

Keeping Up With Texas

Estate of the late Edwin J. Kiest, Dallas publisher, was tentatively valued at \$3,736,049 for a state inheritance tax of \$305,184, it was learned Friday at the comptroller's office, in Austin.

Two persons were killed and between 40 and 50 injured when a heavy awning over the Bowen bus terminal in Houston collapsed under the weight of spectators watching the downtown Armistice day parade Tuesday. The dead were H. Pratt, 48, and Levi Brodnax, 40, both of Houston. Pratt was dead on arrival at a hospital and Brodnax was crushed to death by the wreckage.

Lamar Williams Pillar, Crockett lumber company employee, and a San Angelo negro, Wesley Walton, died instantly Tuesday in a head-on crash of two automobiles on the highway between Rowena and Miles. Four other negroes were dragged from the flaming wreckage of one of the cars and were taken to a San Angelo hospital with serious injuries.

Fire which destroyed a family home at Merton Sunday caused the death of Ben Smith's 2-month-old son. Officers said one of Smith's seven small children started the fire by lighting a match after spilling kerosene in the house.

An oil tank exploded Tuesday on the Loyce Phillips lease at Hawkins, killing Odie Kennedy, 37, Gladewater.

Charles W. Hobbs, 77, trust officer and director of the San Angelo National bank, dropped dead of a heart attack as he left his office Wednesday afternoon.

C. B. Beasley, Jr., 13, was killed almost instantly at Colorado City Wednesday night when struck by an east-bound automobile while riding his bicycle on highway 80 at the east city limits. The car did not stop.

Five-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy C. Williams, Ralph Gilbert Williams, died in a Big Spring hospital Wednesday four hours after he was struck by a car. The child, attempting to run across the street with a companion at the time of the accident, suffered a fractured skull. The driver of the car, Fred Keating, U. S. experiment farm superintendent stopped and gave aid. It was the second traffic fatality in Big Spring city limits this year.

Col. Ernest O. Thompson will be relieved from active duty Nov. 24 because of the importance of his civil duty as chairman of the Texas railroad commission, it was announced from 36th division headquarters on Wednesday.

McMurry Chanters to Tour Through Texas

Abilene, Nov. 13.—Dorothy Shannon and Bonnie Lucille Church, both freshman students at McMurry college, Abilene, are leaving Nov. 16 for a nine-day trip through the western part of Texas and parts of Mexico with the McMurry Chanters, a choral organization.

This is the annual Thanksgiving trip of the organization. Twenty-six students are making the trip by bus, accompanied by Mrs. Robert B. Wylie, director, and Louise Spiegelmire, accompanist.

List of Petit Jurors Called for Next Week

The petit jury for next week in 104th district court includes the following names:

I. V. Garrett, M. G. Cypert, W. T. Cox, Fred Baker, B. L. Bond, J. M. Meek, G. W. Harrell, Merkel, C. W. Gill, C. B. Mallet, H. B. Adams, J. E. L. Holley, O. L. Myers, E. I. Deaton, Edward R. Konsak, Will Nesmith, A. Faustgen, H. J. Moreland, L. H. Harrison, C. S. Henning, Spencer Ford, Harvey Rhodes, G. J. Hale, Carl F. Williamson, E. M. Bryan, W. J. Schultz, Jno. C. Hamm, R. G. Lee, W. A. Stewman, R. L. Perkins, J. C. Crow, H. D. Hopkins, Jno. R. Spaulding, E. A. Piller, W. R. Hudspeth, C. T. Brady, Chas. Le Sueur, Otto Childress, G. A. Collins, Ralph B. Coats, Ollie Brown, Abilene; O. L. Bishop, Trent; A. E. Fogle, Alex Graham, Tuscola; Geo. W. Haynes, Paul Copeland, Lawn; Jas. L. Holland, Wingate; Geo. Maxwell, Buf. Gap; Sam F. Gladden, Charles Dillard, N. H. Wilson, Ovalo.

Brothers Receive Like Injuries on Gridiron

It was a co-incidence of rather infrequent occurrence that the two sons of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Largent, Rusty and David, received injuries the same day, and of somewhat similar nature.

David, playing on Merkel's "B" team last Thursday at Abilene, sustained a fracture in his right knee, and the other son, Rusty, at Kemper Military school, Boonville, Mo., was also injured in the right knee, a tendon being pulled loose.

Record of Births.

A boy, to Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Irvin, Friday, Nov. 7, 1941.
A boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Carvel Clark, Monday, Nov. 10, 1941.

RITES HELD HERE FOR LONG-TIME TRENT RESIDENT

Mrs. J. I. Leamon, 71, Passes Away At Home of Daughter; Survived by Two Children, Nine Grandchildren.

Mrs. J. I. Leamon, 71, a resident of Trent for over 30 years, died at 6:45 last Friday morning at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Twyman Collins. She had been seriously ill five weeks.

Funeral services were held at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon from the First Baptist church, with the pastor, Rev. Cooper Waters, officiating. Taking part also in the service were Rev. Fred H. Porter, pastor of the Trent Baptist church, of which Mrs. Leamon was a member, and Rev. W. T. Hamor of Winters, a former pastor at Trent. Burial followed in Rose Hill cemetery by the side of her husband, who died on June 28, 1929. Funeral arrangements were in charge of Barrow-Sheppard.

Active pallbearers were John Collins, Dewell McLean, Fred Odell, all of Merkel; J. B. Winn, L. E. Adrian, Hubert Beckham and Gus Brewer, Trent. Named as honorary pallbearers were E. L. Mangum, J. A. English, Ed Sherman, Tom Williamson, A. Williamson, L. W. Ross, John Gafford, Cal Hamper, A. W. Woods, West Reynolds, all of Trent, and W. L. Boyd, Hamlin.

Serving as flower girls were Mesdames Earl Lassiter, W. J. Largent and Booth Warren, Merkel; Earl Strawn, Gus Brewer, C. C. Stribling, Trent; Mrs. Arnold Dressler, Sweetwater, and Miss Gertrude Dowdy, Abilene.

A native Texan, Mrs. Leamon was born Mary Zill Wright, on May 4, 1870, in Robertson county. She was married to J. I. Leamon in that county, on Feb. 24, 1889. Coming to West Texas in 1905, they lived in Merkel three years before moving to Trent.

Mr. Leamon operated a hotel at Trent until failing health forced his retirement a few years before his death. Mrs. Leamon continued to live there until June 17 of this year when she came here to make her home with her daughter. She had been a member of the Baptist church since childhood.

Survivors are two daughters, Mrs. Collins, and Mrs. Ernest Massey, of Denton; nine grandchildren; two brothers, Ben Wright of Houston and George Wright of Grand Junction, Colo., and a half-brother, Willie Thomas, of Robertson county.

Among relatives and friends here for the funeral were Mrs. Gladys Bankhead, Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Dowdy and son, Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. Homer Easterwood, Taft; Ernest Massey and children, Denton; Mildred McLean, Stephenville; Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Matthews and daughter, Willie Pearl, White Flat; Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Matthews, Nubia; Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Boyd, Hamlin; Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Dressler, Sweetwater; Mrs. J. W. Dowdy, Miss Gertrude Dowdy, Mrs. J. B. Billingsley, Mrs. Bea Rutherford, Mrs. Sidney Pass and daughter, Mrs. Fred Rogge, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Lodo Dowdy, Eula; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fee and mother, Mrs. Norsworthy, Clyde.

Supt. Robinson is Guest Speaker for Trent P.-T. A. Unit

Trent, Nov. 13.—Supt. Connor Robinson of the Merkel Public schools was the guest speaker for the monthly meeting Monday night of the Trent unit of the Parent-Teacher association, his subject being "Education at the Crossroads."

Reports of committees were given during a business session presided over by Mrs. Karl Bonneaux, president, preceding an enjoyable musical program. Miss Christine Collins sang "My Own America," with Mrs. Andy Shouse as accompanist; Mrs. Shouse was heard in two piano numbers; Robert McRee gave a vocal number, "Strawberry Lane," and Supt. R. L. Fortune rendered two accordion selections, "Hawaiian Sunset" and "Worried Mind."

December Conference to Meet at Merkel Church

The First Baptist church of Merkel will be host to the December conference of the Sweetwater Baptist association, at which time State Baptist Sunday School workers will provide the program.

The November session, held last Thursday at the Immanuel Baptist church in Abilene, was well attended.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS OBSERVE SECOND THANKSGIVING

The second Thanksgiving dates, Nov. 27-28, will be observed by the Merkel Public schools, it was announced Monday by Supt. Connor Robinson.

While the State Teachers convention is to be held in Houston, beginning the first Thanksgiving day, Nov. 20, it was found that on account of the distance no one of the Merkel teachers was going to attend, and hence, the second Thanksgiving day will bring the traditional holiday in the schools.

From President Booth Warren of the Farmers & Merchants National bank comes word that this institution will observe the second Thanksgiving day as a holiday.

Mrs. Durham Reviews Book for Senior Class

Mrs. Wrenn Durham, popular reader and former English teacher of Merkel High school, furnished the program for the second regular Senior Class meeting held on Friday morning, Nov. 7. Venita Allen, program chairman, introduced the speaker. Her choice of material was the challenging novel, "The Keys of the Kingdom," by A. J. Cronin.

The class showed much interest in the reviewer's style of approaching the story. She named Father Francis, the missionary to China, as representing the Christian of love and faith. As Mrs. Durham told of his life story, dominated by disappointments and sacrifices, she constantly pointed to his ideal of living to do right. Everyone accepted her closing sentence as the greatest thought derived from the book, "May I grow more like Father Francis."

Billy Tom Hutcheson, class president, introduced the guests for the morning—Miss Willie Virden and Mrs. Ellen Duncan, High School teachers, and the two speech classes. Mrs. Comer Haynes, class sponsor, announced that a copy of "The Keys of the Kingdom" had been placed in the library by Supt. Robinson.

This program served as a climax for Book Week, which was observed in several other ways in both High school and Grammar school.

Hatchell Rites to be Held Here Friday

Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Friday from the First Baptist church here for B. T. Hatchell, 28, who died at Breckenridge Wednesday afternoon of a heart attack. He was a teacher in the Breckenridge schools, his death occurring at the school house.

The body will be brought overland Friday from Breckenridge in a Satterwhite funeral car, with burial arrangements here in charge of the Barrow-Sheppard company.

Rev. Cooper Waters, pastor of the First Baptist church, will officiate for the rites, interment to be made in Rose Hill cemetery.

Survivors are his wife, the former Ola Pearl Casey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Casey of Abilene, former residents of the Merkel area; one son, B. T. Hatchell, Jr., 1½ years old; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Hatchell, Albuquerque, N. M.; two brothers, Bill and Floyd, Oklahoma City, and two sisters, Mrs. L. Speer, Little Rock, Ark., and Juanita Hatchell, Albuquerque.

Local Merchants Meet Red Cross Roll Call

Working with Chairman Dee Grimes and his committee in the annual Red Cross Roll Call here that started Wednesday, are Frank Breaux and Ray Wilson, committee members, and the following added assistants: Byers Petty, S. D. Gamble, R. T. Gray and Supt. Connor Robinson, president of the Lions club.

Already more than 100 memberships have been secured, with the canvass of the business section not yet completed.

The residential sections are to be canvassed by members of the women's clubs of the city under the direction of Mrs. Elma McFarland.

Season's Ginning Total Reaches 10,819 Bales

The past week's ginnings, as tabulated by The Mail, account for a total of 1,397 bales in the Merkel area. The Hamm gin has closed for the season, leaving only five operating in Merkel.

Including total from all six gins in Merkel, and those at Stith, Blair and Noodle, season's ginnings up to Wednesday night were 10,819. This is nearly 600 bales above the final figure of 10,270 for the 1940 crop.

SOME VA BOY TO WIN REGISTERED CALF SATURDAY

Three-Weeks Old Heifer Calf from Lee Baker Herd to be Awarded Boy Signing Greatest Number of Cows.

Promptly at 4 p. m. Saturday, Nov. 15, to the VA boy attending school at Merkel, Trent, Divide or Butterfield who has signed the greatest number of cows for the Merkel Cooperative Cheese Plant, Inc., will be given a registered jersey heifer calf, it was announced Thursday by Manager Johnny Cox.

The week-old calf, formerly planned to be given by A. J. (Uncle Jack) Canon, died this week. However, in the herd of Lee Baker was found a three-weeks old heifer calf with equal rating ancestors as the former calf, and this one has been secured. Registered papers and transfer will be given to the winning boy.

Two other calves will be given each of the four schools early in March to the boys doing most outstanding school work, eligibility to compete being based on signing of 15 cows for the Cooperative. Qualification in this event will continue until further announcements are made.

Applications for frozen lockers are to be ready soon. New plans have been drawn for the combined installation.

Local Congregation Attends Convention Session in A Body

Members of the First Baptist church, Merkel, met at the church at 6:15 Wednesday evening and went in a body to the Texas General Baptist convention in progress at Abilene. Dr. W. W. Melton, executive secretary, gave a report from the executive board. Robert Cooke Buckner, grandson and namesake of the founder of Buckner Orphan's home, presented the report on that institution for his father, Hal F. Buckner.

Next meeting place will be named in the session Thursday afternoon.

Re-election of all state officers Tuesday afternoon closed the Texas State Baptist Women's Missionary union's 61st annual meeting held at the First Baptist church, Abilene. Mrs. B. A. Copass, Fort Worth, headed the slate of state officers for the 11th time, having begun her decade of service in Abilene as president of the W. M. U. 10 years ago.

A. D. Foreman, Sr., Houston layman, was renominated president of the general convention in an executive meeting Tuesday night. Tuesday afternoon, E. S. Cummings, Abilene attorney, was renominated president of Texas Baptist Brotherhood.

Rites Held Wednesday For Max McElmurray

Trent, Nov. 13.—Funeral services were held at 2:30 Wednesday afternoon from the Trent Methodist church for Max McElmurray, 21, of White Flat, who died at 12:30 Tuesday at the Root Memorial hospital, Colorado City, of injuries sustained when his car turned over on the highway west of Iatan, near Westbrook, about 8 o'clock Monday night.

Rev. Cecil Tune, pastor, officiated, and burial followed in the Trent cemetery under direction of Barrow-Sheppard Funeral home, of Merkel.

Survivors are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. McElmurray, of White Flat; a brother, Clovis, and three sisters, Merle and Lowell, of White Flat, and Mrs. L. C. Stribling, Sweetwater.

He was employed at the U. S. Gypsum plant at Sweetwater.

Pallbearers were: B. W. Lee, Ray Neepser, Sweetwater, and J. C. Brown, Smithy Ogletree, Kenneth Purser and Tim McLeod, Trent.

Les Palmer Injured in Automobile Accident

Les Palmer remains at the Sadler Clinic, where he was brought Tuesday night for first aid and treatment after an automobile accident resulting in possibly serious back and neck injuries.

As, returning to Abilene where he is employed, he approached the underpass east of Tye, the lights of an oncoming car blinded him so much that he turned off to the right side of the road too far, and when he tried to straighten his car a '34 Ford coupe, it struck the wall of the underpass. He was not, however, thrown from the car.

Rotan Yellowhammers are Given Severe Drubbing by Merkel's Undefeated Squad

BAIRD BEARS ARE NEXT IN ORDER

Merkel Eleven to Meet Callahan County Boys Thursday Night of Next Week.

Climaxing a highly successful and exciting season, the Badgers will end the conference year when they meet Baird next Thursday night, Nov. 20, the game to be played at Baird. The Badgers have only to tie Baird to clinch the championship of district 6A, but to win this encounter would give Merkel a perfect unbeaten and untied record for the season; however, to lose the game, the Badgers would still be in the running since every other club contending for the title has lost one game.

With the defeat of the Rotan club, the Badgers have played and won eight games, five conference and three inter-district, continuing a pace all Merkel is proud of. Leading the conference in games, the Badgers also lead in scores, having made a total of 225 points. Only 25 points have been scored against them all season.

While the Badgers downed the Rotan Yellowhammers 36-0 Armistice Day, Baird shut-out Snyder 45-0. Baird has lost only once in conference this season, and that loss came in a freakish game with Roby and the score was 6-0.

Guaranteed an interesting battle, this crucial tilt will decide the district 6A championship, and either place the crown on the Badger's brow or possibly divide it in a three-way tie since Baird and Roby have faced one defeat each.

Methodist Conference Meets in Big Spring

Leaving Wednesday, Rev. Marvin Boyd, accompanied by Mrs. Boyd and their son, Don, is in attendance this week at the Northwest Texas conference of the Methodist church at Big Spring, at the close of which on Sunday announcement of appointments for next year will be made.

This is the first year for Rev. Mr. Boyd with the Merkel church and the congregation has every reason to expect his return, due to his effective work and general popularity.

As delegate from the Merkel church, T. G. Bragg left Thursday for Big Spring. Heruett Patterson, the alternate, will divide time with him, in attendance on alternating days.

Present Radio Artists At Butman Nov. 17

The Methodist women of the Butman community are sponsoring a program at the tabernacle Monday night, Nov. 17, which will prove very interesting. Admission charge will be 25 cents for adults and 15 cents for children, including the tax.

Numbers on the program include: Bill & Joe, "happy-go-lucky boys;" Callahan Bros., radio artists from KWWT, Wichita Falls; the Blue Ridge Mountain Folks, featuring Old Huckleberry, and the Herrington Sisters.

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MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From Files of The Merkel Mail, November 11, 1921.)

CLYDE AND BUD SEARS BUY MENARD RANCH.
According to reports, Clyde and Claude (Bud) Sears closed the deal Saturday for purchase of a 6,715 acre ranch located in Menard county. With the ranch Messrs. Sears also get 2,400 head of sheep, 1,250 goats and 140 head of cattle. It seems the trade was somewhat of an exchange deal, and in the trade Messrs. Sears transferred considerable property in and around Merkel, among which was the handsome block known as the Anchor and Beasley block, with the exception of one building, which was sold to Messrs. Rose and Hancock; that is all that was left after the fire which recently burned these gentlemen's business. We understand the above deal totals in value around \$120,000.

Roy A. Adams, who among a number of others of this city and surrounding community took the civil service examination some weeks ago for the position of clerk in the local

Badgers Pile Up Total Yardage of 400 to Only 74 for Visitors; Tie for District Championship Cinched.

Playing before a large Armistice Day crowd, the Badgers hammered the Rotan Yellowhammers into submission by a score of 36-0. This leaves only Baird as the remaining foe between the Badgers and an untied-undefeated season. The victory over Rotan clinched a tie for the district championship.

Rotan received the kick-off and on the first play, R. V. Clark intercepted a pass on the Merkel 45 and returned it to the Rotan 32. Melton scored from the 1, four plays later. Reynolds added the extra point.

In the second quarter, Merkel started a march from their own 47. Higgins picked up 8 yards, Clark, Melton and Smith lugged it to the Rotan 41 for a first down. Three passes were incomplete. On fourth down and 10 to go, Melton crossed the opposition by running for 15 and a first down. Four plays later Melton crossed over from the 5, and kicked the extra point.

Late in the third quarter the Badgers scored twice. The first came after an exchange of punts which gave them the ball on the Rotan 35 yard line. James Cox crossed over from the 15 on an end around play. Smith drop kicked the extra point to make the score 21-0.

The Badgers scored again almost immediately. On the first play after the kick-off Rotan fumbled and Reynolds recovered on the 18. Elbert Hickam gained 1 on an end around and Melton crossed the goal line standing up. The Badgers took too much time out before trying for the extra point. The officials decided that Rotan could choose as to whether Merkel were penalized or should lose their attempt for the extra point. They chose the latter, so the quarter ended 27-0.

The next score was a safety. Carson intercepted a pass and returned to the Rotan 25. Four plays later Smith fumbled on the 7 yard line and Rotan recovered. Reynolds crashed through and blocked the punt and as the mass scrambled for the ball it was kicked over the end zone for an automatic safety.

The last score came from the Rotan 38. Smith lost 7, Melton picked up 11, Cox made it first down on the 11 yard line after making a fine 23 yard run. Smith made 2 and Melton cashed the register for the last touchdown. Reynolds kicked the extra point.

The Badgers line managed to hold the Rotan backs to a net of 61 yards and blocked 3 punts. This is the lowest net gain of any team the Badgers have played this year. The center of the line, manned by Reynolds, Butman, Euell Hickam and Derington, was practically a stone wall. Reynolds deserves special credit for 2 recovered fumbles and a blocked kick. Warren and Smith did a fine job of line backing and Smitty continued his bone-cracking blocks. Melton was the chief ground gainer, his four touchdowns and an extra point bringing his total to 151 points. Clark's pass interception started the boys on their first score. Carson and Higgins played well both offensively and defensively, with the former showing

post office, has received the appointment to this position, taking the place of Miss Foote, on November first.

We understand that Mr. G. A. Gutherie has sold his splendid home to Elder R. T. Harris, and with his good wife will soon move to Slaton, Texas. Mr. Gutherie still retains his fine farm of 200 acres.

R. J. Hannah was here one day last week and stated that he would leave in a day or two for a trip to his old home at Pulaski, Tennessee.

The First Presbyterian church choir members were entertained at the home of Dr. and Mrs. S. W. Johnson with Mrs. Ernest Mims as hostess. The following officers were elected: Mrs. Mims, director; Harry Barnett, leader; Chas. H. Jones, president; Marvin Smith, secretary, and R. L. Bland, treasurer. After the usual rehearsal delicious refreshments were served to 20 members.

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RURAL SOCIETY

BRIDAL SHOWER.

Complimenting Mrs. Earl Fitzgerald of Wichita Falls, the former Louise Addison, Mesdames Pat Addison, Will Campbell, Jim Campbell and Hugh Campbell were co-hostesses to a bridal shower at the Blair Methodist church on Nov. 7. Mrs. Glenn Abbott of Abilene, sister of the bride, presided over the bride's book, where some forty guests registered.

Appropriate songs were directed by Miss Lena Fae Orsborn, with Miss Fannie Lou Jackson playing the bridal chorus. Mr. Jim Campbell led the prayer. The guests participated in interesting games sponsored by Mrs. Jack Chapman, Mrs. J. D. Sandusky and Miss Mary Derington.

After the social hour, many lovely and useful gifts were presented to the honoree. Lovely autumn flowers decked a table where a beautiful two-tiered wedding cake topped with a miniature bride and groom was cut by the bride and served with hot chocolate to guests by Mrs. Pat Addison, Misses Madlyn Brown and Nina Orsborn. Guests attending were Mrs. Fitzgerald; Messrs. and Mesdames Hugh Campbell, Will Campbell, Jim Campbell, E. E. Akin, Glenn Abbott, J. W. Moore, E. H. Brown, Z. V. Moore; Mesdames Kate Phillips, Mattie Addison, Tom Estall, T. A. Mitchell, J. D. Sandusky, Clint Madderra, Jack Chapman, E. J. Orsborn, Susie Doan, V. L. Doan; Misses Madlyn Brown, Dorothy Derington, Mary Derington, Nina Orsborn, Lena Fae Orsborn, Fannie Lou Jackson, Barbara Phillips, Johnnie Nell Brown; Messrs. Lewis Spratin, Orvil Brown, Vaughn Doan, Jimmie Campbell, Billie Campbell, Billie Jack Jackson, Elmer Lee Sandusky.

Those sending gifts were Grandmother Abbott, Mesdames R. B. Horton, Jake Patterson, Caul McLean, Murry Farmer, Marvin Egger, Lloyd Perkins, Fate Scogin, A. M. Jackson, Herman Doan, Otis Moore, Clarence Melton, Richard Melton, A. L. Farmer and Miss Edith Akin.

UNION RIDGE CLUB.

The Union Ridge Home Demonstration club met Friday, Nov. 7, at the home of Mrs. Woodrow Patton. The president, Mrs. Weldon McAninch, presided at a business meeting, during which the following officers were elected for 1942:

Mrs. Lee Tipton, president; Mrs. Lee Ponder, vice-president; Miss Abiel McIlree, council member; Mrs. Denzel Cox, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Woodrow Patton, reporter.

Miss Tennessee Read, county agent, was present and gave interesting suggestions for making "Something out of Nothing" Christmas gifts.

On Peace Time Mission



On special duty for the New York City Cancer committee, two units of the British-American Ambulance corps are being loaded with surgical dressings and other supplies for New York hospitals. Four young assistants wear costumes of the Free French, Chinese, Greek and Dutch.

Refreshments were served to Mesdames Denzel Cox, W. C. Lee, Weldon McAninch, Pierce Horton, S. G. Russell, Leo Harris, J. E. Jaynes, Lee Ponder, O. R. Douglas, Chester Bond, Woodrow Patton, Misses Tennessee Read and Mabel McRee.

The club's Achievement Day program will be Nov. 21 at Mrs. S. G. Russell's.

BIRTHDAY SUPPER.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Blair honored their daughter, Clarice, with a birthday dinner on Friday night, Nov. 7. The house was beautifully decorated with chrysanthemums, and the table was centered with a large birthday cake with 17 candles. Place cards were miniature soldiers.

Invitations were sent to Messrs. C. W. McCall, Billy Bob Pritchett, Bill Percell; Misses Jewel Chancey, Irene Moore, Clarice Blair, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Lassiter and son, Cecil, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Crow.

Hospital Notes.

R. L. Whetsel, Abilene, was admitted to Sadler Clinic Nov. 7 for treatment. A boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Irvin Nov. 7. Mrs. Annie Scott and the Corey Camp child were both admitted for treatment Nov. 11. Leslie Palmer received first aid Nov. 11. Betty Logan was dismissed Nov. 11 and Mrs. James McKelvy was dismissed Nov. 12.

CAKE WALK.

If you want to have a good time and lots of pies and cakes to eat, come to the Methodist church at Nubia Friday night, Nov. 14. Girls, bring a cake or pie, and, boys, bring a pocket full of money. Come and help the Junior class of Merkel HI.

CAR OF COAL.

Will have car of coal on railroad tracks Friday and Saturday.
CLYDE EAGER
Successor to J. M. Garrett

Badgers

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more drive than in any previous game. "Breezy" Cox scored once and set up another.

The punting of Wilson was the feature of Rotan's play. The 8 punts he got off averaged 48 yards, but he had 3 blocked to bring his day's average down to 35. Melton did his best punting, getting off 3 nice ones for an average of 38 yards with one going out of bounds on the 9 and another on the 3.

The starting line-ups:
Merkel—Hickam, re; Butman, rt; E. Hickam, rg; Warren, c; Derington, lg; Reynolds, lt; Cox, le; Melton, q; Higgins, lb; Clark, rh; Smith, fb.

Rotan—Underhill, re; Gilbert, rt; Allen, rg; Shipp, c; Polk, lg; Anthony, lt; Cornelius, le; Strayhorn, q; Parker, lb; Kiker, rh; Wilson, fb.

Statistics:
First downs, Merkel 14, Rotan 5.
Total yards gained, Merkel 400, Rotan 74.
Total yards lost, Merkel 10, Rotan 13.

Net yards gained, Merkel 390, Rotan 61.
Punts, Merkel, 3 for 116, Rotan, 11 for 353.

Scores, Merkel, Melton 4, Cox 1; extra points, Melton 1, Smith 1, Reynolds 2.

Officials: Jake Bentley, referee; L. B. Russell, umpire; Doc Schultz, linesman.

LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS

Misses Mildred Bird, Frances Foster and Era Bale, students from Merkel enrolled at Draughon's Business college, Abilene, were among the highest ranking students whose names appeared on this month's honor roll of the college.

An interested spectator at the Armistice Day game between Rotan and Merkel was E. O. Carson, Merkel grocer injured in an automobile collision on Sept. 23, for whom the occasion was especially exciting as giving him an opportunity to be out for the first time.

After an absence of over two months, W. W. Toombs, well known farmer and cotton buyer, who was ordered by his physician to take a rest, was uptown this week, mingling with friends.

New citizens of Merkel are Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Hammond, who with their two children are residing in the McCain home on Edwards street. Mr. Hammond, who comes from Arp, will be connected with the Nutt Variety store, his wife being a sister of Mrs. Nutt.

Ten Boy Scouts under the leadership of Luther Land supervised parking of cars at the Armistice Day game—a service that was doubly appreciated by automobile owners, both in arriving at the field and in making their departure.

Karl Bonneaux, son of Mr. and Mrs. Karl Bonneaux, went to Lubbock Monday, where after induction in the air corps he left for Kelly Field replacement center at San Antonio. He was accompanied to Lubbock by his mother, who returned home the same day.

Anderson Ranch Dam, to be built by bureau of reclamation in Idaho, will be the highest earth-filled dam in the world, 330 feet.

GIVING OUR "The Best of it" COMMUNITY

No community today could thrive by building a wall about itself. It is not possible for every one of us to buy at home everything that we need and use. But we do have a definite obligation to patronize home merchants. They represent the backbone of the community's commercial life.

Let's keep this in mind constantly and give these friends and neighbors of ours the best of our patronage. Money spent at home is well spent.

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MERKEL, TEXAS

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W. S. J. Brown Booth Warren

DEFENSE BOND QUIZ



Q. I cannot find the word "Defense" anywhere on the Defense Savings stamps I have bought. Are they merely Postal Savings stamps, or does my money invested in these stamps go into the Defense program?

A. The money you use to purchase these stamps goes definitely into the Defense program. The stamps bear the words "America on Guard," which indicates that they are an integral part of the Defense program.

Q. What is the treasury's purpose in putting Defense Savings stamps on sale in retail stores throughout the nation?

A. To make it as easy as possible for Americans everywhere to buy these stamps, which, as everyone knows, may be exchanged at many post offices and banks for Defense Savings 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.

Foiled Gestapo



Safe in London, this couple smile happily after escaping from occupied France and the Gestapo. The girl was ringleader of a gang of juveniles who plastered their town with anti-Nazi posters. She fled with this lieutenant to North Africa, and thence to British territory.

CARD OF THANKS.

The family and relatives of the late Max McElmurray wish to express their sincere thanks and appreciation for the many tokens of kindness and sympathy bestowed by all during their period of sorrow and tribulation.

Two new chapels, Catholic and Protestant, being built at the Naval Operating Base, Norfolk, Va., at a cost of \$125,000 are the first to be provided by act of Congress for a naval station.

There are more than 2,500,000 bicycles in use in Sweden, or five for every 12 inhabitants.

Detskoye Selo, Russia, was the first town on the European continent to be lighted by electricity. programs for most 4-H Club girls' encampments this year.

Longest known run made by salmon from the open sea to fresh water to spawn is up the Yukon river to Caribou Crossing, 2,250 miles.

Score Evened Between Merkel "B"-Eaglets

Abilene High school's freshman eleven evened their score with Merkel's B team Thursday afternoon on Abilene's field when they ran over the Badger line for a 27-7 victory. In the previous game between the two clubs, played at Merkel, Merkel emerged winner, 7-2.

Harrison, 155 pound fullback for the Eaglets, accounted for two touchdowns for Abilene. Kendrick, Smith and Bailey were other Eaglets who set the score at 27 points.

Merkel scored when George Froschel, Badger quarterback, slung a 35 yard aerial to Halfback Buddie Mashburn, who snatched it on the deadrun on the Eaglet 20 yard line and dashed across the goal line.

The starting line-ups:
Merkel—Winter and Campbell, ends; Smith and Largent, tackles; Peterson and Stout, guards; Rutledge, center; Smith and Mashburn, halves; Froschel, quarter; Frazier, fullback.
Abilene—Kendrick and Brown, ends; Bland and Bailey, tackles; Milstead and Hill, guards; Howze, center; Rose and Smith, halves; Murphy, quarter; Harrison, fullback.

BOX SUPPER.

At the Union Ridge school house, Friday night, Nov. 14, at 7:30, the Junior girls of the Merkel High school will sponsor a box supper for fun, frolic and money. Come out to Union Ridge, hear music, eat pies and cakes. Bring your pennies and dollars.

Civilian air raid deaths for all England in the first eight months of 1941 total 19,078.

Merkel Women Attend Fellowship Meeting

Members of the Woman's Missionary society of Grace Presbyterian church were attending a "Fellowship" meeting of the Abilene Presbyterial at the Central Presbyterian church, Abilene, on Thursday of this week.

The program opens with a luncheon served by the Woman's Missionary society of the hostess church, with the Abilene Presbyterial president, Mrs. Henry West, of Merkel, presiding. Reports of delegates of the Women's Synodical, Oct. 14-16, in San Antonio, were to be given. Speakers are Mrs. West; Mrs. E. B. Surface, Abilene; Mrs. J. D. Fulton, Baird, and those not delegates, who attended. A conference hour, executive board meeting and special committee meetings were to close the afternoon's session.

Merkel women attending are Mesdames J. Basil Ramsey, R. A. Walker, John West, W. M. Elliott, Henry West, Connor Robinson, G. F. West, S. G. Russell and Miss Mary Derstine.

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Trent News--Personals

Rev. Byron Holt, Mrs. Holt and son, Spike, of Roxton attended the Baptist convention in Abilene this week and were guests in the home of his cousin, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. King, here.

Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Howell and daughter, Miss Jackie, of Fort Worth were week-end guests of relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Scott and Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Estep were among those attending a banquet at the Hilton hotel, Abilene, on Tuesday evening of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Beckham of Lamesa were guests this week of his mother, Mrs. C. T. Beckham.

Miss Gloria McLeod, student at John Tarleton college, Stephenville, was home to spend the week-end with her folks.

Mrs. J. W. Dowdy of Abilene visited friends here last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Luckhart of Columbus, Ohio, were guests the past week of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Friend.

PARTY HONORS REV. AND MRS. CECIL TUNE.

On last Tuesday evening Mr. and Mrs. A. Williamson were most gracious hosts, honoring Rev. and Mrs. Cecil Tune, who are soon to give up their church work on account of ill health. Invitations were given to every one to attend this "Hobo Stew," and about dark the hobo really began to arrive, approximately 100 persons attending.

Rev. Fred Porter, pastor of the Baptist church, was master of ceremonies, and contests, games and songs were enjoyed.

Refreshments consisted of the famous hobo stew, hot coffee, salads and pie, at the culmination of which a beautiful cedar chest and alarm clock were presented the honorees.

DOUBLE SHOWER.

Miss Dorothy Hood with Miss Vera

Bright as co-hostess complimented Mrs. Aulton Pruitt and Mrs. D. G. Regeon, until their recent marriages Misses Valree and Herbert Dean West, with a prettily planned party. The color theme was red, white and blue. Miniature United States flags were plate favors and a huge white cake trimmed in the three colors formed the centerpiece on the dining table.

Those present were Mesdames T. G. Pruitt, Effie Pruitt, Abilene, A. Williamson, G. F. West, T. H. Williamson, C. Edwards, M. Beasley, O. E. Clark, O. S. Bishop, J. Banner, W. R. Swinney, L. B. Gordon, B. Winter, S. Duncan, E. Stevens, D. May, E. Strawn, J. Strawn, N. O'Rear, B. C. Lansford, J. Crain, C. Estep, R. Scott, J. E. Horton, T. G. Hamner, E. B. Pruitt, Tye; Misses Helen Regeon, Abilene; Joy Lansford, Norma Wilson, Mildred Swinney, Kate Bob Swinney, Mildred Nixon, Helga Beasley and Evelyn Brown.

Those sending gifts were Mesdames Fannie Vessels, J. Walker, G. Bryant, M. Faulkner, E. Bucks, R. Yandell, S. Berger, E. Bowers, G. Brewer, F. Martin, H. McLeod and Miss Magdalene Payne.

GIFT SHOWER.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Freeman entertained last Saturday evening in their home with an old fashioned musical, honoring Mr. and Mrs. Canady of Abilene. Mrs. Canady was until her recent marriage Miss Louise Purser.

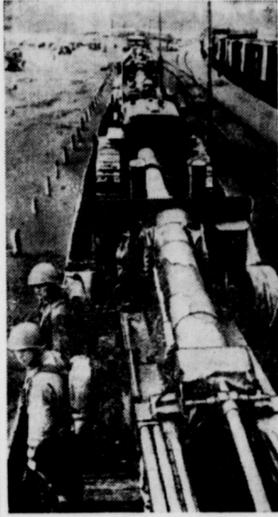
Many beautiful gifts were presented the honored couple.

TRENT SCHOOL NEWS.

As Carnival Queen, Miss Mary Lou O'Rear was presented a large box of chocolates. She was the senior candidate. Patsy Pomroy, of the grammar school, was the runner-up. Other favorites were: Jean Rutledge, freshman; Marjorie Pearl Beasley, sophomore, and Eunice Butler, junior.

The Trent seniors met last week

Russ Guns Move Up



This photograph of heavy Russian field pieces moving up to the front was presented to Lord Beaverbrook by Josef Stalin, when the British production chief was in embattled Russia to see in what way England could best help the valiant Russ. The caption reads: "To the Front. To Victory."

and selected the yellow rose as the class flower. The class colors are blue and gold, and the class motto, "Finishing, but Just Beginning."

In a game with the Lawn Longhorns, the Trent Gorillas were winners, 22-14. Bill Jones, left end and a letterman and all-district left end last year, received a broken arm in the second quarter of the game and will not be able to play any more this season.

At Tuscola last Friday night, the Gorillas blanked the Tigers, 26-0, to push nearer the district 5 six-man football championship.

Trent has won four straight conference games and closes the league schedule Friday of this week against Wylie, the game to be played at Wylie.

Plan Food-For-Freedom AAA Program for 1942

Signing Food-For-Freedom pledges got under way in Taylor county at a meeting Wednesday in charge of D. J. Curb, chairman of the Taylor County USDA Defense board, who has returned from a State Defense meeting at Waco.

Similar meetings explaining the 1942 AAA and Food-For-Freedom programs were held throughout the state at the same time to get food production in full swing, he said.

The production pledge is included in the 1942 farm plan sheet which will be used in mapping out the AAA program on individual farms. The plan sheet is the official AAA notice of 1942 cotton, wheat and peanut acreage allotments, yields and marketing quotas.

"Farmers should remember that the signing of the production pledge is not the important phase of the Food-For-Freedom campaign. It's the follow through, delivering the goods that will make the difference," Curb said in explaining the responsibility of Taylor county farmers in meeting goals.

County quotas in the Food-For-Freedom campaign include: dairy products, pork, beef, sheep and lambs, feed grains, peanuts for oil and gardens. Farmers will indicate on the plan sheet the amount of production to be expected of them for 1942.

Outline of the 1942 AAA farm program to assist farmers in planning crops for maximum benefit payments will be made at the same time production pledges are signed.

Necessary erosion-resisting acreage and soil-building practices will be indicated in other sections of the farm plan sheet. For 1942, an acreage of erosion-resisting or land uses equal to 25 per cent of the cropland is required for full payment with respect to allotment crops. Payments are made in proportion to performance under this phase of the program.

Soil-building practices, which are carried out to earn soil-building payments, are similar to those outlined under previous AAA programs, Curb said.

"For years, we've been fighting soil-erosion. Farmers should remember that more than ever next year. We have the practices and the money under the 1942 program to carry out more soil-building work. Besides the food campaign next year should be our banner soil-building year," the chairman declared.

General plan of campaign calls for completion of all Food-For-Freedom pledges during November. Following the sign-up county tabulations will be sent to the state office. Expected production for 1942 will then be forwarded to Secretary of Agriculture Wickard.

In the past, it was considered an achievement for an army moving on foot to cover 20 miles in a day; today, a mechanized army may be required to move twice that distance in an hour.



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If you were to nominate Fort Worth as the typical city of America's modern West, a wealth of convincing evidence would support your choice. For Fort Worth is progressive in attitude and action, dynamic in spirit, and young in outlook.

Fort Worth faces forward. It is not a city steeped too much in departed glory, where the visitor only reminisces, and, closing his eyes, listens for the distant tread of historic feet. It is rather a city where you look beyond the inspiring skyline of the present to the greater vision of the future.

But the West Texas metropolis, named after General William Jenkins Worth, does have a living link with the past. It is in the qualities of the old West, which still live in the city's customs and traditions. Modern as Fort Worth is, this modernity is not a cold, mechanized thing, devoid of friendliness and gaiety. The city is far removed

from any concept of a machine-like metropolis which destroys the essential humanity of its population. The traditional hospitality of the West is expressed nowhere more delightfully and abundantly than in the atmosphere of the Worth Hotel. Cities, like people, have distinct personalities. The Worth reflects the personality of Fort Worth more completely than any other focal center of the city's life.

Reduced to simplest terms, this rugged western hospitality consists of a sincere interest in the other fellow's comfort and welfare. It had its beginnings in the frontier life of the old West, when great distances and sparse settlement put a premium on human companionship and social relations. In those days a glad, unassuming "howdy" conveyed a warm welcome and a genuine solicitude for the visitor, whether stranger or old acquaintance.

The Worth Hotel is convincing

proof that this spirit still lives in Fort Worth, and that this brand of hospitality makes and keeps and multiplies friends. The West begins at the Worth for thousands of travellers who stop in Fort Worth on missions of business or pleasure.

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"Western hospitality, as big and real as the range," aptly describes the atmosphere of personal friendliness into which the visitor steps when he enters the front door of the Worth Hotel. That atmosphere pervades every moment of his stay at the Worth, and brings him back again and again.

Manager Jack Farrell is foreman of a family of "hands" each of whom has some of Jack's far-famed genius for making hotel patrons feel happy, contented and at ease. That desire to please people extends through the entire personnel. It beams in the smile of the porter who takes your bags at the curb; it animates the expression of the bell-boy who shows you to your room; it rings in the cheery "good morn-

ing" of the waitress who brings you your breakfast. It inspires the effort of an entire hotel organization to make your stay at the Worth an event to be remembered and repeated.

Every provision is made for your solid comfort at the Worth. Beautifully appointed and comfortably furnished rooms are designed in every particular to create a pleasant, relaxing atmosphere. Each room has both tub and shower bath, circulating ice water, and numerous little conveniences that add up to the sum total of delightful hotel accommodations. Snowy white linens and finest mattresses induce you to sleep like a baby.

The hotel is air-conditioned the year around. Each room has individual temperature control. You choose your weather at the Worth.

Two restaurants serve food eagerly looked forward to by seasoned travellers, and famed throughout the nation.

The Worth is strategically situated at the very heart of Fort Worth's business and pleasure activities, convenient to everything. Even in size, the hotel strikes an ideal. As Jack Farrell sums it up: "Big enough to serve you, but small enough to know you."

top-notch performances as the wise-cracking waitress who has one beau too many. And Alan Curtis and Sheila Ryan are fine in their roles. Don Deforest, in his film debut, is said to show great promise.

"We Go Fast" was directed by William McGann from a screen play by Thomas Lennon and Adrian Scott.

"Here Comes Mr. Jordan"

One of the finest casts ever assembled, in what Hollywood regards as one of the finest pictures ever made, may be seen Wednesday and Thursday at the Queen theatre, where Columbia's "Here Comes Mr. Jordan" will star Robert Montgomery. Principal supporting players include Claude Rains, Evelyn Keyes, James Gleason, Edward Everett Horton, Rita Johnson and John Emery.

"Here Comes Mr. Jordan" was directed by Alexander Hall, the maker of such exceptional comedies as "This Thing Called Love," "He Stayed for Breakfast," and "The Doctor Takes a Wife." Sidney Buchman, who wrote the screenplays for "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington," "Theodora Goes Wild" and other hits, and Seton L. Miller, of "Robin Hood" and "Dawn Patrol" fame, collaborated on the screen play, an adaptation of Harry Segall's play, "Heaven Can Wait." Everett Riskin produced the new comedy for Columbia.

According to advance report, "Here Comes Mr. Jordan" is a story never told on the screen before, a comedy which dares to break every rule of film-making, even as it achieves a high level of entertainment. Its characters are said to be gay, adorable, hateful, human; its story still has Hollywood chuckling.

Montgomery is seen as a fellow named Joe, a likable guy with a sense of humor who is obsessed with one overwhelming ambition. In pursuit of that ambition he is helped by sympathetic, kindly, dignified Mr. Jordan and by Mr. Jordan's unique understanding of problems and of their solutions.

In the role of Mr. Jordan, Claude Rains is said to provide one of the year's most magnificent performances. Similarly, James Gleason tops even his outstanding "Meet John Doe" characterization, with his work in "Here Comes Mr. Jordan," and Edward Everett Horton contributes another of his delightfully fuddled roles.

Miss Keyes, as the romantic lead, is said to fulfill that promise of early stardom revealed by her in "Gone With the Wind" and "The Lady in Question." Similarly, lovely Rita Johnson contributes a performance which in a motion picture less capably cast, would have won her immediate and scintillant stardom.

McMurry Homecoming Scheduled for Nov. 15

Abilene, Nov. 13.—Ray H. Nichols, publisher of the Vernon Record, will be the guest speaker for the November 15 Homecoming program for McMurry college.

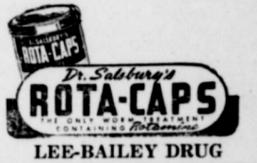
Nichols, a lay leader for the Northwest Methodist conference, has been a member of McMurry's board of trustees for a number of years. He will speak at the Saturday chapel exercises using as his subject "Christian Education and National Defense."

V. E. Baldrige, Abilene, president of the Ex-Students association of McMurry, will be in charge of the program. Others scheduled to speak include Dr. Frank L. Turner, the college president; Ed N. Wischamper, Abilene, vice-president of the exes; Mrs. L. M. Touchstone, Abilene, representing the Mothers and Dads club; Anthony Hunt, Abilene, an ex and a member of the board of trustees; and Elmer Watson, Dimmitt, president of the Student association.

Agricultural wage rates on Oct. 1 had advanced to 165 per cent of the 1940-41 average, five points over July, 36 points over a year ago, and were at the highest level since 1930, says the USDA.

Soldiers' field rations will soon include a food confection containing cottonseed flour. The product, which is manufactured and marketed by a Fort Worth cotton oil mill, has been endorsed by the Council on Foods of the American Medical association.

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Friday-Saturday—Don "Red" Barry in "Kansas Cyclone," also serial and selected shorts.

Saturday preview, Sunday matinee, Monday night—Dorothy Lamour, Jon Hall in "Aloma of the South Seas," filmed in gorgeous technicolor; added, Donald Duck cartoon.

Tuesday only—"We Go Fast," with Lynn Bari, Alan Curtis; also Tom Tyler in "Captain Marvel No. 2."

Wednesday-Thursday—"Here Comes Mr. Jordan," starring Robert Montgomery. Patrons are urged to see this picture from the beginning. Time schedule for this engagement: Box office opens 6:45, March of Time 7:00, Feature begins 7:20, Coming Attractions 8:55, "March of Time" 9:05, Second Feature 9:25.

"Aloma of the South Seas"
The never-to-be-forgotten stars of "Hurricane," Jon Hall and Dorothy Lamour, are reunited again—another example of how popular demand rules Hollywood.

For Saturday preview, Sunday

matinee and Monday night at the Queen theatre, the record-breaking romantic team will be seen in "Aloma of the South Seas," Paramount's technicolor story of a tropical paradise island.

The lure of the South Seas—an eye-ful of Lamour glamour—the sleek physique of Jon Hall—an exciting red-blooded tale climaxed by an erupting volcano that explodes into a million colors—these are the highlights of this coming outdoor spectacle.

On a Tahitian-type island, Jon Hall, educated son of the native chief, battles for the girl he loves. But Philip Reed, Jon's envious cousin, is deeply in love with the same girl, bewitching Dorothy Lamour. In addition to this, Philip resents the power and fortune of the chief's heir. Against a background of South Sea native life and superstition, the two men fight it out.

Lynne Overman, Katherine DeMille, Fritz Leiber and Dona Drake round out the cast which includes hundreds of brown-bodied extras and Tahitian dancing girls.

The great climax of the film is the shattering eruption of the island's volcano, a natural spectacle of disaster topping anything of the sort ever before filmed.

"We Go Fast"

Coffee pot cuties, speed demon debs, and big time thrills make every day a fast and exciting one for the motorcycle squad. And how these pursuit men on wheels spend their days is laughingly told in the new 20th Century-Fox comedy, "We Go Fast," which is slated to come to the Queen theatre Tuesday only.

The laughs start when motorcycle policeman Don Deforest stops off at "Billy's Beanery" to find fresh Alan Curtis flirting with Lynn Bari, the waitress Don had considered his girl. The two boys have a tussle, which ends only when a customer tries to

hold up the restaurant.

Curtis foils the crook, and finds Lynn looking upon him with approval. This annoys Don, who is further angered when he is forced to sponsor Curtis' application to become an officer. And the way the recruit gets along with deb Sheila Ryan, to whom Don has given many speed tickets, does not please him either.

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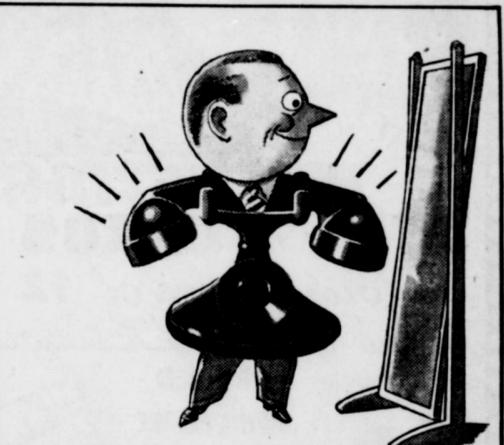
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FOR SALE—Four-foot Frigidaire, price \$45.00. Mrs. B. T. Sublett.

FOR SALE—One bred brood sow; four pigs, seven weeks old, weaned. J. J. White.

FOR SALE—My farm, one set of improvements, electric lights, all conveniences; 3 miles from town. R. A. Martin.

FOR SALE—Fifteen Hampshire pigs, ready now; \$5.00 to \$7.50. Booth Warren.

FOR SALE—My two-story brick building and two business lots on Kent street; 220-acre farm, 2 1/4 miles southwest of Merkel; my six-room house, with two lots on Locust. Mrs. A. H. Thornton.

FOR SALE—Well-bred Westbrock sow pigs; price \$6.00 per head. W. F. Butman.

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Two couples, share kitchen, 4 or 5 room apartment; vacant Monday. Mrs. F. Y. Gaither.

FOR RENT—Furnished bedroom, to two men or couple. Mrs. Annie Turner.

FOR RENT—Two room furnished apartment, adjoining bath; hot and cold water; also use of garage. Mrs. G. R. Holloway.

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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SEWING WANTED; buttonhole attachment for making buttonholes. Mrs. Lucy Ford at Mrs. O'Brian's apartment.

WILL PAY 35 cents a dozen in trade for fresh eggs. Clyde Eager, Groceries and Feed, successor to J. M. Garrett.

BRING US YOUR LAUNDRY; wet or dry wash, or do it yourself; we have mangle and hand iron to do your finished work. Stevens Laundry.

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—Set of false teeth, both plates; wrapped in cellophane. Reward for return. Notify The Merkel Mail.

STRAYED—Half-breed steer calf; arrow brand on hip. Notify A. D. Scott, Rt. 4, Merkel, Texas.

LOST—Green Sheaffer fountain pen. Return to Mary Sue Grant for reward.

Legal Notice

THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Joe Chatman—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 15th day of December, A. D., 1941, at/or before 10 o'clock A. M., before the Honorable 104th District Court of Taylor County, at the Court House in

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. McGehee and son, Jerry, went to Lubbock Saturday to spend the week-end with another son, Sample, who is enrolled in Texas Tech. They returned Sunday. Sample came home Tuesday to spend Armistice Day and saw the football game between Rotan and Merkel, returning to Tech Wednesday morning.

Mrs. Carl Mathews and daughter, Brenda Carlynn, Noel Addy and Hugn Rogers were dinner guests in the R. H. Mathews home Armistice Day.

R. A. Martin spent the week-end in Sweetwater in the home of his brother-in-law, W. C. Calvert and family.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Shannon and family of Lubbock returned home Wednesday after a week's visit in the Shannon home here.

Mrs. Nettie Perkins of South Texas is visiting with her son, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Perkins and family, for an indefinite time.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitt Farmer and two sons of Snyder visited Mr. and Mrs. Jim Campbell and other relatives here last Thursday.

Private John W. Cook returned Tuesday to Fort Sill, Okla., after being at the bedside of his sister, Mrs. F. E. Healer, in Sweetwater. Mrs. Healer and her husband were injured in a car wreck last week.

Miss Marie Pinckley, who teaches at Garland, spent the week-end at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Pinckley.

Mrs. J. W. Ashby, of Belton, a longtime resident of Merkel, is here visiting in the D. W. Ashby home and with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Minor Burns of Kilgore and Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Burns, and daughter, Barbara, of Port Arthur, were week-end visitors with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Burns. Together with their parents, they also visited in Sweetwater.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Robinson of Fluvanna, parents of Supt. Connor Robinson, were guests in the Robinson home Tuesday, Nov. 11, and attended the Merkel-Rotan football game in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Shafer returned

Abilene, Texas. Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 25th day of October, 1941. The file number of said suit being No. 4046-B. The names of the parties in said suit are: LAURA BELL CHATMAN, as Plaintiff, and JOE CHATMAN as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and defendant were married on September 12, 1928, and defendant abandoned plaintiff on March 28, 1931, and has at all times since and now is living separate and apart from plaintiff. That more than three years has elapsed since the abandonment of plaintiff by defendant and that said abandonment is permanent. Said cause of action being fully stated in Plaintiff's original petition on file in said court.

Issued this the 27th day of October, 1941.
Given under my hand and seal of said court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 27th day of October, A. D., 1941.
(SEAL) ROY SKAGGS, Clerk, District Court, Taylor County, Texas
By Penn Gilbreth, Deputy.

ed Tuesday to their home in San Antonio after a visit with Mrs. Shafer's mother, Mrs. Seth Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Graham had as their guests Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Marshall of Abilene. Mrs. Marshall is a sister of Mrs. Graham.

Carl Black was the Sunday guest of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Felix Stalls, in Odessa.

Mrs. W. L. Harkrider is visiting with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Firstbrook, in Dallas.

Mrs. E. Q. Warren of Knox City was here to spend Armistice Day with her mother, Mrs. H. C. Williams.

Visiting last week with Misses Mossy and Eula Sears was Mrs. M. C. Hays, of Toledo, Ohio, wife of a former pastor of the Methodist church here.

Miss Mary Ann Glenewinkel has entered Nelson's Beauty college, Dallas.

Mrs. Grover Gilbert, accompanied from Colorado City by Mrs. S. O. Owens, attended the funeral of the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Coker of Big Spring Monday afternoon.

Albert Shulte of Dawson, N. M., was a week-end guest in the R. H. Mathews home.

Mrs. Andy Shouse, Mrs. J. M. Williamson and Mrs. Ira Johnson attended the annual fall tea of chapter 30, Order of the Eastern Star, in the home of Mrs. R. M. Means, Abilene, Friday afternoon. Mrs. J. I. Moore, recently appointed deputy grand matron of district 2, section 7, was the honored guest.

A guest last week in the John Grable home was Mrs. Tom Craft of Throckmorton, a sister of Mrs. Grable.

Mr. and Mrs. John Grable and two sons went to Throckmorton to spend the week-end with his mother, Mrs. J. F. Grable, and visited his father, seriously ill in the Olney hospital.

Mrs. T. L. Grimes is visiting with her mother, Mrs. G. J. Jones, and grandmother, Mrs. J. E. Davis, at Nevada, Texas.

St. Sgt. Murray Toombs, stationed with Company L, 56th Quartermaster regiment, Pine Camp, N. Y., is home on a ten-day furlough, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Toombs.

**Clyde Eager Purchases
Garrett Feed Store**

Retiring from business after having been engaged in the feed and coal line nearly 20 years, J. M. Garrett has sold his business to Clyde Eager, who took charge Thursday of last week and is being welcomed as a new acquisition to Merkel business circles.

Mr. Eager, his wife and two children have already moved to Merkel, locating temporarily in the Thornton apartment. As soon as the repainting and repapering job is completed, they will occupy the T. G. Bragg rent house just north of the feed store.

Mr. Eager, who has resided south of Abilene, was engaged in farming until his purchase of the Garrett store here.

White Church News

Mrs. O. W. Reed returned home Saturday after spending a week in the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Allen D. King of Bend. Mr. and Mrs. King are entertaining a new daughter in their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mims of Water Valley visited in the homes of the Demere families last week. Mrs. Mims is a cousin of the Demere children here.

Lloyd Riggan of Fort Bliss and Gold Riggan of Big Spring visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Riggan last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hall and small son, Dan, of Hobbs, N. M., were recent guests of Mrs. Hall's parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. R. McLean. Mr. and Mrs. Hall were returning to their home after an extensive vacation trip that had carried them into several different states.

Mr. and Mrs. Buck Weston and children of Gorman were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Weston and family.

Mrs. J. D. Hardin and daughter, Miss Johnnye, were shopping in Abilene one day last week.

J. B. Bunch of Camp Bowie visited his wife, Mrs. Bunch, here in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Harris, over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Artist Cook and daughters, Misses Pauline and Betty, are at the bedside of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Healer, of Sweetwater, who were injured in a car accident last Thursday night. We sincerely hope Mr. and Mrs. Healer a very speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Garnet Byran and daughter, Miss Kathleen, of Trent and Mrs. Martin and daughter of Sweetwater visited in the Joe Weston home Sunday.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our sincere thanks to our many, many friends who assisted in any way in the loss of our dear mother, for deeds done, words spoken, songs sung and the beautiful floral offerings, and especially do we thank Dr. Gardner, Mrs. Fred Odell and Mrs. Ira Davis for their services.

May God's richest blessings be on each of you in our prayer.
Mr. and Mrs. Tryman Collins.
Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Massey and Children.

The United States has never lost a war, nor the U. S. Navy a fleet action.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cook of Brownwood spent the week-end in the homes of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Artist Cook and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ellison, and also visited at the bedside of Mr. Cook's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Healer, of Sweetwater.

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APPLES, Jonathan, dz. 19c
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GRAPEFRUIT, 3 for 10c
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SPUDS, 10 pounds 25c

Red & White Flour Prices

6 pound BAG	39c	24 pound BAG	\$1.05
12 pound BAG	63c	48 pound BAG	\$1.95

RED & WHITE
Corn Starch, pkg. 10c

MOIST
Cocoanut, 4 oz. can 10c

RED & WHITE
Cake Flour, lge. pkg. 29c

RED & WHITE
Pears, No. 2 1/2 can 25c

RED & WHITE
Peaches, No. 2 1/2 can 25c

KELLOGG'S
All Bran, 2 pkgs. 25c

RED & WHITE
Peas, No. 2 can 19c

CRYSTAL
Spinach, No. 2 can 12c

RED & WHITE, RED.
Salmon, 1/2 lb. can 23c

RED & WHITE
Washo, lge. pkg. 19c

BLUE & WHITE
TAMALES per can 15c

OUR VALUE
CORN 2 cans 23c

MEAT MARKET DEPARTMENT

VEAL ROAST, lb. 23c	WEINERS, lb. 21c
PORK CHOPS, lb. 29c	WISCONSIN CHEESE, lb. 35c
SLICED BACON, lb. 27c	OLEO, lb. 21c

PORK SAUSAGE pound 29c

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CAMPBELL-HOGAN.
Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Hogan announce the marriage of their youngest daughter, Nancil Hogan, to Robert L. Campbell, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Campbell of Goodman, on Saturday afternoon, Nov. 8. The ceremony took place in the home of Minister Claud C. Smith, of the Church of Christ. The bride wore a soldier blue dress with black accessories. For something borrowed she wore a bracelet belonging to Mrs. F. T. Hogan, Jr. which she wore at her wedding; for something old, she carried a white Bible which belonged to her great-grandmother.

Miss Peggy Toombs was maid of honor and Price Mitchell was best man.

The bride is a popular 1940 graduate of Merkel High school, having been honored with class favorite several times. The groom is a 1938 graduate of Trent High school.

Guests at the wedding were Misses Irene Moore and Clarice Blair.

Immediately after the ceremony, the couple left for a short honeymoon.

LANEY-RATHMELL.
Friends will be interested to learn of the marriage of Mrs. Velda Rathmell of Abilene and Mr. Homer Laney, of Merkel, which was solemnized in San Angelo on Saturday, Nov. 1.

The bride, who is the issuing officer for Taylor county for the Federal Marketing Administration, is not a stranger in Merkel as her duties bring her several times each month to the office of Mrs. Elma McFarland, local welfare worker.

The groom is the elder son of Mrs. W. H. Laney and the late Mr. Laney, prominent ranch family. He is associated with his brother, Howard Laney, operating as Laney Brothers, in extensive farming and ranching activities. The Laney boys held the contract the past year for furnishing stock for the Merkel rodeos.

Following their marriage at San Angelo, the couple drove to McCamey where they visited in the home of his sister, Mrs. Floyd Davis, returning to Abilene, to be at home at 2018 Merchant avenue.

HOPKINS-ROSSON.
Miss Ima Gene Rossion, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Rossion, was married to Mr. Marion F. Hopkins, of Oklahoma City, Okla., Saturday afternoon, Nov. 1. The ceremony was performed in Fort Worth with Rev. W. B. Jordan of that city officiating. The bride was lovely in an olive green ensemble with brown accessories.

Attendants at the wedding were Miss Lois Rossion, sister of the bride, and Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Sumner of Fort Worth.

While on their honeymoon, the couple visited with the groom's brother, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hopkins, at Oklahoma City.

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JUNIOR STUDY CLUB.
The Junior Study club met Thursday, Nov. 6, in the home of Mrs. Wrenn Durham, at which time it was decided to change the date of the next meeting to Tuesday, Nov. 18.

New members, voted into club membership, are Mrs. Bill Harris, Miss Mary Jo Brady, Mrs. Jack Patterson and Mrs. W. L. Boyd.

Mrs. Wrenn Durham gave a very interesting book review of "The Keys of the Kingdom" by A. J. Cronin. Members present were Mesdames Carroll Benson, Andy Shouse, Elmo Collins, Raymond Ferguson, Jack Dawson West, Pete West, Wrenn Durham; Misses Mary Lou Ashburn, Mary Eleanor King, Juanita Shahan, Frances Cleveland, Imogene Schulze, Pauline Ballew and Ruth West. Mrs. Connor Robinson was a guest.

WILLING WORKERS CLASS.
The Willing Workers Class of the Presbyterian church met in the home of Miss Mary Keny Tuesday afternoon and an inspiring Thanksgiving program was enjoyed.

The program opened with the song, "Count Your Many Blessings," the devotion was given by Mrs. S. A. Derstine from the 100th Psalm and Mrs. G. F. West led in prayer. Mrs. J. L. Tucker read "Looking Unto Jesus;" Mrs. J. R. Walling gave "The Beauty of God's Trees." Everyone joined in the singing of "When We All Get to Heaven," and "Autumn is Here" was rendered by Mrs. L. L. Murray. "Thanksgiving" by Mrs. J. W. McConnell. Other songs and poems were given by the class.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and the roll call answered with Scripture quotations. Members told of blessings they were thankful for. The program closed with the class song, "Blest Be the Tie that Binds," and prayer by Mrs. J. R. Walling.

Miss Mary Keny was assisted by Miss Jennie Keny in serving a refreshment plate consisting of cake, "Kick" and spiced tea to the following: Mesdames G. F. West, J. E. Tucker, L. L. Murray, W. M. Elliott, S. A. Derstine, S. G. Russell, J. L. Tucker, J. W. McConnell, J. R. Walling, Miss Jennie Keny and the hostess.

The class will meet Tuesday, Dec. 9, in the home of Mrs. W. M. Elliott for a Christmas program and tree.

GLEANER CLASS.
The Gleaner class of the Methodist church held its regular social meeting on Wednesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. W. S. J. Brown, with Mrs. Johnny Cox and Mrs. Robert Hicks as co-hostesses.

After a short business session in charge of the president, Mrs. Cox, the class pieced a quilt to be sold in the Rummage sale. A very enjoyable musical program was given by Mrs. Edwin Read, playing the violin, with Mrs. C. B. Gardner at the piano.

A delicious refreshment plate was served to the following members and one guest: Mesdames Edwin Read, W. M. Sloman, Joe Bickley, John Shannon, Lizzie Latham, Dee Grimes, F. Y. Gaither, C. B. Gardner; Misses Mabel McRee, Lottie Butman, Ona and Pauline Johnson.

T. E. L. CLASS PARTY.

The T. E. L. Sunday School class

of the First Baptist church held its monthly meeting Wednesday afternoon of last week in the home of Miss Mae Lassiter; her co-hostesses were Mrs. Clyde Bartlett and Mrs. Earl Baze. The home was beautifully decorated with mums.

After a business session the class enjoyed a delightful social hour. Those present were Mesdames J. A. Kuykendall, Booth Warren, A. R. Booth, John Mansfield, Owen Robertson, Seth Morgan, Lum Gilbreath, W. R. Sumpter, T. J. Bird, Alonzo Peterson, W. J. Largent, W. A. Ford, Earl Baze, Bill Fugate, Clyde Bartlett, Betty Crick, J. R. Lassiter, Byers Petty and Jno. F. Walker and Miss Mae Lassiter.

FIDELIS MATRONS CLASS SOCIAL.
The Fidelis Matrons Sunday School class of the First Baptist church met with Mrs. Sam Swann Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Bill Sledge as co-hostess. The entertaining rooms were beautifully decorated with chrysanthemums.

Mrs. David Gamble gave an inspiring devotional, after which the entire class participated in an enjoyable sing-song. A business session followed.

An attractive refreshment plate was served to a visitor, Mrs. E. B. Youre, and Mesdames W. L. Boyd, Jr., Leon Bigbee, Edwin Walker, Hoyle Lemens, Bob Fowler, E. B. Wallace, Cooper Waters, Buster Horton, Ed Sandusky, Nim Teaff, Jarrett Pinckley, L. V. Moore, David Gamble, Miss Johnnie Sears and the hostesses.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY
The Woman's Missionary society of the Grace Presbyterian church met Monday afternoon, Nov. 10, at the church with Mrs. Delma Compton as leader.

The meeting opened with a Prayer for Peace followed by a Stewardship devotional. "Wider than the Heart," a stewardship play emphasizing true Christian service, was read, and a discussion of "The Young Church in Thailand" was given. Mrs. Henry West, president of the Abilene Presbyterian, reported to members on the State Presbyterian Woman's meeting held at San Antonio Oct. 14-16.

A business session closed the program with Mrs. J. Basil Ramsey leading the special prayer for our Presbyterian missionaries in Thailand and Arkansas. A Spiritual Life Prayer group meeting was held preceding the regular program.

Those present were Mesdames Henry West, R. A. Walker, John West, J. R. Walling, Sr., G. F. West, W. M. Elliott, Delma Compton, Miss Mary Derstine, Mrs. J. Basil Ramsey and Mrs. Connor Robinson.

MISSIONARY SOCIAL.
Miss Lottie Butman most graciously entertained the Missionary society of the Methodist church Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Andy Shouse was program leader for the following numbers: "The Immigrant is Our Neighbor," discussed by Mrs. W. M. Sloman; a poem was read by Mrs. John Grabie, and Mrs. Wrenn Durham discussed "The Farm's Use." Miss Lottie Butman directed the meditation and Mrs. Marvin Boyd led in prayer. The hostess served delicious pumpkin pie, coffee and olives with United States flags as plate favors for twenty guests.

EASTERN STAR HEAR REPORT FROM GRAND MEETING.
The Merkel Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, met in regular session Tuesday night. Highlighting the meeting, Mrs. Andy Shouse, worthy matron, gave a report of the Grand Chapter meeting in Amarillo, which she attended. Mrs. Opal Reece and Mrs. H. G. Smith also mentioned things of particular interest which happened at the Amarillo meeting. Mrs. J. M. Williamson gave a report of the annual tea Abilene chapter 30 gave last Friday afternoon.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Shouse, Mesdames Mae Lee, R. J. Miller, Ira Johnson, Bessie Merritt, J. M. Williamson, Ida Sharp, Opal Reece and Maurice Falkner.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.
Little Miss Jo Ann Malone celebrated her third birthday on Monday, Nov. 3 with a party in the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Mack Buzbee, entertaining a group of her friends. The party room was gaily decorated with balloons. Don Boyd, John R. Grabie and Jo Ann Malone gave readings. Karen Sue and La Jan Case and Patricia Ann Palmer sang songs, after which the birthday cake with other refreshments was served and favors were presented to each guest.

Jo Ann's guests were Barbara Wilson, Barbara Lou Morgan, Patricia Ann Palmer, James Spencer Bird, Paka Newby, Ann Benson, John and David Collins, Billie Neill, Greta Key, Karen Sue and La Jan Case, Clotile Swope, Dan Boyd, Ned Watts, John R. Grabie and Margaret Jo Harrison of Abilene.

Grown-ups present were Mesdames Lewis Harrison, Pinky Cypert, Pete Morgan, Nolan Palmer, Spencer Bird, G. D. Richie, Paul Collins, Bill Neill, Milton Case, C. D. Swope, Mack Buzbee and Robert Malone.

BIRTHDAY PARTY SURPRISE FOR COLLEEN BOCHAT.
Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Lee honored Miss Colleen Bochat, niece of Mr. Lee, in whose home she is making her home, on Tuesday evening with a surprise birthday party. The house was beautifully decorated with chrysanthemums. The dining room table

In The Churches

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

There were 548 present at the six reporting Sunday Schools here last Sunday, as compared with 530 the previous week. On the same Sunday a year ago the attendance was 572.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Morning sermon at 11. Training Union at 6:15. Evening sermon at 7:15.

Prayer meeting at 7:15 Wednesday evening. Choir rehearsal 8 p. m. Cooper Waters, Pastor.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. As the pastor will be at Tye for his regular third Sunday appointment, there will be no morning or evening worship services.

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock. J. Basil Ramsey, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Sunday: Bible School 9:45 a. m., preaching 10:45 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., young people's Bible class 6:30 p. m.

Wednesday: Ladies' Bible class 2:30 p. m. and prayer meeting at 7:30 p. m.

The public is invited to attend each of these services. Come, bring your friends. Claud C. Smith, Minister.

NAZARENE CHURCH.

Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Everyone is cordially invited to these services. G. O. Crow, Pastor.

FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Preaching Saturday night at 7:30 o'clock. Sunday School 9:45 a. m.

was centered with a large double-deck cake with pink and white candles bearing "Happy Birthday." Games and contests were enjoyed until late evening.

The guest list included Colleen Bochat, Gerald Renfro, George Ann Groene, Orvel Kemper, Lloyd Dean Gentry, Fred Gentry, La Fern Stanford, Joe Neal Allen, Betty K. Smith, Betty Joe Perry, Jo Ann Gentry, Jay Reeves, Barbara Sandusky, June Nalley, Joy Nalley, Doyle Cogdell, Calvin Royals. Grown-ups present were Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Gentry of Patricia, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Gentry, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Stanford, and the hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Lee.

Religious Play Comes To Methodist Church

A group of drama students from McMurry college, known as the Religious Players, will present a one-act religious play at the Merkel Methodist church Sunday night at 7:15.

The title of the play is "Eternal Life." The public is most cordially invited to attend.

There will be no service at the church Sunday morning, as the pastor is away attending the annual conference at Big Spring.

The Sunday School activities will proceed as usual.

Praying 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30.

A. V. Henderson, Pastor.

Oil Notes.
Lewis Production Co. No. 1 O. R. Gollightly, north offset to the Lewis No. 1 Huddleston, pumped 269 barrels of oil on a 24-hour potential test from pay at 2,610 feet, total depth. Derrick was moved Sunday to a site about 1,000 feet southwest of the C. W. Tipton No. 1, southwest of Trent, which flowed by heads for nine days recently, and drilling operations are expected to begin on the Farrell-Tipton No. 1 the latter part of this week.

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WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY
"Here Comes Mr. Jordan"
Starring ROBERT MONTGOMERY
NOTE—Due to the fact that this picture is so different and unusual, the producers insist that no one be admitted after feature begins. Following is the time schedule to be used on this engagement:

Box Office opens 6:45 Coming Attractions 8:55
March of Time 7:00 March of Time 9:05
Feature begins 7:20 Second Feature 9:25

FRIDAY & SATURDAY SPECIALS at Clyde Eager's Store
GROCERIES AND FEED

COFFEE Folger's, 1 lb. **29c**
SYRUP, Pure Ribbon Cane, gal. **65c**
YAMS pound **2c**
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BANANAS lg. fruit, Doz. **15c**
DELICIOUS APPLES Extra Nice Med. Size doz. **19c**
TEXAS ORANGES Medium Size doz. **25c**

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Pure Cane—Kraft Bag
10 lbs. **59c**

COFFEE
MAXWELL HOUSE
3 lb. can **96c**

SALT
24 OZ. PKG.
3 for **10c**

MACKEREL, 16 oz. can **15c**
MACARONI, 3 pkgs. **10c**
MILK 3 Tall or 6 Small **25c**
NEW CROP—RIBBON CANE—
SYRUP, gal. **63c**
APPLE BUTTER, qt. jars **19c**
PORK & BEANS, 24 oz. can **10c**
SALAD DRESSING, qt. **19c**
GREEN BEANS, No. 2 can **10c**
SOUR OR DILL—
PICKLES, qt. jars **17c**
TISSUE, 6 rolls **25c**

HOME MADE—
BRICK CHILI pound **25c**
PORK STEAK NICE & LEAN pound **29c**
BRISKET BEEF ROAST pound **19c**
SLICED BACON, lb. **27c** **SALT PORK BACON**, lb. **19c**
BOLOGNA, lb. **15c** **FISH & OYSTERS**
PICNICK HAMS, lb. **29c** **HOT BARBECUE**

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