

Traveling Library to Visit Merkel May 31

Word has been received by Mrs. Grover Gilbert, president of the Home Demonstration club, that the Tom Green County Traveling library will be in Merkel on Saturday, May 31, between the hours of 3 and 5 o'clock.

Mrs. Kate Causseaux, county rural school supervisor and chairman of the Taylor county library committee, has advised Mrs. Gilbert that the book bus of Tom Green county will be on exhibit here between those hours, the location to be announced next week.

Increase in Showing Of C. P. Hodges Test

After swabbing had brought a recovery of the original gas, W. W. Fondren No. 1 C. P. Hodges, east of the Noodle Creek field, was said Wednesday to rate about 150 barrels daily.

Merry Brothers & Perini and Butler & Horne No. 1 T. E. Collins was drilling late Wednesday at 2,775 feet, while the J. L. McMahon et al No. 1 George L. Miller had reached a depth of around 2,000 feet.

Early in the week H. W. Lee and W. D. Brookover No. 1 Church was drilling below 600 feet.

It Pays to Keep Up With Queen Calendar

It is not a pot of gold, but it may mean two tickets to the Queen theatre as a gift from the management.

Each week the manager of the theatre will call by telephone ten residents of this community and ask the answering person if he knows what feature is playing at the Queen that day.

If you answer correctly, in 15 seconds, two free tickets will be available at the box office good for any day of the current week.

Trent Church of Christ Begins Revival May 23

Trent, May 22.—Grover C. Ross, minister of the Church of Christ of Winters, will preach the first sermon of the spring revival of the Trent Church of Christ Friday evening, at 8:15 o'clock.

The series of services has been scheduled to continue from May 23 to June 1, inclusive. It has not been determined whether day services will be held or not.

Minister Ross is widely known as a preacher in this section of West Texas. Before moving to Winters, he was preacher for the Church of Christ of Cisco.

The song services will be under the direction of local song leaders. The public is invited to all services of the meeting.

Visitors Enjoy Family Picnic at State Park

The presence of visitors, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Walker, of Roswell, N. M., prompted an enjoyable picnic supper for members of the W. T. Walker family at Abilene State park Monday evening.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Bertis Lang, Abilene, Mrs. Aubrey Reagan and children, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Douglas, Mr. and Mrs. Barney Douglas and children, Misses Isalea and Fay Walker, Dorothy Jinkens and Joyce Webb.

Honor Pupils Named at Trent Commencement

Trent, May 22.—At commencement exercises held Friday night at the high school auditorium, Supt. R. L. Fortune presented awards to the highest ranking senior students, as follows: highest ranking boy, Roy Yandell; second ranking boy, Billy Joe Purser; highest ranking girl, Wanda Stribling; second highest ranking girl, Wilma Stribling; junior honor student, Mary Lou O'Rear; sophomore, Kathleen Bryan; freshman, Dorothy Butler.

Judge James P. Stinson of Abilene delivered the commencement address. Other speakers were County Superintendent Tom McGehee and A. W. Woods, president of the Trent school board.

Named Honor Man at Naval Training Station

Word comes from the U. S. Naval Training station at San Diego, Calif., that Walter Lee McDaniel, a brother of Mrs. Leon McGeahy of this city, was selected as honor man of his company for the week ending Apr. 26.

At this station, according to Commander L. B. Schulten, it is the custom to select each week the one man of each company of 141 recruits who has shown by his outstanding ability, his zeal and his loyalty that he is worthy of this special designation.

Graduate Has Perfect Attendance Nine Years

Climaxing a nine-year perfect attendance record in school Jaquetta Palmer received her diploma Friday night at the High School commencement exercises. Prior to her three years enrollment in Merkel High school, she was a student at the Compere school and for the last nine years she has been neither absent nor tardy.

Jaquetta, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Palmer of Compere, plans to enter a business college very shortly.

Promoted to Sergeant's Rank.

Friends in Merkel and Trent will be interested to learn that Corporal K. R. Burkhardt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bry Burkhardt, of Trent, has been promoted to the rank of sergeant. He is now assigned to the 43rd Engineer regiment, Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Ark.

LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS

Judge N. D. Cobb, who has been confined to his home the past several weeks, was able to come up town the past week and seems to be gradually getting his strength back.

Eight Boy Scouts were very efficient helpers in serving as ushers at the grandstand for the opening rodeo Saturday.

The libraries at both the Grammar and High schools are closed, as the library project is temporarily suspended, Supt. Connor Robinson announced Tuesday. Notice will be given of the time of re-opening.

There will be a call for boys to enroll in CCC camp on May 29. Those interested in going should contact the local welfare office.

Among the boys leaving Thursday for induction at Fort Bliss, El Paso, were Virgil Hennessee, sent by draft board No. 1, Abilene, and Fate A. Howard, from board No. 2.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Blair, Eddie Max and Peggy, and Mrs. Hayden Blair of Levelland visited in the Watt Blair and Roy H. Mathews homes over the week-end. They were accompanied home by Miss Petty Jean Mathews, while Eddie Max remained here for a visit with his grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Swafford and son, Mike, were up from San Antonio for the week-end. Max is working in the radio installation department at Duncan field, San Antonio.

A. T. Sheppard left Tuesday for San Antonio to attend the annual meeting of the State Embalmers and Undertakers association.

Lieut. Clifton Bellamy, 111th engineers, Camp Bowie, Brownwood, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Sumpter.

As elder-delegate from the Abilene presbytery, Presbyterian church, U. S. A., W. A. Campbell left Tuesday morning on the Sunshine Special to attend the general assembly of the church at St. Louis this week.

Mrs. Terrell Mashburn and daughter, Anita, of Corpus Christi, are visiting her mother, Mrs. Effie Rider, and Mr. Mashburn's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Mashburn. Terrell, who finished school at Port Arthur as a first class radio-telephone operator, is now employed as technician with the Gulf Coast Broadcasting company, Station KRIS, Corpus Christi.

Lloyd Jinkens of Fort Worth, who rarely misses an opening rodeo here, was among the hundreds of spectators at the show Saturday. He was en route to Pecos to witness the match roping between Bob Crosby and Walton Poage.

After spending the winter in the home of a daughter, Mrs. Clyde Smith, at San Saba, Mrs. J. M. Dry has returned home for the summer.

Lieut. Doyle Nutt, 52nd signal battalion, temporarily at Camp Bowie, Brownwood, on maneuvers, was here for the week-end. His brother, Elgie Nutt, of Corsicana, has moved to Merkel to help Mrs. Nutt in the store. He and his wife are residing with the Doyle Nutts.

Fred Cannafax of Weatherford, who had been working as relief man at the T. & P. office in Trent, was a Saturday night visitor in Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hill and son, Boyd, from Burleson visited Mrs. Hill's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Grayson for a few days last week-end. Mrs. Leon Bigbee and son, Donald Lee, accompanied them on their return home Wednesday morning for a short visit here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Gay and daughter, Mrs. Mabel Kerr and two children, arrived last week-end from Penwell for a visit of several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Walker of Roswell, N. M., returned home Wednesday after a visit in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Walker, and with the Paul Douglas family. Mr. Walker is connected with the Clovis Dispatch. Coming with them from Clovis were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walker, and sister, Miss Isalea Walker, who had been visiting there for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Muckelroy of Beaumont and Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Rawlinson and son, Henning, of Abilene, were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Shouse the first of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg, accompanied by his mother, Mrs. M. E. Holmes, and Mrs. Carra Lee McElroy and Mrs. Paul Marr, all of Stephenville, visited last week with Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Dabney at Vernon and Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bragg at Chillicothe.

Mrs. Tom Largent was accompanied by her two granddaughters, Carla Lou and Sharon Imes, on her return Tuesday from Tulsa, Okla. Her daughter, Mrs. Chester Imes, will come later to join them.

During the first nine months of 1940, 2,001,278 new passenger cars were registered in 43 states and the District of Columbia as compared to 1,549,738 registered in the same states during the same period of 1939.

Parade
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national Harvester, Shouse Brothers, W. A. Stockbridge, Magnolia agent, Black's Radio shop, Queen theatre, Merkel Drug, Campbell's grocery, Po-Po Sandwich shop, Wood's grocery, Turner Brothers, P. H. Douglas, truck contractor, Dandy bakery and Jimmy Walker, Star-Telegram agent on a decorated bicycle.

As chairman of the parade committee, W. R. Yazell expressed his deepest appreciation for the co-operation of the band, city and county officials, the merchants and all who took part in the opening day parade. He also expressed the regret of the committee and the directors of the Merchants Trade Extension association that officers of the camp were compelled by army orders to cancel the promised appearance of a military band in the parade.

Rodeo
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Clem Hodges, Tuscola, third, 22.3 seconds, and N. A. Pitcock, Aspermont, fourth, 23.5.

After trying for second in calf roping, Parrish took first money in team tying, one of the added events this year, this time being 20.3 seconds. Zelma Herrington, who also tied for second in calf roping, placed second in team tying, time 21.9, and Toots Mansfield, Big Spring, was third, 22.6.

Only three qualified in bull riding, finishing in the following order: Guy Harrell of Cresson, first; J. B. Alvis, Fort Worth, second, and Hilton Cooch, Fort Worth, third.

Saddle bronc money was split 60-40 between Odell Betsell of Houston, first, and Bill Barton of Abilene, second, the only two that qualified.

Winner in the bareback bronc riding contest was Al Criswell of Anson, followed by Jimmy Downs of Abilene, second, and Bob Williams of Albany, third.

Another first place was taken by Betsell, when he was classed tops in steer riding, followed by J. B. Hunter of Roscoe, Williams and Jim Clark, of Fort Worth, in the order named.

Junior steer riding, a new event on Merkel's rodeo card, proved popular entertainment with spectators. Out of a dozen riders, Gene Frazier, Buddy Mashburn, Willard Gunter, Clyde Lewis, James Roy Baccus and Melvin Lee Denson all stayed on till the whistle, the latter making good on his second try after being tossed the first time.

Honor Roll
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SECOND—Betty Sue Harris, Wilda Lee Bowles, Allen James, Borden Perkins, Pat Foy.

THIRD—Barbara Sue McCoy, Gerald West, Leland Mundy, Shirley Winters, John Jay Horn, Peggy Doris Humphrey, Martha Faye Smith, Patricia Turner, Loveta Coffman, Jimmie Floyd, Virgil Horton, Lena Joe Fulton.

FOURTH—Betty Joan James, Robert Tom Hodge, Mary Catherine Hampton, Geneva Carr, Betty Buchanan, Oris Reynolds, Marilyn Petty, Becky Nan Seymore, Maxie Turner, Billie Seymore.

FIFTH—Clara Frances Dwiggins, Patricia Douglas, Dorothy Gardner, Peggy Joyce Hampton, Petty Jean Mathews, Billy Pat Nash, Billie Joyce Ford, Murel Thompson.

SIXTH—Bobby Joe Bland, Willie Joe Clark, Ann Groene, Wanda Mae Hudson, Mary Ruth Hutcheson, La Fern Stanford, Robert Simpson, Nellie Fae Sandusky, Jeraldine Jinkens, Rosa Alice McLean, Lola Mae Roland.

SEVENTH—Geneva Allen, Jean Curb, Becky Gaither, Betty Gilbert, Reba Rae Kingsbury, James Roy Baccus, Genevieve Robertson.

HIGH SCHOOL

EIGHTH—Carlene Hughes, Patsy Simpson, Joyce Webb, Dorothy Jinkens, Bonnie Jaynes, Tommy Diltz, Dean Bigham, Rose Sublett.

NINTH—Wanda McCoy, Mary

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TENTH—Venita Allen, Ruth Bell, Laverne Douglas, Geneva Ellison, Sue Grimes, Mary McCoy, Neta Mashburn, Bonnie McAninch, Jeanette Neff, Nina Orsborn, Jean Paine, Sue Pinckley, Dorothy Smith, Bobby Teaff, Glenn Barnes, Edward Bigham, Beauford Buntin, Donald Cade, Moody Coffman, Billy Tom Hutcheson, Billy Haynes, Joe Earl Kimbrough, Jack Melton, Cheatham McFarland, Tag Shouse, Dwight Swafford, Jim Sublett.

ELEVENTH—David Gibson, Douglas McCoy, La Moine Sherrill, O. C. Shouse, Madlyn Brown, Nell Yvonne Butman, Louise Cook, Mary Derington, Dora Gaither, Becky Gardner, Betty Lu Higgins, Mary Lu Higgins, Lyla Hobbs, Doris Clyde Miller, Mildred McCormick, Louise Patterson, Frances Peterson, Mildred Smith, Maudie Turner.

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QUEEN THEATRE CALENDAR

Friday-Saturday—Gene Autry and Smiley Burnette in "Riding on a Rainbow;" Three Stooges comedy, "White Eagle" No. 3.

Saturday preview, Sunday matinee, Monday night—"Penny Serenade," with Irene Dunne and Cary Grant; color cartoon, Paramount News.

Tuesday only—Lloyd Nolan in "Sleepers West," with Mary Beth Hughes and Lynn Bari; cartoon, selected short subjects.

Wednesday-Thursday—Richard Arlen and Jean Parker in "Power Dive;" color cartoon, selected short subjects.

"Penny Serenade"

One of the most pleasurable screen treats of the year, according to Hollywood report, Columbia's new romantic drama, George Stevens' "Penny Serenade," comes to the Queen theatre Saturday preview, Sunday matinee and Monday night, with Irene Dunne and Cary Grant excitingly starred.

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"Penny Serenade" is based upon Martha Chovens' delightful magazine novel, and adapted to the screen by Morris Ryskind. The supporting cast includes Beulah Bondi, Edgar Buchanan and Ann Doran.

"Sleepers West"

With more thrills and bigger laughs than ever before, Lloyd Nolan and Lynn Bari meet aboard the crash-bound "Comanche Limited" in "Sleepers West," the 20th Century-Fox film which will be shown at the Queen theatre Tuesday.

Lloyd again playing the role of that fast-talking detective, Michael Shayne, swaps wisecracks with reporter Lynn Bari over the whereabouts of the star witness Shayne is escorting to a murder trial. She's blonde Mary Beth Hughes, and a gangster is on board to keep her from testifying.

Half a dozen other colorful characters, including Edward Brophy and Ben "Shadrach" Carter, keep things at fever pitch and the film has a surprise climax that's a knockout.

"Power Dive"

Men who laugh at death as they defy the laws of gravitation, zoom, dive, roll and perform other spine-tingling miracles in Paramount's up-to-the-minute sky drama, "Power Dive," which is booked at the Queen theatre Wednesday and Thursday.

Portrayed by a cast which includes Richard Arlen, Jean Parker, Don Castle, Roger Pryor, Helen Mack, Cliff Edwards, Louis Jean Heydt and child-star Billy Lee, "Power Dive" is a story about the men who invent planes, build them, and then go through heart-pounding tests to prove the ship's stamina. Against this inspiring background, the film also portrays a conquest of hearts, as two brothers fall in love with the same girl.

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Journalist, poet and scholar, Bryant put into poetry the thought that eternal vigilance is the price of liberty. The lines following the above quotation read: "And thou must watch and combat till the day of the new heaven and earth."

NEWMAN NEWS

There was a good crowd out to hear Brother Jones at the Methodist church Sunday evening.

J. P. Boyd and Edith Horky attended the singing at Sweetwater Sunday.

Fairy Beth Fowler of Abilene spent Saturday night and Sunday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Fowler.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cross of Rotan visited in the Reeves home Sunday.

Mrs. Alda Cunningham and Mrs. Lea Dickerson made a business trip to Sweetwater Friday.

Farmers of this community are very busy trying to get their crops all planted.

We wish to remind every one of the cemetery working May 30. That is also the closing date of our school, and the seventh grade exercises will be held at the church during the noon hour. Every one bring lunch.

Mr. and Mrs. Elve Herron attended the rodeo at Merkel Saturday.

White Church News

Several from our community attended the graduation exercises at Merkel Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Buck Weston and children of Gorman and Mrs. Weston of near Putnam spent the weekend in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Weston and children after attending the rodeo at Merkel Saturday. They also attended the home-coming here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Wilson and daughter of Levelland, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hall of Hobbs, N. M., Mrs. Odell McLean and baby and Mrs. Kenneth Bailey of Wichita Falls spent the week-end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. R. McLean.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cogburn and Mrs. Lela Brown of Fort Worth attended the home-coming Sunday. Mrs. Cogburn and Mrs. Brown will be remembered as Mary and Lela Clark.

Rev. A. C. Healer and son, Thurston, of Sweetwater, were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barnes Sunday night.

Mrs. John Coomer has been quite sick but is improving some at this writing.

Louis Farmer of Camp Bowie was home for the week-end.

Family-Size Farm Ownership Is Aim

Tenant purchase loans, for which applications are now being taken at the Farm Security Administration office, Anson, are intended to help worthy tenant farmers to buy family-size farms, according to William C. Church, farmer and chairman of FSA's tenant purchase committee of Jones county.

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 Jones county tenant purchase committee, of which Mr. Church 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

Current Tire Sale Offers Opportunity For Safer Driving

Anticipating the year's first new peak in tire buying, scheduling of the annual spring sale has just been announced by S. M. Hunter, local Goodyear dealer, who points out that the opportunity is timed to coincide with the beginning of what may be the country's biggest driving period in any year.

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On a mountain road in California, a heavy wire mesh fence is being used to prevent rocks falling on the roads and endangering motorists.

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 Walter Love and J. C. Williams, both of Anson. Applications for these loans may be made at the Farm Security office located in the basement of the Anson post office building.

It is estimated that around 100 million dollars would have to be spent to bring the roads of New England and the middle Atlantic states alone up to military specifications.

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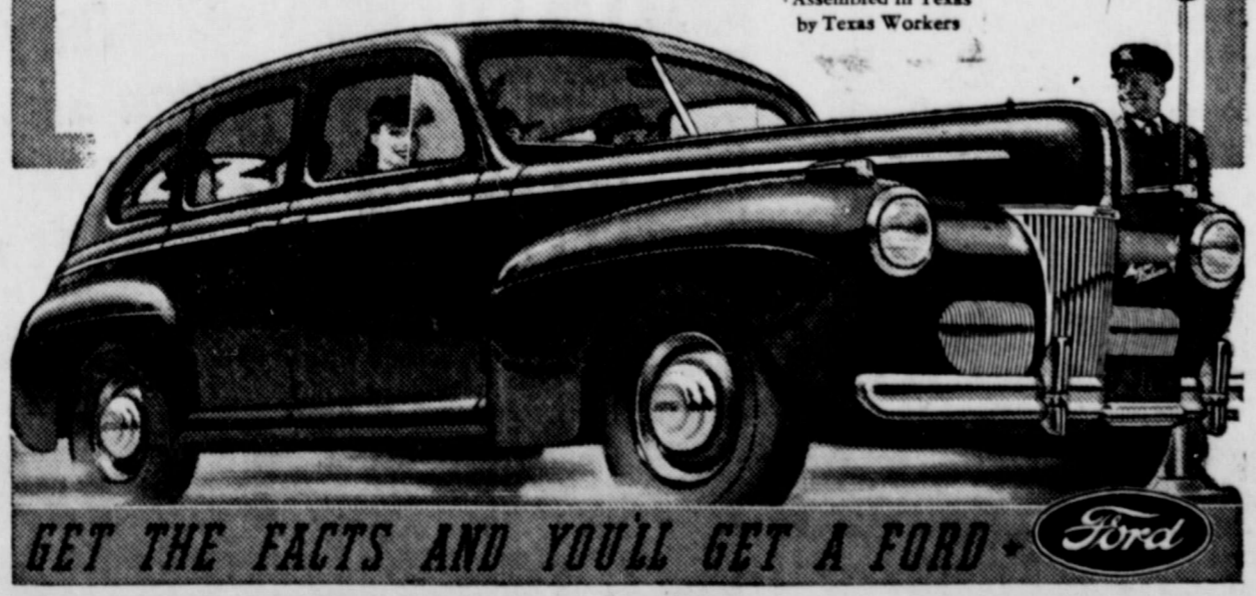
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Texas and Tennessee are the states which pioneered in the South about three years ago in establishing cooperative freezer locker plants. Following their lead, Arkansas now has seven plants, Georgia five, North Carolina four, Louisiana three, and South Carolina and Florida one each.

Eight towns have served as the capital of Texas since its declaration of independence in 1836, University of Texas records show. They are San Felipe, Washington on the Brazos, Harrisburg, Galveston, Velasco, Columbia, Houston and Austin.

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Trent News--Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Bry Burkhardt had as Sunday guests Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Burkhardt and daughter and Miss Rozetto Finto of Lamesa. They all motored over to Camp Barkeley in the afternoon. Other guests in the Burkhardt home on Monday and Tuesday were Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Burkhardt and J. C. Bristo, all of Lamesa.

Mrs. Royce Jordan and daughter, Pat, spent last week visiting in Lawn. Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Howell and daughter, Jackie, and Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Howell, of Fort Worth, came out Friday after visiting with relatives at Clyde and Abilene. They attended the commencement exercises Friday evening and visited with relatives over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Green of Lamesa were visiting relatives here Sunday.

Miss Edith Harris has returned to her home in Indian Gap after spending the school term in the home of Supt. and Mrs. R. L. Fortune.

Mr. and Mrs. Casey Wash of Odessa were week-end guests of relatives.

Eiland Hale, who is attending school in Dallas, was home for the week-end. Other guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hale were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Husband and children of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Hays Wheatley and daughter, Louise, are vacationing in Tennessee.

Mrs. J. T. Vessels has gone to Royalty for a visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Vessels.

Mrs. Sidney Pass and daughter, Peggy, were Sunday guests of Mrs. Pauline Freeman.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Cooley and son, J. K., and Miss Opal Parker of Hamlin were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Sherrell Bishop. Miss Virginia Cooley, who had been visiting here for the past week, returned home with them Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. M. M. Owens is spending the time visiting her daughter, Mrs. Earl Palmer, of Noodle, while Mr. Owens is away with the senior class on their trip to South Texas.

Miss Yvonne Hodges is visiting with friends at Rule before returning to her home in Clyde. She plans to spend a few days at home and then will enter Abilene Christian college for special work this summer.

Coming early to spend the day Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. A. Williamson served a waffle breakfast to Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Tittle, Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Trevathan, Leta and Bernice, Miss

Lorraine Mathis, all of Wichita Falls, Miss Helen McLeod, Mrs. C. T. Beckham, Mrs. Buena Stribling and H. W. Beckham. The party then spent the day and had lunch at the Beckham home.

J. P. Roberts, who went to the T. & P. hospital at Marshall for a tonsillectomy, is reported doing nicely.

J. W. Windland, young son of Mr. and Mrs. John Windland, was the first to purchase a government bond, \$18.75 at this post office. He is also investing in stamps and will soon have enough stamps to purchase another bond.

Mrs. Sam Rosson and son, Joe, and Mrs. Ellis Smith of Lubbock returned home Monday after visiting with relatives since Friday. They were accompanied home by Peggy Tittsworth.

Elerly Smith, Jr., who is in the air service at Pearl Harbor, Honolulu, is home for a two weeks' vacation with his parents at Roscoe. He is spending part time here with friends.

Fannie Vessels and Dorris are guests this week in the home of Mrs. Jewel Click of View.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Chambliss of Aspermont attended the commencement exercises here last Friday evening, spending the night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. Reynolds. Other guests in the Reynolds home recently were Mesdames Roy and R. D. Hunter of Nubia, who spent last Saturday, and Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Chambliss of Abilene, who were Sunday guests.

Rev. Cecil Tune and Mrs. Tune spent several days in Temple last week. Rev. Mr. Tune having gone to Scott & White's clinic for a check-up.

Mrs. Hattie Griffith of Abilene was a week-end guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Cal Hamner. Going over to Roscoe Sunday, they were guests in the Elerly Smith home for the day.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Boyd of Hamlin attended preaching at the Baptist church here Sunday and also attended the Howell reunion.

Misses Mattie and Cora Scott of Abilene were guests Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Spurgeon Scott.

Mrs. W. E. Hamner and two daughters, Mesdames Ansil Martin and daughters, Amelia Faye and Yvonne of Sweetwater, and Mrs. Cullen Tittle and sons, Gary and Buddy, of Fabens, visited last week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Burks of Dallas. They returned Sunday, being accompanied by Mrs. Burks for a visit.

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Trent; O. L. Howell, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Austin Merrick, Lamesa; Mrs. Grace Warren, Mrs. Artie Howell, Big Spring; Mrs. Nora Hollingshead, Miss Ethel Hollingshead, Mrs. Nadine Mathews and daughter, Carlynn, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Boyd, Tommy Hill, Hamlin; Mr. and Mrs. Spurgeon Howell, Lamesa.

The next meeting will be at the same place at the same time, the third Sunday in May.

GIFT PARTY FOR MRS. WAYNE BOYD.

On Tuesday afternoon of last week Mrs. Wayne Boyd was complimented with a gift party in the home of Mrs. Roscoe Owens, with Mesdames Chock Hutcheson and Lucille Frazier as co-hostesses.

Games directed by Mrs. Owens and Mrs. Hutcheson were greatly enjoyed, and at their culmination Mrs. Roy H. Mathews of Merkel presented the prize to the honoree.

Refreshments of cookies and punch with candy hearts topped with a stork as plate favors, were served to Mesdames Bob Billington, Henry Bright, Elmer Freeman, J. W. Lansford, Jr., Rubel Johnson, Robert Harris, Lovell Armour, Fanny Vessels, Roy H. Mathews, Merkel, and the hostesses.

Those sending gifts were Mesdames Ollie Fox, Bessie Perry, E. L. Turner, Dant Gibson, Dee Perry; Misses Wanda McCoy and Margarette Turner, Merkel; Mesdames C. R. Hutcheson, Clifford Estep, Ray Horton, O. L. Bishop, J. E. Bowers.

VACATIONAL BIBLE SCHOOL.

The Vacational Bible school opened Monday morning at 9 o'clock with an enrollment of more than 30, supervised by Mrs. Fred Porter. Miss Frances Osborn of the Baptist Seminary of Fort Worth is here to help with the work. There are also other local ladies and young ladies to help teach. All children are welcome. The classes start at 9 a. m. and close at 12.

SENIOR CLASS ON TRIP.

Leaving Saturday morning on a trip to San Antonio, Austin, Corpus Christi, Galveston and other interesting places were a number of the graduates as follows, Misses Virginia Choe McRee, Betty Lu Howell, Dene Strawn, Helga Beasley, Nadine Childers, Johnnie Roberts, Ladie Fred Crain, Mildred Swinney, Mildred Madera, Mildred Nixon, Dene West; Billie Tittle, Lee Reynolds, Billy Joe Pursor, Roy Yandell, Tommy O'Rear. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Friend, Mrs. Marjory Falkner, Miss Hermal Glasgow and M. M. Owens.

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BAPTIST W. M. U.
The W. M. U. met in regular session Monday afternoon at the pastor's home with Miss Frances Osborn of Fort Worth in charge. The subject was "Prayer." Those attending were Mesdames A. Williamson, W. M. Carey, C. Crocker, Fred Porter, N. Reynolds, English, Banner.

BLAIR ITEMS
Rev. J. B. Stewart, Methodist pastor, is to fill his regular appointment at the M. E. church Sunday, May 25. Every one is invited to attend these services.

Will Campbell left Tuesday for St. Louis, Mo., to attend the general assembly of the Presbyterian church.

Robert Connelly of Camp Barkeley, Company M, 158th division, was a Sunday guest of Mr. and Mrs. Z. V. Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernice Blount and boy were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Reynolds Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Farmer and family of Butman visited Miss Annie Clara Doan Sunday. Miss Doan has been on the sick list but is getting along nicely now.

Mrs. Ed Carpenter and children of Dallas were the week-end guests of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Estall and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Vivian Terrell of Inadale have moved into our midst and we are very proud to have this fine young couple here.

The Blair school of 1940-41 closed a successful school term Friday night, May 16, with Jack Chapman as principal and Miss Ruth Chapman, primary teacher, and trustees, Price Melton, Charlie Peterson and A. M. Jackson. The closing exercises were very ably rendered by the school students.

Miss Mary Sue Grant of Merkel visited with Misses Betty Jo and Frances Peterson this week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Riley James and children of Merkel attended the school exercises here Friday night.

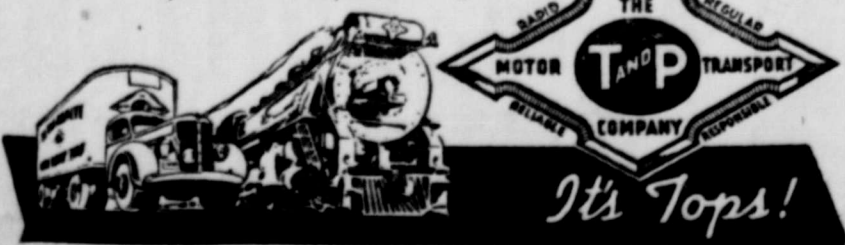


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FOR SALE—An 8-tube Philco console radio. Dr. L. C. Zehnpennig.

TRACTOR TIRES for sale, new and used; two good used 9.00-40 tires, 6-ply. White and Palmer.

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

DEWBERRIES—Ripe Now; will pick dewberries Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays; prices 15 cents per syrup bucket, you pick them, or 25 cents ready picked. Judge Crow, 10 miles north of Noodle on Hamlin road.

FOR SALE—A clarinet in good condition. Mrs. F. Y. Gaither.

BERRIES AT J. W. B. JOHNSON PATCH—Will start picking berries Monday, May 26, and will pick every day; 15c gallon, you pick them. 7 1/2 miles SE Anson.

FOR SALE—Speed-O-Print duplicating machine; reproduces typewriter, handwriting, illustrations, etc.; takes from postcard to legal form sizes, 3,600 copies per hour. Ben Franklin Store, Merkel, Texas.

FOR SALE—McCormick-Deering broadcast binder. W. J. Hayes, one mile west of Stith.

BERRIES—Will pick Monday, Wednesday and Friday; start May 26; 15 cents a gallon, you pick them; 25 cents, we pick them. Two miles south Boyd's chapel. Mrs. G. W. Bristow.

FOR SALE—Plenty nice dewberries; 15 cents per full gallon; you pick them yourself. Oscar Koehler, 3342 Hickory St., Route 1, Abilene, Texas.

TRACTOR TIRES, for all purposes, for sale or trade. S. M. Hunter. Phone 48.

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FOR RENT—Two-room apartment, furnished or unfurnished; in country. Mrs. C. L. Daniels, Route 1, Merkel, Texas.

FOR RENT—Two-room furnished apartment, hot and cold water; with garage. Mrs. G. R. Holloway.

FOR RENT—Two furnished south rooms. Mrs. T. J. Toombs.

FOR RENT—Two furnished apartments. Wozy's Cafe.

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.

REMINGTON TYPEWRITER for rent. Merkel Mail office.

WANTED

MOVIE OPERATORS and Managers, Merkel district, movie circuit work. 1416 Gulf States Bldg., Dallas Texas.

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

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—Fox terrier, black and white, with harness. Notify T. & P. station agent. \$10.00 reward.

LOST—Baby's white shoe, in town last Saturday. Finder please leave at Merkel Mail office.

LEGAL NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County—Greeting:
You Are Hereby Commanded to summon Edith Rosenbaum by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, to appear at the next regular

Start Housekeeping Aid Project About June 1

By the first of June it is planned to start the WPA housekeeping aid project in Merkel, which will be located in the old Hamilton home, just across the street south from Dr. Armstrong's home.

The purpose of the housekeeping aid project is three-fold: to provide employment for needy women who are able to work but for whom private employment is not available; to care for the households of the needy where the housewife is temporarily incapacitated because of ill health or confinement, and to teach the housewife of the needy families to utilize the materials on hand to the best advantage.

Families eligible for temporary free home assistance are those low-income families whose income will not permit them to hire help to take the place of the home-maker in time of an emergency, and/or whose income will not permit them to rehabilitate their homes without instructions and assistance in the use of available materials.

Low-income families within the town where the project operates may be referred to the housekeeping aid project for such reasons as: when the mother is ill, when other members of the family are ill, when the home-maker is absent for a temporary period because of an emergency or need for instructions and assistance in teaching the home-maker in the many branches of work in and around the home.

Requests for temporary assistance may be made through Mrs. Elma McFarland of the Merkel Welfare Department.

The wages of the employees of the housekeeping aid project are paid by the federal government.

The project site is set up as a typical low-income home, where the women employed are trained in the various phases of home-making duties by a college graduate with home economics training.

term of the 104th District Court of Taylor County, to be held at the Court House thereof, in Abilene, Texas, on the Fourth Monday in June, A. D. 1941, the same being the 23rd day of June, A. D. 1941, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 25th day of April, A. D. 1941, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 3867-B, wherein Lutha V. Rosenbaum is Plaintiff, and Edith Rosenbaum is Defendant, and a brief statement of plaintiff's cause of action, being as follows:

Plaintiff and Defendant were married on or about May 1, 1930, and on or about September 1, 1933, defendant left and abandoned Plaintiff with the intention of not returning and has continued to reside away from Plaintiff since then, all of which is fully alleged in Plaintiff's petition on file in said court.

Herein Fail Not but have before said Court at its next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas on this 25th day of April, A. D. 1941.

ROY SKAGGS, Clerk,
District Courts, Taylor County, Texas
By Penn Gilbreth, Deputy

45 Students Hold Perfect Attendance Record During Year

When perfect attendance records for the 1940-41 school session were compiled, it was found that 45 pupils of the Merkel Public schools had not missed a single day during the year. The list includes:

PRIMER—Kenneth Baucus.
SECOND—Burl McCoy.
THIRD—Paul Baucus, Ethel Joyce Hampton, Gaston Walker, Sidney Williams, Martha Smith.

FOURTH—Wayne McLean, Oris Reynolds, Robert Wayne Sledge, Marilyn Petty.

FIFTH—Orvil Kemper, James Land, Billy Pat Nash, Leon Toombs, Otis Williams, Curtis Davis, Clara Frances Dwiggins, Joyce Irwin.

SIXTH—Frank Shults, Geraldine Jinkens, Rosa Alice McLean, Elina Fay Frazier.

SEVENTH—Frank Simpson, Geneva Allen.

EIGHTH—Patsy Simpson, Bonnie Jaynes, J. T. Reagan, Rose Marie Sublett, Ikey Turner.

NINTH—Wanda McCoy, Hazel Vancil, Wendolene Sandusky, Mitchell Chancey, Wanda Douglas, Clarice Higgins.

TENTH—Laverne Douglas, Juanee Holt, Glenn Barnes.

ELEVENTH—Dessie Baker, Betty Lu Higgins, Kenneth Palmer, John Mack Grant, Douglas McCoy, La Moine Sherrell.

Children Called to Bedside of Mother

Mrs. J. J. McNiece continues seriously ill following a second heart attack suffered Sunday. Attending her bedside during the week, besides her daughters here, were two sons, Randall, of Dallas, and Raymond, and a daughter, Edna, of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Speckley, Oplin, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Reid, Santa Anna.

A brother, E. F. Leach, of Biloxi, Miss., has been notified of Mrs. McNiece's serious condition, but has not arrived.

Mr. and Mrs. Randall McNiece returned to their home in Dallas, Wednesday, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Reid have returned to Santa Anna.

Honorable Mention.

The Fire Prevention Poster entered in the state contest by John Robert Walker, seventh grade, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Walker, now of Abilene, was awarded honorable mention, and a blue ribbon has been received by John Robert from Marvin Hall, state fire insurance commissioner.

Hospital Notes.

Houston G. (Blondie) Smith of Goodman entered Sadler Clinic Friday, May 16, for treatment.

J. D. Sandusky, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Sandusky, Route 2, was admitted Wednesday for treatment.

Two babies, both boys, were born at the hospital during the week. Parents are Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Kingston and Mr. and Mrs. Sam McLeod, both of Trent.

In 1939 Texas produced 9,988,000 gallons of ice cream.

Approximately a quarter of a million evergreens have been planted in the shelterbelts of Northwest Texas.

Will Graduate from John Tarleton May 25

Stephenville, May 22.—Among the 150 graduating seniors at John Tarleton college this year is Edith Butman of Merkel. Dean J. Thomas Davis, head of the Stephenville institution, released this list of graduates Monday after all records had been checked by the registrar. Edith is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butman, Jr., and is majoring in business administration.

Graduation exercises will be held at Tarleton on Sunday, May 25. Departing from the usual procedure, both the baccalaureate services and commencement exercises will be held the same day. The purpose of this is to enable parents and friends to make but one trip in order to attend all activities, Dean Davis explained.

Church to Dedicate Altar to Mothers

A new altar at the Stith Methodist church will be dedicated in special services Sunday morning, May 25. An offering was received on Mother's Day for the building of the altar, and it is being placed in the church in memory of the mothers of members who were praying mothers. It is to be dedicated to the glory of God, and to be used by the Christians of this community.

The pastor will preach at the 11 o'clock hour on the subject, "The Altar in the Heart, the Home, and the House of God." The public is invited to attend these services.

Complete line of office supplies at Mail office.

All-Year Honor Roll Includes 58 Students

Fifty-eight students of the Merkel Public schools, 36 in Grammar school and 22 in High school, were on the honor roll for each of the six 6-weeks' periods during the school session just closed. They were:

PRIMER—Mona Madolyn Robertson, Ann Booth, Sara Lu Clemens, Peggy Curb, Jerry Don Cobb, Bryan Mundy.

FIRST—Bobby Nell Jinkens, Norma Jean Hodge, Connie Beth Harris, Doris Black, Dudley Farr, Sandra Sadler, Wanda Tipton, Jesse Newton, Margie Skurlock, Patricia Swann, William Robertson.

SECOND—Wilda Lee Bowles, Betty Sue Harris.

THIRD—Jimmie Floyd, Virgil Horton, Barbara Sue McCoy, Gerald West, Leland Mundy, Patricia Turner, John Jay Horn.

FOURTH—Marilyn Petty, Maxie Turner, Robert Thomas Hodge, Betty Jean James.

FIFTH—Clara Frances Dwiggins.

SIXTH—Lola Mae Roland, La Fern Stanford, Ann Groene.

SEVENTH—Becky Gaither, Reba Rae Kingsbury.

FRESHMEN—Carlene Hughes Frances Walker.

SOPHOMORES—Mary Alice Hester, George Mack Owens, Avalene Mathews, Wanda McCoy, Willie Sue Morgan.

JUNIORS—Venita Allen, Sue Grimes, Donald Cade, Billy Tom Hutcheson, Jack Melton.

SENIORS—Madyln Brown, Nell Yvonne Butman, Louise Cook, Dora Gaither, Becky Gardner, Betty Lu Higgins, Mary Lou Higgins, Lyla Hobbs, Doris Clyde Miller, Mildred Smith.

List of Petit Jurors Called for Next Week

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

Fred Baker, Roy Largent, W. B. Petty, J. L. McLean, H. W. Hester, J. H. Witcher, Eli Case, A. V. Dye, Jr., Merkel; John S. Hughes; J. T. Sander, Clyde Stayton, J. C. Srygley, Herman Galle, Ed Turner (colored), B. E. Ward, Dennis Campbell, J. M. Hardie, Ed Grissom, Edwin J. Jennings, T. S. Higginbotham, John F. Victor, J. B. Clement, W. E. Beasley, T. H. Wills, C. P. Oliver, B. B. Laughlan, A. F. Haile, Dr. O. B. Stanley, W. R. Pollock, R. B. Harris, Jr., C. F. Briggs, Jno. W. Price, Geo. Foster, Jno. A. Waldrop, Jr., R. L. Osborn, Grady Allen, Jesse Coffman, Clark Collins, Geo. D. Kiker, Amuel Coats, J. T. Bennett, Abilene; C. B. Tisdale, Ed Blackley, M. G. Jenkins, R. F. Williams, Tuscola; R. A. Middleton, Guion; J. T. King, Roy Isom, Tye; C. E. Sims, Ovalo; W. L. Re-neau, Trent.

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LEMONS Dozen..... **19c**

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SUPREME—
Salad Wafers, 1 lb. box **17c**

RED & WHITE—
COFFEE, lb. **25c**

DEL DIXI— Sour or Dill
Pickles, quart **15c**

RED & WHITE—
MEAL, 5 lb. bag **17c**

BLUE & WHITE—
Pork & Beans, can **5c**

RED & WHITE— No. 2 Can
Fancy Corn, 2 for **25c**

NEW SPUDS 4 lbs.. **15c**

BEANS Green, 2 lbs.. **15c**

SPUDS 10 lbs..... **19c**

SINCLAIR— No. 2 Can
Lima Beans, 2 for **25c**

DRIED—
Prunes, 2 lbs **25c**

RED & WHITE—
Pears, No 2 1/2 can **21c**

RED & WHITE—
VINEGAR, quart **17c**

RED & WHITE—
Laundry Soap, 6 bars **23c**

FLY—
SPRAY, pint **25c**

MEAT MARKET DEPARTMENT

SLICED BACON, lb. **23c**

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ANNOUNCE APRIL MARRIAGE OF LA VERNE DUNBAR AND JACK DAWSON WEST.

The many friends of one of Merkel's most popular young couples were surprised when Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dunbar of Tuscola formally announced the marriage of their daughter, La Verne, to Mr. Jack Dawson West, in a ceremony read by the Rev. Alsie Carleton, Methodist pastor at Baird, in his home on Apr. 18.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Foy of Baird served as attendants at the wedding. Mrs. Foy is the only sister of the groom.

The bride holds a B. A. degree from Sul Ross State Teachers college at Alpine and has taught in the Roby schools two years previous to her work here, where she is a member of our public school faculty. In this capacity she is most popular and in one short year has endeared herself to a host of other friends outside the schools.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. West, one of Merkel's most influential and pioneer families. He was respected as a rising young business man in West's Auto Supply store when he volunteered last fall in the army and was assigned to Company A. 142nd infantry, Camp Bowie, Brownwood. Mrs. West will attend college in Brownwood this summer. She is being socially introduced Saturday afternoon by members of the groom's family, Mrs. H. C. West, Mrs. Weston West and Mrs. Sidney Foy.

FAMILY DINNERS STILL MOST POPULAR FORM OF HOSPITALITY IN WEST TEXAS.

Mr. M. L. Estes, whose birthday falls on May 21, was named guest of honor last Sunday in the home of his daughter, Mrs. Amy Sears, at a surprise celebration of his close friends. Those present were Mrs. Pet Touchstone, Miss Mollye Touchstone and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Morris, of Abilene, Miss Eula Sears, Miss Mossie Sears, Mrs. M. L. Estes and Mrs. Amy Sears.

Another family group together last Sunday felt particularly honored to have Mrs. M. E. Holmes of Stephenville, 88-year-old mother of Mr. T. G. Bragg. She returned with Mr. and Mrs. Bragg when they visited her on Mother's day along with Mrs. Carra Lee McElroy, a niece of Mr. Bragg, and Mrs. Paul Marr, a daughter, also of Stephenville. Mr. and Mrs. Dee Grimes and Miss Sue Grimes were present Sunday and Mr. Brian Wells of Glen Rose.

Guests in the Homer Patterson home Sunday were together to enjoy Miss Rachel Patterson, student in Texas Tech, Lubbock. She was accompanied home for the week-end by Henry Hinch, also of Lubbock. Others present were Mrs. M. E. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fugate, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Patterson and Will Patterson.

LAWN PARTY FOR COMRADES CLASS.

The spacious lawn of the Methodist church afforded a perfect setting for members of the Comrades, Couples, Sunday School class on last Monday evening when Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ferguson and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Dye were hosts and hostesses.

Out-door games of which volley ball proved most popular were played, after which a picnic supper was served with iced tea to Rev. and Mrs. Marvin Boyd, Messrs. and Mesdames E. E. Read, Herbert Dunn, Cyrus Pee, Ray Wilson, Jack Patterson, Andy Shouse, Pinky Cypert, Milton Case, Earl Watts, Mrs. Terrell Mashburn of Corpus Christi; Billy Gene and Bobby Brooks Dye, E. L. Dunn and Don Boyd, and the hosts and hostesses.

SISTERS WED IN DOUBLE RING CEREMONY.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip A. Diltz announce the marriages of their daughters, Miriam to J. L. Meeks of Blair and Frances to J. Howard Windham of Abilene.

The couples were united in a double ring ceremony read by Rev. E. L. Seymore in his home at Cisco on March 1, 1941.

Both couples have a host of friends who wish them much happiness in their married lives.

MERKEL DEMONSTRATION CLUB.

Miss Lottie Butman was hostess to the Merkel Home Demonstration club last Friday. The house was decorated with roses, sweet peas and other cut flowers.

Mrs. Grover Gilbert called the meeting to order with Mrs. Don Riney leading the singing. Reports of various committees were heard and Mrs. Craig Humphreys gave the council report. Rally day will be Aug. 6. Mrs. Vernon Hudson gave a most interesting report on the district meeting held in Stephenville on Apr. 18.

Mrs. Don Riney was elected new singsong leader.

Mrs. Kate Causseaux reported about the county library for Taylor county. All members were in favor of a county library. A committee of Mrs. John Hughes, Mrs. Gilbert and Mrs. Harry Barnett were to confer with the county commissioner of the precinct regarding the library. The Tom Green county traveling library will visit Abilene and Merkel Saturday, May 31.

Mrs. Bill Sumpter then presented the program on "Floor Finishes and Color Harmony." "Color Finishes," Mrs. Fred Baker; "Color Harmony," Mrs. Stanley King.

Refreshments were served to Mesdames Bob McDonald, Harry Barnett, L. A. Dudley, Roy H. Mathews, John Hughes, Stanley King, Fred Baker, Jr., J. Ben Campbell, J. W. Bryan, Bill Sumpter, Grover Gilbert, Holt Vaughn, C. W. Newton, Alonzo Peterson, Fred A. Baker, Sr., R. L. Adcock, Clark Mundy, Craig Humphreys, Clyde Shouse, Don Riney, E. B. Wallace and Miss Irene Warren; visitors, Mesdames Pearl Hollingsworth, Bill Hays, Vernon Hudson, Ben Butman, Mary Davis Cooper, Kate Causseaux and the hostess.

The next meeting will be May 30 at Mrs. Clyde Shouse's home.

PRESBYTERIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Woman's Missionary society of Grace Presbyterian church met Monday afternoon to study six chapters of the book, "Jesus, Our Ideal," by W. P. Whaley, D. D., as a continuation of a previous Bible Study lesson held the third Monday in April.

With Mrs. Connor Robinson as leader, chapters V through X were discussed: "Jesus, Our Ideal in Opposition and Persecution," "In Service," "In Prayer," "In Love" and "In Optimism." The remaining two chapters will be studied the third Monday in June.

For a devotional, the leader read from Gal. 4:19. Sentence prayers closed the hour's study. Present were Mesdames Henry West, L. L. Murray, John West, R. A. Walker, G. F. West, W. M. Elliott, J. Basil Ramsey and Connor Robinson.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Mrs. E. Y. Bailey entertained her little daughter, Carol Ann, on her sixth birthday Thursday afternoon with a party for a number of her friends. Clever games were played out-of-doors and the honoree was delightfully surprised with a shower of gifts.

Angel food cake and ice cream, with balloons and candy yo-yos as plate favors, were served to Jo Ann Moore, Jan Lemens, Joy Walker, John R. Grable, Beth Thomas, Nan Shelton, Creta Key and Karen Sue Case, Ralph Bartlett, Tommy Ballmain, Barbara

Wilson, Erwin Castleberry, Elvyn Starnes, Patricia Ann Palmer, Don Boyd, E. L. Dunn, Ned Watts, Peggy Scott, June Laney, Gloria West, Mrs. Nolan Palmer, Mrs. Lewis Ballmain and Mrs. Gaylord Castleberry.

FAMILY REUNION.

Mrs. S. R. Dwigkins had a very pleasant surprise on Mother's day when her two daughters, Mrs. O. P. Burgess and daughter, Virginia, and Lucy Faye, and two sons, Weldon and Emmett Dwigkins from Fort Worth, came to spend the week-end. It was the first time they had all been together for eight years.

A Mother's day dinner was served in the home of another daughter, Mrs. Earl Watts. Others present were another son, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dwigkins and Clara Frances, another daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Arwine and family, Mrs. Horace Arwine and Nell Arwine.

WOODMEN CIRCLE.

The Woodmen Circle met in the W. O. W. Hall Thursday afternoon for its regular business session. Mrs. Roy H. Mathews was elected reporter to replace Mrs. Norris Barnett, who resigned after moving to Abilene.

Those present were Mesdames Roy H. Mathews, Harry Barnett, Norris Barnett, E. B. Wallace and Pearl Hollingsworth.

RURAL SOCIETY

OWENS-BAKER.

On Sunday, May 18, Minister Lee Starnes of the Merkel Church of Christ, united Merle Owens and Dessie Baker in marriage, the vows taking place in the Starnes home. The ring ceremony was read at 1 p. m. with only a few close relatives attending.

The bride, who graduated from Merkel High school with the class of 1941, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Baker of the Warren community. Mrs. Owens was attractively attired in a blue crepe wedding dress with accessories to match.

The groom, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Owens of Stith, graduated from the Mars school. The couple will make their home in the Warren community where he is engaged in farming.

SALT BRANCH CLUB.

The Salt Branch Home Demonstration club met May 15, with Mrs. Ida Higgins. Report on the council meeting was given by Mrs. Vernon Hudson. The program was on "Light Refreshments."

Refreshments were served to the following: Mesdames T. C. Allen, J. C. Allen, W. J. Higgins, Jack Higgins, Vernon Hudson, J. E. Smith, Angus Garvin, W. R. Collins, Jess Higgins, Carl Baccus, Ida Higgins, W. U. Beene, Bill Hays, Joe Higgins, H. W. Higgins, J. S. Pinckley, Roy Harrell, M. H. Barker, J. A. Horton, Buster Horton, and Misses Lena Faye Harrell and Ruth Pinckley.

Visitors were Mrs. Henry Hester, Misses Lorena Higgins, Frances and Mary Alice Hester.

Mrs. Jack Higgins and Mrs. H. W. Higgins were new members.

WARREN CLUB.

The Warren Home Demonstration club met on Tuesday, May 13, at 2 p. m. in the home of Mrs. Ross Baker. The house was called to order by the president, Mrs. M. H. Ely. A motion was made and carried to have a canning center.

A bridal shower was presented to Mrs. H. C. Chancey, the former Lyla Hobbs, and refreshments were served to Mesdames Walter Kelso, R. V. Jones, U. S. Reeder, R. B. Buntin, J. D. Sanders, E. H. Thompson, H. C. Chancey, Otis Foster, Joe Owens, R. Watson, Earl Cross, Derel Watson, Gaston Hobbs, John Hobbs, Ted Windham, H. Windham, M. H. Ely, Port-

National Defense Idea Used for Club Float

Built around the slogan, "Work for National Defense," the exhibit of the Salt Branch Home Demonstration club represented much preparation on the part of the members and attracted a great deal of attention in the parade Saturday morning.

Typifying work done on the farm by women, the display was built on a trailer drawn by a tractor. Duties depicted by club members were those of the average farm woman: canning, knitting, churning and working in the field. Mrs. Carl Baccus drove the tractor. Mrs. Vernon Hudson carried a hoe, Mrs. W. U. Beene knitted. Mrs. Mason Barker was at the churn, Mrs. Angus Garvin was cooking potatoes, Mrs. Roy Harrell pretended canning, Mrs. Jesse Higgins carried a basket of eggs, Mrs. Bill Hays, president of the club, was also on the float. Little boys in military suits lent a patriotic air.

er Petty, Ernest Smith, Bob Fowler, Brooks Patterson, Alice Wallace, Jasper Hobbs, Thelma Thomas, Donald Paine, Ernest Owens, Hall Hobbs, R. Thomas, M. J. Hines, Ross Baker, Misses Louise Hudson, Norah Foster, Winnie Cross, Wilma Paine, Dessie Baker, Mary Derington, Betty Chancey, Ruth Pinckley and Lila Steadman.

QUILTING AND BRIDAL SHOWER.

Thursday, May 15, Mrs. Robert James held a quilting in her home. In the afternoon a bridal shower was given for Mrs. Douglas Reddin and many nice gifts were received. After the shower refreshments were served to a score or more guests.

MT. PLEASANT WSCS.

Mt. Pleasant Society of Christian service met at the church on Wednesday afternoon, May 14, with the president in charge. Opening prayer was given by Mrs. W. B. Hill. The secretary read the minutes. Mrs. Hill was in charge of the program. Mrs. Virgil Patterson and Mrs. Mary Clark made talks. There will be mission study three nights next week: Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday nights. Seven members were present, one visitor and one new member.

WHITE CHURCH WSCS.

The Women's Society of Christian service met Tuesday, May 20. The meeting was called to order by the vice-president, Mrs. A. D. Barnes, and was opened by the singing of "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms," followed by a prayer led by Mrs. Jim Campbell.

Mrs. P. R. McLean conducted the Bible study on the life of Abraham. The meeting was closed by a prayer led by Mrs. A. D. Barnes.

Those present were Mesdames A. D. Barnes, J. B. Stewart, P. R. McLean and J. H. Swinney; visitors, Mrs. Jim Campbell of Blair, Mrs. Roy Coats, Sr., and Mrs. R. L. Swinney.

The next meeting will be June 3.

Base Named for Roosevelt.

Washington, May 22.—The navy's 333-acre fleet operating base on Terminal island at San Pedro, Calif., has been given the name Roosevelt base in honor of the president.

In The Churches

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

On account of the death of the superintendent, W. L. Massey, no Sunday School was held Sunday at the Fundamental Baptist church. Attendance at the other five reporting Sunday Schools was 502, as compared with 570 on the previous Sunday and 583 on the same Sunday a year ago.

METHODIST CHURCH.

Sunday services: Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Morning worship service 11 a. m. Intermediate League 7:15 p. m. Young People's League hour begins at 7:15 p. m. Evening preaching service at 8 p. m.

Week-day activities: Women's Society of Christian Service meets Monday at 3 p. m. Mid-week service every Wednesday night.

There's always a welcome with the Methodists.

Marvin Boyd, Pastor.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Morning sermon at 11. Training Union 6:45. Evening sermon at 8.

Prayed meeting at 8 Wednesday evening.

Cooper Waters, Pastor.

GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School 10 a. m. Morning worship 11 a. m. Sermon subject, "Seek ye first the Kingdom." Text, Matt. 6:33. "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

Evening worship 8 p. m. Sermon subject, "The Unlimited God, limited by the limitation of limited men." Text, John 14:12.

Junior Intermediate C. E. 7 p. m. Leader, Billy Campbell. Subject, "The Church and World Brotherhood." Scripture I John 2:8-11.

Mid-week prayer meeting Wednesday 8 p. m.

J. B. Ramsey, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Our regular schedule of services is as follows:

Sunday: Bible School 9:45 a. m., preaching 10:45 a. m. and 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.

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Record of Births.

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Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Kings-
ton, Trent, Sunday, May 18, 1941.
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Sam McLeod,
Trent, Wednesday, May 21, 1941.
Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Price,
Wednesday, May 21, 1941.
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Black,
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ROAST, lb. 15
PORK
CHOPS, lb. 21c
Sugar Cured--
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Boneless, PICKLED--
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