

Keeping Up With Texas

James Frederick McClintock, 12, drowned in the Stamford municipal swimming pool Friday. It was the first fatality since the pool was opened six years ago.

Mrs. W. G. Bailey of Waco and formerly of Austin and L. S. Vaughan of Dallas lost their lives Saturday night when a motorboat capsized on Buchanan lake and two others, B. C. Greeson and Miss Velma Erskine of Burnet, were rescued after clinging to a single life preserver more than three hours.

Callahan County will return to its 1934 dry status, voters having Thursday voted out beer, 974 to 873. Two towns, Baird and Putnam, had been wet through local option for several years.

Horace L. Reynolds, 51, was drowned Sunday night in Loy Lake near Sherman when a motorboat capsized.

W. N. Holland, 69, of San Antonio, injured in an automobile crash near Lytle Sunday, died in a San Antonio hospital Monday.

Allen Bell, 63, Deaf Smith County ranchman, died Saturday night at a Hereford hospital as the result of injuries received Saturday when the car he was driving was in collision with one driven by Mrs. Maurice Tannahill of Westway. The collision occurred at a weed-obscured intersection of Harrison highway and a country road, 10 miles northwest of Hereford. Mrs. Tannahill was critically injured and C. S. Tannahill, her 3½-year-old son, is in an Amarillo hospital, seriously hurt.

A Jacksboro girl, Miss Rosa Lee Chapman, 15, was killed when a car in which she was riding with Miss Georgia Granger, 17, also of Jacksboro, and two soldiers from Camp Walters, crashed into the rear of a truck driven by Frank Tillery, 45, of Vineyard, 11 miles southeast of Jacksboro.

Fire which gutted the Mirror theatre, opened twenty-eight years ago as the Jefferson, in downtown Dallas, early Monday did damage estimated between \$30,000 and \$35,000. The Leader Candy company next door also was damaged. Two firemen narrowly escaped serious injury when the balcony of the theatre collapsed.

Mary Letha Lemon, 10-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Lemon of Stamford, was fatally injured Tuesday afternoon when struck by an automobile as she started to run across the highway.

W. B. McDaniel, president of Weatherford college, was elected dean of McMurry college at a special meeting of the executive committee of the board of trustees Tuesday night. He will succeed R. G. Boger as the McMurry dean after serving Weatherford college for 16 years.

Two men were killed and two others injured seriously in an automobile collision near the Port Arthur-Orange bridge Tuesday. The dead were John Seemel, 61, and Silas A. Wortham, 40, both of Orangefield and employees of the Gulf refinery at Port Arthur.

Maintenance of Texas highways for the fiscal year ending Sept. 1, 1942, will cost \$7,825,957, under the appropriation which the highway commission has voted from funds accruing to the department.

Tom T. Allen, 56, farmer, was crushed to death beneath the wheels of a milk truck near Bonham Tuesday.

Five men were in a Borger hospital Tuesday after a terrific explosion at the Danube-Sanford well near Borger, Monday afternoon. Most seriously injured were C. L. Holland and J. B. Nichols. Other hurt were C. B. Roach, Floyd McPeters and D. S. Bond. Damage was estimated at between \$15,000 and \$20,000.

Double-Headers Billed Each Monday-Friday

In Friday night's double-header, the F. & M. Bank softball club defeated the boys from Camp Barkeley Utilities, 7 to 6, and the Merkel girls bested the Stith girls team, 11 to 6.

Only one inning was played Monday night between the Bankers and the Barkeley outfit, when a windstorm and sudden shower broke up the game.

The plan of double-headers on Monday and Friday nights will be continued, it is stated by Chairman Buck Leach of the softball committee, although there is no regular league organization.

Bill to Defer Men 28 Goes to White House

Washington, Aug. 7.—The senate completed congressional action Tuesday on legislation which would defer selective service for men 28 years old or older on last July 1 and would provide for release from present service of those in that age group.

The chamber approved a compromise version of the measure, previously passed by both houses in different form. The legislation accepted earlier by the house, now goes to the White House.

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LEE HARRELL IS FATALLY INJURED EARLY WEDNESDAY

Chest Crushed When Tractor Wheel Passes Over His Body; Funeral Services Held From Barrow-Sheppard Chapel.

Out of the many tragedies, which have befallen residents of Merkel and this community in recent years, none brought a greater shock than the death of Lee Harrell, 53, well known farmer and cattleman of the Salt Branch community and formerly manager of one of the local fairs.

He was fatally injured shortly after one o'clock Wednesday morning as he and Porter Petty were spreading poison in a cotton field. Lee was standing on the tractor, Petty driving, when the machine hit a wash in the terrace. He was thrown to the ground, the wheel of the tractor passing over him and crushing his chest. He lived only about ten minutes after having been brought to the Sadler Clinic.

Funeral services were held at the Barrow-Sheppard chapel at 5 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, with Rev. Marvin Boyd, pastor of the Methodist church, officiating, assisted by Rev. J. B. Ramsey, pastor of Grace Presbyterian church.

Burial was delayed until 10 o'clock Thursday morning, after a brother, Fred Harrell, had failed to arrive from Dallas in time for services at the grave to be completed before dark. The Dallas brother was en route but did not reach here until about 9 o'clock Wednesday.

Pallbearers were Clyde Shouse, Jake (Continued on Page Two)

Death Claims Aged Couple Only Three Days Apart

Less than three days, after the death of her husband, Mrs. Charles Riley Horton, 82, died early Sunday morning at her home, 1434 Chestnut street, Abilene. Her husband, 89, had died Thursday. The couple had been married almost 65 years and was the longest married couple in Abilene.

Seriously ill at the time of her husband's death, Mrs. Horton had never been informed of her husband's passing. Mr. Horton was born July 6, 1852, in Alabama. Coming to Texas as a young man, he settled in McLennan county and was married to Eugenia Garrett at China Springs, near Waco, in December of 1876. The couple made their home there until moving to Jones county in 1901. They brought land in the Noodle community, where oil development has come over a period of years. They also acquired land in Taylor county and had lived in and near Abilene since. Mrs. Horton was also a native of Alabama.

Funeral services for Mr. Horton were held at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon from the Kiker-Knight chapel in Abilene, with Rev. W. C. Ashford, pastor of the South Side Baptist church, officiating. Burial followed in the family lot in Rose Hill cemetery in Merkel. Grandsons of the aged couple served as pallbearers.

Funeral services for Mrs. Horton were held at 4 o'clock Monday afternoon, from the same funeral home, with the same minister and the same grandsons as pallbearers, and her body was buried beside the grave of her husband in Rose Hill.

Surviving are seven children: Mrs. R. J. Camp, Hawley; Mrs. Lee D. Williams and Mrs. Sid Griswell, Merkel; E. L. Horton and Riley Horton, Abilene; Mrs. Laura Carter, Merkel, and Mrs. Margaret Goode, Abilene. Thirty grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren also survive.

Help Celebrate Mose Cummins' Birthday

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Walker and Joy visited Mr. and Mrs. Mose Cummins in Big Spring last Sunday and helped Mose celebrate his 65th birthday.

A bountiful birthday dinner was served to a daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Janes and children, Norman, Richard and Bonnie Joe, of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Shag Cummins and children, Billy, Donald Deen and Patsy, of Big Spring; Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Walker and Joy, and the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Cummins.

Record of Births.

Boy, to Mr. and Jim Sellers, Friday, August 1, 1941.
Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Ray. Meeks, Monday, August 4, 1941.

ZEHNPENNIG QUALIFIES AS CITY MEDALIST

After tying with 74 in qualifying scores, Clesby Patterson and Dr. L. C. Zehnpennig, shot nine holes to determine medalist's honor in the Merkel Golf club tournament, the dentist winning with a 38 score.

Nolan Palmer shot 300 yards to win the long driving contest in the first flight, and Byers Petty was winner in the long distance contest for second flighters. He made 400 yards, or an average of 200 yards on two balls.

Pairings in the first flight follow: Higgins vs. Collinsworth. B. Patterson vs. Bartlett. C. Patterson vs. Durham. Hodge vs. W. Coats. Dr. L. C. Zehnpennig vs. Booth Warren.

A. A. McGehee vs. Palmer. C. Robinson vs. Jack Melton. McCoy vs. Owen Robertson.

SECOND FLIGHT.

B. Woodrum, bye. Brooks Patterson, bye. E. E. Read vs. M. Boyd. Byers Petty, bye. W. O. Boney vs. M. Mellinger. Bailey vs. Jerry Warren. J. Patterson vs. L. Coats. Beech vs. Don Warren. A. Shouse vs. H. Boney. B. Cobb vs. R. T. Gray. G. T. Moore vs. G. M. Owens. P. Douglas vs. C. Benson. J. Stanford, bye. G. Woodrum vs. J. Kuykendall. F. Breaux, bye. S. McGehee, bye.

Mrs. George Pepper Dies in Highway Crash Wednesday

Mrs. George R. Pepper, 47, prominent Nolan county farm woman and vice-president of the Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc., was killed instantly about 1 p. m. Wednesday when the pickup in which she and her husband were riding was rammed into a concrete retaining wall of a bridge on U. S. highway 80, 10 miles east of Sweetwater, by a heavily loaded produce truck.

The truck, after colliding with the Pepper machine, swerved to the right, crashed through the retaining wall of the bridge and finally came to rest in the borrow pit.

W. P. Odum of Dallas, driver of the truck, was treated at the Sweetwater hospital for a deep cut under his left eye and other cuts and bruises. His right leg was crushed from the knee to the ankle.

Mr. Pepper, driver of the pickup, received deep cuts on the head, above the right knee, a broken rib, and numerous cuts and bruises.

Mrs. Pepper and her husband were en route to Merkel at the time to attend an REA directors' meeting when the accident occurred. She had attended the morning session of the Nolan County Home Demonstration club council encampment at Lake Sweetwater.

Born Louella Baker June 18, 1894, in Bay City, Texas, she was educated in the South Texas State Teachers college and taught school for a number of years, first at Bay City and later at Rock Springs.

She married George R. Pepper in June, 1916. They moved to Sweetwater in 1936, and owned extensive holdings in the Bitter Creek community south of Sweetwater.

She is survived by her husband, a son, George Robert, Jr.; a daughter, Wilna, and a brother, R. E. Baker of Bay City.

Funeral services were to be held at the Church of Christ in Sweetwater at 5 o'clock Thursday afternoon, under direction of the Johnston Funeral home.

Revival at Hope Church of Christ August 8-17

A ten-day revival meeting will begin Friday night at the Hope Church of Christ, with Minister Joe Laird of Abilene, doing the preaching. George Chairs, also of Abilene, will lead the singing.

Services will be held twice daily: at 10:30 each morning, and 8:15 in the evening. Every one is cordially invited to attend these services.

NOTICE FIREMEN.

All members of Merkel Volunteer Fire Department are especially urged to be present this next Monday night at the regular monthly meeting.

HERBERT DUNN, PRESIDENT.

PARADE OF ARTS AND INDUSTRIES FEATURES RALLY

Taylor Demonstration Clubs Join in All-Day Program Celebrating 15th Anniversary of the County Organization.

Taylor county's home demonstration clubs joined forces at Taylor County Veterans clubhouse Wednesday for the annual rally day and also to celebrate the 15th anniversary of the organization.

In a talk by Miss Caroline Chambers, who served as first agent when the movement reached this county 15 years ago, the history of the organization was reviewed. Judge J. P. Stinson spoke briefly, congratulating club members on their home-building which he said is vital to national defense and welfare.

Highlighting the rally was the parade of arts and industries. In the parade of work, a group of members displayed from the stage examples of food, clothing and home improvement projects.

Mrs. A. L. Farmer was announced for Bluebonnet exhibit; a candlewick robe was shown by Miss Lottie Butman, embroidered linens by Mrs. Tom Russom, a rug and canned food by Mrs. Ford Butman.

From the Merkel club, Mrs. Bob McDonald showed a tablecloth with vivid Mexican embroidery; Mrs. Bill Sumpter, jars of peach pickles, and Mrs. John Hughes, hand-made pillow cases.

Intricate work was represented in the Salt Branch exhibit; a down comfort was shown by Mrs. W. U. Beebe. (Continued on Page Two)

Body of Mrs. R. L. Bland Brought to Merkel for Burial

A large number of Merkel friends of the family attended the funeral services for Mrs. R. L. Bland, held at 4:30 last Friday afternoon from the Central Presbyterian church, Abilene, conducted by Dr. E. B. Surface, pastor of the church. Burial followed in Rose Hill cemetery here.

Serving as pallbearers were A. C. Pratt, Larry Adamson, Lex Buchanan, C. F. Wilson, all of Abilene, and Henry C. West and W. M. Elliott, of Merkel.

A resident of Merkel for more than twenty years, Mrs. Bland was well and favorably known here. She died unexpectedly Thursday morning, July 31, at her home, 1118 Sayles boulevard, Abilene.

The former Eula Mae Diltz, Mrs. Bland was born at Valley Mills, Bosque county. She was married on Nov. 27, 1898, to R. L. Bland, and in 1901 the family moved to Merkel, residing here until 1923, when they moved to Abilene.

Surviving are her husband, member of the firm of Bland and Pratt, cotton brokers, a son, R. L. Bland, Jr., three daughters, Mrs. H. B. Tandy, Ozona; Mrs. W. H. Knight, San Antonio, and Mrs. Jack Sayles, Abilene; three sisters, Mrs. Etna Williams, Sylvester; Mrs. J. W. Tipton, Sweetwater, and Mrs. P. J. Powell, Long Beach, Calif.; three brothers, Seth Diltz, Sweetwater; W. L. Diltz, San Angelo, and Philip Diltz, Merkel, and three grandchildren, Bland, Nan and Kerry Tandy.

Presbyterian Revival To End Sunday Night

As the week progressed, increased interest was being shown in the Presbyterian revival being conducted by Rev. Fred Walker, pastor of the Brownfield Presbyterian church.

Services are held twice daily, at 10 a. m. and 8:15 p. m. Sermon topics for the remaining days of the revival are:

Friday morning, "Volunteering for Christ;" evening, "In My Stead."
Saturday: morning, "Opening Iron Gates;" evening, "Not Far from the Kingdom."

Sunday: morning, "The Birthday of the Church;" evening, "The Hope of a Christ-Like World."

According to past custom, the congregations of the First Baptist and Methodist churches were dismissed for the night service last Sunday and they will also join in the closing service of the Presbyterian revival next Sunday night.

At the morning hour Sunday, it is announced a baptismal service will be held and communion will be observed.

It's Rodeo Day Again in Merkel; Fifth Show of '41 Season Scheduled Saturday

BRIDE OF THREE WEEKS VICTIM AUTO ACCIDENT

Mrs. R. D. Tyler, Jr., of Abilene, the former Nadine Dees, bride of less than a month, received fatal internal injuries in an automobile collision near Ranger early Wednesday morning. She died at 2 o'clock at the West Texas hospital at Ranger, 45 minutes after the accident.

Her husband and mother-in-law, Mrs. R. D. Tyler, Sr., and C. A. Grant of Mineral Wells, driver of the other automobile involved in the accident, were also taken to the Ranger hospital.

Mrs. R. D. Tyler, Sr., who is a sister of Mrs. B. T. Sublett of Merkel, received several broken ribs and a knee injury, while her son had one ear almost severed and a gash in the head. They returned Wednesday night to Abilene, where Mrs. Tyler was taken to the Hendrick Memorial hospital.

The Tylers were en route to Fort Worth on a vacation trip, and had planned to go to Galveston from there.

The accident occurred, it is reported, when the Tyler car, eastbound, was sideswiped by Grant's automobile, traveling in the opposite direction. The collision occurred at a point where part of the highway was blocked because of construction work.

Grant received cuts and bruises, but was released from the Ranger hospital Wednesday afternoon. A girl riding with him was uninjured.

Funeral services for Mrs. R. D. Tyler, Jr., will be held Friday morning.

Construction of Center At Barkeley Under Way

Camp Barkeley, Texas, Aug. 7.—Construction of a \$3,182,850 medical replacement center at Camp Barkeley got under way today.

A. J. Rife, Dallas, has been awarded the "cost-plus-fixed-fee" contract by the quartermaster general in Washington. The replacement center, designed to house 160 officers and 4,000 enlisted men, will be located in the northeast sector of camp.

Meanwhile, the \$2,000,000 building program to make Camp Barkeley a permanent camp is in full swing and is scheduled for completion by the time the 45th Infantry division returns to Barkeley from Louisiana maneuvers at the end of September.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From Files of The Merkel Mail, Aug. 12, 1921.)

Rev. A. A. Baker, one of the oldest and most loved citizens of Merkel, on Aug. 21 celebrated his 86th birthday, with a number of friends and relatives present for the occasion; and let us say here that no man ever reached this ripe old age who was living happier in the present and who faces the future with brighter hope than does this great and good man.

Rev. Baker was born in Tennessee in 1835 and for 60 years of the 86 he has lived he spent actively in the ministry of the gospel and, as writers have said before, of all the men in Merkel, whether they be old-timers or newcomers, we would say that he has been one of the most successful, if not the most successful, but not that he has garnered immense worldly possessions, for such is not the case; only providing for the mature years he and his wife are now living, but leaving behind a long life of usefulness, yes, a monument which will stand in after years as a guiding light to men and women demonstrating to them that it is better to live a righteous and helpful life, such as has been the career of Brother Baker.

In 1857 he entered ministerial duties in Murry county, Tenn., and at the outbreak of the Civil War joined the First Brigade of Tennessee cavalry and served four years as captain. During these four years of service he conducted many revivals in the army and participated in one of much note at Dalton, Ga. After leaving the army he worked in Spring Hill, Concord and Santa Fe, Tenn., for a period of 20 years, and assisted in building two churches during that time.

In 1884 he came to Texas, stayed one year at Hubbard City; the following year he came to Merkel and organized the First Presbyterian church

Eight Big Events, with Junior Calf Riding and Team Tying as Added Features Augmenting The Regular Day's Card.

Cowboys will encounter a fresh string of bucking broncs from the Anson rodeo in Saturday's show here—fifth in the series of six free summer rodeos for the season of 1941 sponsored by the Merchants Trade Extension association of Merkel. It will be next to the last performance this year, the last being scheduled three weeks later, Aug. 30.

Two added events this year have proved exceptionally popular with the fans, junior calf riding and team tying. The day's card will also include six other standard events: calf roping, wild cow milking, bull riding, steer riding and saddle and bare back bronc riding.

Numbered reserved seats are now on sale at both drug stores. Price, 40 cents to everybody. Other seats will be on sale at the grounds at 1 p. m. on rodeo day. Price, 25 cents for adults and 10 cents for children under 12 years of age.

Starting time is 2 p. m. sharp.

Methodist Revival Date Changed to Aug. 24-31

Due to inability to secure satisfactory assistance, it has been necessary to change the date for the Methodist revival which was originally scheduled to begin next Wednesday night, Aug. 13. Rev. Lance Webb of Eastland who had been engaged to do the preaching, was forced to cancel the engagement due to illness. His physician has ordered for him a complete rest during August.

Every effort was made to secure other help for the date which had been set, but after several phone calls, telegrams and considerable driving, no arrangement could be made. This is the season of revival effort in many churches and desirable evangelistic help is difficult to obtain during this season on short notice.

It is now planned to conduct an eight day revival Aug. 24 to 31. In all probability, Rev. Tim W. Guthrie of Greenville, Texas, will be the guest preacher at that time.

"It is hoped," Rev. Marvin Boyd, pastor of the Methodist church, said Thursday morning, "that this change will not greatly inconvenience the Methodist people and their friends."

at this place. At that time there were eleven members, five of whom were members of his own family, and the small church used then was located near where the North Side Christian church now stands. Believers of all faiths met and worshipped together. Marion French, who at last accounts resided at Alvin, Texas, seemed to have been the only official Methodist in Merkel at that time.

Rev. Baker during his almost 36 years continuous residence here has witnessed a wonderful growth in religious work of the various churches of the city. From a membership of eleven for the first to now when some of them have hundreds. And now he rejoices that he lives in a land of peace and prosperity.

Since about 1857 Brother Baker has been a member in good standing in the Masonic and Old Fellows lodges. He is an old-timer, ex-Confederate, a lodge member of high standing, and, last and best of all, a true Christian gentleman from every sense of the word.

In 1865 Rev. Baker was united in marriage to Miss Mattie, daughter of Mr. Hugh and Martha Yokley, of Giles county, Tenn., and to which union there were born three children, Mr. J. L. Baker, a prominent and substantial citizen of Merkel, Mrs. Carrie Warnick, of Arizona, and A. H. Baker of San Jose, Calif.

In all of Rev. Baker's ministerial work his good and faithful wife has ever been helpful and especially in the Sunday School has she taken a great part and without whom this man feels sure his success could not have been so great. Mrs. Baker is now 77 years old and, like he, is still strong and healthy for their respective ages.

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Lee Harrell

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Massey, John Collins, Hob Robertson, Bill Teaff, Leon Scott and Paul Douglas.

Flower girls were Mesdames Austin Perry, Joe Higgins, Nim Teaff, Jarrett Pinkley; Misses Lorena Higgins and Frances Hester.

A native of Bell county, Lee Harrell was born Apr. 3, 1888, and came to Taylor county with his parents on Jan. 1, 1903. He was a World War veteran, having served overseas more than a year. He was unmarried.

Surviving are two brothers, Roy Harrell, Merkel, and Fred Harrell, Dallas; five nieces and three nephews, Lena Faye Harrell, Merkel, Freda, Gertrude, Loyce and Billie Harrell, Dallas; Elton Harrell, Colorado City, and Clarence and Donald Boyd Harrell, Merkel.

A man of modest, unassuming mien, he had gone about his duties with a fine spirit of industry and love for his fellow-man. Probably no person can be found whom Lee Harrell had ever harmed; hundreds there are in and around Merkel who called him friend.

HD Rally

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a crocheted tablecloth by Mrs. T. C. Allen, a rug made of discarded felt hats by Miss Lena Faye Harrell and an afghan by Mrs. W. J. Higgins.

Children of Union Ridge women carried their products in the parade—Charlotte Harwell displayed a silk quilt made by her mother, Mrs. O. E. Harwell; Wanda Tipton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Tipton, and Jackie McAninch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Weldon McAninch, showed rugs made by Mrs. S. O. Patton.

Delegates to the recent A. & M. Short Course summarized main demonstrations in short talks, among whom were Mrs. Bill Hays, Mrs. Weldon McAninch and Mrs. A. L. Farmer.

Among charter members of home demonstration clubs in Taylor county who attended the 15th anniversary were Mesdames Tom Russom, Joe Swinney, A. L. Farmer and A. R. Toombs, Bluebonnet club; Mrs. Elmer Patterson and Mrs. A. D. Barnes, from the now disbanded Blair club.

Visitors and members from Merkel and surrounding clubs registering were Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Dudley, Mesdames M. B. Weathered, Chester Hutcheson, Andy Shouse; Lela Patterson, Mary Ruth Hutcheson, La Verne Hughes, Lon and Johnnie McDonald and Ina Ruth Shouse, Merkel; Mesdames A. R. Toombs, Dolly Seymour, Joe Swinney, A. D. Barnes, Elmer Patterson, Dortha Reynolds, Dewel McLean and W. C. Perkins, Bluebonnet; Mrs. Vernon Hudson and Mrs. Mason Barker, Salt Branch; O. E. Harwell, W. C. Lee, Chester Bond and B. L. Bond, Union Ridge; Bartie Lou Reynolds, Hollis McLean, Mildred McLean, Becky Nan Seymour, Betty Jo Seymour, Connie Mack Seymour and Lula Belle Patterson, Bluebonnet.

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QUEEN THEATRE CALENDAR

Friday-Saturday—William Boyd, Russell Hayden in "Pirates on Horseback;" cartoon, "White Eagle" No. 14.

Saturday preview, Sunday matinee, Monday night—Ida Lupino, John Garfield in "Out of the Fog;" color cartoon, Paramount News.

Tuesday only—"She Couldn't Say No," with Roger Pryor, Eve Arden; selected short subjects.

Wednesday-Thursday—Anna Neagle, John Carroll, Ray Bolger in "Sunny;" cartoon, selected shorts.

"Out of the Fog"

For Saturday preview, Sunday matinee and Monday night, the Queen will present "Out of the Fog," a dynamic new Warner Bros. film that co-stars Ida Lupino and John Garfield, the pair who made so great an impression earlier in the season as the star-crossed lovers of "The Sea Wolf."

They make an interesting pair, do Garfield and Miss Lupino and the public will want to see more of this exciting and dynamic couple.

The die was cast in "The Sea Wolf," and a new screen team appeared and "Out of the Fog" proves that it is perfect teaming. It's no namby-pamby team. It's made up of a couple of capable players who can be tough as well as tender, whom the public will accept as something less than perfect in past behavior, but whom it likes because they are apparently real people, presenting real-life problems in a fashion that makes for smashing dramatic entertainment.

"Out of the Fog" has a modern setting and deals with the turbulent romance between an excitement-hungry girl and a ruthless young man, determined to "get ahead" in the world, at no matter what cost. An excellent cast has been lined up in support of the two stars. It includes Thomas Mitchell, Eddie Albert, John Qualen, Aline MacMahon, George Tobias, Leo Gorcey and Odette Myrl.

"Sunny"

The exciting adventures of a beautiful circus dancer in New Orleans during the colorful Mardi Gras season, and her whirlwind romance with a gay blade from an aristocratic Southern family, represent the sparkling dual-theme of Anna Neagle's newest musical vehicle, "Sunny," coming to the Queen theatre Wednesday and Thursday.

Based on the sensational Broadway hit of the same name, and retaining such hiting tunes as "Who?", "Sunny," "D'ya Love Me?" and "Two Little Bluebirds," the RKO Radio film presents the lovely Miss Neagle in the title role of the captivating carnival girl. John Carroll has the masculine lead opposite the star, playing the role of the wealthy New Orleans socialite who falls in love at first sight with Sunny when they are caught up in the whirl and gaiety of the Mardi Gras crowd, and who, against family objections, finally marches her to the altar.

Ray Bolger, New York dance sensa-

45th Division on Way to Battle of Louisiana

En Route with 45th Infantry Division, Aug. 7.—Sun-burned soldiers of the 45th Infantry division, with their big guns bouncing along behind giant trucks, rolled across Texas today on their way to the "Battle of Louisiana"—history-making maneuvers involving a half-million men.

The first echelon, composed of some 8,000 officers and men, is due to reach a bivouac area four miles south-east of Mansfield, La., Saturday. The second echelon, made up of an equal number, will move in Sunday.

All along the parallel routes of march, the traveling army drew thousands of curious civilians to the roadside and street curbs. At bivouac areas, other thousands drove out to see the encampments, look for friends in the division and ply soldiers with countless questions.

The 16,000 troops had welcome respite from traveling at Dallas. First the forward echelon's south column of 4,000 men camped at the front door of this mid-Texas metropolis, and the kindly citizens did everything they could to make the boys feel at home.

The column bivouaced on the shores of White Rock lake, at the northeast edge of Dallas. Families drove out to get carloads of soldiers and take them in for Sunday dinner. Others took the boys on sightseeing tours or threw parties for them.

The south column of the second echelon came in two days later and Dallas repeated the proceedings. The north columns of both echelons were not so fortunate, having to camp at Lake Dallas, about 25 miles from the city.

Monday and Tuesday it was "tramp, tramp, tramp" for the first echelon. Along the parallel routes the men marched on foot while the trucks sped back to Camp Barkeley, Texas, to start the second echelon on its way.

Wednesday the trucks caught up with them again and the second echelon took its turn at hiking.

Married at Eastland.

Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Dalton returned here Sunday, following their marriage at Eastland on July 25. Mrs. Dalton is the former Mrs. Josie Thompson, of Strawn, and is the mother of W. A. Stockbridge, Magnolia agent, in whose home she has visited frequently.

CARD OF THANKS.

The family of Lee Harrell wish to take this opportunity of expressing their sincere thanks for all kindnesses shown by his friends in his sudden death.

tion; Edward Everett Horton and the world-famous dancing Hartmans are cast in other principal roles and display their particular talents in such fashion as to make "Sunny" one of the brightest, most spectacular musical films brought to the screen in recent years, and certainly Anna Neagle's most delightful vehicle.

Herbert Wilcox produced and directed "Sunny," which also features Frieda Inescort, Helen Westley and Richard Lane.

Golan Wins Award for Exhibit at Luaders

Golan, Willow Creek and Old Glory received first, second and third awards for exhibits at the meeting of Jones and Stonewall county home demonstration clubs at the Luaders encampment grounds Wednesday and Thursday. The awards were made by Mrs. J. M. Hamilton; to Golan on its complete pantry, to Willow Creek for foods made of whole wheat, and to Old Glory for a sack exhibit.

First place in stunts, presented on the Wednesday night program with Mrs. Karl Bonneaux of Goodman, as master of ceremonies, was won by Goodman, with Avoca and Old Glory in second and third places.

At a business meeting Thursday Mrs. Glenn Reynolds of Avoca was elected president of the two-county association; Mrs. Karl Bonneaux, vice-president; Mrs. I. D. Vancil, Golan, exhibits chairman; Mrs. C. D. Bingham, Boyds Chapel, secretary; Mrs. Earl Brown, Boyds Chapel, song leader.

Swimming and games, music and readings were included on the program. Several reports were heard on the recent short course at Texas A. & M. college. Mrs. C. D. Bingham reviewed demonstrations on canning and budget planning; Mrs. E. C. Cade of Goodman, a talk on poultry; Mrs. Karl Bonneaux, a demonstration on selection and renovating clothing. Mrs. Bonneaux also described a pageant given in A. & M. college stadium.

LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS

Ray Mundy, Bullock Hardware employee, is in Dallas this week attending a school for service men, conducted by the John Deere people.

A passing visitor here Thursday was Read Whatley, of Okolona, Ark., who was returning from San Diego, Calif. He had enlisted in the U. S. marines at Little Rock, Ark., but was rejected at San Diego, because of a shoulder injury sustained sometime ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Winter left Friday for Lamesa to visit a son, Jennings Winter, and family. They also planned a trip to Carlsbad Caverns. While away, they observed their 50th wedding anniversary, which was Sunday, Aug. 3.

Mrs. Grover Hale, accompanied by Misses Luna White and Bonnie White, went to Lipan Monday to attend the funeral of a brother of Mrs. Hale's, deceased husband, who died of a heart attack. He is survived by one brother and three sisters.

Work was started Tuesday on a garage apartment, of frame construction, in the rear of E. O. Carson's residence. Construction work is in charge of Bob Fowler.

Mrs. Gladys McLean, who has been seriously ill at her home for the past two weeks, is reported doing as well as could be expected. Her many friends hope for an early recovery and return to her duties at Sadler Clinic.

C. H. Collinsworth, vocational agriculture teacher at Merkel High school, attended the three-day annual summer conference of the state board of vocational agriculture conducted last week at John Tarleton college, Stephenville.

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Trent News--Personals

The Oliver Bright family enjoyed an all-day outing at Sweetwater park Sunday. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Bright, Henry Bright, James Bright, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Kegans and children, Troy and Wanda, Mr. and Mrs. Philbert Halbrook and children, Johnnie, Dwain and Mary Lula, of Lamesa, Mrs. L. C. Lester and children, Dorothy Jewel, Yvonne and Annette, of Tula.

R. E. Dowdy of Odessa attended to business here Monday and visited friends.

J. B. Winn, Jr., left Saturday afternoon on an International school bus with a group of county agents and boys of the 4-H clubs. They plan to be gone twelve days, stopping at Dallas, Fort Worth and points of interest in Northwest Texas, Colorado, Wyoming, Kansas, Oklahoma and Arkansas.

Miss Katy Bob Swinney of Monahans was a week-end guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Swinney.

Mrs. B. E. Hamner and daughter, Miss Willie Joe, and Lloyd Johnson of Wink were recent guests of relatives. They were accompanied home by Mrs. J. A. Brown and Miss Winnie Brown, who will visit there for the next few days.

Freddie Allen of Cisco was a guest last week in the Charles McCurdy home.

Mrs. W. E. Hamner and son, John, were Sunday guests of relatives, returning to Wichita Falls in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Stevens and children, Frances and Tommy Glen, left Friday for a visit with relatives in Enid, Okla. They will also visit Mr. and Mrs. Charles O'Brien in Arkansas. Mr. O'Brien is in the veterans' hospital.

Mesdames C. T. Beckham and A. Williamson attended the wedding of Myra Hamor at her home in Winters last Thursday.

R. H. Hendry of Arp, Texas, came in last Saturday for an extended visit with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Swinney.

Cull Currington, who has been here for the past two weeks, has returned to his work in Los Angeles, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Grantham are announcing the birth of a son on July 30, weighing 13½ pounds.

Mrs. C. H. Hale made a trip to Fort Worth last week to be with her son, Billy, who is in the hospital there for

an operation.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mauldin and A. N. Gordon of Ranger spent the week-end visiting in the homes of Levi and Clarence Gordon.

Miss Nettie Kathleen Pennel of Sweetwater is visiting this week in the home of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Johnson.

Mrs. Ida Bright left Monday for a month's stay in Chanute, Kans.

Mrs. Bob Howell of Abilene was a guest Friday night of her mother, Mrs. Pauline Freeman.

Mrs. Ann Boone left Saturday for a month's vacation with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Alexander, of Hobbs, N. M.

Mrs. C. R. Tittle is home from a ten days' visit with Mr. and Mrs. Cullen Tittle and Mr. and Mrs. Orion Tittle, of Fabens.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil McRee have as their guests, Mrs. Moy Jason and daughter, Miss Mary Jason, and son, John Franklin, of Sour Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Crook, and Mrs. W. H. Swinney, of Athens, uncle and aunt, are guests this week in the Swinney home.

James Strawn made a business trip to Stephenville over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Rosson returned Monday to their home at Lubbock after a visit of a few days with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Shorty Duncan, accompanied by Frank Duncan, visited over the week-end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Duncan of Coleman.

Mrs. Ola Lee Winn attended a library meeting in Abilene Monday. She was accompanied by Mrs. C. W. Edwards.

Tink Buford of Temple was in town Saturday seeing old friends.

Mrs. R. A. Simmons and son, Preston, of Gladewater, were here for the week-end for a visit with her mother, Mrs. Toliver Walker, and her sister, Mrs. Lester Westbrook, who is ill at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Garnett Wilks are announcing the birth of a baby girl, named Linda Lucille.

Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Lesley Beasley and daughters, Patricia Ann and Theresa Kay, spent the week-end visiting Mr. and Mrs. Allen Terry of Lubbock.

M. E. REVIVAL BEGINS.
The M. E. revival began last Sunday with the pastor, Rev. Cecil Tune, doing the preaching, and Claude

Youthful Patriot



Bill Stahl Jr. is only 20 months old, but he is giving his toy autos to Fire Lieut. Edward McLaughlin of New York. The toys contain aluminum, which is needed for defense. It was Junior's contribution during National Aluminum week.

Blankenship as song leader. Miss Dean Strawn is pianist. Services are held each morning at 10; evening services and prayer meeting at 8, preaching at 8:30. Every one is extended a very cordial invitation to attend.

SURPRISE SHOWER.

Rev. and Mrs. Fred Porter were agreeably surprised Sunday night when they returned home about 11:30, after having been away for several days in a meeting at Tye, to find some one had entered their home and left a bountiful supply of nice things as a love offering from their church.

White Church News

The Methodist revival is to begin here Sunday night. The pastor, Rev. J. B. Stewart of Abilene, will be assisted by Rev. Mr. Kitchens. Every one is urged to come and take part in the meeting.

Donald Riggan, small son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Riggan, is quite ill at this writing. We sincerely hope for him a very speedy recovery.

Miss Johnnye Hardin visited friends in San Antonio last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Artist Cook and family visited their son, J. W., of Camp Bowie, Brownwood, Sunday.

Rev. and Mrs. A. C. Healer and son, Thurston, Sweetwater, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Edington and children, June and James, of Abilene, were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barnes Sunday.

J. C. Riggan, in company with his brothers, Elgin and Grant, of Big Spring, attended the Primitive Baptist association at Robert Lee over the week-end.

Mrs. W. A. Harrison of Putnam spent a few days last week in the home of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Rodgers.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Weston and son, Stanley Joe, and Jack Boyd attended the Weston reunion near San Angelo recently.

Clayton Doan of San Antonio is home for a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Doan.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Farmer were in Abilene on business Thursday.

Several from our community attended the Christian meeting at Cross Roads the past week; among them being the E. E. Conley, H. E. Farmer and P. F. West families and others.

State Ad Valorem Tax Rate is Cut 11 Cents

Austin, Aug. 7.—Fatter tax rolls and a well-off school fund allowed the Automatic Tax board Thursday to adopt a state ad valorem tax rate of 58c per \$100 property evaluation, giving tax-payers an 11c cut for payments on 1941 rolls—and a glimpse of a \$44,352,511 deficit in the general fund a year from now.

The new rate is 16c per \$100 for the school fund, an 11c reduction; 35c for the general fund, and 7c for the Confederate pension fund, both unchanged.

Statisticians in the comptroller's department had calculated the total 1941 property valuations for 254 counties to be \$3,669,582,023 (billions), an increase of \$89,174,338 over 1940 values.

Approximately 5,300 Japanese nationals have become settlers on Hainan island, off the coast of South China, half the number being Formosans.

GOLAN NEWS

Mrs. Lee Smith of Alpine, visiting in the home of her parents for several days, spent a few days last week visiting in the home of her brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Hill, of Truby.

Children of Mrs. Bowie Allison of New Mexico are visiting here in the home of their grandmother, Mrs. Mollie Byrom.

John Robert and George Edwin Hill, of Hillsboro, small sons of Mr. and Mrs. Rollie J. Hill, who have been visiting here and in Merkel since July Fourth, returned to their home Wednesday last week.

Mrs. Dollie McCain of Sweetwater is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Dawson McCain and family.

Jack Sharp is in San Antonio with his son, Marvin, who was injured in a five-car collision last week.

Mrs. Stovie Walker of Hatch, N. M., and Mrs. Lindsey Cohorn of Arizona, returned to their respective homes Friday after spending several days here, following the burial of their father, A. J. Cook. Their mother and sister, Frankie, accompanied them home for an indefinite visit.

Miss Evagene Williams of Sylvester visited Sunday in the home of her

aunt, Mrs. H. F. Jeffrey. Mr. and Mrs. Holton Jones of McCaulley attended church here Sunday. Mrs. Gertie Mitchell and sons of Shiloh visited Mr. and Mrs. Cap James Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Farmer were week-end guests in the home of Mrs. Farmer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Jeffrey.

Several from here attended church in Sylvester Saturday night, at the Christian church.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Williams and sons were in Sylvester Thursday night for the closing service of the Methodist revival.

JOINT REVIVAL MEETING.

The Golan Methodist and Baptist meeting is now in progress. The union meeting started here Friday night, with Brother Ottinger of the McCaulley M. E. church doing the preaching.

Brother Jones has charge of the young folks' prayer group, and Mrs. Ottinger is leader of the Booster band for the children. Brother Williams is leader for the men and Mrs. Mary Jones, for the ladies' group meeting.

We had a great crowd Sunday night. Come and worship with us, we need your presence and your prayers.

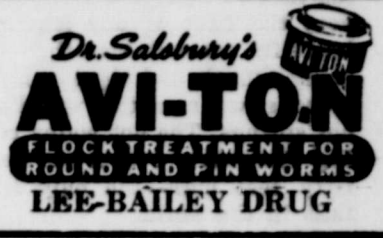
O'Daniel Takes Oath As U. S. Senator

Washington, Aug. 7.—Gov. W. Lee O'Daniel took the oath of office Monday as senator from Texas to fill the unexpired term of the late Senator Morris Sheppard.

The new senator said Texas laws automatically terminated his term as governor of the Lone Star state.

Senator Connally (D-Tex) escorted him to the chair, where Senator McKellar (D-Tenn), presiding, administered the oath. The new senator then signed his name in the senate register and Edwin Halsey, secretary of the senate, presented him with the pen he had used.

Immediately after O'Daniel took the oath, the senate confirmed his selection by the senate steering committee to be a member of the commerce, claims, District of Columbia and irrigation and reclamation committees.



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Visit Yellowstone National Park, Old Faithful on 5,384 Auto Trip

[In the concluding installment of her report of the 50th anniversary convention of the Woodmen Circle, Mrs. Karl Bonneaux describes the many interesting scenic points of natural grandeur in Yellowstone park and the Rocky Mountain states which the Merkel group visited on their return trip.]

On Wednesday morning, June 26, we left for all points toward Yellowstone Park, going by way of Caspar and Cody, Wyo. Passing through what is known as Hell's Half Acre. It is aptly named. For a half a mile this great depression is filled with colored rock strata that shelve fantastic slopes and cliffs and looking in every way like the devil's handiwork. After passing this we went into Wind River canyon, the first of our long range of beautiful mountains—the first of many tunnels and big dams. At Thermopolis we saw the world's largest hot springs. The hot water runs from Big Horn river over a hot water falls fifty feet high—the only hot water falls in the world.

After reaching Cody where we spent one night we passed the statue and museum of Buffalo Bill. After leaving Cody we saw the extinct Geyser Craters and the famous hanging rocks and coming into the Shoshone valley we passed the big Shoshone Dam and went through four tunnels in succession.

As we approached the canyon miles away, we began to see snow capped mountains. We followed the Cody road, the very road that used to be the Indian trail and used later as the route taken by the explorer, John Calter, making his way back to civilization after his discovery of Yellowstone Park.

No highway crosses the Cody road in all the eighty miles from Cody to Yellowstone Lake. There is not a single town, village or settlement of any sort in its entire length except for a dozen or so intriguing log-cabin communities half hidden among the trees called mountain resorts or the famed Dude ranches.

Mountains were everywhere. Any where you looked was a beautiful panorama, miles and miles of pine-

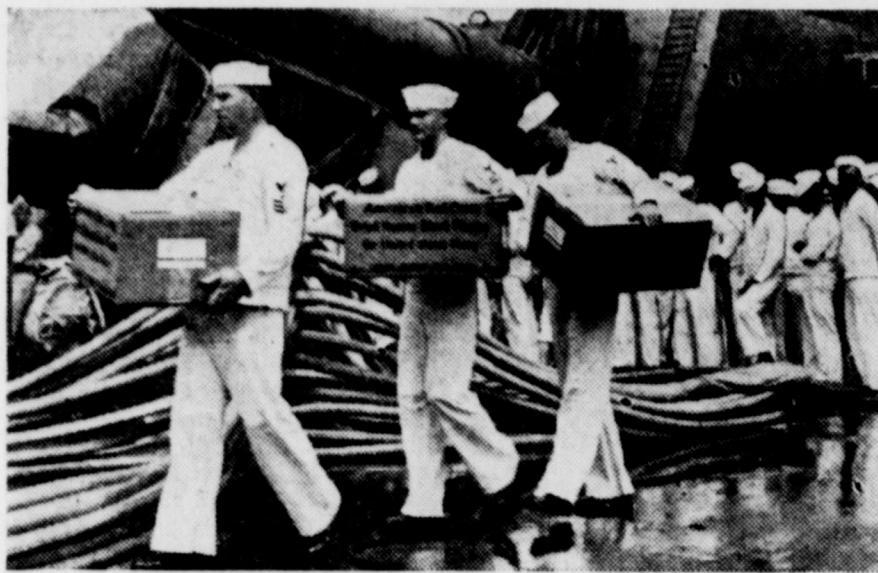
clad slopes, as far as eyes could see, tiny mountain streams from the melting snows, the most beautiful lakes you can imagine such as Lake Lucerne and Sylvan Lake.

Along the Cody road we passed the famous Chimney rock, the palisades and a cliff 1,000 feet high, the Holy City, etc. Looking down the Shoshone valley you see the winding Shoshone river. Seeing this famous river makes you sort of understand the country that is known as the Big Game country—mountains and more mountains always going up, up, and finally before reaching the gate at the last entrance we had reached the snow line. We drove off the side of the road and found a big snow bank, we played snowball and some of us tried to wade across a stream which was really cold. We filled our thermos jug with snow and it lasted us two days. The trees were too beautiful to describe. They were really pretty to people who live in West Texas. There were spruce, fir, aspen and a lot that we didn't know, so tall and picturesque they were truly a sight to see.

Entering the park we still were in the mountains. Going into the park through Sylvan pass we came upon the beautiful Yellowstone Lake for which the park was named. Leading out north to Canyon Junction following the Yellowstone river, the Yellowstone Falls was the prettiest and most unusual thing we had seen up to this time. It was a 300-foot drop and the sun shining on the angle that it did make a perfect rainbow in the water. From Artist point and Inspiration point you could see over more of the park than from any place—it was about 9,000 feet up. We made the loop up through the park up to Mammoth Hot springs.

Coming back to Norris Junction we began to strike the geyser basins and they were thick on until we reached the famous Old Faithful. They were called mud geysers and the Dragon's Mouth was one of the biggest and loudest of them all. From this point on we began to see bear, deer, elk and moose and a herd of buffalo. The bears were very friendly; in fact, they would have got in the car gladly. We

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Thousands of Americans who have never set foot on a warship have shed their blood for the U. S. navy. A shipment of that blood, dried and processed, is shown being taken aboard a man-o-war at Philadelphia navy yard. The blood was collected by the American Red Cross. It keeps indefinitely under proper conditions.

saw a dozen or more mother bears with their cubs. On reaching Old Faithful we had seen so much we knew it would have to be something to interest us, and we were not disappointed for we saw it go 150 feet in the air. There were 500 people saw it the same time we were there.

After spending the night at Jackson where we saw the most famous Rustic Bar in the world we left out for Salt Lake City, going through the Teton National Forest, following the Grand Snake river—many beautiful streams all the way to Salt Lake. Reaching Salt Lake in the afternoon, we went to see the famous Mormon Temple and Tabernacle. The tabernacle was a spectacle to see—it has a seating capacity of 8,000 and up to 11,000. It has 27 exits all opening outward. The Temple is built of granite, designed by Brigham Young, and cost \$3,500,000. The visit to this alone is a story in itself.

Leaving Salt Lake City we passed the Great Salt Lake and crossed the Salt Lake Desert and the famous automobile speedway. Spent the night in Ely, Nev., which was a big copper mining town. We passed through Ruth Nev., where the largest man-made hole in the world is. It is a copper mine pit.

Reaching Reno, Nev., was quite a thrill for us girls as we knew we could either decide to stay six weeks and not come home or to continue our trip, so we were trying to decide, at least four of us were when up steps an officer and arrests us. Being a handsome cowboy we went to jail gladly, thinking we would have an excuse to stay in Reno. But in the middle of our wondering what to do we were informed we were in "Kangaroo" jail because we didn't have on cowboy regalia. When they found out we were from Texas they almost didn't let us out. Said if we'd pay our fines he'd let us out, so we finally dug up five (cents) a piece and left, wondering if we hadn't really enjoyed being put in jail.

From Reno we went to Ukiah, Calif., by way of Grass Valley and Maryville, which were old gold mine towns. This is the prettiest part of California we went through as we began to reach the redwood forest. At Philo, we spent the night with Mrs. Mathews' brother, Doyle Blair, who lives in the most picturesque place—trees around the house 150 feet high—had a most enjoyable visit and by this time a home-cooked meal sure tasted good.

We left early next morning for San Francisco. On entering the city we passed San Quentin prison and as we were crossing the Golden Gate bridge we looked across the water and could see Alcatraz. On reaching San Francisco we were afraid we would get lost and end up in China Town so we headed straight for Los Angeles. We spent the night 100 miles from L. A. and drove in the next morning to Wilmington and caught the boat to Catalina Island.

Our drive into L. A. was beautiful, we followed the 101 highway and it was a fourway drive. Passed the Pure Gold Orange packing plant. The drive by Santa Monica was flowers all the way. Following the coast line we found trees made the fences and also served as windbreaks for the acres and acres of beans growing. Malibu and Redondo beaches were very pretty.

We left Wilmington for Catalina, at 10 a. m. There were 1,400 people who went on the boat to Santa Catalina, everyone having a big time, dancing to the seven-piece Hawaiian orchestra. Reached there at 12 p. m. We lost no time sightseeing, caught the glass bottom boat, went to see Marine Gardens which were worth the trip to see alone. Had a most enjoyable day and a big time on the boat home. We drove to Long Beach and saw one of the world's largest carnivals. Out of Long Beach we were in the earthquake that night but didn't know what it was until we read it in the paper next morning. Saw the most oil derricks per mile in the world. On reaching San Diego we saw lots of seaplanes.

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Loan Rate on 1941 Cotton 14.02 Cents

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The increased rate was made mandatory by the requirement that loans be made at 85 per cent of parity, and was based on the August 1 parity price of 16.49 cents.

The department said producers co-operating with the AAA program would be eligible for loans on their entire cotton production at that rate.

It added that farmers who knowingly overplanted their allotments could receive a loan at 60 per cent of the rate available to co-operators on that part of their cotton subject to penalty.

Governor Stevenson Signs Land Patent Bill as First Act

Austin, Aug. 7.—Coke R. Stevenson's first official act as governor of Texas Monday was to sign a land patent for Kimble county, where he was reared.

"Well, I guess we'd better sign that patent now," was Stevenson's only remark when word was received from Washington that W. Lee O'Daniel had been sworn in as U. S. senator, automatically making Lieut.-Governor Stevenson governor for the remainder of the term expiring in January, 1943.

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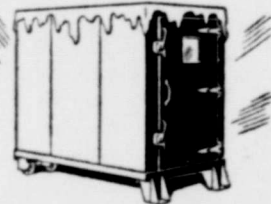
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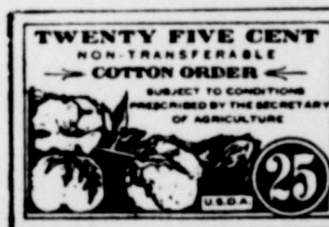
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Legal Notice

THE STATE OF TEXAS, To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County—Greeting:

You Are Hereby Commanded to summon Corene Portis by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, to appear at the next regular term of the 42nd District Court of Taylor County, to be held at the Court House thereof, in Abilene, Texas, on the First Monday in September, A. D. 1941, the same being the 1st day of September, A. D. 1941, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 30th day of July, A. D. 1941, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 12,521-A, wherein Grant Portis is Plaintiff, and Corene Portis is Defendant, and a brief statement of plaintiff's cause of action, being as follows:

Plaintiff and Defendant were married June 15, 1936, and separated December 1, 1940, and that there are no children and no community property. Plaintiff sues for divorce on the grounds of cruel treatment, all of which is fully alleged in Plaintiff's Petition on file in said court.

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

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, on this 30th day of July, A. D. 1941.

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

Visiting Preacher is Guest of Lions Club

Vacation time accounted for a number of absentees at Tuesday's meeting of the Lions club, when a total of thirteen members were missing.

Opening sing-song was led by Rev. Marvin Boyd, with Gay West at the piano. Invocation was given by W. M. Elliott.

Only guest present was Rev. Fred Walker, of Brownfield, himself a Lion, who is holding a revival at Grace Presbyterian church here. In impromptu remarks, the visitor spoke in very happy vein, introducing a fine brand of humor to enliven the luncheon hour.

Committee reports were heard from Johnny Cox, as to the cheese plant project; Mayor Henry C. West, as to the results of aluminum collection week, and E. O. Carson, chairman of boys' and girls' work, as to completion of the Girl Scouts club house and donations of furnishings to date.

ED'S CAFE

Will Be Closed

from Saturday 6 p. m. To Monday Morning

(Proprietor Attending Family Reunion at Seymour)

Personals

Rev. and Mrs. G. O. Crow left Thursday for County Line to hold a revival meeting at the Nazarene church, dates for which are Aug. 7-17.

Accompanying Mrs. Ed Turner to the annual reunion of the Adams family to be held at Seymour park, Seymour, Saturday and Sunday will be Mr. and Mrs. Jack Latimer, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Perry, Misses Tommy Whisenhant, Frances Hester, Lorena Higging and Alene Frazier. Because of the reunion, Ed's cafe will be closed from 6 Saturday evening to Monday morning.

Arriving Sunday for a short visit with relatives, Mrs. Ray King of Odessa accompanied her aunts, Mrs. Ada Heeter and Miss Sadie Woodrum, and Helen Heeter to San Angelo Tuesday to spend the day with her mother, Mrs. A. V. Dye, Sr.

David Gamble left Sunday for Dallas, where he was joined by his wife, who had been visiting her parents there, and they went on to Austin to spend several days, expecting to return home the latter part of week.

Mr. and Mrs. Royce Eiland and daughter, Cherry Lynn, of Childress, were week-end visitors with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Largent. Mr. Eiland's mother, Mrs. Ethel Eiland, who also visited in the Largent home, returned Sunday to her home at Snyder.

Mrs. J. T. Warren has as guests this week her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Kirby Beckett, and children, of El Paso. Mr. Beckett went on to Fort Worth and is to return to pick up his family there.

Prof. and Mrs. Carvel Tucker and family of Brownsville are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Tucker.

Miss Jo Ann Campbell of O'Donnell is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. J. F. Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. (Skeet) Pearson, who have been making their home in Oklahoma for some time, have returned to Merkel and are located on the McDaniel ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilson left Sunday to spend their vacation at San Antonio and Corpus Christi.

Mrs. Tom Allday, accompanied by her son, Jimmy, is here from Silverton to be with her sister, Mrs. Oscar Buford, who is ill. Mrs. Buford showed some improvement at last report.

Mary Jo Hutchins returned Saturday from a visit to Dallas and other points in East Texas. She was accompanied home by her uncle, R. M. Armstrong, and cousins, Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Dowd, and Ken, of Dallas.

Ray Blair returned to his home in Fort Worth after a month's visit with his grandmother, Mrs. J. S. Blair.

Paul Riney of Electra visited last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Riney.

Seeing their first rodeo Saturday will be Chief of Police John Sandford and his parents of Piedmont, Ala., who are to visit in the home of Mrs. Sandford's grandmother, Mrs. J. S. Blair.

Mr. and Mrs. Box Murphy and daughter, Geraldine Cox, left this week to visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Murphy, in Gorgas, Ala.

Miss Ethel King visited with Mr. and Mrs. Foy Steadman of Trent, Thursday night.

Miss Thelma Mathews spent the week-end in Abilene visiting Mrs. Carl Mathews. She was accompanied home Sunday afternoon by Mrs. Carl Mathews and daughter, Carlynn, and Miss Louise King.

Mr. and Mrs. Comer Haynes and two sons, Billy and Jack, are spending the week in Corpus Christi.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sheppard of Dallas are here for a vacation visit with his mother, Mrs. S. W. Sheppard, and other relatives.

Mrs. Frank E. Church, accompanied by her daughters, Bess, Bonnie and Mrs. H. Noel Bryant and Sylvia Marie, of Abilene, are visiting Mrs. W. E. Davis in Fort Worth this week. Bess will remain over the week-end and accompany Gerald McDonald of the finance office of Camp Bowie home. The latter has been on furlough visiting his parents of Alvord.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Shannon and son, Allen, of Fort Worth, visited Friday in the John Shannon home en route to San Diego, Calif., where Perry has a position with Consolidated Aircraft corporation. Perry is a nephew of John Shannon.

Miss Dorothy Shannon is visiting with Miss Norma Richards in Sweetwater.

W. U. Shannon of Amarillo spent the week-end in the John Shannon home.

Rev. Charles Tucker and family of Mercedes are visiting this week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Tucker.

Mrs. Tommie Smith and three children, Billie June, Martha Faye and Carl Vernon, and Mrs. Dora Kell spent the week-end in Hamilton where Mrs. Smith visited an aged aunt, Mrs. Bettie Sparks, and her uncle, George Kell, of Dallas, was also there.

Visitors last week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. V. N. Ellis were Mr. and Mrs. Castle Ellis and son, Glenn, of Comanche, Mrs. R. G. Grogan and daughter, Melva, of O'Donnell, Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Lassiter of Bronson, and Mrs. J. E. Riddle and son, Don, of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stone and two children, of De Leon, are visiting his uncle, C. A. Higgins, and the Higgins families.

Miss Ernestine Massey of Denton is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Twyman E. Collins, also dividing her time with Miss Wanda Dingle.

Miss Betty Jane Tittle of Trent is guest of her aunt, Mrs. Bill Fugate, this week.

Mrs. G. A. Glenwinkel and sons, Gus, Jr., and John Henry, and daughter, Miss Mary Ann Glenwinkel, of Tye, returned Sunday night from a week-end visit with friends and relatives in Rising Star and Eastland.

Mrs. Terrell Mashburn and little daughter, Anita, arrived Thursday

morning from Port Arthur for a visit with her mother, Mrs. Effie Rider, and Mr. Mashburn's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Mashburn.

Week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Estes were Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Jones and Jim Garner and son, Billy, of Aransas Pass, and J. L. Rutherford of Itasca. Mrs. Jones is a niece of Mr. Estes and Messrs. Garner and Rutherford, his nephews.

Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Gardner and daughter, Becky, returned Saturday from a two weeks' vacation trip to the Pacific coast and visits with relatives at Tacoma, Wash.

Mrs. J. R. Lassiter and son, Cecil, of Big Spring, arrived Friday for the annual Crow reunion. Returning home Sunday, she was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. G. C. Blair, and sister, Clarice Faye, and Miss Irene Moore. They plan to come home later in the week.

Mrs. Bondy Vessels and daughters, Wilma and Annette, of Royalty, were week-end guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Graham, and Mrs. J. T. Vessels.

John H. Harris of CCC Camp 2888, Breckenridge, was a week-end visitor with his mother, Mrs. Robert Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. Lacy Porter, Mrs. Loyce Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Adeock and two children, Jimmie and Donnie Ray, all of Big Spring, were afternoon callers Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Adeock.

Mayor and Mrs. Henry C. West, accompanied by Weston West and Mrs. Sidney Foy of Baird, drove to San Antonio Sunday to take their granddaughter, Joy Frances West, part way home. At San Antonio they met Mr. and Mrs. George West and their other daughter, of Corpus Christi.

Rev. and Mrs. Paul Collins and children of Vinson, Okla., arrived on Monday for a vacation visit with their mothers, Mrs. Seth Hamilton and Mrs. J. M. Collins.

Spending a few days last week with

Mr. and Mrs. M. G. King were Kay King, of Abilene, their granddaughter, and Jo Ann Green and Kenneth Green, a niece and nephew, of Hamlin.

Mrs. J. M. Dry left Sunday for a summer visit with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. June Brewer, at Clarksville. From there she will go the latter part of September to San Saba to spend the winter with another daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Marr of Stephenville spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg.

Mrs. B. Howard of Lubbock and Mrs. Lillian Payne of Ralls came down the first of the week with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hill of Tahoka to visit in the Dr. Howard home, and Jasper Penn Howard will return to Lubbock for another week's visit.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Stockbridge spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Glenn, at Breckenridge.

Mrs. Eda Carpenter of Fort Worth visited Sunday in the W. D. Hutcheson home. Mrs. Carpenter is a sister of Mrs. Hutcheson.

Joe Hartley returned Saturday from South Bend, where he had spent the past two weeks, at the hot wells.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Emerson and son, Billy, of Evansville, Ind., returned home Friday after a visit with Mrs. Emerson's brother, F. A. Sanders, and wife, and in the J. C. White home.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Spears left on Friday for a visit in Mrs. Spears' old home town, Blountsville, Ala. They will also attend a reunion of Mrs. Spears' family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Craddock of Crawford were recent visitors with Mrs. Craddock's sister, Mrs. J. W. Bland.

In low cost diets milk is prominent because it provides high quality protein, calcium and vitamins A and G cheaply, according to a U. S. department of agriculture bulletin.

BLAIR ITEMS

Buddie Derrington, who underwent an operation at the Sadler Clinic recently, is convalescing nicely at this writing.

Ray Reynolds has been on the sick list the past week.

Miss Annie Clara Doan is attending the M. E. revival at Mt. Pleasant for the week and will lead the song services during the meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Huff entertained relatives from Lamesa the past week.

Miss Louise Addison accompanied her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Abbott of Abilene, to Wichita Falls for several days visit.

Booth Russom is on the sick list at this writing.

Mrs. Price Melton and two babies visited several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claud Doan of Clyde. Mr. Melton and the older children drove over and spent Sunday with the family.

T. A. Mitchell entertained relatives from East Texas and Miss Jo Ann Crag of Bronte the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Pruitt and family and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Primrose visited Mr. and Mrs. George Lowery of Cleburne Sunday.

Miss Iva McWilliams and Mrs. E. E. Thompson of Merkel were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Julian Thompson Monday.

Mrs. Walker of Abilene was the house guest of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Osborn, the past week.

Oil Notes.

J. L. Collins and company of Corsicana No. 1 O. J. Fikes, southwest outpost to the Wimberly pool, has reached a depth of 1,970 feet.

In Taylor county, the Lewis Production company No. 1 Huddleston, about three locations east of the W. H. Peckham No. 1 Perry, northeast of town, was drilling in lime and shale at 1,090 feet at last report.

SPECIALS FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, AUGUST 8-9



Sun Spun SALAD DRESSING Pint 23c Quart 35c

Red & White GRAPE JUICE Pint 15c

LIMES, each 1c CELERY bunch 15c
LEMONS, lg. size, doz. 29c GREEN BEANS, lb. 10c
LETTUCE, head 5c WHITE SPUDS, 10 lbs. 19c

PURE CANE SUGAR 25 lb. Cloth Bag \$1.45

Clipper Cookies, pkg. 15c Crystal Spinach, 2 cans 23c
Brownie Potato Chips, 4 oz. pkg. 10c Nite Salmon, 1 lb. can 19c
Red & White Malted Milk, 1 lb. can 25c Red & White Cake Flour, pkg. 25c
APPLE Butter, qt. 19c Red & White Coconut, can 9c
Red & White Tomato Juice, 1/2 gal. 25c Red & White Extracts, all flavors 25c

Red & White FLOUR 24 lb. Sack 95c

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METHODIST LADIES MEET IN LARGENT HOME.

Mrs. Tom Largent opened her home on Monday afternoon of last week, to members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service in one of the most pleasant and beneficial of this year's social meetings.

Highlighting the program was a splendid discourse on "Translations of the Bible" by Miss Jewel Posey, professor of English from McMurry college in Abilene. She ably made comparisons on the "Ancient," and the "Modern" as to their values. Supporting Miss Posey with inspiring papers from "The Methodist Woman" were Mrs. Marvin Boyd and Miss Lottie Butman. A beautiful vocal duet, "I can See the Lights of Home," was rendered by Mrs. Eteyl Church and Mrs. R. F. Mashburn, with Miss Bonnie Church playing their accompaniment.

Dainty refreshments of cake and ices were passed to Mesdames C. K. Russell, W. S. J. Brown, Johnny Cox, Marvin Boyd, Ray Wilson, Roy Harrell, E. E. Read, Eteyl Church, R. F. Mashburn, Tom Largent, Pinky Cyfert, Misses Mossie Sears, Lottie Butman, Mabel McRee, Bonnie Church and Jewel Posey.

BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTES.

Mrs. Horace Boney entertained members of the L. L. L. Sunday School class on Monday evening. A delightful social hour featured table games, after which a delectable salad course with refreshing iced drink was served to the guests at the refreshment hour.

The Junior department of the Baptist Training union met for two delightful hours on the church lawn Friday evening. Bible stories entertained the group after which games were played on the spacious lawn.

Ice cream and cookies were served to Ila Mae Douglas, Florene Stover, Margie Smith, Marilyn Petty, Jo Anna Ramsey, Irene Stover, Maxie Turner, Billie Holmes, Gilbert Smith, Royce Gilbreath, Jimmy Walker, Donald Collins, Troy Douglas, Ronnie Collins, Lloyd Rutledge, James Griswold and the sponsors, Mesdames Lum Gilbreath, R. O. Collins and W. L. Johnson.

GARDEN PARTY.

Members of the young people's department of the Baptist Sunday School were entertained with an elaborate party last Thursday evening on the church lawn.

All plans had included a "garden setting," which was beautifully carried out in a profusion of flowers and shrubs and also in the colorful formal dresses worn by the young ladies.

Rev. Cooper Waters proved himself a most popular master of ceremonies; first directing appropriate garden games and later introducing the following program: reading, Miss Nadine Clack; duet, Misses Mary Nell and Sue Morgan; two vocal solos sung by Miss Thelma Mathews, accompanied at the piano by Miss Pearl Mathews, also a piano solo by Mrs. T. T. Earthman.

Delicious punch and waters were served from a tea table centered with an artistic arrangement of roses. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Largent, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fugat, Mr. and Mrs. Byers Petty, Mrs. Don Riney, Mrs. T. T. Earthman, Rev. Cooper Waters; Misses Barbara Anders, Marie Morgan, Dot Swafford, Himalya Swafford, Sue Morgan, Mary Nell Morgan, Gay West, Mildred Bird, Nadine Clack, Maurine White, Clara White, Thelma Mathews, Pearl Mathews; Messrs. Noel Addy, Hugh Rogers, William Reeves, Weldon Davis, L. B. Gibson and Billy Largent.

LAS AMIGAS CLASS PARTY.
The regular social meeting for members of the Las Amigas Sunday School class of the Baptist church was delightfully entertained in the home of Miss Dot Swafford on Tuesday evening of this week.

A business meeting was climaxed by the election of Miss Thelma Mathews, incoming president of the class, and Miss Marie Morgan, the new vice-president.

A variety of games was enjoyed and at the refreshment hour delicious watermelon was served on the lawn to Misses Clara White, Maurine White, Nadine Clack, Thelma Mathews, Marie Morgan, Nedra Swafford, Himalya Swafford, Mrs. Don Riney and Dwight Swafford.

LAWN PARTY.

The brilliantly lighted lawn of the F. Y. Gaither home was the scene of a gay party on Saturday evening, August 2, when Miss Mary Faye Johnson joined with Miss Becky Gaither in hosting a lawn party for a group of young friends.

Outdoor games were played and refreshing punch and cookies were served during the evening to Misses Geneva Allen, Bobby Nell Bicknell, Mary Ruth Hutcheson, Valerie Leonard, Jean Curb, Marion Cobb, Anne Groene, Becky Gaither and Mary Faye Johnson; Messrs. Junior Palmer, David Largent, Bobbie Barbee, John Stapleton, Jimmy White, Billie Don Diltz, Billie Don Dingle, Jerry McGehee and Belond Sidberry.

Grogan Family Holds Reunion Sunday

The Grogan families gathered at Abilene State Park Sunday for a happy reunion. A picnic lunch was served at the noon hour and was enjoyed by everyone.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Grogan and three children, Melva, Deleath and Orvis, of O'Donnell; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Grogan and daughter, Vivian, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Grogan and daughter, Ann, Mr. and Mrs. Paul D. Grogan, Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Lassiter, Bronson; Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Grogan, Mr. and Mrs. George Hannon of San Angelo; Mr. and Mrs. Castle B. Ellis and son, Glenn, Comanche, Mr. and Mrs. V. N. Ellis, Merkel.

Hospital Notes.

Mrs. W. A. Hudspeth, of Trent, was admitted to Sadler Clinic August 1, for treatment.

Four persons received tonsillectomies the past week. They were the O. B. Boden baby, Aug. 4; Oscar McLean baby, Aug. 5; Mrs. Jim Moore, Aug. 6, and Jimmy Floyd, Aug. 6.

"Fun N' Frolic"



There's plenty of vacation fun 'n' frolic in this smart new all-in-one cotton play suit. The wrinkle-resistant crinkle cotton doesn't need ironing. This new one-piece, says the National Cotton Council, is a basic ensemble for summer sportswear.

RURAL SOCIETY

MERKEL BOY WEDS COLEMAN GIRL.

Iola Crossland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Crossland of Coleman, and Private Robert Smith of Camp Bowie, Brownwood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Smith of Merkel, were married on July 30 in an afternoon ceremony at the home of the bridegroom's parents, in the Butman community.

Rev. A. W. Burks, minister of the Nubia Church of Christ, read the ceremony, with members of the family and Mr. and Mrs. Eli Cordill of Merkel present.

Out-of-town guests were Mary Crossland and Annie Mae Kennedy of Coleman.

Navy blue sheer made the bride's dress, self-trimmed, and her accessories were white.

BRIDAL SHOWER.

Mrs. J. E. Combs, the former Dorothy Mae Smith, was honored with a bridal shower at the home of Mrs. Sam Butman, Jr., Thursday, July 31. Flowers, beautifully decorated the rooms of the house.

Guests registered in the bride's book. Everyone took part in interesting games that were played. Through a clever game the lovely array of gifts was presented to the honoree.

Refreshments were served to Mrs. J. E. Combs and Mrs. Brady of Sweetwater; Mesdames E. H. Martin, W. L. Brown, J. M. Smith, J. H. Swinney, Artist Cook, A. L. Farmer, W. F. Butman, Tom Russom, Sam Butman, Jr.; Misses Lottie Butman, Louine Butman, Pauline and Betty Cook, Ruth, Mabel and Ula Dix Denton, Doris Reeves, Carolyn Brady, Bertie and Novis Smith, Edith, Nell and Ruth Butman and Blanche Farmer and J. B. Swinney.

UNION RIDGE CLUB.

The Union Ridge Home Demonstration club met Friday, Aug. 1, in the W. T. McAninch home, with the president presiding for the meeting, Mrs. O. R. Douglas, secretary of the club, called the roll, which was answered by "Personality Remarks" of members.

The club planned to attend Rally Day Wednesday at the American Legion park in Abilene, and plans were also made for the booth at the West Texas Fair.

The president read a poem and directed a program on "Personality."

A called meeting for Aug. 15 will be held with Mrs. Weldon McAninch to make a quilt or tops for British War relief. Members are asked to bring pieces for top making and padding for a quilt.

Those present were Mesdames W. C. Lee, I. C. Patton, Kenneth Pee, O. R. Douglas, Denzil Cox, W. T. McAninch, Buster Molder, O. E. Harwell and Misses Patsy Ruth Cox, Frances and Charlotte Harwell and Bonnie McAninch.

Contest Culminates In Moonlight Picnic

At the close of the Nazarene Sunday School contest the Reds entertained the Blues Tuesday night with a moonlight picnic at the home of Mr. Mrs. J. A. McWilliams.

Refreshments were served to the group numbering about fifty and all enjoyed a good time.

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Knitters-Yarn Needed For British War Relief

In the interest of national defense work for the British War Relief and Red Cross organizations, workers and yarn are still needed for women of Merkel and surrounding communities who can knit or crochet, according to Mrs. Connor Robinson, chairman of the knitting division for this territory.

There is work for those who cannot knit a garment; for six inch squares are being knitted and crocheted from scrap wool yarns of any color, following any crocheted pattern or knitted on every row. Anyone having scrap wool yarn or an old wool sweater which could be unraveled for use, is asked to notify Mrs. Robinson if she does not wish to knit or crochet it.

Mrs. Robinson also has yarn to distribute to those who are capable of knitting garments according to instruction. This yarn is for socks, mittens, women's and children's sweaters, beanies and a muffler. Garments must be completed by the last of September for shipment.

Added to the last list of workers published (about whom Mrs. Robinson knows) are Mesdames W. I. Wozencraft, J. J. White, T. L. Grimes, M. Armstrong, Stanley King, S. A. Derstine, H. C. Reid, W. L. Moore, Pick Allen, T. C. Allen, D. Y. Roberts, R. D. Hunter and Misses Mary Derstine, Mary Kate Campbell, Tommie Evelyn Grimes and Stella Roberts.

Several women have contributed scrap yarn.

Four Merkel Girls On Draughon's Honor Roll

The names of four Merkel girls appeared with the high ranking students on the honor roll of Draughon's Business college this month.

These students were Misses Mildred Bird, Evelyn Finch, Era Bale and Rosalie Roynally.

Girls Attend Scout Camp at Buffalo Gap

Three members of the local Girl Scouts spent Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at Buffalo Gap with the Abilene Girl Scouts in encampment.

Attending the encampment were Mrs. H. B. Robertson, leader, Evelyn Sears, Genevieve Robertson and Betty June Toombs.

Recovering Satisfactorily.

Mary Lu Higgins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Higgins, 1104 Chestnut street, Abilene, and formerly of Merkel, underwent an appendectomy at Hendrick Memorial hospital, Abilene, Friday. Her physician reports her as recovering satisfactorily.

In The Churches

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

There were 495 present at the six reporting Sunday Schools here last Sunday, as compared with 557 the previous week. On the same Sunday a year ago the attendance was 489.

METHODIST CHURCH.

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

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

There's always a welcome with the Methodists.

Marvin Boyd, Pastor.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Morning sermon at 11, Training Union at 7:30. Evening sermon at 8:15.

Prayer meeting at 8:15 Wednesday evening.

Cooper Waters, 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.

A. V. Henderson, 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.

Another one of our girls, Mattie Reynolds, is home after a long stay in California. We are very happy to have her near us again.

The League has a social planned for tonight (Friday) at the church. Bring your youngsters and a 2-bit

Quilting Unit Secures Downtown Quarters

Announcement is made by Mrs. W. S. J. Brown and Mrs. Lucille White, co-chairmen of the quilting division of British War relief work in Merkel, that the home economics department at Merkel High school will be used again this week, Thursday and Friday, after which the place will be changed to the building uptown formerly occupied by the WPA sewing room.

Through courtesy of H. G. Castles of Abilene, who purchased this building from the Jones Dry Goods company, use of this space has been donated to the women for continuing the quilting program. The same days, Thursday and Friday, will be observed for work, until such time as enough volunteers are at work to justify additional days.

Sewing machines are on hand, already in the building from the WPA sewing room equipment, but scraps, quilt pieces and tops are wanted. If any one has cotton linings or quilt tops to donate, they are asked to notify either of the co-chairmen, or leave the materials at the work room, when it is opened uptown.

With expected output from this week's work, the Merkel women will have already finished 15 quilts, it is reported, and the new location will probably make it much more convenient for other women to assist in this undertaking.

Advancement Given To Mildred Steadman

Mildred Steadman, daughter of Mrs. W. J. Bicknell, has received promotion with the war department from the position of senior stenographer to principal stenographer. This appointment has been made by the Civil Service commission under authority of the president's executive order 8564, which gives the commission authority to appoint certain qualified personnel for the duration of the national emergency.

Miss Steadman is presently located in Houston as secretary to Major Richard E. Froiseth, constructing quartermaster for Houston and vicinity, and prior to June of this year, she was secretary to Major Froiseth at Abilene during the major portion of the construction of Camp Barkeley.

watermelon and have a dollar's worth of fun.

Sunday School and League Sunday. Everybody attend.

Reporter.

SUGAR Pure Cane	10 lbs.	Paper Bags	57c
PURE LARD,	4 pound carton		50c
MATCHES	6 box carton		15c
Brazos TEA, 1/4 lb. pkg.	15c	Pure Apple Cider Vinegar, qt jar	10c
K. C., 25 oz.	19c	Sour or Dill Pickles, 2 qts	25c
BANANAS dozen	15c	SALAD DRESSING 32 ounce	Quart Jar... 17c
WHITE COBBLER SPUDS 10 pounds	19c	Supreme TOASTS	The Buttered Cracker 1 lb. box... 21c
FANCY TOMATOES pound	5c	GRAPE JUICE	12 ounce can... 10c
ICE COLD WATERMELON		Richwhip MILK	3 tall cans... 25c
LIMES each	1c	Golden Table SYRUP	Gallon Bucket 52c
Calif., Med. Size Oranges, dz.	25c	PORK & BEANS 16 ounce	3 for... 19c
HOT BAR-B-Q		CRACKERS Saltins	2lb. box... 15c
DRESSED FRYERS		FISH -- FISH -- FISH -- FISH	
SLICED BACON, pound	25c	ELI CASE & SON	
Fancy Brisket BEEF ROAST, pound	17c	Phone 234— Grocery & Market Prompt Service	
Sliced BOLOGNA, pound	15c		

QUEEN THEATRE

"Cooled with Washed Air"

FRIDAY-SATURDAY
WILLIAM BOYD -- RUSSELL HAYDEN
"Pirates on Horseback"
Cartoon—"White Eagle" No. 14

Saturday Preview, 11:15 — Sunday-Monday
IDA LUPINO -- JOHN GARFIELD
"Out of the Fog"
Color Cartoon—Paramount News

TUESDAY ONLY—Bargain Nite—10c-15c
"She Couldn't Say No"
With ROGER PRYOR -- EVE ARDEN
Selected Short Subjects

WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY
ANNA NEAGLE -- JOHN CARROLL -- RAY BOLGER
in **"SUNNY"**
Cartoon—Selected Shorts