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On the "Broadway of America"

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Oil Belt district members of the State Teachers association, in convention at Wichita Falls last week-end, elected T. B. Parnell of Wichita Falls president and selected Sweetwater for the 1942 meeting.

G. D. Triplett, manager of the Anson chamber of commerce for the past three and a half years, has resigned his post; effective Mar. 15, he became advertising manager and editor of the Western-Enterprise, Anson weekly newspaper.

New athletic coach of Hardin-Simmons university, succeeding Frank Kimbrough, newly appointed head football coach at Baylor university, is Warren B. Woodson, former coach of the Arkansas State Teachers college at Conway.

Tarrant county recorded its 19th traffic fatality of the year early Sunday morning in the death of John W. Roach, 49, a painter and paper-hanger, struck by an automobile in front of his residence. He died 30 minutes later in a Fort Worth hospital.

Curtis Heaslip, 16, of Brownwood, died in a physician's office at Rising Star Sunday, the result of the accidental discharge of a shotgun while he and a companion, Bill Barber, also of Brownwood, were hunting rabbits about 15 miles north of Rising Star.

Milo K. Roth, former secretary of the Chickasha, Okla., chamber of commerce, assumed his duties Monday morning as secretary-manager of the Sweetwater Board of City Development, succeeding George Barber, who resigned.

Two persons died Monday when a fire swept through two small second-story hotels at Dallas. The dead: W. A. Hendon, 66, who suffered severe burns, and Alberta Perkins, 42, who was asphyxiated.

William Davis Jones, 22, of Fort Morgan, Colo., was killed early Monday when two trucks collided on the highway near Edinburg.

Jose Martinez, 39, was killed Sunday near San Antonio when the tractor he was cranking suddenly started and crushed him against a tree.

Rev. E. D. Head, pastor of the First Baptist church of Houston, was elected executive secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Texas Monday by the executive board at Dallas. He succeeds Rev. R. C. Campbell, who resigned to accept a call to the First Baptist church of Columbia, S. C.

Frank Posen, 43, a seaman, was killed Sunday when he jumped from the ninth floor of the Jefferson Davis hospital, Houston. Posen was recovering from knife wounds in the back and abdomen when he climbed through a small window and dropped to the ground.

R. L. Agnew, San Antonio salesman, was found dead near that city Sunday, the back of his head crushed and his pockets turned inside out.

New Officers are Named for Taylor Electric Group

H. R. Roberts of Guion was elected president of the Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc., at the annual meeting of directors of the organization held Monday afternoon. He succeeds Sam Butman, Jr., of Merkel.

Mrs. George Pepper of Bitter Creek, Nolan county, was named vice-president succeeding A. W. McKee of Potosi.

W. C. Church of Stith was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

Other directors are: J. J. Anderson of Eskota, Lloyd Bynum of Potosi, J. M. Lister of Nolan, John Ward of Maryneal, Sam Butman, Jr., of Mulberry Canyon and Comer Haynes of Merkel.

Johnny Cox continues as superintendent of the cooperative.

N. A. Dowell Attends Funeral of Father

Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Dowell, accompanied by their son, Grisham Dowell, of Phoenix, Ariz., who was visiting here, returned late last Thursday from Roysie City, where they went to attend the funeral of the elder Dowell's father, C. L. Dowell, 85, of Fairlie, a former resident of Roysie City.

Besides the son who lives here, one other son, two daughters, two brothers, 20 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren survive.

BLAZE CLAIMS MOTHER AS ITS THIRD VICTIM

Mrs. Henry Kilgore Succumbs To Burns Late Thursday; Lives of Two Small Daughters Snuffed Out in Blaze.

Mrs. Henry Kilgore, 25, who received third degree burns over practically every part of her body in the same fire that at noon last Thursday snuffed out the lives of her two small daughters, died at 7 o'clock that night at the Sadler Clinic, where she had been carried in a Barrow-Sheppard ambulance from the scene of the fire.

Fumes from gasoline which Mrs. Kilgore was using to clean a pair of trousers ignited and flames instantly enveloped the one-room cabin at the Pence wagon yard, where the family lived. Mrs. Kilgore, thrown by the resulting explosion against the screen door, which was latched, was rescued by W. F. Sheffield and his son, W. N. Sheffield, occupants of the adjoining cabin. The bodies of the two girls, Emma, 4, and Shirley Ann, 14 months, were recovered from the ruins by firemen.

Although not felt much at first, the younger Sheffield received severe burns across his forehead.

Funeral services for the three, mother and two daughters, were held at the Trent Baptist church at 4:30 Friday afternoon, conducted by Rev. Buell Bradford, pastor of the Shiloh Baptist church, assisted by Rev. Melvyn Bird, former Shiloh pastor. Burial followed in the Trent cemetery under direction of Barrow-Sheppard.

The fire occurred while her husband was at work at the WPA airport project in Abilene. He was brought here by O. R. Jackson, superintendent of the airport job. Mrs. Kilgore was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Washburn of Goodman. Pallbearers were Homer Campbell, Carl Carey, Clyde Newton, Roy Stewart, Albert Vessels, Odell Dickerson.

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Stanley Stanford, 10, Succumbed Month After Oil Explosion

A month to the day after he was critically burned, Stanley Kemp Stanford, 10, succumbed to his injuries at 9 a. m. last Saturday. His death occurred at the home of an uncle, Mark L. Malone, in the Blair community. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Stanford.

On Feb. 15, Stanley suffered burns covering most of his body when a crude oil drum in which he was building a fire exploded. He spent more than two weeks in Hendrick Memorial hospital, Abilene, having been dismissed from there on Mar. 4.

Funeral services were held at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon from the Methodist church, conducted by Rev. Marvin Boyd, the pastor. Burial followed in Rose Hill cemetery under direction of Barrow-Sheppard.

Besides his parents, he is survived by a sister, La Fern, 12, and his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Ozella Kemp, San Angelo.

Six cousins served as pallbearers: Robert Malone, Mark L. Malone, Jr., Jack Stanford, C. R. Peterson, Jr., Harrison Malone, John Malone.

Flower girls were Mesdames Jack Stanford, Corvin Leverich, Mark L. Malone, Jr., Robert Malone, John Malone, Carlton King, Ray Orsborn; Misses Louella Hughes, Betty Jo Patterson, Ada Stanford.

Among out-of-town relatives here for the funeral were Mrs. Nina Wilson, Mrs. Jno. O. Holland and son, Jack, Mr. and Mrs. Duward D. Kemp and baby, Sanatorium; Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Young, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Kemp, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Martyn Kemp and Mrs. Ben Wagon, San Angelo; Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Procter, Brownfield; Oscar Kemp and son, Sylvester; T. W. Procter and daughter, Lavada Swinford, Aubrey Stanford, son and daughter, Miss Flippo, Miss Bernka Cartwright, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Stanford and son and daughter, Potosi, and Mr. and Mrs. Corvin Leverich, Odessa.

BOARD ELECTS EDWIN READ AS NEW PRINCIPAL

At Friday night's meeting of the Merkel school board, Edwin E. Read, superintendent of the Noodle school for the past four years, was elected principal of High school. He will finish the present term at Noodle, however, before moving to Merkel and assuming the duties of his new post. His wife is a member of the Noodle school faculty.

Mr. Read takes the place of Rex Myers, who left Feb. 28 to join the service of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The new principal holds a B. S. degree from the North Texas State Teachers college, Denton, and his M. A. from Texas Christian university. Prior to accepting the superintendency at Noodle, he had previously been superintendent at Golan, later consolidated with the Noodle school. He first entered the teaching profession at Lakeview in Hall county and later taught two years at Spade in Lamb county.

At the same meeting, the board also re-elected Chester Collinsworth as vocational agriculture teacher for his sixth term, and Richard Young, band director, for his third term.

Humble Brings in Second Producer in Abandoned Area

Second well to be drilled in a new part of the long-dormant Noodle Creek territory, the Humble Oil & Refining company No. 1-B D. O. Huddleston, which threw oil all over the top of the mast when drilled in last Friday afternoon, established a daily potential rating of 766.32 barrels daily, by flowing 319.33 barrels of oil in ten hours on railroad commission gauge Monday afternoon.

On the strength of its performance Friday afternoon, first estimates ran as high as 75 to 100 barrels per hour. It is an offset to one of the area's early wildcat tests, by the Oklavania Oil company, which lacked less than 150 feet of drilling deep enough to open the east side sand field. The old test was drilled to 2,885 feet, below the Noodle Creek lime section, which at that time was the only horizon known to produce in that area.

The Huddleston offsets No. 2 Sears estate to the west, which proved 1,182.4 barrels daily on railroad gauge.

The Huddleston cemented casing above a showing of oil at 3,003-05 feet. When the plug was drilled Monday, the well filled 2,000 feet in oil within an hour in drilling to 3,013 feet. The hole filled in, deepening to 3,016 feet, and flowed within 30 minutes. After flowing into pits, the tools were pulled and the well blew over the top.

The Noodle Creek field was opened in September, 1926, by the Phillips Petroleum company No. 1 Joe Winter from 2,500-lime pay.

Annual City Election Scheduled April 1

Mayor Henry C. West, incumbent, has entered his name with City Secretary W. M. Elliott as a candidate for re-election in the annual city election to be held Tuesday, Apr. 1.

Two aldermen are to be elected at the same time. Terms of S. D. Gamble and Fred A. Baker expire this year. Holdover aldermen are W. O. Boney, John Mansfield and Dee Grimes.

First Snow of Season Barely Beats Spring

Only three days before the advent of spring, the first snow of the season fell Monday night here, the depth being estimated at around three inches. A rise of a few degrees in temperature Tuesday morning, however, caused it to melt rapidly so that scarcely a sign remained by noon.

Moisture resulting from the snow amounted to a quarter of an inch, bringing the year's rainfall to 3-3.4 inches.

BADGER BAND TO PARADE IN NEW UNIFORMS

Fifty-Eight Beautiful Wool Whipcord Uniforms Ordered; To Be Shown First Time at Spring Concert.

No longer will the aspiring young musicians of the Merkel High School Badger band enter the parade with the complex of a pingpong champion playing his first game of football. For the young musicians of Merkel will be adorned in the finest uniforms that are made. After years of waiting until the opportunity presented itself, the band has purchased 58 beautiful wool whipcord uniforms from the Freuhauf Uniform Co., of Wichita, Kans.

The uniforms are composed of three parts, hat, coat and trousers. The trousers are of a wool whipcord, deep purple with a wide gold stripe up each side of the leg. The coats are a burnished gold color, with purple and white designs on the sleeves and collars; with the coat also is a beautiful purple citation cord of woven design. The hats are of West Point design, purple with gold trim, and adorning the hat will be a large gold plume.

All of the uniforms will be identical. In addition the band purchased a large banner bearing the words, "Merkel, Texas." This banner will be carried in front of the band and will serve as an advertising medium for both the band, High school and the city of Merkel.

These uniforms will be here in time to help the band make a fine rating in the state regional band and orchestra contest to be held in Abilene Apr. 24, 25, 26. Last year the band won third rating in the contest and this year it is going after an improved rating over last year. This year's success will depend upon the amount of time the students spend in practice and a great deal upon the interest the city of Merkel shows in encouraging the young players, Director Young said.

The band will show off their beautiful uniforms at their annual spring concert sometime in April, the date depending on the arrival of the uniforms.

Reception Planned for Wacoans Thursday

Committees to co-operate with the Queen theatre in raising funds for the Greek War Relief Committee, Inc., and to welcome the Waco trade trippers on next Thursday were appointed at Tuesday's luncheon of the Lions club, and Dr. L. C. Zehnpfennig, who had outlined need for more funds by the executives of the Girl Scouts to complete plans for a club house on lots west of the Grammar school, was named a one-man committee to accept individual voluntary subscriptions for that cause. The Girl Scouts have already purchased and moved a 4-room frame house to this location.

On the Greek aid committee were named W. O. Boney, chairman, Owen Robertson and Dee Grimes.

A reception committee for the Waco business men, who will be here next Thursday from 2:20 to 2:50 p. m., is headed by Supt. Connor Robinson, with W. R. Yazell, Dr. L. C. Zehnpfennig and Byers Petty assisting.

The committee to get pledges to augment the salary of the night-watchman, which was led by President R. T. Gray, was commended by Mayor H. C. West, who reported that

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Orders to Close Local Sewing Room Received

Following orders received from Miss Gladys Godwin, San Angelo, district supervisor of sewing rooms, the local sewing room, with Mrs. Bonnie Griswold in charge as assistant project supervisor, was closed indefinitely last Thursday afternoon.

All materials and cut goods on hand have already been sent to Abilene headquarters, the machines and other fixtures having been temporarily stored here.

NETTERS FROM MERKEL SCORE GRAND SLAM

Merkel High school netters scored a grand slam in the Taylor County boys' tennis tournament at Abilene Saturday, winning singles and doubles championships in senior and junior divisions. Supt. Connor Robinson has been coaching tennis.

Glen Barbee outstroked Trent's H. Jones in the senior singles, 6-3, 6-0. The doubles combination of Tag Shouse and Raymond Smith readily disposed of O'Rear and Purser, Trent, in the title match, 6-3, 6-1.

Jack Melton won title in junior singles by defeating James Willis, Lawn, 6-1, 3-6, 6-2.

Jack Haynes and LeRoy Smith, as junior doubles, defeated Carroll Pursley and Bryan W. Clark, Tuscola, 5-7, 6-4, 8-6, 6-0.

The senior winners are eligible to compete in the district tournament at Sweetwater.

Merkel to Send Large Number of Entries to County

List of entries from the Merkel High school in the county inter-scholastic league contests to be held this week-end, as furnished by Supt. Connor Robinson, includes:

Junior declamation—boys, Benny Kemper; girls, Marjorie Fulton.

Senior declamation—boys, Moody Coffman; girls, Eva Martin.

Extemporaneous speech—Dwight Swafford, Ruth Bell.

Typing—Sue Pinckley, Doris Clyde Miller, David Gibson.

Shorthand—Dessie Baker, Lyla Hobbs.

Spelling—Avalene Mathews, Willie Sue Morgan, Dorothy Nell Groene, Earline Walker.

Ready writer—Dwight Swafford.

Representatives in the literary events will meet at the First Baptist church, Abilene, at 9 Friday morning.

Volley Ball—Joyce Cox, Mickey Diltz, Lucille Varner, Billy Finch, Frances Melton, Oleta Woolsey.

Tennis—girls' senior doubles, Betty Lu Higrins, Lou Jane Land.

The track events will be held at the Abilene high school stadium Saturday morning.

The High school track team goes directly to the district meet which will be held at a later date.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL
Gordon Green, Grammar School principal, has furnished The Mail the

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MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, March 18, 1921.)

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES.

(By Rosie Laney.)

Last Tuesday the Junior girls entertained the Junior boys and the faculty with a most sumptuous dinner. Miss Deal took the entire class to Warren's Lake where all enjoyed boating, fishing and swimming. Mr. Burgess and Bill Stevens took the boys' basketball team to Trent Thursday afternoon where the Merkel team was defeated. The girls' basketball team of Abilene defeated the Merkel girls' team Friday, 12 to 8. The following students will try out in declamation Wednesday morning:

Senior girls—Hattie Proctor; Senior boys—Bill Stevens, Lewis Giles and L. T. Toombs; Junior girls—Mary Frances Anderson, Vena Mays Jackson, Leol Merritt and Jessie Maye Stevens; Junior boys—Ray Garrett and T. J. Beidleman.

Students Obey These Rules.

Note book in by next Friday. Do not walk across the baseball grounds after a rain. Remember the girls' basketball game, John A., move back here by me. Do not leave your seat without permission.

A Huge Joke.

Miss Carlisle's age, Miss Smith's keen eyes, Miss Deal's curls, Miss

ANNUAL MEET OF MERCHANTS MONDAY, MAR. 31

Gathering of Trade Extension Ass'n to be Held at Lions Hall; Wood and Wilson Named on Arrangements.

Annual meeting of the Merchants Trade Extension association, Inc., of Merkel, of which all business and professional men of Merkel and all others interested in the progress of the city are automatically members, will be held at 8 o'clock, Monday night, Mar. 31, at the Lions hall.

Preliminary organization was effected Feb. 26, with the election of R. T. Gray, president; Nathan Wood, vice-president; C. J. Glover, secretary, and Booth Warren, treasurer.

Besides Gray, Wood and Warren, the other seven directors on the board of ten are: Dee Grimes, Clyde Bartlett, E. Y. Bailey, Ray Wilson, S. D. Gamble, Owen Robertson and W. R. Yazell.

Nathan Wood and Ray Wilson were named as a special committee on arrangements for the annual meeting, which was decided on at a meeting of the directors held Monday night of this week.

Fire Takes Toll of Eight in 4 Months

Out of the ten persons who have sustained serious burns in the last four months in Merkel, only two are living: Mrs. Tommie Smith and her little son, Carl Vernon, who were burned Jan. 18.

Mrs. Smith, whose burns were confined to the arm and hands, has fully recovered. Carl Vernon, it is reported, is still improving and it is hoped he will soon be able to sit up.

A Mexican woman, two of her children and a third child were burned to death here on Dec. 6. Last Thursday Mrs. Henry Kilgore and two children lost their lives in a fire, and on Saturday little Stanley Stanford died of burns suffered Feb. 15.

Borglum's Son to Carry On

Washington, Mar. 20.—The Mount Rushmore Memorial commission decided Monday that Lincoln Borglum should succeed his father, the late Gutzon Borglum, as sculptor-superintendent of the Mount Rushmore Memorial in the Black Hills of South Dakota.

Whorton's demerit book, Mr. Miller's nose and Mr. Burgess' blush.

Spices of Life.
Miss Carlisle: "John A., will you be quiet for a bit?"
John A.: "I'll do it for two bits."

Mary Cleo: "When did you first know you loved me?"
Jerome: "When I began to get mad when people said you were brainless and unattractive."

Bill: "Did you send her presents back when she broke the engagement?"
Wade: "Did you send back the silver cup you had won when you resigned from the basketball club?"

Wonder Why?

Faye Richie writes so much history. Hattie Proctor and Johnnie Sears are always exempt. Myrtle McDonald has to stay from 3:20 until four o'clock. J. J. Russell likes to sit by Mary Proctor. Miss Smith gives such long lessons. Miss Whorton has a sore eye. Iva, Lucille, Loyce, Hazel, Evelyn and Wade have to memorize the "Gettysburg Address."

The teachers and High School girls have a baseball team.

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County Meet

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names of entries from the ward school in the various events, viz.:
Spelling—4th and 5th grades, Clara Frances Dwigins, Louise Graham; Jacquelyn Toombs, substitute; 6th and 7th grades, Reba Rae Kingsbury, Jean Curb, Alice McLean.
Ready writers—Betty Gilbert.
Music memory—Billy Ann Reidenbach, Valerie Leonard, Genevieve Robertson, Lon McDonald; Billy Morris Baze, Billy Pat Nash, Billie Joyce Ford, Peggy Simpson, Ima Ruth Shouse.
Declamation—girls, Mary Faye Johnson, Doris Dudley, substitute; boys, Orville Kemper.
Number sense—James Roy Baccus, Billy Gene Dye, Virgil Sears, Juanita Garvin.
Choral club—boys and girls, Lloyd Rutledge, Abie Turner, Gerald Renfro, James Roy Baccus, Frankie Shults, Billy Gene Dye, Walter Whisenhunt, Bonnie Church, Donald Cox, Becky Gaither, Lois Harris, Betty Gilbert, Dorothy Lee, Jean Curb, Valerie Leonard, Juanita Garvin, Betty Joe Seymore, June Nalley, Geneva Allen, Reba Rae Kingsbury, Mary Faye Johnson, Doris Dudley, LaFern Stanford, Alice McLean, Gwendolyn Vaughn, Evelyn Newton, Billy Gene Grayson, Jo Anna Ramsey.
The Choral singing contest will take place Wednesday, Mar. 26.
Volleyball team—Becky Gaither, Geneva Allen, Gwendolyn Vaughn, Billy Ann Reidenbach, Elna Faye Frazier, Lois Harris, Betty Jo Perry, Betty Joyce Cook, Juanita Garvin, Jean Curb. This event is scheduled for Mar. 23-29.
Track team—J. L. Gilbreath, Billie W. Frazier, James McBride, Buford Noel, Dorman Clark, John Stapleton, Geo. Wayne Richie, Leon Floyd.
The track team, which will compete Saturday, is coached by Jack Patterson, a former star in track at Rice Institute.

Lions

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the monthly subscriptions had been increased to a sufficient amount.
At the suggestion of Mayor West the Lions club will make an effort to induce Draft Board No. 2 to send enrollees by Sunshine Special, instead of bus, as a matter of convenience and comfort for the boys.
Cotton Owens was elected as a new member of the club, with special attention to be given to his initiation at the next meeting.
Opening singsong was led by Nathan Wood, with Gay West at the piano. Invocation was given by W. M. Elliott.

Fire Victims

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Flower girls were Doris Stevens, Wilma Stribling, Wanda Stribling, Ophelia Vessels, Ozella Wade and Norman Mae Wilson.
Among the out-of-town relatives who came for the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Kilgore, parents of the husband, and two sisters, Mrs. Melvin Horton and son, Ray, and Mrs. Lowell Burton and husband, all from Fort Worth, and another sister, Mrs. L. D. Oliver and husband, of Paris; also Mrs. L. A. Luttrell, a sister of Mrs. Kilgore, and her husband and son, Harry Luther, of Cross Plains, and Mrs. Walter Neill, an aunt of Mrs. Kilgore, and her husband, Fort Worth.

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 our sad bereavement—the loss of our beloved wife and daughters, also for the beautiful floral offerings.
May God's richest blessings be upon you.
Henry Kilgore.
Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Washburn and Family.
Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Kilgore.

Homemaking Students Model Class Projects

Members of the third year homemaking class of Merkel High school modeled special occasion dresses Monday morning for members of the faculty and several High School students. Special occasion frocks were class projects that have just been completed.
Costumes were judged on general appearance and originality as well as on workmanship. Judges for selecting outstanding dresses were Mrs. Carroll Benson and Mrs. Landon Hill.
Jeanette Neff, first place winner, wore a rose polka dot dress made with a plaited skirt and a navy jacket, her accessories were navy and white, and her bag, made of the same material as her jacket was embroidered with her name.
Louise Patterson placed second with a blue polka dot frock with a fitted midriff. Her accessories combined a large red straw sailor hat, red flower, white gloves and black patent bag and shoes.
Laverne Douglas was third with a navy crepe dress worn with a navy and red beret and other navy accessories.
Honorable mention was given to Frances Hester, Bonnie Church, Dora Gaither and Janet Teaff.
Dresses were made under the guidance of Miss Frances Cleveland, vocational homemaking teacher.

Services Held Monday For Fred Lawson, 58

Fred D. Lawson, 58, resident of Taylor county 22 years, died at 2:40 Sunday afternoon at his home here, the Arlie Sanders house in South Merkel.
Rev. R. T. Smith, former pastor of the Nazarene church, officiated for the services at 4 p. m. Monday—first held in the new Barrow-Sheppard funeral home. He was assisted by Rev. G. O. Crow, present pastor of the Nazarene church. Burial was in Rose Hill cemetery.
Pallbearers were Clyde Shouse, T. J. Bird, Verner Sublett, Roy Griffin, Clyde Matthews, Otis Foster.
Insert Lawson.

Flower girls were Mesdames Verner Sublett, A. J. Stapleton, Annie Brown, Leana Reeder, G. O. Crow and Eara Salmon.

Mr. Lawson was born in Arkansas on Apr. 27, 1882, and moved to Taylor county with his family in 1919. He had lived in town the past five years.

Surviving are his wife and ten children, eight daughters and two sons. The daughters: Mesdames Donnie Walker, Avis McHaney and Louise Campbell and Laverne Lawson, all of Merkel; Mesdames Cleo Moody, Velma Robinson and Bennie McSpadden, all of Abilene; Mrs. Fay Dawkins, Littlefield; the sons, Raymond and Joe, Merkel. His father, J. S. Lawson, Abilene, two sisters, Mrs. Eunice Alsbrook of Tyler and Miss Pearl Lawson, Abilene; four brothers, G. E., J. E., R. D. and R. R., all of Abilene, and eleven grandchildren also survive.

To Report for Active Duty at Camp Bowie

Clifton Bellamy, 2nd Lieut., U. S. Army reserve, was home for the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Sumpter. He has received his orders to report for active duty Mar. 24 at Camp Bowie, Brownwood.
Also visitors in the W. R. Sumpter home over the week-end were Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Manscill of Dallas.

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David Reidenbach is Sent to Fort Bliss

Word has been received by his father, Dan Reidenbach, that David Reidenbach, sergeant clerk, Troop F, 112th cavalry, has been transferred from Fort Ringgold to Fort Bliss, El Paso. Junior Gilmore enlisted at the same time with David and is a corporal in the same company.
Enlistments last week in the United States army include: Tillman J. Rutledge, son of D. T. Rutledge, and J. B. McBride, son of W. R. McBride, assigned to the 31st infantry, Philippine department, Fort McDowell, Calif., and Thomas E. Mashburn, Jr., son of T. E. Mashburn, and Robert I. Gilmore, son of Mrs. Beulah Gilmore, assigned to the infantry, Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio.

Name Delegates to Head Convention

Two Merkel members of the Woodmen of the World Life Insurance society will depart Sunday, Mar. 23, for Beaumont to attend the biennial Head Camp convention of the society. They were elected to represent the Merkel camp at the last meeting. Representing the local camp here are W. L. Blair and R. H. Mathews, Jr., with W. M. Elliott and A. D. Fulton, alternates. They will travel by car, leaving Sunday in order to arrive in the convention city by Mar. 24.

The convention will convene Mar. 24 and run through the 26th. The Head Camp is one of 25 such meetings being held all over the nation.

Reports on progress of the Woodmen of the World, addresses by national officers and a mass initiation of new members will be seen and heard.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks for the love and sympathy shown us in the illness and death of our beloved husband and father; also for the beautiful floral offerings.
May God's richest blessings rest upon all of you.
Mrs. L. M. Walsh and Children.

17th District Dental Assistants Meet

The Dental Assistants association, recently organized, of which Vera Roper, Sweetwater, is president and Nelle Downing, Breckenridge, is secretary-treasurer, met in the Hilton hotel in Abilene last Saturday night. Following the dinner which began at 7:30, a business session was held.
The principal speaker for the meeting was Mrs. Dale Morrison, of the faculty of McMurry college, Abilene. Her subject dealt with the proper preparation of young women for the work of a dental assistant. Noble Pope, Abilene, vice-president, made a talk on the early history of dental assistants. The program was arranged by Nelle Downing, program committee chairman; Thelma Mathews, Merkel, and Gene Worley, Sweetwater, with the assistance of Noble Pope, Abilene.
The assistants of all the dentists making up the 17th District Dental association are eligible for membership in this new organization. Four new members were admitted at this meeting, Oleta Huestis, Cisco; Linda Wasson, Abilene; Edith Acker, Rotan, and Doris Perkins, Abilene.
The association meets each six weeks, one meeting being held on Saturday night in connection with the quarterly meetings of the 17th District Dental association and the other, six weeks later at 2:30 p. m. on Sunday.

FIFTH SUNDAY SINGING.

Hello, Friends: As we are nearing another Fifth Sunday, thought I would drop you a few lines through the Merkel Mail. Let's all get busy. Mail out a few postals to our singing friends, urging them to come be with us.

Our local talent is fine and we appreciate every one of them, but we want a lot of our singing friends from other communities and territory. We like visitors and want them with us to help us. So every one interested in the singing, please drop a card to some singer or quartet. Say, "Please come be with us at Noodle Fifth Sunday, Mar. 30, 1941."
Please do not be late. Let's put in a full day singing good gospel songs and serving the Lord in a musical

way. I'm writing this a week early—Sunday week is the day, not this next Sunday. So hope every one will invite some one and by so doing we will have a house full. Remember the time, Mar. 30. Come early. We begin 10 a. m.
Respectfully,
Tom Spears.

THE BIGGEST BARGAIN IN THE WORLD!

March 15th has passed — and once again Mr. Average American buys the biggest bargain in the world.
He pays out a small portion of his income in taxes for the privilege of living and working in the greatest nation on earth where "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness" are his constitutional rights. Paying taxes for the American Way of life is no burden, but a bargain — the biggest bargain in the world!
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Kite Flyers Meet in Abilene March 22
All boys in Merkel are invited to enter the annual kite tournament to be held in Abilene Saturday, Mar. 22, at the Fair Park polo field. There will be prizes for the winners.
The divisions are: (1) highest flying kite; (2) largest kite; (3) smallest kite; (4) 100-yard dash, and many others. All kites are to be handmade and, if entered as a small kite, it must fly one minute.
If the weather is bad, the tournament will be postponed.
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Hollywood, Mar. 20.—James Stewart, 32, who won the 1940 Oscar for doing the movie's best job of male acting, will become an army selectee Mar. 22.
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QUEEN THEATRE CALENDAR

Friday-Saturday — Charles Starrett, Sons of the Pioneers in "Blazing Six Shooters;" serial and selected short subjects.

Saturday preview, Sunday matinee, Monday night—Carole Lombard and Robert Montgomery in "Mr. & Mrs. Smith;" color cartoon and Paramount News.

Tuesday — "The Long Voyage Home," starring John Wayne, Thomas Mitchell, Ian Hunter; also selected short subjects.

Wednesday-Thursday — Kay Francis in "Play Girl," with James Ellison, Mildred Coles and Nigel Bruce; also "Meet the Fleet," in technicolor. Coming, Mar. 29-30-31—"Western Union," in technicolor.

"Mr. & Mrs. Smith"

Co-starring Carole Lombard and Robert Montgomery, who are seen together for the first time, "Mr. & Mrs. Smith," coming to the Queen theatre Saturday preview, Sunday matinee and Monday night, presents these top favorites in a riotous social comedy of a young Park Avenue lawyer and the woman who for three years has been accepted as his wife.

Weaving its story deftly around the marital life of this highly modern pair and the unique domestic rules by which they live, the film hits a crisis when the two discover that their wedding was illegal. In their emotional rebound they find their romance has become a triangle, with the lawyer's partner stepping in as a rival for the heroine's hand—if, of course, she doesn't remarry his associate.

And, for various reasons, she isn't at all sure she does want to remarry him, although he frantically endeavors to induce her to do so. The upshot of it all is that the three principals wind up at Lake Placid in a hectic and hilarious finale as both men grimly press the lady to make up her mind.

Giving both stars notable opportunities to display their mirth provoking talents to the full, the picture features Gene Raymond as the partner, with Philip Merivale and Lucille Watson as his dignified Southern parents, and Jack Carson as a playboy.

Laid in ultra-modern surroundings, the film's settings include two Park Avenue apartments, an office suite, an exclusive men's club, a big department store and a resort hotel and cabin at Lake Placid. In addition to the two stars, such favorites as William Tracy, Charles Halton, Esther Dale, Betty Compton and Adele Pearce have important supporting roles.

Norman Krasna wrote the original screen-play of this fast-paced and modern-mannered photo drama.

"The Long Voyage Home"

Based on Eugene O'Neill's famous four one-act plays, John Ford's Argo production, "The Long Voyage Home," to be shown at the Queen theatre Tuesday only, through United Artists release, is filmed with a cast studded with outstanding screen personalities.

John Wayne, Thomas Mitchell and Ian Hunter appear in the principal starring roles, while the featured cast includes Wilfrid Lawson, Barry Fitzgerald, Arthur Shields, Mildred Natwick, Carmen Morales, Ward Bond, John Qualen and J. M. Kerrigan.

John Ford, who is known for such brilliant screen achievements as "Stagecoach" and "The Grapes of Wrath," produced and directed "The Long Voyage Home," and Dudley Nichols wrote the screen play. The picture was filmed at the Walter Wanger studios.

"Play Girl"

Bristling with spicy situations and smart dialogue, and cleverly blending emotional drama with sophisticated comedy, "Play Girl," booked at the Queen theatre Wednesday and Thursday, stars Kay Francis in a

role tailor-made to her versatile talents. Providing the pleasing romance are James Ellison and Mildred Coles.

In sharp contrast to her characterizations in "Little Men" and Deanna Durbin's "It's a Date," Miss Francis' role in "Play Girl" presents her as a glamorous fortune hunter who has lived by her wits. Thanks to her cleverly planned breach of promise suits she has done right well for herself until, on her last two campaigns she draws blanks. Thereupon she hits upon the bright idea of grooming a girl in the gentle art of fleecing wealthy playboys, so the two can live in the luxury she always has enjoyed.

Mildred Coles is cast as a penniless but beautiful young lady who reluctantly enters into the partnership. Together they cut a mighty swath through the bank accounts of susceptible rich bachelors from coast to coast—until James Ellison, as a cattle baron's son, comes along. True romance stymies the love-baiting campaign and brings about complications that make for dramatic entertainment.

Directed for RKO Radio by Frank Woodruff, "Play Girl" was written by Jerry Cady and produced by Cliff Reid, and the remainder of the cast includes Nigel Bruce, Margaret Hamilton, Katharine Alexander and George P. Huntley.

Services Held at Stith For L. M. Walsh

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Friday from the Methodist church at Stith for L. M. Walsh, 65, who died at 8 o'clock Thursday morning, Mar. 13, at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Clarence Church.

Rev. W. B. Chandler, pastor of the First Nazarene church, Abilene, officiated, assisted by Rev. R. L. Gilpin, Methodist pastor at Stith. Burial followed in Stith cemetery under direction of Barrow-Sheppard.

Active pallbearers were: Edgar Bradley, T. E. Woolsey, Alton Sealy, Connie Otto, Oscar Jenkins, Emmett Bruton; honorary, J. A. Horton, H. Arnwine, J. H. F. Jones, W. C. Church, Bryan Dunagin, Charlie McCoy.

Serving as flower girls were Mesdames Leon McDonald, Hollis McCoy, Edgar Bradley, Bryan Dunagin, Charlie Mundy, Charlie Sherrill.

Among out-of-town relatives who came for the funeral were two brothers, R. C. and Tom Walsh and a sister, Mrs. B. F. Thomas, all of Arkansas; also Mrs. T. W. Duncan and son, Prendel, Okalona, Ark.; Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Duncan, Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. B. N. Billingsley, Slaton, and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Moorman, Okalona, Ark.

Independence Hall Repaired.

Philadelphia, Mar. 20.—Workmen have started a \$42,500 WPA restoration project on old Independence hall—the nation's birthplace where the declaration of independence was signed.

NEWMAN NEWS

We had Brother Lee Hollis of Sweetwater, pastor of the Baptist church, and Levi Brazelton of Eskota as visitors at the Methodist

church Sunday afternoon.

Nolan Walker of Weatherford was visiting friends of this community Sunday.

We had several visitors from different communities at our rabbit

drive last Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mrs. Boyd is visiting with her daughter, Mrs. Red Howard, of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Darnell of Abilene spent a few days visiting in the

home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clay Jones, last week.

Glenna Cunningham is visiting in Abilene with her Grandmother Dickerson.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard visited a few

days last week in the home of her mother, Mrs. Boyd.

A. B. Creswell of Merkel visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Creswell, for a while Wednesday evening.

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- ROLLED OATS 5 lb. box 25c

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 - SLICED BACON Lb. 23c
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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mrs. Cecil McRee left last Thursday for a visit with her sister, Mrs. Jacou May, of Sour Lake. Mrs. C. C. Stribling left Monday for an extended trip to California. She will join her son, Hubert McLeod, who has employment with an airplane plant there, also her sister, Mrs. A. Williamson, and her aunt, Mrs. Mary Winston, who are spending the winter in Los Angeles. Mrs. J. C. Randal and little daughter, Penny, of Quanah, were guests the latter part of the week in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Johnson. Mr. Johnson came over Saturday for a short visit and all returned home Sunday. Mrs. John West and daughter, Miss Gay West, of Merkel were also visitors in the Johnson home Saturday. Mrs. J. A. Wright and daughter, Betty, have gone to Eldorado, Ark., for a visit with relatives. Mrs. Hattie Boozer and daughter, Marie, of Sweetwater, were Sunday guests in the J. B. Winn home. Mr. and Mrs. Allen Terry and little daughter, Ada Rebecca, of Lubbock, returned home Monday after attending to business here and visiting relatives. Mrs. Ansel Martin and daughters, Amelia Faye and Yvonne, of Sweetwater visited Saturday in the home of her mother, Mrs. W. E. Hamner. Kirby Steadman, student at Texas Tech, Lubbock, was home for the week-end. Miss Helen McLeod of Hardin-Simmons was the week-end guest of home folks. Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Musick of Tulsa were guests Wednesday in the J. E. Bowers home. Mrs. Musick is a sister of Mrs. Bowers. Mrs. Carl Murdock was a guest in the home of her father, P. H. Thomason, last week. She was joined here Sunday by her husband, both returning Sunday night to their home at Odessa. Mr. and Mrs. Ox Jones and children have moved to Lamesa where Mr. Jones has employment. Mrs. Oscar Bi-hop has returned home after a month's visit at Houston, Galveston and Waco. She visited in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Pinky Vessels and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Bolin, Mrs. W. J. Heer in Galveston and Mrs. Meadows in Waco. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Mayfield of Norman, Okla., accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. John Howell of Abilene were here Tuesday seeing old friends. It will be remembered by many that Mr. Mayfield was with the firm of Neill and Mayfield in the general mercantile business some 30 years ago. Mrs. Frank Wilson and daughters, Ollie May and Elizabeth of Capitola, were here Friday to attend the funerals of Mrs. Henry Kilgore and children. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Crawford of Stamford were guests in the home of Mrs. T. L. Stevens several days last week. Mrs. Paul Johnson returned last Friday to her home in Abilene after a week's stay in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lon Martin. Mrs. Sidney Pass of Abilene was a guest last Thursday of her aunt, Mrs. Pauline Freeman. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Jones and children of Roscoe visited Sunday in the L. C. Murry home. Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Owens has as guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Earl Palmer and son of Noodle, all visiting in the afternoon in the home of Mr. Palmer's aunt, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Jones. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lee Tittle left Sunday for Dallas where Mr. Tittle has employment. Mr. and Mrs. Casey Wash and daughter, Zoteen, of Odessa, spent the week-end here, dividing the time with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Wash. H. L. Wilson and sons, Talmer and Lester, spent some time in Fort Worth last week, seeing the Fat Stock show and going on for a visit this week in East Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Honeycutt of Crane were guests last Friday night in the L. Z. Titsworth home. Messrs. R. B. Johnson and Stanley Armour were in Fort Worth Tuesday and Wednesday, seeing the Fat Stock show. Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Hamner had as their guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. John Rudd and two sons and Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Sorelle, Jr., of Eskota. Mrs. Bob Howell was the week-end guest of friends in Abilene. Three girls, La Nelle Edwards, Wanda Lou Kegans and Betty Wright, accompanied and assisted by their teacher, Miss Christine Collins, went to Sweetwater Saturday and sang over KXOX. Those attending the Baptist Workers' meeting at Shep Thursday, Mar.

13, were Mr. and Mrs. A. J. English, Mrs. Roy Banner, Mrs. J. B. Winn and Rev. Fred Porter. District Supervisor R. N. Sandlin of Abilene spent Tuesday here inspecting our schools. Mrs. Fred Porter, who underwent minor surgery in Abilene Wednesday of last week, is at home and rapidly recovering. Rev. and Mrs. Cecil Tune left Sunday for Lamesa to visit with relatives. Rev. Mr. Tune is planning to have a tonsil operation before returning home. Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Stribling and daughters, Misses Helen, Wilma and Wanda, and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Strawn were luncheon guests last Sunday of Capt. Wade Stribling of Camp Barkeley. Mrs. Maud Alexander of Hobbs, N. M., came Monday for a visit with her mother, Mrs. Annie Boone. Mrs. Edward Seago and baby of Rising Star are guests in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Childress. Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Darden and son of Sweetwater were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. V. Lofton. Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Freeman, accompanied by Mrs. Joe Vick, of Big Spring, visited in the home of Mrs. Cliff Smith, of Eastland, from Friday to Sunday. BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED. Mrs. J. R. Gafford celebrated her 70th birthday Friday, Mar. 14, at her home in North Trent. Mrs. W. J. Bicknell of Noodle and Mrs. Foy Steadman were guests during the day. A shower of cards, telegrams and gifts made the day a very pleasant one. BOYS' TENNIS. Entering the senior, junior and

junior ward events in county meet, H. Jones won second place in senior singles; Billie Purser and Tommie O'Rear, second in senior doubles; J. C. Hunter, third in junior high; Billie Hodges and Homer Campbell failed to place in junior high doubles; Troy Gerald Kegans, second in junior ward singles; Ace Powers and Andy Murle Beasley, second in junior ward doubles. STUDENTS HONORED. Mr. and Mrs. John Strawn were hosts Sunday to a group of young people at the noon hour. Among those present were: Lewis Tiner, Mark Williamson, James Strawn and their daughter, Miss Dorothy Jo Strawn, all students in John Tarleton college; Willadean Strawn and Billie Joe Bowers. Immediately after lunch, Mr. and Mrs. Strawn accompanied the group of students back to Stephenville. FAMILY REUNION. On Sunday, Mar. 16, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Duncan was the

scene of a happy gathering, when all of their children and grandchildren and a few other relatives came together for the day. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Duncan and two daughters, of Doole; Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Kent and son, of Sweetwater; Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Dudley and children, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Duncan, Mr. and Mrs. Shorty Duncan, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Blankenship and baby, John Garner Woodard, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Duncan and daughter, Miss Ola Duncan, Mr. and Mrs. Hurtell O'Kelley, Mrs. Annie Boone and Mr. and Mrs. Hubert West. ALL-DAY GUESTS. Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Estep had as their all-day guests on Sunday, Mar. 9, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rogge and daughter, Billie Mae, Mr. and Mrs. Slim Cooley, Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Rogge and little daughter, Beth, all of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Willard Estep and daughter, Dorothy Nell, Paint Rock; Mrs. Clifford Estep and daughter, Cliffla Gene, and son, Jerry,

and Mrs. Lela Churchwell. After a bountiful lunch the entire party motored to Merkel and had the pleasure of going through the new Barrow-Sheppard funeral home. CHURCH NOTES. The Blanche Rose Walker Circle and the Edith Boyd Circle of the Baptist church met Monday after-

noon in joint session in the pastor's home. Services were conducted at the M. E. church, both morning and evening, entirely by the young people. Date for the Baptist revival has been set. It is scheduled to begin Sunday, July 13, with the Rev. Mr. Sparkman of Lamar Street Church, Sweetwater, doing the preaching.

SPECIALS for FRIDAY and SATURDAY! Burleson's (In Syrup Pitcher) Honey 1 lb. 39c Any Flavor Jello Pkg. 5c Rosedale, Melba Halves Peaches No. 2 1/2 can 15c Liberty Bell Crackers 2 lb. box 15c 1 Lb. Can Phillips Pure Pork & Beans 5c 1 Quart White Swan Salad Dressing 25c Lard 8 lb. pail 70c Coffee 1 lb. 15c U. S. No. 1 Pure Apple Cider Spuds 10 lbs. 15c Vinegar Qt. 10c CANDY—Wings Bambino 2 Bars for 5c Taste Onion Sets Gal. 35c 3 Bunches Onion Plants 10c Post Toasties Box 10c Carton of Satin Tip Matches 6 boxes 15c Royal Purple Grape Juice Qt. 25c Large Size Sunkist Lemons Doz. 18c 3-X Field Corn 3 cans 23c Macaroni and Spaghetti 3 boxes 10c Small Cans Pet Milk 7 for 25c Armour's Star (1 Lb. Cans) Chili 2 cans 35c Reg. 65c Large Giant Dreff With 10c Pkg. BOTH FOR 66c C R C PINTO BEANS 5 lbs. 20c — 10 lbs. 38c CARSON'S GROCERY and MARKET "Trade at Carson's and Bank the Difference" FREE DELIVERY PHONE 250

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LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS

Miss Ruth Roberts, bookkeeper for the Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc., is in Fort Worth this week attending a school for REA bookkeepers.

The fireboys answered a call Saturday morning to extinguish a small blaze in a feed stack on the premises of Alonzo Peterson. It is thought a spark from a trash fire in the alley had smoldered in the feed and was fanned by the wind into a blaze.

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Walker have been advised in a letter from their son, Leon, that he is now stationed at Jefferson barracks, St. Louis, Mo. He is a member of the Porto Rican detachment of the air corps.

Rev. Cooper Waters, pastor of the First Baptist church, accompanied by Seth Morgan, attended the annual state rally of pastors and laymen, held in Dallas Monday and Tuesday.

As chairman of a committee to receive donations for the use of the Girl Scouts in finishing their club house, Dr. L. C. Zehnpenning reported Thursday morning a total of \$23.00 contributed. It is desired to raise at least \$60 at this time.

Waitresses at Wozy's cafe were attired Wednesday in their new uniforms, carrying out the patriotic colors of red, white and blue in the skirts, with red blouses.

Gerald Derrick has returned to Front Royal, Va., and has resumed his duties at the Remount station there.

Attends Funeral at Cleburne Tuesday

Mrs. Connor Robinson returned Wednesday evening from Cleburne, where she went Monday with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. E. B. Surface, of Abilene, to attend the funeral of Mrs. Surface's first cousin, W. F. Howard of Cleburne.

Rev. Mr. Surface conducted the funeral service Tuesday morning, and the three drove to Waxahachie to spend Tuesday night with Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Surface, brother of Mrs. Robinson.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Annie Turner, who had been visiting her son, David Cannon, and wife, at Freer, Texas, returned home last week. She also visited two other sons, Raymond Cannon, San Antonio, and Roy, from Chicago, Ill., who had met her at Freer. Her daughter-in-law from Freer came home with her for a short visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Algie Daniel and little daughter, Patsy Ruth, and Mrs. Nat Anderson, all of Abilene, were visitors in Merkel Sunday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Toombs and little son and Mrs. T. J. Toombs and Billie Joe visited Cullen Toombs and family in Fluvanna last week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Shaver, Jr., of Rochester, were visitors over the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Church.

Supt. and Mrs. Connor Robinson were in Colorado City Sunday to spend the day with Mr. and Mrs. John Pratt and Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Robinson, at Mr. Robinson's sister's home.

Mesdames W. W. Hamilton and Maxwell of Snyder and Mrs. G. B. Hamilton of Chickasha, Okla., were Saturday guests of Mrs. Seth Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Toombs and daughter, Sandra, of Meadow, were here last week-end to visit Mr. Toombs' mother, Mrs. Betty Toombs, and other relatives.

After a visit of several weeks in Arizona, John Wheeler returned home last week.

Home from Texas Technological college, Lubbock, for a week-end visit were Misses Mabel Murray, Comora Hughes and Dorna Lee Shelton. Miss Betty Diltz, also from Texas Tech, accompanied them and visited Misses Murray and Hughes.

Mrs. W. L. Diltz of San Angelo visited Saturday with friends here and in Abilene. Her son, Emory, is recuperating from a recent appendicitis operation.

Eula McDonald and little son were down from Sweetwater to spend Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Sumpter.

First Lieut. Doyle Nutt, 52nd Signal battalion, Fort Sam Houston, was home for a week-end visit.

Miss Jane Ferguson, who teaches in the Cross Plains school, visited last week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Ferguson.

J. C. Randel of Quanah joined his wife and daughter, Penny, for a week-end visit in the John West home, the family returning Sunday to Quanah.

Mrs. Pat Davis and son, Billy Pat, of Quanah, are guests this week in the George T. Moore home. They were accompanied down Saturday by Mr. Davis and visited over the week-end with his parents in Abilene. Mrs. Davis and son remained over there until mid-week.

Sunday guests in the B. T. Sublett home were their son, Jack, and his roommate, J. C. Sloan, of Lubbock. They were accompanied by Miss Irene Terrell.

Mr. and Mrs. George Woodrum and Mrs. Ada Heeter returned Friday from Temple, where Mrs. Woodrum went through the Scott and White Clinic.

Joe Lawson, stationed at Camp Bowie, Brownwood, who came home

for the funeral of his father, F. D. Lawson, returned Tuesday to camp.

Miss Mary Nell Morgan began a three-months' course at Gail college this week.

Grisham Dowell, after spending two weeks at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Dowell, left Friday of last week for Phoenix, Ariz., where he is employed by the Southwestern Greyhound lines.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rhone from Littlefield and Mr. and Mrs. Thelton Hamilton and two children, Phyllis and Gene, of Lubbock, visited with Mrs. J. A. Milliken over the week-end. They also viewed Camp Barkley.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Howard, Yvonne and Betty, Sunday were Mrs. A. J. Barbee and daughter, Dorothy; also Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Cowan and Mrs. Wilbur Cowan and baby daughter, Dorothy Ann, of Abilene and Mrs. Joe B. Toombs and her two daughters, Betty and Jackie.

Miss Aileen Frazier accompanied Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bunker to their home at Brownwood Saturday, and also visited J. L. Cook at Camp Bowie, returning home early this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Love of Monahans on their return from Dallas spent Wednesday with Mrs. Melvin Shults.

Melvin Shults, section foreman of the Texas and Pacific railroad, left Monday morning for Marshall, where he will undergo an examination at the railroad hospital there.

Joins Husband at Randolph Field

Mrs. Robert Rice and daughter, Gail Mayfield, of Abilene, departed Tuesday for Randolph field, San Antonio, to join Sergeant Rice.

Marriage of Sergeant and Mrs. Rice took place on May 6, 1940, at Abilene, with Dr. E. B. Surface performing the ceremony. Mrs. Rice will be remembered to Merkel friends as Ola Ellen Smith.

Five Circle Members To Get 25-Year Pins

The local grove of the Woodmen Circle will present five 25-year pins in a ceremony to be held at the Woodman hall Monday evening at 7:30.

A special program will be given and refreshments served. Every member is urged to be present.

Those who will receive the pins are: Miss Mae Lassiter, Mesdames Lee Cox, Tom Coats, W. H. Laney and Dona Martin, Dallas.

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BLAIR ITEMS

Several from here attended the funeral services of little Stanley Stanford, Jr., of Merkel Sunday afternoon. The utmost sympathy is extended to the heart-broken loved ones.

Reuben Horton, Billy Jackson, Fannie Lou Jackson and Mrs. Luther Osborn have been on the sick list the past week.

Jack Chatman and his sister, Miss Ruth Chatman, visited home folks at View this week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Derington and family visited Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Windham of Merkel recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Bell and children of Merkel visited Mr. and Mrs. Clint Madera Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Spears visited their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Hump Curb, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Artist Cook and two daughters of White Church attended services at Blair Sunday afternoon.

Denzil Ray Melton visited his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Claud Doan, of Clyde this week-end.

Vivian Ferrell of Abilene and Miss Laine of Inadale were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Campbell.

Etsel Farmer of Brownwood, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Farmer and family of Butman were visitors in Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell's home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Riley Jones and family of Merkel were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Jackson and children visited relatives at Blackwell recently.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Scogin moved to Trent Thursday where Mr. Scogin has bought a filling station. We wish

them the best of luck in their new home.

The Thompson brothers and their families visited relatives at Longworth.

Rev. E. L. Whitaker of Abilene filled his regular appointment at Blair Sunday afternoon and was accompanied by Mrs. Whitaker and attractive little son, Daniel Lee, who attended the services. Don't forget the services each Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Come to these services, you will receive a welcome and hear a message and help create a helpful atmosphere.

Rev. J. B. Stewart, M. E. pastor, is to fill his regular appointment Sunday, Mar. 23. Attend these services. The fellowship of Christians makes being a Christian easier.

Mrs. Will Campbell is in Buffalo Gap nursing a friend for an indefinite time.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moore and

granddaughter, Jimmie Nell Horton, visited Mr. and Mrs. Dee Moore and family of Tye Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Pruitt left Sunday for several days' visit with relatives in New Mexico.

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FORTNIGHTLY STUDY CLUB.

The Fortnightly Study club was again privileged to hear a most charming and gifted speaker March 18, in the home of Mrs. Henry West, when Mrs. Elma McFarland and Mrs. Byers Petty, acting as program leaders, introduced Mrs. Marjorie Bailey of Abilene, WPA area supervisor, to club members and guests.

In introducing Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. McFarland gave a few brief facts of Mrs. Bailey's life: She was born in New Market, Cambridgeshire, England. Following her graduation from a girls' finishing school in Oxen, England, she went abroad and traveled for four years in North Africa and South Spain. Her first visit to the United States was made in 1917, at which time she remained for one year. At the close of the World War, she was living in Gibraltar, but since 1923 has made her home in the U. S. A.

Mrs. Bailey spoke of life in England at the close of the World War, comparing, in a most interesting manner, the slow, routine life of the average English woman to that of the active, energetic life of the average American woman. She spoke of what she termed as the "false pride" of the English, but at the same time showing that that characteristic of the English is inbred and a most admirable trait in many ways. Probably one of her most impressive descriptions was that of the English Harvest Thanksgiving. She stressed the fact that this day in England is more of a religious holiday than the American Thanksgiving; the churches, at this time, being most beautifully decorated with all the fruits, flowers, cakes of the bakers, wheat, carrots and all produce of the land, etc. At the close of the festival everything is taken from the churches and given to the poor.

Other vivid descriptions were given on the customs, the schools, the gardens, the food, the homes and the well disciplined children. At the close of her talk, Mrs. Bailey most graciously answered questions that club members were anxious to hear her discuss.

Those enjoying this entertaining and instructive program were: Mesdames Landon Hill, David Gamble, Weston West, guests; Mesdames Harry Bullock, W. S. J. Brown, Johnny Cox, S. D. Gamble, Comer Haynes, Stanley King, Elma McFarland, Elsie Nash, W. B. Petty, Owen Robertson, W. T. Sadler, H. C. West, Bud Winter, John Leonard, Ellen Duncan, Len Sublett; Misses Mamie Ellis, Vinnie Heizer, Mildred Holt, Johnny Sears, Alzada Pogue.

DEPUTY GRAND MATRON HERE.

A special meeting of members of the Eastern Star chapter was called Monday, Mar. 17, when Effie Gladden, deputy grand matron of District 2, Section 7, was present for her official visit.

Mrs. Gladden of Rotan was welcomed by the worthy matron and was given the grand honors. She gave in-

structions in the work of the order and brought many new and helpful ideas. She encouraged and offered special inducements for as many as possible to try for certificates at the annual school of instruction to be held in Stamford on May 1.

At the refreshment hour, a delightful sandwich plate, stressing a St. Patrick's day theme, was passed to the following members: Messrs. and Mesdames Gene Reese, H. G. Smith, Andy Shouse; Mesdames Vernie Merritt, Aurra Johnson, R. J. Miller, J. M. Williamson, Henry Ueckert, Ida Sharp, Bob Dean, J. F. Merritt, and Mrs. Hale, a visitor from Rotan.

Y. W. A. ORGANIZED.

Under the auspices of the W. M. U. of the First Baptist church, a Young Woman's Auxiliary was organized Tuesday evening in the home of Mrs. Clyde Bartlett.

With Mrs. Cooper Waters acting as program leader, the meeting opened with song, followed by an inspirational talk by Mrs. Lum Gilbreath, president of the W. M. U. Mrs. Waters gave a brief history of Y. W. A.

After a motion to organize was adopted, Nadine Clack was appointed chairman to preside over a business session. A nominating committee, composed of Vivian Davis, Lucille Crick with Sybil Riney, chairman, was appointed. A Y. W. A. constitution was read and discussed and a magazine, "Window of Y. W. A.," was ordered. Climaxing an interesting session, Mrs. Bill Fugate, one of the sponsors, gave a talk on "Ideals." Mrs. Bartlett is the other sponsor.

An informal social hour followed a singsong led by Thelma and Pearl Mathews. Refreshments of pecan cake and pineapple ice cream were served to Misses Mary Nell Morgan, Thelma and Pearl Mathews, Mildred Bird, Dot Swafford, Lucille Crick, Doris Clyde Miller, Nadine Clack, Vivian Davis, Grovone Ford, Cleo Reece, Anna Lake Waters; Mesdames Don Riney, Cooper Waters, Bill Fugate, Lum Gilbreath and Clyde Bartlett.

The auxiliary will meet at the Baptist parsonage April 8 at 7:30 p. m. Every girl and young woman, regardless of denomination, is cordially invited and urged to be present at this meeting.

Dr. Surface to Preach.

Dr. E. B. Surface, pastor of the Central Presbyterian church, Abilene, will preach at Zion Chapel church in the Comper community Sunday night, Mar. 23, at 7 o'clock.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our sincere thanks for the many beautiful flowers and kind words to us during the illness and death of our beloved husband and father; also to Dr. Sadler in being so faithful.

May God's richest blessings shine upon you all.

Mrs. F. D. Lawson and Children.

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RURAL SOCIETY

FORTNER-HARWELL.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Harwell are announcing the marriage of their daughter, La Verne, to Floyd Fortner.

The wedding took place Monday morning at 9:45 at the home of Dr. C. A. Long, pastor of St Paul Methodist church, Abilene, Dr. Long reading the service.

Mrs. Fortner graduated from Merkel High school in 1939. Until her marriage, the bride was a student in Hardin-Simmons university, and formerly attended the Texas State College for Women, Denton.

Mr. and Mrs. Fortner left Wednesday for a visit in Oklahoma before going to Albuquerque, N. M. Mr. Fortner, who has been engaged in construction work at Camp Barkeley, will do the same type of work in camp construction at Albuquerque.

BLUEBONNET CLUB.

The Bluebonnet Home Demonstration club met in the home of Mrs. Lloyd Matthews Mar. 18. In the absence of the president, Mrs. A. L. Farmer, Mrs. Tom Russom presided. The club was called to order at 2:30 and the program began with club songs and the club prayer. Roll call was answered with each member giving the number of eggs she sells a week. In the absence of the council member, Mrs. W. C. Perkins, Miss Hattie Tacker gave a very interesting report of the last council.

Mrs. Ben Butman gave a report of the AAA program for the club at Butman recently.

Miss Tacker gave some very interesting facts about "Marketing Eggs," "Care of Poultry Flock" and "Feeding for Egg Production." Members feel that they can improve flock and feed system to where they will get more money for their eggs the coming year.

At the refreshment hour plates of jello, cookies and hot drink were passed to the following members: Mesdames A. R. Toombs, Riley Whisenhunt, Ralph Miller, Ray Reynolds, N. M. Keith, Jim Perry, Ben Butman, Tom Russom, Ford Butman, Will Butman, Lucy Scott, Elmer Patterson; Misses Hattie Tacker and Louene Butman and the hostess and a number of children.

Club will meet with Mrs. Houston Martin April 1. Every member is urged to be present.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Conley graciously entertained a group of friends in their home on Mar. 15, honoring their daughter, Miss Hazel, on her twelfth birthday. Interesting and attractive games were sponsored by Mrs. Hugh Campbell.

After games were played the honoree received many lovely gifts. In the social hour that followed, the hostess sponsored an old-fashioned candy-matching contest.

Those present for this gala affair were the following: Messrs. and Mesdames Dewey Rogers, Artist Cook, J. C. Riggan, Earnest Conley; Mesdames Rachel Patterson and Hugh Campbell; L. V. Perkins, James Butman, Carl, Lola Mae, Murle, Denzil, Betty Lu and Donald Riggan, J. D., Elvis, Imogene and Royce Rogers, Betty Joe Perry, Louise, Pauline and Betty Joyce Cook, Ernest Owen, Bonnie Marie and Dorothy Patterson, Henry Bradberry, Jack Reed, Bob Bradberry, Doyle Barnes, Berdon, DeVerle, Hazel, Gloria Dean, Waymond and Dewey Conley.

BLAIR 4-H GIRLS.

The Blair 4-H club girls have made some sash curtains for the school room of Blair.

Girls in the club are Delwee Melton, president; Mary A. Melton, vice-president; Jackie Melton, secretary; Jimmie Nell Horton, reporter; Lila Mae Lowery, Vern Opal Moore, Betty Lou Melton, Pearlina McKay.

Record of Births.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. George Reynolds, Thursday, March 13, 1941.
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dickson, Friday, March 14, 1941.
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Bradbury, Friday, March 14, 1941.
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. John Fulton, Saturday, March 15, 1941.
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Williams, Monday, March 17, 1941.
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Shaw, Jr., Tuesday, March 18, 1941.

Hospital Notes.

C. W. Seago, Trent, Route 2, was admitted to the Sadler Clinic last Saturday with a fractured hip.
C. L. Tucker was admitted Tuesday as an influenza patient; A. J. Barbee, Jr., Route 2 another influenza patient admitted Tuesday, was dismissed Thursday.
A son was born at the hospital Friday, Mar. 14, to Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Bradbury.

BAPTIST REVIVAL BEGINS SUNDAY



REV. J. R. BALCH

Rev. J. R. Balch, who for 20 years has served as pastor of the First Baptist church of Seymour, will do the preaching in an eight-day meeting beginning Sunday at the First Baptist church here.

Connell Taylor, tenor singer and leader of the Hardin-Simmons University quartet, will be in charge of the song services.



CONNELL TAYLOR

Two services daily will be held throughout the week. The morning services will be at 10 a. m. in the basement of the church. These meetings will be confined to one hour in length. Evening services will begin at 7:30 p. m. in the main auditorium.

The public is cordially invited to attend all services.

In The Churches

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

There were 554 present at the six reporting Sunday Schools here last Sunday, as compared with 526 the previous week. On the same Sunday a year ago the attendance was 587.

METHODIST CHURCH.

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

GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School 10 a. m. Morning worship 11 a. m. Sermon subject, "The Condemnation of the Wicked." Text, Ps. 9:17, "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God." Young people's meeting 6:30 p. m.

Session meeting immediately following the morning worship hour. Both elders and deacons are asked to meet.

No evening worship service.

J. B. Ramsey, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Our regular schedule of services is as follows:

Sunday: Bible School 9:45 a. m., preaching 10:45 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., young people's Bible class 6:30 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.

Clean-up Campaign To Begin March 30

Week of Mar. 30 to Apr. 6, which has already been designated as "clean-up" week by the state board of health and state fire insurance department, will be observed here as "clean-up" week, too, it is stated by Mayor H. C. West, who will issue his proclamation next week.

With this city-wide campaign to clean-up the streets and alleys and all citizens co-operating in getting their private premises in order, as a starter, the home beautification contest, sponsored by the Fortnightly Study club, assisted by three other civic clubs, will be launched.

List of prizes and rules of the contest will be announced next week, it is stated by Miss Mamie Ellis, chairman of the general committee from the Fortnightly club, whose assistants are Mrs. S. D. Gamble and Mrs. Stanley King.

In the list of committees announced in last week's issue of The Mail, one committee was named to select judges, viz., Mrs. Andy Shouse, chairman; Mrs. Johnny Cox, Mrs. David Gamble and Mrs. Stanley King. These women are to select judges, not to serve as judges. The first report gave the wrong impression to some readers.

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16 OZ. CAN Mackerel Can 10c

BRISKET Beef Roast Lb. 15c

Chuck Steak Lb. 25c

PORK CHOPS Lb. 19c

SKINLESS WEINERS Lb. 19c

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