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**In The Churches**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE**  
Attendance at the seven reporting Sunday Schools last Sunday was 664 as compared with 674 on the previous Sunday. The attendance on the same Sunday a year ago was 696.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.**  
Sunday School at 10 a. m. Gordon Weir of Abilene will fill the pulpit at the 11 o'clock hour.  
Reporter.

**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

**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.

**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. Suskey, Pastor.

**PERSONALS**

Recent visitors with Mrs. M. F. Bell were Mrs. Alvin Lay of Big Spring, Mrs. M. R. McDonald of McAdoo and Mrs. Joe Shelton and family of Abilene.

R. C. Young, of Duncan, Okla., a former resident of Merkel, is here visiting with his sister-in-law, Mrs. J. A. Milliken, and other relatives. Mr. and Mrs. I. R. Blanton of Loco Hills, N. M. are spending their vacation here with her mother, Mrs. Kate Masters.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Carson, who vacationed this week at Ruidoso, and Fort Sumner, N. M., are expected home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy H. Mathews and son, Roy Kent, of Monahans, were visitors this week with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jerroll Stallo, and also with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Mathews and Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Blair.

Adding machine rolls, 15 cents each, at Merkel Mail office.

**LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS**

Tom Malone announces the reopening of the Malone garage, on North Third street, between Edwards and Lamar. His advertisement appears elsewhere in this issue of The Merkel Mail.

**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.

Charter No. 7481 Reserve District No. 11  
**REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK** of Merkel, in the State of Texas, at the close of business on June 30, 1948 published in response to call made by the Comptroller of the Currency, under section 5211, U. S. Revised Statutes.

ASSETS	
1. Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection	\$1,186,646.17
2. United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	1,653,077.28
3. Obligations of States and political subdivisions	30,613.61
4. Corporate stocks (including \$3,000.00 stock of Federal Reserve Bank)	3,000.00
5. Loans and discounts (including \$703.64 overdrafts)	391,222.93
6. Furniture and fixtures	4,000.00
<b>12. TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$3,268,559.09</b>
LIABILITIES	
13. Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	\$3,009,143.23
14. Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)	18,688.63
15. Deposits of States and political subdivisions	102,956.71
16. Other deposits (certified and cashier's checks, etc.)	2,770.52
<b>17. TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$3,133,559.09</b>
CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	
18. Capital Stock:	
(a). Common stock, total par \$50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
19. Surplus	50,000.00
20. Undivided profits	25,000.00
<b>21. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS</b>	<b>\$ 125,000.00</b>
<b>22. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS</b>	<b>\$3,268,559.09</b>
MEMORANDUM	
23. Assets pledged or assigned to secure liabilities and for other purposes	\$ 154,000.00

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Taylor, ss:  
I, Geo. T. Moore, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
GEO. T. MOORE, Cashier.  
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6th day of July, 1948.  
(Seal)  
C. E. TIPTON, Notary Public.

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**Taylor County Settlers Reunion at Buffalo Gap**

Several outstanding speakers have been invited to be present at the Taylor County Old Settlers Reunion to be held at Buffalo Gap on Friday of this week, July 16.

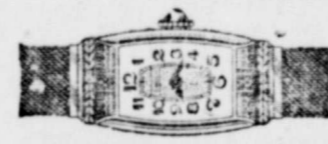
Any one who has ever resided in Taylor county will be a welcome guest, Judge T. A. Bledsoe, of Abilene, life-time president of the organization, said.

**Farm Bureau Members Plan Big Get-Together**

Taylor County Farm Bureau members, their families and guests, will have a big get-together and barbecue at the Taylor County Old Settlers' Reunion grounds at Buffalo Gap, July 22.

All Farm Bureau members and their families are expecting a great occasion, with plenty of music, fellowship and barbecue. Each farm family has been asked to invite another family. Ollie Higgins, president of the organization, said.

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**Moore Reunion Held At Seymour Park July 4**

The Moore reunion was held July 4th at the Seymour Park. Seven sisters and one brother were present. The sisters, Mr. and Mrs. Will Lewis of Roby, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Searcey and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Profitt and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hill and family, all of Munday, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. White and family, Abilene, Mrs. Samie Norwood of Tahoka, and Mrs. R. T. Parramore and family of Cedar Hill and Dallas; the brother, W. H. Moore and family of Merkel.

Grandchildren present, who are married: Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Parramore and Peggy of Pensacola, Fla., Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Mayfield and family of Abilene, Mrs. Maggie Funk of Hemet, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Fred Searcey of Munday.

Others present were: Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Williams of Ballinger, Mr. and Mrs. Tip Wamble and daughter of Dallas, Miss Carlyene Jones of Munday, and Roy Butler of Sunset; one of Mrs. W. H. Moore's sisters, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Wallace and family of O'Brien; her niece, Mr. and Mrs. I. S. Donaldson and baby Sue, of Ardmore, Okla.

After the big dinner was enjoyed and games played, several went in swimming and some pictures were taken.

This is the first reunion the Moores have ever had, but they hope to have many more in the future.

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**Judge Hart Plans to Make Visit in County**

Judge James P. Hart, who is seeking his first elective term as associate justice of the Supreme Court of Texas, is planning to spend the week-end of July 17 in Abilene and Taylor county. Elaborate plans are being made to entertain him at that time, and arrangements will be made for him to speak over the radio then. He will be accompanied by his wife. They have five children, ranging in age from 6 to 18 years, being four boys and one girl.

Judge Hart was appointed to the state's highest court last October by Governor Beauford Jester, succeeding Judge C. S. Slatton, who had resigned. A native of Travis county, Judge Hart is a graduate of the University of Texas and of the law school of Harvard university. For the past 20 years he has been engaged in the practice of law in Austin, and during that time he has served as district attorney of Travis county, special district judge elected by the members of the Austin bar, and as greater part of his time has been spent in the general civil practice of the law.

Judge Hart does not believe that a judge can properly have a political platform, but he promises complete impartiality between parties in any case, sincere devotion to the state and federal constitutions, determination to have the law conform to common sense and plain justice, willingness to write clear, direct and understandable opinions, a dignified and courteous attitude toward all, a willingness to spend the necessary time in arriving at correct conclusions, and an unwillingness to brook unnecessary delays in disposition of cases. To that end, he pledges to continue to devote his best efforts.

**MOVIE CALENDAR**

Friday - Saturday — Yvonne DeCarlo, Jeffrey Lynn in "Black Bart" in Technicolor; Animal short subject, Color Screen Song and Mysterious Mr. M. Serial.

Sunday, Monday and Tuesday — Mary O'Hara's "Green Grass Of Wyoming;" Color Cartoon and World News.

Wednesday - Thursday — Robert Mitchum, Jane Greer in "Out of the Past;" Latest March of Time, "The Fight Game" and Color Short.

"OUT OF THE PAST."  
The results of a former lapse bring tragic disaster in RKO Radio's tense melodrama, "Out of the Past," co-starring Robert Mitchum and Jane Greer.

Giving the two stars exceptional opportunities, with Miss Greer in the role of the treacherous but beautiful girl friend, the picture presents Kirk Douglas as the heavy, and Rhonda Fleming, Richard Webb, Steve Brodie and Virginia Huston in important supporting parts. Jacques Tourneur directed.

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**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

Notre Dame's 1947 gridders played before 571,527 spectators.

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.

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### RURAL SOCIETY

BLUEBONNET CLUB.

The Bluebonnet Home Demonstration club met July 6 in the club house, with the vice-president, Mrs. Wade Ensminger, presiding over the business session. Mrs. Ford Butman gave the council report.

Mrs. Ensminger brought up the subject of sending a box to an Irish family, consisting of clothing or food, and this was agreed upon. Every one wishing to contribute to this movement is asked to give the articles to Mrs. Ensminger and she will pack them for mailing.

Mrs. Ensminger was elected as delegate for the state meeting to be held at Temple.

Mrs. Arlton Farmer gave a demonstration on "Posture and the Correct Height of Kitchen Furniture and Equipment."

The next meeting will be on July 20. Mrs. W. C. Perkins will bring a book review and there will also be a 4-H demonstration. Mrs. Frank Brnovak and Mrs. Ben Butman will serve at the July 20 meeting.

Those present were Mesdames W. C. Perkins, Ford Butman, Wade Ensminger, Frank Brnovak and Arlton Farmer.

### BIRTHDAY DINNER.

The birthday of Mrs. Rolene Finch of Hodges, the former Imogene Thompson of Merkel, was celebrated with family and friends in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Thompson, Sunday, July 4. Dinner was served buffet-style.

Present were Rolene Finch, sisters, Edith and Bethlee, and brother, Durie Del. Also present were Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Finch and Doris, R. B. Grammer, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Ledbetter and boys of Hodges, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Rivers of Seminole, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Thompson and Lonnie, Mr. and Mrs. Buster Thompson and Sandra, and Mr. and Mrs. Truett Thompson and Wayne, all of Merkel, and Mr. and Mrs. Bunyan Thompson and Margaret of Abilene.

### W. M. Hays Honored For 80th Birthday

W. M. Hays was honored Sunday for his 80th birthday, which will be July 20. Watermelon, ice cream and a beautiful birthday cake were enjoyed and many pictures were taken in the afternoon. Four generations were present, including all of his 6 children, 13 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. Jack Hester of Lubbock and Joe McMurray of Abilene, grandchildren, were unable to be present.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Sparks, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Jaynes and Jo Ann, Phoenix, Ariz.; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hays and Carroll, Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Paxton Hays, Kenneth and Carla, Merkel; Mrs. J. O. McMurray, Melba and Harold McMurray, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Lee McMurray and Ronnie, Mrs. H. W. Hester, Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Carter Young, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. I. G. Bryan, Bobby, Joe and Ann, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Joe V. Hester and Beth, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Buster Hester, Wayne and Mike, Merkel, and Mrs. W. M. Hays.

### Russell Endorses Ben F. Bailey for Jones Co. Sheriff

The following is a letter written to Ben F. Bailey, candidate for Jones County Sheriff:

May 5, 1948.

"Ben F. Bailey, Anson, Texas.

"Dear Ben:— I understand you are running for Sheriff of Jones County. I have often remarked what a good jailer you were. If you are half as good sheriff, when elected, the people of Jones County will have a sheriff they will be proud of. I do not know who is in the race for sheriff, but I do know you will make a good one.

"When I stayed at your jail with prisoners, I went to the hotel and went to sleep because I knew they would be there the next morning. You were always good to the boys and always fed them good.

"I do not want to give anyone a run, but I do hope you are elected sheriff.

"Your friend,  
"BUD RUSSELL."

The above is a very high recommendation, coming from "Uncle Bud Russell, retired transfer agent for the Texas Prison System.

Ben F. Bailey was jailer under Jim Lee Gordon, ex-sheriff of Jones County. Bailey served for 38 months as jailer and had a perfect record insofar as there were no attempted jail breaks.

[Political Advertisement]

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### Reunion in Farmer Home July Fourth

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Farmer had as their guests for the Fourth of July Mr. and Mrs. Bell Farmer of Las Cruces, N. M., Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Farmer of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Murry Farmer, Lawn, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Farmer, Mr. Farmer and Ira, Mr. and Mrs. Arlton Farmer and Shirley, all of Merkel. Blanche Yvonne returned with her uncle and aunt of Lawn for a visit.

All the Farmer boys were present except Whitt Farmer and family of Hemleigh, and one grandson, Paul E. Farmer, from Galveston, and Travis and Fredlyn Farmer.

The main purpose of National Farm Safety Week, which will be held July 25-31, is to do away with 30,000,000 farm hazards. This goal can be reached easily if every farm family will do away with at least one hazard for every member of the family.

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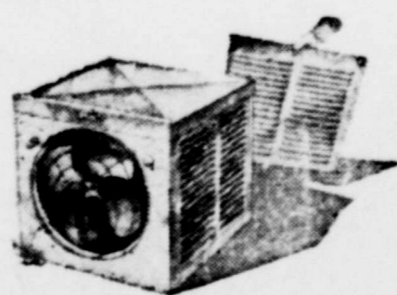
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- \* By the record he has done more for highways, farm-to-market roads (to get them started any way), pensions, school per capita, protection of farmers and ranchmen from predatory animals, and on down the lines, than anybody else in the race.
- \* Coke Stevenson is a man of the soil and always has championed the cause of the farmer and cattleman.
- \* He is the only man in this race who seems to attach any importance to constitutional and State rights.
- \* He is the only candidate for the U. S. Senate that has a past record to show that something can be done about waste in operating the government, and who wants to talk and do something about the subject.

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[This political statement written and paid for by Taylor County friends who know and believe in the Coke Stevenson brand of government.  
C. L. Johnson, Chairman.]



# Society

**WRIGHT-MEEKS.**  
Miriam Diltz Meeks and Jake Wright were united in marriage on June 28 in a double ring ceremony read by Rev. Mr. White, Big Spring pastor, in the church parlor.

The couple's only attendants were Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Coats of Big Spring and Mr. and Mrs. Mina Winter of Merkel. Mrs. Coats and Mrs. Winter are sisters of Mrs. Wright.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Diltz, one of Merkel's pioneer families. She was graduated from Merkel High school with the class of 1940 and later attended Seogins Beauty Academy in Abilene. She was operating the Orchid Beauty shoppe at the time of her marriage.

Mr. Wright, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pate Wright of Lubbock, finished school in Lubbock. He served three years in the Army and is now engaged in farming near Wolfolk, where they are making their home.

**LAWN PARTY.**  
Mrs. Twyman Collins was a surprised honoree on last Friday evening when she returned home at eight o'clock to find a group of friends gathered at her home to celebrate her birthday, which was on Saturday.

Tables had been set upon the lighted lawn where a delicious picnic supper was served informally. Mrs. Collins was the happy recipient of birthday gifts from each guest and birthday greetings were read aloud.

Those present were Rev. and Mrs. Merle Weathers and daughter, Nelda, Mr. and Mrs. Dewel McLean and son, Hollis, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Matthews of Trent, Christine Collins and C. J. Glover, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McCandless, Mr. and Mrs. Twyman Collins.

**T. E. L. CLASS.**  
The T. E. L. class of the First Baptist church met on the lawn of Mrs. Owen Robertson Tuesday evening for their regular meeting, Mrs. A. R. Booth being co-hostess with Mrs. Robertson.

Mrs. Irl Walker gave the devotional and Mrs. Booth gave an interesting talk on some of the good talks she heard at Lueders while in the encampment.

A delicious refreshment plate was served to the following members: Mesdames Booth Warren, S. O. Hill, Claude Warren, E. R. Clack, Earl Lassiter, A. R. Booth, Irl Walker, Owen Robertson, Lake Renfro, Ernest Douglas, Earl Baze and Lucy Ford, and two visitors, Ann Booth and Mona Robertson.

**FIDELIS MATRONS CLASS.**  
The Fidelis Matrons Sunday School class of the First Baptist church met Tuesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. C. B. Rust, with Mrs. G. C. Wright as co-hostess.

Mrs. Nim Teaff led the opening prayer, and an interesting devotional "Felt" was given by Mrs. Geo. T. Meese.

After the business session, the group was entertained with musical numbers by Vonecil Rust.

Refreshments were served to the following members: Mesdames Buck Leach, Bob Fowler, L. V. Moore, Austin Petty, Nim Teaff, Jarrett Pinckley, Gordon Pursley, Geo. F. Moore, Sam Martin, Paul West, H. R. McKeever, Tom Kerns, Macf Tucker, Bdster Horton, David Gable, C. B. Rust and G. C. Wright. Several children were present.

**SWIMMING PARTY.**  
Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Joyce helped their son, Larry, celebrate his tenth birthday with an enjoyable swimming party last Sunday evening at the American Legion park in Abilene.

A cold summer menu was served picnic-fashion following a delightful swim in the pool. Those present were the honoree, Larry Joyce, Jimmy Simpson, Chester Collinsworth, Jimmy McAninch, Jackie McAninch, Karl Tonn McGregor and the following "grown-ups," Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Joyce and Mrs. Karl McGregor of Abilene.

**BAPTIST CIRCLES.**  
The Blanche Rose Walker Circle of the First Baptist church met on Monday morning in the home of Mrs. Earl Lassiter for Bible study. Opening prayer was led by Mrs. H. R. Hicks. Mrs. Nim J. Teaff taught a very profitable lesson on "The Vestments of the High Priest" to Mesdames S. R. Dwiggins, J. S. Swann, A. R. Booth, Irl Walker, Hugh Campbell and E. O. Carson. The meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. S. R. Dwiggins.

The next meeting will be a Royal Service program at the church on July 19.

The Floy Hawkins Circle met in the home of Mrs. Don Riney Monday morning for Bible study. Mrs. Ed Sandusky taught a very interesting lesson on "Worship." Those present were Mesdames Mack Tucker, Preston Henry, Merle Weathers, Ed Sandusky and the hostess.

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## Correction

The item that was published in last week's issue of The Merkel Mail announcing the engagement of Vern Opal Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Moore, to R. M. Tate, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Tate of Fort Worth, was incorrect and this newspaper wishes to make amends in the only way possible by stating now that the announcement was an error, but the paper was only unintentionally involved.

The item, as published, was mailed through the post office at Merkel and was received July 6 by the editor, who, although the article was unsigned, had no reason to question its accuracy.

The largest living flightless bird is the ostrich, which weighs between 150 and 300 pounds.

Office supplies—mail office.

The Circles will meet at the church Monday, July 19, for a Royal Service program, with the Blanche Rose Walker Circle in charge.

## CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our appreciation to those whose thoughtful deeds and tender words of sympathy brought comfort to our hearts in the re-burial of our darling son and brother, also for the beautiful floral offering. Especially do we thank the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post for their fine service.

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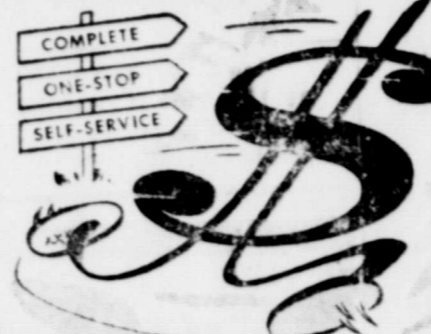
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