

## Keeping Up With Texas

A special election will be held June 28 to fill the vacancy in the United States senate caused by the death Apr. 9 of Senator Morris Sheppard. Call for the election was issued last Friday by Governor W. Lee O'Daniel, with deadline for filing by candidates June 13.

The state electrocuted George Griffin, negro, at Huntsville early Sunday for raping a Nueces county woman while her husband lay unconscious from a hammer attack on the two.

Dr. M. E. Sadler, pastor of the Central Christian church at Austin for the last five years, was named Saturday as president of Texas Christian university. He succeeds Dr. E. M. Waits, who retired recently as president but will continue as president emeritus.

John C. Williams, 45, Rockport oil man and graduate of the U. S. Naval academy, announced his candidacy for the United States senatorship at Austin Saturday on a platform of war with Germany and Italy.

During the anniversary celebration of the battle of San Jacinto Monday, Gov. W. Lee O'Daniel announced the appointment of Andrew Jackson Houston, 86, only living child of the immortal Sam Houston, hero of San Jacinto, as senator ad interim to fill the vacancy left by the death of Senator Morris Sheppard.

Horace Webster Burney, 9-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Burney of the Knapp community, 20 miles southwest of Snyder, died Monday in an automobile accident. The child was thrown beneath a rear wheel of a pickup on the fender of which he was riding through a field.

Woody W. Barclay, 28 of McCook, Neb., Mrs. Clyde Schaub, 25, of Mobeetie, Texas, and her 10-month-old son, Gary Don, were killed at Twitty, 7 miles north of Shamrock.

Mrs. Ruth McClure, 20, of Watonga, Okla., was killed and four others injured early Tuesday morning when a car driven by Jess McClure, husband of the dead woman, rammed into the rear of a truck four miles north of Canyon.

Roy Bramlett, 23-year-old motor coach operator, was fatally injured Wednesday morning when the bus in which he was starting to Brownwood, riding alone, collided at North First and Cedar, Abilene, with a 1941 coach driven by J. B. Ethridge. Ethridge, who was unhurt, told officers his brakes failed to work on the wet pavement.

## Seniors at Trent Plan Two Class Plays This Year

Trent, Apr. 24.—The Trent senior class is presenting two plays this year, "Aunt Tillie Goes to Town" and "Comin' Thru the Rye."

"Comin' Thru the Rye" will be presented at the school auditorium Friday night, Apr. 25, at 8 o'clock, with the following cast: Roy Yandell as Silas Stonebraker, Ladie Fred Crain as Libby Stonebraker, Bill Tittle as Harvey Keyser, Mildred Swinney as Lilly Turner, Johnnie Roberts as Jessie Weatherby, John Barnes as Sheriff Haskins, Leo Reynolds as James Kearney, Dene Strawn as Mrs. Mearson, Dene West as Rosamond Mearson, Wilma Stribbling as Trixie Angel, Harold Powers as Ronald Tanner, Helga Beasley as Rosalie Reed and Nadine Childers as Monica Morrison.

"Aunt Tillie Goes to Town," to be presented later, has the following cast: Mildred Maddera as Tillie Frask, Avis Neil as Lucinda Talbot, Virginia McRee as Pamela Marsh, Alene Johnson as Lizzie Parsons, Wanda Stribbling as Ellen Neeland, Tommie O'Rear as Ronald Howland, Raydell Bishop as Luther Lorimer, Billie Joe Purser as Melvin Tucker, Billie J. Hodges as Charley One Lung, Mary Frances Bright as Mrs. Lillie Tucker, Betty Lou Howell as Dr. Hattie Bing.

An admission of 10 and 15 cents will be charged for each play. Proceeds go to the senior class.

## Celebrate Anniversary With Home-Coming

Celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Noodle school, the Noodle community is planning a home-coming celebration for Sunday, May 4.

The program will start at 10 a. m., with a barbecue dinner at 12 o'clock, followed by a program in the afternoon, it is announced by O. W. Sosebee, president of the Noodle school board.

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## METHODISTS OF AREA WILL HOLD CONFERENCE HERE

Annual Session Convenes Tuesday Afternoon at 2 O'clock; Guest Speaker to be Rev. Roy A. Langston.

The annual session of the Abilene District conference will be called to order at the Merkel Methodist church next Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Conference meetings will continue on throughout that day and until adjournment on Wednesday in the late afternoon.

The conference is composed of all pastors of the fifty-six churches of the district, retired preachers residing within the district, all local preachers not yet ordained, Sunday School superintendents from each church, the district stewards, district trustees, the district lay leader and his two associates, the chairmen of the boards of stewards in each pastoral charge, the district officers of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, Young People's District officers, the W. S. C. S. president from each auxiliary, the presidents of the young people in each church, the chairmen of each local board of missions, and elected delegates from each church. There is one elected delegate for each 100 members in a church, with the additional provision that every church may have one delegate and that no church may have more than six elected delegates. The total attendance at the conference will be about three hundred.

Rev. C. A. Bickley, district superintendent, will preside over the business sessions of the conference. One of the guest speakers will be Rev. Roy A. Langston, chairman of evangelism in the South Central jurisdiction.

The Merkel ladies will serve the night meal on Tuesday in the form of a sandwich plate at the church. A building has been secured downtown for the serving of the noon meal on Wednesday to the large crowd expected. Many delegates will remain in Merkel Tuesday night and will be entertained in Merkel homes.

The following local committees are responsible for the conference entertainment:

Food: Mesdames W. W. Campbell, Tom Largent, W. S. J. Brown, R. M. Ferguson, Lizzie Latham and F. E. Church.

Homes: Mesdames Bob Hicks, S. M. Hunter and Clyde Sears.

Arrangements: R. M. Ferguson, Roy Baccus, Vernon Hudson, Ray Wilson and A. T. Sheppard.

Decorations: Mesdames N. T. Hodge, Dee Grimes and T. G. Bragg.

All sessions of the conference are open and the general public will be welcome at all times.

## Mrs. W. W. Campbell To Build Modern Is To Build Modern

On the site of the old S. F. Haynes residence, which is now being torn down, Mrs. W. W. Campbell will build a modern six-room home of rock veneer, with double garage attached. J. L. White is the contractor.

The house will face south on the corner, Mrs. Campbell having purchased ground occupying 2 1-2 lots facing west, as lots are laid off east and west in this block. The east 50 feet of these lots has been sold to Cyrus Pee, who plans to build in the near future.

## Trent Man Foreman Of 42nd Grand Jury

Grand jury in 42nd district court, impaneled Monday morning by Judge M. S. Long, returned four indictments Tuesday and recessed subject to call. Alex Williamson of Trent was named foreman of the inquisitorial body, with Bill Ledbetter of Abilene, secretary. Three Merkel men are on the panel, Pete White, Buster Horton and Tommy Patterson. Other members are: J. N. S. Kirkpatrick, H. C. Purcell, S. J. Canon, Abilene; Robert Sayles, R. T. Powell, Tuscola; Archie D. Jackson, Guion; Leon Copeland, Lawn.

## BURGLARY LOSS HERE MONDAY NIGHT OVER \$150

City and county officers are without trace or clue as to the burglar or burglars who entered the Nutt Variety store Monday night, taking \$150.76, mostly cash.

Mrs. Doyle Nutt, who is operating the store in the absence of her husband, a first lieutenant at Fort Sam Houston, discovered the loss when she opened the place of business Tuesday morning.

Four cash registers had been rifled, containing \$77, Monday's receipts. Also taken from the safe in the office in the rear was \$73.76, part of money taken in the store Saturday. Checks received Saturday and which had been endorsed for deposit were left in the safe.

Entrance was evidently made through a skylight over the center of the building, from which one glass was broken, and part of rope cuttings by which the man let himself down to the floor remained.

Officers from Abilene, who came in response to call from City Marshal D. H. Vaughn were Wade Willis and Ruck Sibley, sheriff's deputies, and R. T. Redies, fingerprint expert from the Abilene police department.

## Officers of Merkel P.-T. A. Installed Wednesday Evening

Wednesday afternoon marked the closing monthly program meeting for the 1940-41 year of the Merkel Parent-Teacher association and featured installation of officers, reports of the district conference, a style show, the publicity book showing and regular business, in the High School gymnasium.

Miss Frances Cleveland, High School homemaking teacher, introduced Bobby Teaff, from 1st year class, Mary Jo Hutchins from 2nd year class, Jeanette Neff from 3rd year class, and Bonnie Church, pianist, who in turn introduced girls from the homemaking department in a style show of dresses made this year. Twenty-five girls from the 1st year class modeled school dresses of prints and percales; twenty-two 2nd year girls modeled general wear dresses of silks and rayon and 11 modeled afternoon and evening dresses as the three class announcers called attention to features of each girl's dress.

Miss Mamie Ellis showed the publicity book of the Merkel P.-T. A., made and compiled by Mrs. Holt Vaughn, which received a grade of 100-A plus at the recent district conference in Big Spring. The book features old English printing and follows a monthly theme of poems and landscapes to illustrate clippings of work done by the association during that particular month. It is truly a work of art.

Annual reports were given by the following: treasurer, Mrs. H. C. Reid, who reported a balance of \$56.62; hospitality, Mrs. Owen Robertson; membership, Mrs. Clyde Sears, who reported 212 local members, the second largest association in our district; health, Mrs. Elsie Nash; room representatives, Mrs. L. A. Dudley; parent education group, Mrs. C. B. Gardner.

Reports of the delegates to the district conference were given by Mrs. Grover Gilbert and Mrs. John Leonard. Mrs. Gilbert announced the Thursday, Apr. 24, meeting of the Taylor County council to be held in Merkel at the Lions hall from 10 to 4 and invited Merkel P.-T. A. members to attend and be present for the covered dish luncheon.

The climax of the program was the installation of officers by Mrs. Bud Winter, president-elect of the Taylor County council, who installed the following officers and committee chairmen: president, Mrs. Grover Gilbert; vice-president, Mrs. Ray Wilson; secretary, Mrs. Lem Dudley; treasurer, Mrs. Gordon Green; historian, Mrs. N. T. Hodge; parliamentarian, Mrs. Owen Robertson; committee chairmen—program, Mrs. Comer Haynes; music, Mrs. C. B. Gardner; publicity, Mrs. Carroll Benson; publications, Mrs. Billy Cobb; hospitality, Mrs. (Continued on Page Four)

## SENIOR CLASS PRESENTS "THE HERO RETURNS"

To Stage Three-Act Comedy Tuesday Night, Apr. 29; Cast of Characters Announced; Admission 15 and 25 Cents.

The Seniors have chosen as their class play "The Hero Returns," a comedy in three acts, written by Charles George. The play will be presented Tuesday night, Apr. 29, at 8:00. Admission prices are 15 and 25 cents.

The plot centers around the daily routine of an average family, composed of a young widow and her three children. Since the mother, like all mothers, is ambitious for her small "brood," she resorts to exaggeration concerning their ability. Her most daring undertaking is trying to make her son a member of the "Hero's Club."

The cast is: Douglas McCoy as Robert Goodyear, the timid son; Louise Patterson, Mrs. Goodyear, the mother; Doris Clyde Miller, Grace Goodyear, the sister; Peggy Robertson, Luella, the little sister; Eva Martin, Virginia Ferguson, a neighbor in love with Robert; John Mack Grant, as Baxter Warner, president of the "Hero's Club"; Dora Gaither, Mrs. Warner, club director; Mary Lou Higgins, Becky Gardner, Geraldine Teague, Dorothy Shannon, Nell Butman, Maudie Turner, Louise Cook, Mildred Smith, Booth Higgins, Glendell Barbee, Charles Church, Marvin Dubose, W. E. Bradley, young townspeople desiring to become members of the club; David Gibson, "Bunny" Wheeler, engaged to Grace; Tommy Grimes, Annette Coverdale, friend of the family; Eva Brown, Adelaide Young, another friend; Maureen Moore, Victoria Esmond, a newspaper woman; Betty Lu Higgins, Mlle. Claudette Bardon, a young French woman; La Moine Sherrill, "Spike" Ryder, a champion swimmer. Other members of the class will serve as ushers.

## Death Takes Pioneer Resident of County

S. H. Rister, aged 69, resident of Taylor county for 40 years, died at his home at Tye at 9:20 Friday night. Mr. Rister had been in failing health for several years, becoming seriously ill about three weeks before his death.

Funeral services were held at the West Side Baptist church of Tye, Saturday at 2:30. Rev. J. L. Burleson, of Cisco, church pastor, conducted the services, assisted by Rev. R. L. Gilpin, pastor of the Methodist church of Tye.

Six nephews were pallbearers; D. Teaff, Arch Teaff, Garland Teaff, Wesley and J. C. Rister and Weir Joiner.

Mr. Rister is survived by ten children, Johnnie, Lee, Buster, Sammie and Ossie, all of Tye. Daughters are Mrs. Joe Higgins and Mrs. Bill Hays, of Salt Branch; Mrs. Roy Hewitt, Merkel; Mrs. Ted Bigham and Lula Rister of Tye. There are also two half-sisters, Mrs. Betsy Laughlin, Evant, Texas, and Mrs. Melinda Dodson, Post, and one half-brother, Jim Rister, Goree, one aunt, Mrs. Annie Boswell, and 16 grandchildren.

Burial was held in the Caps cemetery, by the side of his wife, who died in May, 1923. Elliott's funeral home was in charge of the services.

## Victim of Car Accident In Favorable Condition

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Black returned Monday from Austin where Mrs. Black had spent several days in a hospital as result of an automobile accident in Lampasas on Monday, the week before.

Mrs. Black's condition is reported as favorable, although she is wearing a cast as a result of a fractured vertebra.

Four young ladies, students in the Southwest Texas State Teachers college, San Marcos, who were in the Black car at the time of the wreck, were able to continue their trip and re-enter school.

Mr. Black's car was a total wreck.

## SPRING PRACTICE ENDS NEXT WEEK; PROSPECTS GOOD

The High school team defeated ex-football stars in a game last Thursday evening, 12-6. Some of the exes participating were Willard Paine, Harvey Davis, Elby Frazier, David Gibson, Roy Coats, Heavy Jinkens, Preacher Windham, Lloyd Robertson, Leroy Huff, Byron Bryant and Coach Knox of Noodle.

"Lack of interest among the boys has been the biggest setback in spring training," Coach Carroll Benson commented Thursday morning. At the beginning of training 40 boys suited out but only 15 have continued. Coach Benson adds, however, that "boys left are showing the right spirit and, if injuries do not crop up, we should have a good ball club."

It is yet undecided whether the game scheduled for closing date of spring practice will be played.

## Junior-Senior Party Staged in Patriotic Setting and Colors

Amid a setting of patriotic emblems and colors, the Junior-Senior Banquet was held on Friday night, Apr. 18, in the High School gymnasium. The Junior class, directed by Carroll Benson, sponsored the affair. Ships in procession down the speakers' table were designated as USS Senior, USS Faculty and USS Junior. A life preserver made of flowers, marked with the United States emblem, centered the table, and flags decorated foursome tables where other guests were seated. Pennants and red, white and blue balloons were colorful additions to the nautical atmosphere.

Honored guests were members of the Senior class. Other guests were Dr. and Mrs. E. B. Surface of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Read of Noodle, Mrs. Lucille White, the seven school board members and their wives, and the High School faculty.

Jack Hester, president of the Junior class, served as toastmaster. Connor Robinson gave the invocation. Joyce Cox, accompanied by Miss Christine Collins, sang "I'm Waiting for Ships that Never Come In." Sue Grimes gave a toast to the Seniors, responded to by John Mack Grant, president of the Senior class. Billy Haynes gave a toast to the faculty. (Continued on Page Four)

## Hose Companies Score 9-9 at Fire Practice

In the first practice since the attendance contest started, Hose Companies Nos. 1 and 2 each had nine men present Tuesday afternoon.

Next practice will be the second Tuesday in May, with the contest ending the fourth Tuesday in the month. Losers are to give the winners a banquet.

## MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, May 6, 1921.)

### FAREWELL SERVICE OLD CHURCH HOUSE.

Sunday will likely be our last day in the old (Baptist) church and we wish to have a fitting service for that time. For thirty years we have used this as a place of worship. Here all the things most sacred to us have transpired. We hope to have some words from some of the older members of the church about some touching experience.

### BIG CROWDS ATTEND SPELLING.

The "old time spelling contest," put on last Friday night at the tabernacle by the Community club was attended by a large audience. Sides were chosen for the contest by Mrs. J. T. Dennis and Mayor H. C. West, there being about fifteen to the side. Mrs. J. L. Harris very ably gave out the words from the old Blue Back speller and the audience seemed to enjoy see-

## LANEYS PURCHASE BRAHMA STEERS IN SOUTH TEXAS

Eighty-Five Head of Stock to be Provided for 1941 Series of Free Summer Shows, Starting Saturday, May 17.

Howard and Homer Laney returned early in the week from Houston where they bought 12 Brahma steers to be used in the series of summer rodeos here.

They are to furnish 20 head of white face cows and calves, 10 Brahma steers or bulls, ranging around 900 pounds, 5 white face bulls, 10 half-breed steers, lightweight for team tying, 10 calves, Brahmas or half-breed but probably Brahmas, weighing around 300 pounds for junior calf roping, and 5 saddle and 5 circle brones. A total of 85 head of stock is included in the allotment to be furnished.

Plans are rapidly shaping for the opening show of the season, scheduled Saturday, May 17. The Laney brothers are co-chairmen of the rodeo committee this year.

## Show "Cavalcade of America" to Students

At 2:30 Monday afternoon, an educational film reviewing American history, entitled "Cavalcade of America," will be shown at the Grammar School auditorium, especially for the pupils of the 5th and 7th grade history classes, it is announced by William Taylor, teacher, but outsiders are also invited.

An admission charge of 5 cents will be made to everybody. Any proceeds will be used for other films for the school.

## Mrs. F. Groene, 88, Dies in Abilene

Mrs. F. Groene, 88, mother of Fred Groene of Merkel, died at 5:30 Tuesday afternoon in the Hendrick Memorial hospital. She had been in the hospital since Apr. 2, when she fell and broke her hip at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. Parker, Route 5, Abilene.

Four other sons, besides the Merkel man, and two daughters, survive. Her husband died in 1928.

## Merkel Represented At Festival of Arts

Miss Geraldine Teague has been selected by the Senior class of Merkel High school as its representative at the Festival of Arts, sponsored by McMurry college, Abilene, early in May. Her escort will be La Moine Sherrill.

Representatives will be present from each high school in this area, the festival to be climaxed with the coronation of the festival queen selected from the group.

J. C. Mason, Chairman.

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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil McRee had as their guests Sunday Mrs. McRee's mother, Mrs. Matheny, and sisters, Miss Mary Matheny of Abilene and Miss Louise Matheny of Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Terry, accompanied by Mrs. J. A. Brown and Miss Winnie, spent Sunday in Lubbock.

Mrs. J. B. Winn attended the funeral of R. L. Stephenson, air crash victim, in Sweetwater last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Roberts and daughters of Ranger were recent guests in the J. P. Roberts home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Orand of Abilene spent Thursday with home folks.

Mrs. J. D. Stalloup and little son of San Antonio are guests of her mother, Mrs. Roy Banner.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Archer and little son, also Ann Murdock of Dallas were guests of Mrs. Mary Archer over the week-end.

Mrs. C. W. King of Miles is visiting in the S. A. Buntin home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Gafford had as their Sunday guests Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Keltz of Vernon, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bicknell of Noodle, Miss Mildred Steadman of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Foy Steadman and daughter, Judy.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bower visited John C. Howell of Abilene Sunday. Mr. Howell, who underwent major surgery at Hendrick Memorial hospital recently, is improving rapidly.

Mrs. Lige Kelly of Rule spent several days last week visiting in the home of her sister, Mrs. Spurgeon Scott.

Mrs. Ella Pennel and daughter of Sweetwater were week-end guests of relatives, Mrs. A. Boone and Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Johnson.

Mesdames Henry Ogletree, J. M. Smith, Stanley Armour and Clark Hamner and little daughter have returned home after visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jim Blackmon of Corpus Christi for the past week.

H. W. Beckham, Mrs. A. Williamson and Mrs. C. C. Stribbling returned home Saturday from Temple, where Mrs. Stribbling went through the Scott and White clinic.

Mrs. Carl Murdock of Odessa spent last week visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Thomason.

Leonard Robinson of Abilene visited Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Winn.

Miss Helen McLeod of Hardin-Simmons spent the week-end with home folks.

Fred McCurdy, who is working in Abilene, was home Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Johnson of Lamesa were guests last Thursday in the A. W. Woods home.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Horton and sons visited Saturday and Sunday in the home of Mr. Horton's mother in Santa Anna.

B. T. Vessels of Royalty was a recent guest of Mrs. J. T. Vessels.

Mrs. Joe Boone honored her son, Jackie, on his tenth birthday, Thursday, Apr. 17, with a dinner. Invited guests were his grandmother, Mrs. Ann Boone and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. English.

SCHOOL FACULTY RE-ELECTED.

All of the present faculty members of the Trent school were re-elected

White Church News

Rev. J. B. Stewart filled his pulpit here at both services Sunday.

Miss Pauline Cook spent the week-end with Miss Lula Belle Patterson of Nubia. Miss Doris Reeves of Butman was also a visitor of Miss Patterson.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Windham of Merkel were recent visitors in the home of their son, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Windham, and family.

Mrs. Cleo Baughman and son, J. D., of Oklahoma City, visited a few days last week with her brother, A. D. Barnes and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Demere were shopping in Abilene last Wednesday.

Ray Hardin of Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, spent the week-end with parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hardin.

Mrs. D. C. Doan and daughter, Miss Elwinna, visited friends in Merkel Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Brown of Merkel spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Beryl Brown and daughter, Joan.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hall and son, Dan, of Hobbs, N. M., visited recently with Mr. and Mrs. P. R. McLean and family.

J. W. Cook of Camp Bowie spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Artist Cook.

Paul E. Farmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Farmer, left last week for the CCC camp.

Mr. and Mrs. John Frazier had the misfortune of losing a fine milk cow Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Houston Martin of Butman and Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Kidwell of Abilene visited in the A. D. Barnes home Monday.

Paul West of Merkel was seen in our midst Sunday.

in a board meeting Tuesday night, Apr. 15, for the 1941-42 school year. A. W. Woods, president of the board announced.

Faculty members are: R. L. Fortune, superintendent; T. B. Friend, T. C. Blankenship, Mrs. Maurice Faulkner, high school; for the grades, Miss Magalene Payne, Miss Hermal Glasgow, Miss Yvonne T. B. Friend, R. L. Fortune and Mrs. T. B. Friend. The current school term closes on May 16.

SENIOR PLAY.

"Coming Through the Rye" is the title of the senior class play to be presented Friday night, Apr. 25, at 8 o'clock at the high school auditorium. Admission price, 10 and 15 cents.

The cast of characters includes Laddie Fred Crain, Roy Yandell, Dean West, Dean Strawn, Billie Tittle, Wilma Stribbling, Nadine Childress, Helga Beasley, John Barnes, Howard Powell, Leo Reynolds and Johnnie Roberts.

Senior play No. 2, entitled "Aunt Tillie Goes to Town," will be presented at a later date.

At the P.-T. A. meeting Tuesday night plans were made for the Junior-Senior banquet.

SCHOOL NEWS.

There are 25 boys out for spring football training, and according to report by Coach Blankenship they will make good.

On Wednesday afternoon, Apr. 16, Wylie and Trent boys and girls played baseball. Girls' scores were 18 to 10 in favor of Trent, ward school, Wylie 13 to Trent 12.

W. M. U. AUXILIARY.

Quarterly meeting of the W. M. U. auxiliary of the Sweetwater Baptist association was held at the Baptist church here Thursday, Apr. 17, with about 70 women from out of town in attendance and 16 local women present.

A very fine program was rendered and at the noon hour a bountiful lunch was served at the church.

Mrs. Cooper Waters of Merkel was elected young people's chairman to succeed Mrs. Paul Atchison, who tendered her resignation, and the place of Bible study chairman from which Mrs. J. L. Winter of Merkel resigned was filled by the appointment of Mrs. Dean Elkins of Nolan.

Historical Highlights  
by Edna Scott Watson

(Released by Western Newspaper Union.)

Heroes of San Jacinto

THE Battle of San Jacinto, which won Texan independence from Mexican rule, had two outstanding heroes. The Lone Star state claims both of them as her own and, to help perpetuate their fame, has named one of her leading cities for Sam Houston and one of her counties for "Deaf" Smith. But four other states also claim them.

Virginia points with pride to the fact that Sam Houston was born near her town of Lexington on March 2, 1793, but Tennessee is equally proud of the fact that his boyhood was spent within her borders, that he fought the Creek Indians under her Gen. Andy Jackson, that he was made agent for the Cherokees, who had accepted him into their tribe, and persuaded them to accept a new home beyond the Mississippi.

Then Tennessee sent him to congress in 1823, re-elected him in 1825 and in 1827 chose him as her governor. She gave him one of her fairest daughters as his bride and was greatly mystified when his young wife left him and he, with re-election in 1829 certain, suddenly resigned his office and left the state. At this point in his career, Oklahoma claims him, for he lived with the Cherokees there and married an Indian woman, Tiana Rogers.

After spending several years with the Indians, Houston went to Texas to take part in her struggle for liberty and on his birthday in 1836 be-



Sam Houston, President of the Republic of Texas. (From a miniature made in 1837 or 1838.)

came one of the signers of the Texas Declaration of Independence. Chosen commander-in-chief of the Texas revolutionary army, Houston made good that declaration seven weeks later with his victory over Gen. Santa Anna at San Jacinto.

Visit the state capitol in Austin today and you will see there a huge painting which depicts "The Surrender of Santa Anna." At the foot of a tree lies Sam Houston with his bandaged leg stretched out on the blanket upon which he is reclining. Standing before him is the slight figure of the conquered and humiliated Mexican leader. Seated on a stump beside Houston is a buckskinned figure, his long rifle resting across his knees and one hand cupped to his ear to catch his leader's words to the defeated enemy.

This stalwart frontiersman is "Deaf" Smith. Erastus Smith was the name his parents gave him when he was born in New York state. But by the time he had joined the Texas patriots, deafness had already overtaken him and so his comrades in arms called him "Deaf" Smith (only they pronounced it "Deef")

As a scout, Smith had performed invaluable service for the leader of the Texans during their retreat. Several times he brought in Mexican prisoners from whom Houston obtained information about Santa Anna's movements. Finally, when Houston had maneuvered the Mexican dictator into following him to a battlefield of his own choice and was ready to attack, he sent Smith and a companion to cut down Vince's bridge across Buffalo bayou.

On the afternoon of April 21 Houston drew up his line of battle. Suddenly a horseman came dashing up. His mount was covered with mud and foam. Swinging an ax over his head, he shouted: "I have cut down Vince's Bridge—Now fight for your lives and remember the Alamo!" The Texans did both so well that in 20 minutes Sam Houston had won one of the most astounding victories in American history. Out of a force of 783, the Texans lost only six killed and 24 wounded. Estimates of the Mexicans' losses vary, but the Texans claim 630 killed, 208 wounded and 730 prisoners, a total of 1,568. By this one stroke Texas won her freedom.

The soldiers in Houston's army were given grants of land in the new republic which was founded soon afterwards and which elected Houston as its first president. Smith was given an additional honor by being allowed to take his pick of "any (public) house and lot in the city of Bexar" and by being ordered to the new capital of Houston to have his portrait painted. However, he died shortly afterwards and, although Houston made a search for the portrait several years later, it was never found.

Family-Size Farm Ownership Is Aim Of FSA Program

Tenant purchase loans, for which applications are now being taken at the Farm Security Administration office, Abilene, are intended to help worthy tenant farmers to buy family-size farms, according to David T. Petree, farmer and chairman of FSA's tenant purchase committee.

Farmers who practice "live-at-home" farming will be first choice for these long-term, low-interest loans. This means that the family that raises most of its food and the live stock and poultry feed on the farm will have the best chance.

The Taylor county tenant purchase committee, of which Mr. Petree is chairman, helps to choose families to whom these loans are made. It also helps to value the farms which they buy.

Families to whom these loans are made pick out the farm they hope to buy and they are not restricted to fully-improved farms. The loan may include funds to build or repair the home, barn, and for other improvements.

Other members of the tenant purchase committee are Homer R. Clemmer, Abilene, Route 5, and Louis A. Groene, Abilene, Route 3.

Applications for these loans may be made at the Farm Security office located in the agriculture building in Abilene.

More than half of the 3,200 frozen food locker plants in the United States are owned by individuals. Commercial corporations own 22 per cent, partnerships own 16 per cent, and co-operations 14 per cent.

GOLAN NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jeffrey of near Vernon visited their sons, Avis and Truett Jeffrey, several days last week.

Over one hundred guests enjoyed the party and bridal shower Tuesday night for Mrs. Marion Stephens of Abilene, given by Mr. and Mrs. James Edwards Dickinson. After the many nice gifts were presented and shown, delicious cake and punch was served. Marion is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Stephens of this community.

Mrs. Avis Jeffrey is doing nicely after an operation for appendicitis Thursday night in a Rotan hospital.

Our rain Friday night was accompanied by strong wind and some hail.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hill visited their son, Wallace, and family, of Snyder, the past week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hill visited Mrs. Hill's parents of Fyron Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack McClung of San Angelo visited relatives here Sunday.

Miss Evagene Williams of Sylvester spent Saturday night with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Williams.

Frank Jeffrey, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Jeffrey, was home Sunday from Abilene, where he is attending Hardin-Simmons.

Third quarterly conference met at the Lawlis chapel Sunday. A large crowd was present for the 11 o'clock service. Brother Bickley, district superintendent, brought a wonderful message. Many from Sylvester were here for the morning service and conference in the afternoon.

There were 83 present for Sunday School, a few more than usual, but our Sunday School hopes for a great increase in number with the coming of warm weather.

Brother Jones, our pastor, will preach here Sunday morning and Sunday night. Everyone is invited to come and worship.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Stephens visited relatives in Abilene Sunday.

Dawson McCain is able to be up after several days' illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kemp of Palava visited in the V. P. Byrom home Sunday after conference.

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## To Compete In Regional Contests at Abilene



The Merkel High School band directed by Richard Young, which presented its annual spring concert to a large and highly appreciative audience at the gymnasium Tuesday night, is one of 25 high schools bands from West Texas towns that will compete in the annual regional contests and music festival at Abilene Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Last year the Merkel band won third division rating in concert playing and sight reading and first division rating in marching.

Besides soloists and ensembles, Tuesday night's program featured concert numbers to be used at Abilene Friday.

Various divisions of the band competition will be run off Friday and Saturday.

The marching contests will be held Friday and Saturday nights on the Hardin-Simmons university football field. Scheduled Saturday night is a massed concert by 1,500 members of the visiting bands and Abilene high musicians.

Thursday, solo divisions of the annual contests were taking place, with more than 250 high school musicians

slated to compete.

The Merkel band now has 68 enrolled, with three twirlers, a drum major and three flag bearers. Clarice Higgins heads the formation as drum major, with Wanda Douglas, Fredda Nell Huddleston and Mary Fay Johnson as twirlers. Flag bearers are Jeanette Neff, Evelyn McCormick and Frances Walker.

### BLAIR ITEMS

Rev. J. B. Stewart is to fill his regular appointment at the M. E. church Sunday, Apr. 27. Everyone should hear these messages.

Rev. E. L. Whitaker delivered an interesting message Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Whitaker and two sons attended the services and their ten year old son, David, gave special song numbers on his horn. David is a member of the honor band of Abilene school.

Joe Hendrix of Salt Lake City, Utah, was the distinguished guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Reynolds recently. Mr. Hendrix is a retired sergeant of the army.

Mr. and Mrs. Vivian Terrell of Ina Dale were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim H. Campbell the past week.

Mrs. S. L. Scogin of Trent visited Mrs. A. M. Jackson Sunday.

Vernell, the attractive little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar McLean of Merkel, was a visitor in Blair on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Addison entertained friends with a musical in their home Friday night. Those furnishing the music were the Roger brothers of Noodle, Henry Stout of Nubia, Z. V. Moore, Clint Madderra, Jack Chapman, Otis Moore, Perry Lee Estall.

Mrs. Paul McLean has been very sick the past week. Miss Jimmie Nell Horton is on the sick list at this writing.

Citizens of this community put on a rabbit drive here Friday, Apr. 18. There were visitors from Abilene, Noodle, Merkel, Trent and the Can-

yon who joined in the spirit of the occasion. Those that participated in the hunt did a mighty fine work. 12 o'clock was a high spot on the program, when a bountiful dinner was served to the crowd by the citizens here and iced tea and coffee was furnished by Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Jackson.

Natives of Jubaland, in Africa, sometimes brand themselves with the same design for their cattle.

Typewriter paper for sale at Merkel Mail office.

### CARD OF THANKS

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

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Open Road (Boys)	1.50
Parents' Magazine	1.50
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Redbook Magazine	1.50
Science Illustrated	1.50
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Parents' Magazine	1 year	
Motion Magazine	1 year	
Pathfinder (weekly)	1 year	
Modern Romance	1 year	
Silver Screen	1 year	
Open Road (Boys)	1 year	
True Experiences	1 year	
Christian Herald	1 year	
True Confessions	1 year	
GROUP B—Select 2 Magazines		1 year
Household Magazine	1 year	
Home Arts-Needlecraft	25 issues	
Pathfinder	1 year	
Hunting and Fishing	1 year	
Successful Farming	1 year	
American Fruit Grower	1 year	
National Sportsman	1 year	
Copper's Live Stock Producer	2 years	
National Sportsman	2 years	
Progressive Farmer	1 year	
Southern Agriculturist	1 year	
Silver Screen	1 year	
GROUP C—Select 1 Magazine		1 year
Comfort	1 year	
Farm Journal-Farmer's Wife	1 year	
Mother's Home Life	1 year	
Southern Agriculturist	1 year	
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**Sale of New Savings Stamps Begins May 1**

With a view to building up public demand for the new series of United States savings bonds which will be placed on sale May 1, the treasury department has issued a new series of postal-savings stamps in denominations of 10 cents, 50 cents, \$1 and \$5, which will be distributed to postmasters at all savings-bond offices. The post offices in this group that are not now postal-savings depositories will be designated as restricted postal savings offices and will be authorized to sell savings stamps but not postal savings certificates.

These stamps as well as the new series of United States savings bonds will be placed on sale May 1. Any one desiring to purchase the stamps will be given a stamp card or album for mounting the kind of postal savings stamps easiest to collect. On the purchase of a 10-cent stamp, you will be given a card on which you may mount 10 of these stamps, and exchange them for \$1 worth of the larger sizes. On the purchase of a 25-cent stamp, you will be given an album on which you may mount 75 of these stamps. When so filled, the album will have a total value of \$18.75, the purchase price of a savings bond that will appreciate in 10 years to \$25. On the purchase of a 50-cent stamp, you will be given an album to mount 75 of these stamps, total \$37.50, the purchase price of a savings bond that will appreciate in 10 years to \$50.

On the purchase of a \$1 stamp, you will be given an album to mount 75 stamps, total value \$75, the purchase price of a savings bond that will appreciate in 10 years to \$100. On the purchase of a \$5 stamp, you will be given an album to mount 15 stamps, total \$75, the purchase price of a savings bond that will appreciate in 10 years to \$100.

While it is hoped that savings-stamp purchasers will convert their stamps into United States savings bonds when the purchase price thereof has been accumulated, stamp owners may demand cash for the redemption of the stamps. Further information may be obtained from your local postmaster, Wrenn Durham.

A decrease of 77,000 farms in Texas occurred from 1930 to 1940, according to census figures. In 1930, a total of 495,489 farms were tilled in the state, and ten years later there were only 418,002 farms being cultivated.

**Urges Improvement In Rural Mail Boxes**

It is the desire of Postmaster Wrenn Durham as well as the post office department to encourage patrons of the rural delivery service to provide entirely suitable mail receptacles and to erect them in such manner that they will be accessible to the carrier and present a neat appearance. It is specially desirable that the boxes be maintained in such condition that they will properly protect mail placed therein, that the name of the box owner be inscribed on the side of the box visible to the carrier as he approaches them, and that the boxes and their supports be kept painted. Unightly rural mail boxes detract from the natural scenic beauty along highways and are not a credit to the owners of attractive homes served through the boxes. Rural mail boxes which are not properly erected or which are not in good serviceable condition retard the delivery of mail and expose it to damage from the elements.

Patrons who have non-approved boxes of top-opening, revolving-door, or others, not of the present standard type which are of such design that they cannot be properly served by the carrier from his vehicle or which are not in such condition that they will protect mail from damage by the elements should be replaced with boxes of approved type. Boxes, regardless of type, should, of course, be of such design and in such condition that there will be no likelihood of the carrier injuring his hands when serving them.

To accomplish these desirable objectives, the department has designated the week of May 5, 1941, as "Rural Mail Box Improvement Week."

Postmaster Durham earnestly solicits the aid of patrons in the movement sponsored by the department to have the condition and appearance of rural mail boxes improved.

**Recent Rain Brings Total Near 9 Inches**

While scarcely a day has passed in over ten days that rain or at least a sprinkle has not fallen, only moisture that registered since in the past week was the heavy downpour about midnight Friday, which measured a half-inch, according to the gauge of Volunteer Weather Observer J. I. Ford. Added to previous figure of 8.1-8 inches, this brings the total for this year to 8.5-8 inches of moisture.

**Trent P.-T. A. Names Officers for New Year**

Trent, Apr. 24.—The Trent Parent-Teacher association met Tuesday evening at the school building, with the president, Mrs. C. W. Edwards, presiding. Reports from committees were given during the business session, and Mrs. C. W. Edwards and Mrs. Ola Lee Winn, as delegates, gave an account of the district meeting at Big Spring. The organization voted to sponsor the Junior-Senior banquet.

With Miss Christine Collins in charge of the program, La Nelle Edwards sang "Keep an Eye on Your Heart." Joy Lansford gave a piano solo, Jerardine Freeman sang "The Bells of St. Mary's" and Wanda Lou Kegans sang "Sierra Sue." The Grammar School Choral club gave three numbers.

Mrs. T. B. Friend spoke on "Better Budgets for Better Homes." Mrs. R. L. Fortune spoke on "Family Good Times." Mrs. Bud Winter announced the meeting of the County council to be held in Merkel, Thursday, Apr. 24. Members of the Trent unit were happy to have Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nalley with them again.

Officers for the following year are: Mrs. C. W. Edwards, president; Mrs. Karl Bonneaux, vice-president; Mrs. R. L. Fortune, secretary; Mrs. Joe Boone, treasurer; Mrs. Roger Williams, parliamentarian; Mrs. Ola Lee Winn, historian.

**NEWMAN NEWS**

Rev. Mr. Jones of Sylvester filled his regular appointment here Sunday.

Rev. Bud Self made an interesting talk at the Baptist church Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hamrick and Lois of O'Donnell spent the weekend with friends here. Mrs. Hamrick and Lois attended Sunday School.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Herron were Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hamrick and Lois, Mr. and Mrs. Lea Dickerson and Mrs. Leon Dickerson.

Mrs. John L. Jones and Helen and Mrs. Eldon Reeves of Merkel spent Sunday with relatives here.

Mrs. John Cross of North Roby spent last Thursday with her mother here.

Mrs. Alice Boen and children are spending the week at North Roby with Mrs. John Cross.

T. J. Garvey of Abilene was the Saturday night guest of Leon Dickerson.

Mrs. King Floyd spent Monday in the home of Mrs. Reeves.

Glenna Cunningham of Abilene visited her parents two days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Creswell of Merkel visited his parents here Sunday.

Mr. Hamrick and Lois, Lea Dickerson and Elvin Herron visited briefly Sunday evening in the home of the Cooks at Golan.

The Newman cemetery working will be the first Monday in May, the 5th of the month. Every one that is interested is urged to come and bring dinner, hoes and rakes. The lots will be measured and numbered.

Brother Hollis of Sweetwater will preach at the Baptist church next Sunday.

**List of Petit Jurors Called for Next Week**

The petit jury for next week in 42nd district court includes the following names:

E. B. Barnes, T. R. Lassiter, Bob Mayfield, A. D. Fulton, T. E. Reynolds, W. C. Reid, Merkel; D. H. Jefferies, J. Homer Martin, Jno. Dres, Gray Browne, G. L. Blankenship, Fred Duff, W. O. Ansley, Jr., J. W. Ferrell, J. L. Warren, Allen Eason, R. F. Babb, Clifton Woody, Wiley Turner, S. G. Oliver, W. C. Collier, J. T. Sullivan, E. A. Spangler, J. C. Crowner, V. R. Perini, Jr., H. S. Gates, C. D. Harber, L. A. Beyer, B. C. Humphrey, C. L. Saylor, Ray D. Caudill, W. R. Loving, Dr. J. M. Alexander, W. J. Schultz, Morgan Jones, C. F. Mantooth, T. R. Wade, J. D. Spinks, H. T. Hodge, Cruz Munez, J. B. Fair, Abilene; W. L. Bagwell, Wayne Hunt, Bradshaw; H. R. Roberts, A. H. Hill, Guion; Carl Williams, W. G. Stewart, Lawn; Hubert McCartney, Tye; J. B. Morrison, View; Jackson Bright, Trent.

**Hospital Notes.**

Mrs. Annie Scott, Route 4, was admitted to Sadler Clinic Saturday for treatment.

Pete Neill was admitted Monday for treatment.

C. J. Harrison had major surgery Monday.

A daughter was born Monday to Mr. and Mrs. Leon Scott at the hospital.

**Merkel P-TA (Continued from Page One)**

John Leonard, budget and finance, Connor Robinson; membership, Mrs. H. C. Reid; health, Mrs. Clyde Bartlett; room representatives, Mrs. Ernest Teaff; goals, Mrs. Wrenn Durham; parent education and study group, Mrs. Joe Nalley.

**Banquet (Continued from Page One)**

and Charles Clark gave the response. Speaker for the evening was Dr. Surface. To close the program, the Seniors formed a receiving line, while the Juniors offered congratulations. Sophomore girls, gayly attired in sailor suits, served as waitresses.

**Commissioner Praised For Splendid Service**

Splendid work of County Commissioner R. P. Blackley of Jones county on the road leading north past the Largent place to Noodle was commended by Lee Stanley in talking Thursday with a representative of The Mail.

A substantial two-way bridge, 18 feet in width, has been built over Bitter creek about 4 miles north of town, which makes travel on this particular section comfortable and safe, enabling residents of that section to come to Merkel when they wish, and by leveling the road to height of the bridge he has made this an all-weather road.

Mr. Blackley's interest in this section, as evidenced by the time and effort spent in giving the people of that section such a splendid outlet from their homes, is appreciated beyond expression, said Mr. Stanley, and residents in that section have given him a vote of thanks and appreciation.

**Sgt. Claude Reid in Charge of Recruiting Office for Marines**

The Marines opened a permanent recruiting station in Abilene on Saturday, Apr. 19, on the second floor of the postoffice building under direction of Sgt. Claude B. Reid.

Like the army and navy recruiting offices in Abilene, the Marines recruiting station is a subdivision of the regional recruiting service in Dallas and will serve approximately 50 counties.

Sgt. Reid, it will be remembered, formerly lived in Merkel and managed Reid's Variety store for a year or more, going from here to Santa Anna. He is a native Texan and has served with the Marines in China, the Philippines, the Hawaiian islands, at sea and in San Diego, Calif. He was transferred to Abilene from Dallas. His office will be open from 8:30 until 4 each week day except Saturday when it will be open from 8:30 to noon.

Enlistment is open to young men from 18 to 30 years of age, with at least a grammar school education.

**Named Cherry Lynn.**

Cherry Lynn is the name of the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Royce Eiland of Snyder, born at Hendrick Memorial hospital, Abilene, last Saturday morning. Mrs. Eiland is the former Frances Largent, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Largent. The baby's parental grandmother is Mrs. Ethel Eiland of Snyder.

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2. United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	37,950.00
3. Obligations of States and political subdivisions	21,409.64
5. Corporate stocks, including stock of Federal Reserve bank	2,250.00
6. Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection	208,776.55
7. Furniture and fixtures \$1,500.00	1,500.00
8. Real estate owned other than bank premises	3,481.02
<b>12. TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$693,856.95</b>

LIABILITIES

13. Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	554,573.87
14. Time deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	14,842.75
16. Deposits of States and political subdivisions	29,923.90
17. Deposits of banks	3,872.44
18. Other deposits (certified and cashier's checks, etc.)	4,946.66
<b>19. TOTAL DEPOSITS</b>	<b>\$608,159.62</b>
<b>24. TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$608,159.62</b>

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

25. Capital Stock:	
(c) Common stock, total par \$50,000.00	50,000.00
26. Surplus	25,000.00
27. Undivided profits	10,697.33
<b>29. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS</b>	<b>85,697.33</b>
<b>30. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPIT'L ACCOUNTS</b>	<b>\$693,856.95</b>

MEMORANDA

31. Pledged assets (and securities loaned) (book value):	
(a) United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed, pledged to secure deposits and other liabilities	4,350.00
(b) Other assets pledged to secure deposits and other liabilities (including notes and bills rediscounted and securities sold under repurchase agreement)	14,500.00
(c) TOTAL	\$ 18,850.00
32. Secured liabilities:	
(a) Deposits secured by pledged assets pursuant to requirements of law	18,481.92
(d) TOTAL	18,481.92

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CORRECT—Attest:  
H. C. WEST.  
W. S. J. BROWN.  
W. T. SADLER, M. D.  
Directors.

**Oil Notes.**

Merry Brothers & Perini and Butler & Horne Drilling company No. 1 T. E. Collins had reached a depth of 1,900 feet, according to report Thursday morning.  
J. L. McMahon et al No. 1 George L. Miller was drilling at 1,775 feet.  
W. W. Fondren of Houston No. 1 C. P. Hodges, had drilled past 2,936 feet.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

**Merkel Boy to Play At Bach Festival**

Denton, Apr. 24.—Edgar Bradley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar H. Bradley, of Merkel, will play in the orchestra during the three-day Bach festival to be presented at North Texas State Teachers college May 2, 3 and 4. A sophomore music major, he is a member of the North Texas Symphony orchestra.

**DEFENSE DIET**

Dr. Helen Mitchell, head of our Nation-Wide Health Training Program, states that we must work for increased use of a greater variety of VEGETABLES which have not been overcooked. Do not cook Vegetables a second too long—Do not use soda in water—Save cooking water for greatest Nutritional Value.

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**FOR SALE**—An 8-tube Philco console radio. Dr. L. C. Zehnpfennig.

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**PERSONALS**

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Freeman and son of Odessa were Sunday morning visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. James H. West and family. Mr. Freeman is on the staff of the Odessa American, while Mrs. Freeman will be remembered as a granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Rister.

Miss Nell Pruitt, nurse in the Colorado City hospital, was here last week-end and returned in a new Ford which she purchased from her father, O. D. Pruitt, salesman for the Merkel Motor company.

**LOST AND FOUND**

**LOST**—Navy blue and silk printed scarf. Mrs. L. M. Howard, Route 2, Merkel.

**STRAYED**—Shetland pony, black with white spots; left ear slit. Notify Bob Fowler.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**FOR SERVICE**—Registered blue Percheron; will make season at my barn on my farm. M. Armstrong.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**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.

Mrs. Jackson Parker, who visited her mother, Mrs. J. S. Blair, returned Saturday to Fort Brown, Brownsville, where her husband, Lieut. Parker of the 124th cavalry, is stationed.

Pvts. Ray F. Hardin and Jimmie Perivette of the 38th infantry, Fort Sam Houston, were week-end guests of Ray's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hardin, and family. Others who visited in the Hardin home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hardin and children, Mr. and Mrs. Rex McLean and children, Pvts. Elmo Perkins, L. V. Perkins, John W. Cook of Camp Bowie and Byron Conley.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Spears, accompanied by their daughter, Mrs. S. P. Curb, and her son, Charles, spent the week-end with a son, H. E. Spears, and family at Comanche. They also attended a district singing convention at Stephenville Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley King, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Sublett, drove to San Antonio Friday, returning Saturday with their son, Norman King, who received his medical discharge from the hospital at Randolph field. He had been in the hospital for two months where a thorough check-up had been made of a rather unusual condition of his heart, which led to his discharge.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Vick and two children, Joyce and Sandra, from Littlefield, were visitors over the week-end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Derstine.

Cecil Turner, headquarters battery, 61st field artillery brigade, arrived home Tuesday from Camp Bowie on three days' furlough.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Brewster and daughter, Melba, of Sudan, visited with Mrs. Brewster's sister, Mrs. J. A. Milliken, Sunday.

Herman Carson, stationed at Camp Bowie, Brownwood, was home for the week-end, remaining over Monday on account of San Jacinto holiday.

Pvt. Lewis Farmer of Camp Bowie, Brownwood, was home over the week-end; also here from Camp Bowie was

Norman King, who visited Miss Mary Margaret Boden.

Reed Whatley, who has been here on business the past two weeks, left Monday night for his home at Okolona, Ark.

P. A. Diltz, Jr., left last Thursday for Port Arthur where he entered Port Arthur College, a radio school.

Mrs. Sidney Foy of Baird and Jack Dawson West, stationed at Camp Bowie, Brownwood, were here for a week-end visit with their parents, Mayor and Mrs. H. C. West.

Burneal Merritt, employed at the American Aircraft factory, Fort Worth, was home for a week-end visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Merritt.

Miss Mamie Ellis and Mrs. Connor Robinson, in company with Miss Willie Mae Christopher, Abilene, and Miss Hybernia Grace, Anson, will go Friday morning to Wichita Falls to attend the state convention of Delta Kappa Gamma, honorary women's teaching fraternity. The group will spend Friday and Saturday there.

Mr. and Mrs. Silas Stevens and little daughter, Marletta, returned Wednesday of last week from San Antonio. Mrs. Stevens and daughter remain here, but Silas has returned to San Antonio on business.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Hodges and Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Hodges visited last week with their mother, Mrs. Julie E. Hodges at Levelland. Mrs. Hodges, who sustained a broken leg when she fell just before Christmas, is getting along nicely.

Dr. M. Armstrong and T. L. Grimes visited last week in San Saba, with R. A. Grimes, uncle of Dr. Armstrong

and brother of Mr. Grimes. The San Saba man is blind and in a recent fall when he stumbled over a chair had cut his eye. He is much improved now.

Mrs. Twyman Collins and Mrs. Lucy Ford, who remained over in Denton and Dallas, respectively, after the Baptist Sunday School convention last week, returned home Monday. Mrs. J. I. Leamon, of Trent, mother of Mrs. Collins, remained over with another daughter, Mrs. Ernest Massey, at Denton, for attention of a specialist. An operation on her right eye last Sunday will be followed by an operation on the other eye next Sunday, which it is hoped will afford her much relief.

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**Clever Program Given At Club Box Supper**

The Merkel Home Demonstration club sponsored a box supper at the Lions hall Monday evening at which time an entertaining program was given.

The program included: two readings, "A Young Financier" and "Don't," by Edwin Earl Breaux; an accordion solo by Becky Gaither; two numbers from Mrs. Owen Robertson's studio, "Grandmother's 'Lopement'" by Mona Madolyn Robertson and Billy Reid, and Sandra Sadler and Norma Jean Hodge, appropriately costumed, gave a Mexican hat dance.

Buck Leach cleverly presided over the box auction.

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

**Week's Menu at School Cafeteria Announced**

Menu for the school cafeteria for next week is as follows:

**Monday**—Meat loaf, brown sauce, mashed potatoes, shredded lettuce, whole wheat muffins, fruit salad, milk, cookies.

**Tuesday**—Black-eyed peas, creamy rice, cabbage and raisin salad, apple pie, cocoa.

**Wednesday**—Creamed meat on steamed grits, string beans, peach salad, banana custard, milk.

**Thursday**—Pinto beans, potato salad, carrot strips, corn meal muffins, stewed peaches, cup cakes, cocoa.

**Friday**—Scalloped potatoes, salmon salad, shredded apple and cabbage, whole wheat muffins, peaches, cookies, milk.

A total of 51,729 persons are employed in 12,970 Texas schools and colleges to teach 1,464,802 pupils.

**Former Resident Here Buried at Gatesville**

News has been received here of the death of E. E. Britain, 75, a former resident of this community, who was buried at Gatesville last Sunday. He left here about 15 years ago.

Besides his wife, seven children survive, all of whom were at his bedside at the time of his death. The children are: H. E. Britain, Abilene; Mrs. Lloyd Dry, Houston; Mesdames Aubrey Scott and Alma Pickle and Jack Britain, Port Arthur, and Lester and Ruth Britain, Gatesville.

**Friday and Saturday, April 25-26**

- ORANGES, dozen ..... 27c
- LETTUCE, head ..... 5c
- CELERY, bunch ..... 10c
- SPUDS, 10 pounds ..... 19c
- NEW SPUDS, 4 pounds ..... 15c
- GREEN BEANS, 2 pounds ..... 19c



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**Spring Housecleaning Needs**

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|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
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| RED & WHITE Washo, lg. box ..... 19c  | RED & WHITE Soap, 7 bars ..... 25c    |
| DUST MOP No. 15, each ..... 69c       |                                       |
| FLOOR Mops, each ..... 29c            | JOHNSON'S Floor Wax, 1 lb. can 59c    |

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| RED & WHITE MILK, 4 sm. or 2 tall cans 15c  | PAPER NAPKINS (package of 80) 10c       |
| PURE CANE SUGAR, 10 lb. cloth bag 59c       | SCOTT TOWELS, 2 rolls ..... 25c         |
| JELLO All Flavors ..... Package ..... 5c    |   |

**MARKET SPECIALS**

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|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| WISCONSIN CHEESE pound ..... 25c | WEINERS, pound ..... 20c  |
| SPICED HAM, 1/2 lb. .... 17c     | CHUCK ROAST, lb. .... 21c |
| SLICED BACON, lb. .... 23c       |                           |

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### Natural Gas Industry Aids National Defense

Dallas, Apr. 24.—Gas helps put bombers in the sky. In its own efficient way, this fuel is doing a bang-up job of helping Uncle Sam to roll armament production into high gear, according to discussions scheduled for the national convention of the natural gas section, American Gas association, in Dallas May 5-7. This and similar topics will be presented under the general theme of "The Part Natural Gas Is Playing in National Defense."

The natural gas industry of the nation, with several thousand visitors, will be represented at the convention.

From hardening intricate parts of machine guns to the final heat treating of tiny parts for gigantic bombers, specially designed gas furnaces are speeding national defense production at an ever-increasing pace. Equipment developed for peace-time uses, through co-operative research and engineering under sponsorship of the American Gas association, is

rapidly being put to work to speed production in war industries.

North American Aviation, Inc., warplane plant between Dallas and Fort Worth, is an example of natural gas service to national defense projects. Supplying all fuel requirements at the \$7,500,000 factory, the Lone Star Gas company's 4,800 miles of interconnected pipe lines assure an adequate supply of gas under all conditions short of a general disaster. Another example is at Camp Berkeley, eight miles southwest of Abilene, where 19,000 officers and men of the 45th division depend upon natural gas for all fuel requirements, from heating water for shaving to generating steam for heating the sixty-six buildings that comprise the 710-bed hospital area. The problems overcome in supplying these national defense plants and camps are to be studied at the Dallas convention.

More than 10,000 University of Texas men—allowing for duplication in more than one event—take part each year in the state school's program of intramural sports for "average athletics."

### Spokane Voters Reject Municipal Ownership

The rejection of public power by Spokane, Wash., located "in the shadow" of Grand Coulee dam, looms as a vital factor in the forthcoming political campaign to sell West Texans on the plan for distribution of electric power generated at Possum "No's" on the question of going into the power business. In favor of the proposition were 17,279 votes.

Kingdom: dam through government agencies, according to news reports. Spokane voters turned down municipal ownership of their electric distribution system by a thumping majority.

Although Spokane had enjoyed a boom-town prosperity for nearly 10 years as a result of Grand Coulee's construction, when given an opportunity to choose between political management and investor-owned utilities, the city's voters cast 26,609

Defeat of the proposal, according to Spokane newspapers, was due in large part to "the officious intervention of senators, congressmen, Sec-

retary Ickes and the Bonneville brigade."

"There can be no question that the verdict on the principal issue, that of the ordinance to authorize establishment of a municipal power distributing system, represents the well-settled judgement of an impressive majority of Spokane citizens," said the Spokesman Review.

Another answer to the question of why Spokane voted as it did was believed to be "found in the tax-paying city through payment of heavy taxes and because its management included and public service record" of the investor-owned service company. It was pointed out that the company "had been an integral part of the community from the time it was a sprawling country town" and had done much

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No other industry is more important than ours in the national program. Therefore, a full spirit of responsibility will serve each of us well in the demands which the national crisis is making and will continue to make on the natural gas industry collectively and individually. Let it be the firm resolve of each of us that whatever it takes we are ready for our responsibilities. When it is all over let it be said of you and Lone Star Gas System that we did not fail our country and our people in time of trouble.

*D. A. Hulcy*  
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President

**A**LREADY natural gas is playing an important part in national defense activities in the Southwest, where army cantonments, airplane factories, and numerous other defense projects are dependent upon natural gas fuel service. Whatever it takes to get gas to these army camps and national defense plants, we will do it! Out goes the word to more than 3,600 employees and Lone Star Gas System rises to the occasion of the national emergency. Being accustomed to emergencies our employees with one accord subscribe to this policy of preparedness, "Whatever it takes—it shall be done."

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### QUEEN THEATRE CALENDAR

Friday-Saturday— "Cherokee Strip," with Richard Dix and Florence Rice; Three Stooges comedy and serial.  
 Saturday preview, Sunday matinee Monday night— Barbara Stanwyck and Henry Fonda in "The Lady Eve;" "Home Guard," a one-reel short, and Paramount News.  
 Tuesday only— "They Knew What They Wanted," with Carole Lombard and Charles Laughton; also selected short subjects.  
 Wednesday - Thursday — Weaver Brothers and Elvira in "Arkansas Judge;" also color cartoon, Popular Science and selected short subjects.

#### "Cherokee Strip"

"Cherokee Strip," the Paramount picture which will be the attraction Friday and Saturday at the Queen theatre starring Richard Dix, is an historic romance of the settling of the west. The story concerns the feud between two clans of Texas cattle ranchers, the Lovells, headed by Dix and the Barretts, headed by Victor Jory. After signing a truce the Barretts move to a border town on the Cherokee Strip where they continue their outlawry, one opening a bank, another a saloon and a third runs a gambling house in the Strip. Dix is appointed United States marshal for the town to restore law and order. He cleans it up after many exciting experiences ending in a fierce battle between the two clans.

Featured with Dix are Florence Rice, William Henry, Andy Clyde, George E. Stone and Morris Ankrum, as well as Victor Jory. The picture was produced by Harry Sherman and directed by Lesley Selander.

#### "The Lady Eve"

When a beautiful cardsharp marks a handsome, rich young man as her next victim, without reckoning on love taking a hand, there's danger of her heart being trumped.

What happens in this situation is the story that will be told when Paramount's new comedy, "The Lady Eve" starring Barbara Stanwyck and Henry Fonda, comes to the screen of the Queen theatre Saturday preview, Sunday matinee and Monday night.

Changing his pace for this picture from the grimly realistic roles he has been playing for the past three years, Fonda is seen in "The Lady Eve" as a naive, rich young man who falls for a beautiful girl, but who is dis-

### A Recruit For Safety



Col. Homer Garrison, Jr., director of the Texas Department of Public Safety and an enthusiastic crusader for safety, is shown enrolling Elizabeth Durham in the Ford Good Drivers League, which was organized by Edsel Ford to promote safe driving by the nation's youth. Miss Durham, 16 years old, is an Austin High School senior and plans to study commercial art. She has been driving for a year. By enrolling in the league, she becomes eligible to compete for one of the 98 university scholarships—49 for girls and 49 for boys—offered by Mr. Ford to winners of safe driving tests to be held in each state, with national finals at Dearborn, Michigan, in August.

illusioned when he learns she's a cardsharp. She masquerades later as a titled English-woman, "The Lady Eve," and succeeds in making him fall in love with her all over again. Of course, Fonda doesn't know that the cardsharp and "The Lady Eve" are one and the same person.

Featured in the impressive cast of the latest Sturges picture are Charles Coburn, Eugene Pallette, William Demarest, Eric Blore, Martha O'Driscoll and Luis Alberni, in addition to many other well-known film players.

#### "Arkansas Judge"

Headlines telling of the bomb depredations to London theatres hold a note of personal sorrow to the Weaver Brothers and Elvira, some of whose happiest days were spent in London amusement houses.

The Picadilly night clubs, the Hippodrome, the London Peep Show and the West End Empire theatre, where all the sophisticates gathered, hosted the Weavers on more than one Euro-

pean tour. All these once-merry rendezvous are now in mourning, but the Weaver Brothers and Elvira still cherish the charming custom of afternoon tea, which they picked up while in England; each afternoon on the set at Republic during the making of "Arkansas Judge" they served tea and cakes to their fellow players and the crew.

"Arkansas Judge," adapted from the popular Irving Stone novel, "False Witness," will be shown at the Queen theatre Wednesday and Thursday.

The Weaver Brothers and Elvira are ideally cast as a small town trio who valiantly defend the local woman-of-all-work, Mary Shoemaker, against the vicious attacks of the townspeople. Loretta Weaver, daughter of the Weavers, proves herself an engaging little clown in her pert comedy role, and capable of stronger roles in the future.

Standard Typewriter Ribbons 75c each at Merkel Mail office.

### West Texas Golf Tournery Set May 15

The 17th annual West Texas Golf tournament will get under way at Sweetwater on Thursday, May 15, driving contest will be held at 5:30 with as many flights of 32 each as entries justify, H. M. Rogers, general chairman has announced.

Because of its central location, this year's tournament is expected to draw a large list of entries and to the winners and runners-up in each flight, and to the winners in each consolation flight, Rogers said.

The Sweetwater course is considered a very sporty course since it crosses the 22-mile shoreline of Lake Sweetwater several times. It is an 18-hole course with grass greens. All prizes will be awarded to medalist, cards must be in the hands of the pairing committee by 5:30 p. m. Thursday evening.

The stag dinner is scheduled for 7:30 p. m., Thursday, and the long-p. m., Friday, Rogers explained.

### 2,018 Leave NYA Jobs.

Austin, Apr. 24.—During the past three months 2,018 boys and girls have left National Youth Administration projects in Texas for jobs in private industry, according to J. C. Kellam, state NYA administrator.

Signs and markers on the Pan-American highway are virtually the same as those generally in use in the United States.

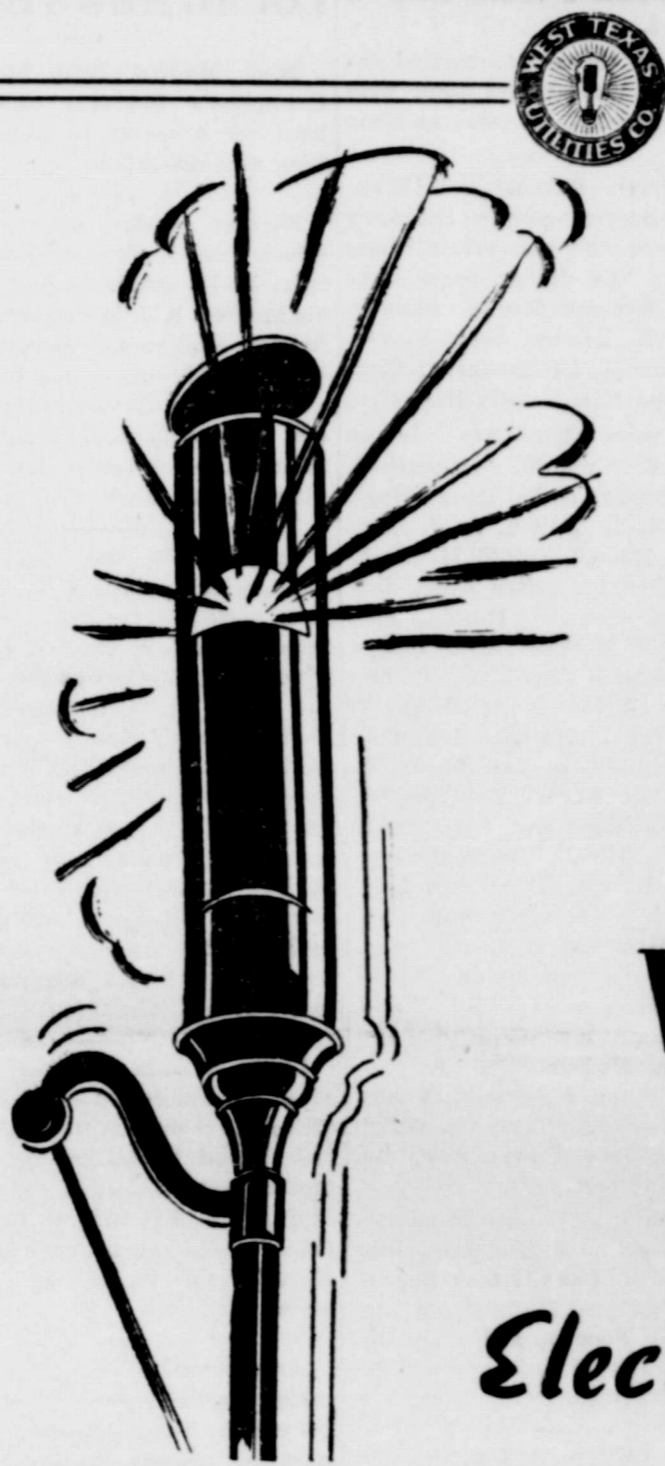
All of South America lies east of Detroit, Mich., two-thirds of the continent being in the tropical zone.

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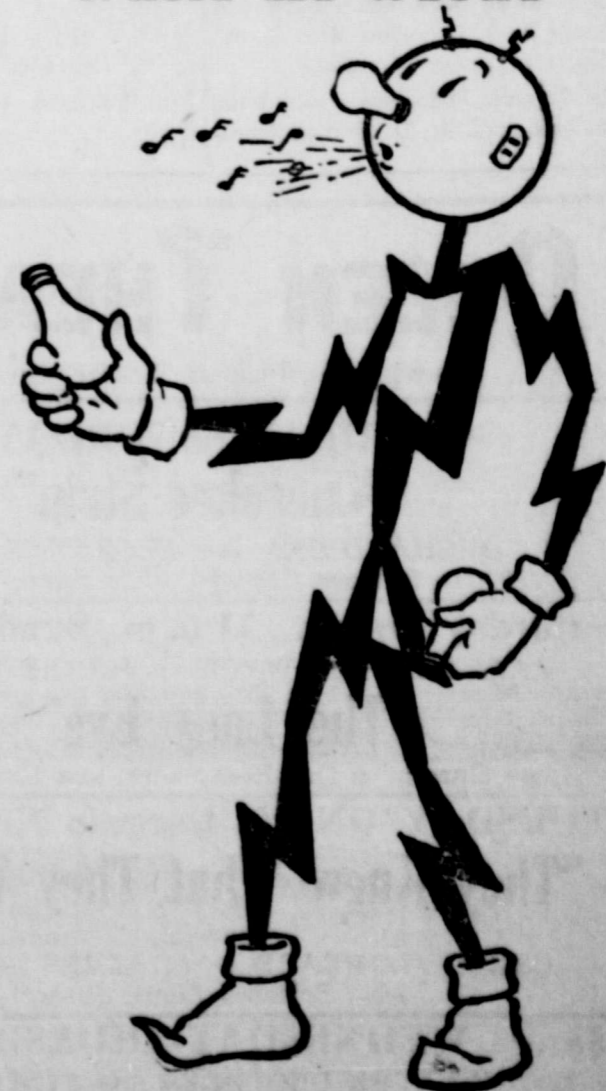


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**JUNIOR STUDY CLUB HOLDS SOCIAL MEETING.**

Members of the social committee, Mesdames Pete West, L. C. Zehn-pfennig and Carroll Benson, were co-hostesses with Mrs. W. T. Sadler on Thursday afternoon when the Junior Study Club met in the Sadler home in a social meeting as a climax to their year's work.

A delicate military decoration was carried out in red, white and blue cut flowers throughout the entertaining rooms, furnishing a lovely atmosphere for the reading of Alice Duer Miller's timely poem "White Cliffs" by Mrs. W. T. Sadler. Mrs. Homer Patterson sang in conclusion "There Will Always Be An England." Mrs. Andy Shouse played appropriate selections during the tea hour when guests were served dainty sandwiches, cookies and punch from a table centered with a beautiful floral arrangement in red, white and blue.

The guest list included: Mesdames R. M. Ferguson, Wrenn Durham, Elmo Collins, N. T. Hodge, Carroll Benson, L. C. Zehn-pfennig, Pete West, Chester Collinsworth, Max Swafford, Geo. T. Moore, J. E. Boaz, Jr., David Gamble, Andy Shouse, Landon Hill, Homer Patterson, Harriet Grimes, W. T. Sadler; Misses Ruth West, Mildred Hamm, Hettie Logan Clay, La Verne Dunbar, Mary Collins, Pauline Ballew and Frances Cleveland.

**Y. W. A. MEETS.**

The Y. W. A. met Monday evening in the home of Miss Mildred Bird. Miss Nadine Clack called the house to order and presided over a business session during which Anna Lake Waters was named mascot. New committees were appointed and the group voted to sponsor a Sunbeam Band.

An informal hour followed when the girls hemmed scarfs and table linens. A dainty sandwich plate was served to Mesdames Allen Wilson, Cooper Waters, Lucy Ford, J. T. Bird, Bill Fugat, Clyde Bartlett, J. M. Williamson and Misses Virginia Davis, Thelma Mathews, Hazel Coats, Mary Nell Morgan, Maurine White, Wanda McCoy, Clara White, Lucille Crick, Nadine Clack and Grovone Ford.

**SOCIETY**

**MISSIONARY SOCIETY.**

The Woman's Missionary society of Grace Presbyterian church met Monday afternoon for a study of the first four chapters of the book, "Jesus, Our Ideal," by W. P. Whaley, D. D.

This book is being used by the group in connection with extra Bible study, and the lessons are led by Mrs. Connor Robinson. The four chapters studied and discussed Monday were: "The Transforming Power of an Ideal," "Jesus the Ideal Child," "Jesus the Ideal Young Man" and "Jesus the Ideal Church Member." Lessons will continue with this book on the third Monday of each month.

**RURAL SOCIETY**

**BRIDAL-SHOWER.**

One of the outstanding events of the spring season was the bridal shower Thursday afternoon, Apr. 17, in the home of Mrs. Gene Patterson of Castle Peak, honoring Mrs. G. W. Hughes, the former Fay Boyd.

Mrs. Tommie Patterson greeted the guests and Mrs. A. D. Barnes intro-

duced the honoree, Miss Louella Hughes, sister of the groom, presided at the bride's book where guests registered.

The reception room was profusely decorated with beautiful spring flowers which made an attractive setting for the occasion. Interesting games were carried out under the direction of Mrs. Hugh Campbell that proved highly enjoyable to some sixty or more guests.

As the last game was played the bride started a hunt for the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow and found in the dining room a table laden with many packages of lovely gifts, which were proudly displayed by the honoree. To emphasize the many elaborate gifts presented this popular young couple was a remark by one of the guests, that the groom and bride could start a variety store if they wished.

The Easter theme was carried out in the dainty refreshment plate, with Easter eggs nested in moss as plate favors.

Mrs. A. D. Barnes and Mrs. Tommie Patterson were the charming co-hostesses for this gala affair. Those assisting in the dining room were Mesdames Earnest Meeks, Houston Martin, Carl Baccus, John Fulton, Spencer Bird, J. D. Sandusky, Carlton King and Miss Louella Hughes.

Guests were Mesdames George Moore, E. E. Akin, W. A. Campbell, J. D. Sandusky, Susie Doan, Hugh Campbell, A. D. Fulton, A. J. Stapleton, S. G. Russell, Jr., E. M. Blackburn, Fae Brown, Carlton King, Earnest Meeks, Houston Martin, Pete Morgan, A. H. Murphey, A. B. Hodge, A. B. Harris, Bill Cox, Virgil Patterson, Fenton Boyd, Ed Sandusky, P. A. Diltz, Selma Russell, Lee Cox, Lowell Armour, Wade Ensiminger, M. E. Baccus, Roy Baccus, Carl Baccus, Wayne Boyd, John Boyd, Leon Coats, John Hughes, Grover Gilbert, Spencer Bird, Bob Malone, Robert Malone, Mark L. Malone, A. M. Jackson, Ray Orsborn, S. O. Owens, G. R. Holloway, James Stanley Armour; Misses Louella Hughes, Mabel Cox, Mabel Maddox, Alma Cox; children, Sue and Gene Fulton, Barbara Sue Morgan, Billie and Bertha Patterson, Jo Ann Malone, Jerry Frank Patterson, Bobby Tom Malone, John Wayne Boyd and Billie Mack Gilbert.

Those sending gifts were Mesdames J. W. Mayfield, Ace Sheppard, John Meeks, Herman Doan, Dutch Bryant, Howard Windham, J. L. Meeks, Lee Keys, W. L. Reneau, Bill Cox, Nell Groene, Dave Boyd and Powell Miller and Star Hardware.

**WARREN CLUB.**

The meeting of the Warren Home Demonstration club was postponed to Tuesday Apr. 29, one week from regular meeting date, due to the fact that Miss Martin, county agent, could not be present on the previous date. The club will meet in the home of Mrs. Britt Baker. All members are urged to be present and are asked to bring their quilt blocks, also their gift for the hope chest.

Miss Martin will give a talk on "Foods As We Eat Them and Like Them." Roll call will be answered by "a vegetable dish I like." Remember the date, Tuesday, Apr. 29, at 2:30.

**TIDWELL-MORRIS**

Mr. and Mrs. Odie Morris announce the marriage of their daughter, Bernice Justine Morris, to James Carbon Tidwell of Carlsbad, N. M., April 5. Rev. R. L. Gilpin of Tye read the single ring ceremony in his home.

Those attending the wedding were Edgar Morris, Red Franklin, Opal Martin, Billy Turner and Mrs. Melvin Gunter.

The couple left immediately on their honeymoon. They will make their home in Carlsbad where he is employed with the Butane Gas company. Their many friends wish them happiness and prosperity.

**WHITE CHURCH WSCS.**

The Women's Society of Christian Service of White Church met with Mrs. Raymond Demere Apr. 22 to quilt. At the noon hour the women were served a covered dish luncheon.

Those present were Mesdames John Coomer, Frage Demere, J. H. Swinney, and the hostess, Mrs. Raymond Demere.

**LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS**

Miss Mildred Bird has entered Draughton's Business college, Abilene, for a course in general business administration.

Norman Hodge, manager of the Queen theatre, returned Tuesday night from Dallas where he had gone with his brother, S. J. Hodge, of Stamford, for the semi-annual meeting of the Variety club, one of the features of which is a golf tournament. During the convention Kay Kyser, famous radio orchestra leader and film comedian, joined the Variety club.

In going to the fire Saturday night, which proved to be only sparks from a flue at the negro cafe across from the Queen theatre, the pickup which Earl Watts was driving and a car driven by George Parnell, Camp Barkeley, collided at a street intersection in the south part of town, both cars being badly damaged. Parnell was given first aid at Sadler Clinic and C. J. Needham, also of Camp Barkeley, who accompanied him, was examined for bruises, both being taken later in an army ambulance to camp. Earl Watts escaped without injury except shock.

Lewis Whitaker, formerly employed as a printer-operator at The Mail office and more recently with the Corpus Christi Press, has returned to Merkel and resumed his place in The Mail office. He and his family are domiciled in the apartment home of Mrs. Myrtle Boden on East Elm street.

An interesting visitor at The Mail office Saturday was T. A. Tucker, farmer in the Comere community, who has entered the egg production business on a large scale. From his stock of 325 White Leghorns, he markets 170 dozen eggs per week. He has standardized his product and brings the eggs to market in a special carton bearing his trademark. All eggs are A-1 as to size and quality.

**Memorial Observed at Nolan-Divide Sunday**

Annual memorial services will be held Sunday, May 2, at Nolan-Divide, to which the public is invited.

The day's program will begin at 10 a. m., with congregational singing, following by the invocation by Rev. J. A. Wheeler. Welcome address is to be given by Murry Phillips, with response by Rev. H. W. Hanks, Brownfield. After a song by the Divide Sextet, Minister J. P. Crenshaw of Sweetwater will preach the sermon.

Following lunch at the noon hour, the program will be resumed with a singsong, then a number by the Divide sextet and the business meeting. Short talks will be made by Dean Elkins and Rev. J. A. Wheeler, visitors will be recognized and a round table discussion follow. Benediction will be said by Rev. S. A. Siford of Hermleigh.

**English Students Hear "White Cliffs" Read**

One of the high lights of the year for Senior English students of Merkel High school came Tuesday of last week, when Mrs. W. T. Sadler read the narrative poem, "White Cliffs," by Alice Duer Miller.

Miss Willie Bell Virden and the Junior speech students were invited guests.

**Record of Births.**

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Leon Scott, Monday, April 21, 1941.

**Presbyterian Pastor to Be Installed Sunday**

Three out-of-town ministers will take part in the service of installation of Rev. J. Basil Ramsey, pastor of Grace Presbyterian church, Sunday evening at 7:45.

Rev. J. A. Owens, pastor of Matthews Memorial Presbyterian church, Albany, will preside and preach the sermon. Scripture lesson is to be read by Rev. Hubert Travis, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Snyder, who will also charge the pastor. The prayer of installation is to be given by Rev. Victor K. Aubrey, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Breckenridge, and he is to charge the congregation.

Miss Dorothy Shannon will sing "A Memory" as a special number.

Other services will be held as usual: Sunday School at 10 a. m., morning worship at 11 a. m., Junior-Intermediate C. E. meeting at 6:30 p. m.

The pastor's subject for the morning sermon will be "A Living Church in a Dying World." Text, "Upon this rock I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." (Matt. 16:18.)

The mid-week prayer meeting will be held Wednesday at 7:45 p. m.

**Speech Pupils Present Spring Recital Monday**

Mrs. Owen Robertson will present pupils of her speech class in a recital Monday evening, Apr. 28, at 8 o'clock in the Grammar School auditorium, to which the public is invited. The program embraces readings, plays and folk dances.

Readings are to be given by Nan Shelton, Jan Lemens, Ralph Bartlett, Barbara Wilson, Carol Ann Bailey, Beth Thomas, Jo Anne Moore, David Shelton, Mona Madolyn Robertson and Billy Reid in a dialogue, Patsy Swann, Mary Tom Weston, Wanda Jean Tipton, Sara Lou Clemens, Sandra Sadler and Billy Reid, Norma Jean Hodge, Becky Gaither and Doris Dudley.

The characters in "Snow White and the Dwarfs" will be interpreted by Norma Jean Hodge, Wanda Jean Tipton, Nan Shelton, Jan Lemens, Jo Anne Moore, Ralph Bartlett, Carol Ann Bailey, Beth Thomas and Barbara Wilson.

In another play, "Grindy, Windy, Tinker Toy," Sandra Sadler, Patsy Swann, Wanda Jean Tipton, Mary Tom Weston and Mona Madolyn Robertson will be presented. "The Sign of Clef Hearts" is the title of a playlet interpreted by Doris Dudley and Becky Gaither.

Interspersed with these plays and readings will be La Paloma dance, by Doris Dudley and Becky Gaither, and a Mexican hat dance by a group including Sandra Sadler, Norma Jean Hodge, Mona Madolyn Robertson, Wanda Jean Tipton, Patsy Swann and Mary Tom Weston.

Accompanist will be Mary Nell Morgan.

The Genesee river drops 261 feet within the bounds of Rochester, N. Y.

This year is the 150th anniversary of the accidental discovery of anthracite coal in Pennsylvania.

**In The Churches**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.**

There were 586 present at the six reporting Sunday Schools here last Sunday, as compared with 512 the previous week. On the same Sunday a year ago the attendance was 641.

**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 Royd, 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.

**Fellowship Sunday to Be Observed at Tye**

All-day services will be held Sunday at the West Side Baptist church at Tye, of which Rev. J. L. Burleson, former Merkel pastor, is in charge. The day is to be observed as Fellowship Sunday, with preachers from all over this section present.

Dinner will be served on the ground at noon, with preaching and singing occupying the morning and afternoon hours.

**A Correction.**

Due to an error in transcribing names of pupils on the honor roll, as published in last week's issue of The Mail, the name of Mary Sue Grant did not appear, as it was erroneously typed Mary Sue Diltz.

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Bananas Doz. 15c

WINESAP  
APPLES, doz ..... 18c

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LETTUCE, head .... 5c

NICE AND TENDER  
Squash LB. 5c

Carrots, 3 lbs. .... 10c

FRESH CROP NEW  
Potatoes, 5 lbs. .... 19c

GREEN STRINGLESS—  
BEANS lb. 10c

ANY FLAVOR  
Jello PACKAGE 5c

Mackerel, 16 oz. 10c

16 OZ. CAN—  
Pork & Beans ..... 5c

DEL MONTE— Crushed  
Pineapple 3 cans 25c

HEAVY SYRUP Packed  
PEACHES, No. 2 1/2 15c

PALMOLIVE  
Soap 2 Bars 11c

Oxydol 25c size 22c

K-B— Guaranteed  
Flour 48 lbs. \$149

SOUR OR DILL  
Pickles, qt. jar .... 10c

CATSUP, 14 oz. .... 10c

PURE CANE — Kraft Bags  
Sugar 10 LBS. 52c

Johnnie Fair GOLDENTABLE  
SYRUP gal. 49c

MAXWELL HOUSE  
COFFEE, 3 lbs. .... 79c

BRISKET BEEF  
Roast LB. 15c

PORK CHOPS lb. 20c

SLICED SUGAR CURED  
BACON LB. 18c

OLEO, lb. .... 12c

Cottage Cheese ... 15c

SKINNERS'  
Weiners LB. 19c

SLICED  
Bologna, lb. .... 12 1/2c

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