

Keeping Up With Texas

His skull fractured when the car in which he was riding overturned 10 miles east of Sweetwater at 8:30 last Thursday morning, G. J. Harris, Fort Bliss soldier, died almost instantly. Two other Fort Bliss soldiers were seriously injured.

John Smith, nightwatchman, and two truck drivers, N. J. Walker, Overton, and W. E. Simpson, Jr., Sulphur Bluff, were killed Thursday, Apr. 3, when three explosions wrecked the portable asphalt plant of the Texas Bitulithic company, 9 miles east of Tyler.

One soldier, John Winchester of Hagerman, was killed and three soldier companions injured when their car overturned Saturday at Dublin.

State Senator John Lee Smith of Throckmorton will make the commencement address at Baylor university June 2, it was announced Saturday by President Pat M. Neff.

Carl L. Smith, 31, plaster contractor, was killed shortly after 9 p. m. at Wichita Falls Saturday when his light coupe was involved in a wreck with a truck on the Henrietta road about four miles from Wichita Falls.

Taking the place made vacant by the death of her husband, Mrs. Mack Brazier has been appointed county treasurer of Coryell county by the commissioners' court.

Floyd B. Helms, 21, of Payson, Oklahoma, was killed at Hillsboro Sunday when struck by a boom from a gravel machine.

One young woman, Miss Lumida Blissett, was killed and five other young persons injured, three of them seriously, late Sunday afternoon when the automobile in which they were riding struck the concrete abutment of a bridge between Alvarado and Grandview.

W. H. Mason, 57, widely known farmer, was killed at his home south of Rusk Monday when a tractor with which he was plowing backed off an embankment, crushing him.

Pvt. Donald E. Thompson, 20, of Edmond, Okla., member of the Headquarters company, 179th field artillery, Camp Barkeley, was injured fatally Monday when his automobile overturned a mile northeast of Albany on the Throckmorton road.

Three Camp Barkeley soldiers, en route home for a week-end furlough, and a woman, professional travel bureau agency operator, were instantly killed at 8:15 Friday night in a three-car collision on highway 83 near Hawley. The dead: Pts. Bob Carpenter, Wesley Lee and J. L. Bugg, all of Alva, Okla., and Mrs. C. G. Pitts, about 60, of Lubbock and Big Spring.

Mrs. Elva Denny, 22, wife of a taxi driver, was held under \$2,000 bond Monday at Lubbock for the fatal shooting of her husband Sunday.

North American Aviation's new \$7,500,000 defense plane factory near Grand Prairie was formally dedicated Monday, with OPM Director William Knudsen and Governor W. Lee O'Daniel among dignitaries present.

Roy Schooling, 23, and Morris Lewallen, 21, were killed when two trucks collided north of Howe near Sherman Sunday night. Two other persons were seriously injured.

New fellows elected to the Texas Surgical society at its meeting at Temple Tuesday were Drs. Edward J. Smith and Cornelius Pugsley, both of Houston.

Southern Methodist University's advisory board Tuesday heard President Umphrey Lee declare that the university's combined enrollment has reached an all-time high of 4,537 students and that the school's total valuation has climbed to \$6,967,390.

Statistics released by the state fire insurance board show the entire loss by fire in Clarendon for 1940 to be \$28. Clarendon's fire losses during the five years ending with 1940 amounted to \$12,055.

The body of Helmut Novian, 29, was found Tuesday in his parked car five miles east of Fredericksburg. Sheriff Alfred Klaerner said Novian had been shot through the head and that a pistol was found at his feet. A coroner's jury returned a verdict of suicide.

Memorial service in honor of the late Senator Walter C. Woodward of Coleman will be held at the Coleman county court house on Friday morning, Apr. 25, at 10 o'clock by the 35th District Bar association.

The body of Fred W. Dawson, 57, of Beaumont, was found Wednesday beside the Kansas City Southern railroad tracks, one and one-half miles south of Hartung. His head had been severed.

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WALTER LEACH SUCCUMBS TO HEART ATTACK

Long-Time T. & P. Telegrapher. Connected with Merkel Station for 16 Years. Passes Away; Funeral Held Here.

Walter G. Leach, 58, who served 16 of his nearly 35 years in railroad service in the local office of the Texas & Pacific railway, died Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the St. Ann hospital, Abilene. He had suffered a heart attack early Tuesday morning at the railway station in that city where he was ticket agent and telegraph operator.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 Wednesday afternoon from the Methodist church here, with Rev. J. H. Hamblen, Abilene Methodist minister, officiating, assisted by Rev. Marvin Boyd, local pastor. Burial followed in Rose Hill cemetery under direction of Barrow-Sheppard.

Pallbearers were Henry Dennington, G. A. Collins, V. W. Swafford, R. B. Henderson, J. O. Middlebrooks, R. L. Muston, all of Abilene.

Flower girls were: Mrs. L. B. Bynum, Baird; Mrs. Maurice Howell, Miss Dot Hambrick, Abilene; Mrs. C. B. Knight, Miss Eulala Floyd, Merkel; Miss Catherine Milligan, Roby.

Walter Grider Leach was born Dec. 9, 1882, at Russell Springs, Ky. He came to Texas in 1901 and, after spending two years farming in Collin county, he came to West Texas, stopping first at Clyde. He farmed there for a year and then engaged in (Continued on Page Two)

Rites Held Wednesday For Doris Turner, 10

Funeral services were held Wednesday morning at the Tye Methodist church for Doris Edith Turner, 10-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Turner. Rev. R. L. Gilpin, the pastor, officiated. Burial followed in the Tye cemetery under direction of Barrow-Sheppard funeral home. The little girl died Tuesday at the Masonic hospital in Dallas.

Besides her parents, survivors are one brother, J. E., and three sisters, Velma, Marie and Pauline Turner, all of Tye; her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. McGuffey, and three uncles, Harold and Howard McGuffey of Dallas and J. H. Turner of Corsicana.

Invitation Tourney to Be Held Here Apr. 12

An invitation tournament is scheduled at the Grammar school Saturday morning with Junior and Senior boys and girls ball teams participating. The boys, sponsored by William Taylor, will play playground ball, while the girls, under the direction of Jack Patterson, will play volleyball. Junior and Senior teams will participate in each event.

A number of schools will be represented in the tournament, which will begin at 9:30 Saturday morning. There will be no charge for admission.

Trent PTA to Discuss 'Contentment in Home'

Mrs. May Seago will be leader for the next meeting of the Trent-Parent-Teacher association, which will be held Tuesday evening, Apr. 15. Topic for discussion will be "Contentment and Security at Home."

Mrs. C. W. Edwards, Mrs. Ola Lee Winn and Mrs. Karl Bonneaux attended the Parent-Teacher association district meeting at Big Spring Apr. 8 and 9.

Date Football Game Changed to April 17

Because date for the Junior-Senior banquet has been changed from Apr. 19 to Apr. 18, the intra-squad football game originally scheduled for that time will be played Thursday night, Apr. 17.

Spring training will come to an end Tuesday night, Apr. 28, with a game between the team for next season and the Seniors.

SIX ADDED TO GROUP IN HOME-OWNERS CLASS

Six more home-owners enrolled in the home beautification contest sponsored by the civic clubs of Merkel, bringing the total to eleven in this division. Additional names reported by Mrs. Norman T. Hodge, chairman of the registration committee are: Mrs. George T. Moore, Mrs. Frank Golladay, Mrs. R. T. Gray, the Woodrum home, Mrs. V. C. Hennessee and Mrs. Pearl Ash.

Mrs. E. Y. Bailey enrolled in the non-home-owners division.

A number of workers in the clean-up campaign listened to an address Tuesday over KRBC, Abilene, by Dr. George A. Gray, director of the city-county health unit, who developed many salient feature points in connection with clean-up and paint-up activities, stressing a program which started with cleaning up backyards and alleys and removing all garbage and filth, and enveloped the finer points of protecting health as an ultimate objective.

Entire Faculty of Schools Re-Elected At Board Meeting

The entire faculty of the Merkel Public schools was re-elected at the meeting of the board held Tuesday night.

Previously, Supt. Connor Robinson, Chester Collinsworth, vocational agriculture instructor, Richard Young, band director, and Gordon Green, School principal, had been re-elected, and last month Edwin E. Read, superintendent at Noodle, was elected as principal of the High school, to take the place of Rex Myers, now with the FBI service.

Other teachers re-elected are: High school—Chas. Clark, science; Mrs. Len Sublett, history; Willie Bell Virden, English; Mrs. Lucy Haynes, English, speech; Frances Cleveland, homemaking; Mary Lou Ashburn, commercial; Carroll Benson, coach, history.

Grammar school—Primer, Mrs. Elmer Duncan, Mrs. Elsie Nash; first, Miss Ruth West, Miss Imogene Schulze; second, Miss Alzada Pogue; third grade, Miss Vennie Heizer, Miss Mildred Holt; fourth, Miss La Verne Dunbar, Miss Hettie Logan Clay.

Intermediate grades—Fifth, Miss Pauline Ballew, Jack Patterson; sixth, Miss Mamie Ellis, William Taylor; seventh, Mrs. Elmo Collins. Mrs. Landon Hill and Mrs. Andy Shouse, recently added to the faculty, are to serve only for the remainder of the school year.

McGehee is Chairman Finance Committee

As active chairman of the finance committee of the Merchants Trade Extension association, A. A. McGehee will be assisted by the entire board of directors working as a body.

Following a meeting Monday night, the committee has already begun work raising funds for the summer program. Chairman McGehee also drafted Myer Mellinger and S. M. Hunter as co-workers in his rounds Thursday, reporting an enthusiastic response on the part of merchants.

Visits Father First Time in 20 Years

Mrs. Byrd Hughes left last Friday morning to visit her father, T. J. Sanders, and other relatives for the first time in 20 years.

Having come to Texas in December, 1920, Mrs. Hughes has never seen her father since, but she has, however, been visited by her sister and brothers.

Besides her father, who is in business at Birmingham, Ala., she has three brothers, Edd, Will and Duglass, who own and operate the Sanders Bros. grocery, wholesale and retail, at Penson, and one sister, Mrs. W. R. Chiles, of Village Springs, Ala.

Record of Births. Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Mayhew, Route 2, Wednesday, April 9, 1941.

JUNIOR CLASS PRESENTS 3 ONE-ACT COMEDIES

Admission Charge 10 and 15 Cents. Proceeds to be Used for The Junior-Senior Banquet; Caste Given for Plays.

For its annual spring production the Junior class has chosen three one-act comedies. This program of plays will be given Friday night, April 11, at 8:00. Proceeds will be used for the Junior-Senior banquet.

"The Trysting Place," one of Booth Tarkington's cleverest character studies, takes place in a hotel lobby. Seven appear in the cast: Mrs. Curtis, a young woman, Sue Grimes; Lancelot Briggs, Joe Earl Kimbrough; his mother, Ruth Bell; Jessie, his sister, Jeanette Neff; Rupert Smith, Moody Coffman; Mr. Ingoldsby, Cheatham McFarland; The Mysterious Voice, male and adult.

In the second play, Rachel Field proves that a book shop can be the center of romance, especially in the spring time. Thus she gives the play its name, "Bargains in Cathay." The cast is: Miss Jones, a club woman, Geneva Ellis; Mary and Sue, two little girls, Geraldine Cox and Nina Orsborn; Emily Gray, an ambitious sales girl, Jean Payne; Jerry O'Brien, a delivery boy, Billy Tom Hutcheson; Miss Doty, guardian of the book shop, Bonnie Lou White; Thompson Williams, of the men's department, Jerry Warren; Miss Bliss, a lady of memories, Sue Pincley; Mr. Royce, a floor walker, Donald Cade; a gentleman from New York, Forrest Glenn Barnett.

"Anniversary Blues" is a little comedy of home life, by C. James. Venita Allen plays the role of the young wife, Pauline; Jack Hester, the husband, Peter; Mary McCoy, the maid; Bonnie McAninch, the mother; Dwight Swafford, the father; Billy Haynes, the young neighbor, Sam Rose; Annie C. Cargill, Mrs. Rose, the mother; Tag Shouse, Mr. Rose, the father; Joe Horton, a young business man, Geoffrey Farr.

Admission will be 10 and 25 cents.

Merkel Places in District Meet Events

Merkel High school won places in two literary events at the district meet at Sweetwater last week-end. Ruth Bell placed second in girls extemporaneous speech and Dwight Swafford won third in boys extemporaneous speech. Four places were taken in the track meet: Donald Cade won second in the 220-yard dash; Douglas McCoy, third, mile run; Elby Frazier, fourth, high jump and shot put.

This is the first year in some time that Merkel has entered the track meet. The team was coached this year by Jack Patterson, a former star in track at Rice Institute.

Pioneer Physician Completes Half a Century in Practice

Half a century in the practice of medicine was recorded last Sunday, Apr. 6, by Dr. M. Armstrong, well known pioneer physician, and 35 1-2 years of that time has been spent in service for his fellow-man in Merkel, that is, since October, 1905.

Dr. Armstrong began his practice in Osage, small community in Coryell county. He has kept count of the number of babies that he has delivered in these 50 years, the figure reaching 3,103.

Presbyterian Choir to Give Special Music

The choir of Grace Presbyterian church will render a program of special Easter music as part of the worship service at the 11 o'clock hour Sunday. Numbers will include an Easter Alleluia (Ramler), "Christ Arose" (Robert Lowry), "Christ is Risen" (Wilson), and "Morn of Victory," Easter anthem.

Miss Christine Collins is director of the choir, with Miss Gay West as accompanist.

OLD LANDMARK GIVES WAY TO USED CAR LOT

One of Merkel's oldest landmarks, probably the oldest business building in town, surrendered to the march of progress this week when the frame structure belonging to the J. B. Bell estate and last occupied by the Fox Wrecking shop, west of the Front Street grocery, was demolished.

The building, formerly located at the corner where Ferrier's Service station now stands, served as a post office in the early days, at which time Ed Vickers was postmaster. It was moved to make way for the rock building erected by the late C. M. Largent about the turn of the century.

Dr. J. B. Bell occupied the building as office while practicing as a veterinarian, and it later became the first gas filling station here.

Yazel Chevrolet company has leased the premises for a used car lot. Bob Fowler bought the building for wrecking purposes.

Estimate Flow of Wimberly Test at 12 Barrels Hourly

It will be Friday before plug is drilled on the Harry Hines et al No. 1 A. M. Wimberly, discovery well of two pay horizons in Southern Jones county, between the Stith and Akard pools. Before cementing casing, the test had flowed at an estimated natural rate of 12 to 15 barrels hourly from lime at 2,530-33 feet.

W. W. Fodren of Houston No. 1 C. P. Hodges, which drilled through a slight showing of oil in the Noodle Creek lime at 2,423-25 feet, was drilling around 2,500 feet at last report.

Merry Brothers & Perini and Butler & Horne company No. 1 T. E. Collins was running pipe to a depth of 860 feet.

J. L. McMahon et al No. 1 Dr. George L. Miller was drilling past 500 feet.

Bank Deposits Show Gain Over Year Ago

Reflecting the usual seasonal decline, deposits in the Farmers & Merchants bank of Merkel were \$608,159.62 at the close of business on Apr. 4, date for which call was made by the comptroller of the currency. This compares with \$663,582.44 as of Dec. 31, last. A decided gain is shown, however, over a year ago when deposits were \$530,909.80 on Mar. 26.

Loans and discounts shown on Apr. 4 were \$233,967.80, as compared with \$203,973.65 on Dec. 31, and \$217,868.34 on Mar. 26, last year.

Total assets as of Apr. 4 were \$693,856.95, as compared with \$746,605.84 on Dec. 31, and \$611,241.58 on Mar. 26, 1940.

MERKEL 30 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, April 14, 1911.)

McFERRIN IS DEAD. Old Man, Heart Broken Over Misfortune, Dies in Jail.

Already afflicted with a weak heart, grief over the stigma which had been placed on a name he had carried for fifty-eight years above reproach, killed J. M. McFerrin. He was postmaster at Trent, having held that office for two years and lived in that town for seven years. A shortage of \$411.17 was discovered in his accounts, and a charge of embezzling placed against him in the federal court. Judge Meeks, in his well known way, ascertained that he was only technically guilty and did not place a prison sentence on him. On the contrary, he assessed a fine of \$411.17, exactly the amount missing.

A literary program was given by the pupils and the teachers of the Stith school last Friday evening. Miss Josie Lowrey, the assistant teacher, welcomed a float load of her Merkel friends who were invited guests at

BAND SOLOISTS TO BE HEARD IN NIGHT RECITAL

Program by Soloists and Ensembles of Badger Band Announced for First Baptist Church, Monday Night.

Monday night at 7:30 the soloists and ensembles of the Merkel Badger Band will play in a recital at the First Baptist church. They will play the selections that they are to enter in state competition at Abilene on Apr. 24.

The entire recital will be free of charge, and will be attended not only by the students in the band and their parents but all the people of Merkel are cordially invited to attend and observe the work being done in the instrumental solo line at the High school.

The program will present the following students and their respective numbers:

Tag Shouse, trombone solo, "Thoughts of Yesterday."

Jack Haynes, cornet solo, "Willow Echoes."

Billy Haynes, clarinet solo, "Adagio Cantabile."

John Mack Kimbrough, clarinet solo, "Adagio Religioso."

Marvin DuBose, bass solo, "Carry Me Back to Old Virginny."

John Mack Grant, trombone solo, "Gayety Polka."

Evelyn Sears, flute solo.

Dorothy Shannon, soprano solo, "Cradle Song."

Charles Church, oboe solo, "Nocturne in Eb."

Sampi McGehee, baritone solo, "Stars in a Velvety Sky."

Becky Gardner, piano solo, "Bouree in G minor."

Brass sextet, "High on a Hill Top."

Jack Haynes, Forrest Glenn Barnett, Jim Sublett, Tag Shouse, Sampi McGehee, Marvin DuBose.

Clarinet quartet, "Minuet," Billy Haynes, Joe Earl Kimbrough, George Mack Owens, Bonnie Lou White.

Accordion solo, Becky Gaiher, "March."

Violin solo, Veneta Allen.

It is hoped that the people of Merkel and the friends of the band will attend this recital and help lend enthusiasm to the program put on by these young people, Director Richard Young said.

Trustees Re-Elected On Merkel Board

Nathan Wood, A. A. McGehee and George Woodrum were re-elected trustees of the Merkel Independent School district without opposition in Saturday's election. Only 17 votes were cast.

Other members of the board are R. T. Gray and John Grable, whose terms expire in 1942, and W. W. Toombs and Norman T. Hodge, who carry over until 1943.

the Medlen home where they were served a delicious lunch. The personnel of the Merkel crowd: Misses Pet Sears, Ina Wheeler, Winnie Warren, Fannie Burroughs, Elma Sheppard, Eunice Nesbitt, Mattie Paylor, Jessie Sutphen, Ruby Jones, Ollie Kirtley, Bessie Medlen; Messrs. Jesse Ferguson, Merle Alsbrook, Robert Hicks, Rufford Evans, Ben Merritt, Robert Medlen and Ottis Barnett.

Ross Jennings, who is with the El Paso Sash and Door company, was in the city this week to visit with his mother.

A very enjoyable social function was given Monday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Whiteley in North Merkel in honor of Misses Rhyneheart and Kemp of Winters and Miss Erwin of Trent. About twenty of the elite of Merkel were present. Various games were enjoyed and a delicious four-course menu was served consisting of fruits and candies.

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GOLAN NEWS

Fifteen-year-old Weldon McCormick preached here Sunday morning. Weldon and his mother were visitors in the Claude Mitchell home Sunday.

Miss Marie King visited relatives in Abilene Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Doris Herron visited relatives in Merkel the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lawlis were visitors with his brother, Palmer Lawlis, in Longworth Sunday.

Mrs. D. M. Hill is in Merkel this week attending to business.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Jeffrey were Abilene visitors Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hill went to Sweetwater Saturday for the district track meet.

Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Kinsey of Palava are visiting Mrs. Kinsey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Davis.

J. C. Davis of Abilene visited home folks Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Burns Smith of Abilene were out Saturday fishing and visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Gressley left Friday for a three months' visit with relatives in Ohio.

Miss Marie Lawlis was home from Roby the past week-end.

BLAIR ITEMS

Elder Lee Starnes of Merkel delivered an eloquent discourse Sunday afternoon from 1st John 7:1. There were a goodly number of folks from Merkel, Butman, White Church and Smith. Rev. Mr. Starnes will fill the pulpit here again Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Mr. Starnes needs no introduction and is a very able speaker. Don't miss these services.

There will be an Easter program by the Sunday School pupils at the M. E. Church Sunday morning and a basket luncheon at the noon hour on Mulberry creek and an Easter Egg hunt in the afternoon. Make your plans now to attend these services.

Private Donald C. Doan, 329th School Squadron, Kelly Field, Texas, was guest of Wallace Doan Saturday night.

Corporal Leonard Lewis of Brownwood visited over the week-end with his wife and other relatives here.

R. B. Horton of Brownwood spent the week-end with his family and celebrated his thirtieth birthday. Mr. Horton is working for the Sinclair Co. at that place.

Richard Melton has been on the sick list the past week.

Mary Evelyn Perry of Merkel spent the week-end with Fannie Lou Jackson.

Billie Sam and Jerry Lee Butman and Derral Lee Farmer of Butman and Dale Doan of Merkel visited Ruben Horton Sunday afternoon.

Ray Reynolds and two daughters and Mrs. Hugh Campbell visited Mr. and Mrs. Bartie Reynolds Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Doan and son and Mrs. Otis Moore visited relatives at Anson Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Cavette of Sweetwater were week-end guests of their son, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cavette.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Williams of Smith visited Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Williams Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar McLean and daughter, Vernell, were guests of R. L. McLean Sunday.

Senator Sheppard Dead.

Washington, Apr. 10.—Senator Morris Sheppard of Texas, dean of congress in point of service and sponsor of the national prohibition amendment, died Wednesday. He would have been 66 years old next month.

CARD OF THANKS.

To all those who made contributions to assist us during recent illness, we want to express our heartfelt thanks and to ask God's blessings upon you.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Cogdell.

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QUEEN THEATRE
CALENDAR

Friday-Saturday—The Three Musketeers in "The Trail Blazers," starring Robt. Livingston, Bob Steele, Rufe Davis; 2-reel comedy, color cartoon and serial.

Saturday preview, Sunday matinee, Monday night—"Virginia," in technicolor, starring Madeleine Carroll, Fred MacMurray; color cartoon, "Haunted Mouse," and News.

Tuesday only—Kay Francis, Jack Oakie and George Bancroft in "Little Men;" selected shorts.

Wednesday-Thursday—Basil Rathbone, Ellen Drew in "The Mad Doctor;" latest March of Time.

"Virginia"

Paramount's long heralded technicolor production of "Virginia," the modern romance of the South which co-stars Madeleine Carroll and Fred MacMurray, is to be seen at the Queen theatre Saturday preview, Sunday matinee and Monday night.

Hollywood is calling "Virginia" the production made by that "successful star-director-writer combinations."

"Virginia" is the third picture co-starring Madeleine Carroll and Fred MacMurray, their two previous screen successes together having been "Cafe Society" and "Honeymoon in Bali." The success of the latter picture was also in a large measure due to the appearance in it of lovable little Carolyn Lee, the baby star. This time five-year-old Miss Lee does some more picture stealing from Miss Carroll and Mr. MacMurray, but everybody seems quite pleased about the larceny.

To make the "one big happy family" idea complete, "Virginia" was directed by Edward H. Griffith, who piloted the two previous Carroll-MacMurray films. And the author of all three screen plays is Virginia Van Upp, one of Hollywood's foremost screenwriters.

"Virginia" tells the story of a Southern girl who has been away so long from the ancestral home in Virginia that she's forgotten what Southern tradition means. Returning broke, to sell the old place, she falls in love with a Virginian who brings her to a realization of her Southern heritage.

The supporting cast of "Virginia" includes Stirling Hayden, six-foot five newcomer who is expected by Paramount to win stardom in a very short time, Marie Wilson, Tom Rutherford, Paul Hurst and Helen Broderick.

"The Mad Doctor"

Detective, mystery and "crime club" fans have a treat in store for them when Basil Rathbone, Ellen Drew and John Howard are seen in Paramount's latest melodrama "The Mad Doctor" which comes to the Queen theatre Wednesday and Thursday.

In a story that is replete with thrills and chills Rathbone adroitly portrays a brilliant medical man driven insane by the actions of an unfaithful wife. He becomes obsessed with a phobia for the annihilation of all women. The lovely Miss Drew comes into his life as an extremely wealthy girl possessed with a complex that is slowly driving her to self-destruction. The story progresses until the murderous Rathbone is rejuvenated through falling sincerely in love with her.

It is at this point that John Howard, the spurned fiance of Miss Drew, an enterprising young newspaper reporter, sets out to expose the wily doctor as a charlatan. The tense quality of the story is relieved by laughs cleverly injected by capable Barbara Jo Allen, known to millions of radio fans as the very funny "Vera Vague." Ralph Morgan, Martin Kosleck and Kitty Kelly competently assist director Tim Whelan in turning out a very finished production.

Southwestern Adds
Daily Bus Schedule

Increased activity due to the opening of Camp Wolters in Mineral Wells and Camp Berkeley in Abilene made itself felt again today when officials of Southwestern Greyhound Lines announced that the bus company is adding another daily schedule between Sweetwater and Dallas through here and the two new West Texas army centers. In addition the company is adding a new round trip daily between Sweetwater and Abilene. The new schedule will operate through Breckenridge while an old trip will be re-routed via Thurbur.

In order to space the new schedules for greatest passenger convenience it will be necessary to adjust regular east and west bound schedules operating through here, Greyhound officials said, and commuters are urged to check the new departure times.

Patriotic Quotes
Sweet Land of Liberty of the Living

1820 1891



WAR is hell!
Gen. William Sherman

This phrase is inseparably linked with Sherman's name, although he could never remember having uttered it. It was vouched for by John Koolbeck, aide-de-camp to General Winlow. Koolbeck claimed he overheard Sherman say it while watching his Fifteenth Corps cross a pontoon bridge over Pearl river.

Walter Leach

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cotton weighing for two years, during which time he spent his spare time in the study of telegraphy. He began his work with the Texas & Pacific railway in 1906, on Apr. 14, lacking only five days of having completed 35 years of service. He worked most of the stations in West Texas at one time or another during those years of service, having served at Merkel 16 years before going to Abilene in 1931.

Mr. Leach united with the Methodist church 21 years ago and held membership in the Merkel church until he went to Abilene, transferring his membership there. Among other activities, he taught a class in the local Sunday School for a considerable length of time.

He is survived by his wife, the former Joyce Milligan; one son, Clayton, Abilene; one daughter, Mrs. G. W. Comegys, Truscott; two sisters, Mrs. L. C. Winfrey, Campbellville, Ky., and Mrs. Sim Hudson, Russell Springs, Ky.; two brothers, R. E. and L. W. Leach, both of Russell Springs, Ky., and by O. B. Leach of Merkel, who is his nephew and the only other relative in Texas.

As a mark of respect to Mr. Leach, so well known and universally loved here, the stores closed during the hour of the funeral Wednesday afternoon.

Club Names Delegate
To Attend State Rally

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

During the business meeting, conducted by the president, Dora Gaither, Wanda McCoy was chosen to be club delegate to the state rally which is to be held in San Antonio the first three days of May.

Dorothy Jinks had charge of a program on "Vocations." Nedra Swafford and Jeanette Neff gave interesting talks on "Vocations Open to Girls."

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

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

PERSONALS

Mrs. Dewey L. Holland of Shreveport, La., is the guest this week of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson.

Sylvan Mellinger, student at the University of Texas, drove up last week-end in his car to bring his father home after a visit in Livingston and Austin. Sylvan returned Sunday to school, but will be back again this week-end for the Easter holidays.

Mrs. Sally Angus left Monday for a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Esker Curtis, at Breckenridge, and was also planning to go on to Fort Worth.

Mrs. Powell Miller and daughter of Jal, N. M., after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John S. Hughes, returned home Sunday.

Mrs. C. E. Patterson of Lubbock visited last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Spears.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Walker and daughter, Joy, spent the past week-end in Dallas visiting Mrs. Walker's sister and family. They also visited the Gardens of the Americas, Dallas' \$1,000,000 flower show, returning to Merkel Monday.

Dallas Sharp returned Monday to Stephenville after a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Sharp.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wilson and son of Dallas were week-end visitors with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Wilson.

Everett Burleson, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Burleson, left Saturday for Paul Spur, Ariz., where he will work with his brother, Lois Burleson, on the Rancho Sacatal, with show cattle.

Mr. and Mrs. George West and children visited over the week-end with his parents, Mayor and Mrs. H. C. West, here and with Mrs. George West's parents at Sweetwater. George is employed at the naval air base at Corpus Christi.

Edgar Elliott and daughter, Miss Billie, of Divide, were in Merkel a short time Wednesday morning en route to San Marcos. Accompanying them home Thursday afternoon were Misses Elizabeth Elliott, Jannell Black and Evelyn Ensminger, students in Southeast Texas State Teachers college, who are here for the Easter vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Robinson of Fluvanna and daughter, Mrs. John Pratt, of Colorado City, were guests Monday in the home of Supt. and Mrs. Connor Robinson.

Miss Ruth Finckley, who accompanied her sister, Miss Marie Finckley, to Irene last week, has returned home.

Mrs. J. D. Sapp of Dombey, Okla., spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. Lige Harris.

Dick West, student at Trinity university, Waxahachie, arrived Wednesday for the Easter vacation visit with his parents, Mayor and Mrs. H. C. West.

Mrs. L. L. Swafford of Kansas City, Mo., who has been here some time with her mother, Mrs. C. M. Largent, will return home Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Largent, Jr., and sons, of Granbury, are expected for a visit this week-end.

Joe Earl Lassiter, law student at the University of Texas, is here for an Easter vacation visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lassiter. Rosemary Lassiter will come from Big Spring to spend Easter Sunday here.

Texas produced 3,000,000 more bushels of corn in 1940 than in 1930. The 1930 census showed a corn production of 66,251,026 bushels while that of 1940 showed a total of 69,649,829 bushels.

Easter Sunday

April 13, 1941

Let us go to Church Easter with thankfulness in our hearts for the blessings which are ours; with a prayer for those who are suffering in war-torn Europe; and with new hope for world peace soon.

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Pope to Broadcast.

Vatican City, Apr. 10.—The Vatican news service announced Friday that Pope Pius XII would broadcast a benediction to the world at 1 p. m. (5 a. m. West Texas time) Easter, April 13.

Mail Delivery at Colorado City.

Colorado City, Apr. 10.—City mail delivery for Colorado City will be authorized by the post office department as soon as street signs, house numbers and mail receptacles have been provided. Postmaster J. Y. Fraser said Saturday.

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THOUGHTS ON THE TIMES.

Those who live today and fail to realize in some degree, that they are living in a wonderful age of the world, are either not seriously concerned with world conditions, or are unable to discern the times. I believe we are approaching the very threshold of the most glorious age of the world.

There are many existing—or rather passing—conditions, that have a tendency to exclude this glory from our view, if we fail to observe those conditions in the light of truth. Conditions are so rapidly changing it is very necessary for one to remain wide awake or else he will be unable to keep this light focused on the real conditions.

I think, if we fail to see anything in this war but the gloom of it, and cannot, even in the midst of that gloom, catch a vision of the glory in the outcome, we are not living in the light of the day. When we view this world revolution from the standpoint of the horrible destruction and shock and bloodshed it is sickening to the soul. But when we view it from the standpoint that the humane and realistic ideas and ambitions of men of intelligence and justice are going to prevail, then its glory exceeds its sorrow. How truly has the prophet said, "Where there is no vision of the people perish." I would rather die in action in this war with a vision of its outcome on my heart, than to live a life void of this vision or of the privilege of living amid the glories of its accomplishments.

The picture is dark when we read, "For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places." But as we continue to turn on the floodlight of truth we read, "And He shall judge among the nations and shall rebuke many people; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore." As we read, the scene changes from one of gloominess to one of joyfulness.

All signs lead to the thought that this is the war that all wars of the past should lead to and culminate in. Which will before it is done, no doubt, make all nations sick of war. The indications are that this war is just in the preliminary stages, and that every nation under the sun will be actively involved before it is done. The thoughts of it all would bring horror to one's soul were it not for the prospects of the destruction of

tyranny and oppression and bondage, and the hopes that mankind throughout the world will be free to enjoy life, health and the pursuit of happiness. True, all men were created equal, and every man should have the privilege of living on the basis of that equality. I believe the whole world will gladly receive this truth before the end of this conflict. Truly, there will have to be some political and economic changes brought about, and that is exactly what is going to happen, which is already taking shape.

I think it can plainly be seen that political, social and economic institutions of man designed only to satisfy the greed and selfishness of lustful men, are beginning to totter on their corrupt foundations, and those that stand for equality and justice are clearly in the making. Nothing short of the term revolution could describe such a change nor could such a change affecting the whole world be brought about in a few weeks or months or possibly years. But truth says that it will be brought about. As the great apostle said, "Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved." Then said, "Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness." Surely a new age, a new order, a new day is at hand. The principles of justice, truth and equity are on the march. The exponents of these principles are going to have to suffer in this advance. There has never been a new height reached in civilization only through suffering. And so there is going to be travail in the birth of this new day. But the joy of the day will exceed the sorrow of the travail.

There is a people in the world to which there is a great challenge held out in the word of truth, in the language of the apostle, "Wherefore beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of Him in peace, without spot and blameless." This challenge is applicable both religiously and politically. The people who preach and practice the truth and the nation that is actuated by the same principles are going to be the guiding influences in the shaping of the events of this new day.

Obviously America, or the United States of America, is playing and will play, the leading role in this drama. What other nation is so suited for such a task? There is no other nation whose very foundation is so wholly composed of the principles of justice, liberty and truth. Some other nations have incorporated those principles into their structure, but

they were in the very groundwork of America. No other nation is so well situated. None so abundant in resources and more willing to sacrifice those resources in defense of the principles upon which she is founded. Surely the hand of God All Wise can plainly be seen through it all. Nothing else could have kept alive the hopes of that straggling few who sailed the uncharted seas in search of a place where justice and freedom and truth might have right of way. Who with unfaltering trust sailed till they found their hopes fulfilled on American soil. And here separated from their enemies by the broad expanse of ocean on either side, until these principles are so firmly established, they can never be uprooted. Now the ocean barriers have been removed and the influence of this great nation is going to cause justice and equity to spring up throughout the world.

I say, up America, awake to your opportunity! Awake to your duty, to your rightful place, in the affairs of men and nation!

W. D. Ramsey.

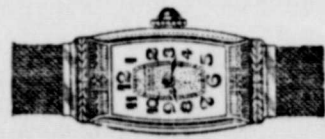
Council Delegates to Attend District Meet

At Saturday's meeting of the Taylor County Home Demonstration council, plans were made to send a representation of 35 or 40 to the district 7 meeting in Stephenville Apr. 18.

The council voted to pay expenses of all cars going from the county. Heading the delegation will be Mrs. J. M. Hamilton of Colony Hill, who will preside for the Stephenville meeting. Mrs. Hamilton, it will be recalled, is to be nominated for the

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state presidency at the Beaumont state convention in September.

Presiding at the meeting was Mrs. H. L. Riddle, who succeeded to the presidency following the death of Mrs. C. P. Church of Merkel. Mrs. L. A. Groene of Pleasant Hill was named vice-president.

Mrs. Vernon Hudson of Salt Branch, Mrs. B. W. Riddle and Mrs. Groene were named on a committee to plan the rally day in July or August. Mrs. Johnny Cox, Merkel, parliamentarian, conducted a ten-minute drill.

"Holy Week" Services In Progress at Stith

Special "Holy Week" services, which began Sunday night at the Stith Methodist church, will continue through Easter Sunday. The pastor, Rev. R. L. Gilpin, will preach each night on events occurring during the last week of the life of Christ. There will be a special communion service Thursday night, and a sunrise service at 6 o'clock Easter morning. Services will

begin at 7:45 each evening. The public is urged to attend.

"The Stith church is a part of the new and united Methodist church of 8,000,000 members, and through its benevolences and missionary-giving it extends its services to touch the lives of men and women and little children of every race and color the world over," says Mr. Gilpin.

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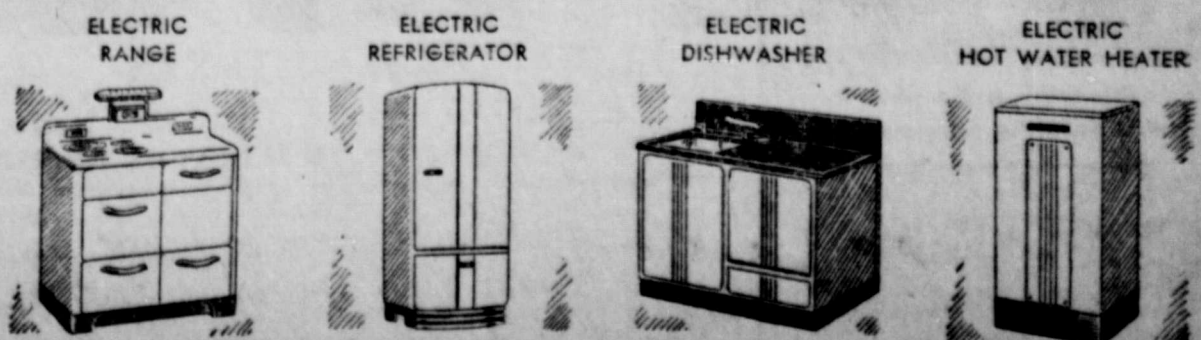
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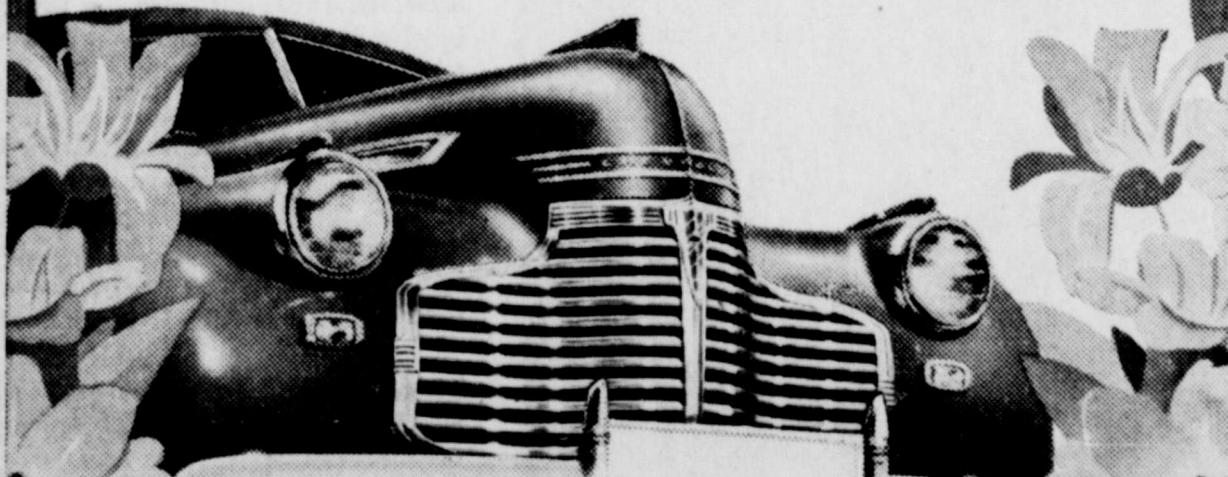
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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Rev. and Mrs. Cecil Tune had as recent guests Mrs. Cloyse Tune and little daughter of Lamesa.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Mathis and daughter, Willie Pearl, and Murle McElmurry were guests Saturday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Twyman Collins of Merkel.

Mrs. Jo Ella Leverich of Abilene was the week-end guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pete McLeod.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Shouse of Merkel were guests of relatives here Sunday and attended the union church service held at the M. E. church.

Mr. and Mrs. Bry Burkhardt spent Saturday afternoon visiting Camp Barkeley.

J. H. Dobbins, who has been in the Veterans' hospital in Dallas for the past several weeks, is again at home.

Hiram Clements, who is in training at San Antonio, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Clements.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Riggs and children left Monday for El Paso, where they will make their home.

Mrs. Frazee Demere of the White Church community was shopping and visiting with friends here Friday.

Norman Self of Newman has been in charge of the barber shop in the absence of L. Z. Titsworth, who has been ill for several days.

Miss Betty Jane Tittle was the week-end guest of her aunt, Mrs. Bill Fugate, in Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Boyd of Hamlin were visiting with friends here Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Smith and daughters, Willie Gene and Betty, of Lubbock, were week-end guests here, dividing time in the homes of Mrs. J. M. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. E. Howell.

Mrs. Rhoda Pate and Mrs. Barney Howell and daughter, Shirlee, of Merkel, are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Owens.

Joe Stewart of Abilene was attending to business and greeting old friends here Saturday.

Mrs. Head Tiner and children of Olney spent last week visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Tiner.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Reed and daughters of Goldsmith were guests over the week-end in the Fenton Boyd home.

Mrs. J. B. Winn and son, J. B. Jr., spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Horace Taylor and daughters of Sonora. They were accompanied as far as San Angelo by Mrs. Roy Banner and three sons, who visited with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Owens. Claude Stewart also accompanied them, stopping in San Angelo for a visit with relatives.

Miss Lola Burnett had as her guests Thursday evening—Erle Shipley, Miss Bernice Burnett and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rogers of Sweetwater.

Mrs. Jack Pate of Dallas spent several days last week visiting in the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Taylor.

Mrs. Odell Freeman entered Sweetwater hospital last Tuesday, where she underwent major surgery.

Miss Vera Bright, now employed at Abilene, accompanied by Sergeant Lloyd Hash, was a recent guest of her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Neal and Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Bishop attended the firemen's convention at Albany last Thursday.

Among those from here attending the district convention at the Baptist church in Sweetwater last Thursday were Rev. Fred Porter, H. Beckham, Mesdames J. B. Winn, A. J. English, W. C. Mathis and Roy Banner.

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Hamner and children of Wink came Friday, staying over Sunday, visiting in the homes of their relatives, Mrs. J. A. Brown and daughter and Mrs. W. E. Hamner.

Jesse Dudley, accompanied by his sister, Mrs. Chas. McCurdy, was called to Linden last Friday to attend

the funeral of a sister, Miss Edna Dudley.

Mrs. Thelma Coleman is home after a visit of several weeks with her brother, L. Z. Titsworth, of Rankin.

James Strawn and Lewis Tiner of John Tarleton college, Stephenville, were home for the week-end.

Mesdames C. W. Edwards, Karl Bonneau, Ola Lee Winn and Bud Winter attended the P. T. A. conference at Big Spring Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Armour had as their guests from Friday to Monday their granddaughter, Mr. and Mrs. George Helger, and two children of Odessa, and Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Spann and daughter of Kilgore. Their visit was climaxed Sunday when Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Armour had them with Grandpa and Grandma Armour and other relatives at their home for an all-day gathering. Four generations were present, pictures were made and a very enjoyable day was spent.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Reneau had as their guest for the week-end, Mrs. Joe Reneau of Abilene; also on Sunday Irvin Reneau of Big Spring spent the day with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Buddie Burks and John Hamner returned Sunday to Dallas after spending the week-end here with home folks. They were accompanied by Mrs. T. G. Hamner, who will visit with them this week.

Mrs. J. P. Roberts, Miss Opal Freeman and Carter Dyer were guests Saturday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Smith of Roscoe.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Martin had as their guests Monday evening: Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Howell and little son, Eddie Paul, of Lowell, Ariz., Mr. and Mrs. Foy Steadman and daughter, Judith, and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Duncan and Phyllis Earle.

Miss Garnett Bailey of Stanton returned home Monday after a visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Howell.

TRUSTEE ELECTION.

Bud Winter, A. W. Wood and Karl Bonneau were re-elected as school trustees in the election here Saturday.

AWARDS MADE TO BOYS AND GIRLS BALL TEAMS.

A program honoring the boys and girls ball teams was had at the school auditorium Monday night, when talks were made by Rev. Cecil Tune and Rev. Fred Porter, and T. B. Friend and Claude Blankenship gave reports on the athletic work and accomplishments this year.

The awards—beautiful reversible jackets—were presented to the following: Nadine Childers, Wilma and Wanda Stribling, Avis Neal, Willie Dean Strawn, Helga Beasley, Mildred Maddera, Mary Lou O'Rear, Louise

Dudley; Roy Yandell, H. Jones, Billy Jones, John Barnes, Othell O'Kelley, Leo Reynolds, Radell Bishop, Billie Joe Purser, John Armour, Lonnie O'Rear, Billy Tittle.

RELATIVES ENTERTAINED.

Mr. and Mrs. Hurtell O'Kelley were hosts Sunday to 20 relatives. Those enjoying the occasion were Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Hamner and children, Wink; Mr. and Mrs. Buddie Burks, Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Ansil Martin and children, Sweetwater; John Hamner, Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Hamner, Mrs. W. E. Hamner and Lester Smith.

W. O. W. CIRCLE.

The W. O. W. Circle met in regular session last Saturday afternoon at the W. O. W. hall. Mrs. Katie Kidwell, district manager, Abilene, was present and a very interesting meeting was held. Next meeting will be May 2. All members are urged to attend.

SENIORS AND JUNIORS ENTERTAINED.

Mrs. Faye Purser and daughter, Miss Louise Purser, entertained the seniors and juniors of the Trent high school on last Friday evening at their home. Games were played and contests enjoyed. Refreshments of ice cream were served to a large group.

MADRALL-HORTON.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Horton are announcing the marriage of their daughter, Velma, to Nelson Madrall. The wedding took place Mar. 31 at the home of Dr. Latha Thompson, Sweetwater.

Mrs. Madrall is a very charming young lady, having lived here for a number of years, and she has many friends who wish for the couple a happy married life. Mr. Madrall left Apr. 7 for El Paso where he will report for service.

HUGHES-BOYD.

Miss Erma Faye Boyd and G. W. Hughes were married at Merkel on Saturday evening, Apr. 5. The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fenton Boyd, pioneer settlers, and has lived here all her life. She is a charming young lady and numbers her friends by her acquaintances. They will reside south of Merkel where Mr. Hughes is engaged in farming.

List of Petit Jurors Called for Next Week

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

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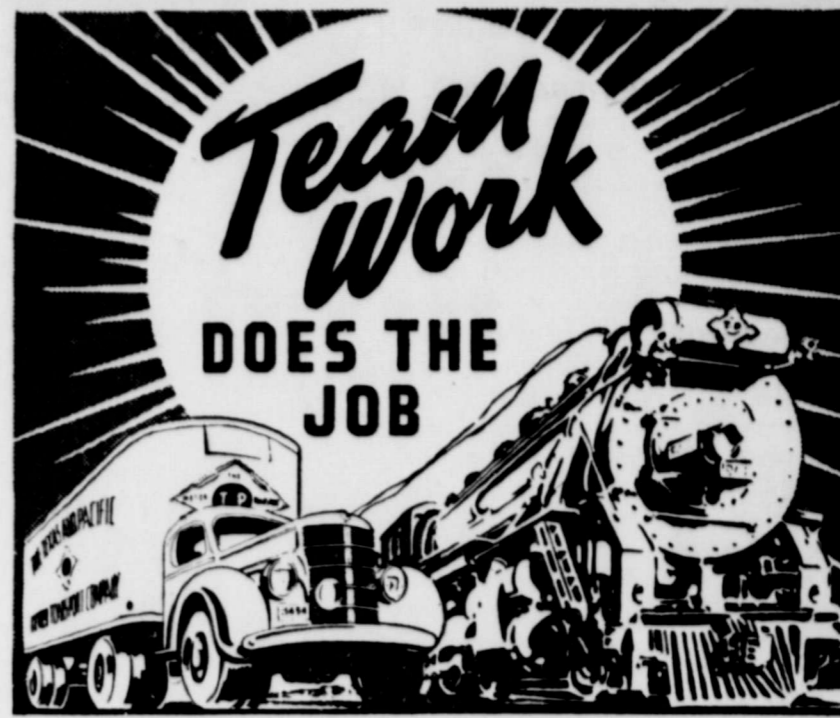
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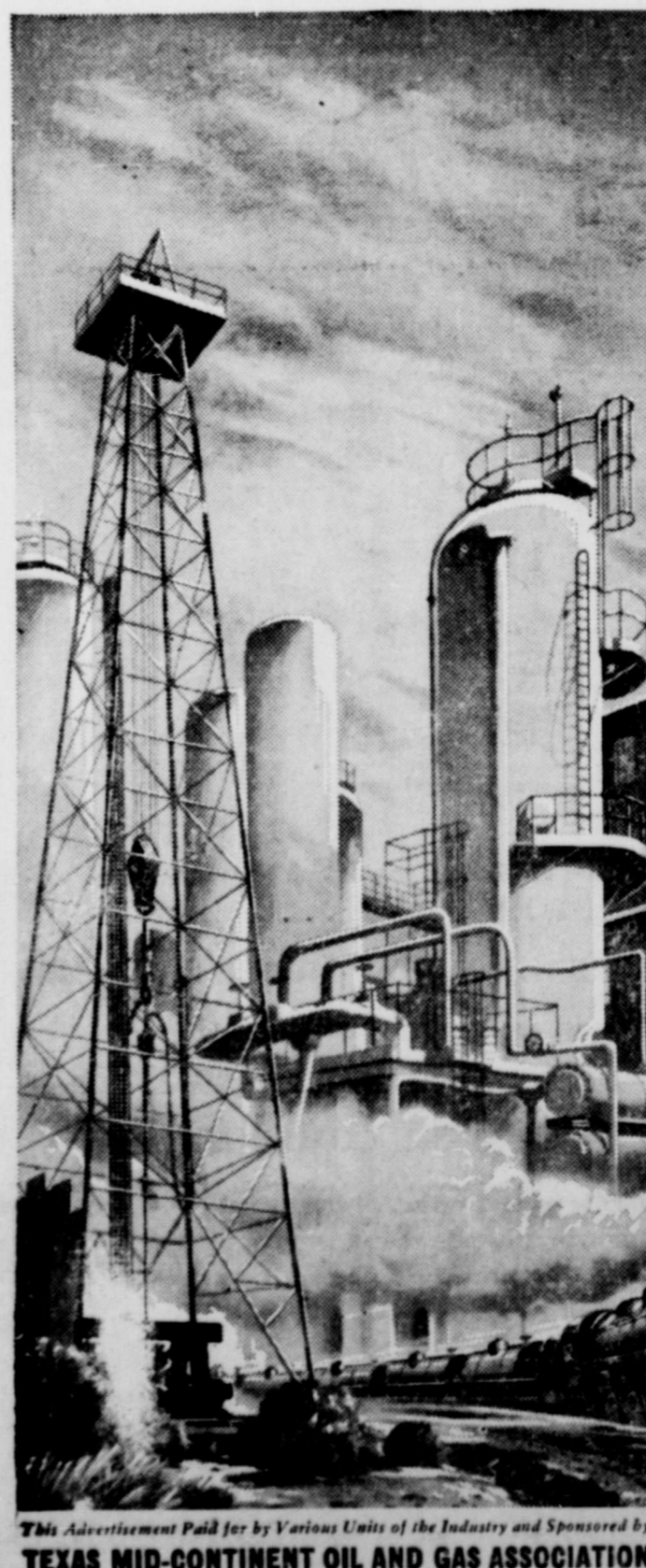
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NOTICE TO THE CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF G. W. BOYCE, DECEASED:

Notice is hereby given that original letters of administration upon the estate of G. W. Boyce, deceased, were granted to me, the undersigned, on the 17th day of March, 1941, by the County Court of Taylor County, Texas. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same to me within the time prescribed by law. My residence and post office address are Merkel, county of Taylor, State of Texas.

BOOTH WARREN,

Administrator of Estate of G. W. Boyce, deceased.

LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Buzbee have moved into the stucco cottage just south of the railroad, which they recently purchased from Mrs. W. W. Campbell. The Andy Shouses have rented the Earl Baze home on Oak street.

Judge N. D. Cobb, who has been confined to his home for more than two weeks on account of illness, is reported slightly improved and able to sit up part of the time. A daughter, Mrs. George Coker, who had been here at his bedside, returned Wednesday to her home at Fort Worth.

Miss Loraine Key has resigned her place as stenographer in the office of C. L. Bowman, liquidating agent for the Farmers State bank, and has accepted a position in the law offices of McMahon and Smart, Abilene.

Reed Whatley, who has been in Okalona, Ark., with his parents for some time, is being cordially greeted by friends on a visit "back home."

First Lieut. W. B. Wells, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Wells of Merkel, has reported for duty to the Eighth Corps area service command detachment at Camp Berkeley, having been transferred from Dallas, where he had been on duty the past six months.

A. T. Sheppard was among those in attendance Tuesday at the quarterly session of the Central West Texas Funeral Directors and Embalmers association, held at the Hilton hotel, Abilene.

Delegates Attend PTA District Convention

Mrs. Grover Gilbert, president-elect, and Mrs. John Leonard, present secretary of the Merkel Parent-Teacher association, were the official delegates to the P.-T. A. district convention meeting at Big Spring Apr. 8, 9 and 10.

Mrs. Leonard acted as secretary for the high school sectional meeting in session Wednesday morning from 8 to 10 a. m. The two delegates took

with them an official report of this year's work of the local association, also the publicity book of the Merkel P.-T. A., compiled and artistically decorated by the historian, Mrs. Holt Vaughn. The publicity book will be entered in competition with books from other associations to compete for first place honor. Merkel's book won first place at last year's conference in Abilene and will be certain to place again this year.

Mrs. Leonard and Mrs. Gilbert, who returned Wednesday night, will report at the next meeting of the association here, which will be Apr. 23.

Merkel Group Attends Firemen's Convention

Included in the delegation from Merkel attending the meeting of the Mid-West Texas Firemen's association at Albany last week were: Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Wozencraft, Mr. and Mrs. John Mansfield, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Perry, Miss Grovone Ford, Parker Sharp, Roy Robbins, A. C. Bland, Frank Breaux, Bob Fowler, Weldon Davis, Les Palmer, Hosea Windham and Homer Laney.

Prominent speakers on the program were: Chester Cherry, chief of the Ballinger department and third state vice-president; Hugh Nation of Crosbyton, fourth state vice-president; Frank Williams, past state president and now connected with the state school at A. & M. college, and Ray Roe, chief of the Abilene department.

Next semi-annual meeting will be held in Merkel, on the first Thursday in October.

Merkel Boys Share in Scout Court of Honor

Twelve Merkel boys took part in the Boy Scout court of honor held last Friday night at the city hall auditorium in Abilene, four receiving tenderfoot certificates, two advancing to second class and six awarded merit badges.

Receiving tenderfoot certificates were Abie Turner, Jerry McGehee, Billye Don Dingle, Billy Gene Dye; second class rank, Zedie Johnson, Billy Joe Toombs; merit badges, Benny Kemper, Ikey Turner, Billy Joe Jaynes, Norman Cruse, James Griswold, Leroy Smith.

They were taken to Abilene in cars by Scoutmaster Charles Clark, E. O. Carson, Scout committeeman, and Leon Cruse.

Study Group Discuss 'Education to Peace'

The Study group of the Merkel Parent-Teacher association met Wednesday morning in the home of Mrs. C. B. Gardner for a continuation of the study "This World of Ours," stressing democracy in the schools through education for peace.

The group read and discussed an article from the National Parent-Teacher Magazine entitled "Education to Peace," by Klaus Mann, which stressed the importance of right teaching to promote right thinking.

"There will be two more meetings of the Study group this school year," announces Mrs. Gardner, Study Group chairman.

Abilene Presbytery Holds Spring Session

The two-day spring session of the Abilene presbytery of the Presbyterian church, U. S. A., convened at Breckenridge at 11 o'clock Tuesday morning, with Dr. E. B. Surface, pastor of the Central Presbyterian church, moderator.

Attending from Merkel were Rev. J. B. Ramsey, pastor of Grace Presbyterian church. Elder-delegate is W. A. Campbell.

The meeting was to conclude Thursday afternoon, with reports of com-

mittees at the session opening at 1 p. m. Commissioners to the general assembly were to be named Thursday morning.

ACC March Kings to Tour Through Texas

Abilene, Apr. 10.—Don Wood, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Wood of Merkel, is a member of Abilene Christian college's band which is making a tour through Central and Southern Texas this week.

The outstanding collegiate band of 75-pieces, known as the March Kings

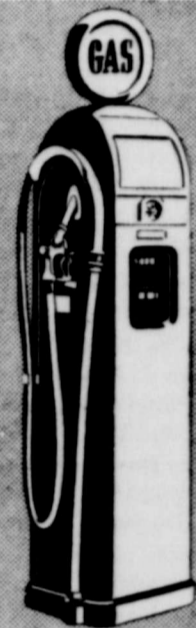
of West Texas, will present 12 different concerts on this annual tour.

They are directed by D. W. Crain. Cities and towns listed on the group's itinerary are: Winters, Ballinger, Eden, Brady, Lampasas, Burnet, Johnson City, Blanco, San Antonio (Edison high school), George West and Sinton.

Fireboys to Meet.

Annual meeting of the Merkel Volunteer Fire department will be held Monday night at 8 o'clock at the fire station, at which time officers will be elected for the coming year.

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CLUB PROGRAM ON "OUR MEXICAN NEIGHBORS."

The Junior Study club met Thursday, April 3, at the home of Mrs. N. T. Hodge. The meeting was presided over by Miss Hettie Logan Clay in the absence of the president.

The program was based on "Our Mexican Neighbors," and curios and pictures as room decorations lent an added atmosphere to the most entertaining numbers.

Miss Imogene Schulze gave a talk on "Life and Customs" and Spanish music under the leadership of Mrs. Andy Shouse was then given. "Marcheta" was sung by Mrs. Buck Leach, "Amopola" by Betty Lu Higgins, "Mi Viejo Amor" by Mrs. Homer Patterson and "Estrallita" by Miss Christine Collins.

The following guests and members were present: Mesdames Buck Leach, Homer Patterson, Julia Rush, Landon Hill, J. E. Boaz, Jr., Carroll Benson, Raymond Ferguson, Elmo Collins, Leo Zehnffennig, Geo. T. Moore, Weston West, Wrenn Durham, Andy Shouse and David Gamble; Misses Betty Lu Higgins, Christine Collins, La Verne Dunbar, Ruth West, Imogene Schulze, Hettie Logan Clay, Frances Cleveland, Pauline Ballew and Mildred Hamm.

MERKEL HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB.

The Merkel Home Demonstration club met with Mrs. Harry Barnett on Friday, April 4. The house was decorated with redbud and crepe myrtles.

The president called the meeting to order with Mrs. Don Riney leading songs with Mrs. Lem Dudley at the piano.

Reports of various committees were heard. The club is to have a box supper at the Lions hall April 21. Program chairman, Mrs. W. R. Sumpter, presented a very interesting program pertaining to our national defense: "What is our Job?" Mrs. Lem Dudley; "What American Women Can Do to Help in National Defense," Mrs. Don Riney; "Adjusting Farm Family Living," Mrs. Ernest Teaff; "Faces to the Sun," Mrs. Buck Leach.

The club was then favored by some readings by three pupils of Mrs. Owen Robertson: "Be the Fellow Your Mother Thinks You Are," and "Somebody Tore My Playhouse Down," Sandra Sadler; "Long Ago" and "Happy and Free," Patsy Swann; "My Dollie is Dead" and "A Boy's Prayer," Norma Jean Hodge.

Refreshments were served to Mesdames F. A. Polley, J. Ben Campbell, Ernest Teaff, E. B. Wallace, Stanley King, Don Riney, Bob Sumpter, J. W. Bryan, Rufus Adeock, John Hughes, A. P. Peterson, Bill Sumpter, Clark Mundy, C. W. Newton, Buck Leach, Grover Gilbert, J. Hudson, Fred A. Baker, Jr., Norris Barnett, Lem Dudley, Clyde Shouse, Bob McDonald, T. C. Humphreys, Fred A. Baker, Miss Irene Warren and the hostess.

The next meeting will be April 25 at the W. O. W. hall. As Miss Hattie Tacker is in a district meeting

dates had to be changed for her to meet with the club. Visitors are always welcome.

JOLLY NEIGHBORS CLUB.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Cox were at home Monday evening to members of the Jolly Neighbors club. Games of "84" were unusually merry and at the refreshment hour delicious strawberry ice cream, cocoanut macaroons, olives with lilac boutonnières for plate favors were served to Messrs. and Mesdames Forrest Gaither, Herbert Patterson, Andy Shouse, Raymond Ferguson, Spencer Bird, John Grable, Robert Hicks and Christine Collins and C. J. Glover.

Y. W. A. ELECTS OFFICERS.

Mrs. Clyde Bartlett entertained members of the Y. W. A. of the W. M. U. on Tuesday evening, assisted by her co-sponsor, Mrs. Bill Fugat.

Nadine Clack presided for a short program, a pageant on "Higher Examples."

During the business meeting Lucille Crick presented the following slate of incoming officers who were unanimously elected: president, Nadine Clack; vice-president, Mrs. Don Riney; secretary-treasurer, Dot Swafford; pianist, Mary Nell Morgan; chorister, Vivian Davis; reporter, Pearl Mathews.

At the close of an informal social hour the hostesses served delectable checkerboard cake with ice cream. The next meeting will be with Miss Mildred Bird on April 22. All young women of the town are cordially invited to attend these bi-monthly meetings.

HUGHES-BOYD.

Saturday evening at 8 o'clock, Mr. G. W. Hughes and Miss Erma Faye Boyd of Trent were united in marriage at the Baptist parsonage, with Rev. Cooper Waters reading the ceremony.

Mrs. Hughes was attired in a beige colored dress, with white and British tan accessories. For something old she wore a gold necklace, which was worn by her mother at her wedding. Mrs. Hughes is the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fenton Boyd, Nolan county farmers. She attended Trent high school.

Mr. Hughes is a successful farmer in the Castle Peak community and the couple are at home on their farm near Blair. They have a host of friends who wish them much happiness.

ALATHEAN CLASS.

Members of the Alathean class of the First Baptist church were entertained Wednesday last week in the home of Mrs. J. O. Castles, with Mrs. W. A. McCandless and Mrs. W. L. Johnson as co-hostesses. Mrs. J. M. Meeks presided over the devotional hour and Mrs. Chas. West over the business.

Refreshments were served to the following members: Mesdames G. M. Sharp, A. H. Zollinger, W. W. Wheeler, Pick Allen, J. M. Meeks, Chas. West, J. W. Reynolds, W. O. Boney.

J. S. Swann, F. A. Polley, J. Ben Campbell, Fred A. Baker, Myrtle Barnett and the hostesses.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Woman's Missionary society of Grace Presbyterian church met Monday afternoon, April 7, with Mrs. R. A. Walker leader of the program on "The American Indian and Korea."

Following the devotional on "Love for One Another," from John 5:9-19, the leader discussed "Indian Life" in the light of the Indian background. Mrs. Delma Compton discussed "Indian Design for Living," and Mrs. J. B. Ramsey, "Meet My Friends," by Maude Holt. "Korean Life," the foreign mission study, was emphasized by Mrs. John West in her discussion of "Gateways in Chosen (Korea)." "Midnight in Sookchun," by Wm. Blair, was discussed by Mrs. W. M. Elliott to close the program.

During the business session which followed, the society voted to meet Monday afternoon, Apr. 21, to study "Christ on the Road," by F. Townly Lord, supplemented by "Jesus Our Ideal," by W. P. Whaley, for extra Bible aid work. The next regular meeting will be May 5 with Mrs. W. M. Elliott as leader.

FIDELIS MATRONS.

The Fidelis Matrons class of the First Baptist church met Wednesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Hoyle Lemens, with Mrs. E. B. Wallace as co-hostess.

Mrs. Dean Higgins presided over the business meeting, and Mrs. Sam Swann brought the devotional. After an informal social hour, refreshments were served to Mesdames Cooper Waters, Sam Swann, Nim Teaff, E. Y. Bailey, L. V. Moore, George T. Moore, Bob Fowler, W. A. Bowman, W. R. Yazell, Allen Wilson, Jarrett Pinckley, Miss Johnnie Sears and the hostesses.

BIETHDAY PARTY.

Mrs. Grover Gilbert entertained Saturday afternoon with a party celebrating the fourth birthday of her son, Billy Mack. The guests played games and enjoyed an Easter egg hunt. The refreshment table held Easter decorations, tiny rabbits and balloons as favors.

Mrs. Gilbert was assisted by Mrs. Lem Rushing and Janie Swindle, of Abilene, and Mrs. Nolan Palmer in entertaining the children. Guests were Peggy Scott, Jo Ann Moore, Patricia Ann Palmer, Carolin and Phyllis Royalty, Jatheta Holloway, Zennia Mae Barnett, Dale Dudley, Jerry Don Cobb, Bobby and Billy Fowler, Grady Knight, Colonel James Wallace, James Glenn Barnett and Jerry Rushing of Abilene.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIAL.

About forty young people of the Nazarene church enjoyed a social last Friday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Stapleton. Outdoor games were played, after which refreshments were served.

Women's Society Has 49th Annual Meeting

The forty-ninth annual meeting of the Women's Presbyterian Missionary society of the Abilene presbytery of the Presbyterian church, U. S. A., will be held at the Central Presbyterian church, Stamford, Apr. 14 and 15.

The program will open Monday afternoon at 10 o'clock, with an executive board meeting, presided over by a Merkel woman, Mrs. Henry West, president of the presbytery. She will deliver the president's message at 3:30 p. m., at which time she will discuss "Presbyterial Aims for 1941-42." Another Merkel woman, Mrs. Connor Robinson, is on the program Tuesday morning, her subject being "Encouraging Facts."

Mrs. A. H. Haynes of Houston, synodical president, and Mrs. Taylor Curney of Syria are to be honored guests.

Mrs. J. H. Grayson Entertains Brother

Mrs. J. H. Grayson, with her brother, Jim Rogers, his wife and their children, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Rogers and Miss Edna Rogers, of Shawmut, Ala., who were her guests, visited Monday in Hobbs, N. M., with a daughter, Mrs. Tom Greene, who accompanied them on their return Tuesday to Merkel.

Two other children, Floyd Grayson of Seagraves and Roger Grayson of Tahoka, arrived Tuesday for a visit with their mother, Mrs. J. H. Grayson, and sister, Mrs. C. W. Seago.

The Alabama visitors have returned home, and on Thursday Mrs. Grayson accompanied her daughter, Mrs. Greene, back to Hobbs.

Methodist Revival to Begin Easter Sunday

The activities of Easter Sunday will mark the beginning of a week of special services at the Methodist church.

The Easter theme will be observed throughout the day. It is hoped that a record attendance will be attained in the Sunday School. The Sunday School worship program will be presented by the children's division of the church. The pastor's subject at the morning service will be "Why We Hope." Opportunity will be given early in the service for the dedication of infants and small children in baptism. Parents are invited and urged to assume the obligations of this dedication in the rearing of their children. After the League meetings in the evening, the pastor will preach again. There will be special music at each service.

A special consecration service for women has been arranged for Monday night at the church. This service will be for women only, and will be directed by Mrs. C. A. Bickley of Abilene, wife of the district superintendent. This is a call to Christian consecration for womanhood at an hour when the world needs good Christian women as never before. All women of Merkel are cordially invited.

The men of the church will go in a group to Abilene that night for a great mass meeting of the Methodist men of the Abilene district at St. Paul church. The chief speaker is to be Judge M. A. Childress of San Antonio. A committee of the local board of stewards is working on attendance and arrangements, and it appears that a large delegation will go. The young people will be at Trent on Monday night for a meeting of the Union of the Lighted Cross.

Other services of the week will include: "Family Night" on Tuesday night, with Rev. C. A. Bickley preaching; "Sunday School" night on Wednesday night in charge of the pastor; "Young People's Night" Thursday, at which time Rev. Alcie Carleton is scheduled to preach; "Church Night" Friday, and "Cottage Night" on Saturday night, with small services in the homes of shut-in members and friends of the church. Evangelistic services on the following Sunday will conclude the series.

RURAL SOCIETY

BRIDAL SHOWER.

On Tuesday evening Frances Hester and Lorena Higgins entertained in the H. H. Hester home with a bridal shower honoring Bernie Opal Dean, whose marriage to Leroy Riney which will take place April 12 was announced.

After games were played in which everyone took part, the honoree was presented the gifts in a form of "April Showers."

Some fifty registered in the bride's book while twenty others sent gifts. Those present were the honoree and Mesdames Carl Baccus, Vernon Hudson, Joe Jaynes, Paxton Hayes, Gordon Hass, Jarrett Pinckley, S. G. Russell, Jr., Leo Harris, Don Riney, Robert Riney, Denzil Cox, Clyde Foster, Vernie Merritt, J. E. Jaynes, Houston Clark, W. C. Lee, Burley Bond, John Rister, T. C. Allen, E. M. Dean, Ollie Higgins, J. O. Armstrong, Lum Gilbreath, O. E. Harwell, Sam Hammock, Buster Hester; Misses Pauline McAninch, Lena Faye Armstrong, Elberta Dean, Alice Hester, Nina Joyce Riney, Rena Mae Dean, Helen Heeter, Mabel McRee, Mae Lassiter, Joyce Cox and the following children: Dorothy Foster, Carolyn Rister, Dwayne Higgins, Elbert Earl Foster, Gary Jaynes, Peggy Bond, Corky Cox.

Those sending gifts were Mesdames V. N. Ellis, R. D. Hunter, J. E. Smith, Woodrow Patton, Florence Berry, T. G. Bragg, Lige Harris, Derrell Watson, H. B. Robertson, Austin Robertson, Ross Baker and daughter, Mineola Woodall, Calvin Irvin, Lee Ponder, Jack Pannell, Joe Douglass, H. H. Teaff, J. A. Milliken and Eva and Ova Martin.

SALT BRANCH CLUB.

The Salt Branch Home Demonstration club will meet in the home of Mrs. Roy Harrell on Monday, Apr. 14, instead of Thursday, the usual time.

Hospital Notes.

C. W. Seago, Trent, Route 2, was admitted to Sadler Clinic Monday for treatment.

Jackie Bland, son of Mrs. Roscoe Bland had an appendectomy Monday.

Mrs. S. A. Derstine was admitted Wednesday for treatment.

Clark Mundy, who underwent an appendectomy Friday, Mar. 28, was dismissed Tuesday.

Just say you saw it in The Mail.

In The Churches

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE. There were 575 present at the six reporting Sunday Schools here last Sunday, as compared with 553 the previous week. On the same Sunday a year ago the attendance was 544.

GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School 10 a. m. Morning worship 11 a. m. Sermon subject, "When Christ Arose from the Dead." Text: Matt. 28:6, "He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come see the place where the Lord lay." Communion.

Evening worship 7:45 p. m. sermon subject, "Progressive Christianity." Text: II Tim. 2:15 and Ezekiel 3:18.

Come worship God in the spirit of holiness. The Church and the Kingdom of God needs you. Do you need the church and the Kingdom of God in your hearts and lives? Think seriously, my friends. The world of today needs serious thinkers along this line.

J. B. Ramsey, Pastor.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Morning sermon at 11. Special Easter music. Training Union 6:45. Evening sermon at 7:45.

Teachers' and officers' meeting and prayer meeting 7:45 Wednesday evening.

Cooper Waters, 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 8 p. m., young people's Bible class 7 p. m.

Wednesday: Ladies' Bible class 2:30 p. m. and prayer meeting at 8 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 8 p. m. NYPS at 7:30 Sunday evening. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8 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.

Communion Service Held on Good Friday

A Good Friday communion service will be observed at the Methodist church on Friday night from 7 until 8 o'clock. This will be significant in that it will represent a part of the time which the Christ spent in suffering on the cross, on the first Good Friday.

Any who wish to commune may come to the church at any time during the designated time, commune, and leave at will. The service is on a "come and go" plan. Not only Methodists, but all who wish to attend, will be welcome.

This simple observance has been planned as an appropriate way for the followers of Jesus to observe the hours of His suffering and passion for the sins of the world. The main lights in the church auditorium will not be lighted. The communicants will come and go with only the light from the lighted cross which has been provided. Appropriate music will provide a background for the meditation, prayer and the communion.

You are invited to come at any time between 7 and 8. You may be seated for a while if you wish, before or after receiving the communion, for a time of meditation and silent prayer as you listen to the playing of hymns and view the light from the cross. The pastor will be at the church altar throughout the service to serve the communion elements to every one who kneels there.

Divide School Board Re-Elects Faculty

At a meeting of the Divide school board held Monday night, T. E. Lewis was elected president and L. A. Lister, secretary.

H. D. Norris was re-elected superintendent; R. R. Petty, vocational agriculture teacher; Olga Ann Elliott, homemaking, and E. H. Harris, principal. Other teachers will be elected later.

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