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## ENROLLMENT 34 OVER LAST YEAR'S OPENING

**Tuesday Night's Figures Show 611 in Attendance; 366 in Grammar School, 245 in High. Largest in History.**

At the close of enrollment Tuesday night, figures show that this year's enrollment of 611 in the Merkel public schools is in excess of that on the same day last year by thirty-four pupils. In Grammar school 366 were enrolled, while the High school registered 245 students. High school showed an increase of 19 students, the biggest enrollment in the history of High school.

By classes, the enrollment in High school is as follows: Freshmen 67, Sophomores 66, Juniors 56, Seniors 56.

The schools formally opened Monday morning. Grammar school students reported directly to their rooms for enrollment. At the High school there was a short opening exercise in the study hall where standing room was at a premium. The school opened by singing "America," which was followed by the devotional led by Rev. C. R. Joyner, pastor of the Baptist church. Mr. Woods, Mrs. Earthman and Mrs. Haynes had prepared musical numbers which were then presented.

President O. J. Adcock brought greetings from the board of trustees. Other trustees present were W. O. Boney and Herbert Patterson. After announcements, the visitors retired and enrollment was gone into at once.

Schedules were made, shifting of classes done, and everything was in smooth running order by Wednesday morning. Most classes are full at High school and, if Christmas brings the usual increase in enrollment, it now looks as if the schools will be over-crowded.

Monday morning's assembly showed very plainly the need of an auditorium for such meetings. With the present enrollment in High school it will be impossible to seat even the students for a chapel exercise. Such program must be given with part of the students standing.

This is also true of Grammar school by Christmas each year.

## School Board Receives Check from Bonding Co.

The board of trustees of the Merkel Independent School district Wednesday received a check for \$2,452.93 from the American Surety Co. of New York in settlement of losses from school funds charged against Mrs. Juanita Ferguson, former city secretary and tax collector.

This amounts for settlement in full for claim against the bonding company, as this sum represents the amount of the alleged shortage prior to May 1 of this year, stated Joe Childers, city attorney, Wednesday afternoon.

The bonding company was not responsible for any shortage after May 1, which was the date of expiration of their bond. The amount alleged to be short since that date is \$391.51.

## Mother and Baby Drowned; Sister Reported Missing

News dispatches in the daily papers Monday told of the tragic death by drowning of Mrs. T. L. Koontz, Amarillo school teacher, and her baby son, Tommie Lee Koontz, near Eagle Pass. Miss Ione Red, also of Amarillo and sister of Mrs. Koontz, was with the latter when they left Quemado valley the previous Monday by automobile for their home and she is still missing. On the assumption that she, too, was drowned, searchers have been hunting for her body.

The two sisters would have stopped here to visit Mrs. H. C. Reid, they having been frequent guests in the J. Ben Campbell home. Miss Red was the roommate of Miss Mary Kate Campbell at Amarillo, where the latter teaches school, and was a member of the party with which Miss Campbell toured Alaska the past summer.

Upon learning of the tragedy, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ben Campbell, who had been vacationing in Colorado, left at once for Amarillo.

## MANY LEAVE FOR COLLEGE; OTHERS YET TO DECIDE

Eleven of Merkel High Seniors of the class of 1934 have either entered college or will enter at the beginning of the respective schools of their choice, while some fifteen or more other Merkel boys and girls will continue their college work as upper classmen.

Misses Wanda Hunter and Waldeline Huskey are attending McMurry; Miss Helen Joyner, Simmons, and Miss Frances Adcock, Abilene Christian college.

Miss Billy Gardner and David Gamble are to enter University of Texas; Jack Patterson and Milton Shannon, Rice; Kenneth Cribley, John Brown University, Siloam Springs, Ark.; Miss Margaret Miller, John Tarleton college, and Miss Fay Pinkley, North Texas State Teachers college, Denton.

Among others from Merkel who will attend college this year are:

Miss Eleanor Mae Hamilton, Paul Collins and Mardell Shouse, McMurry; Marshall Stalls and Elmer Adcock, Abilene Christian college; Miss Sis Boaz, Ward Berryman and Benjamin Sheppard, Simmons.

Miss Nell Hughes and Monta J. Moore, Texas Tech.

Miss Mildred Richardson, John Tarleton college.

Jim Patterson will continue at the University of Texas where he remained for summer school.

There are still others who are contemplating college life this year, but have not made definite decision.

## Variety of Offerings On Palace Calendar

A dramatic offering, one of the smartest of the musical films and a light comedy par excellence are on the calendar for the coming six days at the Palace, as announced by Manager Wood. The schedule is as follows:

Friday and Saturday—"Ever Since Eve," with George O'Brien and Mary Brian.

Monday and Tuesday—"George White's Scandals."

Wednesday and Thursday—"Claude Colbert and Clark Gable in 'It Happened One Night.'"

## John Coates Starts Duties as Boy Scout Executive in Alabama

(From Tuscaloosa, Ala., News.)

John D. Coates, a graduate of Brown University and trained at the National Training School for Scout Executives at Mendham, N. J., has arrived in Tuscaloosa to take over the office of scout executive for the Black Warrior Council, according to announcement this afternoon by Wagner P. Thielens, president of the council.

Executive Coates has already succeeded Burl Quinn, acting executive since departure of L. R. Simpson last spring. New headquarters for the council have been established in the basement of the First National Bank building. Harley E. Erb, deputy regional executive from Memphis, was expected here this afternoon to confer with local Boy Scout officials on plans for beginning the fall and winter program of scouting.

Mr. Coates, who received his master's degree from Brown University last May, has just completed a special course at the training school for scout executives, located on the 450-acre Mortimer L. Schiff reservation in New Jersey. He received a certificate of proficiency in this school and was highly recommended to local scout officials for the position of executive in this council.

He is a graduate of Simmons University in Abilene, Texas, received his A. B. degree there two years ago. Part of his undergraduate work he pursued at Southern Methodist University in Dallas. He is a native of Merkel, Texas and is 23 years old. He was accompanied to Tuscaloosa by his mother, Mrs. E. D. Coates, widow of a Texas real estate man. He and his mother reside at 1924 7th street.

The new scout executive has been closely allied with scouting since he was 13 years old. He became a life scout after one and one half years in his troop, achieving first class rank and securing 23 merit badges during this period.

Later during his college attendance he was a volunteer scout leader, assistant scoutmaster and acting scoutmaster. Last year he decided to enter scouting as an executive and has been pursuing courses designed to fit him for this work.

## DALLAS GETS CENTENNIAL BY SIZE OF BID

**Selected Over Houston and San Antonio for Presentation of State Pageant in '36; Unified Efforts of State Pledged.**

Austin, Sept. 13.—Dallas was selected as the 1936 Texas Centennial city at a meeting of the Centennial commission, presided over by Cullen F. Thomas of Dallas, state chairman, held here Sunday.

Dallas' bid aggregated \$7,971,000 in value. That bid for the major exposition of the Independence celebration was accepted over offers from San Antonio and Houston.

The Centennial commission of 31 members, created by the Texas legislature as a public agency, completed one of its biggest tasks with the selection of a Centennial city. The plan contemplates a state-wide exposition, centering in Dallas and featuring historical spots throughout the state.

Next major step in Centennial financing probably will be a demand for legislative appropriation to make up the difference between Dallas' bid and the \$15,000,000 total required for the project.

## TEXAS DEMOS GO ON RECORD FOR SUBMISSION

**Acclaim Allred as Next Governor of State; Abolition of Race Track Betting Among Planks; Endorse Roosevelt Program.**

Galveston, Sept. 13.—In a scene of tense drama, the Texas state democratic convention Tuesday uproariously acclaimed 35-year-old James V. Allred as the next governor of Texas, and shortly thereafter adopted a platform of ringing party principles, including endorsement of the Roosevelt administration.

Outstanding among platform planks were those calling for submission of repeal of state prohibition, for repeal of the state law legalizing wagering on horse racing and for resistance to federal control of oil production.

It was an Allred convention from start to finish with the youthful gubernatorial nominee winning approval of virtually everything he asked in the way of party declarations, and selection of new party machinery.

Vice President John N. Garner was formally approved as democratic national committeeman from Texas, set (Continued on Page Five.)

## KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Six hundred and forty-five Texans died of pellagra last year, according to the report of John W. Brown, state health officer.

AAA purchases of Texas sheep in 44 counties began today at the rate of 12,000 head daily, according to C. Z. Crain, head of the commodities department of the Texas relief commission.

J. I. Prichard, veteran clerk of Howard county, serving his 32nd year and having been nominated for his 17th term, died Tuesday at Asherton, Dimmit county, of ptomaine poisoning.

The Shaughnessy playoff in the Texas league started Wednesday night with San Antonio annexing a 6-3 victory over Beaumont, while the Dallas-Galveston game was rained out at the latter point.

J. C. McHaney, 20, of San Antonio, has been appointed cadet colonel of the Texas A. & M. cadet corps for 1934-35 and R. L. Kerr, of Amarillo, has been made lieutenant colonel, second in command.

Texas law students in the future must serve a six months apprenticeship in a reputable law office before applying for admission to the bar, according to a rent ruling by the supreme court of the state.

Horace F. Wade, a barber of Sweetwater, appointed an assistant banking commissioner of Texas by a former fellow townsman, E. C. Brand, now state banking commissioner, has been assigned to the lower Rio Grande valley.

Dr. Joe Kennedy of Abilene was named president and Big Spring was selected as the 1935 meeting place at the close of the West Texas Dental society convention at Amarillo Saturday.

With the question of Sunday movies up for the third time within two years, Brownwood voted 1121 to 746 to legalize the showing of moving pictures on Sunday in a special election Saturday.

Harley Sadler's big tent, said to have been the most elaborate and complete ever made, was destroyed by fire during his Temple engagement on Wednesday night of last week. Origin of the fire has been charged to incendiarism.

## Largents Ship Herd To Amarillo Fair

C. M. Largent, Jr., left Tuesday night with a load of exhibition cattle for the Tri-State Fair at Amarillo. These cattle will be joined there by the show herd, which had made several of the big northern shows including Sedalia, Mo., Springfield, Ill., Columbus, O., and Indianapolis, Ind.

Willie Joe Largent, who had gone north with the herd, returned home Sunday and will leave later in the week for Amarillo.

## MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, September 11, 1914.)

### WORLD'S FAIR VOTES AND THE RUNNERS.

The following list of contestants were those whose names have been entered in the World's Fair contest of the W. D. Woodroof company of this place:

- Miss Jewel Anderson.
- Miss Lula Cogburn.
- Miss Bertrude Dowdy.
- Miss Lera Daniels.
- Miss Beulah Whetsell.
- Miss Armida Wheeler.
- Miss Patty Stonecipher.
- Miss Emma Braune.
- Miss Alline Barbee.
- Miss Mary Boothe.
- Miss Irene Swann.
- Miss Tally Moore.
- Miss Ethel Jones.
- Miss Frankie Campbell.
- Miss Della McClain.
- Miss Carrie Shannon.
- Miss Emma Mashburn.
- Miss Carrie Horton.
- Miss Mertie Rogers.
- Miss Ruby Browning.
- Miss Mary Wasson.

## NAME MERKEL MAN MEMBER RELIEF BOARD

**Henry West, Former Mayor, to Succeed Abilene Mayor on County Group; Appointment Effective September 21.**

A Merkel man, Henry West, was appointed to the Taylor county relief commission, Monday, by the county commissioners in regular session, thereby becoming the first out-of-Abilene member of the commission.

He succeeds Mayor C. L. Johnson of Abilene, who resigned recently, the Merkel man's appointment to become effective September 21.

Other members of the board are: W. E. Lessing, Abilene attorney; T. N. Carswell, secretary of the Abilene chamber of commerce; L. R. Thompson, county auditor, and Max Bentley, managing editor of the Abilene Reporter-News.

With a wide experience in municipal, school and civic affairs, having served as mayor of the city three terms and as a member of the school board 14 years or more, Henry West is particularly well equipped for a place on the relief board, being especially conversant with conditions and needs in West Taylor county.

It was during his tenure as mayor that Merkel took several progressive steps. During these years the sewerage system was installed, the business district paved, Oak street paved and the White Way provided, the fire station and city hall erected and the waterworks system enlarged and improved.

At this session of the commissioner's court also, the county tax rate was fixed at 57 cents, 20 cents below that of last year and the lowest since 1916.

## Abilene Gets Spring Meeting of Presbytery

Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of Grace Presbyterian church, returned Wednesday afternoon from the fall meeting of Abilene presbytery at Baird. Charlie Jones attended Tuesday's session as delegate from the local church.

Central Presbyterian church, Abilene, was selected as the host church for the semi-annual conference next spring.

Rev. E. C. Lambert, pastor of the Snyder church, is the new moderator, succeeding D. P. Eaton, Albany layman. Rev. Eugene H. Surface, Lamesa, is stated clerk of the presbytery.

Stressing a historical theme Wednesday morning, Rev. Eugene H. Surface of Lamesa presented a paper on the organization of the presbytery, November 28, 1884, fifty years ago, at Eastland.

## Singers Meet at Blair.

Taylor County Singing convention meets in called session Sunday at Blair. The officers are inviting all singers and lovers of music to attend. Class singing, quartets and duets will fill the evening's program, which will begin at 2 p. m.

## Cotton Crop Larger Than Last Estimate

Washington, D. C., Sept. 13.—The government estimate of the cotton crop as of September 1, which was released Saturday, featured an increase of 57,000 bales over the August report, the later report indicating 9,252,000 bales as compared with 9,195,000 on August 1.

As of the same date, the estimated crop in Texas was forecast at 2,383,000 bales, practically identical with the estimate of August 1.

The total of ginnings as of September 1, 1,397,886 bales, was a surprise to traders, as compared with 1,396,139 bales last year.

## Local Ginnings Now In Excess 3,000 Bales

Ginnings for the season at the five plants in Merkel and those at Stith, Noodle and Blair, included in the weekly tabulation of The Mail, had reached 3,193 bales up to Wednesday night.

The current week accounted for 1,526 bales.

**Noodle School Opens Monday.** The Cross Roads school at Noodle will open Monday, September 17, it is announced by Waldo Cox, member of the school board.

## PERSONAL NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Sam Owens of San Angelo is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Banner.

Miss Dorris Durham left Friday for Cross Plains where she will teach school again this year.

Mrs. Mina Hollis and daughter, Fay, left Friday for California where they will make their home.

Miss Minnie Coats has gone to Coleman to resume her duties as teacher in the public schools there.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Hunter have as their guest Mr. Hunter's sister-in-law, Mrs. M. V. Hunter, of Waco.

Miss Odelle Hunter left Sunday for Lubbock after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Hunter.

Miss Maimie Ellis left this week for Fort Stockton where she is to teach again in the public schools.

Miss Ama Rogers, sister of Mrs. C. M. Largent, Jr., has returned to her home in Iredell after a visit here.

Miss Jess Sutphen left last week for Wichita Falls to resume her duties as teacher in the public schools there.

Mrs. C. Eakman arrived Sunday from Amarillo to make her home with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Diltz.

Clifton Bellamy arrived Thursday of last week from Kansas and Bartlesville, Okla., where he had spent the summer.

Mrs. T. Z. Suda returned Wednesday to her home in Dallas after a pleasant visit with Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Sumpter.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Hunter and daughter of Fort Worth were weekend guests of his brother, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Hunter.

Miss Leora Ferguson of Brandon, in Hill county, was a passing visitor Wednesday with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Conner.

After a summer visit with relatives here, R. J. Adcock left Thursday to visit a daughter at Fort Worth. He will later go to Uvalde for the winter.

Accompanying her daughter, Mrs. C. A. Fryar of Albany, Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt enjoyed two days last week at the centennial of Texas Methodism at San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Lake and daughter, Virginia, of Waco were guests Monday and Monday night of Mrs. Lake's brother, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Caple.

Mrs. A. C. McGee and son, J. J., arrived Sunday from Fort Worth for a visit with Mrs. Adah Heeter and Miss Sadie Woodrum and were present for the Neal-Dye wedding.

Mrs. C. M. Largent, Jr., and son, C. M. III, have returned from a visit to Iredell, home of Mrs. Largent's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Rogers, having also gone to Dallas.

After a short visit home, following summer work at Sul Ross State Teachers college at Alpine, Miss Flossie Campbell left last week for El Paso where she teaches in the public schools.

Guinn Tipton of Lamesa stopped over for a visit with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Tipton, and

other relatives en route to Waxahatchie, where he will attend Trinity university.

Elmer Lowe and Tom Durham returned Wednesday night from a business trip to South Texas, having also had opportunity to witness the proceedings of the state democratic convention at Galveston.

J. S. Thomas, Mrs. J. A. Milliken, Mrs. Gladys McLean and son, Wayne, and Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Thomas spent Tuesday in Ballinger as guests of Mr. Thomas' daughter and son-in-law, Sheriff and Mrs. W. A. Holt.

Mrs. H. P. Hulsey and family, Misses Ouida Mae and Emmogene and Billy Bob, have returned to their home in San Angelo after several days visit with Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Williams, also other friends and relatives.

Mrs. Lois Curb and baby, Winnie Lois, left Sunday for Rocky, Okla., to visit her parents for a month or two.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Roach and son, Wallace, of Houston, were recent visitors with Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Polley.

Mrs. O. F. Reidenbach and children of Odessa were visitors for a short while last week with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Tucker and family. They were going to Abilene for treatment for one of the children from a specialist.

Mrs. A. B. Patterson, who together with Mr. Beech's mother of Breckenridge, accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Earl Beech of Overton to the World's Fair, returning Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Beech remained here two or three days, going then to Breckenridge for a visit.



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**RURAL SOCIETY**

**STITH HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB**

The Stith Home Demonstration club met September 7 in the home of Mrs. Bryan Dunagan, with thirteen members present. An interesting talk was made by Mrs. Sam Mashburn on her trip to the Short Course at A. & M. college. After the business session refreshments of cake and punch were served.

The next meeting will be Monday, September 17, in the home of Mrs. Sam Mashburn and Miss Bonner will meet with us. Every member is invited to be present and visitors are welcome.

**UNION RIDGE**

The Union Ridge Home Demonstration club met in the home of Mrs. Marvin Douglas on September 7. Plans were made for an all-day meeting Wednesday, September 19, in the home of Mrs. Pierce Horton to knit the club quilt and cut foundation patterns.

A plate consisting of punch, sandwiches and cookies was passed to Mesdames W. A. Harris, Pierce Horton, O. E. Harwell, S. G. Russell, Sr., J. L. McRee, Johnny Dunn, Chester Bond, Lige Harris, S. G. Russell, Jr., W. C. Lee, O. R. Douglas, Hobby, Misses Ruth Patton, Norma Patton, Ruby Carey, Alice Carey, Alice Russell, Marybel Douglas, Mabel McRee and the hostess.

The next regular meeting will be Friday, September 21, in the home of Mrs. Chester Bond.

**MELTON-TARPLEY**

Miss Oneida Tarpley and Mr. Doyce Melton were united in marriage Saturday night, September 1, at the home of Rev. O. B. Tatum in Merkel, Mr.

Milton Miller and Miss Irene Brewer, close friends of the bride and groom, witnessed the ceremony.  
 The bride is the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Tarpley of Noadde, while the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Melton of Carpenter's Gap, where they will make their home.

**OBITUARY**

**TOMMY RAE HIGGINS.**

Tommy Rae Higgins, little son of Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Higgins, age 5 years and 4 months, died at the Baptist hospital in Abilene August 30 at 4 a. m., following a major operation.  
 Rev. W. C. Ashford, pastor of the Southside Baptist church, Abilene, conducted the funeral at the Salt Branch Baptist church (near Merkel) Thursday afternoon at 5 o'clock. Burial was made in Rose Hill cemetery in the presence of a host of sorrowing relatives and friends.

Those who survive are the father and mother, two brothers and three sisters.

Fallbearers were: Elmer Criswell, Ellis Harris, Joe Jaynes and Roy Harrell. Honorary: Leroy Hester, Verna Hester, Zerk Robertson, J. E. Jaynes and Glenn Robertson.

Flower girls were: Evalyn Robertson, Gladys Petty, Mary Ella Horton, Madeline Williams.

Those from out of town attending the funeral were: Rev. Willis Taylor and daughter, Owen C. Taylor and wife, Mrs. Ed Shipley, Lamesa, Clinton Lambert and family, Mrs. S. W. Taylor, grandmother of the deceased, Mrs. Vera Sparks, Mrs. E. T. Clay and two daughters, J. O. Watson and family, Rev. E. D. Dunlap and wife, Mrs. C. R. Simmons, Mrs. D. C. Fulkerson, Mrs. Pauline Colson, Mrs. T. D. Terry, all of Sweetwater, E. J. Dunlap and family, J. P. Wood and family and Mrs. S. J. T. Williams and Madeline Williams, of Abilene.

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**Tenant Farmer Has Right to Use Rented Acres for Food, Feed**

"A tenant is entitled to the use of such part of the rented acres under the cotton reduction contract as he may need for the production of food for his family and feed for his work stock and livestock to be consumed on the farm. The landlord cannot charge him rent for this land as it is already rented to the government. In case a tenant does not have sufficient work stock and equipment to handle his land he should make arrangements with the landlord for the use of his. In this case it would be satisfactory to exchange labor for the use of work stock and equipment. In no case can any crop be grown on the rented acres that will be sold for cash or be fed to livestock that will be sold."

This information was contained in a letter to Reed Whatley, Route 3, Merkel, in reply to an inquiry to the office of the secretary of the department of agriculture, Washington, D. C. The letter is signed by W. J. Green, field representative, adjustment committee.

In sending the letter to The Mail for publication, young Whatley added: "As I have been listening to men talk so much that didn't seem to understand the privileges that the government offers to the tenant farmer under the cotton reduction contract, maybe they who seem to think it is so hard on the tenant will understand that it is fair after all, as he gets the feed grown on this land leased by the government."  
 "If every farmer," he concludes "would read more and leave off this criticism of the New Deal I believe they would learn more."

**CANYON NEWS**

(Omitted Last Week.)  
 Most every one is busy pulling bolls, so there isn't much news. Crops aren't so extra good but "maybe we won't starve."

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Matthews and daughter, Willie Pearl, and Mrs. Dowdy and granddaughter, Elizabeth Cathcart, of Trent, visited Mr. and Mrs. Twyman Collins Tuesday.  
 Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Perry and grand-

**CLASSIFIED ADS**

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FOR SALE—See M. G. King for Qualla Pedigreed seed.

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WANTED TO BUY—Small steamer trunk. See George Caple at Merkel Mail.

son, Bobby Glen Peterson, attended to business in Abilene on Wednesday of last week.

C. A. Griggs left Thursday for Waco where he will be employed for the next few months with J. E. Chambers and Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Seymore and family from the Plains were visitors in the Canyon last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Ransom made a business trip to Abilene Tuesday.

Misses Evelyn and Jimmie Dell Perry have returned from a two weeks visit with their aunt, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Davis of Dalhart. Their cousin, Jessie Davis, and J. T. White returned with them to "pull a few bolls."

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<b>TOMATOES</b> , No. 1, 2 for 15c	<b>JELLY</b> , Rex, 5 pounds 38c
<b>SALMON</b> , pink, 2 for 25c	<b>CEREALS</b> , breakfast 10c
<b>MACKEREL</b> , No. 2-3 for 25c	<b>GLOVES</b> , cotton pickers, 2 pair 25c
<b>COCOA</b> , Hersheys, 1-2 lb. 9c	<b>BLOCK SALT</b> , plain 45c
<b>COCOA</b> , Hersheys, 1 lb. 14c	<b>BLOCK SALT</b> , sulphur 55c
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**TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS**

Mrs. J. P. Roberts left Saturday for Mineral Wells.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Kelley of Farwell came in Saturday for a week's visit with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hogue. They were accompanied by Mr. Kelley's mother as far as Snyder where she stopped for a visit with relatives and will come on here later for a visit.

Mrs. Jody Bright of Farwell is here for a short visit with her mother, Mrs. A. B. Driggers.

Pastor Howell and wife attended to business in Abilene last Wednesday. Austin Fitts and R. O. Anderson of Abilene were visitors among the business people Monday afternoon.

Thursday of last week Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Armour moved to Eastland. Mr. Armour returned Sunday to close out his business affairs while Mrs. Armour remained there to enter the boys in school. Mr. Armour will leave soon to take up his duties there with the Jarecki company. We regret to see these good people leave our city, but wish them much success in their new home. Mrs. Armour was complimented with a handkerchief shower the day before she went away.

John Strawn and family returned home Sunday after a few days visit with Mrs. Strawn's sister, Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Holt of Waco.

Mr. and Mrs. Ideal Howell and two daughters, Melba and Jacqueline, of Fort Worth were guests here a few days last week in the home of relatives, making their home with Mrs. Howell's aunt, Mrs. R. B. McRee, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Rogers of Hernleigh visited relatives here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson of Merkel visited Mrs. Charlie Hutcheson Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Joe Reneau visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Finley Martin, of Stanton last week. She was accompanied by her uncle, Bob Martin, and his daughter, Miss Julia Martin, of Merkel.

Mrs. Toliver Walker leaves Sunday for Pampa to spend the next few months with her daughters there.

Miss Leona Lourie and Ola Pearl Casey of Abilene were all day guests in the Bowers home Sunday.

Mrs. J. B. Winn left Tuesday for Groesbeck where she will attend the bedside of her daughter, Mrs. Taylor, who is announcing the birth of a fine baby girl, Joanna Ray. Mrs. Winn will be gone a week. Miss Dollie Wash will have charge of the switchboard, assisted by Mrs. Earl Duncan, in her absence.

Pastor Reaves attended the monthly M. E. preachers meeting which convened Monday night at the First Methodist church, Abilene. He was accompanied to Abilene by E. L. Mangum, who attended to business matters.

Miss Dorene Scott left Monday for Abilene, preparatory to entering McMurry this term.

Mrs. Oscar Tomlin and two children of Fort Worth are here for a two weeks visit with her mother, Mrs. Pauline Freeman.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Burks have relatives from the Plains as guests this week.

J. Cal Hamner purchased a new car last week, presenting it to Mrs. Hamner as a birthday gift—a Chevrolet coupe and it's a dandy. Stanley Armour is also driving a new car this week.

Mrs. R. B. McRee attended the council meeting one day last week.

Returning home from a tour through Mexico, Joe White and family of Bryan were guests with R. B. Johnson and Mrs. Annie Boone a short

while last Monday. Mrs. White is an old acquaintance of theirs.

Mrs. W. J. Reynolds has as an honored guest her brother, Joe Frazier, and family of Franklin, whom she had not seen for 32 years.

Mrs. Alton Boone visited her sister, Mrs. Charles Drake, of Longview last week.

Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Ely visited at the Methodist parsonage Wednesday. Brother Ely is a prominent preacher of the North Texas conference.

Bob McLeod of Mineral Wells was here the first of the week, being accompanied by his daughter, Lois, who will enter A. C. C. at Abilene this year. They visited with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Dowdy made a business trip to Lubbock last week.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Robinson, accompanied by their son, Orvin and wife, made a trip to Ranger recently and visited in the home of the former's daughter, Mrs. Miley Williams. They also attended Sunday School at the Baptist church there.

Mrs. R. B. McRee, Sr., and Mrs. R. B. McRee, Jr., attended council meeting at Abilene Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rudd and son, Edwin Derle, were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Hamner over the week-end.

W. F. Matheny and Miss Mary and Frank Matheny of Norman, Okla., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. McRee several days last week.

**HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB.**

The Home Demonstration club met September 5 in called meeting at the club house. Mrs. Stanley Armour gave a talk on her trip to A. & M. and also demonstrated a lounging robe that she learned to make while there. Mrs. Burt McRee, Jr., gave a talk on "Foods" and "The Pantry." Mrs. Stanley Armour, whom we regret very, very much to lose, as she is moving to Eastland, was honored with an array of lovely handkerchiefs.

Mesdames Ed Burks, A. C. Wash and A. W. Woods were hostesses for the occasion, serving punch and supreme cookies to about thirty guests.

**WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.**

The Woman's Missionary society met Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the church. The devotional was given by Mrs. C. R. Shannon and special music was rendered by Mrs. Ben Howell. Mrs. R. B. McRee, Sr., gave an interesting paper on "Rural Community,

a Field of Opportunity." A drama on "Rural Work Being Done by Our Deaconesses" was given by Mesdames Cribbley, Reeves, Kegans, Shannon and Reaves. Mrs. W. B. Reaves gave "High Points from Missionary Bulletin."

(Omitted Last Week.)

**BRIDE'S SHOWER.**

Last Friday afternoon, Mrs. Alex Williamson, assisted by Mrs. J. B. Winn and Mrs. C. C. Stribling, honored Miss Leora Howell with a miscellaneous shower from three till six. Miss Howell was in Sweetwater visiting her sister and was brought home on the pretense that her husband-to-be was to meet her at five.

Punch and cake were served immediately upon her arrival at the home of Mrs. Williamson. Mrs. Stribling pre-

sided at the punch bowl, after which Miss Howell was given directions by Mrs. Carl Edwards to follow the rocky pathway which led her through the house and into the yard and back in the house where she found awaiting her a large basket of gifts.

Those present were Mesdames A. C. Wash, J. M. Strawn, Joe Boone, Carl Edwards, Ed Burks, A. B. Currie, C. C. Stribling, J. B. Winn, Hale McRee, Andy Shouse, C. T. Beckham, J. P. Roberts, Hays Wheatley, L. W. Ross, L. C. Murray, Ed Bowers, J. W. Goode, Misses Leora Howell, Imogene Mangum, Mrs. W. H. Howell and the hostess.

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# ALONG THE COAST OF ALASKA

By Mary Kate Campbell

(Fourth and last of a series of descriptive articles on "A Tour of Alaska.")

On Board S. S. Juneau to Anchorage.

It is through this territory from Juneau to Anchorage that we see so many glaciers. You may have seen pictures and have mental pictures of a glacier, but until you have seen one these ideas are inadequate.

When we left Juneau it was raining quite hard but since then we have had beautiful weather.

Along the way most of the mountains are almost wholly covered with snow. The first glacier of importance was Brady. Next we see Mt. St. Elias, which is the second highest peak in Alaska. The most of the time we saw this peak with its neighboring points all covered in snow and extending high above the clouds that enveloped the mountains, which of course made it all the prettier. It is in this region, that we learn is the second largest glacial region in the world, Malaspina being one of the largest glaciers.

Next we enter Prince William Sound. It was along here that the British explorer, Captain James Cook, made many explorations in 1778. The ruins of the ancient Russian village, Nuchek, may be seen. This came under the Russian regime, and the settlement had a population of 3,000 and was the headquarters of Baranof, the first of the Russian governors.

Our next stop was at Cordova, the Copper gate of Alaska, where for more than twenty years a mighty stream of the red metal has been dispatched from the Kenai coast. Copper mines to the outside world.

The principal industry of Cordova is the canning of sea products such as salmon, clams, crabs and shrimp. The 1934 pack to date is 95,125 cases of red salmon, to say nothing of the other sea foods. We visited a salmon cannery and it is operated about the same as any cannery, the most of the work being done by machinery. Their labor is mostly Filipinos, which they say makes the most dependable labor. While we were in Cordova we were entertained by the citizens.

We visited Childs and Miles glaciers, which were about fifty miles from Cordova. These are the most active glaciers of Alaska. At intervals there is a large crash and thunder heard and if we watch for a while we see a huge amount of the glacier shale into the water, making this terrible thundering noise. Much of the glacier comes off in a powdery form but much of it is in large pieces, forming an iceberg. A very interesting thing about the glaciers is the coloring, colors you can never find any where else. The most striking color is the various shades of blue. The colors help determine the age and, as it gets older, the color approaches a very dark shade or black.

Childs Glacier at the face is 275 feet high, 3 miles long and 12 miles deep, while Miles is 300 feet high, 3 miles long and 35 feet deep.

It is between these glaciers that we see the Miles Glacier Bridge with a length of 1,550 feet and costing about 1 1/2 million dollars. One cannot help but be astonished and wonder at the great engineering projects we see in Alaska.

The glaciers make a complete change every twenty years. So some years back a party disappeared while exploring around Childs Glacier. The people are patiently waiting for the time to pass, thinking perhaps the bodies of the lost may be found. Of course, time is all that can prove this.

At Valdez we learn about something that we find no account of in our books on Alaska and it is not a continuous problem but not much appreciated while it does last. This is a pest, the mosquito, a black and white biting bug and no-see-ums. We were greeted by this committee when we landed at Valdez. These pests are sometimes found about the glaciers also. These insects do not sing or make noise as our mosquitoes do, but approach you without warning and leave their calling cards which soon form into a large whelp if one is susceptible to such poison. The no-see-ums are more sly than any, for sometimes a person may wake in the

morning to find his skin all covered with small red bumps resembling some communicable disease. These insects are a very small gnats that can scarcely be seen but greatly felt after their approach.

It is from Valdez that leads the noted Richardson Auto Trail that leads to Fairbanks. This highway is quite noted for its beautiful scenery and is the only auto road that leads to the interior.

Our next point of interest was the huge Columbia Glacier. This glacier is about 3 1/2 miles long and 365 feet deep. We went up quite close to the glacier and when the whistle was blown parts of the glacier would fall, making icebergs of various sizes. After a time of admiring this enormous glacier we steam on toward Seward.

Seward is named in honor of William H. Seward, who, as secretary of state, negotiated for the purchase of Alaska from Russia in 1867. Ships enter the waters of Resurrection Bay, on which Seward is located, through "Harding Entrance," named for the first president of the United States to visit the territory during his term of office.

Seward is the terminus of the cable lines from the United States to Alaska, and a high-powered radio station is maintained at Seward by the United States Army. The Jessie Lee Home, a mission for Indians, is located on the outskirts of Seward. A large cold storage and fish packing plant is one of the local industries.

The Alaska railroad leads from Seward to Fairbanks. It was from Seward to Anchorage that we made our inland journey. Anchorage is 114 miles from Seward and it took about six hours to make the trip one way. It took a great deal of engineering to make such a road and the scenery along this road is grand. On one side would be a high mountain wall and the other would be a canyon almost bottomless.

The most outstanding sight on this trip was the "Loop District," a place where the railroad makes a circle, then runs under its own tracks. Just before making the circle it can all be seen at one time and such a thrilling picture as it does make. We pass through tunnels and snow sheds along the route.

Anchorage is rapidly becoming the outfitting point for many of the hunting parties. It is out from here that much of the fine big game is found. As we were traveling along we saw mountain sheep and moose.

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## BLAIR ITEMS

We had a nice little rain Saturday which relieved stock water conditions some and will check cotton picking for a few days. There have been 250 bales ginned to date.

Rev. C. S. Williams will fill the Baptist pulpit at View Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Adams with their attractive little daughter, Verna Gene, of Amenias, N. M., are the week's guests of their sister, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Latimer.

Redden Campbell and son of Fort Stockton were passing guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell over the week-end. Mrs. Bernie Bell and daughter, Leona, and Mrs. Dwiggin's of Merkel were visitors in this home also Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Stanley and charming daughter, Miss Gertrude, of Stith, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Spears Sunday.

The county singing convention will be held at Blair Baptist church Sunday evening, September 16. Everybody is invited to attend.

Mrs. D. Moore and daughter, Irene, of Tye visited Mrs. R. B. Horton Sunday.

Miss Mae Melton, who returned Sunday from California visited Monday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Melton. Mrs. Will Bankhead of Sweetwater also visited in this home. Mrs. Clarence Melton and daughter, Jackie and Mary Elizabeth, left Monday for New Mexico to visit with her mother, Mrs. Cynthia Hall, for two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Marcina Doan moved to Clyde Monday where Mr. Doan will go in the storage business.

R. J. Alexander of O'Donnell has bought out Ernest Rogers' Red & White store and has moved his family here close to his place of business. Mr.

and Mrs. Rogers are moving back to their home at Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hughes and family motored over and visited with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hughes and family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Vergilee Doan and children made a business trip to Clyde last week-end.

(Omitted Last Week.)

Brother C. S. Williams of View filled the Baptist pulpit here Sunday. His preaching was excellent, expounding the gospel in its ancient purity and simplicity. He will preach again at the Baptist church the third Sunday in this month, Sept. 16. You are invited to these services.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Russell and family and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Estall of Butman attended services at the Baptist church Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Smith, Mrs. Bertha Stevenson and daughters, Ralph Johnson and son of Altus, Okla., and Van Tague of Sweetwater were recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Marcina Doan visited with their sister, Mr. and Mrs. Purl Sandifer, last week-end and Mrs. Doan remained with her sister for some two weeks.

Mrs. Alice Helms and children, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brooks of Winters and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Moore of Red Spring were visitors the past week in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eli Brooks. Mr. Brooks' health has been declining for some time and they came over to be with him for a short while.

Earl Walker of Abilene was the recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Osburn.

Jess Scott of Trent and Roy Doan and son of Rotan visited the latter's mother, Mrs. Susie Doan, Sunday. They were accompanied back by Mrs.

Doan, who will visit with her son, Mr. and Mrs. Doan, for a month's stay.

Mrs. John Russell and daughter, Miss Frances, returned home Monday after spending several days with her sister at Big Spring.

Miss Edwina Doan was the week-end guest of her cousin, Mabel Maddox, of Merkel.

Master Johnnie Gregg of Bronte, who has been visiting with his aunt, Mrs. T. A. Mitchell, returned home Tuesday after a month's stay.

Miss Dorothy Mae Miller of Big Spring left for home after spending several days in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Russell.

Arthur Moore, who hurt his arm in a scuffle several days ago, is getting along nicely.

Miss Harriet Rogers enjoyed a week-end visit from her friend, Miss Ludeen Wisdom, of Abilene.

Misses Novice and Billie Malone of Hamlin are enjoying a visit with their cousins, Misses Sallie and Neva Malone.

Mrs. Joe Ramsey and daughter, Joanna, of Merkel, Miss Eddie Almond of Fort Worth and Miss Mary Parvis of Merkel were the interesting guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Sowell and daughter of Arizona and Mr. and Mrs. Claxton of Corpus Christi have been

the house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Latimer for several days.

Mrs. Oscar Pollard and children of Sweetwater were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hurman Doan recently.

Several from here attended services at Butman Sunday afternoon.


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NEAL-DYE.

The marriage of Miss Missie Dye and Raymond Neal was solemnized Wednesday in a lovely twilight service in the home of the bride's aunts, Mrs. Adah Heeter and Miss Sadie Woodrum, promptly at six o'clock.

Entering unattended to the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding music played by Mrs. Anne Brown, the bride and groom proceeded to the altar where they were met by Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of Grace Presbyterian church, who officiated with a very impressive ceremony. Miss Christine Collins sang "I Love You Truly" and "Because" as the nuptial solos. The service was read by candlelight, Mesdames Ray King and Clyde Foster being candle-lighters.

A beautiful altar was improvised of massed amesia pink carnations and gladiolas in silver containers with tall silver candelabra as a background.

The bride is the lovely daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Dye; prominent in all civic, social and religious activities of the town, she is a sweet and gracious personality that will be greatly missed from Merkel.

The groom is the splendid son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Neal of Temple. He is a graduate of business administration from A. & M. college. In 1931 and 1932 Raymond was local manager for the Community Natural Gas company and for the past five months has been local manager of the company at Hugo, Okla. It is there that they will make their home.

Missie looked unusually beautiful in a navy blue fall ensemble with harmonizing accessories. Mrs. Brown was wearing chestnut brown while Miss Collins was in an autumn tree bark crepe model.

Among the out of town guests for the wedding were the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Neal, and brother, Earl Neal. Miss Dorothy Gardner and Mr. and Mrs. Jack McFadden, Temple; Mr. and Mrs. John Woodrum, Misses Winter Dean and Jannell Woodrum, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Woodrum, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Boyce, Mr. and Mrs. Hooper Boyce, Edward Boyce, Abilene, and Mrs. A. C. McGee and son, J. J., Fort Worth.

Reception

A reception was held immediately following the ceremony in the Woodrum home. Beautiful in simplicity, a pastel color theme of pink and green was given emphasis in table decorations and refreshments.

A miniature bride and groom under a white wedding bell centered the table, which was laid in old lace where Mrs. John Woodrum presided at the serving of the wedding cake—a huge three-tiered concoction—and Mrs. O. B. Woodrum ladled punch. Miss Winter Dean Woodrum and Mesdames Claude Dye, Ray King and Clyde Foster passed these dainty refreshments in crystal-ware.

Miss Dota Garoutte, life-long friend of the bride's family, toasted first the groom and then the bride in her own inimitable style and appropriate selections were softly played at the piano by Mrs. Brown.

Following the reception, Mr. and Mrs. Neal left for a wedding trip to Mineral Wells and Dallas.

PACE-HUGHES.

(Abilene Reporter.)

Ill of a heart attack and unable to go to the church for the service, Dr. J. H. Pace, Beaumont Baptist minister, performed the marriage ceremony for his son, J. H. Pace, Jr., and Miss Ruby Hughes, from his bed at the West Texas Baptist sanitarium, at 12:30 o'clock Wednesday.

From the hospital room where only members of the two families were present, the bridal couple went to the First Baptist church, where the ceremony was to have been read by Dr. Pace.

Entering unattended to the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding music, played by Miss Marjorie Bland, the bride and bridegroom proceeded to the altar, where they were met by Dr. M. A. Jenkins, church pastor. Before their entrance Miss Lucile Auten sang "I Love You Truly" (Bond). Miss Bland playing the accompaniment. Dr. Jenkins then announced to assembled guests that the ceremony had been performed and invoked a blessing in prayer upon the couple.

The bride, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Haynes Hughes, who live near Abilene, is night supervisor of nurses at the West Texas Baptist sanitarium, a position she has held for three years. Following her graduation from the school of nursing at the local institution, she was superintendent of nurses at a Merkel hospital for two years before accepting her present position.

Mr. Pace, a graduate of Hardin-Simmons university, is bookkeeper at the West Texas Baptist sanitarium.

Both he and Mrs. Pace will continue their work at the hospital.

TEA—SHOWER.

The home of Mrs. Henry West was the scene of a pretty party Friday afternoon when the ladies of the Presbyterian church entertained with a seated tea and named Miss Missie Dye the honoree. A delicate color theme of pink and green was given emphasis in house decorations of massed crepe myrtle.

Mrs. Ann Brown opened a delightful program with appropriate piano selections followed by highly enjoyable readings by Mrs. Helen Pearson, Miss Christine Collins gave two vocal numbers and Miss Marjorie Bland of Abilene artistically rendered several numbers at the piano.

Miss Vera Walker made the presentation speech to Missie, who was the happy recipient of many lovely and useful gifts. Mrs. Sidney Foy of Baird assisted Mrs. Emory Jones and Mrs. M. A. Dunn in serving dainty refreshments reflecting the party colors of pink and green in chicken salad sandwiches, heart-shaped wafers, olives and iced punch.

Approximately seventy-five invitations were extended for this delightful affair.

FAMILY REUNION.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Cordill were pleasantly surprised by a visit from her children Sunday at their home here. Six of her seven children were present, with nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Each family gathered in the early morning hours, bringing covered dishes for lunch. It had been over forty-five years since some of the children had been together. Past incidents in their childhood days were recalled and pictures were taken during the day.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. George Price and daughter, Tressie, and Mrs. Florence Olive, Vernon; Mrs. Claudie Hite and sons, Carl and Truman, Spring Lake; Mrs. Viola Caldwell and son, Aleck, Snyder; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Price and daughters, Ione and Lamelle, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bush and Mrs. Ida Bush, Cross Plains; Mr. and Mrs. D. I. Trent, Eskota; Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Nichols and son, Donnie Veal, Eskota, and the hosts, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Cordill.

PHILATHEA CLASS.

On Tuesday evening the Philathea class had a business meeting to elect new officers and the following were elected: Mrs. Doris Guthrie, president; Mrs. Gladys Shelton, vice-president; Mrs. W. A. Whiteley, Jr., secretary-treasurer; Mrs. E. B. Wallace, reporter.

After an enjoyable social hour, refreshments were served to Mesdames A. A. McGhee, Tom Allday, John Dunn, Kenneth Pee, Ernest Higgins, Tipton, E. B. Wallace, Miss Mabel McRee, the hostess, Mrs. P. H. Gates, and Mrs. West. Children present were Ainsworth, Joe and Betty Jane Gates, Tommie Allday and Joe Marvin Tipton.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Little Miss Ray Ann Hamm was a very happy little honoree last Friday afternoon when her mother, Mrs. Sie Hamm, invited a number of her little friends in to help her celebrate her fifth birthday anniversary. Miss Dorris Durham assisted Mrs. Hamm in supervising games on the lawn and at the refreshment hour the lovely pink and white birthday cake was cut and served with ice cream.

As the gift packages were opened and admired by the young honoree the following guests sang "Happy Birthday to You": Ray Ann Hamm, Marjorie Dunn, Mary Faye Johnson, Barbara and Jenora Brown, Joy Frances West, Marilyn Petty, Freddie Lee Hughes, Ikie and Abie Turner, Dwight Dunn, Frank McFarland, Jr., George Housley, Jackie Smith and Alan Hamm.

PUPILS ENTERTAINED.

On Friday, September 7, from 4 to 6 p. m. Mrs. T. T. Earthman entertained her pupils in her studio in the Warren Smith residence, the main feature of the afternoon being a program by three honor winners of the Piano National tournament: Thurman Morrison, Jane Longmoor and Wanda Mae Clements. Their program was a real treat.

The following numbers were played: "Bach Two Part Inventions Nos. 6 and 10," "Chopin Valse Op. 64 and Op. 70 No. 1," "Honey," (Datt), "Valse Mignonne," Hatwizk, Wanda Mae Clements; "Pretude," (1st Partita), Bach, "Gigue," Bach, "Polonaise," (Chopin), "Lento," (Cyril Scott), "Glow Worm," (Lynch), "Sous Bois," (Staub), Jane Langmoor; "Dancing Doll," (Poldini), "Dance of the Gnome," (Listz), "Minuette in G," (Padreewski), "Turkey in the Straw," (Guion), "Caprice Espagnol," (Mozkowsky), "Gagindillo," (Alberiz), Thurman Morrison.

Between the musical numbers contests such as "What Am I?", also ques-

tions to be answered by musical terms added merriment to the occasion.

A refreshment of punch and cakes were served to the following pupils and guests: Mrs. Longmoor, Mrs. Clements, Thurman Morrison, Jane Longmoor, Wanda Mae Clements, Billie and Don Wood, Charles Church, Doris Clyde Miller, Mary Jo Russell, Janell Black, Alice Church Wallace, Bertie Lou Pee, Bessylea Church, Missie Spurgin, Sarah Malone, Frances Marie Church, Doris Mae Barron, Lois Whiteley, Bonnie Church, Vernell Bland, Juanita Bishop, Bea Smith, Betty Lou and Marilyn Sue Grimes, Eva Faye Bush, Anne Lee Blake, Louise Richie, Wilma McAninch, Mary Frances Cook, Gwendolyn Sandusky, Dorothy Nell Haynes, Vernell Sub-

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

lett, Betty Jane Diltz, Mary Ella and Dorothy Horton, Glenn Genevieve Robertson, Margarette Miller, Peady Doris Robertson, Opal Buzbec, Don Warren, Doris Diltz, Mrs. Dot Beall, Mrs. Vera Baker, Jeannette Neff, Alice Russell, Thelma McAninch, Mrs. Warren Smith and the hostess.

On Saturday afternoon, September 8, Bonnie Church was honored with a birthday party. Despite the rainy weather the little guests arrived at 4 o'clock, each bringing lovely gifts to the honoree.

After indoor games were played, supervised by Misses Frances Marie and Bessylea Church, the gifts were displayed and the interest centered

around cutting of the birthday cake bearing twelve lighted candles.

Refreshments of angel food cake and ice cream with all-day suckers as plate favors were served to: Bertie Lou Pee, Mabel Murray, Comora Hughes, Marilyn Sue Grimes, Becky Gardner, Gerladine Teague, Mary Jo Russell, Tommy Evelyn Grimes, Dora Marie Gaither, Doris Clyde Miller, Anne Lee Blake, Helen Heeter, Anna Louise Leonard, Betty Jo Reid, Billy McGehee, Doris Gay West and Bonnie Church.

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Texas Demos

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ting a precedent in that no vice-president previously had held such position. Garner was the choice of both Allred and James E. Ferguson, powerful Texas political leader, who resigned to make way for Garner in the interest of harmony.

Myron Blalock of Marshall was elected chairman of the state executive committee, succeeding J. K. Brim of Sulphur Springs, and Vann M. Kennedy of Austin was chosen secretary of the committee. The new committee was composed throughout of Allred's friends, whereas the outgoing committee was Ferguson controlled.

Specials at THE RED & WHITE STORES FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, SEPT. 14-15

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Blue & White	PINEAPPLE, No. 2 can, each	15c
Red & White	PEACHES, No. 2 1-2 can, 2 for	35c
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Hershey's	COCOA, 1-2 pound	10c
Sour Sliced	PICKLES, quart	15c
Green & White	SALAD DRESSING, pint	17c
Red & White	SOAP, Giant, 6 bars	23c
Red & White	WASHO, large package	19c
Shredded	COCOANUT, package	10c
All Flavors	JELL-O, package	6c
Maxwell House	COFFEE, pound	33c
A-1 Soda	CRACKERS, 2 pounds	22c
Large	BOLOGNA, pound	18c
Sliced	BACON, pound	30c
Full Cream	CHEESE, pound	20c



# CHURCH SERVICES

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.**  
There were 776 present at the six reporting Sunday Schools last Sunday, as compared with 756 on the previous Sunday. On the same Sunday a year ago 871 were present.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST.**  
The services for the church this coming week are as follows: Sunday School 10 a. m., preaching 11 a. m., subject, "That Ye May Know," young people 6:30 p. m., Junior young people 7:30 p. m. Preaching 8 p. m., subject, "Why Study the Bible?," mid-week prayer service Wednesday 8 p. m.  
We extend to you a cordial invitation to attend any and all of these services that you might be edified along with others who attend. Come to the Church of Christ to hear plain gospel preaching. The whole Bible was intended for the whole world and we invite you to visit and study with us.  
Flavil R. Yeakley, Minister.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.**  
Sunday School at 10 a. m. A good increase in attendance was recorded last Sunday and it is hoped every one will be more regular in attendance in future.  
Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. by the pastor. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.  
You are cordially invited to these services.  
R. A. Walker, Pastor.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.**  
Brother Joyner preached to a full house both morning and evening Sunday. Sunday morning he preached on "Glorious Victories, Basis for Service," taken from 1 Cor. 15:58.  
We were glad indeed to have our Sunday School superintendent, W. J. Largent, with us Sunday evening. He made an interesting talk, telling of the different churches he had visited recently.  
There will be a meeting Sunday afternoon at 2:30 of the Sweetwater association for the purpose of organizing a Sunday School association.  
Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. BTS at 6:45 p. m. Prayer meeting at 7:45 Wednesday evening. WMU at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon.

**METHODIST CHURCH.**  
Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. Herbert Parterson, superintendent. He is very much concerned in your attendance upon the Sunday School. We were off a bit last Sunday and will you not come and be with us next Sunday?  
Preaching at 11 a. m. We had a fine congregation last Sunday morning and evening. Come back and worship with us each Sunday.  
We will have our evening services at 7:45. Subject, sermon No. 2 on the Prodigal Son, "Wandering in Sin."  
Our young people's service will meet at 7 o'clock.  
Prayer meeting each Wednesday, come and be with us.  
P. H. Gates, Pastor.

**NAZARENE CHURCH.**  
We are now enjoying the most blessed and wholehearted spirit of co-operation and fellowship that we have had since coming on the work here.  
Our people are more determined to stay together, come to church and fight the "old man" than ever before.  
We received three new members into our church Sunday, for which we praise the Lord.  
You will find a hearty welcome at the Church of the Nazarene. Preaching every Sunday 11 a. m. and 8:30 p. m. Sunday School 10 a. m. NYPS 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting every Wednesday night.  
J. L. Mayhall, Pastor.

**WOODMEN CIRCLE.**  
The members of Merkel Grove No. 563 and all candidates to be initiated are urged to be present at 8 o'clock Friday night, September 14. The Abilene degree team will exemplify the degrees and Mesdames Garner and St. John will select the lineup for the Merkel degree team, which has been organized for our grove here.  
Sweetwater and Trent Groves have been invited to attend. Please be prompt.  
Lila Rea, Guardian.

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**NORTHSIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH.**

We are glad to announce that again good news has come from afar. Another one on our list of prayer has been gloriously saved. Next Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock we will baptize again.  
We wish for every member of our church Bible school to practice tithing so every Sunday we will have a titling box and want every one to put their tithes in it. If every one will tithe, no collection will ever be necessary.  
Our new 1935 Stamp class books are here. Come every Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock and sing with us.  
Continue to pray for our coming revival. Let the Holy Spirit have his way in your life.  
We welcome you to all our services.  
Ernest C. Dowell, Pastor.

**LOCAL BRIEFS.**

Saturday's afternoon and night's rainfall here measured 3-4 of an inch, according to the gauge of Volunteer Weather Observer Grover Hale. In some localities, notably at Blair and northeast of town, it was heavier. This brought the year's total to 9 1-2 inches.  
The editor of The Mail was favored with a portion of the birthday cake made for our good friend, S. F. Haynes, on his seventy-sixth birthday, which was September 7.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Martin, who reside on the Swann place, have received word that their son, Robert C. Martin, stationed in CCC camp at Fort Sam Houston, Houston, had undergone an appendix operation.

D. B. Nolen, an exceptionally gifted artist in cutting figures from wood, brought to The Mail office with his compliments three of his creations, each of which was cut from a single piece of wood, viz., an oil derrick, a church, steeple and tower, even with the bell, and a cage affair, containing eight small balls. He used cypress and red wood blocks.

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**Jewish New Year is Marked in Service At Sunset Sunday**

In observance of Rosh Hashonah, Jewish New Year, the Max Mellinger store was closed Monday and Tuesday of this week and Mr. and Mrs. Max Mellinger and their three sons attended services at the W. O. W. hall in Abilene. These services began Sunday at sundown and continued through Monday and Tuesday.  
Yom Kippur, or the Day of Atonement, will be observed by the Jewish people on Wednesday, September 19, and the Mellinger store here will also be closed on that day.

**Enjoyable Visit to Corpus and Austin**

Mr. and Mrs. Len Sublett and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Frazier returned last Friday from Port Aransas where they were the guests of Mrs. Sublett's brother, T. S. Christopher, assistant attorney general, of Austin, aboard the Vivian, a sixty-five foot cabin cruiser stationed in the bay.  
Others included in the party were Mr. Christopher's family, also Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Stuart and son, R. A. Jr., of Lamesa and Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Goode and daughter, Kathleen, of Austin.  
Other points visited were Rockport, Corpus Christi and Austin.

**NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS.**  
Owing to the high price of feed, I will be forced to put the price of milk to 10c wholesale and 12c retail, effective September 15.  
DOUGLAS DAIRY.

On the average, it makes about one person in twenty "airsick" to ride in an airplane.

**New Minister Church Of Christ Arrives**

Flavil R. Yeakley, new minister of the Church of Christ, with his wife and little son, have taken the Groene apartment just across the corner from the church.  
He will continue studying at Abilene Christian college in furtherance of his Bible education and will make the trip to and from his home here on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays of each week.  
On Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays he will be in his study at the church, where he will be glad to see those who wish to talk to him about religion and church affairs.

**Record of Births.**

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Dan Dooley, residing north of town, Sunday, September 9, 1934.  
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Griggs, residing in the Canyon, Tuesday, September 11, 1934.  
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Ira J. Howard, residing in the Horn community, Wednesday, September 12, 1934.

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**Elliott Children Come For Family Reunion**

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Present for the occasion were: Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Elliott, San Marcos; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Elliott and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Elliott, Dora; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ensminger and family, Divide; Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Finch and family, Nolan; Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Elliott and three children, Dora; Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Elliott and two sons,

Lamesa, and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Black and daughter, Merkel.

**FOWLER-HATHAWAY.**  
With Rev. P. H. Gates, Methodist pastor, officiating, Miss Oma Lee Hathaway, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hathaway, and Mr. Selva Fowler were united in marriage at 7:30 Monday evening at the Methodist parsonage.

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<b>Cocoa</b>	Mothers	<b>19c</b>
<b>Peanut Butter</b>	Full 2 lb.	<b>25c</b>
<b>Pickles</b>	Qt. jar	<b>20c</b>
<b>Mustard</b>	Prepared	<b>15c</b>
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<b>Crackers</b>	Light Crust	<b>\$2.10</b>
<b>Mackerel</b>	Queen of West	<b>\$1.85</b>
<b>Pork &amp; Beans</b>	Excel Saltines	<b>21c</b>
	2 lb. box	<b>25c</b>
	Tall can	<b>25c</b>
	3 for	<b>25c</b>
	Tall can	<b>25c</b>
	4 for	<b>25c</b>

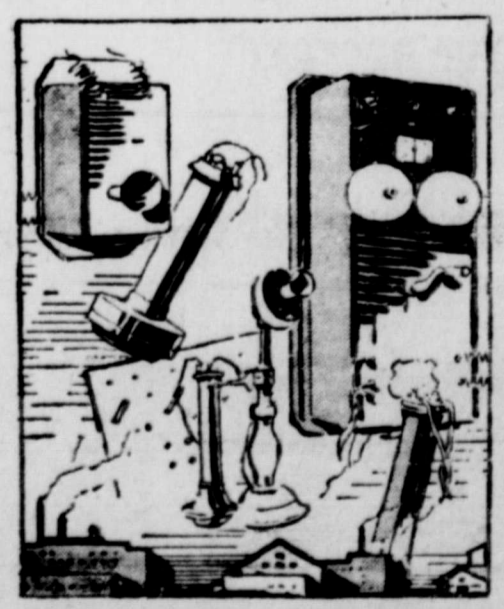
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