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## PLACE NEGROES ON JURY PANEL SPECIAL TERM

### Inquisitorial Body Convened Thursday Morning to Re-Investigate Fatal Shooting of Merkel City Marshal.

Fourteen white men and two negro jurors were summoned to report Thursday morning out of whom a grand jury was to be impaneled for a special term of 42nd district court to re-investigate the fatal shooting of Chester C. Hutchison, Merkel City marshal, in April, 1936.

Lonnie Mitchell, Merkel negro, was convicted of murder in the death of Hutchison in a 42nd district court trial shortly after the shooting, following indictment by an all-white grand jury. Upon appeal of the Mitchell case to the court of criminal appeals, a reversal of the court verdict of death penalty was ordered.

In their appeal to the higher court, attorneys for Mitchell pointed out that there has been only one negro grand juror on the panels for the past 40 years, and that he was excused by the court. Reversal of the case was won on another point, however, but supreme court rulings in the Scottsboro, Ala., cases held recently that when for a period of years no negroes appear on juries in a county where there are qualified negro jurors prima facie evidence of race discrimination is constituted.

Grand jurors summoned included: J. E. Howard, W. G. Hicks, Mac Snykes, Tuscola; W. L. Roberts, Law; W. O. Perry, Tye; D. L. Pittman, V. B. Reeves, Preston Clark, Floyd Bogar, H. T. Strickland, Arthur Ward, L. C. Reagen, Abilene; W. W. Haynes, Merkel; C. E. Spencer, Ovalle; J. M. Hardie, Guion, H. U. Drummond, View.

## Humble Deep Test to Drill to 6,500 Feet

Of chief local interest this week were developments in the Humble Oil & Refining company No. 1 J. N. Teaff estate deep test, which was reported Thursday drilling between 5,800 and 6,500 feet. At this stage a formation of hard gray lime was encountered.

Decision to go to 6,500 feet, 1,000 feet deeper than original contract, was reached Wednesday, it was learned. The test has reported no showings of oil in the deeper horizon.

Six inch casing was run Thursday of last week in the Golden Petroleum company No. 1 Braune, three miles west of View, and Tuesday the Braune test was reported drilling in red rock at 2,210 feet.

Ungreen & Frazier No. 1 Melton, east of Stith, in the John Winters survey, was spudded last week on a projected 2,500-foot wildcat.

## Marconi's Estate \$8,000,000.

Rome, July 29.—Associates of the late Guglielmo Marconi, inventor of wireless telegraphy, who died last week, estimated his estate would total about \$8,000,000.

## Comings, Goings, Doings

C. J. Glover was a week-end visitor with his sisters in Austin.

Miss Betty Jo Reid of Santa Anna is visiting Miss Helen Haeter.

Miss C. Vene Daniel is spending the week in Abilene with Mr. and Mrs. Ivy Daniel.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Gamble returned Tuesday from a few days stay at Mineral Wells.

U. S. Reeder spent several days last week with his wife's nieces and nephews at Lamesa.

Leon Walker, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Walker, visited the Pan American Exposition last week-end.

Willie Barker and Mrs. M. H. Barker and daughter of Salt Branch visited last week-end in Lamesa.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Spears have as their guest Mrs. Spears' brother, W. Z. Littleton, of Birmingham, Ala.

Master Howard Demere of Wichita Falls has been visiting his father and other relatives for the past month.

Miss Janet Hayes has returned to Denton after a week's visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hayes.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Mellinger left Sunday for the fall market season at Dallas, and probably will go on to St. Louis.

Mrs. B. P. Middleton and son, Bobby Jack, visited her parents, Mr. and

## KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

A Centennial marker was unveiled Monday on the spot at Palestine where Daniel Parker erected the first protestant church in Texas 104 years ago.

Two 4-H boys, Donald and Harold Synnott, were credited with producing Harris County's first bale of cotton this season. The bale weighed 546 pounds.

Arnold Newman, 5, of Alvin, died in a Galveston hospital as a result of hydrophobia he contracted three weeks ago when bitten on the head by a dog in Alvin.

William Edward Hawkins, former associate justice of the supreme court of Texas, died in an Abilene hospital Friday, a week after he underwent an operation.

George Durham, foreman of the King ranch, died at 11 o'clock Sunday morning. Ranch hands said he died after becoming overheated while chopping wood.

R. E. (Red) Edwards, 34, semi-professional athlete of Rule, was instantly killed Sunday afternoon when he fell head first from a truck onto the highway a mile west of Haskell.

Ruby New, 24, was instantly killed, and her brother, William New, seriously hurt when a loaded oil truck turned over 12 miles north of Junction. New lost control of the truck on a hill.

D. H. Zook, San Antonio attorney, was given two 2-year sentences to run concurrently, when he pleaded guilty to indictments charging him with conversion of funds and with theft by baillee.

Mac Jones, member of the Tuscola FFA chapter, was awarded the Lone Star farmer's degree, highest given by the state association of Future Farmers of America, at the State FFA convention at Arlington.

Beverly Hearn, 20, a University of Texas student, was killed instantly and his companion, Eugene Schyarzer, 19, escaped unhurt when their automobile crashed into a bridge railing at Austin and burst into flames.

Monya, 20-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Taylor of Dallas, fell four stories to her death in Culver City, Calif., Sunday. The child is said to have loosened a screen in the Taylor apartment and to have fallen out the window.

Lester N. Flint of Dallas, C. H. Page of Austin and Herbert Voelcker of Wichita Falls were appointed by Governor James V. Allred to the new state architect board: Flint for the six-year term, Page for four years and Voelcker for two.

A. C. Ford, 40, of Waco, drowned in the Bosque river, six miles north of Waco, Monday afternoon while attempting to save his son, Charles, 5. The latter was brought to shore by Richard Lee Kent, 17, and resuscitated. Allen Ford, 11, another son, made his way out of the water unaided.

Mrs. W. H. Derstine, at Lamesa last week.

Mrs. Walter Boden and granddaughter, Mary Margaret, are visiting with a cousin, Mrs. John Biggs, of Snyder.

Mrs. Clunch of Lubbock visited this week in the home of her two daughters, Mrs. J. H. Hobbs and Mrs. H. C. Brewer.

Will Toombs and daughter, Peggy Joyce, have returned from Mineral Wells where he went for the benefit of the baths.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Patterson and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cypert left Saturday night for a week's vacation at Corpus Christi.

Sid Criswell returned the latter part of last week from Excelsior Springs, Mo., where he had gone for medical examination.

Mr. and Mrs. George Davidson of Loma Linda, Calif., have been visiting the latter's sister, Mrs. Raymond Demere, the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hodge and children have returned from a visit with her mother at Terrell. They also saw the Greater Texas and Pan American Exposition at Dallas.

A party enjoying a picnic on Elm Creek Tuesday included Mrs. M. E. (Continued on Page Five.)

## PRESENCE OF ALL NINE CHILDREN MARKS REUNION

### First Time in More Than Twenty Years That All of the Children of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Horton Together.

In celebration of the birthday anniversaries of Mrs. H. R. Horton and son, V. H. Horton, of Rowena, a family reunion was held at Abilene State park at Buffalo Gap on Sunday July 25.

It was the first time that Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Horton had had the pleasure of having all nine of their children present for a family reunion in more than twenty years.

Those present: Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Horton, Merkel; Mrs. P. L. Arnold and son, Leroy, Abilene; J. E. Horton and son, Lawrence, Plainview; O. A. Horton and son, Robert, Arlington; Mrs. O. A. Lucas, Lockney; Mrs. J. T. Ball and children, Teresa, Mary, Lonnie and J. T., Jr., Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Horton and daughter, Dorothy Lee, Merkel; V. H. Horton and son, Vayden, Rowena; Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Horton and daughter, Yvonne, and Miss Eva Horton, Merkel.

In the afternoon they were joined by Mr. and Mrs. Riley Horton and family of Abilene.

## Foot Crushed in Ice Truck Mishap

Victim of a peculiar truck mishap, F. T. Hogan, Jr., was brought to the Merkel sanitarium Saturday afternoon, with the shin bone in his right leg broken and the foot badly crushed.

As driver of an ice truck for the Independent Ice company, he started to make a turn on the road near Union Ridge school, about 4 1-2 miles from town, and in doing so a block of ice slipped out of the back end of the truck. With the truck parked on the shoulder of the road, he was endeavoring to re-load the ice from the bar pit when dirt on the road's edge loosened and the truck rolled back, the wooden step striking him on the leg, and his foot was pinned underneath the step. It was nearly an hour before he was released by William Shepard, one of his employers, and others, who had been notified in town of the accident.

F. T., Jr., has sufficiently recovered to be moved to his home Tuesday.

## Merkel Girl Listed on Varsity Honor Roll

Austin, July 29.—A total of 766 students in the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Texas made grades during the spring semester entitling them to places on the honor roll of that college. Both quantity and quality of the work done by each student were considered in compiling the honor roll. The list, just announced by Dean H. T. Parlin, includes Wilma Billie Gardner of Merkel.

## Rites Held at Tahoka For Odell Thompson

Odell Thompson, age 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Thompson, died Tuesday night of last week at a Lubbock hospital, following an operation on Friday, July 16. Funeral services were held Wednesday at Tahoka.

Pallbearers were: Cleve Jeffery, Charles Louis Jeffrey, Charlie William Huber, Durin Dunn, Harold Headstream and Dutch Thompson.

Besides his parents, he leaves three brothers and two sisters: Leon Thompson of Merkel, Eugene, Lowell, Lanell and Audy May Thompson of Tahoka, and a large number of other relatives and friends to mourn his loss.

A brother, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Thompson, and Mrs. O. F. Fox, an aunt, were among those who went for the funeral.

## Weaver Springs HD Club Sponsor Party

The ladies of the Weaver Springs Home Demonstration club invite the public to a community party at their club house the evening of Aug. 6, beginning at 8 o'clock.

There will be plenty of home made ice cream, sandwiches, cake and punch on sale, to help raise funds to send a delegate to Short Course.

## DEATH SUDDEN FOR PROMINENT TYE FARMER

### Funeral Services Held Wednesday for M. L. Alexander, 83; Settled 37 Years Ago on Farm Where He Since Resided.

Funeral services for M. L. Alexander, 83, well known farmer of the Tye community, were held at 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon from the Tye Methodist church, of which he was an active member. Rev. A. F. Click, the pastor, officiated, with burial in the Tye cemetery.

Pallbearers were John Brookshire, Ernest Brookshire, Glenn Eager, Jeff Hinds, Hubert McCartney and Theo Kincaid.

Mr. Alexander died unexpectedly at his home two miles west of Tye early Tuesday morning. After eating a hearty breakfast, he left the house to feed his calves. Shortly afterward he was found dead in the barnlot. Death was attributed to a heart attack.

Mr. Alexander was born in Alabama July 6, 1854, and while a young man moved to Collin county, Texas. He settled 37 years ago on the farm which he built into one of the most prosperous in this area.

Survivors are his wife, a stepson, J. S. Knight; four daughters, Mrs. Minnie Thomas, Mrs. Betty Warner and Mrs. Opal Bryant, Tye, and Mrs. Amanda McGowan, Big Spring; two grandsons whom he reared, Alex and Wayne Dalton, and several other grandchildren.

## Relatives Called to Copperas Cove by Illness of Uncle

Called by the serious illness of their uncle, Call Sublett, Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Sublett, Mrs. W. J. Hayes, Tye and George Sublett, Mr. and Mrs. Ennis Orsborn, Mrs. Irl Walker and Mrs. Lula Walker, the latter of Abilene, went to Copperas Cove last Saturday.

Tyre Sublett, Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Sublett and Mrs. Lula Walker remained at his bedside, while the others returned home Monday.

## Suffers Broken Back In Auto Accident

Mrs. Pearl Rutledge and her son, Jack 7, who were visiting her sisters in East Texas, were seriously injured Sunday in an automobile accident near Fort Worth while attempting to overtake a bus they missed.

The two were confined to a Fort Worth hospital Monday. Mrs. Rutledge with a broken back and her son with a fractured arm.

Other members of the family party, including Mrs. H. L. Hawkins of Fort Worth and Mrs. R. D. Jones of Glade-water, sisters of Mrs. Rutledge, were not seriously injured.

## New Mexico Town to Sponsor 3-Day Rodeo

On Aug. 5, 6 and 7, Tucumcari, N. M., will stage a three day rodeo, promoted by Parley Stallard, Quay county rancher, and Johnny Mullens of El Paso. This will be the first annual rodeo and racing in the new \$35,000 Tucumcari stadium.

Governor Clyde Tingley of New Mexico will be there Aug. 6, and it is announced that a special train will be run from Amarillo on the day when Tucumcari is host to the governor.

## 75 Present at Brady For Adcock Reunion

Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Adcock and two sons, Oscar and Waymon, and Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Adcock have returned from Brady where they attended the annual Adcock family reunion held at Richard Park there, at which 75 were present.

R. L. Adcock met Mrs. Adcock and their daughter, Miss Berdelle, at Fort Worth Saturday, after Mrs. Adcock had been to the clinic at Temple. The party saw Casa Manana at Fort Worth, Miss Berdelle Adcock remaining for several days in Fort Worth, while Mr. and Mrs. Adcock went on to Brady for the reunion.

Record of Births. Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Payne, Noodle, Friday, July 23, 1937.

## DIVIDE SHUTS OUT TRENT; ANNEXES FIFTH STRAIGHT WIN IN LEAGUE SEASON

### LIONS VICTORIOUS AS DUST CLEARS

#### Win Softball Game With Salt Branch by Single Score in Contest Abounding in Runs.

It wasn't a record—the sport pages tell of one team that piled up 50 runs in one game—but the diamond did resemble a race track when the Lions took the odd score in a 13-12 softball contest with Salt Branch Thursday of last week.

As the Tye team did not report, the other game between Tye and FFA-Cats was not played.

Results Tuesday: Stith 7, Noodle 4; State Bank 8, Salt Branch 0.

On Thursday of this week contenders are: Lions vs Tye; FFA-Tom Cats vs Mars.

Next Tuesday, Aug. 3, Noodle and Salt Branch play the first game, with Stith and the Lions matched for the nightcap.

LEAGUE STANDING.			
TEAM—	W	L	Pct.
State Bank	2	0	1.000
Mars	1	0	1.000
Lions	1	0	1.000
Stith	1	1	.500
Noodle	0	2	.000
Salt Branch	0	2	.000
Tye	0	0	.000
FFA-Tom Cats	0	0	.000

## Rev. Dick O'Brien to Lead Evangelistic Services at Stith

Rev. Dick O'Brien, pastor of the First Baptist church, Stamford, will preach a series of services at the Stith tabernacle beginning Friday, July 30, and running through Aug. 8. Brother O'Brien is a cosmopolitan type of preacher, yet he is very modest and spiritual, and is known for his success as an evangelistic preacher. He is also noted for his humorous but philosophical interpretation of human nature. He has attained this popularity through his contributions called "Rambling Remarks" to newspapers and especially to the West Texas Baptist.

The pastor, Rev. E. L. Bowman, and the Stith Baptist people extend a hearty welcome to every one to attend.

## Receipts at 6 Year Record.

Chicago, July 29.—More wheat arrived in Chicago Monday than in any day since July 28, 1931. Receipts were estimated at 1,168 cars, an increase of more than 450 carloads compared with the largest day's receipts last year.

## MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, July 27, 1917.)

### SELECTIVE DRAFT COMPLETED QUICKLY.

Only 124 men is the quota for Taylor county. Following is a partial list of local boys whose numbers were drawn:

- 258—Jim Brown.
- 854—Fred Harrell.
- 783—Emmett Grimes.
- 564—M. A. Dunn.
- 548—L. A. Dudley.
- 126—C. W. Bell.
- 616—A. L. Farmer.
- 373—A. H. Clark.
- 757—Roy Green.
- 623—J. J. Ferguson.
- 809—T. L. Holloway.
- 550—O. R. Duff.
- 1848—V. B. Simpson.
- 1817—R. E. Sharp.
- 1868—G. F. Smith.
- 2132—L. W. Woodruff.
- 1300—C. W. Mathews.
- 1054—V. B. Jobe.
- 1099—C. C. Jones.
- 1329—W. L. Miller.
- 1813—A. Sharman.
- 1752—Dem Rust.
- 549—J. D. Dudley.
- 2225—W. W. Wood.
- 1485—J. Neighbors.
- 1714—H. Robertson.
- 2166—L. E. White.
- 1763—L. Sanders.
- 1369—D. P. Moore.
- 2148—P. B. Wheeler.
- 140—Frank Berryman.

## Hawley-Truby Cops Game Wednesday from Noodle, Moves to Second Place; Trent Meets Truby in Saturday's Game.

Behind the two-hit twirling of Hanna, Divide blanked Trent 2-0 in Saturday's Inter-Community league game to continue their undefeated record in five starts in the season.

Hawley-Truby copped Wednesday's game 9-5 from Noodle, moving into second place in club standing, with Trent and Noodle in a tie for next position.

The scheduled game for Saturday of this week is between Trent and Hawley-Truby, with Noodle and Divide playing next Wednesday. The postponed game from May 29 between Hawley-Truby and Divide has been set for the second game of a twin bill Saturday, Aug. 7. Trent and Noodle will meet in the first game that date.

Trent's six errors helped Divide win Saturday's shut-out. Lefty Jones, on the mound for Trent, struck out eight, three more than Hanna was able to whiff, holding Divide to six scattered hits and no earned runs. Hanna and McLean led with two hits each, one of Hanna's wallops being for two bases.

Coming from behind, Hawley-Truby piled up a total of 13 hits to Noodle's half dozen to win Wednesday's game, 9-5. Noodle shelled Garner of Truby from the mound in the second with four runs, but Price who relieved him held Noodle to two hits for the remaining seven innings, striking out eight opposing batsmen. Ashby led the Truby batting attack with three hits out of five trips to the plate.

Box scores of the two games played last Wednesday and Saturday's game between Trent and Divide appear elsewhere in this issue of The Mail. The box score of this week's victory of Hawley-Truby over Trent will be printed next week. The line score follows: Noodle .....040 000 100—5 6 2; Haw-Tru .....011 301 12x—9 13 4; Payne, E. Palmer and Ashford; Garner, Price and Baxter.

LEAGUE STANDING.			
TEAM—	W	L	Pct.
Divide	5	0	1.000
Hawley-Truby	2	3	.400
Trent	2	4	.333
Noodle	2	4	.333

## Golf Club Starts Flag Tournament

With all members eligible to compete, a flag tournament will get underway Monday at the Merkel Golf club.

Entrants in the tournament are expected to register with Cleby Patterson at the P. & K. Service station and get flag before starting play.

## MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, July 27, 1917.)

Miss Ola Sharp left last Wednesday for a visit with friends at Maryneal.

The Merkel Steam Laundry is now being installed. The machinery arrived last week and is rapidly being placed ready for operation. The operator arrived Wednesday.

E. E. Burroughs and Ira Huss joined the engineering corps at Sweetwater the past week under the direction of Capt. Horde. The boys expect to leave at an early date.

J. A. Pike, J. N. Shelton, D. I. Shelton and J. F. Smith have been appointed as delegates to the Farmers Institute at Austin, which met the 25th, closed the 27th.

### ONE TRUTHFUL MAN.

J. T. Dennis and family were out fishing the past week. He said he caught two fish, one an inch and a half long and the other two inches. They report a good time.

Miss Martha Jane Swafford arrived home from Chicago last Wednesday afternoon. She has been teaching in Dallas but visited in Chicago at the close of the school term.

Claud Riney has just returned from a visit to Crowell.



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**TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS**

Mrs. W. E. Norwood and two sons, Wayland and Bobbie, accompanied by Mrs. Bill Sledge and son of Merkel, went by automobile to Comanche county Friday to spend a week visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Lloyd, and other relatives.

E. M. O'Kelley of Abilene spent Sunday here with his son, Hurltel O'Kelley, and family.

Roy Causseaux of Abilene was a guest of friends here Sunday, also visiting his mother, Mrs. Causseaux, of the White Flat community.

Miss Blanche Carey returned by here this week after spending the past few days in Dallas and Fort Worth visiting the Fiesta and Pan American Exposition. She was in company of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Hembry of Sweetwater.

Misses Opal Nalley and Mattie Ruth Riddle of Abilene and Bill Nalley of Teneha were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nalley and Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Bryan over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nalley, accompanied by June and Joy Brutsche, were week-end visitors to Wichita Falls where Mr. Nalley attended the Rural Carriers convention.

Cleli and Lester Dowdy of Houston are spending a few days of their vacation with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Dowdy, Mr. and Mrs. Bivens Dowdy and baby were also visitors in the Dowdy home Saturday and Sunday.

Frances Louise Stevens of Monahans is visiting with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Stevens.

Mrs. Belle Dempsey and son, also W. L. Brunett of San Antonio were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Williamson and Ollie Smith.

Mrs. Effie Gafford and daughter of Hobbs, N. M., spent a few days here visiting Mrs. Asha Steadman and Mrs. J. M. Smith.

Joe English of Lamesa was a visitor Saturday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. English. Mrs. English and two children, who had been visiting relatives the past two weeks, returned with him.

Mrs. Bill Springer and son, Weldon, of Pampa, returned home Saturday. She will be joined here by her husband Aug. 1. Mr. Springer is public weigher-elect.

Miss Novis J. Whiteaker of Abilene visited a few days with Mrs. Andy Shouse.

Willie Joe, Johnny Frank and Sonny Hamner of Wink arrived by bus Saturday for a week's visit with their grandmother, Mrs. Joe Brown. Their parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Hamner, are vacationing in Old Mexico.

Miss Ina Mae Berryman of Merkel spent Thursday until Saturday with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Shouse.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Strawn had as their guests Sunday and Monday Mrs. Strawn's mother, Mrs. L. B. George, also her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. George Graves and three children, of Greenville.

Sunday visitors in the W. M. Carey home were Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Lofton of Hermleigh, also Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Austin and son, Louis, of Anson. Miss Alice Carey accompanied the Austins to their home for a few days visit.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Reeves made a business trip to Fort Worth Sunday and Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Collins and sons, James and Earl, of Dallas, were Monday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bowens. They were en route to Carlsbad Caverns.

Miss Betty Jane Brown of Abilene is guest in the home of her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Bishop. Charles Jones and Grimes Dunn of San Antonio spent the week-end in

the Bishop home. Mr. Jones returned and Mr. Dunn remained over for a longer visit. Tia Juana Smith returned to her home in Lamesa Saturday after visiting with the Bishops over a period of several weeks. Miss Brown will continue her visit through this week.

**MARRIAGE ANNOUNCED.**

Miss Bess Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Jones, became the bride of Woodrow Cooper Sunday, July 18, at Seminole, Okla. The newlyweds are well known and popular young people of the Trent community. Both have been associated with the younger set here, where their families are now located.

They plan to reside at Seminole, where Mr. Cooper is employed by an oil concern.

**TRAIN STRIKES CAR AT CROSSING.**

A sedan, bought only a day earlier by R. E. O'Rear, was damaged when struck by an eastbound freight here Sunday night, but the occupants of the automobile were uninjured. The train carried away the spare tire, crushing the rear compartment.

Roland Duncan, a neighbor youth, who was driving the machine, failed to see the moving train until having crossed at the rear of another train on the sidetrack.

**BAPTIST REVIVAL.**

The Baptist revival, in progress the past two weeks, closed with the Sunday evening service. Baptismal services were held Sunday afternoon at the Merkel baptistry, six being immersed. Six additions were recorded coming by profession of faith, also four by letter.

Rev. H. East did the preaching twice daily. Trent appreciates the work of Brother East and his party of Christian co-workers and records of their good deeds and faithful services will always be marked in the hearts and minds of the people of this community.

**METHODIST REVIVAL.**

The Methodist revival, now in progress, will close with the Sunday evening service. Rev. C. A. Long, presiding elder of the Abilene district, is in the pulpit for morning and evening services. Young people's prayer service is held at 7:45 each evening.

In addition to the revival, a vacation Bible school is being held. An enrollment of 18 was enlisted, members of the various churches taking part. The work is in divisions, a brief worship program, class work, recreational and activity periods. The work begins at 8:30 a. m. and continues until 9:45 a. m.

Faculty members in charge are Misses Hazel Wanda Williamson, Beatrice Cooley, Sally Roberts, Elsie Bishop, with Mrs. Ida V. O'Neal pianist.

Miss Imogene Mangum is pianist for the revival, with Rev. Alsie Carleton, the pastor, leading the song service.

**YOUNG PEOPLE'S PROGRAM.**

The Young people of the Methodist church met in their regular program at 7:45 p. m. Sunday. The leader for a discussion was Miss Wilma Martin. The general subject was "Christ

Speaks to Us." Speakers were Miss Evelyn Godwin, Hughie Cooley and Elvin Cooley.

Mrs. Alsie Carleton and Miss Hazel Wanda Williamson read poems appropriate for the theme subject. Scripture was given by Wilson Bright.

After a brief business session the league benediction was given in unison.

—Charles Andy Shouse, Reporter.

**LOCAL BRIEFS**

Hurley Toombs carried a carload from this area to Amarillo Tuesday for a farm mass meeting held there Wednesday for the purpose of discussing current farm legislation in Washington. Another group from the Taylor County Agricultural association was to attend a similar meeting at

Waco Thursday.

Fire about midnight Thursday of last week caused some loss to one of the houses owned by the City of Merkel one block south of the railroad. Kitchen and household furnishings belonging to Joe Bailey Toombs were also considerably damaged, mostly by smoke and water.

Joe Weston was brought to the Merkel sanitarium late Wednesday with a broken bone in his right foot, injured when a horse threw and fell on him while rounding up sheep on the mountain top.

News comes from Sacramento, Calif., of the success of another Merkel boy, Gilbert Walton, who has been in California for some time and for the past year has been in the employ of the Star Bakery there, has been made foreman of the Star shop.

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ECONOMY PRICES**

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25 pounds \$1.25

SHORTENING, 8 lb. carton \$1.05— 4lb. 55c

FLOUR, Four Peaks, every sack guaranteed, 24 lbs. 90c—48 lbs. \$1.75

CORN, No. 2 can 10c

TEA, Lipton's 1-4 lb. 21c—1-2 lb. 40c

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### Five New Pontiacs Awarded as Major Prizes in Contest

Five new Pontiac cars awarded as major prizes in a national demonstration and essay contest just concluded by the Pontiac Motor division of General Motors were all won by women, reports C. P. Simpson, Pontiac general sales manager.

Of the remaining 90 cash prizes, 33 went to women. Cash prizes ranged from \$100 to \$20.

The contest was conducted by Pontiac in co-operation with its dealer organization. Rules specified that each contestant take a demonstration ride in a 1937 Pontiac and then write an essay of 100 words or less on the subject "Why I Think Pontiac is America's Finest Low-Priced Car."

Official notification has been mailed to each prize winner and each award is being made by the local Pontiac dealer.

Contestants were registered from every state in the union. Major prize winners and the cars they were awarded included:

Mrs. Virgil L. Stone, Portland, Ore., de luxe eight four door touring sedan; Eva Turner, Detroit, de luxe eight two door sedan; Mrs. Dean Martin, Cowpen, S. C., de luxe six four door touring sedan; Marion Osborne, Springfield, Ohio, de luxe six two door sedan, and Miss Al Purvis, New York City, de luxe six coupe.

Judges of the contest were Thomas P. Henry, president of the American Automobile association; Chris Sinsabaugh, editor of Automotive Daily News, and W. A. P. John, president of MacManus, John & Adams, Inc., Pontiac's advertising agency.

Bereavement acknowledgement engraved cards, with envelopes to match, 50 cents per dozen at Merkel Mail office.

### BLAIR ITEMS

The Methodist revival under the leadership of Rev. John H. Crow, pastor of the Merkel church, which closed Sunday, was marked by earnest and consecrated work of the church members and leaders and a spiritual awakening throughout the community. Those who heard the evangelist recognized him as a gifted speaker and a devout Christian leader whose words are full of the true-gospel spirit. Rev. Lloyd Mayhew, a man of God, had charge of the music, and Miss Margie Melton, who was pianist, presented a Christian spirit of co-operation. The Merkel Quartette rendered several beautiful musical numbers at the services Sunday night.

The Baptist revival will begin Friday night, July 30, conducted by Brother Powers, a young evangelist and outstanding speaker, who impresses everyone with his dynamic preaching. Every one is invited to attend this series of services.

Out-of-town visitors at the bedside of Mrs. Jessie Neighbours the past week were Mr. and Mrs. Will Blair, Mrs. Jennie Russell, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Tucker, Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Rogers, Abilene; Mrs. George Anderson and Mrs. Dewell McClain, Grandma Perkins and grandson, Elvis Perkins, of Butman, and Mrs. George Clinton and children of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Orsborn left Saturday for Copperas Cove in response to a telegram of the serious illness of the latter's uncle, A. C. Sublett, of that place.

Mrs. A. C. Ellis of El Paso and Vivian Terrell of Fort Worth were the past week's guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Campbell.

Mrs. Lee Campbell and two children, Billie and Miss Bonnie Lois, John Campbell and daughter of Mt. Pleas-

ant, Mrs. Ira Thorton and daughter, Abbie Ruth, of the Plains, visited Wednesday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Meeks.

Miss Ann Lepard of Merkel spent the week-end with her cousin, Miss Mary Francis Harris.

Miss Edith Neill of I. X. L. dined with Misses Sarah and Neva Malone Sunday.

Abb Harris had a very painful accident the past week by getting his hand mashed. He will be laid up for a few days, but we hope it will not be serious.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Scoggins and daughter, Misses Frances and Nell, left for a ten days visit with relatives in Wood county. Mrs. Alonzo Peterson accompanied them to Gladewater to visit with a sister at that place.

Mrs. Howard Brown and family returned recently from an extended visit with relatives at Breckenridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Gosdin visited relatives at Iredell the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Latimer of Merkel spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Latimer and attended services at the M. E. church.

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### District VA Teachers Effect Reorganization

J. I. Moore, Abilene high school instructor, was elected to the presidency of the Abilene district of the Vocational Agriculture Teachers association at the re-organization meeting of the group in Stephenville recently.

Other officials named were: J. M. Williams, Winters, vice-president; D. C. Cox, Tuscola, secretary-treasurer; A. L. Baggett, Aspermont, adviser; C. H. Collinsworth, Merkel, reporter, and O. A. Faith, Bradshaw, Texas terracing contest committeeman.

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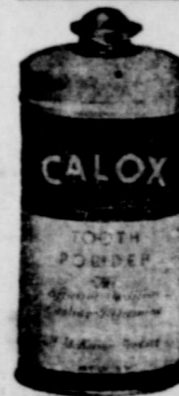
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HAW-TRU	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Williams, 3b	4	0	0	0	1	0
Grimes, cf	4	1	1	5	1	3
Justice, ss	4	1	1	1	1	0
Baxter, c, p	4	0	1	3	2	0
Hampton, lf	4	1	1	0	0	0
Stephens, lb, p	3	0	0	6	0	0
J. Grogan, 2b	3	0	0	2	1	0
J. T. Grogan, rf	0	0	0	0	0	0
Garner, p, lb	4	0	0	7	0	1
Ashby, p, rf	3	1	1	0	1	0
Eason	1	0	0	0	0	0

Totals 34 4 5 24 7 4  
 x—Hit for Stephens in 9th.

**DIVIDE**— AB R H PO A E

McLean, cf	3	1	1	0	0	0
Riney, cf	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jones, c	4	1	1	12	0	0
D. Seymore, rf	5	1	1	1	0	1
Hammonds, lf	5	1	2	2	1	0
Neill, 3b	3	1	1	0	0	1
Latimer, lb	3	3	0	11	0	0
Hanna, p	4	2	3	1	4	0
T. Seymore, 2b	1	0	0	0	3	1
Carpenter, 2b	1	1	0	0	2	2
Daniels, ss	3	0	0	0	0	6
Koerth, ss	1	0	0	0	1	1

Totals 33 11 9 27 11 5  
 Score by innings:  
 Hawley-Truby 001 002 010—4  
 Divide 403 200 20x—11  
 Summary—Runs batted in, Grimes, Justice, Hampton 2, Hammonds, Hanna 5, D. Seymore 2, Carpenter 2, McLean. Doubles, McLean, Hammonds. Home run, D. Seymore. Double play, Grimes, Grogan and Garner. Stolen bases, Grimes 3, Justice, Jones, Latimer. Bases on balls, Ashby 2, Stephens 3, Hanna 1. Hit batters, Ashby 2, Garner 1. Wild pitch, Ashby. Strike-outs, Garner 3, Baxter 4, Hanna 12. Losing pitcher, Ashby. Time of game 1:50. Umpires, Corley and Ferrier.

**TRENT**— AB R H PO A E

Payne, lb	4	0	0	7	0	0
D. H. Jones, 3b	4	0	0	1	3	0
L. Jones, rf	2	0	0	3	0	0
H. Tittle, rf	1	0	1	0	0	0
Boone, 2b	3	0	0	5	2	0
Cooley, lf	3	0	2	0	0	0
Hammer, cf	3	0	1	2	0	1
C. Tittle, ss	3	1	1	1	1	1
O. Jones, c	3	0	0	6	0	0
Ox Jones, p	3	0	0	0	1	0

Totals 29 1 5 x25 7 2  
 x—One out when winning run scored.

**NOODLE**— AB R H PO A E

Sharp, c	4	0	0	4	1	0
H. Vick, rf	4	0	1	0	0	0
R. Payne, p	4	1	1	2	1	0
E. Palmer, lb	4	1	2	11	0	0
N. Palmer, 3b	4	0	1	1	3	0
Williams, ss	4	0	1	2	4	0
C. Vick, 2b	3	0	0	2	1	1
Eason, lf	3	0	0	2	0	1
Ashford, cf	3	0	0	3	0	0

Totals 33 2 6 27 10 2  
 Score by innings:  
 Trent 000 010 000—1  
 Noodle 010 000 001—2  
 Summary—Runs batted in, C. Tittle, Williams, C. Vick. Double, E. Palmer. Triple, Hammer. Stolen base, Cooley. Double plays, Payne to E. Palmer; Williams, C. Vick and E. Palmer. Hit by pitcher, L. Jones by Payne. Left on base, Trent 2, Noodle 5. Strike-outs, Payne 3, O. Jones 5. Time of game 1:37. Umpires, Corley and Ferrier.

**SATURDAY'S GAME.**

**TRENT**— AB R H PO A E

Payne, lb	3	0	0	9	0	0
D. H. Jones, 3b	4	0	0	1	1	1
Hammer, cf	4	0	0	0	0	0
Cooley, 2b	4	0	1	3	2	0
Scott, lf	2	0	0	1	0	0
Bright, lf	2	0	0	0	0	0
H. Tittle, rf	3	0	0	0	0	0
C. Tittle, ss	3	0	0	1	2	3
O. Jones, c	3	0	0	9	0	0
L. Jones, p	3	0	1	0	4	2

**DIVIDE**— AB R H PO A E

McLean, cf	3	0	2	1	0	0
D. Jones, c	4	0	0	6	0	0
Hammonds, lf	4	0	0	0	0	0
Carpenter, 2b	4	1	0	5	2	1
Hanna, p	4	1	2	0	4	1
D. Seymore, rf	4	0	1	2	1	0
J. Seymore, ss	4	0	0	0	5	0
Latimer, lb	4	0	1	13	0	0
Neill, 3b	4	0	0	0	3	1

Totals 35 2 6 27 15 3  
 Score by innings:  
 Trent 000 000 000—0  
 Divide 010 000 01x—2  
 Summary—Runs batted in, McLean, Latimer, Double, Hanna. Sacrifice hit, Payne. Stolen base, Hammonds. Double play, Cooley, C. Tittle and Payne. Base on balls, Jones 1. Struck out, Jones 3, Hanna 5. Left on base, Trent 4, Divide 10. Time of game 1:27. Umpires, Corley and Ferrier.

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## COMPERE NEWS

Brother Bill Murdock preached at the Baptist church Sunday morning. Every one enjoyed having him and his family visit with us.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Childers of Big Spring visited relatives in this community over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Terry and daughter, Eva Dean, visited Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lucas at Aiken last week.

Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Ray and children spent last week fishing on a river near San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Horton are visiting friends and relatives near Lufkin this week.

Mrs. L. R. Stanley and children are visiting her sister at Big Spring.

Mrs. N. C. Palmer and children have gone this week to visit her sister and family on a ranch south of Big Spring.

Little Ella Fae Lucas, who has been ill with infantile paralysis, is improving nicely.

Brother Estes of Winters preached at the Presbyterian church Sunday night. The meeting will continue through this week.

Several from this community at-

tended church at Hope Sunday night. Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Touchstone have gone to East Texas for a visit with friends and relatives this week.

George R. Reneau visited in this community last week.

Ben Adkins and O. W. Johnson visited J. W. Adkins at Sylvester last Friday.

## Eight County Schools Get Standardization

Standardization of eight Taylor county schools has been granted by the state department of education, County Superintendent T. M. McGehee was notified Wednesday.

The schools are Buffalo Gap, Butman, Elmdale, Hamby, North Peak, Pleasant Hill, Salt Branch and Union Ridge. Notification may come later of standardization of other schools, McGehee said.

Standardization in grade schools is equivalent to affiliation in high schools.

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## Modern Gas Appliances Shown at Dallas Exhibit

Latest modern gas appliances and conveniences for Texas people are on display at an exhibit sponsored by the Lone Star Gas system at the Greater Texas and Pan American Exposition in Dallas. Featuring cooking appliances, general heating, water heating, refrigeration, air conditioning, and industrial uses of gas, the exhibit shows how the gas industry is bringing improved service to consumers.

Covering 16,000 square feet in a wing of the Varied Industries building, the area is air conditioned by gas and affords a cool place for relaxation for Exposition visitors. The exhibit houses a comfortable auditorium which has a seating capacity of 250. The stage is equipped with a model gas kitchen.

A daily feature is a free cooking demonstration given on the auditorium stage by Miss Albertine Berry, home economics director for the Lone Star Gas System. Miss Berry prepares a complete meal for a family. At the conclusion of each demonstra-

tion, visitors are chosen from the audience by a drawing and invited to dine with a company hostess at a dinner, food for which is prepared by Miss Berry at the cooking demonstrations. Each cooking demonstration begins at 4:30 p. m. daily and concludes at 6 o'clock when the dinners are served in a private dining room near the auditorium. Adjoining the auditorium also is another model kitchen from which visiting housewives may secure suggestions for planning their own model kitchens.

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**Catherine Morton and Weldon Coats Are Wed**

On Saturday morning, July 17, Weldon Coats, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Coats, and Miss Catherine Morton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Morton of Abilene, former residents of Merkel, were married at Baird, with Elder C. C. Andrews, Church of Christ minister, officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Wade Denton of Abilene attended them.

The young couple will make their home with the groom's parents here, where Weldon is associated with his father in the well drilling firm of J. T. Coats and Sons.

**Marriage of Couple At Baird Announced**

Last Saturday morning at Baird, Miss Ruby Lois McDaniel, of Greenville, a student in Abilene Christian college, and Leon McGaughey, who is employed as operator at the Queen theatre, were united in marriage, the rites being performed by Elder C. C. Andrews, Church of Christ minister. They were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Coats, who had been married by the same churchman a week before.

The young couple have an apartment with Judge and Mrs. N. D. Cobb.

**RURAL SOCIETY**

**SALT BRANCH CLUB ENJOYS PICNIC.**

A picnic was greatly enjoyed by members of the Salt Branch Home Demonstration club on the evening of July 22. Following the picnic lunch, a short business session was held and then all entered heartily into games—which was the most enjoyed of the delicious lunch or games was hard to tell—any way all are looking forward to another picnic on Aug. 5; place, Buffalo Gap.

Those present: Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Hudson, Mr. and Mrs. Beene, Mr. and Mrs. L.B. McClain, and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Nim Teaff and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Pinkley and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Jarrett Pinkley, Mr. and Mrs. Bacucus and sons, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Harrell and family, Mrs. Raymond Higgins, Misses Lena Fay Harrell, Celia Hester and Lorene Higgins.

**WARREN CLUB.**

The Warren Home Demonstration club women met in the home of Mrs. Luther Land on Tuesday, July 27. Mrs. Ross Baker, vice-president, called the house to order, and Miss Gladys Martin, Jones county agent, gave a sponge cake jelly roll demonstration. She also gave booklets on canning and recipes to those present. Songs and tap dances were given by Doris Jane Hudson of San Angelo and Lou Jane Land.

Delicious refreshments were served to Mesdames Joe Higgins, Mack Buzbee, Ross Baker, Ada Higgins, Jack Higgins, Price, W. C. Lee, Roy Harrell, Miss Lena Faye Harrell, Clarence Harrell, Donald Harrell, Doris Jane Hudson, Nancy Allen, Dannie, Jean Price, Lou Jane Land, James Luther Land, Miss Gladys Martin and the hostess.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. Price on Tuesday, Aug. 17, at 2:30 o'clock. All members are urged to be present.

**Early Pension Checks.**

Austin, July 29.—Texas' needy aged probably will receive August pension checks a week earlier than usual. W. A. Little, acting director, said the old age assistance commission will begin mailing payments Aug. 2, barring unexpected delays, because federal matching money was on hand.

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

**Comings, Goings**

(Continued From Page One.)

Huffman and son, Will Huffman, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Smith and children and May and Roy Huffman.

Mrs. Raymond Neal and daughter, Margaret Rebecca, of Hugo, Okla., are guests of her aunts, Mrs. Adah Heeter and Miss Sadie Woodrum.

Mr. and Mrs. Harden Reed of Slaton have been visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Reed, and other relatives the past week.

J. F. Walker, of the Humble Pipe Line Co., attended the banquet given to the oil men by the Abilene Chamber of Commerce on Friday evening, the 25rd.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Reeder and daughter, Odell, of Comanche, spent part of the week with their mother, Mrs. Mary Reeder, and brother, U. S. Reeder.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Thomas and daughter, also Mrs. J. A. Milliken and grandson, Wayne McLean, spent Sunday with the Mrs. Thomas' parents in Comanche.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Coats and Mr. and Mrs. John Stock and son, Kenneth, of Ibeex, returned home this week-end after vacationing in New Mexico and Colorado.

Rev. R. A. Walker, Mrs. W. M. Elliott and D. I. Shelton were among those from Merkel who attended the funeral of M. L. Alexander at Tye Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Stockbridge returned Sunday from Mineral Wells where they had gone for the funeral of Mrs. Stockbridge's uncle, C. B. Caveness, which was held Saturday.

Miss Jannell Black, who visited a cousin at Sweetwater and later visited on the Divide, returned home Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Black and Miss Mary Jo Garland were also Divide visitors Sunday.

Mrs. H. C. Reid and son, Billy George, left Tuesday to join her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hester, and family at Abilene for a visit to the Greater Texas and Pan American Exposition at Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Spears of Albuquerque, N. M., are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Spears. A daughter, Mrs. C. E. Patterson, of Lubbock, has also arrived for a visit in the Spears' home.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen D. King and son, Allen D., Jr., and Miss Olive Mae Reed were in San Angelo on business one day last week. They also visited the latter's brother, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Reed of Christoval.

R. A. Burgess, formerly superintendent of the Merkel schools and now superintendent at Perryton, and Mrs. Burgess were here for the week-end. On Monday they removed their household goods to Perryton, their new home.

Leaving Friday of last week by automobile for the Pan American Exposition at Dallas and other points in East Texas were Miss Geneva Foster of Tye, Mrs. J. A. Lane, T. L. Lane and Misses Eda and Mary Lane of Abilene.

After spending two weeks at Lamaca, Miss Bersha Mae and Truett Thompson returned home when Mrs. E. H. Thompson and two daughters went after them. Miss Lloydola Thompson returned with them to stay several weeks.

Mrs. Doss Sheppard and daughter, Miss Marian Sheppard, of Dallas are guests of Mrs. S. W. Sheppard and Mrs. Frank McFarland and other relatives. On Monday Mrs. McFarland, Mrs. Doss Sheppard and Miss Sheppard and Mrs. A. T. Sheppard left for a trip through Carlsbad Caverns, returning Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Grimes, who were accompanied by their daughters, Misses Betty and Sue, and Mrs. Cyrus Pee, were expected home Thursday from Fort Worth and Dallas where they went for the fall market season. They also saw Casa Manana at the Fort Worth Fiesta and the Pan American Exposition attractions.

After visiting with Mr. Ensminger's sister, Mrs. George Sapp in Lewiston, Idaho, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ensminger and son, Junior, and Miss Aileen Frazier, a niece of Mrs. Ensminger, plan to return home by way of Washington, Oregon, Arizona and New Mexico, visiting relatives on their way. They also expect to visit Mrs. Ensminger's sister, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Frazier, in El Paso.

Guests Friday of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Turner were Captain and Mrs. Edgar Turner Noyes and children, Nancy, John and Joan, who were en route from Hamilton Field Air base in California to Chanute, Ill. Captain Noyes is a nephew of Ed Turner's. While on the way to his new station Captain Noyes will visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Noyes in Lampasas, and with Mrs. Noyes' relatives in San Antonio.

Judge and Mrs. N. D. Cobb, accompanied by their grandson, Billy George Coker, who is paying them a summer visit, returned Thursday of last week from a tour of Central and South Texas that took them to Robertson county, the old home of Judge Cobb. They also included Galveston and Hunts-

ville in their itinerary. At the latter place they went through the penitentiary and visited the old Sam Houston Normal. They returned via Fort Worth.

After spending several months away at Dobbs Springs and Baker Springs in the Ozarks of Arkansas and visiting at Texarkana, Mrs. Silas Jones has returned to Merkel to be with her son, Charlie Jones, and daughter, Mrs. Lindsey.

**"Poker Flat" Brings Red-Blooded Action**

Bright with action and romance and sacrifice, colorful with its picturesque setting in a turbulent gold camp of the fifties on the slopes of the California Sierras, RKO Radio's "The Outcasts of Poker Flat," which shows at the Queen theatre one day only, Saturday, offers a wealth of interest to film-goers. Preston Foster is starred and Jean Muir heads the notable supporting cast of this picture version of Bret Harte's famous story.

In its dramatic crises the offering is said to attain unusual heights. The story covers a ten-year period in the Mother Lode country during the early boisterous years when adventurers from every corner of the globe flocked to the new Golconda, and every man carried his own law in the form of a cap-and-ball revolver stuffed in his belt or of a derringer up his sleeve.

Swift and deadly gun battles, fortunes won and lost on the turn of a card or the spin of a wheel, the baby "mascot" of the camp growing up to become an expert gambler while still in pigtails; the coming

of law and order, religion and education to the little community among the pine trees, the jealousies and romances that stemmed from its progress, and the first stirring of public conscience that led to the gripping climax of the story—these are all woven into the vivid pattern of the film.

Besides the two principals, such favorites as little Virginia Weidler, Margaret Irving, Van Heflin, Frank M. Thomas, Billy Gilbert, Bradley Page and Si Jenks are in the cast of the picture. Christy Cabanne directed, with Robert Sisk as producer.

**Burns and Miss Raye Co-Starred in Comedy**

America's fastest growing comedy team—Bob Burns and Martha Raye—are co-starred for the first time in "Mountain Music," a gay story of love among the hillbillies, which shows at the Queen theatre for the "Owl" show Saturday and continues Monday and Tuesday.

Teamed for the first time—accidentally—in the Bing Crosby musical hit "Rhythm on the Range," Burns and Miss Raye have climbed to the top as fun-makers despite the fact that they have appeared together in only three pictures to date and were "teamed" in only two of these. The acclaim they received in these pictures, which also included "The Big Broadcast of 1937" and "Wakiki Wedding," led Hollywood executives to give them a starring vehicle of their own.

The careers of both Burns and Miss Raye have been unique in movie annals. Both came to pictures from the radio and made their debuts

in "Rhythm on the Range." Burns had been in show business for many years and was getting along with passing success when he was suddenly "discovered" by Rudy Vallee. The "discovery" led Crosby to make a place for him in the "Music Hall of the Air" hour on the radio, which increased the drawing Arkansas's popularity so greatly that Crosby had a role written into "Rhythm on the Range" for him.

Miss Raye, daughter of a vaudeville couple, has been an entertainer practically all her life. It was while she was appearing at the famous "Trocaadero" in Hollywood that she was "discovered" by Norman Taurog, film director, who was looking for a comedienne to play opposite Burns in the Crosby picture. Despite the brilliant cast in "Rhythm on the Range," Burns and Miss Raye shone so brilliantly that they were off for stardom from the very beginning.

"Mountain Music" is ideally suited for Burns' unique talents. Written by MacKinlay Kantor, author of "The Voice of Bugle Ann" and other noted film stories and novels, its locale is in the Ozark Mountain region, the country from which Burns hails and which he made famous over the air and in his writings as the home of the great American hillbilly.

A brilliant cast of supporting players has been assembled for "Mountain Music." Such well-known character players as George Hayes, Jan Duggan, Fuzzy Knight, Rufe Davis and Spencer Sharters will be on hand as Burns' relatives while the love interest will be maintained by John Howard and Terry Walker, the latter Paramount's beautiful "magazine cover girl" who makes her film debut in this picture.

**Local Realtor Invited To HOLC Conference**

George Boyce, well known real estate man and local representative of the Home Owners' Loan corporation, received a special invitation to the conference of Texas real estate brokers representing H. O. L. C., which was held at the Adolphus hotel, Dallas, on Thursday of this week. One of the features of the day's program was a luncheon in the Palm Gardens of the Adolphus sponsored by the Dallas real estate board.

While greatly appreciating the invitation, Mr. Boyce was unable to attend the meeting.

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Lemons, 360 size, doz. ....	38c	Red and White	Cider Vinegar, quart .....	15c
Lemons, 432 size, doz. ....	35c	Sun Spun	Salad Dressing, pint .....	25c
Tomatoes, 2 pounds .....	15c	Red and White	Tea, 1-4 pound .....	19c
Lettuce, head .....	5c	Red and White	Corn Flakes, pkg. ....	10c
Green Beans, pound .....	10c	Red and White	Coffee, pound .....	29c
Spuds, 10 pounds .....	38c	Early Riser	Coffee, pound .....	17c
Supreme		Red and White	Soap, 6 bars .....	25c
Salad Wafers, 1 lb. box .....	17c	Red and White	Shortening, 4 lb. carton .....	54c
Red and White		Red and White	Sliced Bacon, pound .....	33c
Tomato Juice, 3 cans .....	22c	Red and White	Cheese, pound .....	19c
Prepared		Pure Cane	Bologna, 2 pounds .....	25c
Spaghetti, 1 lb. can .....	10c			
Red and White				
Peaches, No. 2 1-2 can .....	17c			
Red and White				
Flav-R-Jell, pkg. ....	5c			
Sugar, cloth bag, 10 lbs. ....	53c			

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**MISCELLANEOUS SHOWER.**  
Mrs. Barney Douglas, a popular bride of this month, was again complimented when Mrs. Doris Coats and Miss Lucy Fae Dwigginns entertained Friday afternoon in the home of Mrs. P. A. Diltz.

Games and contests were interrupted with the arrival of little Peggy Scott who, entering the room carrying an umbrella, announced to Mrs. Douglas there was "going to be a shower" and in this way presented gifts.

A pretty party theme of pink and green was also stressed in a sandwich course with iced tea and cookies which was served at the refreshment hour. The guest list included Mesdames Barney Douglas, Paul Douglas, Will Webb, Oliver Webb, Bob McDonald, Harry Barnett, E. B. Wallace, Norris Barnett, Leon Scott, Terrell Mashburn, Leon Bigbee, Odell Crow, Misses Ruth Smith, Geraldine Teague, De La Vergne Teague, Frances Higgins, Sallye Orr, Coehne Morrison, Lois Perkins, Nadine Clack, Opal Buzbee, Thelma Mathews, LaVerne Hughes; Mrs. Ada Barrett, Mrs. Ed Caperton and Miss Lena Webb, Abilene, and Mrs. Rena Mae Terry of Brownwood.

**HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB.**  
The Merkel Home Demonstration club met Friday afternoon of last week in the home of Mrs. Fred Guitar.

The president called the meeting to order and, after the roll call, minutes of last meeting were read and the club song given. Johnnie McDonald and Bonnie Church presented a short play, and Mrs. V. B. Sublett rendered piano solos.

Plans were discussed for Rally Day Aug. 5 at Buffalo Gap. Every one is invited if they bring a well filled basket. The meeting closed with the club prayer.

Refreshments were served to Mesdames Bob McDonald, Harry Barnett, Clyde Shouse, Norris Barnett, Herbert Dunn, V. B. Sublett, C. P. Church, E. B. Wallace, John Hughes, Ted McGehee, two new members, Mrs. Stanley King and Mrs. Hill, and the hostess.

**SLUMBER PARTIES.**  
Miss Helen Heeter entertained the Tongue Twister club Monday night with a slumber party held in honor of Betty Reid, one of the club members who has recently moved to Santa Anna. Those who enjoyed the "midnight stroll" and a table of lovely refreshments were Misses Betty Reid, Lou Dale Gray, Anne Lee Blake, Billie McGehee and the hostess.

Miss Lou Dale Gray also entertained the club with a slumber party Tuesday night. The same guests, Misses McGehee, Heeter, Blake, Reid and the hostess enjoyed a few hours of sleep on the lawn. At midnight they partook of a buffet-style luncheon, and all spent a very pleasant night.

**13,000,000th Unit Built by Chevrolet**

Another milestone in industry was reached Wednesday, when the 13-millionth Chevrolet rolled off the assembly line in the Flint plant of the Chevrolet division, General Motors corporation.

In spite of interrupted production, Chevrolet's 13th millionth car was produced in a period of just two days more than 11 months, the second-shortest million-unit period in the company's history. Officials stated that the demand for the 1937 models has exceeded anything heretofore known, and that, but for the frequent interruptions of output since Jan. 1, production and workers' wages would have shattered all previous records, and the present milestone would have been reached from 60 to 90 days earlier.

Production of No. 13 million was marked by no ceremonies at the factory, but M. E. Coyle, general manager of the division, issued a brief statement from his Detroit office officially announcing the event, which was also the occasion for an informal luncheon, attended by Mr. Coyle, Mr. Holler, and other executives of the company.

When the present management, headed by Mr. Coyle, took over the reins in October, 1933, the company had built 9,000,000 cars and trucks. The 10-millionth was produced Nov. 20, 1934, the 11-millionth Dec. 4, 1935, and the 12-millionth August 5, 1936. Records show that it took 12 years for the company to build its first million units, while the remaining 12 million have been produced in a period of only 14 years. Mr. Coyle has been a member of the Chevrolet organization throughout the production of all but 120,000 of the 13-million units built to date.

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# CHURCH SERVICES

## Program for Meeting Of Presbyterian WMS

Following is the program for the meeting of the Woman's Missionary society of Grace Presbyterian church for Monday, Aug. 2:

Song, "Oh Worship the King."  
Devotional, Mrs. James West.  
Program subject: "China."  
"Our Missionary Personnel," Mrs. R. P. Lindsey.  
"We Got—We Ain't Got," Mrs. Selma Russell.  
"International Union, Missionary Women," Mrs. W. M. Elliott.  
Special song, Mrs. Bob Mayfield.  
"We Can't Let Well Enough Alone," Mrs. Ralph Walker.  
"On the Mesa," Mrs. Mayfield.  
Business meeting.  
Prayer.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.**  
Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m., followed by a communion service. Offering for Reynolds home. Preaching at 8:15 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8:15. Every one 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.

## Figures Show Most Fatal Auto Accidents Occur on Clear Days

"It is a startling fact, little known to the average motorist, that 85.7 per cent of all fatal automobile accidents in 1936 occurred on clear days," declares M. W. Knight, manager of the P. & K. Service Station, dealers of the B. G. Godrich company, makers of Safety Silvertown tires and other automotive goods, in discussing the intensive effort now being conducted to cut down highway accidents.

"Not only that, but 76.2 per cent of all traffic fatalities last year happened on dry roads, with conditions for driving excellent.  
"Last year 28,750 men, women and children were killed, and 707,930 injured by autos on clear days. Of these, 25,560 met their death, and 620,090 were injured when the roads on which they were traveling were dry.  
"Of course, it isn't so surprising, when thought out, because clear weather and good road conditions may often tempt drivers to speeds that are not safe, particularly if the equipment of their cars is not in tip-top shape.  
"Most drivers have learned that slowing down is vital under imperfect conditions. One of the main tasks before all those seeking to cut down the ghastly highway toll is to dampen the temptation to speed unsafely when good weather and roads just seem to beckon to the foot to tramp down a little harder on the accelerator.  
"Reports from every part of the country indicate that this summer's driving will be the heaviest on record. Automobilists, if they are to be as fair to themselves, their families,

## Church of Christ to Hold Revival Meeting

Elder E. S. Fitzgerald of San Antonio, who led the series of meetings for the Church of Christ here last summer, has again been selected for this summer's series of meetings beginning Thursday night of this week. Services will be held at the city tabernacle twice daily, the hours to be announced at the Thursday night service. Evangelist Andy Jones of Abilene will be song director.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.**  
Attendance at the six reporting Sunday Schools here last Sunday was 560, as compared with 631 on the previous Sunday. On the same Sunday a year ago 589 were present.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.**  
The revival meeting, conducted by Brother Weeden and Mr. Short, singer, closed Sunday night with several additions to the church. There were quite a number of young people who rededicated their lives to God. The spiritual life of the church has been greatly blessed.  
Our pastor will be away in a meeting next Sunday and Brother Walter Taggart, who was pastor here many years ago, will preach for us next Sunday.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8:15 p. m. B. T. S. at 7:30 p. m. W. M. U. at 4 o'clock Monday afternoon.  
Prayer meeting at 8:15 Wednesday evening.

**NAZARENE CHURCH.**  
During the pastor's absence while he is away holding a series of revivals, the pulpit is being filled by J. W. Campbell, of Abilene, elder in the Nazarene church.

All services will be held as usual. Every one is cordially invited to attend these services.  
R. T. Smith, Pastor.

**NORTHSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH.**  
Preaching Saturday night at 8 o'clock. Bible study at 9:45 a. m. Sunday. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Sunday. Prayer meeting Wednesday night at 8 o'clock.  
J. L. Burlison, Pastor.  
R. C. Reagh, Supt.

and other drivers on the road as they are in non-driving activities should take every precaution to make their driving safe.

"Checking of every part of the car, and especially the tires, brakes and headlights is one of the precautions for this safety that can be viewed as low-cost insurance. That, and checking the inclination to speed can do a great deal to cut down the terrible list of tragedies on the roads."

**Marijuana Fields Destroyed.**  
Austin, July 29.—Fields of marijuana that spread across 580 acres of Willacy county have been destroyed since July 15 by orders of the Texas public safety department, Governor Allred said Monday.

Second sheets for sale at Merkel Mail office.

We fill all doctor's prescriptions. Vick Drug company.

## Merkel Hospital Notes

Frank Hamm entered the Merkel sanitarium Wednesday for minor surgery and treatment. Another patient received the same day was Joe Weston, who received a foot injury when his horse fell on him while rounding up sheep on the Divide.

June Hogan, victim of a peculiar truck accident Saturday, was carried to his home Tuesday after minor surgery and treatment. W. W. Richeson, of Overton was also a patient for minor surgery.

Tonsillitides were had Monday by J. B. Griffith and daughter of Warren.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Payne of Noodle on Friday, July 23.

## Recognized Linguist To Judge "Name-a-Housewife" Contest

Dr. Charles Earle Funk, New York lexicographer and linguist, will judge entries in the West Texas Utilities Company's "Name-a-Housewife" contest, R. T. Gray, local manager, announced yesterday.

Information came from the general office in Abilene that Dr. Funk had accepted an invitation to name the winners in the campaign to "secure a more appropriate name for the modern West Texas woman."

Possibility that the name "housewife" may be omitted from dictionaries of the future was viewed as a result of Dr. Funk's participation as judge in the contest. He is senior member of the publishing firm of Funk & Wagnalls Company, New York, and is associate editor of the famous Funk & Wagnalls New Standard Dictionary. He has been given wide recognition as America's outstanding lexicographer.

The contest is based on the assumption that "the woman of today is no longer a slave to kitchen drudgery."

"This company is interested in selecting a name that will improve the English language," Mr. Gray said. "We have long felt that the word 'housewife' is a misnomer. It has been worn out by advertisers and has lost its value as a word describing the average woman in the average home. But there is no word that accurately applies to the woman who conducts her home economically and efficiently while at the same time developing herself intellectually and socially."

Selection of Dr. Funk as judge assures entrants "of a competent authority on the meaning of words and should result in national recognition for the winner as well as the reward of first prize, a super-duty Frigidaire," Mr. Gray said.

Entries in the \$500 contest, which closes Aug. 14, will be sent immediately to Dr. Funk. A total of 13 prizes will be awarded.

**Announce Birth of Daughter.**  
Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Smith of San Saba are announcing the birth of a daughter, named Nancy Leona, on July 15. Mrs. Smith is the former Miss Lorena Dry, Mrs. J. M. Dry, maternal grandmother, was present to welcome the new arrival.

**Named Arkansas Senator.**  
Little Rock, Ark., July 29.—Gov. Carl E. Bailey of Arkansas was selected by the state democratic committee as the nominee for the senate seat vacated by the death of Senate Majority Leader Joseph T. Robinson. Democratic nomination in Arkansas is equivalent to election.

Lettuce, head	5c	Okra, pound	12 1-2c
Large fancy pinks		Bell Peppers, lb.	15c
Tomatoes, 2 lbs	15c	Squash, lb.	5c
Celery, stalk	20c	Bananas, doz.	15c
Carrots, bunch	5c	Limes doz.	15c
Peas, pound	5c	Santa Rosa	
Nice and tender		Plums, dozen	20c
Beans, pound	10c		

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10 oz. package	<b>Jello, all flavors</b>	5c
<b>2 for</b>	<b>Grape Jam, qt. jar</b>	29c
	<b>Jar Lids, Kerr, 3 for</b>	25c
<b>Marshmallows</b>	<b>Milk, 7 cans</b>	25c
1 pound package	<b>No. 2 1-2 can</b>	
	<b>Pears, 2 for</b>	39c
<b>Tea</b>	<b>Best Maid</b>	
W. P. Orange Pekoe	<b>Salad Dressing, qt. jar</b>	29
<b>1-2 lb.</b>	<b>Absolutely Pure</b>	
	<b>Preserves, 3 lb. jar</b>	59c
	<b>Pickles, 24 oz. jar</b>	15c

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**Tomatoes, tall can, 3 for** 25c

<b>Coffee</b>	<b>Sugar</b>	<b>Syrup</b>
Monter Spoon Free	Pure Cane Cloth Bag	Pure Ribbon Cane
<b>Pound</b>	10 lbs.	Gallon
15c	55c	59c

**Peanut Butter, quart jar** 29c

<b>Wilco</b>	<b>Steak</b>
<b>Sliced Bacon, lb.</b>	<b>Chuck</b>
35c	<b>Pound</b>
	19c
<b>Bacon, sugar cured lb</b>	<b>Roast</b>
<b>Ham, half or whole lb</b>	<b>Chuck</b>
<b>Bologna, 2 lbs.</b>	<b>Pound</b>
25c	17c
<b>T-Bone Steak, lb.</b>	<b>Lunch Meat</b>
25c	<b>Assorted</b>
<b>Sausage, lb.</b>	<b>Pound</b>
19c	29c
<b>Veal Loaf Meat, lb.</b>	<b>Oleo</b>
15c	<b>All sweet</b>
<b>Calf Liver, lb.</b>	<b>Pound</b>
15c	20c
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