

Keeping Up With Texas

The 14-year-old son of Pete Ford, a farmer living several miles north of Decatur, was killed by the accidental discharge of a small rifle while he and two other boys were climbing a creek bank when hunting.

Sponsored by the Variety Clubs of Texas, twenty well-known vaudeville acts were presented as a benefit performance at a midnight show at Dallas Saturday for Bert Swor, veteran minstrel showman, with proceeds running in excess of \$1,300.

Morris D. Norton, 26, and his wife, 28, were killed early Monday when the automobile Norton was driving skidded on the wet highway west of Forney and crashed into a bridge.

Governor W. Lee O'Daniel Friday reappointed Dr. Thomas H. Taylor of Brownwood as a member of the state board of public welfare for a term of six years ending Jan. 20, 1947. Other members of the board are Marvin Leonard of Fort Worth and Frank S. Roberts of Breckenridge.

Myrtis Robbins, 42, Dublin automobile dealer, was killed Saturday night in a four car collision south of Dublin. Eleven others were injured, none critically.

S. P. Baxter, 66, Winters, was killed almost instantly at 3:45 last Thursday afternoon and five other persons were injured when the automobile in which they were returning to Winters from Abilene overturned after striking another car five miles south of Abilene on the San Angelo highway.

Donald McKandles, 6, of Odessa, was killed instantly when struck by an auto two miles south of that city Monday. The child ran onto the highway from behind the car on which his father, W. A. McKandles, was repairing a tire.

Lyndon Johnson, congressman from the 10th district, will open his campaign for the United senate in San Marcos Saturday night.

Relatives at Bedside Of Mrs. Carl Black

Mrs. Carl Black, injured in an automobile accident at Lampasas Apr. 14 and who was brought home Monday of last week, entered Sadler Clinic Saturday for treatment. She was reported slightly better Thursday morning.

Her daughter, Jannell Black, arrived home Sunday from San Marcos, where she is attending teachers' college, and with her was Lloyd Elliott, of Austin, brother of Mrs. Black. Another brother, Claude Elliott, who came from San Marcos because of her serious condition, returned home Wednesday. A sister, Mrs. Cora Robbins, arrived Wednesday from Bakersfield, Calif., and all the other nearby relatives have been frequent attendants at her bedside at the hospital.

Annual Dedicated To Supt. and Mrs. Connor Robinson

The Seniors of Merkel High school have reason to be proud of their annuals which have just been received from the printer and distributed. Bound in white leather, The Badger-1941 is inscribed in gold on the cover; its fifty-eight pages are filled with individual, class, group and club pictures. Sections are dedicated to the favorites, athletics, organizations and classes.

Favorites pictured are: Maudie Turner, High School queen; Venita Allen, Junior favorite; Wanda Douglas, Sophomore favorite; Dorothy Jinkens, Freshman favorite; Douglas McCoy, best-all-around boy; Dora Gaither, best-all-around girl; Glendell Barbee, most popular boy; Peggy Robertson, most popular girl; Sue Grimes, band sweetheart; Peggy Robertson, carnival queen; Maureen Moore, football queen; Jean Faine, F. F. A. sweetheart.

The volume is dedicated to Superintendent Connor Robinson and Mrs. Robinson in this tribute: "In appreciation for the work done in building the school and community life of Merkel, we, the Badger staff of 1941, affectionately dedicate this book to Mr. and Mrs. Connor Robinson." A special page is devoted to the memory of Miss Julia Martin, who was the beloved sponsor of preceding Senior classes.

Responsible for this yearbook are the following editorial and managerial staff: Becky Gardner, editor; Jack Hester, assistant editor; Dora Gaither, business manager; Jerry Warren, assistant business manager; Geraldine Teague, art editor; Louise Patterson, photographer; Rex Myers, sponsor.

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MERKEL BAND IS FIRST IN CONCERT AND MARCHING

First Time in History of School to Win State Regional Contest; Five Soloists Also Win First Division Rating.

For the first time in the history of Merkel High school, the band won the state contest at the state regional contest held in Abilene, Apr. 24, 25, 26. The band not only placed first in concert competition, but won a superior first rating in the marching competition.

On Thursday, preceding the band contest, Merkel was represented in the state solo competition by 12 soloists and ensembles, five of whom won a first place rating. Those who entered the solo competition were: Jack Haynes, cornet; Billy Haynes, clarinet; Joe Earl Kimbrough, clarinet; Marvin Du Bose, bass; Tag Shouse, trombone; John Mack Grant, trombone; Sampie McGehee, baritone; Becky Gardner, piano; Dorothy Shannon, vocal; Clarice Higgins, twirling; Freda Huddleston, twirling; Wanda Douglas, twirling; Billy Pat Nash, cornet; Charles Church, oboe; Evelyn Sears, flute. Of these players, five won first place; they were Becky Gardner, Tag Shouse, Sampie McGehee, Jack Haynes and Clarice Higgins.

In the band competition the band won first place in concert playing and a second rating in sight reading which totaled a first place for both events. In the marching competition Friday night at Hardin-Simmons stadium, the band won a first place in marching.

The unusual part of winning such a fine rating is that Merkel is compelled to compete in a class where all the larger schools are also placed. Merkel competed with such schools as Sweetwater, Cisco, Breckenridge and Ballinger. The young musicians in the Badger band are to be complimented on their fine work this year.

According to Director Young, there is a great need for new beginners to be started on instruments this summer at the regular band school that he will conduct for six weeks. All parents who wish their child to play an instrument in the school band are asked to confer with either Mr. Young or Connor Robinson, superintendent.

Attends Convention of Welfare Association

Mrs. Elma McFarland left Wednesday with three other Taylor county workers to attend the annual convention of the Texas Social Welfare association, to be held at the Adolphus hotel, Dallas, beginning Wednesday and to continue through Saturday.

General theme of the meeting will be "Human Welfare—Our National Strength," and several outstanding authorities in the social work field in Texas and the nation are to appear at the convention.

Half 1941 Rainfall Fell During April

The two-day siege of rain over the week-end yielded a total of 15.8 inches of moisture, according to the gauge of Volunteer Weather Observer J. I. Ford, bringing the year's figure to 101.4 inches, of which 51.8 inches were recorded in the month of April.

Eight Graduate From Noodle High School

Judge Gilbert Smith of Anson delivered the commencement address to graduates of the Noodle high school on Wednesday evening. Charles Carter, salutatorian, made the welcoming address, and Iris Eoff, valedictorian of the class, gave the farewell address. She has been valedictorian of the class the past four years, ever since she entered high school.

Seniors are Tip Carter, Patsy Troeschl, Iris Eoff, Marie Jones, Wayne Cook, Flora Dee Murdock, Mary Oleta Dixon and Rose La Verne McCain.

The baccalaureate sermon was preached Sunday night by Rev. Marvin Boyd, pastor of the Merkel Methodist church.

CALENDAR FOR ACTIVITIES AT END OF SCHOOL

Calendar for commencement activities of the Merkel Public schools, as announced by Supt. Connor Robinson early this week, follows:

Baccalaureate sermon, Sunday night, May 11.

Operetta, by Grammar school, Monday night, May 12.

Commencement exercises, Friday night, May 16.

The Senior class play, "The Hero Returns," was deferred to Thursday night of this week.

On Friday, 42 Seniors, accompanied by Supt. Connor Robinson, Carroll Benson, Irl Walker, bus driver, and Mrs. Walker, will leave for the annual Carlsbad Caverns trip.

Candidates for graduation are: Boys—W. E. Bradley, Byron Bryant, Charles Church, Roy Coats, Marvin DuBose, Leo Ellis, David Gibson, John Mack Grant, Elby Frazier, Booth Higgins, Calvin Keith, Douglas McCoy, D. J. Richie, La Moine Sherrill, O. C. Shouse, Jr., Truett Thompson, C. S. Williams, Walter Leonard.

Girls—Dessie Baker, Margaret Boden, Eva Brown, Madlyn Brown, Nell Butman, Louise Cook, Alene Cox, Winnie Cross, Mary Derington, Mickey Diltz, Frances Foster, Dora Gaither, Becky Gardner, Christine Garvin, Tommye Grimes, Betty Lu Higgins, Mary Lou Higgins, Lyla Hobbs, Nancie Hogan, Alva Grace Jones, Eva Martin, Ova Martin, Doris Clyde Miller, Maureen Moore, Mildred Sue McCormick, Jacquetta Palmer, Louise Patterson, Frances Peterson, Peggy Robertson, Betty Lou Russell, Dorothy Shannon, Mildred Smith, Betty Jo Speck, Geraldine Teague, Maudie Turner, Oleta Woolsey.

List of Petit Jurors Called for Next Week

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

L. R. Robbins, Earl Stanford, H. B. Robertson, Homer Patterson, Warren Higgins, Merkel; W. S. Wagley, Joe H. Shelton, Joe Duckworth, Walter Powell, H. B. Steele, E. Moore, J. J. Bresenham, D. J. Richardson, T. W. Clark, J. C. Shipman, Roscoe Hayes, Geo. L. Minter, Jr., W. G. Posey, J. W. Caton, Sam Curtis, J. D. Hilton, C. J. Collier, Walter Oughton, J. L. McDevid, Ray R. Reed, S. M. Jay, R. M. Randerson, Roy Reynolds, L. J. Anderson, V. R. Allen, M. H. Spinks, J. T. Bazile, N. O. Mobley, Jess W. Babb, J. E. Montgomery, H. Leo Tucker, R. E. Hansen, L. C. Payton, W. W. Dodson, G. W. Clark, C. A. Grantham, S. M. King, Dr. W. R. Sibley, Abilene; S. V. Shores, Lawn; A. G. Stephen, C. J. Whisenhunt, Hugo Galle, A. V. Teaff, Tye; E. B. Kidd, Tuscola; C. M. Gann, Buffalo Gap.

Merkel Gets Taste Of Military as Back-Of-the-Lines Base

Making a move from Camp Bowie, the highly mechanized 2nd division, a regular army outfit from Fort Sam Houston, began arriving here at 11 o'clock Tuesday night, giving Merkel a realistic military atmosphere. Eleven thousand men from 2nd division rolled into the maneuver area to re-enforce the hard-pressed 4,000 men unit, the 38th Infantry combat team, which had been holding one of the roads against a terrific thrust by the 45th division's force of 19,000 men from Camp Barkeley.

The "Battle of Merkel" was the main action of final maneuvers for the 45th division in its training program here. It was called a "commencement exercise" for the Thunderbird outfit from Oklahoma, New Mexico, Colorado and Arizona. While the "battle" centered around Mountain Pass and the Castle Peak road, Merkel was a busy scene as the "back-of-the-lines" operating base of the 2nd division.

Ready to greet the mobilized 2nd division, was an excited citizenship and the streets were thronged with curious spectators from the first arrival, watching with unabated interest until the last truck took its departure from the city.

HALF CENTURY OF PROGRESS FOR NOODLE FOLKS

All-Day Program Sunday, May 4, To Celebrate 50th Anniversary Of Thriving Community and Honor Early Settlers.

In the early 80's a few scattered families settled in the Noodle country, a fertile valley lying in the southwest part of Jones county, bounded on the north by the Clear Fork of the Brazos, and on the west by Sweetwater creek, and being cut diagonally to the northeast by Noodle creek. A rolling, trackless prairie, dotted with claw and mesquite, the home of the antelope and the dream of the cattleman.

With the sale of the Goliad County School land about the middle 80's to the Godwin Land and Cattle company of Fort Worth, and the fencing of this huge tract, there opened a new era. A youngster by the name of Boaz, a name that soon became linked with the progress of ranching, agriculture and religion of the Southwest, was sent to Jones county as foreman of the fencing gang that was to make history in the Noodle country. Old Red Bluff on Noodle creek became the campsite of this advance crew—this self-same spot later became the favorite "swimming hole" of the pioneers' sons, grandsons and their sons' sons.

This fencing foreman, young Edgar Boaz, a brother of Bishop H. A. Boaz, of the Methodist church, fenced himself in and remained to become one of the leading ranchers and citizens of the county, and now resides in the county seat, Anson, from whence he conducts his ranch on the Clear Fork. About the time he was fencing into this fertile valley—the Sosebees, the Criswells, the Barbees, the Cooks, the Witts, the Callows, the Winters, the Gunns and others.

And with their coming came the need for educational facilities for their children. For a few years a small school was located on the banks of Noodle creek near where it emptied into the Clear Fork, but it was not convenient for all the scattered settlers, therefore, in 1891 saw the moving of the school, some three miles to the southwest, to a table land over-

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Well Marks Third Pay Horizon Near Noodle

Humble Oil & Refining company No. 3 L. L. Huddleston, which was reported flowing by heads Wednesday morning after topping time at 2,420 feet, will mark the third pay horizon for the Noodle Creek territory, if commercial production is developed.

The Collins test was underreaming pipe at 2,000 feet Thursday morning while the George L. Miller No. 1 was shutdown at 1,800 feet, waiting for pipe.

W. W. Fondren No. 1 C. P. Hodges was drilling at 2,950 feet.

Receive Approval of 25-Mile REA Project

Johnny Cox, superintendent of the Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc., returned Tuesday night from Austin, where he attended a meeting of the Texas Power Reserve cooperative, of which he is a member of the board of seven directors.

Thursday he was advised from Washington of approval to build 25 miles of force account extensions, in connection with which he had advised with Congressman Lyndon Johnson while in Austin.

Place of Postmaster At Trent to be Filled

Trent, May 1.—Foy B. Steadman, acting postmaster at Trent, has been advised by the civil service commission at Washington of an examination for the purpose of filling the office of postmaster.

Applications must be on file with the commission at Washington prior to the close of business May 9. Date of assembling competitors will be told them on return cards. Any eligible person within the delivery of the office may secure application blanks from Steadman.

URGE DONATIONS FOR CEMETERY CLEAN-UP FUND

As general chairman of the cemetery clean-up campaign, Mrs. Elma McFarland calls attention to the bottles which have been placed in the stores around town and every one is urged to make contributions in this way to assist in raising funds for this commendable purpose.

A committee from the Fortnightly Study club named to put out the bottles were Miss Johnny Sears, Mrs. Stanley King and Mrs. W. S. J. Brown. Several of the teachers prepared the cards, including Misses Mamie Ellis, Vinnie Heizer, Aizada Pogue and Mildred Holt, Mrs. Elsie Nash and Mrs. Ellen Duncan.

Select Albany for Next Conference Site Methodist District

Albany unanimously was selected as the 1942 meeting place, and E. M. Connell, Anson school superintendent, was named lay leader as the Abilene Methodist district closed its annual two-day conference at the Methodist church here Wednesday afternoon.

Clark Church of Merkel and O. P. Thrane of Abilene were elected associate lay leaders.

Committee reports, a morning sermon by Dr. Roy A. Langston of Cisco, an afternoon address by Otis Miller of Anson, at a laymen's meeting, were included in the day's program.

On Tuesday evening Dr. Frank Turner, president of McMurry, preached to the gathering, and special music included a solo, "A Memory," by Dorothy Shannon, accompanied by Miss Christine Collins. During the Wednesday morning program, Richard Young, director of the Merkel band, gave a cornet solo, "The Holy City," accompanied by Mrs. Young.

Representing the committee on evangelism, Rev. C. A. Long, St. Paul church pastor, Abilene, reported 283 additions by certificates and 155 by avowals in the district.

The resolutions committee, for which L. R. Thompson reported, thanked the Merkel church for entertaining the meeting, also including expressions of appreciation to the pastor and members of the Blair circuit, and to speakers and entertainers.

On the motion of J. T. Griswold, a resolution of sorrow and regret at the death of the late Dr. W. M. Murrell and of appreciation for his distinguished work in the conference was adopted at the Wednesday afternoon session.

Rev. C. A. Bickley, district superintendent, presided for the sessions. Rev. D. D. Denison of Albany served as secretary and Rev. E. A. Irvine of Clyde, assistant secretary.

Representatives were present from all 29 churches in the district.

Dr. E. B. Surface, pastor of the

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AWARD CUP TO OUTSTANDING VA BOY AT BANQUET

Fifth Annual Father-Son Banquet Attended by Sixty; F. & M. Bank Loving Cup Goes To Clarence Harrell.

Fifth annual Father-Son banquet of the Merkel chapter, Future Farmers of America, at the Lions hall Wednesday night, was attended by a group of sixty, including fathers, guests and members, and interesting reports were made of the year's work.

As outstanding vocational agriculture boy, Clarence Harrell was awarded the loving cup, presented by the Farmers & Merchants National bank, which must be won two years in succession for permanent ownership. Speech of presentation was made by Booth Warren, president of the bank.

Delma Harris, chapter president, was master of ceremonies and all officers reported at their posts: Jack Haynes, vice-president; Banning Butman, watchdog; Billy Haynes, reporter; Billy Joe White, treasurer; Franklin Deaves, secretary, and C. H. Collinsworth, adviser.

Miss Jean Paine, chapter sweetheart, was presented a gift from the members of the chapter, who also remembered their adviser and teacher with a gift.

Five members of the chapter, selected at random, gave reports of their projects: Banning Butman, Jack Haynes, Denzel Melton, Deverl Teaff and Clarence Harrell, and, in conclusion, a report on the general activities of the chapter this year was given by Billy Haynes. The chapter won the federation contest for chapter.

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List New Etrants in Beautification Contest

Three more entries were listed the past week with Mrs. Norman Hodge, chairman of the registration committee, in the home-owners division of the yard beautification contest, sponsored by the Fortnightly Study club, assisted by the other civic clubs of the city.

New entries are W. R. Sumpter, the Methodist parsonage and Mrs. E. M. McDonald.

May 1 was the deadline and others may enter the contest during the day, too late for enumeration in this week's issue of The Mail.

Plans Advertising of 1941 Summer Rodeos

As date for the first rodeo of the 1941 season approaches—Saturday, May 17—plans are being worked out now by W. R. Yazell, chairman of the parade committee, for a big street parade on the opening day, which will be preceded by a booster trip, similar to the one so successfully staged last year.

Details will be announced as the committee progresses with their plans.

MERKEL 30 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, May 5, 1911.)

Among his old friends and longing for a place back among them, J. J. Cook of the Crowell country was here this week. He owns a good farm south of Merkel but last year rented it out. He admitted the coin that we had the best prospects, crops and country and intimated that he will be back this way in the near future. Bill Cogburn and some more of his friends have arranged to have him dipped in the event he attempts anything of this nature.

Last Monday night after the regular order of business such as allowing accounts, hearing reports of committees and officers, the newly elected city officers were duly installed as follows: C. D. Mims, mayor; W. N. Hall, marshal; H. C. Burroughs, treasurer; R. A. McClain, secretary; G. H. Adams, J. O. Hamilton, J. P. Sharp, aldermen. W. T. Potter, Esq., was re-elected city attorney by the

The little child of Mr. and Mrs. Austin Boyd had a very serious, though we hope not a fatal accident yesterday. Mrs. Boyd had prepared a vessel of hot water and while attempting to move the vessel it was overturned and spilled on the child, scalding its body and limbs.

Once more the Merkel Public Library is indebted to a friend; this time J. C. Walton donated five books to the association. These with the 44 books purchased with the proceeds from the minstrel make 49 new books added to the 633 already in the library. We have set our mark for 1,000 books by Nov. 1. See the librarian either Monday, Wednesday or Saturday of each week from four to five p. m. and she will tell you how to receive full benefit from the library.

Mrs. C. C. Cheshire is the guest of her mother, Mrs. W. T. Berry.

LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS

Grover Gilbert, local representative for the Abilene laundry, is recuperating nicely from a light case of pneumonia. During his illness, Jarrett Pinckley has been driving the laundry truck.

Rev. J. B. Ramsey, pastor of Grace Presbyterian church, went to Brownfield Monday to preside at the installation of Rev. Fred A. Walker, new pastor there.

Max Swafford and family left Sunday for San Antonio where Max assumed duties as aircraft radio technician at Duncan field. He and previously passed civil service examination for the post and his wife and son have gone to San Antonio to reside during the time of his service.

Jack Canon was surprised Sunday of last week when his daughter, Mrs. Weldon McAninch, complimented him

with a birthday dinner. Others present were Mrs. Canon, Mr. McAninch and two sons, Jack and Jim, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Mashburn and Miss Mary Helen Mashburn.

Miss Sue Bird, student at Draughton's Business college, Abilene, has accepted a position with the Security Investment company, Abilene.

Alvin Wozencraft has joined the West's Auto Supply force, being employed in the parts department.

The picture show, to have been filmed last Monday night, has been re-scheduled for next Monday night, it is announced by Wm. Taylor, history teacher.

Visitors this week with O. D. Pruitt were his son, B. L. Pruitt, and wife, recently married, who had returned from a honeymoon trip to Old Mexico. B. L. Pruitt is a herdsman on the White Hat ranch, south of Sweetwater, where they will make their home.

Conference

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Central Presbyterian church, Abilene, was present at Wednesday afternoon's session. With him was H. F. Erwin, evangelistic singer, who led the conference's closing song. Dr. Surface dismissed the meeting.

Women of the Merkel Methodist church served a bountiful fried chicken dinner to nearly 300 guests Wednesday noon. Tuesday evening a sandwich plate and punch was served to approximately 150. Homes were provided for all those who desired to stay over Tuesday night.

Banquet

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ter conducting, as has been done for the past three years. Delma Harris showed the grand champion calf at Big Spring, and Clarence Harrell showed the champion dry lot calf at Odessa. In the capon show at Abilene, R. V. Clark got grand champion, and the boys have never failed to get either grand champion or champion in shows for the past few years.

By way of contrast, amusing poems were given by Dean and Edward Bigham, the first on "Why One Boy Left the Farm," and the other, "Why One Boy Stayed on the Farm."

Besides the chapter sweetheart, fathers and other special guests present were: H. A. Deavers, Dee Teaff, W. C. Newton, O. D. Pruitt, O. D. Bigham, Comer Haynes, J. D. Sandusky, Ed Bigham, A. D. Barnes, Roy Bacus, M. H. Ely, Clarence Melton, Fred Kelso, Carroll Benson, Connor Robinson, C. H. Collinsworth, Booth Warren, R. T. Gray, Roy Harrell, Will F. Butman, Will Toombs, C. J. Glover, Ellis Harris, Bill Dunagin, J. D. Johnson.

Members present were: Franklin Deavers, Deverl Teaff, Arthur Newton, Alton Newton, J. H. Lowery, Dean Bigham, Weldon Holmes, Billy Haynes, R. V. Clark, Jack Haynes, H. F. Hennington, J. D. Sandusky, Ed ward Bigham, Donnie Melton, Doyal Barnes, Coy Bacus, Buford Buntin, Orvel Ely, Denzel Melton, R. C. Kelso, Curtis Holmes, W. S. Hendrix, Elmer Patterson, Donald Latimer, J. D. Rogers, Denzel Melton, Clarence Harrell, Banning Butman, Billy Joe White, Ernest Blackburn, W. M. Dunagin, Delma Harris, James Johnson.

Home-Coming

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looking Noodle Creek valley, and the founding of the town of Noodle, at the crossing of two trails, later known as Cross Roads.

These founders of the Noodle community were soon followed by other pioneer spirits, and the Noodle country took its place among the leaders in the development of Central West Texas.

It is a far cry from this one teacher school of 1891 to the Consolidated High school of 1941—just fifty years have passed, but this school is now one of the leading rural schools in West Texas.

In celebration of this Half Century of Progress, Noodle folks are having a great home coming. Many of the pioneers have passed on, but their children have remained to prosper in the land they love, or they moved on to other conquests. Many of them later moved to the Plains country and are now substantial citizens of that new world; others scattered throughout the Southwest and are engaged in various lines of business, but they are coming for a day, for another drink from Noodle creek, a glimpse of the old swimming hole, a handshake of a friend, or just a day "back home." Once again they will eat barbecue and drink black coffee, just as the days of yesteryear.

This big celebration will be held at the school building in Noodle, Sunday, May 4—an all-day affair. Arrangements are under the general supervision of O. W. Sosebee, chairman of the school board, and son of a pioneer. "Ode," as he is known throughout West Texas, attended his first school with the opening of Noodle in 1891, and he has stayed on and likes it. Other members of the school board are C. D. Swope, A. D. McCain, C. N. Hatfield, E. V. Satterwhite, J. K. Blair and C. E. Morgan.

The school board is being assisted by the faculty headed by Supt. E. E. Read, and by a general community committee headed by W. J. Bicknell. Nothing is being left undone, the spirit of the West is living still in the Noodle country.

The day's program will start at 10 o'clock and entertainment has been provided throughout the day. Dinner will be served on the grounds at noon; if the weather is unfavorable, it will be served inside the school house. Introduction of old timers is to follow a talk on "Folks We Have Known" by Judge James P. Stinson of Abilene, and a number of early settlers will take part in the program.

Obituary

A TRIBUTE TO A GREAT MAN.

Following the death of Milton Walsh, who passed away on March 13, last, there were brief facts, gathered by reporters, only to funeral arrangements, survivors, etc., and because we believe it near injustice for a man of his rank, in the world of men, to pass on without some honorable mention, these words are written.

A great man was he—not, perhaps, in the way men are usually measured by the world's standards, for although he descended from one of the oldest, most aristocratic families of statesmen and politicians in South Arkansas, he seemed un mindful of this fact, for, because he was ever conscious that the fate of man hereafter depends not upon heritage or honors here, but upon the life we live on earth he endeavored at all times to live so that one day he would hear the words, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

To him loyalty to his home and family was a pleasant obligation, one which, at any cost, was always met in a most cheerful manner. In business transactions, though worldly possessions and financial stability might be involved, the barter of his watchwords of honesty and fairness he would have considered as sacrilegious, regardless of what he might acquire in exchange.

To the neighbors and friends of the different communities in which he has lived, we are sure a thought of him must awaken memories of a cheery word of greeting, a song of the beauties of heaven, perhaps, or a prayer of exaltation and thanksgiving for blessings, for despite acute suffering for a long period of time prior to his last days of illness, his faith never wavered, his prayers were heard to the last.

Milton having been a member of the eldest daughter for over forty-one (41) years, the humble writer of these words to his memory believes that speaking of him as a great man is no exaggeration, in view of his high ideals, splendid qualities, and, if for no other reason, simply because: Scores of great men before him have died. Various kinds of tribute were paid; But to him, in tribute, we simply say, He died, as he lived, unafraid.

(Contributed by a sister-in-law, Mrs. George B. Bell, Gurdon, Arkansas.)

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Organize Club to Back Mann for Senator

Organization of a "Mann's the Man for Senator" club in Merkel for the purpose of advancing the candidacy of Gerald C. Mann for United States senator has been launched with the following officers: Henry C. West, Dee Grimes, S. D. Gamble, R. T. Gray, A. T. Sheppard, Connor Robinson, L. C. Zehnpfennig, W. O. Boney.

The following signatures have already been attached to the agreement for members, which reads "We, the undersigned, agree that our membership in this club constitutes a pledge of our support of Gerald C. Mann, as a candidate for the high office of United States senator:"

"Chester Collinsworth, W. H. Barnett, A. E. Higgins, E. Y. Bailey, Geo. T. Moore, W. D. Gamble, Milton Case, Waymon Adcock, Earl Watts, Wm. Byers Petty, J. C. White, Nolan Falmer, E. M. McDonald, Homer Newby, L. V. Moore, Homer Patterson, Edgar Balch, J. W. Mansfield, Frank L. Breaux."

The above list shows those who had

signed up to noon Wednesday. Others wishing to join the club may sign the register at the West company.

Hospital Notes.

Mack Cordell entered Sadler Clinic last Friday for major surgery.

Other patients entering the hospital during the week for treatment were Mrs. L. W. Lewis, Mrs. Bruce Hughes and Mrs. Carl Black.

Mrs. W. R. Cunningham, of Jal, N. M., victim of a car wreck, was given first aid Sunday.

Louise Addison, Route 4, and Maxine Phillips, both of whom were injured when struck by a truck near the Blair school house early Wednesday morning during the army maneuvers, were given first aid, the former having been dismissed Thursday.

MOTHER'S DAY.

When you don't know how to say it, let flowers tell her. She will love to get them for Mother's day, May 11. Missie's Floral Shop.

Like other dried beans, pinto beans are a cheap source of energy.

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Black corrugated cover. Cord carcass. A high grade serviceable hose.

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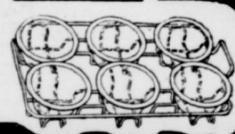


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QUEEN THEATRE CALENDAR

Friday-Saturday—Charles Starrett and Sons of the Pioneers in "The Finto Kid;" final chapter of "Dr. Satan," also cartoon.

Saturday preview, Sunday matinee, Monday night—"Road to Zanzibar," starring Bing Crosby, Bob Hope, Dorothy Lamour; Disney cartoon, Paramount News.

Tuesday only—"Scattergood Baines" with Guy Kibbee, Carol Hughes; also selected short subjects.

Wednesday-Thursday—Tommy Dorsey and his orchestra, with Bert Wheeler and Constance Moore, in "Las Vegas Nights," "Information Please;" also selected short subjects.

"Road to Zanzibar"

Having been shown the brighter and more melodic side of life in the South Seas in "The Road to Singapore," movie-goers will soon be in for another mercurial excursion into the merrier parts of Africa when "Road to Zanzibar," Paramount's new comedy with music, comes to the Queen theatre Saturday preview, Sunday matinee and Monday night.

Cavorting in the new zone of operations at Zanzibar are those three funsters and songsters, Bing Crosby, Bob Hope and Dorothy Lamour, the three stars who made traveling the "Road to Singapore" so pleasant last film season. Again, this time, the film journey is under the direction of Victor Schertzinger, who seems to know just where fun is to be had.

Bing and Bob in this one are a couple of carnival men in Africa who are trying to raise enough money to get back home. When they finally do, it is the result of the brain-work of Bing and the hardy physique of Bob, whose job in the act is to be frozen alive, electrocuted, shot out of a cannon and otherwise buffeted about. While Bob will allow himself to be wined about Bing's finger when it comes to these things—when romance is involved Bob puts up a hard fight as Bing's rival for Dorothy Lamour.

Their adventures on a safari through the jungle are side-splitting, as the boys are captured by cannibals, Bob wrestles a gorilla and Dorothy's clothes are chewed up by a leopard, which necessitates her wearing a fern-leaf dress.

Lending excellent support to Bing, Bob and Dorothy are Una Merkel and Eric Blore.

"Scattergood Baines"

Marking an auspicious beginning as the first of a series, "Scattergood Baines," with Guy Kibbee in the title role, showing at the Queen theatre Tuesday, is a comedy drama of life in "Coldriver," the fictional community locale of his beneficent reign, and is based on the famous stories by Clarence Budington Kelland, which have appeared in magazines for twenty years, and whose chief character has been played upon a daily radio program during the last five years.

"Scattergood Baines" introduces all of the characters famous now in fiction and on the air. From radio, "Dink" Trout was recruited to portray Pliny Pickett, Emma Dunn, portrayer of "mother" roles, is Mirandy, the wife of "Scattergood." Carol Hughes and John Archer, supply the love interest that threads the story and to Willie Best, colored comedian is delegated the hilarious role of Hip.

"Las Vegas Nights"

When a handsome stranger kisses a beautiful girl for luck in the gay, wide-open town of Las Vegas, Nevada, Lady Luck and Dan Cupid join forces to bring the lady and the gentleman jackpot luck and romance. All this will be seen when Paramount's new comedy with music, "Las Vegas Nights," comes to the Queen theatre Wednesday and Thursday.

The romantic pair who meet with a kiss and make a fortune at the slot machines and gambling tables of Las Vegas are lovely Constance Moore and Phil Regan, the handsome singing star, who are featured in the new comedy. Heading the fun and entertainment cast of the film are Tommy Dorsey and his orchestra, Bert Wheel-

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Pictured above is one of the new air-conditioned Greyhound super-coaches now in service on Southwestern Greyhound Lines route from Dallas and Fort Worth to El Paso. The new coaches, which are considered the finest

ever offered the American public, are used on all the Greyhound company's through schedules. The exterior of the new bus is stainless steel with blue trim, while the interior is finish-

ed in tones designed for eye comfort as well as beauty. Passenger riding comfort has been improved through scientific seating, and baggage is carried in air-tight, water-proof compartments.

NEWMAN NEWS

There were no church services Sunday because of the rain.

Visitors in the Reeves home Saturday night and Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Reeves and son of Merkel. They were accompanied home by Mrs. Alice Boen and sons, Douglas and Bobby Gene, of this community.

Mr. and Mrs. Lea Dickerson visited in the John Cross home at Rotan Tuesday. Wednesday the Dickerson family spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Reeves and Mrs. Irl Walker of Merkel.

Mrs. Leon Dickerson and son visited in the Royals home Wednesday.

Among the Seniors attending Senior Day at Hardin-Simmons were Billy Powell and Leo Fields of this community.

Mrs. Frank Cresswell, who has been confined to her bed since January in the home of son, Claris Cresswell of Rotan, returned home Tuesday and is reported as doing very well.

Saturday night visitors in the Dickerson home were Lea Dickerson's sister and son of Ralls.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Dickerson and son, Mr. and Mrs. Lea Dickerson and sons, Thelbert and Arvalee, Mr. and Mrs. Alda Cunningham and J. R. visited in the home of Mrs. John Dickerson of Abilene, Sunday.

The Newman cemetery working will be Monday, May 5, and everyone that is interested, come bring dinner, hoe and a rake. The lots will be numbered and measured.

Delegates to Attend Homemaking Rally

Four girls from Merkel High school left Wednesday to attend the State Homemaking rally in San Antonio this week. The Merkel delegates will compete with other students from all parts of Texas in contests touching several phases of homemaking.

The theme for the rally this year will be "The Voice of American Youth." Highlights will be Fun night for delegates and the banquet Friday atop the Gunter hotel.

Students attending the rally are Wanda McCoy, club representative; Bobbie Teaff, first year class; Bonnie McAninch, second year class, and Jeanette Neff, third year class. Jeanette attended the rally last year in Dallas as club representative. The group is sponsored by Miss Frances Cleveland, vocational homemaking teacher.

Miami, Fla., jumped all the way from 78th to 48th rank among the nation's cities between 1930 and 1940.

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Prominently featuring the swing music of Dorsey and his orchestra, the story tells the exciting adventures of a vaudeville troupe which comes to Las Vegas broke, but ends up opening a night club and making a fortune.

Defense Savings Bonds And Stamps on Sale

The United States Defense Savings Bonds and Postal Savings Stamps were placed on sale in the post office at the opening of business on Thursday, May 1, as part of the national effort to make America impregnable. They are also on sale at the Farmers & Merchants National bank.

A Defense Bond may be purchased May 1, or thereafter, for \$18.75. In ten years, this bond will be worth \$25.00. This is an increase of 33-1/3 per cent, equal to an annual interest return of 2.9 per cent, compounded semi-annually. Any time after sixty days from the date of purchase, the bond may be redeemed for cash, in accordance with a table of redemption values printed on the face of the bond.

For the smaller investor who wants to buy a government bond on an easy payment plan, the post office will have a new series of Postal Savings Stamps, at 10c, 25c, 50c, \$1 and \$5. Each purchaser of any savings stamp higher than 10c will be given, free of charge, an attractive pocket album in which to paste his stamps until he has enough to buy a \$25 bond or one of higher denomination. Thirty million of these albums are now being prepared.

Dick West is Editor 1941-42 Trinitonian

Following recent nominations for the eight student body offices, the Trinity University Associated students announce the election by acclamation of Dick West, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. West, as editor-in-chief of the 1941-42 Trinitonian, official student publication.

A junior in the university school of journalism, Dick received both the approval and recommendation of the board of publications on the basis of experience he gained as managing editor of the student paper for two years and association with the Corpus Christi Caller-Times and other metropolitan newspapers.

As secretary of the Blue Key, national honor fraternity, he was the author and director of a four-act comedy which served as the organization's annual service performance. Proceeds from the production were donated to the British War Relief fund.

Besides his activities with the university publications, he is also an officer in the WMCA, West Texas club, and a student assistant in the publicity department.

BLAIR ITEMS

Elder Lee Starnes, Church of Christ minister, is to fill his regular appointment at the school auditorium here Sunday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock. Every one is cordially invited to attend these services.

Pat Addison, who has been seriously ill the past week, is getting along very well at this writing.

Mrs. Lenard Lewis, who returned home Saturday from the Sadler Clinic, is doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Abbott of Abilene visited the bedside of the latter's father, Pat Addison, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Mitchell visited their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Ervin, of Aransas Pass, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Doan and attractive little daughter visited relatives here Sunday and were accompanied back by their mother, Mrs. Susie Doan for an indefinite stay.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Thomas of Abilene, Mrs. R. E. Windham of Merkel, were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Mitchell.

Seniors Visit Hardin-Simmons Saturday

The Seniors of Merkel High school were guests at Hardin-Simmons last Saturday. Thirty-eight Seniors, accompanied by the ladies of the Baptist W. M. U., left Merkel Saturday morning to spend a very entertaining day of college life. The general assembly was the first attraction of the morning and proved to be a program composed of numbers from the choir, band, quartet and solos. The lunch of barbecue was served in the cafeteria at 12:30. The afternoon was spent in an inspection of the buildings. The bus left for the return to Merkel at 4 o'clock.

The sponsors of the trip were members of the W. M. U.: Mesdames Irl Walker, Lum Gilbreath, H. W. Lemons, A. D. Fulton and Comer Haynes, Supt. Connor Robinson and Rev. Cooper Waters.



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A special memorial service will be conducted at the Tye Methodist church on the first Sunday in May. The way the names of departed members are erased or scratched off of church rolls is oftentimes scandalous. We can never forget the great debt we owe to those who have gone before. For this reason, we are having this special service. At this time we propose to pay tribute to our departed loved ones by the dedication of a book of "Golden Memories." This is a beautiful book in which we plan to include a page for each departed member of this church. The families are invited to fill these pages with pictures, memoirs or anything they desire. Once each year this book will be brought forth, any necessary pages will be added and a memorial service will be conducted.

There will be special music and flowers. The pastor will preach on the subject, "Shall we know our loved ones in Heaven?" At this same service, a number of memorial gifts will be presented to the church. Among them, a beautiful oil painting of our Lord. The families of these departed members, along with all of those with whom the pastor has been associated in their hour of sorrow, are to be the honor guests. The public is invited to attend.

R. L. Gilpin, Pastor.

Peter Stuyvesant, seeking to determine the limits of Albany in 1652, fired a cannon ball north and another south, and declared all land in the space covered by the balls within the bounds of the city.

Continuation of a program to encourage production of fibre flax by United States growers has been announced by the Triple-A.

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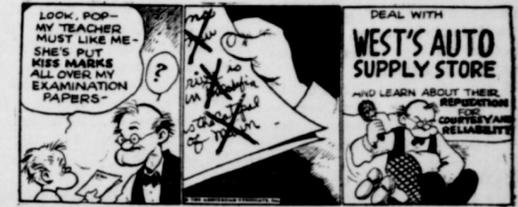
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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mrs. Odell Freeman received news of the death of her mother, Mrs. Sam Barnhill, of San Francisco, Calif., last Wednesday. She was buried there on Apr. 23. Mrs. Barnhill had lived here for a number of years and had only moved away some two years ago.

Mrs. Fenton Boyd spent last Thursday visiting in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Skillern of Sweetwater.

Mrs. J. I. Leamon, who is in Denton visiting a daughter, Mrs. Ernest Massey, recently had an operation on her eyes. Her friends will be happy to know she is improving, but plans to be away until about the first of June.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Poor and Dannie returned to Lawn Monday after attending to business here.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Landers of Abilene visited with Mr. and Mrs. Artemus Howell Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Terry, Jr., of El Paso, spent several days here last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Terry, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stevens returned Monday from a business trip to Fort Worth.

Among those attending the annual conference of Women's Christian Service held in St. Paul's church, Abilene, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, were Mrs. Cecil Tune and her sister of Borger, Mrs. Earl Strawn, Mrs. Oliver Bright and Mrs. E. L. Mangum.

Mr. and Mrs. Wid Matthews had as their guests Monday night for supper Mr. and Mrs. Twyman Collins, Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. Dewel McLean and son, Hollis, of Nubia.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Robinson of Cisco visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Orvin Robinson, Friday. They were accompanied by a daughter, Mrs. Wilson Akins, who stayed over for a visit of several days before returning to her home in Rankin.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Strawn, accompanied by Mrs. John Strawn, spent Saturday in Stephenville seeing their children, James and Dorothy Jo.

Mrs. C. C. Stribling underwent major surgery at the Young hospital in Roscoe last Friday. At this writing she is reported doing nicely.

Mrs. W. E. Hamner, who has been visiting her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Hamner of Wink for the past several weeks, has returned home. While there she also visited a daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Cullen Tittle of Fabens.

Rev. and Mrs. Will Hamor of Winters were guests Friday in the home of Mrs. C. T. Beckham.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Bishop were called to Houston on account of illness of a daughter, Mrs. Elsie Boling. She was much improved when they returned home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Howell and children of Fort Stockton are visit-

ing with Mr. and Mrs. E. Howell. Mrs. W. B. Smith of Los Angeles, Calif., en route to visit her mother, Mrs. H. A. Taylor of Harrison, Ark., stopped over Friday for a few days' visit with her sister, Mrs. Chas. Hutcheson.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hughes of Merkel spent Saturday evening with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fenton Boyd.

Mrs. C. W. Edwards attended the county council meeting of the P.-T. A. in Merkel last Thursday.

Leonard Buford, dean at A. C. C., was a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Bryan.

Miss Lois Orand, who has been nursing at Wellington for the past year, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Orand.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Alton, accompanied by Mrs. Faye Butler of Dallas, were week-end guests in the J. H. Butler home.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Freeman had as recent guests, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Hale of Longworth and Mr. and Mrs. Royce Smith of Sweetwater.

JOINT BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Mesdames L. Z. Titsworth and Stanley Armour entertained last Saturday afternoon from 2 until 5 o'clock in the L. Z. Titsworth home, honoring Peggy Titsworth and Don Armour on their birthdays.

A red, white and blue theme was carried out. The dining room was decorated with red, white and blue toy balloons and two large angel food cakes with red candle holders and blue candles formed the centerpiece on the dining table. Plate favors were miniature flags. Games were played, contests entered; winners in the contests were Willie Pratt Brown and Kent Stoker.

At the refreshment hour, cake and punch was served to the honorees and the following: Carletta Hood, Betty Jean Johnson, Willie Pratt Brown, Wanda Kegans, Martha Ann Winn, Tilda Steen, Janice Stoker, La Nelle Edwards, Johnnie Wheeler, Nita Quattlebaum, Edwin Earl Winn, W. E. O'Kelley, Donald Howell, Kent Stoker, Tommy and Billie Hamner, Lyndall Quattlebaum and Jeannine Dingle of Merkel.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS PARTY

Mrs. Ray McElroy entertained her Sunday School class of Intermediates on last Thursday evening at the Baptist church with a bean supper. Essie Hand, president of the class, had charge of the business and the entertainment. Others attending were Jennie Mae Reynolds, Carletta Hood, Betty Jean Johnson, Claud Stewart, R. W. Johnson, B. F. and J. C. Hand, Rev. and Mrs. Fred Porter.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Baby Johnnie Wheeler celebrated her 13th birthday Apr. 19 by giving a party at her home. After a number of games were played, the hostess opened and viewed her gifts. Her mother, assisted by Mesdames Bud

Winter, Levi and C. Gordon hid Easter eggs. After the egg hunt, the birthday cake with fortunes for all was cut and served with punch to the following: Emilie and Camilla Gordon, Wanda Kegans, La Nelle Edwards, Willie Pratt Brown, Louise Wheatley, Peggy Titsworth, Jean Rutledge, Beatrice Winter, J. W. Windland, Bobby Hughes, Don Armour, Buddy Winter and Bruce Gordon.

SENIORS' SECOND PLAY.

"Aunt Tillie Goes to Town," second of two plays to be presented by the senior class, will be staged Friday night at the school auditorium. The cast follows:

Mildred Maddera as Tillie Frask, Avis Neil as Lucinda Talbot, Virginia McRee as Pamela Marsh, Alene Johnson as Lizzie Parsons, Wanda Stribling 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 charge of 10 and 15 cents will be made. Proceeds to go to the senior class.

SENIOR DAY AT HSU.

Supt. R. L. Fortune and T. B. Friend accompanied a group of seniors to Abilene Saturday for the Hardin-Simmons Senior day. Those going were Ladie Fred Crain, Dene Strawn, Helga Beasley, Wilma and Wanda Stribling, Nadine Childress, Mildred Swinney, Virginia Chloe McRee, Betty Lou Howell, Alpha Mae Graham, Johnnie Roberts, Dene West, Billy Tittle, Leo Reynolds, Billy Joe Purser, Roy Yandell.

A home remedy which keeps birds from pulling up corn is to mix a tablespoonful of crude carbolic acid with two gallons of seed corn. Place the corn in the planter hopper and stir thoroughly with a paddle. Acid injures the hands.

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Things to leave out of the school lunch box are fried foods like pancakes and doughnuts, hot dogs with mustard, rich cakes with frosting, pies that 'run' and any foods that get soft or soggy, according to home economics of the Farm Security administration.

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Homemaking Girls Model Project Dresses

Approximately forty first year homemaking girls of Merkel High school modeled their dresses Thursday and Friday for class criticisms. Several dresses were selected by members of the class for the finals held Friday where dresses were judged for attractiveness and serviceability.

Patricia Leonard placed first wearing a rose chambray suit with a white collar. Bobby Teaff was second in a navy and gold sailor type dress. Neta

Mashburn and Rose Marie Sublett tied for third place. Honorable mention for good work went to Patsy Simpson, Lillian Fikes and Dorothy Jinkens.

Judges for the contest included Mrs. Carroll Benson, Mrs. Johnny Cox and Misses Mary Lou Ashburn and Pauline Ballew. Dresses were made under the direction of Miss Frances Cleveland, vocational homemaking teacher.

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FOR SALE—Fruits from 20-acre orchard, selected general variety; 125 apricot trees will be ready to harvest about May 15. J. F. Caffey, Anson, Texas, Route 1.

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LIGHT FIXTURES FOR SALE—living room, dining room and mantle lights. Mrs. W. S. J. Brown. Ph. 217.

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

TRACTOR TIRES for sale, new and used; two good used 9.00-36 tires, 6-ply. White and Palmer.

RODEO PROMOTERS—Have for sale 25 Brahma cows, 1 Brahma bull, 9 real bucking horses. Ollie Cox, wetwater, Texas.

FOR SALE—Moline 8-foot power take-off combine, in good shape. Joe K. Higgins, Merkel, Texas.

FOR SALE—My house and two lots on Oak street. Mrs. S. H. L. Swafford, 3945 S. E. Pine St., Portland, Ore.

PLANTS FOR SALE—The well known Crosby tomato plants now ready, pepper plants later; the West Texas tomato. Mrs. Joe Stalls, 3 blocks south of school gym.

ATTENTION, CAMERA FANS: For Sale—First class camera equipment. E. L. Balch at West Texas Utilities Co.

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FOR RENT—4-room house, furnished, from May 17 to Sept. 1; \$20 per month. William H. Taylor. Call 5th block south, on Oak street.

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FOR RENT OR SALE—Building corner Elm and Edwards streets; can give possession immediately; building formerly occupied by Barrow Furniture Company. Write E. G. Neely, 4311 Hall street, Dallas. See E. M. McDonald for key.

WANTED

BEAUTY OPERATOR wanted. Bob's Barber and Beauty Shop.

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

Piano Pupils Present Spring Recital May 6

Mrs. T. T. Earthman will present her piano pupils in recital at Grace Presbyterian church Tuesday evening, May 6, at 8 o'clock. In another program later in the year, Mrs. Earthman will present Miss Doris Clyde Miller in a graduation recital. Tuesday evening's program follows:
"Civic Pride" (Morrison), Wanda Douglas and Bonnie McAninch.
"Sandman's Song" (Bruce), Joy Christine Currington.
"Farewell to the Piano" (Beethoven), June Nalley.
"Skyrockets" (Barmann); Jorene Risinger.
"Here We Come" (Forrest), Betty Lou Justice.
"La Cascade" (Heins), Joyce Irvin.
"Norwegian Cradle Song" (Morel), Evalene Roland.
"Castanets" (Rebe), La Nelle Edwards.
"Cotton Pickers" (Martin), Bonnie Church.
"On a Summer Sea" (Ketterer), Joan Brown.
"Operatic Medley" (Verdi, Gounod and Bizet), Mary Nell and Sue Morgan.
"Dreams of yesterday" (Eckstein), Marilyn Petty.
"You and I Waltz" (Clarabell), Patsy Jean Clark.
"Mignonette" (Thoms), Kathleen Bryan.
"The Nightingale's Song" (Hastings), Mary Nell Winter.
"Gertrude's Dream" (Beethoven), Joy Nalley.
"By the Waters of the Minnetonka" (Lawrence), Dorothy Shannon.
"Bluebird" (Schiller), Barbara Sandusky.
"Pomp and Pageantry" (Cobb), Sandra Sadler.
"Madrilena" (Wachs), Charles Church.
"Valcik" (Mojkres), Bonnie Lucille Church.
"La Cascade des Roses" (Asher), Dorothy Nell Groene.
"Approach of Spring" (Lindsay), Gwendolene Sandusky and Fannie Lou Jackson.
"Minuet" (Paderewski), Doris Clyde Miller.
"Capricante—March de Concert" (Wachs), Dwight Swafford.
"Anvil Chorus" (Verdi), Jeanette Neff and Evelyn Sears.

Little Speech Pupils Presented in Recital

Pupils of Mrs. Owen Robertson's speech class were presented at the Grammar School auditorium Monday evening in the following program.
Readings—"Chums," Nan Shelton; "Aunt Angelina," Jan Lemens; "The Cookie," Ralph Bartlett; "Family Traits," Barbara Wilson; "The Circus Clown," Carol Ann Bailey; "The Boogaboo," Beth Thomas; "The White Clown Doll," Jo Anne Moore; "The Doctor," David Shelton; "The Lope-ment," Mona Madolyn Robertson and Billy Reid.
"The Guitar," a piano selection, by Marilyn Petty, and "Accordion Club March," by Becky Gaither.
"Snow White and Dwarfs," a play; Snow White, Norma Jean Hodge; Prince, Wanda Jean Tipton; Doc, Nan Shelton; Happy, Jan Lemens; Sneezy, Jo Anne Moore; Sleepy, Ralph Bartlett; Grumpy, Carol Ann Bailey; Bashful, Beth Thomas; Dopey, Barbara Wilson.
Readings—"One, Two, Three," Patsy Swann; "Ma's Check Book," Mary Tom Weston; "Long Ago," Wanda Jean Tipton; "The Little Brown Cent," Sara Lou Clemens; "She Sparkled," Sandra Sadler and Billy Reid; "A Troublesome Call," Norma Jean Hodge.
"La Paloma Dance," Doris Jean Dudley and Becky Gaither.
"Grindy, Windy, Tinker Toy," a play; Grindy, Sandra Sadler; Tinker Toy, Patsy Swann; Blinker, Wanda Jean Tipton; Willy Nilly, Mary Tom Weston; Windy, Mona Madolyn Robertson.
"The Sign of Clef Hearts," a play; Love, Doris Jean Dudley; Maiden, Becky Gaither.
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Rites Held Wednesday For Young Bride

Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon from the family home on the A. H. Barnes place, south of town, for Mrs. Harvey Patterson, 18, who died at 12:30 Tuesday afternoon. She had been taken seriously ill only last Saturday.
Rev. Cooper Waters, pastor of the First Baptist church, who performed the marriage ceremony uniting Clemmie Aline Kingston to Harvey Patterson only a few days before, Sunday, Apr. 20, officiated at the last rites, and burial followed in Rose Hill cemetery under direction of Barrow Sheppard.
Besides the husband, who is a Camp Barkeley worker, survivors include the parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Kingston, recently removed here from Rotan; four sisters, Mrs. D. L. Kinsey, Midland, Dee, La Verne and Opal Ruth Kingston, Merkel, and one brother, Raymond Kingston, Rotan.
Pallbearers were B. H. Henley, W. S. Brown, N. C. Bush, G. W. Smith, Chas. A. Smith, John D. Jones.
Flower girls were Mesdames Thurman Kinsey, A. E. Brown, Henry Roland and O. B. Boden, Jr., and Marie Rodgers.

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.

LODGE CALLS

NOTICE MASONS
Regular stated meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710 A. F. & A. M. Saturday, May 10, at 8 p. m.; will be past masters' night. A M. M. degree will be conferred by past masters of the different lodges that have been invited. Members of this lodge are urged to be present. All visiting Master Masons welcome. Refreshments.
J. F. Walker, W. M.
W. C. Black, Secretary.

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Byron Dingle returned Sunday from Stephenville and reports his mother, Mrs. C. B. Overmire, improving from injuries received in a car wreck.
After a visit here with Mrs. S. C. Boyce and daughter, Miss Loraine Boyce, Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Leeman of Carlsbad, N. M., left Thursday to visit in Dallas, Houston, Beaumont and Kountze, Texas. Mrs. Leeman is a sister of Mrs. Boyce.
Mrs. W. T. Sadler returned Saturday from Houston where she, with Mrs. W. V. Ramsey, of Abilene, visited with Mrs. William Lewis.
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Tucker of Altus, Oyla., were visitors last week in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Tucker. Passing visitors also last week were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Little, en route from California to Indiana.

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MISSIONARY FROM BRAZIL SPEAKS TO YWA.

Miss Maye Bell Taylor, a missionary on leave from Recife, Brazil, and the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. L. H. Taylor of Haskell, was speaker when the Business Girls' auxiliary of First Baptist church, Abilene, entertained other Young Women's auxiliaries at the home of Mrs. Marvin Lewis, Tuesday evening.

Mary Lee Hughes, president of the organization, welcomed guests after songs were led by Jewell Thomas, and Flo Harper introduced Miss Taylor, her house guest.

Punch was served from a table where pansy blooms were scattered to special guests present from Merkel and from First Baptist, University, South Side and Immanuel Baptist churches, Hardin-Simmons YWA and Hendrick Memorial hospital YWA.

Registering from Merkel were Mrs. A. C. Terry, Jr., Mrs. Lum Gilbreath, Mrs. Cooper Waters, Mrs. Bill Fugate, Pearl Mathews, Hazel Coats, Mary Nell Morgan, Mildred Bird, Dot Swafford, Mrs. Clyde Bartlett, Grovone Ford and Nadine Clack.

JOLLY NEIGHBORS.

The members of the Jolly Neighbors club were entertained in the lovely new home of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ferguson on Monday evening of this week. Beautiful, giant pansies graced the entertaining rooms where games of "84" progressed until a late hour when the hostess served a delectable sandwich plate with punch.

The guest list included Mr. and Mrs. Etyl Church, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Green, club guests, and the following members, Messrs. and Mesdames Spencer Bird, Johnny Cox, John Grable, Andy Shouse, Miss Christine Collins and C. J. Glover.

COMRADES CLASS PARTY.

Couples holding membership in the Comrades Sunday School class of the Methodist church were delightfully entertained on Monday evening of last week in the home of Rev. and Mrs. Marvin Boyd. Co-host and hostess for this affair were Mr. and Mrs. Pinky Cypert.

A number of parlor games had been arranged and following these a delectable salad plate and coffee with cookies was served to Messrs. and Mesdames Cyrus Pee, John Grable, Vernon Hudson, Raymond Ferguson, Ray Wilson, Pinky Cypert and Marvin Boyd.

REPORT FROM DISTRICT CONFERENCE GIVEN SOCIETY.

The home of Mrs. Frank Golladay was opened to members of the Missionary society of the Methodist church on last Monday afternoon, with Mrs. Pinky Cypert and Mrs. Mack Buzbee assuming hostess duties with Mrs. Golladay. The entertaining rooms were decorated with gorgeous roses in attractive arrangements.

Mrs. Tom Largent gave the program, in the form of a report from the district Missionary conference, held last week in Abilene.

At the refreshment hour hot chocolate and wafers were served to 18 members.

HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB.

The Merkel Home Demonstration club met last Friday in the home of Mrs. W. R. Sumpter with Mrs. J.

Ben Campbell and Mrs. F. A. Polley as hostesses.

Mrs. W. R. Sumpter called the meeting to order in the absence of the president. Mrs. Don Riney led the singsong. Reports of various committees were heard.

Mrs. L. A. Dudley presented the program: "Healthful Home Environment," Mrs. E. B. Wallace; "Healthful Community Environment," Mrs. Chas. Knight; "Food to our Bodies," Mrs. John Hughes; "Public Control of Communicable Diseases," Mrs. W. R. Sumpter.

Refreshments were served to Mrs. Pearl Hollingsworth, Mrs. J. L. Ashford and Mrs. Joe Nalley, visitors, and members, Mesdames Ernest Teaff, Chas. Knight, Stanley B. King, Holt Vaughn, Bill Sumpter, Harry Barnett, Craig Humphreys, E. B. Wallace, Clyde Shouse, L. A. Dudley, Clark Mundy, C. W. Newton, Fred A. Baker, John S. Hughes, J. W. Bryan, Fred A. Baker, Jr., R. L. Adcock, Alonzo Peterson, Don Riney, Miss Irene Warren and the hostesses.

SEWING CLUB.

The Needle and Thimble club met Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. E. Boaz, Jr., on the Boaz ranch. A surprise shower from members of the club was presented Mrs. Worth Lee, as guests sewed and chatted.

A refreshment plate was served to the following members: Mesdames W. R. Yazell, David Gamble, Earl Watts, L. V. Moore, Connor Robinson, Geo. T. Moore, Buck Leach, Nolan Palmer, Worth Lee, E. Y. Bailey, Herbert Dunn, Mark Lemens, Owen Robertson, Stacey Bird, W. A. Bowman, and these guests: Mrs. Nick Rainwater, Mrs. Rainwater and Mrs. Linda Williams.

Members voted to have an all-day picnic next Tuesday, May 6, at Sweetwater, meeting at the home of Mrs. Geo. T. Moore at 10 a. m., with each member bringing a picnic lunch.

W. M. U. CIRCLES.

The Elkin Lockett Circle of the First Baptist church met in the home of Mrs. W. F. Patterson Apr. 28. In the absence of the leader, Mrs. Lucy Ford, Mrs. Patterson had charge. The meeting opened with prayer by Mrs. Gilbreath. Mrs. J. M. Williamson taught a wonderful lesson.

Those present were: Mesdames Lum Gilbreath, J. M. Williamson, J. M. Meeks, A. H. Zollinger, G. M. Sharp, J. D. Northcutt and W. F. Patterson. Next meeting will be with Mrs. G. M. Sharp.

The Blanche Rose Walker Circle met in the home of Mrs. A. D. Fulton on Monday afternoon at 2:30. Mrs. J. O. Castles led the opening prayer. Mrs. J. S. Swann directed the Bible lesson. Mrs. W. L. Johnson closed with prayer.

Those present were: Mesdames J. O. Castles, J. S. Swann, A. R. Booth, A. D. Fulton and W. L. Johnson.

RURAL SOCIETY

GOODMAN CLUB.

The Goodman Home Demonstration club met Friday, Apr. 25, in the home of Mrs. Clifford Eoff for a program on "Foods." With Mrs. E. C. Cade presiding, each member answered roll call with her favorite vegetable re-

cipe. Mrs. John Windlan selected for her subject, "A Budget in the Home." Miss Gladys Martin, County Home Demonstration agent, was present and her talk was a source of inspiration to every one present. She discussed the proper selection and preparation of foods in the home to obtain the correct amount of vitamins to build up and retain bodily resistance, not only for individual health but also for each person's part in the great program of national defense.

After the program, a social hour was enjoyed in which the "bonnet parade" was staged. Each member had worn a bonnet made from her favorite pattern. A number of styles and colors were displayed.

The next meeting will be held in the home of Mrs. Irvin Ueckert Friday, May 9.

Several new members were added to the club and new members and visitors are always welcome.

Refreshments were served to Mesdames Karl Bonneaux, J. W. Tiner, Irvin Ueckert, H. G. Smith, Oscar Johnson, E. C. Cade, Leo Ueckert, R. J. King, Elmer Pomroy, V. L. Merritt, Homer Campbell, John Windlan, C. W. Seago, Zed Bright; Miss Gladys Martin, several children and the hostess.

UNION RIDGE CLUB.

The Union Ridge Home Demonstration club met Apr. 25 at 2:30 in the home of Mrs. Lee Ponder. The club was called to order by the president, after which roll was called and each member answered the question, "My Family's Food Problem." Miss Hattie Tacker led in singing the club songs. After the business meeting, Miss Tacker talked on "The Value of Food," telling of the various foods we need each day in order to obtain certain vitamins. Pals were revealed. The meeting adjourned to meet at Mrs. J. E. Jaynes, May 9.

Ice cream and angel food cake were served to the following guests: Miss Hattie Tacker, Mesdames S. G. Russell, Sr., J. W. Newton, Wynona Seroggins and Clyde Irvin and Miss Gladys Newton; members, Mesdames Leo Harris, Weldon McAninch, Tom McAninch, Denzel Cox, Burley Bond, Lee Tipton, Kenneth Pee, Houston Clark, Chester Bond, J. E. Jaynes, S. O. Patton, Marvin Douglas, Ocie Douglas and W. C. Lee and Miss Mabel McRee.

Before leaving, the members went through Mrs. Ponder's home which she has recently papered herself. She has also purchased some new furniture and has redone the old furniture; she has a new yard fence and planted and set out flowers and shrubs.

BLUEBONNET CLUB.

The Bluebonnet Home Demonstration club met in the home of Mrs. R. D. Hunter Apr. 29. Mrs. A. L. Farmer called the club to order and Miss Hattie Tacker led a number of club songs. Roll was called; after a short business session, the meeting was turned over to the county agent, Miss Tacker. First, she discussed a club library and handed out interesting books to start a library. Her program was on "Food and National Defense." Using "The Family Food Supply," as her first topic, she spoke on "The Pre-School Child and His Food," "Eating As a Habit" and "Foods We Need Every Day." The program was very interesting as well as helpful to each member. Miss Tacker also gave out booklets that would be helpful to housewives.

At 4 o'clock a plate of angel food cake with whip cream, fresh strawberries, an iced drink and mints was passed to the following: Miss Mary Frances Lewis, Mrs. Jack Sloan of Big Spring, Mrs. Roy Hunter, visitors; Mesdames Hugh Campbell, Dewell McLean, Riley Whisenhunt, Lucy Scott, Ralph Miller, Raymond Thomas, A. R. Toombs, Walter Hunter, James Simpson, Ben Butman, Allie Butman, Ray Reynolds, Will Butman, S. C. Keith, A. D. Barnes, Tom Russo, Elmer Patterson, Misses Louene Butman, Hattie Tacker and the hostess. Several children were present.

The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. B. B. Reynolds with Mrs. Ray Reynolds as hostess, on May 13.

Soldiers from Camp Bowie Visit Here

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Robertson were happily surprised Saturday afternoon when a group of soldiers from Camp Bowie arrived at their home. A delicious dinner was served to Pvt. G. W. Stanford, Sgt. Alton Parker, Sgt. Moody Williams and Corp. Zerk Robertson, their son. The boys are from Co. L, 143rd infantry. This group, accompanied by girl friends from Merkel, attended the band contest in Abilene before returning to Camp Bowie.

The General Magazine and Historical Journal, issued by Benjamin Franklin, first appeared 200 years ago.

PTA County Council Holds Meeting Here

The Merkel Parent-Teacher association was hostess to the last 1940-'41 quarterly meeting of the Taylor County Council at the Lions hall, Thursday, Apr. 24, from 10 a. m. to 3 p. m. with the council president, Mrs. Lee Kincaid of North Park school, presiding. The council is composed of representatives from each of the 12 P.-T. A's in the county, excluding the Abilene organizations.

The meeting opened with the singing of "America, the Beautiful," led by Mrs. Connor Robinson, Merkel, with Mrs. John Leonard, Merkel, at the piano. Following the reading of the minutes, the objects of the Parent-Teacher association were read in unison by the group. Reports of local unit's work were given by representatives from seven units: North Park, Potosi, Wylie, Merkel, Trent, Lawn and Pleasant Hill.

Yearly reports were then given by the following: district vice-president, Mrs. J. C. Stewart, Lawn; county council president, Mrs. Lee Kincaid, North Park; council chairmen—publications, Mrs. Bud Winter, Trent; parent education, Mrs. Jack Hutchins, North Park; radio, read by secretary for Mrs. J. B. Patterson; health, Mrs. M. A. Waldrop, Wylie; precinct 1, Mrs. A. J. Welch, Potosi; precinct 4, Mrs. C. P. Watson, Lawn. Following the treasurer's report, Miss Adelia Martin, county health nurse from Abilene, spoke on the work of the county in immunization clinics being held in our county. Mrs. Pollie Williams of Abilene spoke on the work of the clinic with "Venereal Diseases."

A question box conducted by Mrs. J. C. Stewart of Lawn was followed by reports from the recent district conference, given by Mrs. G. C. Gilbert, Merkel, Mrs. Jack Hutchins, North Park, and Mrs. Alton Zimmerman, Lawn.

A covered dish luncheon was served at noon to the forty present by the local hostess group.

The afternoon session was most entertainingly opened with the presence of a group of twelve third grade children of the Merkel Grammar school, accompanied by Misses Mildred Holt and Vinnie Heizer, third grade teachers. The children presented a group of folk dances in an excellent manner. Mrs. W. H. James of Abilene spoke on "Leadership Qualifications" and then installed the following officers for the 1941-42 year: president, Mrs. Bud Winter, Trent; vice-president, Mrs. Leon Copeland, Lawn; secretary, Mrs. John Leonard, Merkel; treasurer, Mrs. L. B. Strother, Ovalo; precinct No. 1, chairman, Mrs. A. J. Welch, Potosi; precinct No. 2, chairman, Mrs. Joe Nalley, Merkel; precinct No. 3, chairman, Mrs. Leslie McCormick, Tuscola; precinct No. 4, Mrs. C. P. Watson, Lawn; committee chairmen—publications, Mrs. Lee Kincaid, North Park; parent education, Mrs. H. C. Reid, Merkel; health, Mrs. M. A. Waldrop, Wylie. Benediction by Mrs. C. B. Gardner, Merkel, closed the meeting.

MOTHER'S DAY.

When you don't know how to say it, let flowers tell her. She will love to get them for Mother's day, May 11. Missie's Floral Shop.

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In The Churches

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Rain that fell almost without interruption Sunday morning cut Sunday School attendance to only 265 at the four churches reporting service. The Fundamentalist congregation held no service on account of the Tye home-coming and the Nazarene church held no service on account of rain. On the previous Sunday 586 were present while the attendance a year ago was 509.

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.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Offering for Reynolds home.

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

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:45.

J. B. Ramsey, 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.

A San Antonio cotton mill has been allotted 775,000 patterns for cotton bagging under a program sponsored by the Surplus Marketing administration. The Texas company is one of four to which allocations have been made for 2,000,000 patterns to be included in this season's program.

Crown Dorothy Barbee Noodle Queen May 3

Dorothy Barbee, junior of Noodle high school, will be crowned queen Saturday night, May 3. As her king Miss Barbee has picked Leon Adkins, a senior. Her other attendants will be Juanita Morgan and Clarice Fay Blair, also juniors.

Mernell Hudson, the other contestant for queen, will also have her king and attendants.

Everyone is invited to come. There will be no charge of admission.

Record of Births.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Martin, Friday, April 25, 1941.

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- LETTUCE, head 5c
- GR. BEANS, lb. 10c
- SQUASH, pound 5c
- BEETS OR CARROTS, 3 bch 10c
- NEW FRESH DUG POTATOES 5 lbs 19c
- Lux or Life Buoy TOILET SOAP 2 brs 11c
- TABLE SALT, 3 bxs 10c
- POST TOASTIES pk 9c
- 16 OUNCE CAN PORK & BEANS 5c
- Peanut Butter qt jar 20c
- Crackers, 2 lb. box 15c
- PURE CANE Kraft Bag SUGAR 10 lb 52
- KIMBELL'S BEST guaranteed FLOUR, 48 lb. \$1.49
- Spinach, 3 No. 2 cans 25c
- CORN, 2 No. 2 cans 15c
- DEL MONTE COFFEE lb. 25
- GRAPEFRUIT JUICE, 46 ounce can 15c
- TOMATO JUICE, 46 ounce can 19c
- SHORTENING 4 lb 43c
- Marshmallows, lb. 15c
- JELLO, all flavors 5c
- SLICED Sugar Cured BACON, lb. 18c
- SLICED BOLOGNA, lb. 12 1/2c
- Skinless WIENNERS, lb. 19c
- BRISKET BEEF ROAST lb. 15c
- NICE AND LEAN PORK CHOPS, lb. 21c
- Sugar Cured JOWLS, pound 14c
- Cottage Cheese, glass 15c
- OLEO pound 12c
- HOT BAR-B-Q

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Based on Clarence Budington Kelland's Stories—
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