

Keeping Up With Texas

Thirty-four thousand, five hundred thirty Texans registered for selective service July 1. General J. Watt Page, state director, announced Thursday after totaling reports from the state's 351 local boards.

Pat O'Daniel, son of Texas' former governor and senator-elect, was among those listed by Travis county draft board No. 2 for induction to the army Thursday at Fort Sam Houston.

Ensign Lee Schudde of Houston was killed and Cadet Donald Heshner of Ogden, Utah, was injured seriously Thursday in a plane crash near the naval air station at Corpus Christi, the first fatal accident since the station was commissioned in March.

Earl Glenn Wright, Jr., about 20, of Sandia, was killed early Saturday when his automobile crashed into a telephone pole.

Houston's 25th traffic fatality of the year was recorded Saturday with the death of Mike Stano, 53, who died in a hospital from a fractured skull received Friday when he was struck by an automobile at a street intersection.

The nation's first bale of 1941 cotton was brought in Thursday from the farm of Arcadio Salinas in Starr county. Gin owners paid 18 cents a pound, including a 3 cent premium for the 558 pounds of middling one-inch staple ginned at Alta Bonita.

F. M. Law, president of the First National Bank of Houston, was re-elected president of Texas A. & M. directors Saturday.

A bolt of lightning killed Don Bridges, 8, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Bridges, Gyspate, about a mile northwest of Sweetwater, Thursday.

Governor O'Daniel Monday appointed to be members of the state board of health, for terms expiring June 15, 1947, Drs. G. C. Elliott of Houston and John A. Hart of Beaumont. Dr. W. P. Harrison of Teague was re-appointed for six years.

Three persons hurt fatally early Monday in an automobile collision seven miles west of Midland were Carl S. Leidecker, 62, San Angelo oil man, two negroes, Andrew Brown and Sam Lee, Ector county ranch workers. Occupant of the Leidecker car, Mrs. Glynn Jordan, Big Spring, suffered minor injuries and John Davis, negro, passenger in the other automobile, was hurt superficially.

Bob Meyer, 25, socially prominent rancher, was killed Tuesday when his favorite saddle horse, "Big Red," threw him and dragged him across the ranch southwest of Fort Worth.

J. Homer Head, 54, was fatally injured in an explosion which wrecked one of the engines at the Phillips Petroleum Company gasoline plant, 12 miles south of Electra Sunday afternoon.

Pvt. Hugh D. Robinson of the Headquarters Troop, 56th Cavalry Brigade, Fort Bliss, was killed Tuesday when he fell beneath an army truck while on maneuvers near Newman.

Tessie Fay Fullerton, 7, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Fullerton of Vernon, died Monday night in a Vernon hospital from internal injuries received Sunday afternoon when struck by an automobile.

George W. Kavanaugh, 37, of Clarendon, was fatally injured Saturday night when his car overturned near the Grayson County line, west of Bonham.

Edwin Wedel, 19, was killed Monday on a farm northwest of Dalhart when struck by lightning.

Joe B. Williams, 37, head of a Dallas music company, and his wife, 38, were injured fatally Tuesday when an automobile overturned near Berino, N. M.

J. Marvin Daugherty, 58, one time superintendent of Pampa schools and member of the school board from 1919 until 1940, was killed Tuesday in an automobile collision northeast of Pampa.

Seventeen-months-old Frederick Marc Philen died in a hospital at San Angelo Tuesday night of burns received when he overturned a pot of hot coffee.

Offers New Pension Plan; Boosts Federal Share in Payments

Washington, July 17.—Senator Connally (D-Tex) said Wednesday he would seek enactment of a bill to boost the federal share of social security payments to 75 per cent in states with the lowest per capita incomes.

States with the largest per capita income would continue to share the social security cost with the federal government on a 50-50 basis.

Under the Connally proposal, per capita income of each state would be determined by the social security board. The federal share of assistance payments would range from the present 50 per cent to a maximum of 75 per cent.

Southern states, where social security payments are lowest, would be the chief beneficiaries under the Connally plan. Western states, now among leaders in assistance payments, would receive little, if any, additional federal money.

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JOE HUMPHREY MAKES REPORT ON LEGISLATURE

First of Series of Talks to Constituents Made Before Lions Club Here; Says Body "Should Economize."

At Merkel, "the finest and biggest little city in West Texas," as the speaker fittingly referred to "our home town," Joe Humphrey, Taylor county representative, addressed the first of a series of reports to his constituents on the 47th session of the Texas legislature to members of the Lions club at Tuesday's luncheon.

The speaker described the past legislative session as "better than average," although declaring that it was wasteful and "can and should economize." He suggested, too, that its size be reduced from 150 to 100 members.

The session was longer than necessary, he said, but "did what it promised." He appealed for confidence in the legislature and scoffed at tales of bribery. "No man and no group can buy the legislature," he stated emphatically.

Before going to Austin, he had favored a unicameral legislature, but he declared, however, he is now convinced "a two-house system is better. It kills a lot of bad legislation."

With Supt. Connor Robinson presiding for the first time as new Lion president, opening singsong was led by Rev. Marvin Boyd, with Gay West at the piano.

In announcing his list of committees, the new president named one new committee, to assist the British War relief local committee, the personnel of which is Dee Grimes, W. O. Boney and Rev. Marvin Boyd.

After the financial report was submitted by Secretary-Treasurer Wrenn Durham and approved by the club, President Robinson read a note of thanks from Gay West, club sweetheart, for the gift recently presented her by the club. Following reading of a letter from President Joe Childers of the Abilene Lions club, the local organization voted to subscribe \$10.00 toward the fund of sending the Hardin-Simmons Cowboy band to the Lions International convention at New Orleans.

Mayor Henry C. West, who had been designated by County Judge Carl Hulse as local chairman of the national aluminum collection drive, advised the club that July 21-29 had been set as dates for collecting aluminum for national defense. The civic improvement and community welfare committee, of which Mayor West is chairman, was assigned supervision of this work in Merkel. Others on the committee are Paul Douglas, W. R. Yazell and Hubert Turner. (Details of the campaign are announced by Chairman West in this issue of The Mail.)

General Chairman Named for Local British War Aid

With Mrs. Tom Largent as general chairman, Merkel is organized on four-fronts to assist in British War relief.

On Thursday afternoon of last week a group of local women, including the presidents of civic clubs and of the various community home demonstration clubs as well as others interested, met at Mrs. Largent's home, where Mrs. Paul Jones and Mrs. Percy Jones of Abilene explained the nature of the work that can be done and the urgency of immediate aid.

Leaders in the four-part program, which Merkel has adopted, are: Donations, committee from the Lions club, Dee Grimes, chairman, W. O. Boney, Rev. Marvin Boyd, Quilts, Mrs. Lucille White and Mrs. W. S. J. Brown.

Knitting, Mrs. Connor Robinson. Special events, such as selling pins, benefits, gathering aluminum and any other activity of special nature, Mrs. S. D. Gamble, chairman.

Girls Scouts, Boy Scouts and any other organizations, not already contacted, are invited and urged to line up with one or more of these committees and assist in the all-important job of aid to Great Britain.

New Live Oak Church Begins Revival Sunday

The revival at New Live Oak Baptist church at Butman starts Sunday, July 20, with Rev. Mr. Elem doing the preaching. Rev. A. C. Healer is pastor of the church. Everybody is invited to attend.

FILM INDUSTRY BACKS PURCHASE SAVINGS STAMPS

That the postal savings plan for purchase of United States defense savings bonds has the whole-hearted support and endorsement of the entire film industry is indicated by the pledge by the Westex Theatres, Inc., of 100 per cent co-operation at a recent meeting in Dallas of employees of all branches of the industry.

Putting this co-operation into effect at once, with the compliments of the company, each employee of the local theatre has been presented one 10 cent savings stamp card, with one stamp affixed, one 25 cent defense stamp album, with one stamp affixed, and one 50 cent defense stamp album, with one stamp affixed, with the view in mind, as expressed by a company executive in a letter to Norman T. Hodge, forwarding the stamps, that the employees will complete the cards and albums and convert them into defense savings bonds as rapidly as possible.

Work for Knitters to Do in British Aid

Experienced knitters in Merkel and surrounding communities are asked to donate their time and services in the interest of the American Red Cross and the British War Relief organizations, according to Mrs. Connor Robinson, who is acting chairman for volunteer knitting in Merkel.

Experienced knitters will be asked to knit men's, women's or children's sweaters, mittens and socks; and knitters who do not feel capable of knitting garments can knit or crochet six inch squares made from any color of scrap wool yarn on any size needle and following any pattern. Yarn and needles are furnished for the garments; but the squares are to be made from scrap wool yarn and are not furnished by either the Red Cross or British War Relief chapters. Mrs. Robinson emphasized that directions come with yarn for the garments; however, it is desired that experienced knitters work on these garments, as they must be made perfectly and according to definite instructions.

Any one interested in doing this type of work for aid in the national defense program, see Mrs. Robinson. Scrap wool yarn of any color is needed and anyone having yarn not being used is asked to call Mrs. Robinson who will collect it for use. This scrap yarn is made into squares and sewed together for wool air-raid covers. Squares can be crocheted or knitted.

Those knitting for Red Cross or British chapters may come to Mrs. Robinson's Tuesday and Thursday of next week from 9 a. m. to 11 a. m. and from 1 p. m. to 5 p. m. Knitters can knit together at this time.

Rural Carriers Attend Annual Convention

Three rural route carriers from the local post office went to Temple this week to attend the annual convention of Texas Rural Carriers.

Leaving Tuesday, Joe Nalley, accompanied by Mrs. Nalley and their two daughters, June and Joy, planned to attend a directors' meeting that afternoon in advance of the general convention.

R. L. Adcock was accompanied by his wife as far as Brownwood Wednesday afternoon, where she stopped to visit while he went on to Temple. Frank Simpson made the trip with J. W. Perry, Tye carrier.

Fireboys Urged to Attend Practice Drills

The Merkel Volunteer fireboys met in regular monthly session Monday night.

Plans were discussed for another contest among local teams. Cards will be mailed out to members giving notice of next meeting, at which time teams will be chosen and definite plans made to create and maintain a fire company.

In anticipation of the next district convention, which is to be held in Merkel Oct. 2, it is hoped all members will be present at the next practice call so that definite convention plans may be made.

Record of Births.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Paxton Hayes, Saturday, July 12, 1941.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hayes, Abilene, Saturday July 12, 1941.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Boyd, Trent, Saturday, July 12, 1941.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Clesby Patterson, Monday, July 14, 1941.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Buster McCoy, Monday, July 14, 1941.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Lang, Wednesday, July 16, 1941.

YOUTH CARAVAN TO VISIT MERKEL ON JULY 26TH

Movement Now in Its Third Year, Increasing in Popularity; Team Includes Trained Workers in Youth Work.

Youth Week will begin at the local Methodist church on Saturday, July 26, with the coming of a Youth Caravan for a week of activity.

This Caravan movement is now in its third year and is increasing in popularity every season. Young people are chosen from throughout the nation who are outstanding in some phase of youth work. They are trained in a special training camp and then sent out for seven weeks of service, spending one week in each of seven churches. The team consists of two boys and two girls and an adult counselor who is provided by the Northwest Texas conference.

The Merkel church is one of fourteen churches in the entire conference to be granted the service of a Youth Caravan this year. The activity of the week will include study, projects, worship, recreation, forums and other activities of interest to all youth. There will be a separate program for intermediates, and also for workers with young people and parents of youth. The Young People's program will include young people from 15 years of age through college graduates up to 25 years of age.

The Caravan which comes to Merkel will include Charles McEwen of Denton, Mo.; Rebecca Douthitt of Pendleton, S. C.; Walter Ewing of Wharton, Texas, a student in S.M.U., and Rosalee Godbey of Georgetown, Texas. Miss Jewell Posey of the faculty of McMurtry college is with the group as adult counselor.

Local young people of all churches are cordially invited to participate in the activities of the week, as its nature is in no sense denominational. It is provided by the Methodist church for its young people and any of their friends who wish to attend.

Young people from Trent, Stith, Tye, Blair, Mount Pleasant, Caps, Nubia, White Church and other neighboring communities will also be welcome provided they can attend regularly. Further announcements will be made next week.

Plans Outlined for Aluminum Collection Week, July 21 to 29

Aluminum is a vital resource needed for the manufacture of airplanes and munitions, essential to national defense, and for aid to Britain, and as such is very much in demand at this time, due to the fact that it has already been put on the restricted list for government use.

The county, as a whole, is organizing for an eight days' intensive campaign for the collection of aluminum. In Merkel, Mayor Henry West has accepted the chairmanship of the aluminum collection movement, with W. R. Yazell, Hubert Turner and Paul Douglas, members of the Lions club, as his co-workers.

Dates for the national campaign are July 21-29. Here's the plan for Merkel and surrounding communities, as outlined by the committee:

Those not in the city limits are urged to bring their scrap aluminum to town and leave it at either the Merkel Motor company or the Yazell Motor company.

Those residing in town are asked to have aluminum available so that it can be picked up Friday, July 25.

Pots, pans, old car parts made of aluminum and a wide variety of used aluminum wares, in fact, anything of aluminum that can be spared, no matter what the condition, is wanted.

Volunteers are also wanted by the committee. Any one who can furnish a pickup or go with a pickup to gather up the aluminum is requested to let the chairman or any member of the committee know of his willingness to help, and time and kind of work will be assigned him.

Wheat Shipments May End With 21 Carloads

During the seven days prior to Thursday morning, no additional shipments of wheat moved from Merkel freight office, it was reported by A. J. Graham, local T. & P. agent, but there were six cars being loaded on the tracks.

Indications were that the fifteen carloads shipped and these six loading might wind up the movement by rail from Merkel, he said.

Fourth Rodeo 1941 Season, Scheduled Saturday, Will Present Eight Event Card

CANVASS SHOWS O'DANIEL 1,311 VOTES IN LEAD

Austin, July 18.—Twice chosen governor by tremendous majorities in the democratic primaries, Governor W. Lee O'Daniel was declared a hairs-breadth winner over new deal Congressman Lyndon B. Johnson in the recent senatorial election for the seat of the late Morris Sheppard, when the official canvass of votes was made Monday by the state election board.

Tabulators added up totals of 175,590 for O'Daniel and 174,279 for Johnson giving O'Daniel the lead by 1,311 votes, 254 more than was shown in the final report of the Texas Election bureau following the election.

Attorney General Gerald C. Mann was third, polling 140,807 votes; Congressman Martin Dies finished fourth, with 80,653 votes, with all others combined, 4,550.

Services Held Saturday For Little Grace Smith

Little Venita Grace Smith, two-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Smith, died at 6:30 Friday evening, after a week's illness.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon from the family home, the rites being conducted by Rev. R. T. Smith, former pastor of the Nazarene church, and burial followed in Rose Hill cemetery under direction of Barrow-Sheppard.

Surviving, besides the parents, are three brothers, Jimmy Ledoyt, Kenneth T. and Wesley Urban Smith; Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Price, grandparents, twelve uncles and thirteen aunts and a number of other relatives.

Three cousins, Bettie and Mackey Buchanan and Marie Smith, and Dorothy Neill served as flower girls.

Out-of-town relatives and friends attending the funeral were: Mrs. Tommie Seals and son, J. R., and Mrs. Wurt Stephens and daughter, Mary Ellen, of Sonora; Mr. and Mrs. Burr Hendricks and sons, Ernest and D. C., Hillsboro; Mrs. Edith McMellon, Fort Worth; Mrs. George Neill, Sr., and granddaughter, Dorothy Neill, Archibald, La.; Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Lindsey and daughter, Mrs. Grace Chaney, Brownfield.

Double-Header Booked Each Monday-Friday

After this week, it is planned to follow a regular schedule of double-headers two nights each week, on Mondays and Fridays only, at the softball lot, only change being from Thursday to Friday night.

Decision to restrict the games to two nights each week was reached at a meeting of the directors of the Merchants Trade Extension association, sponsors of the softball activities.

Golfers Reach Finals in Low Tournament

Defeating Hodge and G. M. Owens, 3 up, B. Woodrum and Durham advanced to the finals in the upper bracket of the low ball, low total tournament of the Merkel Golf club.

In the lower bracket, McCoy and Beech, winners in their match with J. Patterson and Douglas, earned a place in the semi-finals, but the other quarter-final match between Robinson-Paul West and Benson-J. Warren has not yet been played.

Five-Eighths Inch Rain Gauged the Past Week

The Mail's weekly rain report accounts for only five-eighths of an inch which fell during the afternoon of Thursday of last week, according to the gauge of Volunteer Weather Observer J. I. Ford.

Year's rainfall, which had already reached a total of 21 1/4 inches, was thereby increased to 21 7/8 inches.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From Files of The Merkel Mail, July 29, 1921.)

Jack West, who is with the wholesale firm, Texas Drug Co., of Dallas, is here this week for a visit with home folks and friends during his vacation.

Capt. G. W. Johnson, one of Merkel's most prominent and best liked pioneer citizens, recently returned from a long visit to friends and relatives in his old home state, Tennessee. Mr. Johnson says that altho the changes have been many in the old states he greatly enjoyed his visit.

F. P. Hamm and family returned Wednesday from their trip to Colorado. We understand they had a fine time sight-seeing in that wonderful state.

Misses Willie Swann and Lula Sharp returned from Dallas this week where they spent a week in the work rooms of first class millinery houses getting all the new ideas and ways of making and trimming new fall millinery.

Mrs. J. R. Toombs and daughter, Miss Willie, returned last week from their visit with relatives in the state of Tennessee. And Miss Willie, who has been for some time one of the valuable salesladies at the Brown Dry Goods Co., is again at her post of duty.

R. A. Ellis, accompanied by his daughter, Miss Mamie, returned last week from Bell county, where they visited friends and relatives and attended a "home-coming celebration" by the Old Timers of Bell county.

G. M. Sharp returned first of the week from a visit with his aged father, who resides at Stephenville and who he reports as being quite feeble at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Fryar, of Abilene, were over Wednesday attending the picnic and visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt.

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In Memory of Mrs. W. L. Reneau.

(By Mrs. Lucille Frazier.)

A precious one from us is gone,
A voice we loved is stilled;
A place is vacant in our home
That never can be filled.

The loneliness in our hearts
Is all we can bear;
We miss you more each day
Since God called you to His care.

Time has passed since that sad day,
The one we loved was called away;
God took you, it was His will,
But your memory lingers still.

More and more each day we miss you;
Friends may think the wound is
healed,
But they little know the sorrow
That lives in our hearts concealed.

You are not dead—not lost,
But gone on before;
You live with us in memory
And will forever more.

God needed another Angel
To worship before His throne;
So He looked down from Heaven
And called our loved one home.

But only a star shineth over the grave
Of the one we loved, and could not
save,
Yes, God took you home, it was His
will,
And in our hearts your memory liveth
still.

It takes \$522,600 worth of coin
wrappers a year to wrap up Amer-
ica's pennies, nickels, dimes, quar-
ters and larger coins, reports the Cen-
sus Bureau.

Secretary of Agriculture Claude R. Wickard says that if war is continu-
ed for a long time the issue may finally
be: "Who can feed the world—the
democracies or the dictatorships?"

Personals

W. J. Shannon left Monday on the Sunshine Special to visit a brother and sister at Columbia, Tenn., his home state.

After a 15-day furlough, Gerald Derrick left Wednesday morning for Front Royal, Va., where he is doing duty at the government remount station.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Largent were accompanied on their return from Fort Worth last week by their granddaughter, Carla Lou Imes. At Fort Worth they met Mr. and Mrs. Chester Imes, of Tulsa, who brought Carla Lou that far.

Mrs. Annie Turner left Monday for Alto, Texas, to visit a daughter, Mrs. John Smith, who is ill. From there she will go on to Houston and other Texas cities for a summer visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Pierce went to Bogata to visit her sisters, Mrs. Joe Choate and Mrs. P. J. Turner, Wednesday, where she rested Thursday and on Friday went to the S. B. Wyatt hospital at Plano to receive treatment for asthma. Mr. Pierce returned to Merkel Monday via bus.

Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Pruitt left Sunday for a vacation trip by auto to Colorado Springs, Colo., and other western states.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Winter, while shopping in Abilene Friday, enjoyed a birthday dinner with their sons, Winston and Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. V. M. Sutphen arrived Wednesday from Donna to visit his mother, Mrs. J. P. Sutphen, and sisters, Miss Jess Sutphen and Mrs. Tom Largent.

Clark Mundy returned Saturday from Fort Worth where he attended the state convention of the United National association of postoffice clerks.

Mr. and Mrs. George T. Moore, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Murphy and son, Billy, of Abilene, returned Thursday of last week from an extended automobile trip to Colorado Springs, Colo., and many other points of scenic interest in Colorado and the mountain states.

Mrs. Ed Killen of Roby, accompanied by her son, John Ed, was a passing visitor this week with Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Hunter, en route to Dallas, where she was taking her son back to the Scottish Rite hospital. Mrs. Killen is a cousin of Mr. Hunter.

Mr. and Mrs. Holt Vaughn, on vacation this week, drove to Wichita Falls to spend Sunday, being accompanied by Holt's sister, Gwendolyn, who remained to visit with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Watkins.

After spending part of her vaca-

tion with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Golladay, Mrs. Ruby Faye Johnson returned to her home at San Antonio. She was accompanied by Mary Faye Johnson. Mr. and Mrs. Knox Diles, cousins of Mrs. Golladay, from Decatur, Ala., spent part of last week in the Golladay home. Also guests in the Golladay home over the week-end were Mrs. T. A. Kellam and father, T. H. Christopher, of Lamesa, who were here for the Sublett reunion.

Mr. and Mrs. W. U. Beene, accompanied by their daughter, Mrs. F. E. Church, and granddaughters, Bess and Bonnie, have returned from Gatesville where they attended the Coryell County reunion, which is held annually.

Mrs. Birdie Dunne, Mrs. Marvin Henderson and Mrs. Sam Warren and son, Sammy, of Odessa, and John Dunne, of California, were visitors in the F. E. Church home Sunday.

Miss Celia Goodenough of Corpus Christi is spending several days with Bess Church.

Supt. and Mrs. Connor Robinson spent Sunday at the ranch home of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Robinson, parents of Mr. Robinson, northwest of Fluvanna.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Elliott, of Dallas, arrived Monday for a vacation visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Elliott. Tuesday they spent the day fishing, as Mr. Elliott is also enjoying a vacation from his duties as city secretary.

Mrs. Carl Mathews and Brenda Carlynn spent Sunday in the R. H. Mathews home.

Mr. and Mrs. Lois Curb of Pecos were week-end visitors with his mother, Mrs. Cora Curb, being accompanied on their return home by their daughter, Minnie Lois, who had been visiting her grandmother.

Mrs. Tina Jordan of Nacogdoches, sister of Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson, has moved to Merkel and will be associated with Mrs. Hutcheson in the Crown Variety store.

After a tour through several western and mid-western states, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Slayden and son, Fred, spent several days with friends here last week. On Saturday Mrs. Slayden left with Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Adcock and little daughter, Nida Ruth, of Abilene, to visit her old home in Clarksville, Tenn. Mr. Slayden and Fred have returned to their home at Santa Paula, Calif.

Bill Hamm, Byron Curb and Woodrow Wilson left Saturday night to spend the week in Corpus Christi.

Warren Higgins and Lloyd Robertson left Saturday for a fishing trip at Corpus Christi.

Rev. and Mrs. C. W. Derrick and family of Killeen visited from Sunday through Thursday with Mrs. Derrick's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. McNeill, and sister, Mrs. Charlie Bonds, and Mr. Bonds.

A visitor this week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Deavers is Mrs. Deavers' brother, Ben C. Dyess, of Stillwater, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. John Grable and two sons, accompanied by her sister, Mrs. I. D. Lauderdale, of Westbrook, spent the week-end in Throckmorton. Returning, Mrs. Lauderdale remained to visit a few days in the Grable home.

Visitors this week in the home of Mrs. J. S. Blair are: Mrs. B. R. Blair and Dick Blair, of Center, Ala.; Mrs. W. V. Harlan, of Batesville, Ala., and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Dowd and son, Ken, of Dallas.

Mrs. John Woodrum and two daughters, Misses Winterdean and Jannell, of Abilene, spent the week-end with Mrs. Ada Heeter and Miss Sadie Woodrum.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Barnett, accompanied by Johnnie and Lon McDonald, drove down to Fort Worth Sunday to take their son, Vincent, that far on his return trip to Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., after a ten-days' furlough.

Since Sunday Mrs. Doss Sheppard of Dallas has been visiting with relatives here. Later in the week her daughter, Miss Marian Sheppard, and a friend will arrive to attend Saturday's rodeo.

Mrs. Ray Evans of San Angelo is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Patterson, this week.

Joining a group of teachers from Odessa, Miss Himalya Swafford has returned from a most delightful summer trip to New York City, Niagara Falls and Canada. During the trip they also visited Washington, D. C., and Mount Vernon.

J. T. Williams, son Johnson and daughter, Nellie, from Mayfield, Ky., also a daughter and granddaughter from Detroit, Mich., are visiting his brother, B. M. Williams and family.

After a week's visit with his father, W. J. Shannon, in the J. W. Shannon home, Mr. and Mrs. W. U. Shannon returned Monday to Amarillo.

Leaving Friday, Mrs. Lucy Ford will accompany her nephew, Blanton Massey, as far as Dallas, then take the bus for Mt. Vernon, Ill., to visit her son, Ray Ford.

Pvt. Billy Bob Isom has returned to Fort Monmouth, N. J., after a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Isom. He will sail for Hawaii soon.

DEFENSE BOND QUIZ



Q. What is a U. S. Defense Saving bond?

A. This bond is proof that you have loaned money to the United States government for national defense. Your bond bears interest at the rate of 2.9 per cent a year, if held to maturity (ten years).

Q. Why should I buy Defense bonds?

A. Because money talks. To dictators it speaks defiance. To friends of freedom, it says, "Here's my hand!"

Q. What is the price of a Defense Savings bond?

A. For the smallest bond, you pay \$18.75. The bond will increase in value in ten years to \$25. For \$75, you get a bond which will increase to \$100; other bonds are in proportion.

Q. What will the government do with the money I pay for my bond?

A. Your money will be put to work at once in the National Defense program to protect the freedom and safety of the United States, and of all its people everywhere.

NOTE.—To purchase Defense Bonds and Stamps, go to the nearest post office or bank, or write for information to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C.

Cook vegetables in as little water as possible. Many of the vegetables' important minerals and vitamins are in that cooking water. Save it for soups.

United Saving bonds provide a quick way to serve your country and conserve your earnings.

James Wade Griswold returned Sunday from San Angelo where he had visited ten days with his uncle, Rev. Wade Campbell, and family. He was accompanied home by Mrs. Campbell and sons, Warren and Ted, for a visit with Mrs. J. F. Campbell and family.

After spending a week at home because of illness, P. A. Diltz, Jr., returned last Friday to Port Arthur where he is attending the Port Arthur college radio school.

Mrs. Clayton Coats and little daughter, Sherry Lou, of Big Spring, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Diltz.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Graham and daughter, Louise, visited Sunday in Colorado City and Loraque. Their son, June, is chopping cotton at Loraque.

Home from Camp Bowie, Brownwood, on a week's furlough, Cecil Turner has divided time between visiting his father at Roscoe and mingling with friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Murphy Dye of Midland, while visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Swinney at Trent, were also Merkel visitors this week.

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John Robert and George Hill, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Rollie J. Hill, of Hillsboro are visiting with their grandmother, Mrs. D. M. Hill, this week, after spending the previous week with their aunt, Mrs. L. C. Williams, in the county.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Firstbrook of Dallas, en route to the Carlsbad Caverns and other interesting points, were passing visitors this week with Mrs. Firstbrook's mother, Mrs. W. L. Harkrider.

Leafy green and yellow vegetables, fruits, dairy products and eggs make up the protective foods—those rich in vitamin content—according to University of Texas home economists.

Newly Wed Couple To Make Home Here

Marriage of Mrs. Polly Williams, Taylor county public health nurse, of Abilene, and W. G. Lieb of this city was solemnized at 8:30 last Saturday night at the home of Dr. E. B. Surface, pastor of the Central Presbyterian church, Abilene, who read the ceremony.

Mr. Lieb has recently been added to the personnel of the Barrow-Sheppard company. Mrs. Lieb is the daughter of Mrs. W. G. Oliver and the late Mr. Oliver of the Divide community. They are at home at the J. N. Hatfield cottage in Northwest Merkel.

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Noodle Church Begins Revival July 19

A meeting will begin at the Noodle Church of Christ Saturday night, July 19, to run through Sunday, July 27. Elder E. S. Fitzgerald will do the preaching and E. L. Eason will conduct the song services. Services will be held twice daily; at 11 a. m. and 8:15 p. m. All who can are urged to attend.

CARD OF THANKS.
We wish to thank our friends for all their kindness to us during the past few weeks. Every bit of work and every other type of help has been most deeply appreciated, and mere words can never express our sincere thanks to each one of you.
Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Pierce.

Texas farmers' co-operatives have more than \$7,500,000 invested in land, buildings and equipment.

Charter No. 7481 Reserve District No. 11
REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK
Of Merkel in the State of Texas, at the close of business on June 30, 1941 published in response to call made by Comptroller of the Currency, under section 5211, U. S. Revised Statutes.

ASSETS	
1. Loans and discounts (including \$807.63 overdrafts)	\$270,479.42
2. United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	37,950.00
3. Obligations of States and political subdivisions	15,708.80
4. Other bonds, notes, and debentures	6,912.50
5. Corporate stocks, including stock of Federal Reserve bank	2,250.00
6. Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection	317,807.71
7. Furniture and Fixtures \$1,500.00	1,500.00
8. Real estate owned other than bank premises	1.00
12. TOTAL ASSETS	\$652,609.43
LIABILITIES	
13. Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	\$522,915.80
14. Time deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	15,607.50
16. Deposits of States and political subdivisions	18,887.70
17. Deposits of banks	1,129.03
18. Other deposits (certified and cashier's checks, etc.)	5,114.99
19. TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$563,655.02
24. TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$563,655.02
CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	
25. Capital Stock:	
(c) Common stock, total par \$50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
26. Surplus	26,500.00
27. Undivided profits	12,454.41
29. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	\$ 88,954.41
30. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAP'TL ACCOUNTS	\$652,609.43
MEMORANDA	
31. Pledged assets (and securities loaned) (book value):	
(a) United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed, pledged to secure deposits and other liabilities	\$ 4,350.00
(b) Other assets pledged to secure deposits and other liabilities (including notes and bills rediscounted and securities sold under repurchase agreement)	14,500.00
(c) TOTAL	\$ 18,850.00
32. Secured liabilities:	
(a) Deposits secured by pledged assets pursuant to requirements of law	\$ 13,693.00
(d) TOTAL	\$ 13,693.00

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Taylor, ss:
I, Booth Warren, president, of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
BOOTH WARREN, President.
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 11th day of July, 1941.
(SEAL) MARY COLLINS, Notary Public.
CORRECT—Attest:
H. C. WEST,
W. S. J. BROWN,
SAM BUTMAN, Sr.
Directors

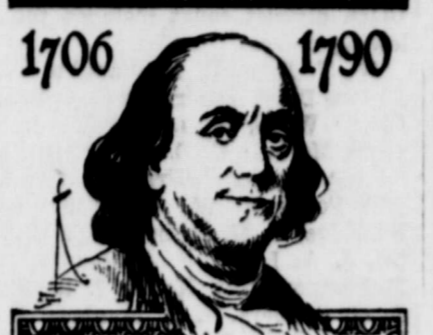
Report of Condition of
"HOME STATE BANK"

of Trent, Texas, a member of the Federal Reserve System, at the close of business on June 30, 1941, published in accordance with a call made by the Federal Reserve bank of this district pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Reserve Act.

ASSETS	
1. Loans and discounts (including \$11.32 overdrafts)	\$152,534.23
2. United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	12,200.00
3. Obligations of States and political subdivisions	1,736.00
5. Corporate stocks	1,800.00
6. Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection	187,932.27
7. Bank premises owned \$1,500.00, furniture and fixtures \$300.00	1,800.00
12. TOTAL ASSETS	\$358,002.50
LIABILITIES	
13. Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	\$277,176.18
14. Time deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	5,315.86
16. Deposits of States and political subdivisions	2,730.10
24. TOTAL LIABILITIES (not including subordinated obligations shown below)	\$283,222.14
CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	
25. Capital*	\$ 25,000.00
26. Surplus	35,000.00
27. Undivided profits	14,780.36
29. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	\$ 74,780.36
30. TOTAL LIABILITIES and CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	\$358,002.50

*This bank's capital consists of common stock with total par value of \$25,000.00.
I, H. W. Beckham, President, of the above-named bank, hereby certify that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
H. W. BECKHAM.
STATE OF TEXAS, County of Taylor, ss:
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 11th day of July, 1941.
C. C. McREE,
Notary Public.
(SEAL)
CORRECT—ATTEST:
A. WILLIAMSON,
T. H. WILLIAMSON,
L. E. ADRIAN,
Directors.

Patriotic Quotes



WE MUST all hang together, else we shall hang separately.
Benjamin Franklin
In reply to a remark of John Hancock while the Declaration of Independence was being signed July 4, 1776: "That they must all hang together."

Boy's Resident Center 'At Big Spring Offers Four Months' Course

The Resident Center for boys at Big Spring, sponsored jointly by the National Youth administration and the city of Big Spring, has been designated by the National Youth administration as a special defense project. It was stated by Elbert Whitehead, counselor, of San Angelo, who was here one day recently. This will mean that work experience and training will be more concentrated and will include sheet metal work as well as the woodwork and welding carried on heretofore. Both electric and acetylene welding are included in the welding class. Only boys who have passed their seventeenth birthday and who are out of school are permitted to go to the Resident Center. The National Youth administration program has no connection with the various relief programs, and qualifications other than the two mentioned above are good character, average mental ability and a desire to gain work experience and knowledge in the above mentioned trades. There will be a change of personnel every four months at the Resident Center. The work carried out at the center will be of such a concentrated nature as to permit a boy to learn all that he possibly can in the four months time. Each boy who spends four months at this work and applies himself will gain enough knowledge and work experience to fit himself for a job in the defense industries.

Texas Tenant Families Aided by FSA Program

Nearly 500 Texas tenant families were started on the road to farm ownership during the fiscal year 1939-40 through the tenant purchase program of the Farm Security administration, it is revealed by an analysis of the program just completed. County FSA Supervisor George L. von Roeder of Jones county has received details of the survey, covering 482 Texas farm families, from C. M. Evans, Dallas, regional director of Farm Security. Very few of the buyers, the analysis shows, were able to find fully developed farms for reasonable prices. Almost all of them bought farms with run-down buildings or unimproved farms and had to borrow enough to make improvements to land or buildings. On 362 of the farms, new homes have been built, at an average cost of only \$1,368.78, and on 119 of the farms existing houses were repaired at an average cost of only \$478.51. The total average cost of new construction and repairs to existing buildings, including homes, barns and all other outbuildings, was only \$1,581.68. An average of \$302.08 per farm was spent on improvements to the land, including fencing, terracing and water supply improvement. The average price of the farms bought under the tenant purchase program in Texas was \$5,195.40, which, with the additional outlay for improvements to buildings and land, brought the average loan to \$7,079.16. The average farm size was 164.11 acres. Loans under the Bankhead-Jones act are amortized over 40 years at three per cent interest. It is estimated that the increase in the government rate of commodity loans to 85 per cent of parity this year will add about \$224,000,000 to the income of producers of cotton and about the same to wheat growers.

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Trent News--Personals

Mrs. Ethel Wray has returned to her home in Abilene after several days' visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Lofton.
Mrs. Ed Mays of Fort Worth visited last week in the home of her sister, Mrs. A. W. Woods.
Miss Anna Fern Clements of Abilene was the week-end guest of her cousin, Miss Kathaline Bryant.
Misses Marjorie and Christine McLeod returned Monday from Cisco where they attended the reunion of the G. A. T. A.
Miss Helen McLeod of Hardin-Simmons was guest several days recently of her grandmother, Mrs. C. T. Beckham.
Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Bishop visited over the week-end at Lamesa.
Miss Maxie Banner and niece, Miss Lucille Owens, of Abilene, accompanied by their brother, John Banner, of Dallas, visited Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Roy Banner.
Freddie Joe Stewart of Mingo is spending several days here in the Roy Stewart home.
Mrs. John Payne and children of Plainview came Saturday for a visit of two weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Shouse, and Mrs. L. Payne.
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Duncan and baby son, William Edmond, of Falls, are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Duncan, who also have as guests a daughter, Mrs. Cleo Smith, and son, of Palava.
Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Wheeler were week-end guests of friends in Roscoe.
Mr. and Mrs. W. Y. Steen, who have been vacationing on the west coast for the past several weeks, are home.
H. C. Ivy of Sweetwater was a passing visitor with friends Saturday.
Miss Betty Lu Howell left last Wednesday for a visit of several weeks in Fort Worth.
Mrs. Paul Johnson and Mrs. Marvin Stockton of Abilene were guests Wednesday and Thursday in the Lon Martin home here.
Othell Jones has gone to Little Rock, Ark., and plans to enlist in the army while there.
Mrs. May Martin and children of Sweetwater visited over the week-end with relatives.
Mrs. Emmitt Holt of Waco was a guest over the week-end of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Strawn. She was en route to Amarillo and plans to return later in the week for a longer visit.
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Murdock of Odessa spent last week here visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Thomas. All spent Thursday visiting old friends and attending the Cross Plains reunion.
Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Adams and children, Hoyt and Lena, have returned to their home in Fort Worth after visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hale McRee.
Mrs. J. I. Leamon and Mrs. Twyman Collins attended the Baptist revival here and were guests in the W. C. Matthews home.
Those from here attending the Mar-

tin reunion at Buffalo Gap Saturday and Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Lon Martin and Le Roy, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Martin and son, Glendon, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Martin and children, Vernon and Betty, and Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Scott.
Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bowers and Billy Jo attended the Bowers annual reunion at Buffalo Gap Wednesday and Thursday.
CARD OF THANKS.
To Our Many Friends:
We want you to know that your kindness and thoughtfulness during the illness and death of our beloved wife and mother is more deeply appreciated than any words of ours can express.
W. L. Reneau and Children.
Ice cream contains all the essential vitamins of the food that composes it—eggs, sugar and milk.
Reduction of home-building costs through the use of native Texas building materials is being investigated by University of Texas engineers.

PETE SAYS

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QUEEN THEATRE CALENDAR

Friday-Saturday—Tim Holt, Ray Whitley in "Robbers of the Range;" added, Three Stooges comedy, "I'll Never Heil Again," cartoon and serial.

Saturday preview, Sunday matinee, Monday night—Through the complete co-operation of the Army Corps at Randolph and Kelly fields of San Antonio, the greatest aviation screen classic ever filmed, "I Wanted Wings," with Ray Milland, Wayne Morris, William Holden; also Disney color cartoon and News. Feature starts 2:10 and 4:50 p. m. Sunday, 7:45 and 10:25 p. m. Monday night.

Tuesday—Arthur Kennedy, Joan Perry in "Strange Alibi;" added, selected short subjects.

Wednesday-Thursday—Jane Withers, Nancy Kelly in "A Very Young Lady."

"Robbers of the Range."
What happens when a resourceful young rancher finds himself pitted against an unscrupulous band of crooks who seek both his land and his life, makes the exciting theme of "Robbers of the Range," Tim Holt's latest outdoor starring film, coming to the Queen theatre Friday and Saturday.

The crooks are busily engaged in acquiring rights of way for a new railroad, and in selling these to the road at exaggerated prices. Holt, refusing to sell out to them, is framed on a charge of murdering a fellow-rancher, in order to get him out of the way.

But he manages to escape while on the way to his trial and, assuming the identity of a notorious killer, boldly seeks a job at the headquarters of the gang. This enables him to learn the land agents' plans, and thus to save the lives of several of the gang's intended victims.

Eventually Holt's real identity is exposed—but by this time he has enough evidence to bring the crooks to justice—and in a gun-blazing finish, does so.

Giving the young actor his best role to date, this RKO Radio film also presents Virginia Vale as the heroine and a notable supporting cast headed by Ray Whitley, Emmett Lynn, LeRoy Mason, Howard Hickman, Tom London and Arnie Adams. Edward Killy directed.

"I Wanted Wings."

The thrum of powerful motors, the shriek of diving planes, is the exciting obligato accompanying the story of romance and adventure to be unfolded when Paramount's air epic, "I Wanted Wings," is shown at the Queen theatre Saturday preview, Sunday matinee and Monday night.

Produced by Arthur Hornblow, Jr., and directed by Mitchell Leisen, the new film depicts the methods by which American youth are trained in the air, and stars in its brilliant cast Ray Milland, William Holden, Wayne Morris and Brian Donlevy. With the complete co-operation and resources of the United States Army Air corps given to Paramount Pictures, the picture was filmed at Kelly, Randolph and March fields. The last mentioned is the roost of the famous Flying Fortresses, which have important functions in the story. It is the first time that Hollywood has been given these facilities by the army, and should prove of fascinating interest to movie-goers.

One of the many things for which "I Wanted Wings" has been loudly heralded all over the country is that it introduces an exciting new personality to film fans—Veronica Lake. The word introduced is used, although it is true she appeared in three previous roles, but they were so small practically everybody missed her. Miss Lake has all Hollywood buzzing by her performance in the picture, and there is much enthusiastic talk of grooming her for stardom. Featured with her is lovely Constance Moore, who has been forging ahead steadily in pictures, improving with every new picture.

"A Very Young Lady."

Tomboy to glamour girl. It happens before your very eyes, and to none other than Jane Withers in her latest 20th Century-Fox film, "A Very Young Lady," which is the Queen offering for Wednesday and Thursday.

That's what love does to this former terror of the toughies. You'll hardly recognize her in a dazzling evening gown and the love light shining in her eyes. It's the real thing with heartaches and heartthrobs and culminates with Jane's first kiss. Richard Clayton is the lucky guy.

Nancy Kelly, and John Sutton head a cast of featured players in "A Very Young Lady," which includes Janet Beecher and June Carlson.

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Mrs. S. E. Light, Mother Of Merkel Woman, Is Honored Guest at Llano Celebration

On July 5 and 6, Mrs. S. E. Light of Llano was the honored guest of her family there. She had six sons and three daughters present for the happy occasion, with 37 grandchildren, 50 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren. Many other relatives and friends were present for this two-day reunion. Only one son was unable to attend.

The nine children present were: Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Light and son, Silas, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Light and 4 children, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Light and three children, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Light and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Light, Mrs. T. B. Wooten and 8 children, Mrs. Henry Ratliff, all of Llano, Tom Light of Bandera and Mrs. Dora F. Kell, of Merkel.

Other relatives from Llano were Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Ratliff and two children, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Ratliff and 3 children, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Ratliff, Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Light and 3 children, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Ratliff and son, Floyd, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Underwood and one child, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Light and 3 children, Mr. and Mrs. L. Dee Neyland and son, Mr. and Mrs. James Howard and son, Mrs. Amiel Sullivan and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Raines and 5 children, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Levensailor and daughter, Mrs. Herman Rhodes, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Campbell and child, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Campbell and child, Mrs. Laura Light and son, Allen.

Out-of-town relatives present were Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Alexander and 4 children, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Skurlock and 3 children, Mrs. C. E. Horton and two daughters, Merle; Mr. and Mrs. Dale Light and two daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Westbrook and 4 sons, all of Trent; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Light and 3 children, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Light and son, Malcolm, Mr. and Mrs. James Light and two sons, Mrs. J. D. Light of Austin; Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Ratliff and 2 children, Mr. and Mrs. Damon Light and 3 children, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Light and son, Mr. and Mrs. G. Kinsey and son, Jerome, Norman and Wesley Hartsfield, all of Colorado City; Lawrence Light, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Light and 3 children, Snyder, Okla.; Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Lockley and 2 children, San Antonio; Mr. and Mrs. Lee Kordzik, Fredericksburg; Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Light and son, Galveston; Mr. and Mrs. Backley, Valley Springs.

Visitors for this occasion from Llano were: Mrs. Lillie McClury, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Maddox, Alton Ratliff, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Henry, Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Moss and daughter, Marjorie, Mrs. S. E. Smith, Mrs. Lucy Gregg, Jim Raines, John Hopson, Woodrow Ratliff, Mrs. J. A. Bird, Mrs. Belle Bradshaw, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Moss and daughter, G. W. Gray, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Scott, Roland Smith, Mrs. Ray Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Peterson and daughter, Vera Jane, Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Steward and son, Donald Lee, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Steward, Mrs. Isher Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Therbert Steward, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Steward and son, Herbert, Lizbeth Scott, Della Mae and F. M. Totsch, Mr. and Mrs. Vida Ratliff and 2 children.

Out-of-town visitors were Miss Angie Hartsfield, Colorado City; Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Ratliff, Ponca City, Okla.; Mrs. Opal Reece and son, Merkel, and Dick Hass of Merkel.

Jones County Festival Scheduled July 23-25

Anson, July 17.—The sixth annual Jones County Pioneer Festival will start here on Wednesday night, July 23, with a family musical at Pioneer hall. All family musical groups from this section of West Texas are invited to take part on this program, starting at 8:30.

Program for Thursday and Friday, July 24 and 25, starts off with pioneers registering at Pioneer hall at 10 a. m. on Thursday, to be followed by a dinner honoring pioneers. They will be guest of the chamber of commerce and Lions club. Other events slated for the 24th are: At 2:30 p. m. a big rodeo at the new Jones County rodeo grounds; at 6 p. m. a pioneer parade to be followed by the crowning of the Jones County Queen, who is Miss Herbie Faye Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Johnson, of Hamlin; at 8:30 a pioneer ball will be held at Pioneer hall.

Friday at 9 a. m. the third annual Jones County baby show will be held at the high school auditorium, with a grand prize and ribbons to be awarded. At 2:30 p. m. another rodeo will be staged at the Jones County rodeo grounds. At 8 p. m. there will be negro folk singing on the square, at 8:30 the last performance of the Jones county rodeo during the Pioneer Festival will be given. Following the rodeo the two day celebration will end with a free street dance on the square.

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List of Petit Jurors Called for Next Week

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

W. T. Bird, D. H. Vaughn, W. C. Bryan, Dave Hendricks, J. A. Buford, Oliver Webb, Chas. Orr, W. J. Derstine, Merkel; C. C. Chenoweth, Herman F. McDaniel, Frank Diller, Wendall Foreman, W. A. Nelson, Glenn Rutledge, S. N. Johnston, E. E. Martin, J. A. Leach, J. A. Barnes, J. E. McPherson, Ray Kelly, T. R. Bacon, J. H. Sanders, J. E. Manley, D. A. Martin, G. H. Schwantes, M. B. Shepard, R. C. Leverett, Lloyd Havins, E. A. Piler, Jack Husbands, Sam R. Edins, O. S. Hayes, R. B. Henderson, J. A. Burton, M. M. Jones, R. E. Kennedy, W. F. Shotwell, Carroll Dickinson, W. W. Lofland, C. J. Greene, Abilene; T. Guy Rodgers, C. W. Cross, L. R. Fisher, Guion; C. F. Foster, W. W. Carruth, Wingate; E. L. Grant, Lawn; J. N. Anderson, Tuscola; G. W. Teaff, Tye.

Revival at Stith M. E. Church Begins Friday

The summer revival of the Stith Methodist church will begin Friday night, July 18, and will continue through Sunday, July 27. There will be both morning and evening services.

Rev. Arthur Kendall, Methodist pastor at Stanton, will do the preaching. There will be special prayer groups, in charge of the following leaders: Booster band, Mrs. Euel Mashburn and Mrs. Henry Walker; young people, Rev. R. L. Gilpin, the pastor; women's, Miss Imogene Hayes; men's, S. M. Reddin.

Good gospel singing will be featured. All services will be held under the cool tabernacle. The public is urged to attend.

Mrs. Earl Dwiggins will be pianist, with Joe Thomas as song leader.



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True Romances	1 year
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American Boy	6 mos.
American Girl	1 year
Parents' Magazine	1 year
Motion Picture	1 year
Pathfinder (weekly)	1 year
Modern Romances	1 year
Silver Screen	1 year
Sports Afield	1 year
Open Road (Boys)	6 mos.
True Experiences	1 year
Christian Herald	1 year
True Confessions	1 year

GROUP B—Select 2 Magazines

Household Magazine	1 year
Home Arts Needlecraft	1 year
Pathfinder	26 issues
Hunting and Fishing	1 year
Successful Farming	1 year
American Fruit Grower	1 year
Copper's Farmer	1 year
National Live Stock Producer	1 year
National Sportsman	2 years
Progressive Farmer	1 year
Southern Agriculturist	1 year

GROUP C—Select 1 Magazine

Comfort	1 year
Farm Journal-Farmer's Wife	1 year
Mother's Home Life	1 year
Southern Agriculturist	1 year
American Poultry Journal	1 year
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MISCELLANEOUS

FOR SERVICE—Have young OIC (white) boar for service; at A. T. Sheppard farm, two miles northwest Merkel. Vernon Simpson.

Girl's Attacker is Remanded to Jail

Abilene, July 18.—Charged with forcibly raping a 17-year-old Abilene girl, Ed Wolfe, lightweight boxing champion of the 45th division, was remanded to jail without bond Tuesday. Fred Meeks, member of headquarters detachment, first battalion, 180th infantry, was allowed bond of \$10,000 on a charge of assault with intent to rape a 16-year-old Abilene girl, and Alferd McClure, who with Wolfe was a member of Company C, 180th infantry, was allowed bond of \$5,000 on a charge he was an accomplice of the other two. Wolfe, part Chickasaw, gave his age as 18 and listed Courtney, Okla., as his home. McClure, 19, is part Choctaw Indian from McAlester, Okla., and Meeks, 21, is from Muskogee, Okla.

Sister-in Law of Merkel Woman Dies

A number of friends from Merkel attended the funeral last Friday afternoon of Mrs. J. T. Bennett, sister-in-law of Mrs. R. T. Gray, which was held from Elliott's Funeral home in Abilene. John Bennett, of Mexia, a brother of Mrs. Gray, and Mrs. Bennett, a sister, Mrs. T. G. Hamilton, also of Mexia, and Joe Bennett, another brother, of Ballinger, and family, who came to attend the funeral, visited during the week in the Gray home here.

World's Record Cracked



Grover Klemmer, defending champion of the Olympic club of San Francisco, wins the final of the senior 400-meter dash in the world's record-breaking time of 46 seconds flat at the National A. A. U. track championships in Philadelphia by nosing out Hubert Kerns of the Southern California A. A. The old record of 46.1 was set by Archie Williams in 1936.

Enemy, Beware



Private Herbert Davis of the U. S. engineers attacks a pillbox with new model flame thrower at Fort Belvoir, Va. This model is portable and can be used by soldiers for attacks on fortifications or defense against enemy tanks.

Son of Merkel Man Commended for Work at Clarendon Festival

Taking time out from the busy routine of a bank executive, W. H. Patrick, president of the First National bank of Clarendon, has written a personal letter to Max Mellinger to commend his son, Isadore Mellinger, as "a very valuable citizen of Clarendon." "We recently put on a two-day Fourth of July celebration," Mr. Patrick said, "and am happy to say that Isadore was appointed on the most important committee and certainly worked very diligently. The celebration was a great success and he contributed a great deal toward it." The letter concludes: "He is a fine young man and I am proud to number him among one of my best friends."

Spurgin Family Holds Annual Reunion Sunday

The Spurgin family held their reunion at Abilene State park Sunday, with approximately 50 people present. A picnic lunch was served at noon. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Spurgin, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Spurgin and children, Mac and Jewell Ray, Mr. and Mrs. V. R. Justice and children, Betty Lou, Roy and Maxine, Johnnie and Irene Warren, Will Spurgin and children, Alice Nell, Robert E., Willie Lee and Clinton, Burton and Riley Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Justice and Woodrow Justice, all of Merkel. Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Rhoden and children, Brooksie Ann and Don, Kay Corbin, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Spurgin and Mrs. Bill Garrison, all of Abilene; Missie Spurgin of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Spurgin of Dallas, Kyle Spurgin from Brooks Field, San Antonio, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Spurgin, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Clifton, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Spurgin and children, Neva Dell and Gene and Carlton Sasser, all of Anson.

Hospital Notes.

Four babies, two boys and two girls, were born at Sadler Clinic during the past week. Parents of the boys are Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hayes, Abilene, and Mr. and Mrs. Clesby Patterson; parents of the girls, Mr. and Mrs. Paxton Hayes, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Boyd, Trent. J. W. Love, from north of town, was admitted July 15 for treatment. Mrs. Annie Scott was admitted for treatment July 15. Dwight and Himalya Swafford received tonsillectomies July 15. Claude Wood, Trent, was admitted for treatment of a rattlesnake bite July 16.

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MISSIE'S FLORAL SHOP

Elliott Family Holds Reunion in Abilene

The children and grandchildren of Mrs. J. A. Elliott met in her home at 1442 North Eighth street, Abilene, Sunday, July 13, to honor her on her 81st birthday. The house was decorated with zinnias and daisies.

Eight of her ten children were present for the reunion, also many of her 36 grandchildren and several of the 19 great-grandchildren.

When the noon hour arrived the children and grandchildren joined in singing "Happy Birthday" to the mother and grandmother, after which they gathered around a well laden table and the elder son, W. M. Elliott, of Merkel, offered a prayer of thanks. The meal was served in a cafeteria style to the following:

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Elliott, Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. Alva Elliott, Alvin Gene and Margaret Allen, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Fudge, Patricia Ellen, J. C. Elliott, Mary Frances Elliott, Abilene; Mrs. Wiley Elliott, Mrs. Richard Elliott, San Bernardino, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Elliott, Julian Elliott, Tommy Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Elliott, Miss Peggy Elliott, Miss Eilah Bland Elliott, Stamford; Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Elliott, Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Elliott, Jr., Sweetwater; Mr. and Mrs. Pete Hubbard, Sammy Kay Hubbard, Travis Elliott, Lubbock; Mrs. D. I. Sims, Mrs. Billy Kemp, Mineral Wells; Mr. and Mrs. Leeroy Weaver and son, Joe Ben, Loving, N. M.; Miss Jewell Elliott, Abilene; Miss Carrie Mary Elliott, Sulphur Springs.

Two guests were present: Miss Lottie May Thompson, Haskell, and Cpl. Glen Tyler, medical detachment, auto tank battalion, Camp Barkeley.

Adding machine rolls at The Merkel Mail office.

J. I. Ford Honored On 73rd Birthday Sunday

J. I. Ford was the surprised honoree Sunday, July 13, for a birthday dinner prepared by his daughter, Mrs. T. J. Bird, and daughter-in-law, Mrs. Lucy Ford. The occasion marked his 73rd birthday.

Others present were T. J. Bird, Misses Grovone Ford, Mildred and Sue Bird, granddaughters, and Blanton Massey, of Dallas, a grandson.

CARD OF THANKS.
We wish to thank those that were so wonderfully kind and helpful to us during the illness and death of our darling baby. Thank all of you for the beautiful flowers and sincere words of sympathy in our darkest hours.
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SLUMBER PARTY

Miss Pearl Mathews most graciously entertained with a "get-acquainted-party," introducing four new girls who have recently moved to Merkel to make their home, last Saturday night. The guests of honor were Miss Marie Morgan, newly elected bookkeeper for the REA, Misses Marcella Dooley, Betty McGowan and Barbara Anders, three members of army families out of Camp Barkeley.

Late afternoon hours were spent playing games of table tennis and badminton until time for the mid-night preview of "She Knew All the Answers" at the Queen theatre. A delectable midnight supper was served after the preview.

Miss Thelma Mathews assisted her sister in serving supper and all the guests who had insisted on making it a slumberless party helped with the breakfast in order to stay awake. Invitations went to Misses Betty Lu Higgins, Louise Patterson, Thelma Mathews, Marie Morgan, Barbara Anders, Betty McGowan, Marcella Dooley, Pearl Mathews and Mrs. R. H. Mathews, Sr.

HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB.
The Merkel Home Demonstration club met last Friday afternoon in the home of Misses Irene and Johnnie Warren with Mrs. W. R. Sumpter as co-hostess.

Miss Hattie Tacker led the singing and Mrs. W. R. Sumpter had charge of the meeting. Mrs. Grover Gilbert resigned as president and Mrs. W. R. Sumpter was elected to that office.

Mrs. Johnny Cox gave the council report. Mrs. Lem Dudley was elected vice-president by acclamation. Mrs. Andy Shouse reported on the British Relief work started here. The program was turned to Miss Tacker who brought a very interesting program on "Manners in the Homes." A report on the mosquito project was also heard.

Refreshments were passed to Mesdames R. L. Adcock, Fred Baker, Jr., Harry Barnett, J. W. Bryan, J. Ben Campbell, Lem Dudley, John Hughes, Chas. Knight, Buck Leach, R. H. Mathews, Bob McDonald, C. W. Newton, Alonzo Peterson, Don Riney, Andy Shouse, Clyde Shouse, W. R. Sumpter, Earnest Teaff, E. B. Wallace, Ted Windham, Campbell, Misses Lottie Butman, Irene and Johnnie Warren.

ALATHEAN CLASS.
The Alathean Class of the First Baptist church met on Wednesday afternoon, July 9, in the home of Mrs. J. O. Castles, with Mrs. J. M. Williamson and Mrs. W. C. Burleson co-hostesses.

After a short business session, a social hour was enjoyed, gifts exchanged and names drawn for the next quarter.

A refreshment plate of fruit punch and cakes was served to Mesdames J. Ben Campbell, Myrtle Barnett, J. M. Meeks, J. S. Swann, Chas. West, Fred A. Baker, J. O. Castles, W. A. McCandless, W. F. Patterson, W. F. Johnson, E. O. Carson, E. N. Brown, J. T. Warren, W. W. Wheeler and the hostess.

L. L. L. CLASS PARTY.
Miss Mary Nell Morgan entertained members of the L. L. L. Sunday School class of the First Baptist church in her home on Monday evening.

Gifts for the class' adopted orphan in Buckners' Home were taken up during the business meeting, after which games were played.

The hostess served delicious home-made ice cream and cake to the following: Misses Sue Bird, Mildred Bird, Nadine Hodo, Mary Nell Morgan; Mesdames Alan Wilson, Owen Robertson, Horace Boney and little daughter, Annette, and Seth Morgan.

W. M. U. CIRCLE.
The Blanche Rose Walker Circle met with Mrs. A. R. Booth Monday at 4 p. m. Mrs. W. L. Johnson, the leader, was in charge. Mrs. E. O. Carson led the opening prayer and Mrs. Lum Gilbreath taught the lesson from the three minor prophets, Hosea, Joel and Amos. Mrs. J. O. Castles closed with prayer.

Those present were Mesdames J. S. Swann, E. O. Carson, J. O. Castles, Lum Gilbreath, A. R. Booth and W. L. Johnson.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. W. L. Johnson July 28.

BIRTHDAY PARTIES.
Mrs. A. V. Henderson entertained her father, L. C. Patton, on his 56th birthday July 14. The hostess served a refreshment plate of cake and ice cream to the following: Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Patton, Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Henderson, Howard Patton and children, Frances Ann, Patricia Faye and Betty Cochran.

On Sunday, July 13, Betty Cochran entertained in honor of her mother's 34th birthday. A refreshment plate of cake and punch was served to the following: Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Cochran and children, Cleburne, Lester, Eugene, Ralph and Eva May, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Patton and the hostess, Miss Betty Cochran.

JUNIOR G. A.
The Junior G. A. met Monday afternoon with songs opening the meeting. Prayer was led by Miss Dot Swafford. Miss Swafford told a story. Plans were made for personal service. Closing prayer was led by Mrs. Don Riney.

Those present were Florene and Irene Stever, Doris and Margie Smith, Ila Mae Douglas, Wanda Daniels, Jean Mathews, one visitor, Mrs. Hosea Windham, and the sponsors, Mrs. Don Riney and Miss Dot Swafford.

The next meeting will be Monday afternoon at 3:30.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.
On July Fourth, Mrs. Willie Derington entertained for her daughter, Betty Jean, on her tenth birthday. Games were played and refreshments served to Grace Lee Lang, Betty and Maxine Buchanan, Idell Suber, Myrtle Sue and Faye Jeanette Alewine, Bobbye Nell Reagan, Barbara Derington, Matilene London, Frances Derington, Paul Arnold Whiteley, Gaston Walker, Alton Alewine, Tommy and Larry Derington.

Methodists' Summer Revival August 13-24

The summer revival at the Methodist church will be held August 13-24. It is tentatively planned as an outdoor meeting.

The visiting minister will be Rev. Lance Webb, pastor of the First Methodist church at Eastland. Many will remember him as a former student at McMurry college and as one time pastor of the student congregation there. His wife is the daughter of the late Dr. J. W. Hunt and Mrs. Hunt.

Texas claims more than two-thirds of the co-operative cotton gins in the country.

Texas Beauty Wins National Acclaim



Ruth Tilley of Shamrock, Texas, freshman beauty at Texas State College for Women during the last school term, was recently selected by Look Magazine as one of the most beautiful college girls of America in 1941.

RURAL SOCIETY

UNION RIDGE CLUB.
The Union Ridge Home Demonstration club met with Mrs. Burley Bond Monday, July 7. Miss Hattie Tacker led a singsong, followed by the club pledge read by the president. During the business meeting 25c dues were paid by each member into the treasury, an aid for the trip for the Short Course delegates. Mrs. Denzil Cox gave the council report. The club voted to pay 25c each to the county council instead of operating the usual concession at the fair.

Miss Tacker lectured on "Manners and Table Service," also demonstrated Harvard beets and slaw with a new dressing.

One visitor, Mrs. Delma McLeod, was present with the following members: Mesdames Lee Tipton, Chester Bond, Denzil Cox, J. E. James, M. L. Douglas, W. T. McAninch, Weldon McAninch, W. C. Lee, O. E. Harwell, and Misses Mabel McRee and Hattie Tacker.

Mrs. Chester Bond is hostess to the club Tuesday, July 22.

MT. PLEASANT WSCS.
Mt. Pleasant Woman's Society of Christian Service met in the John Curb home on Wednesday with a quilting. The president called the meeting to order, opening prayer was given by Mrs. Mary Click. The lesson, on "Temperance," was taught by Mrs. Virgil Patterson. After the quilt was finished, Mrs. Lofland closed the meeting with prayer.

Those present were Mesdames Mae Reidenbach, Mary Click, J. B. Stewart, R. S. Darden, Jr., Virgil Patterson, Cara Pruitt and Lofland.

Festival Boosters to Visit Here Monday

Anson, July 18.—A group of Anson people in twelve cars will arrive in Merkel about 1 o'clock on Monday, July 21, carrying a ballyboo band, singers and other forms of entertainment.

The boosters will be advertising the sixth annual Jones County Pioneer Festival on July 24 and 25. The Festival will include the following program:

Thursday, July 24, Pioneer dinner, Jones County rodeo, old time parade at 6 p. m., followed by the coronation of the Jones County Queen. Pioneer ball at 8:30 p. m.

Friday, July 25, Jones County baby show, two big rodeo performances, a free street-dance on the square will close the celebration Friday night.

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Annual Riney Reunion Held at Kirby Park

Annual reunion of the Riney family was held Sunday at Kirby park, Abilene. On the same occasion the 62nd birthday of Mrs. J. M. Toombs was celebrated. Those present were:

Mrs. W. A. Riney and Norma, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Toombs, Mrs. Warren Higgins, Betty Lu, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rinsinger, Jorene and Jimmy, Mr. and Mrs. Irven Thompson, Jocille, Joe Riney, Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Riney, James and Clarence, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse B. Riney and Jesse Joe, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Riney, Jimmy and Bobbie, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Taylor, Dorothy and Sue, all of Slaton; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Riney, Nina Joyce, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Riney, Bobby and Buddy, Walter Riney, Mr. and Mrs. Don Riney, Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Riney, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Riney, Paul, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Perry, Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Bush, Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Perry, Larose and Lanny, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Orr, Colleen, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bush, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Denton, Britta Kay and Manly, Big Spring; Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Hogan, Nan, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Smith, Betty, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hogan, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Darden, Joy, Mr. and Mrs. June Hogan, Jackie, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hogan, Merkel; an uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Hayes, Vera, Abilene. Visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Denton, Big Spring; Mrs. Blanche Swain, Paducah; Olive Smiley, Roaring Springs; Mary Helen Mashburn, Louise Patterson and Peggy Toombs, Merkel.

Local Women Receive Nursing Certificates

Certificates for eight Merkel women who have completed the Red Cross course in home nursing were received this week, E. P. Mead, chairman of the Taylor county chapter, has announced. The class work was finished on July 2 under direction of Ala Sanders, Red Cross nurse who is with the Taylor county public health unit.

Recipients of certificates are Mesdames John Hughes, Syble H. Riney, O. B. Leach, Charles Knight, Holt Vaughn, Mary Sumpter, Lue Annie Blackaby and Fred Baker.

Edith Butman Listed on Tarleton Honor Roll

Stephenville, July 17.—Among the students making the honor roll at John Tarleton Agricultural college for the second semester of 1940-41 was Edith Butman of Merkel. The honor roll was announced by the registrar, T. V. Crouse. To be eligible for this honor a student must make at least 80 on every subject for the semester.

Out of over 1300 students enrolled last semester, 219 made the honor roll. Mr. Crouse noted that the size of the honor roll was larger this semester than last.

More co-ops have been established in Texas since 1930 than in any other state, with the number more than doubling in the past seven years.

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.

Debut



Anne Bullitt, daughter of William C. Bullitt, former ambassador to France, shown in the debut gown which she wore at a coming out party at Gwynedd Valley, Pa.

LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS

Friends will be glad to learn that M. L. Estes, who has been ill for the past six weeks, was able to drive up town Wednesday. He is still, however, confined to his home.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Fowler, accompanied by W. T. Walker, left Wednesday evening for a ten days' fishing trip at Port Aransas. En route, they planned to stop over at San Antonio Thursday night.

An old-fashioned hitching tag, relic of the "before automobile days," is in possession of Joe Nalley, carrier on rural route No. 2. A circular piece of cardboard, slightly larger than a half silver dollar, it reads, "Good for dayhitch. Kent Wagon Yard," with the compliments of Grimes grocery.

A very pleasant experience was the lot of F. Y. Gaither, cashier of the Farmers & Merchants National bank, one day last week when he had as callers at his home Mr. and Mrs. Burgess Gaither, of Lawrenceville, Tenn. Burgess Gaither is a cousin of the Merkel man and it was his first visit to Texas as well as the first time the two had met.

W. C. Church, R. E. Harris and E. M. Connell, the latter of Anson, left Wednesday for Mt. Sequoyah at Fayetteville, Ark., to attend the laymen's conference at which representatives will be present from all the Methodist churches west of the Mississippi.

While Mr. and Mrs. Holt Vaughn are on vacation, Mrs. Stanley King is at the ticket window at the Queen theatre, and Norman King is assisting with the registration books.

The Front Street grocery has changed ownership the past week. L. M. Melton having sold out his grocery and market to L. C. Patton, who will continue the business at the same stand and under the same name.

Going as a representative from the Merkel Fire department, Chief John Mansfield will leave Sunday for College Station to attend the state firemen's school held each summer there. A two per cent reduction in the city's key fire insurance rate is allowed for attendance at the school.

At the present rate of production, American factories in 1941 will turn out more than 450,000,000 pairs of shoes, breaking all records for production for any country.

In The Churches

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

There were 516 present at the six reporting Sunday Schools here last Sunday, as compared with 511 the previous week. On the same Sunday a year ago the attendance was 615.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.
Sunday School at 10 a. m. Morning sermon at 11. Training Union at 7:30. Evening sermon at 8:15. Subject, "When a Nation Sinned." Text, Judges 10:10-16. Mid-week prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8:15.

Cooper Waters, Pastor.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. No preaching service at the morning hour, as the pastor will be at Tye. Evening sermon at 8:15. Subject, "When a Nation Sinned." Text, Judges 10:10-16. Mid-week prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8:15.

J. Basil Ramsey, 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.

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.

W. 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 Sunday evening. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

Everyone is cordially invited to these services.

G. O. Crow, Pastor.

NUBIA M. E. CHURCH.

Nubia's revival is progressing nicely under the leadership of Dr. C. A. Bickley. Brother Bickley is really pouring out his heart in soul-stirring messages. You are urged to hear him. He covets your prayers that he might bring the messages we need.

Sunday School at 10 a. m., preaching at 11, Sunday, July 20. There were 55 in Sunday School last Sunday and a goal of 100 has been set for this Sunday. Old members! New members! Visitors! Do your part in helping reach this goal.

The entire church wishes to thank Commissioner Dudley for the cooperation he gave in cleaning the church grounds.

Reporter.

A queen bee can lay twice her own weight in eggs within 24 hours.

Economists estimate that more than two-thirds of all Texas farmers use short-term credit.

QUEEN THEATRE
"Cooled with Washed Air"

FRIDAY-SATURDAY
TIM HOLT - RAY WHITLEY
"Robbers of the Range"
Added: Three Stooges Comedy, "I'll Never Heil Again," Cartoon and Serial

Saturday Preview, 11:15 — Sunday-Monday
Through the Complete Co-Operation of the Army Air Corps at Randolph and Kelly Fields of San Antonio, Texas—
"I Wanted Wings"
with RAY MILLAND,
WAYNE MORRIS - WILLIAM HOLDEN
Also Disney Color Cartoon and News
Feature Starts 2:10 and 4:50 p. m. Sunday matinee
Feature Starts 7:45 p. m. and 10:25 p. m. Monday night.

TUESDAY ONLY—Bargain Nite—10c-15c
ARTHUR KENNEDY - JOAN PERRY
"Strange Alibi"
Added: Selected Short Subjects

\$\$\$ WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY \$\$\$
JANE WITHERS - NANCY KELLY in
"A Very Young Lady"

MOPS LINEN or CORD EACH 19c
SUGAR PURE CANE Kraft Bags 10 POUNDS 56c
LARD PURE HOG 4 POUNDS 50c
SALT TABLE 2 POUND BOX 7c

TOMATOES FRESH POUND 5c
Cantaloupes EACH 5c

MARGARINE Lily Brand POUND 15c
STEAK PORK POUND 25c
ROAST SEVEN POUND 23c
ROAST BRISKET POUND 17c
BACON SLICED POUND 24c

LIMES EACH 1c
BANANAS DOZEN 15c

HAMS PICNIC POUND 24c
BOLOGNA SLICED POUND 15c
WEINERS POUND 19c
JOWLS Sugar Cured POUND 16c

Hot Bar-B-Q

ELI CASE & SON
Phone 234— Grocery & Market Prompt Service

DRESSING SALAD QUART 15c
JELLO ANY FLAVOR 2 PACKAGES 9c
GR-BEANS Pecan Valley No. 2 can 2 FOR 19c
JUICE TOMATO 46 OUNCE 19c