

Keeping Up With Texas

E. M. Waits, retiring as president of Texas Christian university after a quarter of century of service, has been given the title of "president emeritus" effective when his successor is named.

Winnie Jean Hill, 6-year-old negro girl, was burned to death late Sunday afternoon when fire spread through two rooms of a small house occupied by her mother and stepfather at Haskell.

J. A. Hill, about 65, of Texas City, was killed Saturday night when struck by an automobile while he was walking along the highway toward Galveston about 1-2 miles south of Texas City.

Jury in the Earl T. Brewer murder trial at Fort Worth took 15 minutes before breakfast Sunday to find the 40-year-old farmer guilty in the knife slaying of his son-in-law and assessed his penalty at 99 years in the penitentiary.

Nolan Straughan, 28, of Lovelady, was stabbed fatally at a roadhouse south of that town Sunday night. A Crockett youth was held in Groveton jail in connection with the stabbing.

Alone in a tiny little Mexican house in Abilene, two-year-old Augustina Perez burned to death early Sunday afternoon. The mother had gone to town and the father was at work.

B. H. Huddleston, 26, an escaped convict from Retrieve Prison farm, was fatally wounded by County Highway Patrolman Frank Probst at Three Rivers shortly before midnight Sunday and his companion, Bill Garrett, 29, was brought to San Antonio en route back to the farm.

Wilson Robert Barton, 71, widely known Texas sheep and cattle raiser, died at his ranch home near Divide Saturday night. He was an early day commissioner of Sherman county and an organizer and one of the first commissioners of Reagan county.

Bettering a house approved bill by 13,000 pounds, the senate highway and motor transportation committee Monday night voted a favorable report to a measure authorizing gross motor truck and load weight of 48,000 pounds.

The Lint medal of valor was presented Tuesday in tribute to the heroism of Julius D. Benson, ex-soldier and night watchman, who lost his life saving men trapped in the Salvation Army men's lodge blaze at Dallas Feb. 7, in which 13 men were killed.

William J. Lawson, Governor W. Lee O'Daniel's secretary, Tuesday became secretary of state, succeeding M. O. Flowers, shortly after the senate confirmed his nomination to the new post. The position pays \$6,000 yearly.

Rev. G. B. Bradshaw, McKinney, has been assigned to Camp Barkeley as camp pastor, by Dr. A. C. Miller, supervisor of soldier work for the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Frank Kimbrough, former Hardin-Simmons university football star and his coach for the last six years, was selected Monday as head football coach of Baylor university, Waco, succeeding Morley Jennings, resigned.

Burns Roensch, technical consultant for the federal works agency, has announced that a million dollar 300-unit housing project for North American Aviation employees will be built at Grand Prairie in Dallas county.

Floyd Layton, 36, lumber company employee, was killed Tuesday near Teague when crushed between an automobile and a truck as he walked along the highway toward home after his car had run out of gas.

Hemorrhage after he burst a blood vessel in a fit of coughing brought death Wednesday to Jimmy Preston, 38, owner of an Electra creamery.

Federal Loan Administrator Jones Wednesday allocated to Texas City, America's first tin smelter. The plant, which will be built by the RFC, will cost about \$3,500,000.

Slingin' Sammy Baugh of football fame has signed a contract to play in the movies. He will take the leading role in a serial of his home state, entitled "King of the Texas Rangers," which Republic studio will produce.

One of the big features of the St. Patrick's Day celebration at Shamrock will be the selection and crowning of the winning colleen of the event with the title of "Irish Rose."

Unemployment Nil.

Zurich, Switzerland, Feb. 27.—With a population of four million, Switzerland has only 11,000 registered with the employment offices as out of work. Of these 24 per cent are over 60 years of age.

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PROVES ALL THE NAME SIGNIFIES —PLAY NIGHT

Two Contests Between Faculty And Town Men and Women Featured; Faculty Men, Town Women Win.

A "howling" success, from the standpoint of spectators, howling with mirth, and participants, most of whom were howling with pain or for more breath, was the Play Night sponsored by the Merkel Parent-Teacher association, Monday night, Feb. 24, at the High School gymnasium, under the direction of Mrs. Norman Hodges, P. T. A. president and Mrs. Owen Robertson, hospitality chairman.

The evening's fun featured a basketball game between the men of the Merkel faculty and the men of Merkel, not teaching; and three volley ball games between the women of the Merkel faculty and the women of Merkel, not teaching. Coach Connor Robinson led the men teachers to an overwhelming 45 to 22 victory over the slower and less accurate men basketball shooters of Merkel. Amid much whistle-blowing by Referees Chester Collinsworth and J. C. Carson, the would-be players "puffed and blew" their ways up and down the court to furnish much merriment to a crowd that enjoyed the privilege of "booing" both officials and players.

Members of the winning teachers' team were Coach Robinson, Jack Patterson, Gordon Green, Charles Clark, Carroll Benson and C. S. Williams. Members of a determined and well-coached men's team were Coach R. T. Gray, Horace Boney, Bill Neill.

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Mrs. J. R. Reece Dies After Long Illness

Funeral services were held at 1:30 Monday afternoon from the First Baptist church for Mrs. J. R. Reece, 53, who died at her home Sunday morning at 7:30, following an extended illness.

Rev. Cooper Waters, pastor of the church, officiated, assisted by Rev. Clyde R. Campbell, pastor of Calvary Baptist church, Abilene. Burial followed in Rose Hill cemetery under direction of Barrow-Sheppard funeral home.

Pallbearers were Claude Jinkens, Vessie Justice, Fred Horton, Albert Criswell, Wilmer Criswell, Louise Herring.

Flower girls were Misses Bessie McNeiece, Nadine Clack, Maurine White, Clara B. White, Mrs. Cooper Waters, Mrs. David Gamble.

Born Emma Catherine Jones, on June 1, 1884, she was married to J. R. Reece on Jan. 28, 1890, at Gap, Texas. To this union were born nine children, seven of whom survive. The family had resided in Merkel for the past four years and prior to coming here had lived at Noodle 13 years.

Mrs. Reece was converted and joined the Baptist church at an early age.

Survivors are the husband, three sons, R. D. Reece, Odessa; Floyd Reece, Dallas, and Lloyd Reece, Abilene; four daughters, Mrs. Fred Runkle, Albany; Cleo Reece, Mrs. M. G. Goode, Merkel, and Mrs. Wilbur Criswell, Hodges. Her mother, Mrs. H. H. Burnett, step-father, H. H. Burnett, Comanche; three brothers, K. D. Jones, Comanche, J. P. Jones, Sidney, and Earl Burnett, Comanche; two sisters, Mrs. E. A. Reece and Mrs. A. A. Hilly, Sidney, eleven grandchildren and a number of nieces and nephews also survive.

Study Group to Hear Book Review March 5

Following the theme, "This World of Ours," the Merkel Parent-Teacher Study Group will meet Wednesday morning, Mar. 5, at 9:30, in the home of the chairman, Mrs. C. B. Gardner, with an exceptionally good program in store.

Rev. Cooper Waters will review the book, "Democracy in Practice," by J. Melvin Evans, who is a brother-in-law of W. S. J. Brown of Merkel. An urgent invitation is issued to patrons to come to this program, which is a continuation of the study of how parents and teachers help make democracy work.

MERKEL MAN IS CALLED FOR FBI SERVICE

Under instructions from J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Rex Myers, principal of the Merkel High school, will leave Friday morning to report for service with the FBI at Washington, D. C., Monday morning at 9 o'clock. He took the civil service examination on Jan. 19 of this year.

Rex Myers has been connected with the Merkel schools since 1935, with the exception of a leave of absence from April to August, 1938, to enter the training school of the State Department of Public Safety. Coming here as assistant athletic coach his first year, he was made coach for the 1936-37 session, and has been principal of the High school since 1937.

A well trained school man, with special adaptability as an executive, Rex Myers has been a valuable asset to the Merkel school system and will be greatly missed in all school work and school activities in general, as he was a prime favorite with the student body.

Merkel FFA Boys Market \$3,000 in Live Stock Shows

Merkel F. F. A. boys, who entered their live stock in the Taylor County and West Texas Boys Live Stock shows Monday and Tuesday at Abilene, marketed some \$3,000 from projects within the last few days.

On the opening day of the county show, Clarence Harrell showed the first place light weight dry lot calf, which was later made reserve champion of the show. In the heavy dry lot class J. D. Sandusky was second; Deverle Teaff, third; Charles England, fourth; Joe Horton, sixth. In the light weight milk fed class Delma Harris was first; Billy Haynes, second. In the heavy weight milk fed calves Deverle Teaff was fifth.

In the district show most of the boys were in the money, winning from \$2.50 to \$6.

In the medium lamb division, Den-

Senior Class to Give Variety Show Mar. 3

The Senior class of Merkel High school will entertain the public next Monday night with a program which they call their "Senior Variety Show."

This program will consist of four acts: "A Women's Style Review," featuring the boys as the manikins; "Up from the Depths," an old-fashioned play; "Meet the Wits," a musical and acrobatic scene; "The Professor Roars," a modern one-act play.

Admission will be 10 cents. Those who enjoy entertaining programs will want to come to the gymnasium next Monday night at 7:30.

Badgers Meet Defeat At District Meet

The Merkel cagers, Taylor county champions, were eliminated in the district five interscholastic league tournament played at the Sweetwater gymnasium last week-end.

Sweetwater's Mustangs won the first round bout over the Badgers, 27-21.

With a victory over Anson, 40-34, Abilene took the district crown and will compete for higher honors in the regional tournament to be played at Abilene Friday and Saturday.

Merkel's Fire Credit Reduced to Neutral

Fire losses in Merkel last year exceeding \$16,000 caused the loss of the city's good fire record credit of 20 per cent, reducing the rating to policy-holders to neutral, with neither credit nor charge.

The new schedule of rates, announced by State Fire Insurance Commissioner Marvin Hall, becomes effective as of Mar. 1.

Record of Births.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Hopper, Trent, Wednesday, February 26, 1941.

HONOR PARENTS OBSERVING 50TH WEDDING DATE

Open House Sunday Afternoon At Eteyl Chrch Home Begins Celebration, Followed by Surprise Party.

Mr. and Mrs. W. U. Beene were honored by their daughters, Mrs. E. O. Ely and Mrs. F. E. Church, at the home of the latter with open house on their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday, Feb. 23.

Friends called to offer congratulations and best wishes.

Mrs. T. T. Earthman played old love songs throughout the afternoon and Bonnie Church sang "When I Grow Too Old to Dream" and "Let Me Call You Sweetheart."

Rooms were decorated with cut flowers in gold hue, and golden punch was served from a lace-laid table having as its centerpiece a three-tiered cake decorated with bride and groom and 50 golden colored candles. Gifts were viewed as the guests registered.

Mr. and Mrs. Beene were married at Coryell City, Texas, Feb. 25, 1891, moved to the Merkel community in 1903 and have lived here since. Besides the two daughters, they have four grandchildren: Mrs. H. Noel Bryant of Sparenburg, Bess Church of Corpus Christi and Eteyl and Bonnie Church of Merkel, and one great granddaughter, Sylvia Marie Bryant.

Mr. and Mrs. Beene were again surprised with a party of neighbors who serenaded them on Tuesday night, Feb. 25. They were invited in and games of "42" were played and all enjoyed popcorn and talking over old times.

Those registering and sending gifts were: Messrs. and Mesdames Dee Grimes, E. O. Carson, T. T. Earthman, Chas. Russell, Bill Hays, Vernon Hudson, W. F. Golladay, Elmer Criswell, Raymond Ferguson, Johnny Cox, S. M. Hunter, Ollie Higgins, W. O. Whiteley, John Shannon, L. R. Cade, T. G. Bragg, Odell Eoff, Joe Higgins, W. C. Lee, Dr. and Mrs. M. Armstrong, Rev. and Mrs. H. Noel Bryant; Mesdames Lizzie Latham, Carroll Benson, Aurra Cook, Inez Chadwick, J. M. Collins, H. B. Robertson, W. M. Hays, Will Higgins; Rev. Marvin Boyd, Colonel Church; Misses Johnny and Irene Warren, Mary Jo Russell, Linda and Laura Criswell, Ann Benson, Sylvia Marie Bryant, Paul Arnold Whiteley and Carroll Hays.

Old Sol Shows Face After 8-Day Absence

Breaking a siege of eight days of cloudiness, rain, mist and fog, Thursday morning's sunshine was as welcome to Merkel and West Texas as the visitation of Jupiter Pluvius is at most times. Old Sol had taken an eight-day holiday.

The drizzling rain was sometimes negligible as to measurement, but Saturday night's rainfall gauged five-eighths of an inch and Tuesday night's precipitation measured another three-eighths, to make an inch total for the week.

On Wednesday night of last week the rainfall gauged three-fourths of an inch, making a total for this spell of weather of 1-3/4 inches, according to Volunteer Weather Observer J. I. Ford, and bringing the year's total to 5-1/2 inches.

45th Division Begins Move to Barkeley

Actual transfer of the 45th division from Fort Sill, Okla., to Camp Barkeley, will become a reality Friday when Maj. Gen. William S. Key, commanding officer, and about 10,500 of the soldiers head for the Taylor county camp site.

An advance detachment of about 1,700 has been in camp at View since Sunday making preparations for the arrival of Friday's echelon.

A fleet of 1,104 vehicles moving in two columns will be required to transport the contingent of the 45th division Friday, which will move in two columns, one via Vernon, Seymour, Haskell, Stamford and Anson, the other via Wichita Falls, Olney, Throckmorton and Albany.

BANK CHANGES HOURS FRIDAY NIGHT, 6 TO 8

Believing that the two hours, from 6 to 8, would be more convenient to the merchants, instead of the previous hours, 7 to 9, President Booth Warren of the Farmers & Merchants National bank announced Thursday morning that the bank would open Friday night of this week at 6 and remain open for two hours, closing at 8 o'clock.

It is also announced that the F. & M. bank will celebrate next Monday, Texas Independence day, as a holiday, and will remain closed all day.

Local Lions Carry Big Delegation to Sweetwater Meet

With nineteen included in the party, Merkel Lions had the largest group from any out-of-town club at the zone meeting held Tuesday night in the Chesterfield room of the Bankhead cafe at Sweetwater.

The Merkel club is to be host for the next quarterly zone meeting, which will be some time in May.

Principal speaker for the occasion was Charles Williams, deputy district governor, of Fort Worth, whose subject was "Friendship and Service."

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Young accompanied the Merkeltites, proving very popular in their part of the entertainment program. In fact, all Lions attending speak most enthusiastically of the hospitality of the Sweetwater Lions.

Those going from Merkel were S. O. Owens, Clyde Bartlett, Owen Robertson, Milton Case, Frank Breaux, Byers Petty, Booth Warren, Dee Grimes, Leo Zehnpfennig, Nolan Palmer, Stanley King, Hubert Turner, Ray Wilson, Claude Perry, Wrenn Durham, R. T. Gray, Connor Robinson and Mr. and Mrs. Young.

PTA Council Selects Mrs. Winter President

Mrs. Bud Winter, past president of the Trent P. T. A., is president-elect of Taylor County's Parent-Teacher council. Her election took place at a meeting of the council held at Lawn Friday in connection with a school of instruction for councils. Mrs. Winter will succeed Mrs. Lee Kincaid, of Abilene, who presided for Friday's program.

Other officers named at the meeting are Mrs. Leon Copeland, Lawn, vice-president; Mrs. J. G. Wilks, Trent, secretary; Mrs. L. B. Strother, Ovalo, treasurer; Mrs. Joe Nalley, Merkel, was elected chairman of precinct two.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, February 28, 1921.)

Pastor Murrell announces all the regular services at the Methodist church next Sunday, including Sunday School at 10 o'clock, preaching at 11 and at night.

He also reported a growing congregation with each service at both Sunday School and church services. A royal welcome is extended one and all.

THURSDAY CLUB ENTERTAINED.

An elaborate dinner was given the husbands of the members of the Thursday club, on the evening of George Washington's anniversary at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Scott, two of Merkel's most gifted entertainers.

A large picture of George and Martha Washington hung over the buffet draped in an American flag. The spacious table was centered with the enormous cake with its decorations of tiny roses and the American flag made of icing. Sprays of honeysuckle around the cake concealed packages with ribbons and tiny hatchets leading to each plate.

Mrs. Scott announced dinner at 8:30 and Mrs. Winter in her usual

GRAY ELECTED NEW PRESIDENT OF ASSOCIATION

Nathan Wood Named Vice-President; Warren, Glover, Re-Elected, Respectively, as Treasurer and Secretary.

R. T. Gray, local manager of the West Texas Utilities company, was elected president of the Merchants Trade Extension association of Merkel for the coming year, at a meeting of the directors of the association held Wednesday afternoon at the Lions hall. He succeeds W. O. Boney, whose guidance of the affairs of the association through the past year was highly commended by the board members.

The new president of the Merchants Trade Extension association is also president of the Merkel Lions club.

Other officers are: Nathan Wood, vice-president; Booth Warren, treasurer, and C. J. Glover, secretary. The last two were re-elected.

The five new directors elected this year to serve for two years are: R. T. Gray, Owen Robertson, Ray Wilson, W. R. Yazell and S. D. Gamble. Gray and Gamble have served previously as directors and Gamble is a past president.

Holdover directors are: Dee Grimes, Nathan Wood, Clyde Bartlett, E. Y. Bailey and Booth Warren. Members of a special committee of three appointed by President Gray to study conditions and outline plans for the 1941 program to be submitted at a later date are Nathan Wood, S. D. Gamble and Dee Grimes.

Methodist Leader Claimed By Death

With the death of Dr. W. M. Murrell, president of the McMurry college board of trustees and a former presiding elder of the Abilene district, West Texas Methodism lost one of its staunchest leaders.

Dr. Murrell passed away Friday morning at the Hendrick Memorial hospital, Abilene, after a week's illness. He had been stricken with influenza the Friday night before, and his illness developed into pneumonia on Tuesday following. He was removed to the hospital that day for treatment.

Funeral services were held at St. Paul Methodist church, Abilene, Saturday afternoon, with many prominent church leaders taking part.

Dr. Murrell served the Merkel church as pastor for three years beginning in 1918 and was again thrown in close touch with the congregation during the time he was presiding elder of the district. He retired in 1935 from active duties.

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PERSONALS

Misses Mary Jo Garland and Evelyn Ensminger, students at Southwest Texas State Teachers' college, San Marcos, spent the week-end with home folks.

Private Lewis Farmer of Brownwood visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Farmer of White Church, and Linnie Fay Armstrong of Salt Branch over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Buckingham went to Lubbock last week-end to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Buckingham.

Billy Woodrum was down from Wichita Falls for a week-end visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Woodrum. Accompanying him was Miss Mary Ellen Key of Electra who remained for a visit with friends.

T. A. Roach returned to his home in Paris this week after visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Stalls for the past three weeks. Mr. Roach is a brother of Mrs. Stalls.

Sergeant J. B. Bunch of Camp Bowie, Brownwood, spent several days with Mrs. Bunch in the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley King drove to Randolph Field, San Antonio, Friday afternoon to see their son, Norman, and together, they went to Corpus Christi to spend the week-end, returning by the air field Sunday, where Norman has received two technical ratings during the past month.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Blair, son, Max, and daughter, Peggy; John Blair and daughter, Rita, of Levelland, were week-end guests of R. H. Mathews, Jr., and family, and Watt Blair and family.

Mrs. R. A. Walker accompanied Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Patterson of Abilene to Paris to visit a son, Edwin Walker and family, returning Sunday.

Misses Imogene and Joyce Hayes of Odessa and Mrs. Cleo Green, Denton, spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hayes.

Sgt. Urban Melton, who has been transferred from Ft. Warren, Wyo., to Camp Wolters, Mineral Wells, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Melton.

Mrs. George Coker and son, Billy George, of Fort Worth, visited her parents, Judge and Mrs. N. D. Cobb, last week-end.

Mrs. Billy Cobb and son, Jerry, are visiting Mrs. Cobb's mother, Mrs. H. C. Gilbert, in Handley, Texas.

Superintendent Johnny Cox of the Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc., returned Wednesday night from Fort Worth, where he attended a meeting of the REA superintendents of the state and representatives from Washington, D. C. About 50 were present.

Mrs. A. C. Terry, Jr., has recently come from Lubbock to join her husband, who is employed at Camp Berkeley. Later this week she will go to Abilene to visit with her sister, Mrs. J. T. Darsey, Jr.

W. R. Yazell, Chevrolet dealer, went to Dallas Wednesday on business, expecting to return Thursday. He was accompanied by Mrs. Yazell.

Mrs. Tom Largent and J. P. Sutphen returned home Tuesday from the Rio Grande valley where they visited V. M. Sutphen and family. Mr. Sutphen is the son of Mrs. J. P. Sutphen and brother of Mrs. Largent.

Afton West Killed In Traffic Accident

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Paine returned the last of the week from Ada, Okla., where they attended the funeral of Afton West, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. West, who was instantly killed in a motorcycle-car accident, Feb. 12.

They were accompanied by Watt Blair and Mrs. B. L. Perkins. Mrs. Paine and Mrs. Perkins are sisters of L. R. West. The Wests are former residents of this section.

Milk consumption at the Texas A. and M. college mess hall averages one and one-half pints daily for each student.

TSCW Tunes for National Defense



Testing one of the transmitters at WSAAN, Texas State College for Women's amateur radio station, Dorothy Cobb, junior student from Denison, prepares to talk to another "ham" or amateur radio operator as a

part of her laboratory work in a new course in radio at TSCW. Offered to students for the first time this semester, the course will train women for all types of radio service in the national defense program.

Oil Refining Provides Livelihood for Some 33,000 Texas Families

Dallas, Feb. 27.—Nearly 135,000 Texans get their entire living from oil refining, a statewide survey just completed by the Texas Mid-Continent Oil and Gas association shows.

The oil refining branch of the state's petroleum industry furnishes jobs for 33,000 Texas workers, including office employees, with payrolls of \$50,000,000 a year. Counting four persons to a family, a total of 132,000 Texans obtain their livelihood from oil refining alone, the survey shows.

In addition, Texas carbon black plants employ 1,850 more workers and pay them \$2,200,000 a year, while natural gasoline plants provide jobs for 3,850 more Texans, with payrolls of \$5,775,000. This gives a total employment in Texas petroleum refining industries of 38,700 workers, who with their families make up 135,000 Texans getting their sole living from this source.

Texas oil refineries refine 82½ per cent as much crude oil as Texas produces, an increase of 28 per cent over 1933, the association reported. This is in contrast with Texas cotton, of which only about 2 per cent is processed in Texas, and Texas wool and mohair, virtually none of which is processed here. Most Texas raw materials are shipped out of the state to other parts of the world for manufacturing, to the virtual exclusion of Texas labor.

"It is a factor of vital concern to every Texas worker to see that as much as possible of the raw materials which Texas produces are also manufactured into finished products in our state," the association points out in a statement recently issued. "Oil like cotton and all other Texas materials, must seek outside markets for volumes in excess of home requirements. But unlike most of the other materials, Texas oil is first manufactured into useful products in Texas plants with Texas labor. More than four-fifths as much oil as is produced in this state is also converted into finished products here, making Texas' largest manufacturing industry."

"The result is that thousands of Texans are afforded employment. This would not be the case if the bulk of the crude oil produced here were shipped out to be refined by petroleum refineries situated in other states. Most Texas refiners now operate on a profit of a small fraction of a cent per gallon of gasoline, their principal product. Anything which would add even a part of a cent a gallon to their costs would seriously injure Texas' largest manufacturing industry and affect the livelihood and welfare of nearly 135,000 Texans."

Texas ships 90 per cent of the Bermuda onions raised in the United States. The seed cost \$1.50 a pound.

Standard Typewriter Ribbons 75c each at Merkel Mail office.

Warning Issued to Young Kite-Flyers

Some youngster's kite was the granddaddy of the modern aeroplane. Wasn't it the first man-made thing to fly through the air with the greatest of ease?

And that reminds you that kite-flying season is here again.

The West Texas Utilities, mindful of certain precautions to make kite-flying safe for boys and girls, urges that they be called or notified if anybody's kite becomes tangled in light and power lines.

"It is dangerous for an inexperienced person to try to get a kite down," said R. T. Gray, local manager. "Rather than take chances with the safety of a youngster, we urge that you call our office and we'll send a lineman out."

He said also that children should remember these main things:

Keep away from all types of wires. Do not use wire or metal on any part of a kite. Do not use wire string with wire in it.

Keep the kite dry. Do not climb poles if kite becomes caught in wires.

"Another good thing about West Texas," he added, "is that there's plenty of space where a kite can be flown safely. Children should be cautioned to keep to the open spaces."

He reminded, too, that in some places the aeroplane, due to quickened wartime activities, had become a competitor for flying room in the skies and that kite-flying in the vicinity of airports or landing fields might soon become hazardous—at least to the kite.

Top 40 Head Average \$286 at Hereford Sale

The top 40 head in the West Texas Hereford Breeders' annual sale at Abilene last Friday sold for an average of \$286.

Top animal of the sale, Superior 127th, consigned by Jones & Harvey of Abilene, brought \$850. Buyer was Thos. E. Herrington of Santa Rita, N. M.

For his commercial herd W. J. Largent bought the second and third highest bulls. He gave \$510 for L. S. Publican D. 19th, consigned by Largent & Stevens of Merkel, and \$490 for Noodle Prince Domino 19th, consigned by Noodle Hereford ranch, Merkel.

The 40 top animals went to 29 buyers, mostly from Central West Texas. A Merkel man, W. S. J. Brown, was chairman of the sales committee.

Discoverer of Insulin Dead.

Ottawa, Feb. 27. — Sir Frederick Grant Banting, one of the great benefactors of mankind as co-discoverer of insulin, was killed along with two other men in a military plane that crashed in the snowy wastes of Newfoundland last Friday while en route on a secret war mission to Britain, it became known Monday night.

Play Night

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L. V. Moore, Byers Petty, Owen Robertson, Norman Hodge, Dillard Dunn, J. W. Jennings, Bobby Woodrum, Lloyd Robertson and three recruits from the High School basketball team, Jack Melton, Raymond Smith and Elbert Hickam.

The women of Merkel proved themselves superior in number and ability to the women teachers by defeating them three straight games in volley ball 15-7, 15-6 and 15-8. Miss Mammie Ellis proved an efficient referee with Miss Mary Lou Ashburn, coach of faculty women, and Mrs. Grover Gilbert, town women's coach. Faculty players were Coach Ashburn, Frances Cleveland, Hettie Logan Clay, Ruth West, La Verne Dunbar, Pauline Ballew and Mrs. Elsie Nash. Town women who played were Mesdames L. V. Moore, Don Riney, Jack Stanford, Buster Hester, Norman Hodge, Ray Higgins, Jack Higgins, Bill Neill, Lynn Shelton, Alvin Wozencraft and Misses Ruth Roberts and Tommie Whisenhunt.

Admission to the gym was 10 cents to adults (all players paying) and 5 cents to school children—proceeds to go for the buying of library books for the school. Sandwiches, coffee, candy, doughnuts, spiced tea and punch were donated by P. T. A. members and friends and sold by Mesdames Rex Myers, H. C. Reid, John Leonard, Sam Allen, Owen Robertson, assisted by Wanda Dingle and Venita Allen, with Geraldine Teague, Mrs. Norman Hodge and Mrs. Connor Robinson at the door. A total of \$20.12 was made throughout the evening, and the association, through its president, Mrs. Hodge, wishes to thank every person who contributed in any way toward the success of the evening's entertainment. The few sandwiches which were left were given to the lunch room to be served to school children on Tuesday.

F. F. A. Boys

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Bill Melton was first in pen of three; Donnie Melton, second in pen of three; J. H. Lowery, third; Junior Melton, fourth, and Billie Campbell, fifth, in these same divisions.

Merkel F. F. A. chapter was first in pen of fifteen. In the county, Denzil Melton, Donnie Melton, Junior Melton, J. H. Lowery and Edward Bigham were all up in the money.

R. V. Clark carried off top honors in both the county and district shows with a well conditioned white giant capon, the grand champion in both shows, winning \$10 in premium money and selling the bird for 80 cents a pound, netting him \$18.80 for the single bird.

Other boys from Merkel showing capons were Joe Horton, Clarence Harrell, Jack Hester and Coy Baccaus. These birds brought 18 and 20 cents per pound and were sold to Wilson Co. of Abilene.

All the boys seem very well satisfied with their projects this year and are all already selecting projects to show next year.

Billy Clyde Haynes, Reporter.

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

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A call to prayer is issued to all people of Merkel who would like to join in a fellowship of prayer being observed the world around on Friday, Feb. 28, in 51 countries and in approximately 10,000 separate services in the United States alone. Friday, 3 p. m., at the Grace Presbyterian church, the Woman's Missionary society will have charge of prayer service to which all are invited.

As far back as 1887, the Presbyterian women in the U. S. A. came together at the suggestion of Mrs. Darwin R. James, president of the Women's Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian church, to pray for home missions. Interest in this day of prayer increased and through the efforts of Mrs. Henry Peabody and

Mrs. Helen Montgomery, the foreign missions forces chose a day for united prayer in the early nineties; and in 1920, both in Canada and the United States, church women of all denominations united in prayer, the first Friday in Lent being selected as the "Day of Prayer for Missions—Home and Foreign."

The offering which will be taken at Friday's service will go to the Foreign Missions conference to be divided equally among work in four fields: Christian literature, union Christian colleges, migrants, and Indians in U. S. government schools.

Envoy's Term Extended.
Vichy, France, Feb. 27.—Gaston Henry-Haye's "temporary mission" as France's ambassador to the United States was extended Monday for six months from Jan. 30, by official decree.

Change of Location

I take this means of notifying my friends and customers, and all needing Shoe Work of any kind, that I am now located in the building formerly occupied by the Booth Grocery, one door east of the post office.

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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mrs. Ola Lee Winn, Trent high school librarian, attended an all-day meeting of county librarians at Abilene Saturday.

Dorothy Jo Strawn of John Tarleton spent the week-end at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Taylor are announcing the birth of a baby girl, born last Friday. Mrs. Taylor is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Winn.

Mrs. Woodrow Cooper was taken to the Merkel hospital Tuesday morning for treatment.

Mrs. Alma Howell visited in Brownwood the past week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Dingle of Merkel spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Winn.

Mrs. Woodrow Cooper's sister, Mrs. Rodgers, is here from Colorado City with her.

Helen Williams of Abilene spent the week-end at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Bright.

Helen McLeod of McMurry spent the week-end at home.

Charlene James of Abilene spent the week-end at home.

Mr. and Mrs. N. O. Bright visited in Abilene Sunday with their daughter, Vera Bright.

The Junior boys and girls entered the White Flat basketball tournament last week and the boys won consolation.

CLUB WORK.

J. B. Winn, Jr., took his club calf to Abilene Monday, where he brought back the honor of 4th place. His calf won a place last fall during the show at Dallas. We expect to hear lots more out of J. B.'s calf feeding.

BALL GAMES.

Trent took the lead in the district basketball tournament for girls here Saturday with three victories in as many starts. It is a round robin playoff to be finished next Saturday night.

The afternoon results:
Noodle 25, Roby 22.
Trent 28, Sylvester 13.
Lueders forfeit over Pyron.

The night results:
Noodle 21, Lueders 20.
Sylvester 34, Roby 32.
Westbrook forfeit over Pyron.

Play will be resumed Thursday night at 7 o'clock, with the following games: Lueders vs. Sylvester, Noodle vs. Westbrook and Roby vs. Trent.

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 our beloved wife and mother, also for the beautiful floral offerings.

May God's richest blessings be upon you.

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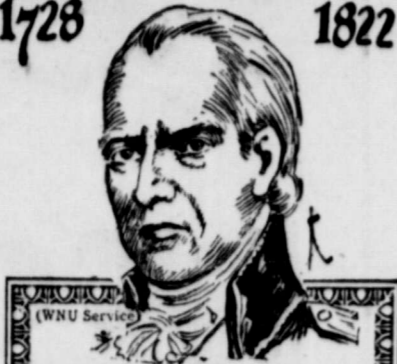
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Tennessee Visitor is Entertained in Homes Of Old Friends Here

(By Mrs. Hugh Campbell.)

Here from Pulaski, Tenn., N. S. Dickey recently made an extended tour over the Mulberry Canyon area, with Sam Butman, Sr., and his daughter, Miss Lottie Butman, as chauffeur, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. John Hughes.

First stop was at the divide, where the United States artillery range will be located, then from there to a camp house with a good well of water. Their next move found a good lake of water fed by good springs, with ducks and fish galore. Then one mile away landed them at the same old camp house at the noon hour. After lunch they drove one mile to Elm creek and saw great streams of water running over a large cliff of rocks.

Mr. Dickey enjoyed this trip immensely as he got to see lots of fine cattle and sheep, running water and much grass. Then dropping back to the Canyon, they went to the old Butman ranch and from there to the ranch of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Hunter,

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whom he knew when he herded sheep for Sam Butman 49 years ago. Turning back from there, they went to Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Campbell's, where Mr. Dickey spent the night and enjoyed a rabbit hunt with Mr. and Mrs. Campbell and sons and Bob Dye and their greyhounds. Mr. Dickey says he enjoyed the sport greatly and forgot his age and demonstrated the spirit of youth as though he was a boy.

Then next day he visited his cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell, at Blair, where he spent the night. His next move was by bus to Hemleigh and visited Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rea and family, who moved from Tennessee to Texas some 54 years ago; next day, to visit Mr. and Mrs. Boney Rea of Fluvanna, a brother of Jack Rea; next stop, at Big Spring, to see Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Sloan. Mrs. Sloan is a daughter of Sam Butman and she was just five years old when Mr. Dickey was employed by her father. At the next place he saw Mack Angus at the airport at Sweetwater, who came from Tennessee years ago. At Sweetwater he visited his brother, Alexander Dickey and family, then to Blair to visit Mr. and Mrs. Will Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Campbell and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moore. At Merkel he saw Mrs. Eula Province, who was reared on Rea branch, Campbellville, Tenn., and came to Texas when a child. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bobbie Hannah. In Merkel he also visited with Sam Butman and Mr. and Mrs. John Hughes. Among relatives and old friends he found here were Mr. and Mrs. John

Rosson, Mrs. Rosson being a cousin of Mr. Dickey; Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Cockran and family, Mrs. Cockran being the former Hazel Dickey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Dickey of Sweetwater; Mrs. Lizzie Compton Russell, Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. John Skillern, Sweetwater; Jim Cook and mother and sister, who came from Campbellville, Tenn., years ago; Mrs. Lorinda Campbell, widow of Bob Campbell, a son of Redden Campbell, of Rea branch, Tenn.; Mr. and Mrs. Tira Compton and family, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Allen and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Campbell and family, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Addison, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Doan and family, Blair; Mr. and Mrs. John Allen Campbell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Campbell, Merkel.

On his way to Texas Mr. Dickey had stopped at Ridgeway, Texas, to visit a half-brother, Bob Dickey, then on to Dallas where he spent three days with nephews and nieces, children of Mr. and Mrs. Bob May. Mrs. May was a sister of Mr. Dickey who died years ago. Mr. May had been buried only a few days before his arrival.

Mr. Dickey is a man of great interest and his relatives and friends hope he will visit us Texas folks yearly for many more years to come.

Mr. Dickey will leave immediately for his daughter's, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Williams, and family, of Madera, Calif.

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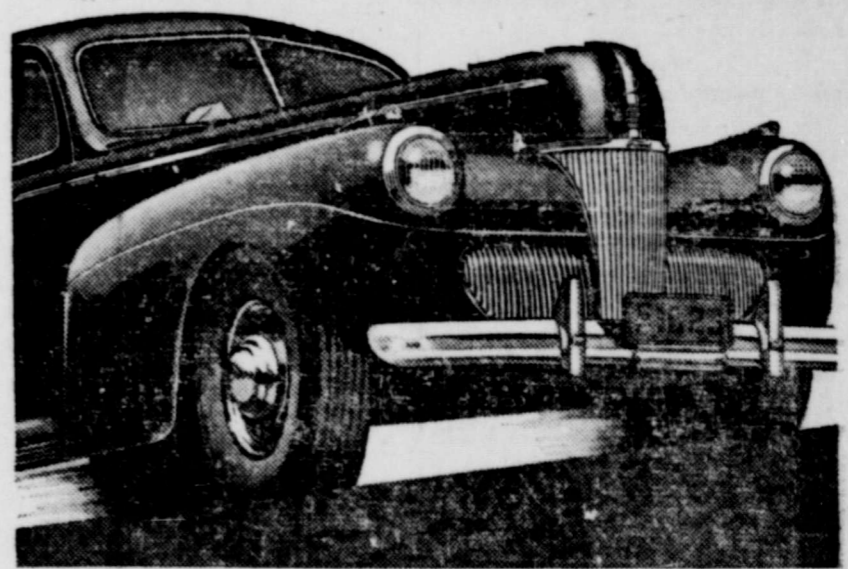
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QUEEN THEATRE CALENDAR

Friday-Saturday — Cesar Romero, Chris Pin Martin in "Romance of the Rio Grande;" extra, 3 Stooges comedy, cartoon and serial.

Saturday preview, Sunday matinee, Monday night — Priscilla, Rosemary and Lola Lane, Gale Page in "Four Mothers;" special added attraction, latest "March of Time," "Americans All"—a saga of the people who make up America.

Tuesday only—"A Night at Earl Carroll's," featuring the most beautiful girls in the world; also selected shorts.

Wednesday-Thursday — Ann Sheridan, George Brent in "Honeymoon for Three."

"Four Mothers."

One of the happiest events of the winter film season is promised at the Queen theatre Saturday preview, Sunday matinee and Monday night, when "Four Mothers," latest of the Lemp family film stories, is booked.

As in the earlier stories, "Four Daughters" and "Four Wives," the cast is headed by Priscilla, Rosemary and Lola Lane, Gale Page, Jeffrey Lynn, Eddie Albert, Claude Rains, May Robson, Frank McHugh and Dick Foran.

In "Four Mothers," however, there are some cast additions, for the Lemp family has been growing. Lola is the mother of twin girls, portrayed in the film by Barbara Ann and Arlene Lane; Priscilla's baby girl is played by Beverly Quintanilla, who made her debut as a baby boy in Eddie Cantor's "Forty Little Mothers;" Gale Page's little daughter is played by Sharon Van.

The new story, written by Stephen Morehouse Avery, and suggested by Fannie Hurst's book "Sister Act," takes the Lemp family through a family crisis that combines drama, pathos and humor in pretty much the same proportion that they occur in most families. For fun and humor, there are the babies, four one-year-olds; for drama, there is the financial crisis when the Florida real estate development into which the whole family has put their money, fails; for pathos, there is the loss of Father Lemp's job at the Music Foundation, but this is more than made up for when he is invited to conduct the Beethoven festival in Chicago.

To those who have followed the series, this newest adventure will come as a delightful treat, but newcomers to the Lemp family stories will also find "Four Mothers" a complete new story that stands on its own. William Keighley directed the film production.

"Honeymoon for Three"

Laughter, gaiety and romance make up the sprightly story of Warner Bros.' new comedy, "Honeymoon for Three," which is to be shown at the Queen theatre Wednesday and Thursday, first time to be presented in this section.

The picture is full of side-splitting situations and to make matters even funnier, the three slightly screwy people that are caught in a tipsy triangle are played by George Brent, Ann Sheridan and Osa Massen.

College romances may be alright

when you're in college, but when a long lost sweetheart shows up six years after you've graduated and claims you as her one and only, it's liable to lead to complications, especially when you've just gotten engaged to your beautiful secretary. That's the position in which George Brent, who plays the role of a popular author, finds himself in "Honeymoon For Three." Beautiful Osa Massen plays the role of the amorous college student who forgets that she is married to a very patient husband, played by Charles Ruggles. Ann Sheridan plays the role of Brent's secretary and is provided with plenty of snappy dialogue, which when combined with her special type of delivery, is sure to bring heaps of favorable comment.

Ann, who is a very practical girl, suggests that it will be much more inexpensive, if she becomes Brent's wife as well as his secretary and, incidentally she loves the guy. Things go along smoothly enough until Osa shows up and then the fun begins. They start on a romantic marathon that proves to be one of the season's greatest laugh hits.

More laughs are provided by William Orr who plays the role of an over serious-minded lawyer who is not too scrupulous in his methods for getting his cases (if any). His partner in crime is portrayed by blonde, vivacious Jane Wyman. Lee Patrick supplies an ample share of the humor as a woman who insists that Brent christen her baby.

Ace director Lloyd Bacon handled the megaphone for the Earl Baldwin screen play, Julius J. and Philip G. Epstein, who are noted for their snappy dialogue, contributed their ample talents to the script. "Honeymoon For Three" is based on the play written by Allan Scott and George Haight.

Just say you saw it in The Mail.

Noodle School News

The Noodle Basketball Girls entered the district meet at Trent Thursday night, Feb. 20. Since every team has to play each other, round robin style, the first night of the meet, Noodle defeated Sylvester 23-13. Friday night Trent beat Noodle 20-14.

Saturday afternoon Noodle downed Roby 25-20. Then Saturday night Noodle played Lueders, the other team from Jones county. The scores were very close throughout the game. At the half the scores were 15-14, Lueders one point ahead. Lueders and Noodle stayed closely together, but during the last quarter, around 3 1-2 minutes to go, Lueders fouled and Mary Oleta Dixon rung the goal for Noodle and tied the scores, 20-20. In the last 2 1-2 minutes of the game Lueders fouled once again. Menvil Love made the free shot and put Noodle one point ahead. Noodle froze the ball the last minute of the game.

A great incident has happened between Noodle and Lueders! They have played each other seven times and won three games each and tied

one. They were already co-champions of Jones county, but when Noodle played Lueders at their tournament for first place, Lueders won over Noodle by two points, putting them one game ahead of Noodle. But at the meet Saturday night Noodle tied the games again and the two teams probably played for the last time for 1941 season.

Since one of our best guards, Marie Jones, was unable to play during the district meet, Noodle is using an inexperienced guard, Crenella Swope, who hasn't played but very little until district meet.

Noodle and Westbrook are tied for second place and so far Trent has been unbeaten.

Noodle will go back to Trent Thursday night and play Westbrook and will play Pyron Friday night.

FBI Asks 700 Men.

Washington, Feb. 27.—J. Edgar Hoover, director of the federal bureau of investigation, said Saturday he had asked congress for 700 additional special agents immediately to protect the defense program against spies and saboteurs.

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CLASSIFIED ADS

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FOR SALE — Electric water heater and tank, in good condition. Mrs. Seth Hamilton.

FOR SALE—1937 Plymouth deluxe fordor sedan. S. M. Hunter.

FOR SALE—Farmall tractor, at John Lawlis' place at Golan.

FOR SALE—One Farmall 12, 6-foot combine, grocery and feed store house and fixtures, 3 nice residence lots, good location. G. F. Woods.

FOR SALE—C. E. Jacobs home place, 3 lots, good improvements; also new radio for sale. See Johnny Jacobs.

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FOR RENT—Furnished upstairs apartment. Mrs. T. J. Toombs.

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Drilling Rigs Close Down for Weather

Two oil tests in the Stith area remained shut in Wednesday because of weather conditions and muddy roads of the past few days.

The Harry Hines et al No. 1 A. M. Wimberley had to shut down because trucks for cementing casing could not get to the location. The test struck oil last week, bailing at the rate of about 50 barrels daily, and was to underream casing for cementing at 2,215 feet.

Danciger Oil & Refineries Inc. No. 2 Kelso had cemented casing above a showing of oil in the Gunsight lime at 2,668 feet, after recovering about three bailers an hour.

A prospective new pay section for the east side of the old Noodle Creek field was found last week-end in the Humble Oil & Refining company No. 1 Huddleston, west offset to Humble's recent flush producer on the Sears estate.

The new productive zone was tentatively classed as the Hope sand. No. 1 Huddleston took two feet of the sand, filled with oil and began heading, but operators decided to cement casing past the pay section and drill ahead for the Swastika, found in the Sears test at 3,010-20 feet. The Hope was drilled at 2,705-07 feet in the No. 1 Huddleston.

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

Rites Held Tuesday For L. A. Blount

L. A. Blount, 65, who moved here with his family from Gorman 12 years ago, died at 3 o'clock Tuesday morning at the Sadler Clinic, which he had entered last Friday. Death was due to kidney poisoning.

Funeral services were held at 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon from the Church of Christ, with Minister Lee Starnes officiating. Burial took place in Rose Hill cemetery under direction of Barrow-Sheppard funeral home.

Four nephews served as pallbearers: Burly Bond, Chester Bond, A. C. Bond and Burris Davis, of Anson.

Surviving are his wife and three children: two sons, B. E. Blount of Merkel and L. R. Blount of Brownwood, and one daughter, Mrs. J. J. Barron, Merkel. A sister, Mrs. M. F. Jones of Denmark, Ark., five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren also survive.

Among out-of-town relatives who came for the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Churchwell, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Freeman and daughter, Eastland; Mr. and Mrs. Burris Davis and children, Anson; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Sterling and children, Sweetwater, and Mrs. C. W. Moore of Abilene, mother of Mrs. Roy Blount.

Five Volunteers in Feb. 26 Draft Call

Five volunteers and three draftees made up the group of eight sent by the Taylor county draft board No. 2 to answer the call of Feb. 26. Before mounting the bus bound for the induction station, Fort Bliss, El Paso, the group enjoyed a farewell dinner given by the draft board at the Paramount cafe, Abilene, Wednesday evening.

Listed as volunteers were Jack Murry Toombs, Vincent Barnett, Meredith Dean Gannaway, J. D. Spinks, Jr., Earnest Hamon, and completing the call were Horace Landon Turnbow, William Herschel Webb and Joe Thomas Evans. Meredith Dean Gannaway was designated leader of the group.

The eight men were joined at the bus station by Coleman and Jones county groups and left at 9:15 to arrive at El Paso for induction at 8 Thursday morning.

LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS

Buck's Shoe shop is now operating in a new location on Elm street, the building formerly occupied by Booth's grocery, just across the alley east of the post office. Buck Leach, proprietor of the shop, has divided the building into two stores, occupying the east half with his shoe shop.

E. M. McDonald has moved his feed store to the building formerly occupied and owned by the Farmers State bank, now in liquidation, which he bought around the first of the year. He has added a complete line of groceries.

Mrs. Ed Turner, while convalescing from the "flu," visited from Sunday until Wednesday with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Turner, in Abilene. She returned Thursday morning to active duty at her cafe.

Improvements at the Bullock Hardware, now about completed, include a deck for office space in the rear of the building and renovating the two large show windows on either side of the entrance to the store.

Added to the sales force of the Yazell Chevrolet company this week is Cecil Beal, formerly of Coleman. Also coming Monday to join the Yazell mechanical department is Wright Dishman, for many years connected with the Grable Motor company, but more recently of Coleman.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank each and every one of those who in any way extended help and sympathy in our recent sorrow, the loss of our beloved husband and father, also for the beautiful flowers.

May God bless every one.
Mrs. L. A. Blount.
Mrs. Joe J. Barron
and Family.
Roy Blount and Family.
Bernie Blount and Family.

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Financial Aid Given To School Districts In Army Camp Areas

Austin, Feb. 27.—A bill authorizing additional state financial aid to school districts which have had a material influx of children because of some national defense activity became law Tuesday when Governor O'Daniel affixed his signature.

Under the law, a new scholastic census of the district will be taken between now and March 15. The district would be entitled to \$22.50 state aid for each child of school age disclosed by the new count, provided that large a sum was needed to meet the additional expenses.

The supplemental counts will be made only on the request of the superintendent of the affected county.

State per capita aid during a school year ordinarily is based on the scholastic census taken in March of the preceding year. Sponsors of the bill pointed out that populations of many districts have grown tremendously since last March because of army camp construction or some other defense activity.

Backers of the bill said it principally affects Abilene, Arlington, Brackettville, Brownsville, Brownwood, Corpus Christi, El Paso, Garland, Grand Prairie, Laredo, Marfa, Mineral Wells, Orange, Palacios, San Antonio, South San Antonio, Hot Wells (San Antonio) and Weatherford.

Texas agriculture netted farmers \$25,000,000 more in 1940 than in 1939, according to the University of Texas bureau of business research.

NEWMAN NEWS

On Feb. 14, little Bobbie Gene Boen spent his third birthday at the school house with a party and valentine box. Cake, cookies and chocolate were served to all the school children, three visiting children, the teachers, three visiting parents, with Alice Boen, his mother, acting as hostess.

Mr. Reanch of Roby and Brother Jones of Sylvester visited school for a while Friday afternoon.

We did not have church Sunday on account of the rainy weather.

Willie Mae Davis spent the weekend visiting in the home of Doris Mae Creswell and the Fowlers.

Mrs. Fannie Reeves is visiting with her mother, Mrs. E. F. Davis, of Rosebud.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Fowler made a business trip to Abilene Saturday.

Weta-Frances Group Hear 'Hobby' Program

The Weta Frances club of Merkel High school held its regular meeting Friday morning at 10:15 in the home-making department.

Dora Gaither, president, presided over a short business meeting. Plans were discussed for raising money to send delegates to the state rally which is to be held in San Antonio this spring.

Lou Jane Land had charge of a program on "Hobbies." Clarice Higgins gave a clever demonstration of her hobby, which is flag twirling. Betty Jo Speck gave a talk on cactus gardens.

About 55 members were present. Miss Frances Cleveland is club sponsor.

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LETTUCE	2 heads 9c
YAMS	4 lbs. 15c
SPUDS	10 lbs. 19c
CARROTS	3 bunches 10c
LEMONS	Doz. 19c

SUPREME Salad Wafers 1 lb. box 17c

CRISCO 3 lb. can 49c

APPLE Butter Quart 19c

PEANUT Butter Quart 25c

Corn No. 2 3 for 25c
Tomatoes Can Choice
Green Beans Choice

PINEAPPLE Juice 3 cans 25c

RED & WHITE Catsup 14 oz. bottle 17c

RED & WHITE Coffee 1 lb. can 25c

RED & WHITE SHRIMP Per can 17c

RED & WHITE Peaches No. 1 can 10c

PURE CANE SUGAR 10 lb. cloth bag 49c

TUNA Fish 2 cans 25c

SUNSPUN Salad Dressing Pint 22c

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BLUE & WHITE Pork & Beans Per can 5c

RED & WHITE Salmon Tall can 27c

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Serious and even fatal accidents have resulted from kites coming in contact with high tension wires. We want to help keep your child—all children—safe from harm.

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HESTER-HORTON.
Miss Dorothy Horton and Mr. Verner Hester were married Saturday evening at 6 o'clock by Rev. Willis Taylor, Baptist pastor at Tuscola. The wedding came as a surprise to their friends.

The bride wore a dusty pink dress trimmed in white organdy with navy coat, hat and accessories.

Mrs. Hester is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Horton, Route 3, Merkel. The groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hester, also of Route 3, Merkel. Both the bride and groom are graduates of Merkel High school and have also attended Draughon's Business college, Abilene. Mr. Hester, formerly employed by the F. & M. National bank in Merkel and a bank in Sweetwater, is now a bookkeeper at the Citizens National bank in Abilene. Mrs. Hester, who formerly held a position at the Cotton Exchange, is employed at Camp Barkeley.

The couple will make their home in Abilene.

JUNIOR STUDY CLUB HEARS PROGRAM ON TEXAS HISTORY.

The lovely new home of Mrs. Raymond Ferguson was opened to members of the Junior Study club on Thursday afternoon of last week with Mrs. J. E. Boaz, Jr., co-hostess with Mrs. Ferguson in entertaining. During the business session Miss Pauline Ballew was elected to membership.

The program was of unusual merit, being given on "High Lights of Texas History," with Mrs. Geo. T. Moore the narrator, and "Places of Historical Interest" discussed by Miss Mary Collins.

Those present were Mesdames Pete West, Carroll Benson, Chester Collinsworth, J. E. Boaz, David Gamble, Raymond Ferguson, Geo. T. Moore, Elmo Collins, L. C. Zehnpfennig, Max Swafford; Misses La Verne Dunbar, Hettie Logan Clay, Imogene Schulze, Mildred Hamm, Ruth West, Frances Cleveland and Mary Collins.

HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB.

The Merkel Home Demonstration club met Friday in the home of Mrs. Clark Mundy with Mrs. A. P. Peterson and Mrs. Bob Sumpter as co-hostesses.

Mrs. Grover Gilbert, the president, called the meeting to order and Mrs. John Hughes led in prayer. Reports of various committees were heard and Mrs. Craig Humphreys gave the council report. Mrs. Earnest Teaff reported on the training school held in Abilene the previous week.

Mrs. Bill Sumpter introduced the guest speaker, Miss Evelyn Sears, who spoke on "Girl Scouts and What Girl Scouting Has Meant to Me." She is the first girl in Merkel to be a first class Girl Scout.

The program was on "Preparation of Eggs." Food value of eggs and place in diet was discussed by Mrs. Craig Humphreys and various ways to prepare eggs and serve them to the family, by Mrs. John Hughes.

The five cent educational fee for each member was taken by the secretary, Mrs. Holt Vaughn.

Those present were Mesdames J. Ben Campbell, F. A. Polley, J. W.

Bryan, Walter Teaff, Earnest Teaff, Fred A. Baker, Jr., Bob McDonald, Harry Barnett, Don Riney, Lem Dudley, R. L. Adeock, C. W. Newton, A. P. Peterson, Grover Gilbert Holt Vaughn, Andy Shouse, W. R. Sumpter, John Hughes, R. L. Sumpter, E. B. Wallace, J. E. Hudson, a visitor, and Mrs. Mundy.

TRIO ENTERTAIN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Mrs. Raymond Ferguson, Mrs. Fred Latham and Mrs. Johnny Cox composed a most gracious hostess group this week, entertaining ladies of the Missionary society of the Methodist church on Monday afternoon in the spacious new Ferguson home.

Mrs. Denzil Cox, who was leader for the program, was assisted by Mrs. Pinky Cypert, and the devotional was brought by Mrs. Robert Hicks, after which Mrs. W. A. McSpadden entertained with some splendid readings.

At the refreshment hour, a dainty tea plate of cookies, olives, stuffed dates and hot chocolate was passed to Mesdames Ray Wilson, Clyde Sears, Robert Hicks, Herbert Dunn, Chas. Russell, Eteyl Church, Pinky Cypert, Fred Latham, Raymond Ferguson, Johnny Cox, Denzil Cox, W. S. J. Brown, W. A. McSpadden and Miss Ona Johnson.

JOLLY NEIGHBORS.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Patterson extended gracious hospitality to members of the Jolly Neighbors club on Monday evening.

A patriotic theme was stressed in all party appointments and games of "84" progressed until a late hour when a most delicious shrimp salad and fruit pudding was served with hot chocolate to Messrs. and Mesdames Robert Hicks, Raymond Ferguson, Andy Shouse, Spencer Bird, Herbert Patterson, F. Y. Gaither, Johnny Cox, Mrs. Len Sublett, Miss Christine Collins and C. J. Glover.

NEEDLE AND THIMBLE CLUB.

Members of the Needle and Thimble club were entertained on Wednesday of last week in the home of Mrs. Max Swafford. The president, Mrs. L. V. Moore, presided over a short business session, and the rest of the afternoon was spent with needle work and exchange of sewing ideas.

Refreshments were passed to Mesdames David Gamble, Buck Leach, Herbert Dunn, Geo. T. Moore, Owen Robertson, L. V. Moore, Stacy Bird, John Grable, Ervin Bailey, Nolan Palmer, Worth Lee, Stanton Cline, Connor Robinson and the hostess.

Hospital Notes.

Mrs. Lester F. Bunyan of Abilene, admitted to Sadler Clinic last Saturday for treatment, was dismissed Wednesday.

W. B. Skinner of Dallas was admitted Monday for first aid and a back injury sustained in a car wreck west of town.

Mrs. Woodrow Cooper of Trent was a surgical patient Wednesday.

A daughter was born at the hospital Wednesday to Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Hopper of Trent.

Office supplies—Mail office.

Sunshine Cottons



Cotton demin play outfits will be popular at resort centers during the spring and summer season, the National Cotton Council reports. The cotton demin suit above is complete with multi-striped shirt and solid colored Bermuda shorts. They are popular in pastels and stripes.

RURAL SOCIETY

BLUEBONNET CLUB.

The Bluebonnet Home Demonstration club met Feb. 18 in the home of Mrs. Dewell McLean. Mrs. A. L. Farmer called the club to order at 2:30. After a prayer by Mrs. Toombs roll was called. A number of club songs were sung, and a program, "Hints on Poultry Care," was given.

Mrs. Tom Russom told of her trouble with spreading hay on the floor of her brooder house. She has learned that the hay has a germ, when this germ gets warm and damp it grows and gets in the baby chickens' nostrils causing them to die.

Other members discussed their problems with baby chicks and different methods of heating brooder houses.

Pineapple, topped with whipped cream, cookies and hot drinks, was served to visitors and members: Mrs. Twyman Collins and Mrs. Don Riney, visitors; Mesdames Houston Martin, A. L. Farmer, Will Butman, Ben Butman, W. C. Perkins, Tom Russom, James Simpson, Carl Keith, Raymond Thomas, N. M. Keith, Ray Reynolds, A. R. Toombs, Elmer Patterson, Miss Louene Butman, and the hostess.

Next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Elmer Patterson March 4.

MT. PLEASANT WSCS.

The Mt. Pleasant Society of Christian Service met in the home of Mrs. Morris Smith on Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 19. The meeting was called to order by the president. The opening prayer was given by Mrs. Cara Pruitt. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The program was making books for the young children to study in Sunday School. The society is to be represented at Caps on Thursday, Feb. 27.

Those present were Mesdames Cara Pruitt, F. M. Pruitt, J. B. Stewart, R. S. Darden, Jr., Morris Smith.

Install Presbyterian Pastor on April 27

At a called meeting of the Abilene presbytery of the Presbyterian church, U. S. A., at Stamford Monday, Rev. Fred A. Walker of Brownfield was elected stated clerk to succeed Rev. Wm. F. Rogan, Stamford, who has transferred to Nacogdoches.

At the same meeting the date was set and plans made for the installation of Rev. J. B. Ramsey, new pastor of Grace Presbyterian church, on Sunday, Apr. 27. Dr. E. B. Surface, pastor of the Central Presbyterian church, Abilene, will preach the sermon and propound the questions. Rev. Hubert Travis of Snyder will charge the pastor and Rev. Victor K. Aubrey of Breckenridge will charge the congregation.

Rev. Mr. Ramsey, who attended the meeting at Stamford Monday, will accompany a delegation from presbytery to Snyder next Monday for the installation of Rev. Mr. Travis. He will read the Scripture and give the constitutional prayer.

Advertise in The Merkel Mail.

In The Churches

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.
The inclement weather Sunday prevented Sunday School from being held at two of the churches, attendance at the other four being only 232. On the previous Sunday 536 were present and the attendance on the same Sunday a year ago was 530.

METHODIST CHURCH.
Sunday services: Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Morning worship service 11 a. m. Intermediate League 6:30 p. m. Young People's Fellowship and League hour begins at 6 p. m. Evening preaching service 7:15 p. m.

Week-day activities: Woman's Society of Christian Service meets Monday at 3 p. m. Mid-week service every Wednesday night.

There's always a welcome with the Methodists.

Marvin Boyd, Pastor.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.
Sunday School at 10 a. m. Morning sermon at 11. Training Union 6:30. Evening sermon at 7:30.

Teachers' and officers' meeting and prayer meeting 7:30 Wednesday evening.

Cooper Waters, Pastor.

GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
Sunday School at 10 a. m. Offering for Reynolds home.

As the pastor will be at Tuscola, there will be no preaching service, morning nor night.

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.

BLAIR SERVICES.
Rev. Emmett L. Whitaker, Baptist minister of Abilene, will preach at the Blair school auditorium Sunday, Mar. 2. Every one is invited to attend these services at 2:30 in the afternoon.

BLAIR CIRCUIT.
Bishop Hunter will conduct Laymen's Day service at Mount Pleasant Methodist church Sunday night, Mar. 2. There will also be a Laymen's

Day service at Nubia and White Church on this date.

J. B. Stewart, Pastor.

BLAIR EPWORTH LEAGUE.
The Blair League met Sunday night, Feb. 16. The League is divided into groups of boys and girls. It happened to be that the boys gave the program, which was very interesting. After the program we elected new officers. J. D. Sandusky, president, called the meeting to order. Billy Campbell was elected president for the new year; Gwendolyn Sandusky, vice-president; Annie Clara Doan, secretary; Otis and Joy Moore, League sponsors; Mrs. Hugh Campbell, reporter; J. D. Sandusky and Louise Addison, group leaders, and Annie Clara Doan, song leader. After the election of new officers, we sang. We are very proud of our League and we would appreciate anyone coming to join us. We meet every Sunday night at 7:30.

—Reporter.

Church Will Observe "Day of Compassion"

Next Sunday, the eight million Methodists in the United States will give a million dollars for relief of conditions brought about by the war. The day is designated as Methodist "Compassion Sunday".

Half of the amount raised will be used for relief among the war-stricken millions in China and throughout Europe. This will be used in behalf of the missionary work of the world of all denominations which has been "orphaned" by being cut off from support from homelands in Europe; for distribution of Bibles to the helpless; for relief among the three million prisoners of war and ministering to these prisoners. All will be administered by Methodist agencies on the field and no money will be used in such manner as to prolong the war or aid aggressor nations directly or indirectly.

One fourth of the offering will be used to help British Methodism which is the parent body of the church in America. Over 300 Methodist churches in Britain have already been destroyed by bombs and fire. No money will be used for rebuilding, but American Methodists are assuming British Methodism's world-wide missionary program for a while in order that British Methodists may put all their effort on home relief there.

One fourth of the "Compassion Offering" will be used in social and spiritual ministry to the boys in our army training camps in the United States. The church proposes to follow the hundreds of thousands of Methodist boys being called into the service, and to counteract the sinister aspects, evils and temptations of every sort that are all around the camps. This program will be in full co-operation with the regular chaplains. There will be 120 Methodist chaplains in addition to the church-supported men who will work in and near the camps. All this program is undertaken in response to a call from the chief of staff to the American churches for such a ministry.

The Merkel Methodist church is expecting to readily pay its quota in cash and to assume its share of this work of Christian Compassion.

Just say you saw it in The Mail.

Dublin Rodeo Dates.
Dublin, Feb. 27.—The second annual world's championship rodeo of the Dublin Rodeo association will be held April 25, 26 and 27, with \$2,000 in prize money, augmented by entry fees, it was announced Monday by Warren Hughes, manager of the association.

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SALTINE Crackers 2 lb box 15c

APPLE Butter Qt. jar 19c

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Roast LB. 15c

SEVEN STEAK Lb. 23c

Pork Chops .. Lb. 19c

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