

Keeping Up With Texas

William Paschal Odum, 33, truck driver for Hurley Produce company, Dallas who was seriously injured in the truck-car collision east of Sweetwater last Thursday which took the life of Mrs. George R. Pepper, died at 10 a. m. Saturday in a Sweetwater hospital.

R. B. Babbitt of Coleman was fatally injured and Charlie Croft, also of Coleman, was severely injured in an automobile accident between Caldwell and Bryan at 4 o'clock Saturday morning. Babbitt died a few hours after the mishap in the Bryan hospital.

Sweetwater was named 1942 convention city for the West Texas Press association at the closing session of this year's convention at Odessa Saturday. Representative Grady Roberts of Munday was elected president.

Mrs. Winnifred Neighbors, 21, wife of Bob Neighbors, San Antonio Missions baseball team shortstop, was fatally injured Saturday afternoon when she was struck by an automobile in front of her home at San Antonio. Her husband was in Shreveport with the Missions at the time of the accident.

Edwin J. Kiest, 79, publisher of Dallas Times-Herald and a charter member of the Associated Press, died Monday at the Medical Arts hospital in Dallas. His connection with the Times-Herald started on New Year's day, 1896, when he organized a stock company to buy the paper.

G. W. Parks, 34, of Lisbon, an automobile mechanic, was electrocuted Monday when he was using an electric welding machine. He was underneath an automobile on the floor of a garage in Dallas, when from some undetermined cause he received what physicians of the Emergency hospital said was a fatal shock.

Jack Sparkman, 17, of Minden, near Henderson, died early Sunday of burns received when an oil truck he was driving overturned into a ditch and caught fire east of Marshall.

H. B. Johnson, 72, Lindale berry raiser, died Monday of injuries received in a two-car collision Saturday on the new Henderson highway four miles east of Tyler.

William Curry Skeen, 16, high school student, died Monday in a Midland hospital of injuries received when

a heavy sedan in which he was riding crashed into a railroad embankment Saturday. Two girls and a boy, all high school students, riding with him, are expected to recover.

Breaking from the grasp of an official, a man identified as Limor Cruz Crispin, 31, of Salinas, Calif., plunged to his death Monday from a fifth floor window of the county courthouse at El Paso.

Ray Lawrence Lundschen, 18, of Laredo, drowned Sunday in Norman Clark Farm lake, three miles southeast of Laredo.

Melvin Roming, 32, of Temple, employed on a Santa Fe Railway trestle project near Brady, was fatally injured Tuesday when struck by falling piling.

Rev. D. A. Graves, 36, pastor of the Salt Creek and Concord Baptist churches in Brown county, died Tuesday of injuries suffered Friday when his automobile struck a bridge near Brownwood.

Private Johnny Ira Howard, 27, one-time world's champion underwater swimmer, and selectee from Chicago en route to Louisiana with his battery for Army maneuvers, drowned at White Rock Saturday afternoon while exhibiting his art for a group of his buddies in Battery F, 202nd Coast Artillery.

Dr. C. A. Sutton, president of Westminister college at Tehuacana, has been elected president of Westminister college, succeeding W. B. McDaniel, who will be dean of McMurry college at Abilene next year.

Need Knitters for British War Relief

Workers are still needed for the knitting of garments and 6" squares for the Red Cross and British War Relief, according to Mrs. Connor Robinson.

Old scarfs or old hand-knit sweaters are needed also, for these are unraveled to make yarn for knitting and crocheting six-inch squares.

Mrs. Robinson has yarn for sweaters, mufflers, socks and mittens to be knitted, and is anxious to secure more workers.

Local Pastor Conducts Revival Near Comper

With Rev. J. B. Ramsey, pastor of Grace Presbyterian church as leader, a revival began Wednesday night at Zion's chapel in the Comper community. The meeting will continue through Sunday, Aug. 24.

Services will be held each evening, beginning at 8:15.

RUSSELL BOYS STAGE FIELD DAY AT RODEO

Ralph and S. G. Tie for First Place in Calf Roping; James Wins Team Tying; Final Show of Season Comes Aug. 30.

As winners of five places in the three roping events the Russell, brothers—Ralph, S. G. and James—staged a field day at Saturday's rodeo, fifth of the series of 1941 summer shows sponsored by the Merchants Trade Extension association of Merkel.

It was next to the last of the series of six shows scheduled for the season, final performance to come on Saturday, Aug. 30.

Ralph and S. G. Russell tied for first place in calf roping, with James third in the same event. S. G. was second in wild cow milking, and James took first in the team tying contest.

Twelve boys participated in the junior calf roping event, with all except one, staying on for the full ride and earning a half dollar each as their remuneration. Two boys, Tuffy Frazier and Billy Black, made two rides each. Other boys who were successful were James Roy Baccus, Clyde Lewis, Bustie Black, Bobby J. Criswell, Elmer Lee Criswell, Longell Price, Paul Wheeler, Frank Lewis and Guy Weeks.

WINNING CONTESTANTS. Results in the day's events follow:

Calf roping—Ralph and S. G. Russell tied for first, 16.4 seconds; Earl Stevens, Trent, third, 18.2 seconds; James Russell, fourth, 19.1 seconds.

Wild cow milking—Howard McGraw, Woodson, first, 13 seconds; S. G. Russell, second, 16.4 seconds; Stevens, third, 18.3 seconds; Buck Mason, Capitan, N. Mex., fourth, 22 seconds.

Team tying—James Russell, first, 22.3 seconds; Stevens, second, 24.3 seconds; Luther Weeks, Abilene, third, 33.4 seconds.

Brahma steer riding—Mason, first; Bill Barton, Abilene, second; J. B. Hunter, Abilene, third; Bill Brown, Capitan, N. Mex., fourth.

Bareback bronc riding—Barton, first; Hunter, second; Brown, third.

Bull riding—Mason, first; Bobby Williams, Abilene, second.

Mount money only was paid in saddle bronc riding.

To Knit For British War Relief at Butman

Women of the Butman community will meet at the tabernacle at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, Aug. 19, to work for British War Relief. Women will be there to instruct in sewing and knitting.

Thread and material will be furnished but those with knitting needles are asked to bring them.

All women and girls in the Mulberry Canyon community are urged to come and assist.

Croquet Tournament Scheduled Friday

A croquet tournament, open to every one, will start at 1 p. m. Friday on the High School grounds. As prizes Manager Norman T. Hodge of the Queen theatre has offered four show tickets.

On the following Friday, Aug. 22, a pingpong tournament will be held, it is announced by C. S. Williams, recreation director. The playgrounds will be open Friday at 8 a. m., only day this week they will be open.

Girls Meet Abilene Team Friday Night

A match game between the girls from the Right-Way laundry, Abilene, and the Merkel girls will be the opening card Friday night at the softball lot. The F. & M. Bank softballers will meet the Camp Berkeley Utilities in the nightcap.

Last Friday night, the Utilities defeated the Bankers both games of a double-header, 13 to 10 and 7 to 0. The Bankers came back Monday night to take a single game, 12 to 8, from the Utilities outfit.

Return of Pillows Wanted. Several pillows, belonging to the Girl Scouts, are reported missing, and it is requested that any one having these pillows or knowing of their whereabouts please return them to Mrs. Bob McDonald.

Hearing on School Budget. A public hearing on the annual budget of the Merkel Public schools is scheduled for next Thursday, Aug. 21, at 10 a. m. in the office of Supt. Connor Robinson.

SWASTIKA TEST SCHEDULED ONLY FEW MILES OUT

Slush pit was to be dug Friday for a 3,000-foot Swastika test about 2½ miles north of town on the J. G. Sadler farm tract, deeded by bequest to Trinity university, Waxahachie. Ungren & Frazier have charge of drilling operations, the block including approximately 1,200 acres assembled by Tom Largent.

Location has been made for another Swastika test, this one by the Deep Oil Development company, Wichita Falls, on the Jesse Higgins farm. The block was assembled by W. H. Briggs of Wichita Falls and includes 2,025 acres. Contract calls for work to start by Aug. 25.

Jones & Stasney and Groover & Rose of Albany started drilling last week on their No. 1 A. J. Canon, northwest outpost to the Stith pool, offsetting Danciger Oil & Refineries, Inc. No. 2, F. B. Kelso, second Stith producer.

Fireboys Plan for Convention to Be Held Here Oct. 2

As driver of Merkel's fire truck, R. H. Mathews jokingly warns the public to be especially careful of all risks of fires during the next few days, because he has just given the fire truck a thorough shampooing and polishing of its fingernails. He explained that it had been his experience and observation of the past that each time the truck receives a real good polishing some one has "to go and have a fire."

Lately the main occupation for the Merkel Volunteer Fire department has been in arresting grass fires. Many times, in cases of grass fires, the general alarm is not turned in, but the truck goes out and serves its duty in maintaining the assurance and confidence of people that might have been damaged, even from such small fire, had it suddenly got out of control.

Thirteen members of the department were present at the regular monthly business meeting held Monday night at the fire station. Herbert Dunn, as president of the department, presided at the meeting.

Making plans for the convention of Mid-West Texas Firemen's association, which is to be held in Merkel, Oct. 2, was the main business, and various committees were appointed to create and make definite arrangements for that day.

Particularly important to members of the department was the act of officially changing the nights of practice drill—from every 2nd and 4th to each 1st and 3rd Tuesday in each month.

At the practice this week a running hook-up was made at the football field, and in the process of the practice drill a double purpose was served in that the water used in practice was consumed by the heavy turf of the local gridiron at a time when it is badly needed.

Members are cautioned that with the changing dates for "practice" next Tuesday will be another practice date. An effort will be made to have 20 men present.

Members at this week's practice drill were: Chief John Mansfield, Assistant Chief Roy Robbins, Driver R. H. Mathews; Claude Perry, foreman, Hose company No. 1; Earl Watts, hose policeman; President Herbert Dunn, Les Palmer, L. B. Whitaker, Hosea Windham and Waymon Adcock.

Attends Funeral of Brother at Stanton

William Olin Clinton, a former resident of Merkel and brother of Mrs. J. L. Tucker, died of a heart attack at his farm home four miles east of Stanton at 9 o'clock last Sunday night. He left here about 30 years ago.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 Tuesday afternoon from the Baptist church at Stanton, with burial in the cemetery there.

Mrs. Tucker accompanied her brother, Sam Clinton, of Abilene, and members of his family to attend the funeral.

Survivors are his wife and eight children; two sisters, Mrs. Tucker, and Mrs. Viola Larsen, Blythe, Calif., and two brothers, Sam Clinton, Abilene, and Milton Clinton, Blythe, Calif.

One son, Max Clinton, was on maneuvers in Louisiana at the time of his father's death and could not be notified in time to reach Stanton for the funeral. When he passed through here Wednesday en route to Stanton, his aunt, Mrs. Tucker, met him at the bus station.

TWO TEACHERS ELECTED; TWO VACANCIES YET

Coleman Man Selected for Grade School History Teacher; Miss Shahan Comes to 4th Grade; Young Resigns.

Two new teachers were elected at the regular monthly meeting of the Merkel school board, held last Thursday night, and resignations of two members of the faculty were accepted.

Elected as teacher of history in the fifth, sixth and seventh grades was Herschel Dunn, of Coleman, who formerly taught at Ira. He is a graduate of Daniel Baker college and takes the place made vacant by the resignation of William H. Taylor, who goes to San Angelo.

Miss Juanita Shahan, who received her degree from Abilene Christian college, will teach the fourth grade position formerly held by Mrs. Ellen Duncan, who was moved to the High school as teacher of history at a previous meeting of the board.

Resignation of Richard Young, band director for the past two years, and of Charles Clark, assistant coach, were accepted, leaving vacancies in these two positions yet to be filled.

Two Bibles Near Century Mark in McDermitt Family

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Grant and family have returned from Stephenville, where they attended a reunion of the McDermitt family. There were 91 members of the clan present, coming from widely separated parts of the state—Dallas, Big Lake, San Antonio, Lubbock, Amarillo and other places.

The McDermitt family are early settlers in Texas. They came from Pennsylvania and settled at Nacogdoches in 1833. In 1854 Thomas Haddon McDermitt moved to where Dallas now stands. Here he raised a family of sixteen children. This Thomas Haddon McDermitt seems to have been the great-grandfather of the oldest set that was present at this reunion.

As this family of sixteen children grew to womanhood and manhood they drifted on to the west, and settled in new territories of their own. They came first to Erath county, then to Coleman and on to the plains in Crosby county. They were hardy pioneer stock raisers and were loved and respected by all who knew them.

The second day of this reunion was spent in retelling of many incidents of the days that have long been past, and the showing of relics and keepsakes that belong to some members of the family. Among the most interesting things is a small dress that each of the sixteen original children wore. It is homespun as well as homemade.

When it had served its purpose in the first family it was passed on to the oldest boy (Will McDermitt) who in turn used it on his large family. The dress is now very thin and worn and is seldom taken from its box.

Another relic is a piece of English money that has been in the family for nearly 200 years. It is about the size of our dollar and looks to be of silver and it bears the date 1406. Some other interesting things consist of two Bibles that are nearing the century mark, one bearing the family records and the other being a picture book; a pair of bridle reins made of a sixteen plait rawhide, several horseshoes that are homemade, a pitcher and some lace that has been in the family for over fifty years.

There are only two of the original McDermitts living—Mrs. Susan McDermitt of Cross Plains and Mrs. N. J. McDermitt of Ralls, Texas.

During this reunion the family voted to make this reunion an annual affair and they will meet at Stephenville next year.

Daily Bible School In Full Swing

Tuesday gave workers a very prosperous outlook for the Bible school being held at the First Baptist church. Every one is working with much enthusiasm and enjoyment.

This school opened Monday, Aug. 11, and will continue through the 22nd of August. On the night of Aug. 22, there will be a culminating program including an exhibit of work done during the two weeks. Every one is invited to be present at that time.

The school is open to all children between the ages four and sixteen. Come and have a good time with us, every morning, except Saturday, from 8:00 to 11:00, is the invitation extended by the leaders of the Bible school.

MEETING STARTS MOVEMENT FOR CHEESE PLANT

A largely attended meeting of representative business men, held at the Lions hall Wednesday afternoon, instructed the special committee of four, appointed from the Lions club to make a preliminary survey in the matter of a cheese plant for Merkel, to proceed as a central committee in the preliminary steps looking toward the organization of a cooperative for that purpose.

Dr. W. T. Sadler, chairman of this committee, presided at the meeting, at which the cheese plant project was strongly endorsed by several speakers and steps were taken to raise money for the organization expense. It is planned first to enlist the support and backing of the merchants and business and professional men of Merkel in the enterprise, which will be the immediate objective of the committee.

Other members of the committee are C. H. Collinsworth, Ray Wilson and Johnny Cox.

Giving facts as to the technical side of installing the plant, etc., A. M. Harris, representing Harris & Beeman, Inc., Fort Worth, manufacturers of air conditioners, cheese plants and other equipment, was one of the principal speakers.

Quilters in New Quarters; Continue Two Days per Week

In the new quarters of the quilting unit for American Red Cross and British War Relief work, three quilts are already up, and other quilts already completed are on display in the show windows.

The work, which has been under way in the home economics department of the High school, was transferred Thursday to the Castles building, up town on Edwards street, formerly used by the WPA sewing room, the use of which Mr. Castles has kindly donated for the purpose.

Fifteen covers have already been finished, it was stated Thursday by Mrs. W. S. J. Brown and Mrs. Lucille White, co-chairmen of the unit, and in addition a double blanket and an army blanket, which were donated and considered good enough for use as they were, are in the finished work collection.

Work days will continue to be Thursday and Friday of each week. More volunteer workers are wanted to "bring their needle and thimbles and come quiet quilt."

Three Merkel Golfers In Anson Tournament

Three Merkel golfers participated in the Anson invitation tournament last week-end; Norman Hodge, who qualified in the championship flight; Nolan Palmer, first flight, and Clesby Patterson, second flight.

Hodge was eliminated in his first match, but won his consolation second match. Palmer lost in his second match. Patterson lost in the finals of the second flight.

Record of Births. Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Harris, Friday, August 8, 1941.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jackson, Sunday, August 10, 1941.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From Files of The Merkel Mail, August 19, 1921.)

EDITOR LEEMAN HERE.

Ed J. Leeman, many years ago editor and owner of the Merkel Mail, but now publisher of one of the big daily newspapers in the state of Oklahoma, at Duncan, one of the liveliest and growing cities in that state, passed through Merkel this week en route to Pecos for a visit with relatives. While here Mr. and Mrs. Leeman were guests at the Judd Sheppard home. Mrs. Leeman and Mrs. Sheppard being sisters.

T. H. Hess returned from a visit to Erath and Dallas counties recently.

The beautiful home of Mrs. J. T. Warren was the scene of one of the nicest parties extended the Thursday club on the afternoon of August the 11th, by Mrs. H. C. Coit of Waco. The house was prettily decorated with golden glow, marigold and ferns, and throughout the afternoon, the color scheme of yellow and white was carried out. Six tables were arranged

TOP FLIGHT SEMI-FINALS MARKING TIME

Dean Higgins and Connor Robinson, Two out of the Four in Championship Group; Paul Douglas in Finals of Second.

Only two of the four semi-finalists in the championship flight of the Merkel Golf club were known Thursday morning: Dean Higgins in the upper bracket, and Connor Robinson, in the lower bracket, while in the first flight Paul Douglas had advanced to the finals and is to meet the winner of the semi-final match between Byers Petty and Jack Patterson.

After defeating Collinsworth, 5 up and 4, in the first round, Higgins bested Byron Patterson, 10-8. Patterson had won from Clyde Bartlett, 6-5.

Clesby Patterson bested Wrenn Durham, 7 up and 5, but the first round match between Hodge and Weldon Coats is as yet unplayed.

In the lower bracket, first round results showed Booth Warren winner over Dr. L. C. Zehnpenning, and Nolan Palmer victor from A. A. McGehee. Each match was decided 1 up.

Robinson beat Jack Melton, 6-5, in the first round match, and took on McCoy by the same score in the second. McCoy had bested Owen Robertson, 1 up.

FIRST FLIGHT.

Bobby Woodrum and Brooks Patterson both drew byes, with Patterson winning the match between them, 2 up. Defeating Rev. Marvin Boyd, 5 up and 4, E. E. Read lost, 3 up and 2, to Byers Petty, who drew a bye.

When Petty and Patterson met in the second round, Petty came out winner, 6-5, putting Petty in the semi-finals.

W. O. Boney beat Meyer Mellinger, 8-6, in the first round and won his second round match from E. Y. Bailey, 4-3. Bailey had bested Jerry Warren, 2-1, in the first round.

After defeating L. Coats in the first round, Jack Patterson won from Don Warren 6-5. Warren had taken the first round from Beech, 3-1. Patterson earned the right to enter semi-finals when he defeated W. O. Boney, 4-2.

In the lower bracket, Horace Boney bested Andy Shouse, 4-3, and Gray won from Cobb, 2 up; George Mack Owens took his first round match from George T. Moore, and Douglas defeated Benson, 1 up. Boney and Douglas were winners of second round matches, with Douglas going into the semi-finals by trimming Boney, 3-1.

Jack Stanford, who drew a bye, defeated Kuykendall, 5-4. The latter had eliminated George Woodrum.

Breaux forfeited to Sammie McGehee, who was defeated by Stanford, 2 up. Stanford opposed Douglas in the semi-finals. Douglas defeated Stanford, 3 up and 1.

Joe Humphrey to Give 18th Report at Trent

Trent, Aug. 14.—Hon. Joe C. Humphrey of Abilene, representative from the 116th district in the state legislature, is scheduled to speak on the streets of Trent Saturday afternoon, at 4 o'clock.

He will make his report to the people of Trent and surrounding communities on the 47th session—his 18th appearance since his return from Austin.

For the popular diversion, "42," and on each table were dainty hand-made yellow baskets encircled with white ribbon and containing yellow and white mints. Miss Zoe West, in her usual pleasing manner, refreshed the guests with iced-water during the games. Mrs. Kirby Beckett and Miss Zoe West assisted the hostess in serving refreshments of orange ice and yellow and white angel food cake. Those present were: Mesdames Tom Largent, L. B. Scott, Twyman Collins, Lewie Arrington, Earl Lassiter, S. R. Weaver, F. Y. Gaither, R. O. Anderson, Frank McFarland, W. J. Largent, Mason Pee, Jinks Winter, James West, Lyette Howard, T. L. Grimes. Visitors were: Mrs. and Miss Mitchell of Greenville, Texas; Mrs. Hoofman of Dallas, Mrs. Beal of Sweetwater, Miss Jones of Nevada, Mrs. Wedemeyer of Meridian, Mrs. Rotan Cypert of Denison, Mrs. Beckett of El Paso, Mrs. Ergeal Meador, Miss Zoe West and Mrs. J. T. Warren.

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PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Armstrong and Miss Lena Faye Armstrong made a trip to Brownwood Sunday of last week and were accompanied by Lewis Farmer to Camp Bowie. They returned Wednesday.

Passing guests with Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Baker this week were Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Watters of Oklahoma City, Okla. They were en route to California to visit a son. Mr. Watters is a brother of Mrs. Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Walker and Frances returned Saturday from a trip to San Antonio, Corpus Christi and Austin. While in Austin they attended the inauguration of Governor Coke R. Stevenson.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Foreman of Ranger were guests Sunday and Monday in the home of Mrs. Foreman's brother, Postmaster Wrenn Durham, and Mrs. Durham.

Mr. and Mrs. Waymon Adcock and young son spent the past week-end in Big Spring, where they visited his brother, Oscar Adcock, and family.

A party leaving last Thursday for Mexico City included Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cypert and County Tax Assessor-Collector C. O. (Pat) Patterson and wife and Miss Velma Walker of Abilene. They are expected to return Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Reid, Mrs. Roy Reid and Miss Betty Reid, of Santa Anna, spent Thursday of last week here, Mrs. Roy Reid having come especially to visit Mrs. J. J. McNiece, who continues seriously ill.

Billie Robbins returned Sunday to Camp Wolters after visiting here several days on leave.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Holloway of Brawley, Calif., are here visiting his mother, Mrs. G. R. Holloway, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Varnell of Ganado, Texas, were guests Saturday in the home of Supt. and Mrs. Connor Robinson. Mr. Varnell, coach of high school at Ganado, was the college roommate of Mr. Robinson when the Robinsons were in Trinity university, Waxahachie.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bartlett and three sons returned Saturday from an enjoyable two weeks' vacation, the first week of which was spent at Ruidoso and the second week with Mr. Bartlett's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bartlett, at Santa Anna.

In company with three Brownwood boys, Roy Rust Largent, Jr., left Monday morning for a week's trip to New

Mexico and Colorado. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Largent and son, David, will spend several days this week on their Callahan ranch near Cisco.

Here from this Mitchell county ranch to deliver some cattle, Dub Harkrider visited a short while with his mother, Mrs. W. L. Harkrider, and greeted friends here.

Charlie Ware of California, an old-timer here, and his wife, were among the hundreds of visitors at Saturday's rodeo. Mr. Ware is a cousin of Mrs. Joe Higgins in whose home they visited. They came for the Brown family reunion, which was held at Sweetwater Sunday.

Jimmie Ed Massey of Denton, accompanied by Miss Velma Jewell Winn, were week-end visitors last week in the home of his aunt, Mrs. Twyman Collins.

Mrs. Felix Stolls was down from Odessa to visit her father, W. C. Black, a few days last week.

Week-end guests in the J. G. Gay home were Mr. and Mrs. William Gay, Cross Plains; Leonard Gay, Penwell; Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Gentry, Sweetwater, and Mrs. Della Roberts and two children of Penwell.

Seeing their first rodeo Saturday were Mr. and Jack Martin and Bill Martin, of West, Miss., who were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Jones of Tuscola.

As guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Williams and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Ayers of Yuma, Ariz., and Mrs. S. N. McClary of Dallas had the sensation of seeing their first rodeo Saturday.

Juano McMinn and family from Oklahoma are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. McMinn, of Tuscola, and came over for Saturday's rodeo.

D. A. Lee left Saturday to visit his father in Cottonwood, Ariz., who is very ill. Mrs. N. L. Buchanan and daughter, Jo Ann, of Dallas, are spending this week with Mrs. Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Derstine and daughter, Dana, of Lamesa, spent the week-end here visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Middleton and son, Bobby, of Lamesa, were week-end visitors here with friends and relatives and attended the rodeo.

Boyd Claburn of Clarkdale, Miss., employee of the Dixie Greyhound lines, Memphis, Tenn., is visiting this week in the W. R. Swinney home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Swinney had as their guests over the week-end, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Wilson and daughter, Anna Faye, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Crook, Mrs. W. H. Swinney, of Athens; Richard, Shannon and Frankie Miller, of Clovis, N. M., nephew and nieces of Mrs. Swinney; Mr. and Mrs. Otis Crook and family of San Angelo; Margaret Ann and Sonny Moore, of Athens, niece and nephew of Mr. Swinney; a brother, R. A. Swinney and family, of Trent; Mrs. Bill Kellam of Canton, Texas, and R. H. Hendry, of Arp.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Justice and son, Woodrow, accompanied by Mrs. O. H. Hanna, of Eastland, sister of the former, returned from East Texas last week, where they attended a family reunion at Nacogdoches. They were accompanied from Grand Prairie by their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Cecil Justice, who was joined here Saturday by her husband, and they returned Sunday to Grand Prairie,

where Cecil is employed by the North American Aircraft corporation.

Mrs. Berta Huffman, accompanied by her son, Roy, and Wallace Smith and Freddy Melton, visited Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Sanders at Coleman, where she met her brother, W. H. Farmer, and wife of Rosston, Cook county. Miss Annie Mae Bagley and her brother, Charles, who went with them, stopped at Bangs to visit their father, Monroe Bagley, and Charles remained for a visit of a week or ten days with his father. Returning home with Mrs. Huffman were her daughter, Minnie Mae, who had visited with her uncle, Tom Farmer, at Rosston, and her nephew, Billy Farmer, of Rosston.

Mrs. D. E. Whitaker of Seminole visited Monday and Tuesday with her son, L. B. Whitaker, and family, returning home Tuesday afternoon. On Monday afternoon she accompanied Mrs. L. B. Whitaker and children to Roscoe, where they visited a sister of Mrs. D. E. Whitaker, Mrs. Will Pruitt.

Mr. and Mrs. Dent Gibson and twins, Denta Marie and Jerry, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. D. G. Ash, visited in Granbury and Fort Worth, spending the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Dowdy at Fort Worth.

Miss Ina Mae Berryman, employed at the Abilene hospital, spent her vacation with her mother, Mrs. Betty Berryman, and returned to her position Wednesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dennis returned Monday to Corpus Christi after a visit of several days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Dennis, and with her relatives in Trent. They were accompanied on their return by Mrs. Terrell Mashburn and little daughter, Anita, who had been visiting relatives here.

Leaving Sunday Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Gray, accompanied by their daughter, Mrs. Horace Boney, and little daughter, Annette, are spending the week—second week of Mr. Gray's vacation—in Mexia and Coolee.

Week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Hunter were their daughter, Mrs. Wanda Shelton, and Mrs. M. M. Coleman, from Lubbock. A granddaughter, Joy Nell Reeder, accompanied them and remained for a longer visit with her grandparents.

Misses Ona and Pauline Johnson went to Colorado City last Friday to visit a niece, Mrs. Arlo Forrest, on the occasion of her birthday.

Miss Mabel McRee returned Sunday from a visit with her brother and sister-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. J. L. McRee at Longview. While there, they spent the week-end in Galveston.

Mrs. E. H. McCright and Mrs. Albert Simms and children of Sweetwater spent Wednesday in the home of Mrs. T. L. Kerns and family.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Kerns and children, accompanied by Lavern Lawson, spent the week-end in Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Corvin Leverich and son, Jimmy, of Odessa, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stanford.

Passing guests last Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stanford were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Neill and son, Billy, of Hobbs, N. M., who were en route to Cross Plains to spend their vacation.

Miss Ruby Blair of Fort Worth is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. J. S. Blair, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lancaster and little daughter, of Durant, Okla., are visiting Mrs. Lancaster's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Proctor.

Sam Butman, Sr., and daughter, Miss Lottie Butman, accompanied by two granddaughters, Misses Nel and Ruth Butman, left Thursday for Long Beach, Calif., to visit a son, Louis, and other relatives. Another daughter, Mrs. J. B. Sloan, of Big Spring, will meet them there. Mrs. Sloan went by train Monday night.

On eight days' furlough, V. C. Hennessy, of the 6th Reconnaissance, Tucson, Ariz., arrived the latter part of last week to visit his wife.

Overton Patterson, Co. H, 47th infantry, is here from Fort Bragg, N. C., visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Patterson. He arrived Sunday on 15 days' furlough.

After a visit with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John West, Mrs. J. C. Randel and daughter, Penny, have returned to their home at Quanah.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Walker of Roswell, N. M., are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Walker, and other relatives.

Passing visitors in Merkel Wednesday morning were Mr. and Mrs. Herbert McMurtry, and son, Harold, of Roanoke, who were on their way to California. Mrs. McMurtry is a cousin of Mrs. R. H. Mathews, Sr.

Miss Clarence Perry returned Tuesday after a week's visit with friends in Lamesa.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Pannell and daughters, Barbara Ann and Dorothy Jean, left for Dallas Saturday after spending the last part of their vacation with the Jack Pannells. They had gone to Galveston first, staying several days, and then spent a few days with relatives in Houston.

John Robert and Marjorie Ann Walker of Abilene are visiting this week with their grandmother, Mrs.

DEFENSE BOND QUIZ

Q. In what denominations are Defense Savings stamps available?
A. Ten cents, 25 cents, 50 cents, \$1, and \$5. An album is given free with first stamp purchase to mount stamps of 25 cents up.

Q. In what denominations are Defense Savings bonds available?

A. You can buy a Series E bond for \$18.75, \$37.50, \$75, \$375, or \$750. The prices of Series F bonds range from \$74 to \$7,400; Series G bonds from \$100 to \$10,000.

Note.—To buy Defense bonds and stamps, go to the nearest post office, bank, or saving and loan association; or write to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C., for a mail-order form.

BLAIR ITEMS

J. D. Sandusky, Jr., of Odessa, visited home folks here this week-end.

Mrs. Jim Moore, who has been under treatment at the Sadler Clinic, is doing nicely at this writing. Mrs. Lalah Toombs of Merkel has been with Mrs. Moore several days the past week.

Booth Russom, who has been real sick for several days, is convalescing nicely and we hope will soon be up and about.

Mrs. T. T. Davis and four children, Misses Bettie Lee, Lydia Mae and Margaret and Doyle, of Palawa, were guests of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Scogin, the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Walker and children of Abilene were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Orsborn recently. Miss Gwendolyn Sandusky visited her cousin, Patsy Ruth Cox, of Union Ridge Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Walden and baby visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill Patterson of Abilene Saturday.

Mr. Brown of White Church visited with his daughter, Mrs. Kate Phillips, for the week.

Hospital Notes.

B. B. Reynolds was admitted to Sadler Clinic for major surgery Aug. 8.

Two babies were born at the hospital during the past week—a boy, to Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Harris, Aug. 8, and a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jackson, Aug. 10.

Elmo Hicks was admitted for aid Aug. 10. O. Neal Hooper was given first aid. Both men are from Abilene and were injured in an automobile accident.

Mrs. D. J. Mathews, Phoenix, Ariz., was admitted for minor surgery Aug. 10.

Mrs. W. A. Hudspeth, of Trent, was dismissed Aug. 10.

R. A. Walker, and other relatives. Misses Avalene Mathews and Tommy Whisechunt are spending the week visiting the latter's sister, Mrs. Hershall Hammonds, at Divide.

Mrs. Guy Hamilton, of Chickasha, Okla., was a visitor Tuesday of Mrs. Seth Hamilton.

Morris Clack, who has been employed in the bookkeeping department of Radford's Wholesale Grocery Co., Abilene, has accepted a position with the Farmers and Merchants National bank in Abilene.

After a visit of several days with his parents, Isadore Mellinger returned Thursday to Clarendon. During his absence, his brother, Sylvan, has been managing the store there.

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Austin, Aug. 14.—Magnetism, single and polyphase alternating current circuits and transformers.

These will be only a few of the terms that will fill the lectures of the University of Texas' newest defense short course, electrical machinery and circuits, to begin Aug. 11 and run for 12 weeks.

This course is open to any Texas man with some knowledge of radio, high school physics, who can work problems in algebra and trigonometry. It is designed to furnish badly needed technicians vital in defense industries. R. W. Warner, University electrical engineering professor, has announced.

The U. S. Office of Education supplies funds for instruction. The students pay only those expenses which are incidental to tuition.

This is the twenty-third short course to be offered by the University.

Sister From New York Visits Max Mellinger

Visitors this week in Max Mellinger home were Mrs. Rose Rosenberg and daughter and son, Blanche and Jules, of New York City. Mrs. Rosenberg is a sister of Mr. Mellinger.

Leaving Saturday Mrs. Mellinger and son, Meyer, will accompany the visitors to Goose Creek, to attend the wedding of Alfred Mellinger, of San Antonio, a nephew of Mr. Mellinger and Mrs. Rosenberg. Mr. Mellinger will wait until Saturday night and go by train.

The word "Tammany" refers to an Indian chief who is said to have welcomed William Penn.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank every one that in any way helped in our recent sorrow. It is comforting to know one always has friends to help bear the almost unbearable.

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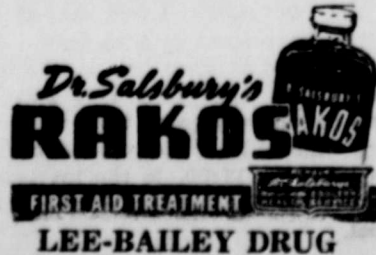
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Trent News--Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Russell of Monahans were Friday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Bright, returning home Friday night. They were accompanied home by Mrs. Hub Kegans and children, Troy and Wanda. Mr. Kegans went out for the week-end and they returned home with him Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Chambless were over from Abilene to spend Thursday with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. N. Reynolds. Mrs. Caylor Chambless and daughter of Aspermont were also guests in the Reynolds home.

Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Scott of Abilene were over Friday. Mrs. Scott visited with Mrs. J. R. Gafford while he attended to business.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Harrell and daughters, Misses Frida, Gertrude, Loyce and Billy Joyce, of Dallas, spent a few days visiting here in the Hub West home. Returning to their home Saturday, they were accompanied by Miss Herbert Dean West for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith of Lubbock came Thursday for a visit with his mother, Mrs. J. M. Smith. They were accompanied by Charles Duke of Brownfield, also Misses Willie Gene and Betty Smith of Lubbock, who plan to visit with relatives here this week.

Mrs. C. W. Edwards spent the week-end visiting in Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Rosson of Monahans were guests of relatives and friends for the week-end.

Mrs. Lester Westbrook underwent surgery in the Sweetwater hospital last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Keller Stevens of Dallas visited recently with Mr. and Mrs. Hally Allen.

Sgt. Clarence Martin, of Kelly Field, is here on furlough visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lon Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bowers returned Monday from spending the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bowers of Fort Worth.

Mrs. Fannie Norman of Thorndale and her son, Gus Norman, of Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dennis of Corpus Christi and Mrs. Gene Chiles of Dallas visited recently in the homes of Cecil Hale and Louie McRee.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Jones had as their guests last week, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Palmer and three sons and daughter-in-law, Mrs. Andy Palmer. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Valentine and two grandchildren of Wills Point.

Jack Freeman, long time resident of this section, died last Wednesday at the home of his son, Othel Freeman, at Tahoka. Burial was at that place Friday.

Louise Smith, of Roscoe, is here visiting Miss Jonnie Roberts.

Pfc. Joseph W. O'Rear, son of Mr.

and Mrs. Robert M. O'Rear, has completed training as an army air corps radio man at Scott Field, "the radio university" of the air corps, near St. Louis, Mo. He was in a class of 131 radio men who received diplomas in a special graduation exercise. Completing the regular 22-week radio operators and mechanics course, members are now qualified for active duty with any army air corps unit in the United States or territorial possessions.

VISITORS COMPLIMENTED.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Cal Hamner were hosts Friday to a group of relatives, complimenting Mr. and Mrs. Tom Randol and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Randol, of Texico, N. M., who were here for a visit with relatives.

Those enjoying the bountiful lunch were Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Decker of Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. Hollis McCoy and two sons of Stith, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Hamner and children, Mrs. Dorris Hamner, Mrs. Joe Boone and two sons, Mrs. Alton Boone and son, Regan, and Mrs. Ola Lee Winn and children.

Big Tire Company to Direct Government Ordnance Plant

From a background of more than 70 years' experience in the manufacture of rubber products to the direction of a \$35,000,000 government ordnance plant is the transition made by the B. F. Goodrich Company, Akron, Ohio in the interest of national defense, it was reported here Thursday.

According to White and Palmer, local dealers, the rubber company has been designated by the war department to operate a huge bomb and shell-loading unit to be erected near Texarkana, Texas.

"Not that B. F. Goodrich is relinquishing its position of 'first in rubber,' for the company will continue to turn out the thousands of vital rubber articles for consumer and industrial use in addition to national defense products," the dealers said.

For the new assignment B. F. Goodrich has organized the Lone Star Defense corporation, a wholly-owned subsidiary, to direct the unit for the ordnance department. To be located on a tract of land comprising more than 24,300 acres, the new unit will be one of the largest ordnance plants in America. Approximately 8,000 persons will be employed in its construction.

In regard to arsenal plans, the following statement was issued by John L. Collyer, B. F. Goodrich president and a director of the new plant: "In assuming responsibility for the construction and operation of the Lone Star ordnance plant, B. F. Goodrich will contribute its years of industrial experience to this new government project believing that the defense of America transcends all other considerations."

Sept. 9 Probable Date For Special Session

Austin, Aug. 14.—Gov. Coke R. Stevenson Saturday said Sept. 9 "sounds like an awful good date" for convening a special session of the legislature to enact a road bond assumption law.

Stevenson said he had not fully determined the date for a special session yet, but that it would likely be the first or second week in September.

Desirous that the different factions compromise on the road bond issue, Stevenson has said before that he sees no need for injecting any other issue in the special session proclamation.

This has forecast his desire for a short, quick-action disposal of the bond problem. He has in several previous interviews pointed out that the county commissioners and judges have until Sept. 13 to fix their tax rates.

O'Daniel Gives Nation Advice Via Broadcast

In a transcribed broadcast, without music, Senator W. Lee O'Daniel Sunday told Texans he "thinks it is time for the government to commence to back off and leave the people alone."

It was the first of the reports from Washington he had promised in his senate campaign. O'Daniel in his speech said he did not know "how long we can keep up these radio broadcasts."

When he got to Washington, O'Daniel said, he found "the old law mill still grinding and turning out instructions telling the restaurant men how to run their restaurants, the manufacturers how to run their factories and the railroad men how to run their railroads." He added: "It will be a sad day when everything in this nation gets regimented and controlled from Washington."

Because briar was imported from France, Austria and Czechoslovakia, England now is faced with a shortage of pipes.

Will Receive Bachelor of Science from ETSTC

Commerce, Aug. 14.—Margaret Berry, of Merkel, will be awarded the bachelor of science degree at the fifty-third annual graduation exercises to be held in the East Texas State Teachers college main auditorium,

Aug. 18, at 9:45 a. m. She has completed a major in elementary education and a minor in English.

Three hundred and sixty-seven students will receive the bachelor degrees and 108 will be awarded advanced degrees. Maury Hughes, Dallas, attorney, will be the principal speaker.

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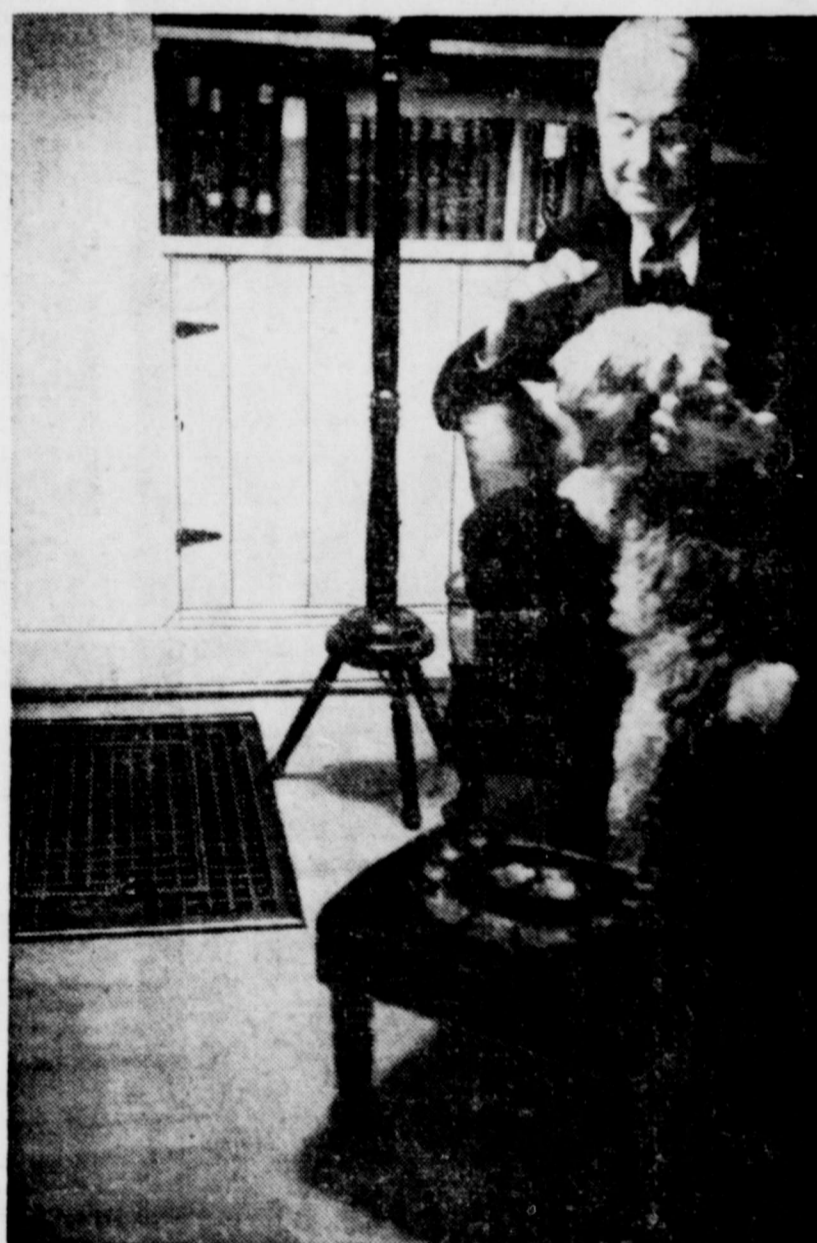
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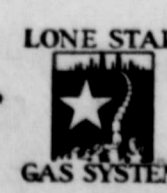
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QUEEN THEATRE CALENDAR

Friday-Saturday—The Three Mesquiteers in "Prairie Pioneers;" Leon Errol comedy, final chapter "White Eagle."

Saturday preview, Sunday matinee, Monday night—Bette Davis, James Cagney in "The Bride Came C. O. D.;" Disney color cartoon, Paramount News.

Tuesday only—"The Nurse's Secret," with Lee Patrick, Regis Toomey, also selected short subjects.

Wednesday-Thursday—Eddie Albert, Joan Leslie in "The Great Mr. Nobody;" cartoon, selected short subjects.

"The Bride Came C. O. D."

In line with their policy of presenting the pick of screen entertainment, the Queen theatre management announces they have scheduled "The Bride Came C. O. D.," Saturday preview, Sunday matinee and Monday night. James Cagney and Bette Davis are co-starred in the new Warner Bros. comedy, the romance between an aviator and an heiress, a frothy story sleekly modelled along streamlined laugh lines. Briefly outlined, the plot concerns itself with a spoiled young debutante who becomes engaged to a band leader. Planning to elope, they hire a taxi plane to take them to Las Vegas. The pilot, however, decides he can make more money by delivering the bride C. O. D. and unmarried to her father, who opposes the union. He captures the bride and flies off with her, but they are grounded in the desert. They find shelter in a nearby ghost town, populated solely by a philosophical old inn-keeper. From then on, it is a tug of war between the heiress and the aviator—with the girl trying to get back to civilization and her fiance, the man trying to keep her until he gets his plane fixed and deliver her to her father. During the battle they reluctantly fall in love with each other. The climax is refreshingly different and we won't spoil it by giving it away.

William Keighley, whose knack with comedy is well known through his work on such films as "Yes, My Darling Daughter" and "No Time For Comedy," has directed "The Bride Came C. O. D." superbly, keeping the story going at a fast clip, without a wasted foot of film. Featured in the cast besides the two stars, are Stuart Erwin, Jack Carson, Eugene Pallette, George Tobias, Harry Davenport, William Frawley, Edward Brophy,

Harry Holman, Herbert Anderson and many others.

"The Nurse's Secret"

A mystery-thriller that packs suspense from the first reel to the last called "The Nurse's Secret," comes to the Queen theatre Tuesday only. The Warner Bros. picture tells the intriguing story of two mysterious murders and the havoc that reigned before they were solved.

Lee Patrick is cast as a nurse who is called in to tend to a woman who is suffering from the shock of finding her nephew murdered. Regis Toomey, playing the role of a detective, is assigned to the case and gets Miss Patrick to work with him. When her patient is poisoned she is accused of the deed and it takes some fast thinking to clear herself of the crime.

Both she and Toomey set out to bring the real murderer to justice and their adventures get them into many a dangerous situation. The murderer they seek to trap is both clever and ruthless and it is only after the execution of a daring plan that they finally bring him to bay.

Mary Roberts Rinehart, who is famous for her thrilling tales of mystery wrote "The Nurse's Secret" and Anthony Coldevey adapted it for the screen. The exciting mystery film was directed by Noel M. Smith.

"The Great Mr. Nobody"

A gay, rollicking comedy that nevertheless has a very pertinent theme, Warner Bros., "The Great Mr. Nobody," will be shown at the Queen theatre Wednesday and Thursday. The film stars Eddie Albert and a lovely newcomer to the screen, Joan Leslie.

Eddie plays the role of an idealistic guy in a practical world, whose life ambition is to take a trip on a boat with his friend "Skipper" Martin, played by Alan Hale. For obvious reasons Eddie is nicknamed "Dreamy." He is very much in love with Mary Clover—Joan Leslie's role—and has very high hopes for their future. But everything goes wrong with poor "Dreamy." He doesn't get his boat. He acquires a very heavy debt and to top it all he becomes negligent at his work and his boss, John Wade, played by John Litel, fires him.

He bravely attempts to rescue Wade who has fallen into the river, even though he can't swim. As a result, Wade gives him a promotion.

"The Great Mr. Nobody" was adapted for the screen by Ben Markson and Kenneth Gamet from a story by Harold Titus. Ben Stoeff directed.

Patron Quotes

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THE big thing is to do it.
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Bearing dispatches from California to Washington, Carson, famous frontier scout, learned that his army commission had been rejected. His friends urged him to let another courier carry the dispatches for an ungrateful government, but he replied that the reward was unimportant—the big thing was to do it.

Navy Seeks Recruits For Naval Reserve

C. L. Wylie, CWT., officer in charge of the Navy Recruiting station in Abilene, announces enlistments are open in any branch of the Naval Reserve for a period of four years (to serve on active duty during the national emergency.) Age limits are 17 to 50, with pay ranging from \$21.00 to \$99.00 a month.

If between 17 and 36 years of age you may enlist for training in one of the following schools; machinist, electrical, metalsmith, carpenter, storekeeper, radio, yeoman or signal.

Men between the ages of 20 and 27 who have two or more years college credits may commissions as ensigns in the Naval Reserve.

For further information call in person or write to the Navy Recruiting station located in the post office building in Abilene.

The Pueblo Indians of New Mexico own their lands by virtue of titles granted by the Spanish crown, thus antedating American supremacy.

45th Division to Begin First Maneuver Aug. 16

Mansfield, La., August 14.—Eighteen thousand troops of the 45th Infantry division settled down in a rugged bivouac area south of this quiet Louisiana town Sunday ready to play their role in the largest peacetime army maneuvers ever held in the country.

After a week of traveling, the second of the 45th's two echelons rolled into its new wilderness home late Sunday. The first echelon had come in Saturday.

Thousands of pup tents sprang up and kitchen crews hastily rigged up their paraphernalia to be ready for the long lines of hungry soldiers when the bugles sounded the call to mess.

The troops spent most of this week putting their bivouac in order and getting ready for the first maneuver starting Aug. 16. During August, the VIII Army Corps, of which the 45th is a part, will oppose the V Army Corps. September will bring the "main event" of Uncle Sam's southwestern fight card—the mammoth war games between the Second and Third Armies.

It took the 45th a week to complete its 435-mile journey from Camp Berkeley, Texas, near Abilene, to the maneuver sector. The troops rode part of the way and walked part, while the trucks shuttled back and forth. About 1,800 vehicles were employed to move men and equipment.

Texas cities along the parallel routes of march hung out the "welcome" sign as the 45th came through. Garland, near Dallas, gave an ice cream and cake social. Dallas itself literally turned the city over to the visiting soldiers.

Marshall, near where the men had their last bivouac before coming on to Mansfield, staged a "Meet the 45th" party for the soldiers, thousands of whom came into town for a street dance in the town square.

Over the street along which the troops of the south column passed through Longview there was a big banner reading, "Go to it boys; give 'em hell if and when the time comes."

Before Losing Sight



Halting important conferences, the President gratified the ambition of a 75-year-old grandmother to see him before losing her failing eyesight. She is Mrs. L. Jordan of Reidsville, Ga., shown above with Rep. Hugh Peterson of Georgia.

To Start Series of Meetings at Church of Christ Here Friday

Beginning Friday night a series of meetings will be held at the Church of Christ, with Raymond C. Keley of Lubbock as the leader. Mr. Keley will arrive Friday. The singing will be in charge of Don Wood, local boy.

Services will be held twice daily, regularly each evening and the other service during the day, but the time for the day service has not been definitely determined.

Adding machine rolls 15c or two for 25c; regular retail price everywhere. For sale at the Merkel Mail.

The famous German gun used to bombard Paris in the First World War had a range of 80 miles. It cost \$8,000 to shoot a single shell.

NEWMAN NEWS

A revival meeting begins Sunday morning with Brother Earl Creswell doing the preaching. Everyone is invited to come.

There were several visitors from different communities at church Sunday.

Ruby Jean Reeves of Port Arthur is visiting relatives here.

Mrs. Bell Smith of Odessa is visiting in the home of Mrs. Fannie Reeves.

Mrs. Lula Walker of Abilene spent Sunday in the home of Mrs. Reeves.

Mr. and Mrs. Irl Walker and children of Merkel, Billie Walker of Abilene, Orval Crockett, Mrs. Bell Smith of Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Dickerson and son visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lea Dickerson and sons Sunday.

Othell Reeves, Mrs. Fannie Reeves and Mrs. Bell Smith spent Saturday night in the Irl Walker home in Merkel.

Brother Lee Hollis and family spent Sunday in the Creswell home.

Several from our community attended the rodeo at Merkel Saturday.

Gaston Walker of Merkel spent last week visiting relatives here.

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PIGS for sale; also feed cutting wanted. A. D. Scott, Blair.

FOR SALE—Several pieces of household furniture, including gas cook stove, dining table and chairs and library table. Comer Haynes.

FOR SALE—Fresh milk cow, also pigs. See Jack Latimer.

HOUSE AND LOT for sale or trade; also ten heifers for sale. Johnny Jacobs.

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

BABY CHICKS at Sharp Hatchery; first hatch Monday, Aug. 18; wanted—White Leghorn and R. I. Red eggs for hatching. See us. Sharp Hatchery. "Quality Chicks."

APPLES—10,000 bushels, Delicious, Jonathan, King David, etc.; special prices to truckers, peddlers and large consumers; also pears, grapes, peaches. Shanks Orchards, largest apple orchard in Texas, 1-2 mile north of Clyde.

FOR SALE—Two-row John Deere binder. E. A. Patterson, Route 1, Merkel, Texas.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—2 wheel combination stock and farm trailer; also 8-tube electric radio console. John Grable.

FOR SALE—Gas stove range; also a gas heater; \$2.50 for both. See Tommie Smith at her home.

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Three-room furnished apartment; bath, Frigidaire, hot and cold water. Mrs. M. Armstrong. Phone 12.

FOR RENT—Furnished bedroom. Mrs. Clyde Bartlett. Phone 188J.

FOR RENT—Two furnished rooms, south and east; private entrance; across from school ground. E. B. Barnes.

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

APARTMENT FOR RENT. Merkel hotel.

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

SMITH TYPEWRITER for rent. 12-inch carriage. The Merkel Mail.

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IF YOU HAVE a house or apartment for rent, list it with Cyrus Pee at Lee-Bailey Drug.

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GENTLEMEN wants convenient bedroom, small apartment, or store space; must be away from radio. Box "C" care of Merkel Mail.

LOST AND FOUND

STRAYED—White face Hereford; cross branded on left shoulder. \$20 reward. Notify G. H. Johnson, Sweetwater, Texas.

LOST, STRAYED OR STOLEN—From E. S. Sandusky grain pasture on the Noodle road a month or more ago, 1 Jersey heifer yearling, small running W fire brand on left hip; brand may be haired over; will be glad to pay suitable reward for information leading to recovery of this calf. Booth Warren.

Legal Notice

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

You Are Hereby Commanded to summon Corenne 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 Corenne 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

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Streamlined San Diego, one of the speediest cruisers ever built for the navy, launched at the Bethlehem Steel company's Fore river plant, Quincy, Mass. Bearing some resemblance to a destroyer, the new light cruiser has no raised forecastle.

Store Sales Gain.

Washington, Aug. 14.—The federal reserve board estimated Saturday that department store sales in the week ended Aug. 2 were 27 per cent higher than in the similar week last year.

Fight Date Set.

New York, Aug. 14.—Promoter Mike Jacobs announced Saturday he had decided to stage the Joe Louis-Lou Nova heavyweight championship fight at Yankee stadium, Friday, Sept. 19.

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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.

LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS

Miss Genevieve Robertson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hob Robertson, who is a first class Scout, was the only girl at the encampment at Buffalo Gap last week to win a first class swimming badge.

Installation of a General Electric X-ray machine was completed Wednesday at the Sadler Clinic. It is shock-proof and of the very latest type.

A. D. Fulton and family have moved to Anson where Mr. Fulton has leased the ice plant from Banner Creamery. The Fultons have resided here a number of years and their many friends regret their departure from Merkel, at the same time wishing them much success in their new home.

Negotiations were completed last week, whereby Bob Fowler, building contractor, became the owner of the twin stucco buildings on Kent street, just across the alley from the City Dry Cleaners. The property was purchased from the Farmers State bank in liquidation. Only immediate improvement contemplated, that of replacing the wooden awning, has already been finished.

Miss Billie Gardner, one of the teachers in the Abilene schools, who is spending the vacation months at home with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Gardner, had a tonsillectomy Monday.

Daughter Born.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Huff of Houston are the parents of a daughter, born Aug. 3, named Izella. Mrs. Huff is the former Vernelle Bland, daughter of Mrs. Roscoe Bland. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Huff.

Assigned to Hamilton Field.

Othell R. Jones, Route 2, Trent, who enlisted in the United States army through the Abilene recruiting station on Aug. 5, has been assigned to 710 Ordnance company, Hamilton Field, Calif.

Secretary Hull Recovered.

Washington, Aug. 14.—Fully recovered from an illness that had kept him from his office for two months, Secretary of State Cordell Hull returned to his desk at the state department Monday.

Typewriting and carbon paper at Mail office.

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Congressman from 17th District Designated Speaker of House

Washington, Aug. 14.—Congressman Sam Russell of the seventeenth district of Texas was designated speaker of the house of representatives in the afternoon session of July 7. The elected speaker may delegate this authority to another member of the house, and Congressman Russell was called to act as speaker shortly after the order of business had progressed into the afternoon.

Although Congressman Russell is serving his first term in congress, he is recognized as one of the ablest members of the Texas delegation. From his record he has demonstrated his ability in the procedure of the house and has, on several occasions, appeared on the floor as a speaker in matters of important legislation. Ordinarily a congressman must serve his first term, which is referred to as his "Freshman Term", before he is able to gain recognition in this law-making body.

Those familiar with Congressman Russell as a presiding judge in Texas district courts viewed with interest the ease and efficient manner in which he presided over the actions of congress while acting as speaker of the house.

Names Omitted.

By inadvertence, the following names were omitted in the list of those present at the 84th birthday celebration of Mrs. L. E. Perkins, published in a recent issue of The Mail: a daughter, Mrs. R. A. Farris, Sweetwater; a granddaughter, Frankie Nell Perkins, of Merkel, and a grandson, Ray Farris, of Sweetwater.

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RED APPLES, dozen	15c	LIMES, each	1c
Seedless Grapes, 2 lbs.	17c	LETTUCE, head	5c
Elberta Peaches, dozen	19c	CARROTS, 3 bunches	10c

Red & White Corn Flakes, 2 pkgs.	17c	Hershey's Cocoa, 1/2 pound	10c
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Bird Brand SHORTENING	4 lb. carton	59c
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Red & White Fancy Corn, 2 cans	29c	Yankee Doodle Macaroni, 2 pkgs.	9c
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VINEGAR, 1-2 gal. pitcher 33c

Apple Jelly, 2 lb. Jar.	23c	Prune Plums, No. 2 can, 3 for	25c
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Red & White GRAPE JUICE	Quart	25c
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Sour or Dill Pickles, quart	19c	Red & White Catsup, 14 oz. bottle	17c
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Red & White COFFEE	1 lb. can	28c
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HAMS, Half or Whole, lb	29c	Jowls, lb.	11c
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Jeris Hair Tonic 75c Jeris Hair Oil 60c Value \$1.35 Both for 76c	Wildroot Hair Tonic \$1.00 Pro-Phy-Lac-Tic Brush 50c Value \$1.50 Both for 79c
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PAYNE-HORNE.
The marriage of Miss Jessie Jack Horne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Horne of Sweetwater, to Albert Payne, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Payne of Divide, was solemnized Aug. 2, at Novice with Rev. Mr. Darben, Methodist minister, officiating.

The bride was attractively attired in an all white dress with blue accessories. Mrs. Payne is a graduate of Abilene Christian college, Abilene, where she was a member of Beta Sigma Phi. She is now supervisor of the housekeeping aide project at Merkel.

Mr. Payne was graduated from Divide high school, and received his degree from Texas Technological college.

For the past week he had been in Lubbock attending cotton school at Texas Tech. After a honeymoon trip through South Texas, Mr. and Mrs. Payne are at home with Mrs. W. W. Campbell.

MRS. KUYKENDALL ENTER-TAINS SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS.

Members of the T. E. L. Sunday School class of the First Baptist church were delightfully entertained in the home of Mrs. J. A. Kuykendall on Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Byers Petty brought a most inspiring devotional as program for the afternoon. At the close of a pleasant social hour the hostess served dainty refreshments to Mesdames Booth Warren, J. F. Walker, Clyde Bartlett, Byers Petty, T. J. Bird, A. R. Booth and Earl Lassiter.

GLEANERS CLASS PARTY.

The regular social meeting of the Gleaners class of the Methodist church was held Wednesday afternoon in the home of Miss Lottie Butman with Mrs. O. E. Harwell co-hostess.

Mrs. F. E. Church led the group in singing and Mrs. C. K. Russell gave the devotional. A short business session was held and a refreshment plate served to the following members and one guest: Mesdames C. K. Russell, Herbert Patterson, Ross Ferrier, F. E. Church, Denzel Cox, G. A. Roberts, W. S. J. Brown, Johnny Cox, Will Toombs; Misses Mabel McRee, Ona and Pauline Johnson.

ALATHEAN CLASS ENTERTAINED.

The hospitable home of Mrs. J. S. Swann was opened to members of the Alathean Sunday School class of the First Baptist church on Wednesday afternoon of last week. Mrs. W. A. McCandless, Mrs. W. L. Johnson and Mrs. Swann were co-hostesses in entertaining.

Highlight of the afternoon's program was a resume of a tour through Canada, New York and Washington recently made by Miss Himalya Swafford.

At the refreshment hour delicious punch and cookies were served to 15 members and one visitor, Miss Swafford.

BACK YARD PARTY.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lassiter were hosts for a surprise picnic in their back yard on Monday night, honoring Miss Mae Lassiter. Those enjoying the occasion with her were T. R. Lassiter, Mr. and Mrs. Mac Ribble of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bartlett and sons, Jimmy and Ralph, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fugate, General Jones, Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Gardner, Mr. and Mrs. Hoyle Lemens and daughter, Jan, Mrs. J. S. Swann, Mrs. Florence Berry, Mrs. Dovie Stephens, Mrs. Ross Ferrier, Misses Ona and Pauline Johnson.

NEEDLE AND THIMBLE CLUB.
The Needle and Thimble club met Wednesday of last week in the home of Mrs. L. V. Moore for an afternoon of sewing and chatting.

The hostess served a refreshing drink and cookies to the following members: Mesdames Buck Leach, W. A. Bowman, Bill Yazell, J. E. Boaz, Jr., Spencer Bird, Stacy Bird, E. Y. Bailey, Earl Watts, John Grable, Connor Robinson, Milton Case, Herbert Dunn and Owen Robertson.

The next meeting of the club will be Wednesday, Aug. 20, at the home of Mrs. George T. Moore.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Woman's Missionary society of Grace Presbyterian church met Monday afternoon at the church, with Mrs. John West as leader of a program on "China and the Missionary Personnel."

The devotional, II Cor. 6:1-10, stressed the theme, "This is My Father's World."

"Did You Know?", facts about Presbyterian mission work, was given by the leader. "2,400 Miles for Medicine" was discussed by Mrs. S. G. Russell, and "Dear Arnold," a letter on China Mission work, was given by Mrs. Delma Compton.

National Missions school work was emphasized in the article, "You Trained Them," as discussed by Mrs. W. M. Elliott. Mrs. G. F. West led a special prayer for the missionary workers on these fields. A brief business session closed the meeting.

Y. W. A.

The Y. W. A. of the First Baptist church met Tuesday evening for a business meeting and social hour in the home of Miss Cleo Reece. The house was beautifully decorated with cut flowers.

With the president, Miss Nadine Clark, presiding, an interesting business session was conducted. Reports from various committees were read. Miss Pearl Mathews gave the devotional.

After an informal social hour, delicious ice cream and angel food cake were served to Misses Thelma Mathews, Maurine White, Himalya Swafford, Mary Nell Morgan, Mildred Bird, Clara White, Nadine Clark, Janet Teaff, Dot Swafford, Bess McNiece, Pearl Mathews, and Cleo Reece and the sponsors, Mrs. Clyde Bartlett and Mrs. Bill Fugate.

EASTERN STAR.

Several interesting impromptu talks on the current study course were made at Tuesday night's meeting of members of the Eastern Star.

At this meeting plans were made for an ice cream supper and program at the hall on Saturday night, Aug. 23, to honor Robert Morris, founder of the Woodmen Circle. Members of the families and friends will be invited.

At the close of Tuesday's program delicious ice cream, a courtesy from H. G. Smith, was served to Mesdames Priscilla Williamson, Anazel Bright, Mae Seago, Ida Sharp, Oleene Humphreys, Marjorie Falkner, R. J. Miller, Aurra Johnson; Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Shouse, Mrs. Opal Reece.

SCOUTS CAMP OUT.

The local troop of Girl Scouts enjoyed a night of "camping-out" when they met in the country home of Mrs. Hob Robertson, Tuesday evening. After a delicious supper cooked out-of-doors, the girls played games and told stories until a late hour, when they bunked on cots in the yard.

RURAL SOCIETY

POTTS-JONES.

In a ceremony read by the bride's uncle, Alva Grace Jones of Merkel and Olin Potts of Anson were married Saturday evening in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Jones. The Rev. S. A. Jones of LeMars, Iowa officiated.

Attended by her sister, Mrs. Clyde Rushing of Hawley, the bride wore a black suit with white accessories, and carried a handkerchief which Mrs. Rushing had carried at her wedding. Mr. Rushing served as best man.

Irene Jones sang "I Love You Truly," accompanied by Truett Jones, pianist. Relatives and several friends were present as vows were exchanged at a flower-banked altar.

Mrs. Potts is a 1941 graduate of Merkel High school, and Mr. Potts farms at Anson, where the couple will make their home.

BLUEBONNET CLUB.

The Bluebonnet Home Demonstration club met in the home of Mrs. Lucy Scott Aug. 12. The president, Mrs. A. L. Farmer, called the meeting to order. The secretary, Mrs. W. F. Butman, called the roll and the devotional was rendered by Mrs. W. C. Perkins. The group sang songs and exchanged canning hints and recipes. Mrs. W. C. Perkins gave the council report.

The hostess served a refreshing plate of vanilla cookies and whole wheat devil's food cake with fruited punch to the following: visitors, Mrs. A. J. Ray, Mrs. Curtis Wilson, Misses Louise Lewis, Becky Nan and Betty Jo Seymour, Doris Reeves, Charlotte Marie Wilson, Connie Mack and Riley Jack Seymour, Tommy Marvin and Joe Nelson Swinney; members, Mesdames A. L. Farmer, J. F. Butman, W. F. Butman, Houston Martin, Joe Swinney, Joe Seymour, Tom Russom, W. C. Perkins and Lucy Scott and Miss Louine Butman.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. Riley Whisenhunt on Sept. 2.

MISCELLANEOUS SHOWER.

Mesdames Julian Thompson, Jess Russom and Will Moore were joint hostesses to a miscellaneous shower honoring Mrs. Bob Thomas on Aug. 4 at the Methodist church at Blair. Games were enjoyed and the honoree received a lovely array of gifts.

At the refreshment hour a dainty plate of devil's food and pineapple cakes and ice punch, with cellophane bags of candy as plate favors, was served to Mesdames Bob Thompson, A. M. Jackson, Susie Doan, Julian Thompson, Pat Addison, Will Moore, Howard Brown, R. B. Horton, Hugh Campbell, R. E. Thompson, Merkel, Misses Fannie Lou Jackson, Madlyn Brown, Iva Ruth McWilliams, Merkel, Jimmie Nell Horton, Verne Opal Moore, Bertha Mae Moore, Julia Fae Moore. Children present were Johnnie Nell Brown, Sonja Sue Horton, Alonzo Moore, Howard Lee Moore and Jerry Don Moore.

Rising early, they prepared a sunrise breakfast before returning to town. Included in the happy group were Ima Ruth Shouse, Johnnie McDonald, Mary Ruth Hutcheson, Marion Cobb, Betty Sue Taylor, Betty June Toombs, Genevieve Robertson and Mrs. Hob Robertson.

WOODMEN CIRCLE.

The Woodmen Circle urges all members to be present at the Woodman hall Thursday, Aug. 21, for an all-day quilting for British War Relief. Each member is asked to bring any kind of wool or print scraps or thread that may be used in making these quilts.

Quilting will begin at 9:00 and a covered dish luncheon will be served at the noon hour.

W. M. U. CIRCLE.

The Elkin Lockett Circle of the First Baptist church met in the home of Mrs. W. F. Patterson Monday, Aug. 11. With Mrs. Patterson in charge, the meeting opened with prayer by Mrs. J. M. Meeks. Mrs. J. M. Williamson taught the Bible lesson to the following: Mesdames J. M. Meeks, A. H. Zollinger, G. M. Sharp and W. F. Patterson. The meeting was closed with prayer by Mrs. Sharp.

The next meeting will be held with Mrs. Sharp.

Named Bureau Editor.

Washington, Aug. 14.—Mrs. William P. Hobby, executive vice-president of the Houston Post, has taken over the task of looking out for interest on the distaff side in the United States Army's bureau of public relations. She is the bureau's woman editor.



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In The Churches

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

There were 506 present at the six reporting Sunday Schools here last Sunday, as compared with 495 the previous week. On the same Sunday a year ago the attendance was 533.

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.

METHODIST CHURCH.

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

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

There's always a welcome with the Methodists.

Marvin Boyd, Pastor.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. No preaching service Sunday, as the pastor will fill his regular appointment at Tye Sunday morning and will return to Comper for revival services Sunday night. Because of the revival, prayer service will not be held on Wednesday evening.

J. Basil Ramsey, Pastor.

FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST CHURCH.

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

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. N.Y.P.S. 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.

There were about 35 present for the League social last Friday night, and the 12 watermelons proved to be an interesting sight about 10:30. Mr. and Mrs. Don Riney and Dot

Swafford were among the visitors enjoying the occasion.

Activities during the very busy two months that have just passed were: besides the watermelon feast, the goodwill group presented some useful articles to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Miller when fire destroyed their home.

As a token of love, Nubia church presented a sick member, Mrs. B. B. Reynolds, a flowering pot. Mrs. Reynolds is one of our most devoted Christians and we miss her presence in the congregation.

Sunday School at 10:30 a. m. and League at 8 p. m. Come!

Reporter.

If the seed of redbud trees are gathered and planted as soon as they have ripened, they will come up next spring and produce plants two to three feet high in one season.

Betty Grimes Joins WFAA-KGKO Staff

Miss Betty Grimes, who graduated in June from Texas State College for Women, Denton, left Saturday morning over the Sunshine Special for Dallas, where on Tuesday she joined the staff of WFAA-KGKO, radio station of the Dallas News.

Miss Grimes earned a bachelor of science degree in speech at TSCW, minoring in English, and her new career will be in keeping with the ambition of her high school days to follow up her early aptitude and training in speech.

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CALIFORNIA ORANGES dozen	19c
LETTUCE Large Firm Heads	5c
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BRAZOS TEA , ¼ lb. pkg.	15c	K.C. Baking Powder , 50 oz.	29c
POST TOASTIES , pkg.	9c	MACARONI , 3 boxes	10c
Maple SYRUP , ½ gal. bucket	33c	SALAD DRESSING , quart jar	17c
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		VINEGAR , quart jar	10c

CAMAY TOILET SOAP , bar	5c	MILK Tall Cans	
Big 4 Brand SOAP FLAKES , giant boxes	39c	3 for	25c

BEEF ROAST , Brisket, lb.	17c	Table SALT	
PORK STEAK , Nice and Lean, lb.	25c	2 lb. box	7c
HOCKLESS —Half or Whole PICNIC HAMS , pound	24c	MAXWELL HOUSE COFFEE	
OLEOMARGARINE , pound	15c	3 lb. can	88c
SLICED BACON , pound	25c	PURE CANE—Kraft Bag SUGAR	
BOLOGNA , pound	15c	10 pound	59c
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