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ELECTION ON AMENDMENTS AUGUST 24TH

Seven Changes to State Constitution Proposed; Old Age Pensions and Repeal Sections Receiving Most Attention.

A special election throughout the state of Texas will be held August 24, at which time seven amendments to the constitution are to be voted on.

The amendments, in the order in which they will appear on the ballot follow:

1. To authorize the legislature to provide for old age assistance up to $15 per month per person and to accept aid from the federal government to the same end.

2. To authorize the legislature to provide for temporary commitment of insane persons in county court, not charged with crime, without hearing before a jury.

3. To repeal the state prohibition amendment, abolish the open saloon, and provide for local option.

4. To permit amendment to the constitution to be submitted, under certain conditions, by special sessions of the legislature, instead of, at present, by regular sessions only.

5. To permit courts to place under probation persons convicted of crime.

6. To abolish the fee system of compensating district and county officials in all counties of more than 20,000 population, and to allow county commissioners to determine whether, in counties of less population, officers shall be paid by fee or salary.

7. To allow the legislature to provide free text books for all children of scholastic age in all schools of the state, whether public or otherwise.

Appoint New Rural School Supervisor

Mrs. Kate Causseaux was named by the county board of school trustees at a meeting Saturday as rural school supervisor of Taylor county to succeed Miss Madge Stanford, who has accepted a place in the state department of education as a deputy superintendent.

Mrs. Causseaux, who has taught for several years at Cedar Gap, has served as head of rural shools for 10 years. A large part of her teaching covering a period of 17 years has been in Taylor county. She resides on her farm in the Cedar Gap-Tuscola vicinity.

Recently she returned from the University of Texas where during the first term she took courses leading to the master of arts degree. She holds a bachelor of arts degree from the university.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Construction of Sweetwater's new municipal hospital, costing $100,000, is expected to be started before September 1.

West Texas sportsmen are taking steps to have changed the new federal regulations which prohibit dove hunting until October 1.

Automobile accidents and other mishaps claimed the lives of 12 persons in Texas during last week-end, and 24 others were injured, several of them seriously.

The prison board has proposed a recommendation to Governor Allred to completely segregate first-term convicts from repeaters and hardened criminals.

Mrs. Lillie Mae Curtis was given a five-year suspended sentence by a jury at Center in the slaying of her husband, Robert Curtis, who was shot while he slept.

Edward Homer, 61, until the fall of 1933 head of the mathematics department of Southern Methodist university, died Wednesday of a brain disease in the Dallas county jail.

The death sentence of Hugh McCann, convicted of slaying Lillian Davis on September 19, 1934, in Temple, was Monday commuted to life imprisonment by Governor Allred.

A $3,500 load of prescription whiskey was confiscated and the drivers of the truck on which it was loaded were kidnapped by three masked gunmen near Albany Monday afternoon.

Texas building permits during the first six months of 1935 were 98 per cent above those of the corresponding period in 1934, according to report of the University of Texas bureau of business research.

The Cisco State bank, organized in July, 1934, went into voluntary liquidation Monday, depositing in another Cisco bank an amount of cash equal to its deposits, which would be used to pay depositors.

Cullen F. Thomas was confirmed by the senate as United States commissioner general for the Texas Centennial exposition within a few hours after the nomination was received from President Roosevelt.

A bill by Senator Tom Connally has been passed by senate and house of representatives, authorizing the president to permit the Marine Band to play at the reunion of the United Confederate Veterans at Amarillo September 3-6.

Begins Revival in East Texas.

Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of Grace Fresbyterian church, will leave the last of the week for East Texas to conduct a revival at Rocky Ford, his old home, in Lamar county. Later he is to lead a revival at the Baird church.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO OPEN MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH

Make-Up Exams Week Before Opening; Special Notice for New High School Students From Superintendent.

At the regular meeting of the Merkel school board on Tuesday night, the second Monday in September, which this year is September 9, was set as the date for the opening of the 1935-36 session of the Merkel schools.

During the week preceding this date all preliminary matters will be gotten out of the way. This will include such matters as make-up examinations, turning in of summer books, registering of seniors and registering of students who did not attend the Merkel schools last year.

New students of high school age, that is, in the 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th grade, should begin now to get a complete transcript of all their high school work, that is, all work done in the 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th grades. This record must be complete before the new student can register.

Supt. Burgess will be in his office, or available at his home, to help all these students get up their record. Students are urged not to wait about getting these records.

THE SCHOOL BUSSES.

Though plans are not yet complete, busses are assured for the Mt. Pleasant district and for the Mulberry Canyon route. The county board has not yet fixed the route in the Canyon, but it will probably be about the same as last year. The definite route will be announced by about August 15, so Supt. Burgess has been assured by County Superintendent McGehee.

Committee to Raise Cotton Premiums

When the matter of raising premiums for the first, second and third bales of cotton was presented at Tuesday's luncheon of the Lions club at Woozy's cafe, it was the decision of the club to ask a business men's group to work up this list and arrange for the awards.

John West, who was named chairman of this committee, has selected the following assistants: George Woodrum, D. H. Vaughn, S. M. Hunter and Tom Allday.

The only absentees at the club luncheon were reported by the secretary as being out of town, the absentees including President Roy Reid. In his place, C. J. Glover, first vice-president, presided.

County Commissioner A. J. Canon, as guest of C. H. Jones, was introduced (as a formality) and expressed his appreciation of the privilege of being present.

S. D. Gamble, as chairman of the committee to select Merkel's sponsor to the Sweetwater pageant, reported that Merkel's entry, Miss Billie Bernice Gambill, ranked in the five leading selections.

The secretary reported receipt of and read a letter of thanks from Miss Gambill to the club. Similarly receipt of a letter from the Sweetwater Board of City Development thanking Merkel for participating in their pageant was reported by Booth Warren.

The secretary also read a letter from Retiring District Lion Presi-

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Young People Plan Pro Rally Tuesday Night

The young people of Merkel are planning a prohibition rally for Tuesday night, August 13, at 8:15. The place will be the High School gymnasium, and Clark Munday is to bring the principal address of the evening.

The program will open with a solo by Miss Emma Joyner. Rev. Bill Dowell will lead the campaign song, after which Felix Stalls will give a short talk on "Why a Young People's Rally?" Next number will be a solo by Miss Jessie Lee Mayhall to be followed by a short talk by Mardell Shouse on "What Young People Can Do to Hold Up the Morals of Our State."

A girls quartette, composed of Misses Helen Joyner, Margaret Miller and Bessie Lea and Frances Marie Church, will render a special number to conclude the musical program.

All the young people of the city are urged to attend.

MRS. BARNES, EARLY MERKEL RESIDENT DIES

Wife of J. S. Barnes Passes Away Tuesday at Home Here; Came to Merkel 52 Years Ago; Eight Children Survive.

The progress of time is slowly, steadily gathering those pioneer spirits that faced the hardships of early days and blazed the way for making this section habitable into that celestial home where all is peace and happiness.

Tuesday noted the passing of another of the early settlers of this section with the death of Mrs. J. S. Barnes, who with her husband arrived here over half a century ago. Mrs. Barnes died at 3:25 Tuesday afternoon, having been taken seriously ill at noon Monday.

Funeral services were held from the family residence at 11 o'clock Wednesday morning, conducted by Rev. P. H. Gates, pastor of the Methodist church, assisted by Rev. O. B. Tatum, Baptist minister. Burial was made in Rose Hill cemetery.

Pallbearers were the following grandsons and grandsons-in-law, Fred Guitar, Jr., Charles Knight, Comer Haynes, Holland Teaff and Dee Grimes, and Bishop Hunter.

Mrs. Barnes whose maiden name was Sarah Rhodes was born in Mt. Lebanon, La., October 10, 1857, and on February 10, 1876, was married there to J. S. Barnes. To this union were born ten children, eight of whom survive.

The couple came to Merkel 52 years ago and for many years Mr. Barnes was manager for the Burton-Lingo company. Moving to Westbrook about 18 years ago he continued in the lumber business, later engaging in farming, and about the first of this year Mr. and Mrs. Barnes moved back to Merkel. Besides her husband and eight children, Mrs. Barnes is survived by 21 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. A brother, James Rhodes, of Dallas, also survives. Four of the grandchildren were reared in their home.

Mrs. Barnes had been a member of the Baptist church since the age of 12; in the home she was the ideal, Christian, loving wife and mother, and her life was a blessing to all who knew her.

Number of Rural Routes Reduced by Consolidation Plan

Effective Friday, August 16, consolidation of rural route No. 3 with Nos. 4 and 5 will result in the reduction of the number of rural routes serving the Merkel postoffice to four.

Readjustment and re-grouping of the routes was decided upon by the postal department after the retirement of J. Ben Campbell, former carrier of route No. 2.

The plan, according to Postmaster Adcock, provides for routes 1 and 2 to remain, with F. A. Sanders transferred as carrier of route 2. Routes 4 and 5, as formerly constituted, will become 3 and 4, respectively, and patrons of these routes will be under the necessity of acquainting themselves with these changes in number designation as explained above.

The 9-mile loop on what is now route 3, next to Nubia, will go to what is now route 5 and will be No. 4 under the new re-arrangement. The rest of route 3 goes to the old route 4, which automatically becomes No. 3.

Record of Births.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Smith, residing east of town, Thursday, August 1, 1935.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Roquemore, Tye, Friday, August 2, 1935.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Riggan, residing in the Canyon, Friday, August 2, 1935.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Jones, Trent, Friday, August 2, 1935.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Bockman, Stith, Sunday, August 4, 1935.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Harris, residing in the Canyon, Thursday, August 8, 1935.

Basket Picnic at Shannon's.

The members of the W. O. W. and Woodmen Circle and their families are respectfully invited to attend the annual basket picnic to be held at Shannon's pool on Friday night, August 9, at 8 o'clock.

KEEN RIVALRY FOR RODEO GRAND PRIZES; PLAY-OFF GAMES TO START MONDAY

THREE CLUBS TIE FOR TOP BERTH

Noodle, Divide and Union Share First Place; Truby, Trent Tie For Fourth Place.

Before first division teams in the Inter-Community league can be determined, four play-off games are carded for the week-end. Play-off under the Shaughnessy plan starts Monday.

With Union's decisive 18-6 defeat of Noodle Wednesday in the final game of the season schedule, Noodle, Union and Divide were left sharing first place, while fourth place is disputed by Trent and Truby.

The Trent-Truby elimination is set for this (Thursday) afternoon. Friday two games are to be played, Noodle to meet Divide in the first game and the winner to play Union in the nightcap. Saturday Union will play the loser of the Noodle-Divide game.

Single games will begin at 3 o'clock, twin bills at 2 o'clock. Beacher seats are available at ten cents daily.

Box scores of the Noodle-Divide game, played Wednesday of last week, and of the Trent-Truby and Tye-Stith games last Saturday appear elsewhere in this issue of The Mail. Scores of the Truby-Tye contest Tuesday that gave the former play-off rights with Trent and of the final game of the schedule between Union and Noodle will be printed next week.

Lefty Jones, Trent pitcher, hurled his second no hit game of the season Saturday for a 10-1 victory over Truby. His other hitless performance was against an Abilene team. After retiring the first thirteen men to face him, Truby tabbed its unearned score on two errors, a wid pitch and an infield out.

LEAGUE STANDING

TEAM—	W	L	Pct
Noodle	5	2	.714
Divide	5	2	.714
Union	5	2	.714
Truby	4	3	.571
Trent	4	3	.571
Tye	3	4	.429
Stith	2	5	.286
Hodges	0	7	.000

RESULTS

Trent 10, Truby 1.
Tye 17, Stith 1.
Truby 12, Tye 2.
Union 18, Noodle 6.
Divide 9, Hodges 0. (Forfeit.)

ONLY TWO MORE RODEOS CARDED

Ropers and Riders in Close Competition for Cowboy Saddle; Rodeo Starts 1:30 P. M.

Records in the two concluding rodeos will determine winners of the three grand prizes, viz., a $110 cowboy saddle, a $15.00 pair of chaps and a $10.00 Navajo blanket, as the two leading contestants are less than two-tenths of a point apart and even others besides these in the group of ten ranking contestants could jump into place.

The loud speaker apparatus will be working for Saturday's rodeo, President Henry West announced Thursday morning. This convenience was greatly missed at the last show, making it difficult to announce names of contestants and time scored to the large crowd assembled.

Saturday's rodeo will start, as usual, at 1:30 p. m.

TEN RANKING CONTESTANTS.

For information of those who anticipate attending the coming rodeo, the standing of the ten ranking contestants is repeated:

Louis Cook	65.9
Giles White	65.7
Jim Langston	63.7
Tommy Hodges	62.8
Lavega White	61.4
Grady George	61.3
Gerald Derrick	59.8
Cub Young	55.3
J. L. Cook	54.6
Gaston Brock	52.3

New Badger Coach is Expected August 25

Coach Emil Hutto, who is now attending the Tech coaching school at Lubbock, will arrive in Merkel soon after the close of this school, which will be around August 25, to begin plans for his work with the Badgers.

The first six weeks of the summer Coach Hutto attended West Texas Teachers' college at Canyon, taking the basket ball coaching course there.

Co-Captain Robert Higgins and a squad of next year's Badgers have been watering the field during vacation with water furnished by permission of City Marshal Hutcheson and Mayor Elliott, and the Badgers will have the best playing field they have ever had.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, August 6, 1915.)

13 YEARS AGO TODAY IN MERKEL.

The following items were taken from the columns of the Mail published thirteen years ago today:

Terrell Winter was in after garden hose Monday.

W. W. Wheeler has purchased the insurance and real estate business of T. A. Johnson.

Geo. S. Berry went to Sweetwater Monday.

Hackney Richardson came in from Benson, Arizona, Friday.

Burroughs and Mann sell good cheroots, etc.

Mrs. Fitts has been very sick the past week with asthma.

Miss Berdie Collins has returned from Carbon where she attended the normal.

J. D. McGaughy of Stamford and Miss Lou Castles, one of Anson's popular young girls, were married last week. "Buff" is the last of the old T. Diamond outfit, which worked the range of several adjacent counties, to assume the role of benedict.

E. M. Blackburn of Nubia was here Sunday.

Eli Cordell and family, who went to the Plains some time ago, have returned to their home in the Canyon.

H. H. Johnson of near Trent passed through here on his way to Abilene the first of the week.

P. Nobles returned Saturday from a three month's trip to South America.

19 pounds of sugar for a dollar at Chenault's.

Miss Prudence Allyn is visiting her sister, Mrs. Wallace, in Cisco.

I. S. Allen purloined the editor's hat a few nights ago.

Jud Sheppard went to Abilene after a pair of license.

J. W. Daniel will ship two cars of cattle to market soon.

TWENTY YEARS AGO.

The following delegates off to attend the annual Farmers Congress at Austin: President J. A. Pike of the Merkel Farmers Institute left Saturday in company with F.J. Smith, J. N. Shelton, J. M. Dunn, B. F. Ely, Marshal Parker, Lee Campbell, Bert Chambless and Mrs. J. D. Porter.

Noodle delegates going were Misses Aileen and Evalyn Barbee and Sallie Goode, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Green, Mr. and Mrs. B. Winter, Clarence Eoff, Sam Seago and Sam Rosson.

Again No Good Roads For Merkel. It was through the efforts of the writer that the Good Roads Bonds election was ordered by the commissioners' court but it was not through any of the writer's efforts that the issue was defeated.

THE BOOK

. . . . . the first line of which reads, "The Holy Bible," and which contains Four Great Treasures . . . . . .

by BRUCE BARTON

THE BETHANY SISTERS.

They lived a little way out of Jerusalem in a sheltered suburban home which Jesus loved to visit for refreshment and rest. One of them, Martha, was the practical housekeeper; the other, Mary, had the soul of a dreamer and the eyes of faith.

Martha was not lacking in faith. Hers was one of the most beautiful of all confessions. Jesus asked her if she believed in a doctrine, and she said, "Yes, Lord: that is to say, I believe in you." (John 11:27.) As for the theology of it, she was bewildered. Her brother was dead; she did not see any way out of that sorrow, but she believed in Jesus, and He accepted that faith at its full value. Millions of people who are perplexed by the creeds ought to read the story of Martha and be comforted.

But Mary's was the inventive love that knew how to do the unusual thing and do it beautifully.

Then Jesus six days before the Passover came to Bethany, where Lazarus was which had been dead, whom he raised from the dead.

There they made him a supper; and Martha served: but Lazarus was one of them that sat at the table with him.

Then took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the odour of the ointment.

Then said one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, which should betray him,

Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor?

Then said Jesus, Let her alone: against the day of my burying hath she kept this.

For the poor always ye have with you; but me ye have not always.

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COLUMBIA RIVER VALLEY RICH IN SCENIC BEAUTY

(By C. B. Gardner, M. D.)

Olympia, the capital of Washington, lies about 65 miles south of Tacoma at the extreme south end of Puget sound. The surrounding country is quite level and permits a good view of both the coast range of mountains as well as the Cascades. Three snow-capped mountains are visible from Olmpia: Mt. Rainer, Mt. St. Helens and Mt. Adams. The state has made a forest reserve of most of the territory along the highway from Olympia to Portland, Ore. So one gets a good idea of tall timber as he passes through lanes of Douglas fir standing 100 feet high.

Starting east from Portland along the Columbia River highway one encounters as large a bundle of scenery as is possible to be found in 75 miles of driving. If Barnum could have moved the Columbia with its scenery and cool climate into the east, where there is a large population, he would not have needed a circus to get the crowds. As it is, the road is well patronized by cars from all corners of the country. The first 75 miles follows the river as it has excavated its path through the Cascade mountains. And one of the peculiarities of the river is that, though it runs through high mountains, its course is almost east and west with very few turns. One could almost imagine that a surveyor had charted its course.

But what does it look like? I wish I could tell you. The road, because it is built along a mountain ledge, is very tortuous and crooked. It is down on the water level for a moment, then several hundred feet above it. Timber is quite dense along the route and many summer cabins are built along the shore. On one side is a range of mountains rising several hundred feet above your head, on the other a half mile wide rushing, bubbling, gurgling water hurrying on its way to the sea over cataracts around huge rocks and little islands.

And across the river the mountains rearing high above the way. Along the mountains are dozens of waterfalls of snow water that is seeking its way to the Columbia. While none of them is large, they are high. Multinomah falls are the best known and have a sheer drop of 350 feet. The rock has been eroded away until the water does not hit the bank for more than 200 feet and pours like water out of a pitcher. But there is Fairy falls, Horse Tail falls and many others that are just as attractive. And all and all with its exhilrating mountains cool atmosphere one does not wonder that the Columbia River highway has a far flung reputation for scenery.

After the first 75 miles coming east from Portland the timber has disappeared and the mountains are as barren of vegetation as the mountains of New Mexico. Our road home from Umatilla to Burley, Idaho, was the same as on our trip out. There is a peculiar formation at Caldwell, Idaho, near the Oregon border called "Thousand Springs." At this point Snake River canyon is quite deep and along the northern brim are dozens of springs. The land north of the springs is desert and it is thought that the springs emanate from a lost river far to the north.

At Burley we turned north to Pocatello, still following the Snake river. Just south of Pocatello the river has been dammed to form a long lake and the various waterfowl have taken advantage of the situation o make their summer homes. From Pocatello to Laramie, Wyo., is just desert mountains. And although the Continental Divide lies between it is only a little above 7,000 feet and no trouble to traverse with the throttle wide open. From Laramie south to Denver there is much irrigation, especially around Fort Collins, where much of the soil is devoted to sugar beets.

At Raton Pass there was still snow to be seen in the mountains. At Texline the thermometer stood at 107. So we felt like Texas was giving us a warm reception on our return. And, to be right truthful, the pleasantest place we saw on our trip was home. Be it ever so humble, there is no place like it. And it takes just such a trip to make one realize that no one place in the world is blessed with all the advantages and that one can get just as much out of life in Merkel as any where else if he just but will.

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THE BOOK

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Her love was prophetic. She had no inside knowledge of the plots to kill Jesus. She simply had apprehension of coming evil and she knew that the time to do the beautiful thing is now, "against my burial."

Much of our extravagance at funerals is horrible, not because of the waste, for love demands an expression beyond the calculation of cold economy, but because it mocks the penuriousness of the years that have gone before. Mary knew that the time to be extravagant is when love can express itself in an appeal to life and not in a costly and useless libation after death. So she made her gift of three hundred pence, and Jesus said:

Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached in the whole world, there shall also this, that this woman hath done, be told for a memorial of her.

He never said that of the deed of any man.

Next Week: The Woman of Samaria.

Read the advertisements in this paper. There's a message in every one of them that may enable you to save money. At least you will know where to find what you want without doing a lot of hunting and asking questions, and you also know the merchants appreciate your patronage because they solicit your business and make special offering of their goods.

Typewriting and carbon paper at Mail office.

Typewriter paper for sale at Merkel Mail office.

Repeal is Failure, Declares Judge Hayden, Prohibition Chairman

Editor, The Mail:

Two years ago the opponents of prohibition promised us that if we would vote for repeal that there would be less drinking, bootlegging would be eliminated, the tax burden would be lightened by revenues from the liquor traffic, the unemployment situation would be relieved, the open saloon would not be permitted to return, and dry states would be protected. Statistics show that these promises have not been fulfilled.

Arrests for drunkenness in the United States have increased 26 per cent since repeal. Institutions for the care of alcoholic patients reported an increase of 40 per cent during the first year of repeal. The Northwestern Life Insurance company reports a gain of 77 per cent in the number of those reporting the use of intoxicants during the last two years. People killed in the United States as result of drinking drivers has increased 33 1-3 per cent during the first two years of repeal. These facts prove conclusively that instead of there being less drinking as promised by the repealists there has actually been an increase in drinking.

The problem of bootlegging has not been eliminated as promised by the advocates of repeal. Mr. Joseph H. Choate, Jr., head of the Federal Alcohol Control administration, estimates that we are consuming a quantity of bootleg whiskey which cannot be much less, and may be more, than we drank during prohibition.

The tax burden of the people of the United States today, instead of being less is actually greater than it has ever been before. The repealists promised us that the revenues from spiritous liquors would produce at least two billion dollars per year. Statistics show that the federal government has received only one hundred and fifty million dollars per year from this source. Statistics further show that the cost of enforcing the liquor law is greater than the cost of enforcing the prohibition law. Congress recently asked for an additional $3,678,738 for the support of the coast guard to prevent rum ships from transporting spiritous liquors into the United States.

The unemployment situation in the United States has not been relieved by repeal, for government statistics show that there are more people unemployed in the United States today than ever before.

The repealists promised that the saloon would not be permitted to return. Statistics show that there are nearly one-half million retail liquor places in the United States and that one-half of these are nothing but open saloons.

The protection promised dry states by the repealists has not only been unfulfilled but has been flagrantly violated as shown by the fact that the federal government has issued 1742 licenses to sell hard liquor in the State of Texas, contrary to the laws of this state.

Therefore, the only logical conclusion to be drawn from the above facts is that repeal has failed. In the light of these facts, I earnestly appeal to the voters of the 24th senatorial district to go to the polls on August 24th and vote to keep our state dry.

THOS. E. HAYDEN, JR.,
Chairman of the Prohibition Forces in the 24th Sen. Dist.

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The Box Score

DIVIDE—	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Hammonds, ss, 3b	5	0	2	2	4	0
McLean, cf, lf	4	0	0	0	0	0
Laine, 3b, p	3	0	0	1	2	0
Carpenter, 2b, ss	4	0	2	4	6	2
Latimer, 1b	4	1	1	9	0	0
Neill, rf, 3b, 2b	4	0	0	2	3	1
Oliver, c	4	2	2	4	1	0
D. Seymore, lf, cf	4	1	2	2	1	1
Palmer, p, rf	4	1	1	0	0	0
Totals	53	5	10	24	17	4

NOODLE—	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Goode, p	5	1	0	1	4	0
H. Vick, c	5	1	2	6	0	0
Payne, lf	5	0	1	1	1	0
Black, rf, cf	4	3	1	1	1	0
Sharp, 2b	4	3	3	1	4	0
Reese, 3b	4	0	2	0	3	0
Justice, ss	3	0	1	5	2	1
Derrick, 1b	3	0	0	10	0	0
N. Eoff, cf	3	1	1	2	0	0
x Vick	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	37	9	11	27	15	1

x batted for Eoff in seventh.

Score by innings:

Divide	040	100	000—5
Noodle	023	301	00x—9

Summary—Runs batted in, D. Seymore 2, Palmer, Hammonds, Reese 4, Justice, Sharp 2, H. Vick, Black. Doubles, Hammonds 2, H. Vick, Reese, Black. Triples, D. Seymore, Reese. Stolen bases, Laine, Latimer. Earned runs, Divide 1, Noodle 7. Left on base, Divide 4, Noodle 5. Double play, Carpenter to Neill to Latimer. Innings pitched, Palmer 2, 3 runs, 4 hits; Laine 6, 6 runs, 7 hits. Losing pitcher, Laine. Balk, Goode. Base on balls, Laine 2, Palmer, Goode. Struck out, by Laine 2, Palmer 1, Goode 5. Time of game 1:47. Umpire, Hollis.

TYE—	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
M. Street, 2b	6	3	0	3	3	0
J. Jowers, c	6	2	1	5	1	0
Boyd, ss, p	4	2	1	2	4	2
B. Jowers, 1b	4	3	2	11	0	0
Ashby, cf	6	3	1	1	0	0
W. Jowers, lf	6	0	0	2	0	0
C. Street, 3b	5	2	2	3	1	0
Woods, rf	6	1	2	0	0	0
Stout, p	4	1	2	0	3	1
Lyday, ss	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	47	17	11	27	12	3

STITH—	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Dwiggins, lf, 3b	4	0	1	0	2	0
Palmer, 3b, lf	3	0	0	2	4	1
Byrd, c, p	4	0	1	4	1	0
Ford, cf	4	0	0	0	1	2
L. Burns, 1b	4	1	1	11	0	3
A. Burns, ss, c	4	0	1	5	3	3
Berry, rf	4	0	0	1	0	0
Patterson, 2b	2	0	1	4	2	1
Bryant, p, ss	4	0	1	0	2	1
Totals	33	1	6	27	15	11

Score by innings:

Tye	100	030	490—17
Stith	010	000	000— 1

Summary—Runs batted in, B. Jowers 2, Ashby 3, W. Jowers, C. Street 2, Boyd 2, Woods 3, Stout 3. Double, C. Street. Triple, Ashby. Sacrifice hit, B. Jowers. Stolen bases, M. Street, Boyd, S. Burns 2, H. Burns. Earned runs, Tye 2, Stith 1. Left on base, Tye 7, Stith 8. Innings pitched, by Stout 8, 1 run, 6 hits; by Boyd 1, no runs, no hits; by Bryant 8, 17 runs, 11 hits; by Byrd 1, no runs, no hits. Losing pitcher, Bryant. Winning pitcher, Stout. Hit by pitcher, by Bryant, Boyd, B. Jowers, Stout; by Byrd, Stout. Wild pitch, Bryant. Walks, by Stout 3, Boyd, Bryant 2, Byrd. Struck out, by Stout 4, Boyd, Bryant 2. Double play, C. Street unassisted. Time of game 2:37. Umpire, Hollis.

TRUBY—	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
J. Grogan, 2b	4	0	0	1	5	0
Hall, 1b	4	0	0	11	1	1
Bradford, c	4	0	0	3	1	0
Scott, cf	4	0	0	0	0	0
Hughes, p	2	1	0	1	2	1
J. T. Grogan, ss	1	0	0	3	1	1
R. Cooley, ss, 3b	3	0	0	2	2	2
B. Hollis, ss, p	3	0	0	1	3	1
E. Cooley, lf	3	0	0	1	0	0
Eason, rf	2	0	0	1	0	0
Totals	30	1	0	24	15	6

TRENT—	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Payne, 1b	4	1	2	10	0	0
Terry, ss	4	1	0	2	3	2
H. Tittle, rf	4	1	1	2	0	0
O. Tittle, lf	4	1	0	1	0	0
Weaver, c	5	1	3	9	0	0
O. Jones, 3b	4	0	1	2	2	1
Hamner, cf	4	2	0	0	0	0
C. Tittle, 2b	4	2	2	1	2	0
L. D. Jones, p	4	1	2	0	6	0
Totals	37	10	11	27	13	3

Score by innings:

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Trent	007	021	00x—10

Summary—Runs batted in, R. Cooley, O. Tittle, Weaver 2, Hamner 2, Terry, C. Tittle 2, L. D. Jones 2. Double, Payne. Triple, L. D. Jones. Home run, C. Tittle. Earned runs, Trent 3. Left on base, Truby 3, Trent 5. Sacrifice, O. Jones. Stolen base, H. Tittle. Double plays, B. Hollis to J. Grogan to Hall, J. T. Grogan to R. Cooley. Innings pitched, Hughes 5, 9 runs, 7 hits; B. Hollis 3, one run, 4 hits. Hit by pitcher, H. Tittle by Hughes, Eason by Jones. Wild pitches, Hollis, Jones. Base on balls, by Hughes 2, Hollis 1. Struck out, by Hughes 2, Hollis 1, Jones 8. Time of game 1:38. Umpires, Hollis and Patterson.

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GOLAN NEWS

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Kinsey was buried Wednesday afternoon at Sylvester.

Theron Williams is recovering from a case of mumps.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Walker attended the funeral of Mr. Young at McCauley Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Irma Frances Bradshaw of Hamlin spent last week visiting her brothers-in-law here, E. H. and J. R. Bradshaw.

Grandma Kinsey of Rotan is visiting with her sons, Ed and John Kinsey.

Miss Thelma Gibson of near Lamesa is visiting Miss Lula Mae Byrom.

Miss Maxine Duncan of New Mexico is here visiting relatives for a few days.

Miss Pat Sanders of Tahoka is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. J. W. McCain.

The Methodist and Baptist union meeting started Friday night and will continue through Sunday, August 11. The Methodist pastor, Rev. J. W. Price, of Sylvester, is conducting each service. We have new song books. Every one is invited to come and bring someone with you.

Our school starts August 19 to last six weeks and will be dismissed six weeks before taking up for continuous duties.

Mrs. A. S. Lawlis of McCauley is visiting relatives here and attending the meeting.

Miss Mildred Welsh of McCauley is visiting her friend, Miss Ruby McCain.

Have Returned From A. & M. Short Course

Mrs. C. P. Church and Mrs. Watt Blair returned Sunday night from the Short Course at A. & M. college, where Mrs. Church took a special course in preparing soil and potting plants.

After the close of the Short Course they went to Galveston, Houston and Austin, then home.

Taylor county was given credit for the most complete report of demonstration work over the state.

TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mrs. J. W. Dowdy of Abilene was a recent guest of her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Dowdy. They also had as guests their son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Bivins Dowdy.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Duncan spent several days last week visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. Kent of Sweetwater.

Bob Miller of Pampa was the week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. Curley Edwards.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Steadman and daughter of Fannin are spending several days here as guests of Mrs. Walker Steadman and children.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Winn and son spent the week-end visiting with their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Taylor, of Junction.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Stevens and little daughter, Frances, accompanied by Luther Warren Ashford, left Tuesday for Grapevine to visit with Mrs. Annie Stevens. They also plan to visit friends in Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Hamner and children of Wink came Friday for a vacation visit of about fifteen days with relatives here.

Mrs. S. H. Estep returned Sunday from a stay of several days with her daughter, Mrs. Fred Rogge, of Tahoka. Mrs. Rogge has been ill recently, but was improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Strawn were called to Greenville Saturday night on account of the death of Mrs. Strawn's father.

Mrs. Clifford Estep and little daughter, Gene, of Sweetwater were recent guests of relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Ox Jones are announcing the arrival of a baby boy.

Mrs. Roger Williams returned Saturday afternoon from College Station where she spent the week attending the Short Course.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Murdock and son, T. G., went to Mineral Wells Sunday where they were met by Mr. and Mrs. Clois Murdock and little daughter, Hardy and J. C. Murdock, also their son, Gene Murdock, of Sherman and a very pleasant outing was enjoyed. T. G. returned to Sherman for a visit while J. C. Murdock came here for a visit with his son, Marvin, and will later go to Big Spring.

Miss Veta Orand is very ill at her father's home here. Her mother, who resides in Oklahoma, arrived here Tuesday to be at her bedside.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Wash and Miss Dollie were called to San Antonio Saturday evening, where their son-in-law, Leonard Story, had been crushed to death by a steam shovel. They were accompanied by Joe Wash of Hamlin. Burial services were held at Wingate Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Story and two sons are at the home of her parents.

Mrs. Eva Parker of Post is the guest of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Perkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond O'Neal are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Sam Estep.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Clark of Fort Worth have been visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George West for the past several days.

Miss Noma Neighbors of Blair was the week-end guest of Mrs. Cas Lankford.

The Baptist meeting began Sunday with a good attendance. Rev. Mr. Trott of Sweetwater is doing some very fine preaching, and Brother Foy King of Tye has charge of the singing. The pastor, Rev. W. H. Howell, invites every one to attend the meeting.

Mrs. W. F. Perkins and children are moving to South Texas this week.

Mrs. Marvin Murdock and children are visiting relatives in Dallas this week.

Little Billie Cooper spent last week with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M Cooper, at Noodle.

Avis Neill spent the week in Merkel with his aunt, Mrs. Bud Weiser.

Mrs. Glen Graham of Caddo Mills is here on a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Cooper, of Noodle, and brother, Henry Cooper.

Jimmie Mashburn of Goodman spent the week-end with his sister, Mrs. Henry Cooper.

Misses Marybell and Lyndell Marie Washburn spent the week-end at home with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Washburn.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Sherman had as their guests Sunday, R. C. Hall and family of Bovina, Miss Margie Melton and little sister of Blair and Mrs. Bud Weiser of Merkel.

ORAND-RHODES.

The marriage of Miss Opal Rhodes and James Milton Orand was solemnized Saturday afternoon at the home of the Rev. E. D. Dunlap, pastor of the First Methodist church, Sweetwater.

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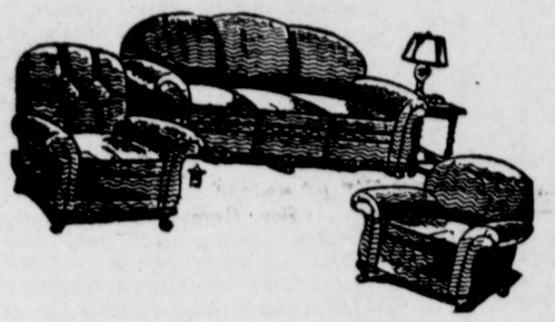

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PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Simpson and family have removed from Trent to Jal, N. M.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Dye and two children of Pecos are visiting their parents here.

Mrs. S. F. Haynes visited this week with her brother, T. C. Weir, and family in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Reid and son, T. L., are in Dallas this week for the fall buying season.

J. A. (Arthur) McCoy of Crosbyton, a former Merkel boy, is visiting his mother, Mrs. R. L. Newman.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. McCollum of Texline are here for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John N. Wheeler.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lowe are touring the northwestern states with Judge and Mrs. A. S. Mauzey of Sweetwater.

Mrs. J. A. Middleton and Mrs. Fred Stafford and little son, Fred, of Stephenville are visitors in the B. T. Middleton home.

After a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Sharp, Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Sharp returned Sunday to their home at Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Ferguson of Lubbock, en route to he Gulf coast for their vacation, were visitors Wednesday of Miss Dota Garoutte.

Mrs. Carson Miles and children of San Angelo and Mrs. Forrest Sears of Snyder were week-end guests of their mother, Mrs. J. S. Swann.

Mrs. Homer Mayfield, who visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Smith, several days last week, returned Sunday to her home in Anson.

Messrs. John and B. N. Wheeler left Tuesday on the Sunshine Special for a trip to their old home in Georgia, expecting also to visit in Tennessee.

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Sharp went to Hylton Sunday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Sharp's nephew, Leonard Storey, who was killed last Friday in San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Shannon and daughter, Juanita, of Lubbock, are guests of his father, W. J. Shannon, and brother, Mr. and Mrs. John Shannon.

Local Manager R. T. Gray of the West Texas Utilities company, accompanied by his family, are spending their vacation in Waco and neighboring points.

Mrs. E. H. Jowers has as her guest her niece, Miss Thelma Parker, of O'Donnell, and Miss Elsie Williams, also of O'Donnell, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. H. West.

Mrs. C. L. Eoff and children left Thursday evening of last week on the Sunshine Special to join Mr. Eoff in Corcoran, Calif., where they will make their home.

Misses Mossie and Eula Sears joined Mrs. L. M. Touchstone and daughter, Miss Molly Frank, of Abilene for a visit to Chillicothe and Rush Springs, Okla., leaving Tuesday.

Miss Odelle Banner from Newman is spending the week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Banner.

Miss Bertha Moreland of Abilene is this week's guest of Miss Irene Perry.

Mrs. Marion Hayes and children, Peggy Marie and Bobby, of Clyde, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Webb, last week, and Miss Mayme Webb accompanied them home for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Lee and daughter, after touring several states and Canada, stopped for a brief visit on their way home to El Paso, with their cousins, Mrs. Pearl Hollingsworth and son, Sanaford.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Grimes and daughter, Marilyn Sue, visited in Chillicothe last week-end and, returning, were accompanied by another daughter, Miss Betty Lou Grimes, who had visited there for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Jerden of Beaumont visited in the home of O. R. Douglas and Mrs. Douglas, and the four, with the small son, Donald Wayne Douglas, motored over to Big Spring to spend Sunday, reporting a very pleasant trip.

Miss Edith Akin of the Blair community has returned home after a four weeks visit with relatives at Waco, Houston, LaPorte, Edna and Beeville. She was accompanied by her grandmother, Mrs. M. Rushing, whom she met in Waco.

Mrs. R. C. Kimball and son, K. V. Kimball, and Miss Ophelia Mason, of Deport, and L. E. Mason of Brookston are guests of Mrs. Everett King. Mrs. Kimball and Miss Mason are sisters of the late J. C. Mason and are here looking after affairs of his estate.

Leaving Tuesday for a trip to Carlsbad Caverns were: Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Bouchelle and Misses Wanda and Wilda Meyer, of Buhl, Idaho;; Mrs. Edith Gilmore and son, S. E., and Mrs. V. B. Sublett and daughter, Vernell. Mrs. Edith Gilmore and S. E. were returning from a visit here which included participation in the Sublett reunion at Kingsland last week.

Included in a party to Carlsbad Caverns last week were Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Slayden and sons, their guests, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Hall and Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Upshaw and families of Detroit, Mich., and Miss Lela Slayden of Clarksville, Tenn., and Elmer Adcock of Happy.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Hunter made a week-end visit to Lubbock to see their daughters, Misses Beryl and Wanda Hunter. The latter has been doing temporary work in the office of the sanitarium there for the past two or three weeks and will probably continue until the first of September.

Lieut. Ralph Vaughn of Tucson, Ariz., stopped over Monday for a visit with his mother, Mrs. S. G. Vaughn, and other relatives. Lieut. Vaughn, who is on an airplane barnstorming tour, was accompanied by his son, Master Bruce Vaughn, who remained for a visit with his grandmother.

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UNION RIDGE NEWS

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Misses Laverne and Frances Harwell are spending several days with their grandmother, Mrs. Dora Wharton, of Wichita Falls.

Miss Blanche Carey of Sweetwater was a visitor with the home folks last week.

The Hebron revival closed Sunday night, with several conversions and additions to the church.

We were all very glad to receive word that V. L. Hobdy has obtained a school in Erath county.

John Ferguson and son, J. F., and Clarence Jones and son of Lamesa were Tuesday night guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Carey.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Douglas visited relatives at Big Spring over the week-end.

Mesdames Dale Burleson and Pierce Horton have returned from College Station together with other Short Course delegates.

Large Crowd Present For Prohibition Rally

With State Representative Bryan Bradbury as the speaker, a crowd that practically filled the city tabernacle gathered Sunday night for a rally of the pro forces in Merkel and this section of Taylor county.

Mayor W. M. Elliott presided and introduced the speaker, while a special program of music and readings had been arranged by a committee headed by Yates Brown, including numbers by a double quartette and a reading by Mrs. Lucy Tracy Haynes.

Personnel of the double quartette was: Miss Christine Collins, Mrs. W. L. Diltz, Mrs. F. E. Church and Mrs. Buck Mashburn; Yates Brown, Fred Hughes, Nathan Wood and Mack Buzbee.

On Wednesday afternoon at the Methodist church organization of the women forces in Merkel was perfected. Mrs. J. H. Cook presided as chairman for this meeting. Other officers are: Mrs. J. L. Winters, vice-chairman; Mrs. P. H. Gates, secretary; Mrs. A. R. Booth, chairman of extension committee; Mrs. F. E. Church, chairman of motorcade, and Mrs. C. H. Jones, chairman of transportation.

Two Abilene women, Mrs. John Dressen and Mrs. T. L. Hiner, made addresses in which they asked the women to feel more keenly "the responsibility that is yours, and see to it that our state is left dry after August 24."

Baptists at Salt Branch in Revival

Rev. W. C. Ashford, pastor of the Southside Baptist church, Abilene, will begin a meeting at Salt Branch Friday night of this week, August 9.

Two services daily are scheduled through the next week, at 10 a. m. and 8:15 p. m. Buster Horton will lead the singing.

Rev. Q. Q. Fulgham, the pastor, urges all who will to come and be in the services. Every one is praying for a great meeting.

Woodmen Circle Holds Initiation for Three

Merkel Grove No. 563 Woodmen Circle held a stated meeting Thursday night, August 1, at the W. O. W. hall which was decorated with baskets of lovely bluebells, roses and petunias.

The officers and drill team did splendid work in conducting the class initiation for Mrs. Lyndall Connell and Mrs. Eva Gray of Clyde and Mrs. Mae Reidenbach of Merkel.

String music was furnished by the Hillbillies and refreshments were served to some fifty in attendance.

Second sheets for sale at Merkel Mail office

Primitive Baptists Meet Next at Midland

Midland was selected as the next meeting place of the West Providence association of Primitive Baptists at the Saturday morning session of the 35th annual meeting of the association at the city tabernacle here.

From the opening service Thursday night of the four day session that concluded Sunday morning, it is estimated that between 1,500 and 2,000 people were present at these services. The association embraces eleven churches in nine West Texas counties.

Two visiting preachers from out of the state, eleven from other associations and nine from the home association churches participated in the services, also two newly licensed preachers, Lee Bolinger and Jimmy Bass.

Included in the group of church leaders were: Alton Aldredge, Reydon, Okla.; W. M. Scott, Carthage, Miss.; T. A. Dunn, Crosbyton; W. F. Baker, Georgetown; W. H. Richards, Luling; J. C. Foster, Atwell; Joel Martin, Rockwall; S. N. Redford, Valley Springs; O. Strickland, Munday; J. H. Childers, Waco; W. L. Jackson, Cisco; O. C. Floyd, Snyder; C. E. Calloway, Big Spring; Len Bodine, Colorado; M. J. Richardson, Robert Lee; J. F. Richardson, Robert Lee; O. D. Richardson, San Angelo; J. W. West, Clyde; J. A. Jeffrey, Merkel, and Elder Hester.

J. F. Richardson and M. J. Richardson, both of Robert Lee, were re-elected as moderator and assistant moderator, respectively, and C. T. Levens was reelected clerk.

Committee on finance and arrangements for the meeting here included: W. B. Hawkins, Merkel, A. F. Patterson, Blair, and Will Mayfield, Hawley.

In behalf of the association the committee has asked The Mail to express the appreciation of every member of the association for the co-operation and hospitality extended by the people of Merkel and this section.

R. C. Conley Comes As District Director

R. C. Conley of Daingerfield, Morris county administrator under the old Texas relief set-up, assumed his new duties Tuesday morning as director of the six-county district with Abilene as headquarters.

This district, which is 13-A, is composed of Taylor, Callahan, Eastland, Jones, Shackelford and Stephens counties.

At the same time his appointment was announced from Austin last Friday, Roy F. Formway of Roby, former Fisher county administrator, was named as district director for 13-B, with headquarters in Sweetwater and consisting of seven counties: Nolan, Mitchell, Coke, Sterling, Kent, Fisher and Scurry counties.

Doyle T. Brooks, formerly Taylor county administrator was made director of district 14-A, with headquarters at Brownwood.

These appointments were made in keeping with the latest plan to eliminate county administrators and create 38 administrative relief districts in the state.

83rd Birthday for Grandma Bankhead

Sunday was the 83rd birthday of Mrs. J. M. Bankhead, mother of Mrs. O. J. Adcock, and the eventful occasion was celebrated with a dinner in the Adcock home in South Merkel where Grandma Adcock has been confined to her bed for several weeks seriously ill.

A birthday cake lighted with 83 candles centered the table which was further adorned with six bouquets of lovely flowers.

Besides Mrs. Adcock, two other daughters and a son were present and a number of grandchildren. The guests included Mrs. W. R. Graves and Mrs. E. L. Graves and two daughters, Misses Anna Belle and Margarette Earl, of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Price Bankhead and two daughters, Mrs. Lacey Porter and Mrs. Loyce Jones and husband, of Big Spring; Mrs. Monetta Betterton and three children. A. J., Neta Merle and Bobbie Glenn, and Mrs. Adcock and son, Waymond. Postmaster Adcock and another son, Oscar, were in Brady for the Adcock family reunion the same day.

Among the friends who called during Sunday afternoon to extend felicitations to Grandma Bankhead were: Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Tipton, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stalls, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Lee, Mrs. Elsie Nash and Miss Lela Slayden.

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We are very proud to have little Billie Doan back home with us after several days treatment at the West Texas Baptist sanitarium, Abilene. Little Billie is getting along fairly well and we hope he continues to do so.

Rev. Ted McGehee of Merkel filled the Baptist pulpit Sunday and delivered two interesting discourses, and the church called Brother McGehee for their pastor for the coming year. The revival meeting will begin Friday night before the first Sunday in September. Brother Joyner, pastor of the First church, Merkel, has been invited to do the preaching.

Several from this community attended the meeting of the Primitive Baptist association at Merkel.

Prof. Charles Gates and the board of trustees, R. E. Windham, Carl Hughes and Zebb Moore, made a business trip to Austin last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Elvis Freeman and daughter of Knapps, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Lewis and Mr. and Mrs. Garland Lewis of the Divide spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Maddera.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Hall of Bovina and Mrs. Ed Sherman of Trent were visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Shorty Swafford the past week.

Mrs. Claude Doan and charming daughter, Miss Otis Ray, of Clyde were the guests of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Price Melton, and other relatives the first of the week.

Garnett Shain of Alba, Texas, was the passing visitor of his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Scoggins, Sunday. Mr. Shain was accompanied back by his nieces, Misses Frances and Nell Scoggins, who will visit in this home for an indefinite time, also with their grandmother, Mrs. Will Banks, of that place.

Mrs. Joe Ramsey of Merkel was the week-end guest of Mrs. Hugh Campbell.

Jim Campbell of Caps is the house guest of his daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Meeks, for the week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mayfield have been entertainjng relatives from Alabama the past month.

Little Joe Anna Ramsey of Merkel spent Saturday with little Jimmie Nell Horton.

Murry Farmer and daughter, Miss Fredja, and Mrs. Minnie Reeves of White Church attended services at the Baptist church Sunday.

Mrs. Maggie Irvin and two children and Henry Stubbs of Mt. Pleasant visited their sister, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Doan Sunday.

Miss Edith Akins has returned home from Houston after several weeks stay with relatives there.

Miss Muriel Moore of Castle Peak was the week-end house guest of her cousin, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Horton.

Mr. and Mrs. Neal Patterson and family and Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Patterson of Gatesville spent the night of July 23 in the home of their brother, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Patterson, of this place. A guest also was Mrs. Dewey Hawkins, who shipped the body of her husband from Austin to Abilene for burial. Mr. Hawkins was killed in a car wreck 18 miles from Austin on July 21. Rev. Mr. Ledger of Abilene conducted the fuenral services. Those attending the funeral services from here were Mr. and Mrs. Albert Patterson and family and Tom Estall of Butman. The deceased is survived by his wife and two children, his parents, four brothers and three sisters.

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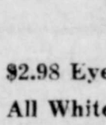

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BRIDAL SHOWER.

Mrs. Buck Leach, who was until her marriage recently Miss Edith Baker, was complimented with a party of lovely appointments on Friday evening when Mrs. O. R. Dye and Miss Iris Garrett entertained in the home of Mrs. Dye on Oak street.

A pastel color theme in which the colors of the rainbow were reflected was given emphasis throughout the evening. House decorations were lovely cut snapdragons, floor baskets of other summer blossoms and a huge improvised rainbow extending across the entertaining rooms.

Guests were first asked to write advice or best wishes to the bride, after which Miss Christine Collins toasted the girls who were left behind and Mrs. Comer Haynes gave a toast to the bride, culminating it with the advice to follow the rainbow to its pot of gold. In this clever way a shower of beautiful and useful gifts were presented to the honoree.

At the refreshment hour the hostesses were assisted by Mrs. John Childress and Miss Maxie Banner in serving delicious angel food squares, brick cream, olives and plate favors were silver bridal mementos.

The guest personnel: Mrs. Buck Leach, Mrs. F. A. Baker, Mrs. W. G. Leach and Mrs. Bill Comegys of Abilene, Mrs. E. L. Berry and Mrs. A. L. Berry of Hawley, Mrs. Earl Calhoun, Abilene, and Mrs. Jewel McLaughlin; Mesdames Roy Reid, G. L. Baker, L. B. Baker, Claude Comegys, W. O. Boney, Homer Patterson, Cyrus Pee, Tom Allday, P. A. Diltz, W. F. Mashburn, A. B. Patterson, W. D. Butler, W. A. McConnell, J. A. Patterson, Herbert Patterson, Sam Swann, Raymond Ferguson, Mary Alice Dunn, W. L. Johnson, Comer Haynes, J. A. Milliken, Gladys McLean, A. V. Dye, Jr., John Childress, R. H. Mathews, C. K. Russell, Fred Latham, Ernest Spurgin, Wilbur Thomas, Yates Brown, Byers Petty, Ted McGehee, W. W. Haynes, R. J. Miller, W. H. Derstine, B. P. Middleton, Misses Vera Richie, Mamie and Vera Walker, Christine Collins, Stella Wilson, Emma and Laya Joyner, Ruby and Bess McNiece, [illegible]dred Hamm, Irene Perry, Maxie Banner and Thelma Mathews.

EVENING OF GAMES.

The spacious home of Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Gardner was opened on last Friday evening to members of the younger set when Miss Billie Gardner and Mrs. Caribel Moore were cohostesses in entertaining. Party colors of pink and green were given emphasis in all party accessories at tables, appointed each for a different game, which proved highly diverting during the evening.

At the refreshment hour miniature flower pots filled with chocolate ice cream in which bloomed nosegays fashioned of candy, were served with dainty pastry confections to Misses Billie Bernice Gambill, Abilene, Sarah Sheppard, Margaret Miller, Mary Helen Mashburn; Messrs. L. V. Moore, Joe Cook, Jack Patterson, Kenneth Cribley, Bussie Boaz and the hostesses.

VOTA VITA CLASS.

The Vota Vita class of the Baptist Sunday School met at the church Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Florence Berry as hostess.

An inspiring devotional was given by Mrs. Blackerby, and after the business session the class enjoyed a social chat and contests.

Jessie Margaret assisted her mother in serving refreshments of iced watermelon to Mesdames Ted McGehee, Fugat, Smith, Haynes, Ellis, Dunn, Callahan, Allen McGehee, Wilson, Walker, Jinkens and the hostess.

ALATHEAN CLASS.

The Alathean class of the Baptist church met Wednesday afternoon, July 31, at the home of Mrs. F. A. Polley.

Scripture was read by Mrs. Causseaux, and Mrs. Meeks led in prayer. After a business session the class enjoyed several games and contests and Mrs. Carson gave a reading, which was greatly enjoyed.

At the refreshment hour iced cold watermelon was served to Mesdames Warren, Causseaux, Johnson, Meeks, Stephens, Baker, Mathews, Carson, Allen, Sharp; two visitors, Mrs. J. Ben Campbell and Miss Pearl Mathews and the hostess.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

On Thursday afternoon, August 1, at 3 o'clock Mrs. Della Miller entertained friends of her daughter, Rachel, in honor of her seventh birthday.

Ice cream and cake were served to Mozelle and Virgie James, Frances Melton, Freddie Melton, Tennie Lee Miller, Marvin Miller, Frank and Audrey Gay, Bennie Cobb, Lloyd Kerr, Mae Huffman and the honoree and hostess.

Sixty Present for Adcock Reunion

Sixty members of the immediate family were present Sunday at the annual reunion of the Adcock family, which was held at Brady and which covered a three-day period, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Going from here were: Postmaster O. J. Adcock and son, Oscar, accompanied by Mrs. Jeffie Rice of Uvalde and Mrs. J. H. Hunter, and Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Adcock and two daughters, Miss Berdell and Mrs. Harold King and husband. The latter party left Friday afternoon, but Postmaster Adcock did not depart until Saturday afternoon owing to the uncertain condition of Grandma Bankhead, his mother-in-law.

Another Chance to Test Your Spelling

Those who failed to find the 32 misspelled words in last week's contest in The Mail have another opportunity this week. A similar prize of $1.00 is offered again for the first person submitting a complete list of all the misspelled words with correct forms attached.

The judges awarded the prize for last week to Mrs. Gladys McLean, who submitted the following list:

MISSPELLED	CORRECT
equippment	equipment
presure	pressure
chose	choose
dependible	dependable
choppur	chopper
cofee	coffee
collors	colors
triming	trimming
yars	years
eylet	eyelet
Bitiste	Batiste
afiliated	affiliated
tsock	stock
consistant	consistent
permanence	permanents
waxeing	waxing
bottleing	bottling
pallagra	pellagra
dinnerwear	dinnerware
standad	standard
chiffone	chiffon
Thore	Thor
comfurt	comfort
neaded	needed
quallity	quality
dependible	dependable
miscropic	microscopic
automoble	automobile
proprieter	proprietor
psoriasia	psoriasis
furuncies	furuncles
vesioles	vesicles

Cotton Premiums

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dent D. T. Bowles of Breckenridge referring to the pleasant relations existing with all the clubs in district 2-E.

CHURCH SERVICES

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

There were only 634 present at the six reporting Sunday Schools here last Sunday. On the previous Sunday only 664 were reported. On the same Sunday a year ago the attendance was 766.

METHODIST CHURCH.

We were happy to see you in Sunday School and preaching last Sunday. There was a fine spirit manifested by those who attended and, if you were not with us, you lost something of this spirit that is rightfully yours. So come Sunday and enjoy the hour of worship.

Sunday School 9:45 and preaching 11 a. m. Preaching at 8:15 p. m. All other services through the week at their usual hour.

P. H. Gates, Pastor.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Our pastor, Rev. C. R. Joyner, will be at Ovalo next Sunday. Rev. E. B. Atwood, Bible professor at Hardin-Simmons university, will preach here next Sunay morning and Rev. Ted McGehee will preach Sunday night.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8:15 p. m. BTS at 7:30 p. m. WMU at 4 o'clock Monday afternoon. Prayer meeting at 8:15 Wednesday evening.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. As the pastor will be away holding a revival in East Texas, this will be the only service at our church Sunday. So every one is urged to be on time so that Sunday School may be dismissed in suffjcient time to allow members to attend another place of worship.

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8:15.

R. A. Walker, Pastor.

NORTHSIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH.

Sunday was a high day in Israel for all those who attended our services.

Our revival shall begin in the near future. Further announcements will be made next week. We implore every one to plan to attend those services, and let us all join together in a great soul-winning campaign for our Master.

Our subject for next Sunday morning will be "Heart-Felt Religion."

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8:15. Preaching every Saturday evening 8:15, Sunday 11 a. m. and 8:15 p. m. Singing every Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. We urge every one to attend.

Bill Dowell, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Services for the week are as follows: Bible study 10 a. m. Lord's day, preaching 11 a. m., young people's program 7:30 p. m. and a service at 8:30 p. m.

A service of song, prayer and Bible study Wednesday evening at 8:30.

Come join us in these services. We welcome you.

The Elders.

NAZARENE CHURCH.

On account of a number of our people being out of town, our church meeting was postponed until next Sunday night. All who are members of this church are requested to be present at this time.

Our services will be as usual throughout the week. Come and worship with us.

J. L. Mayhall, Pastor.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

During the vacation absence this week of Local Manager R. T. Gray of the West Texas Utilities company, J. A. Stone from the chief clerk's office of the company at Abilene is substituting at the Merkel headquarters.

Following a three-way real estate deal, Mrs. J. S. Swann has bought the Byers Petty home, next door to Sam Swann's home, Byers Petty moved into the C. K. Russell home on Oak street and the C. K. Russells are now occupying the J. S. Swann ranch home north of town.

The first of the month noted the return of Claude Comegys and wife and their daughter, Mrs. Mary Overton and daughter, Charlotte, to make Merkel their home after residence in Abilene the past two years. Claude has filling station interests both here and at Big Spring, which he will look after, the Merkel station being the Merkel Coop station just across from the telephone office.

A change for the better was reported Thursday morning in the condition of J. A. Patterson, Sr., who was taken seriously ill Saturday morning of last week.

A. V. Dye, Sr., who sustained serious injuries in a fall at the Queen theatre on Thursday of last week, was taken from his home to the West Texas Baptist sanitarium Thursday for further examination.

SCHOOL BUDGET MEETING.

On Thursday evening, August 15, at 8 o'clock, the Merkel School Board will meet in the office of the secretary, W. O. Boney, to consider a school budget for the year 1935-1936.

Any interested patrons are urged to attend this meeting.

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Tea, White Swann, 1-4 lb. can 21c

Sunbrite Cleanser, per can 5c

POST TOASTIES Large Pkg. . . 10c

Pickles, sour mixed, qt. jar 15c

Ice Cream Salt, 5 lb. pkg. 9c

Tomato Juice Campbell's 14 oz. cans 3 FOR 25c

PEANUT BUTTER — 2 Pound Quart Jar 35c

PORK And BEANS — 16 Ounce Can 5c

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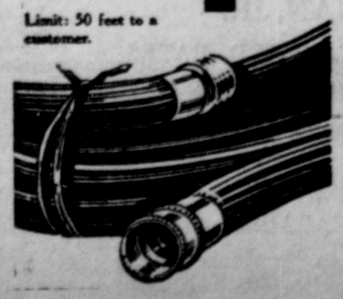

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