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## TO INTRODUCE TWO NEW RODEO FEATURES

### DEATH CLAIMS JIM GRAYSON, 75, MERKEL PIONEER

**Victim of Heart Attack, Succumbs at 5:15 Friday; Survived by Wife, Eight Children, 30 Grandchildren.**

J. H. Grayson, 75, for nearly 50 years a resident of the Shiloh community and the last male charter member of the Shiloh Baptist church, died at 5:15 last Friday afternoon at a local hospital, following a heart attack early that morning at his home.

Funeral services were held at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon from the First Baptist church, conducted by Rev. W. L. Daniel, pastor of the Shiloh church, assisted by Rev. O. B. Tatum. Interment was in Rose Hill cemetery, with the Masons in charge.

Palbearers were: Ernest Spurgin, Mose Cummins, H. K. Pharr, Jim Collins, Waldo Cox, T. A. Mitchell.

James Harvey Grayson was born Nov. 9, 1861, in Georgia. He was married Aug. 21, 1884, to Miss Anna Rogers at Heidenheimer in Bell county. The couple moved to this section shortly afterward, living near Anson about a year before settling on the farm on which he had resided nearly half a century. His land, located in the Tiner field, contained ten producing wells.

At the golden wedding anniversary of the couple in 1934 all eight living children were present at dinner together for the first time, as the eldest in the group had married and established a home before the youngest was born.

Besides his revered wife, he is survived by eight children: W. R. Grayson, Hobbs, N. M.; E. H. Grayson, Monument, N. M.; F. T. Grayson, Lamesa; H. R. Grayson, Tahoka; Mrs. Tom Greene, Hobbs, N. M.; Mrs. U. B. Wheeler, Friona; Mrs. J. Fred Dupuy, Mexia; Mrs. C. W. Seago, Trent; 30 grandchildren; one great-grandchild, and six brothers. The brothers are: Frank Grayson, Bovina; Charlie Grayson, Waco; Ed Grayson, Hidalgo county; Marion Grayson, California; and Hugh and Sam Grayson, Merkel.

Four of these brothers were present for the funeral.

### J. W. Bray

Funeral services are to be held from Grace Presbyterian church at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon for J. W. Bray, 72, farmer of the Anderson community on Sweetwater creek, who died at 5:15 Thursday morning.

Survivors are his wife, two children, Elmer E. Bray, of Lordsburg, N. M., and Mrs. Albert G. Harris, of Phoenix, Ariz., and seven grandchildren. Mr. Bray removed to this section from Tarrant county about 15 years ago.

### Roy Coats

Awaiting the arrival of a sister from California, arrangements for the funeral of Roy Coats, who died at Big Spring at 2 p. m. Wednesday, were not complete Thursday morning. The body will be brought here for burial, the services to be held probably Friday afternoon.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Dolph Coats, he is survived by his wife, five brothers and two sisters. The brothers are: A. D. and Charlie Coats of Big Spring, Ralph Coats of Abilene, and Clayton and Leon Coats of Merkel. Besides the sister residing in California, Mrs. Johnny Barbee of Merkel also survives.

### Jerry Baldwin

Funeral services were held at the graveside in Rose Hill cemetery at 3 p. m. Tuesday for little Jerry Baldwin, 14-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Gray Baldwin of Kermit. The child, after having been carried to Alpine and Marfa for medical treatment, was brought Sunday to the home of his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hunter, here and he died at 3:30 Monday morning.

Services were in charge of O. J. Adeock of the Church of Christ. Pallbearers were: Ernest Spurgin, Mose Cummins, H. K. Pharr, Jim Collins, Waldo Cox, T. A. Mitchell. (Continued on Page Four.)

### KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Lester Brockelhurst, wanted for questioning in connection with killings in Illinois, Texas and Arkansas, was jailed at Brewster, N. Y., by State Trooper Joseph Hunt, when Brockelhurst's car aroused suspicions because it bore only one license plate.

Searchers Monday recovered the body of Walter Solver, 40, Pecos garage owner, who drowned Sunday at Levison lake while going to the rescue of his 12-year-old daughter.

Charles Ellis, 40, and Tom Brown, 24, employees of the Dowell Chemical company at Midland, were killed when a freight train crashed into their truck at a crossing near Jal, N. M.

James Don Belk, three-year-old son of J. R. Belk, was found crushed to death beneath a heavy gate. The stock pen apparently gave way while the child, on a farm two miles north of Plainview, was at play near it.

Shorty Lane, fireman on the Red Merritt well about five miles northwest of Talco, was killed Friday when a derrick collapsed.

Dr. E. W. Bertner of Houston was elected president of the State Medical association of Texas for the 1938 term. He will succeed Dr. C. R. Hannah of Dallas, who took office for the ensuing year at the annual meeting in Fort Worth last week.

With a scant show of emotion, Mrs. L. Dansby late Thursday, May 13, heard a 104th district court jury pronounce her guilty of the poison murder of Mrs. J. T. King, her 81-year-old landlady and neighbor.

R. L. Abernathy, about 55 Childress barber, was killed and Jess East, about 40, another barber, was injured seriously when they were hit by a truck as they sat on a curb.

A fire which burned half the night Tuesday at Texarkana, did an estimated \$100,000 damage and threatened an entire business block before it was brought under control by the combined fire-fighting forces of the city.

No reason has been assigned for the suicide at his farm home three miles northwest of San Saba early Wednesday of Robert Ratliff, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Ratliff.

Former State Senator Tom Deberry, Bogota, has been appointed member of the state board of control, effective Jan. 1, 1938. The term of John Wallace, Teague, will expire at that date.

Based on collections for the first four months, Texans may pay more than \$7,000,000 in state cigarette taxes this year. The 1936 impost was a record of \$6,209,919.

Pete Gray, 28, of Riverside, faced a charge of murder Tuesday at Huntsville in connection with the death May 2 of Joe Hale, who perished in a fire at Thomas Lake.

### Name Slate of New Officers Lions Club

Slate of new officers for the Lions club, as proposed by the nominating committee, of which Dee Grimes was chairman, at Tuesday's luncheon, reads: Joe P. Self, president; Dr. L. C. Zehnfiemig, first vice-president; C. J. Glover, second vice-president; Stanley King, third vice-president; Byers Petty, secretary; Nathan Wood, lion tamer; Carleton Vick, tail twister; directors, Allen McGehee and R. T. Gray. Election of officers will take place at the next meeting.

Other members of the nominating committee were: O. R. Dye, W. W. Haynes, R. T. Gray and Carlton Vick.

As a special program number, Delma Compton, who is to represent the Lions club in the Veterans of Foreign Wars amateur show at Abilene Friday night, rendered a vocal solo, "Sing Me to Sleep," with "When I Grow Too Old to Dream" as encore. Miss Iris Garrett played accompaniment.

The program committee consisted of Rev. John H. Crow, chairman, C. H. Collinsworth and E. O. Carson. O. C. Shouse, Jr., local Boy Scout, who was elected to attend the National Jamboree at Washington the last of June, was a special guest. Other guests were: G. W. Wilhite, Scoutmaster of the local troop, Algie Daniels and P. A. Mixon, the latter of Colorado.

### DELAYED CHECKS GO OUT FOR OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Arrangements Made by Director Little Although Federal Grant Had Not Been Received; All May Warrants in Mails.

Austin, May 20.—To 125,868 needy aged have gone May 1 assistance checks totaling \$1,746,260 this week following a 14-day delay caused by failure of a federal grant to reach Austin.

After 14 days of telephone and telegraph communications with Washington and conferences with the regional director of the Social Security board, Acting Director W. A. Little, of the Texas Old Age Assistance commission, made arrangements for release of the checks although the federal grant had not been received. The May warrants had been written and ready for mailing since before the first of the month but were delayed pending receipt of federal matching funds.

Successful culmination of the series of conferences was reached late Friday afternoon through cooperation of Oscar M. Powell, regional director of the national board. First checks went into the mails Friday night, and by Monday night all May warrants had been sent to the needy aged.

"We are fully aware of the suffering caused by the 14-day delay in sending this month's payments to the needy old people of Texas, but it was unavoidable until the agreement had been reached with Mr. Powell," Little said.

### Statements Mailed Those Delinquent In Personal Taxes

Following a new practice which has become general over the state, the city tax collector was instructed by the city council at their last meeting to collect all delinquent personal taxes before mailing statements on real estate.

This explains why a number of taxpayers received statements this week showing taxes due on personal property. Statements for real estate taxes will be mailed at a later date.

### Saturday Spudding Date for Deep Test Noodle Creek Field

Application for the drilling of the Humble Oil and Refining company No. 1 R. E. Teaff estate to the east of Noodle creek field was filed Saturday in the Abilene office of the railroad commission.

The contract depth was listed as 6,000 feet, with spudding date as Saturday of this week. Visitors to the location expressed doubt Thursday, however, whether spudding could start that early.

The deep test will seek production from the Ordovician series between 5,000 and 6,000 feet—first attempt in Jones county.

### List of Petit Jurors Called Next Week

The jury panel in 42nd district court for next week includes the following names: W. C. Carpenter, W. H. Pence, I. N. Hannah, Lee Harrell, Claude Perry, W. T. Nichols, R. L. Griffin, Merkel; J. L. Collett, Ed S. Hughes, G. Fish, John Bowyer, A. J. Hoover, E. M. Hilley, N. R. Ebberson, C. C. Briggs, O. K. Hobbs, Jack Jones, (colored), R. A. Craign, W. A. King, G. W. Stewart, J. R. Huffman, C. G. Spence, F. G. Bradley, B. C. Ploverman, Herbert Darby, A. Bontke, Geo. M. Stephens, J. L. Poor, Richard G. Boyd, D. E. Smith, J. H. Petree, W. R. Allison, J. F. Nevins, Frank Webb, John H. Alvis, Abilene; B. P. Bradshaw, H. R. Roberts, J. R. Middleton, Guion; W. I. Goble, Ovalo; W. W. Cook, Bob Brannan, Neal Holder, Clarence Carpenter, Wingate; H. O. Dotson, M. White, T. F. Stewart, J. H. Brookerson, Tuscola; J. W. Smith, Tye; B. O. Bodine, F. E. Cumby, Lawn.

### SERMON FOR GRADUATION BY DR. G. P. CLARK

Pastor of St. Paul's, Abilene, to Be Baccalaureate Speaker at Exercises Sunday Night of Merkel Senior Class.

Baccalaureate sermon for the Seniors of Merkel High school will be delivered Sunday night at the Merkel High School gymnasium by Dr. O. P. Clark, pastor of St. Paul's Methodist church, Abilene. The program, which is to begin at 8:15, follows:

Processional, "Triumphal March," (L. Gobbaerts), Billy Wood, Mary Jo Russell and Jannell Black. Worship in Song: "Hark, The Village Bells Are Ringing," (O'Keefe, Weley); "Summer Time," (Pinsuti-Parks); "Life Has Nothing Sweeter," (Edwards); "A Prayer," (Moore); Girls' Choral Club.

Invocation, Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of Grace Presbyterian church. Sermon, Dr. O. P. Clark. "Facing the Future with Jesus," (Ackley), Girls' Choral club. Benediction, Rev. John H. Crow, pastor of Methodist church. Graduation exercises for the Senior class of Merkel High school will be held Friday night, May 28, at the Merkel gymnasium.

### Graduation Exercises Grammar School Set Thursday, May 27

For the graduation exercises of the Grammar school to be held at the Merkel gymnasium on Thursday night of next week, May 27, Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of the Grace Presbyterian church, is to deliver the address to the class. The program, which is to begin at 8:15, follows:

Processional, Miss Emma Joyner. Invocation, Rev. C. R. Joyner, pastor of the First Baptist church. "Holy, Holy, Holy," (Dykes), seventh grade. Salutory, Dora Marie Gaitner. "A Song of Home," (Dvorak). "Sun-down," (Wilson), Grammar School Choral club. Address, Rev. R. A. Walker. Presentation of certificates; Mrs. Len Sublett, principal. "Passing the Torch," sixth and seventh grade students. Valedictory, Becky Gardner. "My Task," (Ashford), seventh grade. Benediction, Rev. John H. Crow, pastor of Methodist church.

### Must Give Merkel Negro New Trial

The court of criminal appeals at Austin Wednesday overruled the state's motion for rehearing in the case of Lonnie Mitchell, Merkel negro, given the death penalty for the murder of City Marshal Chester Hutcheson of Merkel on Apr. 11 last year, which verdict was reversed and remanded by the court on Mar. 31 of this year.

Judge Milburn A. Long of 42nd district court must now fix a date for the second trial.

### Ten Bills Returned By 42nd Grand Jury

Grand jury in 42nd district court returned ten indictments Tuesday after two days of investigations, and were dismissed for the term of court. John West of Merkel was foreman of the group.

Bills returned included three for driving while intoxicated, one for a statutory offense, one for assault to murder, two for burglary, one for misdemeanor theft and two for forgery.

### Call Off Singing At Salt Branch

The meeting of the combined singing classes of Nubia, Mt. Pleasant and Salt Branch, which was to have been held at Salt Branch Sunday night, has been called off on account of the baccalaureate service for the Seniors at Merkel.

A later date will be announced for the singing.

### NOODLE BEATS TRENT, 7 TO 1

Jack Goode, Veteran of Many Pitcher's Battles, Keeps Hits Well Scattered.

Noodle defeated Trent in Saturday's Inter-Community league game, 7 to 1, when veteran Jack Goode stroled to the mound and silenced Trent's big guns.

Although in trouble several times from teammates errors and bunched infield hits, he escaped being scored on except in the second inning.

A total of fifteen errors were made due to a high wind and dust. Lefty Jones, Trent fielder, led at the bat, collecting three hits in five trips to the plate. B. Jowers and Vick annexed two safeties apiece to lead the Noodle club.

Box score of the game appears elsewhere in this issue of The Mail. Next game in the Inter-Community league is scheduled Saturday, May 29, when Divide and Hawley-Truby are contenders.

LEAGUE STANDING.

TEAM	W	L	Pct.
Divide	1	0	1.000
Trent	1	1	.500
Noodle	1	1	.500
Hawley-Truby	0	1	.000

### Lowers Conference Record 1-10 Second

High point honors in the annual Southwest conference track and field meet, held at Austin last Saturday, went to Jack Patterson, Rice's crack timbortopper, who won both hurdle events and shaved a 1-10 second off the old mark of 14.6 in the high, set by Harlan of A. & M. in 1931. His time in the low hurdles was 23.7. The wins netted him 10 points.

The Longhorns from the University of Texas triumphed in the meet, with a total of 66 points, Rice coming second with 52 points.

### Bankers Lose Twice To Outside Teams

The Bankers, local softball team managed by Joe P. Self, journeyed Monday to Abilene and Stamford for two games in one night. They lost to the Reporter-News at Abilene, by the score 6-4, and, while putting up a strong exhibition against the Bryant-LinR Reds at Stamford, they also lost there, 11 to 5.

### Record of Births.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Hawkins, Sunday, May 16, 1937.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Lee Martin, Butman, Wednesday, May 19, 1937.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Ingram, Thursday, May 20, 1937.

### BELLED CALF EVENT, WILD COW RIDE

Both to be Presented for First Time in Local Arena in Addition to Regular Standard and Extra Events on Card.

Two novel features—not yet introduced in the local arena—will augment Saturday's rodeo card of roping, riding and bronc busting, third in the series of free shows sponsored by the Merchants Trade Extension association of Merkel for the summer season.

One of the special features is a belled calf roping event. For this exhibition, all calves will be held in the alley from where the ropers usually come out, with the ropers lined up at the east end of the arena. At the whistle from the judge's stand, gate to the alley will be opened freeing the calves and ropers will be released simultaneously. With the knowledge that one calf will have a bell on it, contestants must first rope and tie any one of the other calves and, when he has done this, he is eligible to rope the belled calf. Roper must remount before trying for bell calf and his original calf must stay tied. Conditions are that winning loop on belled calf will be first roper that puts his rope around this particularly designated calf's neck. Entry fee will be \$1.00, winner to take all.

Known as a wild cow ride, in the other event all cows will be held in the alley at the west end of arena and contestants lined up at east end. Both cows and contestants will be released simultaneously by whistle from the judge's stand and, when two minutes have elapsed, whistle will blow again. Every contestant who is straddle of a cow, when the whistle blows, will be paid \$1.50. This is a rough-and-tumble affair, no rules being prescribed.

Continuing the practice of added features of bronc busting and bull riding to the usual calf roping, cow milking and steer riding events, the big show will start at 2 p. m. promptly. Grandstand tickets may be bought at either drug store prior to 12:30 p. m. Saturday.

### Merkel, the Home of West Texas Hospitality

(By Billie Wood, in "My Home Town" Contest.)

### West Texas Hospitality

We Texans pride ourselves upon the wonderful store of Texas names in American history. However, not all our great names belong to the past. Today, new faces and new names are finding a place among the ranks of the old. Men and women are keeping in step with Time; working in fields heretofore unknown. Towns are building, furnishing homes and inspirations for those of whom we are so justly proud. Merkel is such a town, playing such a role. She was founded after the annexation, incorporated after the twentieth century. Her founders did not traverse the territory until after independence. But today, because of the true Texas spirit that exists, Merkel is a small-town of which any citizen may be proud.

S. H. Merkel, for whom our city was named, settled on section 18 of Taylor county, but moved before the city began. The town of Merkel was founded in 1883, but was not incorporated until 1906. By 1890, the year of the founding of the town paper, there were seven hundred people living in Merkel and her surrounding territory.

In the first issue of the paper, the editor describes Merkel and its surroundings: "Merkel, a town of seven stores, needs a newspaper, and it falls my lot to publish it."

The soil in the surrounding territory is a dark, sandy loam, varying from two to six feet in depth, and underlain by a strata of gravel. The climate is mild, and because of the elevation and purity of the air can be recommended as an excellent health resort.

These earnest statements, which prophesied a growing town, are today visualized. We proudly say that Merkel has more churches than any other city of two thousand inhabitants in all West Texas. She has six Protestant churches, a Catholic church and a church for negroes. The first service was held in 1882. Thus the founders of Merkel placed God first. But as soon as they began to meet for worship, they began their schools—the schools to educate the future citizen. The first school met late in 1882. Today we have a fine brick high school and grammar school, and a gymnasium which is said by all architects to be one of the finest class B gymnasiums in this section of the country. From these facts one sees that the founders of Merkel started one of the best independent school systems in its district.

One of the greatest attractions to our city is the Largent Hereford cattle farm. This farm is one of the largest in the state. (Continued on Page Two.)

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“My Home Town”

(Continued From Page One.)

gest in the United States and produces a greater per cent of winning show cattle than any other in the entire Southwest.

Merkel depends almost entirely upon the agricultural industry for finance, although a great deal of ranching is done in its vicinity. Cotton is the principal product of the farms. Last year 10,084 bales were produced in our trade territory; in 1932, 28,000 bales were produced.

The business of Merkel has endeavored by means of a rodeo and baseball league to focus the trade from this territory on this city.

On the map of Texas, Merkel hasn't the largest star; nor does she have an abundant population. But when one is looking for a place to live and build a real home, Merkel is the ideal of his search.

But not solely upon the resources mentioned does the security of Merkel depend. Friendship is the great asset of her being. Friends have co-operated in building schools, churches and homes. Friendship is the foundation upon which our city is building. True she deserves her name—Merkel, the “Home of West Texas Hospitality.”

NECROLOGY

(Continued From Page One.)

Bearers were: Roy Coats and Elizabeth Bell. Flower girls were Miss Elizabeth Coats, Iann Robertson, Mrs. Rex McLean and Mrs. Fate Scoggins. Besides his parents, one brother, Carey Baldwin, age 4, survives.

Mrs. J. G. Sadler

Friends and relatives received word Sunday of the death of Mrs. J. G. Sadler, a former resident of Merkel, which occurred at Marlin on Saturday. Funeral services were held at Gatesville, her home. Her husband died about two years ago. During her residence here, Mrs. Sadler was an active member of Grace Presbyterian church, having been one of the principal donors in the erection of the present edifice. Five step-children survive.

LOCAL BRIEFS

Dr. R. I. Grimes announces the opening of his office in the suite upstairs in the Boney building, formerly occupied by Dr. Earl Thomason.

Bond Anderson, recently connected with the Tennessee Valley Electric company, of Waverly, Tenn., has been added as book-keeper to the local office staff of the West Texas Utilities company.

J. Y. Melton, who formerly operated the Melton cafe on Front street but who has been at Emory for the past seven months, has returned to take charge of the cafe again, having repurchased same from Mrs. Carpenter.

Mrs. Bonnie Griswold, supervisor of the local WPA sewing room, joined a group from Abilene for a visit Tuesday to sewing rooms at Sweetwater, Breake and Robert Lee. Included in the party were Miss Caroline Chambers, district supervisor, and Mrs. Eva Parsley and Mrs. Wroten from the Abilene office.

Coloradoan is New Football Chairman

The executive committee of district 6-B football met upon call of the chairman at the Bluebonnet hotel, Sweetwater, Monday evening, at which time Supt. R. A. Burgess of the Merkel schools, who had been chairman of this football committee since the organization of district 6-B, presented his financial report to the committee and tendered his resignation.

The report was accepted and Principal C. A. Wilkins of the Colorado high school was then elected to succeed Supt. Burgess.

Schools represented at the meeting were: Colorado, Lorraine, Roscoe, Snyder, Roby, Rotan and Merkel. These six schools comprise the class B football schools in district 6-B of the University Interscholastic league.

The merchants who advertise in this paper will give you the best values for your money.

Matters Musical

Delma Compton, well known tenor, will represent Merkel at the “Major Bowes Amateur Contest” to be held at Fair Park auditorium Friday evening in Abilene. The contest is sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars and contestants from all surrounding towns will compete as well as local Abilene talent. All contestants must be recommended by some civic club and the Merkel Lions club made application for the Merkel entry. Miss Christine Collins is to be accompanist.

First prize will be a ticket to New York City or Hollywood. Second prize will be a ticket to the Pan-American Exposition at Dallas and third place is a ticket to the Fort Worth Fiesta. The judging will be done solely by the applause of the audience and Merkel people are urged to go and support your local boy. The performance begins at 8:15 Friday evening. Admission will be 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for children.

VOICE RECITAL

Pupils of Miss Christine Collins will be presented in voice recital Tuesday evening, May 25, at 8:15, Presbyterian church. Announcement of piano recital will be made at a later date. The interested public is cordially invited to attend.

PIANO RECITAL

Mrs. T. T. Earthman will present her class in piano recital at the Merkel school gymnasium on Friday evening, May 21, at 8 o'clock. The program follows:

- “Le Petit Carnival,” (Streabogg), Wanda Lillie Douglas.
- “In the Barnyard,” (Waldo), Joy-Sue Self.
- “Cedar Brook Wait,” (Perry), Genevieve Robertson.
- “The Toe Dancer,” (Ketterer), Dorothy Nell Groene.
- “Holiday March,” (Kimball), Gwendolyn Sandusky.
- “Balloons,” (Arlen), Evelyn Sears.
- “Norwegian Cradle Song,” (Moral), Charles Church.
- “The Banjo Player,” (Ketterer), Dorothy Jo Rutledge.
- “Military March,” (Bucher), Dorothy Nell and Lora Pearl Haynes.
- “The Dreamer,” (Gradi), Dorothy Lee Shannon.
- “The Fairy Wedding,” (Turner), Lou Dale Gray.
- “Springtime Echoes,” (Johnson), Anne Lee Blake.
- “Wayside Chapel,” (Wilson), Mary Nell Morgan.
- “Stolen Kisses,” (Rofe), Sarah Malone.
- “Narcissus,” (Nevin), Bonnie Church.
- “A Happy Song,” (Teresa Del Riego), Mary Jo Russell, Jannell Black, Juanee Jones and Billie Wood.
- “A Morning in the Woods,” (Spencer), Gay West.
- “Evening Chimes,” (Heins), Joyce Fulton.
- “Woodland Echoes,” (Wyman), Don Wood.
- “Hawaiian Nights,” (Grey), Wiladene and Dorothy Jo Strawn.
- “Minuet,” (Paderevski), Doris Clyde Miller.
- “Arbutus,” (Davis), Norman King.
- “Tambourine Dance,” (Williams), Mary Jo Garland.
- “Muscadine, March,” (Wachs), Wilma McAninch.

Appreciative Audience Witnesses Senior Play

The Senior class play, “Uncle Timothy Comes Home,” was presented Friday evening to a large and appreciative audience at the High School gymnasium. This delightful comedy in three acts by Gene Neal had its setting on the estate of T. Timothy Tweedsome, (Uncle Timothy), at Silver Oaks, Kentucky, culminating in a beauty contest being won by a cleverly portrayed female impersonator, (Weldon Davis). “Uncle Timothy” was realistically enacted by Doyle Gray. Others in the cast included Vernell Bland as Lindy Lou Evans, niece of “Uncle Timothy”; three sweet P's, Patsy, (Miss Chicago), De La Vergne Teague; Patricia, (Miss Philadelphia), Phyllis Smith; Prunella, (Miss Boston), Jane Ferguson; Big Boy Roberts, Sylvan Mellinger; Benjamin Blackstone, an impostor from Hollywood, Murphy Dye; Jack Sublett as Ethelbert, his social secretary; Betty Grimes as Dolores Del Monte; LaVern Hughes as the duchess of Londonberry, and two black face parts: Sis Gamble as Rachel, the maid, and Roy Hagler, as Mathuslah, her beau. As radio announcer, Billy Dunning completed the cast.

A special musical interlude, “Tea Time at the Big House,” was given by Leta Faye Barbee, Elma Mae Gamble, Lucille Click, Ina Mae Berryman, Nadine Clack, Pauline McAninch, Nell Pruitt, Janet Berry, Roy Hagler, Pauline Joyner, Frances Higgins, Pearl Mathews, Bonnie Church and Elna Tucker.

Direction was in the capable hands

Merkel Hospital Notes

Mrs. Pearl Talley of Trent, who entered the hospital for major surgery on May 12, was dismissed Tuesday.

Other patients received during the week were: Miss Patsy Roe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Roe, of Stamford, Ray Holmes and O. J. Adcock, Jr., for minor surgery, and Mrs. E. E. Akin of Mt. Pleasant and Ed Criswell of Noodle and Mrs. Sie Eubanks of Freer, in South Texas, for treatment.

A baby was born to Mr. and Mrs. Lee Martin of Butman on Wednesday.

of Mrs. Comer Haynes; radio courtesies by Swafford-Gamble, West, Black's Radio shop and the Merchants association; furniture by Barrow.

Enjoyable Meeting Girl Scout Troop

The regular meeting of the Girl Scouts on Wednesday afternoon proved an enjoyable affair. After singing “The Star Spangled Banner,” the girls played “Questions and Crooked Answers.”

The meeting closed with the forming of their usual circle, just as they did at their last week's meeting.

Over 300 Register at Circle Old-Time Party

More than three hundred signed the register at the old-fashioned party sponsored by the Woodmen Circle at the W. O. W. hall Monday night. Mrs. Winnie Turner, guardian of Merkel Grove, directed the program for the evening.

Old-time costumes added to the merriment of the occasion, including games of “snap,” candy matching and cake-walking and climaxing in a square dance of five sets.

Entertainment features were furnished by the Bachelorette Trio, (Misses Thelma and Pearl Mathews and Frances Higgins), and Miss Pearl Mathews in song numbers, with Miss Christine Collins as accompanist; readings by Mrs. John Payne of Trent, and a monologue by Miss Evelyn Latimer. Winston Polley's string band furnished music, while Mrs. Rena Keifer played for the cake walk and square dance.

Visitors were present from Sweetwater, Abilene, Trent and Roby.

Officers Elected By Buck Jones Club

The Buck Jones club met Saturday morning at 8:30 with the following officers: Jerry McGehee, president; Billy Joe Toombs, secretary, and Teddy Joe McGehee, treasurer.

Other club members are: Cheatham McFarland, Ike Turner, Abie Turner, Morris Dunn, Billie Wood, Jim Speck, Ben Speck and Sammie McGehee.

The club will meet next Saturday morning at the home of Teddy Joe McGehee.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. (Jack) Huffman and their two children, Roy and May, accompanied by his mother, Mrs. M. E. Huffman, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Huffman and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Sellers, spent Sunday with their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Huffman, at Wingate.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hill and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Grayson came from Eurlson to attend the funeral of their uncle, J. H. Grayson, returning Monday morning.

Mesdames M. D. Angus and Joe Bailey Toombs have returned from Temple where they visited their sister, Mrs. Jewel Haskins, in the Scott and White hospital there. They report Mrs. Haskins is doing nicely.

Dr. M. Armstrong returned Monday morning from a visit with his son, Dr. Frank Armstrong, and family in Fort Worth.

Doyle Garrett, Waco attorney, stopped over Monday to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Garrett, en route to try a case in court at Sweetwater.

Miss Iris Garrett left Wednesday morning for Stanton, where she will appear as pianist on the commencement program. Miss Garrett visited last week with Miss Laverne Collins in Coleman.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Tucker and son, Billie, of Altus, Okla., were week-end visitors with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Tucker.

Joe P. Self, cashier of the Farmers State bank, left Tuesday to attend the meeting of the State Bankers association at San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Pannell have returned to Sunray after spending a few days with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pannell, and sister, Mrs. A. L. Rogers, Jr.

Miss Peggy Barnett joined a party of Abilene friends, last week-end, going to Lake Brownwood fishing.

Mrs. J. B. Barnett, daughter-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Barnett, and her sons, Barney Jack and Billy, of Beaumont, arrived Wednesday to spend two weeks in the Barnett home here. Her husband will join them in several days to spend his vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Barnett have had as guests for two weeks their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Harold Barnett, her daughters, Betty and Marilu, and Mrs. Barnett's mother, Mrs. Ethel Hopkins, of Dallas. They returned to their home Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Carter of Dallas were passing guests Monday of Miss Mary Anna Mayfield. Mrs. Carter, who was Miss Gladys Walters, will be remembered as a former resident.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg and Mr. and Mrs. E. M. McDonald went to Big Spring Sunday to visit Wilbur Barnes, brother of Mrs. Bragg and Mrs. McDonald, who was in the hospital there as the result of injuries in a car wreck. Miss Vennie Heizer accompanied them as far as Roscoe to visit an aunt.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman T. Hedge were moving Thursday into their handsome new home built of native rock on Oak street, just completed.

C. B. Williams of Waco, now employed by the Lankhart Seed company, was in Merkel late Wednesday. He left Thursday for Roby and other towns in that vicinity.

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### FAREWELL.

In behalf of the Seniors, I want to say farewell to four years of good training as well as plenty of fun. We want to express our appreciation to the faculty. We have enjoyed your cooperation. As we emerge into the sea of life we hope to always remember your forewarnings and take the right path. We have truly enjoyed being friends of all the other students in Merkel High school. We hope that the future Seniors will profit by our mistakes and make better students. Our years in High school have been enjoyable but all good things must end. So, let us take the road and make good citizens.

### SENIOR PLAY.

The cast for "Uncle Timothy Comes Home" thanks the appreciative audience that saw their play Friday night. They have worked hard, to be sure; but work is a pleasure, when the result is complimentary. The other Seniors have responded well with their help. Several underclassmen brought properties that could not be found elsewhere. After all, co-operation is the thing that counts in High school. May you receive such good applause as the cast of 1937!

### PLAYERS CLUB.

The M. H. S. Players say goodbye until next fall. They plan to open their new season with a 5-act comedy. This year has been one of their most profitable years. Members have helped in many other organizations, both in school and in town. 1936-1937 has seen speech grow in Merkel High school. Much credit is due our agreeable and capable president, Roy Hagler.

### CHORAL CLUB.

The girls in the Choral club feel that they owe much of their success this year to the other members of the school who have given invitations to appear on programs and furnished music for townspeople. One of our best accepted programs was the sacred pageant presented for two of our churches. Our last appearance will be Sunday night, when we sing for the Seniors. We say goodbye until next September.

### JUNIOR NEWS.

And so, the end has come. In many ways we are glad to hear that last bell ring so that we can hit the old swimming hole but—then, we think of the Seniors who will not be back with us next year and the friends we won't get to be with this summer and this makes us wish that school might never end. But, remember, all good things must end. So, let us all go on our way and do the best we can. Here's our "Lament" to the Seniors.

### "A Lament."

The circle is broken—our Senior seats are forsaken.  
Senior buds from the tree of our friendship are shaken.  
Senior hearts from among us no longer shall thrill  
With joy in our gladness, or grief in our ill.  
Weep! lonely and lowly, they are gone now.  
The light of their glances—the pride of their brow.  
Weep! sadly and long shall we listen and hope not in vain—  
To hear the soft tones of their welcome again.

### SPEECH CLASS.

Class recitals, which are closing our year's work, show speech progress among our High school pupils. The pupils have appeared in 40 minute recitals. These pupils are: Nell Arnwine, Le'a Faye Barbee, Herman Carson, CeVene Daniel, Leroy Eason, Grovone Ford, Mary Jo Garland, Lucille Gilmore, Doyle Gray, Norville Gullian.

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### THRU THE KEYHOLE.

(By "The Peeper.")  
Well, I guess the Ted Hamm-Vernell Bland affair is off. Ted was with Mildred Humphrey Friday night, and with them were Marvin Hunter and Jannell Black. Jannell, don't you know Felix will get you?

Dick is really getting fought over. About the time Dorma Lee decided that she wanted to go with him, Jane up and took him for a round. Did you repent, Jane?

Sis and Vincent have been having petty lover's quarrels.

Ask Fannelle what kind of an "accident" she got into at the party—yes, and Hollis and Sis said they always did like to sleep on the creek bank—trickle, trickle, little stream.

Rachel, did you say that you and Verne had a date with T. L.?

Junior went with Frances Friday night. Congratulations, lad, that's better than I had you picked out for.

Phyllis, Sis and Jane are wearing new diamonds—but they're only graduation gifts.

They were asked, but they wouldn't go! That was Saturday night, and Noodle was connected. Some people are so snooty—I don't blame them though, since they were second choice.

Herman, Mary Love, Lloyd and Mattie Lou all went to the show Monday night.

I wonder why Hollis felt so lost Friday night.

I sure wish that I knew some gossip on Noodle since this is my last chance.

Huh, even the Senior falls for Freshmen—Bobbie Woodrum and Betty Joe Reid. Two cracked Fish are Bubba Sears and, well, some dame.

Also, there was a whole row of Freshmen girls and upperclassmen boys at the show the other night.

Leroy is running a school bus, too, hauling Leta Faye and Ina Mae around.

I really hate to leave you. I've had such fun knowing you, and I know you hate to see me go. Don't worry, maybe there'll be somebody who can carry on after I'm gone, so, bye, and

please be nice, since I won't have any way of telling people what you are doing—this scandal column is coming to a close. Adios!

### PERSONALITIES.

**Phyllis Smith.**  
Phyllis is a member of the Choral club, Pep Squad, Spanish club, Dramatic club and Home Economics club. She plans to go to John Tarleton when she finishes school.

**Dutton Williamson.**  
Dutton is a member of the Spanish club, Glee club and Senior Boys' club. When he finishes school he plans to go to college and study aeronautical engineering.

**Nell Pruitt.**  
Nell is a member of the Home Economics club, Dramatic club and Senior Girls' club. When she finishes school she plans to go to a nursing school and become a nurse.

**Bobbie Woodrum.**  
Bobbie is a member of the Senior Boys' club. Bobbie, whatever you do, we wish you success.

**De La Vergne Teague.**  
De La Vergne is a member of the Dramatic club, Spanish club and Home Economics club. De La Vergne, whatever you do we wish you luck.

**Elmer Woolsey.**  
Elmer is a member of the Senior Boys' club. When he finishes school he plans to farm. Lots of success, Elmer, in your career.

**Elna Tucker.**  
Elna is a member of the Senior Girls' club, Choral club and Dramatic club. Elna, we see success ahead of you!

**Morris Wozencraft.**  
Morris has been a very successful student in Merkel High school. Morris, we hope success for you.

**Lorene Whisenhunt.**  
Lorene is a member of the Senior Girls' club and Dramatic club. In whatever you do in life, Lorene, success!

**Iva Jewel Dickson.**  
Although Iva Jewel is one of our late members she has readily taken

part in everything. She is a member of the Senior Girls' club.

We want no Senior to feel slighted, but we had not enough issues to finish the regular "Personalities" column as it was begun.

### JOKES.

Ask Pauline J. what was going on Friday night. She was surely enjoying herself.

Oh, these Annuals. Look at the pictures of J. P. Click and T. L. Reid and Lindsey Rister. Do we feel cute!

Elwood Cox: "I don't see why Billy George was exempt in geometry and I wasn't. Why I could match wits with him any time."

O. D. Blair: "Yeah? That's kinda like me matching pennies with Rockefeller."

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### TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Carey had as their guests for the week-end their son, Clements, of Lamesa, and they, accompanied by two of their daughters, Misses Blanche and Alice, visited Mr. and Mrs. Carl Carey of White Flat Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Lofton of Hermleigh were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Carey. They also visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Carey, a few days this week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Reeves spent Wednesday until Friday with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Hallie Allen, of Fort Worth. Jack Bowers, employed in Fort Worth, spent the first of the week with home folks.

Mrs. Ed Burks, Mrs. John Payne and Mrs. Isom Burks attended an old-fashioned party sponsored by the Woodmen Circle in Merkel Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Henderson of Lubbock are spending a few days with Mrs. R. B. McRee, Sr. Mrs. Henderson and Mrs. McRee are sisters.

Mrs. A. R. Archer was honored Sunday by having all her children with her except one. Those present were Mrs. Bruce Cole, Hobbs, N. M.; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Archer, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Archer, Dallas; Mrs. Faulkner and Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Murdock, Mr. and Mrs. Rado Archer and children of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Louie McRee had as their guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Bert Chapman and Mr. and Mrs. King McKinney of Abilene.

Mrs. Annie Boone has returned home from Hobbs, N. M., after attending the bedside of her daughter, Mrs. Joe Alexander. Mrs. Alexander is now recuperating here. Mrs. Boone also had as her guests Sunday Mrs. Hosea Winn and children of Sylvestor, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Boone and son of Memphis, also Mr. and Mrs. Joe Boone and children.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Winn and J. B., Jr., spent the week-end in Sonora with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Taylor, J. B., Jr., remained over for a few days vacation.

Miss Emma Nalley of Blackwell is spending her vacation with her sister, Mrs. Garnet Bryan, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Estep, Cliffla Jean Estep, Edythe Hale and Mrs. W. H. Hale spent the week-end in San Angelo with Mr. and Mrs. W. R. O'Neal.

### TRENT CHURCH PEOPLE ENTERTAINED.

Members and visitors of the Methodist church school were graciously entertained with a lawn party Monday evening at the home of Supt. and Mrs. H. R. Poor.

Various outdoor games were enjoyed, after which home-made ice cream and cake were served.

Included in the guest list were: Messrs. and Mesdames John Strawn, W. R. McLeod, Andy Shouse, Earl Strawn, Tom Williamson, R. H. Cooley, Oliver Bright; Mesdames C. T. Beckham, Alex Williamson, Joe Reid, H. J. Kegans, Lois Glasgow, Mollie Williams, Maggie Daniels, L. W. Wade, M. L. Jones, D. H. Jones, J. R. Gafford; Messrs. H. W. Beckham, Roy Stewart, Ernest and Claude Stewart, Mark Williamson, Troy Kegans, Henry and Wilson Bright, Billie Jones, Weldon and Alvis Cooley, Billie Joe Bowers, Ewell Currington, Kirby Steadman, Elvin Cooley, Joe Strawn, Winston Alexander, Dov Williamson, Deverle Bishop, J. K. Cooley, James Bright, Garth Strawn, Billy Dow Dingle, S. D. McLeod, R. T. Bishop, Oakley Reid; also Misses Bobbie Ruth McLeod, Willadean Strawn, Wanda Dingle, Jeannine Dingle, Virginia Lee Cooley, Mabel Sawyer, Ruby and Beatrice Cooley, Wanda Lou Kegans, Frances Louise Cooley, Hazel Wanda Williamson, Hermal Glasgow, Bessie Jones and Emma Mae Cooley.

### GROVE TO SPONSOR SUPPER.

Trent Grove No. 668 is sponsoring an ice cream social Friday evening at the W. O. W. hall. Everyone is invited to attend. Free entertainment will be given. A cake walk will be held, with a small fee charged to help pay expenses.

Ice cream will be sold at the conclusion of the program.

### ART CLUB WITH MRS. LOUIE McREE.

The Art club met with Mrs. Louie McRee Tuesday afternoon for a regular session. Sewing and making home-made crochet patterns were the main diversion for the afternoon.

Mrs. McRee served delicious ice cream and angel food cake to ten

guests, her mother, Mrs. H. F. Powell, of Abilene, Mesdames R. B. McRee, Sr., Andy Shouse, R. B. McRee, Jr., O. A. Smith, Allen Terry, Earl Strawn, John Strawn, A. Williamson, C. T. Beckham.

### DORA DOINGS

Farmers are working early and late planting now; cotton and feed that was planted before the shower is coming up nicely.

The Sweetwater high school band put on a program to a large audience here Monday night, which was greatly enjoyed.

Mrs. Fayne Perry returned Friday from a three weeks visit with her grandmother near Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Whiteaker of Abilene were visitors here Sunday.

Mr. Egger has returned home after staying in Merkel for several days to be near his doctor for treatment.

Ernest Parris, Archie Strother, Cecil Holder and Douglas Jones went to the Concho Friday, returning Saturday night with a good catch.

We are glad indeed to see Will Bryant able to be out after a long illness.

J. B. McCoy trucked a load of sheep to market Monday night.

The new Baptist church will be ready for services the fifth Sunday of this month. It will be very nice, large and comfortable.

The Oliver brothers have leased the Si Dennis place for five years at a very nice price and also bought Mr. Dennis' herd of Herefords. We understand that Robert and his wife will live on the place after the Dennises finish up other business interests and will probably move to Austin.

Wheat and oats are looking nice now and we hope the yield will be fair. Cottonseed is scarce on the Divide and farmers are really hoping they won't have to plant over.

### BLAIR ITEMS

Brother E. T. Powers, Baptist pastor of Palava, delivered two eloquent discourses Sunday. Rev. Powers is a man of sterling character and preaches the gospel in forceful manner. There will be services every first and third Sundays. Invite your neighbors and friends to come.

Rev. Lloyd Mayhew, pastor of the M. E. church, is to fill his regular appointment at the Methodist church Sunday, May 23. You can't afford to miss these helpful and spiritual messages.

Mr. and Mrs. Fate Scoggins and two attractive daughters, Misses Frances and Nell, motored over to Palava Sunday and visited relatives.

Mrs. John Latimer graciously entertained her friends with a quilting in her home on May 12. There were some forty-five women present and two quilts were quilted. A chicken dinner with all accessories was served, with ice cream being passed in the afternoon. The participants spent a very pleasant day.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Horton and children left by automobile on a business trip to Baylor county Monday and will visit relatives while there.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Coats and family of White Church drove over in their new Chevrolet and visited their sister, Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Bell, the past week.

Several from here attended the funeral services of little Jerry Baldwin, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Baldwin, held in Merkel Tuesday afternoon. Sincere sympathy is extended to the bereaved ones.

Box Supper at White Church. A box supper will be held at White Church church house next Friday night, May 28, at 8 o'clock. Every one is invited to attend. Ice cream and popcorn will be sold. Everybody come and have a good time.

### CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to take this method of expressing our sincere appreciation and gratitude to all those friends who so kindly and faithfully assisted us in the illness and death of our dearly beloved sister and aunt.

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### RURAL SOCIETY

**UNION RIDGE CLUB.**  
The Union Ridge Home Demonstration club met Friday, May 7, in the Lee Tipton home with Mrs. J. H. Clark as co-hostess.

Mrs. O. E. Harwell was elected as a delegate to Short Course, with Mrs. O. R. Douglas as alternate. Plans were completed for a cake walk, which was held Friday night and which netted around \$11.00 for the club treasury.

After all business was transacted, punch and cake were served to Mesdames S. G. Russell, Jr., O. R. Douglas, Dale Burleson, S. O. Patton, W. C. Lee, W. A. Harris, O. E. Harwell, Burley Bonds, J. H. Clark, Chester Bonds, M. L. Douglas, J. W. Taylor, Denzel Cox, Kenneth Pee, Lee Tipton, Lige Harris; Misses Norma Patton, Mary Bell Douglas and Mabel McRee.

The next meeting will be Friday, May 21, in the J. H. Clark home.

**WEAVER SPRINGS CLUB.**  
The Weaver Springs Home Demonstration club met May 11 in the home of Mrs. J. O. Mainard, assembling at 10 o'clock for the purpose of quilting a quilt for Mrs. A. D. King. The funds will go in the club treasury.

At 12:30 dinner was served to the following members: Mesdames A. D. King, O. W. Reed, P. R. Demere, S. M. Mainard, F. R. Demere, T. P. Reed, J. O. Mainard, and one visitor, Mrs. Ed Rutherford, president of the White Church club.

At 2 o'clock the regular meeting was called, and after a brief business meeting an interesting program was carried out.

The club will meet next time with the agent in the home of Mrs. F. R. Demere on May 25.

**COMPERE CLUB.**  
The Comper Home Demonstration club met at Mrs. Oscar Johnson's home in called session to hear Miss Martin talk on "Furniture and Woodwork." Mesdames Adkins, Ramsey, Marshall, Smith, Johnson, Ray, Lucas and Newman were present.

On May 13 the club met with Mrs. Ray with a salad program. Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Merritt gave papers on salads. Mrs. Ray served sandwiches, fruits, salad and cookies. Members brought samples of salads.

Members present were: Mesdames Marshall, Ramsey, Hayes, Bristow, V. Merritt, J. F. Merritt, Ray, Newman, Smith, Johnson, and one visitor, Mrs. Criswell.

Next meeting will be May 27 with Mrs. Bristow.

**SALT BRANCH CLUB.**  
An enjoyable luncheon was given by the Salt Branch Home Demonstration club on May 13 in the home of Mrs. J. S. Pinckley. Most of the members arrived on time, bringing covered dishes, the contents of which proved pleasing both to the eye and the appetite. Clatter of dishes and voices told harmony reigned. The only regret was that there were a few absentees.

Those present were Mesdames Clint Allen, Will Higgins, Joe Higgins, Roy Harrell, Johnny Cox, Jarrett Pinckley, J. S. Pinckley, Nim Teaff, Royalty; Misses Leae Faye Harrell, Ruth Pinckley, Van Sue Pinckley, Celia Hester, Gloria Teaff.

Following a short business session in the afternoon, a talk on "Egg Cookery" was given by Mrs. J. S. Pinckley.

The next meeting will be on May 21 in the home of Mrs. Nim Teaff.

**MIDWAY CLUB.**  
Mrs. Eli Graham was hostess to members of the Midway Home Demonstration club on Wednesday, May 12, when packing lunches and lunches suitable for picnics were discussed.

Those present were Mesdames M. C. Graham, J. L. Ashford, McSpadden, Williams, Sibley, Derrington, King, Leon Ashford and Eli Graham.

The next meeting will be with Mrs.

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### ICE CREAM SUPPER.

There was an ice cream supper given at the home of Mrs. Monroe Harris of White Church on Friday night, May 14. Plenty of good music was furnished by the Chapman brothers, Homer Tye and the Connell boys.

Ice cream and cake was served to the following: Jack, John, Jess and Ruth Chapman, Stanley and A. A. Connell, Jr., Mabry Chapman, Pearl Ann Dedmon, Leatha, Raymond and Claude Thomas, Homer Tye, Jr., Mary and Homer Tye, Monroe, Zetta Mae, Lois and Leona Harris.

**WARREN CLUB.**  
The Warren Home Demonstration club met May 11 in the home of Miss Ella Hobbs. Salad dressings, combinations for salads and salads for various menus were discussed by members. Each member brought her favorite salad and recipes were exchanged.

Members present were Mesdames Britt Baker, M. H. Ely, J. B. Griffin, M. J. Hines, H. H. Hobbs, W. H. Kelson, Luther Land, U. S. Reeder, Miss Ella Hobbs; visitors, Mrs. S. B. Hobbs and Mrs. C. E. Thomas.

Mrs. Joe K. Higgins will have the next meeting. The value of interesting hobbies will be discussed by one of the members. The making of sponge cakes will be demonstrated by Miss Gladys Martin, county agent.

The time of the meeting is May 25 at 2:30 p. m. Visitors are welcome.

**CARD OF THANKS.**  
We wish to take this method of expressing our thanks to our neighbors and friends, who in any way helped or expressed words of sympathy in our hour of sorrow, in the loss of our darling husband, father, grandfather, brother and uncle; especially do we thank Dr. Sadler for his untiring efforts, and Mr. and Mrs. Winn, who were ever ready to send a message. Also do we thank our many friends for the beautiful floral offerings. We shall ever hold you dear in our hearts, and May God's richest blessings ever abide with you is our prayer.

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TOMATO PLANTS—June Pink, Stone and Gulf States, 25c per hundred. I. V. Davis, Trent, Texas.

FOR SALE—English White Leghorns, Giant type, 50 cents each. J. B. Browning, Merkel, Texas, Route 1.

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FOR RENT—Garage formerly occupied by Hunter & Sublett. See W. E. Lowe.

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NOTICE to Cream Sellers; keep your cream cool, stir regularly, and in marketing you will get the top price. Merkel Creamery. Joe Stalls, Operator.

SAY, when you come to the H-S laundry to do your wash, don't forget to bring your dull plows, blades and other smith work; next door to laundry. C. P. Stevens.

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**LOST AND FOUND**

LOST—Bunch of keys in leather holder between South Side gin and North Side gig. Please notify T. T. Davis, Merkel, Texas.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE**

is hereby given that the stockholders of the Farmers State Bank in Merkel will reduce the Capital Stock from \$40,000 to \$25,000 as prescribed by law.

**THE STATE OF TEXAS.**

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County—Greetings:

You are hereby commanded to summon Leona E. Gates 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 104th District Court of Taylor County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Abilene, Texas, on the first Monday in June, A. D. 1937, the same being the 7th day of June, A. D. 1937, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 26th day of April, A. D. 1937, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 2857-B, wherein Robert L. Gates is plaintiff, and Leona E. Gates is Defendant, and a brief statement of plaintiff's cause of action, being as follows: That plaintiff and defendant were married July 15, 1915, and on August 1, 1932, defendant voluntarily left his bed and board with the intention of abandonment. There is no community property. That there are four children, Henry, age 17, Lillie, age 15, Dorothy, age 12, Berlin, age 8, all of whom have continuously lived with and been under the care, control and support of plaintiff since said separation. Wherefore, plaintiff prays for divorce and complete care, custody and control of said minor children.

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 26th day of April, A. D. 1937. (Seal) Belle Wellborn, Clerk, District Court, Taylor County, Texas. By Zola McKee, Deputy.

H. J. R. No. 26  
**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION** proposing an amendment to Article III of the Constitution of the State of Texas by adopting a new Section to be known as Section 51-c which shall provide that the Legislature shall have the power to provide, under such limitations and restrictions as may be deemed by the Legislature expedient for assistance to the needy blind over the age of twenty-one (21) years, and for the payment of same not to exceed Fifteen Dollars (\$15) per month each, and providing for payment of such assistance or aid only to actual bona fide citizens of Texas and providing that the requirements for the length of time of actual residence in Texas shall never be less than five (5) years during the nine (9) years immediately preceding the application for such assistance and continuously for one year immediately preceding such application; and providing that the Legislature shall have the authority to accept from the Government of the United States financial aid for assistance to such blind; providing for an election on the question of adoption or rejection of such amendment and making an appropriation therefor; providing for the proclamation and publication thereof and prescribing the form of ballot.

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:**  
Section 1. That Article III of the Constitution of the State of Texas, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a Section to be known as Article 51-c which shall read as follows: "Section 51-c. The Legislature shall have the power by General Laws to provide, under such limitations and regulations and restrictions as may be by the Legislature be deemed expedient, for assistance to the needy blind over the age of twenty-one (21) years, and for the payment of same not to exceed Fifteen Dollars (\$15) per month per person; such assistance or aid to be granted only to actual bona fide citizens of Texas; provided that no habitual criminal and no habitual drunkard and no inmate of any State supported institution, while such inmate, shall be eligible for such assistance to the needy blind over the age of twenty-one (21) years; provided, further, that the requirements for the length of time of actual residence in Texas shall never be less than five (5) years during the nine (9) years immediately preceding the application for assistance to the needy blind over the age of twenty-one (21) years; and continuously for one year immediately preceding such application.

"The Legislature shall have the authority to accept from the Government of the United States such financial aid for assistance to the needy blind as that Government may offer not inconsistent with the restrictions hereinabove provided."  
Sec. 2. The foregoing Constitutional Amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this State at a special election to be held throughout the State of Texas on the fourth Monday of August, 1937, at which election all voters favoring the proposed Amendment shall write or have printed on their ballots the following words: "FOR the Amendment to the State Constitution providing for assistance to the needy blind over the age of twenty-one (21) years not to exceed Fifteen Dollars (\$15) per month per person, and providing for acceptance from the Government of the United States of America financial aid for such payment."  
Those voters opposing said proposed Amendment shall write or have printed on their ballots the words: "AGAINST the Amendment to the State Constitution providing for assistance to the needy blind over the age of twenty-one (21) years, not to exceed Fifteen Dollars (\$15) per month per person, and providing for acceptance from the Government of the United States of America financial aid for such payment."  
If it appears from the returns of said election that a majority of the votes cast are in favor of said Amendment, the same shall become a part of the State Constitution.

Sec. 3. The Governor of the State of Texas shall issue the necessary proclamation for said election and shall have the same published as required by the Constitution for Amendments thereto.  
Sec. 4. The sum of Nine Thousand Dollars (\$9,000), or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the Treasury of the State, not otherwise appropriated, to pay the expenses of such publication and election.

The above is a true and correct copy.  
EDWARD CLARK  
Secretary of State

**Action, Comedy Pack  
New Drummond Film  
Coming to Queen**

Murder on the fog-bound moor, a kidnapping, the machinations of a counterfeit band and the imprisonment of a beautiful woman in a house of mystery, are a few things "Bulldog Drummond" has to solve in "Bulldog Drummond Escapes," the latest in the breezy series of detective films, showing at the Queen theatre one day only, Friday, at bargain prices.

Ray Milland plays the role of the master sleuth and soldier-of-fortune who has entertained the world for a generation in fiction, on the stage and on the screen.

He is assisted as usual by his pal, "Algy," played by Reginald Denny, and again he is forced to overcome the obstacles thrown in his path by his friendly enemy, Inspector Nielson, of Scotland yard, played by the late Sir Guy Standing. Heather Angel is the beauty whom he rescues, and Porter Hall is the evil genius behind the mysterious goings-on.

Drummond solves the crimes in eight action-packed hours, in his usual sophisticated and light-hearted manner, to the satisfaction of all concerned, particularly Inspector Nielson, who discovers that he and his assistants were working on only one angle of the complicated mess stirred up by Hall.

**Another Mischievous  
Role for Jane Withers  
In "The Holy Terror"**

Man the lifeboats! Run up the storm signals! "Ginger" Jane is in the Navy now, as the rollicking star of "The Holy Terror," the Twentieth Century-Fox riot of fun showing Saturday only at the Queen theatre.

Laughable, prankish, riotous—a whirlwind of mischief, excitement and joy—that's Jane Withers, in the starring role which makes her the joy of the midshipmen, and the despair of the admirals.

Aided and abetted in the gayest fun-fest of her madcap career by Anthony Martin, Leah Ray, Joan Davis, E. Brendel and Joe Lewis, the angel-faced imp sings her way into trouble, and dances her way right out again.

As the pet of the navy air base, Jane Withers gets into such mischief that Anthony Martin, a sailor, is assigned to look after her. That is all right with Jane, because Anthony, in love with Leah Ray, the owner of "The Golden Anchor," a sailor's hangout, spends most of his time at the inn.

When the musical show which Jane and her pals present at the inn breaks up in a free-for-all, started by mysterious strangers in sailor garb, the inn is declared "out of bounds" for the gobs. A group of conspirators then occupy the inn, but in the end Jane is instrumental in breaking up the spy ring, reuniting Anthony and Leah and bringing the picture to a hilarious conclusion.

**MacMurray, Lombard  
Together in Third Film**

Carole Lombard and Fred MacMurray, the romantic team of "Hands Across the Table" and "A Princess Comes Across," are together again in "Swing High, Swing Low," a romance with music which opens for the "Owl Show" at the Queen Saturday night and continues Monday and Tuesday nights.

"Swing High, Swing Low" is the story of night club life in Panama and New York. Miss Lombard plays the role of an entertainer in a Panama cabaret who makes a famous musician out of MacMurray, who has been very much on the loose in the canal port. This role gives Miss Lombard an opportunity to sing and dance, the first time she exhibits her talents in these fields, and MacMurray plays the trumpet, also for the first time in pictures.

The cast includes glamorous Dorothy Lamour, the beauty who captivated America in her first screen appearance, "The Jungle Princess." She plays the role of "the other woman," with whom MacMurray falls in love. Miss Lamour, who was famous as a radio singer before her entry into pictures, also sings and dances in "Swing High, Swing Low." Charles Butterworth, Jean Dixon, Harvey Stephens and other well-known feature players complete the cast.

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**THE BOX SCORE**

TRENT—	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
J. Payne, 1b	5	0	0	5	0	0
Cooley, 2b	5	0	0	5	2	3
L. Jones, lf	5	0	3	1	0	0
H. Tittle, rf	5	0	1	0	0	0
Hamner, 3b	4	1	2	0	3	2
C. Tittle, ss	5	0	2	2	4	2
Scott, cf	1	0	1	0	0	0
H. Jones, cf	3	0	0	2	1	0
O. Jones, c	4	0	1	8	0	1
Harvey Jones, p	4	0	0	1	1	0
T. Jones, p	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	41	1	10	24	11	8

NOODLE—	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Derrick, ss	3	1	0	3	1	2
Sharp, c	4	2	1	5	1	0
Goode, p	4	0	1	0	3	0
E. Palmer, rf	4	1	1	0	0	0
B. Jowers, lb	4	1	2	12	1	1
W. Jowers, lf	4	1	0	1	0	1
C. Vick, 2b	4	1	2	4	0	0
R. Payne, 3b	4	0	1	2	8	3
Justice, cf	2	0	0	0	0	0
Williams, cf	2	0	1	0	0	0
Totals	35	7	9	27	14	7

Score by innings:  
Trent ..... 010 000 000—1  
Noodle ..... 201 000 13x—7  
Summary—Runs batted in, Scott, Goode, Palmer 2, Williams 2, Vick 2, Double, Williams. Earned runs, Trent 1, Noodle 4. Left on base, Trent 15, Noodle 5. Double plays, H. Jones to Cooley, Derrick to B. Jowers. Base on balls, H. Jones 1. Struck out, H. Jones 5, T. Jones 1, Goode 4. Innings pitched, H. Jones, 7 1-3, 7 runs, 8 hits; T. Jones 2-3 inning, no runs, 1 hit. Losing pitcher, H. Jones. Time of game 1:48. Umpires, Ferrier and Myers.

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**THE RED & WHITE STORES**

**SPECIALS FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, MAY 21-22**

- Oranges, Florida Sweet  
6 for ..... 25c
- Lemons, Sunkist, doz. .... 28c
- Lettuce, head ..... 5c
- New Spuds, 5 pounds ..... 15c
- Blackeyed Peas, 2 lbs. .... 15c
- Tomatoes, 2 pounds ..... 19c
- Supreme  
Salad Wafers, lb. .... 17c
- Red and White  
Tea, 1-4 pound ..... 19c
- Sun Spun  
Salad Dressing, quart ..... 35c
- Pure Cane  
Sugar, cloth bag, 10 lbs. 55c
- Gold Medal  
Wheaties, 2 pkgs. .... 25c
- Standard  
Tomatoes, No. 2, 3 for ..... 25c
- Early Riser  
Coffee, pound ..... 17c
- All Flavors  
Jell-O, pkg. .... 5c
- Blue and White  
Matches, 6 box carton ..... 19c

- Del Dixi  
Pickles, sour or dill, qt. .... 17c
- Red and White  
Vinegar, quart jar ..... 15c
- Johnson's  
Floor Wax, 1-2 lb. can ..... 39c
- Floor  
Mops, each ..... 25c
- Red and White  
Tomato Juice, 3 cans ..... 23c
- Texas  
Grapefruit Juice, No. 2 can  
3 for ..... 25c
- Red and White  
Pineapple Juice, No. 1 can  
2 cans ..... 19c
- Crystal  
Spinach, No. 2 can ..... 9c
- Red and White  
Soap, 6 bars ..... 25c
- Red and White  
Peaches, No. 2 1-2 can ..... 17c
- Crisco, 3 pound can ..... 59c
- Cheese, pound ..... 21c
- Sliced Bacon, pound ..... 29c
- Salt Pork, pound ..... 20c

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**LAKE PARTY.**

The Fortnightly Study club closed its third successful year's work with an open meeting, a day at the summer cottage of Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Sadler on Sweetwater Lake, Tuesday.

An installation service for incoming officers was most impressive and Mrs. West, retiring president, was presented with a beautiful basket of roses from the club. Mrs. Stanley King was accepted into club membership.

Crystal vases of flowers marked places at luncheon tables where a delectable summer menu was served buffet-style. In the afternoon swimming was enjoyed by some, others took strolls around the lake and some did handwork. Ice cream and cake was served at tea time to Mesdames E. Clyde Smith, J. V. Warren, Sam Swann, W. S. J. Brown, Byers Petty, Bill Haynes, Twyman Collins, Thos. Durham, Tom Largent, W. T. Sadler, Lige Gamble, F. C. McFarland, A. R. Booth, H. C. West, R. P. Lindsey, Paul Rudd, R. A. Burgess and Johnny Cox and Christine Collins.

**THREE "F" CLUB NOTES.**

Miss Hollis Perry was hostess to members of the Three "F" club on Saturday, May 8, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Byron Patterson. In a movie star contest Miss Frances Higgins was presented a handsome picture of Clark Gable as a prize. A sandwich course and drink was served buffet-style at the refreshment hour.

Miss Sis Gamble was hostess to Three "F" members on Friday night following the Junior-Senior banquet. A midnight feast was enjoyed by all club members and one guest, Miss Sarah Sheppard.

On Saturday afternoon, May 15, the club met in the home of Frances Higgins. The afternoon was spent taking pictures of the members. A sandwich course was served.

Another slumberless party was held in the home of Miss Verne Moore on Friday evening, May 14. The members and their escorts enjoyed an hour of dancing following the Senior play. At midnight the girls were served a picnic supper. Club members were Misses Betty Grimes, Sis Gamble, Frances Higgins, Verne Moore, Rachael Patterson, Phyllis Smith, De La Vergne Teague, Jane Ferguson, Fannelle Gray, Hollis Perry. Their escorts to the play were Messrs. Oscar Adcock, Junior Grimes, Vincent Barnett, Herman Carson, Lloyd Vick, Bobbie Woodrum, Waymon Adcock, Dick West, A. C. Sears, and one guest, Marcia Reid, of Clyde.

**FIDELIS MATRONS.**

Members of the Fidelis Matrons class of the First Baptist church met at the home of Mrs. Ted McGehee with Mrs. Dunn and Mrs. Gilbreath as co-hostesses.

The devotional was led by Mrs. W. W. Haynes, with work as her subject, followed by a prayer by Mrs. Byers Petty. After a short business session, members went on a treasure hunt, Mrs. Lawson being the lucky one to find a well filled basket of gifts.

A delicious sandwich plate was served to Mesdames Allen McGehee, Arthur Lawson, D. T. Dunn, Wilson, Byers Petty, Leonard Jinkens, W. T. Sadler, W. W. Haynes, Dent Gibson, Buck Leach and the hostesses.

**BIRTHDAY SURPRISE.**

Mrs. T. J. Toombs was the honoree of a surprise birthday dinner on Sunday, May 9, when all of her children,

except two, and their families gathered at her home to celebrate her 75th birthday.

Those present were: H. H. Toombs, Mrs. Myrtle Boden, Mrs. Mack Angus, Mrs. J. C. Walton, Mrs. Nat Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Toombs and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Toombs and family, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Toombs and family, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bailey Toombs and family, Mr. and Mrs. Cullen Toombs and family, Mrs. Algie Daniels and daughter. The two children not able to be present are L. T. Toombs of Big Spring and Mrs. Jewel Haskins, who was in a Temple hospital.

**BIRTHDAY PARTY.**

In celebration of her seventh birthday, little Betty June Toombs was the happy honoree for a birthday party given by her mother, Mrs. Joe Bailey Toombs, on Wednesday, May 12.

Outdoor games were played and, at the close of a merry afternoon, refreshments were served to Barbara Ann Brown, Tiny Brown, Tommie All-day, Leon Toombs, Jr., Glenn Toombs, Gloria Nan Toombs, Peggy Joyce Toombs, Patsy Daniels, Bobbie Glenn Gilbert, Betty Jean Gilbert, Billie Joe Toombs, Peggy Joyce Dye, Marjorie Ann Walker, Geraldine Jinkens, Dorothy Jean Jinkens, Betty Jane Keifer, Billie Morris Baze, Bobbie Hodge, Norma Jean Hodge, Ray Ann Hamm, Jacquelyn Toombs, Mattie Lou Bicknell, Betty June Toombs, Lon McDonald; Mrs. Thaxton Neill, Mrs. Cullen Toombs, Mrs. Leon Toombs, Mrs. Algie Daniels and the hostess.

**SURPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTY.**

A slumber party was turned into a surprise birthday party Friday night given in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Barnett in honor of Mrs. W. R. Williams.

Members of the Merkel Home Demonstration club and friends assembled at the gymnasium to see the play, "Uncle Timothy Comes Home," put on by the Senior class and which proved to be one of the best presented this season by amateurs. Afterward all wended their way to the Barnett home where all was in readiness for a slumber party, which was entered into with different amusements such as piano numbers by Miss Thelma Mathews and Mrs. Alice Wallace, vocal and guitar selections by Miss Lena Spinks and games of "monopoly" and other pastimes.

Just after the stroke of twelve came a beautiful cake with 68 candles placed before Mrs. Williams and all joined in singing "Happy Birthday to You." A basket of beautiful gifts was brought in and enjoyed by her and she also was the recipient of many very pretty flowers. The hostess served pineapple cream, and Mrs. Williams cut the birthday cake, an angel food cake which each one enjoyed. Those present were Mesdames W.

# CHURCH SERVICES

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.**  
There were 655 present at the six reporting Sunday Schools last Sunday, as compared with 680 on the previous Sunday and 723 on the same Sunday a year ago.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.**  
Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. There will be no preaching service at the evening hour, because of the baccalaureate sermon at the Merkel school gymnasium. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

Every one cordially invited to these services. Strangers welcome.  
R. A. Walker, Pastor.

**METHODIST CHURCH.**  
Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Herbert Patterson, general superintendent. Sermon by the pastor. Special music by the choir at the morning hour. There will be no evening service, be-

R. Williams, C. P. Church, E. B. Wallace, Sallie Mathews, J. R. Barnett, Wozencraft, John S. Hughes, Lillian Mathews, George W. Moore, Norris Barnett, J. Ben Campbell, Elsie McDonald; Misses Thelma Mathews, Pearl Mathews, Lottie Butman, Clara B. White, Myrtle Barnett, Maurine White, Lena Spinks and the hostess, Mrs. Harry Barnett. All agreed they had spent a very pleasant time with two in one.

**NOODLE SENIORS COMPLIMENTED.**

On Saturday evening May 8, Miss Bessylea Church, teacher in Noodle high school, entertained in her home here the Junior and Senior classes, the party being given in honor of the following Seniors: Mozelle Sosebee, Loucille Justice, Jasper Brown, Woodrow Clemmer and Norman Winter. After games of progressive "42" and monopoly were played, a refreshment plate of ice cream and angel food squares was served to the following Seniors: Misses Sosebee and Justice and Messrs. Clemmer and Winter; Juniors: Johnny Chadwick, Margaret Goode, Helen Rogers, Ray Satterwhite, Leon Walker, Harold Clemmer, Melvin Jinkens, Cleo Sosebee and Alvis Vancil, and the following visitors: Miss Helen Reddell, also a teacher at Noodle, Woodrow Justice, Cline Satterwhite, H. R. Chancey, Griffin Barnett and Alton Bicknell.

cause of the baccalaureate sermon at the Merkel school gymnasium. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.  
John H. Crow, Pastor.

**NORTH SIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH.**  
Preaching Saturday night at 7:30 o'clock. Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. Wednesday night prayer meeting at 7:30. All are cordially invited to our services.  
R. C. Reagh, Supt.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.**  
Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. Because of the baccalaureate sermon at the Merkel school gymnasium, the B. T. S. will not meet nor will there be an evening service. W. M. U. meets at 8 o'clock Monday afternoon. Prayer meeting at 8 o'clock Wednesday evening. All are cordially invited to attend these services.

**NAZARENE CHURCH**  
Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. NYPS at 6:30 p. m. Preaching 7:30 p. m. Midweek prayer services each Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. We appreciate your co-operation in all services.  
R. T. Smith, Pastor.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST.**  
Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. Sunday by Brother A. J. Rollings. Young people's program 7

p. m. on Sunday. There will be no night service, because of the baccalaureate sermon at the school gymnasium. A service of song, prayer and preaching for each Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. You are cordially invited to attend these services.  
The Elders.

**Recital Announced.**  
The senior pupils of Mrs. G. W. Wilhite will be presented in recital at the Merkel school gymnasium on Monday evening, May 31. The preschool class will give their recital at the Grammar school auditorium on Tuesday evening, June 1.

**BERRIES BERRIES**  
Dewberries are ripe now; began picking Wednesday, 19th; will pick Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays through season; they are fine this year.  
Judge Crow. Ten miles north of Noodle.

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Crushed, 9 ounce Pineapple, 3 for	25c
All Flavors Geltine Dessert	5c
Phillip's Tomato Juice can	5c
<b>PEARS</b>	
Packed in heavy syrup No. 2 1-2 size cans	
2 for	39c
Corn, No. 2 can	10c
Large size Prunes, 2 lbs.	15c
24 lb. sack	95c
48 lb. sack	\$1.75
8 pound carton	\$1.07
8 pound pail	\$1.17
COFFEE, Sunset, 3 pound jar	89c
Pure Cane Sugar, 10 lbs. cloth	55c
Ma Brown Pure Grape Jam, 2 lb. qt. jar	33c
Baby Size Milk, 7 cans for	25c
Coffee, Cooper's Best, 3 lbs.	75c
Sour or Dill Pickles, 26 oz. jar	15c
Pure Ribbon Cane Syrup, gallon	59c
Corn Flakes, Jersey, pkg.	10c
All Flavors Tasty Summer Drink, 8 oz., 3 for	25c

**FRESH CHANNEL CAT FISH**

<b>STEAK</b> Chuck Pound	17c	<b>ROAST</b> Chuck Pound	15c
Steak, T-Bone, pound	20c	Mixed Sausage, pound	15c
<b>SLICED BACON</b> Armour's Pound	29c	<b>HAM</b> Center Slices Pound	40c
Mutton Chops, per pound	33c	Bologna, 2 pounds	25c

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**FRIDAY—ONE DAY ONLY**  
10c-15c Bargain Nite 10c-15c  
"BULLDOG DRUMMOND ESCAPES"  
With Ray Milland, Sir Guy Standing, Heather Angel  
Also Two-Reel Comedy, Cab Calloway's Orchestra and "Jungle Jim" Chapter Play  
10c-15c Bargain Nite 10c-15c

**SATURDAY—ONE DAY ONLY**  
Jane Withers in  
"THE HOLY TERROR"  
With Anthony Martin, Leah Ray, Et Brendel  
Added: Selected Short Subjects and "Jungle Jim"

**SATURDAY "OWL SHOW", ALSO MONDAY AND TUESDAY**  
Fred MacMurray—Carole Lombard in  
"SWING HIGH, SWING LOW"  
With Dorothy Lamour, "The Jungle Princess," singing and swinging "Panamania"  
Added: Selected Short Subjects

**WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY**  
At last, the screen pierces the mystery which has shrouded "America's Savage Million" for centuries! Kisses paid for in lashing, children sold into marriage, women doomed to a life of heartbreak.  
Josephine Hutchinson—George Brent in  
"MOUNTAIN JUSTICE"  
With Guy Kibbee, MonaBarrie and Robert Barrat  
Added: Two-Reel Comedy and Short Subject

**COMING SOON**  
"WAIKIKI WEDDING"  
"WAKE UP AND LIVE"

**DON'T FORGET THURSDAY NIGHT**

**Texas Theatre**  
Sweetwater

**Friday-Saturday**  
Edward Arnold, Francine Larrimore in  
"John Mead's Woman"

**Sunday-Monday**  
"Waikiki Wedding"  
With Bing Crosby, Bob Burns, Martha Raye, Shirley Ross

**Tuesday-Wednesday**  
Norma Shearer, Leslie Howard in  
"Romeo and Juliet"  
Two Shows Daily: 2 and 8 p. m.—Prices: 10 and 35 cents

**Thursday Only**  
"Melody for Two"  
With James Melton and Patricia Ellis

**R. & R. PALACE**  
Friday-Saturday  
Tom Tyler in  
"Roamin' Wild"

# PUBLIC NOTICE

At a recent meeting of the City Council the Tax Collector was instructed to collect all Delinquent PERSONAL TAXES before mailing statements on Real Estate.

**PAY YOUR DELINQUENT PERSONAL TAXES BEFORE JULY 1ST**