

Keeping Up
With Texas

An unmasked, bare-headed gunman, about 30 years old, staged a bold robbery of the First National bank at Stamford about 12:15 Friday afternoon and escaped with a loot \$3,500 in currency. Only Cashier E. G. Keese and bookkeeper Roland Rim were on duty at the time.

On Sunday Dr. George W. Truett, under whose leadership the First Baptist church of Dallas has grown from a membership of 715 to more than 8,000 in 44 years, began his 45th year as pastor.

Maj.-Gen. Claude V. Birkhead, who has reached 62 years, the age set by the war department for retirement of field commanders, has been relieved as commander of the 36th division, federalized Texas National Guard. He was succeeded by Brig.-Gen. Fred L. Walker, infantry commander, Second division.

D. R. Conway, basic training school instructor, and Dale N. Smith, Anamosa, Ia., lost their lives Monday when their plane went out of control and crashed in flames on a ranch 12 miles southwest of Brady.

Mrs. C. J. Boyle, about 50, of San Antonio, was killed Sunday and her husband seriously injured when their car and an army truck collided in the Beaumont highway near Houston.

Henry Taylor, 31, policeman, was fatally injured Sunday while directing traffic at a Brenham accident scene, where William Edmund Hill, 26, of Brenham, was killed in a head-on collision.

At Dallas Sunday Lonnie Harris, 23, truck driver, was crushed to death by a freight engine. He apparently was sleeping on the tracks.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Steindham of Dallas was killed Sunday in an automobile collision just east of the Dallas county line.

C. Palmer Cox, 33, died Sunday of injuries suffered when his automobile overturned a few hours earlier eight miles east of Plainview.

Charles M. Armstrong, 57, rancher and polo enthusiast of Armstrong and San Antonio, was killed Saturday when his car overturned near Kingsville.

Mrs. W. J. Langford of Borger was killed nine miles south of that city Sunday morning when struck by a car occupied by Arthur Truesdale and Pete Davis. Mrs. Langford was reported to have been walking on the highway. Police who investigated said the accident was unavoidable.

Texarkana's Senator E. Harold Beck was elected president pro tem of the senate for the called session. He has been in the legislature since 1918, having served first in the house. He was elected to the senate in 1936.

E. P. Ford, 61, died of a heart attack Saturday while guarding a prisoner in a room on the second floor of Parkland Hospital, Dallas.

Kelly field flight instructor, Lieut. Barry Church Francks, Jr., 21, of Brady, and an aviation cadet, Joseph C. Foley, 27, of Dallas, were killed Tuesday afternoon near San Antonio, when their parachutes failed to open after they jumped from their ship following a collision with another plane about 800 feet in the air.

Alfred Boultruss, 52, had started across the tracks at an intersection, at San Antonio, Tuesday, not noticing the switch engine, when some one shouted a warning, he seemed paralyzed by fright. His body was dragged a half block and badly mangled.

W. B. Davis was killed and his wife was injured fatally at Denison Tuesday when a Katy passenger train struck their automobile. The couple lived at Ravenna.

Carl Matthews, 48, was instantly killed Wednesday morning when his pick-up truck skidded on the Beaver River bridge, four miles north of Kerrick, crashed through the rail and dropped about 10 feet, landing on its top.

A brief illness caused the death of Frank Kell, 81-year-old West Texas capitalist, pioneer and one of the founders of Wichita Falls, in a hospital in Wichita Falls Wednesday. He became ill of pneumonia last Thursday.

Celebrates Producing Well With Barbecue

It was a promise of Jack Canon, former commissioner from precinct No. 2, Taylor county, to the drillers and others working on the test on his farm in the Stith pool, that if and when the well came in a producer, he would put on a barbecue for their benefit.

Monday night was the occasion for the barbecue, at which time guests including the oil field workers and relatives and friends of the family numbering 35 gathered at the Canon home for a bounteous supper of barbecued chicken and veal.

Included among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Elbert West, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Mashburn, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Winter, Mr. and Mrs. Weldon McAninch, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Windham, Miss Mary Helen Mashburn and Jackie and Jimmy McAninch.

FIRST MEETING OF P.-T. A. UNIT HONORS FACULTY

Program Includes Band Concert In Advance of Introductions And Reception; Audience Listens To President's Address.

A reception for faculty members of the Merkel Public schools, held in the High School gymnasium, opened the year for the Parent-Teacher association Thursday evening of last week.

Music was furnished by the High School band under direction of Ray Olivadoti, with a cornet solo by Jack Haynes featured. Greetings were extended by Nathan Wood, president of the Merkel school board, with response by Supt. Connor Robinson.

Following President Roosevelt's radio address to the nation, Don Wood led a singsong of patriotic numbers, including "America" and "The Star Spangled Banner."

The local unit president, Mrs. Grover Gilbert, presided for a short business meeting, after which Mrs. John Leonard as hospitality committee chairman served as master of ceremonies. Mrs. Comer Haynes, program chairman, introduced faculty members by way of a cleverly arranged drama, with Mrs. T. T. Earthman at the piano and Doris Clyde Miller singing sketches from selected songs.

The hospitality committee was in charge of the social hour. Mrs. Grover Gilbert, P.-T. A. president, and Mrs. Ray Wilson, vice-president, ladled punch, which was served with cookies.

Officers of the Merkel P.-T. A. unit are: Mrs. Grover Gilbert, president; Mrs. Ray Wilson, vice-president; Mrs. Lem Dudley, secretary; Mrs. Gordon Green, treasurer; Mrs. Edwin E. Read, historian, and Mrs. Owen Robertson, parliamentarian.

Fall Revival at Baptist Church to Begin Wednesday

The First Baptist church will begin its fall revival meeting next Wednesday evening with Rev. Dean Elkins, pastor at Nolan, doing the preaching and John Matthews of the First Baptist church, El Paso, directing the music. These two men have earned for themselves splendid reputations as revival leaders.

Rev. Mr. Elkins is well known in this section as a pastor-evangelist. His preaching is convincing and goes straight to the heart. This will be the third meeting in this church in which Mr. Matthews has led the music. His solo work is especially enjoyable.

Throughout the meeting there will be a service each morning and each evening. The time of the morning services will be 10 a. m. and the evening services will be held at 7:45. Everyone is given a cordial invitation to attend each of these services. The meeting is scheduled to run through Sunday, October fifth.

Civil Service Opening In Weather Bureau

The United States Civil Service commission announces an open competitive examination for the position of assistant messenger to fill the position of junior messenger, \$600 a year, for employment at the Weather Bureau, Abilene.

Applications must be filed with the Manager, Tenth U. S. Civil Service district, Customhouse, New Orleans, La., before the close of business on Oct. 1, 1941. Competitors will be notified when and where to report for examination.

Further information and application forms may be obtained from the secretary, Board of U. S. Civil Examiners, Post Office, Merkel, Texas.

Attend Funeral of A. C. Lyles at Savoy

Relatives from here who attended the funeral at Savoy on last Friday of A. C. Lyles, a former resident of this section, were Mrs. S. R. Dwiggins, Mrs. Earl Watts, Mrs. Alvin Wozencraft, Miss Grovone Ford and Earl Dwiggins. They were joined at Fort Worth by another daughter of Mrs. Dwiggins, Miss Lucy Fae Dwiggins.

Mr. Lyles was a brother-in-law of Mrs. Dwiggins and also of Mrs. Lucy Ford, now visiting in Mt. Vernon, Ill. The message to Mrs. Ford did not reach her in time for her to attend the funeral.

BACKING TEAM CHIEF AIM OF BAND-PEP SQUAD

With contesting teams decided favorites of their respective districts, the outcome of the game scheduled between Merkel of 6A and Anson 10A is anxiously awaited by sport fans of surrounding territories. The Badgers, coached by Carroll Benson, will meet Coach Carroll Roland's Anson Tigers on Anson's home field for the second tilt on the Badger's 1941 schedule.

The Badgers got off to a good start by outclassing the Clyde's Bulldogs, 38 to 7, in the first game of the season. Indication from the team is that another triumph will be theirs after Friday night.

Backing the Badgers to the hilt, besides loyal fans and spectators from here, will be the Badger Band and Pep Squad, who will accompany the boys to Anson for the game.

Coach Benson announces the probable starting line-up as follows:

Right end, Elbert Hickam; right tackle, Butman; right guard, Euell Hickam; center, Warren; left guard, Derington; left tackle, Reynolds; left end, Cox; quarter back, Melton; full back, Smith; left half back, Higgins; right half back, Carson.

Rites Held Here For Mrs. B. A. Cox, Sister Of Mrs. George West

Funeral services were held here at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon for Mrs. B. A. Cox, 72, widow of the late B. A. Cox, pioneer Abilene attorney, who died 14 years ago.

She died Tuesday night at 10:30 at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Harold De Moss, in Houston. She had been ill many months and bedfast since January.

The body arrived at Blair at 9:45 Thursday morning over the Santa Fe from Houston, and rites were conducted from the home of a niece, Mrs. Booth Warren, with Dr. M. A. Jenkins, pastor of the First Baptist church in Abilene, in which she was active many years, officiating, assisted by Rev. J. Basil Ramsey, pastor of Grace Presbyterian church. Burial followed in Rose Hill cemetery under direction of Barrow-Sheppard.

Pallbearers were: Paul West, John West and Booth Warren, nephews; Max Randolph, Abilene, a son-in-law; John Mashburn, Abilene, grand son-in-law, and R. D. Green, Jr., Abilene.

Mrs. Cox was born in 1869 in Paducah, Ky. She came to Texas when a young girl with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Wyman, pioneer Merkel family.

Survivors are four daughters: Mrs. J. N. Green and Mrs. Max Randolph, Abilene; Mrs. U. S. Heavenhill, Balingier, and Mrs. De Moss, Houston; two brothers, M. S. Wyman, Tulia, and Tom Wyman, Roscoe; two sisters, Mrs. George West, Merkel and Mrs. Ed Stevenson, Augusta, Ark.; 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Agricultural Training Added in Trent School

Trent, Sept. 18.—Twenty-eight boys have enrolled for vocational agriculture training at the Trent school, and a club of Future Farmers of America is being organized here this week.

The new department has just been added at the school, with James M. Logan, graduate of Texas A. & M. college in charge. He came here from Bradshaw school.

Hugh Leonard Accepts Position in California

Hugh H. Leonard, who completed a three-months short course in aeronautical engineering at the University of Texas this month, visited several days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Leonard, before going to California, where he will be a draftsman in the engineering department at North American Aviation in Inglewood. He had previously been offered a position with the Vultee Aircraft in Nashville, Tenn., but preferred employment with the California company.

Each student completing the course has had more offers from leading aircraft companies of the nation than they can accept, with salaries ranging from \$125 to \$225 per month.

Aeronautical engineering is only one of the 28 short courses in engineering which the University has offered during the past year to prepare men for places in the defense program. Dean W. R. Woolrich has announced that 96 per cent of the men completing these courses have secured jobs.

BADGERS PILE UP HUGE SCORE OPENING GAME

Buster Jack Melton Responsible For Four Touchdowns; Merkel Boys Gain 317 Yards to 58 For the Bulldogs.

Using a strong running game the Merkel Badgers shellacked the Clyde Bulldogs to the tune of 38 to 7 on the local gridiron last Friday night. The outcome of the game was never in doubt after the first few minutes of play.

Clyde elected to receive the first kick-off but could gain nothing and punted. The Badgers took over on the Bulldog 48 and promptly marched to a touchdown. Buster Jack Melton was the chief ground gainer in this series of plays, scoring from the 2 yard marker after making a beautiful broken field run of 34 yards to that point. Reynolds kicked the extra point.

After receiving the second kick-off Clyde was again forced to punt. The Badgers again scored without losing the ball. Melton did a bit of nifty dodging and sidestepping as he circled right end for 28 yards for this score. Reynolds again kicked the extra point. The quarter ended with the Badgers in front 14-0.

Midway of the second quarter, Smith showed plenty of power and drive as he smashed over left tackle for 16 yards and the Badgers' third touchdown.

In the third period Melton pushed over a counter from the 2-foot line and a few minutes later pranced over from the 22-yard marker. The score stood 32-0 at the end of the third period.

Substitutes played most of the last quarter and no scoring was done until the last minutes of play. The Badgers pushed to the Clyde 6, but lost the ball on the 5 after 4 tries at the Bulldog line. On the first play Clyde fumbled and Merkel recovered. Cade tossed a pass to Winters for the Badgers' last score.

Clyde received the kick-off and four plays later Young circled his left end (Continued on Page Two)

No. 1 A. J. Canon in Stith Pool Tests 204 Barrels Daily

Potential of 204 barrels of oil in 24 hours was established Tuesday on railroad commission gauge on a pinch-in test for Jones & Stasney and Groover & Rose of Albany No. 1 A. J. Canon, northwest extension for the Stith pool in southern Jones county.

In the Taylor county pool, four miles east of Merkel, where the Lewis Production company last week completed the No. 1 L. L. Huddleston for 190 barrels, three offsets and one outpost to the new pay discovery have been staked.

Peckham No. 1 L. C. Burford, a direct west offset; Staley Oil company of Wichita Falls No. 1 Morgan, a northwest offset; Stayton Oil company of Wichita Falls No. 1B Morgan, two locations west of the Staley Oil compar.'s test, and Lewis Production company No. 1 O. R. Golithy, a north offset to their No. 1. Huddleston.

Ungren & Frazier No. 1 Trinity university, wildcat test only 2 1-2 miles north of Merkel, was drilling Tuesday at 1,250 feet.

Named Delegate To Synod Meeting

Delegates to the synod meeting, Oct. 14, at San Antonio, named at the fall meeting of Abilene Presbytery of Snyder last week, are Rev. J. Basil Ramsey, pastor of Grace Presbyterian church, Merkel, and Rev. D. J. Murray, Lamesa.

Elders from the Abilene and Albany churches are to be named by the sessions of the two churches.

Attending the sessions of Presbytery from here were Rev. Mr. Ramsey, who was the retiring moderator, and W. A. Campbell, elder-delegate.

Farmers Agree on 75c As Price for Snapping

Believing that a rate of 75 cents per hundred pounds is fair and equitable for snapping cotton, all conditions considered, about 35 farmers in this section have bound themselves by a signed agreement not to pay more than this price for snapping this year's cotton crop.

A large number of other farmers was expected to co-operate in holding the price to this figure.

BADGERS MEET 10A FAVORITES FRIDAY NIGHT

With a fine showing of typical school spirit, the Badger Band assisted by the Pep Squad gave a colorful performance between halves at the football game Friday night. Marching briskly onto the field, headed by the drum major, Fredda Huddleston, and a corps of high-stepping baton twirlers, Wanda Douglas, Wanda Dingle, Bonnie Lou White, Mary Faye Johnson and Mary Lou Bow, the lines broke into the formation of MHS for Merkel High School, then quickly maneuvered into CHS for the opposing team, Clyde.

Adding to the excitement and thrill of Friday night's win, the Pep Squad, led by Joyce Cox, Bobbie Bryant and Betty Curb, gave rousing cheers while the band backed the Badgers musically, during the game.

Midst showers of rain, these two organizations showed genuine loyalty, when they marched downtown Friday for a pep rally before the game.

The High School band, under direction of Ray Olivadoti, was again on hand Saturday night for the general meeting of farmers invited to hear about Merkel's cooperative cheese plant.

Ten Visitors Present, Lions President's Day

With the meeting having been designated as President's day, only seven Lions were absent at Tuesday's luncheon, attendance at which was further augmented by the presence of ten visitors.

Four of the visitors were from the Abilene Lions club: Joe Childers, president; Joe Williamson, secretary, Walter Ford and Roland Jones, who came to invite and urge Merkel Lions to attend the zone meeting to be held at Abilene Thursday night of next week, Sept. 25.

Other guests were Junior Grimes, U. S. Navy, San Diego, Calif.; Lee Signor, Abilene; Ross Covey, Sweetwater; Ed Nienast, Nolan county superintendent; H. D. Norris, Divide, and Rufus Walker, Highland. The latter four were on their way to Abilene to attend a superintendents' and principals' meeting.

Reports were given by Chester Collinsworth, chairman of the cotton premium committee, and R. T. Gray, organizer of a local air defense service, and Booth Warren made an announcement with reference to a proposed visit from WTCC officials, set by the club for Oct. 7.

In connection with the air defense program, Director Gray named Chester Collinsworth, Byers Petty and Stanley King as chief observers for three separate posts to be designated.

Opening singsong was led by Rev. Marvin Boyd, with Gay West at the piano. Invocation was given by Johnny Cox.

251 Bales Ginned to Date by Local Gins

Due to the late crop and intermittent rains during the past week, cotton picking is getting off to a slow start this year. Tabulation by The Mail of ginnings at the six plants in Merkel and those at Stith, Blair and Noodle accounted for 251 bales up to Wednesday night.

At this same date last year, a total of 2,126 bales had already been ginned at these plants.

MERKEL CHEESE COOP CHARTER IS RECEIVED

Business Men of Merkel to be Engaged Next with Signing Up Farmers in Surrounding Areas as Partners.

Three speakers outlined the general plan of the Merkel Cooperative Cheese Plant, Inc., to a crowd of approximately 1,500, including a large number of farmers, who had assembled Saturday night by invitation of the merchants of Merkel, to hear the program explained.

Preceding the speaking portion of the evening, the Merkel Badger band, under direction of Ray Olivadoti, rendered several numbers, climaxed with the singing of "God Bless America," by Don Wood, accompanied by the band.

Welcome was extended in behalf of Mayor West by Rev. Marvin Boyd, Methodist pastor. He was followed by Supt. Connor Robinson and Dr. L. C. Zehnpfennig, who gave the history and purpose of the proposed cheese plant project in detail.

Announcement was made by Manager Johnny Cox that the charter had been received that day, providing for capital stock of \$18,000, of which 60 per cent is a loan from the Houston bank for cooperatives, the remaining 40 per cent is to be raised in cash. Merchants of Merkel have already subscribed around \$3,000 and a sign-up campaign with farmers, following the general meeting Saturday night, is under way this week.

Business men of Merkel, individually and in groups, will contact the farmers in the surrounding communities and it is predicted that the necessary quota will be signed by early next week, based on a subscription of \$2.00 per cow.

County Tax Rate of 55 Cents Adopted

On the assumption that the special session of the state legislature, now assembled, would reenact the financing of the bond assumption program, Taylor county commissioners' court, in called session Monday, adopted a 1942 budget calling for expenditures based on a 55-cent tax rate per \$100 valuation.

The rate will be the same as that now in effect and is expected to yield \$110,000, according to budget estimates.

Official adoption of the tax rate, however, was deferred, but will probably be set at the next regular term of commissioners' court, County Judge Carl P. Hulsey said.

Year's Total Rainfall Exceeds 27 Inches

Rainfall on Thursday and Friday of last week yielded a quarter inch of moisture, according to the gauge of the West company, and during the late hours of Wednesday of this week one-eighth inch was added, to bring the week's precipitation to three-eighths of an inch.

Clear, hot weather is very desirable at this time, however, both for heading and gathering feed and for the development of cotton.

Total rainfall for the year has reached 27 3-16 inches.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO
(From Files of The Merkel Mail, September 30, 1921.)

ESCAPED CONVICT CAPTURED HERE

There was quite a little commotion in Merkel last Saturday when Deputy Sheriff Ed Blackburn and City Marshal Jinks Winter arrested a man by the name of Walter Owen, an escaped convict, who ten years ago was sent to the pen from this county; escaping after a year's confinement, for nine years he has been wandering about this and other nations of the world. Mr. Blackburn had had a tip that the man was stopping with relatives on the Elm Creek country south of here. So he recognized the man on the street and proceeded to make the arrest. He had been told that the man was a bad one and, while no hesitancy was made in making the arrest, every precaution was taken to get the drop on the gentleman.

STILL IS CAPTURED.

Deputy Sheriff Ed Blackburn and City Marshal Jinks Winter, with Sheriff John Bond and other officers, went out in the mountains some twenty-five miles southeast of here Tuesday where they proceeded to capture a pretty fair sized still in full operation and along with it two men and a woman were taken into custody.

Messrs. Blackburn and Winter made the capture; the party having separated so as to surround the spot where the still was supposed to be located. The spot was located in a deep canyon; it was an hour before the other officers were aware of the fact that Messrs. Winter and Blackburn had really made the arrest. The officers say a quantity of corn whiskey was on hand and several hundred gallons of mash, which was poured out.

On Thursday night of last week, about midnight, fire was discovered in the Hancock Bakery and the H. M. Rose shop, both being in the same building with only a partition wall between them, and before the fire department could get in action the building and contents were destroyed.

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Badgers

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for 36 yards and Clyde's only touchdown.

Although heavy showers preceded the game, the field was in good condition and only a few errors could be laid to the slippery ball. Neither team was very successful with its passing attack. Clyde tried 8, completing 2 for 30 yards and having 2 intercepted, one by Melton, who returned it 15 yards before being downed. Merkel tossed 5, completing 2 for 30 yards and had none intercepted.

For the first game the team turned in a very creditable performance. The entire line played well showing some fine blocking. Reynolds, Cox, Butman, Warren and the Hickam boys played fine games. The outstanding back was Buster Jack Melton who scored 4 touchdowns. His broken field running was superb and many a tackler is going to develop a headache trying to stop him. Opposing lines are in for a severe jolting when "Smitty" bows his neck. Other backs who got off nice runs and otherwise showed up well were Higgins, Cade, Clark and Carson.

Starting line-ups:

Merkel—Hickam, right end; Graham, right tackle; Blanton, right guard; Warren, center; Rutledge, left guard; Reynolds, left tackle; Cox, left end; Melton, quarter back; Carson, left half back; Harrell, right half back; Smith, full back.
Clyde—Hays, right end; Wagner, right tackle; Knissen, right guard; Bratton, center; Tate, left guard; Anderson, left tackle; Connel, left end; Robinson, quarter back; Young, left half back; Norwood, right half back; C. Tate, full back.

Substitutes: Merkel, Higgins, Cade, Frazier, Clark, Hickam, Derington, Winters, Baker, Butman, Ely, Barnes, Cross, Peterson and Le Roy Smith.

The summary: first downs, Merkel 15, Clyde 3; yards rushing, Merkel 317, Clyde 58; yards lost rushing, Merkel 7, Clyde 14; passes, Merkel 2 for 30, Clyde 2 for 30; passes intercepted, Merkel 0, Clyde 2; punts, Merkel 1 for 32, Clyde 5 for 153; penalties, Merkel 2 for 20, Clyde 4 for 40.

Officials: Jake Bentley, referee; Amos Johnston, umpire; Gene Sosebee, head linesman.

The Alaska region containing the largest ice field in the world also contains the largest chain of volcanoes in the world.

Francis Biddle is the fourth United States attorney general to serve under President Roosevelt.

Palomino Show to Be More Colorful Than in Past Years

Abilene, Sept. 18.—The Palomino Horse show, popular feature of the West Texas Fair here for the past two years, will be even more colorful and spectacular at this year's fair, Sept. 28 to Oct. 4, Dr. M. T. Ramsey, show chairman, announced today.

Entries, restricted to registered Palominos, passed the 200 mark last year, and are running well ahead of 1940 figures today, Dr. Ramsey said. Inquiries, or reservations, or both, have come from 16 states and the Republic of Mexico.

Four Palomino shows will be given this year, with nine or more events, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday afternoons, at 2:30 and Monday night at 8, and there will be no grandstand charge, said Roscoe Blankenship, Fair president.

Throughout West Texas, Abilene good will trippers are making daily trips this week, extending direct, man to man invitations to local citizens in communities visited, to attend the annual event, fifty-third since Abilene's first major fair in 1888.

In the group visiting Merkel Thursday were Don Waddington, R. A. Couch, Y. H. Smith, Raymond Fletcher and C. B. Hicks.

Nick Stuart and his radio and screen fame band, with a spectacular revue, "Stars Over America," will appear nightly, beginning, Tuesday in front of the grandstand, with eight featured acts, and 50 players. Stuart's orchestra and entertainers featured nightly at 10, in floor show at the Supper club.

QUEEN THEATRE CALENDAR

Friday-Saturday—The Three Mesquites in "Pals of the Pecos;" 2-reel comedy, cartoon and serial. On the stage Friday night only—A real negro "trucking" wedding, 9:15 p. m.

Saturday preview, Sunday matinee, Monday night—"Manpower," with Edward G. Robinson, Marlene Dietrich, George Raft; Donald Duck cartoon, Paramount News.

Tuesday only—"Melody for Three," with Jean Hersholt, Fay Wray; also selected short subjects.

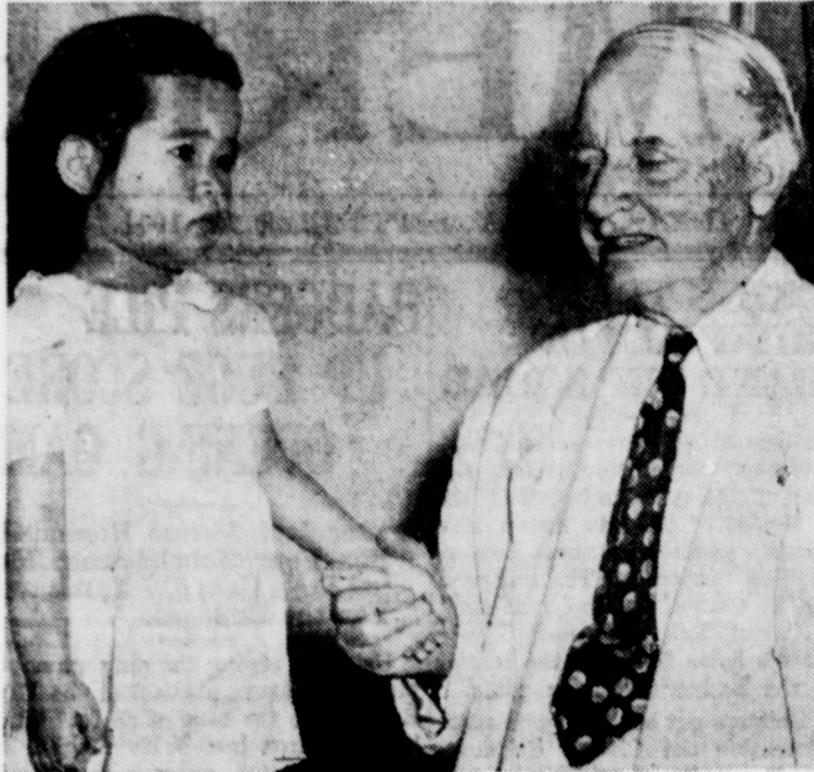
Wednesday-Thursday—"Her First Beau," with Jane Withers, Jackie Cooper; color cartoon, selected shorts.

"Manpower."

Filmdom's most dynamic threesome are starred in Warner Bros.' exciting film, "Manpower," which is the feature attraction at the Queen theatre Saturday preview, Sunday matinee and Monday night. The unbeatable star combination which heads the cast is Edward G. Robinson, Marlene Dietrich and George Raft. You can imagine the action and excitement that sweeps through the film when those three get together!

Robinson and Raft play the roles of a couple of robust linemen whose dangerous job it is to repair broken wires. They are great pals, sharing each other's happiness and trouble, until a de-lucious blonde, played by alluring Marlene Dietrich, comes along. Hard, cold and calculating, she suspects Robinson of having ulterior motives when he showers her with

Hands Across The Pacific



America's sympathy to war torn China in her struggle for democracy was symbolized in Dallas by the handclasp of Nathan Adams, chairman of the Texas campaign for United China Relief, and little Maria Yium, 3, youngest member of Dallas' Chinese colony. The state drive for funds to provide medical aid, food and other needs of China's desperate war victims is being launched with a goal of \$200,000 toward the national fund of \$5,000,000. Contributions should be sent to Mr. Adams, care of the First National Bank, Dallas.

Shirley Helps



Shirley Temple makes buying Defense Savings stamps a regular practice. She is shown with an album which is filling up faster than ever as she cooperates in Retailers-for-Defense week.

gifts and shows his affection in many ways. But Robinson is sincere. He has never known the love of a woman and Dietrich becomes his ideal.

Raft sees her for what she is and tells Robinson to forget about her. He says that she has gold-digger's blood in her veins and will bring nothing but trouble to Robinson. Raft goes still further. He asks Dietrich to drop Robinson. That sends her into a rage and she accepts Robinson's marriage proposal partly because she feels sorry for him and partly to spite the embittered Raft.

But a marriage built on spite and pity is bound to have disastrous results. Try as she may, Dietrich can't get used to Robinson's well-meaning but clumsy ways. And to make things worse, she falls head-over-heels for Raft!

What a setup! The pent-up emotions of those three characters run through their hearts with the power of a high-voltage cable. Robinson idolizes Dietrich. Raft, at first contemptuous of her, later fascinated by her confession of love for him. Dietrich, nearly driven to madness with her pretended love for Robinson, having to listen to him continuously praise the man she really loves. It's a situation loaded with T. N. T., and it explodes in the high-powered climax.

Alan Hale and Frank McHugh supply plenty of laughs in "Manpower" as two practical jokers who don't lose their sense of humor in the face of danger. Other players in the supporting cast are Walter Catlett, Eve Arden and Barbara Pepper.

Raoul Walsh who has directed many an action-packed film hit was in familiar territory on his "Manpower" assignment, which is an original screenplay written by two of Hollywood's most talented scenarists, who wrote the script for "Torrid Zone," Richard Macaulay and Jerry Wald.

"Her First Beau."

Two of the screen's most popular youngsters, Jane Withers and Jackie Cooper, are co-starred at the Queen theatre Wednesday and Thursday in Columbia's "Her First Beau," with a cast of more than unusual ability appearing in support. Lesser players in this comedy of youthful antics and romances include Edith Fellows, Josephine Hutchinson, William Tracy, Martha O'Driscoll, Edgar Buchanan, Una O'Connor and Jonathan Hale.

Theodore Reed, who wielded the megaphone on young Cooper's Aldrich Family film, "What a Life," directed "Her First Beau."

Jane appears in the comedy, which has been hailed as the last word in gay and heart-warming fun, as a young lady, going on 16, who suddenly discovers romance. At a time when she is torn between a strong urge to remain a kid and go fishing and an equally powerful desire to grow up

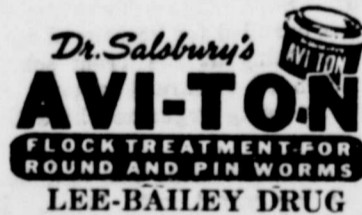
Merkel Knitters Send Quota to Red Cross, British War Relief

Merkel is continuing to do its share in Taylor county's quota of knitting for the Red Cross and British War Relief work, according to Mrs. Connor Robinson, knitting chairman.

To date the following garments have been sent in to the Abilene offices of the Red Cross and British War Relief: men's socks, 8 pairs, Mrs. J. J. White, 1 pair, Mrs. Connor Robinson, 1 pair, Mrs. R. O. Bailey, 2 pairs, Mrs. Lydia Payne, Trent; men's mittens, 2 pairs, Mrs. Connor Robinson, 1 pair, Mrs. S. A. Derstine; children's mittens, 2 pairs, Mrs. Connor Robinson, 4 pairs, Mrs. R. A. Walker; children's sweaters, 1, Mrs. George Brown, 1, Mrs. W. U. Beene, 2, Mrs. H. C. Reid, 3, Mrs. R. A. Walker and Mrs. Delma Compton; beanies, 1, Mrs. W. U. Beene, 1, Mrs. R. A. Walker; women's sweaters, 1, Mrs. Connor Robinson, 1, Mrs. Etyl Church and Mrs. W. U. Beene, 1, Mrs. T. L. Grimes, 1, Mrs. W. J. Higgins; muffler, 1, Miss Mary Derstine; men's sleeveless sweaters, 2, Mrs. Connor Robinson.

Those knitting or crocheting squares for afghans for British War Relief are: knitters, Joanna Ramsey 1, Doris Dudley, Lottie Butman, Mrs. W. A. Wozencraft 3, Mrs. J. J. White 3, Mrs. Stanley King 3, Mary Derstine and Mrs. S. A. Derstine 7, Mrs. H. C. Reid 7, Tommy Grimes 5, Mrs. A. R. Booth 1, Mrs. E. E. Read 7, Mrs. H. C. West and Joy Frances 2, Mrs. Gertie Hunter 1, Mrs. W. L. Moore 16, Mrs. Pick Allen 25, Mrs. Pete White 4, Mrs. W. O. Boney 9, Maggie Payne, Trent, 9, Mrs. R. A. Walker and Mrs. Delma Compton 2, Madlyn Brown 1, Johnny Sears 1, Mrs. T. L. Grimes 1, Geraldine Teague 1, and the following who crocheted squares: Mrs. M. Armstrong 2, Mrs. R. P. Lee, Throckmorton 1, Mary Kate Campbell 9, Mrs. T. C. Allen 29, Mrs.

quickly so she can be a beautiful siren, the youngster falls in love. The "tragedies" of youth, the happiness and triumphs and doubts, are said to be amusingly shown in "Her First Beau," so that the film emerges as grand entertainment.



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Those working on garments are Mesdames Lige Gamble, Marvin Boyd, George Brown, Connor Robinson, W. U. Beene, Etyl Church and T. L. Grimes.

Enough squares are completed for one crocheted cover and one knitted cover, with each having 96 squares. A call is issued for old hand-knit shawls or sweaters that can be raveled out for scrap yarn with which to make these squares. Also any one desiring to knit garments (instructions and yarn are furnished for these), see Mrs. Connor Robinson or phone 205.

Baptist Women Meet In Season of Prayer

Women of the First Baptist church will meet Tuesday, Sept. 23, at 2 o'clock at the church for a special season of prayer for State Missions with an offering. Mrs. Twyman Collins, mission chairman, will be in charge of a special program.

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LETTUCE, head	6c	BINDER TWINE, bale	\$4.50
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SWEET, lb.	4c	WHOLE MILK, quart	10c
CABBAGE, lb.	4c	BACON, Smoked, Sliced lb	23c
YAMS, peck	30c	SAUSAGE, Pure Pork, lb.	24c
Limit One sack SUGAR, 10 lbs.	57c	COUNTRY BUTTER, lb	40c
LAUNDRY SOAP 6 bars	25c	PRESSED HAM, lb.	32c
Lily White FLOUR, 48 lbs.	\$4.9	CORNED BEEF, can	29c
PICKLES, sour or dill, qt.	10c	PIG LIVER, lb.	20c
No. 2 Can BUTTER BEANS.	10c	Tender, Sweet ROUND STEAK, lb.	35c
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		OLEO, lb.	18c

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COTTON PREMIUM CONTRIBUTORS

In cash and merchandise the merchants of Merkel raised \$106.65 for the first, second and third premium bales of the 1941 cotton crop, the amount being distributed by the premium committee, Chester Collinsworth, chairman, Nolan Palmer and W. O. Boney, as follows:

FIRST PREMIUM BALE.

R. J. King, Trent, Route 2, producer; total \$53.30, including \$22.50 cash and \$30.80 in merchandise: one bale of ginning, Merkel Gin company; two meals, Woozy's cafe; one plate lunch Cotton's cafe; one plate lunch, Merkel cafe; one washing, Beech laundry; one haircut and shave, McCoy Barber shop; one washing, Stevens laundry; one hamburger, Po Po Sandwich shop; one battery charged, Black's Radio shop; 5 pounds grease, C. F. Curb; 10 pounds grease, W. F. Golladay; 5 quarts oil, Gulf Service station; \$2.50 in groceries, Campbell's grocery and market; one subscription, Merkel Mail; \$3.00 in merchandise, Bragg Dry Goods company; \$2.00 in merchandise, Merkel Motor company; one lubrication job, White and Palmer; 5 pounds grease, W. A. Stockbridge; 50c in trade, Sam Bankston's shooting gallery; one suit cleaned and pressed, City Dry Cleaners; 50c in trade, Adeock's Dry Cleaners; 50c in trade, Orchid Beauty Shoppe; \$1.00 in trade, Curley London; 50c in trade, J. Y. Melton; 5 gallons gas, J. A. Campbell station; 75c in work, Bell and Buford Barber shop; two quarts oil, Ferrier's Service station; 50c in merchandise, S. M. Hunter.

SECOND PREMIUM BALE.

John Fulton, Merkel, Route 3, producer; total, \$32.00, including \$13.50 cash and 18.50 in merchandise: one bale of ginning, Guitar gin; one meal, Woozy's cafe; one plate lunch, Cotton's cafe; one plate lunch, Merkel cafe; one washing, Beech laundry; one washing, Stevens laundry; one battery charged, Black's Radio shop; 5 pounds grease, C. F. Curb; one wash and grease job, Moutray Service station; one steak, Nook cafe; one suit cleaned and pressed, City Dry Cleaners; \$2.50 in merchandise, Mel-

linger Dry Goods company; \$2.00 in merchandise, Lee-Bailey; one subscription, Merkel Mail; \$2.00 in groceries, Wood's store.

THIRD PREMIUM BALE.

R. N. Campbell, Trent, Route 2, producer; total \$21.35, including \$9.00 cash and \$12.35 in merchandise: one bale of ginning, Planters Gin company; one meal, Woozy's cafe; one plate lunch, Cotton's cafe; one washing, Beech laundry; one battery charged, Black's Radio shop; 5 pounds grease, C. F. Curb; one battery charged, Ollie Fox; two quarts oil, Texaco station; 75c in groceries, Front Street grocery; 5 gallons regular gas, Thompson & Risinger; \$1.00 in work, Warren Higgins; subscription to Merkel Mail.

CASH CONTRIBUTORS.

The list of merchants who subscribed to the cotton premiums fund in cash follows:

Subscribers in cash were: F. & M. National bank \$5.00, Merkel Drug \$1.00, Dr. W. T. Sadler \$1.00, Barrow Furniture company \$1.00, Queen theatre \$1.00, Wrenn Durham \$1.00, Carson grocery \$1.00, Connor Robinson \$1.00, P. H. Douglas \$1.00, Dr. L. C. Zehnpfennig \$1.00, Bullock Hardware \$1.00, W. O. Boney \$1.00, White & Palmer \$1.00, W. B. Petty \$1.00, Nut Variety \$1.00, Case grocery \$2.50, West Texas Utilities company \$2.50, W. M. Elliott 50c, A. J. Canon 50c, Bob Landrum 75c, Johnny Cox 50c, Crown Hardware \$1.00, E. M. McDonald \$2.00, V. B. Sublett 50c, Higginbotham-Bartlett \$2.00, Maurine's Beauty shop 50c, Adeock's Cleaners 75c, Bob McDonald 50c, West's Auto Supply \$1.00, West company \$2.50, Bob Fowler 50c, Homer Patterson \$1.00, George Smith 50c, City Barber shop 50c, Merkel Co-Op station \$1.00, Joe Patterson \$1.00, Wilbur Thomas \$1.00, J. M. Garrett \$1.00, Burton-Lingo company \$1.00, Yazell Chevrolet company \$2.00.

The United States army spends about \$38,000,000 annually in San Antonio.

One sago palm tree produces enough food to keep a native of the Dutch East Indies alive a year.

BLAIR ITEMS

Rev. A. C. Healer of Sweetwater, Baptist minister, delivered a spiritual message at the 11 o'clock hour Sunday morning. Rev. Mr. Healer will fill the pulpit at the High School auditorium Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Members are urged to attend. Every one is cordially invited. A message and welcome awaits you at these services.

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Henderson and two daughters, Misses Joyce and Sue, of Marietta, Okla., have moved here. Mr. Henderson has been transferred here as depot agent.

J. C. Young, Fort Worth, Mrs. C. T. Smith and Charles Howard of Abilene, were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim H. Campbell.

Mrs. W. H. Wynn of Post spent the past week with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Jackson and family.

Roy Doan of Post visited over the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Melton and other relatives.

Rev. A. C. Healer and daughter, Joan, of Sweetwater, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Jess Scott of Trent were passing visitors in this home also.

Mrs. R. B. Horton and little daughter, Sonja Sue, and Mrs. Susie Doan visited Mrs. Gene Patterson of Castle

Peak Thursday.

Miss Madlyn Brown returned home the past week after a week's visit with her uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Phillips of Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sandusky and two children, Howard and Miss Gwendolene, enjoyed a week-end visit with their son, J. D., Jr., of Odessa.

Mrs. D. C. Doan of White Church visited relatives here Saturday afternoon.

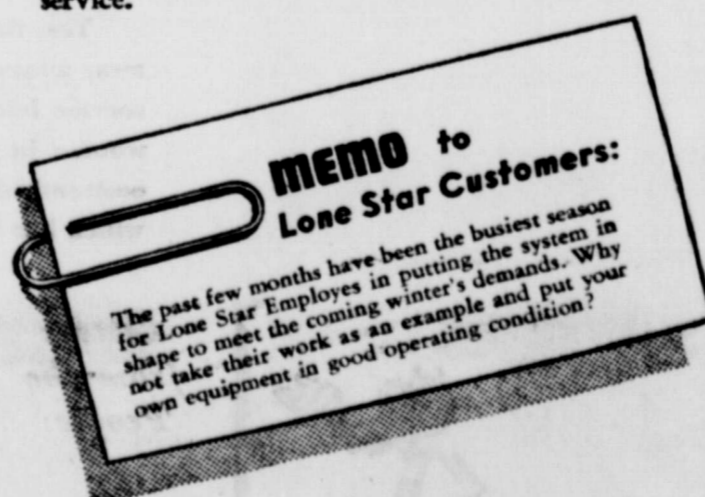


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- FOLGER'S Coffee, 2 lb 60c
- No. 2 cans TOMATOES, 3 for 23c
- PEANUT BUTTER, qt. 26c
- PORK & BEANS, can 5c
- Kuner's 2 cans ENGLISH PEAS, 23c
- K. C. — 50 oz. can BAKING POWDERS 29c
- BANANAS, doz 10c
- ONIONS, lb. 3c
- RED SPUDS, choice 2c
- CRACKERS, 2 lbs. 15c
- PICKLES, qt. 10c
- TOMATO JUICE 30 oz 19c
- GRAPES, lb. 5c
- MATCHES, carton 15c
- PINTO BEANS, 10 lbs. 40c
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Trent News--Personals

Mrs. Bob McLeod and daughter, Miss Lois, came Sunday for a visit with relatives. They also attended to business here Monday, returning Tuesday to their home at Mineral Wells.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Johnson and daughters of Hamlin were week-end guests in the L. W. Ross home.

Mr. and Mrs. Slim Cooper of Merkel were guests Friday night in the W. C. Matthews home. The Matthews also had as guests on Thursday of last week Mrs. T. E. Collins and Mrs. J. I. Leamon of Merkel.

Miss Helen Huntsberry of Gilmore was the week-end guest of Miss Ladie Fred Crain.

Miss Jonnie Roberts, who recently entered Gail Business college, Abilene, was home for the week-end.

Iland Hale, who is working at Dallas, was a visitor over the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Hale.

L. H. Utley and family have recently moved here from Eskota. Mr. Utley has charge as section foreman of the Texas & Pacific railway.

Mrs. M. F. Hand and Mrs. Ray McElroy accompanied Miss Melba Hand to Stephenville Saturday to enter John Tarleton college again this year. They were guests on Saturday night of relatives at Santa Anna.

Miss Hazel Wanda Williamson is leaving this week for Nashville, Tenn., to enter Scarrett college.

Mr. and Mrs. Neely Tittle and James Strawn left last Friday for Los Angeles, Calif., where the men will be employed at the Lockheed plant.

Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Trevathan and daughter, Letta, of Wichita Falls were week-end guests in the home of Mrs. C. T. Beckham.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Johnson had as week-end guests their daughter,

Mrs. J. C. Randel, and little daughter, Penny, of Quanah. On Sunday Mr. and Mrs. John West of Merkel also visited with them.

Among those from here entering Hardin-Simmons university this week are: Rev. Fred Porter, Miss Alice Carey, Miss Dorothy Jo Strawn, Miss Ladie Fred Crain, Miss Dorothy Rutledge and Miss Helen McLeod.

Those from here attending the Worker's conference at the Blackwell Baptist church last Thursday were Rev. Fred Porter, Mesdames C. T. Beckham, J. B. Winn, A. J. English and A. Williamson.

BRIDAL SHOWER.

Complimenting Mrs. Don May, who was until her recent marriage Miss Doris Marie Stevens, Misses Herbertdean and Valrie West and Mrs. Artemus Howell were co-hostesses for a prettily planned party on Wednesday afternoon of last week from 2:30 until 5 o'clock in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Tittle. Games and contests, "Going to College," and rice and toothpick game, afforded the diversion for the afternoon, with Mrs. Earl Strawn as winner of a beautiful casserole baking dish, which she graciously presented to the honoree. The bride was then blind-folded and led to the array of gifts.

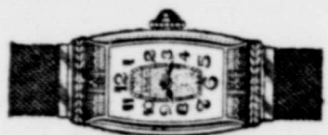
Mrs. Denzel Cox presided, at the punch bowl. Plate favors were tiny white baskets with miniature bride and groom. Punch and angel food cake were served to Mesdames C. R. Tittle, Watt Blair, Denzel Cox, Lee Cox, Earl Stevens, Irene Sandusky, C. E. Huff, Alma Howell, Clark Hamner, E. C. King, Hub West, R. T. Ogletree, Earl Strawn, H. Kegans, A. W. Woods; Misses Herbertdean and Valrie West and Nowlin Cox.

Those sending gifts were Mesdames T. G. Bragg, Frank Golladay, A. H. Purser, Annie Stevens, Tom Williamson, G. Brewer, E. Bowers, T. B. Friend, James Earl Stevens, D. G. Regan, Gibson, Troy Kegans, A. Williamson; Louise Purser, Elmer Lee Sandusky, J. D. and Gwindolene Sandusky, Leona Dobbins, Don and Allen Howell, Charlene James and Star Hardware.

ROGERS-CATHCART.

Miss Elizabeth Cathcart and A. L. Rogers were married at Merkel on last Saturday evening at 8 o'clock, with Rev. O. B. Tatum officiating.

They will make their home in the White Flat community.



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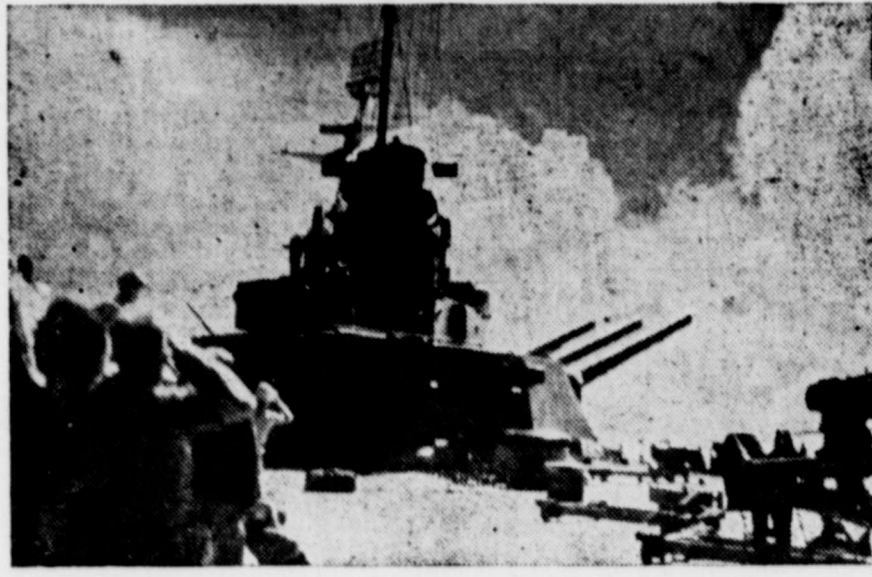
Q. Can Defense Savings stamps be redeemed?
A. Yes; they can be redeemed for cash at face value or exchanged for Defense Savings bonds. For example, 75 of the 25-cent stamps—total cash value \$18.75—may be exchanged for a Defense Savings bond which in 10 years will be worth \$25.

Q. How long have Defense Savings stamps been on sale at retail stores?
A. Sale of stamps at retail stores originated in the state of Michigan on July 10. The idea met with such success that it is spreading rapidly, and soon stamps will be sold in most retail stores on a nation-wide basis.

NOTE—To buy Defense Bonds and Stamps, go to the nearest post office, bank, or savings and loan association; or write to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C.

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To Whom It May Concern



The 16-inch rifles on the No. 3 turret, aft, of the 35,000-ton U.S.S. North Carolina cut loose with a roar as they hurl shells about 26 miles to sea in the greatest broadside of history. This soundphoto was made from the stern of the navy's superdreadnaught during recent firing tests. The North Carolina is under the command of Capt. Olaf M. Hustvedt.

List of Petit Jurors Called for Next Week

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

M. E. Perry, Merkel; Lloyd Havins, Wiley L. Caffey, C. A. Grantham, B. F. Cox, Jr., W. O. Ansley, Jr., M. B. Hanks, J. I. Moore, W. A. Roddy, E. W. Burdett, J. L. Brasher, R. D. Taggart, D. M. Strong, A. E. Stevenson, E. T. Brooks, O. L. Page, M. D. St. John, G. A. Hollowell, M. H. Hilley, A. G. Tusha, O. R. Carson, H. G. Franklin, C. W. Logsdon, Dan F. Brown, L. H. Magee, C. L. Saylor, J. F. Hill, J. R. Jacks, R. W. Rasco, Geo. J. Brown, A. H. Williams, Thos. L.

Braser, Arthur S. Harker, J. T. Farrar, C. G. Stinchcomb, A. C. Bentley, O. C. Bryant, H. M. Burleson, D. E. Beasley, G. W. Hargrove, Abilene; Oscar Edwards, A. L. Cleveland, Guion; Zed Bright, Oliver Bright, Trent; Giles White, J. D. Taylor, R. H. Baker, R. L. Briley, C. B. Tisdale, Tuscola; M. A. Patterson, Lawn.

To relieve the shortage of fuel, the peat production in Sweden will reach about 500,000 tons this year.

Dr. Salzbury's
CAN-PHO-SAL
A SPRAY-INHALANT
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Women of Blair Form Club to Sew For British Aid

On Thursday afternoon of last week the Blair women, meeting at the Baptist church, formed a club to sew for British War Relief. A large number were present and great interest was shown in this work.

The women are urged to bring 16 blocks, 6-inches square, to be made into quilt tops, and a sack 24 by 18 inches for linings. Cotton has been donated by Mrs. J. D. Sandusky.

One quilt top had been donated by Mrs. B. B. Reynolds of Nubia, which the Blair women will quilt at the next meeting, which is to be Thursday afternoon, Sept. 25, at 2 o'clock.

The Blair women are now planning to do other phases of work for Britain, and if any one wishes to donate linings, tops or cotton, it will be appreciated by the committee.

Use The Mail Want Ads.

MASSEUREE.

Mrs. Dovie Stephens has returned home and announces the opening of her office in her home on Fannin street. Scientific masseuree and adjuster.

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"Uu-u-m-m. Yes, siree. We were mighty proud to have just electric lights . . . and in those days we paid about as much every month as we do now, *and all we got was light*. And they were off in the daytime, too, and we weren't too sure of 'em at night.

"It's sure different now. We get darn good service. For about what we used to spend for lights alone, we're lighting the house a lot better and washing and ironing clothes, cleaning the rugs, toasting the bread, running the radio, using the refrigerator, and shaving my face. I'd say we're getting a lot *more* for our money."

"Why not call it the 'Service' bill?"

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FOR SALE—Second year pedigreed Hastings seed oats, re-cleaned Tenmark seed wheat, also cordwood; at my ranch, 17 miles north of Merkel. J. E. Boaz.

FOR SALE—Gas cook stove; good shape; also good used Frigidaire. E. Y. Bailey.

SHANKS SUPER - APPLES; last chance for half price; Delicious Jonathan, Winesap, etc.; thousands visit our largest apple orchard in Texas for fall supply; special school apples; sweet cider, pears. Shanks Apple Orchard, largest in Texas, half mile north of Clyde.

TRACTOR TIRES for sale, new and used; good stock 6.00-16 used tires. White and Palmer.

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Furnished three-room apartment. Mrs. M. Armstrong.

FOR RENT—Furnished apartment; couple desired. Mrs. Grover Hale.

FOR RENT—Good farm, close in. R. L. Bland, Abilene.

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 St., Dallas. See E. M. McDonald for key.

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MAN with Truck would like hauling to do. See Oscar McLean at Sam Grayson's place.

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.

RURAL SOCIETY

BIRTHDAY DINNER.

On last Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bickley entertained at their farm home with a birthday dinner, it being Mr. Bickley's 49th birthday, with his brothers and sister and aunt numbered among the guests.

After the dinner, which was served picnic style, the afternoon was spent in visiting, kodaking and eating watermelons. Many useful and appropriate gifts were received by Mr. Bickley.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Henry Frazier, Mrs. W. H. Laney and Homer Laney, Merkel; Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Bickley, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bickley and Jimmie, Stanton; Miss Annie Bickley, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Bickley and Norma Jean, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Bickley, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Powell, Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Barnhill, Mrs. Robert Bickley, Abilene; J. M. Bickley, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Laney and June Rose, Merkel; Mrs. Velda Rathmell and Jim and Charles, Abilene; Miss Ganevera Middleton, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bickley.

BLUEBONNET CLUB.

The Bluebonnet Home Demonstration club met in the home of Mrs. W. C. Perkins Sept. 16. Mrs. A. L. Farmer, president, appointed Mrs. Jim Perry to preside over the meeting. Mrs. Tom Russom gave the devotional. After roll was called Mrs. Dewell McLean gave a report on the last club meeting which met with Mrs. Riley Whisenhunt, Sept. 2, in lieu of regular minutes.

A report from Taylor County Council was read by Mrs. W. C. Perkins; additional reports were given by Mrs. A. L. Farmer and Mrs. Ford Butman. Business concerning the club's Fair day, Oct. 2, was discussed. It was voted and passed to have Miss Tacker's tailored demonstration in the home of Mrs. Lloyd Matthews, Monday, Sept. 22; also, to make Fair plans at the time. All members are urged to be at Mrs. Matthews promptly at 2 o'clock Monday. This is a called meeting.

Refreshments consisting of fruit punch, chocolate cake and vanilla wafers were served to the following visitors: Mesdames Eli Cordill, L. E. Perkins and G. L. Anderson; one new member, Mrs. R. G. Toombs; and the following members: Mesdames Tom Russom, Lucy Scott, Will Butman, Allie Toombs, Lloyd Matthews, Ralph Miller, Jim Perry, Ford Butman, Riley Whisenhunt, Dewell McLean, A. L. Farmer, W. C. Perkins and Miss Louene Butman.

UNION RIDGE CLUB.

The Union Ridge Home Demonstration club met Friday, Sept. 12, in the home of Mrs. Frank Carr. The meet-

Personals

Dr. and Mrs. M. Armstrong went to Fort Worth via Sunshine Special Sunday morning to visit their son, Dr. Frank Armstrong, and wife, returning Monday night.

Spending the week-end here were Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Stalls and Mr. and Mrs. Felix Stalls, of Odessa.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sellers drove to Eastland Sunday and were accompanied on their return by his father, S. R. Sellers.

When Becky Gardner went to Denton Sunday, where she is enrolled on a scholarship as valedictorian of the Merkel High school in the Texas State College for Women, her parents, Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Gardner, drove down to take her. They were accompanied as far as Fort Worth by Mrs. Tom Largent, who spent the day in Fort Worth with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Imes.

After spending most of the week on vacation here with her mother, Mrs. W. L. Harkrider, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Firstbrook returned Sunday to their home at Dallas.

While Lieut. Parker is on maneuvers in Louisiana, Mrs. Jackson Parker and daughter, Jean, are here with her mother, Mrs. J. S. Blair. Lieut. Parker, who was sent to officers' training school at Fort Riley, Kans., some two months ago, graduated last Saturday and was sent from there to the Louisiana activities.

Mrs. W. J. Sheppard has come from Amarillo to join her husband here through the fall. They have one of the Hennessee apartments.

A passing guest Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Forest Gaither was his nephew, Doyle Gaither, of El Paso, who was on his way to the University of Texas at Austin to enter the fall session.

Guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Adcock, were Mrs. Adcock's daughter, Mrs. Calvin Barkley, and baby of Brownwood.

Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Adcock left Wednesday morning for Lubbock to visit her sister, Mrs. W. R. Graves, who is seriously ill.

Little Miss Sherry Lou Coats returned Sunday to her home in Big Spring, with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Coats, after spending the week here. She had accompanied her grandmother, Mrs. P. A. Diltz, Sr., home from a week-end visit in Big Spring. P. A. Diltz, Jr., of Port Arthur, is spending his vacation with his parents. With the presence of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Windham and Mr. Mrs. J. L. Meeks, all the Diltz children were home Sunday.

Miss Bonnie LuCile Church, who is a student at McMurry college this year, is staying with her sister, Mrs. Noel Bryant, 634 Beech street, Abilene.

ing was called to order by the president, Mrs. Weldon McAninch. Six quilts have been made by the club for British Aid and now the members are working on Red Cross dresses. Plans were discussed for the booth which the club will have at the West Texas Fair, and plans were revealed.

Refreshments were served to the following members: Mesdames Houston Clark, Lee Ponder, W. C. Lee, Leo Harris, Weldon McAninch, Denzel Cox, S. O. Patton, Woodrow Patton, O. R. Douglas, Miss Mabel McRee and the hostess.

The next meeting will be held Friday, Sept. 19, in the home of Mrs. Houston Clark. The president urges all members to be present so that final plans for the Fair may be made.

Week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dee Grimes were his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Ennis Grimes of Quanah, who came especially to visit their nephew, Junior Grimes, U. S. Navy, who is here on furlough.

Arriving Tuesday, Miss Betty Grimes of the WFAA-KGKO staff at Dallas, visited several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dee Grimes.

Mrs. J. C. Randel and daughter, Penny, of Quanah, were week-end guests in the John West home. They returned home Sunday with Mr. Randel, who drove down for them.

Sergeant J. B. Bunch of Louisiana, where he is on maneuvers, spent several days here with his wife.

Jack Pannell, Jr., left Sunday for Austin, where he will enter school. He played six weeks with "The Gentlemen of Rhythm" over radio at San Antonio in the summer.

Edwin Vanlandingham has returned from Pacific Grove, Calif., and has accepted employment as a carpenter at Camp Barkeley.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley B. King, accompanied by their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Norman King, went to Big Spring Tuesday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Nora Anderson, long-time friend of the family.

Clarence King and his mother, Mrs. J. T. King, drove up from Abilene Saturday morning to visit Mrs. Cora Curb.

Mr. and Mrs. Terrell Mashburn of Corpus Christi spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Mashburn and Mrs. Effie Rider. Returning Monday, they were accompanied by their daughter, Anita, who had been visiting with her grandparents for several weeks.

Mrs. Johnny Bradshaw, of Sweetwater, who is convalescing after a recent operation, accompanied her mother, Mrs. D. I. Shelton, home for the week-end. She returned to Sweetwater with her husband and will stay with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Henderson while she is recuperating.

Miss Lillian Manz, of Yorktown, spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. Warren Higgins and Betty Lu.

J. R. Higgins from Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, was here for a week-end visit with his father, C. A. Higgins and other relatives.

Canada produced 625,000 tons of pig iron in the first half of 1941, as against 550,000 tons in the first six months of 1940.

Aluminum rivets are kept soft and in good driving condition by storing them in "dry ice" (solid carbon dioxide.)

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For Birthdays For Parties

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LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS

Tuesday was the 63rd birthday of W. D. Hutcheson, which friends remembered by making his room fresh and beautiful with flowers and other gifts. It was 13 months ago that Mr. Hutcheson was ordered by his physician to remain in complete rest, and he spent his birthday in a very happy frame of mind.

E. W. Morgan, newspaperman of the old school, who has made headquarters for the past several years at The Mail office, entered Hendrick Memorial hospital, Abilene, Tuesday, where a cataract was removed Wednesday from his right eye. He is reporting resting comfortably.

Friends will be glad to learn that J. W. Bland, who underwent an operation at the Hendrick Memorial hospital recently, is getting along nicely and will probably be able to return home early next week.

Joe Earl Lassiter left Wednesday for San Antonio to take physical examination as a flying cadet in the Air Corps Basic Flying school.

Truett Perry received a fracture of the right leg in football practice Wednesday afternoon on the High School gridiron. He was taken to Sadler Clinic for first aid and treatment and then returned to his home.

Among those present for the organization of the Taylor County Christian Endeavor in Abilene Tuesday evening were Rev. J. Basil Ramsey, pastor of Grace Presbyterian church, and Mrs. Ramsey and their daughter, Celia Anita, accompanied by two young people from Zion Chapel and three from Tye.

While her husband is in Sadler Clinic

for treatment, Mrs. Bob Mayfield and two children are here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Booth. The Mayfields are now located at Wichita Falls.

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CAR OF COAL. Will be on railroad track next Monday. J. M. Garrett.

Hospital Notes.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Roberts and the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Carter received tonsilectomies at the Sadler Clinic during the week. Merle Kelso underwent an appendectomy Sept. 15. Bob Mayfield was entered for treatment Sept. 16.

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SUN SPUN SALAD DRESSING	Pint	23c
	Quart	39c

RED & WHITE COFFEE	1 lb can	29c
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APPLES, Jonathan, doz	15c
TOKAY GRAPES, 2 lbs.	15c
LETTUCE, head	5c

ORANGES, dozen	25c
RUTABAGAS, lb.	5c
GREEN BEANS, 2 lbs.	15c

SPUDS	10 pounds	23c
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SUPREME Salad Wafers, 1 lb. box	17c
RED & WHITE Catsup, 14 oz. bottle	17c

STUFFED Olives, 3 1/2 oz. jar	15c
RED & WHITE Grape Jam, 16 oz. jar	15c

RED & WHITE MEAL, 5 lb. bag	18c
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SOUR OR DILL PICKLES, quart	15c
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RED & WHITE Preserves, 16 oz. jar	25c
TOMATO Soup, 3 cans	25c
CUT, GREEN Beans, 2 cans	35c
MALTED Milk, 1 lb. can	29c
PEANUT Butter, quart	29c

TOMATO Juice, 1/2 gallon can	25c
RED & WHITE Peaches, No. 2 1/2 can	23c
BLUE & WHITE Tamales, 2 cans	29c
NILE Salmon, per can	20c

RED & WHITE CORN FLAKES	package pkg.	9c
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-- MEAT MARKET DEPARTMENT --

CHUCK ROAST, lb	23c	BACON, White Label, lb	34c
WEINERS, lb.	20c	SALT PORK, lb.	16c

SLICED BACON pound	25c
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MONDAY and TUESDAY, SEPT. 22-23

Max Mellinger Dry Goods



ANNOUNCEMENT OF MARRIAGE OF MISS ETHEL KING, INSPIRATION FOR GIFT-TEA IN HODGE HOME.

Mesdames Nolan Palmer, L. C. Zehnpfennig and N. T. Hodge and Miss Opal Freeman combined hostess duties Tuesday afternoon in complimenting Miss Ethel King, bride-elect of Mr. Hollis Mitchell on Sept. 20, with a gift tea of lovely appointments.

The home of Mrs. Norman Hodge was the setting for this "Come and Go" party of 125 guests, calling hours were from 2:30 till 5:30.

The entertaining rooms were decorated with roses, tube roses and dahlias augmenting a color theme of pink, white and yellow. The tea table, lace-laid over yellow, was artistically centered with low, sectional containers holding flowers in these hues flanked by yellow candles and from which tea confections were served by Mrs. Holt Vaughn assisted by Misses Peggy Toombs, Opal Freeman, Clarice Blair and Evelyn Brown.

The honoree, very lovely in aqua faille formal attire was presented by Mrs. Hodge and Mrs. Zehnpfennig, both wearing hostess gowns of black. Mrs. Nolan Palmer presided at the bride's book. A beautiful array of gifts was displayed by Miss Robbie Walker and Mrs. Foy Steadman in one room and Mrs. Miller King and Mrs. Mark Malone in a second room. "Thank You" cards were passed by Miss Betty Lu Higgins.

Appropriate musical numbers were continued throughout the afternoon by Miss Helen Heeter and Miss Pearl Mathews at the piano, also impromptu vocal numbers were sung by Miss Betty Lu Higgins and little Norma Jean Hodge. The guest list included: Mesdames Gertrude Mitchell, M. G. King, Sally Angus, Ada Heeter, W. W. Campbell, A. A. McGehee, Delma Compton, Leon McGaughey, R. T. Gray, Joe Bailey Toombs, Will Toombs, Leon Toombs, Clyde Sears, Nan Perry, Duncan Briggs, T. G. Bragg, Emma York, Elmer Pomroy, Manson James, George Crow, Sr., Mike Ferguson, Zedie Johnson, Calvin Irvin, Harry Bullock, Warren Higgins, E. O. Carson, N. D. Cobb, Pearl Ash, Arch Teaff, Dee Teaff, Tratt Cox, Clyde Sears, Jr., Grover Gilbert, J. B. Foster, Byron Patterson, Cecil Justice, Horace Boney, George T. Moore, L. V. Moore, Miller King, Frank Breaux, Buster Heston, Gordon Green, Bill Neill, Lewis Whitaker, E. O. Nutt, Doyle Nutt.

Mesdames Earl Watts, Earl Beech, Joe Cypert, E. Y. Bailey, Worth Lee, Jack Stanford, Willie Toombs, Stanley Horton, Pierce Horton, Lena Horton, D. H. Vaughn, J. F. Cox, Alvin Wozencraft, Max Mellinger, Bill Teaff, W. J. Bicknell, Myrtle Hennessee, Ennis Reidenbaugh, Doe Moore, Houston Bryant, Mack Tucker, Ford Smith, Jack Hogan, Walter Henslee, W. R. Sumpter, B. M. Ueckert, Henry Ueckert, Karl Bonneaux, C. W. Seago, Zed Bright, Henry Wilson, Leo Ueckert, Bob King, Mary Carr, J. A. Milliken, Holt Vaughn, Gladys McLean, Mark L. Malone.

Mesdames Ed Turner, Clona McClure, Afton Stanford, Tom Kerns, W. G. Lieb, Waymon Adeock, Milton Case, Ross Ferrier, Bob Campbell, Blanche Young, Bessie Bryant, Ruby Bryant, Ruthie Robertson, Roy H. Mathews, Jr., O. L. Justice, Fred Barnes and the following ladies from Trent: Mesdames R. B. Johnson, Jr., Edna Brown, J. B. Winn, Alex Williamson, J. P. Roberts, J. E. Bowers, A. W. Woods, Clem Watts, Rufe Tittle, Sam Martin, Earl Stevens, Foy Steadman, Earl Duncan.

Misses Sadie Woodrum, Madlyn Brown, Ideen Ely, Vera Ely, Jonnie Roberts, Sarah and Norma Mae Wilson, Lorraine King, Lorena Higgins, Frances Hester, Vesta Scott, Doris Price, Dorothy Hood, Sarah Malone, Lucile Baker, Maydell Kingsbury, Connie and Alzada Pogue, Christine Collins, Mary Collins, Vivian Davis, Thelma and Pearl Mathews, Helen Heeter, Betty Lu Higgins, Robbie Walker, Peggy Toombs, Clarice Blair, Evelyn Brown and Opal Freeman.

FORTNIGHTLY STUDY CLUB OPENS YEAR WITH MORNING COFFEE.

The Fortnightly Study club of Merkel held its initial fall meeting at a morning coffee in the home of Miss Johnnie Sears on Saturday at 10 o'clock.

Mesdames Harry Bullock, Owen Robertson and W. B. Petty assisted the hostess in serving refreshments carrying out a patriotic theme. White plates and cups were marked with red and blue stars and the "V" for Victory. Refreshments consisted of coffee, star-shaped sandwiches and cookies, with little American flags set in V-shaped gum drops as plate favors.

The Sears home was beautifully decorated with cut flowers in appropriate colors. The mantelpiece was made up of red, white and blue miniature "mums" in a fern setting in keeping with the patriotic theme for the year's study, "Democracy for Defense."

Mrs. Connor Robinson as program director gave the welcome and distributed year books. Mrs. S. D. Gamble paid tribute to the past presidents of the club, three of whom were present, Mrs. Henry West, Mrs. W. W. Haynes, now of Abilene, and Mrs. Johnny Cox, and introduced the new president, Mrs. Tom Largent.

Mrs. Largent in her address outlined the study theme and objectives for the year and gave as the watchword, "Work for Defense; Pray for Peace."

Members present were Mesdames Stanley King, Johnny Cox, H. C. West, John Leonard, Connor Robinson, Comer Haynes, Owen Robertson, Elsie Nash, Bud Winter, W. B. Petty, Harry Bullock, Ellen Duncan, Tom Largent, J. T. Warren, Elma McFarland, W. S. J. Brown, W. T. Sadler and S. D. Gamble; Misses Vinnie Hezier, Mamie Ellis, Christine Collins, Johnny Sears, and one visitor, Mrs. W. W. Haynes.

BARRON-VARNER. The marriage of Miss Florine Varner and Mr. Arlie Joe Barron was solemnized at 7 o'clock Monday evening at Abilene in the home of James F. Cox, former president of Abilene Christian college, with Mr. Cox officiating. Only members of the immediate families were present.

Velveteen Elegance



Long sleeved velveteen evening dresses will be fashion leaders at college dances; this year, the National Cotton Council reports. This cotton velveteen has flowing full skirt and renaissance bodice trimmed around the neck and shoulder-line with curv-cue cord details.

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Mrs. Barron, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Varner of Stith, attended ACC last year. Both are graduates of the 1940 class of Merkel High school, where the groom, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Barron, was president of the band in his Senior year. He is now employed at Tom's Wrecking shop.

After a honeymoon trip in South Texas, the couple will make their home in Merkel.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF ABILENE PRESBYTERIAL MEETS.

Ten members of the executive committee of the Abilene Presbyterial of the Presbyterian church, U. S. A., met at the home of their president, Mrs. Henry West, on Thursday afternoon, Sept. 11.

Reports of each secretary were heard: secretary of literature, Mrs. E. B. Surface, Abilene; membership, Mrs. E. C. Fulton, Baird; spiritual life and stewardship, Mrs. Hardy Morgan, Lamesa; secretary of intermediates, Mrs. R. L. Alexander, Baird; secretary of National Overseas sewing, Mrs. E. W. Berry, Abilene; secretary of missionary education, Mrs. A. E. Suggs, Abilene; secretary of literature, Mrs. Connor Robinson, Merkel, and from Mrs. L. V. Hayes, Breckenridge, chairman of the nominating committee; Mrs. J. D. Hawkins, Breckenridge, recording secretary, and the president, Mrs. West.

Delegates to Synodical, which meets in San Antonio Oct. 14-16, who were elected, are: Mrs. Surface, Mrs. Fulton, Mrs. Suggs and Mrs. West, with Mrs. Morgan and Mrs. Hawkins as alternates. A committee composed of Mesdames Robinson, Hawkins, West and Fulton, was appointed to compile the year book for 1942 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Abilene Presbyterial.

A finance committee composed of Mesdames West, Fulton, Surface, W. R. Lacey of Breckenridge, J. B. Day of Rotan and Dick Rowland of Stamford was elected. Other routine business was discussed, among which was the fall fellowship meeting to be held in Abilene Central Presbyterian church for the entire Presbyterial the



Earl Carroll, world's greatest picker of femininity, who will present his "Vanities" as the State Fair of Texas Auditorium attraction, will select the Queen of Queens at the Coronation and Pageant to be held on opening day at the 1941 State Fair of Texas, it has been announced here by Alphonso Ragland, Jr., vice chairman of the Queen's committee. The Queen of Queens will receive a trip to Hollywood and a M-G-M screen test.

latter part of October. A delicious refreshment plate was served by the hostess, following the meeting, to the above named ten executive members.

GLEANER CLASS.

The Gleaner Sunday School class of the Methodist church held their September social meeting in the British Quilting room on Wednesday, Sept. 17. A covered dish luncheon was served at noon and a short business session was held after noon with a guest, Mrs. H. R. Hicks, opening the meeting with prayer.

Two quilts were finished for British War Relief by the following members: Mesdames Tom Largent, Ross Ferrier, R. B. Bland, Robert Hicks, Eli Case, F. E. Church, John Shannon, Denzel Cox, Lee Tipton, Joe Bickley, Lizzie Latham, Duncan Briggs, Johnny Cox; Misses Mabel McRee, Lottie Butman and Ona and Pauline Johnson.

COMRADES CLASS ENTERTAINED MONDAY EVENING.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Hudson and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Newby were co-hosts to members of the Comrades Sunday School class of the Methodist church Monday evening in the church parlors.

A delightful game hour was climaxed by the serving of delicious refreshments of pecan pie a la mode and coffee to Messrs. and Mesdames Raymond Ferguson, Pinky Cypert, Ray Wilson, Gordon Green, Elmo Collins, Cyrus Pee, Ray Olivadoti, Vernon Hudson and Homer Newby.

SEWING CLUB SEWING FOR RED CROSS.

At the last two meetings of the Needle and Thimble club, the members of this organization have been sewing children's nightgowns for Red Cross "Toddlers' Packs."

Meeting Sept. 3 with Mrs. Nolan Palmer, garments were distributed for sewing as guests chatted. Delicious refreshments were served to Mesdames John Grable, Spencer Bird, Earl Watts, Herbert Dunn, George T. Moore, L. V. Moore, E. Y. Bailey, Owen Robertson, W. A. Bowman, Hoyle Lemens, Buck Leach, club members, and one guest, Mrs. Edgar Balch. This meeting also marked the withdrawal of Mrs. Herbert Dunn, who has moved with her family to Southland.

Meeting Sept. 17 with Mrs. Owen Robertson, guests came an hour earlier in order to complete these Red Cross garments. Thirty gowns have been made. Those present were Mesdames Stacy Bird, Jack Patterson, L. V. Moore, John Grable, George T. Moore, Buck Leach, Connor Robinson, E. Y. Bailey, David Gamble, Bill Yazell, Milton Case, Hoyle Lemens, Earl Watts, Nolan Palmer, W. L. Lee and

Real Harlem Wedding at Queen Friday Night

A real, honest-to-goodness negro Harlem "trucking" wedding will be presented as a special stage attraction at the Queen theatre Friday night, Sept. 19, at 9:15 o'clock.

This is not a mock wedding, it is stated by the management, but a real negro Harlem "trucking" wedding, with music, singing and dancing. Instead of the customary "I Love You Truly" and "Here Comes the Bride," they will give their own swingy version of "Mamma Don't Low No Music 'Round Here" and "I'll Be Glad When You're Dead, You Rascal You."

This attraction is declared to be something entirely new and different from anything local theatre-goers have ever had the pleasure of seeing on the stage. Jitterbug colored dancers will precede the actual wedding ceremony, adding that touch of swing to the occasion. They are going to show how they marry down in Little Ol' New York's famous hot spot, Harlem. Patrons are invited to bring their own rice, (no old shoes, please.)

The screen attraction will be the Three Mesquiteers in "Pals of the Pecos" and selected shorts.

There will be no advance in price for this big stage and screen presentation.

Dean Families Enjoy Reunion on Big Brazos

Meeting at the Big Brazos river bridge on Highway 80, Elbert Dean and members of his family met the Dean brothers and sisters from Dallas for an enjoyable picnic outing and family reunion Sunday.

Those going from Merkel were Mr. and Mrs. Dean, Rena Mae and Junior, Mr. and Mrs. Buster Hester, Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Riney, Mrs. John Rister and daughter, Carolyn, Mrs. J. E. Jaynes and son, Gary, joined by Mr. and Mrs. Quannah Dudley of Big Spring and Mrs. John Dudley and two children, Joyce and Johnny.

In the Dallas group were Mr. and Mrs. Ben Stanfield, Mr. and Mrs. Bertis Dean, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Dean and Miss Lillie Dean.

Officers elected were: president, Mrs. Spencer Bird; vice-president, Mrs. Bill Yazell; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Owen Robertson; reporter, Mrs. E. Y. Bailey.

A delicious refreshment plate closed the evening's work. The next meeting of the club will be with Mrs. Connor Robinson Oct. 1, at which time pals will be revealed.

In The Churches

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

For the first time in several months attendance at the six reporting Sunday Schools in Merkel exceeded 600 last Sunday, the number present being 609. This compares with 577 on the previous Sunday and with 552 on the same Sunday a year ago.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Morning sermon at 11. Training Union at 7:00. Evening sermon at 7:45.

Fall revival meeting will begin 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 7:45 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. As the pastor will fill the pulpit at Tuscola, there will be no preaching service, morning nor night. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.

J. Basil Ramsey, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Sunday: Bible School 9:45 a. m., preaching 10:45 a. m. and 8 p. m., young people's Bible class 7 p. m. Wednesday: Ladies' Bible class 4:00 p. m. and prayer meeting at 8 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.

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.

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BEETS OR CARROTS, 3 bunches 10c
RUTA BAGA TURNIPS, lb. 5c
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COLORADO—STRICTLY NO. 1's SPUDS 10 lbs. 23c
EAST TEXAS—Good Cookers YAMS peck 25c
PLAIN OR MIXED—SALAD DRESSING quart jars 19c
MACARONI OR SPAGHETTI 3 packages 10c
PORK & BEANS 16 oz. cans 6c
Pure Cane Sugar Kraft Bag 10 pounds 59c
MOPS CORD OR LINEN EACH 19c
POST TOASTIES, package 9c
BRAZOS TEA, 1/4 pound package 15c
MILK 6 SMALL OR 3 TALL 25c
JELLO ALL FLAVORS PACKAGE 5c
SYRUP NEW CROP SORGHUM GALLON JARS 65c
CHUCK STEAK, pound 28c
BRISKET BEEF ROAST, pound 17c
OLEOMARGARINE, pound 17c
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