

Keeping Up
With Texas

R. G. Boger Friday announced his resignation from the office of dean of McMurry college, effective Sept. 1, 1941. He will go to Austin, there to complete requirements for the doctor of philosophy degree.

Carl Henson, 41, Brady implement dealer for six years, was killed Sunday when he was thrown from his horse in a rodeo arena. Companions said Henson's horse failed to clear a high wire fence and fell on the rider.

Tom C. King ceased to be state auditor on Mar. 6 when the Texas senate rejected his re-appointment to the office he had held since 1939, Attorney General Gerald C. Mann ruled Saturday.

Employment on WPA projects in Texas was reduced by 8,200 workers on Apr. 1, bringing down the total of jobs provided by that federal agency in Texas to 83,500.

Omar Burleson, of Anson, former judge of Jones county, started work Apr. 1 as secretary to Sam Russell, of Stephenville, 17th district congressman.

Two men, Luther Webb and J. M. Deagah of Kilgore, were burned to death near Henderson Sunday when their truck and trailer loaded with derrick timber rolled off the highway into a ravine and caught fire.

Railroads took 3,801 cars of live stock to markets at Fort Worth and in other states during February, 3.8 per cent larger than in February a year ago. Shipments included 2,110 cars of cattle and 691 cars of calves.

Giles M. Arrott, 26, San Antonio race car driver, was fatally injured during time trials at a dirt track near Austin Sunday afternoon when his racer overturned on an embankment, pinning Arrott beneath the machine.

Clell Perry, foreman of cement finishers for the Robert E. McKee Construction company during the erection of Camp Bowie, Brownwood, was indicted Monday by a federal grand jury at Fort Worth for defrauding the government of approximately \$3,300 through pay roll padding.

Innocent victim of a gunfight over a rubber ball, Mildred Biggs, 8, was shot and killed by her brother, Marvin, 16, when she got in line of fire Saturday between the boy and Thomas F. Turney, 52, a neighbor, at Houston.

Sheriff Owen Kilday of Bexar county said Monday that Jack A. Ruper and James B. Alford, held in San Andreas, Calif., had confessed that they beat to death R. L. Agnew, San Antonio salesman, whose body was found Mar. 16 in a gully on the outskirts of San Antonio.

Frank Hughes, 21, and Hazel Windham, 21, both of Center, were killed Sunday night when an automobile overturned about 15 miles from Carthage on the Carthage-Center highway.

W. W. Hair was re-elected mayor of the city of Abilene for the third term in Tuesday's election. T. A. Hackney was again named chief of police. W. E. Beasley and A. H. Pool were elected commissioners.

Arvie Stanley Robertson, 6-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Grover R. Robertson, was killed Tuesday when struck by a car driven by a negro. His death was Abilene's first traffic fatality in 156 days.

Houston's drive for traffic safety has resulted in establishment of an all-time record of "deathless days." Thirty-eight days have passed without a fatal traffic accident.

Miss Iowanna Murry, 18, died Tuesday in a Texarkana hospital of internal injuries she received Sunday night when the car in which she was riding was struck by a hit-run truck five miles south of Texarkana on highway 11.

The senate Wednesday declined to confirm appointment of Reuben S. Williams of Fort Worth to be state life insurance commissioner and chairman of the state life insurance commission.

Dr. W. W. Melton of Waco was elected secretary of the executive board of the Baptist General convention of Texas Tuesday, to succeed Dr. R. C. Campbell, who resigned to accept the pastorate of the First Baptist church of Columbia, S. C.

Trent PTA Meeting Date is Changed

Trent, Apr. 3.—As some members of the Trent Parent-Teacher association will attend the district meeting at Big Spring Apr. 8, time for the monthly meeting of the Trent unit has been changed from Apr. 8 to one week later, Apr. 15.

SERVICES HELD SATURDAY FOR TRENT PIONEER

Mrs. T. L. Stevens, 70, Claimed By Death; Laid to Rest By Side of Late Husband; Four Children Survive.

Trent, Apr. 3.—Funeral services for Mrs. T. L. Stevens, 70, were held from the Methodist church at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon, with Rev. F. T. Johnson of Goree, former local pastor officiating, assisted by Rev. Cecil Tume, present pastor.

Burial followed in Rose Hill cemetery in Merkel by the side of her husband, who died Nov. 7, 1937. Barrow-Sheppard were in charge.

Pallbearers were T. G. Hamner, Johnny Wheeler, Earl Strawn, Cecil McRee, Joe Boone and Buster Edwards.

Flower girls were Misses Magdalene Payne and Betty Lou Howell, Mesdames Hub Kegans, Hosea Winn, Ernest Nemir and Oscar Sherrill Bishop.

The death of Mrs. Stevens came as a complete surprise; although she had not been in the best of health for a number of years, she was able to be about all the time and very active up to the time of her passing away. She was ill only a short while—less than an hour. Her death was caused by a stroke.

She was born Ada Frances Cozart, Feb. 6, 1871, at Wildersville, Tenn. She moved with her family to Arkansas, where they resided a number of years, then to Arlington, Texas, and later to Lone Oak, Hunt county, where she was living at the time of her marriage to Thomas Leland Stevens on June 19, 1887. They (Continued on Page Two)

County Resident for 51 Years Succumbs

J. B. Lilly, 63, resident of Taylor county 51 years, dropped dead at 8 o'clock Saturday morning in the yard of his home in the Castle Peak community. In bad health for the past seven or eight years, he had still been able to be up and around, after eating breakfast, he had gone out in the yard to attend to some of the chores and was expecting to assist his wife in churning.

Funeral services were held at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon from the First Baptist church here, conducted by Rev. Clyde Jackson, pastor of Temple Baptist church, Abilene, assisted by Rev. Cooper Waters, pastor of the local church. Burial followed in Rose Hill cemetery under the direction of Barrow-Sheppard.

Pallbearers were Vernon Jones, John D. Jones, Ellis Clark, Roy Riney, Alvin Skurlock and Mark Corning.

Eight nieces served as flower girls: Mesdames Ira Lilly, Iva Lilly, Flora Bell, Florence Lewis, Lillian Morris, Otis Pribble, Earl Pribble and Minnie Bryant.

Johnny Ben Lilly was born Jan. 31, 1878, at Farmers Branch in Dallas county and came to the Shep community with his father at the age of 12. He was married at Shep in 1900 to Miss Pearl Chandler, who died in 1907. He moved the same year to Castle Peak. In 1924 he was married to Vada Dickson, who survives.

Other survivors are two children by the first marriage: Dennis Q. Lilly, Brownfield, and Leo Lilly, Shep; a brother, George Lilly of Oklahoma; two sisters, Mrs. F. J. Myres, Dallas, and Mrs. Maud Hensle, New Mexico, and six grandchildren.

Escapes Sans Injury In Train-Car Crash

Although the truck he was driving was badly demolished, Willard Pogue escaped serious injury Saturday morning when an eastbound Texas and Pacific freight struck the pickup at the crossing east of the depot. Pogue was driving north and did not see the approaching train, he said, and he was still holding the steering wheel after the accident.

The left front fender of the truck was torn off and the radiator sliced off from the motor, but the car did not turn over. Only injured was a slightly bruised shoulder.

SCHOOL SENDS LARGE GROUP TO ENTER DISTRICT

Merkel High school will be well represented at the district meet held in Sweetwater this week-end by the winners of the county league. Entrants in the various contests are: ready-writers — Dwight Swafford; extemporaneous speech, boys—Dwight Swafford, girls—Ruth Bell; typing —David Gibson, Sue Grimes, Sue Pinckley; shorthand — Lyla Hobbs, Dessie Baker; Senior tennis, boys singles—Glenn Barbee, boys doubles —Raymond Smith, Tag Shouse. Junior boys tennis contestants, singles—Buster Jack Melton, doubles—Jack Haynes, LeRoy Smith, will compete Apr. 19.

The track team, composed of Byron Bryant, James Cox, Donald Cade, Elby Frazier, Charles Eggleston, Douglas McCoy, Lee Mac Reynolds, Glenn Barbee, Buster Jack Melton, Elbert Hickam, Raymond Smith, is entered in the following contests: high jump, low jump, broad jump, hurdles, shot put, discus throw, 100-yard dash, 220-yard dash, 440-yard relay, 880-yard run and mile run.

Coach for track is none other than Jack Patterson, former Rice star, now teaching in the Grammar school.

Thirty-Five Boys Report for Spring Football Practice

Spring football training got under way Monday afternoon with 35 boys reporting to Coach Carroll Benson for practice. In the group are nine lettermen — Raymond Smith, Elbert Hickam, co-captains, Lee Mac Reynolds, Buddie Derington, Jerry Warren, Clarence Harrell, De Verie Higgins, James Cox, Buster Jack Melton; eight squadmen from last year's team who did not letter—Doyle Barnes, R. V. Clark, Junior Graham, J. C. Carson, Waymond Rutledge. The rest of the team is composed of boys who have never before come out for football.

An inter-squad game will be played Friday night, Apr. 18. Spring training will be brought to an end Tuesday night, Apr. 28, with a game between the team for next year and the Seniors who will not be back.

Election of Trustees At City Hall Apr. 5

Voters of the Merkel Independent School district will name three trustees in the annual election Saturday. Voting place is to be at the city hall, with T. L. Grimes as election judge.

Names of the three trustees whose terms expire, Nathan Wood, A. A. McGehee and George Woodrum, will appear on the ballot.

Terms of John Grable and R. T. Gray run to 1942, and terms of the other two, Norman Hodge and W. W. Toombs, do not expire until 1943.

Buck Leach Heads Softball Activities

Buck Leach, chairman of softball activities of the Merchants Trade Extension association, has organized his committee with the selection of the following assistants: Frank Breaux, Harry Barnett, John Mansfield and Dr. W. T. Sadler.

The league to be formed will comprise all the communities in Merkel's territory and interested communities are invited to have representatives see the committee chairman or one of the members of the softball committee.

Choral Club to Sing Over KRBC Saturday

The Grammar School Choral club will sing over KRBC Saturday morning, Apr. 5, at 9:15. The club, directed by Mrs. Ellen Duncan, Mrs. Elsie Nash and Mrs. Andy Shouse, won third place in the county meet.

The program includes: "Skaters' Waltz," "Message of the Flag," "Before All Lands in East or West," "The Minuet," "The Boating Song" and "Sing a Little Song When Your Happy."

HARRELL'S CALF PLACES FIRST AT ODESSA SHOW

Merkel FFA Boy Shows Champion Dry Lot Calf, Later Made Reserve Champion; Brings Owner About \$300.

Clarence Harrell, second year student of vocational agriculture at Merkel High school, showed the champion dry lot calf at the Sand Hills Live Stock show at Odessa last Friday. The calf, later made reserve champion of the show, was bred by Joe Largent.

When the calves were sold at auction Saturday, Harrell's calf was bought by John Gist, veteran Hereford breeder, for 33 cents per pound. The calf was donated to the Odessa public schools by Mr. Gist. Clarence's calf brought him about \$300, which included \$32.50 in premium money. Besides the Odessa show, the calf had also won at shows at Abilene, Big Spring and Sweetwater.

Some of the boys are buying calves to feed for the coming year. Chester Collinsworth and several of the boys and their fathers left Thursday morning for Art, where they will look at some prospective club calves. Those making the trip were D. Teaff, Deverle Teaff, N. Teaff, Roy Harrell, Clarence Harrell, Coy Baccus and Carl Baccus.

Saturday, Apr. 5, the Merkel Future Farmer chapter will send a live stock judging team and a poultry judging team to John Tarleton college, Stephenville, to enter the annual Tarleton judging contest.

Boys composing the live stock team are Jack Hester, Billy Clyde Haynes, Joe Horton and Banning Butman. Boys composing the poultry team are Stewart Kelley, Billy Joe White, R. V. Clark; alternates, Coy Baccus and Doyal Barnes. The boys will return Saturday night.

A few of the results of calf projects that boys in the Merkel chapter, Future Farmers of America, had this year that have been completed and records closed are:

Billy Haynes, third year boy; expenses, 1 bull, 1 steer, plus feed, \$165; receipts \$265.70; net profit \$100.70.

Jack Haynes, second year boy; expenses, 2 steers plus feed, \$160; receipts \$233; net profit \$73.00.

Deverle Teaff, first year boy; expenses, three steer calves, plus cost of feed, \$230; total receipts \$340; net profit \$110.00.

All the boys did nicely on their projects.

Number Register in Beautification Contest

Up to Thursday morning five entries had registered in the home owners' division of the second annual home beautification contest, sponsored by four civic clubs of Merkel, with three enlisted in the non-home-owners' division.

In the home-owner group are: Mrs. Earl Lassiter and Mrs. W. B. Stephens, Mrs. Norman Hodge, Mrs. Stanley King, Mrs. Raymond Ferguson, Cheatham McFarland. Non-home-owners who have entered are: Mrs. Johnny Cox, Mrs. Connor Robinson, Mrs. David Gamble.

Mrs. Norman T. Hodge is chairman of the registration committee, with Mrs. Holt Vaughn, Mrs. W. H. Bullock and Wrenn Durham her assistants.

Marvin Hunter Heads Honorary Society

Marvin Hunter, junior at McMurry college, has been elected new president of Alpha Chi, honorary society, which embraces the upper 10 per cent of the junior and senior classes.

Last week-end Marvin was one of a group of five students representing McMurry at a regional convention of Alpha Chi societies of Louisiana and Texas held at Nacogdoches.

To Screen Cohan's Life.

Hollywood, Calif., Apr. 3.—The biography of George M. Cohan, veteran Broadway musical comedy star, will be filmed with James Cagney in the title role, Producer Jack Warner has announced.

MERKEL TAKES WARD TITLE IN VOLLEYBALL

Merkel captured the championship in the Taylor county volleyball tournament at Abilene last week-end in the ward school division.

By downing Ovalo, 9-2, and defeating Butterfield in the finals, 9-2, Merkel took the ward school title, bringing the total points for the championship cup to 60.

The players are Juanita Garvin, Gwendolyn Vaughn, Geneva Allen, Becky Gaither, Elna Faye Frazier, Lois Harris; substitutes are Betty Jo Perry, Betty Joyce Cook, Jean Curb, Billy Ann Reidenbach.

Miss Mamie Ellis, assisted by Mrs. Elmo Collins, coached this team.

Band Soloists to Be Heard Apr. 14 At Baptist Church

In preparation for the contest to be held in Abilene under the auspices of the Texas Music Educators' association Apr. 24, 25, 26, the Merkel Badger band is rehearsing daily in an effort to mature the young players and lend experience to the band in general. It is hoped that the people of Merkel will plan on attending the contest when their band plays and lend their support.

On Monday night, Apr. 14, at 8 o'clock, there will be a recital of all the soloists and ensemble players in the contest at the First Baptist church. This recital will be open to the public and will be a preparatory appearance for all of the players.

Parents of band students are urged to attend and hear what is possible and what is being done in the way of individual performance on the instrument their child plays. A program of all soloists and their selection will be printed in the next issue of The Mail.

The students are anxiously awaiting the arrival of the new uniforms that are now being completed at the Fruhauf factory in Wichita, Kans. These uniforms will first be presented at the concert the latter part of April.

KXOX Program by Local Talent Sunday

From the studios of KXOX, Sweetwater, Miss Maureen Moore and Ben Robert Hicks will give a program of vocal numbers at 5:15 on Sunday afternoon.

The public's attention is called to the following numbers: "You Walked By," "I Hear a Rhapsody" and "Frenesi," by Ben Robert Hicks; "Little Sleepy Head," "The Music Plays On" and "Walking by the River," sung by Maureen Moore. Christine Collins will be accompanist for the vocals.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, April 8, 1921.)

The families of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Sheppard, Lee Cox, J. M. Dry, Eli Case, J. S. Thomas, Rev. W. M. Murrell, Thos. Durham, Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Jones, Supt. Burgess, B. P. Middleton and Mrs. W. L. Harkrider last week, after the business closing hour.

H. L. Propst, Bob Dennis, John Sears, Ross Ferrier, J. B. Ferrier and others returned first of the week from a fishing trip to the Pecos river. They report a fine trip and plenty of good fish to eat.

Dr. R. I. Grimes, Booth Warren, Bill Sheppard, Ed Teaff, Frank McFarland, Lige Gamble, Frank Maialand and Wayne Chatman and others left first of the week for a fishing trip to the Llano.

H. A. Sanders and wife, George Brown and wife, Dave Hendricks and wife and Ed Mashburn and wife composed a fishing and outing party to

the San Saba this week. Among those enjoying a fishing trip to the Llano last week were Messrs. Andy Brown and Joe Owens.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.
A number of children were seen gathering at the home of Miss Ruby Fay Golladay last Saturday afternoon where they were to celebrate her eleventh birthday. After games were played, they were shown into the beautifully decorated dining room where they were served ice cream and cake.

Each of the children declared the best time ever and left wishing her many happy birthdays. Those present were Flora Frances Anderson, Mary Lou Cemeys, Annie Marie Brown, Margaret Eckerd, Agnes Sanders, Lucille Owens, Helen Roberts, Lillian Rider, Florene Rider, Dudley B. Stewart, Sandifer Hollingsworth and Daisy Price.

Hicks Swafford came in last week from Harris, Mo., where he is connected with the Harris Cattle company.

MERCHANTS PLAN EIGHTH SERIES FREE RODEOS

Softball League Also Included In 1941 Program of Entertainment Sponsored by Trade Extension Association.

For the eighth consecutive season the merchants of Merkel have decided to sponsor a series of free summer rodeos as the major feature of their 1941 activity program.

At the annual meeting of the Merchants Trade Extension association held Monday night at the Lions hall, attended by about 50 representative business and professional men, decision was reached to launch plans at once to finance the project and the directors, headed by President R. T. Gray, have already busied themselves with preliminary plans.

At the same meeting, a softball league was favored as another major attraction for further creating and binding friendship for Merkel in the surrounding trade territory.

President R. T. Gray announced appointment of Buck Leach as chairman of the softball committee, with the privilege of naming his assistants and with the definite signal to "go." Chairman and personnel of the rodeo committee are to be announced later.

In the absence of the retiring president, W. O. Boney, Clyde Bartlett, last year's vice-president, called the meeting to order. Invocation was given by Supt. Connor Robinson, and, after an appetizing sandwich plate had been served by Cotton's cafe, a brief outline was given by the secretary.

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Expect to Spud Collins Test at 4 P. M. Thursday

Merry Brothers & Perini and Butler & Horne Drilling company were expecting to spud their No. 1 T. E. Collins et al at 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon, it was learned Thursday.

The test is near the center of a 1,700-acre block assembled by Tom Largent. The wildcat is three miles west and slightly north of the Sixth pool.

Ungren & Frazier have moved in on the Dr. George L. Miller tract and staked location 990 feet from the south and 330 feet from the east lines. This block, embracing about 1,500 acres, was also assembled by Tom Largent.

Danciger Oil & Refineries, Inc., No. 2 F. B. Kelso has completed a railroad commission potential gauge, pumping 102 barrels of oil in 24 hours.

James B. Dunigan of Breckenridge has started another test on the A. W. Hunter property, known as No. 1 A. W. Hunter, Block 3. It is scheduled for 2:50 feet.

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Mrs. T. L. Stevens

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moved to this section in 1898. Mrs. Stevens was converted and joined the Methodist church when she was about 17 years of age.

Mrs. Stevens was the mother of twelve children, four of whom are living: one son, J. P. Stevens, Trent, and three daughters, Mrs. Jack Freeman and Mrs. Reuben Reeves of Trent, and Mrs. Hugh Crawford of Stamford. Twelve grandchildren, one great-grandchild, two sisters and four brothers also survive.

The sisters are Mrs. L. C. Bolander, Graham, and Mrs. May Cox, Fabens; the brothers, J. D. Cozart, Bryson; W. C. Cozart, Jacksboro; W. R. Cozart, Nevada, and W. A. Cozart, Fort Worth.

All of the surviving children and grandchildren, with the exception of two grandsons, Lavelle Stevens and Luther Warren Ashford, Ft. Benning, Ga., were present for the funeral. The latter was unable to attend on account of illness.

Among the out-of-town relatives and friends here for the funeral were: W. C. Cozart, Jacksboro; Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Cozart, Bryson; Mrs. Lula Bolander, Mr. and Mrs. Alla Cozart, Mrs. Jean Marshman, Mrs. Buck Acre, Graham; Mrs. Beattie Acking, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Curry, Mr. and Mrs. Davis, Miss Vera Cozart, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Perry Eaton, Rotan; Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Keller Stevens, Herman Reeves, Mr. and Mrs. John Malone, Mrs. May Davenport, Dallas; Sherwood Stevens, Fort Worth, Okla.; Mrs. Laura Boden, Mrs. Ethel Baze, Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Reeves, Mrs. Willie McQuirter and daughter, Miss Yvonne, Campbell; Mrs. Louise Downing, Oklahoma; Mrs. Polly Williams, Big Spring; Mr. and Mrs. McCalles, Cisco; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Williams and son, Southland.

Free Rodeos

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Secretary, C. J. Glover, covering the election of five new directors for the year and the subsequent election of officers.

New directors are Owen Robertson, W. R. Yazell, S. D. Gamble, Ray Wilson and R. T. Gray, who will serve with five holdover directors: E. Y. Bailey, Nathan Wood, Clyde Bartlett, Dee Grimes and Booth Warren.

Officers named by the board to carry on for 1941 are: R. T. Gray, president; Nathan Wood, vice-president; Booth Warren, treasurer; C. J. Glover, secretary.

First order of business after the new president took charge was reading of the financial statement for the past year by Booth Warren, which was approved in the usual way.

Outline of cost of the proposed rodeo series and suggestions for a softball league and merchants' day programs were included in the introductory remarks of the president.

After free discussion in which practically every one present expressed an opinion, full agreement was reached to sponsor the rodeo series for the coming summer and to proceed with a softball schedule similar to last year.

As to the merchants' day events, it was left to a committee consisting of Dee Grimes, chairman, Nathan Wood and W. R. Yazell to investigate the several propositions presented and map out a program to be followed.

Officers Re-Elected At City Election

Only 38 votes were cast in the annual city election Tuesday. There was no contest for any of the three offices to be filled.

Mayor H. C. West was re-elected to that office, and Fred A. Baker and S. E. Gamble returned as aldermen.

Holdover aldermen are Dee Grimes, W. O. Boney and John Mansfield.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Pruitt returned the latter part of the week from a visit with their daughter, Mrs. L. E. Martin in Mesilla Park, N. M.

Mrs. Grover Hale spent the weekend in Lipan. Miss Luna White, who accompanied her, remained in Lipan to visit this week.

Lieut. G. T. Castleberry, Company L, 179th infantry, Camp Barkeley, and wife and son have taken Mrs. Ed Turner's apartment on Oak street.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Stevens visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Browning in Cisco. They were accompanied by Bob Boden and Claud Ellison.

Mrs. Ollie Dye and son, Ralph, of Fort Stockton, were week-end visitors here. After spending Sunday night with Mrs. Lucy Ford, Mrs. Dye went to Abilene Monday and then returned home Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Farmer and daughter, Mrs. Marvin Egger, visited the past week in Knox City at the bedside of the former's sister, Mrs. L. L. Houston, who has been seriously ill but who is improving at this time.

M. H. Farmer, Jr., has been confined to his bed the last few days with a very bad case of strip throat.

Glenn Robertson, student at John Tarleton college, Stephenville, was home to spend the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hob Robertson. He had as his guest his roommate, Douglas Reeves, of Port Arthur.

Mrs. J. M. Hines of Coolege, Ariz., returned home Monday night after a visit of a few weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Sandusky.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hughes of Abilene are guests this week of his brother, J. S. Hughes, and wife.

Miss Marie Pinckley, who teaches at Irene, and Miss Fay Pinckley, teacher in the Perryton school, were here for a week-end visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Pinckley.

Mr. and Mrs. William Cosel, of New York City, were recent guests in the Max Mellinger home. Mr. Mellinger accompanied them to Dallas and went on to Livingston on business this week. Mrs. Cosel is a sister of Mrs. Mellinger.

Mrs. Connor Robinson is to be in Abilene Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Apr. 3, 4, 5, to attend the state convention of the American Association of University Women, and will assist with the registration of all delegates during that time. Mrs. Robinson has membership in the Abilene Oscar H. Cooper branch of the A. A. U. W.

Mrs. H. R. Hicks left Wednesday for De Leon to visit a son, Vestal Hicks, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Patterson attended the wedding in Roscoe Sunday morning of Miss Jane Gracey and B. F. (Buster) Horn of Abilene. The ceremony was held at the Methodist church there.

Mrs. Tom Largent visited last week-end in Tulsa, Okla., where she had gone to take her granddaughter, Carla Lou Imes, home after spending several days here.

Mrs. Norman T. Hodge is being missed from social, church and club activities this week as she is confined to her home with two broken ribs sustained in a fall Saturday morning in the bath room of her home.

Mrs. Tom Largent, as delegate from the Fortnightly Study club, accompanied by Mrs. W. S. J. Brown, Mrs. Johnny Cox and Miss Johnny Sears, went to Ballinger Thursday to attend the Sixth District convention, Texas Federation of Women's clubs.

Rev. Marvin Boyd, pastor of the Methodist church, is in Lamesa this week, holding revival services at the church there, of which Rev. Elmer Landreth, former Merkelite, is in charge.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

Accident Proves Fatal To W. W. Hamilton

W. W. Hamilton, 61, practicing attorney at Snyder for 35 years and a former resident of Merkel, died at 12:45 last Thursday afternoon in a Snyder hospital. He had suffered a skull fracture when struck by an automobile Monday at a corner of the court house square.

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at the Methodist church at Snyder.

He is survived by his wife; a daughter, Mrs. Earl Sunderman, teacher at Putnam; a son, William, Snyder, and one brother, G. B. Hamilton, Chickasha, Okla.

Mr. Hamilton was born in Bastrop county, near Austin, but was reared to young manhood in Merkel, having graduated from high school here with the class of 1900. He was a brother of the late Seth Hamilton, G. B. Hamilton, only living brother, visited a short while with friends here Monday.

Princeton Drops Annual Meet.

Princeton, N. J., Apr. 3.—Because of the "uncertainties of the times" Princeton's annual invitation track meet, for six years one of the classics of the outdoor track season, will not be held this spring, it was announced Tuesday by Christian Gauss, chairman of the university council on athletics.

Sponsor Egg Shower.

The T. E. L. Sunday School class of the First Baptist church is sponsoring an egg shower for Buckner's Orphans home. Those wishing to make contributions are asked to bring their eggs to the Turner grocery store by next Wednesday, Apr. 9.

Delegates to Report.

At the regular meeting of Merkel camp, the Woodmen of the World, to be held at the W. O. W. hall Tuesday night at 8 o'clock, reports of the biennial Head Camp convention held at Beaumont will be given by R. H. Mathews, Jr., and Watt Blair, delegates from the local camp.

Tie as Safety Winners.

Chicago, Apr. 3.—The National Safety council announced that Dallas and Kansas City, Mo., were the co-winners of the grand award among cities in the national traffic contest.

Peace Feelers from Italy.

London, Apr. 3.—The London Evening Standard reported without confirmation Tuesday that Italy is putting out peace feelers through Madrid.

Cream containing 30 to 35 per cent milk fat is ideal for whipping. "Coffee" cream, with 18 to 20 per cent milk fat content is not suitable for whipping, but may be found satisfactory if whipped when cold and at least one day old.

American exports to China, Canada, the Netherlands, East Indies, Mexico, Cuba, Brazil, Argentina, England, France and Russia all increased in 1940. Shipments to Japan, the Philippines, Germany and Italy decreased.

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

TELEPHONE THE MAIL

The Mail will be glad to receive news of entertainments or visitors in Merkel homes, as well as other news items of a general nature. If you have company, entertain friends or return from a trip please telephone 61 or 29.

Adcock Family Holds Reunion at Big Spring

The home of Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Adcock, Jr., at Big Spring was the scene of a happy family reunion Sunday, when all the children of Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Adcock, Sr., were present. Going from Merkel, besides Mr. and Mrs. Adcock, were Mr. and Mrs. Waymon Adcock, who were joined by Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Adcock and daughter, Nida Ruth, of Abilene. Coming from Odessa were Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Betterton and five children, A. J., Neda, Bobby, Ann and Joe.

Others present were the little daughter of the hosts, Jimmy Yvonne Adcock, and Mr. and Mrs. Lacy Porter and Mrs. Dora Jones of Big Spring. Mrs. Porter and Mrs. Jones are nieces of Mrs. O. J. Adcock.

Services Held Monday For Norma Jean Deal

Funeral services were held at 1 o'clock Monday afternoon at the Barrow-Sheppard chapel for Norma Jean, two-day-old infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Deal. The little girl died at 10:35 Sunday morning.

The rites were conducted by a great-uncle, Rev. Alma Matthews, Nazarene pastor of Abilene. Burial followed at White Church cemetery.

Surviving, besides the parents, are three brothers, Lewis, Wayne and Wayland, and two sisters, Helen and Thelma; Mack Cordill, maternal grandfather, and Mrs. Ida Deal Childress, paternal grandmother.

Merkel Girl Named On JTAC Honor Roll

Stephenville, Apr. 3.—Among the students making the honor roll at John Tarleton Agricultural college for the first preliminary was Mildred Louise McLean of Merkel.

To be eligible for this honor, a student must make at least 80 in every subject for that preliminary. Of the 1,498 students enrolled at Tarleton, 136 were on the honor roll, according to Gabe Lewis, registrar. J. Thomas Davis, dean of the Stephenville institution, complimented these students highly for their outstanding achievement.

Hospital Notes.

B. H. Harris was admitted to Sadler Clinic Mar. 27 for minor surgery.

Clark Mundy, who underwent an operation last Friday for acute appendicitis, was reported Thursday as doing nicely.

Doyle Vanclieve of Trent, Route 2, was admitted the same day with acute appendicitis.

Mrs. J. W. Gonzales, Route 3, received major surgery Friday.

Mrs. Annie Scott was admitted Wednesday for treatment.

Joe Patterson was admitted Wednesday with a shoulder injury and face lacerations sustained when a windmill tower which he was erecting fell. The left shoulder bone was broken at the joint.

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Lois Cook of Matador Marries Tutt Garner

Friends in and around Merkel will be pleased to learn of the marriage of Miss Lois Cook of Matador to Mr. Tutt Garnett of Roaring Springs.

They were married Saturday night, Mar. 22, at 8:30 o'clock, in the home of Roy E. Stephens, Church of Christ preacher at Roaring Springs, in a single ring ceremony.

The bride wore navy blue with white accessories. For something borrowed and something old she wore Mrs. D. F. Garnett's brooch that was given to her before she was married.

Miss Cook is the granddaughter of Mrs. John Cook of the Noodle community, and is at present county treasurer of Motley county. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Cook of Matador.

Mr. Garnett is the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Garnett of the Flags Springs community, near Roaring Springs, and is a cowboy by trade. He has worked for Matador Land and Cattle company at Matador, Double Heart Ranch at Sweetwater, X Ranch at Kent and several others. Mr. and Mrs. Garnett will make their home at Matador.

Record of Births.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. John Morgan, Thursday, March 27, 1941.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Brown, Noodle, Sunday, March 30, 1941.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Bryant, Blair, Tuesday, April 1, 1941.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Pipin, Tuesday, Apr. 1, 1941.

Bids for Farm Loans To be Taken Apr. 15

Applications for 1941 Farm Security Administration tenant farm purchase loans in Taylor county will be taken beginning Apr. 15, according to Clarence Symes, county FSA supervisor, Abilene.

Tenant farmers of Jones county may make applications for these loans at the Farm Security office located in the basement of the post office building at Anson.

Share-croppers and farm laborers as well as tenants are eligible for these loans, but preference is given to families which have adequate live stock and equipment.

The loans enable borrowers to buy farms of their own. They are repayable over a 40-year period, at three per cent interest.

Two Noodle Classes Present Favorite

The day for Noodle's Home-Coming is coming rapidly. Keep in touch with this local paper for the standing date.

The Freshmen and Sophomores have chosen Mernell Hudson for their queen and they will have to compete against the Junior and Senior queen.

Each vote is one cent. Please help our queen win. We assure you we won't let you down if you will help our queen win. Give all votes to Bobbie Nell Becknell.

(Submitted by Freshman and Sophomore classes of Noodle school.)

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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

M. and Mrs. A. C. Terry attended the W. O. W. convention in Beaumont Mar. 24-26.

Mr. and Mrs. Rubel Johnson were visitors Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Rogers of Mulberry Canyon.

Mrs. J. A. Giles and daughter of San Angelo were passing guests of friends here Sunday.

Jake and Robert Banner spent a few days last week at Lamesa, visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Deverl Bishop.

Mrs. Woodrow Cooper and little son are visiting in the home of her sister, Mrs. Murry Rogers, of Colorado City.

Mrs. M. L. Jones and daughter, Kathleen, visited in Sweetwater Sunday with Mrs. Zella Kensier.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Woods, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Boone, attended the Red & White banquet at the Wooten hotel, Abilene, last Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Terry accompanied their daughter, Mrs. T. M. Lawson, and little son to their home in El Paso, also visiting with their son and his wife, A. C., Jr. Leaving here Thursday, they returned Sunday. They were accompanied on the trip by R. B. Johnson, Sr.

Tom Simpson of Ada, Okla., a brother of Mrs. W. Y. Steen, was struck by an automobile on Thursday, Mar. 20, and died Tuesday, Mar. 25. He was buried at Ada.

Elery Smith and daughter, Louise, of Roscoe, visited here Saturday with relatives.

Earl Owens of Memphis, Texas, was a recent guest in the home of his brother, M. M. Owens. The Owenses also had as Sunday visitors Mr. and Mrs. Earl Palmer and son of Noodle, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Melton and children and Mr. and Mrs. Price Melton and children, all of Blair.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.

Honoring her father, T. J. Melton, on his 76th birthday Tuesday, Mar. 25, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Owens served a bountiful lunch at the noon hour to Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Melton and Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Adcock, all of Merkel, and Miss Mae Melton and R. B. Sears of Sweetwater.

WEINER ROAST.

A weiner roast, sponsored by the young people of the Methodist church, honored Dow Williamson, who will leave Sunday for El Paso to enter service.

The farewell party was held on the lawn of the church Thursday night.

DEBATE TEAMS WIN SECOND IN COUNTY.

The Trent girls debate team, composed of Virginia Chloe McRee and Allene Johnson, won second in debate at the county meet, losing to Wylie in the finals.

The boys team, composed of J. C. Hamner and Johnnie Riggs, also won second in the county, also losing to Wylie in the finals.

Both teams were coached by Mrs. T. B. Friend.

BLAIR ITEMS

Elder Lee Starnes, the Church of Christ minister of Merkel, will preach at the Blair School auditorium, Sunday afternoon at 2:30, April 6. The public is invited to attend these services. Come and bring your friends.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Hunter of Merkel attended services at the Methodist church.

Miss Louise Addison and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Abbott have returned home after a visit with the latter's sister, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Thompson of Corpus Christi.

Mrs. Susie Doan visited the past two weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Artist Cook and family of White Church.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Jackson and family of Ropesville were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Jackson.

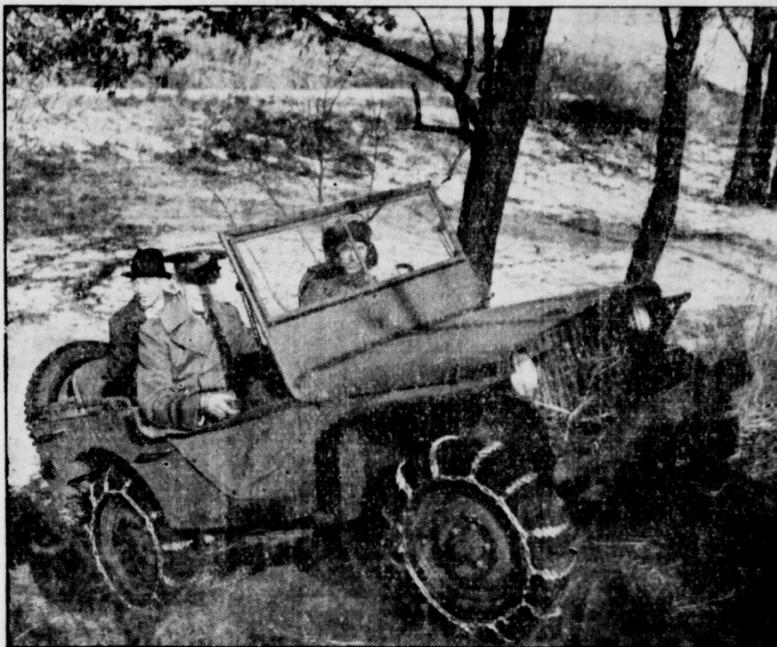
Jack Moore of Bowie visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Z. V. Moore, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Estall and family of the canyon have bought the H. H. Toombs house here and moved into their home the past week. We hope to have these good people with us for a long time.

Mr. and Mrs. Price Melton and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mayfield, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Spears attended the Fifth Sunday Singing at Noodle Sunday.

The Kiawawa Indians of northern Mississippi were forbidden by their religion to eat meat or fish they themselves had caught. So they hired neighboring tribes to hunt for them or traded catches.

Over The Top in a Ford 'Blitz Buggy'



DEARBORN, Mich.—With Edsel Ford, president of the Ford Motor Company, and Brig. Gen. C. H. Bonesteel of the U. S. Army as passengers, a Ford test driver puts a "blitz buggy" through its paces. Built by Ford for the army, this tiny reconnaissance car is a four-wheel-drive vehicle that will climb 60 miles an hour. They can be maneuvered over all types of terrain. An initial army order for 1,500 Ford "blitz buggies" already is rolling off a Rouge plant assembly line.

New Stamp Plan to Encourage Farmers To Use More Cotton

College Station, Apr. 3.—Texas farm families with a gross cash income of less than \$500 per year spend only \$23.53 for cotton goods in 12 months, despite the fact that most of them get the major part of their incomes from raising cotton.

This figure is based on a survey made this winter in 20 Texas counties. An average of 21 families in each of the counties responded to a questionnaire which was circulated in community mattress centers. Tabulations made in the Washington office of the Triple-A and relayed to Mrs. Dora R. Barnes, clothing specialist for the A. and M. College Extension service, showed that the average cash income during 1940 for these families of five persons was \$253.26.

Fifty-five per cent of the reporting families take part in the Triple-A program, and the average AAA payment per family is \$79.71. This represents about 30 per cent of these families' incomes.

Mrs. Barnes says the new supplementary AAA provision, which provides that cotton farmers may be compensated with stamps for further reduction in their cotton acreages in 1941, will tend to increase materially the per family consumption of cotton goods this year.

Recruiting Officer to Visit Sweetwater Apr. 7

Word has just been received from Postmaster Wrenn Durham that a recruiting officer of the United States Marine Corps will visit the post offices in Breckenridge and Sweetwater for five days starting Monday, April 7, to examine men in this vicinity for enlistment in the Marines. He said that never before has the Marine Corps offered such a great opportunity for young men who wish to serve their country in one of the finest branches of service in the country. Young men should investigate these opportunities, he said, and find out for themselves just what the Marine Corps really is and what it has to offer them.

Only young men between the ages of 18 and 30 years, who are single, with no dependents and have completed grammar school, will be accepted for enlistment. Men who have registered for selective service, but who have not yet been called may still voluntarily enlist in the U. S. Marines.

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1940 Cotton Loan Equities Increased

"If you sell your 1940 cotton loan equity, be sure to get its worth," was the advice John Curb, chairman of the Taylor county AAA committee, issued to cotton producers this week.

"The relatively high domestic demand for cotton resulting from the defense program and the recent substantial increase in the price of spot cotton have made it possible for cotton producers to dispose of their 1940 cotton equities at substantial profits," the chairman declared.

Producers desiring to sell their equities in loan cotton are urged to investigate to make sure they are receiving full value and they should also be certain that Commodity Credit Corporation from R, provided by the CCC to be used to record the transfer of all producer's interest in the loan to buyer, is filled out properly and that they are given their copy.

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Prepare for Second Selective Service Registration Day

Washington, Apr. 3.—Quiet advance preparations are being made for a second selective service registration day, although only a small percentage of the 16,404,000 men who enrolled last October have been put in uniform.

The second registration would be for men who have reached their twenty-first birthday since last Oct. 16. By the time it is held, possibly in the late summer or early fall, between 1,000,000 and 1,250,000 will have come of age, population experts figure, and thus will be subject to military service.

Selective service headquarters officials said Thursday that only general consideration had been given thus far to the next registration, but advance studies were being made. Under the selective service act the president must set the date, and this is not considered likely to be before August or September.

Enrollment of the new 21-year-olds was expected to be far less formidable than the task of registering all men between 21 and 35 inclusive, which was carried out in a single day last October.

CARD OF THANKS.

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

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Foods Purchased by Stamp Plan Listed

Surplus foods which will be available during the April 1 through 30 period to families taking part in the Food Stamp plan in Taylor county have been announced by Robert M. Moss, local stamp plan representative. These are the surplus foods obtainable at local stores in exchange for the blue surplus food stamps.

Fresh carrots have been added to the nationally designated surplus foods to be available in all areas during April, while pears and rice, available during March, are not included for April.

With these revisions, the complete list of blue stamp foods for April in all stamp plan areas, is as follows: fresh grapefruit, oranges, apples, carrots, onions (except green onions), Irish potatoes, butter, raisins, pork lard, all pork (except that cooked or packed in metal or glass containers), corn meal, shell eggs, dried prunes, hominy (corn) grits, dry edible beans, wheat flour and whole wheat (Graham) flour.

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Tax Payments Top Estimates.
Washington, Apr. 3.—Income tax payments during the first 20 days of March totaled \$1,139,384,637—more than \$500,000,000 above the \$621,448,616 deposited during the corresponding period last year—the treasury said Saturday.

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QUEEN THEATRE CALENDAR

Friday-Saturday — Roy Rogers, Geo. (Gabby) Hayes in "Young Bill Hickok," also Edgar Kennedy 2-reel comedy, Porky Pig cartoon and serial.

Saturday preview, Sunday matinee, Monday night—Errol Flynn, Brenda Marshall in "Footsteps in the Dark," with Ralph Bellamy and Alan Hale; added, Disney color cartoon and News.

Tuesday only—Kent Taylor, Linda Hayes in "I'm Still Alive," also selected short subjects.

Wednesday-Thursday—An all-star cast in "Barnyard Follies," including radio's popular entertainers, the Cackle Sisters, Jim Jeffries, the Kidoodlers.

"Footsteps in the Dark"

Errol Flynn is back to bring more thrills and adventure to movie fans, but this time he swaps his bow and arrow for top hat and tails. He is starred in the role of a writer of mystery stories and amateur sleuth combined in the Warner Bros. comedy-mystery film, "Footsteps in the Dark" which comes to the Queen theatre Saturday preview, Sunday matinee and Monday night.

Co-starred with Flynn is lovely Brenda Marshall, whose performance in "The Sea Hawk" brought raves from critics and public alike, Flynn, who attempts to lead a double life because he wants to keep his mystery writing exploits a secret, gets himself into a fine mess with the police accusing him of murder on one hand and his wife, Brenda's role, accusing him of being unfaithful on the other. Errol finally straightens things out but only after a series of harrowing and laugh-provoking experiences that makes one of the cinema season's best entertainments.

The supporting cast includes such Hollywood luminaries as Ralph Bellamy, Lee Patrick, Alan Hale, Allen Jenkins, Grant Mitchell and Roscoe Karns. Lloyd Bacon directed the film.

"Footsteps in the Dark" was written for the screen by Lester Cole and John Wexley from a play by Lazlo Fodor, Bernard Merivale and Jeffrey Dell.

"I'm Still Alive"

Filmdom's stunt-men come into their own in "I'm Still Alive," which is to be shown at the Queen theatre Tuesday only.

With Kent Taylor and Linda Hayes heading the cast, the film gives insight into the unassuming careers of the little-known experts who defy death to make camera thrills. Three spectacular crashes—with behind-the-scenes glimpses of how they are performed—add excitement and atmosphere to a picture which is satisfying as drama as well as romance.

The love interest of the story develops when the stunt-man intrigues the interest of a temperamental star, who quickly falls in love with him. They marry, and at his wife's insistence, he abandons his dangerous profession and seeks a less hazardous job. But he can't find one, and he's the kind who wants to work and who won't consider living on his wife's money.

How he strives unsuccessfully to become an actor, and the tragic consequences when another stunt-man doubles for him in a scene and is fatally hurt, all lead to the stirring climax of the picture and the hero's gallant effort to bring happiness to the girl he loves.

"Barnyard Follies"

With a stroke of smart showmanship, Republic has raided the airways for the cream in radio hillbilly talent and packed it into a rhythmic, rural flavored opus, "Barnyard Follies," booked at the Queen theatre Wednesday and Thursday.

Radio headliners who have chalked up thousands of fans throughout the country are seen for the first time on the screen. Benign-faced Pappy Cheshire, beloved old philosopher of the Barnyard Follies radio show over KMOX St. Louis, which is released nationally through Columbia Broadcasting system, is also a headliner in the film. In a role that keeps completely in his radio character, as the kindly overseer of a country orphanage, Pappy does himself proud. His ease before the cameras, considering that it is his first attempt, is remarkable.

Mary Lee, June Storey, Ralph Bowman, Rufe Davis, the Kidoodlers, Isabelle Randolph "Mrs. Uppington," Caroline and Mary Jane Dezurik, the "Cackle Sisters," Joan Woodbury and Jim Jeffries are among the cast members.

Frank McDonald, popular musical comedy and western director handled the megaphone under associate-producer Armand Schaefer.

Leads Military Fashion Over 800 Coeds



Selected girl-of-the-month at East Texas State Teachers College, Commerce, Dorothy Lill Cobb, freshman from Marlin, led the military fashion parade over 800 coeds with an ensemble which matches the attire of any American sailor. To keep the whole thing feminine she has donned a nautical beret of powder blue which affords American emblems.

List of Petit Jurors Called for Next Week

The petit jury for next week in 104th district court includes the following names:

- W. P. Moore, Merkel; A. C. Pratt, J. S. Logsdon, Jno. Moughan, C. W. Dick, Matthews Blanton, W. B. Shahan, E. B. Free, E. C. Murphy, E. R. Kilpatrick, Robert B. Wylie, T. N. Beard, J. F. Boren, W. T. Lindley, W. W. Ford, A. L. Hortsmann, W. C. Fountz, R. L. Orsborne, Dan Gallagher, H. H. McGregor, Dr. Wm. R. Snow, J. T. Holder, W. L. Curtis, W. A. Jones, Laurel Dunn, W. H. Nabours, M. B. Moore, C. J. Collier, Parks Cope, Floyd Massey, B. C. Rogers, Frank Martin, J. Gordon Weir, R. A. Middlebrooks, J. T. Russell, D. E. Beasley, S. G. Windham, J. H. Bratton, Dan F. Brown, T. E. Hammond, J. C. Walker, R. R. Bailey, Abilene; J. L. Lloyd, Ray Saunders, A. G. Mahaffey, Bradshaw; C. D. Dye, Guion; Jas. Holland, Wingate; W. D. Blanks, Tye; Dr. A. P. Head, Ovalo; H. C. Cagle, Buffalo Gap.

Announce Pupils on Compere Honor Roll

Mrs. M. K. Milner, teacher at Compere, has announced the following honor roll for the fifth month of school:

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- Second grade—Faiba Horton.
- Third grade—Mary June Palmer.

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Fifty-three persons enjoyed a birthday dinner at the home of Mr. Mrs. J. B. Whisenhunt on the Divide Sunday in celebration of the 65th birthday of Mr. Whisenhunt, resident of this section for over half a century.

A sumptuous dinner was served at noon from long tables in the yard.

Present to share the happy occasion with Mr. Whisenhunt and his wife were their four children and their families: Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Whisenhunt and son, J. B., of Eden; Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Whisenhunt, Mr. and Mrs. Wick Perry and daughter, Jewell, Divide, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Whisenhunt and children, Tommye, Jack, Walter Earl, Clyan, Bob and Dwayne, Merkel; also Mrs. Hershel Hammonds and children, Dale and Gale, Divide; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Thomas and daughter, Monnie Faye, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Latimer, Mrs. Sam Butman, Jr., and daughters, Nell and Ruth, Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Turner and daughter, Shirley Ann, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Patterson and children, Junior and Lula Belle, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Whisenhunt and son, L. C.

Friends present were Web Gray, Mrs. J. F. Leatherwood and daughter, Dorothea Lou, Eden; Evant McNutt, Kenneth Turner, Abie Turner, Merkel; Mrs. John Perry, Mrs. Cliff Perry, Miss Janice Perry and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Cook and son, Lewis, Divide.

Tax Jolt Forecast.
Washington, Apr. 3.—A tax bill that will "jerk some people out of their boots" was predicted by Senator Connally (D-Tex) Monday as a result of the \$7,000,000,000 lease-lend program.

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Born and reared a few miles north of Merkel, a student in Merkel High school from which he graduated with the '39 class, Burneal has many friends in the Merkel territory interested in his career.

CARD OF THANKS.
Words cannot express our appreciation and heartfelt gratitude to our friends for their many kindnesses and expressions of sympathy during the illness and death of our beloved husband and father, also for the beautiful floral offerings.
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LODGE CALLS

NOTICE MASONS

A stated meeting of **Merkel lodge No. 710, A. F. and A. M.**, will be held Saturday, Apr. 5, at 8 p. m. All members are urged to be present. Visiting brethren cordially invited.
J. F. Walker, W. M.
W. C. Black, Secretary.

GOLAN NEWS

Our community was saddened Sunday by the death of Lewin Davis, age 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Davis. Rev. Mr. Williams, of Abilene, pastor of the Golan Baptist church, Brother Jones of Sylvester, Methodist pastor, and Brother Bud Self of Newman, conducted the funeral service. Interment was in the Sylvester cemetery. Relatives here for the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Self of Shep, Mrs. Davis and children of Merkel and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Davis and children of Truby.

Mr. and Mrs. Orvel Hill spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Dawson McCain and girls visited relatives at Ralls Saturday and Sunday.

Granville Byrom was home from Tech Saturday and Sunday visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. P. Byrom.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hill spent last week-end with relatives at Pyron.

Mr. and Mrs. Doris Winter attended the singing at Noodle Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Williams were shopping in Rotan Saturday.

Miss Ira Bell Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Holton Jones, underwent surgery Friday night in a Rotan hospital. She is reported as doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Hodge of Goodman were visitors in the John Lawlis, home Sunday. Mrs. Jones mother of Mrs. Lawlis, was a visitor also.

Miss Lucile Bell was a visitor in the V. P. Byrom home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jeffrey of Anson visited Mr. Jeffrey's parents Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Jeffrey.

The rabbit drive here Monday had a very good attendance by home folks. From the gun reports, many rabbits were killed.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Lawlis went to Rotan Tuesday to visit the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Holton Jones, in the Rotan hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Winter of Noodle visited their son, Mr. and Mrs. Doris Winter, Tuesday.

Attend Funeral of Uncle in Snyder

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Harrell and daughter, Lena Faye, and Mrs. Luther Land went to Snyder Tuesday to attend the funeral of an uncle, W. P. Thomas, who died there Monday.

Mr. Thomas will be remembered by many here, as he lived in this section around 1907.

Just say you saw it in The Mail.

Lions to Support Decatur Man for District Governor

Two visiting Lions from the Decatur club were guests at Tuesday's luncheon of the Merkel club: F. W. Burton, second vice-president of the Decatur group, and W. A. Hughes. They stopped here while two of their comrades went to Sweetwater, the purpose of their visit being to enlist support for one of their members, Alton B. Lee, for governor of District 2-E.

At the close of the meeting Tuesday, the Merkel club's delegates were instructed to vote for the Decatur man at the coming district convention to be held in Ranger.

On suggestion of Frank Crippliver of Wichita Falls, present district governor, it was voted to change the date of the zone meeting for which Merkel is to be host from the second meeting in May to some time in this month, exact date to be announced later. As chairman of arrangements and entertainment for the zone meeting, Stanley King announced the names of Supt. Connor Robinson and Dr. L. C. Zehnpennig as his working associates.

Chairman W. O. Boney of the Greek War Relief committee reported a total of \$48.02 raised through local committees and through donations at the Queen theatre.

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

LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS

A number of local boys stationed at Camp Bowie, Brownwood, were home for the week-end, among them being Zerk Robertson, corporal, Co. L, and Robert Higgins, Co. H, 143rd infantry; Joe Lawson, 111th ordnance company; Homer Reynolds, Battery B, 133rd field artillery, and William Keener.

Miss Lucile Crick, formerly employed by the Southwest Products company, Abilene, assumed her new duties Monday as assistant book-keeper for the Yazell Chevrolet company.

Earl Daniel was advised late Tuesday that his brother, A. M. Daniel, of Potosi, had suffered a light stroke of paralysis at 6 o'clock that evening. He has many friends here who will regret to learn of his serious illness. He lived at Noodle, prior to 1936.

Merkel Women Visit Dallas' Flower Show

Three Merkel women Mrs. A. T. Sheppard, Mrs. S. D. Gamble and Mrs. W. T. Sadler, joined by Mrs. W. V. Ramsey and Mrs. R. A. Webster of Abilene, had the privilege this week of visiting Dallas \$1,000,000 flower show, styled Gardens of America, at the fair grounds in Dallas.

The exhibits were varied and almost beyond description, the ladies report, many of the displays being from South America. Of special interest were a showing of 1,500 hydrangeas and rare specimens of orchids from South America, also replicas of many old Southern homes.

NEWMAN NEWS

Funeral for L. A. Davis, age 17, was held Sunday afternoon at the Golan Methodist church, with Brother Williams of Abilene, assisted by Brother Jones of Sylvester, in charge of services. Interment was made in the Sylvester cemetery. L. A. Davis had many friends and loved ones.

Survivors are his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Davis, one brother and three sisters, younger than L. A.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Smith were a daughter and family of Midland for the week-end and a son and wife of Abilene, Sunday.

Mrs. John L. Jones and Helen, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Reeves and Robert Wayne spent Saturday night and Sunday in the Reeves home.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Dickerson and Elton Lenoir and Lea Dickerson visited in Merkel Saturday.

Thelbert and Arvalee Dickerson and J. R. Cunningham spent Sunday in the home of Bill Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Creswell and children of Merkel spent Sunday in the Creswell home.

Attend Firemen's Convention.

Leaving Thursday to attend the semi-annual meeting of the Mid-West Texas Firemen's association to be held at Albany were John Mansfield, chief of the Merkel Volunteer department; Bob Fowler, assistant chief, and Parker Sharp, hose foreman, as delegates. Others expected to leave during the afternoon.

Advertise in The Merkel Mail.

Merkel PTA Hears Abilene Speaker

The Merkel Parent-Teacher association met at the High school Wednesday afternoon, Apr. 2, with a program on "Physical Health and Vigor," to further enlarge the general program theme for the year of "The Creative Home," and with Dr. G. A. Gray of Abilene as speaker on this health subject.

Dr. Gray, assistant collaborating epidemiologist with the United States Health service and director of the county health unit with headquarters in the county court house at Abilene, spoke most informatively in regard to what parents could do to give both boys and girls alike the physical health and vitality that is demanded of all who live in this today's world.

Mrs. Grover Gilbert, president-elect, presided over a brief business session, preceding Dr. Gray's talk. The treasurer, Mrs. H. C. Reid, reported a balance of \$62.60 in the treasury, and Mrs. Lem Dudley announced the next meeting to be Wednesday afternoon, Apr. 23.

Mrs. Comer Haynes, assisted by four High School girls, Louise Patterson, Bonnie Church, Doris Clyde Miller and Mary Lou Higgins, led the group in singing a round, "Are You Sleeping, P. T. A.?" and two of the quartet, Doris Clyde and Bonnie, sang a duet, "Sundown," to open the general program.

The famous Boeing "Flying Fortress" has a range of 400 miles, and a speed of over 300 miles an hour.

Son of Mrs. Annie Turner Styled as Soldier-Inventor

Pvt. R. E. Cannon, of the General Headquarters Air Force unit at Kelly field, son of Mrs. Annie Turner of Merkel, is the subject of a feature story in a recent issue of the San Antonio Express, which is accompanied by pictures of the soldier-inventor and of the specially-designed clock he invented that tells the time throughout the United States simultaneously.

Between his duties as an acting sergeant, Cannon is working on a clock that will tell time for all time belts of the earth.

Prior to enlistment, he had lived in Dallas and had already achieved recognition for his unique clock, which he designed after making a trip to Washington, D. C., and realizing the need for such a timepiece for those who travel from one time belt to another.

Governor Signs Higher Speed Limit Bill

Austin, Apr. 3.—A bill increasing the highway speed limit for passenger cars to 60 miles an hour during the day and 50 at night became law Tuesday when Gov. W. Lee O'Daniel signed it.

Previously the limit was 45 miles an hour. The measure also limits speed of motor vehicles in cities to 30 miles an hour and set a top speed for busses at 55 miles an hour day and night and for trucks at 45 in the daytime and 40 at night.

SPECIALS for FRIDAY-SATURDAY — April 4-5 —



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| LEMONS | Doz. 19c |
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WOODMEN CIRCLE PRESENTS 25 YEAR PINS AT OPEN HOUSE.

Members of the Woodmen Circle Grove No. 563 held open house last Monday night at the W. O. W. hall to honor 25 year members, with the guardian, Mrs. Lillie Barnett, presiding.

The program chairman, Mrs. Lucy Bonneau, presented a patriotic program. The flag of the United States was presented by Mrs. Katie Kidwell; then the entire group sang "America."

A "Song of Welcome" was sung after the honored members had been escorted to the front. The "Song of Service" was sung while the guardian presented the beautiful 25 year pins to Mrs. W. H. Laney and Mrs. Lee Cox. As the others were unable to attend, the secretary was instructed to send pins to Mrs. Ed Martin of Dallas, Mrs. Tom Coats and Miss Mae Lassiter.

Two readings, "The Spirit of America" and "Lincoln's Farewell Words in Springfield (1861)," were given; songs of "Better'n She Used to Be" and "Star Spangled Banner" were also sung by the entire group.

Mrs. Kidwell gave a very interesting talk on "Our Home and Educational Funds," which is located in Sherman, Texas. The team put on the floor work and many games were played. All reported having an enjoyable time and were counting the years when each would reach the 25 year mark.

Refreshments were served to Mesdames W. H. Laney, Lee Cox, Lillie Barnett, Ruby Barnett, Pearl Hollingsworth, Edith Perry, Winnie Turner, Lillian Mathews, Katie Kidwell and Miss Lola Higgins of Abilene, Mrs. Rosie Davis of Big Spring, Mrs. Lucy Bonneau, Mrs. Alice Wallace, Mrs. Mae Seago, Mrs. Bea Reeves and Misses Luna, Maurine and Clara White.

ABILENE CHURCH LEADER REVIEWS BOOK FOR LOCAL GROUP.

Methodist Missionary members heard a most inspiring discourse Monday afternoon in the personage of Mrs. Nat G. Rollins, Abilene lay leader, who reviewed the entire book, "Jesus and Social Redemption," by John W. Shackford. The missionary ladies are using this book as their Bible Study book this year.

Mrs. Clyde Sears and Mrs. W. S. J. Brown were co-hostesses in the Sears home. At the tea hour, angel food cake and ice cream were served to Mesdames Jim Tucker, W. S. J. Brown, Denzil Cox, Johnny Cox, Etey Church, Ross Ferrier, Herbert Dunn, Ray Wilson, Raymond Ferguson, Buck Mashburn, Marvin Boyd, Clyde Sears and Miss Mabel McRee.

ALASKA PROVES INTERESTING SUBJECT FOR STUDY CLUB.

Members of the Junior Study club enjoyed a well directed program on Alaska on Thursday afternoon of last week when they met in the home of Mrs. Carroll Benson, with Mrs.

Chester Collinsworth co-hostess in entertaining.

Miss Frances Cleveland used as her subject, "The Economical Value of Alaska to the United States." "Interesting Places and Customs in Alaska" was discussed by Miss Mildred Hamm. Mrs. Pat Davis, a former member of the club, was present for the meeting. Others answering roll call were Mesdames J. E. Boaz, Jr., Elmo Collins, Raymond Ferguson, Wrenn Durham, David Gamble, Norman Hodge, George T. Moore, Andy Shouse, Max Swafford, Carroll Benson, Chester Collinsworth; Misses La Verne Dunbar, Ruth West, Hettie Logan Clay, Frances Cleveland, Mary Collins, Mildred Hamm and Imogene Schulze.

FORTNIGHTLY STUDY CLUB.

The Fortnightly Study club held its regular meeting in the lovely home of Mrs. Owen Robertson on Tuesday, Apr. 1.

Mrs. Henry West, program leader for Bible Day, took as her subject, "The Bible—A Library," giving a beautiful description of the different forms of literature to be found in the Bible.

Roll call was answered with "My Favorite Bible Character or Verse," by the following members: Mesdames W. S. J. Brown, Johnny Cox, Comer Haynes, Tom Largent, Elsie Nash, W. B. Petty, Owen Robertson, Conno Robinson, H. C. West, Bud Winter, John Leonard, Len Sublett, Stanley King, Ellen Duncan; Misses Mamie Ellis, Vinnie Heizer, Mildred Holt, Johnny Sears and Alzada Pogue.

L. L. L. CLASS.

The L. L. L. Sunday School class of the First Baptist church met in the gayly decorated home of Pearl Mathews Monday evening. An Easter theme predominated in all games and Grovone Ford won the Easter bunny.

Mildred Bird presided over a short business meeting.

A refreshment plate of ice cream, cookies, Easter eggs, with Easter greetings as plate favors, was served to Mrs. Owen Robertson, Misses Virginia Wilson, Mary Nell Morgan, Mildred Bird, Grovone Ford and Pearl Mathews.

BANNER CLASS PARTY.

On Friday evening of last week, Virgil Sears entertained members of his Sunday School class. Indoor games furnished happy diversion until the refreshment hour when a dainty sandwich course was served with punch to Mrs. Herbert Dunn, class teacher, Marjorie Anne and John Robert Walker from Abilene, visitors, and the following class members: Mary Faye Golladay, Gwendolyn Vaughn, Becky Gaither, Mary Jo Hutchins, Patsy Cox, Genevieve Robertson, Geneva Allen, Dixie Henslee, Lula Mae Clark, Evelyn Sears, Abie Turner, Benny Kemper, Robert Simpson, H. F. Hennington, Frank Simpson, James Roy Baccus, Charles Harwell and Virgil Sears.

If you have any visitors, Phone 29 or 61.

CANDY—FOR THE SOLDIER BOYS.

Mrs. Cooper Waters entertained members of the Las Amigas Sunday School class in her home on Tuesday evening. A number of soldier boys, who have enrolled in this department of the Baptist Sunday School, were honor guests although not present, for the girls met for the purpose of making candy which they dispatched by messenger to each of this particular group of soldier boys at Camp Berkeley.

Those present were Mrs. T. T. Earthman, class teacher, Misses Thelma Mathews, Dot Swafford, Cleo Reece, Bessie McNece, Clara White, Maurine White, Nadine Clark, Mrs. Waters and Mrs. Don Riney.

ANSON BRIDE HONORED AT GIFT PARTY.

Misses Smelda Price and Mary Pearl McLaren and Mrs. Thomas Rushing were joint hostesses recently in the county home of Mrs. J. A. Mayfield, near Anson, when they complimented Mrs. Raymond McLaren, the former Ann Leopard, with a gift party. Mrs. McLaren is the granddaughter of Mrs. W. W. Wheeler.

Mrs. Mayfield received the guests and Evelyn Leopard, sister of the bride, presided over the bride's book. Assisting in the dining room were Mrs. Rushing, Mrs. Merle Scott and Mary Pearl McLaren. The table was centered with flowers and tall white candles.

Mrs. Rushing opened the program with the reading, "When Si Proposed to Me," and Tommie Catherine Rushing read "I Shouldn't Like to be an Old Maid." Mrs. Raymond Day sang several songs and Smelda Price played piano selections during the afternoon.

Thirty-four guests were present.

NEEDLE AND THIMBLE CLUB.

The Needle and Thimble club met Wednesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Max Swafford, with Mrs. Stacy Bird as hostess to members for an afternoon of sewing and chatting.

The revealing of "Kind Thought Pals" provided much of the afternoon's entertainment, pals having been kept secret since Christmas, a period of three or four months, as is the club's custom.

A delicious refreshment plate was served by the hostess and Mrs. Swafford to Mesdames L. V. Moore, Mark Lemens, Nolan Palmer, W. L. Lee, E. Y. Bailey, David Gamble, Spencer Bird, John Grable, Earl Watts, Herbert Dunn, Milton Case, J. E. Boaz, Jr., George T. Moore, Connor Robinson and Owen Robertson.

T. E. L. CLASS PARTY.

The T. E. L. Sunday School class of the First Baptist church met in the home of Mrs. J. F. Walker Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Lucy Ford and Mrs. Bonnie Griswold co-hostesses. Mrs. T. J. Bird brought the devotional and a short business meeting followed.

Refreshments, carrying out an Easter theme, were served to Mesdames A. R. Booth, A. P. Peterson, T. J. Bird, Clyde Bartlett, Walter Teaff, Bill Fugat, John Mansfield, W. J. Largent, Clyde Deavers, Booth Warren, Lucy Ford, J. F. Walker.

EVENING OF GAMES.

Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Moore extended gracious hospitality to members of their game club on Monday evening.

Games of "42" progressed happily until a late hour when a dainty sandwich course was served with Coca Cola.

Members of the club are Messrs. and Mesdames George T. Moore, Jack Patterson, David Gamble, Max Swafford, L. V. Moore and Norman Hodge.

Group to Discuss Democracy in Schools

The Merkel Parent-Teacher Study group will meet Wednesday morning, Apr. 9, in the home of the chairman, Mrs. C. B. Gardner, to continue their study on the theme, "This World of Ours," stressing the democratic way of life as compared to the other ways of life in today's world.

Wednesday's study will be based on two recent Saturday Evening Post articles in the form of a debate on "Democracy in Schools," written by both teachers and pupils, mothers and fathers. A round table discussion will follow this, based on articles from the April National Parent-Teacher magazine.

A cordial invitation is extended to patrons to attend this hour's program.

A Nose for Names.

Omaha, Neb., Apr. 3.—Pep, a bulldog, strayed from the David H. Jones home. A week later he was found—at the David R. Jones home. The Joneses are not related.

RURAL SOCIETY

UNION RIDGE CLUB.

On Mar. 28 the Union Ridge Home Demonstration club met in the home of Miss Mabel McRee, with Miss Pauline McAninch as co-hostess. A shower was given Mrs. Floyd Fortner, the former Miss La Verne Harwell.

Miss Joyce Cox opened the program by singing "I'll Take You Home Again, Kathleen," after which Mrs. Woodrow Patton read two attractive poems, "The Kitchen" and "At Home." Then Miss Cox read an amusing short story, "The Bride," which was followed by Mrs. Wynona Scroggins singing "Endearing Young Charms." Miss Bonnie McAninch read a clever poem, "Sister's Best Feller." The program ended with Miss Pauline McAninch reading the poem, "Love is a Constant Thing," which was interrupted by an alarm clock. At that time she asked Mrs. O. E. Harwell, mother of the bride, to turn off the alarm since it was impossible for Mrs. Fortner to attend. There she found many useful gifts.

A refreshment plate was served to Mesdames O. E. Harwell, Denzil Cox, W. C. Lee, W. T. McAninch, J. H. Clark, Lee Ponder, Kenneth Pee, Lee Tipton, Frank Carr, O. R. Douglas, S. G. Russell, Sr., Leo Harris, Lige Harris, Chester Bond, Weldon McAninch, Woodrow Patton, Wynona Scroggins, Sam Derstine, J. E. Jaynes, T. J. R. Swafford; Misses Mary Derstine, Joyce Cox, Bonnie McAninch, and the hostess.

Those sending gifts were Mesdames E. M. Dean, M. L. Douglas, S. O. Patton, LeRoy Hester and Miss Pearl Mathews.

GOODMAN CLUB.

The Goodman Home Demonstration club met in the home of Mrs. R. J. King, Friday, March 29, for a program on "Poultry."

Mrs. Henry Ueckert presided for the program and Mrs. Leo Ueckert gave a report on "Raising Baby Chicks to Six Weeks of Age." Mrs. Clifford Eoff reported on "Fighting Coccidiosis."

Miss Gladys Martin, home demonstration agent, was present and her report was interesting and beneficial. Some of the highlights brought out were: in fighting coccidiosis, isolation of infected chicks, a milk flush for all the chicks, absolute cleanliness, feeding five per cent sulphur flour in a dry mash, feeding 2 per cent salt in 100 pounds mash for cannibalism. A substitute for green feed in winter is to soak three pounds baled alfalfa hay over night and feed per 100 hens. One teaspoonful Vick's Salve in a quart of water placed on the brooder stove twice a day for pneumonia among baby chicks. For lice put one pound sodium fluoride in the dusting place for your chickens twice a year.

The next meeting will be held in the home of Mrs. Henry Ueckert Friday, April 11.

A dainty refreshment plate was served to Mesdames H. G. Smith, Karl Bonneau, Leo Ueckert, Henry Ueckert, Irvin Ueckert, Clifford Eoff, Vernie Merritt, Miss Gladys Martin and the hostess.

BLUEBONNET CLUB.

The Bluebonnet Home Demonstration club met in the home of Mrs. Huston Martin April 1. Club was called to order by club president, Mrs. A. L. Farmer. Mrs. R. D. Hunter led a number of club songs, and roll was called. Mrs. Dewell McLean, Mrs. Ray Reynolds and Mrs. Lloyd Matthews were selected for the finance committee during the short business meeting.

Mrs. Tom Russom, program leader, directed the following program on "The Importance of Sleep": "A Child and His Sleep," Mrs. Dewell McLean; "An Adult and His Sleep," Mrs. Elmer Patterson; "Some Ways of Inviting Sleep," Mrs. Ford Butman; "Foundation of Rest," Mrs. Ray Reynolds; "A Long Life for Your Matress," Mrs. James Simpson; "Do You Need Another Bed," Mrs. W. C. Perkins.

Mrs. Ben Butman has charge of the next program. One new member, Mrs. Walter Hunter, was welcomed into the club. Mrs. Shorty Coats was asked to go on a treasure hunt and the young bride found many useful gifts.

At the refreshment hour members and visitors were led to the creek for an Easter egg hunt, weiner and marshmallow roast, served with pickles and bread. Those present were: visitors, Mesdames Fay Brown, C. P. Perry, Clovis Harrison, J. T. Perry, Hugh Campbell, Rubel Johnson, L. E. Armor, Frazz Demere, Raymond Demere, Lee Trammel, Artist Cook, E. A. Conley, Dewey Rogers, Wade Ensinger, Ernest Meeks and the honoree, Mrs. Shorty Coats; members, Mesdames Ray Reynolds, Ford Butman, Ben Butman, Dewell McLean, James Simp-

In The Churches

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

There were 553 presents at the six reporting Sunday Schools here last Sunday, as compared with 454 the previous week. On the same Sunday a year ago the attendance was 612.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Morning sermon at 11. Training Union 6:45. Evening sermon at 7:45. Teachers' and officers' meeting and prayer meeting 7:45 Wednesday evening.

Cooper Waters, Pastor.

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 at 10 a. m. Offering for Reynolds home. As this is the first Sunday of the new church year, officers and teachers of the Sunday School will be elected and every one is urged to be present.

It will be the pastor's day at Tuscola; therefore, there will be no preaching service, morning nor night.

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.

son, A. D. Barnes, Burl Brown, Lloyd Matthews, Jim Perry, Riley Whisenhunt, R. D. Hunter, Walter Hunter, W. C. Perkins, A. R. Toombs, A. L. Farmer, N. M. Keith, S. C. Keith, Will Butman, Elmer Patterson, Joe Seymore, Tom Russom; Miss Louene Butman and the hostess, Mrs. Martin, and a number of children.

Next meeting will be at the Baptist church at Butman with Mrs. A. L. Farmer as hostess on Apr. 13.

CELEBRATE SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.

Mrs. and Mrs. W. M. Hays celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary Sunday and were happy to have their children and a number of friends and relatives to enjoy the occasion with them.

After a bountiful dinner was served, beautiful vocal numbers were given by Misses Veriena Hutchins and Pauline Ward, talented young singers of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Hays were presented a lovely radio, a gift from their children.

The guest list included Mrs. Cora Hester and children, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hays and son, Mr. and Mrs. Paxton Hays of Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Sparks, Mr. and Mrs. Finis Walker and girls, Misses Veriena Hutchins and Pauline Ward, all of Abilene.

BRIDE HONORED.

Mrs. M. L. Vaughn, Jr., who until her marriage last week was Melba Smith of Tye, was honoree at a gift party at the home of Mrs. A. V. Teaff of Tye. Misses Lorena McCartney and Judy Holder were assistant hostesses.

Misses Katie Bigham and Nettie Lee Teaff, accompanied by Ruby Bigham, sang two duets, "Pagan Love Song," and "River of Golden Dreams." Mrs. Walter McCartney played a medley of love songs, closing with "I Love You Truly," the signal for presentation of gifts to the bride.

Guests were Mesdames J. B. Boyett, Fred Perry, J. J. McCartney, Jay McCartney, W. F. Joiner, Dee Moore, R. F. England, G. A. Joiner, W. H. Rister, Jeff Hinds, Theo Kincaid, Lee Rister, J. H. Rister, Ernest Teaff, Floyd Kimmey, Jim Ferguson, Myrtle Pitts, Elmer Mattingley, Dee Teaff, Hubert McCartney, Ted Bigham, Ollie Bigham, R. J. Smith; Ruthie Bigham, Sadler and E. P. Mead of Abilene; Misses Ideen Ely, Cansey, Mae Hulsey, Bobby Teaff, Irene Moore and Moline Vaughn of Abilene.

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.

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Beans LB. 10c

New Potatoes Lb. 5c
Carrots .. 3 bnchs. 10c

COLORADO WHITE
SPUDS 10 lbs. 10c

Lettuce Head 5c

GOLDEN TABLE
Syrup GAL. 49c

No. 2 CANS
Tomatoes .. 2 for 15c
PREPARED

Mustard .. Qt. jar 10c
Pickles Qt. jar 10c

POST
Toasties PKG. 9c

Grape Juice .. Pt. 15c
Wings, Taste, Bambino

Candy Bars .. 2 for 5c
PURE CANE — Kraft Bags

Sugar 10 LBS. 49c

16 OZ. CAN
Mackerel ... Can 10c

No. 2 CANS
Gr. Beans .. 3 for 25c

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SKINLESS

Weiners Lb. 19c

FANCY BRISKET BEEF
Roast LB. 15c

NICE LEAN
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SALT
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