





Negro Minstrel is Staged at Divide

A negro minstrel, sponsored by the homemakers club of Divide high school, was presented in the school auditorium Tuesday night.

Jack Stinebaugh, high school principal, was interlocutor, with Less Lister, Raleigh Mason, Hershall Hammonds and Edward Lewis as endmen.

Members of the cast were J. B. Westerfield, Mrs. Less Lister, Dorna Jean Buchanan, Lorene Clayton, Ruth Dunlap, Dot Lucas, Joyce Dudley, Bertha Nell Daniels, Mrs. Garland Story, Jean Pool, Mrs. Frank Keller, Harold Wayne Ensminger, Elton Barton, Raymond Cross, Mac Hyde, Mrs. Jess Brown, Elvin Lewis, Everett Jones, Carson Buchanan, Carl Wesley Moore, Adrain Barton and Odie Moore.

Olga Ann Elliott, homemaking teacher, directed the minstrel and played the accompaniments.

The first post office in the United States was established in 1639 at the home of Richard Fairbanks in Boston.

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Champion Lamb of Divide Boy Sells For \$1.25 per pound

Alfred Pool, Divide 4-H club boy, showed the grand champion South-down lamb at State Fair of Texas, Dallas.

When sold at auction Saturday, the lamb brought \$1.25 per pound. Neuhoff Packing company of Dallas purchased the lamb at the unusually high price. The regular market price was around 12 cents.

LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS

Mrs. Lucile White was called to Maryneal Tuesday by the illness of her father, Wesley Edwards, Mr. Edwards, who suffered a heart attack, was reported improved Wednesday at the Roscoe hospital, where he was taken for treatment.

Among those from out-of-town here for the funeral of G. M. Sharp Tuesday were Mr. and Mrs. Yates Brown of Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. John Edwards of Monahans and Allen Edwards of Maryneal.

Clarence Perry has opened a new cafe in town—the Postoffice cafe, located, as its name indicates, just across the alley from the post office. He will feature hamburgers, steaks and sandwiches.

Improvements under way at the Mathews Texaco station include a new ceiling to the building and drive, also the partitioning of an office inside. W. E. Lowe is owner of the building, R. H. Mathews, Sr., being operator of the Texaco station.

Friends here have learned of the removal of W. S. Slayden and family from Santa Paula, Calif., to Enid, Okla.

Worthy Matron Attends Grand Chapter Meeting

As worthy matron of the Merkel chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, Mrs. Andy Shouse will represent the local chapter at the Grand Chapter meeting of the state of Texas to be in session at Amarillo from Monday to Friday of next week.

Mrs. Shouse may be accompanied by other members of her chapter, arrangements being incomplete at this time.

Classified -:- Ada -:-

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Two mares, one 5 years old, other smooth-mouthed; also 3-year-old horse and two mule colts; some bundle cane. Lige Harris, Route 2, Merkel, Texas.

FOR SALE—Wincharged radio and a used windmill. Joe Amason.

FOR SALE—Largest white face bull calf, subject to registration. C. K. Russell.

FOR SALE—Three houses in Merkel; 160-acre farm, 20 miles northwest; 35 good one and two year old steers, some cows and calves. Joe Garland.

FOR SALE—1937 Special Deluxe Chevrolet town sedan. Herbert Patterson.

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

SEED WHEAT; have 4,800 lbs. Tenmarq seed wheat, free of Johnson grass, re-cleaned, in new 100-lb. sacks, at \$1.50 per bushel (\$2.50 per sack.) Booth Warren.

FOR RENT

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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WILL PAY CASH for clean cotton rags. Merkel Motor Co.

WANTED TO LEASE—Farm land, from half to section. W. L. Boyd, Jr., at bonded cotton warehouse.

Legal Notice

THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: J. M. Daugherty, Fenton L. Husband, F. R. Jones, Alpha Grimm, a feme sole, Allen B. Curry, W. A. Grimm, R. D. Allen, Annie L. Stevens, a widow, Nellie Curry, a feme sole, and the unknown heirs, if any, executors, administrators and assigns of all of the above Defendants; the residences and whereabouts of above defendants are unknown to Plaintiff, GREETING:

You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 17th day of November, A. D., 1941, at or before 10 o'clock A. M. before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County, at the Court House in Abilene, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 29th day of September, 1941. The file number of said suit being No. 12,633-A.

The names of the parties in said suit are: R. B. Wells, Plaintiff, and J. M. Daugherty, Fenton L. Husband, F. R. Jones, Alpha Grimm, a feme sole, Allen B. Curry, W. A. Grimm, R. D. Allen, Annie L. Stevens, a widow, Nellie Curry, a feme sole, and the unknown heirs, if any, executors, administrators and assigns of the above defendants; Dora Cobb and husband, N. D. Cobb; Matt Blanton, Thomas L. Blanton, Sr., and Thomas L. Blanton, Jr., as Defendants.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to-wit:

Plaintiff was on the 1st day of September, 1941, and still is the owner in fee of the following described premises, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit:

Blocks Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12; and Lots Nos. 7 to 12, inclusive, of Block No. 6; of the W. N. M. Grimm Addition to the Town of Merkel, Taylor County, Texas, according to the plat of said addition now shown in Vol. 1, page 39 of the Plat Records of Taylor County, Texas, to which reference is hereto made, containing 35 acres, more or less; Plaintiff was in possession of such premises on 1st day of September, 1941, and defendants unlawfully entered upon and dispossessed him of such premises and withhold from him the possession thereof to his damage in the sum of \$1,000.00.

Plaintiff says that if he be mistaken as to the allegations alleged above and then only, he pleads as follows:

Plaintiff further says that he has had and held peaceable, continuous and adverse possession under title or color of title from and under the State of Texas, for more than three years; that he has title under deeds the same and paying all taxes for a

Nubia News

Everyone is still pulling bolls and wishing for pretty weather so it can be finished.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butman, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Latimer visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Cordill Tuesday.

Mrs. J. L. Cargill and daughter, Annie C., spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Cargill of Brownwood.

Marvin Hester of Abilene spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lon Hester.

Miss Mildred McLean, who is in college at Stephenville, spent the week-end at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dewell McLean.

Tex Little has returned home after working a month in East Texas. Miss Louise Richie spent the week-end in Abilene with Miss Mary Hufstetler.

(Omitted Last Week.)

W. C. Mathews attended church last Sunday at the M. E. Church at Nubia.

The pastor and his wife, Rev. and

period of more than five years; and duly registered, using and enjoying that he has been cultivating, using and enjoying the same for more than ten years, during which period he has had such land and tenements actually enclosed.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays that the Defendants and each of them be cited to answer this petition, and that on a final hearing hereof he have judgment for the title and possession of the premises described above, to which he may show himself entitled to receive.

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

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

Mrs. J. B. Stewart, ate dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Latimer and family Sunday.

W. B. Cargill of Brownwood visited with his mother and sister, Mrs. J. L. Cargill and Annie C., last week-end. Lula Bell Patterson spent last Sunday with Betty Jo Seymore.

Donald Latimer visited Sunday with Jack Whisenhunt and Elby Frazier of Hamlin.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Matthews and daughter, La Del, visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Toombs and Mrs. Allie Toombs.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Pyle and Mrs. T. A. Blackburn visited with Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Horton and family last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Riney spent Saturday night at Divide with Mrs. Riney's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Quannah Dudley.

Rena Mae Dean of Union Ridge spent Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Riney.

The doors of the principal club in Batavia, capital of Java, have not been closed, night or day, in 125 years.

Sees Brother First Time in 36 Years

Mrs. D. G. Ash has returned from a two months' visit in Hayesville, N. C., with her brother, Arthur Passmore, whom she hadn't seen in 36 years.

Accompanied by her niece, Mrs. Lillie Keith of Grandbury, and nephew, Zeb Tidwell, of Alexander, she also visited relatives and friends in Tennessee and Georgia, and after returning to Texas stopped at Austin for a month and then visited in Hico before coming home.

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ORDER APPROVING COUNTY TREASURER'S REPORT

On this 13th day of Oct., 1941, the Commissioners' Court, Taylor County, Texas, in regular session compared and examined the Quarterly report of Roy C. Fuller, County Treasurer, for the quarter ending Sept. 30th, 1941 and found the same to be correct and the respective amounts to have been received and paid out since the preceding report.

Table with columns: Fund, Balance Last Report, Received This Qtr., Paid Out This Qtr., Balance Sept. 30, '41. Includes items like Jury Fund, Precinct No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, Road District, etc.

BOND AND WARRANT INDEBTEDNESS

Table with columns: Original Issue, Bonds Redeemed, Outstanding. Includes Taylor County Jail Bonds, Road Bonds Series 1923, 1927, 1929, County Warrants Series 1926, etc.

The requirements of Article 401 P. C. have been complied with and tabular statements have been filed as required.

R. L. YOUNG, Commissioner Precinct No. 1 JNO O. CUNNINGHAM, Commissioner Precinct No. 3 L. A. DUDLEY, Commissioner Precinct No. 2 J. L. McMILLON, Commissioner Precinct No. 4 CARL P. HULSEY, County Judge

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of Oct., A. D. 1941. (SEAL) VIVIAN FRYAR, County Clerk, Taylor County, Texas

SPECIALS FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, OCT. 24-25 RED & WHITE BRAND FOODS PURE VEGETABLE 3 lb. SHORTENING can 63c PURE CANE SUGAR 10 lbs. CLOTH BAG 59c APPLES, Jonathan, dz. 19c GRAPEFRUIT, 3 for 10c TEXAS ORANGES, doz. 29c LETTUCE, head 5c CARROTS, 3 bunches 10c SPUDS, 10 lbs. 23c SUPREME Salad Wafers, 1 lb. box 17c RED & WHITE CORN, No. 2 can 15c KUNER'S PEAS, No. 2 can 15c TURNIP or MUSTARD GREENS, No. 2 can 10c R & W FLOUR 12 lb. bag 63c 24 lb. bag 98c Sour or Dill PICKLES, quart 17c RED & WHITE Peaches, No. 2 1/2 can 25c DRIED Prunes, 2 lbs. 25c RED & WHITE Pineapple Juice, 2 cans 19c RED & WHITE Catsup, 14 oz. bottle 17c Red & White COFFEE, 1 lb. can 29c Sun Spun SALAD DRESSING pint 23c YANKEE DOODLE MACARONI, pkg. 5c RED & WHITE CLEANSER, 2 cans 9c RED & WHITE Laundry Soap, 5 bars 23c LADY GODIVA TOILET SOAP, bar 5c -:- MEAT MARKET DEPARTMENT -:- PORK ROAST, lb. 23c WEINERS, lb. 20c Pork Chops, lb. 29c Veal Chops, lb. 29c White Label Bacon, lb. 35c BEEF LIVER, lb. 29c SLICED BACON, pound 27c WEST COMPANY, Merkel A. W. WOOD, Trent Herring & Thompson, Noodle E. BRADLEY MERC. CO., Stith



QUEEN THEATRE CALENDAR

Friday night only, 11:15 p. m.—Hallow'en fun frolic, with "Ellery Queen Master Detective" as feature picture; two-reel comedy, selected shorts.

"Ellery Queen Master Detective" In suspense, he has no equal! In thrills, he knows no peer! In romance, he has no rival! In short, Ellery Queen is king!

Master of mystery, hero of a hundred fascinating stories on radio and in fiction, "Ellery Queen Master Detective" comes to the Queen theatre as the special attraction for the Hallow'en fun frolic Friday night at 11:30, in the toughest case of his career. A statue... a jewel-handled dagger... a versatile raven... how do they bring about that eeriest of mysteries, a psychological murder!

According to advance report, humor and romance are intrinsic parts of the fascinating story. While in search of material for his newest piece of fiction, Ellery accidentally becomes involved in a murder mystery and, incidentally, causes a beautiful young stranger to become the chief suspect. In order to clear the girl, he manages to hide her successfully in the very apartment he shares with his police inspector father, even while Inspector Queen is himself ordering a dragnet out for the young woman.

The girl, to make matters worse, is herself a would-be writer, who not only thinks very little of Ellery's abilities as a writer of detective fiction but even less of his abilities as a detective. After all, he got her into the jam; he should get her out. He does, too.

Ralph Bellamy plays the title role in the new Columbia film, first of a series, with Margaret Lindsay seen as Nikki Porter, Charley Grapewin as Inspector Queen, James Burke as Sergeant Velie. Others in the film are Michael Whalen, Katherine DeMille, Fred Niblo, Douglas Fowley and Marion Martin.

"Sun Valley Serenade" "Sun Valley Serenade," 20th Century-Fox's new entertainment inspiration starring Sonja Henie and John Payne and featuring the irresistible rhythms of Glenn Miller and his orchestra, is to be shown Saturday preview, Sunday matinee and Monday night at the Queen theatre.

With most of the scenes set on the sunny, snowy slopes of the nation's glorious vacationland, "Sun Valley Serenade" is a gay, romantic musical with new skate and ski surprises.

Sonja is featured in two new skating ballets and several skiing routines. She is again given the opportunity to show the mastery on ice which won her renown as the World and Olympic Figure Skating champion.

The laugh provoking story has John Payne awaiting a refugee he has promised to care for. Much to his surprise, the "little" girl is Sonja who decides to marry him even though he is engaged to Lynn Bari. The hilarious ending provides a novel climax to the unusual story.

The performance of Glenn Miller and his orchestra is tops. The band's playing of seven new Mack Gordon and Harry Warren tunes will please his most exacting fans.

Each of the four Gordon and Warren tunes is destined to go into the hit class. Written especially for "Sun Valley Serenade," they are "I Know Why And So Do You," "It Happened In Sun Valley," "Chattanooga Choo Choo" and "The Kiss Polka."

Home Accident Deaths Highest In Five Years



Infections arising from cuts and scratches play major role on the home accident front. Above—The kitchen butcher knife is a poor whittling blade, especially when it is drawn toward the body. Right—Falls last year killed 15,000 Americans in their homes. Never use a chair or other furniture as an improvised ladder.

Washington, D. C.—Carelessness is writing a new stanza to "Home Sweet Home."

According to the American Red Cross, home accidents last year accounted for their greatest fatality toll in five years. Some 33,000 persons lost their lives through falls, burns, poisoning and other hazards of everyday home life. Although less dramatic—consequently less apt to attract public interest—home accident fatalities ran a close second to death on the street and highway trailing by 1,500 deaths.

With carelessness playing the leading role, more than half of home accident deaths were attributed to falls—occurring on stairs, slippery floors, insecure rugs and use of chairs and other articles of furniture as improvised stepadders. Burns and accidental poisoning followed in that order.

Injuries causing varying degrees of disability accounted for nearly 5,000,000 cases involving hospitalization or care of a physician, the Red Cross pointed out.

To reduce accidents in the home and on the farm, the Red Cross is launching its annual accident prevention program the last week of October. Throughout the nation, in schools and through the Junior Red Cross, some 10,000,000 "check lists" listing accident hazards will be distributed. Householders will be urged to conduct a cellar-to-attic check-up to determine and correct hazards.

"They Meet Again"

Elements designed to appeal to lovers of a wide range of music as well as suspenseful drama are combined in "They Meet Again," the latest Jean Hersholt starring vehicle in which he plays his popular role of "Dr. Christian," to be presented Tuesday only at the Queen theatre.

This is a story of a wrong committed by the state on an innocent bank teller, accused and found guilty of a crime he did not commit. "Dr. Christian's" efforts on his behalf, and on behalf of the man's motherless daughter, make for suspense in the plot. The child, a nine-year-old singing prodigy, all but passes away as a result of a broken heart which the country doctor is unable to mend.

A new discovery, Anne Bennett, is given the chance of a lifetime in a role secondary only to that of Hersholt's. The little girl displays an amazing range that won her the part of the sensitive child in the picture whose glorious voice is almost stilled as result of her mental breakdown.

Prominent in the cast, too, are the regulars of the series, comedienne Maude Eburne, and romancers Dorothy Lovett and Robert Baldwin. Some of the lighter moments of the film are provided by the lovers, as Dorothy tries to bag her man despite his ostensible indifference.

An important feature of the film is the original music, ranging from operatic waltzes to sweet swing, that was written especially for the picture. There are five of these songs in all, in addition to which Anne sings the aria from "La Traviata" in a rousing finale.

"They Meet Again" is a Stephens-Lang production for RKO Radio directed by Erle C. Kenton from an original screenplay by Maurice Leo and Peter Milne.

Hold Open House at Camp Bowie Nov. 16

Camp Bowie, Tex., Oct. 30.—Circle Sunday, Nov. 16, on your calendar as the day you will visit Camp Bowie, home of the 36th division, to see just exactly how your son, brother, husband, or sweetheart lives. November 16 has been set aside as your day.

You will have a chance to go to church in one of the beautiful, modern new chapels situated at central points in the camp area. All tents, recreation rooms, day-rooms, shops and offices will be open for your inspection. Probably 'Johnny' will be proud to show you how he makes up his bed and 'stores' his clothes.

At noon you will be invited into the company mess halls to eat 'soldier food'. This will be the best way for you, Mom, to find out how the army feeds and serves its food.

Dad, you too, will get a real surprise. 'Johnny' will show you over the whole camp and you will have a better idea as to just how big a 'city' Camp Bowie is. In all probability you will go home Monday morning and say, "Things weren't like that when I was in khaki."

And Sweetheart Sue, you will have something to marvel at, too. This will be a wonderful chance for you to see a great collection of uniforms on some of the finest soldiers in Uncle Sam's army.

"Since the purpose of this open house," said Brig. Gen. Fred L. Walker, division commander, "is for visitors to be with their loved ones, to inspect their quarters and obtain first hand views of camp life, no divisional entertainment or demonstration is planned, but unit commanders should encourage their units to put on interesting programs."

Mary Jo Russell Made Member of Alpha Chi

Abilene, Oct. 30.—Mary Jo Russell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Russell of Merkel, was elected this week by the McMurry College faculty to the James Winford Hunt chapter of Alpha Chi.

Alpha Chi is a national honor society in which membership is attained by both character and scholarship. Members are selected from the upper ten per cent of the junior and senior classes.

Miss Russell is a junior student majoring in English. She is a member of the Wah Wah-taysee drum and bugle corps, the Chanters and Quartet, a choral organization, Sigma Lambda Kappa, a literary club, and the McMurry College theatre.

List of Petit Jurors Called for Next Week

The petit jury in 104th district court for next week has been called to report on Thursday morning. In the panel are the following names:

Paul Blackaby, W. M. Warner, Lloyd Baze, Stanley B. King, S. D. Gamble, Merkel; S. N. Best, Jerome O. Brown, K. D. Jones, J. R. McGraw, J. M. Patterson, E. E. Konzak, J. H. Ellison, W. H. Robertson, Hubert Burton, Raymond Eikner, H. W. Walkow, Tom C. McWhirter, Earl King, W. L. Forstner, S. J. Canon, L. W. Watson, G. Baker, L. A. Beyer, H. G. Castle, Theo. R. Baack, C. T. Hutchison, W. J. Harrison, C. W. Bright, W. A. French, Jacob Davis, W. D. Grilledge, Baxter D. Tollett, T. F. Grisham, Lee Hay, L. T. Harris, E. H. Horn, H. S. Orsborn, Lucian Gilbert, M. L. Grimes, Clark Collins, M. L. Bird, Abilene; A. L. Walden, O. C. Grissom, J. H. Moody, Guion; Dewey Hudson, W. H. Dunbar, Tuscola; Jno. A. Woodard, T. G. Hamner, Trent; H. B. Gamble, Wingate; Tom Drummond, View.

Receives Appointment As Aviation Cadet

Charlie T. McCormick, Route 3, has received notice of his appointment as aviation cadet in the United States army. He is to report to the recruiting office at Lubbock on Nov. 10 for enlistment. He will then be sent on to Kelly field for basic training.

Charlie is a graduate of Merkel High school and received two years' credit in Texas Technological college, Lubbock. He passed the physical examination Sept. 18 at Goodfellow field, San Angelo, after attending both summer terms at Texas Tech, to complete the necessary college requirements.

BLAIR ITEMS

Dr. C. A. Bickley of Abilene delivered an interesting discourse at the fourth quarterly conference Friday night. Other churches of the circuit were well represented at the meeting.

Rev. J. B. Stewart filled the pulpit here Sunday for the last time until the general conference and brought a very impressive message on Matthew 7:22, his subject being "Home." Brother Stewart and Mrs. Stewart have done some mighty fine work and will have a far reaching effect on the entire community.

T. D. Compton of Comper visited Hugh Campbell Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Reynolds of Nubia

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were guests in the Campbell home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Moore and two sons, Kenneth Clyde and Donald Ray, and Jessie Earl Wilson of Red Springs were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barnes of White Church attended services at the M. E. church Sunday.

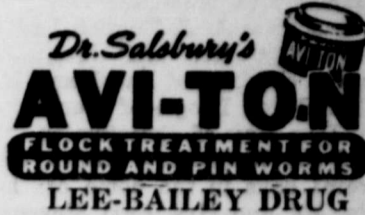
Mrs. Claud Doan and daughter, Mrs. Lem Patterson, and two children of Clyde, visited the former's daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Price Melton, and family Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Melton and family, Misses Maxine Phillips and

Jimmie Nell Horton spent Sunday afternoon in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Owens of Trent.

A. M. Jackson made a business trip to Post the past week.

Mack Russom of East Texas is visiting his uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Russom, for an indefinite time.



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**TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS**

L. Z. Titsworth of Rankin visited with his parents last Wednesday.

Mrs. Bob Howell was the guest of her mother, Mrs. Pauline Freeman, from Monday to Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. English had as guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Joe Boone and children of Baird and Mr. and Mrs. Byron Dingle of Merkel.

Mrs. Don May of Sweetwater returned home Wednesday after a visit of several days in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stevens.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Mangum are home after a visit of several weeks in the home of their daughter, Mrs. Bill Burkett, of Andrews.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob McLeod and their little granddaughter of Mineral Wells attended to business and visited with relatives and friends here last Friday.

Mesdames Orion and Neely Tittle of Fabens were visiting last week in the C. R. Tittle and C. C. Stribbling homes.

Mrs. Ansil Martin and daughters, Amelia Fay and Yvonne, have recently moved here from Sweetwater. Mr. Martin has employment in Neosho, Mo.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Estep had as Sunday guests Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Rogge and daughter, Billie May, of Abilene, and Mr. and Mrs. Willard Estep and daughter, Dorothy Nell, of Paint Rock.

Miss Virgie Strawn of Plains, Texas, was a guest over the week-end of her brothers, John and Earl Strawn, and families.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Burks and Mr. and Mrs. Ison Burks were Sunday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Burks of Big Spring.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Stribbling made a business trip to Fort Worth Monday of last week, returning Wednesday.

Misses Dorothy Jo Strawn, Ladie Fred Crain and Dorothy Rutledge of Hardin-Simmons university and Dean Strawn of McMurry spent the week-end with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Williams and son, Billy, of Post, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. Deveri Bishop of Lamesa were week-end guests of relatives. Mrs. Bishop and daughter, Sue, remained over for a few days' visit.

**SMITH-MARTIN.**

Miss Helen Martin and Elery Smith, Jr., were married recently in Washington, D. C., culmination of a romance that began in early school days.

Mrs. Smith is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Martin, pioneer farm and ranch family. She attended Trent high school, finishing in the 1940 class. Mr. Smith finished in the class of 1938 and later joined the navy, entering the radio division, and has for the past 12 months been stationed at Pearl Harbor. They will be at home in Washington, D. C., where he is permanently located.

**CLASS PARTY.**

Mrs. A. Williamson entertained her Sunday School class last Friday evening in her home. After games and contests were enjoyed, a lovely plate of smothered steak and gravy, mashed potatoes, nut salad, hot biscuits and jello was served to Rev. and Mrs. Fred Porter, Mary Lou and Tommy O'Rear, Sarah and Norma Wilson.

**LINEN SHOWER.**

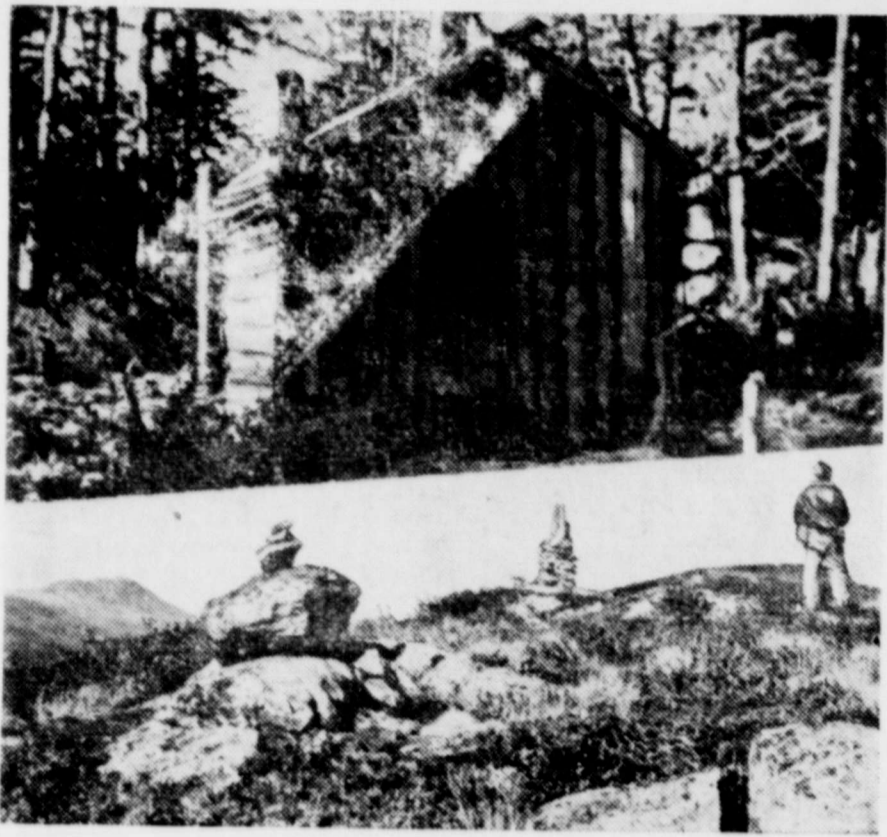
On Saturday afternoon Mrs. J. Cal Hamner, assisted by Mrs. Stanley Armour entertained at her home honoring Miss Helen Martin, who was leaving for Washington, D. C., to be married to Elery Smith, Jr., on Oct. 30.

Mrs. R. L. Fortune and Mrs. J. P. Roberts welcomed guests as they arrived. Mrs. Clark Hamner was at the bride's book and Mrs. T. G. Hamner presided in the dining room, serving punch and cake. A tiny red, white and blue airplane, inscribed Elery, Jr., and Helen, Oct. 30, was presented each guest by Mrs. A. W. Woods.

Miss Jonnie Roberts sang "Until Tomorrow" and "Because of You"; Glenna Scott gave "Mary, Quite Contrary," and Joy Lansford sang "Kiss the Boys Goodbye." Mrs. Bud Winter read "A Woman's Question" and "We Have Lived and Loved."

Dressed as a witch Miss Jonnie Roberts entered and with a witch's

**Pilot Crashed, 1939, Never Found**



Canadian fliers have found the wreckage of plane of Thomas Smith of Clarksburg, W. Va., who left Portland, Maine, May 28, 1939, and has never been found. Top picture shows trapper's hut near wrecked plane. Bottom: A mound of stones and sticks pointing the N.W. direction Smith had said in his note (in plane) that he would walk.

broom stirred in a large black pot, fishing out fortunes, also gifts that were presented to the honoree.

The guest list included Mesdames Caz Lansford, S. Armour, E. Smith of Roscoe, D. Armour, S. Martin, F. Martin, Dorothy Armour, T. G. Hamner, H. O'Kelley, E. Burks, C. Hamner, L. Beasley, R. M. Beasley, R. L. Fortune, L. Z. Titsworth, L. Quattlebaum, J. M. Smith, Lon Martin, Joe Winter, Bud Winter, J. R. Gafford, J. Crain, C. McRee, J. B. Winn, C. Crocker, E. Strawn, Bruce Hughes, C. C. Estep.

Those sending gifts were Mesdames Buck Cook of Anson, Neil Rose, E. Henderson, H. B. Henderson and B. Tyler of Abilene, W. Churchill of

**Roy Rust Largent on Honor Roll at Kemper**

Roy Rust Largent, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Largent, was on the dean's honor roll at Kemper Military school, Boonville, Mo., for the first grade month.

This is an outstanding scholastic honor, as the roll requires one to be in the group above 87 and takes in less than 18 per cent of the corps.

Sweetwater, J. Strawn, E. Bowers, G. Brewer, A. Williamson, L. McRee, G. Bryant, F. Duncan, Joe Patterson, R. Reeves and B. Burkhart.

**Civil Service Position For Mechanic's Helper**

The United States Civil Service commission announces open competitive examination for the position of general mechanic's helper, \$1320 a year, for employment at the War Department, Air Corps, Abilene, Texas.

Applications must be filed with the Secretary, Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, San Antonio Air Depot, Duncan Field, San Antonio, Texas, before the close of business on November 10, 1941.

Competitors will not be required to report for examination at any place but ratings will be based on information shown in their applications subject to corroboration.

Further information and application forms may be obtained from the Secretary, Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, Post Office, Abilene, Albany, Anson, Baird, Merkel, Stamford and Winters, Texas; or from the Manager, Tenth U. S. Civil Service District, Customhouse, New Orleans, Louisiana.

The census bureau is using more than 100 million punch cards to turn into statistics the answers to the 1940 inquiries on the activities of over six million farms. These punch cards, similar to a music roll, are then run through electric tabulating machines for the purpose of converting these statistics into totals.

**DEFENSE BOND QUIZ**

Q. How many Defense Savings stamps does it take to fill an album?

A. Seventy-five 25-cent stamps; seventy-five 50-cent stamps; seventy-five \$1 stamps; or fifteen \$5 stamps. The completed albums are immediately exchangeable for Defense bonds (Series E) at your post office, or through your bank.

Q. Who directs the National movement to sell Defense Savings stamps in retail stores?

A. The Treasury's Retail Advisory committee, of which Benjamin H. Namm, of the National Retail Dry Goods association, is chairman. Officers of 13 other great national retail organizations comprise the committee.

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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For Parties

**WEST'S AUTO SUPPLY STORE**



These advertisements advising our customers on the use of gas service were selected among the best examples of public utility advertising during the past year.

**Children live in a different world**



...and the climate is 5 to 10 degrees colder!

**DON'T GIVE A COLD AN EVEN BREAK!**

Fight the dangerous common cold this winter with these simple rules: (1) Don't "huddle" but provide comfortable temperatures in every room so that quick body-chilling changes will be avoided at all times. (2) Introduce sufficient oxygen into the home through adequate ventilation. (3) Keep connecting doors open so that a natural circulation of warm air prevents from one room to another. (4) If you should "catch cold" consult your family doctor before it has an opportunity to undermine your health.

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HEAT YOUR ENTIRE HOME FOR YOUR HEALTH'S SAKE

(a message especially for mothers)

Yes Sir, he's "tops"!  
... and his welfare is an important responsibility.

THIS is not an ordinary advertisement. It offers neither goods nor merchandise for sale.

Its purpose is to remind you of the added obligation of parents during the winter season. At the same time we are ever mindful of our own responsibility in keeping your gas service dependable so that you may have the protection of adequate heat to safeguard your family's health.

You see, we too, have children.

We know of the anxious hours in every mother's life when illness threatens those she loves. We have watched with alarm a child's mounting fever of serious illness that started as a simple, common cold. With sleepless, fear-filled eyes we've watched through the night into the sunrise of a new day—as across our worried mind flashed that grim published warning—one death every four minutes from pneumonia! It was then that "prevention is the best remedy" impressed us with its full significance. It was then we recognized the vital importance of guarding against the simple, common cold.

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