

## Keeping Up With Texas

Mrs. Henry Reynolds was fatally injured Friday night when her automobile was struck by a freight train on the outskirts of Longview.

Mrs. Elmer Jetton, 26, resident of the Frisco community, near Paris, was burned fatally Saturday in the explosion of kerosene poured onto coals in a cookstove.

Mrs. Virgie Burton, 23, of Ross City, was fatally injured early Sunday when the car in which she was riding hit a soft shoulder of the road and overturned 30 miles south of Big Spring.

Alvie G. Goss, 17, of Elkhart, drowned Saturday afternoon while swimming in a small lake two miles north of Palestine. Two companions were unable to save Goss when he apparently was seized by cramps.

Two Baylor university buildings costing a total of \$380,000 gave Waco a seven-day building permit total of \$407,267 and the week's construction lead among Texas cities.

Hugh M. Huckaby, 33, of Austin, was drowned Sunday about three miles below Marshall Ford Dam in the Colorado river, when his boat became swamped and sank.

George John Spanko, 26, of Dallas, died Monday of burns received Friday when a pan of gasoline exploded near him. It was believed a spark from a welding apparatus caused the gasoline to ignite.

During the first five months of 1941, Texas state police said Monday 694 persons were killed in Texas automobile accidents. This was an increase of 30 over the same period for 1940.

E. H. Mitchell, 19, of Thorp Spring, injured in a Hood county automobile accident Sunday, died Monday at a Fort Worth hospital. Rayford Royce Fenner, 22, of Granbury, who was riding with Mitchell, was dead when he arrived at the hospital.

Eugene Kemp, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Kemp of Wharton, an enrollee in the NYA camp at Inks Lake, drowned Sunday when he attempted to swim the Colorado river near the camp.

Ollie Proctor, 16, of Colorado City, was fatally injured Monday night when the car on the fender of which he was riding collided with another at a street intersection in the residential district.

D. P. Wilbanks, 45, prominent Concho county ranchman, was killed by lightning Tuesday. His body was found by neighbors on the Wilbanks ranch southwest of Paint Rock.

W. C. Reeves, 50, employee of J. R. Horn Construction company at Camp Berkeley, died unexpectedly Monday afternoon collapsing while at work. Physicians attributed his death to exhaustion.

A loaded wheat truck driven by C. A. Martin crushed to death his 10-year-old son, Glenn, Tuesday in a harvest field 16 miles west of Matador. The child apparently fell beneath the wheels while attempting to ride on the rear of the truck.

Virgil Hendricks died Tuesday of burns suffered Monday night when gasoline he was unloading exploded. He was scheduled to join the army Tuesday. His home was at Bonham.

Dallas County's total damage to roads and bridges as a result of floods during June will reach \$100,000, county commissioners estimated Monday.

Dr. R. D. Perry, statistician and director of the band at Baylor university for the past 18 months, has been named to succeed F. M. Allen as registrar, Pat. M. Neff announced Monday. Registrar Allen retired from active service June 2, after having served the university since 1902.

L. H. Nutt, 63, Monahans postmaster since April, 1940, who had been instrumental in organization of the First State bank there, died Monday night of heart trouble. Prior to coming to Monahans, Mr. Nutt was cashier of a bank at Barstow for seven years.

### New Officers Installed By Merkel Masons

Merkel Lodge No. 710. A. F. & A. M. installed the following new officers for the ensuing year at Saturday night's meeting:

E. B. Reece, worshipful master; Willie L. Moore, senior warden; Joe B. Jackson, junior warden; Bob Fowler, treasurer; W. C. Black, secretary; and G. F. Woods, tiller. The latter three were re-elected.

Newly appointive officers are: James Hass, senior deacon; Waldo Cox, junior deacon; H. K. Farr, senior steward; Henry Ueckert, junior steward; H. G. Smith, chaplain; and Andy Shouse, marshal.

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## LOCAL BOYS HANG UP FAST TIME IN THIRD SHOW

**Calf Roping Won in 13.8 Seconds, Cow Milking in 13 Flat; Injured Steer Rider Resting Well at Hospital.**

Two local boys set a fast pattern for ropers in Saturday's rodeo, third in the 1941 summer series of free shows sponsored by the Merchants Trade Extension association.

Leonard Huff won the calf roping contest with the exceptional time of 13.8 seconds, while Ralph Russell took first money in the wild cow milking event in 13 seconds.

In the steer riding contest, Kenneth Turner, Merkel boy, received serious injuries when he was thrown and stepped on. The right side of his chest was crushed and several ribs broken. He was taken to the Sadler Clinic from where reports Wednesday morning were that he was getting along nicely.

A crowd, fully as large as witnessed the second performance of the season—on June 7—thrilled to the various events that made up the afternoon's card.

A list of twelve youngsters entered the junior steer riding event, with six of them staying on till the whistle and collecting 50 cents for their ride. Successful riders were Melvin Denison, Clyde Lewis, John Stapleton, Sherwood McWilliams, Billie Black, Wayne Baccus.

The winning cowboys were: Calf roping—Leonard Huff, first, 13.8 seconds; Phelton Herrington, Ranger, second, 14.2; James Russell, Merkel, third, 18; Tutor Swann, Trent, fourth, 18.2.

Wild cow milking—Ralph Russell, first, 13 seconds; Howard McCraw, Woodson, second, 14.6; Earl Stevens, Trent, third, 20; Vester Parrish, Winkgate, fourth, 20.2.

Team tying—Giles White, Tuscola, first, 22.2 seconds; Stevens, second, 22.4; Burl Hitson, Breckenridge, third, 22.8.

Steer riding—Jack Moberley, Albany, first; J. B. Hunter, Roscoe, second; Bill Barton, Abilene, third; Bill Brabbin, Tye, fourth.

Bull riding—Hunter, first; Corporal Roer, Camp Berkeley, second; Barton, third.

Saddle bronc riding—Corp. Roer, first; Barton, second; Pat Mitchell, Camp Berkeley, third.

Bareback bronc riding—Hunter, first; Barton, second; Brabbin, third. Fourth performance for the summer season is scheduled July 19, with two other shows to follow: Aug. 9 and Aug. 30.

## Funeral Rites Held Here for 11-Year-Old Maurice Eugene Dunn

Funeral services were held at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon from the First Baptist church for Maurice Eugene Dunn, 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Dunn of Clyde, former residents of Merkel. Maurice died shortly after noon Thursday at the Hendrick Memorial hospital, Abilene, where he had been taken only a few hours before. He became ill Tuesday while visiting with his uncle, John Dunn, and family, at Cisco. Death was attributed to pneumonia.

Rev. Cooper Waters, pastor of the First Baptist church, officiated, assisted by Rev. Marvin Boyd, Methodist pastor. Burial was in Rose Hill cemetery under direction of the Barrow-Sheppard Funeral home.

Five uncles, John Dunn and D. T. Dunn of Cisco, Homer Dunn of Abilene, Paul Dunn of Dallas and Howard Johnson of San Antonio, and a cousin, Mr. McDaniels, of Dallas, served as pallbearers.

Flower girls were four cousins, Doris Mae Lepard, Anson, Mary Faye Johnson, Marjorie and Wanda Dunn, and the following young girls: Mary Ruth Hutcheson, Marilyn Petty, Johnny McDonald, Betty Gilbert, Avalene Mathews, Gwendolyn Vaughn, Nedra Swafford and Marjorie Jo Fulton.

Surviving are the parents, one sister, Marian, and a brother, Jerry, Mrs. W. L. Johnson, his maternal grandmother, and Mrs. W. W. Wheeler, his great-grandmother, both of Merkel, are the only living grandparents.

## PLAYING QUARTER FINALS IN LOW BALL, LOW TOTAL

Advanced to the quarter-finals in the Merkel Golf club's low ball, low total tournament are the following teams in the upper bracket:

Petty and Bartlett, matched against Hodge and G. M. Owens; Higgins and Bragg vs. B. Woodrum and Durham.

In the lower bracket, Robinson and Paul West have reached the quarter-finals, their opponents to be the winner in the second round play between Benson and Jerry Warren and Robertson and Mellinger. Other match in the bracket is to be between J. Patterson and Douglas, McCoy and Beech.

## Barkeley Boys Win Twin Bill; Bankers Take Two off Yazell

In both games played the past week with the Yazell Chevrolet company, the F. & M. Bank softballers were victors.

On last Thursday night the Bankers won over the Chevrolet boys, 16 to 5. Monday night's game resulted in a 16-12 score.

On last Friday night the Camp Berkeley team trimmed the Bankers, 12 to 4, and bested Yazell 9 to 1.

## Attend Dedication of Possum Kingdom Dam

Four officers of the Taylor Electric Co-operative, Inc., left Wednesday morning for Mineral Wells to attend the celebration marking the dedication and formal opening of Possum Kingdom dam.

In the group were H. R. Roberts of Guion, president; Mrs. George R. Pepper, Sweetwater, vice-president; W. C. Church, secretary-treasurer, and Supt. Johnny Cox, who was accompanied by Mrs. Cox.

## Private Services Held For Senator Houston

Washington, July 2.—Requiem mass for Senator Andrew Jackson Houston, 87, of La Porte, Texas, serving as United States senator from Texas under an interim appointment by Gov. W. Lee O'Daniel, was said in the Hysong Chapel at 11:30 a. m. Saturday after which the body was placed in a mortuary receiving vault for an indefinite period before its removal to Texas for final burial. Senator Houston died Thursday night in Johns Hopkins hospital in Baltimore, where he had just undergone an operation for a stomach disorder.

Miss Ariadne Houston and Miss Marguerite Houston, the unmarried daughters of the senator, who had been his constant companions for a number of years, members of the senator's staff and a senate committee of five members attended the funeral. Both the funeral mass and interment of the body in the receiving vault were private, at the request of the senator's daughters.

## Taylor County Totals 263 on Second R-Day

Although estimates had placed the registration of 21-year-olds of Taylor county between 400 and 500, only a total of 263 registered on the second R-Day, July 1.

Of the four registration places, the Taylor county courthouse drew the largest number of registrants with a total of 133. Next heaviest registration was at the No. 1 draft office with 56. Only 74 registered at the other two places, Abilene high school and No. 2 selective service office.

## Sunday School Zone Meets at Union July 6

The Hebron church is to bring the program for the Sunday School zone meeting to be held Sunday, July 6, at the Riverside Baptist church (Union). The meeting will begin at 3 p. m.

## Will Preach Sunday.

Elder W. W. Brown of Abilene will preach Sunday at 11 a. m. at the Merkel Grammar school. Every one is invited to hear him.

## TALK OF CHEESE PLANT INITIATES YEAR'S PROGRAM

Supt. Connor Robinson Installed As New President of Lions; Committee on Cheese Plant Checking Prospects.

Supt. Connor Robinson of the Merkel Public schools was installed as president of the Merkel Lions at their Tuesday luncheon.

Other new officers are: Chester Collinsworth, Johnny Cox and Dr. W. T. Sadler, first, second and third vice-presidents, respectively; Wrenn Durham, secretary-treasurer; Frank Breaux, tail twister; W. M. Elliott, Lion tamer; Byers Petty and A. T. Sheppard, new directors. Holdover directors are Milton Case and Nathan Wood.

With R. T. Gray, the retiring president, presiding, opening singsong was led by Supt. Connor Robinson, with Gay West at the piano. Invocation was given by Rev. Marvin Boyd. One new member, E. O. Nutt, was elected. Only guest present was E. E. Read, principal of the High school.

Before President Gray turned the meeting over to the newly elected president, in behalf of the club he presented a gift of perfume to Gay West, the club's sweetheart.

First action of the club after the installation of President Robinson was a forceful expression by a lusty roar of the splendid services rendered the club by the retiring president, R. T. Gray. Motion for the roar followed a few well chosen words of appreciation of President Gray from club members by Dr. L. C. Zehnffennig, a past president of the club.

Following adjournment, Dr. W. T. Sadler, as chairman of the committee investigating the feasibility of establishing a cheese plant here, called a meeting of his committee and a group of 24 workers from the club's roster. At this meeting names of farmers were divided into groups of approximately 30 each and these several groups assigned to one-man committees, who are to see the farmers on their list and be prepared to have a return questionnaire from each of the names assigned him by July 5.

Members of the central committee, other than Dr. Sadler, are Chester Collinsworth, Ray Wilson and Johnny Cox.

## Enlistments Gain After Age Limit Lowered

With lowering of minimum age for recruits from 18 to 17, percentage of acceptance of applicants from the Abilene recruiting office of the marine corps increased sharply during June, Sgt. Claude B. Reid announced Monday.

During June 51 applicants were examined, 20 of that number were rejected, 21 were enlisted and transferred to San Diego, Calif., and 10 are now completing registration papers, Reid said.

This compared with only 11 enlistments from a total of 40 applicants in May, when the lower age limit was 18, he added.

Approximately half of the youths enlisted during June were 17 years of age, the recruiter said. Minimum weight for 17-year-old applicants depending on height, is 109 pounds, Reid pointed out.

## Marketing of Wheat Delayed by Rain

With the crop considerably damaged by rains and wind and the harvesting delayed by later rains, wheat shipments out of Merkel to date are far short of expectations.

As reported Wednesday morning by Local Agent A. J. Graham, only six carloads have moved from this point via the Texas & Pacific, but ten additional cars on the tracks were practically loaded and ready for shipment.

## Or Draughon's Honor Roll.

Misses Lois and Evelyn Finch and Era Bale, students of Draughon's Business college, Abilene, were three of the twenty-one highest ranking students whose names appeared on the honor roll for the past term.

## Returns Show Gov. O'Daniel Wins By 1,095 Votes With Lyndon Johnson Next Man

### Stores to Close In Observance July Fourth

Fourth of July, national independence day, is to be observed in Merkel as a general holiday, with all the stores, except drug stores, cafes and service stations, closing according to custom.

The Farmers & Merchants National bank and the post office will be closed and the rural carriers will also have holiday. Agreement to close was made by all the business houses represented at Tuesday's luncheon of the Lions club.

### Tuesday's Rain Brings Total Near 20 Inches

Lowering clouds late Tuesday afternoon turned into a heavy downpour of rain about 6 o'clock, which measured nine-sixteenths of an inch, according to the gauge of Volunteer Weather Observer J. I. Ford.

The year's total previously stood at 19 3-16 inches, added to which Tuesday's rainfall brings the figure to 19 3-4 inches for 1941.

P. S. At noon Wednesday, just as the forms for this issue are closed, Jupiter Pluvius began a return engagement, (apparently indefinite.)

## Ex-Bell Countians Invited to Basket Picnic Next Sunday

Cards were sent early in the week from the office of Florence French Clifton, secretary-treasurer, to 600 families represented at last year's reunion of ex-residents of Bell county, reminding them that the second annual reunion will be held at Buffalo Gap on Sunday, July 6.

Gates of the Presbyterian encampment at Buffalo Gap will be opened at 9 a. m. to admit the visitors, who will be free to come and go at will. At noon a basket picnic lunch will be spread under the huge liveoaks. The day will be spent in reminiscence talk of old days in Bell county. Election of officers is to be held at 2 p. m.

Any person who ever lived in Bell county is eligible to attend, and it is especially emphasized that all members of the family will be welcomed to the picnic, whether all the individual members were born in or have lived in Bell county or not.

## MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, July 15, 1921.)

Emmitt Boring, a former Merkel boy, son of Mrs. J. D. Boring, who still owns a farm west of town here, is now playing with a theatrical stock company in Abilene in the American theatre, which has been made quite comfortable and is fast becoming popular. When this company played in Fort Worth, Miss Bert Boring gave a boat party in their honor. She chartered the big boat on Lake Worth and had music and dancing and supper out on the lake. Emmitt sends greetings to his Merkel friends and says he still reads the Merkel Mail.

### THURSDAY CLUB BARBECUE.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Largent entertained the Thursday club and their husbands and the younger set at their beautiful home last Friday evening.

Mr. Largent had barbecued a fatted calf and thereby became a prodigal host to sixty or even more prodigal guests, each a connoisseur of good eats and fine hospitality.

### Texas Governor Overcomes Early Lead of New Deal Congressman; Official Returns to Be Canvassed on July 14.

On the face of the final tabulation released Tuesday night by the Texas Election bureau—an organization of newspapers of the state for the purpose of gathering election returns—Governor W. Lee O'Daniel, twice winner for the governorship without a run-off in a state democratic primary, apparently defeated new deal Congressman Lyndon Johnson by 1,095 votes in the race for United States senator to succeed the late Morris Sheppard.

Bob Johnson, manager of the Texas Election bureau, cautioned, however, that while the returns from counties had been checked and rechecked there was always chance for errors. Unless there were corrections, the bureau announced that Tuesday's report would be its last.

Official canvass is to be made July 14 by the state election board composed of Governor W. Lee O'Daniel, Attorney General Gerald C. Mann and Secretary of State William J. Lawson.

With a tabulation of 571,095 votes by the election bureau, the final count stood:

O'Daniel, 175,368.  
Johnson, 174,273.  
Gerald C. Mann, 140,853.  
Martin Dies, 80,601.

Saturday midnight reports showed Johnson with a lead of around 3,000 which he held with variations up and down until the Monday night report revealed that his plurality over O'Daniel had dwindled to only 77. On Tuesday O'Daniel passed him and continued to gain on late returns from a margin of 379 Tuesday morning to 1,095, the final plurality.

COUNTY FAVORS JOHNSON.  
Taylor county's vote for Johnson lacked only 49 of being a majority of all the 4,972 ballots tabulated. He polled 2,437, while O'Daniel got 1,128, Mann 962 and Dies 428.  
In the Merkel box Johnson led with 195 to O'Daniel's 128. Mann received 77 and Dies 22.  
The Trent vote was: Johnson 51, O'Daniel 30, Mann 14, Dies 4.

### Limestone Countians Hold Reunion July 6

All residents and ex-residents of Limestone county are invited and urged to be present at a reunion at the park three miles north of Novice on highway 84 to be held Sunday, July 6.  
Mrs. R. T. Ferguson of Caps is chairman of the committee on general arrangements.

### Record of Births.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Tittle, Trent, Tuesday, July 1, 1941.

The long table, sumptuously loaded to invite and satisfy hunger, was placed on the beautiful and brilliantly lighted lawn, around which sixty happy people made happier by toast and story and bountiful hospitality lightened the table's load as they did their own cares.

After the feast the men lounged on the lawn in groups and bursts of laughter evidenced their increasing enjoyment. The ladies repaired to the house and were entertained by music, both instrumental and vocal, which was shared and enjoyed by the men on the lawn. At eleven-thirty o'clock the guests departed, feeling that they had spent a most enjoyable evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Largent were assisted in the entertaining of their guests by Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Largent and Mr. and Mrs. Willie Joe Largent.

Rev. Ira L. Parrack and family left Monday for a visit to Santa Anna.

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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Jones and daughters, Misses Connie and Ezell, of Harmon, La., have ended a visit of two weeks or more in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Roberts. While here they made a trip to Brownfield and were accompanied by Miss Jonnie Roberts.

Rev. and Mrs. M. J. Wise and children, Joe Ellen and Martha Ann, of Dallas, who have been at Midland and Big Spring for the past several days, were passing guests in the home of Mrs. Wise's grandmother, Mrs. Archer. Mr. and Mrs. Avery Falkner are also guests in the Archer home.

Guests last Tuesday of Mrs. Wid Matthews were Mesdames Ella Biggs of Wichita Falls and Beulah Pillinghaste of Lubbock.  
Mrs. Twyman Collins of Merkel was visitor Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Brewer. Mr. and Mrs. Brewer also have as their guests this week Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Taylor and son, Jimmie D. of Olla, La., and Mr. Densil Mott of Tullis, La.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Danley and daughter, Mary Sue, and Mr. Gordon of Ranger, returned to their home Monday after spending the week-end as guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. Gordon and Mr. and Mrs. C. Gordon. Jonnie Wheeler accompanied them home for a week's visit.

Mrs. Cecil McRee, in company with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Jackson, left Sunday for a visit of several days in Oklahoma. Mrs. McRee will visit her brother, Frank Matheny, of Bartlett.

Sergeant Tura James of Fort Sam Houston is spending his vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert James. Miss Charlene James, who is employed at Abilene, has been home for a few days.

Miss Fannie Vessels has accepted a position in Abilene assisting in finger-printing at the city hall.  
Charles Morgan of Noodle was attending to business here Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Russell of Monahan were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Bright. They were accompanied home Sunday by Wanda Kegans; also Katharine Jones will visit with them and Murlie Jones.  
Miss Alice Carey joined the party

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formed here Wednesday that were attending the Lueders Encampment. They returned home Saturday night at the close of the meeting.

R. E. Dowdy of Odessa and Ledo Dowdy of Abilene were here Thursday of last week attending to business and seeing friends.

Mrs. Ellen Duncan of Sweetwater was a passing guest Thursday with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Waters of Cisco were visiting Wednesday afternoon with friends. They also spent several hours in the evening with Mr. and Mrs. Luther Dudley.

Mrs. J. B. Winn and Mr. and Mrs. A. J. English visited Sunday at Truscott in the home of Rev. and Mrs. Joe English and attended services hearing Rev. Mr. English preach at the morning service, also attending the service of the laying of the cornerstone of a new Baptist church of which Rev. Mr. English is pastor.

L. B. Matheny of Dublin was a guest several days last week in the Cecil McRee home.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Warren and Katy Lu have returned to their home at Greenville after a visit of several days in the home of Mrs. Chas. Hutcheson.

Mrs. Ola Lee Winn spent last Wednesday attending an all-day library meeting at Abilene high school.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Blackmon and their son, Clayton, and wife, of Corpus Christi, are visiting in the homes of Mrs. Jim Smith and Mr. and Mrs. N. L. McLeod.

Mrs. Claud Mathis and children, Billie and Irene, of Los Angeles, Calif., are here for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Sherman. This is their first visit here in seven years.

Mrs. Addie Woods of Hamilton is visiting this week in the home of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. H. Ogletree.  
Mr. and Mrs. Dick Armour had as guests last Tuesday Mr. and Mrs. Seale of Del Rio.

Supt. and Mrs. R. L. Fortune were due to leave Thursday for Indian Gap to be gone over the week-end. They will attend the home-coming there on Sunday.

Little Miss Betty Jane Reed is spending the summer here with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Fenton Boyd.

Little Miss Betty Wright underwent a tonsillectomy at Sweetwater Sunday. She is now at home and rapidly recovering.

THIRD BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED.

Thelda Hamner was honored on her 3rd birthday last Friday when her mother, Mrs. Clark Hamner, entertained a number of relatives. She received a lot of nice and useful gifts. Home-made ice cream and angel food cake were served.

GIFT PARTY.

Mrs. Homer Campbell was hostess last Thursday afternoon at her home honoring Mrs. Nolan Cowen of Sweetwater with a gift party. Mrs. Cowen will be remembered as Miss Faye Windham. She received many nice and useful gifts and a very enjoyable time was had by all present.

BAPTIST REVIVAL.

A revival meeting will begin at the Baptist church next Sunday morning with Rev. T. J. Sparkman of

Bunker Hill Celebrates 166th Anniversary



The 182nd infantry, Yankee division, from Camp Edwards, Cape Cod, march snappily at the foot of Bunker Hill monument, Charlestown, Mass., in 166th celebration of the famous battle fought with the British.

Lamar Street church, Sweetwater, doing the preaching, and Bill Bell of Abilene will have charge of the song service. Everyone is invited to attend the meeting.

JOINT BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Mrs. Alonzo McElmurry, with Mesdames Herbert Kegans and Ernest Wallace as co-hostesses, honored Merle McElmurry and Troy Kegans Saturday evening in a prettily planned party in the McElmurry home. Games and contests were enjoyed throughout the evening. At the refreshment hour cake and punch were served to the following: La Nelle Edwards, Wanda Kegans, Peggy Tinsworth, Joyce Patterson, Mary Jo and Ellen McLeod, Ernestine Wallace, of Lubbock, Lonell McElmurry, Tommie Hamner, Allen and Donald Howell, Willie Pearl Matthews, Betty Jane Tittle, Buddie Winter, Weldon Rutledge, J. C. and B. H. Hand, Pat Dudley and Virgil Purser.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL.

Vacation Bible school at the M. E. church began June 30 and is scheduled to run two weeks. The time is between 3:30 and 6 o'clock each afternoon. All children are invited and urged to attend. Instructors are Mesdames Cecil Tune, Earl Strawn, Lee Keys, Oscar S. Bishop, Misses Hazel Williamson and Virginia Chloe McRee.

Carryover 12,300,000 Bales.

Washington, July 2.—The agriculture department forecast a carryover of about 12,300,000 bales at the end of the marketing year of Aug. 1. At the beginning of this cotton year, the carryover was 10,600,000 bales, compared with 13,000,000 a year earlier.

Makes Donation of \$100,000.

Hollywood, July 2.—Bucharest-born Edward G. Robinson has just given \$100,000—his salary in his coming picture—to the United Service organizations, but he says "the army, naval and marine bases are full of boys who have given more."

State Per Capita in Full.

Austin, July 2.—With the release of warrants in payment of \$1 per capita, the total scholastic apportionment to date has reached \$20.50. Supt. L. A. Woods of the department of education announced that the remaining \$2 should reach the depository banks late next month or early in August.

It is estimated that if terracing needed on farms in the United States were done it would call for moving as much earth as in the digging of 40 Panama canals.

About 6,640 bales of low grade cotton have been allocated to 21 manufacturers to be used in making high grade writing paper under the United States department of agriculture's cotton paper program.

In test cities and counties where the cotton stamp plan was in operation last year, items most popular with stamp-users were piece goods, ladies' dresses and housecoats, men's shirts, men's underwear and curtains.

In sending a letter, the average cost to the government is 1.73 cents.

Dairy specialists say that a cow producing about 24 pounds of milk per day is now selling in Texas for \$75 or more.

Named as Secretary Congregation Mizpah

When the Congregation Mizpah was recently organized by the Abilene Jewish community, Meyer Mellinger of Merkel was named secretary. Other officers are: Myer Mehl, president; Jack Belsky, vice-president; Reuben Anton, treasurer, and Clarence Solznick, parliamentarian.

Harrison's Successor Named.

Jackson, Miss., July 2.—Governor Paul Johnson late Saturday announced the interim appointment of James O. Eastland of Ruleville to fill the senate seat made vacant by the death of Pat Harrison.

At one time, miners and prospectors paid \$100 to have a ton of ore samples analyzed; now they get it done for \$2.50.



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Hospital Notes.

Receiving tonsillectomies during the past week at Sadler Clinic were: Mrs. Reddell Morris, Abilene; a daughter of W. L. McGehee, Trent, and Cecil Scott, son of Mrs. Dixie Scott, Odessa.

Kenneth Turner, injured in the steer riding contest at the rodeo Saturday, was admitted for treatment and is reported improving.

A chameleon changes color by means of cells containing black, red, and yellow coloring matter which lie just below its transparent skin.

Oil Notes.

After encountering water in the Swastika sand from 2,909 to a total depth of 2,911, the J. L. McMahon No. 1 Miller has been plugged.

Second gauge on the W. D. Brookover et al No. 1 W. C. Church resulted in production of 159 barrels of oil plus 174 barrels of water daily on pump.

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**GOLAN NEWS**

Mr. and Mrs. Warner Huggins of near Sweetwater were visitors Sunday in the home of her brother, Dawson McCain and family. Miss Rose LaVerne McCain accompanied them home for a few days' visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jones visited with Mr. and Mrs. Holton Jones Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Med Herron and family visited Mr. Herron's sister and family of Truby Sunday and attended the singing convention.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer McLeod of White Flat were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Sam McLeod.

Mrs. Odie Stribling of near Sweetwater attended church here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Payne of Noodle and Miss Mozelle of Abilene were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Byrom.

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Payne, Mr. and Mrs. V. P. Byrom and children, Mrs. D. M. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Williams were Sunday evening visitors in the George Byrom home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Hill of Snyder visited with Mr. Hill's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hill, a few days the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Doris Winter and children visited in Abilene Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hill went to Truby Sunday for the singing convention.

Brother Jones, our Methodist pastor, preached here Sunday night to a well filled house.

Mrs. L. C. Williams was in Merkel Monday attending to business.

Those visiting in the home of Truitt Jeffrey and Mrs. Jeffrey Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Power and children of Sylvester, Mr. and Mrs. Dock Lawlis of Longworth, Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Lawlis and Mr. and Mrs. Avis Jeffrey.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Davis of Abilene were the past week-end visitors in the C. C. Davis home.

We will see you at the picnic July 4.

(Omitted Last Week.)

Farmers are very busy the last few days, taking advantage of the dry weather and sunshine.

Mrs. J. C. Chambers of Moran visited a few days last week in the home of her uncle. She and her son, Johnnie Curtis, were on their way to Oklahoma to visit her daughter. Mrs. Chambers will be remembered as Iva Hightower.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hill were in Anson Thursday shopping.

Mrs. Alfred Hill visited with her mother at Pyron a few days the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dawson McCain went to Ralls Thursday for the funeral of Mr. McCain's grandmother, Mrs. Casey.

Mrs. Mollie Byrom and Mr. and Mrs. George Byrom and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Homer McLeod of White Flat Sunday.

Eva Gene Williams of Sylvester is visiting in the home of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Williams, for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Jeffrey visited Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Stephens.

**Entry Dated in 1904 Winner in "Old Bill" Contest of WTU Co.**

Miss Mary Ledbetter, of Quanah, submitted the winning entry in the "Old Bill" contest conducted by the West Texas Utilities, according to R. T. Gray, WTU local manager, who said the \$50 first prize was won on an entry dated in December, 1904.

Prizes of \$5 each go to the following for the ten next oldest bills entered in the regional contest:

E. I. Jackson, San Angelo, for bill dated October 1906; Mrs. Wiley James, Baird, September, 1908; Mrs. B. F. Denny, Memphis, January, 1909; Mrs. W. C. Dickey, Memphis, March, 1909; Mrs. Dallas Scarborough, Abilene, September, 1909; Mrs. Frank Easley, Quanah, January, 1910; Mrs. A. V. Smith, Abilene, February, 1911; Mrs. L. E. McCurdy, Vernon, April, 1911; Mrs. Fred Williams, San Angelo, June, 1912, and D. M. West, Miles, February, 1913.

Miss Ledbetter's entry, rendered to her father, a pioneer of Quanah, whose house was second to be wired for

lighting in the town, shows that he paid a flat rate of \$5 monthly—"payable in advance." It covered lights only and she recalls that they were on only a few hours each evening. Miss Ledbetter also remembers that:

"... The plant was a very small affair and when we had a thunder storm the light went out and we used a coal oil lamp which was kept ready for these occasions."

Nearly 300 old bills were entered in the contest, 69 of which were dated in 1920 or earlier. Just outside the winning margin were H. L. Adams, of Dalhart, with a May, 1913, bill; and L. L. Welsh, Abilene, with one dated September, 1913.

Six entries were dated in 1914-27 years old. Five were dated in 1915; 10 in 1916; 9 in 1917; 6 in 1918; 8 in 1919, and 11 in 1920.

"We want to thank every one who sent in old bills," Mr. Gray said. "The information they contain and the letters telling about service in those days will be very valuable in collecting historical facts about the development of the electric industry in this West Texas country."

All bills, he said, will be returned as soon as possible.

**NEWMAN NEWS**

Fairy Beth Fowler of Abilene spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Fowler.

Mrs. Red Howard of Abilene spent a few days last week visiting in the home of her mother, Mrs. Boyd.

Archie Boyd of Abilene spent Thursday night in the home of his mother.

Othell Reeves of Merker spent Saturday night in the Reeves home. On his return to Merkel he was accompanied by his mother, who will spend a few days visiting her sons and daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cross of Rotan and Miss Alice Cross of Sylvester were Sunday evening visitors in the Reeves home.

Several from this community attended the 5th Sunday Singing at Pledger Sunday evening.

Lewis Chase of Abilene is visiting in the home of Bill Jones.

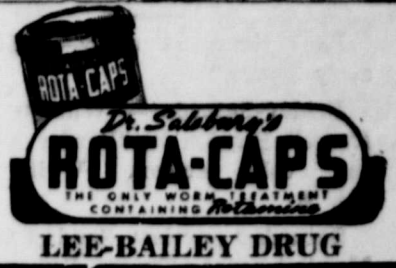
Stanley Jones of Abilene and some friends of Big Spring spent Sunday in the Jones home.

Little Delia Mae Parker underwent an appendectomy at the Sweetwater hospital Saturday.

Some of the vegetables that should be in every garden this summer are: okra, cream peas, butter beans, tomatoes, green beans of the pole type, shallot onions, green pepper, egg plant and New Zealand spinach. In the field plant cushaws, pumpkins and winter squash.

Twenty-one letters by Sam Houston—each of them more than 100 years old—have recently been acquired by the University of Texas library.

Christopher Willibald von Gluck, a composer who lived between 1714 and 1787, often is called the "father of modern opera."



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**Miss Mary Ledbetter**

The \$50 first prize goes to Miss Mary Ledbetter, member of a pioneer family in Quanah, who submitted a bill dated "December, 1904". The bill was rendered to her father, J. Ledbetter. It is well preserved and was found among other papers of historic value. Miss Ledbetter is an amateur collector of antiques which include the painting and clock, pictured, now over 50 years old. Shown congratulating Miss Ledbetter on her winning entry is Earl Morley, WTU's district manager in Quanah. At right below is a photostatic copy of the 37-year-old bill.

**The WINNERS in the "Old Bill" Contest**

(Name, town, and date of winning entry)

- Miss Mary Ledbetter, Quanah, Dec., 1904
- Mr. E. I. Jackson, San Angelo, Oct., 1906
- Mrs. Wiley James, Baird, Sept., 1908
- Mrs. B. F. Denny, Memphis, Jan., 1909
- Mrs. W. C. Dickey, Memphis, Mar., 1909
- Mrs. Dallas Scarborough, Abilene, Sept., 1909
- Mrs. Frank Easley, Quanah, Jan., 1910
- Mrs. A. V. Smith, Abilene, Feb., 1911
- Mrs. L. E. McCurdy, Vernon, Apr., 1911
- Mrs. Fred Williams, San Angelo, June, 1912
- Mr. D. M. West, Bronte, Feb., 1913

\*\$50 first prize; \$5 each for 10 oldest bills.

**HONORABLE MENTION**

(Many, many thanks to all those who sent in entries in the "Old Bill" Contest and for the contents of letters pointing out contributions made by this organization of men and women to the growth of West Texas)

NAME	TOWN	DATE OF OLD BILL
H. L. Adams	Dalhart	May, 1913
L. L. Welsh	Abilene	Sept., 1913
W. H. Larimore	Mason	March, 1914
Carrie Underwood Hardin	Childress	March, 1914
Mrs. Fred Hart	Baird	April, 1914
J. R. Sanders	San Angelo	July, 1914
Lillian Tolbert	San Angelo	Dec., 1914
Miss Lee Patton	Clarendon	Jan., 1915
H. V. Payne	Dalhart	May, 1915
Paul H. Scott	Abilene	Aug., 1915
R. M. Morris	Clarendon	Sept., 1915
Jno. Crowley	Rotan	Nov., 1915
C. H. Taylor	San Angelo	Jan., 1916
Mrs. Susie Beede	Abilene	Jan., 1916
Mrs. M. P. Ledbetter	Quanah	Feb., 1916
Geo. Holman	Ballinger	March, 1916
W. F. Leach	Childress	April, 1916
Mrs. George A. Ryan	Clarendon	April, 1916
A. J. Fires Estate	Childress	June, 1916
Ato Cardill	Ballinger	July, 1916
C. A. Willis	Abilene	Nov., 1916
A. Privity	Childress	Feb., 1917
Dave McCrohan	San Angelo	March, 1917
Mrs. Sella Gentry	Clarendon	April, 1917
Geo. Daniels	Cisco	July, 1917
Mrs. E. H. Dodson	Haskell	July, 1917
W. E. Robinson	Dalhart	Sept., 1917
E. S. Hendrick	Chillicothe	Sept., 1917
C. D. Pentz	San Angelo	Sept., 1917
Mrs. T. M. Green	Rotan	Nov., 1917
Mrs. Alice S. Johnson	Cisco	Dec., 1917
Eula Alexander	Childress	April, 1918
Mrs. W. L. Lindsey	Abilene	May, 1918
John Schrader	Dalhart	June, 1918
Dr. Arthur A. Edwards	Haskell	July, 1918
E. W. Adams	Clarendon	Oct., 1918
T. J. Jafferis	Childress	Dec., 1918
W. L. Harrell	Cisco	Feb., 1919
R. M. Dickerson	Stamford	March, 1919
W. C. Milam	Memphis	May, 1919
A. A. McGill	San Angelo	Sept., 1919
Mrs. Harry Kennedy	Abilene	Sept., 1919
J. S. Hall	Childress	Oct., 1919
W. A. Davis	San Angelo	Nov., 1919
Art Schiefman	Dalhart	Nov., 1919
W. L. Martin	Stamford	April, 1920
Mrs. Jennie Gilliland	Abilene	May, 1920
T. H. Sumrell	San Angelo	June, 1920
Ellen Bacon	Cisco	June, 1920
J. S. Lawson	Abilene	July, 1920
Mrs. W. M. Milam	Memphis	July, 1920
Mrs. Clara Fulwiler Boyd	Abilene	Oct., 1920
T. T. Fain	Wellington	Nov., 1920
A. W. Reynolds	Albany	Dec., 1920
T. C. Delaney	Memphis	Dec., 1920
Andy Nelson	Ozona	Dec., 1920

\*Entries dated on or before 1922, representing pioneer families throughout West Texas.

M. J. Ledbetter  
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 PAYABLE MONTHLY IN ADVANCE.  
 Current month of: Dec 1941  
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**Present-day Low Rates, Good Service, Tax Payments Earn Miss Ledbetter's Praise in Winning Letter**

(The following letter accompanied Miss Ledbetter's "Old Bill" entry)

"Many wonderful improvements have been made since 1904. Then we had lights only, costing five dollars monthly in advance. We used about ten kilowatt-hours, a rate about ten times as high as today.

"The West Texas Utilities since has become one of the finest institutions any town can have. They give the best of service. They've lowered the rate until today electricity is a small item compared to other living costs.

"They're worthwhile, essential citizens and taxpayers—taxes helpful in operating our city government, schools, and in maintaining streets and highways and for their individual support of churches and every worthwhile civic undertaking."

To learn the value of modern-day, improved Electric Service, ask those who remember when electric lights first came into usage. Miss Ledbetter's home was the second in Quanah to be wired. She recalls that: "The plant was very small and when we had a thunder storm, the lights went out and we used our coal-oil lamp which was always kept handy for these occasions." Electric bulbs were of 15 candle-power size. The Ledbetter home had ceiling drops with two of these tiny bulbs to the room. The cost of \$5 monthly for lights alone compares to today's average cost of less than 10c a day in a majority of homes which also have irons, sweepers, radios, refrigerators, and other time- and labor-saving appliances.

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### QUEEN THEATRE CALENDAR

Last times Thursday—"Affectionately Yours."  
 Friday-Saturday—William Boyd, Russell Hayden in "Border Vigilantes;" color cartoon, "White Eagle" No. 9.  
 Saturday preview, Sunday matinee, Monday night—Tyrene Power, Linda Darnell, Rita Hayworth in "Blood and Sand;" cartoon, Paramount News.  
 Tuesday only—Frieda Inescort, Paul Cavanagh in "Shadows on the Stairs;" also selected short subjects.  
 Wednesday-Thursday—Brenda Marshall, David Bruce in "Singapore Woman;" latest March of Time, selected shorts.

#### "Texas Rangers Ride Again"

Romance wreathed in gunsmoke, in a story of the exploits of the Texas Rangers as they fight to sweep the purple sage free of outlaws, will be on view Friday and Saturday in Paramount's action-drama, "Texas Rangers Ride Again," which is the attraction at the Queen theatre.

Boasting a cast of notable players including John Howard, Ellen Drew, Broderick Crawford, Akin Tamiroff, May Robson and Charley Grapewin, the film tells the story of what happens when a couple of modern Texas Rangers collide with a ruthless gang of present-day cattle rustlers. The result is furious action and swift gunplay, with Ranger John Howard and Rancher Ellen Drew carrying on a rapid-fire romance.

#### "Blood and Sand"

With the blazing pageantry of Spain providing the colorful background for Tyrone Power's most powerful role, 20th Century-Fox's latest technicolor hit, "Blood and Sand," to be shown at the Queen theatre Saturday preview, Sunday matinee and Monday night, has been called a "magnificent, tensely exciting and colorful film." This latest picture produced by Darryl F. Zanuck features Linda Darnell and er Bright, Chas. Lansford, Andy name cast.

To faithfully capture the rich colors of the Spanish costumes, architecture and atmosphere, Director Rouben Mamoulian took his technicolor camera crew and a troupe of 300 to Mexico City, where old Spain still survives in the new world. Amidst gem-encrusted costumes and the Latin atmosphere, the dramatic narrative of "Blood and Sand" took form.

"Blood and Sand" is the gripping story of a fearless, death-defying matador, teemingly romantic, who is torn between the love of his beautiful wife and the fatal charm of an alluring temptress. With Tyrone Power, Linda Darnell and Rita Hayworth in the key roles, the enthralling story unfolds in a colorful panorama that stuns, excites and grips.

Rising suddenly to fame, the matador forgets his own lovely wife to fall for the wiles of a heartless siren who, after a whirlwind friendship, in turn discards him.

#### "Shadows on the Stairs"

A thrilling mystery film that will keep you in suspense from start to finish will be shown at the Queen Tuesday only. The picture called "Shadows On The Stairs" is the exciting story of a band of criminals who use a London boarding house as a hideout.

Frieda Inescort is cast as the owner of the rooming house and together with Paul Cavanagh, who portrays one of the lodgers, she tries to track down the criminals. Heather Angel and Bruce Lester lend the romantic angle to the film as a young couple who don't let crime interfere with love. The picture is crammed full of adventure and exciting action.

"Shadows On The Stairs" was written by Anthony Coldey from a play by Frank Vosper. D. Ross Lederman directed the Warner Bros. film.

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### Family of Skipper of Robin Moor



Family of Capt. Edward Myers, skipper of the S. S. Robin Moor, sunk in the South Atlantic by a German U-boat, view his picture at the Myers home in Baltimore, Md. Picture taken before the rescue of the second boatload of survivors, which included Capt. Myers. Shown are, Edward Jr., 16; Marie, 13; Florence, 10; and Mrs. Josephine Myers.

### Veteran Cowhands to Gather at Reunion

Stamford, July 2.—Those almost mythical days of the open range, of boots and spurs and six guns and large herds of cattle on the trail, will be relived here on July 3, 4 and 5, during the twelfth annual Texas Cowboy reunion, when veteran cowhands of the Southwest will gather for their annual meeting.

Each year, old-time cow-punchers, some 800 of them, assemble here during the reunion, elect new officers for their association, renew acquaintances, swap yarns and recall stirring events which occurred when the West was young. Membership is limited to men who were actively employed as cowboys on ranches at least 35 years ago, and the roster now includes more than 1,800. Members who have paid their annual dues are issued badges which entitle them to a chuck wagon dinner at noon each day of the reunion, and free admission to each performance of the rodeo.

Included in the membership of the association is Joe Higgins of Merkel.

The old-timers hold meetings in their own house, the Will Rogers Memorial Bunkhouse, on the grounds of the Texas Cowboy reunion. The building, constructed of natural stone, is very picturesque and has brands of many of the most famous Texas ranches hewn into the walls. They also have another building, the Coombes Roundup, where square dances are held each night during the reunion.

Admiral Richard E. Byrd, the explorer, made a trip around the world alone at the age of 10 years.

Texas business, steadily gaining, will hit the highest peak in its history during the next year, University of Texas business experts declare.

#### MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS.

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### White Church News

Everyone is certainly busy in the crops since we are having some sunshine. Combines are running day and night.

Friends of Monroe Harris will be glad to know he is up and around on crutches after an injury by a cow some few weeks ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Weston and Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barnes attended the funeral of Grandpa Oliver of Divide Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Riggan and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Conley of Merkel Sunday.

Bill Davis of Honolulu in the Hawaiian Islands, nephew of A. D. Barnes, visited his uncle recently, also Miss Mary Barnes of Cross Roads, N. M., a cousin of Mr. Barnes, who had made a trip to Detroit and in 15 different states and was driving a new car home, and stopped for a brief visit in the Barnes home last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Tye of Merkel and son, Homer Junior, of Fort Arthur, visited Mr. and Mrs. Beryl Brown Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bird and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Norris of Hurley, N. M., were recent visitors in our community.

Miss Bettye Perkins spent Sunday with Miss Pauline Cook.

Mr. and Mrs. Dub Hendrix visited recently with friends near San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Egger of Divide spent last Sunday in the home of Mrs. Egger's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Farmer.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ellison and daughter were shopping in Abilene one day last week.

Mrs. Will Butman and son, Jack, and Clovis Harrison made a business trip to Odessa, Friday.

Zebulon Pike, for whom famous Pike's Peak is named, crossed Texas on one of his exploring trips, University of Texas records show. In 1810, he published a book in which he gave a detailed description of the land, climate, people, government and customs of the territory.

### Grand Jury Returns Thirteen Indictments (Omitted Last Week.)

The grand jury, impaneled Monday morning in 104th district court by Judge Owen Thomas, returned 13 indictments shortly before noon Tuesday and adjourned until July 10. Headings of the indictment list were seven cases of forgery, all against Albert Martin.

B. H. Sheppard of Tuscola was named foreman of the inquisitorial body. One Merkel man, Clyde Bartlett, and one Trent man, C. H. Hamner, are included in the group. Other members are: J. D. Coffman, W. E. Jarrett, Fleming James, Harold D. Austin, V. R. Allen, A. G. Harker, O. B. Welch, E. Duval and Roy Leverett, all of Abilene.

Largest brain ever reported by Mexican physicians was that of Leon Trotsky, which weighed 3½ pounds. Largest ever recorded in medical history was that of a Russian novelist, Ivan Turgenoff, which weighed 4 pounds, 10 ounces.

We take orders for egg stamps The Merkel Mail office.

Though it was made in France, the Statue of Liberty now is a part of the U. S. national park and monument system.

**TELEPHONE THE MAIL**

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

### List of Petit Jurors Called for Next Week

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

Byron Curb, Robt. Hicks, F. A. Sanders, T. H. Russom, E. Neff, J. W. Bland, W. P. Derington, J. F. Mayes, Merkel; C. T. Hutchison, E. L. Finley, Owen W. Rainey, A. G. Hobbs, B. L. Lacy, W. O. Elmore, Ernest Smith, A. W. Gordon, I. M. Edmonson, W. W. Alexander, C. L. Dick Starr, Geo. Kouvelis, J. S. Burges, W. O. Norman, Henry Butler, Floyd McElrath, W. H. Blackburn, W. M. Teague, E. T. Pitzer, Castle B. Ellis, G. E. Thornton, Honor Blankenship, C. E. Fulwiler, Don D. Crowder, R. D. Chapman, C. A. Powell, A. D. O'Dell, Ed Williamson, C. W. Forbus, E. R. Johns, Abilene; Pat Mullins, Tuscola; W. T. Holder, Windgate; W. S. Edenborough, G. S. Johnson, Guion; Ben L. Howell, Oliv-Rita Hayworth who head the famous Shouse, C. A. Brewer, Trent; W. G. Drummond, View; M. C. McBryde, Bradshaw.

A visitor at The Mail office one day last week was Fland F. Harris, now living at Big Spring, but who was a resident of Merkel prior to 1907. He has lived in California most of the time since he left here and in passing through stopped to visit the grave of his father, Samuel Lewis Harris, who is buried in Rose Hill cemetery here.

An underground coal fire has been burning for 54 years in New Straitsville, Ohio. One family there can cook dinner in their back yard by placing the cooking pots on the ground.

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**FRESH PEACHES, dozen ..... 10c**  
**FRESH CORN, 2 ears for ..... 5c**  
**BLACKEYED PEAS 3 lbs. for .. 10c**  
**JELLO, Assorted Flavors, pkg. ... 6c**  
**TOILET SOAP WOODBURY'S (Reg. 10c Bars) 4 for 26c**

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**SUGAR** PURE CANE CLOTH BAG 25 pounds.. \$1.45

8 ounce package  
**Potato Chips ..... 25c**  
**Pickle, quart ..... 10c**  
**Quart**  
**Salad Dressing 17c**  
**Marshmallow lb 15c**  
**Reg. 10c Summer Drink**  
**Fruto, 3 for ..... 25c**  
**80-Count packages**  
**Napkins, pkg. .... 10c**  
**Paper Plates dz. 10c**  
**Supreme— 2 lb. package**  
**Ginger Snaps 25c**  
**Grapefruit, No. 2 can**  
**Juice, 2 cans ..... 15c**

**WEEK-END meat BARGAINS**

**SMOKED BACON, Not Salty, lb 23c**  
**STEAK, T-Bone, Tender, lb. .... 31c**  
**CHEESE, Full Cream, pound ... 27c**  
**OLEO, Banner Brand, lb..... 17c**  
**CHUCK ROAST, pound ..... 23c**

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**FOR RENT**—Two-room house, newly papered. Mrs. I. I. Vancil.

**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.

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**TAKEN UP**—Two calves. Owner can get same by paying for this ad and for care of stock. W. A. Phillips, Merkel, Texas, Route 2.

**LODGE CALLS**

**NOTICE MASONS**

A stated meeting of Merkel lodge No. 710, A. F. and A. M., will be held Saturday, July 5, at 8 p. m. All members are urged to be present. Visiting brethren cordially invited.

E. B. Reece, W. M.  
W. C. Black, Secretary.

**Legal Notice**

THE STATE OF TEXAS.  
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County, Texas:

You are hereby notified that W. J. Patterson, administrator of the estate of Mrs. Lillie Louise Williams, also known as Mrs. W. R. Williams, deceased, having filed in our County Court his Final Account of the condition of the Estate of said Mrs. Lillie Louise Williams, also known as Mrs. W. R. Williams, numbered 2782 on the Probate Docket of Taylor County, together with an application to be discharged from said administration.

You are hereby Comanded, That by publication of this Writ one time and said publication shall be not less than ten days before the return day hereof, in a Newspaper printed in the County of Taylor you give due notice to all persons interested in the Account for Final Settlement of said Estate, to appear and contest the same if they see proper so to do, on Monday the 21st day of July, A. D. 1941, at the Court House of said County, in Abilene, Texas, when said Account and Application will be acted upon by said Court.

Given Under My Hand and seal of said Court, at my office in the City of Abilene, Texas this 30th day of June, A. D. 1941.

VIVIAN FRYAR,  
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**PERSONALS**

Mrs. G. R. Holloway, accompanied by her daughters, Mrs. S. O. Owens and Mrs. Nell Groene, spent the weekend in Dallas, visiting her brother, James Talley, who is in Baylor hospital where he underwent a major operation Thursday of last week. While away, they also visited with a brother of Mrs. Holloway, Abe Talley, in Corsicana.

Misses Janna and Wanda Murray of Sundown, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Murray, are visiting with their grandmother, Mrs. L. L. Murray.

After a visit home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Murphee, Elwood Cox left Friday for Mare Island, Calif., where he is a member of the crew of the USS Minneapolis. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Comegys, who have lived in California for the past several years and who returned to Texas a few months ago, residing in Abilene, are being welcomed back home. They have an apartment with Mrs. W. M. O'Brian.

Mrs. Howard Sliger and daughter, Joan, of Athens, Tenn., are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Austin Robertson.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Yazell enjoyed a week-end fishing trip to Gorman Falls at the head of Buchanan Lake. Others in the party were Mr. Yazell's brother, R. E. Yazell, and family, of Lampasas.

W. O. Winters and family of Lubbock, and Lewis Winters, formerly of Lubbock, who recently moved to Abilene, were visitors Saturday night of last week with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Winters, of the Noodle community. Jake Wright of Lubbock is visiting Mina Winters in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Winters.

Stanley King returned Saturday from Hines, Ill., where he had been at the Hines Veterans hospital for several weeks for treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Henderson visited friends and relatives in Cisco Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Eris Ash and little son, Lee Allen, of Junction, came in Sunday to spend a week with his mother, Mrs. Pearl Ash.

Lieut. and Mrs. Gaylord Castleberry and son left Saturday for a vacation visit in Holdenville, Okla., while Lieut. Castleberry is on ten days' leave from Camp Barkeley.

Mrs. G. O. Crow returned Monday afternoon from Vega, Texas, where she had been engaged in a revival of the Nazarene church at that place.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Jackson and Mr.

**Back to Berlin**



Among those who will join the exodus of Nazi consular employees, ordered by the government for July 10, is Capt. Fritz Weidemann (above), consul in San Francisco. He is one of the most widely known German officials in the country.

and Mrs. V. B. Sublett returned home the latter part of last week from a trip to Corpus Christi and through the Rio Grande Valley.

Leaving Sunday, Mrs. V. C. Hennessee will visit her husband, who is stationed at Tucson, Ariz. She was accompanied by her nephew, Joe Earl Kimbrough. Going as far as El Paso with them was Vernon Davis, who had spent a few days at home from Fort Bliss with his mother, Mrs. V. L. Davis.

Capt. and Mrs. F. Z. Anders and Barbara returned Friday from a vacation trip through the western states. Their son, Bob, who accompanied them, remained at Wewoka, Okla., to visit relatives.

Miss Billie Burks of Odessa is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Mary Pogue.

C. D. Swope, employed by the Humble Oil & Refining company, who has been living in one of the company's houses in the field, has leased the Carl Black home and will move his

family into town the latter part of the week. Mr. Black is occupying a room in the Cranford house, now leased by the Buster Hesters.

Mrs. Neal Monroe of Menard is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Patton, and family this week.

Mayor and Mrs. Henry C. West returned Monday from Corpus Christi, where they had gone the latter part of the week upon receipt of news of the serious illness of a granddaughter, Barbara West. They were accompanied on their return by another granddaughter, Joy Frances West, and report that Barbara was improving, having barely escaped pneumonia.

Truett Patterson returned Monday from San Angelo where he took an examination in aeronautical engineering, which he was advised he would pass. Later in the summer he will be assigned to some university for further study. He was accompanied to San Angelo by Misses Mabel Murray and Comora Hughes, who visited with Miss Betty Jane Diltz.

Mrs. John Mathews and son, David, of Midland, are visiting Rev. and Mrs. Cooper Waters this week.

L. B. Scott of Anson, former Merkel business man, was a week-end visitor in the Tom Largent home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Boney, accompanied by their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Boney, and daughter, Annette, visited over the week-end with another son, Harold Boney, and wife at Colorado City. They also stopped at Roscoe to visit Mrs. Boney's sister, Mrs. Mary Harkins.

Mrs. Foster Watts and sons, James Christian and Robert Lewis, of Hobbs, N. M., are visiting Mrs. L. A. Watts and other relatives.

Miss Mary Jo Armstrong of Fort Worth arrived Saturday for a visit

with her grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. M. Armstrong.

Mrs. J. D. Porter left Thursday for Monahans to be with her daughter, Mrs. T. A. Pence, who is ill.

Mrs. Ross Ferrier, Jr., of Austin who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bryan, returned Monday from a trip to Chicago to visit her sister, Miss Jackie Byran. Little Rosslyn Ferrier remained here with her grandparents.

Leon Walker, of Chanute Field, Ill., has sent word to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Walker, that he will be home for July 4.

Recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nalley were B. F. Rutherford, Jr., and son, Lee, of Putnam, Mrs. J. L.

Nalley, Mission, Bill Nalley, Hebronville, Mr. and Mrs. Ledo Dowdy, Clyde, and Royce Dowdy, Odessa. Mr. and Mrs. D. B. DuBose and two children, Marvin and Bobby, accompanied by a married daughter, Mrs. J. R. Patterson of Trent, left Wednesday for a vacation visit in Medina county.

Jack Pannell, Jr., has gone to San Antonio where he will play an electric guitar in a band.

J. C. Carson returned Wednesday from Eunice, N. M., where he had been visiting with relatives.

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**HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB.**

The Home Demonstration club met Friday afternoon in the Lions hall, with Mrs. Walter Teaff and Mrs. T. C. Humphreys co-hostesses. A sing-song was led by Mrs. Don Riney with Mrs. Andy Shouse at the piano. Mrs. T. C. Humphreys reported on the council meeting. A "thank-you" card from Mrs. Rosalie Royalty was read. After a letter from Dr. G. A. Gray, director, Abilene-Taylor county health units, was read, a committee including Mrs. Bob McDonald, Mrs. Andy Shouse and Mrs. W. R. Sumpter was appointed to confer with the mayor and city council about the mosquito campaign. Mrs. Earnest Teaff was elected as delegate for the A. & M. Short Course, with Mrs. Bill Sumpter as alternate. Mrs. Holt Vaughn resigned as secretary and Mrs. Don Riney was elected to that office by acclamation. Club pals were revealed and many nice gifts were exchanged. New club pals were drawn for the last half of the year.

Home-made ice cream and cookies were served to Mesdames Rufus Adcock, Fred Baker, Jr., Harry Barnett, J. W. Bryan, J. Ben Campbell, L. A. Dudley, Grover Gilbert, John Hughes, C. B. Knight, Bob McDonald, Clark Mundy, C. W. Newton, Alonzo Peterson, F. A. Polley, Don Riney, Andy Shouse, Clyde Shouse, Bill Sumpter, Earnest Teaff, Holt Vaughn, Miss Irene Warren and two new members, Mrs. Ted Windham and Mrs. Robert Riney.

**WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.**

The last three chapters of the book, "A Christian Imperative—Our Contribution to World Order," by Roswell P. Barnes, were reviewed at the mission study meeting of the Woman's Missionary society of Grace Presbyterian church Monday afternoon at the church.

The devotional from Psalms 139:1 was given by Mrs. Connor Robinson, preceding the lesson study. Chapter 6, "The Church as Leaven in National Policy," was reviewed by Mrs. W. M. Elliott; chapter 7, "The World Problem in the Local Community," by Mrs. S. G. Russell, and chapter 8, "The Christian Way," by Mrs. J. B. Ramsey, who also gave the closing prayer.

The regular society program meeting will be held Monday afternoon, July 2, with Mrs. Delma Compton as leader.

**NOTICE TO MEMBERS OF NEEDLE AND THIMBLE CLUB.**

The Needle and Thimble club will meet Tuesday afternoon, July 3, at the home of Mrs. Buck Leach, instead of Wednesday, July 9. Pals will be revealed.

**W. M. U. CIRCLES.**

(Omitted Last Week.) The Elkin Lockett Circle of the First Baptist church met Monday afternoon in the home of Mrs. G. M. Sharp, with Mrs. W. F. Patterson in charge. Mrs. O. B. Tatum led the opening prayer. It was decided that this Circle would meet at 4 instead

of 3 o'clock as usual.

Mrs. Lum Gilbreath brought an interesting Bible lesson from the book of Daniel to the following members: Mesdames S. J. Criswell, A. H. Zollinger, O. B. Tatum, J. M. Meeks, W. F. Patterson, Oda Clark, G. M. Sharp. The meeting closed with prayer led by Mrs. Clark.

The next meeting of the Elkin Lockett Circle will be with Mrs. Criswell on July 14.

The Blanche Rose Walker Circle met Monday afternoon in the home of Mrs. W. O. Boney. Mrs. J. O. Castles opened the meeting with prayer, and Mrs. A. R. Booth directed the Bible lesson, closing the meeting with prayer.

Those present were Mesdames Pick Allen, W. O. Boney, A. R. Booth, R. O. Collins, E. R. Clack, J. O. Castles, E. O. Carson, Alonzo Peterson, Owen Robertson, Cooper Waters and Irl Walker.

**RURAL SOCIETY**

**BIRTHDAY PARTY.**

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell graciously entertained a group of friends in their home at Blair on Friday, June 27, honoring Billie Campbell on his 16th birthday. A gorgeous birthday cake with sixteen candles was the climax of this happy occasion. The honoree received many lovely gifts from donors who wished him many more happy birthdays.

After the games were played on the lawn, dainty refreshments of punch and cake were served to the honoree and the following guests:

Lena Faye Orsborn, Verne Opal Moore, Gwen Sandusky, Nina Orsborn, Frances Derington, Fannie Lou Jackson, Annie Clara Doan, Hazel Conley, Mary Derington, Maxine Phillips, Dorothy Derington, Ruth Franks.

Sammie Doan, Vaughn Doan, Jessie Loper, Jimmie Campbell, Jack Doan, Junior Moore, Carl Riggan, Buddie Derington, Booth Russom, Robert Loper, Lonnie Loper, Sonny Sandusky, Wallace Doan, Doyal Barnes.

Mrs. Earnest Conley, Mr. and Mrs. Will Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell.

**SALT BRANCH CLUB.**

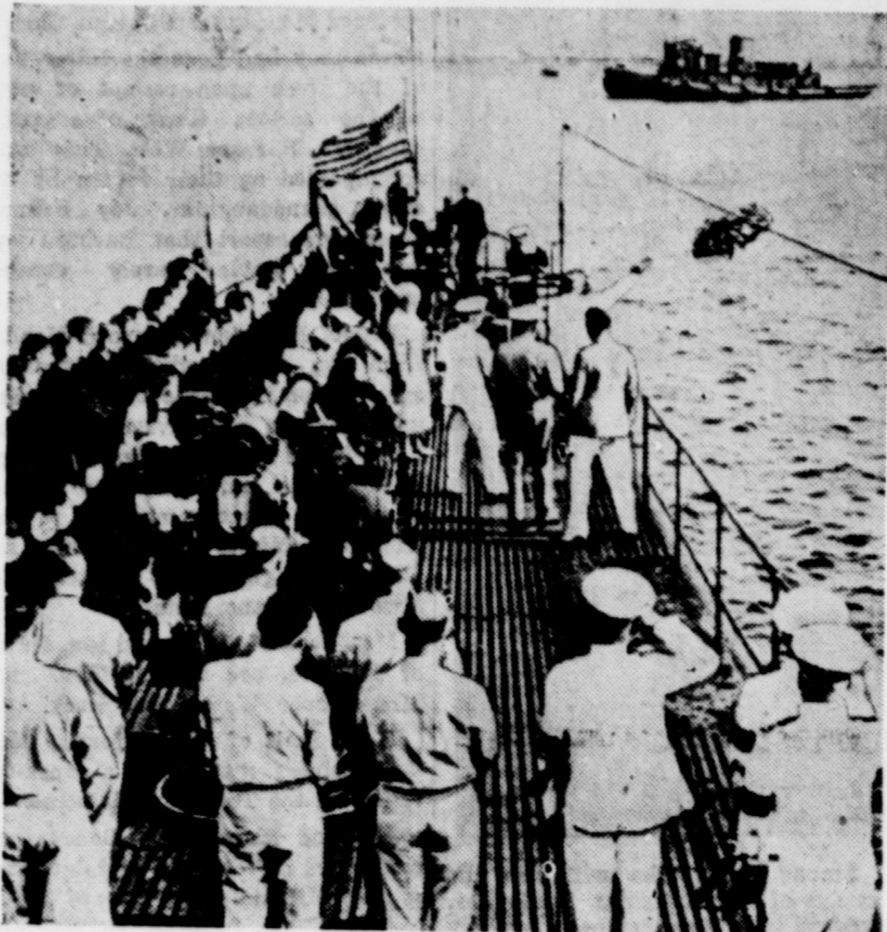
The Salt Branch Home Demonstration club met in the home of Mrs. J. S. Pinckley on Thursday, June 26, with the president presiding. After songs were sung, Miss Jessie Jack Horne gave a fine talk on housekeeping aide, which was enjoyed by all.

Visitors were Miss Fay Pinckley, Miss Jessie Jack Horne; members present, Mesdames Jack Higgins, J. C. Allen, T. C. Allen, Bill Teaff, J. S. Pinckley, Roy Harrell, Bill Hayes, Joe Higgins, J. E. Smith, W. U. Beene, Vernon Hudson, Ollie Higgins, Johnny Cox, Buster Horton, W. J. Higgins and Miss Ruth Pinckley. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Joe Higgins on July 10.

**UNION RIDGE CLUB.**

The Union Ridge Home Demonstration club will meet Thursday, July 3, in the home of Mrs. Burly Bond.

**Rites for Submarine 0-9 Victims**



While seamen, officers and navy officials stand at attention on the deck of the submarine Triton, Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox tosses a wreath upon the Atlantic in honor of the men entombed in the sub 0-9, near Portsmouth, N. H. The navy formally abandoned hope of raising the wreck after divers made inspection in 440 feet of water.

**Bearing Facts**



Phillip Williams, attache in the U. S. embassy at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, who flew to Washington upon his arrival in Miami, Fla., to lay evidence in the sinking of the Robin Moor by submarine before the state department.

**Sylvan Mellinger on Semester Honor Roll**

Sylvan Mellinger, senior student at the University of Texas, who will complete his course at mid-term of the next session, was on the university's honor roll for the second semester of the 1940-41 session.

In a letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Max Mellinger, Dean J. Anderson Fitzgerald of the school of business administration, wrote in part: "One of the delightful privileges I have is to examine the scholastic records of our 'first flight' students and to felicitate them and their parents on their attainments. I congratulate you most heartily because the name of Sylvan Mellinger appears on the honor roll for the second semester of 1940-41."

**Farm Home of Walter Teaff Near Completion**

The new California bungalow, five rooms and bath, being erected by Walter Teaff on the Alexander farm, about 170 acres just west of the Hinds farm near Tye, will probably be completed by the end of the week, although the garage and other improvements on the premises are still under construction. Mr. Teaff is one of the Taylor county tenant-farmers selected for a Farm Security Administration loan.

Besides the garage, other improvements include a smoke house, two chicken houses, a barn and implement shed.

Bob Fowler is building contractor, with materials being furnished by Burton-Lingo company.

**Ignace Paderewski Dies.** New York, July 2.—Ignace Paderewski, 80, world's most famous pianist, died Sunday of pneumonia. Not only one of the greatest musicians of all time, he was the first premier of the Polish republic.

**In The Churches**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE**

There were 550 present at the six reporting Sunday Schools here last Sunday, as compared with 541 the previous week. On the same Sunday a year ago the attendance was 540.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.**

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Morning sermon at 11. Training Union at 7:15. Evening sermon at 8:15.

Prayer meeting at 8:15 Wednesday evening. Cooper Waters, Pastor.

**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.

**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.

Mid-week prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8. J. B. Ramsey, Pastor.

**FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST CHURCH.**

Preaching Saturday night at 8 o'clock. Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8.

M. C. Miller, Pastor

**CHURCH OF CHRIST.**

Sunday: Bible School 9:45 a. m., preaching 10:45 a. m. and 8:30 p. m., young people's Bible class 7:30 p. m.

Wednesday: Ladies' Bible class 4:00 p. m. and prayer meeting at 8:30 p. m. The public is invited to attend each of these services. Come, bring your friends. Claud C. Smith, Minister.

**NAZARENE CHURCH.**

Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. NYPs at 7:30 p. m. Sunday evening. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

Everyone is cordially invited to these services. G. O. Grow, Pastor.

**NUBIA M. E. CHURCH.**

Rev. J. B. Stewart preached Sunday morning and night. Sunday School

**Senior Class of 1916 Holds First Reunion**

Members of the 1916 Merkel High School Senior class met for a reunion Thursday evening, June 26, at the home of Mrs. H. B. Robertson. This was the first reunion the class had ever held; but it was voted to meet annually henceforth.

Out of the 13 members of the class only 6 were present: Roy Coats, Milam Pike, Miss Minnie Coats, Mrs. Osee (Teaff) Neff, Mrs. Della (McLean) Patterson and the hostess, Mrs. Wilma (Garrett) Robertson.

Members absent were: Dr. Frank Armstrong, Fort Worth; Noel Moore, Fort Worth; Mrs. Jessie (Smith) Underwood, Plainview; Mrs. Mamie (McNeese) Crawford, Alpine; Miss Ruth Howard, Abilene; Joe Hartley, Merkel, and Miss Irene Hairston (address unknown.)

Visitors present were: Emmett Patterson, Hob Robertson, Mrs. Roy Coats, Glenn and Genevieve Robertson, Joy Pike and Jeanette and Robert Dale Neff.

**Rural Route Patrons Repair Mail Boxes**

The postmaster and rural carriers of the Merkel post office wish to thank patrons of the rural routes in behalf of the Post Office department for their splendid co-operation in the campaign to repair, replace, and the painting of the rural mail boxes. We sincerely appreciate your co-operation and are very proud of the fact that 75 or 80 per cent of the rural boxes have been recently painted and the name stenciled on them. There are a few boxes which are still in need of painting or which should be replaced. We hope that those who have not attended to this matter will do so as soon as possible. We would like to see it 100 per cent.

Renn Durham, Postmaster. Rufus L. Adcock, Carrier No. 1. Joseph I. Nalley, Carrier No. 2. Frank M. Simpson, Carrier No. 3. Stanley B. King, Carrier No. 4.

and League also met with renewed interest.

Nubia's revival meeting will start Friday night, July 11. Let's each and every one plan to put something into this meeting and we will surely receive a blessing. Dr. C. A. Bickley, district superintendent of Methodist churches, will bring the messages. Visitors! Plan now to attend some of these services.

Leaguers! Come to League Sunday night. Plans will be made to complete June's activities.

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