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CLOSING RODEO OF SUMMER SEASON HAILED AS BIGGEST AND BEST OF ENTIRE SERIES

Featured by Colorful Performance of Curly Seale and Her Trained Jumping Horse; Award of Seasonal Cash Prizes.

Witnessed by the biggest crowd ever to see a rodeo here, Saturday's show marking the sixth and final performance of the summer series of free rodeos sponsored by the Merchant's Trade Extension association of Merkel was declared the biggest and best of the series.

Cash prizes of \$25 each for the best averages through the season in calf roping, cow milking and steer riding were awarded to Joe York of Snyder, Sig Faircloth of Ranger and Len Sedberry of Abilene, respectively.

A colorful and sensational feature of the final show presented Miss Curly Seale of Baird with her trained jumping horse, first putting the jumper over an automobile in the arena and in a second specialty act riding him through a blazing hoop. She raised and trained this bay mare, "Joy," on her ranch, and no one else has ridden her.

Lots of action marked the afternoon's program from the grand entry of contestants to the last whistle which gave Jim Langston credit for riding the famous Baker bucking bull for the second time. Langston has ridden this bull the only times he has ever been mastered. To make the closing moments of the show as exciting as possible, two of the bronc horses were also reserved for the finale. Two other extra numbers presented Ben Howell of Trent who showed his old time form riding "Old Baldy," while Cairo, a dusky boy from Ranger, stayed on top of another fierce buck for a thrilling ride.

Besides the regular events of calf roping, cow milking and steer riding, the day's calendar included bronc and bull riding, steer bulldozing, junior calf riding and a matched roping event between Leonard Huff and Ralph Russell, each 15 years old. Each boy roped three calves, Huff being the winner.

Eight boys entered the junior calf riding event: Glendell Barbee, Doswell Worthan, George Frazier, Bob Barbee, Mutt Cook, Billie Tittle, Charles Barbee and Buster Marshall. To the two who were successful in staying on until the whistle blew, George Frazier and Doswell Worthan, County Commissioner Jack Canon awarded a larriat with his compliments.

Winners of the day money were: Calf roping—Frank Young, Tuscola, first, 16 seconds; J. L. Cook, Dora, second, 17; Vester Parrish, Win. (Continued on Page Five.)

Season's Ten Highest Ranking Contestants In 3 Events Listed

The ten highest ranking contestants for the season in calf roping, cow milking and steer riding, who participated in four or more shows sponsored by the Merchants Trade Extension association, are listed below: (Figures are in seconds and fractions thereof in calf roping and cow milking, while in the steer riding contest the average is quoted in percentage points. Figures in parenthesis indicate number of shows participated in.)

CALF ROPING.	
Joe York (4)	23 2-10
Monroe Marburger (5)	23 3-10
J. O. Warren (5)	27 8-10
Burl Hitson (6)	37 3-10
Wesley Jay (4)	38 9-10
Tommy Hodges (5)	40
N. A. Pitcock (6)	45 6-10
J. L. Cook (6)	46 9-10
Phelton Herrington (6)	48 2-10
S. G. Russell (6)	50 3-10

COW MILKING.	
Sig Faircloth (4)	18 6-10
Joe York (4)	23 6-10
Burl Hitson (5)	31 4-10
Albert Oliver (6)	37 9-10
S. G. Russell (6)	38 3-10
Phelton Herrington (6)	39 9-10
Rural Stoker (5)	40 3-10
Zelma Herrington (6)	40 8-10
Giles White (5)	41 2-10
Clem Hodges (5)	45 7-10

STEER RIDING.	
Len Sedberry (4)	73.00
Bob Wilkerson (4)	69.08
Gerald Derrick (6)	67.56
Bill Brabbin (6)	63.95
Buck Kellough (5)	60.06

(Note—Only five participated in four or more shows.)

PARADE STARTS FESTIVITIES

Large Number of Merchants Enter Floats and Autos; Many Contestants Take Part.

Starting the festivities for the closing rodeo Saturday of the summer series of shows, a morning parade proved an attraction for a great crowd that thronged the streets to witness the eight-block long procession which formed at 10 a. m.

Sheriff Sid McAdams, carrying a United States flag, riding abreast with Deputy Sheriff W. E. Lowe, both on handsome mounts, headed the line of march, followed by ladies on horseback, rodeo contestants, cowgirls and cowboys on ponies and decorated bicycles, followed by decorated floats and automobiles entered by the merchants of the town.

Plans and details of the parade were in charge of Nathan Wood, chairman; Yates Brown, Norman T. Hodge, Stanley King, O. R. Dye, Tom Allday and Byers Petty.

The following business firms and organizations were represented in the parade: Merkel Fire Department, Merkel Drug Company, Buck's Shoe Shop, Dandy Bakery, Reid's Variety Store, Vick Drug Company, Wood's Store in Merkel, Church Motor Company, Woodmen Circle, with automobile furnished by courtesy of Church Motor Company, Tom's Wrecking Yard, Merkel Cafe, F. E. Church Motor Company.

Magnolia Service Station, Eli Case and Son, West Company, Patterson Grocery and Market, Sublett and Hunter, Queen Theatre, Blake's Dry Cleaners, West Texas Utilities Company, F. Foy Curios, W. A. Stockbridge, Magnolia agent, Gulf Service Station, Henry and Walker's Filling Station, Grable Motor Company, Mer. kel Motor Company, Front Street Grocery, Jimmy Sublett and his goat representing the Star-Telegram, Petty and West's Barber Shop, Abilene Laundry, Burton-Lingo Company, with string band, Octane Filling Station, Bob's Studio.

Merkel Fireboy Goes To Training School

Representing the Merkel Volunteer Fire department, Roy Robbins left Sunday for College Station to attend the annual Firemen's Training school at A. & M. college, which began Monday and continues through Friday of this week.

Cities in Texas which send men to this school can earn a three per cent credit on the fire insurance key rate, if the representative completes the course.

Besides representatives of the fire insurance department, there are some twenty-five instructors at the school who are experts in the fields of fire-fighting and fire prevention. Prof. H. R. Brayton of A. & M. college is director of the school.

Funds of the Merkel fireboys were augmented by a donation of \$10.00 from the city council and of \$5.00 by W. S. J. Brown, and the Merkel Volunteer Fire department, through Joe P. Self, president of the Firemen's association, wish to take this means of publicly thank the city dads and Mr. Brown as a public-spirited citizen for their interest and assistance in making it possible for Merkel to send a representative to this school, thereby giving the local fire-fighters the benefit of this instruction and guaranteeing a three per cent credit on the fire insurance key rate of the city.

Song Program Over KRBC. Miss Loucille Justice will be heard in a song program over KRBC, Abilene at 3:15 Monday afternoon. Using as her theme song, "Time on My Hand," the program will include the following numbers: "Sweet Leilani," "It Looks Like Rain in Cherry Blossom Lane," "Carelessly," "September in the Rain" and "Never in a Million Years."

Famous Sportsman Dies. Colorado Springs, Colo., July 22.—Chester Alan Arthur, internationally known sportsman, art connoisseur and social leader, and son of the late President Arthur, died Sunday from a heart attack at his home here.

SCHOOL RATE OF 7 CENTS FIXED BY STATE BOARD

State Ad Valorem Tax Rate Set At 49 Cents, Lowest in Years; Slash in School Tax Protested By Teachers Association.

Austin, July 22.—The state ad valorem tax rate for 1937-38 will be the lowest in years as a result of action Wednesday by a majority of the automatic tax board.

It slashed the rate for school purposes from the current 20 cents on the \$100 valuation to seven cents, but retained that for general revenue at the constitutional maximum of 35 cents. With the constitutional rate of seven cents for Confederate pensions, the total, therefore, will be 49 cents.

The comptroller's department estimated the seven cent levy for schools would permit the purchase of approximately \$2,000,000 worth of textbooks and payment of a \$20 per capita scholastic apportionment, compared with an apportionment of \$19 this year.

The majority of the board, composed of Governor James V. Allred and Comptroller George H. Sheppard, took the action, however, over the sharp protest of representatives of the Texas State Teachers association. The third member, Treasurer Charley Lockhart, voted against the motion setting the rate and urged, instead, submission of questions of law to the attorney general's department for an opinion.

Well Known Song and Dance Team Appear At Dallas Exposition

Opening in Dallas Friday of this week, Allen and Parker, two West Texas boys, who have played night club and stage engagements in many of the larger cities of the country, will appear in "The Road to Rio" at the Pan American Exposition.

Bob Allen, brother of Mrs. Charles Higgins, and George Parker, son of Mrs. George Parker of Abilene, are both well known here and friends have predicted for them a most successful career as entertainers.

Ten Year Service Token Awarded to Merkel Lineman

John Mansfield, efficient lineman for the West Texas Utilities company in the Merkel area, was one of six employees of the company to be awarded service tokens last week. He had completed ten years of service with the company.

John W. Thomas, cashier for the company at the Abilene office, who has the distinction of being the oldest employee with the company in Abilene from the standpoint of years of services, was the recipient of a 20-year service button.

Must Make School Transfers by July 31

School patrons are reminded that July 31 is the last day for making transfer. Every child who was enumerated in one school district in the census last April 1 and who plans this year to attend some other district should transfer by that date.

This transfer must be made by the parent in person at the office of the county superintendent.

Lions in Group 5 Honor Ross Covey

Two hundred Lions of group 5, district 2E, gathered in Abilene Friday night of last week for their quarterly session, and to pay respects to Ross S. Covey of Sweetwater, retiring district 2E governor.

Visitors were guests of Abilene Lions for a barbecue at Fair Park and a softball game between the Abilene Lions and Exchange clubs following the feast.

Merkel's contingent included Stanley King, Yates Brown, T. L. Kerns, Joe P. Self, Myer Mellinger, E. O. Carson, C. P. Church, Milton Case, Wrenn Durham, Chester Collinsworth, R. T. Gray, Raymond McNiece, Dean Higgins, L. J. Renfro, S. M. Hunter, Charlie Jones, Chesley Patterson, Nolan Palmer, O. C. Shouse, John Grable and V. B. Sublett.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

E. B. May died early Wednesday in a hospital at Bowie of injuries suffered when a cyclone struck his farm home.

Ed and Billy Joe Ford, brothers, 11 and 6 years old, were killed at Buffalo Springs when lightning struck them as their parents stood nearby.

Miss Leola Newman of Waco was awarded the title "Goddess of Health" in the bathing revue which closed the Mineral Wells health carnival.

Mrs. Elizabeth N. Hendrick, 52, was found dead hanging from a beam in the barn at her home at San Saba. She had been in ill health for the past few years.

John Griswold, 32, of Abilene, was burned to death when his truck overturned and caught fire 13 miles east of Mineral Wells. Griswold was alone in the truck.

Clarence Oliver Kinsley, 26, who received a broken neck when he dived into shallow water at Lake Worth Thursday, died Saturday in a Fort Worth hospital.

Alvin Bunch, 25, proprietor of an Austin tire shop, suffered fatal internal injuries when his motorcycle struck an automobile which had stopped on the San Antonio highway.

Mothers-in-law of Amarillo, where three years ago was founded a movement to honor instead of ridicule that group, Tuesday incorporated the National Association of Mothers-in-law Clubs.

The Calvalcade of the Americas, one of the principal spectacles at the Pan American Exposition, Dallas, will be a free attraction hereafter. Officials said the show would not be curtailed.

The second annual XIT Ranch reunion will be held at Dalhart Aug. 9-10, and the outstanding feature is to be a gigantic pageant depicting the colorful history of the famous 3,000,000-acre ranch.

William E. W. MacKinlay, 66, associate editor of the San Antonio Evening News and Express, and former lieutenant-colonel in the United States army, died Wednesday at the veterans hospital at Waco.

Buck Hooper, 35, of Whitewright, was fatally injured when an automobile collided with an eastbound Dixie Trailway bus six miles east of Sherman. The accident occurred on a slick payment during a rain.

Dannie Friess, 13, was killed accidentally by a shot from a small-bore rifle as he and other boys prepared to go hunting. The accident occurred at the ranch home of County Judge Alvis Johnson, near Sonora.

J. L. Hooper, about 20, of the Fairview community near Big Spring, was killed and Ray Prather, about 22, of Coahoma, was injured when the motorcycle they were riding struck the rear of an automobile one mile west of Midland.

Fay (Mule) Wilson, among the greatest backfield players the South-west conference has produced, died at Austin Sunday, following a heart attack. He gained prominence under the tutelage of Coach Dana X. Bible, at Texas A. & M. college in 1924, 1926 and 1927.

Bill Garrett, 25, and Henry Clay Day, 20, who locked two jailers in a cell at the point of a pistol and fled from the Waxahatchie jail Monday, were captured Wednesday night by Dallas police. The pair had been hiding in a triangular patch of woods one mile south of Reinhardt.

Blakely T. Leewright, T. & P. brakeman, died at a Baird hospital from injuries received when he fell from a moving train and rolled down a 100-foot embankment. Although he had lain there throughout the night, his condition was not thought to be serious when he was found.

Record of Births.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Reid, residing in the Canyon, Friday, July 16, 1937.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Jordan, Stith, Saturday, July 17, 1937.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Knight, Monday, July 19, 1937.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Freeman, south of Trent, Tuesday, July 20, 1937.

DIVIDE AND NOODLE WINNERS IN TWIN BILL; GAMES TO BE PLAYED TWO DAYS PER WEEK

MARS AND STATE BANK WINNERS

Cop Opening Games in Second Half Softball Season; Schedule Of Games Announced.

Mars and State Bank started off the second half of the softball season as winners in the twin bill Tuesday afternoon. Mars bested Stith, 9-7, while the State Bank ran away with the nightcap with Noodle, 16-4.

Batteries were: Mars, Hartline and McCaleb; Stith, Woolsey, Burns and Berry, Foster.

The State Bank battery was Floyd and Zerk Robertson; for Noodle, Winters and Walker.

With two games scheduled to be played each Tuesday and Thursday for seven weeks, contenders in Thursday's games of this week are: Salt Branch vs Lions, Tye vs FFA-Tom Cats.

Remainder of the 28-game schedule between eight clubs, as announced by Chairman R. T. Gray and Secretary Wrenn Durham, follows:

SOFTBALL SCHEDULE.

Tuesday, July 26—

Stith vs Noodle.

State Bank vs Salt Branch.

Thursday, July 28—

Lions vs Tye.

FFA-Tom Cats vs Mars.

Tuesday, Aug. 3—

Noodle vs Salt Branch.

Stith vs Lions.

Thursday, Aug. 5—

State Bank vs FFA-Tom Cats.

Tye vs Mars.

Tuesday, Aug. 10—

Lions vs State Bank.

Tye vs Noodle.

Thursday, Aug. 12—

FFA-Tom Cats vs Stith.

Mars vs Salt Branch.

Tuesday, Aug. 17—

Salt Branch vs Tye.

FFA-Tom Cats vs Noodle.

Thursday, Aug. 19—

Lions vs Mars.

Stith vs State Bank.

Tuesday, Aug. 24—

Salt Branch vs FFA-Tom Cats.

Lions vs Noodle.

Thursday, Aug. 26—

Stith vs Tye.

State Bank vs Mars.

Tuesday, Aug. 31—

Mars vs Noodle.

Stith vs Salt Branch.

Thursday, Sept. 2—

State Bank vs Tye.

Lions vs FFA-Tom Cats.

Curtains For Trolley.

Topeka, Kans., July 22.—Topeka was without the familiar sight and sound of trolley cars Monday for the first time in 48 years. The trolleys, replaced by busses, have been junked.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, July 20, 1917.)

RED CROSS MEETING.

A meeting will be held at 3 o'clock, Friday afternoon, at the Commercial Club rooms for the purpose of perfecting the organization of the Red Cross Society in Merkel. Every Woman in Merkel is urged to attend. The men are also welcome. There are now 30 members and it is hoped to have 100 members.

For Sale—The Elite Confectionery. A profitable business in Merkel. Am selling on account of joining the army as a non-commissioned officer. Drinks, Candies, Cigars, Tobaccos and General Confectionery. Modern Fixtures. Frank Ferrier.

Miss Bessie Touchstone will be in charge of the office of the Commercial club pending the securing of another secretary. She is fully acquainted with all the details of the general routine of the office. We are particular fortunate in having the assistance of Miss Touchstone at this particular time.

Mrs. W. Parten and daughters, Mary and Nina, returned this week from a visit to Granger and Stephenville, Texas.

Mrs. O. W. Williams and children left Wednesday for Okla. where they will visit relatives before going to their home in Fort Worth, Texas.

Noodle Cops Nightcap from Trent in Thrilling Ninth Inning Finish; Trent Faces Divide Saturday.

The first twin bill of the season, Saturday's games in Merkel's Inter-Community league brought out the largest crowd of the season. Divide and Noodle were winners in the respective contests over Hawley-Truby and Trent.

Divide and Trent clash here in Saturday's scheduled game, while next Wednesday brings Hawley-Truby and Noodle as contenders.

Norman Hodge, manager of the Queen theatre, was at the mike for both games Wednesday, the loud speaker system being most highly appreciated by the large crowd.

DIVIDE SLAMS TRUBY.

Divide had no trouble defeating Hawley-Truby, 11-4, in the opening game. Hanna had the situation well in hand all the way, allowing 5 hits and whiffing 12. He batted in five of his team's eleven runs, collecting three hits in 5 trips. All of Truby's runs were earned.

THE SCORE:

Truby 001 002 010—4 5 4
Divide 403 200 20x—11 9 5

Ashby, Garner, Stephens, Baxter and Baxter, Stephens; Hanna and Jones.

WINS IN NINTH.

Cutsey Williams' single in the ninth scoring Eason from third enabled Noodle to defeat Trent, 2-1, in a thrilling finish to Wednesday's nightcap.

Trent's lone tally came in the 5th inning when C. Tittle's scorching single got through left field for a score.

Noodle scored their first run in the second, when Palmer doubled, went to third on an infield out and tallied when Hamner dropped C. Vick's fly in short center. The other marker came in the ninth—Payne singled, E. Palmer pooped to second, N. Palmer singled, Payne going to third, and C. Williams' single scored Payne.

THE SCORE:

Trent 000 010 000—1 5 2
Noodle 010 000 001—2 6 3

Ox Jones and Othell Jones; Payne and Sharp.

LEAGUE STANDING.

TEAM—	W	L	Pct.
Divide	4	0	1.000
Trent	2	3	.400
Noodle	2	3	.400
Hawley-Truby	1	3	.250

Unemployment at Lowest.

Washington, July 22.—Secretary Perkins announced that registered unemployment was the lowest in the history of the United States Employment service last month and that private placement of workers was the second highest of record.

will visit relatives before going to their home in Fort Worth, Texas.

Misses Vena Mae and Ona Lee Jackson are visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Houston, of Abilene.

H. C. and Z. T. Lamar visited in Clyde last week-end.

J. J. Stallings left last week for Pilot Point, where he will visit his sisters.

W. P. Mahaffey was in Fort Worth on business the past week.

Jack Provine, who has been in bad health for several years, died unexpectedly at 3:30 Wednesday afternoon at his home eight miles south of this city. Mr. Provine came to Merkel 30 years ago. He was on the streets of this city Saturday and seemed to be getting along nicely. He is a member of the W. O. W. and the Odd Fellows.

Charmian Burroughs fell out of a tree at the home of Mrs. Harkrider last week, striking his head against the curb. It took three stitches to close the wound. He is getting along nicely.

DeVerle Johnson and Wm. Stonewall Jackson Brown were in Trent last Monday attending social engagements.

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Protracted Meeting Begins Sunday at Hope

Elder James L. Camp of Abilene will do the preaching for the protracted meeting to begin Sunday, July 25, at the Church of Christ at Hope, 11 miles northeast of Merkel. Services will be held each evening at 8:30 o'clock.

Andy Jones of Abilene will lead the singing.

Every one is invited to attend.

RURAL SOCIETY

A BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Mrs. H. L. Smith entertained a number of little friends and their mothers Monday afternoon in honor of her little daughter's fifth birthday. Plate favors were all-day suckers dressed in crepe paper dresses and sunbonnets. Juanda Joyce received many pretty and useful gifts.

Later indoor games were played and lemonade served to the following: Mrs. N. C. Palmer and children, Jacquetta, Wayne and R. G., Mrs. M. D. Lucas, Mrs. Ernest Lucas and daughter, Jannell, Mrs. Arlie McGinnis and children, Lindel and Louise, Mrs. A. J. Newman, Mrs. J. D. Johnson and children, Gayland, Nell and Joy, Bettie Jo and Martha Ann Ray, Mrs. Jeff Chaffey and son, Jeff Ely, Mrs. O. W. Johnson and son, Robert Ray, Jean Smith and Juanda Joyce Smith.

FETED ON SIXTEENTH BIRTHDAY.

Mrs. Ollie Higgins of Salt Branch honored her daughter, Lorena, on Friday evening of last week with a birthday party.

Many games were played and afterward refreshments of punch and cookies were served to the following guests: Misses Teria Mae Murdock, Janet Hays, Lena Faye Harrell, Pud Crowder of Snyder, Shirley Thompson of Snyder, the Thompson Twins of Snyder, Wilma Lee Paine, Opal Palmer, Frances Hester, Lola Higgins, Eva Martin, Ova Martin, Peggy Doris Robertson, Pauline Dean, Genevieve Robertson, Dorothy Horton, Lorena Higgins and Mrs. Wilma Robertson; Messrs. Fred McMinn, Bryan Higgins, Miller Patton, Winston Polley, Pal Watson, Willard Paine, Leslie Palmer, Junior Palmer, Roy Lee Martin, Glenn Robertson, Verner Hester, J. T. Murdock, Lloyd Robertson, Zerk Robertson, LaRoy Hester, Robert Higgins, Paxton Hays, Deverle Higgins, Ollie Jr. Higgins, and the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Higgins.

DORA DOINGS

We received a nice, cool, refreshing shower Tuesday morning and with the wind from the north it cooled off the temperature a lot.

Mr. and Mrs. Ford Phillips and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Elliott left Friday morning for Christoval to spend the week-end fishing, boating and having a good time. Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Magee, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Holt and Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Jones joined the party Saturday evening. They all report a nice time.

We regret to report Mrs. Duke Smith very sick at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Tyrone are enjoying a new car, also Mr. and Mrs. Willard Phillips.

J. B. McCoy, Supt. Norris, Ernest Parris and his father returned Sunday from a three day fishing trip on the Rio Grande in Old Mexico. They brought back fish by the hundred pounds and had a nice outing.

Joy Tyrone of Carbon was here the first of the week visiting his brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Tyrone.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Perry were in Eden Sunday visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Whisenand.

F. B. Slater and Everett Pool were business visitors in Merkel Saturday and enjoyed the rodeo.

Brother Eubanks is conducting a ten day revival at the Church of Christ. The public is cordially invited. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Elliott returned Friday from their trip to South Texas and several gulf towns.

Revival at Hebron.

The Baptist revival starts Friday night at the Hebron church and will continue through Sunday, Aug. 1. Rev. Melvin Bird of Shep will do the preaching. Every one is cordially invited to attend.

PERSONAL NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Higgins and daughter, Betty Lou, joined by Mr. and Mrs. Van Reese of Abilene, left Monday to spend a week at Corpus Christi, fishing and vacationing.

Miss Velma Walker was up from Stephenville for a week-end visit with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Ashby, who have been visiting in Dallas and Stephenville, have returned home.

E. B. McKee and son, Junior, J. M. Shirley and son, Glenn and John and O. C. Blair, all from Levelland, and R. T. Blair from San Antonio were visitors this week in the Watt Blair home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Mattingly from Stanton and their daughter, Mrs. Jim Harper of Big Spring are visiting Mrs. C. P. Worthan and took in Saturday's rodeo.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. Otha Anderson of Crawford were visitors this week with W. J. Shannon in the home of John Shannon. Mrs. Lee Anderson is a niece of the elder Shannon.

Miss Margaret Ribble of Corpus Christi, who is visiting in Abilene, was a guest for the week-end here with Miss Jessie Margaret Berry.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Higgins returned the early part of the week from a visit with Mrs. Higgins' parents at Chico.

Miss Dorothy Nell Bradley from Big Spring is visiting in the home of Mrs. Barney Douglas this week.

Miss Joyce Webb is the guest this week of her sister, Mrs. Marion Hays, of Clyde.

Miss Billie Gardner arrived home Monday from Austin where she has been attending the first half of summer session at the University of Texas. She was on the honor roll for the spring semester of the regular term.

Mrs. Eugene Petty of Dallas is spending the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Tipton. On Wednesday Mr. and Mrs. Tipton, Mrs. Petty and Miss Maurine Tipton drove over to San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. McGehee and children left Sunday for a ten days vacation to be spent at Carlsbad Caverns and points in New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Douglas returned Saturday from an extended trip to the mountain states. Accompanied by his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Grover Douglas, of Odessa, they spent two days in Salt Lake City and two days at Denver, Colo., also visiting Pike's Peak.

Mrs. W. J. Campbell and daughter, Miss Virgie Mae, were accompanied on their return last week from a visit to Lubbock by another daughter, Mrs. E. A. Martin of San Bernardino, Calif., whom they met at Lubbock. Mrs. Martin will spend a month here, expecting to be joined by her husband about Aug. 15.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kern are his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Worust, and three children, of Russell Springs, Kans., and his cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Moorehead, of Sedwick, Kans.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Collins, accompanied by Miss Mary Collins and Mrs. Quinton Collins of Lamesa, left Tuesday for an automobile tour which will take them to Pampa, then to Cloud Chief, Okla., returning via Dallas and Fort Worth to see the expositions at those two cities.

Mrs. C. E. Jacobs left Thursday of last week to visit a brother at Rowlett, going from there for a visit with her daughter at Celeste, following which she will extend her visit to Nashville, Tenn., with three sisters. She expects to be gone two or three weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Largent and two children of Brownwood were week-end visitors with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Largent.

Charles Edward Williams is visiting his aunt, Mrs. J. D. Morrow, of Wichita Falls, and a brother, B. M. Williams, in Childress.

Mr. and Mrs. S. O. (Cotton) Owens and two children, George Mack and

Jerry, accompanied by George Anne Greene, enjoyed a fishing trip of several days last week on the San Saba near Fort MacKavitt.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Johnson, Jr., and daughter, Mary Fay, of San Antonio, and Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Golladay were week-end visitors to the Frontier Fiesta at Fort Worth and the Pan American Exposition at Dallas.

Mrs. M. E. Young arrived Tuesday for an extended visit with her daughter, Mrs. F. A. Polley.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Martin and two daughters of Dalhart, who have been visiting his mother, Mrs. S. P. Martin, and sister, Mrs. C. S. Curb, returned home Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Dawkins returned Wednesday to their home at Littlefield after visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lawson. Mr. Dawkins also visited his parents at Baird.

T. G. Bragg returned Monday morning from Mineral Wells, where he had been taking the baths for a week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Garrett, accompanied by Mrs. R. J. Miller and Mrs. H. B. Robertson and daughter, Genevieve, left Sunday to visit their sons, Messrs. Barney and Doyle Garrett, at Waco, going also to visit brothers of Mr. Garrett in Mart and Groesbeck.

Mrs. Kathryn Reager of Dallas was a week-end visitor with Mrs. Lila Rea.

Mr. and Mrs. John West and daughter, Doris Gay, left Tuesday to spend the week with Mrs. West's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Randel, at Quanah. Mrs. Randel, who had been visiting her parents at Trent, returned with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence V. Walden and daughters of Jal, N. M., are visiting in the homes of Mrs. L. A. Watts and Mrs. A. L. Walden and other relatives. On their return trip Friday, they will be accompanied by Mrs. L. A. Watts and Miss Melbalea Watts.

Arriving Sunday Mrs. Joe Owens and three children of San Antonio and Mrs. Carl Weaver and son of Alice are guests in the home of their father, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Sharp.

Week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Irl Walker were: Mrs. Houston Boen and son, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Floyd, Hazel, Othell and Eldon Reeves, John and Francis Floyd of Rotan, Mr. and Mrs. Lea Dickerson and two sons, Mr. and Mrs. King Floyd and Ruby, of Sylvester.

Little Misses Patsy Lou Daniels and Natalie Anderson returned Wednesday to Abilene after visiting with their aunt, Mrs. J. C. Walton.

Week-end guests of City Marshal and Mrs. D. H. Vaughn were Mrs. Vaughn's mother, Mrs. Ada Watkins, and Kenneth and P. H. Watkins of Abilene, and Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Barger and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Cordell from Goldsmith, who also were spectators at the rodeo.

Mrs. Mary Pogue and daughters, Mrs. Ben Jones, Misses Connie and Alzada Pogue, visited C. M. Pogue and family at Eden last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Wheat of Coleman are visiting in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Allen and Mrs. W. J. Higgins.

Miss Bessylea Church, who is attending McMurry college this summer, was house guest of Miss Helen Faye Reddell of Anson over the week-end and attended the Frontier Reunion.

Miss Frances Marie Church has returned home after a week's visit with her aunt, Mrs. E. O. Ely, of Avoca.

R. H. Dean, formerly of Merkel, who now is living in Siloam Springs, Ark., but has been visiting in Dallas with his daughters, Misses Lillie and Madge Dean, and his sons, Floyd and Berdis Dean, is now visiting in the home of his son here, Elbert Dean and family, also shaking hands with old time friends of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Coit and family of Dallas were week-end visitors with Mrs. Coit's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Warren, returning home Monday.

Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Salder and Dr.

and Mrs. W. V. Ramsey of Abilene were a party to see Casa Manana at the Fort Worth Frontier Fiesta last week-end.

Mrs. Amy Sears returned Monday night from Fort Worth where she had gone two weeks before to be with her daughter, Mrs. W. H. Eyssen, who underwent an operation. Reports are that Mrs. Eyssen continues to improve and was to be moved home from the hospital this week.

Mrs. George Smith and children, just returned from a two weeks visit with relatives in Durant, Okla. They also visited in Fort Worth and Greenville.

Herbert Patterson, who was accompanied by his son, Truett, and A. C. Sears, returned Wednesday night from Flint, Mich., where they went through the Chevrolet plant. They drove a new Chevrolet home.

O. R. Dye was in Colorado Tuesday to attend the funeral of John L. Johnson, pioneer lumberman and retired vice-president of the Burton-Lingo company of Texas.

S. L. Bounds of Royse City is visiting here with his cousin, J. W. Bounds, and N. A. Dowell and family.

Mrs. Adah Heeter and daughter, Helen Heeter, and Miss Sadie Woodrum, left Sunday for Temple, where Mrs. Heeter was to go through the clinic again for a check-up. They are expected home the latter part of the week.

Accompanied by her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Brewster and family of Sudan, whom she met at Lubbock, and also by Mr. and Mrs. Thelton Hamilton of Lubbock, Mrs. J. A. Milliken spent a pleasant vacation at Ruidoso Springs, returning home Monday.

Dr. L. C. Zehnppfennig, who has been ill for the past two weeks, was able to be out the first of the week and expects to be in his office within the next few days.

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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Boone, employed at Burnet the past few months, have returned home.

Mrs. R. B. McRee, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. R. B. McRee, Jr., also Mr. and Mrs. Louie McRee returned home Sunday after spending the week in Colorado.

Miss Maurine Banner of Merkel is now employed by Gus's cafe.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivy Gentry of Dryprong, La., Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Taylor of Tullas, La., also J. D. Taylor, visited the first of the week with Mr. and Mrs. Gus Brewer. Mrs. Gentry, Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Brewer are sisters, Mrs. Taylor was formerly Miss Annie Mott.

Henry Keller Stevens of Grapevine is here visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Stevens, and other relatives.

Mrs. Jobie Hutchinson and baby daughter, Katie Lou, departed by bus Saturday for Durant and Tulsa, Okla. They will continue to Harrison, Ark., to visit her mother, Mrs. A. Taylor. They will be away indefinitely.

Mr. H. R. Poor received surgery at the Merkel sanitarium Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Jones were guests in the M. L. Jones home last week. Together they have gone to Silver City, Miss., and they will spend several days visiting cities in Texas and Arkansas. Billy and Kathleen Jones accompanied them.

Volley E. Vessels and two children, Dow and Willie Mae, of Eastland, spent the past week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Vessels. They will visit Mrs. J. E. Russell of Slaton before returning home. Hanley Vessels of Odessa was also a guest of home folks this week.

Mrs. J. C. Randel of Quanah spent a short vacation here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Johnson, Sr. Mrs. Randel and Mrs. Johnson were visitors to Carlsbad Caverns Sunday.

Mrs. Joe English and two children of Lamesa are visiting in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. L. McLeod. They plan to remain here two weeks.

Misses Betty Rape of Oil City, La., and Lassie Lea Jeter of Gladewater are spending a few days visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Roberts and family.

ATTENDS FUNERAL OF SON AT LOVING, N. M.

Jackson Bright was called to Loving, N. M., Saturday to attend the burial of his son, Quincy Bright, who died there at 3:45 a. m. Saturday.

Q. G. Bright was a former citizen of Trent, having farmed in the Trent and White Flat communities for a number of years. He had received major surgery at Hobbs some time ago and was reported resting well. A relapse occurred which proved fatal.

He is survived by his wife and twelve children, also several brothers and sisters. One brother, Nelson Bright, now resides at Trent, also a

step-brother, Zed, who makes his home here with his father. His step-mother, Mrs. Jackson Bright, did not attend the services held at Loving Sunday.

BASEBALL RESULTS.

The Winters baseball nine took another walloping Sunday from the Trent aggregation. Score for the game was 10 to 0 in Trent's favor. The home boys really put out what they knew and could do about baseball, all going to the plate for a series of hits.

Two casualties also resulted: John Hamner, hefty center fielder, coming in with a busted knee, while C. Tittle, shortstop, received a fast ball between the eyes. Both boys finished the game in their respective positions.

The Trent correspondent has received several complaints on the publicity given the Trent league games, (especially when they win,) by the baseball publicity committee. Now, Trent boys are making liberal attempts to be the sports expected and are ready for anything from the opposition, but when Trent's win comes under the headline of another team's losses in stream-line headlines, that's too much, according to Trent fans.

We greatly appreciate our Merkel neighbors and Trent has been royally entertained through the Community League of the Trade Extension association and fully intends to take everything into consideration. (However, the loud speaker was not used in the Trent and Hawley-Truby game. We want your respect and friendship and would be glad to receive any explanation you may give.)

(Note—Reference evidently is to write-up in Abilene paper. Explanation: Baseball reporter prepared write-up after Trent's win, but in his haste to leave on vacation entrusted it to another to be filed by telegraph. Report was not carried to telegraph office by oversight. Hence, write-ups of two games were consolidated. Loud speaker was not used in Trent game because of local showers and possible injury to instrument. Neither was loud speaker used in Divide-Noodle

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SURPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Mrs. John Strawn was given a surprise Tuesday afternoon, July 13, when a few close friends visited in her newly furnished home; the occasion was her birthday.

After an informal greeting, refreshments of frosted ice tea and angel lemon cake were served to the following: Mesdames Strawn, Earl Strawn, Alex Williamson, C. C. Stribling, O. A. Smith, C. T. Beckham, J. I. Leamon, Allen Terry, Lesley Beasley, H. H. McRee, Andy Shouse, L. Z. Tittworth.

BIRTHDAY PARTY IN WILSON HOME.

The farm home of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Wilson, east of Trent, was the scene of a lovely birthday party Monday afternoon. Mrs. Wilson, assisted by her daughter, Mrs. Foy Steadman, honored another daughter, Norma Mae, on her twelfth birthday.

Guests arrived at 3 o'clock and were greeted by Mrs. Wilson and Miss Sarah Wilson. Indoor games were featured in the entertainment program, after which refreshments were served. Norma Mae was the recipient of many lovely gifts.

Guests were Wayland Norwood, H. H. Jones, Louise Smith, Billy Don

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NOODLE—	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Derrick, 3b	5	0	1	0	0	0
Sharp, 2b	5	2	2	1	2	1
W. Jowers, 1b	5	1	2	7	0	2
Palmer, cf	5	0	1	1	0	0
H. Vick, rf	3	0	0	3	0	0
C. Vick, lf	2	0	0	1	0	0
N. Palmer, lf	2	0	0	0	0	0
Payne, p	4	0	0	1	h	0
Williams, ss	4	0	1	2	2	0
Ashford, c	4	0	0	8	0	1

Totals	39	3	7	24	5	4
DIVIDE—	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
McLean, cf	5	1	1	2	0	1
D. Jones, c	5	1	1	7	0	0
D. Seymore, rf	4	0	2	1	0	1
Hammonds, lf	3	0	0	1	0	0
J. Seymore, ss	4	0	0	2	2	1
Latimer, 1b	4	1	1	8	0	1
Neill, 3b	4	1	3	3	2	2
Daniels, 2b	3	1	0	2	3	0
Hanna, p	4	1	1	1	1	0
xKoerth	1	0	0	0	0	0

Totals 37 6 9 27 8 6
 x—Hit for D. Seymore in 8th.

Score by innings:

Noodle 002 000 100—3
 Divide 231 000 00x—6

Summary—Runs batted in, Hammonds, D. Jones 2, J. Seymore, D. Seymore, Latimer, H. Vick 2, Sharp. Earned runs, Noodle 1, Divide 4. Left on base, Noodle 9, Divide 9. Double, Hanna. Triple, McLean. Home runs, Latimer, Sharp. Stolen bases, Neill 2, Sharp, W. Jowers 2, Ashford. Base on balls, Payne 2. Strike-outs, Hanna 5, Payne 8. Double play, Daniels, J. Seymore and Latimer. Time of game, 1:58. Umpires, Corley and Patterson.

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COMPERE NEWS

The Presbyterian meeting will start at Zion Chapel Sunday, July 25, with Brother Estes of Winters doing the preaching. Brother Cleveland of Abilene will teach a Bible study in the forenoon.

Mrs. R. S. Palmer and little daughter are spending this week on the Greer ranch south of Big Spring visiting the former's sister.

Misses Tressie Marshall and Elsie Smith visited in Oklahoma over the week-end.

Willie Joe James of Noodle spent Saturday night and Sunday with Leon Adkins.

Little Ella Faye Lucas is ill at her home. We hope for her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. J. F. Merritt and family visited in Abilene Sunday.

Mrs. Floyd Aiken and little daughter are visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Childers, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Spurgin were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. K. Marshall Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Stanley and family attended church at Noodle Sunday night.

J. W. Adkins of Sylvester spent Sunday with his brother, Ben Adkins.

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BLAIR ITEMS

Mrs. Jessie Neighbours is still on the sick list and her relatives and friends are very much concerned about her condition. We hope for her early recovery.

Rev. John H. Crow, pastor of the Merkel Methodist church, is conducting a revival meeting at the M. E. church here, with services through the week. Rev. Mr. Crow is a man of wide experience and a very able speaker. Every one is invited to attend these services. Rev. Lloyd Mayhew, the pastor, is conducting the singing.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Meeks and children and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Dye and family of Post visited the former's mother, Grandmother Meeks, and other relatives over the week-end.

Mrs. Jim Burfield of King county and Mrs. Miriam Clinton and son, Marcus, of Abilene, are at the bedside of their mother, Mrs. Jessie Neighbours. Mrs. W. A. Harrison and two grandsons of Albany were also guests in this home the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Newport and son and J. M. Provine of Hazel, Tenn., visited the latter's brother, Sam Provine, and niece, Mr. and Mrs. Hurman Doan, and family, the past week-end. The visitors were en route to El Paso

and New Mexico where they will visit relatives. Sam Provine accompanied the party as far as El Paso where he will visit with his daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Reed Cox, and family for an indefinite time.

Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Pruitt and children of Anson were down Friday looking after their property and visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell.

Mrs. Ida Bankhead of Gatesville is the house guest of her sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Melton, for the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Gosdin are spending the week with relatives at Irrell.

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LOST—Brown mare, weighs about 1,000 pounds; has been missing for four weeks; last seen was leaving Jim Baker's place. Please notify Henry Holt, south of town on Blair road, Merkel, Texas, or phone Will Toombs.

Milton Case Starts Erection of Seven-Room Rock Veneer

Another substantial home is to be added to the list of new homes that have been erected recently in Merkel.

Foundation was poured this week for the seven-room rock veneer home which is to be built by Milton Case on lots that he purchased from Herbert Patterson a year or so ago. The property on which he is building is known as the George Brown home place.

WARREN NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hobbs of Munday spent from Friday until Sunday with his mother, Mrs. S. A. Hobbs, and other relatives. They were accompanied by Misses Dell Barley and Joe Aline King of Munday, who spent the time with friends and relatives.

Guests in the home of Mrs. S. A. Hobbs Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Patton, Bill Hobbs, Pete Cook, Mrs. U. S. Reeder and Mrs. M. F. Reeder, Misses Leola Reidenbach, Dell and Jannell Barley, Joe Aline King, Beatrice, Odessa, Glinnie Mae and Hortense Reeder.

In the late afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hobbs, Misses Dell Barley and Joe Aline King left for their home at Munday. They were accompanied by Misses Leola Reidenbach and Joe Nell Barley, who will spend awhile with friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Walsh of Hamilton and Mr. and Mrs. Pete Walsh of Stith were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hobbs and Mrs. C. E. Thomas Sunday.

Carl Watson, son of Mrs. W. D. Watson, who is going to school at College Station, spent part of last week with his mother.

Carl and Curn Watson spent Friday night in DeLeon with relatives. They were accompanied home Saturday by their cousins, Misses Neighbors, who spent Saturday night and Sunday with them.

Rodeo

(Continued From Page One.) gate, third, 17.1; Wesley Jay, Coleman, fourth, 17.2.

Cow milking—Homer Laney, first, 16.1; Elmer Huff, second, 18.3; Zelma Herrington, Ranger, third, 19; S. G. Russell, fourth, 21.

Buck Kellough of Blackwell topped the steer riders, with R. J. Wilkerson of Albany second, and Chris Wimberly of Amson and Bill Brabbin of Merkel tying for third and fourth places.

As chairman of the rodeo committee, Booth Warren was assisted in staging so successfully the series of 1937 shows by the following committee: Bob Malone, Mark Malone, Tom Jenkins, Fred Baker, John Collins, John R. West, Jake Massey, P. A. Diltz and Dr. L. C. Zehnpenning.



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"Hopalong" Leads Mounted Indians In Screen Battle

"Hills of Old Wyoming," the latest "Hopalong Cassidy" picture, which shows at the Queen theatre one day only, Saturday, contains authentic and colorfully portrays scenes of Sioux Indian ceremonies, including a war dance for which special tribal music was provided.

The fighting tactics of these Sioux Indians, including their stratagem of cutting off the enemy in a vast circle, are seen in the picture, a story of cattlemen and rustlers in the old West. William Boyd, again playing the role of "Hopalong Cassidy," leads the cattlemen against the rustlers who attempt to use the Indians to shield their depredations.

In a thrilling climax, Cassidy heads a colorful band of Indians and ranch owners in a great charge on the rustler gang.

The Sioux Indians, who once roamed the state of Wyoming in large numbers, are considered the most colorful fighters of all.

Wedding Bells for Astaire and Rogers In "Shall We Dance"

What happens when two of the world's foremost dancing celebrities find that everybody believes they are married, forms the hilarious theme of "Shall We Dance?", newest Fred Astaire-Ginger Rogers musical film, showing at the Queen theatre for the "Owl" show Saturday, Monday and Tuesday.

Presenting the wing-footed Astaire as a famous ballet dancer and the nimble Miss Rogers as an equally renowned revue artiste, the plot deals with a series of circumstances which bring about the marriage rumors. These rumors are fostered by some of the characters, including Astaire himself, who is deeply enamored of the lady, and denied by others, but the complications make for a delightfully entertaining picture.

Sparkling with tunes written by George and Ira Gershwin and with breath-taking dance numbers in novel settings, dances featuring not only the two stars themselves but also Harriet Hootor, America's premiere ballerina, "Shall We Dance?" is said to be the most brilliant of all the Astaire-Rogers offerings.

A unique roller-skating dance, a solo danced against the rhythmic background of the machinery of a giant ocean liner's engine room, and a spectacular dance by Astaire with 20 "Ginger Rogers" are among the eight notable terpsichorean features of the film. The songs include such hit numbers as "They Can't Take That Away From Me," "I've Got Beginner's Luck" and "Let's Call the Whole Thing Off," by George and Ira Gershwin.

Edward Everett Horton, Eric Blore, Jerome Cowan, Ketti Gallian and William Brisbane head the supporting cast of the picture and add much to its mirthful qualities. Pandro S. Berman produced the film, which was directed by Mark Sandrich.

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Mountain Climber Falls.

Seattle, Wash., July 22.—Serious head injuries and a broken leg were suffered by Joseph Halfax, daring mountain climber, when he fell 60 feet down the side of a cliff near here, landing off a rocky ledge.

Regular Meeting of Merkel Chapter OES

Merkel Chapter No. 212, Order of the Eastern Star, met in regular stated meeting Tuesday, July 20, Mrs. Georgia Allday, worthy matron, presiding. The minutes were read by the secretary and approved.

Mrs. Lila Rea, associate matron, assisted by Mrs. Lenalee Smith, associate conductress, draped the charter in loving memory for Past Worthy Grand Patron, W. A. Christian, Past Worthy Grand Matrons, Dr. Mattie I. Hill of El Paso and Mrs. Fannie V. Ward of Berkeley, Calif., formerly of Big Spring, all of the Grand Chapter of the State of Texas. The Lord's prayer was repeated in unison.

Under the head of unfinished business, Mrs. Bessie Cummins, as installing marshal, assisted the worthy matron and Eugene Reese was installed as worthy patron for the ensuing year. Andy Shouse signed the by-laws and was made a member by transfer. He was given a hearty welcome.

The attendance is increasing and it is the wish of the worthy matron, now that all officers have been installed, that they learn the work and attend to fill the station to which they have been assigned, as there will be an installation soon. Visitors are always welcome.

Retires Under Pension Plan of Railroad Act

Forty-eight years' continuous service as section foreman was terminated last Friday when George F. Woods was retired under the railroad pension plan. He was in the employ of the T. & P. railway in this capacity for 34 years, 8 months and 15 days. Prior to that he had been with the Santa Fe.

Mr. Woods has stored his household goods temporarily and, together with Mrs. Woods, will spend a while on their farm close to Bradshaw, expecting later to locate near Merkel.

As successor to Mr. Woods here, M. T. Shultz arrived Tuesday from Hermosa, located between Pecos and Toyah.

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Study Up-to-Date Means of Renewing Value in Used Cars

Up-to-date methods and equipment for thoroughly renewing and restoring value in used cars have been presented to Chevrolet dealers, their used car managers, and their reconditioning supervisors, in a school conducted by Chevrolet Motor division in Dallas, according to Mr. Grable, local dealer.

The very finest of facilities were provided for this school and the utmost in efficiency in this line of work was taught in a practical way by experienced men who have made a study of this particular phase of automobile merchandising. Classes of from twenty-five to thirty men were taken into this school and under conditions identical with those prevailing in the average dealership, the actual work of reconditioning used cars of various age and mileage representing the full variance in values that might be found in any sizable used car stock, was performed.

This training represents the most modern method of dealing with the large number of used cars necessary for Chevrolet dealers to market, and is the most forward step taken by any manufacturer in assuring maximum value to the purchasers of used cars.

Chevrolet Motor division, through their factory field personnel, supervise closely this reconditioning work in all Chevrolet dealerships and are doing their utmost to see that Chevrolet dealers' used cars embody the ultimate in quality.

The local mechanic representing Grable Motor company, who attended

this training school in Dallas, was M. A. Dunn.

Mail Classified Ad for Results.

Enters Cafe Business Here.

Having purchased the Neill cafe from William Neill, who has gone to the Plains, J. D. Curtis, an exper-

ced cafe man from Eastland, will operate the business as "The Chili King." He expects to move his family here as soon as he can find a house.

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Sugar, cloth bag, 10 lbs. 53c

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STUDIO PARTY.

Abilene Dancer Guest Artist for Music Pupils.

On Thursday in the late afternoon, pupils of Christine Collins participated in a class lesson at her studio and were also entertained by two visiting artists as guest entertainers. Baskets of sweet peas, roses and shasta daisies made the rooms most attractive where a program of piano and voice numbers was rendered.

Miss Polly Campbell, teacher of the dance in Abilene, delighted the group with tap dances in costume and Sander Hollingsworth, pianist, gave three popular numbers and played the accompaniment for Miss Campbell.

A dainty sandwich plate with ginger ale freeze was served and clusters of sweet peas were plate favors for Mesdames DeVerle Johnson, W. A. McSpadden, Homer Patterson, Norman Hodge, W. T. Sadler, Misses Polly Campbell, Helen Heeter, Anne Lee Blake, Louise Patterson, Louella Justice, Frances, Mary Lou and Clarice Higgins, Betty Lou Higgins, Thelma and Pearl Mathews, Elna Tucker, Vivian Davis, Norma Jean Hodge, Messrs. Sander Hollingsworth, Alton Bicknell and the hostess.

VOTA VITA CLASS PARTY.

Mrs. Bill Fugat of Noodle-Dome most graciously entertained members of the Vota Vita Sunday School class on Tuesday afternoon of last week. All members responded in the devotional with scripture readings and following the lesson a social hour was enjoyed. Delicious brick ices cream with cake was served to Mesdames Allan and Ted McGehee, Swann, Sadler, Haynes, Jinkens, Rister, Petty, Teaff, Leach, Dunn, Wilson, Baze and Fugat.

RECENT BRIDE COMPLETED.

Mrs. Leon Scott together with Mrs. D. A. Lee, Mrs. Jessie Reagen, Mrs. George Woodrum and Mrs. Tom Kern were joint hostesses Thursday afternoon naming Mrs. Barney Douglas, nee Miss Maymie Webb, the honoree. The party was in the home of Mrs. Scott where a seated program was enjoyed.

Miss Norma Patton opened the program with a piano solo and Misses Lou Dale Gray and Bobbie Nell Reagen entertained with readings. A vocal duet by Misses Maxine and La Verne Abernathy was followed by a group of songs by the "Bachelorettes" girls trio, Misses Thelma and Pearl Mathews and Frances Higgins. Miss Jannell Black gave piano selections. A reading, "The Newly Weds," was given by Mrs. George Wilhite. Following the program a treasure hunt resulted in the bride finding a beautiful array of gifts.

Refreshments were served to Mrs. Douglas, Miss Lena Webb of Abilene, Misses Maxine and La Verne Abernathy of Wichita Falls, Mesdames Marion Hays and Jesse Rutledge of Clyde, Mesdames Will Webb, Oliver Webb, George Woodrum, B. T. Sublett, T. O. Neill, R. T. Gray, Carlton Vick, R. H. Mathews, Jr., D. A. Lee, Jesse Reagen, Allen McGehee, Carl Black, Tom Kern, Altie Bigbee, Dorris Coats, Lendon Coats, Elmer Adcock, George Wilhite, Misses Isalee and Faye Walker, Lois Perkins, Ruthie Davis, Lou Dale Gray, Mary Love Tipton, Jannell Black, Rachael Patterson, Verne Moore, Frances Higgins, Pearl Mathews and Thelma Mathews, Norma Patton, Hollis Perry, Mary Joe Garland, Ina Mae Berryman, Robbie Walker, Joyce Marie Webb, Bobbie Nell Reagen and the hostesses.

POGUE REUNION.

Mrs. Mary Pogue spent a very happy Sunday with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, who gathered in family reunion at her home in South Merkel on July 18. Mrs. Pogue, who is 78 years old, was the honored guest at a sumptuous dinner at noon and in the late afternoon a swimming party was enjoyed at Shannon's pool by the younger members of the family. Some of the guests returned to their home Sunday.

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evening, others remaining with their mother until Monday.

All seven children were present, together with eleven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Tommy Jones, who is in Ft. Warren, Wyo., was the only one absent.

Guests here for the reunion were: Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Pogue, Jack and Horace, Eden, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Burks, Billie Frances, Jack, Betty Jo and Max, Odessa; Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Pogue, Mary Dove and Patsy Ann, Snyder; Mrs. Elmer Ingram and Bobby Faye, Cisco; Mr. and Mrs. Ben Jones and Selma, Mrs. Bill Decker, Billy Gean, Doris Marie and Jimmy, Mrs. Mary Pogue, W. H. Pogue, Misses Connie and Alzada Pogue, all of Merkel.

Sufferer of Attack Infantile Paralysis Resting Fairly Well

Effie Lee Lucas, 4-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Lucas, residing on Route 1 out of Merkel, who was carried to Abilene Tuesday for treatment for infantile paralysis, was reported "resting fairly well" Wednesday night.

The child has been ill a week or more and is still in the early stages of the attack, it was reported. No other such case has been reported in Taylor county.

To Begin Odorization Of Natural Gas Soon

Odorization of natural gas on a part of the Lone Star Gas system will begin Monday, July 26, Community Natural Gas Company officials announced. The project is in compliance with a recent law passed by the Texas legislature as a safety measure.

The odorant will be introduced into the system's main lines to permit the detection of leaks, and will not affect the usefulness of the fuel, it was explained. When the gas is burned, no odor is noticeable and it will give off no nauseating fumes nor any gas injuries to clothing, rugs, drapes or furniture.

The odorant will be first introduced into main lines at Gordon, Trinidad, and a point east of Groesbeck, Texas; later at Hollis and Fox, Oklahoma, and at a point south of Chillicothe, Texas, and at a number of intermediate points. The odorizing project, reaching most of the towns served by the system in Texas and Oklahoma, will be completed in about three weeks.

Introduction of the odor will not be noticeable for several days, it was pointed out, because of summer conditions and the low load on the system. Towns farther away from the points of odorization will receive its effects later than those closer to these points.

To some persons the odorant will smell like fumes from a refinery, to others like burning rubber. It will be definitely noticeable if a leak in a line exists or if a cook or burner is left open and unlighted. The company has advised its customers to call a plumber if repairs are necessary. It was pointed out that odorization will not create a hazard, but will warn consumers if a leak occurs in a line or connection.

The Lone Star system is proceeding with its odorization plans now in order to avoid the possibility of waiting until the fall and winter demand starts.



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CHURCH SERVICES

Baptist Protracted Meeting Nears Close

"Unavailing Remorse" is the subject of Dr. J. Frank Weems' sermon for Thursday night in the Baptist protracted meeting now in progress at the city tabernacle.

Subjects for the remaining services of the meeting, as announced, are: Friday morning, "Fellowship"; Friday night, "Christ is Coming"; Saturday night, "The Love of God"; Sunday morning, "Faithfulness"; Sunday night, "Our Long Home."

The services are being well attended; the tabernacle is comfortably filled each evening. The people are greatly enjoying the singing and especially that done by the singer's children, Mark Junior, Frisco and Martha Short.

An urgent invitation is extended every one to attend the remaining services of this meeting.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

The six Sunday Schools here reported an attendance of 631 last Sunday, as compared with 534 on the previous Sunday. On the same Sunday a year ago 633 were present.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. No evening service because of the Baptist revival. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8:30 o'clock.

Every one is cordially invited to these services. Strangers welcome.

R. A. Walker, Pastor.

METHODIST CHURCH.

Services Sunday and during the week as usual, with the exception of no Sunday night service because of the Baptist revival.

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.

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THURSDAY-FRIDAY, JULY 29-30

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Merkel Hospital Notes

Mrs. R. M. Combs and son of El Paso and Mrs. Martha Owens and granddaughter of Dallas, who received injuries in a car wreck east of town about noon Sunday, were brought to the hospital for treatment. They were released Monday.

Mrs. Jack Meeks, who entered for major surgery July 15, was dismissed Thursday. H. R. Poor, of Trent, another surgery patient, was dismissed Tuesday.

Merkel Boy Ties in 65-Meter Hurdles

In the finals of the 65-meter hurdles run before 23,000 track and field fans gathered at the Pan American games at Dallas Saturday, Jack Patterson

and Staley, both members of the United States team, tied for first place. Time was 8.3 seconds. Tolmich, also of the United States, was third and Zuluetta, Cuba, fourth.

Together with a picked group of American track and field stars, Jack left New York City on the 21st for a foreign tour to include visits to England, France, Belgium and Switzerland.

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Potatoes, 10 lbs 29
Large crisp pods
Bell Peppers, lb 15
Small size
Cucumbers, lb 5c
Large yellow fruit
Bananas, doz. 15c
Sunkist large size
Lemons, doz. 30c
Fancy
Limes, doz. 15c
Iced Watermelons

Tomatoes, Gingham Girl, 3 for 25c
Grape Jam, 2 lb. qt. jar 29c

Prunes
Medium size
2 lb. pkg. 15c
Syrup
Pure Ribbon cane
Gallon 59c
Corn
No. 2 can
Each 10c

Post Toasties box 10c
2 pound quart jar
Peanut Butter, 29c
A-1 Saltines
Crackers, 2 lb. box 19
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Asst. Cookies pkg 15c
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Pound 20c

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