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PERSONAL NEWS NOTES

Mrs. J. P. Allen has returned from a visit with her sister, Mrs. J. H. Hicks, and other relatives in Wichita Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Bird and son, James Spencer, visited last week with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Barrick, in Grand Prairie and his sister, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Pittinger, in Fort Worth.

Mrs. Dewey Hutchins and Mrs. B. H. Riney visited this week with their sister, Mrs. Jack Parker, in Lubbock. Mrs. Parker is in the Lubbock hospital, where she has undergone major surgery. While in Lubbock they also visited J. K. Blair and family.

A visitor this week in the Max Mellinger home is Mrs. Mellinger's brother, Harry Freedman, of Lockhart, where he is engaged in the mercantile business.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ferguson, accompanied by their daughter, Mrs. S. A. Walker and daughter, Karen, of Colorado City, visited last week-end with relatives in Stephenville.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Collins of Lubbock were week-end visitors with his mother, Mrs. J. M. Collins, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Pinckley.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Baker have returned from a week's visit with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Baker, Jr., in Brownsville, where they have just occupied their new home.

Mrs. Forrest Harper and three children, Kathryn, Robert and Nancy, from Hamilton are visiting this week with her sisters, Mrs. R. J. Miller and Mrs. H. B. Robertson.

Mrs. Jodye Clark had as her guests this past week, her niece and nephew, Jetta V. and Buck Hutchins, of Texas City, who were accompanied by their mother, Mrs. Gus Carpetas, and son, Jimmy, and her mother, Mrs. V. E. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Miller from Pomona, Calif., were guests over the week-end of his sister, Mrs. Lige Harris and Mr. Harris.

Monday noted the return of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hodge and Sug, Sandra Sadler and Sue Mayfield, from Ruidoso, N. M., where they had spent ten days at the Hodge cabin.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Patterson and children visited last week-end with the Kyle Blair family in Hurlwood. Accompanying them as far as Post was John Meeks, who visited his sister, Mrs. T. J. Head, and brother, J. A. Meeks.

Spending the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Andy Shouse were Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Forsgren and son, Dennis, of Ogden, Utah. Mr. Forsgren was a soldier at the Tye Air base, while Andy was employed there.

Miss Betty Bond, who is attending Draughton's Business college, at Abilene, was home to spend the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Bond.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Boring, accompanied by their daughter, Mrs. Evadne Hardy, all of Tyler, were here for several days last week looking after property interests.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Brandon of Bowie, Mr. and Mrs. John B. Brandon of Clarendon, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ensminger of Nolan and Mrs. Frazz Demere of White Church were visitors Sunday morning in the Will Butman home.

Mrs. H. R. Chancey, long-time resident of Merkel, has moved to Abilene, where she is residing at 1218 North 7th street. With her is her youngest son, Paul, recently returned after two years' Army service, mostly in the Philippines.

After a visit with Mrs. Laughlin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Laughlin, Jr., who were accompanied by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Laughlin, left Monday for their home at Columbia State park, Calif., and Mrs. Laughlin's sister, Miss Loree Smith, returned with them for a visit. While they were here, a brother, Seaman I-C Carl Ray Smith was home on a week's leave from the San Diego, Calif., Naval Base, and another brother, Wallace Smith was home from Texico, N. M.

Miss Hazel Vancil of Menard visited the past week with her mother, Mrs. I. I. Vancil. She was accompanied by Mrs. J. F. Parker, also of Menard. Miss Vancil will leave this week for Odessa, where she will be employed as bookkeeper for the same firm with which she has been working the past 18 months.

ANOTHER LONG-TIME RESIDENT PASSES AWAY

Rites Held Here Tuesday Morning for Mrs. H. C. Williams, Who Passed Away at 12:15 P. M. Sunday at Knox City.

Mrs. Louella Williams, a resident of Merkel for 50 years and a very active church worker and leader during all those years as long as her health permitted, died at 12:15 p. m. Sunday in the Knox County hospital at Knox City.

In November of last year she went to Knox City to visit with a daughter, Mrs. E. Q. Warren, and had remained there since that time. She had been in the hospital the past month.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a. m. Tuesday from the Methodist church, with the pastor, Rev. R. L. Butler, officiating, assisted by Rev. E. L. Yeats of Seymour, former Methodist pastor here, and Rev. J. W. Price, pastor of the Knox City church.

Burial was in Rose Hill cemetery by the side of her husband, who died in 1919.

pallbearers were W. F. Golladay, Herbert Patterson, W. S. J. Brown, D. H. Vaughn, C. K. Russell, Ray Wilson and R. O. Anderson.

Mrs. Williams was born in Otterville, Mo., and was married to Henry Criton Williams at Nevada, Mo. The couple moved to Texas in the 1890's, settling at Abilene. They moved to Merkel in 1898. Her husband was serving his second 4-year term as postmaster here when he passed away.

Survivors include a son, O. W. Williams, of Tulsa, Okla.; two daughters, Mrs. R. T. Pence, Sr., of Marshall, Mo., and Mrs. E. Q. Warren, of Knox City; and six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Dick Tross to Hurl For Jaycees Friday

Dick Tross, formerly with the Abilene Blue Sox, will be on the mound for the Merkel Jaycees when they play the Hamlin Cardinals, one of the leading teams in the Double Mountain league, here Friday night on the school athletic field.

The Merkel boys were to play Lorraine here Thursday night of this week, and the Novice team from the Heart of Texas league comes next Tuesday night as their opponents.

The home boys broke even in their two past encounters, losing to the Abilene Merchants at Abilene Sunday afternoon by 12-10 odds and defeating Clyde, 11-8, here Tuesday night.

Family Reunion Sunday In Jim Byrd Home

After 14 years separation, two sisters from Afton, Texas, and one brother from Rio Vista met with Jim Byrd Sunday for a family reunion, when a bountiful dinner was enjoyed by 28 in the Byrd home.

The occasion also celebrated the 76th birthday of Jim Byrd and the 72nd birthday of his brother, Alex Byrd, of Rio Vista.

Besides the two sisters, Mrs. Richard Alexander and Mrs. Fletcher Vancleve, both of Afton, others present were: Mrs. George Lindsey and Garland, Hart; Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Row, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Peterson and son, Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Davis, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Peterson, Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Byrd and family, Hodges; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley and Virginia and Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Peterson and Judy, Merkel.

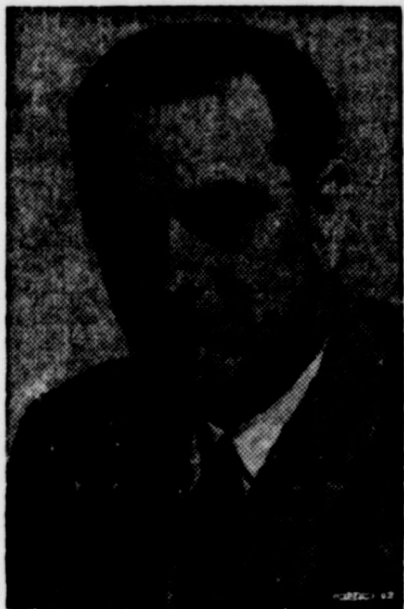
Relatives Visit in Ford, Dwiggin Homes

Spending Saturday night here with Mrs. Lucy Ford and Mrs. S. R. Dwiggin were a number of relatives who Sunday attended the Bridges family reunion at Kirby Park, Abilene.

In the group were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bridges of Lamesa, Mr. and Mrs. Verner Bridges of Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Bridges and children of Andrews, and Mrs. Raymond Joyce and baby and Mrs. John Lyles, of Odessa.

As they returned from the reunion, Mrs. Fay Lyles and two sons, A. C. and Charlie, wife and baby, of Savoy, spent Sunday night with Mrs. Ford and left Monday for their homes.

LYNDON JOHNSON WILL SPEAK IN ABILENE FRIDAY



LYNDON B. JOHNSON, Congressman Lyndon B. Johnson, candidate for the United States senate, will speak at a rally on the federal lawn in Abilene at 8:30 Friday night.

A reception at 5 p. m. on the mezzanine of the Windsor hotel will be held for Johnson, it is announced by Alex Bickley, district chairman of Johnson's campaign, and refreshments are to be served to all those on hand to meet the candidate.

Out-of-town newspaper editors and county chairmen have been extended special invitations to the reception and rally.

Heart Attack Claims T. H. Christopher, At Lubbock June 19

T. H. Christopher, 82, native-born Texan, who came to Merkel in 1893 and had lived here most of the time since until the past few years, died suddenly June 19 of a heart attack at Lubbock, where he was staying temporarily with his daughter, Mrs. R. A. Stuart of Lamesa, who was attending Texas Technological college.

A short funeral service was held at Sanders Funeral home, Lubbock, in charge of Rev. C. A. Bickley, of Lubbock, a cousin, after which the body was sent to San Gabriel, Calif., to be buried by the side of his wife who died in 1931.

Services were held at the "Little Stone Church" in Alhambra, Calif., with interment in San Gabriel cemetery. Officiating ministers were Rev. Harold C. Case, pastor of the First Methodist church of Pasadena, Calif., and Dr. Russell E. Clay, pastor of the First Methodist church, Alhambra.

Pallbearers were grandsons and grandsons-in-law; Hollis Clark of LaJolla, Calif.; Charles W. Christopher of Alhambra, Glen Thornton of Pasadena, Farnham Hessel of LaJolla, Myron Price of San Gabriel and James E. White of Pasadena.

Thomas Hollis Christopher was born Dec. 4, 1865, in Nacogdoches, Texas. Coming to Merkel in 1893, he resided here until 1914 when he moved to Abilene and later to Lamesa, but returned to Merkel to make his home for several years with his daughter, Mrs. T. A. Kellam, who was then Mrs. Len Sublett. The last few years he had spent his time at Lamesa and in California.

Two sons and six daughters survive. The sons are: T. S. Christopher of Fort Worth and C. E. Christopher of Alhambra, Calif.; the daughters, Mrs. T. A. Kellam and Mrs. R. A. Stuart, Lamesa, Mrs. Harry McCandless of Plainview, Mrs. Bryan McPherson of San Gabriel, Calif., Mrs. Pearl Thornton of Pasadena, Calif., and Mrs. Arthur Clark of LaJolla, Calif. Carl and Earl Hughes of Merkel are nephews.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Christopher and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Clark were on their way to Alaska on a vacation trip. Although a message was gotten to them, they were unable to return for the funeral.

Truby Musical is Scheduled for Friday

The Truby musical will be held Friday evening, July 2, at the Truby school house. This is a monthly affair, scheduled the first Friday night of each month, and the public is cordially invited to attend.

The program will be rendered outside, and a public address system from Tuxedo has been secured. "You are invited to bring your instrument and play or sing," it is announced through the program committee by J. L. Jones.

MILITARY RITES SET FRIDAY FOR TRENT SOLDIER

Reburial Services for S-Sgt. H. C. Lowery, Jr., to be Held at Trent Methodist Church. Burial in Trent Cemetery.

Reburial services for S-Sgt. H. C. Lowery, Jr., son of Mrs. H. C. Lowery of Trent, who was killed in action May 14, 1944, in New Guinea, will be held at 8:30 p. m. Friday, from the Trent Baptist church, with the pastor, Rev. B. L. Higdon, officiating.

Burial will be in the Trent cemetery under direction of the Barrow-Sheppard funeral home, with military rites in charge of Merkel Post 5683, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

The body of Sergeant Lowery, which was returned to the United States from Manila aboard the U. S. Army Transport Lt. George W. G. Boyce was due to arrive here from Fort Worth, accompanied by military escort, on the 8:09 west bound Texas and Pacific train Thursday night and was to be taken by an honor guard of Veterans to the Barrow-Sheppard funeral home to be reburied until the funeral hour.

Before entering Army Service, Sergeant Lowery had been employed by the U. S. Gypsum plant at Sweetwater. He had been in the service 28 months, of which 25 months was in overseas duty with the 32nd Infantry Division.

Surviving are his mother; one brother, Joe Lowery, of Crane, and three sisters, Mrs. Seth Rakes, and Mrs. D. R. Butler, both of Trent, and Mrs. H. E. Venable, of Weatherford.

Sharing Period Closes Vacation Bible School

The Methodist Vacation Bible school closed Sunday night, June 20, with a sharing period. Songs were sung, and the children from each department told of the many things they did and learned at the Vacation Bible school.

After the program, parents were invited to view handwork. Sixty-six children were enrolled, with an average daily attendance of 54, it is reported by Mrs. Virgil Patterson, superintendent.

Workers were Mesdames Robert Malone, June Hogan, J. B. Hendrix, Stacy Bird, Ben Robert Hicks, Tommy Patterson, R. L. Butler, Jack Martin and Jack Hogan and Jo Maryvryn Tipton. Six home economics girls, under the direction of Mrs. Virginia Pope, assisted. They were: Barbara Bartlett, Colleen Harris, Billye Webber, Barbara Henry, Annette Newton and Cora Mae Price.

Baptist Group Attend Lueders Encampment

Mesdames E. O. Carson, A. R. Booth and Irl Walker and Misses Ann Booth, Peggy Scott and Berta Marie Gibson have returned home after spending a week at Lueders, where they attended the Baptist encampment.

Mr. Carson and Mr. and Mrs. Dent Gibson also went to Lueders on Sunday but returned the same day. Mrs. W. T. Sadler also visited the encampment Saturday.

The encampment will run through July, and others will attend from the First Baptist church.

Ask Bids for Oil Lease on Park Land

Through an advertisement appearing in The Merkel Mail this week and to continue for two subsequent weeks, the City of Merkel is asking for bids to be received at 8 p. m. on July 19 for oil and gas leases on the city-owned land in the southeast part of town, known as Memorial park.

The tract includes lots one to five and lots seven to twelve of Block E of the G. W. Boyce First Addition to the town of Merkel.

Monday Showers Yield Half Inch Moisture

Showers falling during the early hours of Monday morning yielded a half inch of moisture, according to the gauge of Volunteer Weather Observer J. I. Ford to bring the total rainfall for the first six months of this year to 3 1-2 inches. It was the first precipitation of any consequence within the past 30 days.

MERKEL STORES TO CLOSE FOR JULY FOURTH

In keeping with the action of a group of merchants at a meeting held in February, adopting five fixed business holidays for the year, the stores of the city will close next Monday in observance of Independence day, which falls this year on Sunday.

The Farmers and Merchants National bank and post office will be closed for the national holiday and there will be no rural route delivery on that day, it is announced by Postmaster Wienn Durham.

Mrs. J. D. Porter Back After Old Home Visit

Mrs. J. D. Porter, accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. T. A. Pence, and granddaughter, Patsy, of Monahan, has returned from a visit to Mrs. Porter's old home in McCulloch and Mason counties.

After visiting with some long-time friends at Lohn, they went on to Brady City, which did not have a school there. Mrs. Porter attended school there. Mrs. Porter of her old crowd could be located there. At Camp San Saba, where they spent the night, Mrs. Porter said the town had changed so much that she was completely lost and she did not find any of her former schoolmates.

The next morning they started for the block house on her father's old ranch. This house is made of oak logs, hewn to about one foot square and notched together at the corners. About 8 feet from the ground there is a two-foot offset so that the inhabitants could shoot at the Indians if they should try to set fire to the house. The last and only Indian raid she was old enough to remember was made at night. The Indians drove off all her father's saddle ponies, leaving two of the ponies shot with arrows but still alive. By the time the widely scattered settlers could be organized the Indians had reached the bad lands of Indian territory where their trail was lost.

This old ranch, situated on the San Saba river in Mason county, consists of 80 sections of land and is said to be one of the finest ranches in the south.

Erects New Building For Pontiac Agency

Nolan Palmer, who has secured Pontiac agency here, is making an extensive addition to his building now housing the Magnolia Service station for the new home of the Pontiac.

The new structure, being erected of concrete tile, is L-shaped and will provide both salesroom and service department for the Pontiac agency, with 40 foot front on Highway 90. It is expected that improvements will be completed in about 90 days.

The work is in charge of J. L. White, building contractor, and Clarence Perry doing the concrete tile work.

Record of Births

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Loper, Thursday, June 24, 1948.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Jones, Friday, June 25, 1948.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From Files of The Merkel Mail, June 29, 1928.)

JUNE BRIDE HONORED WITH MANY LOVELY PARTIES.

Mrs. Edward McCrary honored at elaborate tea in the home of Mrs. L. B. Scott on Wednesday afternoon. Miss Melba West honors Mrs. McCrary with shower on Thursday and Misses Lola Dennis and Johnnie Sears will compliment her with a bridge luncheon in the home of Mrs. W. S. J. Brown on Monday evening. Mrs. Charlie Jones will compliment two recent brides, Mrs. Jack Anderson and Mrs. McCrary, on next Thursday afternoon with a bridge tea.

On Wednesday afternoon from 4 to 7 Mrs. L. B. Scott presented Mrs. Edward McCrary, who was until only recently Miss Gladys Mayfield, to Merkel society in a series of receptions.

A beautiful scheme of orchid and green was stressed, the table, hand- some with cover of old lace over rose, was centered with a huge bowl in a setting of orchid and green tulle with orchid cut flowers in green containers. Tea services were green

RIG MOVED IN FOR NEW WELL IN TOWNSITE

B. F. Findley No. 1 Mrs. S. J. Dalton, First of Four Tests in Southeast Part of City; Second Rig Due Saturday.

Rig was moved in Wednesday night for the B. F. Findley No. 1 Mrs. S. J. Dalton test in the southeast part of town, and a second rig is due to arrive Saturday for the same operator's No. 1 S. D. Campbell.

Mr. Findley has permits for two other tests in the same area, the No. 1 Mrs. Tommie Smith and the No. 1 Mrs. Priscilla Curb.

With no shells at total depth of 2,643 feet, the West Central Drilling Company No. 1 Farmers Gin, just inside the east city limits, was plugged and abandoned Thursday morning.

On official railroad commission gauge the Phillips Petroleum No. 1 Craig Humphreys, just east of the cemetery, in six hours showed 92 barrels, 41 gravity oil.

Geochemical Surveys was rigging up their No. 1 F. T. Hughes, south-east offset to the Tompkins, on Thursday morning and Phillips Petroleum had already skidded their rig for a second offset extension try, one location west of the Humphreys.

Roark, Hooker and Roark No. 1 John W. Shannon, new producer in the Patterson pool, pumped 112 barrels of 40 gravity oil in 23 hours from the Dathan at 2,259-65, on official gauge.

Bank Deposits Show Big Gain Over Dec. 30

Showing a total of \$3,131,055.09, deposits in the Farmers and Merchants National bank of Merkel, as of June 30, were \$169,803.07 higher than the same date a year ago and \$125,822.99 above the figure reported as of Dec. 31, 1947.

Total loans on June 30 were \$290,518.39, as compared with \$338,288.26 on Dec. 31, last, and \$438,344.80 on June 30, 1947.

On June 30 assets were \$3,286,599.09 as compared with \$3,133,544.94 on Dec. 31, and \$3,083,866.32, a year ago.

The usual five per cent semi-annual dividend was paid as of June 30.

Blanks Available Here For Swimming Class

Any one interested in enrolling for the swimming class starting July 6 under the auspices of the American Legion Post of Abilene, the Taylor County Red Cross chapter and the Abilene Reporter-News, at the American Legion swimming pool in Abilene, may secure blanks at the office of Mrs. Elma McFarland.

Receives Discharge.

After 17 months in the service, T-5 David Lee Cox, son of Mr. and Mrs. Denzel Cox, received his discharge on June 23 and arrived home last Friday. He was stationed in Austria for about 12 months.

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In The Churches

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE
Attendance at the seven reporting Sunday Schools last Sunday was 691 as compared with 646 on the previous Sunday. The attendance on the same Sunday a year ago was 657.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
Sunday School at 10 a. m. Offering for Reynolds home. At the time this notice is furnished the paper, there is no one available to fill the pulpit Sunday.
Reporter.

NAZARENE CHURCH.
Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Prayer meeting at 8 p. m. Wednesday.
R. T. Smith, Pastor.

METHODIST CHURCH.
Church School 10 a. m. Morning worship 11. Youth Fellowship 7:00 p. m. Evening worship 7:30 WSCS Mondays, 2 p. m. Mid-week prayer Wednesdays, 7:00 p. m.
R. L. Butler, Pastor

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH.
Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:00 p. m. Mid-week prayer meeting at 7:00 Wednesday evening.
A. T. Suskev, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.
Bible School 9:45 a. m. Sunday. Worship 10:50 a. m. and 8:00 p. m. Young People's meeting 7:15 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday, 8:00 p. m.
Troy M. Cummings, Minister.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.
Sunday School at 10 a. m. Morning sermon at 11. Training Union at 7:00 p. m. Evening sermon at 8:00. Prayer meeting at 8:00 Wednesday evening.
Merle Weathers, Pastor.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD.
Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Services Thursday 7:45 p. m.
H. S. Earp, Pastor.

Contracts with Baird For Electricity for Lines West of Baird

Baird, July 1.—Accepting a proposition from Riggs Shepperd, manager of the Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc., the City of Baird through its city council has contracted to furnish the Taylor county organization electricity for its lines immediately west of Baird. Mr. Shepperd was accompanied to Baird by R. L. Elliott, Jr., member of the REA staff of workers. The REA will take reserve electricity generated by the city's three-unit plant.

Announce July Intake Day Not to be Held

Announcement is made by Miss Ruby Payne of the Abilene office of the State Department of Public Welfare that intake will not be held at the Merkel office during the month of July but regular schedule will be resumed the first Monday in August.

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Protracted Meeting at Trent Church of Christ



D. L. ASHLEY.
Trent, July 1.—D. L. Ashley, of Munday, will begin a protracted meeting at the Trent Church of Christ Friday evening, July 2. The meeting will continue through July 11.

Mr. Ashley is a well known preacher in this section. He preached at Stamford for a number of years prior to moving to Munday. He has conducted meetings the past two summers at Noodle.

Ben W. Newhouse, superintendent of the Trent schools, will be the director of the singing during the meeting.

Services will be held twice daily at eleven in the morning and at eight in the evening.

The church building is air-conditioned and this assures reasonable comfort during the services. A general invitation is extended to the public to attend these services and hear the Bible discussed.

Bill Dunagin Buys George F. Smith Home

Sale of the George F. Smith home on Oak street to Bill Dunagin has been announced through the real estate office of Andy Shouse. The Dunagins, long-time residents of the 5th community, will take possession some time in July.

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PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Morgan and two children, Barbara Lou and Allen, and Harold Cox visited last weekend with their sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. McKee, in Austin.

Mrs. Ollie Dye, of Phoenix, Ariz., is a guest this week of Mrs. Lucy Ford.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen D. King and children recently visited Mrs. King's sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Athol Holder and Jerry in Tulsa, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Pee drove to Austin Sunday afternoon to bring her brother, Wilbur Wilson, home for a two-weeks' vacation from Brown's school.

Mrs. Ralph Tarpley and children, Davis and Rachel, and Ray Tarpley returned home Tuesday after a 19-day visit with her father, J. H. Wilson, and other relatives in Olanta, S. C. Ray also visited friends in Florence, Columbia, Andrews, Hemmingway and Myrtle Beach, S. C. The visit and trip were enjoyed immensely.

Among those attending the Eager family reunion at Buffalo Gap Saturday and Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Eager and daughter, Clydene.

Mrs. J. Ben Campbell and daughter, Miss Mary Kate Campbell, returned Wednesday night from Dallas, where Mrs. Campbell had gone for an eye operation at the Medical Arts hospital. She continues to be doing nicely.

Denta Marie and Jerry Gibson left Thursday for a visit in Houston and San Antonio with 1st Lt. and Mrs. David Gibson and Mr. and Mrs. Byron Dingle.

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The **4th**

The Declaration of Independence was signed 172 years ago this July. It was a great document. It was the beginning of our great nation. The idea of free men and the ideals of freedom were battled for then, have been fought for since, and no doubt will be reasons for future struggle. There's no better reason. Every American has a responsibility in preserving our freedom... a responsibility that should make freedom and independence of top importance to us, not only once a year on July 4th but EVERY DAY. Freedom is everybody's job!

Because July 4th falls on Sunday, this bank will observe Monday, July 5th, as a holiday.

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Legal Notices

NOTICE OF INTENTION OF CITY OF MERKEL TO RECEIVE BIDS FOR OIL AND GAS LEASES ON CITY OWNED LANDS.

The city of Merkel, a municipal corporation, having determined that it is advisable to make oil, gas, and mineral leases on the hereinafter described lands belonging to the City of Merkel, hereby gives notice of its intention to lease the following lands or any part thereof, belonging to the City of Merkel, Taylor County, Texas, described as follows:

Lots One to Five inclusive and Lots Seven to Twelve inclusive of Block "E" of the G. W. Boyce First Addition to the Town of Merkel, Taylor County, Texas.

The City of Merkel, here now gives notice by publication in The Merkel Mail, a newspaper published in the City of Merkel in the County of Taylor, State of Texas, having general circulation therein, once a week for a period of three consecutive weeks and designated after such publication that it will receive and consider bids for oil, gas and mineral leases on the above described lands, at the City Hall in the City of Merkel, on the 19th day of July, 1948, at 8 o'clock P. M. The bids for said lease or leases will designate the primary terms of such lease or leases, together with the annual rental to be paid each year, and the form of the mineral lease or leases, to the end that the City of Merkel may determine whether or not the lease or leases are on such form as will be satisfactory to the City of Merkel. The city governing body will receive and consider all bids for the leasing of said lands which are advertised for lease, and upon the discretion of the governing body shall award the lease or leases to the highest and best bidder therefor, considering the bonus, if

any, to be paid, the rentals to be paid, the length of the lease, and the form of the lease. If, in the judgment of the governing body, the bids do not represent the fair value of such lease or leases, the governing body in its discretion may reject such lease or leases, or any one of them, and may then give notice and call for additional bids. A public hearing will be given on the date above mentioned, at the City Hall, as per the above notice. The mineral lease or leases will call for 1-8th royalty. Signed this, the 28th day of June, 1948.

CITY OF MERKEL,
By A. J. Canon,
Its Mayor.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Aaron J. Bondurant,
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 2nd day of August, A. D. 1948, 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 15th day of June, 1948.

The file number of said suit being No. 15,808-A.

The names of the parties in said suit are: Mable Jewell Bondurant as Plaintiff, and Aaron J. Bondurant as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were legally married on January 21, 1939, and lived together until May 4, 1946.

Two children were born to said marriage, namely, Bertha Louise and Elvia Louise.

Plaintiff sues for divorce on the grounds of cruel treatment. Plaintiff also sues for custody and control of the minor children and for the restoration of her maiden name.

If this Citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

Issued this 15th day of June, A. D. 1948.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this 15th day of June, A. D. 1948.

(Seal) J. Neil Daniel, Clerk, District Court, Taylor County, Texas. By Grace Jenkins, Deputy.

Candidates Draw For Ballot Places

In submitting his report of the an-state legislative posts and district, county and precinct offices were determined by lot at a meeting of the Taylor County Democratic Executive committee held last week in the county court room in Abilene.

Fees were also assessed for each county and precinct office, based on 10 per cent of one year's salary and apportioned according to the number of candidates for each office.

In races where there is opposition, positions of the several candidates are as follows:

For state senate, 24th district—Pat Bullock of Mitchell county, Harley Sadler of Nolan county.

For state representative, 116th district—A. C. Kyle, William K (Bill) Tippen.

For county judge—Wiley Caffey, Theo Ash.

For commissioner, Precinct No. 2—Rufe Tittle, D. C. Doan, L. A. Dudley, Irven Thompson.

Mrs. N. D. Cobb is a candidate for re-election as justice of the peace, Precinct No. 5, without opposition. For constable of the Merkel precinct, Caz Lansford is unopposed, and O. L. Bishop is also unopposed as a candidate for constable from Precinct No. 7, Trent.

Half of Children in Public Schools Are In Overcrowded Rooms

Austin, July 1.—Conditions improved slightly this year, but nearly half of the 1,500,000 public school children in Texas are still being taught in badly over-crowded classrooms.

A survey announced recently by the Texas State Teachers association indicates that 46.7 per cent of the children are getting inadequate situations due to a shortage of teachers and buildings.

Many schools, among them larger cities such as Amarillo, Corpus Christi and Galveston, are on a half-day schedule so acute is the situation, according to Joe Humphrey of Abilene, vice-president of the Teachers association.

Thirty pupils is the maximum class for efficient teaching, the National Education association and other organizations agree.

Classes with as many as sixty-five pupils were found in a survey which was conducted by Miss Willie Mae Floyd of Abilene, Texas representative on the NEA advisory committee on tax education and school finance.

Elementary schools are more badly in need of additional space and teachers than are junior and senior high schools, the Floyd survey disclosed.

A total of 58.7 per cent of the grade school pupils included in the survey are in classes of more than thirty pupils. Exactly half of the junior high pupils are over-crowded. The senior high schools have 32.9 of their students in over-sized classes.

"Texas needs a minimum of 2,500 additional teachers and thousands of additional classrooms to relieve the heavy congestion in our public schools," said Humphrey. "It is a very grave problem which, somehow, must be solved."

"All educators recognize the fact that it is impossible for pupils to get the attention they need and adequate instruction in classes of more than thirty students."

Humphrey said some way must be found to interest more young people in preparing for a teaching career.

"Even with the increase in pay granted teachers by the last legislature, the inducements to enter the profession apparently are not sufficient," he declared.

"Our colleges are not training enough teachers to take care of the usual replacement needs, let alone add to our staffs."

Humphrey also said many schools do not have enough money to construct additions or new buildings.

"Others have voted bonds, but are reluctant to build during these times of high costs, when they can get only about half as much for their money," Humphrey said.

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A. C. KYLE

REPRESENTATIVE
116th District



A. C. KYLE

[Exact Copy of Letter]

Dear Sir:

I have your letter making inquiry as to the record of Hon. A. C. Kyle. In my opinion, Mr. Kyle was a VERY VALUABLE MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATURE. He was always on the job and very faithful in attending, not only the sessions of the legislature, but the committee meetings as well.

Committee meetings are mostly held at night, and when a member attends the debates in the house through the day, it will sit up until near midnight and listen to proponents and opponents of various bills proposed, it shows that he is willing to WORK AND WORK HARD, and is keenly alive to the best interest of his district, and the state at large.

Mr. Kyle was one of the men who stood for strict economy in the expenditure of public funds, and AGAINST ALL FORMS OF WASTE AND EXTRAVAGANCE; since the people of your district are tax-payers, and not tax-eaters, I would think, that Mr. Kyle's position in those matters is thoroughly appreciated by his constituency.

With kindest regards, I remain

Yours very truly,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

[Speaker's name will be furnished any one on request.]

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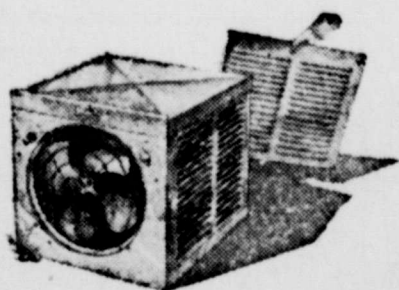
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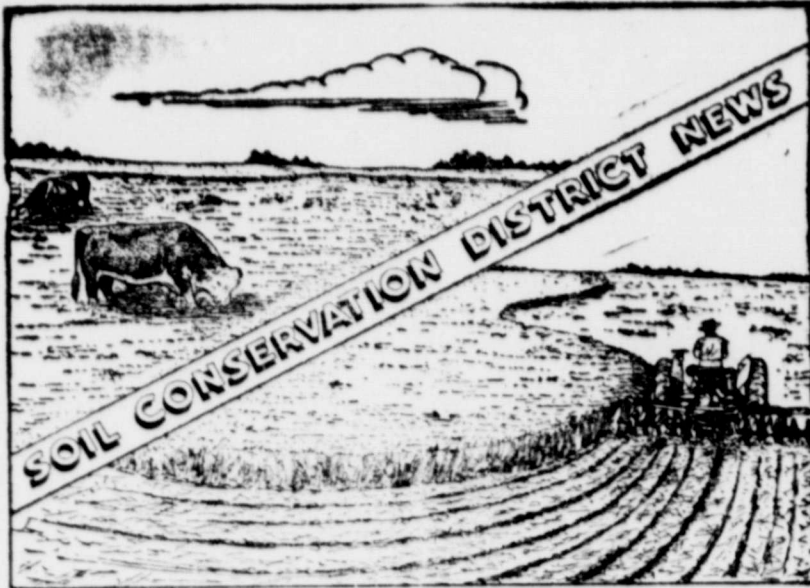
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W. S. J. Brown, cooperater in the South Noodle Conservation group, has recently constructed a new pond in one of his pastures for better distribution of livestock water. Two short diversion terraces were constructed on both sides of the pond to divert additional water into the pond. With the completion of this pond this ranch will have ample watering facilities in each of the seven pastures on this ranch.

I. D. Vancil, manager of the J. B. Dickinson ranch which is cooperating with the district in the South Golan group, has recently enlarged an old pond in one of the ranch pastures for better distribution of livestock water. He also constructed about 3000 linear feet of spreader dams across washes and gullies caused by runoff water from a range of hills in the pasture. The spreader dams were located to divert this runoff water from the washes out on level areas between the washes to improve the grass cover. They will also assist in checking further erosion in the gullies. Mr. Vancil also plans to cross fence this pasture into two fairly equal pastures so that range improvement can be secured through rotation grazing.

The Butman ranch, which is cooperating with the district in the Butman group, has recently completed 3 new ranch ponds in three separate pastures for better distribution of livestock watering places.

This is a good season of the year for small grain farmers to secure the

greatest benefit from their small grain stubble by proper management of the crop residues. Field trials in this portion of the state show that the greatest advantage from the crop litter comes by plowing in such a manner as to leave the crop litter on or near the surface soil. A good ground cover of crop residue assists in holding the soil in place, reduces the rate of moisture evaporation, holds soil temperatures at a more uniform level, adds much needed organic matter to the soil, and normally keeps the soil more open and porous for free movement of soil water and air. The organic content of the top five inches of the soil is greater where residues are left on the surface as compared to residues completely turned under. A soil that is depleted in organic content may not show any appreciable improvement in crop yields for 6 to 8 years after this practice is started; however, the improvement and effect on the soil is accumulative and one that can be expected through the constant but not too rapid decay of organic materials.

Audit Firm Commends City Secretary's Work

In submitting his report of the annual audit of the City of Merkel books, O. S. Burkett, accountant auditor of Abilene, addressed the following letter to the mayor and members of the city council, which speaks very highly of the efficient services of City Secretary W. M. Elliott:

"This is to certify that the books and accounts of Mr. W. M. Elliott, secretary-treasurer, were examined for the fiscal year ended Apr. 30, 1948, and found correct, all monies or property in his control or custody being satisfactorily accounted for, with proper securities and funds on hand to balance his accounts.

"He has performed his duties in an acceptable manner, and all disbursements were made under proper warrant or authority. We further certify that there are no exceptions to the above."

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MOVIE CALENDAR

QUEEN

Friday - Saturday - Double feature program: Tim Holt, Nan Leslie in "Arizona Rangers" and Robert Montgomery, Wanda Herdrix in "Ride the Pink Horse;" Popeye cartoon and "Mysterious Mr. M" serial.

Sunday, Monday and Tuesday - Victor Mature, Coleen Gray in "Fury at Furnace Creek;" Bugs Bunny cartoon and latest world News.

Wednesday - Thursday - John Garfield, Lilli Palmer in "Body and Soul;" fashions and sports.

"FURY AT FURNACE CREEK"

Blazing with excitement, thrilling with tumultuous spectacle, and completely absorbing from beginning to end, Twentieth Century-Fox's "Fury at Furnace Creek" co-stars Victor Mature and Coleen Gray, last paired in "Kiss of Death."

This gripping drama is a saga of vengeance and heroism born in the winning of the West. Set in the Apache country of 1880, it unfolds the drama of two brothers who battle to clear the name of their father who was framed by an unscrupulous silver syndicate that provoked a massacre as a means of opening up the Indian lands to exploitation.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to take this way in thanking every one for the help and sympathy bestowed on us during the illness and at the time of the death of our husband and father, W. C. Gregory.

May God bless you all.
The W. C. Gregory Family

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[Political Advertisement]

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POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Subject to action of the Democratic Primary in July.]

For Commissioner, Precinct 2, Taylor County:

D. C. DOAN.
IRVEN THOMPSON.
L. A. DUDLEY.
RUFÉ TITTLE.

For Commissioner, Precinct 4, Jones County:

C. H. (Connie) OTTO.
W. O. RAINWATER.
A. J. BARBEE, JR.

For Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 5:

MRS. N. D. COBB.
[Re-Election.]

For County Clerk:

MRS. CHESTER HUTCHESON
[Re-Election.]

For Sheriff, Taylor County:

H. T. (Flem) FLEMING.
(Re-Election.)

For County Judge:

THEO ASH.
WILEY CAFFEY.
(Re-Election.)

For County Attorney:

GUY W. (Pete) SHAW.

For State Senator, 24th District:

HARLEY SADLER.
PAT BULLOCK.
(Re-Election.)

For County Treasurer:

J. R. CLARK.
(Re-Election.)

For State Representative, 116th District:

A. C. KYLE.
WM. K. (Bill) TIPPEN.
(Re-Election.)

For Associate Justice, 11th Court of Civil Appeals:

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SAVE MONEY on auto supplies, seat covers and floor mats. White Auto Store.

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FOR SALE—One Airco windmill and tower; one cypress tank. In use at my home. N. T. Hodge. Phone 140.

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LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS

Holt Vaughn, assistant manager of the Queen theatre since his return from the Army service, has resigned that position, to accept employment with the Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc. He began his new duties Tuesday.

Announcement was made Thursday June 24, by Rogers Grayson that he had leased the Hi-Way 126 Service station, located on the Merkel to Noodle farm-to-market road, where he will continue to handle a full line of Gulf products.

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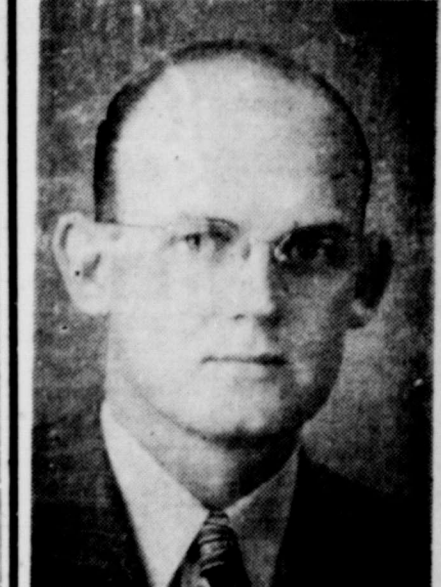
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[Political Advertisement]

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Nice Crisp LETTUCE, lg. head	12c	Oleomargarine NUCOA, lb.	41c
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Welch Grape Juice, pt. bottle	27c	Sugar Loaf Fancy Tomatoes, No. 2 can	19c
Red and White Lunch Meat, 12 oz. can	53c	Joan of Arc wholegrain Corn, No. 2 can	23c
Sunsun Salad Dressing, 16 oz jar	39c	Sun Drenched Tree Ripped Peaches, 16 oz. can	15c
Var. Camp Beenie Weenies, 11 oz. jar	23c	Red and White Salt, 2, 24 oz. boxes	15c
Spudette Shoestrin Potatoe, No. 2 1/2 can	19c	Red and White Pure Vanilla, 1 1/2 oz.	29c
Embossed Paper Napkins, Box of 80	15c	Kellogg All Bran, 10 oz. box	16c
Red and White Cider Vinegar, qt. bottle	19c	Rayon 12 oz. Mops, each	79c

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MISCELLANEOUS SHOWER

The lovely home of Mrs. Ray Wilson was opened Wednesday afternoon when twenty hostesses complimented Miss Patsy Simpson, bride-elect of Troy Roland, with a miscellaneous shower of bridal appointments. The following ladies assumed hostess duties: Misses Lela Patterson, Bettye Smith, Lottie Butman, Sue Morgan, Mary Collins and Betty Tittle, Mesdames Homer Newby, Len Dudley, June Hegan, Walter Henslee, W. S. J. Brown, Andy Shouse, Wilbur Thomas, Vernon Hudson, Ray Baccus, Joe Risinger, Virgil Patterson, Johnny Cox, P. C. Wylie and Mrs. Wilson.

The rooms were decorated with the bride's chosen colors of pink and white. Mrs. Wilson headed the receiving line, presenting Mrs. Vernon Simpson, the charming honoree and the mother of the bridegroom-elect, Mrs. Elsie Roland, Mrs. Wilbur Thomas presided at the register.

A program of musical numbers was presented by Misses Annette Newton, Jane Hughes, Sandra Sadler, Betty Jane Tittle, Bettye Smith and Mrs. Andy Shouse.

Miss Mary Collins and Mrs. P. C. Wylie presided at the tea table where refreshing punch and cookies were served from a table beautifully decorated with pink gladioluses and white feverfew.

A room full of lovely gifts were displayed, attesting to the friendship of approximately 160 guests.

TWILIGHT GIFT TEA.

Miss Johnnie McDonald, whose approaching marriage to Kenneth Dismuke of Sweetwater was announced last week by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob McDonald, was named as honoree for a pretty twilight gift tea, Tuesday evening in the home of Mrs. B. T. Sublett on Oak street.

The hostess group included Mesdames Ben Sublett, B. T. Sublett, R. A. McCullum, Homer Newby, Nathan Wood, D. B. Bowen, L. A. Dudley, Griffin Barnett, W. O. Paine, Don Riney, Clyde Eager, Judd McReynolds, H. P. Crimm, Earl Hughes, Jr., Grover Gilbert, N. T. Hodre and Leroy Eason.

A beautiful party scheme of pink and white was carried out in all party appointments and recorded music furnished delightful background music during calling hours from 7 till 9 p. m.

Mrs. Ben Sublett headed the receiving line and Mrs. McDonald presented the lovely honoree. Mrs. L. J. Dismuke of Sweetwater, mother of the bridegroom-to-be, concluded the receiving line. Mrs. Vincent Barnett presided at the register, and Misses Mary Nell Winter and Mary Ruth Hutcheson were at the tea table. A beautiful arrangement of cut flowers centered the table where the chosen colors were again reflected in open faced sandwiches, cookies and iced punch. Embossed tea napkins were plate favors.

Mrs. Griffin Barnett invited guests

into the gift room where Misses Wilma Paine and Mona Roland of Sweetwater presided over a beautiful display of crystal, china and silver. Invitations were extended to approximately 130 guests.

BOSTICK-WATKINS.

Miss Geneva Watkins, daughter of Mrs. Maggie Watkins of Sweetwater and former resident of Merkel, became the bride of John Bostick, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John Bostick, Sr., of Roscoe, formerly of Rotan, in vows said at the First Church of God in Sweetwater at 2 p. m. Sunday, June 20.

Rev. A. L. Patterson, pastor of the Fundamental Baptist church of that city, read the ceremony.

The bride, who was a 1947 graduate of Sweetwater high school, attended Draughon's Business college at Abilene and has been employed in a secretarial position in Rotan since January. She is a granddaughter of D. A. Dickey and the late Mrs. Dickey, pioneer Merkel family.

The bridegroom is a graduate of the Rotan high school and is now manager of a produce company in Rotan, where they will make their home.

BILES-SMITH.

Friends of the bride's mother, Mrs. Jack Smith, the former Intha Bird, daughter of W. T. Bird and the late Mrs. Bird, of Merkel, will be interested to learn of the marriage of Reba Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith, Lazy D Ranch, and Joe D. Eiles, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Hugh Biles, all of Ada, Okla. The wedding took place at the ranch home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Harvey on Tuesday, June 8.

Picture of the bride was featured in the Ada, Okla., Evening News of Sunday, June 13.

After a wedding trip to Eureka Springs, Ark., and points of interest in the Ozark mountains, the couple returned to make their home at 230 East Thirteenth street, Ada. This fall they plan to establish a home in Norman, where Mr. Biles will resume his studies and the bride will enter Oklahoma university.

GIFT PARTY.

Mrs. Allen Agnew of near Atison was named guest of honor Wednesday afternoon when Mrs. Dent Gibson and Mrs. Robert Riney entertained with a stork shower in the home of Miss Johnnie Warren. A color scheme of pink and blue was carried out in all party appointments. The honoree was the recipient of many dainty gifts and at the refreshment hour the hostesses served delicious ice cream and cake. Approximately 60 invitations were extended.

SEWING CLUB.

The Sewing club was entertained on Wednesday afternoon of last week by Mrs. Jack Dawson West at the Community Center. Gifts were exchanged and new pals drawn.

Those present were Mesdames Grif Barnett, Carroll Benson, Riggs Shepperd, Jim Carter, Murray Toombs, Mason Gamble, Earle Watts, J. E. Boaz, Nolan Palmer, L. B.

Doors, Geo. T. Moore, Horace Boney, Hoyle Lemens, Bill Skiles, David Gamble, Bill Harris, Houston Byrd, Pete West and Bill Largent.

The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Grif Barnett.

MERKEL HD CLUB.

No meetings of the Merkel Home Demonstration club will be held during the month of July, it is announced by Mrs. Rhett Eidson, Jr., club president, but regular meetings will be resumed with the second week in August.

RURAL SOCIETY

B. T. U. PICNIC.

The young people of Noodle Baptist Church Training Union enjoyed a picnic at Cobb Park and skating party in Abilene Friday night of last week.

Those of Training Union present were: Neva Bishop, Omar Bishop, Lester Lee Hopper, Joyce Williamson, Glennis Sattowhite, Royce Gilbreath, Dorothy Goode, Billy Goode, Darnette Perrien, Susie Griffin, Freddie Griffin, Henry Dillard, Bud Dillard, Larue Weeks, Joanna Griffin, W. L. Griffin, Billy Flint, Nellie Flint, Alice Nell Spurgin; Willie Lee Spurgin; Johnnie Bird, Walter Bird and the sponsor, Mrs. Lum Gilbreath. Visitors were: Billy Caldwell, Kenneth Baccus, Reginald Henderson, Max Hodge, W. H. Williamson, Bobby Gene Martin, Dave Tarpley, Donald Cade of Noodle, Bettie Justice, Ella Faye Lucas, Joanne Sloan, Ella Dora Eoff, of the Church of Christ, Noodle, Rev. V. D. Walters

and family of Abilene, pastor of the Baptist church, Noodle, Jimmy Black, Dorothy Bumpass, Patsy Clark, Vernon Burfeind, Doris L. L. J. W. Burfeind, of Hebron, Gene Burleson, Merkel, Clyde Maxwell, Billy Maxwell, Lobbie Farr, Abilene.

Adults who also enjoyed the picnic were: Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dillard, Mrs. L. E. Hopper, Sam Perrien, Mrs. L. A. Cade, Mrs. L. O. Flint, Mrs. M. G. Goode, all of Noodle, and Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Flint of Abilene.

BLUEBONNET CLUB.

The Bluebonnet Home Demonstration club will meet July 6 in the club house. That is the day the agent will be present.

JOINT BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Dixon honored their sons, Edwin and Roy Lynn, on their 8th and 3rd birthday with ice cream and cake Wednesday evening at 7:30. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Tarpley, Ray, Joe and Keith and Mrs. Garvie Tarpley and Mike.

Pioneer Celebrates His 94th Birthday

Five generations were present when J. H. Campbell, Sr., observed his 94th birthday recently. The group included Mr. Campbell's son, J. H. Campbell, Jr., of Merkel, his grandson, S. D. Campbell, also of Merkel, his great-granddaughter, Mrs. W. C. Lay, of Fort Worth, and his great-great-grandson, Douglas Wayne Lay, of Fort Worth.

Walter Berry Honored With Surprise Dinner

Walter Berry was honored on his 67th birthday with a surprise dinner Sunday at his home in the White Church community.

Those present were: his wife, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Shugart and family, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Brown and family, Mr. and Mrs. Talma Wilson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Doan and family, Mrs. Erma Dell Melton and family, and Marlene, Bobby and Carolyn Windham.

Hospital Notes.

Mrs. I. I. Vancil entered Sadler hospital Sunday for surgery. Lee Harris was admitted last Thursday for a fractured ankle. Patients received during the week for treatment were: Mrs. J. F. Walker, Clifford Talbot, June 24; Mrs. E. J. Patterson, Mrs. R. E. James, Mrs. B. W. Anderson, Jerry Cade, June 25; Mrs. T. L. Derrick, Mrs. H. A. Mitchell, Mrs. T. N. Smith, Maggie Ransom, June 26; Mrs. C. E. Phillips.

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