

ONLY FOURTEEN NAMES LISTED FOR RUN-OFF

Two State Races, Congressional Contest, Two County Offices And Four Precinct Places to Be Decided.

The run-off ballot to be voted in the second democratic primary Saturday, Aug. 22, carries the names of candidates for two state races, for congress from the 17th district, two Taylor county races and four precinct races within the county.

The voting place in Merkel will be at the Sears building, next to the Farmers State bank—the same location as for the first primary. Polls will open at 8 a. m. and close at 7 p. m.

Precinct Chairman W. O. Boney will again serve as presiding officer, assisted by the following: Mesdames Comer Haynes, R. M. Ferguson, O. B. Leach, Miss Pauline Johnson, Messrs. T. L. Grimes, Herbert Patterson and George T. Moore.

Names on the ballot, eliminating other precincts except Merkel, will appear as follows:

For State Railroad Commissioner:
ERNEST O. THOMPSON.
FRANK S. MORRIS.

For State Commissioner of Agriculture:
GEORGE B. TERRELL.
J. E. McDONALD.

For Congress, 17th District:
THOMAS L. BLANTON.
CLYDE L. GARRETT.

For County Clerk:
CLARENCE L. DARDEN.
VIVIAN FRYAR.

For Sheriff:
BURL WHEELER.
SID H. McADAMS.

For County Commissioner, Precinct No. 2:
A. J. CANON.
HOUSTON ROBERTSON.

For Constable, Precinct No. 5:
J. T. KING.
W. H. LANEY.

Election Party Being Arranged Locally

Arrangements to tabulate and post returns locally of the run-off primary have been completed, the same location back of the Vick Drug store to be utilized.

Provision for the election party Saturday night is made by the co-operation of the merchants of the city and everybody is invited to come and learn the results.

Both candidates for congress spoke here last week, Blanton on Monday night, Aug. 10, and Garrett on Thursday night, Aug. 13. The latter was introduced by Holland Teaff, farmer and manager of the Farmers Co-Operative Society No. 1 plant.

Following Judge Garrett, Tom L. Blanton, Jr., spoke here on Friday night in the interest of his father's campaign, being introduced by Johnny Cox.

A district-wide rally of Garrett forces is scheduled for Thursday night of this week at Abilene, when the Eastland man will speak. Garrett will close his campaign at Rotan Friday night.

To Receive B. S. from McMurry College

Miss Frances Marie Church, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Church, will be one of the 35 candidates receiving her degree from McMurry college, Abilene, on Thursday night. She is receiving her B. S. degree, with a major in speech, completing her work in three years and one summer.

Miss Church has been added to the Merkel school faculty as teacher of English in the Grammar school.

While in McMurry she was a member of the Thespian Dramatic club, Sigma Lambda Kappa and the Choral club.

Record of Births.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Click, Jr., near Noodle, Thursday, Aug. 13, 1936.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Halbrook, Trent, Sunday, Aug. 16, 1936.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Ross Young, Trent, Tuesday, Aug. 18, 1936.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lowery, Trent, Thursday, Aug. 20, 1936.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

A gasoline barrel fire burned critically John Menicke, 19, on his grandfather's ranch near Ozona and destroyed a six-car garage and two automobiles.

A. Norman Baines, commodities supervisor at the Greenville relief warehouse, was charged with arson in the burning of the warehouse when two firemen were killed.

William McCraw, attorney general of Texas, is spending this week in Mexico City, conferring with Mexican officials regarding distribution of waters of the Rio Grande.

Columbus Hare, 40, the first man in Texas assessed a life sentence on an habitual criminal charge, escaped from the laundry on the Wynne state farm. It was his third escape.

Judge Randolph Bryant of Texas-Kana has appointed Ed Taylor of Tyler to serve temporarily as United States district marshal, replacing John Ponder, who died recently.

Word was received at Denton Tuesday of the death of two young daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shearer, living in the northeastern part of Denton county, from ptomaine poisoning.

Announcement is made at Denison that the M. K. and T. railroad will begin immediately general overhauling of 500 coal cars, which means additional men will be given employment in the car shops.

The 3,000,000th visitor to the Texas Centennial Central exposition, Mary Twitty, 9, daughter of Bryce Twitty, superintendent of Baylor hospital, and Mrs. Twitty, passed through the gate shortly after noon Wednesday.

Prison officials Sunday identified two negroes shot down Saturday night near Wells, Cherokee county, as Milton Armstrong, 26, of Beaumont, and Jack Carter, 39, of San Antonio, who escaped Thursday from the central farm.

The Frontier Centennial will stage a celebration Monday in honor of the late Will Rogers, who died little more than a year ago. It is expected the humorist's widow and two sons, Jimmie and Will, Jr., will be present for the ceremonies.

William F. Donnelly, 45, identified by papers in his pocket as a member of the Robert Lee Crim Post, American Legion, at Kilgore, suffered loss of his right foot at the ankle when he fell beneath a freight train he was attempting to board at Abilene Saturday.

Fort Sam Houston at San Antonio, chief southwestern army post, will celebrate its 60th anniversary this month. At the same time Texas is celebrating the Centennial of independence achieved under the leadership of the man for whom the "fort" is named.

Dallas physicians amputated the arm of Tommy Moore, 19, of Tyler, at the elbow after an automobile crash, which occurred east of Mesquite and in which the youth's companion, Henry Cuff, of Tyler, who was driving and escaped uninjured, said he was asleep and did not know what happened.

Hutto Will Coach Canyon High Team

Friends here have received news of the selection of Emil Hutto, who coached the Badgers last year, as coach of the Canyon High school for the coming year.

Emil received his degree from West Texas State Teachers college last summer and is doing graduate work there now.

In commenting on the new coach, The Prairie, college paper at Canyon, said:

"The school board feels proud that they are fortunate in securing a coach, who comes as highly recommended as does Hutto. Prospects at this time are very promising for a good football team this fall, as there is a large group of boys anxiously awaiting the first practice call."

Neff Discusses Centennial. Bridgcrest, N. C., Aug. 20.—Pat M. Neff, former governor of Texas, discussed the Texas Centennial exposition before delegates from 18 southern states attending Southern Baptist summer assembly.

YOUNG FARMER FACES SECOND MURDER COUNT

Held in Nolan County for Death of 52-Year-Old Filling Station Operator; Also Charged With Murder of First Wife.

Facing a charge of murder for the second time in four days, late Monday a complaint was sworn out by Sheriff Burl Wheeler in Justice Lindsay Walden's court in Abilene charging Clarence Duncan, 28, farmer of Trent, with the death of his first wife, Mary Duncan, whose charred body was found in the smouldering ruins of their home near Trent the morning of April 10, 1935.

Duncan, held without bail in Nolan county on charges of murder in the death of G. H. Jones, 52-year-old Trent filling station operator, was brought to the Taylor county jail Wednesday night by Sheriff Burl Wheeler and Deputy Sheriff W. E. Lowe, to be arraigned Thursday in justice court for the murder of his first wife.

Filing of the latter charge was the aftermath, said Wheeler, of long investigation of the fire which destroyed the Duncan five-room house southwest of Trent while Duncan was at the barn milking about 4 o'clock in the morning.

Duncan's confession to the brutal murder of G. H. Jones was secured by officers shortly after midnight Friday. Jones had been missing since Tuesday, but Duncan was taken in charge by officers on the day following and his confession came after long and diligent work of the peace officers. Following his confession, the battered body of Jones was taken from Lake Sweetwater about 8 o'clock Saturday morning.

Duncan's present wife, Billie Lorene Duncan, and her brother, Wilmer Allen, also are charged with the death of Jones. They were allowed \$5,000 bail each, in default of which they remained in the Nolan county jail.

Billie Lorene Duncan, who was married to Duncan on June 29, securing a license in Abilene, also faces a bigamy charge, sworn out in Abilene by G. H. Jones, the man who was later murdered, and made bond of \$500 in this case.

The bigamy case as well as the investigation of the death of Mary Duncan will come up before the 42nd district grand jury, which convenes Sept. 7 in Abilene.

Negro Back at County Jail to Save Expense

Lonnie Mitchell, Merkel negro convicted of murder in connection with the fatal shooting of City Marshal Chester Hutcheson here on the night of Apr. 9, and whom Taylor county had been boarding in the Tarrant county jail since shortly after his conviction in 42nd district court May 9, was brought back last week to the county jail at Abilene.

To save expense—the board bill was mounting up as the court of criminal appeals has given no verdict on Mitchell's appeal—Sheriff Wheeler decided to bring the negro back to this county.

Dies at Daughter's Home at White Flat

Funeral services were held for Mrs. A. T. Clark Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the First Christian church, Abilene, with Dr. F. M. Warren, pastor, officiating. Mrs. Clark died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. L. W. Ross, in the White Flat community, where she had been visiting. She had been seriously ill since Tuesday.

Survivors are five sons and three daughters: Mrs. Ross, Trent; Mrs. T. P. Carter, Abilene; Mrs. C. Metcalfe, Los Angeles, Calif.; Walter Clark, Hidalgo; Bert Clark, Happy; Charlie Clark, Corpus Christi; Willie Clark, Abilene, and Chester Clark, Fort Worth. Two sisters and three brothers also survive. Mrs. Clark had 18 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Edward Sees No War. Belgrade, Yugoslavia, Aug. 20.—England's king Edward VIII, now vacationing in the Adriatic aboard the palatial yacht, Nablun, does not believe Europe is on the brink of war, he said Monday.

MARS UPSETS DOPE, DEFEATS OLD DOC'S COPS

Red Devils Hold First Place in Softball League, with Doc's Cops and Stith in Tie for Second Position.

Upsetting the dope, as it had been spilled to the editor of The Mail, Mars shut out Doc's Cops in Wednesday afternoon's game of the Community Softball league, leaving the Red Devils the only undefeated team in the circuit.

Stith, with wins over the Lions and Blair during the past week's play, moved into a tie with Doc's Cops for second position in the percentage table.

Out of the five remaining games, listed below, the Red Devils have only one more to play; they meet Doc's Cops Friday. Stith has two matches, one with the Fireboys this (Thursday) afternoon, and the other with Doc's Cops on Wednesday of next week, closing date of the schedule. Hence, it will be a battle to the finish, as, should Doc's Cops win both, they would tie with the Red Devils; should Stith win both and Doc's Cops down the Red Devils, Stith would be in a tie with the Red Devils for first place.

Line scores of the series of play, including two games Thursday, Friday, Monday and Tuesday and the single game Wednesday, which follow, were furnished by Sylvan Mellinger, official score-keeper:

The scores:

Red Devils	040 110 3-9 7 5
Mars	001 000 0-1 2 9
L. Robertson and C. Patterson; Berry and J. McCaleb.	
Blair	211 010 x-5 4 4
Fireboys	000 200 0-2 4 8
M. Doan, Meeks and P. Osborn; W. Neill, C. Perry and E. Jones.	

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West Texas Horsemen Plan Annual Show

At a meeting of Abilene and West Texas horsemen Tuesday night at the Abilene chamber of commerce, Dr. T. Wade Hedrick was elected chairman to appoint committees for furtherance of an organization for a permanent fall horse show.

Plans are to hold the horse show in connection with a Future Farmers and vocational agriculture calf show, tentative dates of which have been set as Oct. 9 and 10.

A number of West Texas towns were represented at the meeting.

Five Visitors Greeted At Lions Club Luncheon

In contrast to the previous luncheon, when 14 were missing, there were only six absentees Tuesday at the Lions bi-weekly meeting at Woody's cafe.

The guest list included Rev. E. S. James of Cisco, Joe Trussell of Brownwood, evangelist and singer at the Baptist revival now in progress, Rev. C. R. Joyner, pastor of the sponsor church, and Mr. and Mrs. George H. Willhite.

Mr. Willhite is a new member of the Merkel school faculty, while his wife is a teacher of expression.

Each of the guests responded to express their pleasure at being guests of the club, while Mrs. Willhite, commanded by President West, gave a most enjoyable reading entitled "Betty at the Baseball Game."

Developments and progress in the new branches of High school curriculum were reported by H. C. Collinsworth, VA instructor, and Supt. Roger A. Burgess.

Tracy Campbell did not fail with the thought for the day, introducing an original limerick, for which he was most generously encored.

Former Pastor Here Succumbs at Roscoe

Rev. R. S. Heizer, 84, superannuated Methodist minister, died Wednesday night at Roscoe. He was a former pastor of the Methodist church here about 30 years ago.

Burial will take place here at 4 o'clock Friday afternoon at Rose Hill cemetery, the body to be laid beside the grave of his wife.

Three sons and one daughter survive. Miss Vennie Heizer of this city is a granddaughter.

TRENT WILL FACE WINNER OF TRUBY-DIVIDE SERIES IN SHAUGHNESSY FINALS

TRENT ON TOP CLUB STANDING

Overwhelms Noodle 11 to 1 in Final Game of Regular League Schedule.

Overwhelming Noodle 11 to 1 Saturday in the final game of the Inter-Community league schedule, Trent wound up the season at the top of the percentage column with eight wins out of ten games played.

The Trent sluggers pounded out 17 hits in the nine rounds off Floyd and Hale, Backstop Weaver leading the artillery with a home run and two singles out of five trips to the plate and driving in three runs.

Trent's victory over Noodle definitely determined the line-up of opposing teams in the Shaughnessy play-off, although there had been little doubt but that they would top the circuit, meeting Noodle in the first bracket, with Truby and Divide, second and third place winners, respectively, in the second bracket.

Box scores of the Truby-Divide game, played last Wednesday, and of the Trent-Noodle game on Saturday, appear elsewhere in this issue of The Mail.

Standing of the teams at the close of the season for position in the Shaughnessy play-off follows:

TEAM	W	L	Pct.
Trent	8	2	.800
Truby	7	3	.700
Divide	6	4	.600
Noodle	4	6	.400
Tye	3	7	.300
Union	2	8	.200

Investigate Cases of Distressed Aged Folks

Austin, Aug. 20.—Immediate investigation of distress cases among old people is being made, Orville Carpenter, old age assistance director, announced here.

"I believe that every eligible person in the state who is in actual distress will have his check by Sept. 1," Carpenter said. "By the end of this week we will have sent checks to 10,000 additional individuals bringing the number on our rolls to 70,000 recipients. This figure is 23 per cent of the 300,000 persons in the state over 65 years of age, and is the highest percentage in the United States."

Illinois, with 390,850 people over 65, has 22 per cent on the pension rolls; Ohio has 20 per cent, and New York, 8.6 per cent.

To Pound Pastor.

The people of the Union Ridge Methodist church are asked to bring cake and ice cream along with other things next Monday night, Aug. 24, when it is planned to pound the pastor. An enjoyable time is promised.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merke) September 1, 1916.

ELECTION DOPE, ETC., BY SLIVERS.

A lot of boss' friends invited him to attend the Colquitt funeral services Monday, to which "Uncle" Tom Toombs and J. G. Sadler had also been given invitations. Not being present at the obsequies, we don't know how they acted, but are informed that Judge Mims and Capt. Oliver both led prayer and shouted until "Uncle" Tom mentioned the fact that they might just as well bury W. R. Smith at the same time, and "Capt." got vexed and refused to join the hilarious bunch in any more of their nonsense.

That man Routh took a lot of training to learn how to run, but look at 'im now. Apologies for even suggesting that there is or ever will be another "Blue" Tittle.

Colquitt has figured it out sensibly. He just simply didn't get enuf votes.

If a man who can't see a lick beats three of the best men in the county, what would he do if he had good eyes? Hark, hark, the dogs do bark, the beggars are coming to town. Some in rags, some in tags and some in velvet

Makes It Two Straight From Noodle; Truby Gets First Blood in Second Bracket; Noodle Meets Loser for Third.

Upon the outcome of the game Thursday between Truby and Divide will depend the schedule of play for the remainder of the Shaughnessy.

Defeating Noodle 16-1 on Monday and 7-2 on Wednesday, Trent made it two straight and settled their right to contend in the world series with the winner of the Truby-Divide set.

Truby won their first game with Divide Tuesday 6-2, and should they win Thursday, would go into the finals with Trent. Should Divide win Thursday, a third game will be necessary between Truby and Divide, to be played Friday.

In either event, Noodle will meet the loser of this latter series in a single game for third money on the day following their decisive contest, after which Trent and the winner of the Truby-Divide series will play two out of three on successive days for first and second money.

Tannie Jones struck out a dozen Noodle batsmen in Monday's game, which was also featured by a dozen misplays by Noodle players. In Wednesday's game, Harvey Jones, pitching for Trent, not only held his opponents to six scattered hits but batted .500 and drove in three of his team's runs.

The Tuesday game between Truby and Divide was a pitcher's duel between Priest and Garner, but with one on in the eighth Bill Hollis slapped the first pitched ball over the highway in right field for a homer, cinching the game.

Priest, hurling for Divide, struck out seven and gave up only eight hits, but a single and two doubles in the second and Hollis' homer in the eighth were responsible for his defeat.

The line scores of Monday's, Tuesday's and Wednesday's games follow:
Noodle 000 010 000-1 6 12
Trent 381 200 20x-16 17 6
Goode and Parham; T. Jones and Weaver.

Divide 100 100 000-2 7 5
Truby 020 010 03x-6 8 3
Priest and Jones; Garner and Scott.

Trent 020 102 002-7 11 4
Noodle 000 000 020-2 6 6
H. Jones and Weaver; Palmer and Parham.

Sets Altitude Record.

Villacoubly, France, Aug. 20.—George D'Etre, French aviator, set an international altitude record Monday when he achieved a height of 14,836 meters (48,682 feet.)

Louis K. O.'s Sharkey.

New York, Aug. 20.—Joe Louis of Detroit knocked out Jack Sharkey, former heavyweight champion from Boston, in the third round of their scheduled ten-round bout here Tuesday night.

The last word of this original statement is intended to allude to the possibility of whether Merkel will have another '49 show. The chances are that the '49ers will stay right where they darned are now, and won't pay this place their resp'ts.

Just like we predicted about this Sen'l'r race, the high man's name started with a C. That's one winner we picked.

With that good old wheel horse Culberson in the top story and Blanton on the ground floor, them yankees will sit up and watch Tex. mor'n they bin doin'.

Stale news. A lot of fellows met at Sweetwater Saturday and announced that Judge Blanton had been elected to congress.

We are not going to tire our readers by naming those who are sick, but will say that most all who were sick last week are some better. There are exceptions, however, for the election is just over.

A gold tooth was found in one of the pies given at a recent public dinner. Owner can get same by describing and paying for this adv.

Profitable Pointers On "How to Adopt a Safe Farm Program"

Many profitable suggestions are included in the following summary of "How to Adopt a Safe Farm Program," as prepared by C. H. Collinsworth, vocational agriculture instructor in Merkel High school:

1. Preservation of land as capital stock: (1) by terracing; (2) by use of soil-building crops; (3) by cover crops.
2. Use of adapted crops and livestock: (1) by marketing surplus feed through livestock; (2) by raising an ample feed supply; (3) by providing crops for spring and summer grazing.
3. Balance farming business: (1) by distributing both labor and income throughout the year; (2) by adopting a "live-at-home" program; (3) by utilizing farm commodities.
4. Lower cost methods: (1) by planting the best seed obtainable; (2) by conserving feed by using it wisely; (3) by selling the poor producing individuals; (4) by destroying hibernating insects during winter; (5) by protecting stored grain from rats and insects.
5. Live at home: (1) by having a year-round garden; (2) by having enough cows to furnish plenty of milk and butter; (3) by having a well located orchard; (4) by raising your own meat supply; (5) by canning sufficient vegetables, meats and fruits.
6. Production of quality products: (1) by planting the best seed obtainable; (2) by raising attractive and productive livestock; (3) by showing marketable products in an attractive manner.
7. Marketing on quality basis: (1) by selling uniform products; (2) by culling out the low grade products; (3) by raising what the public demands.

Washburn Family Hold Reunion at Goodman

The Washburn children met in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Washburn, living in the Goodman community, for a reunion Sunday, Aug. 16.

Those present were: Mrs. Bert Harrington, Caddo; Cecil Washburn, McLean; Mrs. Henry Cooper and children, Trent; J. C. Washburn and family, North Trent; Ted Washburn and family, Goodman; Mary Belle, Jimmie, Alton Ray and Lyndale Washburn, Goodman.

Besides the members of the family, the following were also present: Jim Wilson, Norman Washburn, McLean; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Washburn, North Trent; Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Head and family and Joe Washburn, Eskota.

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.

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Don't Forget Thursday Night

Trent Outfielder Leads With .514 Average

The 1936 season developed two .500 hitters in the Merkel Inter-Community league: Cooley, Trent outfielder, who batted the ball at a clip of .514, and B. Hollis, Truby first baseman, who averaged an even .500.

Including these two sizzlers, there were 13 with an average of .300 or better for the season.

Trent stood out far ahead in club batting average, with a combined total strength of .314, an average much out of the usual. Other teams ranked in batting averages about the same as they finished in the percentage column: Truby, second; Divide, third; Noodle, fourth; Union, fifth, and Tye, sixth.

In the list below of the fifteen leading hitters for the season, as compiled by the official league statistician, L.J. Renfro, the names of the teams are indicated as follows: T (Trent); Tr (Truby); N (Noodle); Ty (Tye); D (Divide.) Team batting averages also appear below.

PLAYER	AB	R	H	BA
Cooley, T	35	9	18	.514
B. Hollis, Tr	34	8	17	.500
L. Eason, N	26	5	11	.423
D. Williams, N	24	5	10	.417
W. Weaver, T	22	6	9	.409
Hammonds, D	37	16	15	.405
Greer, D	29	5	11	.379
John Payne, T	59	11	13	.333
Scott, Tr	45	5	15	.333
Priest, D	36	5	12	.333
Derrick, N	43	6	14	.325
H. Tittle, T	41	12	13	.317
Hammer, Tr	36	6	11	.305
R. O. Payne, Tr	39	7	11	.282
W. Jowers, Ty	56	4	10	.277

CLUB	AB	R	H	BA
Trent	328	71	103	.314
Truby	371	66	100	.269
Divide	329	57	87	.264
Noodle	386	52	95	.246
Union	256	37	59	.230
Tye	330	54	73	.221

Not one passenger lost his life in 1935 in a collision or derailment of a train in this country; and this despite faster schedules and heavier traffic, according to Harry G. Taylor, chairman of the Western Association of Railway Executives.

Standard Typewriter Ribbons 75c each at Merkel Mail office.

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



To the Voters of Taylor County:

The office of County Clerk is yours to give me by your vote and your confidence in me next Aug. 22.

I have lived in Taylor county for 32 years and have always paid taxes here. I have reared a family among the people of Taylor county and have educated my children in the schools here. During the depression I lost heavily, as most of us did, and since I was not drawing a good salary and, having besides a family other dependents, I was not able to contribute much to the worth while causes, but can say that practically every dollar that has come into my possession during the 32 years I have lived here has been spent in Taylor county for its support.

I have always lived a clean life, as any one will tell you, and have carried on my campaign in the same manner as I think it should be carried on. I want the people of Taylor county to know that I appreciate deeply all you have done for me and that I shall ever be grateful for your vote on Aug. 22 for your next County Clerk.

Respectfully,

CLARENCE L. DARDEN

(Political Advertising.)

All Children Except One Final Card to Voters Of Grandma Reeder are Present For Reunion From Jack Canon

On Sunday, Aug. 9, Mrs. Mary (Grandma) Reeder, former resident of Merkel, had the pleasure of meeting all of her children (except one son of Brownwood) in a reunion at Santo.

There were 48 present as follows: Charlie Driskill and family, Santo; John Driskill, Pochontas, Ark.; E. J. Driskill, former resident of Merkel; George Reeder and family, Sidney; U. S. Reeder and family, Merkel; W. L. Reeder's family, Brownwood; Frank Reeder and family, Merkel; one daughter, Mrs. Vera Cox and children, Brownwood; a step-daughter, Mrs. Fannie Bradford, Brazos, and a sister-in-law, Mrs. Josey Edwards, Ponder, Mo.

There were 24 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren present and a number of friends.

All except three attended the services at the Church of Christ, which increased the attendance by 45. Then all gathered on the creek for dinner, and in the afternoon ate watermelons and made pictures.

King Asks Support of Voters in 2nd Primary

To the Voters of Precinct No. 5: Again I want to thank each and every one of you for your support which placed me in the lead over my opponents for constable on July 25.

It will be impossible for me to see each one of you personally before the second primary, and I am using this means of soliciting your vote in Saturday's election.

Sincerely,
J. T. KING,
(Political Advertising.)

It is reported from China that motor fuel has been produced from soy-bean oil.

Forty per cent of all the gasoline consumed by motor vehicles is used by trucks and busses.

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For ALL OCCASIONS
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To the Voters of Precinct 2, Taylor County:

On account of illness in my home I have not been able to see each voter in the precinct, but please accept this as a personal solicitation of your vote in the second primary.

I want to take this means of thanking you again for the splendid vote you gave me in the first primary in July, and sincerely hope that you will see fit to give me a good vote Saturday.

A. J. CANON,
(Political Advertising.)

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The Chronicle

ARLINGTON, VA.

Arlington, Va., Friday, August 7, 1936

CONGRESSMAN BLANTON

CONGRESSMAN Thomas L. Blanton, who has done more for the District of Columbia than any member of the lower house of congress, is being bitterly assailed by two Washington newspapers who could not use him or swerve him from the path of duty and honor. Even the enemies of Judge Blanton in congress say that he is the most valuable man in that body. He is a tireless worker and could be found at his office in the House Office Building from 8 A. M. to midnight every day of the session, when not on the floor or attending the meetings of the important committees that he headed or served upon.

It was Congressman Blanton who discovered the robbery of insane World War veterans and who put through legislation that would save their estates, and protect their families. He discovered where one attorney had gotten more out of the estates of 155 insane World War veterans than they got from their own estates.

Judge Blanton's whole long life in congress has been marked by efforts to protect the U. S. Treasury from raiders. He has been a terror to corrupt and venal politicians, and being a master of parliamentary law and procedure he has killed more bad legislation than any other man in congress. If he were not respected and looked up to by democratic leaders in congress he could not have accomplished anything. That is a sufficient answer to those who abuse him.

The people of his congressional district ought to know that he has during this administration caused to be spent by the federal government in the counties of his district more than thirty-five million dollars. His entire record in congress is clean, as is his public and private life, and although he has been much abused by self seeking Washington newspapers, not one of them ever could point to a stain upon his character.

Texas never sent a braver, or manlier soul to Washington to battle for the right. There is not a yellow streak in Thomas L. Blanton and in his long career no enemy has ever charged him with dishonor. Measured in usefulness he is ten congressmen in one.

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TRUBY	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Hampton, lf	4	1	0	1	1	0
C. Williams, cf	4	1	1	3	0	0
V. Justice, ss	5	1	1	3	2	1
Hollis, lb	3	1	2	4	0	0
Scott, c	4	1	1	11	0	1
Grogan, 2b	4	1	2	1	3	0
Garner, p	5	1	1	0	0	0
Bradford, 3b	3	0	0	2	0	0
Payne, R. O., rf	4	0	1	2	0	0
Totals	36	7	9	27	6	2

DIVIDE	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Hammonds, lf	4	2	1	3	1	0
Holt, rf	4	1	0	1	0	0
Priest, ss	4	1	2	0	4	4
Carpenter, 2b, cf	4	0	1	3	0	1
Laine, cf, 2b	3	0	1	3	2	0
Lattimer, lb	3	0	1	9	0	1
Doug Jones, c	4	0	0	7	1	0
Greer, 3b	4	0	1	0	1	0
Barton, p	4	0	0	1	2	0
Totals	34	4	7	27	11	6

Score by innings—
 Truby 003 130 000—7
 Divide 000 120 100—4

Summary—Runs batted in, Hampton, Hollis 2, Scott, J. Grogan 2, Payne, Priest, Carpenter, Lattimer, (Holt scored in 5th when Priest attempted to go to third while occupied by Holt, and the resulting slow play by Truby infield allowed the run.) Two-base hit, Grogan. Sacrifices, Grogan, Bradford, Garner. Double plays, Grogan, Justice and Hollis; Laine and Lattimer. Stolen bases, Justice Hammonds, Priest, Holt. Caught stealing, Hollis, by Jones. Struck out, by Garner 10, by Barton 6. Bases on ball, off Garner 5, off Barton 4. Hit by pitcher, Barton (Hampton.) Passed balls, Jones, Scott. Left on base, Truby 8, Divide 9. Umpires, C. Hollis and Ferrier.

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TRENT	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Payne, lb	5	2	2	7	0	0
Terry, 3b, lf	4	2	2	2	0	0
Weaver, c	5	2	3	7	0	0
Cooley, lf	2	1	1	2	0	0
D. Jones, 3b, p	3	0	2	0	4	1
H. Tittle, rf	4	1	1	1	0	0
O. Tittle, 2b	5	2	2	2	3	0
Hammer, cf	4	0	2	2	1	0
L. Jones, cf	0	0	0	0	0	0
C. Tittle, ss	4	1	2	3	3	1
O. Jones, p, 3b	4	0	0	1	0	2
T. Jones, p	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	41	11	17	27	11	4

NOODLE	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Justice, cf	3	0	0	4	1	1
Derrick, 3b	4	0	0	2	1	0
Eason, lf	3	0	1	2	1	0
C. Vick, 2b	4	0	1	3	1	1
Palmer, rf, ss, lb	4	0	1	2	0	0
Parham, c	3	0	0	5	3	0
H. Vick, lb	2	0	0	8	0	0
Pierce, rf	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hale, ss, p	3	0	0	2	2	1
Floyd, p	0	0	0	0	0	0
Goode, rf, ss	3	1	1	0	0	0
Totals	29	1	4	27	11	3

Score by innings—
 Trent 440 010 200—11
 Noodle 001 000 000—1

Summary—Runs batted in, Payne, Terry, Weaver 3, Cooley 2, H. Tittle, O. Tittle, Hammer, C. Tittle, Derrick. Two-base hits, Terry 2, Cooley, C. Tittle. Home run, Weaver. Sacrifice hit, C. Tittle. Double plays, O. Tittle to C. Tittle to Payne; Eason to C. Vick. Hit by pitched ball, H. Tittle (by Floyd); H. Vick (by D. Jones); Justice (by D. Jones.) Base on balls, off D. Jones 1, Floyd 1, Hale 1. Struck out, by O. Jones 1, D. Jones 2, T. Jones 4, Floyd 1, Hale 4. Hits and runs, off O. Jones, no hits, no runs in 2 innings, D. Jones, 2 hits, 1 run in 5 innings, T. Jones, 1 hit, no runs in 2 innings; Floyd, 5 hits and 8 runs in 1-3 innings, Hale, 12 hits and 3 runs in 7 2-3 innings. Winning pitcher, O. Jones. Losing pitcher, Floyd. Left on bases, Trent 6, Noodle 4. Time of game 1:55. Umpires, Ferrier and Zehnpennig.

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J. B. Goats of Tennessee and Mrs. W. T. Lovell and son, Harvey, of Dickens, Texas, were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Campbell the past week. Mr. and Mrs. Ross Baker and family of Warren also visited in this home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Spears and family of Valera came down on the Santa Fe and visited Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Spears.

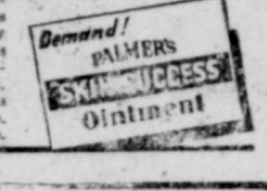
Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Pruitt have as their house guests a sister, Mrs. A. J. Penney, of Sulphur Springs, and mother, Mrs. Martin, of Merkel, for the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Moore and family of Red Springs are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moore and Mrs. Lila Brooks and family for an indefinite time.

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Mr. and Mrs. Roland, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Campbell, Mrs. Mary Click, Miss Georgia Reidenbach and Mrs. L. M. Gilmore and daughter, Lucille, of Mt. Pleasant visited Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Reidenbach.

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Urges Motorists Check Own Cars as Safety Aid

A plea for motorists to look to the effectiveness of their own car and equipment as the first and most important contribution to local safety campaigns was made today by S. M. Hunter, local Goodyear dealer.

"Safety campaigns are important means of focusing public attention and interest on safety problems, but even the most safety-minded driver is helpless to avoid an accident if his brakes give out or his tires skid on slippery pavements," he said.

"Consequently, to become a truly safe driver a motorist should, first, get 'safety-minded'; second, see that his brakes are good and his tires have the traction necessary for a quick stop; third, drive carefully."

He explained his emphasis on brakes and tires by pointing to the number of accidents caused by the inability to stop suddenly.

"If brakes won't hold, the car won't stop," he explained. "Next, it must be remembered that the car touches the ground at only four points—where four tires meet the road. Therefore, if the tires are smooth, the car will not stop although the brakes hold like bulldogs."

"Furthermore, tire traction must be such as to keep a car from skidding. The blowout is another hazard created by weak and worn-out tires. In the final analysis, the tire is probably the most important point to be checked on the car. Sturdy new tires, engineered for today's driving pace, are probably the best single accident preventative a motorist can adapt as his own personal safety campaign contribution."

Last Rites for Minnie Dodson Held at Trent

Trent, Aug. 20.—Burial services were held Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock from the Christian Church for Minnie Mae Dodson, 15, of Longworth, Fisher county, who died in a Sweetwater hospital at 7 p. m. Saturday, following an operation for goitre. Rev. Robert Grimley of Abilene officiated.

Survivors are her parents: Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Dodson, and a brother, Billy, age 11.

Pallbearers were: Ira Hale, Clifton Hale, Edmond Walker, H. C. Lowrey, Chester Kiser and Wiley Sorrell.

Softball

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Table with columns for team names and scores. Includes Red Devils, Mt. Pleasant, L. Robertson, J. Patterson, Howard Carson, O. Odum and L. Darden, Lions, Stith, B. Patterson and W. Durham, H. Burns and Evans, Stith, Blair, H. Burns and P. Perry, M. Dean and J. Moore, Doc's Cops, Mr. Pleasant, Floyd and Blair, King and June Hogan, Mt. Pleasant, Mars, Jack Hogan and L. Darden, Garner, Berry and J. McCaleb, Fireboys, Lions, J. McGehee, Dowell, Higgins and E. Jones, B. Patterson and W. Durham, Doc's Cops, Mars, B. Bryant and R. T. Blair, H. Easton and J. McCaleb.

GAMES TO COME

Thursday, Aug. 20—Fireboys vs Stith.
Friday, Aug. 21—Red Devils vs Doc's Cops.
Monday, Aug. 24—Fireboys vs Mt. Pleasant.
Tuesday, Aug. 25—Blair vs Lions.
Wednesday, Aug. 26—Stith vs Doc's Cops.

STANDING OF TEAMS

Table with columns for team names, W (Wins), L (Losses), and Pct. (Percentage). Includes Red Devils, Doc's Cops, Stith, Mars, Lions, Blair, Mt. Pleasant, Fireboys.

Comings, Goings, Doings

Miss Helen McDonald of Houston is visiting her aunt, Mrs. S. F. Haynes.

Miss Peggy Barnett has as her house guest Miss Ann Bade of Sterling City.

Miss Marcia Regd of Clyde spent the past week with Mrs. Earl Teague and daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Cole of Lueders are spending the week in the J. J. Barron home.

Miss Bertie Pea spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Guthrie of Big Spring.

Mrs. Warren Smith has as her guests this week Mrs. R. D. Wise and daughter of Fort Worth.

Mrs. Dean Murray and two daughters of Pampa are guests this week in the L. L. Murray home.

Earline Kelso visited Thursday and Friday of last week with a cousin, Durwood, Boyd, of Cisco.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wilson of Tyler were week-end guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Wilson.

Mrs. J. A. Pike accompanied her niece, Mrs. M. A. Nugent, home to Central, N. M., for an extended visit.

After visiting their parents here, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Darsey, Jr., returned Tuesday to their home at Austin.

Mrs. S. F. Haynes, who went to Mineral Wells some two weeks ago, returned home the latter part of last week.

Mrs. Pearl Rutledge and son, Jack, have returned from Fort Worth where they have been visiting friends and relatives.

Miss Hazel Lee Rainbolt left Saturday to resume her duties as a member of the faculty of the Los Lunas, N. M. schools.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude McGehee and two children, James and Dorothy, of Brawley, Calif., are visiting in the A. A. McGehee home.

Mrs. D. T. Petree and daughter, Lerah, of Abilene spent the week-end with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. McGehee.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Grimes have as their guests a nephew and niece of Mrs. Grimes, Bobby Wade and Dixie Ruth Huffman, of Dublin.

Miss Annie Latimer left Monday for her home at Greenville after a visit with her brother, Jack Latimer, and family and other relatives.

Miss Jannell Woodrum of Abilene is a guest this week of her aunts, Mrs. Adah Heeter and Miss Sadie Woodrum, and cousin, Miss Helen Heeter.

Tom Henderson and son, Atwell, have just returned from the sanitarium at Savannah, Mo. Mr. Henderson reports he is feeling fine and is much improved.

Mrs. W. S. Cooper and three children of Dimmitt have been visiting in the home of her brother, Mrs. E. E. Akin, and her sister, Mrs. V. H. Patterson, in the Blair community.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen McGehee and Mr. and Mrs. Ted McGehee and their families attended a reunion at Buffalo Gap Sunday, centering around their mother, Mrs. H. L. McGehee of Abilene.

Lucis Butman of Long Beach, Calif., accompanied by his daughter, stopped for a short visit with his father, Sam Butman, Sr., and will visit the Centennial exposition before returning home.

Mrs. W. L. Barnett returned home Monday afternoon from Dallas where she had spent the past three weeks visiting in the home of a son and going through the Centennial exposition and the Fort Worth show.

Mrs. Slim Flemings and daughter, Maurine, of Las Cruces, N. M., were week-end guests of the E. W. King family. Miss Ophelia Mason of Deport and L. L. Mason of Brookston were also visitors last week in the King home.

Mr. and Mrs. Rexal Martin and family, who with Mrs. Martin's mother, Mrs. Sarah Thorn, and daughter, Bernice Thorn, moved to White Hat ranch, near Blackwell, Aug. 5, write that they greatly miss their Merkel friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Watts spent last week at Ruidoso Springs, Cloudcroft, N. M., and other mountain resorts. They were accompanied by Earl's mother, Mrs. L. A. Watts, who stopped at Hobbs, N. M., to visit another son and daughter.

Upon returning from the eastern markets and the Dallas fall buying season, Isadore Mellinger left Sunday for Clarendon where he will open a store about the first of September. They have recently sold their store at Livingston in East Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Allred and Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Allred and children returned Saturday from Oklahoma. They report that part of the country in need of rain as well as here; in fact, crops here look a lot better than they do there, they say.

T. G. Fergusson and daughter, Miss Minnie Fergusson, returned Thursday of last week from San Antonio, having been accompanied home by another daughter, Mrs. Maud Simpson, and two children, I. D. and Beatrice, who are visiting them here.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Russell, after visiting sometime with their brothers and sisters of the Woodrum and Russell families here and renewing acquaintances with old friends, departed Tuesday for their home in El Centro, Calif.

Monday's guests with Mayor and Mrs. W. M. Elliott were his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Elliott, two daughters, Laverne and Bobby Nell, and son, Travis, of Lubbock, who were returning home from a visit with Mr. Elliott's mother at Stamford, Mr. and Mrs. Hall Hobb and daughter, Joy Sue Hobbs, and Odessa and Beatrice Reeder, visited relatives in Munday last week-end. They were accompanied to Munday by Mrs. S. A. Hobbs and daughter, Miss Ella Hobbs, who will spend two weeks with relatives.

Mrs. R. P. Lindsey and son, Charles, who have been visiting for some time with her brother, Charlie Jones, returned Wednesday to their home at Ashdown, Ark., and Charles will go later to Fayetteville, where he will attend college. Mrs. Silas Jones is expected from Texarkana some time next week.

On Friday of last week Mr. and Mrs. Hines Sims of Shreveport, La., were guests for lunch in the J. M. Garrett home. Mr. Sims and Rev. Ray Garrett were classmates in Hardin-Simmons university and played together in the Cowboy band. He and his wife were en route to the Carlsbad Caverns and other points of interest and at Midland expected to visit Wallace Wimberly, another HSU classmate.

Rev. and Mrs. Ray Garrett and son, Chan, left Tuesday to return to their home at Cocoa, Fla. En route they will stop over in Clarksville, Tenn., for a brief visit with Mrs. Garrett's parents. They were accompanied by a niece, Miss Georgene Bullock of Stanton, who plans to spend the winter and attend school in Florida. A brother, Doyle Garrett, also accompanied them as far as Dallas on his return to Waco.

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Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Noe, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Harris, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Harris and daughter, Jane, all of Quitman; Mr. and Mrs. K. B. Harris and sons, Johnnie and Wayford, of Quinlan; Mr. and Mrs. Tobie Harris and daughter, Jean, of Mineola; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Harris of Woodson, and daughter, Mrs. Carl Herod, of Floydada; Mr. and Mrs. Lige Harris and daughter, Sybil, and Anna Mae Russell, of Merkel; Joyce Ann Wilder and Harold Harris of Mineola.

All the boys were home except Jasper Harris of Quinlan.

Robertson Asks Voters For Continued Support

To the Voters of Precinct No. 2: I want to repeat my thanks for the support you gave me in the first primary and to appeal to those who saw fit to support one of the other candidates in the first primary to consider my qualifications before casting your ballot in Saturday's election.

I have endeavored to see all of you personally, but owing to necessary work in my crop I have not had the opportunity to make the rounds again with everybody before the second primary, but I want you to know in advance that I will appreciate anything you can do for me Saturday.

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FOR SHERIFF

Your Vote and Support Will Be Highly Appreciated on Aug. 22

I am grateful to the people of Merkel and Taylor county for the good vote I received on July 25, placing me close second in the sheriff's race, and will highly appreciate your vote and influence next Saturday, Aug. 22.

If you vote for me and I am elected sheriff, I will never give you any cause to regret placing your ballot for me.

Thanking you again,

SID H. McADAMS.

(Political Advertising.)

Large advertisement for Remington Portable Typewriter Bargain. Includes image of the typewriter, text 'ANNOUNCING AMAZING TYPEWRITER BARGAIN', 'FREE HOME TYPING COURSE', 'ONLY \$49.50 CASH', 'BRAND NEW MODEL No. 5 REMINGTON PORTABLE', and 'FREE COURSE IN TYPING & CARTRIDGE CASE'.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS POLITICAL

(Subject to the action of the Second Primary, Aug. 22, 1936.)
For County Commissioner, Precinct No. 2:
HOUSTON ROBERTSON.
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 Constable, Precinct No. 5:
W. H. LANEY.
J. T. KING.



FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Two-wheel trailer. See O. R. Dye.
FOR SALE—Small barn. Burton-Lingo Co.
FOR SALE—Row binder and two wagons. E. Barnes.
FOR SALE—My farm, 2 1-2 miles southwest of town. Mrs. A. H. Thornton.
FOR SALE—Heavy oak library table, also gas cooker. Fox Wrecking shop.

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THREE ROOM furnished apartment for rent. Mrs. S. F. Haynes, Phone 30.
FOR RENT—Two or three rooms to couple. Mrs. O. R. Dye.

APARTMENT for rent. See L. R. Cypert at Max Mellinger's.

WANTED

WANTED—Man with car; route experience preferred but not necessary; opening now in Scurry county, Merkel, Anson, Rawleigh, Dept. TXH-506-MH, Memphis, Tenn. Write or see W. E. Humber, 2809 S. 11th St., Abilene, Texas.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

LEGAL NOTICE.

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, 1929, 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.

Eastern Star Planning Old-Fashioned Picnic

Merkel Chapter 212, Order of the Eastern Star, will gather at Derstine park, west of town, on Tuesday, Aug. 25, at 6:30 p.m. to observe the anniversary of Rob Morris, founder of the order, carrying out a program and an old-fashioned basket picnic.

All members of the Eastern Star and their families and friends are cordially invited to attend.

Mrs. Bessie Merritt, W. M. Lila Rea, Reporter.

Eskota Folk to Centennial.

D. I. Trent and daughter, Mrs. Clayton Nichols, of Eskota, departed Saturday for Dallas where they will attend the Texas Centennial exposition, and expect also to attend the Frontier Centennial at Fort Worth before returning.

Merchants Sales Books 5c, six for 25c or 25 for \$1.00. At Merkel Mail office.

Typewriter paper for sale at Merkel Mail office.

Typewriting and carbon paper at Mail office.

Rankin Girl Wins In Sponsor Contest At Double Heart

As winner in the ladies' sponsor contest at the sixth annual Nolan County Round-Up at the Double Heart ranch, which closed Sunday, Maxine Bettis of Rankin was awarded a hand-made saddle.

Mary Ann Windom of Byers, winner of second place, received a pair of shop-made boots and Annie Lee Spires, representing Maryneal, was awarded a saddle blanket for third prize.

First and second winners in calf roping and wild cow milking were Jess Goodspeed of Comanche and Slim Whaley of Paducah, respectively.

In the roping event for men over 55 and boys under 16, Simpson Johnson of Guyon placed first; Homer Woods, Jr., of Mertzon, second, and Leonard Huff, of Dora, third.

In the bronc riding and steer riding contest, Tack Bolton of Red Rock won the three day average.

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.

We take orders for egg stamps. The Merkel Mail.

Use The Mail Want Ads.

Bill Harris and Bride Being Congratulated

Returning home Monday from Brenham, where he had been employed this summer, Bill Harris brought back a bride, who was formerly Miss Florine Koehler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Koehler, of Brenham, and the pair are receiving congratulations from a host of friends.

The marriage ceremony was performed at 4 p. m. Saturday at the Lutheran church at Brenham, in the presence of immediate members of the family and close friends of the contracting parties.

The young couple will make their home here, having taken an apartment with Mrs. Mack Angus, and Bill will resume his place with the Vick Drug company on September first.

Sermon Subjects Announced.

Rev. Roy Audings, who is conducting the Baptist revival at Blair, has announced the following subjects for the week-end: Friday night, "The Relation of Man's Sin at the Judgment;" Saturday night, "The Signs of the Times;" Sunday morning, "the Christian Standing;" and Sunday night, "the Wayward Child."

The word "psychology" was formed from the Greek words soul and science. There are over 12,000 species of fish in the world.

If you have any visitors. Phone 29 or 61.

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

127 Descendants of Gaston Family Gather

One hundred and twenty-seven descendants of the Gaston family, pioneer Coryell county settlers, gathered on Sunday, Aug. 9, at Lake Cisco for a family reunion.

Going from Merkel were Mrs. J. T. King, her husband and the following children: Mr. and Mrs. S. E. King and daughter of Hobbs, N. M., Mr. and Mrs. George King and Mr. and Mrs. Bill King and children, of Abilene.

Others from West Texas were a sister, Mrs. Zulie Jones, her husband and family from Stamford and a brother, Robert Gaston, wife and family of Abilene.

Most all the other members of the family were from Coryell county.

Woman Rancher Dies.

Laredo, Aug. 20.—Mrs. Sue M. Withers, 65, who had operated a 16,000-acre ranch in Webb county since 1916, died here Monday.

Mail Classified Ad for Results.

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.

THE RED & WHITE STORES

SPECIALS FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, AUG. 21-22

- Lemons, dozen 25c
- Oranges, dozen 25c
- Malaga Grapes, 2 lbs. 15c
- Tomatoes, 2 pounds 15c
- Spuds, 5 pounds 18c
- Lettuce, head 6c
- Cheese Bits, 1-2 pound 15c
- Red and White
Corn Flakes, 2 pkgs. 19c
- Blue and White
Cocoa, 2 pounds 19c
- Red and White
Pineapple Juice, 2 cans 19c
- Red and White
Pears, No. 2 1-2 can 19c
- Blue and White
Peas, No. 1 can, 2 for 19c
- Standard
Hominy, No. 2 1-2 can, 2 for 19c
- Blu-Kross
Toilet Tissue, 3 rolls 19c
- Camay
Soap, 3 bars 19c
- Palmolive
Soap, 3 bars 19c
- Wrigley's
Gum, 6 packages 19c
- Red and White
Cleanser, per can 5c

- Red and White
Broom, each 83c
- Iowa Club
Corn, No. 2 can, 2 for 23c
- Red and White
Peas, No. 2 can, 2 for 35c
- Red and White
Meal, 5 pounds 22c
- Pure Cane
Sugar, 10 lbs. 53c
- Red and White
Flour, 12 lbs 59c-48 lbs \$1.95
- C O F F E E
- Early Riser, pound 17c
- Mart, pound 25c
- Red & White, pound 29c
- Red and White
Catsup, bottle 17c
- Del Dixi
Pickles, quart 17c
- Red and White
Tomato Juice, 2 cans 17c
- Johnson's
Glocoat, pint 64c
- Sun Spun
Salad Dressing, pint 23c
- Red and White
Mayonnaise, pint 24c
- Shortening, 4 lb. carton 49c
- Sliced Bacon, pound 25c
- Salt Pork, pound 19c

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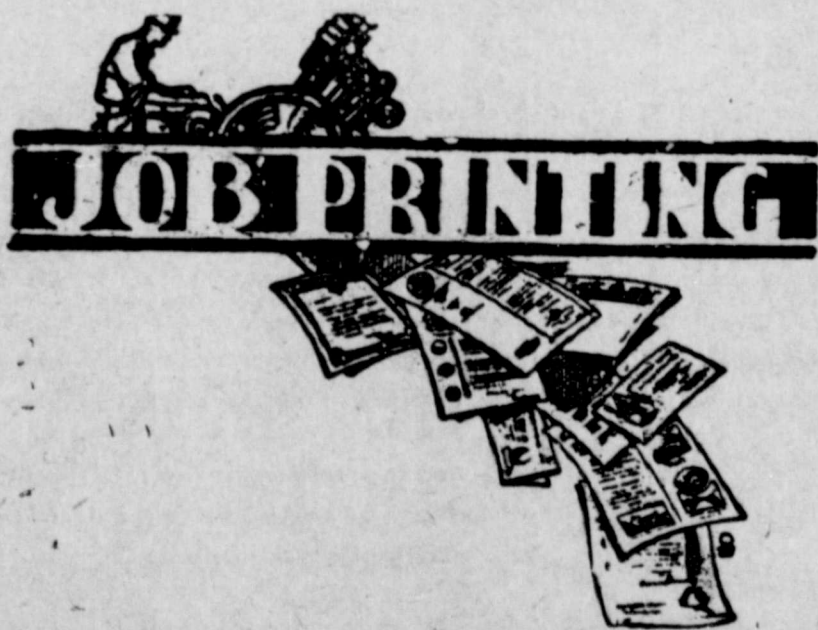
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THIS IS SOMETHING FOR
YOU TO THINK ABOUT
PHONE 61

THE MERKEL MAIL

TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Edna Ozell Fowler, who had spent the past six weeks with her grandmother, Mrs. Maggie Walker, has returned to her home near Pampa.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolf Shannon and children visited relatives and friends here last week-end. They recently removed to Fort Stockton.

Mrs. Harvey Jones was returned to her home Saturday after receiving treatment at the Hendrick Memorial hospital, Abilene.

Billie Joe Billington was operated on for appendicitis at the Abilene hospital Friday of last week and is doing nicely.

Trent's second bale of cotton was ginned by Planters Gin company Tuesday, Aug. 11. It was brought in by A. J. Ford of the Newman community.

Mr. and Mrs. Ancil Martin and baby, Amelia Faye, were week-end guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hamner.

Little Emma Lucille Cooper spent the week-end with her grandmother, Mrs. W. O. Washburn, of Goodman.

Mrs. Mitchell Cooper and son spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. S. H. Horton at White Flat.

Nellie Catherine and Mary Frances Pannell of Sweetwater were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Goode.

Mrs. Carroll Chambliss and daughter, Caroline, of Abilene, and Mrs. Charles Drake and son, Charles B. of Longview were guests of their sister, Mrs. Alton Boone, and Mr. Boone the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Woods left Saturday, returning Monday from Fort Worth where they combined business and pleasure.

Mrs. Mattie Hayes of Parigould, Ark., is here for an extended visit with her sister, Mrs. Rosa Edwards.

Messrs. Cal Hamner, A. Terry and O. L. Bishop made a business trip to Fort Worth Saturday.

Mrs. Charlie Howell was called to the bedside of her sister in Sylvester Sunday, also attending the burial of her infant niece, who died there Saturday.

A party of friends motored to Abilene Thursday of last week for a picnic at Fair park. After lunch was served, the group visited with Rev. and Mrs. Bob Sutphen of Ballinger, formerly of Hobbs, N. M. Those enjoying this affair were: Mrs. Annie Boone, Mrs. John Payne and daughter, Jeanne, Mrs. Joe Alexander and son, Winston, Hobbs, N. M., and Mrs. Hosea Winn and children, Edwin Earl, Martha Ann and Jimmie.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Howell and children spent the past week visiting relatives in Arkansas and upon their return removed Mr. Howell's sister, Mrs. J. B. Rowton, and family who will reside here.

Mrs. J. A. Brown entertained her children from out of town the past week. Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Brown and family of Goose Creek spent ten days with his mother, while Mrs. B. C. Hamner and children of Wink arrived to meet them. This was Hollis' first visit home in three years.

Mrs. Lucy Storey and son visited in Abilene Friday with Miss Dollie Wash, who is attending business school there. Miss Wash visited home folks Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Taylor and baby of Sonora are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Winn. They also accompanied them to the annual telephone picnic held in Buffalo Gap Sunday.

Mrs. C. C. McRee had as her guests her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Matheny, of Abilene, the past week-end.

Bryan Boozer, Jr., of Sweetwater is visiting his cousin, J. B. Winn, Jr., and other relatives this week.

Hubert Beckham and a party of friends from Wichita Falls are trout fishing in Creede, Colo. They plan to be away three weeks.

L. W. Dekle and daughter, Mrs. Hazel Williamson, of Memphis, Tenn., are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Alex Williamson.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Turner and family of Lubbock were passing guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. English last week. Mr. and Mrs. English accompanied them to Glen Rose to spend a few days with other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Tittle and daughter, Irene, of Wichita Falls, and son, Norman, from West Point Military academy, spent the week-end with relatives. Mrs. Tittle is a niece of the late C. T. Beckham.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Smith and children of Lubbock, accompanied by Mrs. E. Howell departed Wednesday for Fort Worth to visit relatives and the Frontier Centennial.

PARTY FOR YOUNGER SET.

Mrs. Annie Boone entertained a group of the younger set with a party Tuesday Aug. 11, honoring her grandson, Winston Alexander, of Hobbs, N. M.

Games, contests and jokes furnished diversion, after which music was enjoyed.

Refreshments of punch and cookies were served to Kirby Stedman, Mark

Williamson, Jake Roberts, James Garth Strawn, Moody Howell, Paul Goode, Kenneth Burkhardt, J. B. Winn, Jr., Billy Jo Bowers, Lavorne, Maxine Abernathy and Mary Frances Pennell of Sweetwater. Elders present were: Mrs. Hosea Winn, Mrs. Joe Alexander, Mrs. Herman Abernathy and the hostess.

FAMILY REUNION.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Estep was the scene of a happy celebration Sunday, it being in the form of a family reunion. All of the children being present, they spent a most enjoyable day.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Rogge and children, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond O'Neal, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Estep and daughter, Cliffla Jean, Sweetwater, and Mr. and Mrs. Willard Estep and Dorothy Nell of Paint Rock.

(Delayed.)

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Wood and Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Bright motored to Breckenridge Sunday of last week to spend the day with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Worth Williams.

Mrs. Glenn Elliott of Divide is spending several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Brown, and other relatives.

Miss Vera Bright visited Mrs. Raymond O'Neal of Abilene the past week. Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Halbrook spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Holston, in Abilene.

Fire of undetermined origin destroyed the barn of Fenton Brown Tuesday night of last week. Loss was estimated at \$350, which included feed, stock and buildings.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Terry, Sr., departed Monday for San Antonio and points of interest in South Texas. They returned by way of the C. M. T. C. camp, Fort Sam Houston, and were accompanied home by their sons, A. C. Terry, Jr., and Harold Terry, also S. E. Armstrong.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Jones are announcing the birth of a nine-pound baby boy born Thursday, named Thomas Gerald. Mrs. Jones was the former Catherine Tittle. Mother and baby are doing nicely.

Mrs. W. E. Shouse had as her guests Thursday her daughter, Mrs. C. T. McCormick, and granddaughter, Mrs. Roy Hines, Janice Hines, also Mildred and Evelyn McCormick, of Stith.

Rev. W. W. Riley, local Methodist pastor, is holding a revival at Union Ridge. It will continue through this week.

Mrs. W. E. Shouse is spending several days with relatives at Stith, Merkel and Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. Roy Stewart's condition remains unchanged at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. John Strawn and family are spending a few days of their vacation at Dallas and Fort Worth, seeing the Centennials before continuing on to Greenville to visit relatives.

Charlie Smith and daughter, Janice, of Denton, are visiting Mrs. Tom Williamson. Mr. Smith returned home Tuesday, but Miss Janice will remain two weeks with relatives.

J. P. Stevens and Buster Edwards motored to San Antonio Wednesday, and Bud and John Howell, DeVerle Bishop, Edgar Lee Mangum, D. A. Hutchinson and Fred McCurdy, local C. M. T. C. students, returned with them.

Mrs. O. L. Bishop is in Waco this week attending the bedside of her father, who is ill. His condition was unchanged Tuesday.

Mrs. A. R. Archer had as her guest this week her sister, Mrs. W. E. Ross, from Grovoton.

Mrs. Joe Alexander and son, Winston, of Hobbs, N. M., are here for a month's stay with her mother, Mrs. Annie Boone, and other relatives.

Mrs. W. F. Martin of Amarillo and daughter, Joy, and grandchild, Mary Frances, of El Paso, are here for a visit with her brothers, Johnnie B. and Hosea Winn.

Mrs. Carl Edwards and Miss Beulah Spence were in Abilene shopping Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Emory Cooper and baby from the Plains are visiting her brother, Henry Cooper, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Blair attended the Old Settlers picnic at McCauley Wednesday.

Grandma Knox is suffering from a poison bite and is confined to her bed at this writing.

M. G. Scott, recently removed to

Abilene, was a Trent visitor Friday. Clois Edwards and daughter, Lanelle, are taking a vacation trip to points of interest in Arkansas.

The Home Demonstration club will not meet until the regular meeting Sept. 12, due to the encampment held at Buffalo Gap Aug. 12 and 13.

Mrs. M. M. Murdock returned Sunday from Amarillo where she spent her vacation with friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Lois McDonald are the proud parents of a baby girl born Aug. 6, named Jimmie Dell.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert James have announced a new baby boy, born Aug. 8. Mr. and Mrs. Roger Williams and son, Walter, spent Sunday in Cuthbert with his mother, Mrs. B. Williams.

John Crain and Clark Perkins of Mulberry canyon attended a soil conservation program held in San Angelo Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Spud Talley, Santa Fe employee, are entertaining Mrs. Eva Short of Abilene this week.

SMITH REUNION.

Four of the direct descendants of the late Tid Smith and Mrs. Smith

met at Buffalo Gap for a dinner and picnic; arriving about 10 o'clock preparations were made for the noon home-cooked meal. After noon, entertainment consisted of games, contests and conversation.

Those attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Tom Williamson and children, Hazel Wanda and Don, Trent; C. H. Smith and daughter, Janice, Denton; Mr. and Mrs. Will Smith, Billy Blanche and Sam Henry, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith, Abilene.

METHODIST CHURCH.

A church supper was given on the lawn Tuesday night of the past week. The Sunday School class taught by Miss Hazel Wanda Williamson was the honored guests. This class is the primary pupils and includes the following children: Wanda Lou Kegans, Joyce and Jean Payne, H. L. McRee, Billy Riley, Sue Danley, Marjorie Reid, Patricia Ann Beasley, Frances Stevens.

Supt. H. R. Poor was master of ceremonies for a program, after which he presented the honored class, response being made by Miss Williamson. Rev. W. W. Riley brought greetings from the men's Bible class, they

being presented with a Bible as runner-up in a contest just closed.

After serving ice cream and cake to approximately 75 persons, a sing-song was held, led by Messrs. Riley, Cooley and Poor, with Mrs. Andy Shouse accompanist.

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First, and most important, demand that it maintain temperatures below 50 degrees. Many refrigerators cannot. Yet in temperatures over 50 degrees, food spoils quickly and endangers health.

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White Church News

The revival meeting closed here Sunday night. The pastor, Rev. Lloyd Mayhew, conducted the services and large crowds attended.

Mrs. Bernice Shugart has returned to Oklahoma after spending several days here with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Elmore and grandson, Lonnie Joe Elmore, of Dallas and their daughter, Mrs. Boots Bank and daughter, Joyce Odell, of Houston, visited Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Frazier and Beryl Brown and other relatives.

Several from here attended the 6th annual rodeo at Ollie Cox's ranch over the week-end.

Mrs. Beryl Brown, Miss Fern Evans, Mrs. O. W. Reed, Mrs. Allen King and Mrs. Raymond Demere attended the home demonstration encampment at Buffalo Gap Wednesday and Thursday. They reported a real nice time.

Monroe Harris' brother and family of Fort Worth are here visiting for several days.

Miss Freda Farmer has gone to Snyder to visit her uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Whit Farmer.

Miss Veona Patterson has returned to Safford, Ariz., after a visit with relatives here.

Mrs. M. H. Farmer spent the week in Abilene at the bedside of her sister, Mrs. Aubra Ray, who underwent an operation.

Dike Mayo has returned to his home in Tennessee after a visit with the Farmer families.

Bailey Frazier and Beryl Brown spent Friday in Sweetwater on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Ensminger spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brown.

Mrs. Leon Coats and two children of Abilene were over for the week-end with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Frazier.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Evans and Miss Freda Farmer spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Morris Pressly.

Mr. and Mrs. Patty Melton of Blair are staying here a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Berry.

The Home Demonstration club will meet Friday afternoon at the White Church church on special business. Every one is invited to be there.

The California state department of education says 3,000 Indians are attending public schools in the state, the largest number being in Humboldt county.

GOODMAN NEWS

We are sorry to report Mrs. Gene Cade still on the sick list.

Mrs. Finis Cade is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Murphy in New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Efford Brown of Post are visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Brown.

We are glad to report Mrs. Manson James' able to be up and doing about.

Mr. and Mrs. Pratt Cox, Ches Cox and family and Mrs. Lindsey Cox spent Sunday with Grandpa Cox at Golan, who was celebrating his 64th birthday.

Miss Thelma Deavers left Sunday for West Texas where she will teach in a school near Lamesa. She was accompanied by her sister, Avis, and Mr. Deavers, who will return later.

On Tuesday night of next week there will be a meeting at the school house. Plans for road improvement of the bus routes will be discussed. Our new road commissioner will be with us; also our county agent. There will be recreation and entertainment for everybody. So let's make it a 100 per cent community meeting and everybody come.

Edgar Grayson of Hobbs, N. M., spent the week-end with home folks.

Mrs. Clyde Shouse is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Bert James this week.

Mrs. Bessie Bonner of Longview is visiting relatives here. She was before her marriage Miss Bessie James.

Troy Northcutt of Crystal City spent the week-end with his sister, Mrs. Hoyt Barnes.

Mrs. Roy Williams, who is in Parsons Beauty school, Abilene, spent the week-end at home.

UNION RIDGE NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. McRee have as their guests Mr. and Mrs. Judson McRee and son of Longview and three children of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McRee of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Ponder and two sons accompanied by Andy Moore of Rising Star and Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Douglas and three daughters attended the rodeo at the Double Heart ranch Sunday.

Miss Mary Bell Douglas is visiting relatives in Midland.

T. P. Johnson, accompanied by his mother, are visiting relatives in Comanche this week.

W. M. Carey and daughter, Miss Ruby, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Carl Carey of the White Church community.

Mrs. J. E. Gabbott of Clyde is visiting her daughter, Mrs. E. A. Click.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Pannell of Pampa are visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pannell.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Douglas had as their guests Saturday night and Sunday Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Taylor and children and Ross Hammons of Fort Worth and Mrs. Lonnie Jorden of Longview.

The Cotton Bowl, Texas Centennial exposition, with a seating capacity of 46,000, will be the scene of 41 football games in 29 playing days this fall.

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- Pictorial Review 1 yr
- Romantic Stories 1 yr
- Screen Book 1 yr
- True Confessions 1 yr
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- Progressive Farmer 2 yrs
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- Home Friend 1 yr
- Household Magazine 1 yr
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- Needcraft 1 yr
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FOREMAN-DURHAM.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Durham are announcing the marriage of their daughter, Doris, to Mr. L. D. Foreman of El Reno, Okla., on August the 9th, 1936.

This marriage unites two prominent West Texas families, Mr. Foreman being the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Foreman, pioneer ranch people of Spur, and the Thomas Durham family is well known in the world of West Texas newspapers. The Rev. Oscar Adams officiated for the ring ceremony in the study of the Central Methodist church at El Reno at 7 o'clock.

The bride received her degree from the College of Industrial Arts, Denton, and for the past year she was a teacher in the public schools at Coleman. She is very popular, possesses an ingratiating personality and is decidedly talented in the field of athletics.

The groom is best known as "Sandy" Foreman, so named as the all-Texas Conference-tackle during his finishing year at McMurry college, Abilene. He was assistant football coach at Coleman last year, but is at present associated with the Oklahoma Gas and Electric Co. at El Reno, where Mrs. Foreman joined her husband on Wednesday and where they will make their home.

CLASS HAS REUNION IN ANSON.

Mrs. L. B. Scott, formerly of Merkel but now living in Anson, extended hospitality to members of the T. E. L. Sunday School class on Thursday of last week at her home in Anson.

A covered dish luncheon was served at noon and entertainment for the afternoon was informal. Mrs. I. L. Jackson, an ex-member of the class now living in Stamford, was present, also Mrs. E. S. Cummings of Abilene, an ex-Merkelite, joined the group.

Class members going from here were Mesdames A. R. Booth, Joe P. Self, Booth Warren, W. J. Largent, Jinks Winters, Sam Swann, Yates Brown, Lake Renfro, O. Dye; Misses Clara Frances Largent and Rosemary Lassiter.

MISS MARY HELEN MASHBURN COMPLIMENTED.

The birthday of Miss Mary Helen Mashburn and the fact that she will be leaving very soon for college furnished inspiration for a "Goodbye Brunch" in the home of Miss Phyllis Smith with Miss Loretta Cox co-hostess on Tuesday morning at eleven o'clock.

Games of "monopoly" were played until paper lunch bags were passed, which were found to contain gifts for the honoree. "Brunch" consisted of a sandwich plate with iced tea and an ice cream course as dessert.

Following the "monopoly" games, which were resumed, iced watermelon was served during mid-afternoon. Guests present were Misses Anna Marie Bullock and Georgene Bullock of Stanton, Mary Helen Mashburn, Hollis Perry, Frances Higgins, Rachael Patterson, Verne Moore, Elma Mae Gamble, Mildred West, De La Vergne Teague, Loretta Cox and Phyllis Smith.

WILLING WORKERS CLASS MEETING.

The Willing Workers class of the Presbyterian Sunday School met Tuesday afternoon, Aug. 11, with Mrs. W. R. Walling, when an interesting program was given. The devotional on "Meditation" was given by Mrs. W. M. Elliott.

Mrs. Walling presented each member of the class with a painted motto of a different Psalm from the Bible.

A refreshment plate of sandwiches, olives, cakes and lemonade was passed to the following guests: Mesdames L. L. Murray, J. J. Russell, J. H. Wither, R. A. Walker, S. A. Derstine, W. M. Elliott, S. G. Russell, J. W. McConnell, Marvin Smith, Misses Mary Keny, Vera Walker, Mary Derstine and the hostess.

CALIFORNIA VISITOR COMPLIMENTED.

Honoring her niece, Louise Butman, of Long Beach, Calif., Miss Lottie Butman was hostess to a very enjoyable party at Shannon's pool Monday evening.

After an enjoyable plunge, a picnic supper was spread on the beautiful lawn, Miss Butman being assisted in entertaining by Mrs. Pearl Massey and Mrs. Dolly Henslee.

As a special treat for the guests, Miss Louise Butman rendered a ball dance.

Those present were: Misses and Masters Nell Von, Geraldine, Edith, Louise, Jack and Banning Butman, Rose Margaret Russon, Marie Davis, Ludean, Dixie and Ruby Nell Henslee, Pearl Weaver, Mildred McLean, Joyce and Gwendolyn Renfro, Louella Massey.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

On Saturday afternoon at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. L. A. Watts, Wayne Tipton with a few friends celebrated his ninth birthday. Games were played and refreshments of cake and punch with toy balloons as plate favors were served to the following little guests:

George Wayne Ritchie, Jerry McGehee, Ted McAninch, Zedic Glynn Johnson, Jimmy Earl Brown, Charles Harrell, Ikey Turner, Joe Tipton, Charlotte Harrell, Wanda Tipton, Jerry Allen, Abilene, and the honoree.

Grown-ups enjoying the occasion were: Mesdames S. G. Tipton, Lee Tipton, Earl Watts, Pick Allen, J. R. Brown, L. A. Watts, Misses Melba Watts and Vivian Davis.

Many useful gifts were received, each guest wishing Wayne many more happy birthdays.

TONGUE-TWISTERS.

A club was organized Monday in the home of Loudale Gray, with the following members: Billie McGehee, Betty Jo Reid, Loudale Gray, Helen Heeter and Ann Lee Blake.

The new club, to the public, is known as "The Tongue-Twisters." Loudale Gray was made president and Billie McGehee, secretary.

RURAL SOCIETY

FAMILY REUNION.

On Sunday, Aug. 16, a happy family reunion was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Price of the Blair community. The descendants of this estimable couple celebrate a home coming each year and, on this occasion, a bounteous feast was spread at the noon hour, the afternoon being spent in recalling old times. Every one voted the day a lovely time.

Those participating in this joyous affair were: Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Lewis and children, Billie, Gwendolyn, Durward, Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Lewis and son, Edward, of the Divide; D. H. McSpadden, Dora; Mrs. Henry Ellen and daughter, Miss Hassie, Mr. and Mrs. Lesley Kirby and children, Theda and Ray, of Sweetwater; Mrs. Elvie Kinnerd and children, Ray and Jean, of Cottonwood; Mr. and Mrs. Will Price and baby, Sybil Ruth, Ostanica, N. M.; Mr. and Mrs. Hughes Price and children, Woodrow, J. H., Grace, Howard, Hallie Marie and Boy, of Comanche; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Maddera and family, Ora Lee, Mildred Pauline and Kenneth Harold, of Blair.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

A wire from Mrs. T. G. Bragg to the family received Wednesday noon advised that Mr. Bragg had stood his operation successfully at the Scott and White sanitarium, Temple, and they felt his condition was as satisfactory as could be expected.

Effective Thursday morning B. F. McClung, formerly of Dallas and San Antonio, took over the management of Wozy's Cafe No. 2. An experienced chef, Mr. McClung will give special attention to the preparation of the food. Mrs. McClung and daughter, Dorothy Mae, are also here.

Included in the improvements now under way at her home, Mrs. E. L. Ash contemplates the addition of another apartment on the lower floor.

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. at the tabernacle.

Preaching each morning, except Saturday morning, from 10 to 11, evening service at 8:15. Rev. E. S. James of Cisco and Joe Trussell of Brownwood are doing some great preaching and singing. Come and be with us.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

A total of 653 were present at the six reporting Sunday Schools last Sunday, as compared with 618 on the previous Sunday. On the same Sunday a year ago 668 were present.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. As the pastor continues in a revival in East Texas, this will be the only service Sunday.

Prayer meeting will be cancelled because of the Baptist revival.

R. A. Walker, Pastor.

HEBRON NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. O. V. Bigham of Tye were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Merritt.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carr and family spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Deen.

Miss Idell Cooper, who is working in Merkel, spent the week-end at home. Mr. and Mrs. Will Williams and four daughters of Post and Mr. and Mrs. Truett Meeks of Merkel spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Carey and family.

Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Merritt and Mr. and Mrs. O. V. Bigham were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Traylor and family.

Several from this community have been attending the Baptist meeting at Noodle.

J. B. McBride of Goodman and Cullen Price visited Doswell and Blanton Carey Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Reese and son, James David, have returned from a short trip to New Mexico and Arizona.

CARD OF THANKS.

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You will enjoy his sermons; come to hear him.

The young people have an interesting program each Sunday evening at 7:15.

A preaching service coupled with a prayer service is had each Wednesday evening at 7:30.

The Elders.

NORTHSIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH.

We thank God for the great crowd Sunday evening. Crowds are continually increasing. Next Sunday we will have an all-afternoon thanksgiving service. We will have with us two or three visiting preachers and also special music. Services will begin at 2 o'clock and continue through the afternoon.

Next Sunday in the evening service we will have special music rendered by a negro quartette, followed by a dynamic message by the pastor's father, Rev. A. M. Dowell, of Abilene. You are cordially invited to these services.

Our Friday and Saturday evening services will be cancelled during the Baptist revival at the city tabernacle. We urge all of our members to attend the revival.

Bill E. Dowell, Pastor.

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Tomatoes, 3 for 25c		

Palmolive Soap, reg. size bars 5c
Peanut Butter, 24 oz. jar 25c
Salt, 26 ounce boxes, 3 for 10c

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