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PREMIUMS FOR 1937 FIRST BALE BEING RAISED

Committee From Lions Club Start Soliciting Funds; Cotton Must be Raised and Ginned in Merkel Trade Area.

Premiums to be awarded for the first, second and third bales of cotton for 1937 were being raised Thursday morning by a committee from the Lions club, consisting of Cleby Patterson, chairman, Henry West and O. R. Dye, appointed by President Self at Tuesday's luncheon.

As in years past, to qualify for first, second and third bale premiums, the bale must weigh 450 pounds, must have been ginned either at Merkel or at one of the three gins in Merkel trade area, viz., Noodle, Stith or Blair, and must have been raised in territory regularly served by these gins. It is predicted that the first bale may reach Merkel before the end of the week.

All-White Jury Re-Indicts Negro

An all-white grand jury re-indicted Lonnie Mitchell, Merkel negro, for murder of Chester C. Hutchison, Merkel city marshal, in April, 1936, after an hour and a half of investigations last Thursday.

Two negroes drawn on the 16-jury panel were excused from service by Judge Milburn S. Long, as first 12 men in the list were assigned to duty after none had shown legal excuses not to serve. The negroes, one of whom did not appear at the court house until after the charge was given, were the last two listed on the panel.

Mitchell was returned to the Taylor county jail Friday from Fort Worth by Sheriff Sid McAdams.

Trial of Mitchell will probably be set the second Monday in September, Judge Long has indicated.

Succeeds Guitar in Collector's Office

Following the resignation of Fred Guitler, Jr., who will manage the South Side gin again this year, County Tax Assessor-Collector Cosier Patterson announced the appointment of Joe Oypert to fill the place in the collector's office.

One of Merkel's most popular young business men, Joe Oypert, who has been associated for many years in the grocery business here, first with McDonald's grocery and later with the Campbell Grocery and Market, assumed his new duties Monday of this week.

Plan Watermelon Cut To Compliment Ladies

At Tuesday's luncheon of the Lions club, a committee of three was appointed by President Joe P. Self to raise premiums for the first, second and third bales of cotton brought to Merkel this year. The committee consists of Cleby Patterson, chairman, Henry West and O. R. Dye. The matter of first bale premiums was brought to the attention of the club by Henry West.

County Commissioner Jack Canon, himself a Lion, made some interesting remarks about Merkel's need of a highway from the north or northwest, emphasizing the fact that Merkel was entitled to this traffic coming from the Plains to South Texas.

A watermelon feast in celebration of ladies' night for the summer season was set for Tuesday, Aug. 24, at Shannon's on motion of C. P. Church. The latter was named as club representative to the HD picnic at Buffalo Gap, Supt. Connor Robinson being also designated as a representative to the picnic from the Lions club.

Prior to the luncheon Yates Brown led a song, with Miss Iris Garrett pianist. Only one guest was present, L. J. Miller, of Fort Worth, who filled several minutes with highly humorous remarks.

Reports of the district meeting at Weatherford, although deferred several weeks, were called from Yates Brown and C. P. Church.

President Self announced a director's meeting for 6 p. m. Wednesday.

Record of Births.
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Roquemore, Tye, Sunday, August 1, 1937.
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Wineford Mays, Stith, Sunday, August 1, 1937.
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Russell, Jr., Monday, August 2, 1937.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

George B. Black of Comanche was elected major for life of the Texas Ex-Rangers association in the 18th annual reunion held at Santa Anna.

J. W. Richey, 64, perished Tuesday night when a passenger train demolished his oil truck at a grade crossing two miles west of Sabin.

Shipments of all classes of Texas livestock during June totaled 8,177 cars, compared with 4,521 cars last year, an increase of 90 per cent.

Explosion of a gasoline iron which threw flames over Mrs. Frank Saliger, 52, of Gonzales, late Saturday, caused burns which proved fatal the following day.

The United States senate Tuesday confirmed the re-appointment of Clyde O. Eastus of Fort Worth as United States district attorney for the northern district of Texas.

Mrs. A. J. Parker was elected mayor of Roscoe in Tuesday's special election to succeed her husband, the late A. J. Parker, who was shot fatally early in June. She had no opponent.

During Governor Allred's two weeks absence on vacation in Old Mexico, Lieutenant-Governor Walter H. Woodul of Houston Monday assumed the reins of state government.

The Texas semi-pro baseball championship fell to the Waco Dons, winners of Sunday night's final set-to with the Grand Prize Beer nine of Houston by the score of 16 to 2.

Fire of unknown origin broke out early Sunday morning in the Allison drug store at Wichita Falls and in less than two hours had swept half the block and caused a loss estimated at \$250,000.

Mrs. Clara Driscoll Sevier, national democratic committeewoman from Texas, was granted a divorce from her husband, H. H. Sevier, former ambassador to Chile, it was learned Saturday.

Julian Montgomery of Fort Worth, former director of the public works administration in Texas, has accepted appointment as chief highway engineer to succeed Gibb Gilchrist, who has resigned effective Oct. 1.

George W. Patton, 55-year-old Henderson county farmer, was executed Friday morning at the state prison for the murder of Mrs. Carrie McGeebe, one member of a family of four killed and buried by Patton in his cow lot.

Paralyzed from the shoulders down after a diving accident Monday which broke his neck, Frank Duncan Cloud, 14-year-old Abilene youth, was reported "improving some" Tuesday night at the Hendrick Memorial hospital.

Rev. R. L. Irving, 72, who had been superintendent of the Bloys Camp Meeting association in the Davis mountains, was found dead near his automobile, jacked up, with a flat tire on one wheel, on the highway between Fort Davis and Marfa.

Four persons were killed in an airplane crash two miles northwest of Littlefield Sunday. They were: O. V. Sims, Slaton, who was piloting the plane; Verne C. C. Baxter, C. C. C. camp member, and Orvel Taylor and Henry Johnson, employees of a packing plant at that place.

Four persons of the Tell community met death Tuesday when an automobile in which they were riding crashed into a bridge abutment 15 miles south of Childress. The dead: J. T. "Cott" Garrison, 25, the driver; John Byrnes, 37; Mrs. John Byrnes, about 30, and Mrs. Zava Ashby, about 30.

Dr. S. M. Lister of Houston was re-appointed a member of the state prison board, Dr. C. W. Butler, Jr., of Crockett, and F. D. (Denver) Chestnutt, of Kennedy, were named by Governor Allred as new members to succeed W. A. Paddock of Houston and J. B. H. Holderby, of Fort Worth.

E. L. Buckley, San Antonio, said Sunday he and a group of associates are starting on a \$1,000,000 oil development project in the Corpus Christi area, to include among other things construction of a refinery and tank farm at Corpus Christi and a pipe line through the Corpus Christi field.

PUBLISHER FROM DENTON MAIN WTPA SPEAKER

Annual Convention of West Texas Newspapersmen to be Held At Sweetwater Aug. 13-14; Varied Entertainment.

R. J. Edwards, publisher of the Denton Record-Chronicle and president of the Texas Press association, will be principal speaker at the annual convention of the West Texas Press association Aug. 13-14 at Sweetwater.

Edwards will appear at a luncheon on the opening day, given for convention delegates by the Sweetwater club on the roof garden of the Bluebonnet hotel.

Entertainment program outlined includes, besides the luncheon, a golf tournament, boating, fishing and swimming at Lake Sweetwater on the afternoon of the opening day; a theatre party as guests of the R. & R. theatres in the evening, following a barbecue tendered by the Community Natural Gas company, and a dance in the evening.

Business sessions will be held Friday morning and Saturday morning at which well known speakers will address the editors.

R. Henderson Shuffler of Odessa is president of the West Texas Press association; Mary Dunbar of Palo Pinto, vice-president, and J. C. (Jake) Smyth of Snyder, secretary and convention chairman.

Death Claims Sister Of Merkel Woman

Funeral services were held at Midland Tuesday afternoon for Mrs. W. F. Scarborough, 71, who succumbed early Sunday at Ruidoso, N. M., to heart failure. The funeral sermon was preached by Dr. Lee R. Scarborough of Fort Worth, a brother of the deceased's husband.

Mrs. Scarborough, who was one of the pioneer residents of Midland, having lived there with her husband for approximately 40 years, had been in ill health for 18 years and had been an invalid for the past three years. She, her husband and three daughters, along with Dr. Lee Scarborough and wife, were at their summer homes at Ruidoso at the time of her death. She was discovered dead in her bed early Sunday morning.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Scarborough is survived by six children, all of whom were present for the funeral, nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild. She was the daughter of Mrs. Emily Wiman of this city, and the mother, three sisters and three brothers also survive. Mrs. George West, a sister, accompanied by Miss Mary Anna Mayfield, a niece of the deceased, attended the funeral Tuesday, having been driven to Midland Monday by her son, Paul West. Other sisters are: Mrs. B. A. Cox and Mrs. Ed Stephenson, Augusta, Ark. The brothers are Tom and Arthur Wiman, Roscoe, and Milton Wiman, Tulsa.

Go to Copperas Cove For Uncle's Funeral

Attending the funeral of their uncle, Cull Sublett, who was buried at Smith cemetery, the family burial plot near Copperas Cove, on last Saturday, were the following Merkel relatives: V. B. Sublett, Mrs. Tyre Sublett and son, Jack Sublett, Mrs. Ennis Orsborn, Mrs. W. J. Hayes and Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Hunter and children. Miss Wanda Hunter, Marvin Hunter and Mrs. Glen Woody of Lubbock. They were joined at Brownwood by Mrs. Mace Sublett.

Daughter of R. P. Fields Dies at Waco

Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Fields were called to Waco Wednesday of last week by the death of the former's daughter, Mrs. Nadine Ashcraft, who died at a Waco hospital early Wednesday. Funeral services were held at 4 p. m. Thursday from Compton's chapel, Waco.

Besides her father, Mrs. Ashcraft is survived by her husband, E. L. Ashcraft, and two daughters, Mary June and Dorothy Ann Ashcraft.

Sleep-Walker Killed.
New York, Aug. 5.—Since childhood Norville Douglas, 17, had been a sleep walker. Early Sunday he walked out the window of his fourth floor bedroom and was killed.

ANNUAL PICNIC OF TAYLOR HD CLUB WOMEN

Encampment Grounds at Buffalo Gap Scene of All-Day Meeting Thursday; Music Furnished by Merkel School Band.

Annual rally of the Taylor county home demonstration club women was being held Thursday in the Presbyterian grounds at Buffalo Gap. While previous encampments have been for women only, this year the HD club members invited their husbands, families, county officials and newspapermen as guests.

The day's program included a basket lunch at noon, swimming in the afternoon and a program lasting from 10:30 a. m. until 4 p. m.

Miss Lola Ohlhausen of Wylie is chairman of the committee arranging for the event, other members being Mrs. J. M. Hamilton, of Colony Hill, Mrs. J. H. Hamilton of Wylie and Mrs. Johnny Cox of Salt Branch.

Judge J. P. Stinson of Abilene was to be the principal speaker, addressing the crowd just before lunch. Mrs. J. M. Radford, also of Abilene, will describe visits to China.

Each of the 15 clubs was expected to present a "stunt" at the rally, with prizes of \$2, \$1 and a ribbon going to the three best.

Music was to be furnished by the Merkel school band, members of which were transported to the grounds in the school bus driven by Supt. Connor Robinson.

State Church Leaders Listed on Program For Camp Meeting

Leaders of the Presbyterian church, U. S. A., in Texas are on the program of a state-wide camp meeting scheduled at Buffalo Gap Aug. 15-22, first of its kind to be staged by the church.

Preacher for the week-long gathering is to be Dr. Everett King, pastor of the Hemphill church at Fort Worth, one of the largest in the state. Also from Fort Worth will come Dr. L. R. Hagan to direct music, and Mrs. Gordon Weir of Abilene will be pianist.

Rev. Ben H. Moore of Brownwood has been named dean of the training school, credit to be given for its courses by the board of Christian education. Adult courses will be in charge of Rev. Edgar Hubbard, for 15 years pastor of a church at San Antonio.

"The meeting will be educational as well as evangelistic in scope," explains Rev. J. L. Cleveland of Abilene, district missionary and member of the general committee, which includes Rev. C. H. Ward of Ballinger and Rev. R. A. Walker, Merkel pastor.

"Although sponsored by the Presbyterian church, the meeting will be open to non-members as well," he said.

Merkel Schools Will Open September 13

The second Monday in September, which is the 13th of the month, has been set by the Merkel school board as the date for the opening of the 1937-38 session of the Merkel Public schools, it was announced by Supt. Connor Robinson, following a meeting of the board.

Details preliminary to the opening of the schools will be announced at an early date, he said.

Relief Afforded From Hot Spell

Relief from the hottest spell of the summer was afforded the Merkel section in thunder showers and an electrical storm about dark Wednesday afternoon.

Only a quarter inch of rainfall, however, was recorded by the gauge of Volunteer Weather Observer Grover Hale, although reports from Stith and points north and east were to the effect that rainfall was much heavier in those sections.

The month of July passed with only a quarter of an inch rainfall locally.

Sentenced to Reformatory.
Los Angeles, Calif., Aug. 5.—Mrs. June Bates, 38, mother of four children, was sentenced in federal court to five years in the women's reformatory at Alderson, W. Va. The woman was convicted of attempting to extort \$500 from John Beles, film actor.

DOUBLE HEADER CARDED INTER COMMUNITY LEAGUE FOR SATURDAY'S CROWD

THREE TEAMS UNDEFEATED

State Bank, Mars and Lions Clubs Top Percentage Column With 2 Wins Each.

While the State Bank softballers were idle during the week, the Mars and Lions club teams each annexed a game to move into a tie with State bank for first place.

Lions and Tye did not play Thursday. Results of the other games follow:

FFA-Tom Cats 6, Mars 9.
Noodle 13, Salt Branch 6.
Stith 5, Lions 7.

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

Next Tuesday, Aug. 10, Lions and State Bank play the first game, with Tye and Noodle matched for the second game of the day.

TEAM	W	L	Pct.
State Bank	2	0	1.000
Mars	2	0	1.000
Lions	2	0	1.000
Stith	1	2	.333
Noodle	1	2	.333
Tye	0	0	.000
FFA-Tom Cats	0	1	.000
Salt Branch	0	3	.000

Former Merkel Man Heads Chamber of Commerce at Anson

Burl Scott, former Merkel automobile dealer and first president of the Merkel Lions club, has been selected as president of the recently re-organized chamber of commerce at Anson.

Announcement of the choice of Douglas Triplett, Anson newspaperman, as secretary and the selection of Miss Nancy Maude Milsap as office assistant, made Tuesday, completed the organization.

39,726 See Caverns in July

Carlsbad, N. M., Aug. 5.—Every state in the union, the District of Columbia, Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico and 22 foreign countries were represented among the 39,726 visitors at the Carlsbad Caverns National park in July.

Week-End Mishaps Kill 200

Chicago, Aug. 5.—Week-end traffic accidents on the nation's highways left almost 200 dead and many hundreds injured.

Merkel Students Rank High

Misses Opal and Walderine Huskey were included in the 13 highest ranking students in Draughon's Business college, Abilene. Both sisters had an average grade of A in all their subjects.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, August 3, 1917.)

Great Patriotic Rally Thursday evening at Tabernacle. The program committee consists of Mesdames Anderson, Burroughs, Greene, Howard and Bland. The following boys compose the honor roll and are making preparation to be away in a short time: Ray Adams, Louis Baker, Fauss Banner, Edgar Breeze, Bice Brown, Arthur Derrington, Frank J. Ferrier, De Gercus, Wm. R. Green, James F. Holloway, B. Jobe, Pete Meek, Frank O'Brient, Herbert Rieker, Paul Stanford, Bill Sheppard, Paul Turner, George White, L. B. Wells, Riley White, B. White, L. Powers, Z. T. Lamar, Emzi Burroughs, Thos. Bearden, Sam Swann, Roger Hamblett, Jas. Brown, Emmett Grimes and Emmett Boring.

Honoring her son, James R. Brown, and Emmett Grimes, Mrs. Geo. Brown entertained at her home with a dinner Saturday evening. These two young men who are among the first to be called from our town for army service preferred not to wait to be drafted, went to Dallas Saturday night where they joined the hospital corps and were transferred at once to San Antonio.

The friends invited to spend this

last evening with the honor guests were Misses Zora Coggin, Lara and Stacy Adkisson, Zora West, Mary Reed and Elma Sheppard; Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Easterwood, Frank McFarland, John West, Emmett Grimes and James Brown.

On Wednesday evening a number of friends were entertained by Jinks Winter at his home northeast of town.

Those present from Merkel were Misses Mamie Rister, Susie Penn, Evelyn Williams and Ona Hamblett, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Rogers, Messrs. E. Q. Warren, W. B. Brown, W. E. Brittain, Sam Swann, Bud and Clyde Sears; from Abilene Misses Wilson, Ann, Lola and Glen Lassiter. Members of the house party beside the host were Messrs. and Mesdames Sam and Hodge Winter and Miss Aiken of Hawley.

Sergeant H. Scarborough visited his aunt, Mrs. H. M. Mayfield, and family this week. He left here for the camp at Fort Worth. He is in the artillery division.

Miss Erab Brady is visiting relatives at Whitesboro.

Trent and Noodle Battle in Opening Game, Followed by Hawley-Truby vs Divide; First Game Called 1:30 P. M.

Mark Lefty Hanna won his sixth victory in Merkel's Inter-Community league Wednesday by shutting out Noodle, 10 to 0. He allowed only seven scattered hits while striking out sixteen.

His team-mates played errorless ball and pounded three Noodle hurlers for twelve hits to make the victory an easy one.

By defeating Trent 5-4 in an exciting ninth inning finish Saturday, Hawley-Truby held on to their second place standing in the league percentage table, with odds decidedly against their overcoming Divide, however.

The latter team, as yet undefeated, has three more starts, two with Hawley-Truby and one with Trent. Hawley-Truby also has only three games to play, their third game being with Noodle.

A double-header is scheduled for Saturday, the first game being between Trent and Noodle, according to original schedule, while the nightcap brings Hawley-Truby and Divide in a postponed contest. First game will be called at 1:30 p. m.

Hawley-Truby and Divide will also play next Wednesday.

WON IN NINTH

More baseball history was recorded when Hawley-Truby scored three unearned runs in Saturday's game to defeat Trent 5-4.

Trent drew first blood, scoring two runs in the second inning on only one hit. Payne singled, was safe at second when H. Tittle's slow roller was taken too late to force him, both runners advanced on a passed ball and scored on infield put-outs.

Truby tied the score in the fourth, also with the aid of only one hit, a single by Bartlett. Two errors combined with the hit to score two runs.

Trent again went ahead in the fifth, scoring once, and added another in the ninth, only to have their infield go to pieces in the last of the ninth. Four infield errors and a double by Williams were sufficient to score the three runs.

From a pitching standpoint, the battle was a toss-up, Jones of Trent and Price of Truby allowing only four hits each. Jones, however, struck out five Truby players and didn't walk a man, while Price struck out only two and walked two. Price also hit one batter.

Box score of the game appears elsewhere in this issue of The Mail.

BATTING HONORS

In Wednesday's game, Hanna and N. Palmer continued their hot race for individual batting honors, with Hanna holding only a slight lead. Hanna hit safely twice in five trips to leave his average .423, while Palmer.

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George West's Gulf Station Wins Award In Highway Contest

The Gulf Service station in Merkel, operated by George West, was announced as the winner in Taylor county in the service station beautification contest sponsored by the state highway department. Notice of the award was received by George West last Thursday.

Order and cleanliness were features especially emphasized in the Taylor county beautification contest, the service stations being judged on the following score: 10 points each for general appearance, cleanliness of rest rooms, neatness of premises, maintenance of building, and planting of flowers and shrubs; 20 points of the absence of unnecessary and unsightly signs, and 30 points for a generous distance between the station and highway.

The E. L. Hamilton brick home, just north of the Tye overpass, won farm home honors in Taylor county in a similar highway department beautification contest.

Baseball

(Continued From Page One.)
er garnered two hits in four times at bat to boost his average to .412.

Box score of this game will be printed next week. The line score follows:
Divide 101 031 004—10 12 0
Noodle 000 000 000—0 7 3
Hanna and Jones; E. Palmer, N. Palmer and Ashford, Eason.

LEAGUE STANDING.

Table with columns: TEAM, W, L, Pct. Rows: Divide (6 0 1.000), Hawley-Truby (3 3 .500), Trent (2 5 .286), Noodle (2 5 .286)

Divide Easy Leader In Club Batting

Undeclared in five starts, Divide not only tops the percentage column of the Merkel Inter-Community league but also leads in club batting by a decisive figure.

Batting average of the Divide club in the aggregate is .255, with Hawley-Truby second, averaging .211 in hitting for the season.

Club batting averages, including Saturday's game, as compiled by League Statistician Burnis Tucker, follow:

Table with columns: TEAM, G, AB, R, H, Pct. Rows: Divide (5 184 41 47 .255), Truby (6 209 33 44 .211), Noodle (6 238 26 40 .192), Trent (7 234 12 33 .162)

Lefty Hanna Tops Circuit Sluggers

Including Saturday's game, only six hitters in the Merkel Inter-Community league are batting better than .300 this season.

Pitcher Hanna of Divide tops the list with an average of .429 in five games. N. Palmer and E. Palmer, Noodle infielders, follow with averages of .385 and .333, respectively.

Official averages as compiled by League Statistician Burnis Tucker follow:

Table with columns: PLAYER, G, AB, R, H, Pct. Rows: Hanna (D) (5 21 8 9 .429), N. Palmer (N) (4 13 1 5 .385), E. Palmer (N) (6 21 5 7 .333), D. Seymour (D) (5 22 5 7 .318), Noodle (D) (5 19 4 6 .316), B. Bradford (H) (4 16 4 5 .313)

(D—Divide; N—Noodle; H—Hawley-Truby.)

The University of Naples, Italy, was founded in 1224.

The first well drilled for oil, the Drake well of 1859, was 69 1-2 feet deep. Today wells 10,000 feet deep are quite common.

St. Peter's cathedral, Rome, has an area of 227,009 square feet, by far the greatest among the world's churches.

Typewriting and carbon paper at Mail office.

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

Adding machine rolls 15c or two for 25c; regular retail price everywhere. For Sale at Merkel Mail office.

"Park Avenue Logger" Powerful Drama With Virile George O'Brien

Picturesque in its scenic background, powerful in its dramatic theme and nerve-tingling in its thrilling action, "Park Avenue Logger," George O'Brien's second George A. Hirliman Production for RKO Radio release, comes to the Queen theatre Friday and Saturday as one of the star's most interest-compelling outdoor vehicle in years.

David Howard was director of the current thriller, which is reported to be their best joint effort since becoming established several years ago as the foremost star-director team in the screen's outdoor picture field.

Adapted from the Saturday Evening Post story by Bruce Hutchison, "Park Avenue Logger" concerns the exciting adventures of a wealthy scion of a lumber millionaire, who convinces his father that he is an intellectual giant more interested in pursuing scientific phenomena than exercising his physical attributes. The deception works according to his highest expectations and he is shipped off to a logging camp where the father hopes he will make use of his brawn. The young man's daring exploits in the big tree country, where he satisfies his elemental passion for physical labor and battling, supply the thrilling events leading to a whirlwind finish.

Beatrice Roberts, former Ziegfeld girl and Atlantic City beauty contest winner, makes her debut as O'Brien's leading lady in the role of a courageous girl who struggles to save her invalid father's lumber business from failure at the hands of Willard Robertson and Ward Bond, character heavies portraying two conspiring foremen. Bert Hanlon, former vaudeville comic; Gertrude Short, popular film comedienne, and Robert E. O'Connor have roles of importance.

The awe-inspiring beauty of the big timber belts in Oregon, Washington and Northern California supply the outdoor background for most of the exciting action.

In His Newest Film Joe E. Brown Depicts Small Town Editor

Bringing Richard Macaulay's famous character of Elmer Lane to the screen, Joe E. Brown, cavern-mouthed comedian, will be seen at the Queen theatre for the "Owl" show Saturday, also Monday and Tuesday in a new photoplay, "Riding on Air," based on the popular stories which have appeared in the Saturday Evening Post for several years.

As the small town newspaper editor who becomes involved in a sensational big city scoop, Brown has a role tailor-made to his inimitable style of comedy in this, his second David L. Loew production. While serving as a local correspondent for a big metropolitan daily, a gangster killing occurs virtually under his nose. He helps a rival reporter scoop him by personally flying the story and pictures of the crime to the competitive paper, believing he is taking a sick dog to a Chicago veterinary.

Ridiculed by the big city newspaper, as well as by the natives of his home town, Brown decides to reinstate himself by running down a smuggling ring running perfume across the Canadian border by air. Before he can carry out his plans, he is pursued by angry citizens who believe he has embezzled their money in a radio beam company organized by Guy Kibbee, a Chicago confidence man with a record who has used him as a pawn.

With the use of the projected radio beam, an invention of his buddy, Brown takes out after the smuggler's plane, engages in a thrilling air battle, walks out on the wings of his own plane and shoots down the enemy ship with a shotgun. He returns home a hero.

"Midnight Court" With Ann Dvorak Coming to Queen

There have been many stories with action taking place in courtrooms but as far as records show, there never has been one about the comparatively recent institution, the Night Court. And so there is much novelty to the new Warner Bros. melodrama "Midnight Court," which features Ann Dvorak with the new film convert from Broadway, John Littel, as leading man. It has been booked by the Queen theatre on Wednesday and Thursday.

"Midnight Court," the producers explain, while valuable in expediting the trials of petty offenders is a place that sometimes works for the plans of hardened criminals, who there pick up new recruits to their ranks from among the discouraged young men who form the bulk of the prisoners.

In this story, new members are drafted for an automobile-stealing gang which has been getting away with hundreds of new cars, disguis-

ing them and shipping them elsewhere to be sold.
Miss Dvorak, in "Midnight Court," is an official stenographer. Before the bar appears Littel, once her husband and a brilliant attorney, but now an unkempt and drunken vagabond.
The theme of the picture is Littel's rehabilitation, with Ann's aid, and his brilliant work in breaking up and convicting the auto thieves' gang.

Peridical Check-up Of Cases Planned in Old Age Assistance

Austin, Aug. 5.—Reinvestigation of the rolls is the normal process by which a social welfare program is adjusted to changing economic conditions, State Pension Director W. A. Little explained this week.

"It is logical that an assistance grant made six months ago is probably either too small or too large for the present needs of an applicant. 'Reinvestigations' means that the Old Age Assistance Commission is going back and studying cases to see if each grant meets the needs of the individual," he added.

Little said the old age assistance program under both the Texas and federal laws was based upon the grants of aid being in the exact amounts of the needs of the applicants. He pointed out that continuous reinvestigations were an important part of any welfare program.

"When a grant is changed, either by being raised or lowered, such action must come only after the studied and serious consideration of the conditions surrounding the particular individual, of his needs, of his resources. To change a person's grant without a complete study of his case would be thoroughly unfair," the director declared.

The diamond is the hardest of all minerals.

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

Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office.

Office supplies—Mail office.

Lake Abilene State Park Affords Many Inviting Camera Shots

Camera enthusiasts are finding many subjects for experimentation in photography at Lake Abilene State park, James Bates, manager of park concessions, announced Monday. Visitors are greeted by an imposing contrast in terrain, pecan and elm groves, Indian signs along Elm Creek, Big Chief Mountain, thickets of algerita, and signs of the historic old Chisholm and Butterfield cattle trails.

Other views inviting camera shots are great fields of cotton, wheat, corn, and oats in contrasting colors. On the shores of Lake Abilene action shots of motor boating, fishing, and canoeing await the visitor. Aquatic activities are in readiness for the eager camera at the park swimming pool. An atmosphere of relaxation and freshness prevails at the pool in a setting of clear water and pure sunlight offset by open pergolas that ramble along one side of the pool. A rolling Bermuda terrace leads off along the banks of Elm creek.

Attend Picnic of Beall Family at Lake Sweetwater

On Sunday, July 25, the Beall family, embracing Mack Beall and four sisters and their families, enjoyed a picnic at Lake Sweetwater. Going from Merkel were Mrs. J. L. Tucker and daughter, Miss Elma Tucker, and there they met a son, A. J. Tucker, from Vernon, who came with parties from that city.

Others present were: Mrs. Ida B. Piersall, Hutchinson, Kans.; Mrs. W. H. Perkins, Clovis, N. M.; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wallis, Earl Wallis, Mr. and Mrs. Burnett Orr, Miss Gaurnette and Thurman Hawkins, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Holder, Cecil Holder, Nolan; Mr. and Mrs. John Holder, Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell Holder and daughter, Margaret Ann, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Prim, Sweetwater; Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Beall and daughter, Ella, Malcolm Beall, Austin; Mrs. Kenneth Thornton, Haskell; Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Culberson and Jacquelyn and Cub, Jr., Vernon.

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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Misses Blanche and Alice Carey were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Merritt of Hebron.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Shannon of Fort Stockton spent Sunday and Monday here with Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Bright and other relatives.

Miss Doreen Scott of Abilene spent a few days here last week visiting friends and attending the Methodist revival.

Mr. and Mrs. John B. Winn and son, J. B., Jr., went by automobile to Sonora Thursday and spent Thursday night with their daughter, Mrs. Horace Taylor and Mr. Taylor. Together they visited San Antonio and other points of interest along the route, returning home Sunday.

Isom Burks returned home last Friday from Odessa, due to a fractured ankle while employed there.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Stribling have returned to their home in the White Flat community after a visit with relatives at Meridian. They returned by way of Fort Worth and Dallas to attend the Expositions.

Maxine Clements of Abilene spent a few days this week with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nalley.

Mrs. B. C. Hamner of Wink is a guest of her mother, Mrs. Joe Brown. She will be accompanied home by her three children, who have been visiting their grandparents, Mrs. Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Will Hamner, while she and her husband were vacationing in Old Mexico with Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Stevens.

Mrs. Casey Wash and baby daughter of Odessa are continuing their visit one more week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Johnson.

Mrs. T. J. Carleton has returned to her home in Carlsbad, N. M., after spending the summer months with her son, Rev. Alsie Carleton and Mrs. Carleton.

Mrs. Ida Wilson of Coahoma visited Friday of last week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vessels. She also visited a cousin, Tom Murdock, of Merkel. Mrs. Jane Vessels, her mother, returned home with her after visiting with relatives. Mr. Vessels and Mrs. Wilson are cousins.

Miss Mildred Steadman, student of Texas Tech, Lubbock, was a week-end guest of her mother, Mrs. Asha Steadman, and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Gafford. Miss Steadman was an attendant in the early morning marriage of her teacher-friend, Mary

Ellen Jackson, to R. B. Tanner, of McCauley. Mrs. Tanner and Miss Steadman taught together in the Goodman school.

METHODIST REVIVAL YIELDS RESULTS.

The Methodist church closed its revival with the Sunday evening service, Rev. C. A. Long, presiding elder, Abilene, preached for the twice daily services. Rev. Alsie Carleton, the pastor, had charge of the music.

Five members came on reclamation, 13 took the vows of the church, including 11 who sought baptism.

Prayer groups were held daily. Rev. R. O. Bailey led the parents' outdoor prayer service each evening. The young people met on the lawn of Mr. and Mrs. John Payne, with Mrs. Carleton as leader, while the children organized into a Booster band under the direction of Miss Beatrice Cooley.

VESPER SERVICE.

Trent chapter of the Union of the Lighted Cross held a vesper service Sunday afternoon on the lawn of the home of Mrs. John Payne. With membership open to young people of the entire community, the chapter is sponsored by the Methodist church, of which Rev. Alsie Carleton is pastor. Mardell Shouse, district president, discussed "Talents and Time", and Imogene Mangum, Hughie Cooley, Van Sawyer and Mrs. Carleton were speakers. James Strain gave the scripture lesson and Hughie Cooley presided for a business period.

Others present were Charles Andy Shouse, Wilma and Lola Fern Martin, Ruby Cooley, Tom Sawyer, Vera Bright, Sally Roberts, Dan Williamson, Hazel Wanda Williamson, Mrs. Helen Williams, Lucille Howell, Glennie and Annie May Sawyer, Edwin and Alvis Cooley, R. T. and Verle Bishop, Charles Jones of San Antonio, Elsie and Raydell Bishop, S. E. Armstrong, L. D. Jones and Wilson Bright.

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DORA DOINGS

The Methodist revival closed Sunday with several additions to the church by letter and baptism. The Baptist meeting began Monday night, with Rev. Ed Dunlap of Sweetwater First church doing the preaching, and will continue through ten days, meeting at 10:30 a. m. and 8:10 p. m. You are invited to be there.

Pleasant week-end visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Tyrone were her brother, Rev. George E. Hardy, pastor of the New Gulf First Methodist church, and Mrs. Hardy, Mrs. Seymour Hardy of N. C. and Mr. and Mrs. Elbie Kendrick of Clyde.

Mrs. C. O. Holt has as her guests this week her sisters, Misses Christine and Jessie Brown, of Caps.

Miss Doris Boyett of Sweetwater is a pleasant visitor with her aunt, Mrs. J. M. Holder, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Elliott left Sunday for ten days in Eastern New Mexi-

co, stopping with Dr. and Mrs. Lovelace in Lamesa Sunday night.

Mrs. Effie Dunlap and Lott Hailey of Clyde were married Thursday night of last week and will be at home to their friends at her home east of Nolan.

H. A. Tyrone trucked a load of cattle to Fort Worth Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Reynolds of Elm Grove are spending the week here with her daughter, Mrs. John Dudley, and Mrs. E. P. Perry.

Everett Perry Jones is a victim of mumps this week, but is doing nicely at this writing.

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Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Usery of Sweetwater were visiting relatives here Sunday.

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NOODLE—	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
C. Vick, 2b	5	1	2	4	1	1
Ashford, c	4	0	0	2	1	0
C. Williams, ss	4	0	0	1	1	0
E. Palmer, 1b, p	4	0	0	9	2	0
H. Vick, rf	4	1	1	1	0	0
N. Palmer, 3b	4	1	2	2	3	1
C. Justice, cf	4	0	0	0	0	0
Eason, lf	4	1	1	3	0	0
Payne, p, 1b	4	1	0	2	4	0

Totals	37	5	6	24	12	2
HAW-TRU—	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
S. Williams, cf	5	0	2	1	0	0
Hampton, lf	4	0	1	1	0	0
V. Justice, ss	4	1	2	0	2	1
Baxter, c	5	1	1	8	1	0
Bradford, 3b	5	2	2	0	6	2
Ashby, rf	5	1	3	1	0	0
Stephens, 1b	4	0	0	14	0	1
J. Grogan, 2b	3	2	1	2	2	1
Garner, p	0	0	0	0	0	0
Price, p	3	2	1	0	2	0

Totals 38 9 13 27 13 5
 Score by innings:
 Noodle 040 000 100—5
 Haw-Tru 011 301 12x—9
 Summary—Runs batted in, Eason 2, C. Vick, C. Williams 2, Ashby 2, Baxter, Price 2, V. Justice 3, Bradford, Doubles, S. Williams, Bradford, Sacrifice, Price. Stolen bases, Hampton 2, Eason, Payne. Double plays, C. Vick to E. Palmer. Earned runs, Noodle 3, Truby 8. Left on base, Noodle 6, Truby 12. Hit batters, Payne 2. Base on balls, Price 1, Payne 2. Wild pitcher, Payne, Price. Passed ball, Baxter. Strike-outs, Payne 1, Price 8. Innings pitched, Payne 7 2-3, 9 runs, 12 hits; E. Palmer 1-3, no runs, 1 hit; Garner 1 2-3, 4 runs, 4 hits; Price, 7 1-3, 1 run, 2 hits. Losing pitcher, Payne. Winning pitcher, Price. Time of game 2:09. Umpires, Corley and Ferrier.

SATURDAY'S GAME.

TRENT—	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Hammer, cf	4	1	0	4	1	0
D. Jones, 3b, c	2	0	0	3	1	0
Cooley, 2b, 3b	3	0	2	1	2	1
C. Tittle, ss	4	0	0	0	3	2
Payne, 1b	4	2	2	11	0	1
H. Tittle, rf	3	1	0	0	0	0
Scott, cf	1	0	0	2	0	0
Bright, lf, 2b	4	0	0	1	1	0
O. Jones, c	1	0	0	2	0	0
H. Jones, 2b, lf	2	0	0	0	0	3
L. Jones, p	3	0	0	1	3	0
Hutcheson, 2b	1	0	0	1	1	2

Totals	32	4	4	26	12	9
x—2 out when winning run scored.						
HAW-TRU—	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Williams, cf	5	0	1	2	0	0
Bartlett, 2b	5	1	2	1	6	0
Justice, ss	4	1	0	2	4	0
Baxter, c	4	0	0	2	2	1
Bradford, 3b	4	1	0	1	4	2
Hampton, lf	4	0	0	2	1	0
Ashby, rf	3	0	0	1	0	0
Stephens, 1b	1	0	0	6	0	0
Hollis, 1b	3	1	1	10	0	0
Price, p	4	1	0	0	2	0
Grogan	1	0	0	0	0	0

Totals 38 5 4 27 19 3
 xx—Hit for Ashby in 9th.
 Score by innings:
 Trent 020 010 061—4
 Haw-Tru 000 200 095—5
 Summary—Runs batted in, Bright 2, O. Jones, Cooley, Bradford, Hampton, Price, Williams, Bartlett, Doubles, Williams, Hollis. Sacrifice,

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Carpenter's Gap News

(Omitted Last Week)
 Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Gregory and family spent the past week-end with relatives at Big Spring.
 Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Brown, parents of Joe Brown, and twin daughter and son of Greenville, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Brown, also Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Hall of Greenville. Other visitors were Mrs. Brown's parents and family; Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Williams, Mrs. Bettie Williams, Mr. and Mrs. James Henderson and Mr. and Mrs. John Dooley and sons.
 Miss Ruth Maxwell is doing nicely and will return home from the Abilene hospital this week.
 Joe Brown spent part of last week in Wichita Falls on business.
 Mrs. Code Maxwell and daughter, Waldine, have gone to spend several weeks with Mrs. Maxwell's son and family of Corpus Christi.
 Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Murdock and sons and Miss Eno Thompson of New Mexico were recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Brown, also Mr. and Mrs. Luther Morgan and son, Leon, of Greenville.
 Mr. and Mrs. John Dooley and family, M. S. Bettie Williams and Mr. and Mrs. James Henderson have returned from a visit with relatives near Levelland.
 Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Melton and little daughter, Vernell, have been visiting relatives here, also Miss Neida Melton.

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BLAIR ITEMS

The revival meeting now in progress at the Baptist church, conducted by Rev. Earl Powers, is going along in a fine way. Rich in simplicity and frankness, his messages have brought manifold blessings. Don't miss the soul-stirring messages. Every one is invited to attend the services.

There is still some fear over the critical condition of Mrs. Jessie Neighbors. Out-of-town relatives attending her bedside are Mrs. James Farr and son of Archer City, Jim Burfeind and son, Lewis, of Guthrie, and Mr. and Mrs. Vernal Clinton of Abilene.
 Misses Pearl and Marie Fouts and Miss Frances Phillips of Iredell are the house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Gosdin for the week.
 Mrs. Gertie Davis and sons, Max and W. L., and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Davis of Salt Branch were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Melton recently.
 Odell Latimer and sister, Miss Evelyn, returned home Wednesday after two weeks visit with relatives in Douglas, Ariz. They were accompanied home by their uncle, Mr. and Mrs. L.

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 Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Melton and baby have returned home after several months stay in Arizona.
 Jack Bird of Lubbock was a week-end visitor with his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Peterson. The parties motored over to Stith and visited

with their father, Mr. Bird, and other relatives Sunday.
 Rev. and Mrs. Earl Powers and attractive daughter, Miss Birdie, of Palava, visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell.
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You are hereby commanded to summon Maria L. Garcia by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, to appear at the next regular term of the 42nd District Court of Taylor County, to be held at the Court House thereof, in Abilene, Texas, on the first Monday in September, A. D. 1937, the same being the 6th day of September, A. D. 1937, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 21st day of July, A. D. 1937, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 11,158-A, wherein Domingo Garcia, is Plaintiff, and Maria L. Garcia, is Defendant, and a brief statement of plaintiff's cause of action, being as follows: Plaintiff alleges that Plaintiff and Defendant were married about Jan. 2, 1928, and separated about June 1, 1936. That there is no community property; that there are two minor children. Plaintiff sues for divorce on the ground of cruel treatment, also for the care, control and custody of Alice Garcia, one of the minor children, all of which is fully shown in plaintiff's original petition, now on file.

Herein fail not but have before said Court at its next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, on this 21st day of July, A. D. 1937.

(Seal) Belle Wellborn, Clerk District Court, Taylor County, Texas.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION.

THE STATE OF TEXAS. To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County—Greetings:

You are hereby commanded to summon Erma Divan by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, to appear at the next regular term of the Forty Second District Court of Taylor County, to be held at the Court House thereof, in Abilene, Texas, on the first Monday in September, A. D. 1937, the same being the 6th day of September, A. D. 1937, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 2nd day of August, A. D. 1937, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 11,177-A, wherein O. E. Divan is Plaintiff, and Erma Divan is Defendant, and a brief statement of plaintiff's cause of action, being as follows: Suit for divorce to dissolve the marriage of O. E. Divan and Erma Divan, to award the custody, care and control of two minor

children to defendant, Erma Divan. That plaintiff, O. E. Divan, and defendant, Erma Divan, were legally married on the 15th day of Feb. 1930, and separated permanently on the 18th day of February, 1932. Plaintiff sues for divorce on the grounds of cruel treatment and there is no community property; and all of which is fully set forth in plaintiff's petition on file in said Court.

Herein fail not but have before said Court at its next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, on this 2nd day of August, A. D. 1937. (Seal) Belle Wellborn, Clerk, District Court, Taylor County, Texas.

Gaston Family Holds 4th Annual Reunion

The fourth annual reunion of the R. E. Gaston family was held Sunday at Lake Cisco, when 95 descendants and a few friends spent the day in true fraternity. The first Sunday in August is the stated date for the members of this family to gather in reunion.

Those present included: Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Gaston and children, Gatesville; Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Gaston and children, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gaston and children, Mr. and Mrs. John Zachary and children, and Betty Jo, Lester and Joyce Johnson, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Goen and children, Winters;

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. King, Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Willie King and children, Abilene; Mrs. Maimie Polk, Oklahoma City, Okla., Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Terrell, Stamford; Mr. and Mrs. George King, Mr. and Mrs. Zeke King and children, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Shelby King and daughter, Odessa; Mr. and Mrs. John Lilljedahl, Ireland; Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Herring, Gatesville; Rabon Balch, Lometa, and Albert Pollard, Oglesby.

Visitors attending the reunion were Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Pruitt and children and Bonnie Jean and Utence Sellers, Rule; Tom J. Truss, Gatesville; Mrs. Rosie Goen and children, Winters; Mrs. Stella Abernathy, Mrs. Loyce Rutledge and Katie Lou Abernathy, Abilene.

RURAL SOCIETY

COMPERE CLUB.

The Comper Home Demonstration club met July 22 in the home of Mrs. Thos. Marshall. Miss Martin, Jones county agent, was present and plans for further work were discussed.

Visitors were served with a delicious chilled punch.

Next meeting will be with Mrs. Ramsey on Aug. 12. Jelly rolls will form the topic and Miss Martin will conduct the meeting.

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PERSONALS

Horace and CoVene Daniel visited Sunday with relatives at Wichita Falls.

Mrs. Mary Orr has as her guest her sister, Mrs. W. R. Carnell, of Yuma, Tenn.

Mrs. C. P. Stevens visited Sunday with her sister, Mrs. G. L. McCracken, at Hamlin.

Mrs. Elsie Nash and son, Billie, are visiting her sister, Mrs. Inez Haggard, in Globe, Ariz.

Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Sadler have as their guest the former's mother, Mrs. Lula Sadler, of Montalba.

Mrs. G. J. Jones arrived Monday for a visit with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Grimes.

Mrs. E. H. Jowers and little daughter, Jean Acton, of Kermit, are spending a few days here with friends.

Mrs. J. A. Adkisson of San Antonio is here for a visit with her mother, Mrs. Mary Orr, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Pannell and family were guests last week in the Frank Demere home in Mulberry canyon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mansfield left Monday for a week's vacation visit to Ruidoso Springs, expecting to return via El Paso.

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Morgan of Tyler arrived Tuesday for a visit with Mrs. Morgan's sisters, Mrs. Charles K. Russell and Mrs. Fred Latham.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Patton and daughter, Aubrey Lee, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Massey and children, visited last week in Durant, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Jackson and son of Oglesby in Coryell county were passing visitors Monday with Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Adcock. Mrs. Jackson and Mrs. Adcock are cousins.

W. I. Bilton arrived Saturday from Waco for a visit with his brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Reagh, and family. He will leave shortly for the sanitarium at Carlsbad.

Mrs. Jimmie Harris and daughter, Joan, of Bryan, are here for an extended visit with Mrs. Harris' mother, Mrs. Ollie Skidmore, and Mr. and Mrs. Lige Harris and other relatives.

Mrs. W. M. Zachry of Waco, also her daughters, Miss Eileen Zachry and Mrs. Vernie Pass and son of Houston, spent Saturday in the home of Mrs. Zachry's sister, Mrs. Frank Demere.

Mrs. George Caple returned Tuesday night from Goree where she visited her sister, Mrs. Aubrey Adkins, and was present to welcome the arrival of a nine-pound boy born to Mrs. Adkins Monday.

Mrs. W. H. Jackson and Misses Chrystal Jackson and Ganie Gailey of Strawn are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Lee. Mrs. Jackson is a sister of Mrs. Lee, while the young ladies are Mrs. Lee's nieces.

Having leased her home to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Guitar, Jr., Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt is preparing to spend the winter months with her daughters, Mrs. H. E. Brittain and Mrs. E. A. Hargrove, in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe P. Self and daughter, JoySue, went to Dallas Monday where Mrs. Self received treatment for an eye. Mr. Self returned the same day, but Mrs. Self and daughter remained for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Darsey and two children of San Angelo were week-end visitors with his father, J. T. Darsey.

Other visitors Sunday in the Darsey home were Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Darsey, Jr., who were over from Abilene.

Mrs. Maimie Polk of Oklahoma City, who has been the guest the past few weeks of her sister, Mrs. J. T. King, is now visiting in East Texas. It was the first time in 22 years that the sisters had seen each other.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Bird and Mr. and Mrs. Stacy Bird are enjoying a vacation trip to Colorado Springs and Yellowstone Park. Friends have received cards during the week from Cheyenne, Wyo., showing spectacular rodeo scenes.

Returning Monday night from a summer visit to California, Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Dye, Jr., and daughter, Peggy, were accompanied by Mrs. Bob Russell, who is visiting her sisters, Mrs. Adah Heeter and Miss Sadie Woodrum, and other relatives.

While on a vacation visit with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Earthman, at Dalhart, Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Earthman enjoyed trips to many interesting points in New Mexico, including Eagle Nest lake, the Red River village and Taos.

Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Gardner and two daughters, Misses Billie and Becky, left Wednesday for a motor trip to California. They were accompanied by Mrs. Ross Ferrier, who will visit her sister, Mrs. J. E. Faucett, at Los Angeles, and three brothers, also in California.

Week-end guests of Postmaster and Mrs. Wrenn Durham were Mrs. H. C. Rane and Miss Bess Farris, of Fort Worth, aunts of Mrs. Durham. On Sunday the Durhams and their guests drove over to Brownwood to visit Mrs. Durham's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Clements. Returning they were also

accompanied by Miss Vivian White of Brownwood, who left with the Fort Worth visitors on their return home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Spears, who were accompanied by Mrs. Spears' brother, W. Z. Littleton, who is their guest, have returned from a visit of several days with a son, Bob Spears, and family at Wellington, also with Mrs. Spears' aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Aldredge, at Odell.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Isham and two children, Waldon and May Vivian, of Harrodsburg, Ky., were the house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Blackaby and daughter, Pauline, and Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Royalty and daughter, Carolyn Louise, from Saturday of last week until the following Thursday. The Isham family planned to attend the Pan American Exposition and Frontier Fiesta on their way home.

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LOCAL BRIEFS

Changing the name to P. & K. Service Station No. 2, Patterson and Knight assumed operation the first of August of the filling station formerly operated as the Corner Garage and announce that J. C. Berryman is to be in charge.

Smith's Cold Drink Stand at the ball grounds are offering a round of lemonade to the winner after each of the games in the Inter-Community league.

Frank Golladay was among the twenty agents and service station attendants for the Continental Oil company who were present for a sales meeting and supper Thursday night of last week at the Hotel Wooten, Abilene.

More than twenty well developed bolls were counted on a stalk of cotton brought to the Merkel Mail office by Mrs. S. G. Vaughan, grown on the Garoutte farm northwest of town. Maize heads from the same farm also gave most promising prospects.

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| Bananas, pound | 5c | Sun Spun | Salad Dressing, pint | 25c |
| Tomatoes, 2 pounds | 15c | Pure Cane | Sugar, cloth bag 10 lbs. | 51c |
| Lettuce, head | 5c | Blue and White | Cocoa, 1 lb. can | 12c |
| Green Beans, pound | 8c | Red and White | Milk, 4 small or 2 large | 15c |
| Spuds, No. 1 white, 10 pounds | 38c | Prepared | Prunes, 2 lb. package | 25c |
| Supreme | | Blue and White | Salt, 4 pound carton | 9c |
| Salad Wafers, 1 1-2 lbs. | 22c | Red and White | Pears, No. 2 1-2 can | 19c |
| Prepared | | Special | Brooms, each | 25c |
| Spaghetti, per can | 10c | Congress | Crisco, 3 lb. can | 59c |
| Blue and White | | Red and White | Sliced Bacon, pound | 33c |
| Perk & Beans, per can | 7c | Red and White | Bologna, pound | 15c |
| Red and White | | | | |
| Salmon, per can | 25c | | | |
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HAYNES REUNION.

Four generations of the W. D. Haynes family met in happy reunion Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Haynes of this city. One son, P. T. Haynes, of Oklahoma City, was the only absentee, the occasion being a compliment to a daughter, Mrs. L. H. Nixon, who arrived this week from Berkeley, California.

The rooms were decorated with crepe myrtle and dainty marigolds with bachelorette buttons centering the dining table where a covered dish luncheon was served to the grown-ups while the children had their own table in the breakfast room.

The afternoon hours were spent in making pictures of the group; also Miss Madra Nixon, who is an accomplished musician, entertained at the piano together with songs by the younger children.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Haynes, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Haynes and son, Curtis Rosser Haynes, and grandson, Morris Haynes, Jr., all of Anson; Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Anderson of Lueders, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Arnette and daughter, Miss Vivian Ruth, of Anson, Mrs. L. H. Nixon and daughter, Miss Madra Nixon, of Berkeley, California, Mrs. W. F. Joyner of Tye, Mr. and Mrs. Comer Haynes and two sons, Billy Clyde and Jack, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Haynes and children, Dorothy Nell, Lora Pearl, Wayne and Helen.

HOUSE PARTY.

Members of the "Three F" club are enjoying a house party at the "Tin Can Ranch" this week. All outdoor sports are being gone in for "in a big way," this being a farewell outing before college takes the girls away. Mrs. S. D. Gamble is playing hostess to Misses Rachael Patterson, Verne Moore, Jane Ferguson, Frances Higgins, Hollis Perry, Betty Grimes and Sis Gamble.

SCAVENGER-HUNT.

Miss Dorma Lee Shelton was hostess on Monday evening of last week, entertaining with a most cleverly planned party in honor of Miss Frances Owens, who is visiting here from San Antonio. Entertainment was in the form of a scavenger-hunt; each guest was given a long list of things to be procured from over town with prizes to be awarded to those returning first with the required number of articles. Later iced melons were served on the lawn to Miss Owens and twenty-five guests.

DEPARTMENT ENTERTAINED.

Members of the young people's department of the Baptist church were given a most delightful outing at Cobb Park, Abilene, on Monday evening. Games of baseball were very exciting, after which a cold summer menu was spread picnic-fashion. Chaperones for the occasion were Mrs. W. W. Haynes, Mr. and Mrs. Byers Petty and Mr. Joe P. Self.

Members present were Misses Clara E. White, Thelma Mathews, Norma Patton, Nadine Cleck, Dot and Himalya Swafford, Helen and Pauline Joyner, Sarah Sheppard, Margaret Miller, Vivian Davis, Lucile Crick, Lora Pearl, Dorothy Nell and Helen Haynes, Marilyn Petty, Messrs. Robert Higgins, Lloyd Robertson, Elen Harrell, Dillard Dunn, Victor Joyner, Randal McNiece, Vernon Mansfield, Herman and Howard Carson, Wayne Haynes and Mrs. Caribel Moore.

SURPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Miss Rachael Patterson was a surprised honoree Friday evening for a theatre and slumber party, arranged by her aunt, Mrs. Bill Fugat, in celebration of Rachael's sixteenth birthday.

Following a showing of "Lloyd's of London," the guests motored out to the hostess' home at Noodle Dome to partake of a midnight feast. A delectable cold supper plate with punch was served with the birthday cake after which gifts were opened and fortunes were told.

A waffle breakfast was enjoyed before coming back to town. Those present were Misses Mary Collins, Pauline Joyner, Fannelle Gray, Hollis Perry, Mary Helen Mashburn, Jane Ferguson, De La Vergne Teague and Rachael Patterson.

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TELEPHONE THE MAIL

The Mail will be glad to receive news of entertainments or visitors in Merkel homes, as well as other news items of a general nature. If you have company, entertain friends or return from a trip please telephone 61 or 29.

CHURCH SERVICES

Series of Meetings Closes Sunday Night

According to present plans, the series of meetings at the city tabernacle led by Elder E. S. Fitzgerald of San Antonio under the auspices of the Church of Christ will close Sunday night.

The meeting is growing in interest, with splendid attendance and good preaching.

Services are held twice daily: at 4 p. m. and 8:15 p. m. Every one is invited to attend.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

Attendance at the six reporting Sunday Schools here last Sunday was 591, as compared with 560 on the previous Sunday. On the same Sunday a year ago 589 were present.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Sunday School 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.

All are cordially invited to attend these services.

Merkel Chapter OES In Regular Session

Tuesday night, Aug. 3, Merkel Chapter No. 212, Order of the Eastern Star, met in regular session, with Eugene Reese, as worthy patron, and Mrs. Georgia Allday, as worthy matron, presiding. Fifteen members and three visitors were present, and an interesting meeting was held.

Preparations for a Robert Morris program and annual picnic were planned and discussed, to be held the latter part of the month.

After the meeting adjourned, the members in a body gathered at the Merkel Drug store to celebrate the birthdays of Mose Cummins and Houston Smith by singing "Happy Birthday to You" and enjoying a dish of ice cream.

Visitors are always welcome. New members are being taken in, which should be an inspiration and incentive to all officers and members to learn the work and attend the meetings, as plans already are being made to attend Grand Chapter in El Paso in October.

Ten VA Boys Line Up To Feed Calves

The Merkel vocational agriculture boys are getting their projects lined up for the coming year. So far there have been ten boys that have selected and brought in and placed on feed calves that will be used.

Sam Swann, local breeder of Polled Hereford cattle, has sold three calves to Waymon Adeock, Ralph Russell and Clyde Deavers, respectively. Mr. Swann says that he is very much interested in the vocational agriculture work and has shown his appreciation of the work by selling these calves to the boys at just a little more than half of the present market price.

Other boys that have selected calves are: Glen Robertson, 1 calf, breeder, Bill Brown; Francis Harris, 2 calves, breeder, Bill Brown; Clyde Sears, 1 calf, breeder, Sears herd; Mark Malone, 2 calves, Harrison Malone, 2 calves, breeders, Malone brothers; Morris Clack, breeder, Nim Teaff; Morris Wozencraft, 1 calf, breeder, Douglass brothers, and a few other boys may feed calves, depending on the feed crop.

Other projects that will be carried by vocational boys are: poultry, including capons, laying hens, baby chicks and broilers, swine, both breeding animals and fattening animals, lambs, milk cows, cotton, milo and other field crops.

Marriage of Dewey Floyd to Abilenean

Lloyd J. Garmany of Abilene and Miss Dewey Fannie Lee Floyd, daughter of Mrs. H. C. Floyd, of Merkel, were united in marriage at 4 o'clock Monday afternoon, Justice of the Peace James Gray Bledsoe performing the ceremony in his office in the court house at Abilene.

The couple will be at home at 325 Butternut street, Abilene.

There are as many people in the United States who are younger than 26 as there are who are older.

A federal fish hatchery covering 108 acres will be built at Uvalde, Vice-President Garner's home town. The hatchery will cost \$100,000.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. As pastor will be at Baird, there will be no preaching service Sunday, and prayer meeting is temporarily suspended, owing to revivals that are being held and the extreme hot weather.

R. A. Walker, Pastor.

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. Burleson, Pastor.

R. C. Reagh, Supt.

Marie Louise, wife of Napoleon, never saw the emperor again after his exile to Elba.

Merkel Hospital Notes

Tonsillectomies were had during the past week by Hollis McCoy and by the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Wilson, who reside northwest of town.

Mrs. Jack Pomroy entered the sanitarium Monday for treatment. Mrs. Homer Tye received minor surgery on the same day.

Participate in Two Family Reunions

After attending the Adeock family reunion at Brady last week, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hunter and family and Mrs. Roy Coats went on to Temple for the Hunter family reunion, which was held at the Belton City park. They returned home Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Hunter and three children, Miss Wanda Hunter, Marvin Hunter and Mrs. Glen Woody of Lubbock, who went to Coppens Cove Friday for the funeral of Mrs. Hunter's uncle, Cull Sublett, also attended the Hunter family reunion and were spending the week in Temple.

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Pound 17c

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