

**Keeping Up
With Texas**

All classes of Texas live stock except calves moved in greater numbers to out-of-state markets and the Fort Worth stockyards in July than a year ago, according to the University of Texas bureau of business research. Shipments totaled 5,427 cars, compared to 5,167 in July, 1940.

A freight train struck and killed 13-year-old Leroy Tuley Friday while he was riding his bicycle at the railway station crossing at Van Alstyne.

I. L. Sawyer, 48, of Lubbock, was killed Friday when his automobile overturned two miles south of Southland. Sawyer was a cotton buyer.

Corp. Alvir David Forshee, 22, who had gone to Dallas to attend the funeral of his mother Aug. 18 and who was to return to Fort Bliss Saturday, was killed Friday night when his car crashed into a tree.

John Q. McAdams, who established the Winters State bank 25 years ago and a former president of the Texas Bankers association, accepted an appointment by Governor Coke Stevenson as state banking commissioner.

T. J. Smith, 76, retired Beaumont sawmill worker, was fatally injured Friday night when struck by an automobile as he crossed a residential street in Beaumont.

A crash three miles north of Beville, on the San Antonio highway, caused the death Saturday of J. J. Willingham, Harlingen realtor, whose car collided with an ice cream truck.

Dr. Walt Williams, 27, of Lubbock, osteopathic physician, formerly of New York state, was killed early Saturday morning after his car overturned on a dangerous curve a mile south-east of Lubbock.

Recording one of the heaviest violent death tolls in history as the cost of its Labor Day week-end, Texas counted at least 33 persons killed, 17 lives having been lost in traffic accidents.

Fred C. Patterson, 28, died at his home in San Antonio when an electric line short-circuited through his body as he lay on damp ground installing new wiring.

At Waco, R. E. Hinds was electrocuted while working on wiring as he rigged up a dark room to develop negatives in the basement of his home.

Constable William Cumberland, 51, was slain at Lefors, by a mysterious assailant who sounded an auto horn until the officer emerged from his home, shot him between the eyes and in the chest and sped away in a grey sedan.

A plane crash during a thunderstorm near Freeport brought instant death to George F. Hamman, 27, Houston oil man, and A. M. Monteith, 28, son of Judge and Mrs. Walter E. Monteith of Houston.

The last three of 47 youths who escaped Friday from the state reform school at Gatesville were captured Monday at Hamilton.

Daniel N. McDonald, tenth grade pupil in Stamford high school, died Tuesday morning at the Stamford hospital. He had entered football camp Monday, playing for the first time, and suffered an attack of heart exhaustion Monday afternoon after a light signal practice.

Governor Coke Stevenson has issued a call for the Texas legislature to meet in special session on Sept. 9 to deal with the road bond assumption question.

**Trent School to
Open Next Monday;
Faculty Complete**

Trent, Sept. 4.—Supt. R. L. Fortune announces that the 1941-42 term of the Trent Public schools will start Monday, Sept. 8. Opening exercises will consist of assembly at 9 o'clock, worship by local pastors, welcome to new teachers and pupils by the superintendent, greetings from the school board by President A. W. Woods, faculty announcements and some musical selections.

The faculty for the year is complete with the exception of a teacher for vocational agriculture, and Supt. Fortune states that a teacher for that subject will be named later in the week.

Teachers have been placed as follows: T. B. Friend, social science and coach for girls' basketball; E. G. Gillespie, mathematics and coach for boys; Mrs. M. Falkner, high school English; elementary teachers are Miss Maggie Payne, Mrs. R. L. Fortune, Miss Hermal Glasgow, Mrs. Fred Porter and Mrs. T. B. Friend. Miss Christine Collins is music teacher.

A. W. Woods is president of the school board; J. E. Bowers, secretary. M. M. Owens, Cecil Taylor and D. C. Logan drive the busses. Gladys Coles of Abilene will teach the colored school.

With a modern well appointed school building, including a gymnasium, the school is in good financial condition. A bond refunding program was recently completed, saving approximately \$3,000 in interest for taxpayers. The 12-grade plan was instituted.

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**BASE PREMIUMS
FOR COTTON ON
GRADE, STAPLE**

Same Plan to be Followed as in Past Two Years; First Bale Of Season, Twenty Days Later Than Last Year.

First bale of the 1941 cotton crop in the Merkel territory was raised by John Fulton on the Fred Horton place, southwest of town, and was ginned about noon Tuesday by the Farmers Cooperative Society No. 1 gin. The bale weighed 526 pounds and was ginned from 1,900 pounds of seed cotton.

First bale to reach Merkel in 1940 was ginned on Aug. 12.

Again this year the merchants of Merkel will offer premiums for the best first, second and third bales, according to grade and staple, out of the first 25 bales registered according to the prescribed rules.

Details of the plan, as announced by a committee from the Lions club, headed by Chester Collinsworth, chairman, and W. O. Boney and Nolan Palmer as other members, are along the same lines as last year:

The cotton must be produced, ginned and marketed in the Merkel trade territory, the judging to be limited to the first twenty-five bales of cotton thus produced in 1941. The samples are to be left at the Farmers & Merchants National bank. It is required that bales must weigh a minimum of 450 pounds and it is suggested that the producer shall take his sample to the bank for registration immediately after ginning shall have been completed.

In leaving samples at the bank, it is requested that these facts be written out: name, address, where ginned and weight of bale, and sample must be enclosed in a paper bag, sealed or tied so that it cannot dry out.

Judging will be done by a competent cotton classifier.

**Committees Named for
Local P.-T. A. Unit**

Mrs. Graver Gilbert, president of the Merkel Parent-Teacher association, presided over a called meeting of officers and committee chairmen Friday, Aug. 29, held at the High School building.

Plans for the first regular meeting, Sept. 11, to honor the faculty, were made. Committee chairmen announced the following committee personnel:

Program: Mrs. Comer Haynes, chairman; Mrs. L. V. Moore, Mrs. Ellen Duncan, Miss Willie Virden.

Music: Mrs. C. B. Gardner, chairman; Miss Mary Elna King, Ray Olivadoti.

Publicity: Mrs. Carroll Benson, chairman; Miss Mamie Ellis, Mrs. Otto Bicknell, Mrs. Chester Collinsworth.

Publications: Mrs. Billy Cobb, chairman; Mrs. Wilbur Thomas, Mrs. Leon Toombs.

Hospitality: Mrs. John Leonard, chairman; Mesdames E. Y. Bailey, Hoyle Lemens, H. Curington, Emmett Ayers, Bob McDonald, Tom Kerns, W. W. Webb, Ed Sandusky, Dee Grimes, Denzel Cox, W. A. Bowman.

Budget and finance: Mr. Connor Robinson, chairman; Mrs. Clyde Sears, Mrs. N. T. Hodge.

Membership: Mrs. H. C. Reid, chairman; Mrs. Owen Robertson, Mrs. O. E. Harwell, Mrs. J. S. Grant.

Health: Mrs. George T. Moore, chairman; Miss Maurine Tipton, Mrs. Spencer Bird, Mrs. Elsie Nash.

Room representatives: Mrs. Ernest Teaff, chairman; all room mothers. Goals chairman: Mrs. Wrenn Durham.

Study group: Mrs. C. B. Knight, chairman; Mrs. Connor Robinson, Mrs. Buck Leach.

**Two Merkel Men on
District Grand Jury**

Two Merkel men, Andrew Baker and George Woodrum, are on the grand jury impaneled Monday by Judge Milburn S. Long in 42nd district court.

Alex Williamson of Trent was made grand jury foreman, and Mark Womack of Abilene, secretary. Other members of the inquisitorial body are: Sam Bates, Buffalo Gap; Guy Cave, Wingate; Ernest Teaff, Tye; Paul Copeland, Lawn; P. C. Jones, W. D. Ramick, Floyd Bogar and E. H. Kendrick, Abilene.

On account of Labor day, the grand jury recessed Monday, reconvening Tuesday and had made no report up to Wednesday night.

**WILL DISPLAY
SUMMER WORK
OF HOMEMAKERS**

Friday will be achievement day for girls in Merkel High school who have completed summer projects in homemaking. According to Miss Frances Cleveland, vocational homemaking teacher, approximately thirty students will receive one-half credit for projects carried on this summer.

Projects taken by the girls included units on all phases of homemaking. Gardening and canning projects have been very popular this year.

Work which can be brought to school will be on display in the homemaking department all day Friday, Sept. 5. High School girls and their mothers are urged to visit the department and see the completed units.

**Badgers Doped to
Bring Home District
6A Championship**

(By DICK WEST.)

After a week of intensive drill at the Baptist encampment grounds in Lueders, Coach Carroll Benson and 34 members of the 1941 Merkel High school football squad return tomorrow to resume practice on the local field before entering the campaign which they hope will bring them the District 6A championship.

Early season observers have given the Badgers the favorite role in Class A competition and with Eugene Sunderman, former Howard Payne College star, assisting in the coaching duties, Benson predicts that after another week of training, "We'll be ready for anybody." This should indicate that the Clyde Bulldogs may expect a tough date Sept. 13 when they engage the locals in the season opener.

Throughout the training camp activities the coaching staff has stressed blocking in order to launch a successful power attack, but fans can look forward to a well-rounded program with two triple-threat veteran backs and a pair of rangy, blue-fingered wingmen on hand to handle the aerial assault.

Showing up well in early scrimmages, including several sham engagements with Monday, also in training at Lueders are, Buster Jack Melton and Captain Raymond Smith in the backfield; Cox and Hickam at ends; and Buddy Derrington and Euell Hickam at the guard slots. Others expected to complete the starting lineup are Higgins and Carson, backfield men; Reynolds and Butman at the tackle posts, and Warren in the pivot position.

Most of the Badgers' offensive plays will originate from a modified punt formation following a tricky shift and defensive strategy will be planned from the standard 6-2-2-1. Coach Benson, who is beginning his second year as head mentor at Merkel, is a former Hardin-Simmons University athlete.

**Three Visitors at
Lions Club Luncheon**

At Tuesday's luncheon of the Lions club, it was voted to again sponsor the raising of cotton premiums for the first, second and third best bales, according to grade and staple, out of the first 25 registered under the plan.

Chester Collinsworth was named chairman of the cotton premium committee, with W. O. Boney and Nolan Palmer as his co-workers.

As chairman of the cheese plant committee, Dr. W. T. Sadler submitted a report as to subscription of \$2,300 from merchants, the application for a charter and other details, which are covered in another part of this issue of The Mail.

The club welcomed three guests: Bob Landrum, of Abilene, E. B. Barnes and W. H. Bullock. Opening sing-song was led by Nathan Wood, with Gay West at the piano. Invocation was given by Byers Petty.

**Barkeley Boys Take
Final Double-Header**

The Camp Barkeley Utilities took both ends of a double-header from the F. & M. Bank softballers last Friday to close the 1941 season.

The opener resulted 11-10, giving them only a one point margin. They captured the second, 6 to 2.

Record of Births.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. William Oats, Friday, August 29, 1941.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Pursley, Sunday, August 31, 1941.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Hunter, Wednesday, September 3, 1941.

**ATTENDANCE ON
OPENING DAY
IS 52 HIGHER**

Tabulation on Opening Day Shows 322 Students Enrolled in High School, 437 in Grammar, Reaching Record Total.

Merkel's schools began the 1941-42 term with a record enrollment of 759 students, Supt. Connor Robinson announced after tabulations had been completed Monday.

The total was 52 higher than last year's figure, peak up to that time in the school's history. This year, 322 were enrolled in High school, and 437 in Grammar school.

Opening exercises were held at 9 o'clock Monday in the gymnasium, with the devotional conducted by Rev. Cooper Waters. Faculty members were next introduced by Supt. Connor Robinson, who also presented Nathan Wood, president of the board of trustees, and R. T. Gray, its secretary.

Further changes in the faculty were brought about by the resignations of Billy Stewart, who had been employed as assistant coach, and of Miss Mildred Holt, who accepted a place in the Midland school.

Elected as assistant coach, Eugene Sunderman, graduate of Howard Payne college, reached here in time to accompany Coach Benson and the Badgers on their training camp at Lueders. He has had four years' teaching experience in East Texas.

To fill Miss Holt's place, Miss Mary Jo Brady of Abilene, graduate of Texas State College for Women, assumed her duties Tuesday, being assigned to the third grade, and Miss Heizer, previously assigned to the third grade, was given the fourth grade.

James Harris, who formerly taught at Warren, is teaching history in the 6th, 7th and 8th grades.

In adapting the system to the 12-grade plan, the designation of the primer grade has been changed to the first grade and each grade advanced to make the Senior class the 12th grade.

**Fireboys Plan for
District Convention**

Oct. 2 is the date set for the semi-annual convention of the Mid-West Texas Firemen's association, which is to be held in Merkel, and local committees are now working on preparations and plans for this get-together, with every hope of a fine and successful meeting.

To look after details of the convention, President Herbert Dunn has appointed the following committees:

Program—Floyd McCoy, L. B. Whitaker, Roy H. Mathews.

Finance—John Mansfield, Homer Laney, Claude Perry, Ollie Fox.

Menu—Roy Robbins, Ray Wilson, Pete White, Milton Case.

When practice drill was called Tuesday evening, eight members were present: John Mansfield, Roy Robbins, Homer Laney, Waymon Adcock, Hosea Windham, Parker Sharp, L. B. Whitaker, Roy Mathews and Ollie Fox.

In anticipation of the district convention, plans are being laid to organize a ladies' pumper team as one of the features of the day's program, and a men's pumper team is to be organized to set the pattern.

The department answered a call coming from the Merkel hotel last Friday and found an old windmill tower on fire just west of the hotel—this being the only call during the last several days that the truck has been called to answer. A token of high appreciation was offered to the department Friday evening when Mrs. Seth Hamilton, owner and manager of the hotel, made a volunteer contribution to the treasury of the department with her compliments. The department wants to thank her publicly for such appreciation of its efforts, and the contribution.

Special attention is called, to members of the department, to the regular monthly business meeting Monday evening, Sept. 8, at the fire station. EVERY member is urged to be present.

**Social to Honor Local
Boy Soon to Begin
Study for Ministry**

All members of the congregation of the First Baptist church are cordially invited to a social Friday evening of this week, beginning at 8:15, on the church lawn, honoring Douglas McCoy, who is soon to enter Hardin-Simmons university as a ministerial student.

**FIRST MEETING
OF PTA YEAR
SET SEPT. 11**

The first regular meeting of the Merkel Parent-Teacher association for 1941-42 will be held Thursday night, Sept. 11, at the gymnasium, beginning at 8 o'clock.

This meeting will take the form of a reception honoring the Merkel school faculty. Music will be furnished by the Merkel School band directed by Ray Olivadoti.

**Fast Time Hung Up
In Cow Milking,
Concluding Show**

In the concluding show of the 1941 series of free rodeos sponsored by the Merchants Trade Extension association of Merkel, Leonard Huff, Merkel cowboy, broke under 13 seconds in the wild cow milking event, his time being 12 4-5, to win first money. Vester Parrish of Wingate copped the calf roping prize in 22 2-5 seconds.

Only two teams were successful in the team tying contest. S. G. Russell ranked first, with Vester Parrish heeling; James Russell won second time, with his brother, Ralph, as heeler.

Ten of the 12 junior cowboys entered completed their rides: Tuffy Frazier, Lonzell Price, Shorty Brown, James Boy Bacuss, Bertie Black, Bobby J. Criswell, Elmer Lee Criswell, W. B. Criswell, Clyde Lewis and Ted Milnick.

Special acts of a circus nature, including a roman team, trick mule, two youthful cowboys, Billy Spivey and Edward Hipp, and the world's smallest rodeo performer, 3-year-old Little Brown Jug Reynolds, enlivened the final performance with spectacular and amusing stunts. They were presented by Fess Reynolds, father of the little champion.

During the opening moments of the show, Harry Bullock served as announcer until arrival of Supt. Connor Robinson, who attended a county board meeting in Abilene. Substituting for Burl Hitson as riding judge was Frank Bridges, of San Angelo.

A summary of the six shows reveals that after the first show, which is always attended by the largest crowds, receipts from the sale of seats were nearly at average, ranging.

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**Good Show of Oil in
Huddleston Test**

Directly east of the W. H. Peckham No. 1 Buel Perry, which opened a shallow pool in June, Lewis Production Co. No. 1 L. L. Huddleston is scheduled for completion this week.

Five-inch casing has been run to 2,620 feet, where a good show of oil was encountered, and casing has been cemented preparatory to a test. The new pay section is believed to correspond to that producing in the Brookover No. 1 Church, Wimberly field well four miles to the north.

Ungren & Frazier started drilling Tuesday on their Trinity university test, about four miles north of town.

On Draughon's Honor Roll.

Misses Era Bale and Mildred Bird, both of Merkel, are listed among the highest ranking students on the honor roll this term at Draughon's Business college.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From Files of The Merkel Mail, September 9, 1921.)

GET MARRIED AT ABILENE.

On Wednesday evening at Abilene, Mr. Lloyd Dry and Miss Nell Britain of this city were united in marriage at the Baptist parsonage, Rev. Millard A. Jenkins, pastor of the First Baptist church of that city, pronouncing them man and wife.

The bride is the charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Britain and by her pleasing manners and womanly graces has won a large circle of friends and admirers. The groom is the son of Mrs. J. M. Dry; is a young man of splendid character and excellent business ability and numbers his friends by the scope of his acquaintance. For some time he has been in the drug business at Eastland and in which city the happy couple will make their home.

Miss Fannie Pearl Moore, who spent some time as stenographer in the house of representatives at Austin recently, after a short visit with home folks, left for California.

Mrs. J. B. Bell of this city, we are informed, has been appointed deputy game and fish warden for Taylor county by W. W. Forrest, state warden.

Twenty men have been coming out for football practice and are getting in trim for the fray with Sweetwater on Friday afternoon. The boys under the leadership of Capt. Hutcheson and

**CHARTER ASKED
FOR COOPERATIVE
CHEESE PLANT**

Application with Signature of Seven Directors on File; Community Meetings Set for Monday and Tuesday Nights.

Signed by seven directors, application for a charter for the Merkel Cooperative Cheese Plant, Inc., is now pending with the secretary of state at Austin, and receipt of the charter is expected at nearly any moment, it was stated Thursday morning by Johnny Cox, one of the members of the committee to raise funds for the construction of the plant.

Directors whose names were signed to the application are: John Drummond, Caps; Buster Horton, Stith; J. A. Cook, Divide; Clifford Eoff, Noodle; Louie McRee, Trent; Dewell McLean, Nubia, and Chester Collinsworth, Merkel.

The Merkel merchants have already raised their quota of well over \$2,300, with several firms yet to report, and a sign-up campaign for farmers by paying at the rate of \$2.00 per cow will start Monday, to complete the necessary 40 per cent of the proposed \$18,000 capital stock for the plant, 60 per cent of which will be in the form of a loan from the Federal Bank for Cooperatives at Houston.

Meetings to acquaint the farmers of the plan and to secure signatures in the sign-up campaign are scheduled for Monday and Tuesday nights in six community centers; on Monday night meetings are to be held at Stith, Butterfield and Trent; on Tuesday night, at Noodle, Merkel and Divide. While arrangements have not been definitely made, it is planned to use the school buildings at these points and the meetings are scheduled at 8 p. m.

Representative speakers will present the facts as to organization and procedure at each of these meetings.

**Hereford Tour Makes
Two Merkel Ranches**

Breeders from all sections of the state, many of them directors of the Texas Hereford Breeders association, were included in the representative group of cattlemen numbering more than two hundred who joined in the two-day tour (Monday and Tuesday) of the West Texas Hereford Breeders association.

First stop on Monday was at the Hereford farm of Largent & Stevens, five miles northwest of town, where the show herd of the firm was on display, along with cattle to be placed in the first auction sale to be held in December, and the breeding herd of cattle. At the same time the recently enlarged rock ranch home was inspected.

From Largent & Stevens, the tour group went to the Noodle Hereford ranch, operated by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brown, and here a few calves being fitted for the Hereford show of the West Texas fair, the herd bull, Harris Domino, and a portion of the breeding herd were on exhibition at the ranch headquarters.

Stop for lunch was made at the Hardy Grissom ranch the first day. On the second day, ranches in South Taylor county were visited, with lunch at the Dibrell ranch in Coleman county.

Coach Covey are doing fine work. The pep and spirit shown by the High school under the leadership of Mary Cleo Booth and J. J. Russell as "Pep" leaders is splendid. The following men are now on the squad: Alfred Ligon, Lester Tittle, Lynn Bridges, Paul Smith, Chesby Patterson, Charles Sutphen, Wayton Rose, Jerome Hutcheson, captain, Roy Stevens, Herman Wilkins, Raymond Ferguson, Wrenn Durham, Bufford Smith, Weston West, Kenneth Watkins, Cyrus Pee, L. T. Toombs, Herbert Williamson, Carl Walker.

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SPOT NEWS

"YES SIR!" They tell us no more DOLLS this year when ones we now have are gone. SAD NEWS—if the little lady wants one from SANTA he says better LAY-AWAY one today at Bullock's—a small payment will hold until CHRISTMAS.

SEE OUR WINDOW TODAY. BOY WE HAVE 'EM.

"YES SIR!" They tell us also there will be no more CHRISTMAS GIFTS this Year—better lay-away while our stock is most complete. Small payment down, a payment now and then, and when Christmas comes you will be all paid out. "BOY, WHAT A FEELING!"

You Can Do Just That At

Bullock Hardware

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CARD OF THANKS

We take this method to thank our many friends for comforting words and deeds of kindness during the illness and death of one so dear to us as Grandmother Marshall.

May God bless each of you in our earnest prayer.

- T. K. Marshall. Monroe Marshall. Charlie Marshall. Mrs. Frank Perkins. Mrs. Laura Frasier. Mrs. Tom Swearingen. Mrs. Lizzie McNutt and Grandchildren.

Duke of Kent Welcomed to New York



His royal highness, the duke of Kent, brother of King George VI of England, is welcomed to New York city by Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia. The duke, in a plane of the Canadian air force, landed at LaGuardia field, where this picture was made. He took an automobile for Hyde Park, where he spent the week-end with President Roosevelt.

Guests in the home of Supt. and Mrs. Connor Robinson last Friday were Mrs. Robinson's parents, Dr. and Mrs. E. B. Surface of Abilene; her brother, Rev. E. H. Surface, and his wife of Waxahachie, and Kenneth Whitescarver, of Roanoke, Va., a senior student in Hardin-Simmons.

Here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Wilson, of Warren, on fur-lough, is Travis Wilson, of the USS New Orleans, stationed at Bremerton, Wash. He has just returned from service in the Hawaiian islands.

Leaving Friday, Miss Pearl Mathews is spending her vacation in Roanoke with her cousin, Mrs. Herbert McMurtry. She joined Mr. and Mrs. McMurtry here, as they were returning from a two-weeks' trip to California, accompanied by their daughter, Mrs. Winston Bartlett, of Inglewood, Calif.

Mrs. H. C. Williams has returned from a visit of several weeks with her daughter, Mrs. E. Q. Warren, at Knox City.

Jimmy West of Marfa spent the week-end and Labor day holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James H. West.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Yazell returned Tuesday night from a two-weeks' automobile trip through Colorado and California. At San Bernardino, Calif., they were joined by Mr. Yazell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Yazell, who had been visiting another son, R. A. Yazell, and they brought them back to Texas, driving on to Lampasas on Wednesday to take them home.

Miss Bes. Church will leave Friday for Corpus Christi where she will teach at the Northside Junior high in the Spanish department. This will be her third year in Corpus Christi.

Raymond Roach of Minerals Wells spent the week-end in the home of his aunt, Mrs. Grover Hale.

Mr. and Mrs. George Dunn of Mesquite, week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Polley, were among the hundreds enjoying the concluding rodeo of the season. Mrs. Dunn is a sister of Mrs. Polley.

Week-end visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Olivadoti were Mrs. Olivadoti's mother, Mrs. J. N. Routh, of Abilene, and two sons, Flying Cadet J. N. Routh of Brooks field and Joe Routh, student in A. & M. college.

Returning from Cottonwood, Ariz., where he went to see his father, who was ill and is now greatly improved, D. A. Lee was accompanied by his niece, Colleen Robart, who will make her home with the Lees and attend school here.

Roy Coats, Jr., of Chicago, Ill., is visiting his mother, Mrs. Roy Coats, at Blair.

Roy Coats, Sr., has entered the veterans' hospital at Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Mrs. S. G. Russell left Monday evening on the Sunshine Special for Berkeley, Calif., to visit her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dunn. She will also stop at Imperial, Calif., to visit a brother-in-law, Bob Russell, and family.

Judge Owen Thomas of the 104th district court, whose home is at Anson, was a visitor in Merkel Saturday and called at The Mail office.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Comegys have recently moved to Sweetwater and are residing at 204 Avenue B.

Included in a party visiting Carlshad Caverns over the week-end were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. McLeod, E. L. Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wilson of Longview.

Miss Madalyn Murray was here from Pampa a few days last week visiting her mother, Mrs. L. L. Murray, and sister, Miss Mabel Murray.

Miss Lois Rosson left Saturday to visit her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Sumner, of Fort Worth.

Miss Ima Gene Rosson has returned from San Antonio, where she visited her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. O'Donnell.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Haggard and son, John, of Abilene, visited over the week-end with Mrs. Haggard's mother, Mrs. J. P. Sharp, and family.

Miss Frances Foster, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Foster, has entered Draughon's business college, Abilene, and will take bookkeeping and secretarial courses.

Miss Effiebell Pannell of Dallas spent the Labor Day holiday with the Jack Pannells. Grover Grant of Dallas was also a guest.

Spending a few days here before going to Haskell, where she is a member of the school faculty, Miss Rebecca Wiginton of Brownwood is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Homer Patterson.

Personals

Miss Ce Vene Daniel has resigned her position as bookkeeper-stenographer in the office of Dr. J. Frank Clark, Abilene, to accept a position as unit buying control manager with Sears, Roebuck & Co., Sweetwater.

Dick West, who accompanied his parents, Mayor and Mrs. H. C. West, back from Corpus Christi Monday, will remain here a few days before leaving for Waxahachie to attend Trinity university, where he will major in business administration and specialize in journalism.

Mrs. Mattie Brown and daughter, Madlyn, left Wednesday for Taft to visit her son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Brown.

I. D. Simpson, Jr., on his way from Arizona to his home at San Antonio, visited over the week-end with his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Odell. T. G. Ferguson has been visiting in San Antonio since Monday of last week with a daughter, Mrs. I. D. Simpson.

Olin Lusby was here over the week-end visiting in the J. T. Dennis home, where his wife has been for several weeks on account of illness of her mother. Friends will be pleased to learn that Mrs. Dennis is able to sit up now, following a recent operation, but her daughter will remain with her for some time yet.

Miss Irene Swann returned recently from an extended visit with her sister, Mrs. O. R. Dennis, at Winston-Salem, N. C. She was accompanied by Miss Lillie Dean of Dallas. Miss Swann left Saturday for Roswell, N. M., where she teaches school.

Mrs. J. S. Swann accompanied her daughter, Mrs. Forrest Sears, of Snyder, to San Angelo, Tuesday, where a grandson, Jamie Miles, 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Carson Miles, is in a critical condition suffering from a tumor of the brain.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bullock were in Dallas Sunday for the manufacturers' gift shows at the Adolphus and Baker hotels. They were accompanied by Miss Helen Heeter.

Jim Patterson, member of the border patrol stationed at Presidio, visited several days the past week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Patterson.

Miss Tink Adams of Olden is the guest of Miss Louise Patterson this week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Woolsey returned Friday from a visit with friends in Comanche.

Mrs. Anna Regeon and daughter, Lois, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Regeon of Southland and Mrs. Robert Burkle of Plainview, visited relatives and friends in Dallas and Fort Worth the past ten days.

Hugh McRee and two children of Lubbock are visiting his sister, Miss Mabel McRee.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Swafford and son, Mike, were up from San Antonio to spend the week-end and Labor day with his mother, Mrs. T. J. R. Swafford.

Woodrow Clark, employed by the Walco Construction company, left Tuesday for Collinsville, Okla., where he has been transferred, after a ten days' visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Clark.

Sergeant Irvin L. Melton, Company B, 60th infantry, Camp Wolters, visited this week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Melton.

Miss Maxine Banner was guest over last week-end of Miss Mary Jo Garland in the Joe Garland home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Cox and children, Don and Marie, spent the past week-end in Itasca in the home of A. C. Johnson, Sr. They were accompanied home by Miss Alene Cox, who had spent most of the summer in Itasca with friends and relatives.

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Rodeo

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from \$157 to \$172. The take on the first show was \$232.

Assisting Co-Chairmen Howard and Homer Laney on the rodeo committee were Booth Warren, W. H. Bullock, S. D. Gamble and Supt. Robinson.

WINNING CONTESTANTS.

Winning contestants in the final rodeo were:

Calf roping: Vester Parrish, Wingo, first, 22 2-5; Leonard Huff, Merkel, 23 1-5; S. G. Russell, Merkel, third, 23 2-5; James Russell, Merkel, fourth, 26.

Wild cow milking: Huff, first 12 4-5; Earl Stevens, Trent, second, 21; Ralph Russell, Merkel, third, 24 1-5; Jack Strickland, Abilene, fourth, 26 2-5.

Team tying: S. G. Russell and Parrish, first, 29 2-5; James and Ralph Russell, second, 39 4-5.

Steer riding: Pewee Nix, Fort Worth, first; Johnny Stovall, Fluvanna, second; Jimmy Downs and Johnny Lane, both of Abilene, tie for third and fourth.

Saddle brone riding: Bobby Williams, Putnam, first; Stovall, second; Bill Barton, Abilene, third.

Bareback brone riding: Williams, first; Fess Reynolds, Graham, second; Stovall, third.

Bull riding: Stovall, first; Jimmy Clark, Putnam, second; Downs, third.

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QUEEN THEATRE CALENDAR

Friday-Saturday—William Boyd, Russell Hayden in "In Old Colorado;" Three Stooges comedy, "Spider Returns" No. 3.

Saturday preview, Sunday matinee, Monday night—Gary Cooper, Barbara Stanwyck in "Meet John Doe," a Frank Capra production; color cartoon, Paramount News.

Tuesday only—"Passage from Hongkong," with Lucile Fairbanks, Keith Douglas; also selected short subjects.

Wednesday-Thursday—Carole Landis, Cesar Romero in "Dance Hall;" cartoon, selected shorts.

"Meet John Doe" The new Frank Capra picture starring Gary Cooper and Barbara Stanwyck, will come to the Queen theatre Saturday preview, Sunday matinee and Monday night.

"Meet John Doe" was produced and directed by Frank Capra at the Warner studios in Burbank, Calif., from a script by Robert Riskin, his collaborator on the series of outstanding films that includes "It Happened One Night," "Mr. Deeds Goes to Town," and "You Can't Take It With You." The Riskin script was based on a story by Richard Connell. Cooper, it will be remembered, played the starring role in "Mr. Deeds Goes to Town."

John Doe is the man who reaches into the return slot of a pay telephone hoping to grab a nickel someone forgot. He is also the guy who will give his last dime to a beggar on the street. He is the guy who will do anything within the law to beat a fellowman on a business deal and when he has succeeded will take the guy out and spend twice as much as he made getting the fellow drunk.

Carpa and Riskin bring all these back to the minds of Americans through the film "Meet John Doe" in the form of good solid entertainment.

"Passage from Hongkong" A stimulating adventure-mystery story is behind Warner Bros.' exciting new film, "Passage From Hongkong," starring lovely Lucile Fairbanks and Keith Douglas, to be presented at the Queen theatre Tuesday only.

The mysterious, incomprehensible Orient is the setting. When war hits any of the Orient's key centers, the international intrigue reaches a high point of tension rife with drama. It is under such circumstances that Douglas meets Miss Fairbanks, both Americans and both desperately trying to get back to America.

"Dance Hall" Romantic Cesar Romero meets up with blonde and beautiful Carole Landis in the new 20th Century-Fox comedy, "Dance Hall," which will be the attraction at the Queen theatre Wednesday and Thursday.

Romero as Duke, the manager of a dance hall, has quite a reputation as a local Casanova. But he fails to impress Carole, who is a newcomer to the dance palace. And when this same blonde barges into a crap game in which Duke is a big winner and then cleans him out, he really loses his ego. From that moment, Duke is out to get even—and how he does it makes

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for top-flight entertainment. Romero is given the opportunity to play the same type of role he did so well in "Tall, Dark and Handsome," while Miss Landis as "Venus," the entertainer, is outstanding.

White Church News

The farmers are very busy at this time trying to save the bountiful feed crop.

The children of our community are now in school, some at Merkel and others at the Butman school.

Doyal Barnes, Wallace and Billy Frazier and Banning Butman are at Lueders in football training camp with the Merkel High team.

Mrs. Tom Malone and son, Dee Malone, of Abilene, visited Mrs. Malone's brother, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Patterson, last week.

Woodrow Barnes and Miss Judy Carson returned Thursday to San Diego, Calif., where Woodrow is in the coast artillery. Miss Carson will enter school.

Mrs. Frazee Demere has returned home after accompanying Mr. and Mrs. Leon Toombs and son, of Merkel, on a visit to various points in Texas and Arkansas.

Joe Weston has been quite sick, but is improving at this time.

Mrs. Nina Demere and son, Howard, of Wichita Falls, spent the past week in the Raymond and Frazee Demere homes.

A number from our community attended the round-up and rodeo at the Double Heart ranch last week.

Visitors in the A. D. Barnes home over the week-end were Misses Ovna Loyce Weathered of Abilene, Doris Reeves and Ruth Denton and Banning Butman of Butman, Woodrow Barnes and Judy Carson of San Diego, Calif.; for dinner Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Byrd Martin of Rotan and Mrs. A. H. Barnes, who had returned home after a visit in East Texas.

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

There are 1539 railroad tunnels with a total length of 320 miles in the United States.

The Belgian Congo, Africa, is more than 80 times as large as Belgium, its mother country.

Of the famous wars, the Trojan lasted nine years, the Peloponnesian 27, the First Punic War 17, the Hundred years' war 114, and the War of the Roses 30.

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List of Petit Jurors Called for Next Week

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

- M. Elliott, J. T. Darsey, Sr., W. T. Curb, Merkel; Ollie Johns, Carl Hulsey, A. B. Hubbard, G. D. Broyles, W. W. Storman, Ike W. Jay, G. G. Hardin, R. W. Stanford (colored), Frank J. Richards, J. P. Shelton, W. H. Clark, Buster Horton, E. F. Conner, R. W. Haynie, G. L. Francis, S. Lee Carrico, F. T. Edmondson, J. S. Holmes, W. B. Burns, O. C. Steele, I. M. Edmondson, E. J. Sharp, C. H. Blanks, I. V. Shaw, J. Caro Russell, C. B. Bynum, D. T. Smith, C. W. Rogers, E. L. Hutchinson, E. L. Lott, J. W. Dodson, Jack Husband, S. C. Wagner, S. L. Stanley, H. E. Vaughn, A. A. Tate, Dr. J. M. Griff, Abilene; Oscar Zimmerlee, Paul Cook, W. T. Willis, Lawn; N. B. Teaff, W. M. Nolte, Tye; W. J. Williams, Z. T. Lyles, Ovalo; C. C. Brown, Bradshaw; J. J. Ewing, Wingate; L. J. Groves, Tuscola.

September hatched chicks will start to lay about the same time in the spring as those hatched in June and July. Also they will grow more rapidly and are more uniform.

The easiest and most effective way to combat weeds in a lawn is to prevent their entrance by clean cultivation before seeding, by the use of pure seed, by clean top dressing and by ample fertilizing.

Defense Savings bonds can be registered in the name of children as well as adults.

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Trent News--Personals

TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Foy Steadman and daughter, Judith, and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Duncan and daughter, Phyllis Earl, returned Monday from San Antonio, where they spent the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Kogans and children, Troy and Wanda, returned Monday night from a week-end trip to Lamesa.

Jack Renua, of Littlefield was attending to business here Monday and visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Harrell and daughter, of Dallas were guests over the week-end of Mr. and Mrs. H. West. Mrs. Walter Rogers and Misses Bernice and Hattie Bell Burnett of Sweetwater were guests Monday of Miss Lola Burnett.

Foy Murray of Gatesville was a recent guest in the home of his uncle, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Murray.

John Howell of Sanderson spent the week-end and Labor day here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Howell.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Duncan and Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Dudley and children spent Sunday visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Duncan of Coleman. Miss Ola Duncan, who had spent the previous week there, returned home with them.

Mrs. Roy Banner has as guests over the week-end Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hawkes and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Stallcup and little son of San Antonio, also Mr. and Mrs. Olin Watson and children of Sylvester and Mr. and Mrs. Neill O'Rear and son of Trent. Her son, Robert Banner, returned to San Antonio and plans to attend school there this term.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Butler and children of Culver City, Calif., returned home Saturday after visiting here for a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Butler and family of Roscoe were also guests in the J. A. Butler home.

Mrs. Tura James of San Antonio is visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bert James.

Mrs. Arch McWilliams and children of Dallas are visiting in the home of her mother, Mrs. Jack Bright. Mrs. Bright has her mother, Mrs. M. T. Gentry of Cottondale, also as a guest this week.

Mrs. Virgil Babston of Abilene was a guest last Wednesday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Edwards.

Dave Boyd returned Wednesday after a trip to Arkansas, Louisiana and Oklahoma.

Rev. and Mrs. Alsie H. Carleton and little son of Baird were visiting here with friends last Wednesday.

Alton Boone, who is working in Louisiana, was home last week for a short stay.

Mr. and Mrs. Aubry Bright and daughter, Betty, have moved to Big Spring, where Mr. Bright is employed with the T. & P. railway.

Miss Leitha Glenn Glasgow is leaving for Washington, D. C., where she has a position as typist.

Mr. and Mrs. Zack Southland and daughters and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Sherman have returned from a three-weeks' trip in California.

Miss Fredda Cooper of Rocco was a recent guest in the J. A. Butler home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Burks came last week for a short visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Burks.

Miss Katie Bob Swinney of Monahan and Miss Mildred Swinney of Abilene spent the week-end and Labor day with their parents. Little Miss Faye Wilson, who is here from Freer, accompanied Katie home for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Williams and son, Billy Roy, of Post, returned home Monday after visiting for several days with Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Edds have returned from a vacation with his parents, in Oklahoma. They are moving to Camp Barkeley.

Mrs. D. C. Logan and Mrs. W. H. Swinney returned Monday from Eastland and Ranger, where they had visited for the past two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Howell of Abilene were guests of relatives over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Williamson had as guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Boyd, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Boyd, Jr., and Miss Mary Boyd of Hamlin.

News has been received from Lewis Tiner and Mark Williamson, who went to Los Angeles, Calif., some ten days ago, that they passed the Lockheed test. Mark is employed in the radio division and Lewis as riveter on final assembly.

Pvt. Emmett L. Tiner, who entered the army only two months ago, has been made an acting sergeant at the cavalry replacement center at Fort Riley, Kans. He will be sent to a permanent garrison at the completion of his cavalry training there in a few weeks.

FASHION PREVIEW



Wise Young Owl fashions for the high school girls of the land suggest, according to September Good Housekeeping, a camel-colored plaid wool suit with red or brown over plaid, the skirt under \$8, the jacket under \$9. For variation the extra-camel colored boyish wool jacket is under \$9.

Mrs. J. T. Vessels, Fanny and Doris Vessels and Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Harris and sons, Bobby Joe and Billy Othello, have returned from a vacation trip to Gainesville, where they visited Mrs. H. A. Hott, daughter of Mrs. Vessels.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wilson and granddaughter, Bonnie Joyce Wilson, of Corpus Christi, visited Mrs. J. T. Vessels over the week-end. Mr. and Mrs. Hanley Vessels of Brownwood were also recent visitors in the Vessels home.

Mr. and Mrs. Buford Bly of Big Spring and Mrs. Bill Reames and son, Herbert, of Gouldbusk, were visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Horton last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Zeck Southerland and daughters, Roberta, Gloria and Jeanne, and Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Sherman have returned home from a vacation trip to Los Angeles, Calif.

John H. Harris of CCC camp No. 2888, Breckenridge, was a passing visitor with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Harris, on his return to camp after a trip to Austin and South Texas.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

On last Friday afternoon, between the hours of 3 to 5, little Miss Wanda Faye Allen was honored on her fourth birthday with a party at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Reeves.

Punch, cake, peanuts and candy were served to Theresa Kay Beasley, Carolyn McRee, Mary Margaret Burroughs, Jeanine Johnson, Robertus McRee, Billy Roy Williams of Post, Regan Boone, Sylvia June Taylor, Melba Faye Freeman, Dona Johnson, Bobby Fortune, Betty Robbins, Barbara Edwards and the honoree.

YOUNGER FOLKS GO PLACES.

Last Wednesday afternoon Betty Jane Tittle was hostess to a number of girl friends. Accompanied by her mother, Mrs. C. R. Tittle, and her brother, Billy, Carletta Hood, Marjory Pearl Beasley and Willie Pratt Brown, all went to Abilene State park, where they had sandwiches for supper and cooked their breakfast over a campfire next morning. They returned home Thursday after enjoying swimming, skating and other diversions.

MAY-STEVENS.

Miss Dorris Marie Stevens and D. E. May were married at 8 o'clock on Wednesday evening of last week at the home of Rev. Sam Young, Methodist pastor at Sweetwater, who read the ceremony. They were accompanied by Misses Mildred and Ruby Lee May and Beatrice Brown and Shorty Fells and Raymond May.

The bride is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stevens and was a graduate in the 1940 class of Trent high school. She is very popular in the younger set.

The couple will make their home at Sweetwater, where Mr. May is employed at the gypsum plant.

RED CROSS WORK.

A number of Trent women are doing Red Cross work here under the general chairmanship of Mrs. Alex Williamson, with Mrs. Earl Strawn and Mrs. Hale McRee as assistant leaders. They are making convalescent robes for British soldiers in hospitals, and also knitting garments for "aid-to-Britain."

BLAIR ITEMS

The Methodist revival meeting, under leadership of Rev. R. L. Gilpin of Tye, which closed Sunday night, was marked by earnest and consecrated work. His messages were logical and convincing and many blessings have already been manifested, with several additions to the church. The entire meeting was exceptionally well attended by many people from the surrounding communities and many indicated the pleasure with which they received these messages.

Rich in simplicity and frankness, the young evangelist has grown closer to the Blair folks.

Rev. J. B. Stewart, who could not be surpassed as a pastor, assisted in this series of services. Miss Gwendolene Sandusky, who was pianist, is very talented and possesses unusual ability in the evangelistic field. Miss Annie Clara Doan, who was leader in the song services, presented a fine spirit of co-operation.

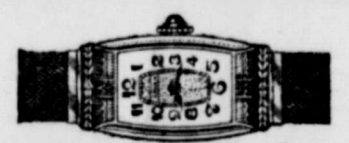
Mrs. R. L. Gilpin and attractive little son, Larry, of Tye, accompanied Brother Gilpin and attended these services.

Rev. and Mrs. Todd of Novice were among those who attended services here Thursday night.

It has been requested that announcement be made that all people interested in giving aid for British War relief meet the committee at the Baptist church on Sept. 11 at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. The committee includes Mrs. Ray Reynolds, Mrs. J. D. Sandusky and Mrs. Hugh Campbell.

Oscar Henson of Longworth and Miss Thelma Henson of Sylvester were week-end guests of their sister, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Thompson.

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Mrs. Jack Land of Abilene visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Melton, this week.

Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Gilpin, Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Stewart and Rev. and Mrs. C. R. Williams of View were Sunday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell. Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Chandler and children of Clyde and Ray Jenkins and two children were passing visitors also in this home.

Miss Hettie McClavahan, her father and two nephews, of Meridian, were visitors recently in the J. D. Sandusky home.

Clyde Edward Lee and Billy Anthony of Brownfield, nephew of Mrs. A. M. Jackson, visited in this home for the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Burl Walker and family of Lubbock were visitors in the home of their uncle, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Orsborn, and other relatives last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Thompson are

the proud parents of a fine baby girl who has been staying with them since Aug. 29. This pretty little miss has been christened Mary Sue. She weighs 8 1-2 pounds.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Moore and family spent the week-end with relatives at Weathford.

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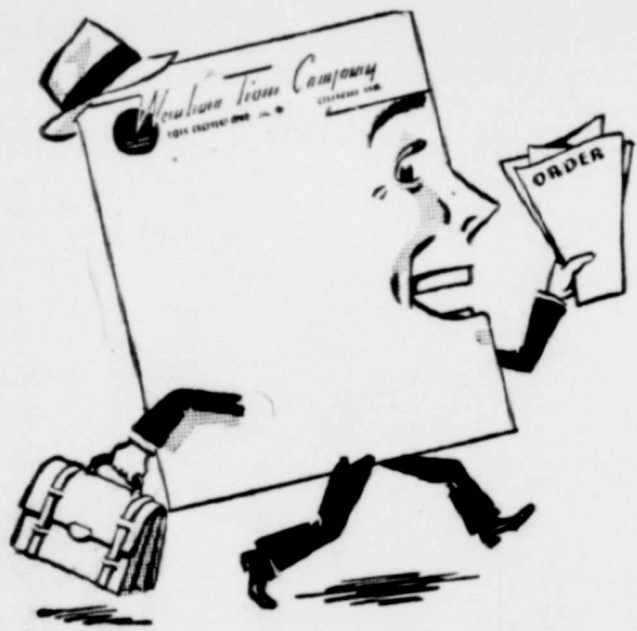
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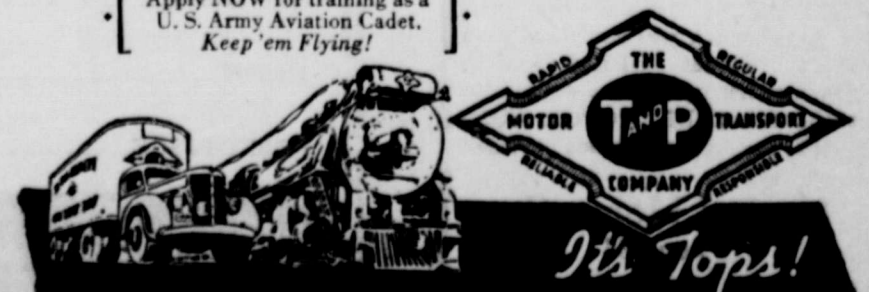
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FOR SALE—Clarinet, in good condition; priced right. Mrs. F. Y. Gaither. Phone 274-J.

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GOOD OPENING in Taylor county; full time route selling Rawleigh Household products; start now; must have car; get more particulars. Rawleigh's, Dept. TXI-506-208, Memphis, Tenn.

WANTED—Man and family to pick cotton, house, wood and water furnished. Tom Largent.

WANTED TO TRADE for 100 used tires. S. M. Hunter.

LOST AND FOUND

FOUND—Wrist watch. Owner can get same by describing and paying for this ad. The Merkel Mail.

Bids for Post Office Quarters are Sought

Bids are being sought by Uncle Sam for post office quarters in Merkel, for a term of five or ten years from Apr. 1, 1942, according to notice posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of the local post office.

Proposals to furnish quarters suitable for post office purposes at Merkel, Texas, under a standard form of lease used by the post office department, will be received by A. S. Page, post office inspector, Fort Worth, Texas, up to and including Oct. 2, 1941.

The proposed lease must give a stated price per annum, including fuel, light, power, water, toilet facilities, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures, for a term of five or ten years from Apr. 1, 1942. Proposals without fuel, light and power will also be received and considered. Floor space of about 1,500 square feet is desired.

Tye United Revival Now in Progress

The Methodist and Presbyterian churches of Tye are conducting a united revival campaign, which began Wednesday night, Sept. 3, and is to continue through Sunday, Sept. 14. Rev. J. Basil Ramsey, pastor of the Presbyterian churches at Merkel, Tye and Tuscola, will do the preaching, assisted by Rev. R. L. Gilpin, pastor of the Tye Methodist church.

Services will be held twice daily, and there will be special interest groups for all ages. All services will be held in the Tye Methodist church.

Hospital Notes.

Two babies were born at Sadler clinic during the week. Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Hunter are parents of a girl born Sept. 3, and Mr. and Mrs. William Oats, parents of a boy born Aug. 29. Mrs. Curt Payne was admitted Wednesday for minor surgery, and Mrs. S. B. Thomas of Tye was admitted Thursday morning for treatment. Tonsillitomy was had by Avalene Mathews, two children of Sam Roberts and Boyce Blackmon. At Dr. Gardner's office Miss Frances Hester was given a tonsillitomy last Friday.

Bombs Explode in Havana



A chain of five bombs rocked downtown Havana injuring 15 persons and wrecking store fronts. Police believe the bombs were thrown by an anti-Spanish political group. The store "La Moda," well known to tourists from Miami and other parts of the U. S., is shown after the blast.

Gift Party Honors Recent Trent Bride

Trent, Sept. 4.—Honoring Mrs. Roy Yandell, who was until her recent marriage Betty Lou Howell, Mesdames M. Falkner, G. N. Reynolds, A. Howell, R. T. Bishop and E. Bowers were co-hostesses Tuesday afternoon for a shower in the home of the bride and groom.

As guests arrived, gifts were presented and they registered in the beautiful bride's book, made and presented by Mrs. Falkner. Entertainment features arranged by Mrs. Howell included the ring and toothpick game, which caused much merriment. In a contest on naming flowers, Miss Virginia Chole McRee was winner. Mesdames Reynolds, Bowers and Bishop were assisted by Misses Dean Strawn, Helga Beasley, Loraine King and Jenny May Reynolds in serving a dainty refreshment plate of angel food squares, with Betty and Roy written in pink, and punch, with cellophane bags of rice tied with pink ribbon as plate favors.

The guest list included Mesdames Malcolm Beasley, Earl Strawn, Gordon Howell, E. Howell, Lesley Beasley, W. C. Matthews, Pearl Crocker, Spurgeon Scott, Fred Porter, W. Y. Steen, Roscoe Owens, A. Williamson, Cal Hamner, H. Kegans, Ervin Ueckert, J. H. Windland, Clifford Estep, R. L. Fortune, Hale McRee, Cecil McRee, W. M. Carey, Carl Carey, Reuben Reeves, O. L. Howell, Bessie Billings, Cecil Rutherford and Miss Mattie Scott, all of Abilene, and Mrs. Ari Sharp, Merkel.

Misses Ladie Fred Crain, Dean Strawn, Willie Pearl Matthews, Katherine Cartwright, Helga Beasley, Virginia Choe McRee, Vera Bright, Loraine King, Jenny May Reynolds, Alice Carey, Patsy Scott. Children present were Robertus McRee, Regan Boone, Caroline McRee, Sue McRee, Jo Rutherford, Abilene, Jannie and Bobby Owens, Bobby Fortune, Mary Sue Howell, Patricia and Kay Beasley, Glenda Reynolds, La Nell Carey. Those sending gifts were: Mesdames John Crain, L. N. McRee, Fayc Coven, Tom Ivy, Sweetwater, Joe Patterson, Tom Williamson, A. W. Woods, Fred Hale, S. Berger, E. Burks, Gus Brewer, O. Brewer, Jack Eads, Mary Scott, N. O. Bright, S. H. Estep, O. S. Bishop, Joe Nalley, Merkel, Hood, M. M. Owens, O. L. Bishop, Elmer Freeman, Bruce Howell, Phoenix, Ariz.; W. H. Orand, Elizabeth Stanford, Dorothy Turbiville, T. B. Sorrells, Fort Worth; Misses Lola Burnett, Maggie Payne, Herma Glasgow, Carletta Hood, Valree and Herbertdean West, and Cecil Rutherford, Jr., Abilene.

Yarn Needed for Six-Inch Squares

Wool yarn from old-knit scarfs or sweaters is needed for making of six-inch squares by workers knitting and crocheting for the British War Relief society, according to Mrs. Connor Robinson, knitting chairman. Any one having old scarfs not in use or sweaters (not machine-knit) with heavy enough yarn to crochet or knit with, is asked to donate this for service. Wool yarn scraps can also be used. Any material may be left at the quilting room, next to the Merkel Motor company, or by calling Mrs. Robinson at 205.

Zone 1 Meeting to Be Held at Hodges

Annual meeting of the Baptist Sunday Schools of Zone 1 of Jones County will be held at the regular meeting at Hodges on Sunday, Sept. 7, at 3 p. m. At the request of Supt. H. G. Smith, the annual report of the current associational year will be made by the secretary, Mrs. V. L. Merritt, and officers will be elected for the ensuing associational year. The program will be rendered by members of the Stith Sunday Schools. The Riverside church has been highly praised for their program on "Faith" at the August meeting. Hodges is the place of the Sunday meeting and a good representation is expected.

LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS

Lt. Frank Quillen, Company E, 179th infantry, on maneuvers with the 45th division in Louisiana, was here a few hours Friday, preparatory to moving to Fort Benning, Ga., where he has been assigned to an officers' training school. Mrs. Quillen, the former Margaret Turner, remained in Louisiana and will join him as he goes to Fort Benning.

Rev. Marvin Boyd, pastor of the Methodist church, is engaged in holding a revival at Shep this week.

Frank Allred, formerly of Abilene, is the new barber with Byers Petty's shop. He expects to move his family here later.

Opening of the ginning season finds Mack Turner as manager of the Merkel Gin company, the old Sam Swann plant, where he has been serving as bookkeeper in past years.

With Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Adcock and two children here from Big Spring for the Labor Day holiday Monday, Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Adcock, joined by another son, Waymon Adcock, wife and son, Arthur Wayne, spread picnic lunch at Derstine park.

In the calf roping contest at Double Heart ranch on Wednesday night of last week, Leonard Huff, Merkel cowboy, was a easy winner, roping his calf in 21.2 second.

Mrs. Clyde Deavers and two sons, Clyde, Jr., and Franklin, have recently moved to Corpus Christi, where they are located at 922 Elizabeth street.

Funeral for C. W. Cox Held at Merkel Church

Funeral services for C. W. Cox, 69, were held at 4 o'clock last Friday afternoon from the Church of Christ here, with Woody Holden, Church of Christ minister from Camp Berkeley, officiating. Burial followed in Rose Hill cemetery, under direction of the Lawrence Funeral home of Anson.

Mr. Cox, in failing health for more than a year, died Thursday night at his home in Nugent.

He was born in 1872 in Mississippi. In 1902, he was married to Daisy Cleora Nelson, who survives him. They moved from Titus County, Texas, to Fisher county in 1924, and later to a farm southwest of Merkel, where they resided a year. In January of this year they moved to Nugent.

In addition to his wife, survivors are two sons, Louie of Truby and Maurice of Nugent; six daughters, Mrs. Annie Debus and Mrs. Evelyn Hampton, Abilene; Mrs. Ernestice Herndon and Willie Cox of Nugent; Mrs. Mildred Reese of Cisco, and Mrs. Roy Kelso, Stith.

Family Reunion in O. L. Justice Home

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Justice enjoyed the privilege of having all their children home to spend Sunday with them. Here from Grand Prairie were Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Justice; from Leveland, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Kelley; from Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Rhoden and children, and Mr. and Mrs. Vesie Justice and children and Woody Justice were also present.

To be Junior Partner In Southland Grocery

Herbert Dunn, wife and three-year-old son, E. L., will move this week-end to Southland, where he is to be a junior partner with his father, L. A. Dunn, and brother, M. A. Dunn, in the Dunn Grocery company. During his five years' residence in Merkel, he has been employed by the Campbell's grocery and market, where he has cultivated a host of friends. He has been an especially active and loyal member of the Merkel Volunteer Fire department, which he is now serving as president. The Mail joins his many friends in wishing him much success in entering into the business world on his own.

Grandmother Marshall, 92, Claimed by Death

Funeral services were held at 3:30 Tuesday afternoon at the Hope Church of Christ for Mrs. J. W. Marshall, 92, who died Monday at the home of her son, T. K. Marshall, in the Compere community. Burial followed in the Anson cemetery, with the Lawrence Funeral home in charge.

Grandmother Marshall, long time resident of the Compere section, lived past the allotted three score and ten years by two decades.

The following grandsons served as pallbearers: Chester and Newall Lucas, Jasper and T. B. Swearingen, Dub and Hester Perkins.

She was born June 22, 1849, in Kentucky, her maiden name being Martha Helen Carpenter. Two children, S. P. Neville, Waco, and Mrs. Lizzie McNutt, Comanche, were born to her marriage to Joe Neville. Her second husband was J. W. Marshall, to whom she was married in 1883, and to this marriage nine children were born, six of whom survive: T. K. Marshall, Monroe Marshall, Charlie Marshall, Mrs. Frank Perkins, Mrs. Laura Frasier and Mrs. Tom Swearingen.

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Named Post Organizer For Local Aircraft Warning Service

R. T. Gray, local manager of the West Texas Utilities company and president of the Merchants Trade Extension association, has been advised by County Judge Carl P. Hulsey of his appointment as post organizer for the Local Aircraft Warning service in this community.

Judge Hulsey stated in the letter that he had sent Mr. Gray's name to the governor, who is in charge of national defense in the state of Texas and that he would be notified of further instructions.

English soldiers average 4 inches more in height today than they did a century ago.

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SPECIALS FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY SEPT. 5th-6th

Advertisement for Red & White Foods featuring a logo and prices: White SPUDS 10 lbs. 19c; Red & White COFFEE 1 lb. can 28c.

Price list for Jonathan Apples, Seedless Grapes, Lemons, Oranges, Lettuce, and Carrots.

Price list for Red & White Cake Flour, Extracts, Calumet Baking Powder, and Corn Starch.

Price list for Red & White Flour (6, 12, 24, 48 pound bags), Moist Cocoanut, and Cleanser.

Green Beans with New Potatoes, No. 2 cans, 3 for 25c

Advertisement for School Supplies listing prices for Note Book Fillers, Binders, Pencils, and Fountain Pens.

Advertisement for Meat Market Department listing prices for Weiners, Beef Chuck Roast, and Sliced Bacon.

WEST COMPANY, Merkel; Herring & Thompson, Noodle; A. W. WOOD, Trent; E. BRADLEY MERC. CO., Stith.



MOLLIE FRANK TOUCHSTONE, FORMER MERKEL GIRL, AND J. B. JORDAN TO MARRY SEPT. 6. (Abilene Reporter-News)

Abilene society will mark another fall wedding day on its calendar with announcement being made of the engagement of Mollie Frank Touchstone, only child of Mrs. Lila Sears Touchstone, and James Burrell Jordan, Jr., a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Jordan of Abilene.

The wedding is to take place on the evening of September 6 in St. Paul Methodist church, with the pastor, Dr. C. A. Long, and Dr. C. A. Bickley, superintendent of the Abilene Methodist district, reading the service.

Virginia Lee Smith of Fort Worth, maid-of-honor, and Frances and Billy Sears, the bride's cousins, bridesmaids, will be her only attendants.

Attendants to the bridegroom will be his brother, Bob Jordan, best man, and A. C. Sears and Neil Daniels, ushers.

The bride will be given in marriage by her cousin, Lynn Harris, of Dallas.

Harold L. Thomas will give the wedding music and play the accompaniment for Rupert Phillips of Big Spring, Wiley Caffey, Velda Horton of Albany and Mrs. Bob Mead to sing a quartet arrangement of the hymn, "Oh, Perfect Love." Mr. Phillips will sing "I Love Thee, Dear" (Grieg) as the nuptial solo.

Romance of the couple had its beginning when they were classmates at McMurry college, from which both were graduated. Miss Touchstone taught public school music in Albany last year. Mr. Jordan is an employee of the C. I. T. corporation.

Many parties are being planned to honor the bride-elect.

ACQUAINTANCE AND FAREWELL PARTY.

All pupils who had enrolled since September 1, 1940, were extended invitations to the "acquaintance and farewell party" given Monday afternoon in the parlors of the First Baptist church by Mrs. T. T. Earthman.

Students in the summer class presented the following program: "Spanish Dance" (Moszkowski), "Mary" (Heller), "Sonata No. 7" (D. Major) (Haydn), "Dwight Strain" (Henderson), "Banjo Player" (Wright), "Joyce Irvin" (Shepherd's Evening Song) (Heller), Kathleen Bryan; "Sunshine Waltz" (Metcalf), June and Joy Nalley; "Dancing Leaves" (Bohm), Frances Walker; "Military March" Gwendolene Sandusky and Fannie Lou Jackson; "Down on the Farm," Mary Nell Winter; "Boot Race" Jorene Risinger; "A Summer Day," Joy Christine Curington; "A Visit to the Farm," Betty Lou Justice; "Pony Race," Patsy Jean Clark; "The Magic Flute" (Mozart), Dwight Swafford, Mrs. Earthman and Bobby Teaff.

At the conclusion of the program, entertainment was moved to the church lawn, where interest centered in a farm yard game in which the younger pupils were called on to give imitations of fowls and animals. In the anagram contest, Ann Booth won the prize. Junior and senior girls served a dainty refreshment plate of punch and cakes, with attractive musical favors. It had been planned and looked forward to with pleasurable appreciation that a number of group pictures would be taken but this was prevented because of illness of the photographer.

The guest list included Misses Bonnie Lucile Church, June and Joe Nalley, Joyce and Dorothy Nell Irvin, Dorothy Nell Groene, Mary Nell Winter, Mary Nell and Sue Morgan, Gwendolene and Barbara Sandusky, Bonnie McAninch, Frances Walker, Fannie Lou Jackson, Kathleen Bryan, Doris Clyde Miller, Dorothy Shannon, Norma Jean Hodge, Patsy Jean Clark, Joan Brown, Ann Booth, Sandra Sadler, Marilyn Petty, Mary Evalene Roland, Evelyn Sears, Jeanette Neff, Betty Lou Justice, Bobby Teaff, Nedra Swafford, Wanda Douglas, Lottie Butman, Marjorie Jo Fulton, Joy Curington, Jorene Risinger, Nina Joyce Riney, Dean Strawn, Alice Carey, La Nelle Edwards; Bonnie Church, Charles Church, Robert Tom Hodge, Dick Sears, Dwight Swafford.

BIRTHDAY PARTY. Celebrating her fifth birthday, Little Miss Joy Walker was the honoree at a party given on the lawn at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Walker, last Friday afternoon. She was the recipient of many lovely gifts. A beautiful cake decorated with five candles centered the table and was served with ice cream to the following guests:

Peggy Ann Bicknell, Carol Ann Bailey, Jimmy Simpson, Ann Booth, Sandra Sadler, Mona Madlyn Robertson, Glenda Beal, Linda Bowman, Ralph Bartlett, John Robert Grabble; Misses Mary Jo and Bobby Nell Bicknell; Mesdames Bowman, Simpson and Beal and the hostess, Mrs. J. F. Walker.

RURAL SOCIETY

WATERMELON FEAST.

The Intermediate Sunday School class of the Shiloh Baptist church spent a very enjoyable evening at a watermelon feast and party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Houston Smith on Friday, Aug. 29.

Those present were: Charlyse Smith, Weldon Rutledge, Paul Ueckert, Billy Hodge, Fay and Ray Clements, Laura Cade, Jean Rutledge and Dorothy Butler.

Mr. Smith, the teacher, and members of the class want to cordially invite every one to attend Sunday School at the Shiloh church.

Mother Honored With Party on 80th Birthday

Mrs. H. L. McGehee, mother of A. A. McGehee, was honoree for a party given in the home of a daughter, Mrs. S. O. Rister, in Abilene, last Friday, in celebration of her 80th birthday.

Garden flowers were used in decoration of the rooms and of the refreshment table where a two-tiered birthday cake was centerpiece.

Guests were present from eleven points. Accompanying Mr. McGehee from here were his wife, their daughter, Mrs. Mark Malone, Jr., and Sammie and Jerry McGehee.

Trent School (Continued from Page One)

augurated last term, giving eight elementary and 4 high school grades. Total enumeration in the school district is 323.

The new coach, E. G. Gillespie, comes highly recommended as a successful six-man football coach and the athletic outlook is very promising.

FASHION PREVIEW



Charles Cooper designed this gala dress, featured in the October Cosmopolitan, for the chic woman on those occasions when the men don't dress or are in uniform. Erik, the Danish milliner, designed the hat with the lace eyeshade over one eye to make any woman utterly fascinating. The dress is of black crepe with a cascading hemline—street length in front to evening length in back.

Detroiters Thumb Ride



A surprise strike of street car and bus operators caused 400,000 workers in Detroit to struggle with makeshifts. Here Evelyn Maleski and Daphne Hare are thumbing their way to work.

Butman Women Aid In Red Cross Sewing

Women of the Butman community are actively engaged in sewing for the Red Cross, meeting once each week at the Live Oak Baptist church. At present they are working on convalescent robes.

Typical of the interest being shown by these patriotic women is the work being done by Mrs. Ford Butman, who is the mother of four children, ranging in age from 18 years to 18 months. She does all her own work, including the sewing and laundry work, and has canned 400 quarts of food for winter out of her own garden, which she tends herself. She has also raised 300 chickens.

Besides working with the group in her community, she is making one robe per week at home.

We take orders for egg stamps The Merkel Mail office.

Brazil is larger in population and area than all the rest of South America.

Red Cross Workers Engage in Sewing Needed Garments

As chairman of Red Cross sewing work in this community Mrs. C. B. Gardner reports general activity along several fronts; in fact, Mrs. Gardner says that she is finding more workers than she has materials to work on. In connection with the Red Cross sewing program, everything is furnished and instructions given for the work.

Several church societies are busy: the T. E. L. class of the First Baptist church, Mrs. A. R. Booth, chairman, is making men's bathrobes; the Fidelis Matrons class, Mrs. David Gamble, chairman, is making children's robes, and on Wednesday the Comrades class of the Methodist church sewed at the home of Mrs. Andy Shouse, making children's nighties.

Making of children's nighties is also engaging the Sewing Club's time, of which Mrs. George T. Moore is president.

At Salt Branch, the home demonstration club members are working on bathrobes.

Circle Members Go To District Meeting

Six members of the Merkel Grove of the Woodmen Circle attended a district meeting of Mrs. Jannie B. McCandies, at Burkett, Texas, on Thursday of last week, at which State Manager Laura E. Krebs was present.

Those attending were Mesdames Karl Bonneaux, Mae Seago, Claude Ferry, E. B. Wallace, Reuben Reeves and Roy H. Mathews.

Plans are being made to attend a district meeting at Amarillo on Oct. 8.

Now on Active Duty.

Lt. Burneal Scott, signal corps reserve officer, reported for active duty Sept. 1, at Fort Monmouth, N. J., and after a brief, but intensive training period there, he will be stationed elsewhere. As son of L. B. Scott and a Merkel-reared boy, friends are glad to keep posted as to his movements.

Advertisement for Dr. Salbury's AVI-TON Flock Treatment for Round and Pin Worms, sold at Lee-Bailey Drug.

In The Churches

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

There were 588 present at the six reporting Sunday Schools here last Sunday, as compared with 286 the previous week. On the same Sunday a year ago the attendance was 545.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Morning sermon at 11. Training Union at 7:15. Evening sermon at 8:00.

The pastor will be back in his pulpit morning and evening.

Prayer meeting at 8:00 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, morning nor night, as the pastor is engaged in a revival at Tye, and for this reason prayer service will not be held 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. Claude 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.

Studies made at a state university reveal that only 37 per cent of preschool children in many rural areas of the country have ever had a health examination.

Many Garments Have Been Turned in by Red Cross Knitters

Many garments have been, or are now being completed by knitters of the Merkel community for the Red Cross, according to Mrs. Connor Robinson, knitting chairman.

Garments turned in to Red Cross headquarters last Friday, Aug. 29, were: 6 pairs brown wool men's socks, knit by Mrs. J. J. White; 2 pairs red wool men's mittens, Mrs. Connor Robinson; 2 blue child's sweaters, size 10, and one blue beanie, Mrs. R. A. Walker; 2 red child's sweaters, sizes 6 and 4, Mrs. H. C. Reid; 1 green woman's sweater, Mrs. Frank Church; 1 red woman's sweater, Mrs. Connor Robinson.

Garments completed to be turned in this week are: 1 blue child's sweater, size 6, Mrs. George Brown; 1 blue child's sweater, size 8, Mrs. R. A. Walker; 3 pair of brown wool men's socks, one pair each being knit by Mrs. Connor Robinson, Mrs. J. J. White and Mrs. R. O. Bailey.

Other women working on garments are Mesdames R. A. Walker, Vera Compton, Lige Gamble, Marvin Boyd, George Brown, J. J. White, W. J. Higgins, W. U. Beene, Frank Church, S. A. Derstine, Miss Mary Derstine and Mrs. Lydia Payne, Trent.

Women who have turned in 6-inch squares for British War Relief covers are: Joanna Ramsey, 1; Mrs. M. Armstrong, 2; Mrs. W. A. Wozencraft, 2; Mrs. J. J. White, 2; Mrs. Stanley King, 2; Mrs. S. A. Derstine and Miss Mary Derstine, 5; Mrs. H. C. Reid, 7; Tommie Grimes, 3; Mrs. A. R. Booth, 1; Mrs. E. E. Read, 7; Mrs. Henry West and Joy Frances West, 2; Mrs. R. P. Lee, Throckmorton, 1; Mrs. Gertie Hunter, 1; Mrs. W. L. Moore, 16; Miss Mary Kate Campbell, 6; Mrs. Pick Allen, 22; Mrs. T. C. Allen, 19; Mrs. D. Y. Roberts and Stella Roberts, 3; Mrs. Gladys Ayers, 19; Mrs. Pete White, 4; Mrs. J. A. Milliken, 1; Miss Maggie Payne, Trent, 1; Mrs. W. O. Boney, 9; Mrs. Vera Compton, 1; Sue and Ruth Pinckley, Mrs. Carl Baccus, 15; Miss Madden Brown, 1, and Mrs. J. H. Ensminger.

Those knitting or crocheting on squares not completed are Miss Johnnie Sears, Miss Lottie Butman and Doris Dudley. Several women have donated scrap yarn or old shawls for these squares. Advertise in The Merkel Mail.

Advertisement for LITTELL'S LIQUID, a Calcium Sulphurate Solution for relieving itching and other skin irritations.

Large advertisement for QUEEN THEATRE listing various shows like 'In Old Colorado', 'Meet John Doe', and 'Passage from Hongkong' with showtimes and prices.

Large advertisement for ELI CASE & SON Grocery & Market listing various food items like Bulk Apples, Bananas, Oranges, Carrots, Green Beans, Peppers, YAMS, POTATOES, Quality Meats like Beef Roast, Steak, Pork Steak, Bacon, Bologna, Jowls, FISH, and various canned goods like COFFEE, K. C. 50 ounce size, SALMON, POTTED HAM, CAMAY Toilet Soap, MILK.