

## LARGE CROWD ENJOYS THRILLS FIFTH RODEO

Otto Pridemore, Sig Faircloth, Chuck O'Connor winners top money in contest events; next show July 17.

Otto Pridemore of Coleman, Sig Faircloth of Ranger and Chuck O'Connor of Blackwell were top winners in the three contest events in Saturday's rodeo, fifth in the series of six free shows sponsored by the Merchants Trade Extension association of Merkel, which was enjoyed by a crowd estimated at 3,500.

Last show of the season, originally scheduled for Saturday, July 3, has been postponed to two weeks later, which will be Saturday, July 17. Change in date, as announced by Booth Warren, chairman of the rodeo committee, through the public address system at Saturday's show, was due to the fact that many of the contestants who have been entering the local events regularly, had indicated a desire to participate in one of the other shows advertised for that week-end, either at Stamford, Big Spring, Odessa, or some other July Fourth rodeo, which would scatter them in several different directions that date.

For the last show plans are already on foot to make a gala event out of the occasion, the program for which will be in charge of the special events committee, of which Nathan Wood is chairman.

Pridemore's time in the calf roping event was 19 seconds; second place winner was Burl Hitson of Breckenridge, time 19 3-5 seconds; Monroe Marburger of Abilene placed third in 20 1-5 seconds, and J. O. Warren of Baird won fourth money in 21 1-5 seconds.

To cop first money in cow milking Sig Faircloth made exceptional time of 15 4-5 seconds, followed by Rural Stoker of Breckenridge, second, 18 4-5 seconds; Giles White, Tuscola, third, 20 seconds, and Joe York, Snyder, fourth, 20 2-5 seconds.

With Chuck O'Connor first place winner in steer riding, the other three who placed, showed a tie for second, third and fourth prize money, which was divided. These contestants were Bob Elliott and G. K. Lewallen of Blackwell and Len Sedberry.

Six ropers competed in a cutting horse contest, in which calves were used, with Burl Hitson of Breckenridge declared the winner.

## Ten Highest Ranking Contestants in Each Rodeo Event Listed

The ten ranking contestants for the seasonal cash prizes of \$25.00 in each of the three events of Merkel's summer rodeos for 1937 are listed below.

In tabulating average time, only those who have participated in three or more shows are considered, as there is only one more show scheduled and the rules provide that a contestant in order to be eligible must participate in at least four shows.

Figures in the list below are in seconds and fractions thereof in calf roping and cow milking, while in the steer riding contest the average in percentage points is quoted. Figures in parenthesis indicate number of shows participated in.)

CALF ROPING.	
Joe York (4)	23 2-10
Monroe Marburger (4)	24 6-10
Burl Hitson (5)	26 8-10
J. O. Warren (4)	26 9-10
N. A. Pitcock (5)	26 7-10
Jim Reynolds (3)	38 1-10
Buck Weston (3)	38 5-10
Tommy Hodges (5)	40
Wesley Jay (3)	46 1-10
Leo Huff (3)	48 7-10
COW MILKING.	
Sig Faircloth (4)	18 6-10
Joe York (4)	23 6-10
Leo Huff (3)	31 4-10
Burl Hitson (5)	31 4-10
Wesley Jay (3)	32 4-10
Clem Hodges (4)	34 6-10
Albert Oliver (5)	38 8-10
Rural Stoker (5)	40 3-10
S. G. Russell (5)	41 8-10
Phelton Herrington (5)	42 3-10
STEER RIDING.	
Bob Wilkerson (3)	76.56
Len Sedberry (5)	72.60
Gerald Derrick (5)	66.40
Raymond Hudson (5)	61.60
Bill Brabbin (5)	61.40
Buck Kellogg (4)	55.50
G. K. Lewallen (4)	53.09
Clesty Hopper (4)	50.75
Bob Miller (3)	46.89

(Note—Only nine have been in three or more shows.)

## KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Texas Lions clubs at the conclusion of the annual convention at Galveston Tuesday selected San Antonio as the 1938 meeting place.

Texas currently is receiving approximately \$10,250,000 a year from the federal government by administering seven provisions of the Social Security act.

An inquest verdict of murder and suicide was recorded in a double shooting at Electra that claimed the lives of Jodie Crawford, 27, and his wife, Nelsine, 22.

An open safety pin, lodged for 14 years in the left lung of Miss Olla Webb of Evant, Coryell county, was removed by use of a bronchoscope at Baylor hospital, Dallas.

Texas recorded only nine violent deaths over the week-end, the smallest number of the year compared to any preceding similar period. Seven were charged to traffic.

Lemuel E. Cheek, 45, chief machinist for radio station WFAA at Grapevine, was killed instantly when his car overturned at a sharp curve on the Lake Dallas road nine miles from Denton.

Sergeant Archie L. Ferguson, 35, of the 12th air base squadron, Kelly field, was found dead at the foot of the field radio transmitter. Hospital attendants said that he had been electrocuted.

Gene Gholson, 2-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Buford Gholson, members of a prominent Haskell county family, was killed when a car backing from a driveway struck the small vehicle he was riding.

Damage from fire which destroyed three business houses at Sylvester was estimated at approximately \$15,000. The three two-story business houses were the nucleus of the business section of Sylvester.

Governor Allred has announced appointment of Miller Ainsworth of Luling a member of the board of regents of the College of Arts and Industries at Kingsville to succeed W. R. Perkins of Alice, resigned.

Selected by specialists on basis of their 4-H club records, Jack Barnhart of Cook county and James Grote of Mason county are representing Texas at the national 4-H club encampment at Washington, D. C.

Marshall Morgan, county clerk of Nolan county was elected president of the County and District Clerks' association of Texas at its 45th annual convention at Houston. Austin was chosen as the 1938 convention city.

Casey Langstan, 38, farmer, was found dead under a tractor on his farm six miles west of Gainesville. Relatives said Langstan apparently backed into a ditch and the tractor overturned, pinning him underneath it.

Clarence Massey, 30, Odessa, was killed instantly, and Mrs. Ray Bunnell, 18, Odessa, was critically injured late Wednesday night when the pickup in which they were riding crashed into a bridge five miles southwest of Mertzon.

Officers Monday were seeking a driver in the death Sunday night of Ace Lee Bird, 4, and Walter Bird, 7, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bird of Burnett, who were struck by a car as they walked along the highway with their parents, returning home from church.

W. L. Nix, East Texas oil man, Monday heard Judge Davidson in United States district court sentence him to pay a fine of \$10,000, and to a five-year term in Leavenworth, suspended for three years, for evasion of the payment of approximately \$84,000 in gasoline taxes.

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Arledge, 28, was killed in a 50-foot fall from a bluff on Fielder draw near the Arledge ranch in the Pandale area near Del Rio. She tripped as she was walking with her husband and son along the edge of a cliff looking at a wild bee cave.

The city commissioners of Abilene Tuesday voted to accept the low bid of \$250,570 by Cage Brothers of Bishop and J. C. Ruby of Austin for construction of a dam for the Fort Phantom Hill reservoir northeast of Abilene, for which voters last March authorized a \$600,000 bond issue to provide additional water supply.

## DEATH CLAIMS AGED RESIDENT BLAIR SECTION

J. A. Neighbours, 75, Succumbs Early Saturday; Came to Blair in 1901; Survived by Wife, Three Children, Five Sisters.

Funeral services for J. A. Neighbours, 75, who had been a resident of the Blair community for 36 years, were held at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon from the Church of Christ, J. P. Crenshaw, Church of Christ minister of Sweetwater, officiated, with burial in Rose Hill cemetery. Mr. Neighbours died early Saturday morning.

Pallbearers were M. L. Windham, Jack Moore, Vernon Gosdin, T. A. Mitchell, J. C. Horton, Arthur Moore. Flower girls were Misses Evelyn Latimer, Madlyn Addison, Doris Mitchell, Lucy Moore, Joy Doan and little Gladys Whatley and Annie Clara Doan; Mesdames Arthur Moore, Vernon Gosdin, Chester Gosdin.

Born Oct. 23, 1861, in Lee county, Texas, he was married to Miss Jessie Griffin on July 28, 1887, and the family moved to Blair in 1901. The couple would have been married fifty years next month. He had been a member of the Church of Christ 45 years.

Besides his wife, three children, five sisters, ten grandchildren and two great-grandchildren survive. The children are: Mrs. Miriam Clinton, Abilene; Mrs. Amber Burfeind, Guthrie, Texas, and Miss Noma Neighbours, Blair. The sisters: Mrs. E. McGinty, Comanche; Mrs. Lida West, Hamilton; Mrs. L. H. McPherson, Potts-ville, Texas; Mrs. W. J. Harris, Hamilton, and Mrs. Guss Brannan, Indian Gap, Texas. All of the sisters were present for the funeral, being accompanied by Messrs. John D. West, Hamilton, L. H. McPherson, Potts-ville, and W. J. Harris, Hamilton, brothers-in-law, and Cyril McPherson, of Comanche, a nephew, of the deceased.

## Newspaper, Radio People Special Guests Pre-Opening at Fiesta

Newspaper and radio people of Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and New Mexico have been invited as special guests for a pre-opening performance of the Fort Worth Frontier Fiesta Friday evening of this week, just as the Fort Worth Frontier Centennial extended a similar courtesy to these groups last year.

The press-radio preview party will be held, as was the case last year, in Casa Manana, and dinner will be served before the opening of the performance.

All of the old favorites will be on hand—Paul Whiteman, Everett Marshall, the Eight Peppers. An added star, who should quickly prove as popular as any, will be Harriet Hector, the famous ballerina who scored such a hit in "The Great Ziegfeld" and in the recent Fred Astaire-Ginger Rogers picture, "Shall We Dance?" All of the specialty acts are said to be stronger than last year.

The grounds have been converted into a fairland; the Firefly Garden, a spot of real beauty with the Salici Marionettes; another great Pioneer Palace show; Melody Lane, and a free show seating 3,000, "Flirting with Death," an aggregation of all the dare-devil acts of the nation, complete the offering.

## Boy Scouts Off to National Jamboree

As representative of the Boy Scout troop of Merkel, O. C. Shouse, Jr., joined a group of three dozen Boy Scouts from Abilene and surrounding towns, who were organized into a troop representing the Chisholm Trail council and who departed on the "Sunshine Special" of the Texas & Pacific railway at 10:20 Thursday morning for the National Boy Scout Jamboree at Washington, D. C.

Karl Bonneau, Jr., of Noodle, is also in the group from the Chisholm Trail.

At Fort Worth they were to join a special train, and seven other trains from various sections of the state will bring the total to 1,250 Scouts representing Texas.

The jamboree will last from June 30 to July 9, during which time the boys will be encamped along the banks of the historic Potomac.

## MANY FEATURES FOR VISITORS TO BUTMAN PICNIC

Rodeo Each Day, Starting at 2 P. M.; Singing Convention First Night; Merkel HD Club to Present Play Second Night.

Plans for the Sixth Annual Rodeo and Picnic at Butman, set for two days, Thursday and Friday, July 8 and 9, were completed at a meeting of the program committee held Saturday. E. H. Cordill is chairman of the committee.

Headed with a rodeo at 2 p. m. each day as the feature attraction, it is planned to have a band concert each morning, also public speaking each morning.

A singing convention conducted by T. H. Spears is announced for Thursday night, while in the afternoon of the first day a ball game has been arranged.

After the rodeo on the second day, a program dedicated to the old settlers will be rendered, with band music and a play by community school children. On the second night, a play will be presented by the Home Demonstration club of Merkel, followed by a string band concert.

Jim Cook is president of the Butman Picnic and Rodeo, and also chairman of the rodeo committee. Mrs. Mary Russom is secretary-treasurer, with Sam Butman, Jr., chairman of the finance committee.

## Two-Day Auto Races Haskell July 3-4

Haskell, June 24.—With the five-eighths mile race track in Rice Springs park in readiness for the automobile races to be held July 3 and 4, fans of this sport are assured plenty of thrills at the two-day meet, states Gene Tonn, chairman of the racing committee. Walter Murchison is president of the Central West Texas Fair Assn., sponsors of the meet.

Sixteen drivers have already signed for the meet and others are contemplating signing within the next few days. This will be ample drivers to insure plenty of competition.

Despite the fact that racers last year had to contend with a muddy track, a new time trial record was set by Morris Musick, Dallas, at 33.2 seconds. Gene Tonn, who has been connected with automobile races here since they were first started in 1924, states that this is 3.2 seconds lower than any previous record.

Reports received by H. T. Sullivan, secretary of the local organization, from the Southwestern Auto Racing association reveal that the best drivers from over the Southwest are going to be present. There will be drivers from Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Nebraska.

## Burgess Elected to Head Perryton School

Word was received here Wednesday that R. A. Burgess, for fifteen years superintendent of the Merkel Public schools, had been elected superintendent of the Perryton school at a meeting of the trustees of the Panhandle school Tuesday night.

Mr. Burgess was head of the Merkel schools from 1919 to 1925, returning again in 1928 to serve continuously through the past session, making a total of fifteen years he was at the head of the school system here. In the interim he was superintendent of the Childress schools for three years. Prior to 1919 he had been principal of the High school here for two years.

At Perryton, Mr. Burgess succeeds W. B. Irvin, recently chosen as head of the Lubbock school system. The latter is a brother of Briggs Irvin, formerly High school principal here. Connor Robinson, superintendent of the Tuscola schools for the past four years, who was named Merkel superintendent in April, expects to remove here about July 1.

## Miss Mildred Burnett Teacher of English

To fill the vacancy as teacher of English in the High School caused by the resignation of Mrs. Wrenn Durham, (nee Miss Nelda Clements,) Miss Mildred Burnett of Munday was elected to the Merkel school faculty at a meeting of the board on Tuesday night.

Miss Burnett received her B. A. degree from Hardin-Simmons university with the class of 1937.

## ARRIVAL OF REAL BASEBALL WEATHER PROMISES HEATED DIAMOND BATTLE SATURDAY

### STITH, MARS TOP SOFTBALL

Only Two Undeclared Clubs in Circuit; Games Scheduled Tuesday and Thursday Each Week.

Stith and Mars, both undeclared, head the percentage column of the Community Softball league, with two victories each to their credit.

Both clubs were winners in the twin bill played Thursday of last week, Mars defeating the State Bank 9 to 7, while Stith bested the Tom Cats, 8-3.

Opposing batteries in the first game were: Mars, Owens, Berry and McCaleb; State Bank, Floyd, Duran and Blair; in the second game, Dye and Hagler served the Tom Cats, with Woolsey and Berry as the battery for the winners.

Only one game was played Tuesday, with the Lions victors over the State Bank in a closely played exhibition that resulted 6 to 5. Tye players were too busy in the fields to play their scheduled game with the Tom Cats.

The score by innings:

	R	H	E
Lions	003	001	2-6 6 6
State Bank	203	000	0-5 6 5
B. Patterson and C. Patterson; H. Floyd and Z. Robertson.			

Scheduled games for Thursday of this week are: Mars vs Salt Branch, Stith vs F. F. A.

For Tuesday of next week, contenders are: F. F. A. vs Tom Cats, Mars vs Tye; for Thursday, July 1, Lions vs Stith, Salt Branch vs State Bank.

LEAGUE STANDING.

TEAM—	W	L	Pct.
Stith	2	0	1.000
Mars	2	0	1.000
Lions	2	1	.667
Tye	1	1	.500
Tom Cats	1	2	.333
F. F. A.	1	2	.333
State Bank	1	3	.250
Hawley-Truby	0	1	.000

## FFA Boys Planning Fishing Trip to Llano

Final plans for a fishing trip on the Llano Monday will be made at a meeting of FFA boys Friday night at 8:15 in the VA room at the High school.

In addition to the fishing trip, C. H. Collinsworth, FFA adviser, announces that the boys will visit the Schreiner ranch and game preserve.

All FFA boys, whether they plan to go on the fishing trip or not, are urged to attend Friday night's meeting.

## MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, June 22, 1917.)

Merkel Leads Liberty Loan Subscribers. Taylor County Raises Nearly Quarter Million. Merkel Challenges Another City of Like Population in all Texas to duplicate her record. The per capita subscription amounted to \$16.35. In Abilene the per capita subscription amounted to \$12.50.

Following are the individual subscribers for Merkel: Dr. J. E. Adkinson, R. O. Anderson, Dr. M. Armstrong, J. D. Beasley, B. M. Black, R. L. Bland, W. N. Blanton, Mrs. Sally C. Boyce, Austin Boyd, Wallace Bragg, W. E. Britain, Wm. Brown, O. S. Burns, H. C. Burroughs, Jno. R. Collins, T. E. Collins, G. E. Comegys, B. F. Cox, A. Cranston, Miss Una Darr, H. W. Derstine, O. R. Duff, A. L. Dunn, H. L. Easterwood, Mrs. West Edwards, Wm. Elliott, Farmers State Bank, F. & M. Nat. Bank, Jno. Gilchrist, W. H. Gilliam, Jack Graves, Dee Grimes, George Groene, H. F. Groene, Miss Venona Hamblet, H. Hancock, Mrs. W. L. Harkrider, J. R. Hester, W. A. Holliday, L. L. Huddleston, Rev. L. A. Humphrey, Ira Huss, Walter Jackson, Thos. A. Johnson, G. J. Jones, Percy Jones, Thos. N. Kelso, W. H. Laney, C. M. Largent, W. Joe Largent, Thos. Largent, J. O. Leverett, J. C. Mason, Masonic Lodge 710, A. H. McClurkin, Dr. O. F. McMaster, W. A. McSpadden, Warren W. McSpadden, Merkel Commercial Club,

Hawley-Truby and Noodle Teams Contenders; Game Starts 2:30 P. M.; Scheduled Game Changed from July 17 to July 21.

With part of the rush of farm work out of the way and sizzling baseball weather at hand, Saturday's game in Merkel's Inter-Community league between Hawley-Truby and Noodle bids fair to be a real diamond battle. Official starting time is 2:30 p. m.

Play-by-play report of the game will again be featured, it is announced by R. T. Gray, chairman of the baseball committee.

Prices for grandstand seats are: 10 cents for children under 12; 15 cents for girls over 12 and ladies; 15 cents for boys over 12 and men.

CHANGE IN SCHEDULE. Due to the fact that the sixth and last rodeo of the summer season, originally scheduled for Saturday, July 3, has been postponed until Saturday, July 17, the game between Trent and Noodle, which was carded for that date, will be postponed until Wednesday of the following week, July 21, and played as part of a double-header, Hawley-Truby and Divide being the other contenders.

LEAGUE STANDING.

TEAM—	W	L	Pct.
Divide	2	0	1.000
Noodle	1	1	.500
Trent	1	2	.333
Hawley-Truby	0	1	.000

## Indications Point to Loading 100 Cars Wheat

Up to Wednesday night 75 cars of wheat had been shipped from Merkel, according to figures of local agent, John Childress, who reported that there were 17 more cars on the tracks being loaded for shipment via T. & P. With a total of 92 in sight, including the cars on the tracks now, indications point to Merkel's reaching a figure in excess of a hundred cars for the season.

## No Jury Called Next Week in 104th Court

Announcement is made from the office of district clerk, Miss Belle Wellborn, that no jury list has been summoned for next week, which is the fourth in the current term of Judge W. R. Chapman's 104th district court.

## Big Gain in Collection.

Washington, June 24.—The treasury reported that income tax collections between June 1 and June 19 totalled \$504,155,451, an increase of 69 per cent over the same period a year ago.

Merkel Fire Dept., Harry Merritt, E. E. Patterson, Jas. A. Patterson, C. W. Post, H. L. Propst, Miss Mamie Rister, A. C. Rose, Henry Rose, C. K. Russell, L. E. Sanders, Claud F. Sears, Jno. Sears, Clyde W. Sears, T. L. Shepard, J. J. Stallings, Sam D. Swann, J. W. Teaff, Miss Willie Toombs, Thos. Toombs, Jr., Ellis Q. Warren, H. M. Warren, John T. Warren, Oscar Walker, Jesse B. Walton, Henry C. Williams, Miss Eva Williams. While a number of citizens helped in this splendid patriotic undertaking, the major part of the work was done by W. A. McSpadden, who gave his entire time to soliciting subscriptions for several days.

The examining trial of Felix R. Jones, T. J. Coggin and Millard Coggin, charged with murder in connection with the killing of Thomas Lyons, wealthy Silver City citizen, in El Paso on the night of May 17, began Wednesday afternoon in El Paso.

D. G. Ash, who has lived in Merkel 31 years, moved to Terral, Okla., Wednesday. His son, W. O., and boys will go with him. E. L. Ash will remain here in the poultry and second hand furniture business. Mr. Ash claims to be the oldest citizen in Merkel. He left once before and went to North Carolina but soon decided that Merkel was the best place on earth and returned.

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RURAL SOCIETY

BIRTHDAY DINNER.

Relatives and friends of Mrs. Martha Marshall gathered at the home of her son, T. K. Marshall, on Sunday, June 20, it being her 88th birthday. Dinner was brought and served to about thirty-five people who spent a most enjoyable day. After dinner they had singing which was also enjoyed. Children of Mrs. Marshall present were: Mr. and Mrs. T. K. Marshall, Mrs. Lizzie McNutt, Mrs. Lillie Perkins, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Marshall, Fort Worth. Grandchildren were: Mr. and Mrs. George Smith and children, J. T., Elsie Joan and Mona; Mr. and Mrs. Chester Lucas and daughter, Ella Fay; Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Dub Perkins, Miss Tressie Marshall, Dee Marshall.

The following friends were also present: Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Estes, Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. R. I. Jackson and daughter, Dorothy Jean, Grandmother Burrow, Mrs. L. H. Lovan and children, Winford, Elbert, Clifford and Wilma Lee, Lonnie Marvin and Carlton; Jack Tarpley, Bobbie Burnett, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Allcorn, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Capps, Lubbock, Miss Emily Newman.

HOME-COMING AT STITH.

On Sunday, June 20, J. M. Byrd of Stith, resident of that vicinity for 37 years, enjoyed the pleasure of a homecoming of his children. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley and two daughters, Pauline and Virginia Lou, of Stith; Mr. and Mrs. A. J. (Shorty) Byrd and daughters, Alva Jean, Muriel, Theo Dolpha and Shirley Lou, of Stith; Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Peterson and sons, Edgar, Lewis and Calvin, of Blair; Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Davis and children, Billy Ray and Marguerita of Cross Roads.

There were twenty-one to enjoy a picnic spread at the dinner hour, while a total of 39 friends and relatives were present during the day.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED.

To announce the engagement of Merle Teaff of Post, and Mr. Irving Popham of Watsonville, Calif., Mesdames Dee Teaff and Arch Teaff entertained with a farewell party. Miss Teaff will leave soon for California where the wedding will take place June 27.

Two clever readings were given by Hollis Hammond, and song numbers were rendered by Julia Ella Hilder and Nettie Lee Teaff. Gifts were presented to the bride-elect by Mary Frances Teaff.

The bride is a former resident of Cross Roads community and is the granddaughter of N. B. Teaff, well known pioneer. The bridegroom, formerly of Big Spring, is connected with a bus line, at Los Angeles. The guest list included Mesdames Jay McCartney, Walter Teaff, Clyde Newton, J. J. McCartney, Ruth Bigbam, Willie Dixon, R. W. Holder, J. B. Beyett, Walter Hammond, Myrtle Holbert, G. A. Joiner, Woodrow Walden, M. G. King, R. F. England, R. J. Smith, Walter McCartney, Ernest Teaff, Ray Perry, Fred Perry and Dallas Newton; Misses Iden Ely, Hollis Hammond, Lorene England, Aura Ely, Loneta Teaff, Lorena McCartney, Wanda Bailey, Ethel King, Vera Ely, Ida Mae Isom, Janet Teaff, Julia Ella Holder, Melba Smith, Nettie Lee Teaff, Sybil Smith, Selena Teaff, Bobby Teaff, Ruby Perry, Lorene Holbert.

UNION RIDGE CLUB.

The Union Ridge Home Demonstration club met Friday in the home of Mrs. S. G. Russell, Sr. Mrs. O. R. Douglas gave a demonstration on how to upholster chairs. Mrs. K. Pee, Mrs. W. C. Lee and Norma Patton were

named on a committee for parliamentary rules for the club; Mrs. J. H. Clark, Mrs. J. L. Douglas and Mrs. Russell, on committee to make plans for a club picnic.

Mrs. O. E. Harwell and Mrs. O. R. Douglas gave reports on the last council meeting.

The time for the club meetings was changed from 2:30 to 3 p. m. Next meeting will be held on July 2 in the S. O. Patton home.

Those present were Mesdames O. R. Douglas, Burley Bonds, Lee Tipton, W. C. Burleson, W. C. Lee, Russell, Lige Harris, J. L. McRee, O. E. Harwell, J. H. Clark, K. Pee, Dale Burleson, S. O. Patton, M. L. Douglas, W. A. Harris, Clarence Church, J. L. Douglas; Misses Mabel McRee, Norma Patton and Sybil Harris, and one visitor, Mrs. Woodrow Patton.

COMPERE NEWS

The health of our community is good at this writing.

Grandmother Marshall has as her guests this week her son, and his wife of Fort Worth and a daughter from Comanche county.

Mrs. J. R. Williams of Barstow, who has been visiting her brother, Ben Adkins, has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Hamitt of near Snyder visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Horton, Sunday. Mr. Gene Allred and Miss Mattie Horton surprised their friends by getting married Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Graham and daughter of Dallas spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Johnson.

Mrs. Clona McClure of Merkel spent the week-end with her sisters, Mrs. N. C. Palmer and Mrs. R. S. Palmer. Killdee Venson and Miss Bernice Merritt were visitors in the Ben Adkins home Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Houston Box of Hamby visited Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Johnson Sunday.

Miss Emily Newman spent the day with Miss Tressie Marshall Sunday.

Master Milton Howard of Big Lake is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Tarvin, this week.

Record of Births.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. John Horton, Noodle, Sunday, June 20, 1937.  
Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. John Pritchett, Trent, Route 2, Thursday, June 24, 1937.



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Merkel Hospital Notes

Two patients entered the Merkel hospital the past week for minor surgery: Wayman Richards, on the 17th, and Mrs. Bud Winter, on the 23rd. Nick Anderson of Abilene received treatment for a foot injury.

Six Amendments to be Submitted to Voters

Austin, June 24.—A constitutional amendment that would eliminate double liability for stockholders in state banks will have first place on the ballot when voters pass on six amendments Aug. 23.

A drawing in the office of Secretary of State Edward Clark Monday determined the order.

Place two went to the proposal to aid destitute children up to 14 years of age. An amendment authorizing the legislature to abolish the salary system of remunerating district, county and precinct officers and revert to the fee plan in any county won place three.

That providing for a system of discount to encourage prompt payment of taxes went into place four, and one authorizing Harris county, after a vote of its residents, to levy a tax for support of a five-year road and bridge program annexed place five.

Last place on the ballot will be occupied by an amendment providing state aid, in co-operation with the federal government, to needy blind 21 years or older, who might receive \$15 a month.

A seventh amendment will be voted on at the general election next year. It proposes to abolish the duelling section of the constitutional oath.

Carried to Abilene Hospital.

Mrs. W. O. Miller was carried to the Hendrick Memorial hospital, Abilene, Wednesday, for surgery.

West Texan Proves Can Grow Grapes In This Section

Growing grapes in West Texas is not widespread at present, but a visit to the home of M. L. Estes here shows that it can be done.

Within a period of six years, growth from one vine has covered an arbor, some 52 feet by 8 feet wide, with grape production of a fine flavor and in paying quantities. The fruit begins to ripen in July, and fruit for about two months may be gathered for jelly, canning or preserving.

Mr. Estes also has growing a first year Thompson seedless white grape, also a mustang which he brought from Denton county three years ago and which produced in its second year.

An abundance of water is the chief requisite, Mr. Estes told a representative of The Mail.

Runnels Man Given Two Years in Burglary

Two years in the state penitentiary was the penalty which late Wednesday was assessed Lee White of Runnels county by a 104th district court jury which found him guilty of burglarizing the Gulf Oil company warehouse here.

White went to trial Wednesday morning after a series of motions by his attorney, W. E. Martin, had effected a severance in a theft case in which he also is charged with Leola Clayburn, and continuance of both until July 7.

Trial of a companion case, involving Edgar "Red" Clayburn in the Merkel burglary, was on call for Thursday morning before District Judge W. R. Chapman.

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Table listing various magazines and their prices, such as American Boy, American Fruit Grower, and others.

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Coupon form for NEWS-WEEK subscription: 'Dear Mr. Editor: Enclosed find \$2.45 for which send me your newspaper for one year and NEWS-WEEK for 26 weeks.'

Advertisement for THE MERKEL MAIL. Text: 'REDUCED PRICE New Fall Clubbing Rate SEMI-WEEKLY FARM NEWS and MERKEL MAIL Both Papers, Now One Year \$1.50'

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Advertisement for C. M. PRESLEY Jeweler. Text: 'Watches—Diamonds—Silverware 209 Pine Street Abilene, Texas'

**TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS**

Friends will be glad to learn that the last report on the condition of Q. G. Bright was favorable. Mr. Bright received major surgery Tuesday of last week at Loving, N. M. His father, Jackson Bright, attended his bedside, returning Monday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Orion Tittle and baby daughter of El Paso are spending two weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Rufe Tittle. They will also visit relatives in Merkel before returning home.

Mrs. Alma Hardison and Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Keltz of Vernon were Sunday guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Gafford, also their sister, Mrs. Asha Steadman.

Mrs. E. Howell had as her guests last week her daughter, Mrs. Sinclair Phillips, and family of Sheffield. Mrs. Howell returned home with them for a few days visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Bivens Dowdy of Abilene are announcing the birth of a son at the Hendrick Memorial hospital on June 16. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Dowdy are the paternal grandparents. Mother and babe are doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harris and sons of Mulberry canyon removed to the residence formerly occupied by Bill Neill.

Mrs. C. R. Shannon and children stopped here Tuesday night on a return to their home in Fort Stockton. Accompanied by Mrs. Oliver Bright, they had been visiting relatives near Sulphur Springs. Misses Gene Scott of Abilene and Dorothy Jo Strawn returned home with them to spend a few days with Miss Kathleen Shannon. They were former schoolmates in Trent High school.

Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Scott of Stanton were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lon Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Spurgeon Scott.

Jack Bowers, employed in Fort Worth, was a guest in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bowers, the past week-end.

Mrs. B. C. Hamner and children of Wink arrived Sunday to visit indefinitely with her mother, Mrs. Joe Brown, and daughter, Miss Winnie Brown, also Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hamner.

Messrs. C. H. Hutchinson and Zed Bright resumed their duties in Willow Spring this week.

Royce Dowdy of Odessa was a business visitor here Monday.

Miss Sallie Freeman of Odessa spent Sunday and Monday here with her mother, Mrs. Pauline Freeman, and other relatives.

Mrs. Clyde Shouse and children of Merkel, accompanied by Mrs. Tom Greene and son, Donald, of Hobbs, N. M., were Tuesday guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Shouse.

**BASEBALL GAME.**

Trent dished out to Coahoma a dose of its own medicine in a return invitation game here Sunday afternoon. Having suffering a 12-2 loss on June 13, revenge was sweet in a 9-3 battle of the bats last Sunday.

Lefty Jones acquitted himself with

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The Coahomans were compelled to use their full battery force against the heavy hitting Trent sluggers. Smith, Cramer and Mahoney were the pitchers used, while Riggs and Harlow were catchers.

Quattlebaum and Steen were umpires.

**METHODIST YOUNG PEOPLE.**

The Methodist young people met at the church Sunday for a regular session with the newly elected officers in charge.

Hughie Cooley, president, led the opening hymn. As leader for the special program, Lola Fern Martin presented Misses Hazel Wanda Williamson and Imogene Mangum in topics, with "The Way We Pray" as a general subject.

After the closing hymn a brief business session was held. Thirty-two members were present.

**WEDDING BELLS.**

At the home of Rev. R. O. Bailey, Miss Rosa Lee Blair and Mr. Bill Baggett were united in marriage Saturday evening. The bride had made her home with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Blankenship, at Eskota. The groom lives at Maryneal in Nolan county, where they will make their home. Mr. and Mrs. Blankenship were the only attendants.

Rev. Mr. Bailey also officiated for the marriage at 9:30 Sunday evening of Miss Lorene Melton of Merkel and Mr. J. M. Abbott of Tye. Accompanying them were Mr. and Mrs. Gunter of Merkel. They will live near Tye where the bridegroom is engaged in farming.

Miss Ina Freeman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Freeman, became the bride of Mr. Richard Aiston of Sweetwater in a simple ceremony on Monday, June 14. They will live in Bakersfield, where Mr. Aiston is employed.

Miss Winnie McDonald and Mr. Everett Harrell of Sweetwater were married at Sweetwater on June 12. They will make their home at Sweetwater.

**BLAIR ITEMS**

This community was made very sad when Uncle Johnnie Neighbours passed away at his home Saturday morning, June 19. He had been in bad health for some time and, as it was realized the end was near, most of the family had gathered to be with him during the last fleeting hours.

The writer had known this man of sterling character for many years. He always identified himself with those things that were good for his community and country and he was held in high esteem by all who knew him. At an early age Mr. Neighbours was united with the Christian faith and he proved a true Christian in his daily walk of life. A beautiful tribute to his life was paid by Elder Creshaw of Sweetwater, who told of his noble character and his desire to be of the most good to his faith and his God. His beneficent influence will live on in the lives of his loved ones and friends and passed on to future generations.

The sincere sympathy of friends and the community is extended to the bereaved loved ones. They have the tender memories of years of association to comfort them with the assurance of a reunion in the skies that shall never end.

Mrs. Reta Presswood, who has been seriously ill since our last letter, entered the Abilene sanitarium for treatment the past week.

The two small sons of Mr. and Mrs. Chalmers Patterson of Littlefield are spending the summer months with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Spears.

Lora Fay, the attractive little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Brewer

of Odessa, is visiting for an indefinite time with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Barnes.

Rev. Lloyd Mayhew, the pastor, will fill his regular appointment at the Methodist church Sunday, June 27. Everyone is urged to attend these services.

Miss Louise Addison is on the sick list.

Miss Comora Hughes visited Misses Mary Lou and Caroline Hughes Sunday.

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### Hugh Herbert Scores Another Hit, "That Man's Here Again"

"That Man's Here Again," the First National picture featuring Hugh Herbert, Mary Maguire and Tom Brown, will show one day only, Friday, which is "Bargain Nite" at the Queen theatre.

Hugh Herbert—whose especial brand of laugh-making is so individual—and whose fluttery and tittering antics have made him a favorite wherever films are shown—is at his best as the wealthy and eccentric art collector, Thomas J. Jesse, who aids and abets Jimmy the elevator boy, and Nancy, the parlor maid—along the rocky road of love.

Nancy, the maid, is marvelously portrayed by Mary Maguire—a tiny brunette but lately from Australia, so we read—and just turned seventeen. Her performance is naive, sincere and altogether charming.

Jimmy the elevator boy, is ingratiatingly played by the youthful and muscular Tom Brown—the lad with the tilt-to-the-nose the happy-go-lucky way with him—that plays hob with the feminine members of the audience—and keeps the hearty good will of the male contingent while doing it. His Jimmy Whalen will delight you.

There is a bouncing baby in the show, too—one of those dimpled two-tooth, rolypoly bits of humanity that bring out 'ohs' and 'ahs' and 'Isn't he so-and-sos' from everybody in the house.

### Mauch Twins, Errol Flynn Head Cast of "Prince and Pauper"

What the stage and screen has always needed (and never had) to make a dramatic masterpiece out of Mark Twain's immortal yarn called "The Prince and the Pauper," was a pair of identical twins—a couple of youngsters about 12 years old who looked so much alike that even their mother couldn't say offhand which was which.

At last, just such a pair has been found—and used in the First National film version of "The Prince and the Pauper," opening Saturday "Owl" show, Monday and Tuesday at the Queen theatre.

They are Billy and Bobby Mauch and they play the roles in the Twain literary classic.

Remember the story? It's about a young Prince Edward of the sixteenth century who was born in the palace at the same moment that Young Tom Canty, son of a thief, was born in the slums. They looked exactly alike. By chance they met. For a lark they changed clothes. From that moment on, for a considerable time, their lives were interchanged.

Billy Mauch plays the pauper lad, Bobby is the Prince. Billy is the youngster who played Anthony Adverse as a child, in the picture of that name. Bobby is making his screen debut. He's as good as his brother, which is saying plenty.

"The Prince and the Pauper" has been a stage play. It has been a silent movie in the old days. In those presentations, the same child actor has played both parts. Elsie Leslie did it on the stage, many years ago. In the silent screen version, trick "double exposure" shots were used.

But this production, with the identical twins, is infinitely better than either of the previous showings. In fact, Hollywood critics have already nominated "The Prince and the Pauper" for the Academy prize as the best movie of 1937.

Errol Flynn, the star, is the swash-buckling swordsman who helps manipulate the careers of the lads; Claude Rains is superb as the villainous Earl of Hertford.

Barton MacLane as the pauper kid's thieving father, Alan Hale and Robert Adair as palace guards, Henry Stephenson as the Duke of Norfolk—all are excellent. So, too, are Phyllis Barry, Halliwell Hobbes, Fritz Leiber, Montagu Love, Harry Beresford and

### Fiesta Costume



Among the many gorgeous costumes which will be seen in the Casa Manana Revue at Fort Worth beginning June 26, is this Neptune's daughter garment worn by Miss Virginia Dofflemyer.

a score of other splendidly cast players.

William Keighley, whose most recent previous pictures were "God's Country and the Woman" and "The Green Pastures," was the director of the Twain classic. He worked from a screen play by Catherine Chisholm Cushing and Laird Doyle.

### CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank each and every one for the kindness and attentiveness shown during the brief illness of our beloved husband and father, also for the beautiful floral offerings.

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"After a winter's driving, it is always advisable to see that the cooling system is in shape for maximum warm weather efficiency. If this has been neglected up to now, it should be attended to before that summer trip. The result will be a cooler engine, longer life from lubricating oil, and generally improved performance. Water should be checked occasionally during the journey, too, of course.

"Assuming that transmission and differential lubricants have been changed to the proper grade for summer driving, the levels of both should be checked before the start of a long journey. So should the oil in the crankcase, which, of course, should also be changed at the intervals recommended by the manufacturer.

"The solution in an automobile battery evaporates more rapidly in warm weather than in cold, and the short time it takes to have this detail

checked, and water added if necessary, is always well invested.

"The average motorist thinks about tires only when he has a "flat." A little extra attention to the subject will not only reduce tire troubles to a minimum, but add considerably to the comfort of riding and the ease of driving. Cars steer more easily when the tires are inflated to the proper pressure, and it is especially important that the pressure in the left and the right be the same.

"For complete comfort in motoring, tires should be checked now and then during a journey. Protracted driving on hot pavements in summer may expand the air to a point where the ride becomes bumpy because the tires are so hard. On the other hand, tires with insufficient air wear out rapidly, because of the constant flexing of the casing near the point of contact with the ground. They are also more likely to suffer rim-cuts traversing rough roads.

"Today's cars rarely develop any serious trouble, even on extended journeys. But a succession of minor annoyances, easily averted by a little advance preparation, have often marred an otherwise perfect trip. The vacationist who looks after these details as a matter of routine is taking out good insurance on the success of his trip."

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### LOST AND FOUND

STRAYED—White boar OIC pig, 7 or 8 weeks old. Notify J. H. Campbell, Jr., at Dave Anderson old place; will pay for care and feed.

### LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF EXECUTION SALE. The State of Texas, County of Taylor:

By virtue of an execution issued out of the District Court of Taylor county, Texas, 104th Judicial District, on a judgment rendered in said court on the 2nd day of April, 1937, in favor of National Bondholders Corporation and against H. C. Miller and wife, Vira Miller, the heirs of H. C. Miller, deceased, and the heirs of Vira Miller, deceased, in the cause of National Bondholders Corporation vs H. C. Miller, et al, No. 2792-B in such Court, on the 20th day of May, 1937, at 10 o'clock A. M., I did levee upon the following described parcel of land situated in the City of Abilene, Taylor County, State of Texas, as the property of said H. C. Miller, Vira Miller, the heirs of H. C. Miller, deceased, and the heirs of Vira Miller, deceased, to-wit: Lot No. 17, Block 24, of the continuance of Highlands Addition to the City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, being located 234.75 feet from the nearest street corner. And on the 6th of July, 1937, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of ten o'clock A. M. and four o'clock P. M., on said day, at the Court House Door of said County, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction, for cash, to the highest bidder, all of the right, title and interest of the said H. C. Miller, Vira Miller, the heirs of H. C. Miller, deceased, and the heirs of Vira Miller, deceased, in and to said property.

And according to law I give this notice by publication in the English language once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said date of sale, in the "Merkel Mail," a newspaper published in Taylor County, Texas.

Witness my hand this 20th day of May, 1937.  
Sid H. McAdams,  
Sheriff, Taylor County, Texas,  
By Wade Willis, Deputy.

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF DOTA GAROUTTE, DECEASED:

Notice is hereby given that original letters testamentary upon the estate of DOTA GAROUTTE, deceased, were granted to me, the undersigned, on the 3rd day of June, 1937, A. D., by the county court of Taylor County, Texas. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same to me within the time prescribed by law. My residence and post office address are Sweetwater, Nolan County, State of Texas.

Philip Yonge,  
Executor of Estate of Dota Garoutte,  
Deceased.

If you have any visitors. Phone 29 or 61.

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## PERSONAL NEWS NOTES

Miss Susie Lou Warren of Deport is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Ralph Walker.

Miss Fanny Boaz is visiting this week with Miss Mary King in Rising Star.

Mrs. Neeley Hudson of Ventura, Calif., is visiting her sister, Mrs. G. L. Anderson.

Reuben Curb of Odessa spent from Sunday to Tuesday with his mother, Mrs. C. S. Curb.

Mrs. C. P. Stevens spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. G. L. McCracken, at Hamlin.

Miss Elna Tucker spent several days in Abilene the first of the week, the guest of relatives.

Mrs. Ruby Adkins of Goree is visiting her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George Caple.

Mrs. Bob McDonald and two children have returned from a ten days visit with relatives in Dallas.

Mrs. W. T. Seale of San Antonio spent last week with her brother, Claude Smith, and other relatives.

Mrs. A. D. Fulton and daughters, Joyce and Marjorie Joe, left Friday for a visit with relatives at Marlin.

Mrs. Roy Reid, accompanied by Misses Lona Joyner and Elna Tucker, visited in Santa Anna last week.

Joyce Marie Webb returned home last Saturday after a two weeks visit with her sister, Mrs. Marion Hays, of Clyde.

Mrs. Mary Harkins of Roscoe left Monday after a pleasant visit in the home of her sister, Mrs. W. O. Boney, and family.

Mrs. Roy R. Coats was in Abilene Tuesday to meet her sister, Mrs. Ethel Capleman, of San Antonio, who is her guest now.

Mr. and Mrs. Wirt Stephenson of Sonora and Harold Sanders of San Marcos visited last week in the Claude Smith home.

Miss Jane Ferguson of Merkel is spending the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Thompson here.—Abilene Reporter-News.

Miss Pauline Toombs, who is employed at Pecos, is spending a few days at home with her father, Hurley Toombs, and other relatives.

Benny Sheppard, who is employed at Hobbs, N. M., was home to spend a few days last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Sheppard.

Mrs. Oscar Pollard and daughter, Melba, returned Sunday to their home at Lubbock after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Lackey.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Shelton this week are Mrs. Shelton's aunt, Mrs. Dolly Middleton, and grandson, Billy Fred Safford, of Stephenville.

Mrs. C. L. Daniel and two children, Horace and CeVene, and Mrs. C. J. Deer and two sons, Joe and Jerry, visited relatives in Santa Anna Sunday.

After a visit with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Middleton, Mr. and Mrs. Wes Derstine and family have returned home to Lamesa.

J. F. Walker, employed by the Humble Pipe Line company, and family are new residents of Merkel, having

leased the home place of Mrs. W. L. Harkrider.

Mr. and Mrs. George T. Moore are spending their vacation in Dallas enjoying the sights and attractions of the Greater Texas and Pan-American exposition.

Miss Emma Joyner and Victor Joyner are spending some time in Little Rock, Ark., where Victor has employment. Miss Joyner expects to be away about a month.

Mrs. B. H. Lancaster and son, Billy Jack, of Longview, visited last week with Mrs. Pick Allen and other friends here. Mr. Lancaster came out for the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Orion Tittle and daughter of El Paso, who are visiting in the Rufe Tittle home at Trent, were over for Saturday's rodeo in which Orion was a participant.

After a round of visits with children at Lubbock, Big Spring and Sweetwater, Mrs. J. M. Bankhead is again at home with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Adcock.

Mrs. Neal Monroe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Patton, and a friend, Mrs. Norene Tipton, of Menard, have been visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Patton for the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Eysen and son, Timmie, who were week-end guests of Mrs. Eysen's mother, Mrs. Amy Sears, and sister, Mrs. DeVerle Johnson, departed Tuesday for their home in Fort Worth.

Robert Dean Hobbs of Big Spring is visiting his grandmother, Mrs. S. A. Hobbs, and other relatives. Mrs. Hobbs and daughter, Miss Ella Hobbs, spent the day with another daughter, Mrs. U. S. Reeder, and family.

Returning home with her sister, Mrs. W. B. Graham, to Laird Hill, Mrs. W. W. Wozencraft has enjoyed a round of visits with her sister there and another sister at Overton, also visiting relatives in Shreveport, La.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg and Mr. and Mrs. E. M. McDonald returned Wednesday night from Temple, where Mr. Bragg went through the clinic again. They also visited in Mart with a sister of Mrs. Bragg and Mrs. McDonald.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Northcutt and daughter, Jeanette, of San Angelo, spent the week-end with Mrs. Northcutt's brother, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Lawson. Mrs. Mary Lawson of Dallas, mother of Mr. Lawson, is also a guest in the Lawson home.

Among those from Merkel who have attended the Baptist encampment at Lueders this week are: Rev. C. R. Joyner, Rev. J. W. Saffie, Mrs. A. R. Booth, Mrs. J. L. Winters and son, Mr. and Mrs. Yates Brown and Misses Helen and Pauline Joyner.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pannell and children, Jack, Jr., Guynn, Moody and Vedalee, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Demere and dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Weston. Mrs. Demere is Mrs. Pannell's sister and Mrs. Weston, a niece.

Mr. and Mrs. Juns Brewer and son arrived Sunday from Clarksville to

visit Mrs. Brewer's mother, Mrs. J. M. Dry. On Tuesday, accompanied by Mrs. Dry, they left to visit a sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Smith, at San Saba.

Friends will be glad to learn that Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt, who is with her daughter, Mrs. Eugene Hargrove, in Abilene, is getting along nicely, following her serious illness. Miss Hazel Lee Rainbolt, another daughter, has gone to Colorado for a course in summer school.

Returning from Tampico, Mexico, Mrs. Fred Groene was accompanied by her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George Groene, for a short visit. They expect to leave the latter part of the week for Dallas to view the Pan-American exposition before returning home.

Coming for Father's day, guests Sunday in the M. Elliott home were: Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Elliott and two sons, of Lamesa; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Elliott of Dora, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Finch of Nolan and Edgar Elliott and daughter of Dora. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Black and daughter, Jannell Black, were also included in the group.

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Red and White Pimientos, 15 oz. can 15c

Red and White Tea, 1-4 pound box 19c

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**SOCIETY**

**STORM-HAYES.**  
Miss Vera Hayes of Gatesville, who taught the past year in the Grammar school here, and James B. Storm of San Antonio were married Sunday morning at 9 o'clock at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Ira Upton, near Gatesville.

Don H. Morris, vice-president of Abilene Christian college, performed the ceremony in the presence of only the immediate families of the couple. Music was by Ira Dell Upton.

The bride is a graduate of Abilene Christian college of the class of 1930, having taught at Wingate before being elected to the Merkel schools in 1936. She resigned at the close of the school term. The bridegroom is connected with a creamery company in San Antonio.

The couple left immediately after the wedding for a trip to Monterey. They will live at 1118 E. Euclid, San Antonio.

**Merkel Boys Making Good East and West**

News of Merkel boys making good is always interesting to friends of the boys and of their families back home.

Out at Crane, Quay Hamblet, connected for the past two years with the Crane Food market, has been made manager of the store there, succeeding Donald Chaney, who was advanced to the position of district credit manager for the Rhoads chain of food stores, of which the Crane Food market is a branch.

The Groesbeck Journal recently carried in its news columns a boost of the Butterkist bakery, of which Paul Causseaux is manager, stressing particularly the importance of a large contract awarded that bakery by the Southern Pacific railroad. The deal provides for 500 loaves of bread per day for the railroad. The same bakery also closed a contract to furnish the government a large number of loaves each week for their Fort Parker CCC camp.

**Knocks Centipede from Overalls Without Injury**

C. R. Peterson brought to the Mail office Saturday a centipede about six inches long, (safely encased in a fruit jar, by the way,) which was captured in his cotton field.

Although consequences might have been serious, the centipede was observed as he crawled on the leg of the overalls worn by his daughter, age 11, as she chopped cotton and was knocked off by her brothers, who held it in the middle with a stick and then forced it into the container.

**Minimum Teachers' Salary.**

Austin, June 24.—A minimum salary schedule for teachers in elementary and high schools, to become effective in 1939-40, was ordered Saturday by the committee on classified and accredited public high schools of the department of education.

**Louis Wins Championship.**

Comiskey Park, Chicago, June 24.—Knocking out the champion, James J. Braddock, with a crushing right hand smash to the side of the head in the eighth round, Joe Louis, 23-year-old boy from the cotton fields of Alabama, took the rank of the first negro king of heavyweights since the days of Jack Johnson, 22 years ago.

Read Merkel Mail Want Ads.

**Texas Theatre**

Sweetwater

Friday-Saturday

"Angel's Holiday"

With Jane Withers, Bob Kent

Sunday-Monday

Fred Astaire—Ginger Rogers

"Shall We Dance"

Tuesday-Wednesday

Lee Tracy, Diana Gibson in

"Behind the Headlines"

Thursday Only

"We Have Our Moments"

With Sally Eilers, James Dunn

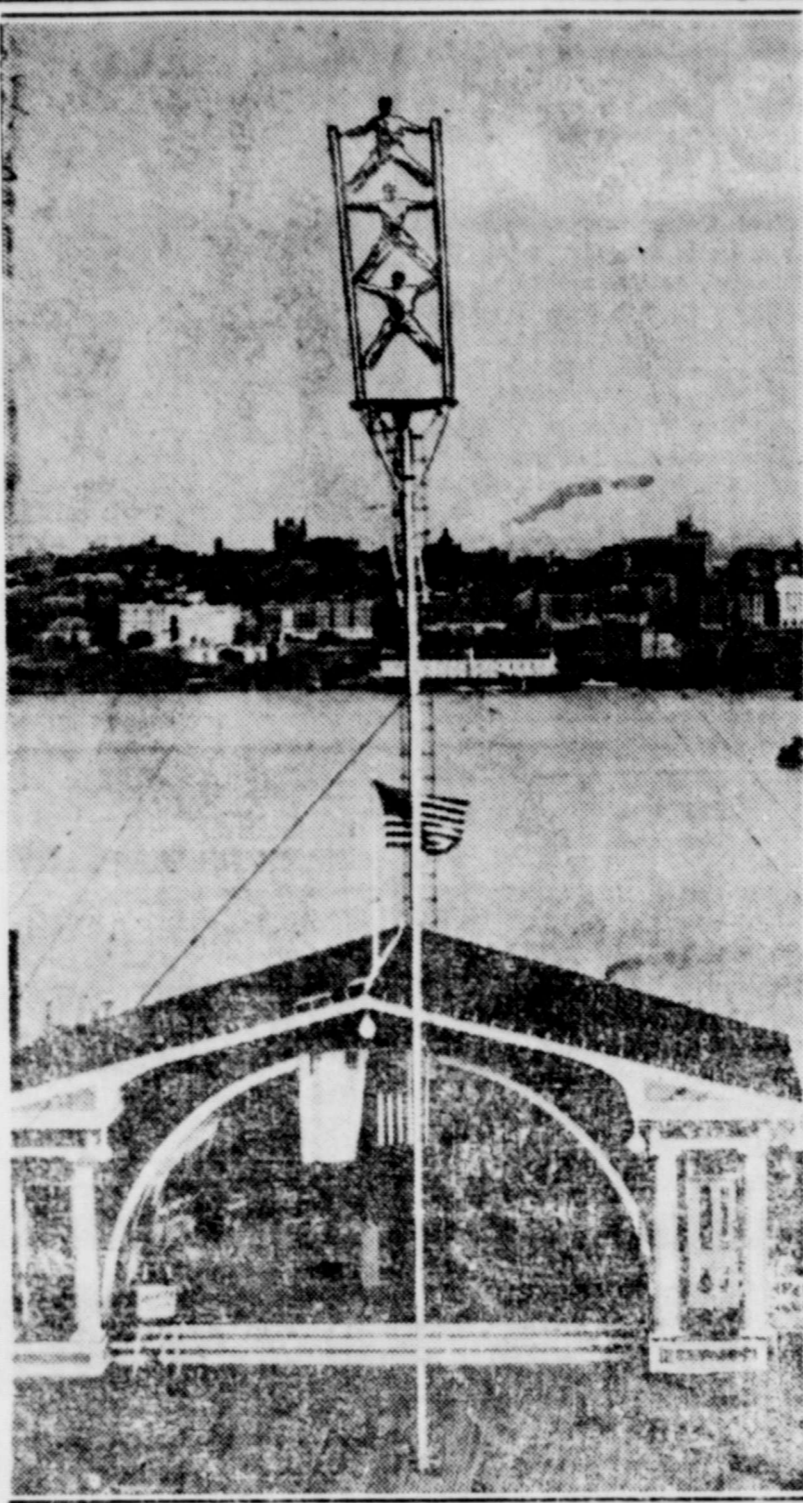
**R. & R. PALACE**

Friday-Saturday

Johnny Mack Brown

"Bar Z Bad Men"

**Flirting with Death**



These daredevils, known as the Paroff troupe, will be seen this summer when they perform in the "Flirting with Death" free show at the Fort Worth Frontier Fiesta, opening June 25. The attraction will be staged in the arena where "The Last Frontier" was presented last summer. The Paroffs do their act on a 20-foot ladder at the top of a platform 55 feet above the ground. Their own skill keeps the ladder from falling.

**Grandson Crushed By Truck Wheels**

Mrs. George Swaim, of Temple, sister of Mrs. Nannie Armstrong and T. L. Grimes, who went to Lubbock Friday to attend the funeral of her grandson, Marvin Ray Kelly, stopped over here on her return for a visit. She was accompanied from Temple by her two daughters and a son, and her brother, T. L. Grimes, joined them here to attend the funeral. Her children returned home.

The grandson was killed when he fell from the truck on which he was riding and was crushed under the wheels.

**Returns from Extended Tour with "Chanters"**

Miss Anna Lou Church, student in McMurry college and one of the singers with "The Chanters," mixed chorus directed by Mrs. Gypsy Ted Sullivan Wylie, returned Friday from an

extended tour which took "The Chanters" to points in New Mexico and to Denver, Colo.

The tour lasted from June 2 to June 18.

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Short Subject

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COMING SOON—"Shall We Dance?", "Cafe Metropole," "This is My Affair," "Wake Up and Live"

**CHURCH SERVICES**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.**

The Sunday School attendance at the six reporting churches here last Sunday was 532, slightly more than the 524 on the previous Sunday. On the same Sunday a year ago, 639 were present.

**NAZARENE CHURCH**

Revival meeting will continue through Sunday. Already there have been 14 professions of faith.

Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. NYPs at 7:45 p. m. Preaching 8:15 p. m. Midweek prayer services each Wednesday evening at 8:15 o'clock.

We appreciate your co-operation in all services.

R. T. Smith, Pastor.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.**

Sunday School at 10 a. m. As pastor will be at Baird, this will be the only service Sunday at our church.

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8:15 o'clock.

Everyone is 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 pastor. Evening worship at 8:15 o'clock. Wednesday evening prayer meeting at 8:15 o'clock.

John H. Crow, Pastor.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST.**

Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 8:30 p. m. Young people's program 7:30 p. m. on Sunday.

A service of song, prayer and preaching for each Wednesday evening at 8:30 o'clock.

You are cordially invited to attend these services.

The Elders.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.**

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8:15 p. m.

B. T. S. meets at 7:30 p. m. Sunday. W. M. U. at 4 o'clock Monday afternoon. Prayer meeting at 8 o'clock Wednesday evening.

All are cordially invited to attend these services.

**NORTH SIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH.**

Preaching Saturday night at 8 o'clock. Sunday School 10 a. m.

Preaching 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Wednesday night prayer meeting at 8 o'clock.

All are cordially invited to our services.

R. C. Reagh, Supt.

**Literary Digest Sold.**

New York, June 24.—The Literary Digest has been sold to the publishers of the Review of Reviews, a monthly interpretive publication, it has been announced. The two magazines will be merged and published as a weekly combining the features of both, effective with the issue of July 17.

**Author of "Peter Pan" Dies.**

London, June 24.—While Peter Davies, who furnished the inspiration for Peter Pan, watched at his bedside, Sir James Matthew Barrie, 77, who wrote the play of the boy who never grew up, died Saturday in a London nursing home of heart failure induced by bronchial pneumonia.

**Jeanette and Gene Wed.**

Hollywood, Calif., June 24.—The most spectacular wedding in Hollywood history, attended by more than 1,000 invited movie stars and film figures, made Jeanette MacDonald and Gene Raymond man and wife Wednesday night, June 16. She is 30 years old. He is 29.

**New Arena Erected For Abilene's Rodeo**

In a new rodeo arena erected at the Dr. M. T. Ramsey place, north of Abilene and east of the Stamford highway, a two-night rodeo will be staged Monday and Tuesday nights next week. Monroe Marburger, who has entered the Merkel rodeo as contestant several times this year, is manager. A grandstand has been erected with a seating capacity of 1,200.

The entire herd of show cattle of Homer Patterson has been secured; 21 cows, 21 calves and 15 Brahma steers. Bob and Mark Malone, managers of the Merkel series of shows, will be in charge of the arena, while Tom Jinkens will hold down his usual job in charge of registrations.

Sheriff Sid McAdams will be the judge, and Elmer Lowe, deputy sheriff, will be one of the judges of the riding events.

New floodlights installed furnish lights in the arena said to be almost equal to that of daytime. A loud speaker equipment has been secured and an expert rodeo announcer will be at the mike during the two-night show.

**Masons Elect Officers For Ensuing Year**

O. B. Leach, who had been serving as worshipful master pro tem of Merkel Lodge No. 710, A. F. & A. M., was elected to that office at the annual election of officers held last Saturday night. Andy Shouse was re-elected treasurer and Carl Black again named secretary.

Other officers elected were: E. O. Carson, senior warden; H. G. Smith, junior warden, and Willie L. Moore, re-elected tiler.

Appointive officers named are: Joe Risinger, senior deacon; R. E. Windham, senior steward; J. Pierce Horton, junior steward, and J. E. Halbrook, chaplain.

These officers will be installed at the stated meeting in July, on the night of the 17th.

Death of Grady M. Owen, 30, in a home blaze at Snyder early Sunday was held accidental after an inquest Monday.

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Lettuce, head 5c	Oranges, Calif. med. size, doz. .... 15c
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Beets, bunch ..... 5c	Cucumbers, Squash, Blackeyed Peas, per lb. 5c
Carrots, 3 bunches ..... 10c	Fresh Corn, dozen ..... 35c
GRAPEFRUIT JUICE 3 no. 2 cans ..... 25c	Celery, stalk ..... 18c
PICKLES Sour or Dills Short qt. .... 15c	Sugar, pure cane, cloth bag, 10 lbs. .... 55c
SALAD DRESSING White Swan Qt. jar ..... 35c	Mrs. Tucker's or Merritt Shortening 4 pound carton ..... 56c 8 pound carton ..... \$1.07
Chuck Steak, choice beef, lb. .... 19c	Syrup, pure Ribbon Cane, gallon ..... 59c
Beef Roast, pound ..... 17c	Flour Amaryllis, Gold Chain, La France, guaranteed 48 lbs. \$1.79
Sausage, pound ..... 19c	Potted Ham, 7 cans 25c
T-Bone Steak, pound ..... 25c	Prunes, 2 pounds ..... 15c
Veal Loaf, pound ..... 15c	Empsons Tomatoes, 1 lb. can .9c
Sliced Bacon Armour's Star, pound 39c Swift's, pound ..... 29c	Milk, baby, 7 cans 25c
Cured Ham, center slices, lb. .... 40c	Folger's Coffee 2 lb. can ..... 56c 5 lb. can ..... \$1.38
Cheese, Elkhorn, lb. .... 23c	MACARONI or SPAGHETTI 6 boxes 23c
Salt Pork Jowls, pound ..... 18c	<b>P &amp; G</b> Laundry Soap 6 Giant bars ..... 25c
Pard Dog Food, 3 cans ..... 25c	Camay Toilet Soap 3 bars ..... 23c

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