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## TAYLOR DEMOS HARMONIOUS IN SHORT SESSION

Endorse National and State Administrations, Name Delegates to State Convention and Garner Celebration.

In session not much longer than an hour, the convention of Taylor county democrats, held in the district court room of the court house last Saturday, elected a large delegation to represent the unit in the state convention on Sept. 8, endorsed the administration of Roosevelt and Garner and recommended that all democratic nominees to state, district and precinct offices be elected.

By resolution the convention also endorsed the administration of Governor Allred.

W. W. Hair, Abilene attorney, served as chairman of the convention and Mrs. Martin Metzger was secretary.

A large number of representatives were named to attend the Centennial exposition at Dallas and Fort Worth on Wednesday of this week for the purpose of meeting Vice-President John Garner and attending a banquet in his honor Wednesday night in Dallas.

State convention delegates elected were Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Pennington, W. E. Martin, W. J. Cunningham, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Carden, C. M. Caldwell, E. M. Overshiner, James P. Stinson, Judge M. S. Long, R. N. Richardson, E. T. Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Hair, Ben L. Cox and Elizabeth Cox, Opal Dillingham, J. Bryan Bradbury, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Burgess of Merkel.

J. L. Kincaid of Buffalo Gap, Herbert Patterson and W. O. Boney of Merkel, J. E. Casey of Tuscola, Judge and Mrs. W. R. Chapman, Dee Jones of Bradshaw, A. W. Wood of Trent, T. C. Richardson of Hamby, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Gullledge, George F. Duncan of Iberis, Lon Lockley and Will Nesmith of Potosi, T. Y. Landingham of View, Fred Rucker of Caps-Merkel, T. E. Hayden, Jr., E. N. Kirby.

E. S. Cummings, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Green, Joe Humphrey, T. A. Bledsoe, Mrs. Geneva Young, Floella Carden, Carl P. Hulsey, Z. D. Hailey, L. P. Cook, J. H. Bratton, R. W. Haynie, Howard DeShazo of Buffalo Gap, Wade Willis of Lawn, M. G. Jenkins of Tuscola, A. D. Boozer of Ovalo, J. W. Cumby of Jim Ned, J. D. Coffman of Lisman, L. R. Thompson, D. M. Oldham, Jr., Mrs. Martin Metzger.

Names in the official delegation to greet Garner were J. R. Black, Fred Cockrell, R. W. Haynie, E. T. Brooks, R. D. Green, Judge Long, L. R. Thompson, T. C. Richardson, James P. Stinson, D. M. Oldham, Jr., W. J. Cunningham, W. O. Boney, Rev. John H. Crow of Merkel, Rev. R. A. Walker of Merkel, T. A. Bledsoe, James Gray Bledsoe, C. R. Pennington.

W. E. Martin, Lon Lockley, Dr. M. A. Jenkins, Dr. T. S. Knox, G. F. Duncan, Mrs. Dallas Scarborough, Bryan Bradbury, Mrs. E. T. Brooks, Z. D. Hailey, Gray Browne, W. W. (Continued on Page Six.)

## No Change in Official Canvass of Returns In Precinct Races

While tabulations of returns on election night showed a plurality of 45 votes in favor of Constable W. H. Laney over his nearest opponent, J. T. King, in the race for constable of precinct No. 5, it was disclosed by examination of official returns from the Merkel voting box that the King vote had been reported 50 less than it actually was in this box, giving King a lead of 5 votes over Laney.

This was verified when the county committee canvassed complete returns last Saturday.

The results in the three precinct races here, after the official canvass—practically the same as reported in The Mail last week—follow:

For Constable, Precinct 5:	
J. T. King	488
W. H. Laney	483
Bert Melton	132
For Commissioner, Precinct 2:	
A. J. Canon	567
P. A. Diltz	244
Houston Robertson	278
Charlie Orr	222
For Justice of Peace, Precinct 5:	
E. L. Wilson	258
S. C. Vick	181
N. D. Cobb	669

## KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Creation of a new federal judgeship for South Texas has been recommended by Federal Judge T. M. Kennerly of Houston.

Low bid of \$57,900 was submitted by the Dolph-Bateson Construction company of Dallas for a new post office at College Station.

C. P. Jones, 29, Grand Canyon, Ariz., cafe employee, was injured fatally in a plunge from a moving passenger train near White Deer.

Lacking only 16 votes of having a majority, Nat Patton of Crockett, congressman from the seventh district, must go into a run-off with Emerson Stone of Jacksonville.

Texas league paid admissions are 20 per cent over attendance figures of this date last year, 34 per cent over the 1934 gross through July and well over any total of the last five years.

Miss Janice Jarratt, official sweetheart of the Texas Centennial, is going to quit her profession as a photographer's model and enter the movies.

By a margin of 139 votes, out of 703 cast, beer was voted out of the Roscoe-Wastella-Champion district Saturday. The total was 282 for beer, 424 against beer.

Knocked down by an automobile as he was crossing the street in front of his home to go to his grandmother's, Edward Joseph, 9, San Antonio, was killed Tuesday afternoon.

George B. Dippery, 62, died suddenly at his Spring creek home, near Olney, exactly three months after a daughter was killed in a grade crossing accident near that place.

Fort Worth detectives late Monday apprehended Robert L. Grafft, 30, who admitted he was the slayer of Assistant Police Chief Ed Etter of Freer, beaten and shot there Tuesday night.

A conditional pardon was granted by Governor Allred Monday to C. Maxwell, sentenced to three years' imprisonment for assault on rape in Comanche county. He was at liberty on furlough.

David Kenemer, 14-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Kenemer, who had been playing in the yard, was found drowned about 6 o'clock Monday afternoon in the creek which cuts across their home site about 16 miles north of Miles.

One hundred and nineteen people were killed in Texas automobile wrecks during June, and 73 had been killed from July 1 to July 20, according to the first complete accident report figures compiled by the state department of public safety.

Two firemen, Roscoe Daugherty, 35, fire truck driver, and Earl Jinkins, 31, hoseman, died Saturday night when trapped in a fire which destroyed a WPA warehouse at Greenville. An explosion caused a portion of the building to collapse, blocking the firemen's exit.

The certified vote in the race for senator from the 24th district shows that State Senator Wilbourn B. Colie of Eastland received a majority of 3,785 votes over both opponents, thereby breaking a precedent, as never before has a senator been re-elected since the district was organized.

## Goes to East Texas For Annual Revival

Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of Grace Presbyterian church, will leave Saturday for East Texas, where according to a custom of several years standing he will conduct a revival at his old home at Beardstown.

He will be accompanied by his daughter, Mrs. Ralph Walker, and children, John Robert and Marjorie Ann, who will visit in Paris and Rugby, and by Miss Jessie Margaret Berry, who will visit her grandmother at Detroit.

## Voted for 18 Presidents.

Ashtabula, O., Aug. 6.—Jesse A. Mack, 96, claims the record of voting in more presidential elections than any other living person. Mack has cast his ballot for 18 presidential nominees.

## Makes His Last Flight.

Paris, France, Aug. 6.—Louis Bleriot, 64, the famous aviator, who first flew the English channel, died here Sunday.

## WHEN TEXAS' SWEETHEART MET GODDESS OF WEST TEXAS



Miss Faye Cotton of Berger (left), Texas Sweetheart and a Casa Manana star, greeted Miss Betty Lou Grimes of Merkel last week in the cafe-theatre dressing room. Miss Grimes won the title of Goddess of West Texas at the Water Carnival in Sweetwater.

## 6TH ROUNDUP AT DOUBLE HEART

Aug. 14, 15 and 16, Dates for Three Day Show; Thirteen Sponsors Entered.

Sweetwater, Aug. 5.—With thirteen cowgirl sponsors entered two weeks before the opening, and with more contestants in the various events than ever before, the sixth annual Cowboy and Cowgirl Roundup and Stock Show at the Double Heart Ranch on August 14, 15 and 16 promises to be the most colorful staged by the veteran stockman, Ollie Cox. Preparations are being made to accommodate around 15,000 people during the three days.

This unique ranch show, typical of the early day cattle country neighborhood rodeo and holiday contests, will be staged in the Double Heart arena ten miles south of Sweetwater on Highway 70. A prize list comparable to some of the largest shows in the country is to be offered the winners. Some of these are:

Daily prizes for calf roping, \$50 first, \$30 second, \$20 third, \$10 fourth and \$5 fifth; wild cow milking, \$35 first, \$20 second, \$10 third and \$5 fourth; best average time made in both, \$100 hand-made saddle first, \$25 hand made boots second; bronc and steer riding each \$25 first, \$15 second, \$10 third and \$5 fourth.

In addition to paying the room and meals of the cowgirl sponsors, the Double Heart is offering three attractive prizes to the winners in this event. First is a \$100 saddle, second a \$35 pair of boots and third a \$10 pair of hand-made spurs. A prize will also be offered for the best dressed cowgirl.

During the three days there will be trick and fancy roping, educated horses, clowns, carnival, chuck wagon, open air dancing and airplane stunts. The celebration will open with a parade on the streets of Sweetwater Friday morning, Aug. 14.

## Crowned HSU Summer Queen.

Abilene, Aug. 6.—A freshman won the honor of summer school queen at Hardin-Simmons university. She is Marisue Parramore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Parramore, Jr., 1715 N. Third street, and entered the university at mid-term, following graduation from Abilene High school.

## Merkel Schools Open Session Sept. 14

At the regular meeting of the board on Tuesday, the second Monday in September, which this year is Sept. 14, was set as the opening date for the 1936-1937 session of the Merkel schools. The addition to the High school is now complete, but under PWA buying the equipment is coming very slowly. The board ordered that the equipment needed to secure affiliation in home economics and in vocational agriculture be purchased at once and installed ready for the opening of school on Sept. 14.

During the week of Sept. 7 new students will be enrolled, entrance examinations given, seniors enrolled, free text books returned, and other preliminary matters attended to. Students who plan to enter Merkel High school for the first time and who will be in any grade above the 8th grade should at once get from their former school a complete statement of all high school work completed and present this to Supt. Burgess. Interested parents and students should watch the columns of the Merkel Mail for further and more detailed announcements nearer the opening date of school.

The new buses recently purchased for the route to the Canyon communities should arrive in a few days. Bus routes will be fixed and announced after the next meeting of the county board.

## Tom Blanton Speaks Here Monday Night

Congressman Thomas L. Blanton, engaged in a run-off for re-election with Judge Clyde L. Garrett of Eastland, has announced a speaking date in Merkel for 8 p. m. Monday, Aug. 10.

He is making his campaign over the district in his own sound car and will probably make his address here on a downtown street.

## Dives to Death.

Tulsa, Okla., Aug. 6.—Omar Hernandez, 27, Venezuelan army officer student at a flying school (Spartan) here, dived 2,000 feet to his death Tuesday near the Tulsa airport.

## 8 CLUBS START IN SOFTBALL

Schedule Provides for 28 Games; Five Already Played; Mars Twice Winner.

Beginning with two games the past Monday, a 28-game schedule has been arranged for the 8-club community softball league recently organized.

Two games were played Monday, two Tuesday and one on Wednesday, resulting as follows:

Monday's game:  
Blair 5, Mars 19.  
Fireboys 4, Red Devils 18.  
Tuesday's games:  
Mt. Pleasant 3, Stith 7.  
Doc's Cops 14, Lions 0.  
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## MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, August 11, 1916.)

J. C. Mason has returned from an extended stay at his old home at Deport and Paris, having gone there soon after the conflagration that destroyed the latter city and laid waste to some of his property.

On Monday afternoon a number of little friends were invited to celebrate with Master Don Thornton his fifth birthday. In the donkey tailing contest Roy Propst was the winner of the first prize while W. L. Harkrider, Jr., received the booby. Ice cream cones were served as refreshments. The following little neighbor friends were present: Ethel and Eleanor May Hamilton, Roy Propst, Payge Johnson, Charm and Billie Bob Burroughs, Sterling Sheppard, Mildred Harsh, Nina Parten, Flora Dye, Billie Burke Mims, Mary Comegys, Elizabeth and W. L. Harkrider, Jr., and Ona Fay Rose.

Mrs. Neece Hancock returned Sunday from Kirkland where she has been visiting several weeks with relatives.

Mrs. Georgia Easterwood of El Paso arrived here Monday morning for a visit with relatives in Merkel, Noodle and near Sylvester.

Mrs. J. W. Daniel and Miss Ruby Smith left Saturday night for eastern

markets where they will aid E. L. Woodroof in the purchasing of the fall stock of goods for Woodroof Brothers.

R. W. Cross, living on Route 4, brought in the first bale of cotton for Merkel or for West Texas Tuesday afternoon. It was sold to W. D. Woodroof for 15 cents per pound. The first bale weighed 433 pounds and was raised on the Aaron Horton farm. A premium of \$35.50 was given Mr. Cross.

Miss Lizzie Calvert is in eastern markets this week assisting in the purchase of goods for the W. L. Harkrider Dry Goods store.

Rev. Carey Touchstone is visiting his mother, Mrs. Alice Touchstone, and other relatives. For the past two years Mr. Touchstone has been a student of the Vanderbilt University, from which institution he graduated this past June.

Mrs. Prentice Rice of Uvalde arrived in Merkel Tuesday afternoon from Fort Worth where she has been visiting her sister, Mrs. R. E. Kunse. Mrs. Rice will visit with her father, R. J. Adcock, and other relatives here.

W. L. Diltz, Jr., has resigned at the Anchor and will enter school at Waco.

## TRENT MOVES TO TOP PLACE IN CIRCUIT

Defeats Divide, Previous Leaders, and Follows Up With Win Over Noodle; Truby in Tie With Divide for Second Berth.

Winning two games within the week's play, one of them having been from Divide, circuit leader, Trent moved to the top of the percentage column of the Merkel Inter-Community league and Truby's win over Union in Wednesday's game, while Divide was idle, brought Truby into a tie with Divide for second place.

Two games will be played Saturday of this week: Tye vs Noodle in the first game and Trent vs Union in the nightcap. The first game will be called at 1:30 p. m.

After Saturday only three games remain to be played in the regular schedule as follows:

Wednesday, Aug. 12—Truby vs Divide.

Saturday, Aug. 15—Tye vs Union.

Wednesday, Aug. 19—Noodle vs Trent.

The four highest teams at the close of the schedule will then enter the Shaughnessy play-off for the three cash prizes of \$100, \$50 and \$25.

The Trent-Divide game provided a pair of extra features: Lefty Jones on the mound for Trent struck out 12 batters, with Henry Tittle furnishing the offensive with five hits in five trips to the plate. Trent won 10 to 1.

Ashby, hurling for Tye, struck out a dozen in 6 2-3 innings in the box, but poor offensive play and numerous errors gave the Union boys a 5 to 1 decision.

Box scores of the Trent-Divide and Tye-Union games, as well as of the Trent-Truby and Truby-Noodle games played last week, appear elsewhere in this issue of The Mail.

Box scores of Wednesday's double header, in which heavy hitting enabled both Trent and Union to win easily over their opponents, will be printed next week, but the line score follow:

Union .....003 001 011— 6 8 2  
Truby .....505 020 00x—12 14 5  
Hughes, Storey, McCoy and Parham; Price and Scott.

Noodle .....000 000 000— 0 4 2  
Trent .....011 043 21x—12 16 2  
Goode and Palmer; L. Jones, O. Jones and Weaver.

## LEAGUE STANDING.

Including all games to date, the standing of the teams follows:

TEAM—	W	L	Pct.
Trent	6	2	.750
Divide	6	3	.667
Truby	6	3	.667
Noodle	3	5	.375
Tye	2	6	.250
Union	2	6	.250



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Set State Tax Rate; Pensions, General Fund at Maximums

Austin, Aug. 6.—The automatic tax board set the state property tax rate Tuesday at 62 cents on the \$100 valuation, the same as last year. The rate for the general revenue fund was set at 35 cents and that for Confederate pensions at seven cents, both the constitutional maximums. The available school tax rate was set at 20 cents, same as last year, but not the constitutional limit.

Honor S. W. H. Buzbee On Eightieth Birthday

Honoring Rev. S. W. H. Buzbee of Ovalo, who formerly lived here, on his eightieth birthday, his children and grandchildren met Sunday at the Abilene state park for a family reunion. Going from Merkel were a son, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Buzbee, and their daughter, Miss Opal Buzbee. Others present were: Mr. and Mrs. Sam Woodruff and children, Glenn and Marjorie of Rising Star, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Johnson and children, Dorothy Ann and Katherine, of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Gadden and son, Richard, of Burk Burnett, Mr. and Mrs. Gage Harker and children, Homer and Jean, of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Johnson and children, William and Murrell of Ovalo, and Mrs. Mattie Montgomery of Pasadena, Calif.

Jimmy Walker to Vote Whole Ticket

New York, Aug. 6.—Former Mayor James J. Walker, who resigned in 1932 during an investigation of his office by Franklin D. Roosevelt, then governor of New York, returned from Europe Monday and said: "I am still a democrat and I'm going to vote the democratic ticket." Walker, who returned on the French liner Normandie, asserted he was not politically ambitious, "nor am I sore at anybody."

Garrett Declines to Debate With Blanton

Eastland, Aug. 6.—Judge Clyde L. Garrett declined Representative Thomas L. Blanton's challenge for a series of joint debates in the county seats of the 17th congressional district. Garrett, campaigning against Blanton in the run-off, asserted in a signed statement that it was his belief it is impossible to prevent such joint debates from developing into a "disgusting spectacle."

Bounds Withdraws From County Race

W. P. Bounds Wednesday night announced his withdrawal from the race for tax-assessor-collector of Taylor county. Mr. Bounds ran second in a field of four candidates for the office in the July primaries and would have entered the August run-off with C. O. (Pat) Patterson of Merkel. In announcing his withdrawal from the race, Mr. Bounds said he is physically unable to make a vigorous campaign for the office. "As close of this year, he will round out four terms in the office of county clerk, having assumed the office Jan. 1, 1929."

Entertain Members Sunday School Class

Members of the Sunday School class taught by W. G. Richardson of the Northside Missionary Baptist church were entertained Friday night in the home of A. J. Massey. After games were played, winners were served with marshmallows to Nellie, Zella Mae, Della Ray and Fannie Massey, Mary Bell McDonald, Pearl Weaver, Addie Lee Bishop, Nell Marie Davis, Talmadge Sikes of Coleman, and W. G. Richardson. Parents present were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Massey, Mr. and Mrs. John Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Massey and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Massey.

Divide High Opens Fall School Term

The Divide High school opened its 1936-37 school term Monday morning with 246 students enrolled. There are 252 scholastics in the district. It was the first school in Nolan county to begin the current term. H. D. Norris, principal, said that the school would recess for six weeks during the cotton picking season to allow students to assist in the harvest.

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.

Bereavement cards, already printed, with envelopes to match, 50c per set of one dozen at Merkel Mail office.

TELEPHONE THE MAIL

The Mail will be glad to receive news of entertainments or visitors in Merkel homes, as well as other news items of a general nature. If you have company, entertain friends or return from a trip please telephone 61 or 29.

Investigating Burglary Of Three Trent Stores

Taylor and Nolan county officers continued investigation today of a series of burglaries in which three Trent stores were looted of cash and merchandise totaling more than \$300 on Monday night. Officers working on the meager clues are Sheriff Burl Wheeler, Deputy Sheriff W. E. Lowe and R. T. Redies, police fingerprint expert, all of Abilene, and Sheriff Jess Lambert and Deputy Red Pool of Sweetwater. Heaviest loss was suffered by Johnson Drug store when an acetylene torch was used to remove the safe door and take about \$200 in cash. Five watches and some cigars and cigarettes were also missing. From Williamson Brothers hardware two pistols and a hammer were reported missing. Entrance was gained through a back window. A grocery store next door was entered with a considerable amount of cigarettes, small articles and \$1.50 in cash missing.

Attends Funeral of Sister at Headley

Mrs. W. W. Webb and three children, Charlie, Mayme and Joyce Marie, returned Wednesday from Headley, where they had gone to attend the funeral of Mrs. Tom McLaughlin, sister of Mrs. Webb, who died Monday. Mrs. McLaughlin is survived by her husband and four children: one brother and two other sisters, besides Mrs. Webb. Two brothers also survive.

Mother of Mrs. R. H. Mathews, Sr., 87, Dies

Mrs. T. D. Veach, 87, mother of Mrs. R. H. Mathews, Sr., of Merkel, died of a heart attack on Wednesday, July 28, in a Dallas sanitarium. Burial took place in Terrell beside her husband, who died nine years ago. She leaves four sons and five daughters. The sons are W. A., B. D., T. C. and D. M. Veach, all of Dallas. Other daughters, besides Mrs. Mathews, are: Mrs. Dan Ivey, Oklahoma; Mrs. Noah Williaford and Mrs. Rosa Williaford, Dallas, and Mrs. Winnie Ashley, Louisiana.

Absentee Ballot Not Yet Certified

Official ballots for Taylor county absentee voters will not be available until the names of run-off candidates in state and district races are certified by the state executive democratic committee which meets Saturday, announced James P. Stinson, county democratic chairman. Stinson said the certificate should be in the mail Monday morning and that the ballots would be printed a few hours after the official list of candidates is made known. Absentee voters who are leaving town before the official ballot is printed have been asked to file application for a ballot in the county clerk's office. The ballot then will be mailed to the voter at the out-of-county address. Adding machines rolls 15c, or two for 25c; regular retail price everywhere. For Sale at Merkel Mail office. Merchants Sales Books 5c, six for 25c or 25 for \$1.00. At Merkel Mail office.

Comings, Goings, Doings

Woodrow Wozencraft spent Wednesday in DeLeon and Gorman on business. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Smith of Big Spring were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kerns. Mrs. S. F. Haynes has gone to Mineral Wells for her health. She is located at the Milling sanitarium. Mrs. W. L. Barnett left Saturday to spend several weeks in the home of her son, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Barnett, in Dallas. Lee Wozencraft returned Wednesday from DeLeon, Gorman and Cisco, where he had been visiting friends and relatives. Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Gamble and daughter, Elma Mae, left Tuesday morning for a leisurely trip to the Davis mountains. Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Beasley and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hilton were over from Abilene Sunday to visit in the J. S. Thomas home. Tom Durham, editor of the Eunice, (N. M.), Enterprise, was home for the week-end, returning Monday to his newspaper duties. After a visit with her parents, Constable and Mrs. W. H. Laney, Mrs. Floyd Davis returned Tuesday to her home at McCamey. Week-end guests in the W. W. Webb home were Mrs. Marion H. Hays and Charlie Webb of Clyde and Miss Lena Webb of Abilene. Mr. and Mrs. Stanley King had as their week-end guests her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Callaway, and family of Corpus Christi. Mrs. Milton Case and little daughter, Creta Key, went to Winters Monday to be at the bedside of her mother, Mrs. J. G. Key, who is seriously ill. Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Harris spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Fort Worth, combining business with the pleasure of enjoying the Frontier Centennial. Dr. W. T. Sadler returned Tuesday from a visit with his mother, Mrs. Lula Sadler, in Montalba. Mrs. Sadler met him in Dallas and returned with him. Mr. and Mrs. Will Thomason of Tolar were guests last week of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Armstrong, also visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jim Foster, all of Salt Branch. Recent guests in the S. A. Coats home were a brother-in-law, M. H. Tyler, and his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ocie Tyler, of Royce City. Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Smith spent Sunday at Stamford where their son-in-law, Homer Mayfield, is in the Stamford sanitarium. They report he is some better. Mrs. G. W. Moore returned this week from a visit to Albertsville, Ala., having accompanied her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Murphy of Abilene. Lieut. R. G. Vaughan, who has been in training at Grand Prairie, near Dallas, stopped Monday on his way to Tucson, Ariz., for a short call on his aunt, Miss Dota Garoutte. Max Mellinger and son, Sylvan, left Sunday for St. Louis and Chicago markets, being joined at Dallas by another son, Isadore Mellinger, who manages a store at Livingston. Mr. and Mrs. Warren Higgins and daughter, Betty Lou, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Warnken left Wednesday morning for a two weeks trip to San Antonio, Corpus Christi and Old Mexico. Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Smith and family of Stanton spent Sunday here with relatives. Mr. Smith is a brother of Marvin Smith while Mrs. Smith is a sister of Misses Oma and Pauline Johnson. Mr. and Mrs. Neal Smith of Lubbock, who were guests of Mrs. Neal's sister, Mr. and Mrs. George Woodrum, left Sunday for Arkansas. Returning they will stop in Dallas to visit the Centennial. Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hodo, former residents here, have returned to Cushing, Okla., after a visit with friends and relatives, Mr. Hodo going over to Rotan for a visit also with his mother. Mr. and Mrs. George T. Moore, accompanied by their sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Murphy of Abilene, left Tuesday, for a vacation trip to Monterey and other points in Old Mexico. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Reid and two children, Betty Jo and T. L., left Tuesday to spend several days at the Texas Centennial Exposition at Dallas where Mr. Reid will also take advantage of the fall buying season. R. A. Hoover, local manager of the Jones Dry Goods company, returned Friday of last week from Dallas and Fort Worth where he went with a group of buyers for the Jones company for the fall buying season. Mr. and Mrs. Joe P. Self and daughter, JoySue, joined by Mrs. Joe P. Self, Jr., in Abilene, spent several days at the Texas Centennial in Dallas. Returning they were accompanied by their niece, Mary Frances Delaney, of Dallas, for a visit here. Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wozencraft have returned from Plainview, having gone there Saturday to bring back his mother, Mrs. W. A. Wozencraft, and brother, Meander, who had been visiting friends and relatives. Woozy reports crops look fine up on the Plains. R. T. Gray, local manager of the West Texas Utilities company, accompanied by Mrs. Gray and their three children left Wednesday morning for a vacation visit to Corpus Christi, expecting to return via the Texas Centennial exposition at Dallas and Fort Worth. Henry West and son, Dick, returned Wednesday from several days outing on Lake Nasworthy near San Angelo. Mr. and Mrs. John R. West and daughter, Gay, accompanied by their mother, Mrs. George F. West, left Thursday for Colorado Springs, Denver and other mountain resorts. Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bragg and son, Wallace Granville, of Chillicothe, were week-end guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg, and other relatives. They were accompanied by Mrs. Bragg's mother, Mrs. Della Campbell, who visited her sisters, Miss Mossie and Eula Sears, while here. Mrs. Fred Hughes and Mrs. John Grable went to Throckmorton on Thursday of last week for the wedding of their sister, Miss Madene Lee, to John Robert Calvin of Graham. Mrs. Hughes, who was accompanied by her two sons, returned home, while Mr. and Mrs. Grable went on to Dallas for a visit to the Texas Centennial before coming back home. J. F. Wendock, newspaper editor of Tucson, Ariz., was a passing visitor here last week en route to the Texas Centennial exposition at Dallas. He is especially inclined toward livestock and made inquiry about the Largent ranch, while here. As a contributor to the Hereford Journal, he wrote an article for the July number on "Arizona Tests Stress Feeding Change." Arriving Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Curt Reynolds of Dallas, cousins of Mrs. F. A. Polley, and Mrs. M. E. Young of Mesquite, Mrs. Polley's mother, spent the day and went on to Snyder to visit Mrs. Reynolds' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Haney. Mr. Haney is also a brother of Mrs. Young. On their return through Merkel, Mrs. Young remained for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Polley. Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Warnick, former residents of Merkel, left Tuesday for their home in Phoenix, Ariz. Mrs. Warnick is a daughter of Grandma Baker and they had been spending several weeks with the Baker families here. In addition to that, as a surprise three nieces, Mrs. Walker and daughter, Miss Maggie Walker, and her niece, Mrs. Douglas, came from Nashville, meeting the Warnicks here. "To say that we had wonderful time is putting it mildly," Grandma Baker told the editor Wednesday.

Win Blue and Champion Ribbons at Great Falls

A message received Tuesday by C. M. Largent, Sr., from Willie Joe Largent at Great Falls, Mont., advised that the Largent show cattle had won several blue and champion ribbons, but that the judging was not yet completed. Leaving Great Falls, the Largent show cattle will next be shown at Billings, Mont.

Advertising in The Merkel Mail.

FRONT STREET GROCERY (Just West Off Kent St.) Owned and Operated by Bert Melton Specials for Friday and Saturday Pinto Beans, 5 lbs. 25c Max-I-Mum Flour, 48 lbs. \$1.60 Gold Medal Flour, 48 lbs. \$1.88 Big Ben Laundry Soap, 6 bars for 25c A-1 Soda Crackers, 2 lb. box 17c Flake White Compound, 4 lb. carton 53c Seedless Grapefruit, each 4c WE DELIVER

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# The Box Scores

## TUESDAY'S GAME.

TRENT		AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Payne, 1b	5	1	3	13	1	0	
D. H. Jones, c	5	0	2	3	0	0	
H. Tittle, rf	5	1	1	2	0	0	
O. Tittle, ss	5	1	0	1	1	1	
Boone, 2b	4	1	1	1	5	0	
Cooley, lf	4	1	2	3	0	0	
C. Tittle, 3b	4	0	0	0	0	0	
Hammer, cf	3	0	0	2	0	1	
O. Jones, p	4	0	1	2	6	0	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>2</b>	

**Score by innings:**  
 Trent 100 211 000—5  
 Truby 000 100 000—1  
**Summary**—Runs batted in, D. H. Jones 2, Boone, O. Tittle, C. Tittle, Justice, Triples, J. Payne, Triples, Hollis, Double plays, Boone to O. Tittle to J. Payne; Garner to R. O. Payne to Hollis; Justice to J. Grogan to Hollis; Scott to R. O. Payne. Hits and runs, off Garner, 8 hits and 5 runs in 6 innings. Base on balls, off Jones 1, Hollis 1. Struck out, by Garner 5, O. Jones 3. Earned runs, Trent 1, Truby 0. Left on base, Trent 6, Truby 4. Time of game 1:50. Umpires, Hollis and Zehnpfennig.

## WEDNESDAY'S GAME.

TRUBY		AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Hampton, lf	4	1	2	1	0	1	
Williams, 2b	4	2	1	1	1	2	
V. Justice, ss	4	1	0	2	2	1	
Hollis, 1b	3	1	2	11	1	0	
Hall, rf	5	0	1	2	0	0	
Scott, c	4	0	2	3	0	0	
J. Grogan, 2b	4	0	0	4	6	1	
R. O. Payne, cf	4	1	0	1	0	0	
Hughes, p	4	1	1	2	0	0	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	

**Score by innings:**  
 Truby 100 220 002—7  
 Noodle 001 002 000—3  
**Summary**—Runs batted in, V. Justice 3, Hall, Scott, Hollis, Hughes, Pierce, Hale, Wilson. Triples, Hollis, Double plays, J. Grogan to Hollis; V. Justice to J. Grogan to Hollis; C. Vick to Wilson to H. Vick. Sacrifice hits, V. Justice. Stolen bases, Williams, Hollis, R. O. Payne, C. Justice, C. Vick. Base on balls, off Palmer 3. Hit by pitcher, Hollis by Palmer. Wild pitches, Palmer 2. Time of game 1:48. Umpires, C. Hollis and Zehnpfennig.

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## FIRST GAME SATURDAY.

DIVIDE		AB	R	H	PO	A	E
McCoy, cf	4	0	2	0	0	1	
J. Seymore, 3b	5	0	1	0	1	1	
Hammonds, lf	4	0	2	2	0	0	
Priest, p	5	0	1	3	3	0	
D. Seymore, rf	2	0	0	0	0	0	
Barton, rf	3	0	1	1	0	0	
Lattimer, 1b	3	0	0	10	0	0	
Doug Jones, c	4	1	1	4	1	0	
Neill, ss	4	0	1	2	2	1	
T. Seymore, 2b	4	0	1	2	6	2	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>5</b>	

**Score by innings:**  
 Divide 000 000 010—1  
 Trent 330 000 04x—10  
**Summary**—Runs batted in, H. Tittle 3, O. Tittle 2, D. Jones, Cooley 3, L. D. Jones, T. Seymore. Two-base hit, L. D. Jones. Three-base hit, H. Tittle. Sacrifice hit, Weaver. Double plays, Hammer to Payne; T. Seymore to Neill to Lattimer; C. Tittle to O. Tittle to Payne. Left on base, Trent 9, Divide 11. Bases on balls, off Jones 2, off Priest 1. Hit batters, Priest (Weaver), Jones (Lattimer). Struck out, by L. D. Jones 12, by Priest 3. Wild pitch, L. D. Jones. Passed ball, Weaver. Time of game 1:51. Umpires, Hollis and Zehnpfennig.

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## SECOND GAME SATURDAY.

UNION		AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Grimes, ss	5	1	1	2	1	2	
C. Propst, cf	4	0	0	1	1	0	
C. Mayfield, lf	3	1	0	1	0	0	
Bonds, 2b	4	0	0	4	2	1	
Parham, c	3	0	0	5	1	0	
V. Mayfield, 1b	4	1	2	12	0	1	
Hughes, 3b	4	0	1	2	4	1	
Stevens, rf	4	1	2	0	0	0	
Storey, p	3	1	0	0	5	0	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>5</b>	

**Score by innings:**  
 Tye 000 000 010—1  
 Union 000 001 40x—5  
**Summary**—Runs batted in, Ashby, Hughes, Grimes 2, Propst, Bonds. Three-base hit, V. Mayfield. Stolen bases, Stevens, Storey. Bases on balls, off Storey 2, off Ashby 3, off Burns 1. Struck out, by Ashby 10, by Burns 1, by Storey 3. Double plays, Hughes to V. Mayfield; Street to Burns. Left on bases, Tye 12, Union 9. Wild Pitch, Ashby. Passed ball, Jowers. Runs and hits, off Ashby, 5 hits and 5 runs in 6 2-3 innings; off Burns, 1 hit and 0 runs in 1 1-3 innings. Losing pitcher, Ashby. Time of game 1:45. Umpires, Hollis and Zehnpfennig.

## GOODMAN NEWS

We're very sorry to report Mrs. Gene Cade on the sick list.  
 Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Woolam, who have been teachers in our school for the past two years, moved last week to Bradshaw where he will teach. We regret to lose them, but hope for them much success.  
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Fortune will be our superintendent this year, are moving into our community. We extend them a hearty welcome.  
 Miss Reba Blanton of Odessa is visiting Maudine Howell.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brown of New Mexico are visiting relatives here.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Morris Phillips accompanied his sister, Mrs. Hughes, home to Fort Worth. They will visit the Centennial before returning.  
 Mrs. M. S. Cummins has as her guests her sister and family from Arkansas. Sorry not to have learned their names.  
 Our meeting closed Sunday night. Sorry that our former pastor, Brother Westmoreland, will not be with us any more. Calling of a pastor has been postponed indefinitely.  
 Mrs. Tom Greene and son, Donald, of Hobbs, N. M. were week-end guests at Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Grayson's.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Joe Tiner left Saturday for their home at Pampa.

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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Ulric Forrester of Albuquerque, N. M., Mrs. Mac Forrester and children, Mr. and Mrs. Price Granville and baby of Sweetwater have returned to their homes after visiting several days with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Forrester. Mrs. Granville was the former Forest Forrester.

Mrs. Beatrice Overmire of Fort Worth was the passing guest Wednesday of Mrs. R. B. McRee, Sr., and Mrs. Bob Dennis. She was en route home after having spent two weeks with her son, Byron Dingle, and family at Hermligh. Her three grandchildren came with her to visit with their maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. English.

Lawrence Dowdy has returned from a few days visit with his brother, Royce E. Dowdy, near Odessa.

Mrs. Will Neeb and daughter of Midland were guests of Mrs. Annie Boone Monday. Mrs. Boone accompanied them to Wellborn to visit their sisters, Mrs. Mattie Straub and Mrs. Lizzie Gandy. They expect to be gone about three weeks.

Mrs. J. W. Tiner has been entertaining all her children since the first of the past week. Those present for a family reunion on Friday were: Houston Tiner and family of Trent, Joe Tiner and wife of Liberal, Kans., Gerald Tiner of Odessa, Mrs. Edna Buchanan of Putnam, Mrs. Edna Turner of Abilene, also Pauline, Louis and Emmett, who reside at home. Mrs. Tiner, Mrs. Joe Tiner, Louis and Emmett also made a trip to Carlsbad Caverns Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Johnnie Johnson of Munday has been the house guest of Miss Pauline Tiner the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Kennon and two sons, of Strawn, visited Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Duncan Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufe Tittle and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Howell and daughter, Bettye Lou, Mr. and Mrs. Orion Tittle and baby, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Dowdy made up a camping party from Thursday until last Saturday at Buffalo Gap.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Woodward and daughter, Doris, of Dallas are spending their vacation with Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Murdock. Mrs. Murdock accompanied them home for a short visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Duncan visited his sister, Mrs. Thurman Kent, in Sweetwater Friday.

Mrs. Andy Shouse had as her guest Mrs. Oleene Humphreys of Merkel last week. They attended a picnic at Shannon's pool Wednesday night honoring the seniors of McMurry college, of which both are members. They will each receive their degrees at the end of the August semester.

Willie Stevens of Sudan visited his brother, Earl Stevens, and family.

Homer Green, former resident in the Trent community but now employed in Hobbs, N. M., had the misfortune of losing his eye Saturday. He was taken through Trent to a Dallas hospital by his brother, Tom. His friends wish for him a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Annie White spent the week-end with her sisters, Mrs. T. D. Scott and Mrs. Grant Riggan. Mrs. Scott returned home with her Sunday for a few days visit.

Mrs. Ed Bowers and sons, Jack and Billy Jo, Mrs. R. B. Johnson and daughter, Mrs. J. C. Randel, of Quanah, departed Saturday night for Dallas and Fort Worth, where they will visit relatives and the Centennials. Mrs. Bowers will remain in Dallas for a few days to do some fall shopping for the Bowers Dry Goods company.

G. E. Freeman and family of Birmingham, Ala., Tom Spears of Mulberry canyon, Ira Moore of Merkel, Mrs. George T. Moore, Merkel, Miss Louetta Cox, Merkel, were passing guests of their cousin and aunt, Mrs. E. M. Sherman, last Tuesday.

Webb and Willie Weaver of Lantz are staying a few days with their mother, Mrs. Weaver.

C. M. Chipman of Houston is attending the bedside of his daughter, Mrs. Roy Stewart, who is very ill at this writing.

Mrs. Cynthia Hall spent the past week with her sister, Mrs. Ed Sherman. Mr. and Mrs. Hurley Cogburn and family also visited her Sunday.

Mrs. C. A. Brewer is spending a two weeks vacation in Alexandria, La. She went via train, departing Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dennis and Mrs. R. B. McRee, Sr., are occupying the town home of Bert McRee in Northwest Trent.

Miss Johnnie Watson of Sweetwater is visiting relatives here this week. Earl Norwood, T. & P. section foreman, returned Thursday from Marshall hospital where he received treatment for a broken foot.

Miss Myrtle Thomas of Abilene paid her sister, Mrs. Norville Brown, a visit on Thursday. She has completed her degree from McMurry college and is planning on spending her vacation in California.

Willie Brown and family of Fort

Stockton are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Brown, and other relatives.

Mrs. Leonard Abernathy has returned from a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Parker, in Stanton.

Mrs. Audie Bowles, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Freeman and M. L. Jones spent the week-end with Miss Opal Freeman of Wichita Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Johnson, Jr., of Big Spring are spending the week-end with home folks, Mrs. J. C. Randel of Quanah is also guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Johnson, Sr., for a few days.

Rev. and Mrs. W. O. Bailey have returned home after a two months stay with their son, Joe Bailey, and wife, in Dallas. Nelson Bailey, another son, and Miss Elizabeth Moody, also of Dallas, brought them home and remained for the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Andy Shouse.

S. E. Armstrong and son returned Monday from San Angelo. They reside with Mrs. J. M. Beasley.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Brother James Taggart of A. C. C. assisted with the services at the Church of Christ Sunday.

METHODIST CHURCH.

Sunday School is progressing nicely and reports show a noticeable increase in membership. Supt. Poor urges every one to be present Sunday and bring Bibles. Having 100 in Sunday School is a standard they are trying to attain.

SLUMBER PARTY.

The degree team of the Woodmen Circle was given a slumber party in the home of Mrs. J. P. Stevens in South Trent Friday night. Entertainment consisted of music, jokes and games. Mrs. Stevens was assisted by Mrs. Jack Freeman and served cake and iced watermelon to the following team members and their team captain: Mrs. R. L. Reeves, Misses Gladys Hamner, Sallie Freeman, Mrs. Helen McRee and Mrs. T. G. Hamner.

BAPTIST REVIVAL.

The Baptist meeting closed last Sunday. Attendance was very good and much spiritual interest was manifested. The Sunday morning service closed with several additions to the faith and two baptisms. This was concluded at the Merkel baptistry Sunday afternoon.

LUTTRELL-WASHBURN.

A wedding of interest in the Noodle Dome community was solemnized

Wednesday afternoon when Miss Mary Alice Washburn became the bride of L. A. Luttrell. The ceremony was read in the home of the bridegroom's sister, Mrs. Owen Swinney, by Rev. W. H. Howell, pastor of the Trent Baptist church.

Mrs. Luttrell is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Washburn of Goodman and has lived around the Trent community for several years.

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- GROUP-B: Select Three Magazines: American Poultry Journal, Country Home, Dixie Poultry Journal, The Farm Journal, Gentleman Magazine, Good Stories, Home Circle, Home Friend, Household Magazine, Illustrated Mechanics, Mother's Home Life, Needlecraft, Poultry Tribune, Progressive Farmer, Southern Agriculturist, Successful Farming, Woman's World, Cleverly Review, Everybody's Poultry Mag.

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(Subject to the action of the Second Primary, Aug. 22, 1936.)  
For County Commissioner, Precinct No. 2:  
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A. J. CANON (Re-election.)  
For County Clerk:  
(MISS) **VIVIAN FRYAR.**  
**CLARENCE L. DARDEN.**  
For Sheriff:  
S. H. (Sid) McADAMS.  
**BURL WHEELER** (Re-election.)  
For County Tax Assessor-Collector:  
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For Constable, Precinct No. 5:  
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THE STATE OF TEXAS  
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County—Greetings:  
You are hereby commanded to summon Charles C. Wells by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, to appear at the next regular term of the 42nd District Court of Taylor County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Abilene, Texas, on the First Monday in September, A. D. 1936, the same being the 7th day of September, A. D. 1936, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 23rd day of July, A. D. 1936, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 10,811-A, wherein Stella Wells is Plaintiff, and Charles C. Wells is Defendant, and a brief statement of plaintiff's cause of action, being as follows: Plaintiff and Defendant were married on August 20, 1923, and separated in the spring of 1936. There is no community property. Two children have been born to them, to-wit: Charles Wells, Jr., aged three years, and David Robertson Wells, aged six months, now living with and being cared for and supported by plaintiff. Plaintiff sues for divorce on the ground of cruel treatment and for the complete care, custody and control of said two minor children, all of which is fully shown by her original petition.  
Herein fail not but have before said Court, at its next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed same.  
Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, on this 23rd day of July, A. D. 1936.  
(Seal) Belle Wellborn, Clerk, District Court Taylor County, Texas.  
By Beulah Ward, Deputy.

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County—Greetings:  
You are hereby commanded to summon Thomas J. Mezell by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, to appear at the next regular term of the 42nd District Court of Taylor County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Abilene, Texas, on the 1st Monday in September, A. D. 1936, the same being the 7th day of September, A. D. 1936, then and there to answer Plaintiff's Amended petition filed in said Court on the 5th day of August, A. D. 1936, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 10,812-A, wherein Mrs. Audria Mezell, by next friend, H. A. McMinn and Mrs. M. E. McMinn is Plaintiff, and Thomas J. Mezell is Defendant, and a brief

statement of plaintiff's cause of action, being as follows: that plaintiff and defendant married on or about December 21, 1935 and separated on or about May 24, 1936; Plaintiff sues for a divorce and annulment of marriage on the ground of cruel treatment, all of which is fully alleged in Plaintiff's First Amended Petition now on file, there being no children nor community property.  
Herein fail not but have before said Court, at its next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.  
Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, on this 5th day of August, A. D. 1936.  
Belle Wellborn, Clerk, District Court Taylor County, Texas. (Seal) By Birdie Wilson, Deputy.

**GOLAN NEWS**

Mrs. Effie Parker and children have returned to their South Texas home after a month's visit with relatives here and in Sylvester.  
Mr. and Mrs. Will Anderson of Whitewright were Friday visitors in the homes of L. C. Williams and Mrs. Hugh Jeffrey.  
Orvel and Alfred Hill are Centennial visitors this week.  
Miss Irma Frances Bradshaw of Hamlin is visiting her brothers, J. N. and E. H. Bradshaw, of this place.  
Mrs. T. J. Kemp and children have been visiting in Killen for several days.  
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jones are visiting with a daughter on the Plains.  
Mrs. Russell Kidd and children are visiting Mrs. Kidd's mother at Kaufman.

**BLAIR ITEMS**

The Methodist meeting closed Sunday night with Rev. Leggett and Rev. Lloyd Mayhew doing the preaching and with several reclamations and additions to the church. The meeting was productive in every way. The messages of these evangelists were of the greatest import and will bear fruit in lives here long after they are gone. There was a fine spirit of cooperation among the members and other demonstrations that the spirituality of the church is on a higher plane where the pastor hopes it may be maintained.  
Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Graves of Lubbock and Mrs. Hubert Davenport and son of Big Spring visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Melton and other relatives the past week.  
Mrs. John Meeks and sister, Mrs. Myrtle Scott, are visiting relatives at Quanah for several days.  
Mrs. Price Melton, Mrs. R. B. Horton, Mrs. Pattie Melton, Mrs. Marcina Doan and Miss Mae Melton made a pleasure trip to Sweetwater Sunday.  
Mr. and Mrs. D. Moore and children of Tye visited Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Moore Sunday.  
Mrs. Earl Palmer and cousin, Vernon Melton, celebrated their birthdays with a picnic outing recently.  
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth McQuerry left last week-end for Fort Worth where Mr. McQuerry has accepted employment for the rest of the year.  
Miss Joy Juanita, the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Doan, and grandfather, Sam Provine, returned home Sunday after a month's stay at El Paso and in New Mexico.  
Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Latimer and children of Nubia spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Latimer.  
Miss Zuma Spears has returned home after several weeks visit with her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Spears, of Valera.  
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Freeman and family of Alabama were the house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Will Campbell and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Spears the past week.  
Clarence Melton and two daughters, Misses Margie and Jackie Lexine, left Thursday morning for Clovis, N. M. Mr. Melton and Jackie will return, leaving Miss Margie for a two weeks visit with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Hall.  
Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hill of Burleson were the distinguished guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell Monday.  
Wallace Martin of Wingate was the interesting guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Latimer last week-end.  
Monta J. Moore of Lubbock and Otis Moore of Dallas are spending their vacation with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Z. V. Moore.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Latimer and family visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Matthews of I. X. L. Sunday, celebrating Mr. Latimer's and Mrs. Matthews' birthdays, this being an annual affair with the two honorees each year.  
Little Lutie Pearl Maddera, who has been on the sick list, is convalescing at this writing.  
Mr. and Mrs. John McEvers are entertaining their daughter and son of Breckenridge for several days. We

are glad to report Mr. McEvers, who has been critically ill, as getting along moderately well at this writing.  
**Railway Express Adds Free Delivery, Pick-Up**  
Effective Aug. 1, Railway Express began local free delivery and pick-up service, which will be a considerable accommodation to Merkel patrons of the express service.  
Any one in Merkel having an express shipment going out may have the advantage of the free pick-up service, Local Agent J. C. Childress announces, by phoning the express office.

**Lions Plan Watermelon Party for Ladies' Night**

Vacation time accounted for most of the 14 absentees from the Lions club luncheon at Woody's cafe when roll was called Tuesday.  
With the president, Henry West, and first vice-president, Joe P. Self, both away, Dr. L. C. Zehnpfennig, second vice-president, was in charge.  
After a report by Nathan Wood from the committee to raise premiums for the first bales, a proposal to have a watermelon party as a special ladies' night courtesy for the summer was voted unanimously.  
The date is Tuesday night, Aug. 11; the place, Shannon's pool.  
General committee chairman is Stanley King, assisted by Carlton Vick and Joe Cypert; Milton Case and Tracy Campbell are the committee on purchasing the watermelons.  
Bringing the thought for the day, Supt. R. A. Burgess recalled that it was 22 years ago that day when the World War began.  
Referring to the rebellion in Spain, he cited figures showing that more lives had already been lost there than the total of American lives lost in the World War. As to population and area, Spain, with a population of 32 millions, occupies only two-thirds as much territory as Texas, with a population of only 6 millions, but 42 per cent of the population in Spain is illiterate, whereas the 1930 census charged Texas with only 6 per cent illiteracy.

**Receives Injuries In Auto Accident**

Following an automobile accident on the Dallas-Fort Worth Pike Monday night, Mrs. Dee Grimes is in the Methodist hospital at Dallas, with a cut across her forehead and lacerations on the cheek and face.  
In the party leaving here Monday for the Dallas markets were Mr. and Mrs. Dee Grimes and Mrs. Cyrus Pee, and the accident occurred near Arlington. Dee Grimes and Mrs. Pee received only minor injuries.  
According to reports a truck, carrying a man and his wife and family, cut across to the wrong side of the highway in front of the Grimes' car, bringing the two in collision. Two of the members of the party in the truck sustained broken arms.  
A daughter, Miss Betty Lou Grimes, who has been lavishly entertained in Fort Worth as the Goddess of West Texas, did not join them as intended when they passed through Fort Worth, but was to meet them in Dallas the following day.  
Mr. Grimes and Mrs. Pee were expected home Friday, while Betty Lou will remain with her mother.

**M. A. Pair, 58, Jones County Farmer, Dies**

M. A. Pair, 58, Jones county farmer, died at 12:45 p. m. Wednesday at his home one mile west of Hodges, where he had lived 85 years.  
Mr. Pair had been in ill health since he suffered a stroke of paralysis two years ago. For six weeks he had been confined to bed.  
Funeral services were to be held from the Baptist church at Hodges at 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon, with Rev. M. J. Richardson, Primitive Baptist minister of Robert Lee, officiating. Mr. Pair was a member of the Primitive Baptist church.  
Besides his wife, who is a cousin of the Pattersons of Merkel, Mr. Pair is survived by eight children and 19 grandchildren. A sister, Mrs. Mettie Dearborn, of Sweetwater, also survives.

**Record of Births.**

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Deel, residing in the Canyon, Monday, July 20, 1936.  
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Reese, Noodle, Friday, July 31, 1936.  
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Higgins, Salt Branch, Saturday, Aug. 1, 1936.  
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Gene Pangle, Tuesday, Aug. 4, 1936.  
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Bryan, Tuesday, Aug. 4, 1936.

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**NOODLE NEWS**

Our community was visited by a heavy shower—something over a half inch of rain falling last Thursday evening, but, as it extended over only a small area, very little benefit will be derived from it.  
The Baptist meeting will begin Friday night. The services will be held at the tabernacle.  
C. B. Jinkens and family returned Wednesday on the Concho river where they spent several days fishing. They were accompanied by Mrs. Jinkens' brother, Everett Pool and family of Divide.  
J. S. Bird and family attended a family reunion at Buffalo Gap last Sunday.  
Ernest Henderson and family returned Sunday from Wood county where they had been visiting relatives the past two weeks. They also visited the Centennial on their return trip. Mrs. Henderson's mother accompanied them home.  
Mrs. Jim White and daughter, Jewel Faye, of Ovalo visited their sisters, Mrs. Waldo Cox and Mrs. Otto Bicknell, last Thursday. They also visited another sister, Mrs. Atlas Phillips, of Goodman.  
Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Eason and son, LeRoy, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Douglas visited the Centennial last week, also visiting a son and brother in Fort Worth.  
A. J. Barbee and sons, Weldon, Glenn and Bobby, visited the Carlsbad Caverns and other points in New Mexico and West Texas last week-end.  
C. M. Hawk and family of Snyder

were week-end guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Sosebee.  
Mrs. Terrell Eason and little daughter, Dona, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Eason and family.  
Atlas Phillips and wife of Goodman were dinner guests of Bill James and family Sunday.  
J. D. Sosebee returned Tuesday from Carlsbad, N. M., and Lubbock, where he had been visiting for several weeks.  
Mrs. Tom Jinkens and daughter, Mrs. Ted Bicknell, and children of Merkel spent Thursday with the C. B. Jinkens family.  
Mrs. Lizzie Pierce of Winnboro is visiting her son, Jack, and a sister, Mrs. J. M. Sloan.  
Mrs. A. J. Barbee and daughters, Leta Faye and Dorothy, and Mrs. O. W. Sosebee and daughters, Mildred, Mozelle and Billy, are visiting relatives in Hill and Bosque counties.  
Donald Jinkens of Fort Worth spent Thursday night with his cousin, Melvin Jinkens.  
Maurine Steele of Sweetwater was the guest of Geraldine Sloan Sunday.

Mrs. Bill James has been on the sick list for several days.  
**EXPRESSES THANKS.**  
We wish to thank kind neighbors, also those in Merkel and surrounding communities who came to our aid or rendered assistance in any way after the loss of our house by fire last Saturday morning.  
Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Berry and Family.  
**NOTICE.**  
I am no longer connected with the Merkel Lunch room and am not responsible for any debts incurred by same.  
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Oranges, dozen	27c	Dried	
Lemons, doz.	29c	Prunes, 2 pounds	19c
Apples, Gravenstein doz	30c	Red and White	
Green Beans, 2 lbs.	19c	Grape Juice, pint	15c
Spuds, 5 pounds	19c	quart	27c
Tomatoes, 2 pounds	15c	Blue and White	
		Apple Butter, qt.	19c
		Yankee Doodle	
		Macaroni, package	5c
		Del Dixi	
		Pickles, sour or dill, qt.	17c
		Pure Cane	
		Sugar, 10 lbs.	53c
		Red and White	
		Meal, 5 pounds	22c
		Blue and White	
		Pork & Beans, 16 oz. can	5c
		Red and White	
		Flav-R-Jell, pkg.	5c
		Sun Spun	
		Salad Dressing, 8 oz. jar	12c
		Salt Pork, pound	15c
		Sliced Bacon, pound	25c
		Cheese, pound	24c

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SOCIETY

THEATRE PARTY. Members of the Three "F" Club enjoyed a picture at the Queen theatre on Monday evening before going to the Club house for a slumber party.

STUDIO RECITAL. Members of the summer class of Christine Collins were entertained Monday afternoon in class recital at the studio.

Others present were Mrs. Homer Patterson, Mrs. W. A. McSpadden, Misses Thelma and Pearl Mathews, Frances Higgins, Waldeline Huskey, Rachael Patterson, Helen Heeter, Joyce Fulton, Homer Cage Easterwood, Billie George Reid and Christine Collins.

GAITHER HOME OPENED TO GLEANERS.

Mesdames R. A. Burgess, F. Y. Gaither and Edsel Church were co-hostesses Tuesday afternoon entertaining members of the Gleaner Sunday School class in Mrs. Gaither's home.

Games of "42" progressed happily until tea time when guests were served iced watermelon by little Misses Marilyn Sue Grimes, Bonnie Church and Dora Marie Gaither.

Members present were Mesdames Briggs, Herbert Patterson and Homer Patterson, Shannon, Case, Smith, Rea, Cox, Hughes, Vaughn, Brown and the three hostesses.

MASHBURN FAMILY REUNION.

More than 80 members of the Mashburn family gathered Sunday at Sweetwater park for an enjoyable reunion.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Church, Anna Lou, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Mashburn, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Mashburn, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Mashburn, Allen, Bobby and Ray, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Mashburn, Earl, Jr., Buddy, Marvin Jay, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd West, Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Loy Mashburn, Stanton; Mr. and Mrs. Joyce Martin and two children, Sweetwater; Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Warren, Hollis, Anna Lou, Fred, Virginia, Knox City; Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Mashburn, Gladys, Neta, Muriel, Charles, Betty Jean, Charlene, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Carter, Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Garrison, Billy Rae and Jackie, Abilene; Mrs. Paula Balch, Betty Lou, Dallas;

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Spurgin, Abilene; Mrs. M. L. Estes, Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Mashburn, Los Angeles, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Mashburn, Terrell Mashburn, Florence Rider, Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Allen Mashburn, Joy and Gordon, Stanton; Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Mashburn, Lester and Elmer, Stanton; E. F. Bright, Pecos; Mrs. W. F. Evans, Myrtle, Myrtle and Mary Helen, Knox City; Mrs. M. D. Goodyear, Leta Faye, Anson; Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Mashburn, Jimmie Warren, Stanton; Mrs. J. H. Johnson, Stanton; Mrs. Olive, Rex Olive, Sweetwater; Faby Mashburn, Merkel.

RURAL SOCIETY

PICNIC.

About 65 relatives and friends attended a picnic in the Boaz pasture Thursday, July 30, in honor of Grandmother Williams. Four sons and two daughters were present: H. A. Williams of Greenville, O. B. Williams and family, Merkel, R. P. and Jack Williams and families, Neinda, Mrs. Edgar Melton and family and Mrs. J. B. Dudley and family, Noodle.

Others present were: Mr. and Mrs. George Pearce, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Maryon, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Pierce, Mr. and Mrs. J. Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. Henderson, Chub, Greenville, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Melton and baby, Betty Jane, Herschel Bridges, Greenville; Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Tarpley and children, J. C. Newton and family, A. J. Pannell and family, Mrs. A. L. Rogers, Jr., Merkel; Mrs. D. V. Cook, Noodle.

About 40 pounds of fish were cooked for dinner, besides cakes, pies, chicken, pickles, jelly, preserves, and plenty of ice tea and coffee to drink. Jack Pannell, Jr., and James Williams entertained with music on the violin and guitar, and in the afternoon several of the boys and girls went swimming. Every one expressed a wish to go to more picnics like that.

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CHURCH SERVICES

Timely Messages At Nazarene Revival



REV. BUFORD BATTIN. Interest is increasing in the Nazarene revival now in progress, with Rev. Buford Battin of Lubbock doing the preaching. He is delivering some timely messages. If you fail to hear him, you are missing a great deal. We will appreciate the co-operation of all; we invite all Christians to join us in this crusade for souls.

Services 8:15 p. m. and 9:30 a. m. Services will continue under the city tabernacle until Sunday, closing out Sunday night. Be in all these services, if possible.

R. T. Smith, Pastor.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE. From 589 on the previous Sunday, the attendance at the six reporting Sunday Schools here increased to 656 last Sunday. On the same Sunday a year ago 634 were present.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH. Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 8:15 p. m. Our pastor is now holding a meeting near Amarillo and will not be here Sunday, but the pulpit will be filled by Dean Collins of Hardin-Simmons university. BTS at 7:30 p. m. W. M. U. at 4 o'clock Monday afternoon. Prayer meeting at 8:15 Wednesday evening.

Convention

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Hair, Mrs. Harry Tom King, J. H. Bratton, Mrs. Martin Metzger, Mrs. W. W. Hair, Ben L. Cox, E. M. Overshiner, Mrs. Bernard Hanks.

\*Persons who expect to go to the Garner reception were asked to notify R. W. Haynie, who will make reservations for the banquet.

Committees named and serving for the convention were: Credentials—Joe Humphrey, J. E. Hurt of Ovalo, M. G. Jenkins of Tuscola, W. O. Boney of Merkel and W. C. Neill of Nubia.

Platform and resolutions—E. T. Brooks, R. A. Burgess of Merkel, R. D. Green, Fred Cockrell, Ben. L. Cox, Gray Browne, T. C. Richardson of Hamby, Judge M. S. Long.

Convention delegates—C. R. Pennington, W. J. Carden, C. J. Glover of Merkel, W. D. Gullede, Fred Rucker of Tye-Abilene, Albert Bond of Bradshaw, George F. Duncan of Iberis, J. E. Hurt of Ovalo, E. M. Overshiner, Lee R. York and W. J. Cunningham.

Only 7 Schools in New District 6, Class B. A rearrangement of Class B district in the Interscholastic league has divided district 6, as constituted last year, with the result that seven of the schools remain in the same district, while other members of the old No. 6 become No. 9.

Line-ups of teams in the two districts are as follows: District 6—Colorado, Loraine, Merkel, Roby, Roscoe, Rotan, Snyder. (Chairman, Roger A. Burgess, Merkel.)

District 9—Albany, Anson, Aspermont, Hamlin, Haskell, Munday, Rule, Stamford. (Chairman, Supt. L. W. Johnson, Stamford.)

Death of Infant. The infant son, only one day old, of Mr. and Mrs. George R. Dean of Golan, died Sunday, with burial on Monday in Rose Hill cemetery. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of many friends in their sad loss.

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. Sunday School at 10 a. m. The pastor will be away holding a revival at Beardstown in East Texas—no preaching service morning nor evening. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening. You are cordially invited to these services. Strangers welcome. R. A. Walker, Pastor.

NORTHSIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH. The Lord has done great things for us, whereof we are glad. The heavy load of debt that was on our church building has been reduced to \$125. This fall with the help of the Lord we will clear our church building.

We rejoiced Sunday evening as the greatest congregation of people we have witnessed in many weeks gathered to hear the plain gospel preached. Next Sunday evening the pastor will bring a dynamic message on "Power." We invite you to visit our services and see what great things the Lord is doing for us in these trying times.

Remember and attend our Bible Study each Saturday evening at 8:15. Bill E. Dowell, Pastor.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Sheppard and their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Sheppard, of Dallas, are spending the week on the Llano, having been joined on Monday by Mr. and Mrs. Lee Cox. In Mr. Sheppard's absence from the Barrow Furniture company, C. S. Barrow and wife came over from Hamlin to fill his place.

Having doubled the capacity of his hatchery, located one block north of the section house, A. R. Sharp announces that his plant will be open for business, Aug. 15.

Following a cave-in, Illinois Petroleum company No. 1 Bigam, near View, is setting casing this week at a depth of 2,170 feet, it was reported Wednesday.

Opening of the Front Street grocery, just west off Kent street, is announced by Bert Melton, formerly in the restaurant business here. He has just opened up with new stock and fixtures in a large and commodious building.

Will Open Beauty Shop. Mrs. R. E. Morrison, who until her marriage July 31 was Miss Loraine Ferrell, expects to be ready Monday to open her beauty parlor, to be known as Loraine's Beauty shop in the building formerly occupied by the Clay Lumber company south of the railroad. Mrs. Morrison is an operator of three years experience and was formerly employed in a local beauty shop.

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R & R Texas Sweetwater "West Texas' Finest" Friday-Saturday "The Bride Walks Out" Sunday-Monday Edward G. Robinson, Joan Blondell in "Bullets or Ballots" Tuesday Only "M'Liss" With Anne Shirley and John Beal Texas' Bargain Day Wednesday-Thursday Walter Huston in "Rhodes" R. & R. RITZ Friday-Saturday Tom Tyler in "Ridin' On"

Softball (Continued from Page One) Wednesday's game: Mars 13, Fireboys 5. Officers elected to direct the Merkel Softball association are: Booth Warren, president; Byers Petty, secretary-treasurer; Sylvan Mellinger, score-keeper and statistician. Tom Jinkens is umpire-in-chief. Playing under the rules of the American Softball association, the board of governors consists of: Dr. L. C. Zehnpenning, Lions; Joe Self, Fireboys; D. H. Vaughn, Doc's Cops; Frank Strawn, Mars; Clesby Patterson, Red Devils; John Curb, Mt. Pleasant; Clyde Deavers, Blair, and F. J. McDonald, Stith. The schedule for the remainder of the season, as prepared by the schedule committee, consisting of J. Parker Sharp, Warren Smith and Byers Petty, follows: Thursday, Aug. 5 (two games)—Blair vs Red Devils, Lions vs Mt. Pleasant. Friday, Aug. 7 (two games)—Stith vs Mars, Lions vs Red Devils. Monday, Aug. 10 (two games)—Blair vs Mt. Pleasant, Fireboys vs Doc's Cops. Tuesday, Aug. 11 (two games)—Stith vs Red Devils, Blair vs Doc's Cops. Wednesday, Aug. 12 (one game) Lions vs Mars. Thursday, Aug. 13 (two games)—Mars vs Red Devils, Blair vs Fireboys. Friday, Aug. 14 (two games)—Red Devil vs Mt. Pleasant, Stith vs Lions. Monday, Aug. 17 (two games)—Blair vs Stith, Mt. Pleasant vs Doc's Cops. Tuesday, Aug. 18 (two games)—Mars vs Mt. Pleasant, Fireboys vs Lions. Wednesday, Aug. 19 (one game) Mars vs Doc's Cops. Thursday, Aug. 20 (one game)—Fireboys vs Stith. Friday, Aug. 21 (one game)—Red Devil vs Doc's Cops. Monday, Aug. 24 (one game)—Fireboys vs Mt. Pleasant. Tuesday, Aug. 25 (one game)—Blair vs Lions. Wednesday, Aug. 26 (one game)—Stith vs Doc's Cops.

QUEEN THEATRE Merkel, Texas Cooled With Washed Air Friday-Saturday Hoot Gibson in "SUNSET RANGE" Chapter 9, "Custer's Last Stand" and Two-Reel Comedy Saturday Night Preview 11 P. M., Monday and Tuesday WILL ROGERS in "CONNECTICUT YANKEE" With Myrna Loy Also Selected Shorts Wednesday-Thursday Joan Blondell and Glenda Farrell in "MISS PACIFIC FLEET" Extra—Technicolor Two-Reel Comedy, "Regular Kids" Don't Forget Thursday Night

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