

Keeping Up With Texas

Herbert Dellaney, 45, Brownwood filling station operator and a former soldier, was killed early Sunday when struck by an automobile in Brownwood.

Clyde Stephenson, 28, was killed Saturday when a small truck in which he was riding overturned on a rural road north of Kirkland, near Childress.

The badly mangled body of a man, identified by Sheriff Oran Key as Charles E. Jones, employee of Robert E. McKee, general contractor of Wichita Falls, was found Friday on the Fort Worth & Denver tracks west of Tolbert, near Vernon.

James M. Renfro, 21, of Bonham, was killed Friday on highway 26 near Henderson when a concrete-laden trailer, released by a coupling, crashed down grade into the tractor the victim was driving.

Martin Homer Lee, Jr., 27, sought for four years on charges of embezzling \$2,000 from the First National bank in Munday, and for false entry, has been apprehended in Husum, Wash., where he was working as a canning plant employee, the FBI announced Friday.

J. C. Foster, 22, flying instructor, and Donald S. Bierer, 21, of Brooklyn, N. Y., flying cadet, were killed instantly Friday afternoon when a Hicks Field training plane crashed in a clump of trees three miles south of Boyd after one of its wings came off while the pilots practiced acrobatic flying.

Traffic deaths increased 11 percent in Texas during the first eight months this year. In the 1941 period there were 1,192 fatalities, compared with 1,077 for the same months in 1940.

Harry J. Campbell, 54, of Austin, was fatally injured near Round Rock Saturday when a horse he was riding stumbled and fell on him.

E. Keyes Fawcett, 76, pioneer ranchman and former president of the West Texas chamber of commerce, died in a hospital at Del Rio Sunday night.

Mrs. Martha McKinney, 29-year-old Houston mother of two children, drowned Sunday when she stepped into a hole in the San Jacinto River bed while wading.

Joe Crawford, 53, of Grandview, former sheriff of Johnson county, was injured in an automobile accident north of Grandview Saturday night and died in a Cleburne hospital Sunday.

Aviation Cadet D. E. Curtis of Barksdale Field was killed in the crash of a B-12 medium bombing plane eight miles north of Waskom about noon Tuesday. It was the second fatal accident for Harrison county within a week, as two airmen of the 12th Observation Squadron based at the airport were killed last Friday.

A \$2,411,069 plant for the manufacture of radial Diesel medium tank motors will be erected immediately at Garland, the Defense Plant corporation in Washington and the Guiberson Diesel Engine company, Dallas, announced jointly Tuesday. It will be Dallas' second huge defense industry, employing more than 500 skilled mechanics in addition to engineers, executives, draftsmen and its clerical staff.

Joe Johnson, 36, of Cisco, died Monday of injuries suffered Sunday night when his truck was in collision with an automobile near Eastland.

Crop damage and property losses running into millions of dollars with at least three killed and scores injured resulted from this week's freakish hurricane along the Gulf coast.

New Superintendent Taylor REA Assumes Duties Wednesday

Coming here from Big Spring, where he was secretary-treasurer of the Cap Rock Electric Cooperative and coordinator of the lines on three sections, A, B and C, Riggs Shepperd assumed his duties Wednesday as new superintendent of the Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc., with headquarters in Merkel. He had been actively connected with the Cap Rock organization since it was started in 1939.

Prior to that he had been superintendent of schools at Courtney in Martin county for five years. He received his B. A. Degree from Hardin-Simmons university in Abilene in 1931.

Unable at the present time to find a suitable house in which to live, his wife and son, John Riggs, are staying with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Baze, at Colorado City temporarily, but will join him here just as soon as he can get living accommodations.

Spencer Bird, who has been acting superintendent since the resignation of Johnny Cox on July 22, will continue as foreman of the construction and maintenance crew.

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LOCAL FIREBOYS WILL ENTERTAIN DISTRICT MEET

Representatives from Eight Other Towns to Gather Next Thursday in Town That Sponsored Organization.

The Merkel Volunteer Fire department, members of which were the original sponsors of the Mid-West Texas Firemen's association that had for its first president Ted McGehee, now of Belton, but at that time president of the Merkel Firemen's association, is to be host to the fall convention of the group on Thursday of next week, Oct. 2.

Preparations for the day's events in charge of three able committees provide for registration at the Lions hall starting around 12 o'clock noon, a business session at 1 p. m. at the Woodman hall, races at 3 p. m., supper at 6 o'clock and a dance following at 8 o'clock. The supper and dance will take place in the Neely building, formerly occupied by the Barrow-Sheppard company. A free picture show is provided for the visiting women and their children at 2 p. m.

Towns represented in the Mid-West district are Albany, Baird, Colorado City, Cisco, Hamlin, Lorraine, Snyder, Rotan and Merkel. In addition to the departments in these towns, special invitations have gone out to the departments at Seminole, Ballinger and Slaton and to other former members of the Merkel department in several other cities. All and all Merkel can expect around 200 visiting people for the occasion.

Since the removal of Herbert Dunn, president of the local association to Southland, Milton Case, as vice-president, has been actively supervising arrangements for the convention to be held here.

Weldon Davis, Frank Breaux and Horace Boney will be assisted in registration duties by a trio of ladies, Mesdames Ray Wilson, Claud Perry and Rosa Windham.

During the business session, special musical numbers will include a vocal duet by Misses Thelma and Pearl Mathews and a solo by Betty Lu Higgins, with Miss Christine Collins as accompanist. Another entertainment feature of the program is a promise of a song and tap dance by Abie Turner.

In the afternoon while the men are engaged in racing contests, the visiting ladies and their children will be guests of Manager Norman T. Hodge at the Queen theatre for a showing of "My Life with Caroline," beginning at 2 o'clock. To welcome the visitors, Mesdames Waymon Adeock, Alvin Wozencraft and Milton Case have been named as a reception committee, to be assisted by the wives of all other department members.

Roy Robbins has been named captain of the local pumper team, with power of selecting the team members, and practice is to be held at least four evenings in preparation for the convention races. Cash prizes of \$7.50 and \$2.50 are offered in the pumper race, but the Merkel team is not eligible to compete. They are expected, however, to "set the pattern."

Barbecued dove and chicken fried steak are featured on the supper menu. It is expected that the wives of members will each furnish a home-baked cake.

The dance is to be an "invitation" affair, restricted to local and visiting firemen and their wives and special guests. Jack Free and his 9-piece orchestra will be the special entertaining musicians.

Active committees in planning for the convention are:

Program—Floyd McCoy, Roy H. Mathews and L. B. Whitaker.
Finance—John Mansfield, Homer Laney, Claud Perry, Ollie Fox.
Menu—Roy Robbins, Ray Wilson, Pete White, Milton Case.

Free Show for Wives Of Visiting Firemen

As a special courtesy to the wives and children of visiting firemen who will be here for the Mid-West Texas Firemen's convention next Thursday, Manager Norman Hodge of the Queen theatre is presenting a free showing of "My Life with Caroline," featuring Ronald Colman and Anna Lee.

The show will start at 2 p. m., only one presentation to be given.

A group of local ladies will serve as a reception committee, and only wives and children of visiting firemen are to be the special guests. While only out-of-town visitors will be admitted free, the public is invited to attend at the regular admission price.

HOUSES WANTED FOR MEN FROM CAMP BARKELEY

If you have a house, apartment, garage apartment or duplex, furnished or unfurnished, for rent, it will be a great service to the community and to the Camp Barkeley Housing bureau if the owners will leave their names and the kind of accommodations they have for rent either with City Secretary W. M. Elliott or at the office of The Merkel Mail.

Major Louis D. Cooper of the Camp Barkeley Housing bureau was a visitor here Saturday and advised City Secretary Elliott that he would be back again Saturday morning to check these accommodations for the benefit of officers and men at the camp. Need for more housing facilities will be even greater after the return of the 45th division from maneuvers, especially as the new medical detachment center brings over 160 officers and 4,000 men.

Further reports during the week indicate that the camp might be increased to 35,000 men.

Two Mexicans Hurt In Collision on Oak

When the J. L. Baker car, driven by George Parrott, apparently made a left hand turn at the intersection of Oak street and the street leading to the High school, it came into collision with the West Company truck driven by John West about 11:30 Tuesday morning, resulting in painful injuries to two of the Mexicans being brought to town in the Baker car.

According to reports, the car was coming north and the truck headed south on Oak street when the collision occurred.

Pablo Contreras, one of the occupants of the Baker car, sustained a bad cut across his left arm, severing an artery. He was given first aid at Sadler Clinic. Nieves Moreno, wife of Willie Moreno, was thrown from the car and struck the pavement on her head, suffering three broken ribs, a concussion of the brain and a bad cut on the back of her head.

In the group, which included five Mexican cotton-pickers, who were being brought to town after a shower of rain, also were Ignacia Rosas, daughter of Contreras, and her son, Trinidad Rosas, and Mat Ivarra, but they sustained only slight injuries.

Contreras was dismissed the same afternoon from Sadler Clinic. The Moreno woman, who was given attention at Dr. C. B. Gardner's office, was carried to her home late Tuesday.

Opening Service of Baptist Revival Is Well Attended

The First Baptist church began its fall revival meeting Wednesday evening with good attendance. Rev. Dean Elkins, pastor at Nolan, opened this series of services with a heartfelt message. John Matthews of the First Baptist church, El Paso, is directing the music. This is the third meeting in this church in which Mr. Matthews has led the music.

Throughout the meeting there will be a service each morning and each evening. The time of the morning service is 10, and the evening services are held at 7:45. Everyone is given a cordial invitation to attend each of these services. The meeting is scheduled to run through Sunday, Oct. 5.

Schools Visit West Texas Fair Monday

On account of School day and the big opening day parade of the West Texas Fair Monday, the Merkel Public schools will have holiday, it was announced Thursday morning by Supt. Connor Robinson.

The Badger band, under direction of Ray Olivadoti, and the Pep Squad will take part in the parade and compete for the prizes.

Two Merkel Women To Teach at Noodle

Mrs. Edwin E. Read, who taught last year at Noodle where her husband was superintendent before being elected principal of Merkel High school, and Mrs. Carroll Benson, who also formerly taught at Noodle, have been elected to this year's faculty of the Noodle school.

Malcolm Allison is the new superintendent. Mrs. Allison will also teach there. Other teachers are Mrs. Odelle Vick, Mrs. Norman Bicknell and Mr. Larry.

AUTO COLLISION CLAIMS WIFE OF N. A. DOWELL

Couple Returning from Dallas Only Two Miles from Home When Crash Occurs; Husband And Three Others Injured.

Funeral services were held at 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon from Grace Presbyterian church for Mrs. N. A. Dowell, 55, who was fatally injured in an automobile collision on highway 80, two miles east of Merkel Tuesday night.

Rev. J. Basil Ramsey, pastor of Grace Presbyterian church, officiated for the rites, assisted by Rev. Cooper Waters, pastor of the First Baptist church. Burial followed in Rose Hill cemetery under direction of Barrow-Sheppard.

The collision occurred as Mr. Dowell, traveling west, lost control of his car, a Chevrolet coupe, after it had partially run off the pavement to the muddy shoulder. The machine apparently swerved to the left as he pulled it back on the pavement, and it was crosswise of the road when struck by the other car.

E. O. Carson was driving the other car, a Plymouth sedan, and riding with him were Eli Case and his son, Milton, all three en route to Abilene to attend the District Retail grocers association which was held there Tuesday night. Mr. and Mrs. Dowell were returning from Dallas.

Native of Rockwall county, where she was born Sept. 10, 1886, Mrs. Dowell, the former Clara Leta Tucker, had resided in Merkel since shortly after her marriage on May 4, 1919.

Surviving are her husband; a daughter by a former marriage, Mrs. M. A. Dunn of Southland; three stepsons, Norvell and Audrey Dowell, Dallas, and Grisham Dowell, Phoenix, Ariz.

Six sisters and three brothers also survive. The sisters are: Mrs. A. A. Dowdle, Dallas; Mrs. W. R. Beene, Mrs. Lee Edwards, Mrs. C. R. Allen, Mrs. Joe Williamson and Mrs. H. T. Williamson, all of Royce City; the brothers, O. C. Tucker, Slaton; Will Tucker, Royce City, and E. E. Tucker, Dallas.

Under treatment at Sadler Clinic are E. O. Carson and Eli Case, Merkel grocers who were injured in the automobile collision Tuesday night which claimed the life of Mrs. Dowell.

Milton Case, third occupant of the car, suffered a deep cut on the forehead and a sprained ankle, but was dismissed from the hospital soon after the accident. It was at first thought that a small bone in Milton's left foot was broken, but X-ray later disclosed (Continued on Page Two)

Largent-Stevens Ship Herd to Abilene Fair

Largent and Stevens shipped fourteen head of their show cattle to Abilene Tuesday for entry in the Hereford show of the West Texas Fair, which begins Monday.

After exhibiting at the Abilene show, these well known Merkel breeders will ship their herd to Dallas for the National Hereford show at the State Fair of Texas.

Ginning Total Reaches 751 Bales for Season

The six gins at Merkel and those at Stith, Blair and Noodle, included in the weekly tabulation by the Mail, had turned out a total of 751 bales this season, based on figures up to Wednesday night. The past week accounted for an even 500 bales.

Up to the same date last year 3,131 bales had been turned out by these gins.

Badger Band Elects Staff of Officers

The Badger Band met Tuesday and elected the following officers: president, Tag Shouse; vice-president, Billy Haynes; secretary-treasurer, Jean Paine; reporter, Joe Kimbrough; sergeants-at-arms, Forrest Barnett, Jack Haynes, Jim Sublett.

PTA Group to Meet Monthly for Study

The Study Group of the Parent-Teacher association met with Mrs. Charles Knight Wednesday, Sept. 17, and studied "Training Children in Democracy."
Parents interested in this work are asked to meet with this group each month.

Badgers Face Plowboys in Opening Conference Game Friday 8 p. m., Home Field

DEFEAT TIGERS BY SEVEN POINTS

Merkel Makes 13 First Downs To Three for Anson in Thrilling Game.

The Merkel Badgers went to Anson last Friday night and added another Tiger skin to their trophy collection. At the close of an exciting game that furnished plenty of thrills, the score was 7-0, but the Badgers deserved more points than that.

During the first quarter neither side could gain much. Merkel clicked off 2 first downs while the Tigers found the Badgers' line too tough to handle and were forced to punt each time they had the ball.

The second quarter began with Merkel in possession of the ball on their own 32-yard-line. Melton drove to the 45. Then came the "feature" play of the night. Buster Jack faded way back and uncorked a tremendous heave that the Anson right half could only touch. Higgins had gotten behind him and as the ball settled in his arms he juggled it momentarily and then headed for pay dirt. He was finally brought down on the Anson 22. Melton crossed over on his third try and Reynolds kicked the extra point and the scoring was over.

In the third quarter Merkel lost a chance to score when on fourth down Melton pitched a perfect pass to Smith who dropped it in the end zone. "Smitty" more than made up for this error by his stellar defensive play. His line backing was practically perfect.

Toward the last of the fourth quarter Merkel took over on their own 25-yard-line. Melton, who had done most of the running, really turned on the steam here and reeled off gains of 12, 12, 12, 14, 12 and 2, to bring the ball to the Anson 2-yard-line with 3 more downs to go as the game ended.

All the boys were blocking better and really hustling. On offense, Cox, Elbert Hickam, Reynolds and Butman usually got their man. In the back-field Buster Jack Melton was the big gun. He sifted through holes opened by the linemen and then kept going either by sidestepping or stiff arming his tacklers. He also put the Tigers in the hole with 2 fine punts in the first half. Higgins, Carson and Smith plowed into the line on numerous occasions but the holes either weren't there or were closed too quickly. On defense, Smith and Higgins were terrorists. "Smitty" got more than his share of tackles and Higgins stopped the speedy Anson backs at times when long gains would have been reeled off if he had been less efficient. On one occasion he bowled over both the interference and the ball carrier at the same time.

Merkel registered 13 first downs to three for Anson, and outgained the Tigers 227 to 64 yards.

Neither side tried many passes. Anson tried 4 and completed one for 20 yards. One was intercepted by Melton who was downed in his tracks. Merkel tried 3 and completed one for 33 yards. One was intercepted by (Continued on Page Two)

Squad That Trampled Clyde Bull- dogs and Marched Through Anson's Line Will Try to Break Roscoe Jinx.

Opening the conference season, the Badgers will stage a terrific battle against the Roscoe Plowboys on the local gridiron Friday night in an effort to break an all-time jinx. Never in the history of the schools has Merkel been able to beat Roscoe. Last year they held the Plowboys to a 6-6 draw. After Friday night the Badgers expect to have broken that record and started a long line of wins.

With two smashing triumphs to their credit, the Badgers enter the conference as favorites of 6A district. In the first game of the season, Merkel's eleven trampled the Clyde Bulldogs for a 38 to 7 victory, and last Friday night marched through Anson's line for a 7-0 win.

Kick-off will be at 8:00 with admission 50c adults, 25c students.

Coach Carroll Benson announces the starting line-up:
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.

First Special Session Of Legislature Ends; Only 11 Days Duration

Austin, Sept. 25.—Convened Sept. 9, because of an emergency growing out of a deadlock in the general session which ended July 4, the 47th Texas legislature completed its job shortly before noon last Friday, adjourned its first special session and streaked for home. The session lasted only 11 days.

Gov. Coke R. Stevenson signed the bill into law at 12:35 p. m. Friday. Under the bond bill as finally enacted, state servicing of county and district road bonds issued prior to Jan. 2, 1939, for roads later taken into the state highway system was continued and the bond surplus would be divided equally between counties and the state highway department.

There had been no controversy over continuing the payment of principal and interest on bonds assumed by the state, but a storm long had raged over disposal of the surplus.

A distinguishing feature was the spirit of harmony and strong desire to compromise that prevailed from the outset.

A further extraordinary fact will be the enactment of only two bills, one concerning the bonds and the other appropriating \$150,000 for session expenses.

Sophomore Class of MHS Elects Officers

The Sophomore class of 1941 and 1942 of Merkel High school met the past week to organize and elect officers for the coming year.

Those elected were: president, Jimmy White; vice-president, Bobbie Nell Bicknell; secretary-treasurer, Dorothy Jenkins; reporter, Bonnie Jaynes.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From Files of The Merkel Mail, October 14, 1921.)

REMAINS W. L. CLAY ARE BURIED HERE.

The remains of W. L. Clay, aged 70 years, who died at the home of his son, Comer Clay, 717 Popular street, Abilene, Monday morning, were sent to Merkel by the Laughter Undertaking company Tuesday morning. Burial services were held at ten o'clock.

Mr. Clay is survived by two sons, Comer Clay, who is connected with the Ed S. Hughes company of this city, and Guy Clay of Fort Smith, Ark. A sister, Mrs. Southard of Fort Smith, also survives.

Mr. Clay was formerly a merchant of Merkel and a large party of Abilene friends of the family accompanied the remains to Merkel Tuesday.

At the Northwest Texas conference which closed at Amarillo on last Sunday evening, Rev. C. W. Foote, for the past two years pastor of the church at Clyde, was assigned the pastorate of the Merkel church and Rev. W. M. Murrell was sent to the Methodist church at Crowell.

At the home of Mrs. C. C. Mavity, 916 S. Brighton, Dallas, on Tuesday afternoon, Mrs. Mavity, Mrs. J. B. Shannon and Mrs. J. B. Jones gave an announcement party and shower in honor of their sister, Miss Beatrice Nideaver, who is to be married to Mr. Fred Pribble.

In the center of the room was constructed an old curb well beautifully covered with vines. While the victrola played "The Old Oaken Bucket," Miss Nideaver drew from the well the old oaken bucket which was filled with many useful gifts.

Mr. L. A. Freeman returned the first of this week from an extended visit with relatives in New Mexico. Mr. Freeman while there purchased a section of that fine state land and will likely take a notion some of these days to become a "settler" on same.

Mr. C. E. Conner, valuable employee of the Star Store, returned last Saturday from Hamilton where he attended the funeral of his brother.

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PERSONALS

Miss Mary Ellen Key, who is a freshman at Abilene Christian college, was over to spend the week-end with Miss Margaret Sharp.

Visitors here during the past week were Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Harris of Corona, Calif., and E. P. McMillen, of Catalina Islands, Calif. Messrs. Harris and McMillen were both engaged in business here years ago.

Mrs. R. L. Adcock is spending the week with her daughter, Mrs. Calvin Barkley, at Brownwood.

Mrs. J. Willie Moore of Cisco is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. H. Hunter, and other relatives here.

Here to be at the bedside of their mother last week-end were Bob and Herbert Dennis of Corpus Christi and a son-in-law, Olin Lusby, from Big Lake. Mrs. Bob Dennis, who accompanied her husband, remained to be with the daughter, Mrs. Lusby, who has been with her mother for several months. Although showing some improvement earlier in the week, Mrs. Dennis continues seriously ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Tucker and family of Altus, Okla., spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Tucker.

Supt. and Mrs. Connor Robinson spent Sunday afternoon and evening in Colorado City, visiting Mr. Robinson's sister, Mrs. John Pratt, and Mr. and Mrs. Cotton Owens, former Merkel residents.

Alton Bicknell of Dallas was here to spend the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bicknell.

Bring your old newspapers and magazines to the British Aid Quilting room. They can be sold to bring cash for the cause.

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Nightly, Beginning Tuesday

SPECTACULAR PARADE
Monday, Sept. 29

PALOMINO SHOW
For the Third Straight Year

LIVESTOCK SHOW

Defense Speaker



Senator Tom Connally of Texas above, will deliver the principal address for National Defense Day at the State Fair of Texas on Sunday, October 12. Senator Connally will come from Washington for the event, which is to be the greatest patriotic demonstration ever held in the Southwest. Ceremonies will begin at 3 p. m. in the huge Cotton Bowl and more than 50,000 persons are expected to hear the address. Every civic and patriotic organization, including American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Texas Defense Guard and others, will participate. Many organizations will send representatives from every section of the state.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fugate spent the week-end in Fort Stockton, visiting her niece, Mrs. Kemp Hinch, and her husband.

Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Woods, long time residents of Merkel, have moved to Clyde. Mr. Woods was back Wednesday for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Simpson left Monday on the Sunshine Special for a visit with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Simpson at Longview.

John Mack Grant, who went to California two weeks ago, has accepted employment with the Douglas Aircraft company at Long Beach.

Reuben Curb from Fort Bliss returned home for a while to visit his mother, Mrs. Cora E. Curb.

C. P. Church has moved to Stamford, where he bought the Public cafe and is now operating it. One son, Bonnie, went with him, the other son, Charles, remaining here with his sister, Mrs. E. B. Wallace.

Mr. and Mrs. Castle B. Ellis and son from Comanche visited over the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. N. Ellis.

LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS

As the result of improvements now under way, the J. T. Coats home is being changed to a rock house and a new bungalow roof of composition shingles is being put on. Bob Fowler has charge of the building work.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Shouse are now occupying the stucco cottage formerly belonging to Sie Hamm, which they recently purchased. The Gordon Greens moved into the C. P. Church home on Oak street, when Col. Church moved to Stamford.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Boyd, Jr., have moved here from Hamlin and are occupying the E. O. Carson garage apartment. Mr. Boyd is manager of the bonded cotton warehouse here.

J. B. Gamble began his duties as bookkeeper at the local office of the West Texas Utilities company Monday. Moving here from Abilene with him are his mother and a brother, Billy Mack, who is enrolled as a student in High school. He succeeds Edgar Balch, who has been transferred to the Abilene office.

While Nightwatchman J. E. Tucker and C. B. Knight, driver of the delivery truck for the T. & P., were on a two days' hunting and fishing trip this week, C. C. Conley performed Mr. Knight's duties with the railroad.

J. S. Grant, who had the misfortune to stick a nail in his left foot several days ago, was able to be up town Wednesday with the aid of crutches.

John Williams Hughes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hughes, Route 4, was a volunteer Wednesday for Taylor County Selective Service Board No. 2 (outside of Abilene).

The oyster industry forms the United States' most valuable fishery from the standpoint of employment.

Elephants, according to some authorities, are close relatives of whales.

Twenty-six airports necessary to national defense have been approved for construction or improvement in Texas alone.

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Gasless Club of America Is Formed



To help conserve gasoline, the Gasless Club of America is formed in New York city, with a number of socially prominent women taking to their bicycles. The club, founded by Mrs. Abby M. Ricker and others, discussed plans for holding fox hunts in Central park. They are, left to right, Mrs. Ricker, Miss Rosalie Stonebraker, Mrs. Albert M. Handy and Mrs. Oscar C. Chopin.

RURAL SOCIETY

MRS. LEO HARRIS COMPLIMENTED WITH SHOWER.

Complimenting Mrs. Leo Harris with a lovely shower, Mrs. J. H. Clark opened her home last Friday to the Union Ridge Home Demonstration club and a number of friends and relatives.

In presenting the gifts little Miss Peggy Bonds, under her pink parasol, announced "There is to be a shower." Appropriate contests and songs were directed by Mrs. Don Riney, in which the prizes were given to the honoree.

Poems were read by Mrs. Woodrow Patton, Mrs. J. E. Jaynes and Mrs. Weldon McAninch. Later a called meeting of the club was held to discuss final plans for the Fair booths.

Refreshments of punch and cookies were served to these guests: Mesdames Delma Compton, J. L. Meeks, Sam Derstine, Opal Reece, J. M. Williamson, V. L. Merritt, Hoyle Lemens, Bill Harris, S. G. Russell, Jr., Clyde Reid, Truett Meeks, Quince Taylor, Clyde Irvin, Don Riney, Miss Dot Swafford and Miss Mary Derstine, and the following members: Mesdames Leo Harris, W. C. Lee, Kenneth Fee, Denzel Cox, S. O. Patton, Lee Ponder, Tom McAninch, Woodrow Patton, O. R. Douglas, Lige Harris, J. E. Jaynes, Burlie Bond, Lee Tipton, J. H. Clark, Weldon McAninch, O. E. Harwell, Miss Mabel McRee.

Those sending gifts were Mesdames Melvin Jones, H. C. Reid, J. Ben Campbell, Phillip Diltz, Howard Windham, George F. West, Pete Burfeind, Will Hutcheson, John Russell, Lindy Coats, Weldon Coats, James West, Leroy Riney and Miss Doris Price; Mrs. Clayton Coats, Big Spring; Mrs. R. B. Shive, Brownwood; Mrs. J. M. Harris, Amarillo; Mrs. Thomas Harris, Phoenix, Ariz.; Mrs. Johnny Warlick, Sweetwater; Mrs. Sam Nunnally, Abilene; Mrs. Sam Redwine, Abilene; Miss Mary Lou Shive, Brownwood.

The next meeting of the club will be with Mrs. O. R. Douglas Friday at 2:30 p. m. Miss Hattie Tacker, county agent, will be present.

BLUEBONNET CLUB ENTERTAINS BRIDE.

On Sept. 22, the Bluebonnet Home Demonstration club met in the home of Mrs. Lloyd Matthews. Mrs. Elmer Patterson presided over the meeting. Prayer was led by Mrs. A. R. Toombs. Mrs. Leroy Riney led a number of club songs. Committees were appointed for decorating booths at the Fair, also for concessions.

Miss Tacker gave some very important steps in tailored garments, also gave a demonstration of each, and also on different things such as musk melon seeds and corn seeds strung on thread and painted for necklaces; also yarn thread made in various ways for necklaces.

Mrs. R. G. Toombs' name was added to the club roll. The club will meet in the home of Mrs. Tom Russom Oct. 14 with Mrs. Ralph Miller hostess.

At the close of the meeting, Mrs. Matthews took charge and asked the new member, Mrs. R. G. Toombs, to follow a rainbow to the end. She did and to her surprise she found a beautiful array of gifts "for the bride" in the adjoining room. Gifts were opened by the bride and viewed by everyone.

Mesdames Dewell McLean, Jim Perry, A. L. Farmer, W. C. Perkins and Tom Russom were co-hostesses with Mrs. Matthews. A dainty plate of fruit punch, chicken sandwiches, angel food cake, with bags of rice as plate favors, was served to the following: Mesdames Tom Russom, Ford Butman, Jim Perry, A. L. Farmer, Houston Martin, Will Butman, Elmer Patterson, T. J. Neill, Sam Butman, Jr., E. E. Seymore, Leroy Riney, Joe

Seymore, G. B. Neill, A. R. Toombs, R. G. Toombs, Susie Doan, W. C. Perkins, Lucy Scott, Walter Hunter, Eli Cordill, G. L. Anderson, R. L. McLean, Dewell McLean, Clyde Latimer, Whit Richie, W. C. Matthews; Tysman Collins; Misses Hattie Tacker, Nell Butman and Louene Butman.

Those sending gifts were Mesdames Riley Whisenhunt, E. W. Turner, Bill Sandusky, Ben Butman, B. E. Riney, W. H. Ensminger, Ralph Miller, B. B. Reynolds, Roy Riney, Tom Seymore, Maye Cargill; Misses Louise Richie, Lula Belle Patterson, Bobby Jo and Buddie Harold Hunter.

SI-CO CLUB ORGANIZES.

On Monday night, Sept. 15, the Si-Co club of Divide school met for the first time this school term, electing the following officers:

Lorene Clayton, president; Joyce Dudley, vice-president; Vandy Rotan, secretary; Anna Sa Lee Brown, reporter, and Dorna Jean Buchanan, song leader.

There were 26 members registered for this year. Year books were planned carrying outline of the programs, and plans were also made for a picnic at Falling Rock on Thursday evening. The girls will meet immediately after school and hike to the site. They will swim and prepare a supper over a campfire.

Miss Olga Anne Elliott and Jack Stinebaugh are to be chaperons.

Victim of Crash

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closed no broken bones. Eli Case sustained a broken right leg, with several bruises to his body and a slight chest injury. Mr. Carson's right knee cap is broken and his left knee cap injured. He also suffered several broken ribs.

Put Up Screen Wire; Hope to Prevent Fans Crowding Over Sidelines

In order to provide screening under the cables which rope off the football field along the grandstand side, the sum of \$35 was raised this week by donations from merchants by Harry Barnett and Pete White as a special committee.

With the playing field thus roped off, it is hoped that little boys (and excited fans as well) will not overrun the sidelines, as has sometime happened in the past.

Those contributing were: Wood grocery, Thompson and Risinger, N. T. Hodge, Leon Toombs, Carl Black, Jim Patterson, Clyde Shouse, Bertis Lang, Gulf station, Moutray station, Nook cafe, Merkel Mail, Bob McDonald, Homer Newby, Clara White, Weldon Davis, Campbell Grocery, Claude Perry, Clarence Perry, Merkel Ice, Frank Woodrum, Earl Beech, Higginbotham-Bartlett Lumber company, Barrow-Sheppard, Merkel Motor, Turner grocery, Adcock's Cleaners, R. T. Gray, Stacy Bird, Max Mellinger, Merkel Drug, Yazell Chevrolet, White and Palmer, W. A. Stockbridge, Lee-Bailey, Harry Barnett, Burton-Lingo Lumber company, T. G. Bragg, Bullock Hardware, Booth Warren, Fred Baker, Sr., E. M. McDonald, Don Warren, George T. Moore, Sam Mashburn, Cyrus Pee, Dean Higgins, Byers Petty, Sam Bankston, Nutt Variety, O. B. Leach, Wrenn Durham, Clark Mundy, A. A. McGehee.

American women annually add more than 160 million dollars worth of fur garments to their wardrobes. Factories reported to the census bureau that last year's production of fur coats longer than hip length numbered 1,157,560 valued at \$97,915,000, and other fur products valued at \$58,241,000.

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Badgers

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Rust who returned it 36 yards to the Merkel 29. However, the Merkel line held and the ball went over on the 26. This was the nearest Anson came to the Badger 20-yard line.

Friday night the boys really start playing for keeps when they stage their first conference game with Roscoe on the Badger field.

The starting line-up:
Merkel: Elbert Hickam, James Cox, ends; Banning Butman, Lee Mack Reynolds, tackles; Euell Hickam, Buddy Derington, guards; Jerry Warren, center; Buster Jack Melton, quarter; Deverle Higgins, J. C. Carson, half backs; Raymond Smith, full back.
Anson: J. Kelly, J. B. Guthrie, ends;

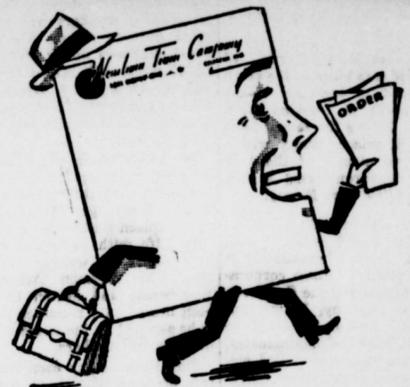
J. Chapin, E. Bursleson, tackles; H. Roberts, E. Harris, guards; Jack Greer, quarter; B. Herndon, Bill Rust, half backs; Roy McCoy, full back.

Substitutions: Merkel—Ollie Blanton, Doyal Barnes, W. Rutledge; Anson—Clayton West.

Officials: J. Bentley (HSU), referee; Scat Russell (HSU), umpire; J. E. McCaleb (HSU), head linesman.

Although it is supposed by many to be parasitic, scientists say it has been proved that Spanish moss lives entirely on the plant food which it derives from air and rain.

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New Massiveness to Characterize Offering For 1942 by Chevrolet

New massiveness, contributing to the smartest styling ever designed for the nation's No. 1 sales volume motor car, characterizes the Chevrolet offering for 1942, according to company engineers. The new car is presented in three lines ranging from an economy model that incorporates unusual refinements to a luxury line surpassing all previous presentations in the lowest-price field.

As in past years, the new car is presented in the Master Deluxe and Special Deluxe series. The Fleetline series, introduced mid-season last year in sedan only, is represented again by sedan, known as the sportmaster, and the new Fleetline six-passenger Aerosedan, said to be one of most attractively styled models in the entire showing.

The same attention to finished detail that is apparent in the exterior of the new models is noted at once inside the car. Smart styling, fine materials, and excellent design have produced the most beautiful and comfortable interiors that Chevrolet ever has offered.

Though wheelbase on all models is unchanged from 1941, remaining at 116", stylists have set the over-all length at 195 1/4", creating a long, low, sleek car that combines sweeping lines with a generally rugged appearance. Complete new front-end treatment, handled harmoniously, does much to convey an impression of greater size and increased sturdiness throughout.

A new, lower, wider, more massive grille with its heavier bars gives an instant impression of bigness, while the blunter, deeper hood, front splash shield, and more widely spaced Sealed Beam headlights contribute to that effect. Greater length is indicated at once by the new elongated front fenders, which flow back into the front doors, swinging with the doors as they are opened. The new fender design permits desirable clean, smooth surfaces. An ingenious touch is the new foot scraper at the front running board step pad, created by a triangular extension of the new fenders.

Eye-appealing color schemes have been evolved for the interiors of the new 1942 Chevrolets throughout the entire line. Upholstery in the Master Deluxe and Special Deluxe series is a pleasing light gray, while a rich brown "Fleetweave" broadcloth is employed in the Fleetline models. New color treatment of the instrument panels does much to highlight the smartness of the new design, with plastics and bright-work trim judiciously used. The effect of luxurious styling is readily apparent in the new car's exterior thus is carried out in the handsome interior treatment.

Mechanically, only minor improvements and refinements are apparent, with the chassis for all three lines remaining the same. The stabilized front end mounting that has contributed so largely to the car's easy ride and smooth handling is retained, with refinements to allow for the new front-end design.

Chevrolet's time-proved hydraulic brakes now carry a mechanically operated stop-light switch, replacing the former hydraulic-operated devices. The new switch eliminates all possibility of fluid leakage resulting from failure of the stop-light switch.

The unique vacuum-powered gear shift originated by Chevrolet and a Chevrolet feature through the past three years, is retained for 1942. A new two-tone color finish on the steering wheel in the Special Deluxe and Fleetline series has been worked out, with a new steering post button design.

Of particular interest in the broad range of accessories developed specifically for 1942 models, is a new wheel disc, painted white, which creates an effect said to be strikingly similar to that given by white sidewall tires.

Following are the 1942 lines and models: Fleetline Series—Sportmas-

Smart Styling Keynotes New Chevrolet



Distinguished styling, characterized by a new massiveness, marks the new 1942 Chevrolet, introduced to the motoring public today. Shown above is the Special De Luxe Sport Sedan, a roomy, luxurious, six-passenger model. A new grille treatment, with integral parking lights, and the smart new elongated front fender, which sweeps back into and opens with the front door, are design highlights. Interior appointments are in the modern mode.

Signs Point to Record Year in Attendance, Exhibits at Fair

Abilene, Sept. 25.—Annual West Texas Fair, here in Abilene, to reflect business and agricultural progress of the area for 1941, is ready for its opening Monday, with all signs pointing to a record year for exhibits and attendance. B. R. Blankenship, fair president, said today.

The part West Texas is playing in national defense, and Pan-American themes are emphasized in many ways, with the spectacular parade, set for 10 o'clock Monday morning, on opening day, scheduled to picture both in decorated floats, and in pageantry.

Already entered are bands from Merkel, Albany, Menard, Loraine, Knox City, Winters, Roscoe and Ranger, together with the musical organizations from Abilene high school, and the local colleges, Abilene Christian, McMurry and Hardin-Simmons. Visiting bands will compete for cash awards of \$50, \$25 and \$15, and all will receive a loving cup.

The third annual all-Palomino Horse Show will be the first major feature of the Fair to get under way, with its first showing, before the grandstand, at 2:30 Sunday afternoon. Succeeding shows will be Monday and Tuesday afternoons at the same hour, and Tuesday night at 8.

Tuesday night, the showy Stars Over America Revue, with Nick Stuart's band of radio and screen fame, will begin a nightly performance, to continue through the rest of the week.

Monday will be West Texas School day and parade day, and all of Abilene's service clubs will join for a meeting at the Fair's supper club, with West Texas newspaper editors and mayors as special guests. Enter-

ter Sedan and Aerosedan; Special Deluxe series—Sport Sedan, Town Sedan, Five-Passenger Coupe, Business Coupe, Cabriolet and Station Wagon; Master Deluxe Series—Sport Sedan, Town Sedan, Five-Passenger Coupe, Business Coupe, Coupe Pickup and Sedan Delivery.

Ranchmen can help prevent grass fires by plowing one or more furrows just inside the fence where pastures are near highways.

TELEPHONE THE MAIL

The Mail will be glad to receive news of entertainments or visitors in Merkel homes, as well as other news items of a general nature. If you have company, entertain friends or return from a trip please telephone 61 or 29.

F. F. A. Class of Divide Starts Work

This year's F. F. A. class of the Divide school had a total enrollment of 36 students at the first meeting of the year, Sept. 15, and elected the following officers:

Cleo Dunlap, president; Harold Ensminger, vice-president; Everett Jones, secretary; Owen Hanks, treasurer; Bill Howard, reporter; J. C. Field, parliamentarian; Alpha Berry, farm watchdog; Maynor Hanks, historian, and Elton Barton, song leader.

Entertainment will be provided by Fair entertainers, including the Dorothy Byton girls, Francita the dancer, Robbins the clown, and other acts from the revue cast.

Exhibits of the Hereford, swine, sheep and goat, poultry, dairy cattle, 4-H and FFA, home demonstration, women's departments and hobby show, will be opened Monday morning for the entire week with entries hitting a new high for recent years.

List of Petit Jurors Called for Next Week

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

J. C. Rogers, P. L. McLean, S. M. Hunter, Merkel; Guy W. Evans, W. R. Balfanz, Paul Southern, Ona Glenn, C. C. Bracken, J. A. Bristow, J. H. Hildreth, Joe Pechacek, Pete M. Shackelford, Joe M. Bradley, Geo. M. Stevens, F. J. Dusek, Dr. Wm. R. Snow, Urbane Childers, E. L. Gentry, Neal Jackson, H. T. Hodge, P. H. Watkins, O. S. Stephens, J. G. White, E. E. West, J. A. Lane, J. E. Tatum, L. D. Sitton, Ed H. Rister, H. E. Sanderson, H. E. Swafford, W. E. Hunter, C. E. Wood, E. L. Ledbetter, J. E. Harris, Leo G. Chrane, J. Willis Green, T. M. Smith, J. S. Motes, Dale Ackers, Ivan McKee, Grady Weir, Abilene; B. K. Brookreson, Sam Bates, Buffalo Gap; L. W. Cannon, Lawn; Roger Williams, R. S. Johnson, Trent; L. B. Sandell, A. Rann Reddell, Tuscola; W. V. Cross, Ovalo; M. L. Sliger, Wingate.

Organize Pep Squad of 43 Girls at Divide

The girls of Divide High school organized a pep squad with the help of the home economics instructor, Miss Olga Ann Elliott, and football coach, Jack Stinebaugh. Forty-three girls enrolled.

The girls elected Jean Pool as yell leader, with Lorene Clayton and Dorothy Ann Lucas assistants. Uniforms will reflect the school colors with gold blouses and black skirts. The yell leader will dress in black with gold sash. Assistants will wear solid gold satin.

With drills and yell practice twice a week, the girls hope to help the boys defend the conference championship which they won last season.

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QUEEN THEATRE CALENDAR

Friday-Saturday—Dennis Morgan, Jane Wyman, Wayne Morris in "Bad Men of Missouri," a guaranteed road-show; cartoon, "Spider Returns" No. 6.

Saturday preview, Sunday matinee, Monday night—Harold Bell Wright's "The Shepherd of the Hills," in beautiful technicolor, starring John Wayne, Betty Field and Harry Carey; Gabby color cartoon, Paramount News.

Tuesday only—"Repent at Leisure," with Kent Taylor and Wendy Barrie; cartoon, selected shorts.

Wednesday - Thursday - Ronald Colman, Anne Lee in "My Life with Caroline," cartoon, selected short subjects.

"Bad Men of Missouri."

Showing Friday and Saturday the Queen's new picture will be "Bad Men of Missouri," a rip-roaring saga of pioneer times, with Dennis Morgan playing the lead as Cole Younger, chieftain of the notorious gang of bank and train robbers that terrorized Missouri, Iowa and Kansas immediately after the Civil War.

Playing with Morgan are Wayne Morris as Bob Younger, Arthur Kennedy as Jim Younger, Jane Wyman as Mary Hathaway, Victor Jory as Banker William Merrick and Sam McDaniel as the servant, Wash.

The story picks up the Younger brothers as they leave the defeated Confederate army in 1865, shows them receiving word of Abraham Lincoln's assassination and takes them back to their home in time to discover that their father is being dispossessed by Banker Merrick who has claimed the homestead through purchase of tax warrants. He is attempting in this manner to get control of nearly all of Missouri, dispossessing the rightful owners of the farm lands.

In an altercation over the dis-possession, the elder Younger is killed and Cole Younger is charged with having slain the sheriff who had come to serve the dispossess warrant. From this beginning grows their career of outlawry.

"The Shepherd of the Hills."

Starring three of Hollywood's foremost players and directed by one of Hollywood's most expert megaphone-wielders, "The Shepherd of the Hills," Paramount's film version in technicolor of the famous novel by Harold Bell Wright, comes to the Queen theatre Saturday preview, Sunday matinee and Monday night.

Directed by Henry Hathaway, the film based on Wright's luscious tale of the Ozarks stars John Wayne, Betty Field and Harry Carey, and features in its exceptionally fine cast Beulah Bondi, James Barton, Samuel S. Hinds, Marjorie Main and Marc Lawrence. Hathaway is the brilliant director whose remarkable film-making talents gave us "The Trail of the Lonesome Pine" in technicolor several film seasons ago. Paramount followed the logical course in assigning Hathaway, in view of his success with that picture and others, to do "The Shepherd of the Hills."

The salty, picturesque Ozark characters delineated by Wright are ones to delight the heart of any actor. It's easy to understand why many of Hollywood's most famous stars sought parts in the picture. John Wayne, Betty Field and Harry Carey were no doubt delighted when they succeeded in winning roles in the film.

John Wayne enacts the role of Young Matt. He is the reckless, romantic young mountain buck, whose love is spurned by Betty Field, in the role of Sammy Lane, the vivacious young spitfire of the hills, because she fears that Wayne's hot-headedness might lead him one day to have a killing on his conscience. Harry Carey portrays The Shepherd, a role of great strength and emotional opportunity, as written by Harold Bell Wright.

With all these people of screen importance involved in the making of "The Shepherd of the Hills," it should be a picture well worth seeing.

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'Pop' Patten Joins His Seven Sons in Navy



Saluted by admirals and bluejackets alike, Clarence F. ("Pop") Patten, 52-year-old former farmer and sawmill operator, joins his seven sons on the battleship Nevada. The navy overlooked Pop's age of 52 to enable him to join his sons. Top row, left to right: Clarence Jr., Myrne, Allen, Gilbert and Ray. Bottom row: Bruce, "Pop" and Marvin Patten.

Trent News--Personals

Mrs. Fred Rogge and daughter, Miss Billie May, of Abilene, were guests Saturday night of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Estep. Leaving early Sunday morning, in company with those mentioned and Mrs. Leah Churchwell, they all motored to Lubbock and spent the day visiting Mr. and Mrs. Slim Cooley.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Nichols and three children came Saturday evening on the Sunshine Special from Vacherie, La., for a three-days visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Utley, visiting also in the Bud Trent home at Eskota.

Bonnie Ruth Sipe has returned to her home at Golan after spending the past week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Sipe.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dennis of Houston visited here Monday with relatives, Misses Virginia Chole McRee and Nadine Childress were recent guests of relatives and friends at Risting Star.

Mr. and Mrs. Buddie Burks and Alton Boone visited recently with home folks.

Jack Frost of Abilene was a guest last Friday in the J. P. Roberts home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bo Terry and little daughter have recently visited Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Terry. They are now living at Sunset near Brownfield.

Mrs. Helen Williams, who is teaching in Abilene, was a week-end guest with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. O. Bright.

Mes James John Howell and Adrian Crumpler of Abilene visited Mrs. Roy Yandell last Thursday.

Miss Edith Harris of Indian Gap came here Monday. She will be employed at Gus' cafe.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Bishop and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Neill spent the week-end sightseeing in Old Mexico.

Mrs. Mary Archer had as guests over the week-end Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kegan of Fort Worth and Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Archer and sons of Abilene.

Mrs. J. P. Orand and daughter of El Paso were passing guests Friday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Orand.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Beckham and sons of Lamesa were guests Sunday of relatives here.

OGLETREE-STRIFFLING.
Miss Wilma Striffling and Mr. Smithy Ogletree were married Saturday evening at 8 o'clock at the Baptist parsonage, with Rev. Fred Porter, the pastor, officiating.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Striffling, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ogletree, Mrs. Alex Williamson, Miss Charlene James, Mrs. Max McElmurry, John Armour, Joe Rosson of Lubbock, Mrs. Fred Porter and Ronnie Jack Striffling.

The bride was salutatorian in the

1941 graduating class and was very active in basketball, having been one of the girls who went to the state tournament last year at Waco.

The groom graduated with the 1940 class. He is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Ogletree and is employed at Camp Barkeley. They will be at home with his parents.

They have a host of friends who wish for them a happy married life.

Much Interest in Red Cross Sewing Program

As chairman of Red Cross sewing in the Merkel territory, Mrs. C. B. Gardner makes the following report:

The T. E. L. Sunday school class of the First Baptist church are busy making convalescent robes. Mrs. A. R. Booth, chairman, and Mrs. J. F. Walker, president, report that the class also devotes much time quilting for the British relief. The young married class of the Methodist church, of which Mrs. Andy Shouse is president, have completed thirty garments for the toddlers' pack.

Geraldine Teague, a high school girl, made a convalescent robe and Mrs. Holt Vaughn made a dress, completing it in three hours and thirty minutes. Mrs. Etycl Church is making two dresses.

Mrs. Weldon McAninch, president of the Union Ridge home demonstration club, is supervising the making of women's dresses. Miss Luna White will complete the dresses by working all the button holes.

Price ceilings have been set in the United States for second-hand machine tools, combed cotton yarns and hides.

A law in Fresno, Calif., forbids the manufacture of cream pies from June 16 to Oct. 1, each year.

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Classes at Divide Organize for Year

Twenty-four seniors, the largest class in several years, are enrolled at the Divide high school, of which H. D. Norris is superintendent.

For the organization meeting, Bill Howard, retiring president, acted as chairman until the election of John L. Boyd, president for the coming year. Others chosen were: Jean Pool, vice-president; Winona Elliott, secretary-treasurer, and Jack Stinebaugh, class sponsor. The class selected blue and gold as class colors to match their rings, which they received in August, and chose the carnation as the class flower.

The following officers were elected for the junior class: president, Harold Ensminger; vice-president, Joyce Dudley; secretary-treasurer, Everett Jones; reporter, Bertha Nell Daniel, and sponsor is Miss Olga Ann Elliott.

New officers of the sophomore class are: president, Jack Davidson; vice-president, Byrle Dennis; secretary-treasurer, Ruth Dunlap, and reporter, Dorcas Hanks. Miss Ima Joy McCoy was elected as sponsor.

The eighth grade met and elected the following officers: president, Della Merle Mason; vice-president, Sharlene Porter; secretary-treasurer, Janey Norris; sponsor, Miss Olga Ann Elliott. There are 30 pupils in the eighth grade class. Since the school has added the extra grade, the girls are taking junior home-making and the boys are taking civics.

To Our Friends and Policy-Holders

Mr. H. L. Willis, who worked for us last fall, is now with us again. We appreciate the nice business he wrote for us last fall, nearly all of which is yet in force on our books.

We still appreciate the assistance our friends gave him, as a stranger in that territory, which was helpful to him.

We are pleased to say that, from our business associations with Mr. Willis, we feel that we can recommend him to you, knowing that you can rely on his ability to explain your insurance needs and his integrity to give you only facts that we can stand behind.

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Maj. Gen. George Brett (left), army air corps chief, and Col. C. Haynes, noted army pilot, will tour Africa, the Near East and Mediterranean to study British air force needs. Data obtained will speed U. S. aid to the democracies.

Roger Williams founded Providence, R. I., July 4, 1636.

Quick frozen cottage cheese will soon be available in many metropolitan markets, following successful experiments in New Jersey.

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Nature Magazine	1.50
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Open Road (Boys)	2.50
Parents' Magazine	1.40
Popular Mechanics	2.50
Prize Photography	3.50
Redbook Magazine	1.50
Science Illustrated	1.50
Silver Screen	1.50
True Experiences	1.50
True Romances	3.50
True Story	2.50
World Digest	2.50
Your Life	2.50
You	2.50

This Newspaper, 1 Yr. and Five Magazines \$2.15

GROUP A—Select 2 Magazines

McCall's Magazine	1 year
True Romance	1 year
Fact Digest	1 year
Screenland	8 mos.
American Boy	8 mos.
American Girl	8 mos.
American Magazine	1 year
Motion Picture	1 year
Pathfinder (weekly)	1 year
Modern Romance	1 year
Silver Screen	1 year
Sports Afield	1 year
Open Road (Boys)	1 year
True Experiences	8 mos.
Christian Herald	1 year
True Confessions	1 year

GROUP B—Select 2 Magazines

Household Magazine	1 year
Home Arts-Needlecraft	25 issues
Pathfinder	1 year
Hunting and Fishing	1 year
Successful Farming	1 year
Country Club	1 year
American Farmer	1 year
Copper's Live Stock Producer	1 year
National Sportsman	2 years
Progressive Farmer	2 years
Southern Agriculturist	1 year

GROUP C—Select 1 Magazine

Comfort	1 year
Farm Journal-Farmer's Wife	1 year
Mother's Home Life	1 year
Southern Agriculturist	1 year
American Poultry Journal	1 year
Leekhorn World	1 year
Breeder's Gazette	1 year
Progressive Farmer	1 year

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FOR SALE—Wood or coal, wrought iron cook stove, also Warner piano. D. D. Coats.

FOR SALE—500 bushels winter barley; Johnson grass free. A. W. Clemmer, Route 1, Merkel, Texas.

FOR SALE—Practically new Corona portable typewriter. Mrs. John Shannon.

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

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

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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.

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—\$31 in currency Saturday morning. \$5.00 reward for return to Merkel Mail.

BLAIR ITEMS

Rev. A. C. Healer of Sweetwater delivered an interesting message at the Baptist church Sunday afternoon from John 6:44 with the text being "The Holy Spirit working among men." Mrs. Healer accompanied her husband and attended the services.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Moore, Mrs. Richard Melton, Mrs. R. B. Horton and Dee Moore, Tye, spent the week-end with the former's son, Earnest Moore, who is at the Veterans Hospital, under treatment at Legion, Texas.

Mrs. V. L. Doan, accompanied Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Farmer, Sr., of White Church, to Snyder Sunday to be at the bedside of Whitt Farmer, who underwent a major operation at the sanatorium there. J. Hamp Campbell visited the bedside of his son-in-law, Mr. Farmer, Sunday.

Mrs. Hugh Campbell has returned home after ten days' stay with Mrs. B. B. Reynolds of Nubia. Mrs. Reynolds, who underwent a major operation recently, is convalescing nicely.

A. M. Jackson made a business trip to Post Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Z. V. Moore are sporting a new 1941 Ford car.

Mrs. Hugh Campbell visited with Grandma Blackburn of Nubia recently. Mrs. Blackburn, eighty-one years old, is very active, lives alone and is a very interesting conversationalist.

Judge Campbell and wife of Roby were here visiting relatives Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Huff and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sandusky and family, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Huff and son, Billy Sandusky, Margaret Kelso of Stith, Clara Joyce Cox of Union Ridge, Sammie Doan, Annie Doan and Lois Benningfield enjoyed a picnic outing on Elm Creek Sunday afternoon.

According to the U. S. department of agriculture, by the end of September 12,000,000 persons will be working on farms in the United States harvesting crops, filling silos and preparing seedbeds in the Plains country for new crops of winter grains.

Row, Row, Row Your Boat



When the soldiers of Uncle Sam's new Army set out on "blitz" maneuvers, they don't have to pack along heavy steel or wood boats for crossing streams in their path. Instead they're using rubberized cotton craft like that shown above. The boat will carry as many as six men. Several of the cotton boats, lashed together, are used in ferrying heavy field equipment.

DEFENSE BOND QUIZ



Q. Do the retail stores receive any fee or percentage for the sale of stamps?

A. No. The retail stores are offering their facilities as a patriotic service, just as banks, savings and loan associations, and others are giving their help in the sale of Defense bonds.

Q. How can I form the thrift habit necessary for me to buy many Defense bonds now, to help the government?

A. The easiest way is to instruct your employer or banker to hold back a small fraction of your salary or other income. Even 10 cents a day and a dollar on your birthday will mount up in one year to \$37.50, the purchase price of a \$50 Defense bond. Bigger savings buy bigger bonds.

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.

Jewish Holy Days Observed in Abilene

Services in observance of Rosh Hashana, Jewish new year, were held Sunday, Monday and Tuesday at the Masonic temple, Abilene, where this year special provision had been made for Jewish men at Camp Berkeley by members of Abilene's Jewish organization, Mizpah.

In observance of the Jewish New Year, the Max Mellinger store here closed Monday and Tuesday, and Mr. and Mrs. Mellinger and their son, Meyer, joined by another son, Isadore Mellinger, of Clarendon, took part in the services in Abilene.

The period of holy days will end with Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, on Oct. 1, on which day the Mellinger store will again remain closed.

Hospital Notes.

Mary Smith of Lawn received an appendectomy at Sadler Clinic Sept. 21; the child of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Boone received a tonsillectomy Sept. 18; Mrs. E. S. Brady was entered for treatment Sept. 22; Mrs. G. W. Ray and the Wayne Boyd baby were given minor surgery Sept. 23.

Mrs. Alonzo Peterson received a tonsillectomy at the office of Dr. C. B. Gardner Sept. 23.

Begin Renewing of Drivers' Licenses In Series Oct. 1

Austin, Sept. 25.—Renewing of drivers' licenses will begin Oct. 1. The nearly half million people in Texas holding drivers' licenses will have the opportunity to renew this privilege in the numbered order of their licenses, as follows:

From Oct. 1, 1941, until Dec. 31, from 1 to 450,000; from Jan. 1, 1942, until Mar. 31, from 450,001 to 900,000; from Apr. 1 to June 30, from 900,001 to 1,350,000. Any license numbered from 1,350,001 upward will be renewed between July 1 and Nov. 1.

Applications may be obtained from any highway patrolman or drivers' license examiner, or by writing direct to the department of public safety in Austin. The forms will also be available from police and sheriff departments, banks and other public places. The application is to be mailed directly to the department of public safety, Austin, with enclosure of 50 cents either in money order or cashier's check, after which the new license will be mailed to the holder from Austin.

Persons renewing licenses will not have to take examination unless they have a bad record of traffic violations or collisions.

Tribute to England's Little Toddlers

As has been previously reported the Needle and Thimble club of Merkel has devoted its last two meetings to the making of little garments for the Red Cross toddlers' packs and have completed thirty nighties and one hundred, foxy diapers.

The spirit of the club is beautifully exemplified by this little tribute written by Mrs. Owen Robertson, secretary, as she gave her report:

FOR ENGLAND'S LITTLE TODDLERS. We are sewing for England now, For her tiniest of refugees, And we talk with our friends As we sew sturdy seams But our soul-thoughts are on bended knee;

For somewhere in England these babies were born Midst all of the horrors of war. So tiny are they to lack shelter and warmth;

Too tiny to need and to starve. We bring our own babies with new frenzied love And we chat, as we measure with care, But when the work ends and these wee things we send Each garment encloses a prayer.

Mrs. George T. Moore, president of the class, reports that the club will continue to devote their meetings throughout the winter to the making of children's garments.

Out of every hundred farmers in the United States, 51 operate owned farms; 39 are tenants, and 10 are part owners or managers, according to the census.

Merkel Boy a Member Wesleyan College Band

Fort Worth, Sept. 25.—Marvin DuBose, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. DuBose of Merkel, has enrolled at Texas Wesleyan college here. The school began its fifty-first year last week with 550 students registering.

Mr. DuBose graduated from Merkel High school in 1941. He is seeking a bachelor of science degree from TWC. He is majoring in band and is a member of the college band, under the direction of William H. Howard, which attended the Bowie Band festival last week.

County Judges to Meet In San Angelo in March

Mineral Wells, Sept. 25.—Commissioner John Winters of Amarillo was elected president and San Angelo chosen for the March convention of the West Texas County Judges and Commissioners association Saturday. Commissioner Lee Cooper of Wichita Falls was named vice-president and Judge Gilbert Smith of Anson, Jones county, secretary.

Resolutions included commendation of the legislature and governor for speedy action on the bond assumption bill and the recommendation that a bond assumption plan be submitted by the next legislature to the people as a constitutional amendment.

Trumpeter swans are the largest migratory waterfowl in North America.

People eat about the same total quantity of food now that they did 30 years ago, but less cereals, potatoes, beef and tea. Consumption of citrus fruits, sugar, poultry, eggs, chocolate, coffee and fresh vegetables has increased.

'Last Pose'



Gen. John J. Pershing, A.E.F. commander, who has just observed his eighty-first birthday at a Washington, D. C., hospital, where he underwent his annual physical checkup. He told photographers this was the last time he would pose for the next 50 years.

Man has the longest life span of any of the mammals, with the elephant ranking second.

Two million men fought and a million died, in the World War Battle of Verdun.

Use The Mail Want Ads.

Marriage of Gerald Derrick Announced

Gerald C. Derrick and Miss Myrl Frances Wersebe of Stamford, Texas, were married at Hagerstown, Md., Monday night, Sept. 15, at 8 o'clock.

They are at home at Front Royal, Va., where Gerald is employed in the U. S. Remount Depot.

The wedding was a great surprise to his family and friends.

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- SPUDS, 10 lbs. 23c

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- PINEAPPLE JUICE**, 2 cans 19c
- RED & WHITE FRUIT COCKTAIL**, 2 cans 29c
- RED & WHITE Peaches**, No. 2 1/2 can 2 for 45
- CUT Green Beans**, 2 No. 2 can 35c
- RED & WHITE Fancy Corn**, 2, No. 2 cans 27c
- RED & WHITE PEAS**, No. 2 can 2 for 37c
- BLUE & WHITE PORK & BEANS**, 3 cans 20c
- GREEN BEANS WITH POTATOES**, 3 cans 25c
- CRYSTAL Spinach**, No. 2 can 3 for 35c
- RED & WHITE RICE**, 2 lb. Pkg. 20c

LIPTON'S TEA 1/4 lb. 23c, 1/2 lb. 45c — GLASS FREE —

MEAT MARKET DEPARTMENT

- PORK ROAST**, lb. 27c
- VEAL ROAST**, lb. 28c
- LIVER**, lb. 29c
- SLICED BACON**, lb. 27c
- CHEESE**, lb. 33c
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MISS ETHEL KING AND MR. HOLLIS MITCHELL TAKE VOWS SATURDAY.

The marriage of Miss Ethel King and Hollis Mitchell was solemnized in a mid-afternoon ceremony Saturday at the Baptist parsonage. Rev. Cooper Waters officiated with an impressive ceremony at 4 o'clock. The couple were unattended.

The bride is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. G. King. She attended school at Cross Roads, after which she graduated from Parsons School of Beauty Culture, Abilene, and is now owner of the Orchid Beauty Shoppe. In this business capacity, her gracious personality has won many friends and she is also very popular socially.

She was attired Saturday in a smart fall ensemble of soldier blue with accessories of black.

The groom is the splendid son of Mrs. Gertrude Mitchell of the Good-man community. He is associated in the oil field with Jack Roberts.

A host of friends extend this rising young business couple sincerest congratulations and good wishes. They are at home in the O'Brian apartments.

MERKEL TEACHER VICE-PRESIDENT DELTA KAPPA GAMMA.

The initial meeting of the 1941-42 year of Mu chapter, Delta Kappa Gamma, was a buffet supper held at the Hilton hotel, Abilene, on Tuesday evening, and attended by five Merkel teachers.

Installation of officers highlighted the business session of the meeting, when Miss Mamie Ellis, local teacher, was installed as first vice-president, along with the other officers.

Mrs. Connor Robinson, member of the letters and publications committee, assisted with hostess duties. Those members attending from Merkel were Mrs. Connor Robinson, Mrs. Comer Haynes, Misses Mamie Ellis, Vinnie Heizer and Alzada Fogue.

Delta Kappa Gamma is a national honorary society for women teachers and membership is gained only by election. The Mu chapter is composed of teachers from Taylor and Jones counties.

Y. W. A. MEET FOR INTERESTING PROGRAM.

Mrs. Don Riney was hostess Tuesday evening to members of the Y. W. A. of the First Baptist church. Miss Marie Morgan brought the devotional, after which Miss Thelma Mathews as program chairman presided for an interesting program on "State Missions." Those taking part were Mrs. Bill Fugat, Mrs. Clyde Bartlett, Misses Vivian Davis, Pearl Mathews, Nadine Clack, Bess McNiece, Maurine White, Clara White and Dot Swafford.

A report from the nominating committee was heard and the following officers were unanimously elected: president, Thelma Mathews; vice-president, Nadine Clack; Clara White, secretary; Pearl Mathews, reporter; Vivian Davis, chorister, and Mary Nell Morgan, pianist.

The hostess graciously served a sandwich plate with iced drink to Mesdames Cooper Waters, Bill Fugat, Clyde Bartlett; Misses Lucile

Crick, Mildred Bird, Grovone Ford, Mary Nell Morgan, Vivian Davis, Pearl Mathews, Thelma Mathews, Clara White, Maurine White, Nadine Clack, Marie Morgan, Bess McNiece and Dot Swafford.

CLUB ENJOYS SUPPER PARTY IN GAITHER HOME.

The spacious lawn of the F. Y. Gaither home was lighted and four-some tables set up for a most enjoyable party Monday evening when Mr. and Mrs. Gaither were joined by Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ferguson and Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Cox in entertaining members of the Jolly Neighbors game club.

A most delectable summer menu was served, buffet-style at the supper hour, after which games of "84" progressed as diversion for the evening. Those present were Messrs. and Mesdames Andy Shouse, Spencer Bird, Robert Hicks, John Grable, Herbert Patterson, Johnny Cox, Raymond Ferguson, F. Y. Gaither, Miss Christine Collins and C. J. Glover.

JUNIOR STUDY CLUB.

The Merkel Junior Study club began its club year with a picnic at Sweetwater park on Friday, Sept. 19. Mrs. Andy Shouse, the president, made a talk on aims for the year at a brief club meeting.

Those present were Mesdames Carroll Benson, Elmo Collins, Chester Collinsworth, Jack Dawson West, Wrenn Durham, Raymond Ferguson, George T. Moore, Andy Shouse, L. C. Zehnpenning, L. V. Moore, J. E. Boaz, Jr., Misses Pauline Ballew, Hettie Logan Clay, Frances Cleveland, Mary Collins, Mildred Hamm, Imogene Schulze and Ruth West.

HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB.

Mrs. Grover Gilbert and Mrs. John Hughes were co-hostesses to the Merkel Home Demonstration club in the home of Mrs. Gilbert last Friday afternoon.

The president called the meeting to order with Miss Hattie Tacker leading the singing.

Mrs. Connor Robinson explained about the Red Cross and British knitting and quilting. She displayed the afghan that the ladies had knitted out of old yarn. Some are knitting shawls, sweaters and mittens.

Mrs. Ted Windham acted as secretary in the absence of the secretary and reports of various committees were heard. Mrs. T. C. Humphreys gave the council report. Mrs. Gilbert showed the completed bedroom dressing center or table and chair that the club is to show in a booth at the Fair. Further plans were made for the Fair. The meeting was then turned to Miss Tacker who brought many helpful hints and suggestions for "Finishes for Dresses and Tailored Garments."

Refreshments were passed to Mesdames W. R. Sumpter, Grover Gilbert, John Hughes, Lem Dudley, Harry Barnett, C. W. Newton, C. B. Knight, Fred Baker, Jr., Bob McDonald, J. Ben Campbell, T. C. Humphreys, Ernest Teaff, E. B. Wallace, Ted Windham and Misses Irene Warren and Hattie Tacker.

The next meeting will be Oct. 3 with Mrs. E. B. Wallace. Time is 2:30.

FASHION PREVIEW



'Value plus is the word for this new fall ensemble. Coat, skirt and dress, all for the price of one can complete your fall wardrobe says the October Good Housekeeping. The trim coat, with fly front, and tidy darts in the back can be worn over the lightweight wool dress that comes with it, or with the matching skirt, as a suit.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

National Mission Society was the program of the Woman's Missionary society of Grace Presbyterian church on Monday afternoon at the church.

The following program was given: "Along the Spanish Trail—In the Southwest," Mrs. Delma Compton; "Shadows and Lights—The American Negro," Mrs. Henry West; "National Missions and Social Action," Mrs. J. Basil Ramsey; "Where the Americas Meet—The West Indies," Miss Mary Dertine; "Footprints and Highways—The American Indian," Mrs. John West. Each program participant reviewed the national mission work of the Presbyterian church in these fields.

Those present were Mesdames W. M. Elliott, Connor Robinson, Delma Compton, John West, R. A. Walker, Henry West, W. A. Wozencraft, J. Basil Ramsey, and Miss Mary Dertine.

W. M. U. CIRCLES.

The Blanche Rose Walker Circle of the First Baptist church met Monday evening in the home of Mrs. E. O. Carson. Mrs. Cooper Waters led the opening prayer, which was followed by the usual Bible study.

Those present were Mesdames J. O. Castles, Cooper Waters, W. O. Boney, E. O. Carson and W. L. Johnson.

The Elkin Lockett Circle met in the home of Mrs. J. M. Williamson Sept. 22 with six present. The meeting was opened with prayer by Mrs. Lum Gilbreath. The Bible lesson was taught by Mrs. Williamson. The meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. J. F. Campbell.

The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Charlie West, Oct. 6.



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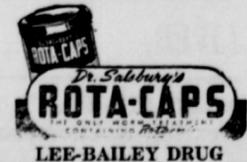


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In The Churches

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

There were 581 present at the six reporting Sunday Schools here last Sunday, as compared with 609 the previous week. On the same Sunday a year ago the attendance was 460.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Morning sermon 11 a. m. Subject, "Individual Responsibility," (Luke 25:14 - 30.) Following a standing custom, the evening service and prayer meeting will be dispensed with, so that members may join in the Baptist revival.

J. Basil Ramsey, Pastor.

METHODIST CHURCH.

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

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.

SERVICE AT CROSS ROAD.

Brother A. W. Burks of Abilene will preach for the Cross Road Church of Christ, one mile south of Nubia, next Lord's Day, Sept. 28.

Bring your old newspapers and magazines to the British Aid Quilting room. They can be sold to bring cash for the cause.

P-T. A. Membership Week Set Oct. 13-19

Membership week for the Parent-Teacher association has been set for Oct. 13-19, and the membership committee of the local P-T. A. unit, Mrs. H. C. Reid, chairman, Mesdames J. S. Grant, Owen Robertson, O. E. Harwell and Earnest Teaff, are asking the co-operation of all room mothers in launching the drive. Dues must be sent to the state office by Oct. 21.

Mrs. Earnest Teaff, as room representatives chairman, announces the full list of room mothers as follows:

First grade, Mrs. Elsie Nash, chairman; Mesdames Jack Patterson, Hoyle Lemens, Joe S. Largent, J. W. Teaff, Jr.

Second grade, Miss Maurine Tipton, chairman; Mesdames Milton Case, E. Y. Bailey, Charles Knight, L. A. Dudley.

Third grade, Miss Ruth West, chairman; Mesdames Bob Fowler, Tom Kerns, A. R. Booth, M. A. Clemons.

Fourth grade, Miss Imogene Schulze, chairman; Mesdames Ray Mundy, Owen Robertson, Leon Scott, J. D. Sandusky, L. V. Moore.

Fifth grade, Miss Mary Jo Brady, chairman; Mesdames Claude Derington, Roy Buchanan, Angus Garvin, J. H. Clark, R. S. Hughes.

Sixth grade, Miss Alzada Pogue, chairman; Mesdames Joe Weston, Sam Swann, L. S. Tipton, C. W. Newton.

Seventh grade, Miss Vinnie Heizer, chairman; Mesdames W. T. Sadler, O. R. Douglas, O. W. Bowen.

Eighth grade, Miss Hettie Logan Clay, chairman; Mesdames Carl Baccus, Weldon Coats, Emmett Ayers, J. S. Horn.

Ninth grade, Miss Juanita Shahan, chairman; Mesdames H. C. Reid, James H. West, Roy Harrell, Joe Risinger.

Tenth grade, Jack Patterson, chairman; Mesdames Clyde Sears, Ed Sandusky, Joe Bailey Toombs.

Eleventh grade, Miss Pauline Ballew, chairman; Mesdames Emmett Ayers, Carl Baccus, Andrew Baker, F. W. Johnson.

Twelfth grade, James Harris, chairman; Mesdames Clyde Shouse, Leon Toombs, Joe Nalley, Morris Smith.

Thirteenth grade, Miss Mamie Ellis, chairman; Mesdames Clyde Bartlett, Earl Baze, Lum Gilbreath and S. A. Hampton.

Fourteenth grade, Miss Mary Elna King, chairman; Mesdames M. T. Shults, Joe Seymour.

Fifteenth grade, Mrs. Elmo Collins, chairman; Mesdames, C. C. Conley, Joe Douglas, W. F. Golladay, L. B. Baker.

Sophomore class, Eugene Sunderman, chairman; Mesdames A. A. McGehee, F. M. Simpson, Clyde Sears and Zedie Johnson.

Sophomore class, Miss Willie Belle

Virden, chairman; Mesdames W. W. Webb, Ruby Jenkins, Henry Currence, J. S. Grant and John Hughes.

Junior class, Mrs. Ellen Duncan, chairman; Mesdames C. D. Swope, Bob McDonald, Denzel Cox and Dewey Hutchins.

Senior class, Mrs. Comer Haynes, chairman; Mesdames Dee Grimes, Booth Warren, Elma McFarland, Sam Allen, Pete White and Ari Sharp.

Farewell Party Honors Borger-Bound Family

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Stapleton and son, John Andrew, left last Saturday morning for Borger where they will reside, and a few of their friends gathered Friday night at their home to bid them good-bye.

Sandwiches and cake were served to Rev. G. O. Crow and Mrs. Crow, Alvin Brown and family, Lillie Dea Davis and two children, Dora Kell, Cora E. Curb, Inez Skurlock and children, Florene and Irene Stovall, Melva Jean Smith, Iva Ruth McWilliams and Fadene Mitchell.

Thanks Extended Friends.

To My Friends in Merkel: Your thoughtfulness in remembering me with cards and flowers and visits of several friends as well while I have been in Hendrick Memorial hospital have been greatly appreciated and I take this means of extending my sincerest thanks and deep appreciation to each of you.

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Cartoon—Selected Short Subjects

Thursday —SPECIAL MATINEE— 2 P. M.
One Showing Only, beginning at 2 p. m. Those attending will be permitted to register same as on Wednesday night. Regular Admission—"My Life with Caroline"

ELI CASE & SON

Phone 234— Grocery & Market Prompt Service

YAMS Peck 25c	LETTUCE , per head 5c
SPUDS Colo. No1, 10 lb 23c	Beets or Carrots , 3 bunches... 10c
TURNIPS RUTA BAGAS pound 4c	CELERY , stalk 15c
	GREEN BEANS pound 10c
	BANANAS , dozen 15c
	ORANGES , medium size, doz. 19c
SUGAR , PURE CANE KRAFT BAG	10 pounds 59c
SHORTENING ,	4 pound carton 63c
COFFEE , FOLGER'S Drip or Percolator	2 pounds 61c
P&G SOAP 6 bars 25c	SYRUP Gallon 50c
PAPER NAPKINS 2 packages 19c	CORN No. 2 can 10c
BRISKET ROAST , pound 17c	MILK 6 cans 25c
PORK STEAK , pound 30c	Shredded Wheat Package 10c
SEVEN STEAK , pound 29c	Sliced Bacon , lb 25c
MEXICAN HOTS , pound 18c	Oleomargarine 17c
CHILI , pound 25c	Bologna , lb. 15c

—HOT BARBECUE—