilson, San Antonio; Geo. S. Benson, Searcy, Ark.; Cled Wallace, Austin; John Straiton, Fort Worth; R. B. Sweet, College Station; Frank L. Cox, Austin; R. L. Whiteside, Denton, and John T. Smith, San Angelo.

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**Associational W. M. U. To Meet Here Feb. 26**

Program for the Mission Study Institute of the Sweetwater Association W. M. U., which will meet at the First Baptist church, Merkel, Feb. 26, has been announced.

The program, beginning at 10 a. m., will open with the devotional led by Mrs. J. L. Winter; classes for W. M. U. and Y. W. A. will be conducted by Mrs. R. L. Brown, state mission study chairman, from College Station, and classes for Intermediate G. A. and R. A. Leaders on "Believers and Builders in Europe," written by Maddy, will be directed by Miss Anna Evans, First church, Abilene. After a period of special music, Mrs. Brown will bring an inspirational address.

A covered dish luncheon will be served at 12:15, and the afternoon session will be opened with a short song service. Class for Junior G. A. and R. A. leaders on "Strong Hearts of Japan," by Dozier, will be led by Miss Jaxie Short, First church, Abilene; Miss Gwendolyn King, Southside church, Abilene, will conduct a class for the Sunbeam leaders on "The Sugar Loaf." Mrs. Brown will discuss "Methods," followed by the closing prayer.

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**Former Trent Boy Celebrates Birthday**

Little Billie Roy Williams of Post was made very happy Feb. 8, when a number of friends gathered at his home for a party. Little Billie is well remembered here having moved from Trent last December with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Williams.

Billie Roy was dressed in a blue and white sailor suit. The evening was spent making kodak pictures and moving pictures with a camera to be shown later by Mr. and Mrs. Poor of Trent. This was a double party, for Mrs. T. L. Stevens of Trent was 70 years old Feb. 6. The house was decorated for valentine, and on the table were two big cakes, one with 3 candles and the other with 70 candles.

Those present were Mrs. T. L. Stevens, Mrs. Bea Reeves, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Poor, Mrs. Ora Taylor, Danny Poor, Sylvia June Taylor, Trent; Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Carey, Gordon; Mrs. Cody Corbell, Southland; Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. Richey, Bettie Ritchey, Othel Carey, Junior Carey, Beryle Carey, three Harper children, two Jackson children, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Williams.

Those sending presents were Wanda Lu Williams, Post; Jimmie Meeks, Clifford La Marque Eoff, Barbara Meeks, Merkel; Wanda Faye Allen and Charles Bright, Trent.

Refreshments of punch, ice cream, cake and peanuts were served with balloons and valentines were used as plate favors.

Mrs. Ora Taylor, Sylvia June, Mrs. Stevens and Bea Reeves stayed over till Sunday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Poor and Danny stayed until Monday sightseeing in Lubbock with the Williams.

**White Church News**

Rev. J. B. Stewart of Abilene preached here at both services Sunday.

Mrs. Howard Shugart and children of El Paso are visiting in the home of her uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Reed and baby of Fort Stockton visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Reed, the past week.

Mrs. Lester Shugart and children, Mrs. Cecil Melton and children and Mrs. Willard Brown and sons of Merkel were Sunday visitors in the W. C. Berry home.

Mrs. Beryl Brown attended the bedside Sunday of her niece, Mrs. Hosea Windham of Merkel, who is seriously ill with pneumonia.

Mrs. E. H. Patterson spent the past week in the home of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barnes. Mr. and Mrs. John Fulton, Lena Joe, Mary Sue and Mamie Jean were Sunday visitors in the Barnes home also.

Elby Frazier and Miss Aileen Frazier visited friends at Camp Bowie, Brownwood, recently.

**Friends Visit at Roby With Former Pastor**

On Wednesday of last week there was a pleasant gathering of friends at Roby at the place of Rev. E. L. Yeats of Memphis, Texas, former pastor of the Merkel Methodist church.

Those present were: Messrs. and Mesdames S. M. Hunter, Herbert Patterson, T. G. Bragg, D. H. Vaughn, Lee Cox, Mrs. J. P. Sutphen, Rev. John H. Crow, former pastor of the Merkel Methodist church, and wife, of Paducah, Rev. C. E. Bowen of Sweetwater, Rev. J. E. Boye and wife of Rotan.

**TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS**

Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Owen visited over the week-end with their daughter, Mrs. Earl Palmer of Noodle.

Thelma Coleman has accepted a job at the Rainbow Beauty shop in Abilene.

Mrs. Earl Duncan is visiting her sister in Sonora.

Pvt. Jimmy Titsworth has gone to Rantoul, Ill., where he is attending an aircraft mechanic school.

Mrs. Woodrow Cooper, who has just returned from the hospital at Roscoe, is staying with her mother, Mrs. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Twyman Collins of Merkel spent Sunday with Mrs. J. I. Leamon.

Mr. Seago and Mr. and Mrs. Zed Bright have gone to Gorman to be with Mr. and Mrs. Edward Seago, whose baby is seriously ill.

Vera Bright has accepted a job at the Dixie Pig stand in Abilene.

Those spending the week-end at home from college were: Mark Williamson, James Strawn, Lewis Tiner and Kirby Steadman.

Mrs. J. H. Dobbins and daughter, Leano, have just returned from Dallas, where they have been by the bedside of Mr. Dobbins, who is ill.

Edith Harris spent the week-end with her parents at Indian Gap.

R. L. Fortune, superintendent of the Trent school, has gone to Austin on business.

R. W. Johnson, has opened a helpfully laundry and invites every one to come and wash at his place.

The Baptist W. M. S. met Monday afternoon with Mrs. Fred Porter. There were ten present. The program was on "Missions."

**SWEETHEART BANQUET.**

The Trent Baptist and Methodist churches co-operated in giving a "Sweetheart" banquet for their young people last week. The theme was carried out in the decorations and program.

Rev. F. H. Porter, pastor of the Baptist church, was toastmaster, and the main address was given by Rev. Cecil Tune, Methodist pastor. Rev. Mr. Tune's subject was "The Lover's Call."

The following were present: Rev. and Mrs. Fred Porter, Rev. and Mrs. Cecil Tune, Edith Harris, Alice Carey, Nadine Childers, Wanda Stribling, Helga Beasley, Willadene Strawn, Sarah Wilson, Betty Howell, Norma Wilson, Leo Reynolds, Mary Lou O'Rear, James Bright, H. H. Jones, Tommie O'Rear, Ladie Fred Crain, Virginia Chloe McRee, Jack Graham, Johnnie Roberts, Dorothy Hood, Griffin Barnett, Wilma Stribling, Smithie Ogletree, Louise Dudley, Cliffa Jean Estep, A. J. McCright, Billy Tittle, Bill Jones, Ray Dell Bishop, Hollis Jones, Wilson Bright, J. B. Winn, Earnest Stewart, Betty Jane Tittle, Marjorie Beasley, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wright, Richard Collum, Billy Joe Purser, Avis Neill, Zella Grantham and Elizabeth Cathcart.

**MISSIONARY SPEAKS.**

Miss Edyth Boyd, missionary to China, who is at home on furlough, spoke in the Baptist church at both services last Sunday. She told of many interesting things in China.

Miss Boyd is a teacher in Shanghai university and is studying this year in Southwestern Baptist seminary, Fort Worth.

She will return to China as soon as it is safe for her to go.

**BALL GAMES.**

The senior girls attended a tournament at Lueders the past week and brought back the honors of first consolation. Mary Lou O'Rear and Helga Beasley were placed on the first all-tournament team.

The junior boys and girls are attending a tournament at White Flat Friday and Saturday.

Don't forget the district tournament, which will be held Thursday, Friday and Saturday in the Trent gym.

**CARD OF THANKS.**

We wish to thank our many friends and neighbors for their many kind deeds during the sickness and death of our beloved husband and father. We are also grateful for the many beautiful floral offerings.

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Speed shot at Camp Holabird, Maryland, during tests on new Light Reconnaissance and Command Cars for United States army. They carry machine gun and crew of three men at approximately 60 miles an hour. Can climb steeper hills than tanks. The Ford Motor Company, which built the ditch-jumper shown above, has an army order for 1500 of these units.

**BLAIR ITEMS**

Rev. J. B. Stewart is to fill his regular appointment at the Methodist church Sunday morning, Feb. 23. A friendly welcome awaits you at this church where you will hear the pure gospel preached.

Brother Bishop Hunter of Merkel will deliver the evening message on Feb. 23 at 8 o'clock. His subject will be "Stewardship." Brother Hunter's messages are interesting and gratifying. We urge all to attend these services; you will find a sincere welcome.

Miss Doris Young of Fort Worth spent the week-end with her aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Campbell and family, and accompanied her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Young, who motored over Sunday afternoon, back to their home at Fort Worth. Billie Ray Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Smith of Abilene were guests in this home also Sunday afternoon.

Clovis Sanford, Clifford Swindle and Sue Booser of Tuscola were passing visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell Sunday evening.

Mrs. Claud Doan and Mrs. Lenn

Patterson and children of Clyde visited with the former's daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Price Melton and family, Wednesday.

Billie Jo Billington of Trent was the week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Doan.

Mrs. A. M. Jackson and two children visited relatives at Post last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moore and Mrs. R. J. Melton and children made a pleasure trip to Camp Barkeley Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Doan of Post were guests of his mother, Mrs. Susie Doan, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Pruitt spent Sunday with Miss Nell Pruitt of Colorado City.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Timmons of Baton Rouge, La., and Lee Taylor of Breckenridge were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Melton recently.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Boler of Temple visited their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Nickleson, Mrs. Boler attend the bedside of the Nickleson baby, who has been seriously ill.

G. C. Farrow of Abilene visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mayfield.

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**TSCW to Sponsor All-College Stunts Night**

Denton, Feb.—Music, dancing and drama will be combined when the four classes at Texas State College for women present All-College stunts Feb. 27 in the college auditorium. Miss Betty Grimes of Merkel, who is majoring in speech at TSCW, is a member of the script committee for the senior class.

All-College stunts will be an original production and each of the four classes competes for first place in costuming, staging, skit and music for their class act. The decision will be made by a committee of local business men and faculty members.

**Ambulance Kills Woman.**  
Big Cabin, Okla., Feb. 20.—Mrs. Rose Skinner, 72, was struck by an ambulance Sunday and killed. Her body was hurled 80 feet.

**Cotton Quota Rules Announced for 1941**

Washington, Feb. 20.—Cotton marketing quota regulations for 1941-42 were announced Friday by the AAA. The regulations vary but little from those in effect for the last three years.

The quotas were approved in a national referendum last December, when producers voted more than 92 per cent in favor of the quota plan.

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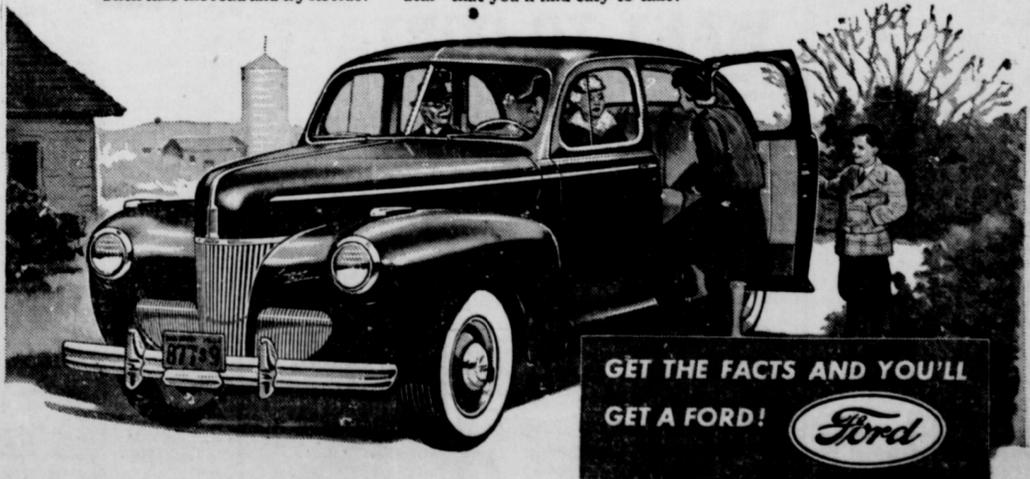
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### QUEEN THEATRE CALENDAR

Friday-Saturday—Tim Holt, Ray Whitley in "The Fargo Kid;" added 2-reel comedy, cartoon and serial.

Saturday preview, Sunday matinee, Monday night—Errol Flynn, Olivia de Havilland in "Santa Fe Trail," with Ronald Reagan, Alan Hale; also Donald Duck color cartoon, "Little Whirlwind," and Paramount News.

Tuesday only—Lloyd Nolan, Lynn Bari in "Charter Pilot;" added selected short subjects.

Wednesday-Thursday—Fredric March, Betty Field in "Victory;" special added attraction, "Service With the Colors," 2-reel technicolor film.

#### "Santa Fe Trail"

Thrills, color, action and excitement abound in "Santa Fe Trail," coming to the Queen theatre Saturday preview, Sunday matinee and Monday night. With Errol Flynn and Olivia de Havilland heading the big-name cast, and Michael Curtiz as the director, "Santa Fe Trail" promises to top even the thrill of "Charge of the Light Brigade" and "Dodge City."

The Santa Fe Trail has had a long, glorious and sometimes bloody history. More a living thing than a cross-continental route, it wended its way from "bloody" Kansas to wickered Santa Fe, back in the days when Fort Leavenworth, Kans., was the last outpost of civilization. Principals in the exciting chapter of history which springs to life in the film, are Jeb Stuart, General George Custer and John Brown. Stuart and Custer, newly graduated from West Point, are sent to the army post at Fort Leavenworth. One of their first duties is to escort a wagon train of freight westward on the Santa Fe Trail. The wagon freight service, owned by Cyrus Holliday, is managed by Kit Carson Holliday, his daughter. Both young officers fall in love with Kit.

On their first assignment, Stuart and Custer run into difficulties with John Brown and his followers. They attack the wagon train, in order to get a shipment of "bibles" being freighted westward. The "bibles," however, turn out to be guns. This is the beginning of a long struggle between Brown's forces, who are seeking to create their own empire within the United States, and the military forces represented by Stuart and Custer.

Flynn plays Stuart, Ronald Reagan, who portrayed George Gipp so successfully in "Knute Rockne—All American," portrays Custer, and Raymond Massey, of "Abe Lincoln" fame, is cast as John Brown. Miss de Havilland, of course, plays Kit Carson Holliday.

#### "Charter Pilot"

Striking over the mountain peaks at five miles a minute—and his oxygen tanks filled with poison gas! That's just one of the many dangerous situations in which wise-cracking Lloyd Nolan finds himself during "Charter Pilot," due on Tuesday at the Queen theatre.

With Lloyd Nolan starred, this new 20th Century-Fox thriller features lovely Lynn Bari at the head of a strong cast including Arleen Whelan and George Montgomery.

Reported fast, funny and replete with snappy dialogue, "Charter Pilot" has Nolan as a daredevil aviator and Lynn as a radio star who broadcasts his thrilling adventures each week.

Brought together in Honduras, the scrapping sweethearts face sabotage in the skies. But in a spine-tingling climax Nolan overcomes the saboteurs while flip-cracking Lynn broadcasts the nerve-wracking battle.

Sol M. Wurtzel was the executive producer on "Charter Pilot" while Eugene Forde handled the megaphone.

#### "Victory"

The drama and heart-stirring romance that Joseph Conrad excelled in writing, is entertainingly presented in "Victory," the Paramount picture of the famous author's novel, which is to be shown at the Queen theatre Wednesday and Thursday.

Starring in this thrilling story of love and adventure on the islands of Sourabaya and Samburan in the Java Sea, are Fredric March, as Hendrik Heyst, and Betty Field, as Alma. In these roles, March is a cynical recluse, who is cured of his distrust of the world when he finds the love and faith in Miss Field that he had never known in a woman before. This revelation comes to him after Miss Field, for love of him, kills one of three rascally invaders who come to their island, in the belief a fortune is hidden there by March.

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### FASHION PREVIEW



A perfect figure, says the February issue of Good Housekeeping, is not an essential of high fashion. This woman, obviously too tall and thin, has chosen a beguiling feminine evening dress with full, draped bodice, flowing skirt. Loose sleeves, she says, make a thin woman look young and rounded.



Spring suits, this year, according to the February Good Housekeeping are something to dream about. The pages of the magazine offer this one of wool gabardine which features a fetching box's coat.



Looking for a spring suit? The February Good Housekeeping offers this chic suit of navy wool high-lighted by the perennially fashionable note of polka dots.

directed by John Cromwell, the picture features Sir Cedric Hardwicke, Sig Rumann, Jerome Cowan and Margaret Wycherly.

Background scenes in the film are authentic, having actually been made in the Netherlands East Indies, the locale of Conrad's novel, "Victory." John L. Balderston, who wrote the screen play, made only slight alterations in Conrad's plot, and developed the characters just as the famous author portrayed them in his book.

#### Over 1,000 Airplanes Monthly.

New York, Feb. 20.—The Government-set goal of production of 1,000 warplanes a month already has been surpassed and will be stepped up to 1,500 monthly by mid-year, says Col. John H. Jouett, president of the Aeronautical Chamber of Commerce of America.

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#### Merkel Boy Sent to Naval Training Base

C. L. Wylie, CWT, U. S. Navy, in charge of the Navy Recruiting station, Abilene, announces that Roy Roscoe Berry of Merkel has successfully passed the examinations and enlisted in the navy. He has been transferred to the Naval Training station, San Diego, Calif., where he will be under military instructions for a period of six weeks. While at the training station Berry will be given an opportunity to request one of the fifty-five trade schools open to young men of the navy or assignment to a ship of the United States fleet.

At present the quota of the Abilene Recruiting station is unlimited. For information concerning enlistment, young men between the ages of 17 and 31 may write or call at the Navy Recruiting station, Abilene.

The Dead Sea is 1,290 feet below sea level.

#### Tax on Oil Over 10 Cents Per Barrel, Revealed by Survey

Dallas, Feb. 20.—More than half of all the oil produced in Texas already pays a tax of over 10 cents a barrel, a survey just completed by Texas Mid-Continent Oil and Gas association statisticians shows. Twenty-two separate taxes are now levied against Texas oil producers.

The survey, based on tabulation of tax records of all 254 counties and of independent taxing subdivisions, shows that more than half of the state's oil bears taxes of 10.26 cents a barrel. All of the oil produced in Texas pays an average tax of 9.23 cents a barrel, while in some counties the taxes amount to 15 and 20 cents per barrel.

"Texas oil producers now pay 22 separate taxes, or 21 in addition to the state gross production tax," a statement from the association points out. "In fact, analysis of the various tax levies borne by oil produced in 33 leading Texas oil counties (which produce over half of the state's total crude output) shows that the state gross production tax of 2.3-4 per cent makes up less than 29 cents of each dollar collected in state and local taxes on oil production and producing properties. The fact that so much of this oil already pays over 10 cents a barrel is noteworthy in view of statements sometimes heard that Texas oil should pay 10 cents a barrel tax."

These 22 taxes do not include any paid on refining, pipe lines or any branch of the industry except production. Nor do they include the gasoline taxes paid by the individual motorist.

"The oil tax situation is different from that of any other state," the association statement explains. "There are more than 9,000 separate local taxing subdivisions in our state, each of which is empowered under the Texas constitution to levy and collect taxes. Many of these are inde-

pendent taxing agencies such as cities, independent school districts, water districts, road districts, etc. Every oil field within the jurisdiction of any of these taxing agencies is subject to property assessments and tax levies deemed necessary by the respective taxing officials. And all of these taxes must be paid by the Texas oil producer from the money he receives for his petroleum, his sole source of income."

#### Connally Speaks Out.

Washington, Feb. 20.—Senator Connally of Texas said Monday night that the purpose of the lease-lend bill was to make the western hemisphere secure "as a sanctuary of freedom into which no alien conqueror shall ever set his accursed footsteps."

Benjamin Franklin attended school only two years of his lifetime, and that between the ages of 8 and 10.

#### Lunts to Present Oscars.

Hollywood, Feb. 20.—Alfred Lunt and Lynn Fontanne of the stage will present the Oscars—achievement awards of the Motion Picture Academy of Arts and Sciences—to top-ranking movie stars at the annual academy banquet Feb. 27.

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**CCC Made Greater Opportunity to Boys**

Announcement is made by J. S. Murchison, executive director, state department of public welfare, that four additional CCC enrollment periods will be held each year.

"Beginning in February," states Mr. Murchison, "an intermediate enrollment will be held for boys wishing to join the CCC. These will be held following the regular quarterly enrollments in January, April, July and October and will be a means of keeping all camps up to full strength, allowing the work programs to be maintained at a constant level."

The CCC has more to offer unemployed boys of good character than ever before. Training in various skilled trades is being stepped up to meet the needs of national defense. Enrollees must now set aside \$7.00 each month as savings, thereby assuring themselves of funds when they leave camp to tide them over until employment is found.

Applications should be made with the local county welfare worker.

**Urges More Helium Production.** Washington, Feb. 20.—Use of helium to fill barrage balloons for guarding American cities from air attack, may be one of the reasons behind President Roosevelt's surprise request to congress for expanded production of the non-inflammable lifting gas.

**Submits Financial Report, Precinct 2**

Following completion of the annual report for the year of 1940 by County Auditor L. R. Thompson, the itemized statement of receipts and disbursements for precinct No. 2 is submitted for publication by Former Commissioner Jack Canon, whose term expired Jan. 1.

As of Jan. 1, 1940, the sum of \$512.11 represented cash on hand, but at the close of the year the balance was \$2,272.21. Total disbursements for the year were \$36,354.39. The auditor's report follows:

RECEIPTS.	
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 4,414.17
Auto registration fees	29,298.24
Use of machinery	3,482.52
Refund state gas tax	360.89
Miscellaneous refunds	512.65
Sale of property	46.02
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$38,114.49</b>
Bal. Jan. 1, 1940	512.11
	<b>\$38,626.60</b>

DISBURSEMENTS.	
Regular hands	\$ 9,634.00
Road work	517.75
Lumber and cement	2,076.39
Hardware	382.42
Culvert	200.98
Gravel	78.70
Posts	160.96
Parts and repairs	355.66
Parts and upkeep	1,517.03
Gas and oil	2,832.92
Blacksmithing	498.64
Road signs, etc.	12.24
Official bond	15.00
Salary of commissioner	1,800.00
Engineering expense	578.30
Chain gang expense	345.00
Insurance	5.10
Utilities	18.00
Telephone and telegraph	13.00
Blue prints	4.08
Explosives	42.50
Purchase machinery	13,359.39
Purchase small tools and equipment	151.50
Purchase cars and trucks	1,147.90
Interest	403.95
Freight	78.48
Traveling expense	7.00
Rent of equipment	5.00
Treasurer's commission	112.50
<b>Total disbursements</b>	<b>\$36,354.39</b>
Bal. Jan. 1, 1941	2,272.21
	<b>\$38,626.60</b>

**REA Directors Voice Expression of Thanks**

Addressed to President R. T. Gray of the Merkel Lions club, copies of the expression of thanks from the Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc., to the Merkel Lions club, the Merkel Trade Extension association, Merkel Mail, Merkel High School band, Queen theatre and others for their co-operation in helping make the recent celebration a success have also been mailed to the Merkel Mail and the Merkel High School band. The letter of appreciation follows:

"At the regular board of directors' meeting, held February 8 in connection with our REA merchandise show and dedication ceremonies in Merkel, motion was made, seconded and most enthusiastically passed extending to Merkel Lions club, Merkel Trade Extension association, Merkel Mail, Merkel High School band and Queen theatre and all others individually and collectively their most sincere thanks and appreciation for the loyal support and co-operation in helping to make the celebration a success.

"It was the many times expressed opinion of both directors and visiting members that the spirit of true hospitality, so characteristic of the people of Merkel, is a reputation well deserved, and for which many strive but few attain to such a marked degree.

"For some eighteen months those directly connected with this project have been giving their best, looking forward to the culmination of this day. It was with great appreciation on our part, to have you join us in this celebration. It was voted to send a copy of this expression to the Merkel Mail and the Merkel High School band.

"Very sincerely yours,  
"Johnny Cox, Superintendent."

**United in Ceremony at Presbyterian Manse**

Mr. William Lewis Allen, Mineral Wells, and Miss Billie Evelyn Fraser, Abilene, were married last Friday evening at the Presbyterian manse, with Rev. J. Basil Ramsey reading the ceremony.

Mrs. Charlie Higgins, sister of the groom, was their only attendant. They will make their home in Mineral Wells, where Mr. Allen is employed at Camp Walters.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

**Representatives from Fourteen Clubs at HD Training School**

Fourteen clubs were represented at the annual training school of the Taylor County Home Demonstration council, held last week at the South Side Baptist church, Abilene.

In the afternoon session of the all-day meeting, eight women were nominated by their clubs as candidates to a district Home Demonstration association convention in Stephenville Apr. 15. Three of the number will be elected next month.

Included in the nominees are Mrs. Allie Toombs of the Bluebonnet club, Mrs. Andy Shouse of the Merkel club and Mrs. Vernon Hudson of the Salt Branch club.

Mrs. L. A. Groene, Mrs. Grover Gilbert and Mrs. W. C. Perkins were named on a committee to draw up resolutions of respect for the late Mrs. C. P. Church of Merkel, council president, who died suddenly early this month.

Registering from the clubs in this section of the county were:

- Mesdames Craig Humphreys, Clyde Shouse, John Hughes, W. R. Sumpster, Ernest Teaff, Merkel.
- Mesdames H. B. Robertson, Carl Bacus, Vernon Hudson, Bill Hays, Ollie Higgins, Salt Branch.
- Mrs. W. C. Lee, Miss Mabel McRee, Mrs. Weldon McAninch, Mrs. Denzil Cox, Union Ridge.
- Mesdames Clark Perkins, Elmer Patterson, A. L. Farmer, Bluebonnet.
- Among others present were Jewel Hipp, Roby, Fisher county home demonstration agent; Mrs. Chester Shick, Rotan; Mrs. J. F. Smith, Tye; Mrs. Jim Barr, Callahan Cross Plains club, and Pauline McAninch.

**Service Band Presents Program for Union**

High light of the Training Union meeting with Noodle Baptist church on Feb. 17 was a series of numbers rendered by the Volunteer Christian Service band of Hardin-Simmons university. This group of 35 or 40 young people is not only ready but anxious to go into churches where an invitation is extended.

An inspirational, constructive program under direction of the Noodle pastor, Rev. A. R. Posey, presented J. Q. Collins, accordionist and leader of congregational singing, followed by a devotional and talks, "Study" and "Stir Up," by Miss Waller and Earnest Westmoreland, respectively. Rev. W. L. Daniels' address, "Co-operation on Stewardship," was preceded by a vocal solo, "I Am Satisfied with Jesus," by J. Q. Collins. The next meeting will be with Comper church on Mar. 26.

**Hereford Show Heads Live Stock Exhibit at Texas State Fair**

Dallas, Feb. 20.—For the third consecutive year, the National Hereford show will feature the growing live stock exhibit of the State Fair of Texas, it has been announced here by Frank P. Holland, director in charge of live stock. Premiums have been increased for this breed of cattle, and the record-breaking sum of \$30,000 will be offered, the largest amount of premium moneys ever offered by a fair for one live stock classification.

This will also be the first time that the National Hereford show has been held in the same city for three consecutive years. The increase in premiums and distribution of the awards will bring many additional animals to the stock show, John Henry Dean, superintendent of the National Hereford show has said. Mr. Dean said that more than 800 animals were shown in 1940, and that early indications pointed to more than 1,000 prize Herefords in the 1941 show.

**Hospital Notes.**  
Caleb Carman of Blackwell and A. L. Temple of Long Island, New York, victims of a car wreck east of town Saturday, were given first aid at Sadler Clinic. The latter was dismissed Sunday and the other on Monday. Mrs. Lester F. Bunyan of Abilene was admitted Tuesday for treatment. Charlie West was admitted Wednesday for treatment.

**Assigned to Air School.**  
Daniel C. Doan, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Doan, Route 3, has enlisted in the United States army and has been assigned to the West Coast Air school, Mather Field, Calif., it is announced by the U. S. Army Recruiting office, Abilene.

A standard driver's license law, properly enforced in Texas can do what similar laws have done in other states—reduce accidents, injuries and save lives.

**Rubinoff Presented By Sweetwater Post**

Everybody in West Texas who loves music will welcome the opportunity of hearing Rubinoff, and his violin. The nationally known musician is coming to Sweetwater Municipal auditorium, Saturday, Mar. 1, at 8:15 p. m., sponsored by the Oscar McDonald Post No. 109, American Legion. Rubinoff and his violin, for years have been one of the nation's great radio and concert attractions, playing to audiences in every large city. Now on a transcontinental tour the Sweetwater legion post has arranged for a school students afternoon matinee at 3 p. m. and the evening performance, the funds to go to the post's building fund.

Rubinoff is noted for his ability to bring great music to meet the listening taste of the average person. He puts showmanship into an art and all who have heard him in West Texas have real praise for his success in presentations that all enjoy. Appearing with Rubinoff is Solis, an internationally famous pianist who has a record for thrilling his audiences besides furnishing a splendid musical background in his accompaniments.

"Oscar McDonald Post solicits the support of all West Texans in making the Rubinoff concert one of the biggest events of the year," Lester Turner, commander of the post stated. "The auditorium seats 1,500 and we would like nothing better than to have every seat filled."

Thomas Jefferson, author of the Declaration of Independence, was born Apr. 13, 1743.

**Merkel Man Employed With Aircraft Company**

Another Merkelite has made good in Southern California. Byron Patterson has written friends from Santa Monica, Calif., that he is now employed at Douglas Aircraft company in that city in the production department.

Patterson 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.

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

**Merkel Boy Cast in Wesley Play at Tech**

Charlie McCormick, a student at Texas Tech and a member of the Wesley Players, was cast in a Play-ers production, "Ba Thane," to be presented to the Texas Tech Y. M.-Y. W. C. A., Feb. 20. This play will be presented again at the First Methodist church of Lubbock, Feb. 23.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. McCormick, he was graduated from Merkel High school in 1935.

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RED, PITTED CHERRIES ... No. 2 can <b>10c</b>		SUPREME GRAHAM Crackers ... 1 lb. box 17c	
RED & WHITE COFFEE ... 1 lb. can <b>25c</b>		CELLO PACK Peaches ... 2 lbs. 34c	
DRIED Prunes ... 2 lbs. 25c		ASPARAGUS STYLE Beans ... No. 2 can 18c	
GRAPEFRUIT JUICE ... 1/2 gallon can <b>15c</b>		RED & WHITE Milk 2 lge or 4 sm. cans 15c	
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**ABILENE ARTISTS ENTHRALL LOCAL AUDIENCE.**

The Fortnightly Study club has been fortunate in having worthy programs the entire year, but to its membership, the peak of excellency was reached in the program given by a guest speaker, Mrs. Frank Grimes, and her organ accompanist, Mr. Brook Haven, both of Abilene, Monday evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Largent. Co-hostesses with Mrs. Largent for the program were: Mesdames W. S. J. Brown, Len Sublett, Ellen Duncan and John Leonard and Miss Alzada Pogue.

Mrs. Grimes, with her very expressive voice, made her audience feel the very heart of the English people and their life in the reading of the poem, "White Cliffs," by Alice Duer Miller. Her every word seemed to vibrate with resentment, love, hate or pity. Brook Haven's organ accompaniment was so in keeping with the atmosphere of the poem, that one's emotions carried him from the quiet English home on to the battlefield in a most dramatic fashion.

Mrs. Len Sublett introduced the guest organist, who gave three numbers: "Trees," "Last Night I Lay Dreaming" and Liszt's "Liebestraum," at the beginning of the program. Then, after a brief synopsis of the poem by Mrs. Sublett, Mrs. Grimes was introduced.

Following, a very informal social hour was enjoyed around the punch table by the following club members and friends:

Messrs. and Mesdames Johnny Cox, Owen Robertson, Bud Winter, John Leonard, A. T. Sheppard, W. S. J. Brown, Tom Largent; Mesdames Margery Bailey, Bernice Landers, Harriet Franklin, of Abilene, Elmo Collins, Harry Bullock, S. D. Gamble, David Gamble, J. P. Sutphen, Ross Ferrier, Earl Lassiter, Carroll Benson, William Taylor, Elma McFarland, Elsie Nash, W. B. Petty, Frank Hamm, Connor Robinson, W. T. Sadler, H. C. West, Weston West, Ellen Duncan, Len Sublett; Miss Ruby Payne, of Abilene; Misses Christine Collins, Mamie Ellis, Johnny Sears, Vennie Heizer, Mildred Holt, Alzada Pogue; Messrs. Frank Grimes, Abilene, C. J. Glover.

**CLUB WOMEN ATTEND TEA AT SWEETWATER.**

Five members of the Merkel Fortnightly Study club were in Sweetwater Monday afternoon to join hands with representatives of nine

other clubs of the Sixth district in entertaining at tea to honor the new president of the Texas Federation of Women's clubs, Mrs. J. W. Walker of Plainview.

Club presidents, who formed an informal receiving line in the Chesterfield room of the Bankhead cafe, represented the Sorosis, the Self-Culture, Athenaeum, La Kee Kon of Sweetwater, Highland Study club, Rotan Study club, Sweetwater City Federation, Wednesday Study club of Roscoe and the Fortnightly Study club of Merkel. Patriotic colors were used in all tea appointments.

Mrs. Walker spoke to the fifty women present on the administration aims, stressing women's part in today's national defense program.

Those in attendance from Merkel were Mrs. Johnny Cox, Fortnightly Study Club president, Mrs. Henry West, Mrs. S. D. Gamble, Mrs. Owen Robertson and Mrs. Connor Robinson.

**T.E.L. CLASS SOCIAL.**

The home of Mrs. Clyde Bartlett was opened to members of the T.E.L. Sunday School class of the First Baptist church on the afternoon of Feb. 5 at a no-host affair, the result of a contest whereby the losers were pledged to entertain the winners.

Following a business meeting Mrs. J. L. Winter brought a devotional and prayer was led by Mrs. Clyde Deavers.

Several highly enjoyable contests were played and delicious pie and coffee were served at the refreshment hour to Mesdames J. F. Walker, W. J. Largent, Clyde Deavers, E. R. Clack, A. D. Fulton, John Mansfield, J. L. Winter, Booth Warren, A. P. Peterson, Bill Fugate, A. R. Booth, Sallie Angus and Mrs. Bartlett.

**BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.**

The T. L. Grimes home was the scene of a birthday celebration Sunday honoring Mrs. Grimes' mother, Mrs. G. J. Jones.

Mrs. Jones' four children were all present.

Those enjoying the birthday festivities with Mrs. Jones were: Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Huffman and children, Bobby Wade and Dixie Ruth, of Kaufman, Mr. and Mrs. Davis Jones and daughter, Laquita, of Dallas, Choc Jones of Big Spring, Miss Warren Collings of Pecos and Mr. and Mrs. Grimes and Tommy.

If you have any visitors, Phone 25 or 61.

**RURAL SOCIETY**

**GOODMAN CLUB.**

The newly organized Home Demonstration club of the Goodman community held its first meeting Friday afternoon in the home of Mrs. J. W. Tiner.

In the absence of both the president and vice-president, Mrs. Tiner acted as chairman. During the business session the club voted to send Mrs. Houston Smith as delegate to the council meeting, at which time a delegate will be elected from the county to the Texas Home Demonstration association. Mrs. Karl Bonneaux was named alternate. Mrs. John Windham was chosen recreational chairman and Lorraine King named song leader.

Mrs. Houston Smith, council delegate, and Mrs. Clifford Eoff, reporter, attended the council meeting at Anson in the district court room, Feb. 5. Both gave interesting reports to the club.

The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Karl Bonneaux Feb. 28, at which time "Frame Gardens" will be discussed. Miss Gladys Martin, the County Home Demonstration agent, will be present and will demonstrate killing and dressing poultry. Every member is urged to be present and visitors are always welcome.

A refreshment plate, in which the valentine motif was stressed, was served to the following members: Mesdames J. W. Tiner, Karl Bonneaux, John Windham, Clifford Eoff, Houston Smith, R. J. King and Miss Lorraine King and one visitor, Mrs. A. G. Clements and little daughter, Betty Jean, and La Marque Eoff.

**UNION RIDGE CLUB.**

The Union Ridge Home Demonstration club met in the home of Mrs. Lige Harris on Friday, Feb. 14.

Mrs. Weldon McAninch presided for the meeting. The five-cent educational fee for each member was taken by the secretary, Mrs. O. R. Douglas. Two committees named were: a committee on exhibit, Mrs. Pierce Horton chairman, assisted by Mrs. J. E. James and Mrs. Burly Bond; the other, with Mrs. W. C. Lee chairman and Mrs. J. H. Clark and Mrs. Lige Harris, to frame a constitution and by-laws for the club for 1941.

Mrs. Denzil Cox gave the council report and high lights of the training school. A program on rose culture was given by Mrs. Kenneth Pee, with pictures to illustrate her paper. A recipe for control of lice on plants followed by Mrs. Don Riney.

A refreshment plate of hot coffee and doughnuts, with pop valentines as favors, was passed to one new member, Mrs. W. T. McAninch, and the following visitors: Mesdames Elbert Dean, Don Riney, S. G. Russell, Jr., Mildred Rister, Misses Bernice Opal Dean and Pauline McAninch, along with members: Mesdames J. H. Clark, Pierce Horton, Chester Bond, W. C. Lee, Lee Tipton, J. E. James, S. O. Patton, Clara Lee Patton, Leo Harris, Lige Harris, O. R. Douglas, Kenneth Pee, Denzil Cox, Weldon McAninch, O. E. Harwell and Miss Mabel McRee.

Mrs. O. R. Douglas will be hostess Feb. 28.

**COMPERE CLUB.**

The Comper Home Demonstration club met Feb. 13 with Mrs. W. J. Spurgin. Due to the absence of the president, Mrs. Ben Adkins called the meeting to order. After a short business session, the program was turned over to the program leader, Mrs. I. B. Ray talked on "Red Cross and Its Needs," and Mrs. Adkins discussed "Cotton and Its Uses."

Those answering roll call were Mesdames Bill Spurgin, I. B. Ray, A. J. Newman, Ben Adkins, O. W. Johnson, Clyde Graham and one visitor, Mrs. Jeff Chaney.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. W. J. Spurgin.

**VALENTINE PARTY.**

Mrs. Wade Ensminger, teacher in the Nubia Methodist Sunday School, entertained her class with a valentine party in her home Friday night, Feb. 14. After games and contests, every one enjoyed a valentine box. Refreshments consisting of sandwiches, cookies and punch, with balloons as plate favors, were served to Ruth Butman, Lula Bell Patterson, Clyan Whisenhunt, Hollis McLean, Ralph Ray Miller and Buddie Harold Hunter, members of the class. Others present were Doris Reeves, Elmer Patterson, Jack Whisenhunt, Donald Latimer and Bobby Hunter.

Lee Clark of Cisco, son of Randolph Clark, one of the co-founders of Add-Ran college, fore-runner of Christian colleges in Texas, died at his home Wednesday. A widow and nine children survive.

Just say you saw it in The Mail.

**In The Churches**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.**

There were 536 present at the six reporting Sunday Schools here last Sunday, as compared with 498 the previous week. On the same Sunday a year ago the attendance was 455.

**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. At the 11 o'clock service, Dean R. G. Boger of McMurry college will make a layman's address.

Intermediate League 6:30 p. m. Senior-Y. P. League 6:50 p. m. Evening service, 7:15 p. m. Woman's Society of Christian Service Monday's 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 10 a. m. Morning worship 11 a. m. Sermon subject, "With or Without God." Text: Exodus 33:15. "If Thy presence go not with me, carry us not up hence."

Evening worship 7:30 p. m. Sermon subject, "The Unchanging Lord." Text: Heb. 13:8, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today and forever."

The month of February is designated by our Board of National Missions as "Friendship Month," a unit of the Sunday School. Our Sunday School missionary, Mrs. Glen, of the Abilene and Brownwood presbyteries, U. S. A., will be here to speak to us Sunday morning on the various works of the Sunday School board. I am sure she has a message for us, and I am urging as many as possible to be out Sunday morning at 10 o'clock to hear her.

J. Basil 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.

**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.

**Paris Man to Head Presbyterian Group**

Herbert Ordway of Paris is the new president of the Presbyterian men of the Synod of Texas, U. S. A., elected Tuesday at the fifteenth annual convention held at Fort Worth. He succeeds R. L. Bland of Abilene.

Other new officers are: J. H. Orr, Ferris, first vice-president; G. J. Post, Fort Worth, second vice-president, and Will McPherson, Waxahachie, secretary-treasurer.

The 1942 convention will be held in Clarksville.

**Dean Boger to Speak To Methodists Sunday**

Dean R. G. Boger of McMurry college will deliver a layman's address at the Sunday morning service of the Methodist church here.

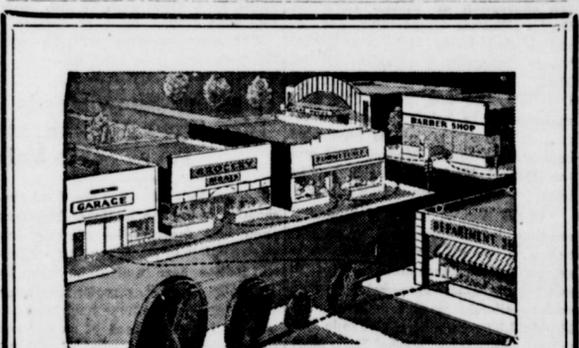
The pastor, Rev. Marvin Boyd, was still in Cisco Thursday morning at the bedside of his father, who is seriously ill, following a stroke last week.

**Gail Will Have 50th Anniversary in March**

Gail, Feb. 20.—Combined with the Borden Co. 4-H Live Stock show at Gail, on Mar. 22, Borden county and Gail will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the organization of the county and founding of the town.

Featuring the event will be a big free barbecue and rodeo. Schools of the county will render special broadcast programs.

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**Willkie Voted Award.**  
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Brisket Beef

**Roast LB. 15c**

Skinless

**Weiners ..... Lb. 19c**

Nice, Lean

**Pork Chops .. Lb. 19c**

Sliced Breakfast

**Bacon LB. 25c**

**Chuck Steak.. Lb. 23c**

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