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monthly Luncheon Club meeting of any previous trip. best meetings ever before held. large crowd present. real do-things" meeting.

and able talks by the various appreciation. speakers of the evening, many enterprises and things of benefit for the growth and development of Merkel and the community was discussed and action taken; among them was the buying of an additional big Caterpillar Tractor and grader, similar to the one recently purchased by the citizens of Merkel and the Commissioners Court, which is to be used only within this Commissioner's precinct. And the reason for buying an additional tractor and grader is brought about by the fact that so much thing for every man and boy in help make the purchase a cer- Great Decisions". Wednesday of Merkel's trade territory lies within an adjoining county. this service. Fathers bring your which, if done, will enable this city to secure the best of dirt Seats will be reserved for fathers leading to all these points will roads leading in every direction and sons, so that all may be in in the adjoining county. We are informed that Messrs. T. G. boy is invited to attend this Bragg and Dr. M. Armstrong, who are members of the permanent road committee, had solicited among the business interests and raised by subscription more than \$2,000, making, with the amount raised at Noodle, the total amount subscribed run about \$2,700 up to the night of the meeting.

The amount needed to buy the new Tractor and grader is \$3,800, we are told, and it is hoped that all who can will help in the matter, for the better roads we can build in our community, the better town and community we will have. To see what they could raise to help buy the road machinery, Messrs. A. J. Canon, W. E. Bradley and Fred Kelso were appointed for the Stith community.

Another thing discussed at the meeting was whether Merkel would have a community Fair 2nd., Senator Collins will speak & Case \$25, W. N. Farris \$50, this fall or not, and the question to the voters in this city and Marvin Boney \$15, Merkel Gareceived unanimous approval. Mr. J. A. Buford was appointed been made for him to speak at Woodrum Filling Station \$15, chairman with the following the Tabernacle at 2:00 p.m. in John Sears \$100, J. T. Dennis committee to promote and put over for Merkel the best Community Fair ever held in this part of the country: J. A. Buford, R. A. Ellis, C. H. Jones, Mrs. H. F. Groene and Mrs. F. C. McFarland. It is expected that speaker and he invites one and the Fair will be held in Septem- all, men and women, to hear him ber, jjust prior to the Abilene on this occasion. Fair. This is a capable and excellent committee, and this paper trusts they will have the hearty cooperation of every one in and near Merkel, for to make such an occasion a success there must communication from Hon. Thos. summer training camp will be be cooperation. Last year Merkel H. Spears, requesting us to an- held at Camp Stanley, Texas, had her first Community Fair nounce that all singers are re- August 4th to 19th inclusive. and according to many it was a quested to meet at Trent on next Two weeks of real field service. success in every respect, even Sunday morning at not later instruction given by the officers though it was only planned a than 9:30 for an all-day singing. of the regular army, assisted by few weeks in advance and had He states that all are invited a regiment of Artillery from the only the support of a few in to come and enjoy and help 2nd Division. working out the details.

important matter brought to would be welcome. Thanks, we at once in order that you may the attention of the Club by Mr. may be there brother Spears. L. R. Thompson, president of the organization, which was the question of securing for the cit- and children of Kansas City, member of the local unit make Respectfully submitted, M. A. izenship of Merkel Natural Gas. Mo., arrived here this week via every effort possible to attend Williams, W. E. Beasley, Mil-Mr. Thompson stated that he car to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Armory drills during the month burn S. Long. had been in conversation with a S. H. L. Swafford and Mr. and of July. representative of the Gas Com- Mrs. C. M. Largent and other pany who informed him that his relatives. company would give this city Natural Gas by cold weather.

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TRADE TRIP TO BLAIR WAS WELL ATTENDED

We are informed that the VERYAFINE MEETING We are informed that the Trade Trip by the business and professional men and citizens of professional men and citizens of Merkel on last Friday evening was well attended and enjoyed The editor did not have the by all. Infact is said to be one pleasure of attending the Semi- of the best and most successful paper last week, the plan or sug- gan last Sunday is growing in tained. It seems that Mr. Mallet through the local Luncheon Club

and full of life at all times. And hospitality, the Merkel citizens the building of good roads in Holy Land the closing night.

conducting a revival meeting at least \$250.00 more. The com- vice for Fathers and Sons"; Sunthe Presbyterian church, will mittee states that here in the day at 8:30 p.m. "The Golden afternoon at 3:30 p.m. for fath- have not been seen and who are Service for Mothers and Daughhold a special service Sunday ers and sons. It would be a great expected to give something and ters". Tuesday night, "Four and around Merkel would attend sons; sons bring your fathers, appointed and are expected to one section. Every man and great service.

On Monday night a like service will be held for mothers and daughters, special seats will be reserved for mothers and daughters, and Dr. Sneed will Hardware Co \$100, A. C. Rose rable in the history of Merkel.

communication from Senator V. \$75. Merkel Motor Co. \$50, W. A. Collins' headquarters in Dal- T. Sherrill \$100, Ed. Turner \$50, las, asking that we make an- Max Mellinger \$50, Sanders nouncement in these columns Drug Store \$75, Beasley Bros. that on next Wednesday, July \$50, W. O. Boney \$25, Hamilton the afternoon of Wednesday, \$20, Fred Guitar \$25. July second.

Senator Collins is one of the nine contenders for the office of Governor of Texas. He is an able

FIFTH SUNDAY SINGERS MEET AT TRENT JUNE 29

make the day a success. Yes, It is desired that all who wish There was also another very he even indicates that an editor to enlist in the local unit do so

Mr. Luther Swafford and wife

Mrs. John Bond of Abilene the old J. T. King home in the Wednesday for Lubbock, where and daughter. Dorothy, left on was here visiting in the J. R. north part of Merkel, and has they will be until the schools Wednesday for a few days fish-Lamar home Sunday.

ed of T. G. Bragg and Dr. M. the meeting: Armstrong for the city of Mer- Friday night, "The Assurance kel have raised by subscription of Immortality". Saturday night committee at Noodle the sum 11 a.m., "Eyes for the Church" Rev. G. S. Sneed, who is of \$500.00 and expect to raise Sunday 3:30 p.m., "Special Sercity, there are a number who Rule". Monday night, "Special tainty. A committee at Stith, night, "Illustrated Lecture on Compere and Shiloh has been Holy Land". be graded and made good by the new tractor to be bought.

The following is a list of those subscribing to the fund here in Merkel:

Farmers State Bank \$125, F. & M. National Bank \$125, Bragg \$50, Bob Martin Gro. Co. \$25, Dr. M. Armstrong \$50, C. K. Russell \$5, Chas. West \$25, J. P. Sharp \$5, T. M. Smith \$10, The Crown Hardware Co. \$60, G. M. Sharp \$10, W. W. Campbell \$20, W. F. Hamblett \$20, J. M. Garrett \$20. Schindler Variety The Mail is in receipt of a Store \$10, Barrow Furniture Co.

Official information has been received by the local National The Mail is in receipt of a Guard unit, that the regular

be given the necessary recruit instruction before encampment.

It is requested that every

moved his family to same.

As per announcement in this The revival meeting which be- next day from the injuries susgestion that the business men interest with each service. Dr. was butchering a yearling, and all arrangements have been comat Ed's Cafe on last Tuesday The program as announced and citizens of Merkel, together Sneed is preaching the kind of when the animal fell it struck pleted and a splendid program evenin, but every one with whom last week was carried out prac- with the assistance of the farm- sermons that most people like to Mr. Mallet in some manner, in- arranged for the next Trade we talked who di dattend, stated tically complete and each and ers of the surrounding country, hear, just plain, practical, spirit- juring him internally and from Trip by the local business and that same was by far one of the every number enjoyed by the especially those residing in Jones ual sermons. Good singing and which he died the following day, professional interests of the city, county known as the Merkel splendid music is a special fea- never regaining consciousness. to go to Butman School House They state that it was a "peppy, The Blair citizens were all trade territory, has in reality ture each night. The meeting Besides his widow, Mr. Mallet to-night. present and extended a royal taken form and at this time will close next Wednesday night. left nine children to mourn his These Trade Trips are grow-Mr. Sam Swann was able and welcome t othe Merkel visitors, seems an assured fact that they Dr. Sneed, who made a trip to demise. He was 64 years of age ing in favor with thecitizenship interesting as Toastmaster, who making them feel welcome in the will buy a five ton Caterpillar the Holy Land last summer, will a member of the Methodist of the town as well as by the kept the meeting going lively extreme. And, for the gracious Tractor, which will be used in give an illustrated lecture on the church and a brother of Mrs. people of the communities near-

through the many interesting extend their sincere thanks and that territory known as the Each night until the meeting Merkel and we join the friends is called the best, indicating the Merkel Trade Territory lying in closes you will have the oppor- in extending eympathy to the satisfactory interest and results tunity of hearing one of Texas' bereaved relatives and loved manifested. That the proposition seems as- greatest pastors and preachers. ones. sured may be judged by the Following will be the sermon fact that the committee compos- subjects for the remainder of the funeral Thursday of this of the best, as it is learned that

the sum of \$2,055.00, and the "God will Provide". Sunday at

by the candidates for the vari- City Attorney and County Jud-

Potosi, Friday night 8:30 p.m. islators ever before elected. \$50, W. F. Golliday \$50, West June 27th. Merkel, Saturday He is a clean gentleman and June 28th. Tuscola, Saturday for all these, he actually pracafternoon 3:30 p.m. July 5th. tices them in his daily life. Iberis, Saturday night 8:30 p.m. In another column in this pa-July 5th. Ovalo, Friday after- per will be found an article over Lawn, Saturday afternoon 3:30, the important points in his plat-July 12th. Jim Ned, Saturday form, and to which we call your night 8:30, July 12th. Elmdale, attention. Monday night 8:30, July 14th. This paper would urge every UUU Hamby, Tuesday night 8:30, voter in the county to give July 15th. Caps, Wednesday Jurge Cummings' claims due and night 8:30 July 16th. Tye, Fri- fair consideration before casting day night 8:30, July 18th. Brad- their vote for the office of Legisshaw, Saturday afternoon 3:30, lator from this district. July 19th. Moro, Saturday night 8:30, July 19th. Blair, Monday RETURNS FROM TRIP night 8:30, July 21st. Nubia. Tuesday night 8:30, July 22nd. Cross Roads, Wednesday night, July 25th.

these places later.

precinct officers three minutes, ated it very much. Especially have to pay out about \$800.00 the county officers five minutes did he compliment the last issue to pull this off and that is lots except the candidates for county which was gotten out entirely of money during the hard times. judge, county attorney and the by our sons, Jack and Wrenn, On July 24 at 8 p.m. we are golegislature and they are to be and daughter, Blanche, saying ing to put on a big extra proallowed then minutes each.

above places.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Burgess try. Mr. Stanley B. King recently returned from Austin, Texas purchased the house known as Saturday night. They will leave Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Sanders tion. Respectfully Yours, open here in September.

MRS. J. B. BELL'S BROTHER DIES FROM ACCIDENT

Mrs. Jno. B. Bell of this city received the sad news of the accidental injury on last Tuesday of her brother, Mr. Tom Mallet, at Lake Victor, who died the

J. B. Bell. He once lived in by, and the visit to the last one

week.

In this issue of the Merkel Mail we place in the announcement column the name of Judge held in front of Ed. Blackburn's a candidate for the state Legislature from this the 116th. district, composed of Taylor county only.

Judge Cummings needs no introduction at our hands, as he has been a practicing attorney in Merkel for several years, coming here from Jones county, strong. We, your committee selected where he had ably served as bring a special message to them.
Let everybody attend these services and make them both memorable in the history of Merkel.

Hardware Co \$100, A. C. Rose Dry Goods Co. \$100, Sam Swann following schedule for speaking dates in Taylor county:

Story Fredheld and capable of making dates in Taylor county:

Potosi, Friday night 8:30 p.m. islators ever before elected.

afternoon, 3:30 p.m., June 28th. stands for all that is clean and Trent, Saturday night 8:30 p.m. good, and not only does he stand

noon 3:30 p.m. July 11th. Guion, the signature of Judge Cumm-Friday night 8:30 p.m. July 11. ings name, in which he outlines the best route.

TO SOUTH TEXAS

8:30, July 23rd. Abilene Tues- turned first of the week from will stage one of the largest picday night 8:30 p.m., July 24th. their extended trip to Kerrville, nics ever pulled off in West View, Friday night 8:30 p. m., Texas, where they went in the Texas. On July 24 every one We have not fixed dates for They report a fine trip, and a well filled basket. On July 25 Shep and Buffalo Gap for the Kerrville a fine place to go for we furnish a barbecue. reason that we understand that recuperation. And we are glad The members of the above it is possible that there will be to know that Mr. West came lodges have made arrangements picnics at these places and per- home feeling fine. We must say with our home at Corsicana to haps will be allowed to address that his looks indicate that their bring the Boys' Band and the the voters on these occasions. visit in the South Texas country Girls' Glee Club to this picnic. If not we will arrange dates for centainly agreed with him. Mr. and if you want to see and hear West stated that they received something worth while, come to We have decided to allow the the Mail regularly and appreci- the picnic. These lodges will that the editor had better stay gram and the small sum of 50 Mr. M. A. Williams has been away and give room for young-cents will be charged to help selected as chairman to preside er generation who seemed to be bear the expenses. You will find over the speaking at each of the able to make very noticeable im- tickets in each of the above provements. Thanks, Mr. West, towns. it does us good to know that The writer wants every one of those coming after us are capa- his friends to be here. The finble and able to make such im- est place in Texas to camp and provements. It is a good sign my friends drive into my lawn for the betterment of the coun- and you will find a hearty wel-

ing trip to San Angelo, Texas. Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

As per previous announcement

So every one may expect the Mr. and Mrs. Bell attended trip to Butman School to be one the people of that community have extended a big welcome, assuring us a good time.

Let every one in Merkel, who can, make arrangements to make the trip, and besides enjoying the pleasures thereof, you will help your town to make the oceasion a success.

Owing to the fact that there is no lighting facilities at the school house and no musical inhome near the Butman school house. The following program has been arrangd:

Selections by Orchestra. Purpose of our Trade Trips, L. R. Thompson.

Progress of Good Roads in Merkel Community, Dr. Arm-

Merkel Quartette. Reading, Miss Margaret Turn-

Our Community Fair, J. A. Buford. Violin Solo, by Miss Lynnis

Reading, Miss Lola Dennis.

Open Discussion. Music by Orchestra.

Please every one meet at the Merkel Drug Company at seventhirty. All leave together and follow the guide, who will know

Special to the Mail.

Buffalo Gap, Texas, June 26. -On July 24 and 25 the Odd Fellows of Blair, Merkel, Tye, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. H. West re- Buffalo Gap, Ovalo and Guion interest of Mr. West's health, who comes is requested to bring

come. Any Odd Fellow will furnish you any further informa-

John Ray, Gen Chairman.

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LUNCHEON CLUB HAS VERY FINE MEETING

tee to ascertain the number of for some time. the proper rate and in sufficient were played. quantity to guarantee good pres- Refreshments of punch and and in this matter we are told ing: Misses Christene Christothat the party making the offer pher. Inice Brown, Mildred stated that the rate would be Hamm, Margaret Eckard, Gladys reasonable and the quantity suf- Acuff, Ermalee Rea, Mary

since there is and will be revival house guest of Miss Golliday. meetings going on it has been suggested that the next meetissue of the Mail.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail. her to spend a few days here.

Farewell Party

(Continued from page One Ruby Fae Golliday entertained Edmonds of Houston, an un-less scoundrels who have seen We are very glad to announce

sign up for gas. As this paper lighted, and as the guests arriventer two cars, a Dodge Special criminals for trial. views the matter, this is one of ed, Miss Golliday showed them and a "Fronty" Ford. the greatest things ever offer- a comfortable seat on the lawn. ed the citizens of Merkel, pro- Many games of various kinds. vided the gas can be secured at including an interesting contest

sure during the cold weather, cake were served to the follow-Hughes, Dorothy Daniels, Ruby The next meeting will be two Walton, Elizabeth Harkrider and weeks from last Tuesday, and Miss Lois Harris of Abilene, a

Little Miss Margaret Weed ing be held at the noon hour, returned home Monday night however that will be decided on from Abilene where she had been later and announced in the next spending a few days with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Simmons. They returned with

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ing their eyes toward Abilene in ures: expectation of a "glorious Four- 1. I believe in the most rigid to attend the 1924 event. Box System of Texas. seats have already gone on sale 3. We have adopted State and

cessfully tried out during the manhood of the country. past week.

last year's races by Herbert to her people. Hass, who will pilot her this 5. I believe in an adequate sysyear, under the ownership of tem of highways, and if elected Haynie Blocker of San Angelo. will use my best efforts to pro-This car came like a charm thru mote the building and maintea sensational smash-up last year nance of a system of highways in which the two cars caught in this great state.

Surprise Birthday Party.

gifts were received by her, ment of such a law. As every one had brought with for about an hour, all were ask- fiedly favor such legislation ed back to Miss Tommie's home necessary for the prompt and where sandwiches, iced tea, ice efficient enforcement of all the cream and cake were served. laws. I believe our present de-Those enjoying this occasion mands require the better enwith the honoree were: Misses Inice Brown, Ruby Fae Golliday. Mildred Hamm, Flora Frances Anderson, Sallie Brown, Boog Sears, Johnnie Sears, Mary Ruth Powell of Leonard, Texas, and Miss Melba West.

ICE NOTICE

We wish to call attention to our customers who come to get ice at the office on Sundays to please bring their coupons or be prepared to pay cash, as it takes too much bookkeeping to keep up with it otherwise. Most respectfully,

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Abilene, Tex., June 26.-Hol- In announcing my candidacy iday seekers, thrill hunters and for representative racing fans all over the west-county I pledge my unqualified support to the following measiday seekers, thrill hunters and for representative from this ern portion of the state are turn support to the following meas-

th", when for the fourth con- economy in our State affairs and secutive year this city will cel- will vote for no appropriation ebrate the "biggest automobile that is not absolutely necessary. racing classic of the southwest". 2. I believe that the destiny of That's the way the speed fans our government is largely deterhave termed the Abilene July mined by the education of our Fourth Auto races at the West youths and so believing, I pledge Texas Fair Park. A crowd of my unqualified support to the something like 20,000 is slated betterment of the Public School

in response to the big demand National prohibition and I befor these five hundred seats, lieve it should be strictly carried the only reservations available out, and to that end, I favor a for the Independence Day race law prohibiting the sale of liquor by drug stores through a doctor Calcium Chloride, the sub- prescription. Such a practice has stance to be used by the officials demonstrated beyond question in rendering a practically "dust- that it has been abused more less" track for the comfort of than it has done good and is dethe race crowds and greatest ef- moralizing and debauching the ficiency of the racers, was suc- young manhood and young wo-

4. I believe that the people are Entries for the July 4th meet entitled to legitimate pleasure will be officially closed at mid- and recreation. Taylor County night June 21; and on the home- is situated practically in the censtretch of this premier racing ter of Texas. The legislature has event letters are coming in determined to establish a system thick and fast from some of the of parks in Texas. Not only are "big ones" of the race aristoc- the mountains near Buffalo Gap racy, giving promise of faster an ideal place for the establishcars, more famous drivers and ment of a State Park, but it is greater thrills than ever before centrally located and accessible in the history of the Abilene to the people of Texas. I would speed classic. Among the eleven- therefore use my best efforts to th-hour entries is that formid-encourage the location and esable veteran of the Abilene track tablishment of a State Park at the Hudson Super Six originally Buffalo Gap that would be a owned by Gleen Breed, driven in credit to Texas and a pleasure

fire following the crash. Other 6. We have a statute in Texas late entries are John H. Lee of which makes it a violation of the TAILOR SHOP AN-Houston, one of the big dare- law for a man to abandon his devil drivers of the country in wife and children. This law has Thursday of last week, Miss his Mormon Special, and Rex been grossly abused by worth-

> should be and can be stopped by Tailor Shop. a very slight amendment to the Wednesday evening at six Statute making it prima facie o'clock a few friends gathered evidence of guilt of the giving Well was here this week lookat the home of Miss Tommie of a check without funds in the ing after his property. Durham and surprised her with bank with which to pay it. If a birthday party. Many pretty elected I will favor the enact-

8. The civilization of any counthem their bathing suits, it was try can be no greater than the decided to go to Shannon's for enforcement of the laws of the a swim. After enjoying a swim land. I would therefore unqualiforcement of the laws we now have rather than enactment of

> I have been a Democrat all my life and have always supported the Democratic Ticket.

> Other questions of importance will arise from time to time on which I will be glad to give my views, but in my judgment these are the material things confronting the people at this time. I assure you that I will appreciate your vote and influence.

Resectfully submitted, E. S. CUMMINGS.

Mrs. Ada Lytal and daughter. Miss Evelyn, of Commerce, spent Saturday and Sunday with the former's sister, Mrs. Myrtle

Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Davis and son Alton, and little daughter. Nellie Marie, recently returned C. E. Conner. 1th from a visit to relatives and friends at Roscoe and Loraine.

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"Mile-A-Minute Romeo," Tom provided a sufficient number of a number of friends at her pret- known quantity Abilene race proper to leave their loved ones to all our friends and customers Mix's latest William Fox release, people here agree to use gas. ty home on Oak street with a crowds, but well known on many on the mercies of the world and as well as the general puclic, will have its first showing in And Mr. Thompson, as Chair- Farewell Party for Miss Chris- of the speedy tracks of the flee to another state. We now that since my health has failed Merkel at the Cozy theatre man of the organization, ap- tene Christopher, who left for state. Edmonds came out win- have no legislation by which me, and I will be out of the shop, where it will run for two days,

pointed Messrs. Booth Warren her home at Lamesa after visit- ner in two events of the recent these criminals can be extradict- that we have secured Mr. W. P. Friday and Saturday. est twelve miles ever made on vor such a law as will insure the who is a practical tailor as well the West that Buffalo Bill knew. people who would be willing so The grassy lawn was prettily that course. He will probably extradiction and return of these as cleaner and presser, and who Wherever man is, intrigue will will be at your service to serve be, is the only moral that can 7. We have the cold checking you in your clothing problems. be accrued from its fast motion. evil with us continually. It Mrs. J. F. HODO, at the Cash The story, penned by Max Brand

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and S. D. Gamble as a committing her sister, Mrs. Len Sublett, Houston races, making the fast-led for trial. If elected I will fa- Sherman, of Houston, Texas, It is a drama of fast-living in

It the widely-recognized novelist, treats of Western action and love, nothing more, but these exhaustively. In the cast with Tom Mix, are Betty Jewel. J. Gordon Russell, James Mason, Duke Lee and James Quinn.

Mr. H. C. West and family returned last Friday from a very pleasant trip of about ten days to Lampasas. They report a very splendid time.

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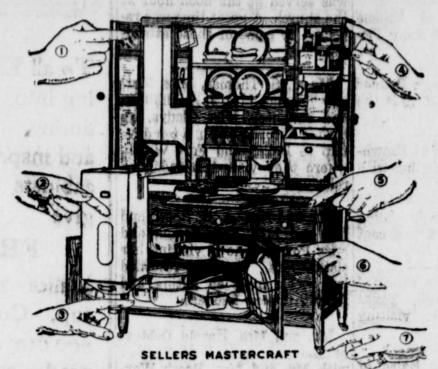
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children of Hillsboro are here to had as their guests Sunday, Mr. visit Mrs. Grisham's father, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Costephens of

Mrs. R. W. Grisham and two Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Costephens J. T. Howard, and other rela- Roscoe, and Mr. and Mrs. W. R. other churches, we will have no Costephens of Sweetwater.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Jones of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hutchins concentrate on our morning ser-Woodsdale, North Caroline, re- returned this week from an ex- vices and make each one of them turned to their home Monday tended visit with friends and rel- great. We will study together, after visiting Mr. and Mrs. G. J. atives at Coleman, Ballinger and at each of these services, "What Jones and family for a week. Abilene. They report a fine trip. We Believe". Not controverted



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At The Methodist Church

On account of meetings at the night services at our church for several weeks, and we want to points, butthe great themes of the Christian Doctrine, such as are vital to every Christian, and we will do our best to make each service "Red Hot" and helpful to all. The particular thought under this head for next Sunday morning, will be "God The Father".

Please remember that our service will start promptly at eleven o'clock and close at eleven fifty-nine.

We extend a cordial welcome to all who have no church home elsewhere.

Senior League Program

Subject: "The Gospel Message in Our Mountains." Leader: Ethel Wilson. Song service. Prayer.

Scripture (Isa. 52:7-10; Acts 1:-

Announcement of subjects and introductory explanations by the leader.

Ancestry and early settlement, Tom Allday. Outstanding leaders, by Lillian

Cole. Characteristics, Castle Ellis. Home life, manners and cus-

toms, Lena Stutts. I can answer for myself, Wrenn Durham.

Problems to be met and overcome, Murphy Thomas. Song. Benediction.



Baptist Church Notes

Last Thursday evening, June the 19th, the Sunday school teachers and officers had a very excellent meeting in the basement of the church. A number of good speeches were made by different teachers of the school. The main speech of the evening was made by Mr. Emmett Landers, educational director of the First Baptist Church of Abilene. Mr. Landers discussed the teacher's responsibility to the delight and help of all present. There were forty teachers and officers present together with several visitors.

Last Sunday afternoon at four thirty o'clock, the Senior B.Y .-P.U. rendered a good program at the Hebron Baptist church to a crowded house. The program was well rendered and seemed to be very cordially received by the people present. Some twenty-five or thirty B.Y.P.U. members went out from Merkel.

Mr. E. Yates Brown, Mrs. Warren Smith, Miss Nell Swann, Miss Avo Van Eaton and the Pastor and his family attended the district B. Y. P. U. and Sunday School Convention at Ballinger Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. Mr. Brown is directing the music for these two days' meeting.

The Sunday School pepped up a little last Sunday with a good program at the close by the junior Department under the direction of Miss Nell Swann. The Pastor preached a very interesting sermon on "He Show- ing." eth Them His Hands".

Our annual revival meeting Song Service. begins next Thursday evening, Scripture lesson Romans 33:1-12 July the third, at the tabernacle, by Leader. under the direction of Bro. Jno. Lords Prayer. G. Winsett, evangelist and Mr. Introductory talk, Ermalee Rea. T. D. Carroll, singer. The pic- "O' Love, that will not let me tures of these two gentlemen ap- go", Coma Patterson. pear on another page in this Piano Solo, Inice Brown.

Come to Sunday School next Solo, Lois Dixon. Sunday and stay for church. "Blessed Assurance". Lorene There will be no service Sunday Dixon. at the Presbyterian church. All Announcements. Benediction.

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Intermediate League Program

Subject: "Hymns Worth sing-Leader: Tommie Durham.

'Abide With Me", Pauline Chin.

night on account of the meeting "Rock of Ages", Sallie Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Eades and son Clarence of Talcott, West Virginia, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Burns, Mrs. Eades being an only sister of Mrs.

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In Advance

TELEPHONE No. 61

Entered at the postoffice at Merkel, Texas as second class mail.

Born on Monday of this week to Mr. and Mrs. Martin Stewart of the View community, a son.

Miss Mildred Richardson is spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. Mason Pee at Lawn.

last week-end in Sweetwater fellow weighed eleven pounds. visiting her Uncle.

visiting Mr. and Mrs. G.J. Jones. friends.

Miss Bettye Rogers spent last week-end in Rotan visiting with relatives. ministra!

Mr. Chester Hutcheson went to Rule, Texas, on business Wednesday.

ied by Mr. T. J. Toombs were in Abilene Tuesday on business.

Mr. C. D. Hutchins returned Monday from Cisco, where he visited and attended to business.

Mr. Clarence Eoff of Olney, Texas is here visiting with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Largent are rejoicing over the arrival of a baby boy, born on the 23rd.

Miss Hattie Logan Clay of Abilene is the guest of Miss Wednesday. Louise Booth this week.

a while.

Messrs. S. D. Gamble, F. C. Miss Mary Sides of Abilene,

SUBSCRIPTION \$1.50 YEAR. Springs, Arkansas, are here for Texas that he has not been do- Golliday last week. a visit with his parents in the ing so well. Stith community.

> her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. B. Smith and other relatives. Clark and other relatives.

W. M. Tabor of Wingate, was here this week for a visit with 12 pound baby boy. the family of his brother, M. B.

A baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Pat Redding, in south Miss Annie Lou Russell spent Merkel, this week. The little

Messrs. Byers Petty and Wade Mr. and Mrs. Davis Jones and Darsey spent last week-end in baby of Trent were here Sunday San Angelo, Texas, visiting with of Goldsboro, Texas, recently week to visit Mrs. Baird's par- Mr. and Mrs. DeMoss were en-

> Miss Lola Armstrong, and her for Temple, Texas, for a visit this week. with relatives and friends.

Mr. Mabin Rogers returned from a visit to DeLeon, Texas, this week, to be at home with Mr. H. H. Toombs, accompan- his mother Mrs. Maude Rogers.

> Riley Horton and Miss Johnnie Mae Finley of Abilene spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Foster.

K. L. Mitchell who has been visiting his sister, Mrs. E. R. Foster, for some time, left last Thursday for Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. Robinson of the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Miss Lerah Petree this week. H. Jones, left for their home on

Miss Vannie Hamblett who business. Mr. Bob Beasley came in this has been attending school at week from Richmond, Texas, to Water Valley, Miss., is home for F. Hamblett.

Word was received this week

Mrs. Mace Brown of Fort returned to her home last week J. L. Banner home. Worth is here for a visit with aftr a short visit with Mrs. C.

> Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Beasley on the 26th, a bouncing

Mrs. C. W. Whitaker of Hous- of paint. ton is visiting Mrs. B. C. Smith this week.

Worth this week visiting and at- relatives and friends. tending to business.

Mrs. G. L. Farrow is a guest mother left last Friday via car in the home of Mrs. C. B. Smith left last week for a trip to Min-

> Mr. R. A. Reagan and family spent the day Sunday at Lake

Mr. Parker Sharp spent the week-end here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Sharp.

Mr. Johnnie Ray and wife of Buffalo Gap, Texas, were here Tuesday calling on friends.

Mr. J. E. Richardson, wife and two children spent the day Sunday in Anson.

Miss Mina Jean Drummond

W. T. Sherrill of Abilene was here this week looking after

H. D. Smith of Ozona, Texas, be at home with his family for a visit with her father, Mr. W. was here last week visiting with W. H. Laney and family.

Mr. Arthur Sears and family McFarland and L. R. Thompson is a guest of Miss Annie Mae of Abilene spent Sunday visiting

H. Turner and family of Silom from Mr. Ed. Teaff at Troy, was a guest of Miss Ruby Fae ported by some of those attend-

Messrs. Roy and John Banner Mrs. Shirley Smith of Electra were here Sunday visiting in the

> Mr. Walter Bryson of Brownfriends and relatives.

The Boney Garage is being improved by adding a new coat Mr. and Mrs. Sam Swann and

Friday from Franklin, Texas fishing trip to Leuders. Mr. Aubry Reagan is in Fort where they have been visiting

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Baird of Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Hedgecoxe Loraine, Texas, are here this ren for a few days this week.

> Dr. and Mrs. S. W. Johnson eral Wells, Texas, where they will enjoy a few weeks vacation.

Mrs. Kate Harkrider and Mrs. Hill of Lamesa, Texas, are the guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Sheppard this week.

Mrs. J. J. Stallings of Fort Worth, Texas, was here this week looking after business interests and visiting with friends.

Miss Dixie Howard of Hillsboro, Texas, is here to visit her father, Mr. J. T. Howard and

Messrs. Cecil and Brittan Jobe Omaha, Texas, who have been of View, Texas is a guest of are here this week visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Jobe.

> Mr. Comer Clay and family visited Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Sheppard Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Clay live in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Mason Pee were here Sunday, spending the day 春 🌣 🖎 🖎 🖎 🖎 🖎 🖎 🖎 with relatives and friends. Mr. nd Mrs. Pee live at Lawn, Tex.

children from Midland were visitors in the J. N. Teaff home the past week.

Mrs. L. P. Jones left Sunday for her home at Sierra Blanca, after a visit with her father, Mr. J. C. Moore.

Mrs. D. A. Hill of San Angelo, Texas, came in last week to be a visitor in the J. E. Costephens home for some time.

Misses Ollie and Dota Garroute have recently purchased and moved to the house formerly occupied by Mrs. Polly Bailey.

Mr. Frank O'Briant left Sunday for San Angelo, where he will enter his racing car in the races there the 25th.

Mrs. J. C. Jones of Nevada, Texas, has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Jones the past

Mrs. M. R. Woodrum and little granddaughter, Helen Heeter, accompanied by Mr. Harry **&** Woodrum, made a short trip to Abilene Wednesday.

The interior of the offices of Drs. Armstrong and Johnson, located over the Farmers State Bank, are being remodeled, papered and painted.

Full stock of Corn, shelled Maize, Shorts, Chops, Bran, Oats and various kinds of chicken feed. Also have plenty of hulls and fresh Millet hay.

Misses Lillian Watts, Edna Watts, Ruth Watts, Mr. Foster Watts and Mr. Dallas Hand of Abilene left last Saturday via car for a camping trip to San Antonio and Corpus Christi.

Mr. Lewis Swann of Abilene was here Wednesday visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S.

Th Horn church was dedicated Sunday. A large crowd attended in the Mrs. Frank Sears home. the dedication services. Dinner was served at the noon hour at Miss Lois Harris of Abilene the church. A great time was re-

Mr. J. S. Thomas, Miss Murphy Thomas, Mrs. J. A. Milliken, and daughter, Miss Gladys, returned Saturday from a ten days trip to Dallas and Fort Worth field, Texas is here visiting with where they visited friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Booth and Miss Powell, who is visiting her sister, Mrs. Swann, returned A. R. Cox and wife returned last week from an outing and

Mr. and Mrs. Harold DeMoss of Lubbock were here to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Booth Warvisited Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Davis. ents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Meeks. route to Houston, where they are moving.

> Miss Lynnis Thompson arrived in Merkel from Austin, Texas to spend a while with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Thompson. Miss Lynnis has been attending school at the State University for some time.

Mrs. B. D. Black and children of Houston, were here last week visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Black. Mr. B. D. Black, husband of the former, taught school in Merkel a number of years ago.

Rev. T. J. Rea and family and Mr. L. R. Thompson, wife and Abilene Thursday attending to daughter, Miss Lynnis, spent some business. most of the day Sunday at Buffalo Gap, leaving here after the preaching services Sunday, and taking their lunch where they spread it at Buffalo Gap, the day being very much enjoyed.

ing will be at Trent on June 29, visiting.

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Mr. G. B. Brown of Abilene was a Merkel business visitor Wednesday.

Dr. W. V. Cranford was in

Mr. W. L. Pliler of Abilene, a former merchant of Merkel, was here Thursday on business.

Attorney Frank E. Smith and The next Fifth Sunday Sing- wife were in Merkel Sunday

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A very nice crowd attended here Sunday.

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Miss Hattie Seago is visiting chopping cotton. her brother, Mr. C. W. Seago.

The Cream Supper at J. H. Grayson's on last Thursday nite Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hardy Rutledge and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Rutledge.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. James, 1tp are visiting Mrs. Alice Lewis, near Brownwood.

The cream supper at Mr. and

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bryson of Littlefield are visiting the the samples of this wonderful FOR RENT-House close in on latter's mother, Mrs. Walter she has been attending McMurry

Miss Effie Grayson spent Saturday night and Sunday in Mer-

Granvil Grayson and Cleo Riley wre guests of Marshal and Eddie Naron.

A few friends and relatives enjoyed a dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Seago Sunday in honor of their 10th Wed- is cordially invited to attend. ding Anniversary. Just before the noon hour, Mrs. Seago received several nice and useful gifts. All had a nice time. Those present were as follows: Mrs. S. L. Grayson and family, E. H. Grayson and family, Mr. and McAninch. Mrs. J. H. Grayson, H. R. Grayson, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Greene, Misses Merle and Hallie Greene, ing for California. Hattie Seago, Mollie Hardy and Maggie Wheeler. Then in the afternoon a crowd of young people enjoyed a singing.

There will be preaching at Shiloh Sunday.

still continue in this section of at Hebron Sunday afternon. the country, but we are hopeful

Sunday school was well at-Wilson filling his regular appointment in the forenoon.

Shamrock have been visiting week. Wilsons for several days, and Bro. Tomlinson preached a very the guest of Bernice Clark Sunhelpful and interesting sermon day, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. George Wilson and wife, who for some time have been noon. making their home with their son, A. D. Wilson, of this com- Merkel Sunday evening. munity, are leaving this week for a several weeks visit to their

son at Plainview. We are all watching with keen interest as the "Old Caterpillar" comes slowly crawling around another bend, and I'm sure it will not be long until we pointment Sunday and Sunday will have a better road over to night. the city.

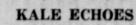
visited at Trent from Friday day and also to Hebron. until Sunday of last week. While on their way over there the urday night and Sunday with surry in which they were riding Mrs. O. R. Douglas. was overturned, but with the exception af a few slight bruises Winnie Bayless Sunday. not one was hurt.

we noticed Mr. Jess Ferguson more Sunday evening. carrying the mail today.

Mr. Austin Fitts was here Sat- Sunday. urday from Abilene.

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The crops in this community preaching and Sunday school are fairly good. The hot winds and grasshoppers have done con-Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Grayson siderable damage the past few

Every one will soon be thru

Miss Lois Barnett was the guest of Miss Pearl Skidmore

Quite a number of the young Missse Hallie and Merle Green people of this community attend-

Miss Lola Peterson was the Miss Effie Grayson spent weed-end guest of Mrs. O. R. Tuesday night with Miss Maggie Douglas and Miss Nina McAn-

> Miss Lillie Dubree and Miss Mary Lou Newberry were the guests of Miss Lola Shelton on Sunday.

> Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Blackwell spent the day Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. Hurbert Harris. Church was well attended on

> night. Miss Nina McAninch has returned home from Abilene where

College for the past year. Mr. Marvin Strickland has rel-

atives from Oklahoma. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Burks and children of Trent were the

guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Newberry Sunday. There is to be an ice cream supper at the Kale school house Saturday night and the public

Mr. Walter Dubree was the guest of Floyd Newberry Sun-

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Barnett and family were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. T.

Mr. Oliver Dart and Mr. Clarence Hartline left Tuesday morn-

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Dunn were the guests of Miss Mabel McRee Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Douglas and Miss Lola Peterson were visitors of Miss Nina McAninch

Mrs. D. W. Bynum and son, Paris, visited in Merkel Sunday afternoon.

Some of the young people at-Dry weather and hot winds tended the B. Y. P. U. program

of a damp change in the near with J. M. Dunn and family Sunday Mr. Hubert Martin from Stan-

relatives the past week.

Miss Thelma McAninch was home.

Mr. Judson McRee motored to

UNION RIDGE ITEMS

Bro. Russell Pike filled his ap-

A number of people from this Mrs. Riggins and children community went to Horn Sun-

Miss Lola Peterson spent Sat-

Mr. O. J. Adcock seems to Lois Barnett were the guests of have the vacation fever too, as Misses Jewel and Pearl Skid-

day with Mrs. Lige Harris.

Mr. W. Sullivan's mother of Wood county is here for an extended visit.



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GOLAN NEWS

People have begun to look Rev. Rusell Pike took dinner for some time, and the crops are ing at Newman Community Sat-

Clyde Williams and wife of at Shiloh. tended Sunday, with Bro. Frank ton has been visiting friends and White Church community were Little Mr. Gerald Duncan was The farmers have been having J. W. Hill, Saturday night and M. Byrom, Sunday night.

> The intermediate Sunday Thursday night. school class took lunch with one Several families gathered at:

appointment here Sunday and affair very much. Sunday night.

Misses Vera Lawlis and Bet-lowing Sunday.

tye Byrom and Messrs. Wallace and Orvel Hill of McMurry College, have returned home for

their vacation. The young people of this comblue because it has not rained cunity enjoyed the Candy-Breakneeding it. Health of commun- urday night. Some few enjoyed ity is very good at this writing. the cream supper at Bill Brown's

visiting the latter's mother, Mrs. the guest of his grandfather, G.

Bro. Tomlinson and wife of their grain thrashed the past Sunday. Menvil Hill, who has Several men of this communbeen visiting them also returned ity attended a call meeting of the Masonic Lodge at Sylvester

> Mr. Houston Clark and family of the members of the class, the home of Walter Ellenbee's visited in Merkel Sunday after- Misss Andra Hudspeth, Sunday. Saturday nightand made ice Rev. Tooley held his regular cream. Every one enjoyed the

The young peoples Sunday C. C. Stribling and family of School class meets each Thurs-White Flat Community were the day night for the purpose of preguests of Odie Stribling Sunday. paring their lesson for the fol-

SEVERE CRAMPING SPELLS.

Miss Alma Davis visited Miss several years these have come on all the credit to Cardui, for I me so bad that I had to quit my had been suffering for years be-

> I would try it, so he got me a bottle at the store and I began tested in use by thousands of women who have written to tell of the great who have written to tell of the great tested in use by thousands of women who have written to tell of the great tested in use by thousands of women who have written to tell of the great who have who have who have who have written to tell of the great who have to take it.

much better. I did not cramp so hard the next month and I ate and slept better. I was not near-ly so nervous, either. I thought years of experience and is the treatment until I had taken five bottles, at which time I felt completely well. I had no more

"My trouble has been periodic cramping spells at all, and my cramping spells," says Mrs. C. C. health was as good as anybody's. Draper, of Atlanta, Texas. "For I am feeling fine now and I give

Misses Evelyn Pannell and Lois Barnett were the guests of Misses Jewel and Pearl Skidmore Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Douglas visited Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Eason Sunday.

Mrs. John Davis spent Sunday with Mrs. Lime Harris

Me so bad that I had to quit my work and go to bed. Every month I would stay in bed from one to two days. The pains in my back and sides were awful.

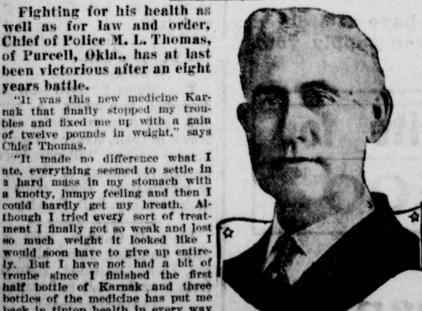
"This went on for several months after I was married until, one time when I was having a bad spell, my husband suggested that I try Cardui. I said I would try it, so he got me a fore I took it."

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'It made no difference what I ate, everything seemed to settle in knotty, lumpy feeling and then I could hardly get my breath. Al-though I tried every sort of treatment I finally got so weak and lost so much weight it looked like I would soon have to give up entirely. But I have not had a bit of troube since I finished the first alf bottle of Karnak and three oottles of the medicine has put me back in tiptop health in every way with a gain of twelve pounds in reight and lots of strength and en-ergy. Karnak is all that is claimed or it and I am glad to help others

years battle.





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THE WOODMAN CIRCLE MEET IN ABILENE

The W. C. Ladies of the Merkel Grove were invited to meet with the Abilene Grove, June 11th, in class initiation.

They met in session at 2:30 p.m. The initiatory work was put on by the Stamford State Team.

Those being present of note were Sov. Dora Alexander Talley Omaha, Nebraska, Supreme Clerk; Sov. Henrietta A. Tomas, Fort Worth, Texas, State Manager; Sov. Alexander, Cisco, Texas, Suprene Delegate; Sov. Tressie Goldsticker, Stamford, Texas, District Deputy. Talks made by the above Sov. were very interesting and instructive 312 Delicious fruit punch was served during the session.

The afternoon session closed about five o'clock and at 6:30 50 members met at the First M. E. Church for supper.

At 8:30 they met in open house with the W. O. W. and a real interesting program of readings, music and solos were enjoyed.

The floor work was put on by the Sweetwater and Roby W. O .-W. team and Abilene W. C. Team.

The night program was closed by serving refreshments of ice cream and cake.

Those who attended the meeting from the Merkel Grove were Sov. Allday, Miller, Polly, Elliot, Lassiter, Boney, Gibson, Ash, Noel, Beene, Richardson, M. Boney, Sov. J. T. Dennis and wife, Sov. S. G. Russell and wife, Sov. W. S. Burns and wife.

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Jones, Shackelford, Callahan, need of a scholarship now, or Runnels and Nolan counties. anticipate attending this or any go to the support of the new of a coming revival this sum-Take no loan until you have in- other Business College, will do vestigated us.

tary-Treasurer, Abilene, Texas. see her. Office over Schultz Grocery-Phone 25.

'A Word From Brownie's Sister'

If I were a little bird around Shiloh, I am sure I would flit from vine to vine and gladly the sweet story tell to every one far and near, the Shiloh Happen-

When we turn through the pages of the Merkel Mail and there we find a letter from Brownie, it makes glad our hearts for we feel just like reading the whole day through, for we hear of friends and loved ones true. Though we often sat and wondered if fit for heaven we should be, if God should come tomorrow. Are we standing in the way of others, the road that leads to heaven above? We should strive, we should pray to walk closer by His side day by day. Are we living the life that Christ would have us to live? Are we strowing precious flowers along the way of some poor wayward soul? Let's try to make glad the hearts of others as we travel through this life.

Brownie's Sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Durham and children returned Monday from a visit to relatives at Wellington, Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Durham attended the Texas Press Association at Amarillo three days while away.

Mr. John Sullivan of Dallas is here for a few days visiting with relatives and attending to busi-

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return home for a visit.

Ice Cream Supper At Union Ridge this Saturday Night

church to be builded at this mer. place. Every one is extended a hearty welcome. To the most lar girl present prizes will be ionable Stationery at the Merkel Shop, or phone 218. Alfred H. car in search of them. So, in goawarded.

cotton bloom The first brought to this office for this back Miss Flora Frances Ander- Merkel has a small patch of cot- Miss Nell Swann. son, who has been visiting there. ton near his home that has had Miss Snookie Sheppard ac- blooms for some wto weeks. Mr. fine at this time.

Will Preach at Blair Sunday

Sunday morning at eleven Semi-Finish or Family wash-

samples.

The following attended the Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson, year was brought in last Satur- meeting of the Baptist Sunday accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. F. day by Mr. Homer Patterson, School and B. Y. P. U. Conven-C. McFarland left last Sunday and is considered to be as early tion at Ballinger Monday, Tues- have leased is Pested. No boys for a few days visit with Mr. and as usual if not a little earlier. day and Wednesday: Rev. W. H. are allowed to hunt or go in the

ing convention at Trent Sunday, shaw,

LAUNDRY SERVICE

On the play grounds of the o'clock we will have services at ing, everything included except that Sov. Garrett and Mrs. Wil-Draughon's Business College of Union Ridge school house, Ice Blair in the school house. I silk and woolen material. Ten liams were out on a "Horned-Cream and Cake will be served would like for you to be present pound minimum at 10e per lb. frog hunt" as Mrs. Williams Saturday night. The proceeds to and let us discuss the prospects Eighty per cent ready to wear, wanted to take some of the love-

and pressing our specialty. One her. day service on cleaning six days After waiting quite a while tf Company.

NOTICE

My place and Martin place I

Mrs. M. C. Sadler of Fort Some of the people here are Worth, is here for a visit with companied Miss Anderson on her Freeman's cotton is indeed very planning on attending the sing-ther daughter, Mrs. R. L. Brad-

Mrs. Chas. Jones Has Pretty Party

Mrs. Chas. Jones on Thursday afternoon, June 19, entertained her house guests from five to seven. Mesdames N. C. Jones of Dekalb, Texas, R. P. Lindsay of Ashdown, Arkansas, H. I. Robins of Omaha, Texas, James Wheeler of Abilene, and H. C. Harbers.

In her pleasing and charming way, Mrs. Chas. Jones gave greetings at the door and introduced her guests. The house was beautifully and artistically decorated with summer flowers, roses being used in the reception suite, sunflowers in the dinning room, and daisies in the room where adieus were said.

A well planned and interesting program was enjoyed thruout the afternoon. Miss Ona Fae Rose giving two numbers, "Hark Hark, The Lark" and "To a Waterlily". Miss Mona Margaret Jones accomplished daughter of the hostess, rendered two numbers, "Ma's Little Sunflower" and "Smiling Through", accompanied at the piano by Mrs. H. I. Robins. Then Mrs. Wheeler who is a splendid reader, in her winning and easy pose, gave a number of selections which delighter her hearers.

Greetings were extended at the dinning room by Mrs. Jones' mother, Mrs. W. C. Harbers, where Misses Johnnie Sears, Ona Fae Rose and Mona Margaret Jones served refreshing punch and wafers.

Adieus were said by Mesdames Lindsay and Wheeler.

During the afternoon some forty or fifty ladies and young matrons called. Out of town guests enjoying the afternoon were Mesdames J. E. Hill, Midland, and Will Brown, Anson.

SURPRISE GIVEN W. C. GUARDIAN, SOV. GARRET

On Monday afternoon, June 9th, at three o'clock, the W. C. Ladies met in the home of Mrs. Ed. Miller and went in a body from there to Sov. Garrett's home for a social hour and surprise to our beloved Guardian and her sister, Mrs. J. C. Williams of Greenville City, S. C.

When we arrived we found Finished work and cleaning ly little creatures home with

Just what you are looking for out of every week. Leave at and they had not returned, some popular boy and the most popu- in the way of a gift is the fash- West's, Petty's of City Barber of the ladies decided to send a Mail Office. Come and see the Ligon, agent Abilene Laundry ing from place, we at last found tf them at the home of Sov. Jobe. one of our shut in members.

When Sov. Garrett arrived at home she was very much surprised to see a number of the circle ladies there.

After spending some time in Mrs. Doss Sheppard at Dallas. However, we understand that Albertson and family, E. Yates tank, and will be prosecuted if social conversation, refresh-On their return they brought Mr. S. A. Freeman, residing in Brown, Mrs. Warren Smith and trespassing. S. G. Russell. tf ments were served to the following: Sov. King, Allday, Elliott. Polly, Hollingsworth, Bullock, Boney, Miller, Beene and Rich-

> Eld. Price Bankhead and family of Frederick, Oklahoma, W. R. Graves and family and C. A. McDonald and family, all of Lubbock, were here this week the guests of O. J. Adcock and family as well as other relatives and friends. Mr. Adcock and family and theentire party of visitors spent a few days first of the week outing and fishing on the Corcho. They report a fine trip and plenty of fish.

> Two Mules Strayed-On last Saturday two mules, a horse mule and a mare mule, both brown in color, strayed from the Beasley farm. Will pay liberal reward for return of the mules or information that leads to their recovery. J. D. Beasley. 1t

> Mr. S. D. Gamble, wife and little daughter, Elma Mae, and son, David, returned Saturday from a weeks visit to Lampasas.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Black and little daughter were here visiting with relatives and friends

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