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## SQUAD STARTS SEASON WITH CLYDE FRIDAY

### HAMLIN COMES TO BATTLE AGAIN WITH ALL-STARS

Picked Players from Merkel Inter-Community League Lose Twice to Oilers, But Match Another Pair of Games.

The Merkel All-Stars and the Hamlin Oilers are scheduled to meet in two games this week-end, the first to be played here beginning at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon and the second carded at Hamlin Sunday afternoon.

Price of admission to the grandstand will be 25c for everybody, the same scale as prevailed here last Saturday.

The Oilers copped both games with the All-Stars last week-end, Saturday's game resulting in a 6-2 score, while the Sunday game at Hamlin was decided 6-4.

Saturday's victory was due largely to Duck Weaver's heavy clouting, a homer, a triple and a single, driving in four runs, John Payne and Nolan (Continued on Page Six.)

### Want to See Donkey Ball Game—Just Wait

With fourteen temperamental donkeys as mounts, and a team selected from members of the Lions club matched against players selected from surrounding communities, Merkel fans have a novel treat in store on Friday evening, Sept. 24, when a donkey softball game will be played under the lights.

Place of the game and personnel of the competing players, including possible pet names of the donkeys, will be printed in The Mail next week.

Proceeds from the game will go to the Badger band fund.

### Week's Ginnings Exceed 1,500 Bales

A total of 1,514 bales were turned out by the six gins at Merkel and those at Blair, Stith and Noodle in the week ending Wednesday of this week, making 3,527 bales for the season for these nine plants.

Ginnings for the Merkel territory to the same date last year were 5,575.

### Farmers Discuss Need For Improving Cotton

Improvement of quality as an immediate need in the cotton growing business was discussed Tuesday before farmers in Abilene who gathered in open meeting at the call of the Texas Extension service.

A crowd of 492, by actual count, consisting mostly of farmers, heard E. A. Miller, agronomist, and F. E. Lichte, ginning specialist, describe the penalties being paid by farmers, ginners and buyers for handling low quality cotton, and recommend measures to improve the crop.

Unanimous approval of a plan to organize each community in the county for the uniform growing of good quality, pedigreed cotton was indicated.

To further discuss this plan a series of community meetings was scheduled, one of which was to be held in Merkel Thursday night of this week. On Thursday night of next week a similar meeting is scheduled at Tye.

### Record of Births.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Yandell, Trent, Friday, September 10, 1937.

### Gold Star Mothers' Day.

Hyde Park, N. Y., Sept. 16.—President Roosevelt issued a formal proclamation Saturday designating Sunday, Sept. 26, as Gold Star Mothers' Day.

### Auto Toll Higher.

Washington, Sept. 16.—Automobile fatalities in 119 major cities increased 11 per cent during the first 35 weeks of this year over the corresponding period of 1936. 5,949 persons died in city traffic during the eight months—579 more than last year.

### Son of Roosevelt to Wed.

Nahant, Mass., Sept. 16.—The engagement of John Roosevelt, son of President Roosevelt, to Miss Anne Lindsey Clark, Boston debutante, was announced Monday by Mrs. F. Haven Clark, of Nahant. The wedding date was not named.

### KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Thirty thousand students will be accommodated in the 122 school structures constructed by Texas WPA workers, it was reported Monday by E. A. Baugh, state director of operations for the federal agency.

Ivan Perkins, 22, New Mexico Normal university football player from Spur, died on the practice field at Las Vegas, N. M., a few moments after colliding with a fellow player.

E. W. Parrock, 48, of Randlett, Okla., was fatally injured near Bradshaw when a blow-out caused his car to leave the road and turn over twice.

Guy C. Raley, 53-year-old former Wichita county tax collector, was killed when his car smashed into a cement culvert 15 miles from Wichita Falls on highway 66.

George A. Pringle, 64, assistant cashier of the United States internal revenue department, Austin, dropped dead at his desk, apparently a heart attack victim.

Two unruffled bandits eluded officers Saturday after locking the woman cashier and two customers in a back room of the Garwood State bank, Colorado county, and escaping with \$915.

Approximately 77 per cent of the oil produced in Texas in July brought a price exceeding \$1.00 per barrel, Comptroller George H. Sheppard reported.

Patricio Cantu, 55, cattle trader of Laredo, died Sunday from a pistol wound after a scuffle in an automobile as he was being taken to Eagle Pass by a state ranger to face pending charges of sheep and goat theft.

Subscription of \$250,000 in stock of the East Texas Newsprint mill, to be constructed at Lufkin, was assured by members of the Texas Newspaper Publishers association at the concluding session of the two-day meeting held at Galveston.

George E. Kepple, 71, for eighteen years recorder of the Arabia Temple Shrine and founder of the Houston Chronicle's Good Fellows fund to buy toys for needy children at Christmas, died Monday.

A total of approximately 12,000 employers and 605,250 employees now are "covered" by the unemployment compensation system in Texas.

In the same room in the family farm home near Benbrook where his father died a half century ago, Ex Boaz, 78, retired physician and farmer who moved to Tarrant county in 1873, succumbed Tuesday after a long illness.

The suit of Mrs. L. A. Joiner, divorced first wife of C. M. (Dad) Joiner, discoverer of the largest East Texas oil field, to place the Joiner Oil company in receivership was dismissed by a district judge at Dallas for want of prosecution.

The body of Jesse Wilson, negro, charged with slaying Constable Jess Mathews of Beckville, was found hanging in his cell at Henderson. Wilson had hanged himself with the aid of bed clothing.

### List of Petit Jurors Called Next Week

The jury panel in 42nd district court for next week includes the following names:

A. T. Sheppard, G. A. Garvin, G. W. Holden, T. C. Allen, O. P. Leach, Lee Ponder, Dan Reidenbach, Merkel, H. H. Grubbs, B. B. Baker, T. H. Barksdale, George Parrott, J. G. Crow, Dr. Scott W. Hollis, I. R. Dunn, S. E. Chambers, Ed Clements, Theiss S. Jones, Dallas Scarborough, L. S. Kuehn, G. A. Green, I. W. Hoover, A. J. Hollis, Albert Wilson, J. M. Perry, Lucian Webb, H. E. Boils, E. V. Boils, E. A. Turner, G. C. Boswell, G. W. Clark, J. B. Rowan, W. M. Motley, Frank Massey, Emil Faust, C. W. Clements, A. J. Sumrall, R. L. Osborn, Abilene; J. C. Williams, W. I. Pappas, Lawn; J. Z. West, E. J. Steinman, Winters; A. R. Christopher, Tuscola; J. E. Austin, G. W. Richards, Tye; W. O. Steen, Trent; W. I. Dunn, W. L. Pillion, Wingate; M. S. Donica, Bradshaw; G. W. Chastain, Ovalo.

### STUDENT GROUP OFF TO COLLEGE WITH HIGH AIMS

Many of Seniors of '36 Decide to Seek Fields of Higher Learning; Numbers of Former College Students Return.

Four of the '36 Seniors of Merkel High school selected John Tarleton college for their alma mater, while Texas Tech, Texas College for Women, Denton, Abilene Christian college, A. & M. college and the University of Texas were the selections of others. Several will take a business course and some are continuing postgraduate work at Merkel High school.

Attending Tarleton are Misses Jane Ferguson, Sis Gamble and Phyllis Smith and Norman King; Texas College for Women, Denton, Miss Betty Grimes; A. & M., Billie Dunning and Dutton Williamson; Abilene Christian college, Leroy Eason and Doyle Gray; University of Texas, Sylvan Mellinger; Texas Tech, LaVerne Hughes, Jack Sublett. Those taking a business course are Misses Vernell Bland, Nadine Clack, Opal Palmer, Margie Melton, Janet Berry and Pauline Higgins and Morris Wozencraft. Miss Nell Pruitt entered a school for nursing at San Angelo.

Among those doing postgraduate work in Merkel High are Edith Akin, Pauline McAninch, L. B. Gibson and Bobbie Woodrum.

Among others from Merkel off to college are: Billie Gardner and David Gamble, University of Texas; Randall McNiece, Gordon Murray, A. & M. college; Mary Helen Mashburn, John Tarleton college; Misses Iris Garrett, Margaret Miller, Fay Pinckley, North Texas State Teachers college, Denton; Clifton Bellamy, Miss Nell Hughes, Miss Lucy Moore, Miss Sarah Malone, Cal McAninch, Truett Patterson, A. C. Sears, Texas Tech; Jack Patterson, Rice; Hardy Moore, West Texas State Teachers college, Canyon; Evelyn Robertson, Mildred West, Clara Frances Largent, Dot Swafford, Horace Boney, Hardin-Simmons; Lucy Moore, Abilene Christian college; Anna Lou Church, Robert Bickley, McMurry; Aline McAninch, State College for Women, Denton; Opal and Walderine Huskey, Draughton's college, Abilene.

### Teachers Leave for Various Assignments

The past week has noted the departure of most of Merkel's quota of teachers in other schools, and included in the group, which is probably incomplete, are the following:

Miss Evelyn Curb, Abilene; Miss Marie Pinckley, Irene; Miss Berdelle Adcock, Menard; Miss Mary Kate Campbell, Amarillo; Miss Hazel Lee Rainbolt, Las Lunas, N. M.; Miss Irene Swann, Roswell, N. M.; Miss Nell Swann, Tyler; Miss Minnie Lee Coats, Coleman; Miss Maurine Tipton, Ballinger; Miss Jess Sutphen, Wichita Falls; Miss Martha Bird, Graham; Miss Gertrude Stanley, Amherst; Misses Bessylea Church and Willie Evelyn Boaz, Noodle; Miss Himalya Swafford, Highland (Roscoe).

Albert Cade will teach at Tuscola and Hubert (Bud) Toombs, of Abilene, but whom Merkel still claims, returns to teach at Clint, near El Paso.

### Booster Singers Meet In Abilene Sunday

Sunday afternoon, Sept. 19, the Taylor County Booster Singing convention will meet at the First Church of the Nazarene in Abilene, located at 801 Chestnut street.

Every one is invited to be present and all singers are urged to come with any kind of special numbers.

### Bachelorettes on Air In Sunday Program

A trio of Merkel girls, Misses Thelma and Pearl Mathews and Frances Higgins, known as the Bachelorettes, will be heard in a fifteen minute program of songs over KRBC beginning at 3:50 Sunday afternoon.

Numbers will include "Lullaby," by Brahms; by the trio; "Forgotten," a solo by Frances Higgins; "Out of the Dusk to You," with the Mathews sisters in duet, and concluding with "Now the Day is Over" by the trio.

### MERKEL SCHOOLS ENROLL 574 ON OPENING DAY

Seven More Pupils in Grammar School Than on Opening Day Last Year; High School Decrease Due to Changes.

Enrollment opening day in the Merkel High school and grammar grades reached a total of 574 students: 253 in the High school and 321 in the Grammar school—an increase of 7 over the opening date last year in the Grammar school and a decrease of 24 in the High school, the total showing a net loss of 17.

This was due largely, Superintendent Robinson said, to the fact that two schools in surrounding communities were teaching the eighth grade and one was teaching both the eighth and ninth grades. Enrollment at the end of the last school term showed: High school, 301; Grammar, 515; total 816. Since 1933 attendance at the Grammar school has risen above 500 to as high as 542.

Opening exercises held Monday morning at the gymnasium were largely attended, including hundreds of parents and nearly the entire school board, with several former board members.

Following the invocation by Rev. R. A. Walker, Presbyterian pastor, and the singing of a verse from "America," talks were made by Rev. Mr. Walker and Herbert Patterson, president of the board. Next Supt. Robinson introduced two former board members, O. J. Adcock and C. P. Church, and the following current members: R. T. Gray, secretary, A. A. McGehee, Byers Petty, George Woodrum and Nathan Wood.

Members of the Grammar school faculty were introduced by Mrs. Len Sublett, principal, and the High school, by Rex Myers, principal.

The Merkel Badger band, directed by D. W. Crain, appearing for the first time publicly in their new uniforms, played a medley and then a march, "Our First Parade." At the conclusion of the program, the band also played the accompaniment for the school song, "Purple and Gold," to the tune of the trio from "Stars and Stripes," by Sousa.

Books in the library are being catalogued, it was announced Thursday by Supt. Robinson, who also stated that the new bus garage, erected on school property across from the Grammar school, was nearing completion. Dimensions of the building are 28'x50' and it can accommodate six buses.

### Mitchell Jury Still Out at Noon Thursday

Jury in the second trial of Lonnie Mitchell in 42nd district court for murder of Chester C. Hutcheson, Merkel city marshal, was still out at noon Thursday. The case went to the jury at 4 p. m. Wednesday.

The twelve jurors trying the case, selected from 50 veniremen questioned Monday, are:

T. D. Chapman, Sr., Tye; C. J. Mills, Abilene; R. O. Long, Abilene; P. E. Nicol, Abilene; Floyd Johnson, Tuscola; N. L. Loving, Abilene; Ernest McIntyre, Tuscola; Fleming James, Abilene; G. O. Creswell, Abilene; Burl King, Abilene, Route 3; L. F. Turnbow, Bradshaw; Ben L. Howell, Trent.

### Accepts Call to First Baptist Church, Spur

Upon returning from Spur Tuesday, Rev. C. R. Joyner, pastor of the First Baptist church, stated that he had accepted a call to the First Baptist church at Spur and planned to leave with his family sometime next week for that city.

His resignation was tendered to the congregation of the First Baptist church here Wednesday night.

Coming here from Wellington five years ago, Rev. Mr. Joyner has actively identified himself with all religious and civic activities and his leadership, both locally and in the Sweetwater Baptist association, has been notably effective.

Merkel and the surrounding communities regret to lose Brother Joyner and his fine family and wish them rich blessings in their new home.

### FUND FOR IRON LUNG \$500 OVER ORIGINAL GOAL

Culminating a movement started some ten days ago to purchase an "iron lung" to be kept at the Hendrick Memorial hospital, Abilene, for use, without cost except hospital room, to all patients whose physicians order its use, the fund stood Wednesday night at \$2,228.44, an oversubscription of about \$500 more than will be required to cover cost, transportation and installation.

In disposition of the surplus, it is announced by Supt. Collier, the hospital medical staff, the Abilene Reporter-News and other sponsors of the fund, that every cent will be used in a way that will please those who gave the money. Whatever the use to which the money is put, Mr. Collier will direct the disbursement, it was said.

In a two-day solicitation of funds here Monday and Tuesday, a committee from the Lions club, named by President Joe P. Self and consisting of O. R. Dye, Raymond Wilson and E. O. Carson raised a total of \$101.90, which was forwarded Tuesday night to the Abilene Reporter-News for the "Iron Lung Fund." Several other contributions from Merkel had been previously received.

### Badger Band Presents Striking Appearance In New Uniforms

Forty-six members of the Merkel Badger band, in striking new uniforms of gold and purple, appeared in the group that played for the opening exercises at the High School gymnasium Monday morning. Some others have since been measured for uniforms.

With D. W. Crain as director, Billie Wood as drum major and Miss Jannell Black as secretary of the organization, the forty-six members presented Monday were:

Loulae Gray and Sue Grimes, baton twirlers, Anne Lee Blake, Kenneth Burkhardt, H. J. Burns, Charles Church, Etyl Church, Moody Lee Coffman, CoVene Daniels, Franklin Deavers, Marvin Dubose, Mary Jo Garland, Billie Haynes, Jack Haynes, Ben Robert Hicks, Sampsy McGehee, Billie McGehee, Jerry McGehee, Helen Heeter, George Mack Owens, J. T. Reagan, Jake Roberts, Johnnie Roberts, Clyde Sears, O. C. Shouse, Tag Shouse, Fred Slayden.

Troy Slayden, Jack Smith, Jim Sublett, Felix Stalls, Don Warren, Jerry Warren, Dick West, Mark Williamson, J. B. Winn, Billie Wood, Billy Wood, Don Wood, Bobbie Woodrum, Virgil Currington, Wayne Hughes, Doyle Barnes, Jannell Black, S. E. Armstrong, Gwendolyn Holloway.

### Remains Carried to Santos.

The body of Mrs. M. A. Duncan, 75, who died Tuesday afternoon at the home of a son west of Trent, was carried overland Wednesday in Barrow's funeral car to Santos for burial.

## MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, September 7, 1917.)

### DOUBLE MARRIAGE.

The social circles of Merkel were greatly surprised last Thursday morning when the news began to be spread abroad that Clyde and Bud Sears had slipped away and taken unto themselves two splendid young ladies of a neighboring city. They left Merkel without saying a word to any one except Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Touchstone, who accompanied them. Misses Lola and Glen Lassiter are the brides, both well known and greatly loved in this city, having taught in the schools here the past session. Mr. Clyde Sears was married to Miss Glen Lassiter and Mr. Bud Sears to Miss Lola Lassiter.

Mrs. G. W. Brady entertained quite a number of young folks Saturday night last in honor of her son, Leslie, who took his leave the following night for Whitesboro to see his sister, Erah, who is visiting there. He will go from there to Sherman and other points. Leslie is a very energetic young man. He has been home a few days from the Plains where he was engaged in the threshing business for four weeks. Now he is looking for a good field of fleecy staple. From all reports he is a splendid cotton-picker and if nothing happens to him he will make a neat little sum of money this fall.

### BADGERS SHOW FINE CONDITION, PAT DAVIS SAYS

Kick-Off at 3:30 for Opening Game 1937 Schedule Against Bulldogs; Starting Line-Up Presents Strong, Fast Talent.

With hard work planned for the first of the week and a light workout Thursday, Coach Pat Davis says the Badgers will be in fine condition for the opening game of the season with the Clyde Bulldogs, to be played on the High School field Friday afternoon of this week. Kick-off will be at 3:30 o'clock.

The probable starting line-up, as announced by the Merkel coach, follows:

Left end—Heavy Jenkins.  
Left tackle—Griffin Barnett.  
Left guard—Vincent Barnett (e).  
Center—Charles Shouse.  
Right end—Norman Winter.  
Right tackle—Arthur Lee Graham.  
Right end—Elwood Cox.  
Left half—Mark Malone.  
Right half—Waymon Adcock.  
Full back—Preacher Windom.  
Quarter back—Dick West.

The reserves include Leon Walker, W. I. Wozencraft, Willard Paine, Byron Bryant, W. D. Bland, Don Warren, Clyde Sears, Ralph Russell, Kenneth Neill, Lindsey Rister, Bob Williamson and Pal Watson.

The Badger band, in the striking regalia of their new uniforms, will parade uptown at 2:30 Friday afternoon before the game and both the band and Pep Squad will be in evidence throughout the game.

Price of admission is 20c for students and 35c for adult.

### CHANGE IN SCHEDULE.

Following a meeting of superintendents and coaches of district 6-B at Sweetwater Monday night, attended by Supt. Robinson and Coach Davis, two changes were made in the Badger schedule: the game with Baird on Oct. 15 is omitted, while the Rotan game is to be played here is moved up from Oct. 22 to Oct. 15. This leaves Oct. 22 an open date.

The game with Colorado Oct. 1 will be played at Colorado instead of at Merkel.

### Divide Community Fair Oct. 8 and 9

The third annual Divide Community Fair will be held Oct. 8 and 9, it has been announced by H. D. Norris, school superintendent.

There will be a regular livestock show and exhibits of home grown produce. Also there will be exhibits of canned goods and those of clothing and sewing.

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On last Thursday evening a few of the "down-town" girls, played "five hundred" at the home of Miss Ruby Jones; after the games the party were successful in the "find" of a watermelon at the ice house.

Those enjoying the evening were Misses Elma Sheppard and Mamie Rister, Ona Hamblet, Maud Martin, Ruby and Hattie May Smith, Evelyn Williams and the hostess; Messrs. Jinks Winters and E. Q. Warren.

### MERKEL LOSES PROSPEROUS FIRM.

Twelve years ago W. Parten came to Merkel, penniless and in debt, today he leaves at the head of a very thriving business, built up by hard work and intelligent effort. Feeling that conditions no longer warranted his remaining in Merkel, he selected Athens, in East Texas, as a desirable place in which to do business.

### NEW NAMES ON THE HONOR ROLL.

Chester A. Duncan, W. W. McElmurray, Hubert J. Swan, John T. Morris, Joe L. Evans, all of Trent; John Moore, Lieut. B. B. Brown, Chester Hall, Stuart Grimes, Jas. White, Lloyd Sheppard, L. A. Dudley, Robert Vernon Boring, L. M. Hutchins and Shirley King.

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**List of Donors**

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iously sent direct to the fund, including \$5.00 from C. M. Largent, \$1.00 from Mrs. Joe K. Higgins and possibly others.

Subscribers to the fund through the Lions committee were:

Farmers State Bank in Merkel \$5.00; Vick Drug company \$1.00; Homer Patterson \$1.00; Rev. R. A. Walker 50c; Bryan Dunsagin 50c; Ray Wilson \$1.00; Herbert Dunn 50c; Mrs. W. W. Campbell \$1.00; Mrs. Ed Turner 50c; Ford Smith \$1.00; Carroll Walton 50c; W. A. Stockbridge 50c; Wilbur Thomas 50c; Independent Ice 50c; Joe Stalls 25c; Dandy Bakery \$1.00; Wrenn Durham 50c; Clark Mundy 50c; J. Lee Coffman 25c; R. H. Mathews, Sr., 25c; A. R. Booth \$1.00; J. M. Winter 50c; John S. Hughes 50c; Max Mellinger \$1.00; J. F. McKelvey \$1.00; Reid Variety Store \$1.50; E. M. McDonald \$1.00.

Farmers & Merchants National Bank \$5.00; West Texas Utilities Co., \$1.00; Maurine Cypert 50c; Wheeler's Market 50c; J. A. Horton 50c; Mark Malone 50c; cash 50c; Chas. West 50c; J. T. Warren \$1.00; W. S. J. Brown \$1.00; Sam Butman \$1.00; D. Grimes \$1.00; T. G. Braag \$1.00; Woody's Cafe \$1.00; W. O. Boney \$1.00; Patterson's Grocery and Market \$1.00; West Co., \$2.00; West's Auto Supply Store \$1.00; Jas. H. West \$1.00; Dr. W. T. Sadler \$2.00; S. D. Gamble \$2.00; cash \$1.00; Ted Bicknell \$1.00; Stella Wilson \$1.00; Stacy Bird \$1.00; Barrow Furniture company \$1.00; Merkel Mail \$1.00; Mrs. M. D. Angus 50c; Eli Case & Son \$1.00.

Dillard Dunn 50c; G. W. Blake 50c; Bullock Hardware company \$1.00; E. O. Carson 50c; Norman Hodge \$1.50; Homer Foster 50c; Merkel Co-Op Station \$1.00; Emmett Ayers 50c; Woodrum Filling station \$1.00; W. F. Coladay 50c; S. M. Hunter \$1.00; W. A. Whiteley 50c; Economy Grocery 50c; Black's Radio shop 50c; Nathan Wood 50c; Buck Leach 50c; George Smith 50c; O. L. Fox 50c; O. R. Burns 25c; J. Greenfield 50c; B. T. Lang 50c; P. H. Douglass 50c; Mrs. Will Dawson 50c; Bert Melton 50c; Claud Perry 50c; E. Yates Brown 50c; Magnolia Service Station 50c; Connor Robinson \$1.00; Burton-Lingo company \$2.00.

H. H. Toombs \$1.00; W. B. Teaff \$1.00; Dee Teaff \$1.00; Collins Bros. \$1.00; Geo. West 50c; Merkel Motor company \$2.00; Theo Kincaid, Tye, \$1.00; Church Motor company \$1.00; Dr. L. C. Zehnpfennig \$3.00; F. A. London \$1.00; H. A. Martin Grocery 50c; Ideal Cafe 25c; J. B. Foster, Jr., 25c; Charlie Higgins \$1.00; John Childress 50c; T. M. Smith 50c; Dr. C. B. Gardner \$1.00; M. S. Cummings \$1.00; L. R. Stanley 15c; Thompson and Risinger 50c; Dr. M. Armstrong \$1.00; Rev. C. R. Joyner 50c; V. D. Herron \$1.00; W. A. Witcher 50c; J. M. Toombs 50c; Ben Jones 50c; Holand Teaff 50c; Jake Massey 50c; W. M. Elliott 25c; Cullen H. Toombs 50c; Howard Laney \$1.00; G. W. Boyce \$1.00; cash \$1.00. Total, \$101.90.

**DORA DOINGS**

Tom and Albert Bloxom of Lockney were here Tuesday and Wednesday on business and visiting with old friends and neighbors.

D. W. Jones is in Santa Anna this week for an operation at the Sealy hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell Holder and baby of Sweetwater were pleasant callers at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Holder.

Cotton picking is well under way now and hands are coming in daily.

We are glad to report that Pete, the small son of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Brown, was able to be moved home Monday from the Sweetwater hospital following an appendix operation Monday night of last week.

Miss Sue Bloxom returned Friday to her home near Lockney after several days visit here with relatives and friends.

Mrs. E. P. Perry is in Abilene this week under care of a doctor and visiting her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Forest Reynolds, and family.

We have community singing each Sunday afternoon at the Nolan Baptist church. You are invited to come and bring some one with you.

O. Z. Porter left Friday for Sylvester where he will teach this term.

**Officers Elected by Baptist Association In Closing Session**

Dates for the 1938 annual convention of the Sweetwater Baptist association were set Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Sept. 7, 8 and 9, at the closing session Friday morning of the association meeting at the First Baptist church.

Rev. Clyde Jackson of Caps was selected to deliver the annual sermon, with Rev. H. E. East of Trent as alternate; for the missionary sermon Rev. E. D. Dunlap of Sweetwater, with Rev. A. D. Sparkman of Sweetwater as alternate.

District board members named were Rev. Joe P. Self, Jr., Merkel; Rev. E. D. Dunlap, Sweetwater, and Rev. J. H. Dean, Blackwell.

Rev. C. R. Joyner of Merkel was chosen as messenger to the State convention, with Rev. C. A. Powell of Abilene named as messenger to the Southern Baptist convention.

Serving as moderator of the convention was Rev. W. C. Ashford of Abilene; other officers chosen were: Rev. J. H. Dean, Blackwell, vice moderator; Miss Ima D. Petty of Abilene, re-elected clerk, and Joe P. Self, Merkel, treasurer of the association and of Mexican mission work.

A total of 36 churches reported, largest number in the history of the association. A petitionary letter was read from the New Live Oak Baptist church, of which Rev. Joe P. Self, Jr., is pastor. New churches presenting reports were Hylton in Nolan county and Colony Hill in Taylor county.

**"Day of Atonement" Observed by Jews**

Yom Kippur, "Day of Atonement," most sacred day of the Jewish religious calendar, was observed with a twenty-four hour fast beginning at sundown Tuesday and closing at the same time Wednesday, marking the end of the 10 days of penitence which began Monday of last week, when Jewish new year was observed.

**GOLAN NEWS**

Brother Williams, Baptist pastor, filled his regular appointment Sunday and Sunday night.

Roy and Rex Kemp have entered McMurry college. Alfred Hill leaves Tuesday for Denton to enter the State Teachers college.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cole and Mrs. G. H. Johnson of Sweetwater were Sunday visitors in the L. C. Williams and W. C. Hill homes.

J. T. Williams of Newman was a Golan visitor Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pain of Noodle visited their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. George Byrom, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer McLeod of Trent visited Sunday with Mrs. McLeod's mother, Mrs. M. E. Byrom.

Mrs. D. A. Hill has returned to her home in Moran after several months visit with her son, W. C. Hill, here.

Miss Florence Hughes of Abilene is visiting for a short time with her sister, Mrs. Cecil Stephens.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Hill of Snyder were Saturday and Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Newman visited friends in Newman Sunday.

**RURAL SOCIETY**

**BLUE BONNET CLUB.**

The Blue Bonnet Home Demonstration club met Tuesday, Sept. 7, at the club house, with Mesdames Dewey Rogers and Will Butman acting as hostesses. After the business hour, each one made a report on how they spent the summer, which was very interesting. Some had long trips, while others had shorter ones.

Refreshments were served to Mesdames Joe Swinney, Ben Butman, Wade Ensminger, Sam Butman and Dewey Rogers.

The club will meet again on Tuesday, Sept. 21, and each member is requested to bring what they plan to send to the Fair.

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

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

**ABILENE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY**

LIFE INSURANCE frees a man from the worries of today and makes him unafraid of the hazards of tomorrow.

T. S. ROLLINS, Sec'y J. T. ROLLINS, Asst. Sec'y  
208-9-10 Citizens Bank Bldg., Abilene, Texas

**Officials Discuss WPA At Conference Called by Congressman Garrett**

Pointed recommendations to the Works Progress administration were made in a resolution passed Monday by more than 100 West Texas public officials, who met at Eastland in a conference called by Congressman Clyde L. Garrett.

Attending from Taylor county were Judge Lee R. York, Commissioners Luther Webb, A. J. Canon, R. E. Dillard and J. L. McMillan.

The general resolution passed by the group presented these four requests:

(1) That the sponsor's (city county) total contribution required for WPA project be reduced to a maximum of 20 per cent of the total cost of the project, and that truck drivers be paid from the labor account of the WPA, with only the truck rental charged against equipment rental.

(2) That no WPA employee, particularly those above 40 years of age or physically handicapped, be removed from payrolls for those reasons unless it has been ascertained by the local investigator that said employee has some means of support.

(3) That the obligation of the WPA in entering into a contract with the sponsor be carried out according to the original agreement without subsequent changes of rules and regulations which place a greater burden on the sponsor than the agreement provided.

(4) That the red tape of the WPA be eliminated by placing the responsibility of securing proper projects and their execution, including the engineering work, on the sponsor with the assistance of the project manager and the WPA area engineer, and that they be allowed to select from local men and local trucks those most suitable for any particular project.

**Rites Held for Infant.**

Funeral services were held at the graveside at Rose Hill cemetery at 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon for the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Martin, who was born dead early Tuesday. Rev. R. T. Smith, Nazarene pastor, conducted the services. Besides the parents, two brothers survive.

**News for a While.**

Los Angeles, Sept. 16.—Charles Fellows, 11, bit a dog. He playfully crouched and growled at the animal, then nipped its ear. The dog nipped back. Charles was taken to the emergency hospital with a gashed lip.

**Box Supper at Butman.**

A box supper will be held at Butman tabernacla Friday night of this week, Sept. 17, beginning at 8:30 o'clock. The proceeds will be used for moving the Baptist church.

**Special Session Sept. 27.**

Austin, Sept. 16.—Governor James V. Allred Saturday formally proclaimed the second extraordinary session of the 45th legislature to convene on Sept. 27 and consider revenue-raising problems.

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**San Angelo Social Security Office to Serve 18 Counties**

San Angelo, Sept. 16.—A list of counties in the area which will hereafter be serviced by the San Angelo field office of the Social Security Board was announced here Tuesday by W. O. King, manager of the San Angelo office.

It was explained by King that heretofore the typing of social security account numbers for the San Angelo office area has been done by the Austin office of the board. Henceforth, King said, assignment and typing of all social security account numbers will be handled by the San Angelo office for the eighteen counties of Comanche, Brown, Eastland, Coleman, Callahan, Taylor, Nolan, Mitchell, Sterling, Coks, Runnels, Concho, Tom Green, Irion, Schleicher, Menard, Kimble and Sutton.

**Famous "Pigs" Author Dies.**

Flushing, N. Y., Sept. 16.—Word was received here Monday by a daughter of the death of Ellis Parker Butler, 67, humorist, author of "Pigs Is Pigs," at his summer home in Housatonic, Mass.

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"Marry the Girl," a rollicking farce-comedy into which Warner Bros. have put a wealth of funny players, has been booked as the feature attraction at the Queen one time only, for the Saturday "Owl" show.

Rarely does any movie have a cast including such top-rankers as Frank McHugh, Hugh Herbert, Mary Boland, Mischa Auer, Alan Mowbray, Allen Jenkins, Carol Hughes, Olin Howland, Teddy Hart, Hugh O'Connell, Charles Judels and Louise Stanley.

These, plus a director who specializes in comedy—William McGann, whose most recent work was "Penrod and Sam"—made the most of the opportunities afforded by a very witty screen play adapted by Sig Herzig, Pat C. Flick and Tom Reed from a novel by Edward Hope.

The tale begins in the offices of a big newspaper syndicate (a setting brand new to the screen), progresses to a sanatorium conducted by a balmey psychiatrist, and includes more or less "teched in the head" writers, cartoonists, editors, authors and the like, to say nothing of a couple of gangsters. The possibilities are obvious.

Hugh Herbert is the head of the syndicate and has ample opportunities to use his fluttering hands and coo-coo laugh. But the real brains of the organization is his strong-minded sister, Miss Boland.

McHugh is a poor editorial drudge who's in love with the pretty niece of the big shots—Carol Hughes. Jenkins and Hart are the gangsters, as might be supposed, and most of the other members of the cast are the artistically temperamental contributors to the syndicate.

**Gilt-Edged Cast in  
"Life of the Party"  
Coming to Queen**

Bringing six film celebrities in the stellar cast, "The Life of the Party" will be shown at the Queen theatre Monday and Tuesday only.

Gene Raymond and Harriet Hilliard depict the romantic roles, and Joe Penner, Helen Broderick, Victor Moore and Parkyakarkus comprise the rest of the sextette of popular favorites who contribute their unique

talents to this sparkling melody romance.

In connection with this feature program will be shown the much debated Louis-Farr championship fight picture—Who Really Won? See for yourself. Monday and Tuesday only. There will be no advance in admission.

With most of its scenes laid in a fashionable hotel in Santa Barbara, Calif., "The Life of the Party" is a gay romance between Raymond, a susceptible young heir, and Harriet Hilliard, an aspiring songstress. The young man forfeits his inheritance if he marries before he is thirty, while the girl endeavors to continue her career despite her mother's efforts to marry her off to an eccentric, wealthy suitor.

The romance is further hampered by the collective efforts of the heir's mother, who, knowing her son's weakness, assigns a private investigator to guard him from feminine wiles, the girl's business agent who naturally opposes any love affair for her client; and the hotel's detective who does his best to break up the affair.

As a result of all these complications, the girl is forced into a situation where she has to pretend to be married, and the young man promptly takes advantage of this to declare himself the happy bridegroom.

Victor Moore plays the role of Raymond's fidgety guardian, and Miss Broderick that of Miss Hilliard's agent, with Penner as the suitor and Parkyakarkus as the detective. Billy Gilbert as a temperamental orchestra leader, Franklin Pangborn as his manager and Ann Miller are also cast.

Musically, "The Life of the Party" is said to be particularly outstanding, with half a dozen songs composed by Allie Wrubel, Herb Magidson, George Jessel and Ben Oakland distributed through the story. Miss Hilliard sings "Roses in December," "Yankee Doodle Band," "So You Won't Sing" and "Let's Have Another Cigarette," with

Raymond duetting with her in the latter two. Joe Penner sings the title song, "Chirp a Little Ditty."

Three dance numbers were staged by Sammy Lee. One is a brilliant ensemble presented in the hotel lobby with Miss Hilliard and Penner participating. The settings, said to be among the most unusual designs of the season, reveal many new and striking features in interior decoration.

**"San Quentin" Shows  
At Queen Next Week**

With Pat O'Brien starred, and such excellent players as Humphrey Bogart, Barton MacLane, Joseph Sawyer and Ann Sheridan in supporting roles, the First National melodrama "San Quentin" has been scheduled as the feature attraction at the Queen theatre Wednesday and Thursday.

While the story is laid in and about the famous penitentiary that juts into San Francisco Bay, it is not, the producers give assurance, one of those sorrowful movies about condemned men and last hours and that sort of thing.

There is no execution, there is nothing sobby about the picture. It is enlivened by many scenes taken "outside"—even by a San Francisco nightclub, where Miss Sheridan is a singer who falls in love with O'Brien, who is an ex-Army officer just appointed to be captain of the yard at San Quentin. It is simply a swiftly-moving melodrama dealing with the prisoners, the

lives they lead—some good, some evil, even behind walls—and the officers who guard them.

Many of the scenes, it is said, were made at San Quentin itself. Others, done at the Warner studios, take place in settings copied exactly from the original locale.

The prison "Yard," wherein much of the action takes place, was reconstructed on an open space near the studio which covers 112,000 square feet of territory.

Naturally, as in all prison stories, there is a dash for freedom by some of the prisoners, and plenty of fighting and gunfire. But those things really do happen in prisons, and the producers say that "San Quentin's" story was fully approved by the officers of the institution.

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**TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS**

Mr. and Mrs. Tannie Jones and son, Lindley, of Odessa spent the week-end with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Holt and children of Waco stopped for a few hours with Mrs. Holt's sister, Mrs. John Strawn, and family. They were en route to Denver, Colo., to spend their vacation.

Fanny Vessels departed by early train Wednesday morning for Gainesville to spend an indefinite visit with her sister, Mrs. Arthur Hott, and Mr. Hott.

Several women of the Methodist church attended a zone meeting of the Woman's Missionary societies held in Tye Thursday. Included in the group were Mesdames Alsie Carleton, E. L. Mangum, John Payne, R. B. Johnson and R. B. McRee and Miss Imagine Mangum.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Yandell are announcing the birth of a baby daughter Thursday, named Cora Mae, weight 8 pounds.

Mrs. G. H. Watkins of Lubbock is spending a few days with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Williamson were in Abilene Monday to aid in enrolling their son and daughter, Dow and Hazel, in McMurry college.

Mrs. T. J. Carleton, Rachel and T. J. Carleton removed to Abilene Monday where they will remain for the ensuing year. Miss Rachel will enter her junior year and T. J. will enroll as a Freshman in McMurry college.

Jimmie Ed, Ernestine, Jerry, Jeanina and Wickford Massey of Denton spent the week-end with their grandmother, Mrs. J. I. Leamon.

Mrs. W. M. Carey spent the week-end in Post with her son, Oliver Carey and Mrs. Carey. She was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Douglas of Union Ridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rogge and daughter of Abilene were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Estep. An especial noon meal was served to members of the family, the occasion honoring Mrs. Rogge on her birthday. Also present were Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Estep and Mrs. Ida V. O'Neal.

Baptismal services were held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Baptist church for a number of members of the Trent and Merkel Methodist churches. Rev. Alsie Carleton performed the service for the following: Helga and Marjorie Pearl Beasley, Billy Payne, Bobby and Billie Jo Billington, Virginia Choe McRee, Lucille Howell and two from Merkel.

**CHURCH ELECTIONS.**

Officers and teachers for the coming year were elected at the Sunday evening service at the Baptist church, the group having been recommended previously by the active board at an earlier date.

Officers elected were: superintendent of the Sunday School, John B. Winn; Herbert Beckham, treasurer; Helen McLeod, secretary; Sarah Wilson, assistant secretary.

Teachers elected were: A. J. English, Bible class; Mrs. Bud Brown, adult ladies' Bible class; Mrs. Alex Williamson, young people; Mrs. Earl Duncan, intermediate girls; Mrs. Gordon Howell, intermediate boys; Mrs. C. C. Stribling, junior girls; Mrs. Foy Steadman, junior boys, and Miss Alice Carey, primary.

Installation services were held for officers and teachers of the Methodist Bible School at the usual morning worship hour. The following took the vows and were given the right hand of fellowship: superintendent of Bible School, H. R. Poor; honorary superintendent, E. L. Mangum; song leader, Hughie Cooley; assistant superintendent, Oakley Reid; secretary, Hermal Glasgow; superintendent of young people, Mrs. Earl Strawn.

Teachers are: adult student, ladies, Mrs. E. L. Mangum, Mrs. R. B. McRee, assistant; adult ladies Bible class, Mrs. R. B. Johnson; adult men's Bible class, Rev. R. O. Bailey; young people, Mrs. Alsie Carleton; intermediate, Miss Beatrice Cooley; junior, Mrs. Elmer Danley; primary, Miss Elsie Bishop.

**BIRTHDAY DINNER.**

Relatives and friends honored Mrs. E. M. Sherman Sunday on her sixty-first birthday. A bounteous dinner was served at the noon hour. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Neill and three children, Mr. and Mrs. Will Campbell and son, Billy, Mr. and Mrs. Shorty Swafford and two sons, Jimmy Campbell of Blair.

Monday callers were Mrs. George Moore, Mrs. Davis and daughter-in-law, all of Merkel.

**SCHOOL OPENING.**

An informal exercise was held Monday morning at the High School auditorium to open the 1937-38 term. Superintendent R. L. Fortune was in charge of arrangements. During the general assembly a brief devotional was given by Rev. Alsie Carleton, Methodist pastor. Mr. Fortune gave a few remarks on school loyalty and patriotism. A song was rendered by a group led by Rev. Mr. Carleton, with

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Mrs. Reba York, member of the faculty, at the piano.

Following the introduction of the faculty by Mr. Fortune, J. G. Wilks, secretary of the board, announced plans for the new school building and gymnasium to be constructed at an early date as the outcome of the 46 to 9 vote Saturday for an additional bond issue.

Pupils were assigned to classes and textbooks distributed in the morning, after which they were dismissed. The faculty had a formal meeting in the afternoon. Actual class room work began Tuesday.

An exercise will be held at the school auditorium Friday evening at 8 o'clock, in which patrons of the school will take part.

The Trent faculty is composed of Mr. Fortune, Mrs. Fortune, Miss Margie Payne, Miss Hermal Glasgow, Mrs. Reba York, Mrs. O. L. Reaves and Leonard Scott.

Board members present were Mr. Wilks, John B. Winn, H. H. McRee, A. W. Wood and Ed Bowers.

**BASEBALL TEAM HONORED.**

The lawn of the T. G. Hamner home was the scene Monday night when the Trent baseball club was again named honor guests, the town turning out en masse to name them winners. Sharing honors along with them were members of the committee of the Merkel Trade Extension association, also officials of the baseball season. Trent club won first prize money over the Truby club in the final play-off.

As master of ceremonies, A. C. Terry, Sr., introduced Mayor A. W. Wood, who gave a brief welcome address. Dr. L. C. Zehnpfennig gave the response for the Merkel group. This was followed by remarks from both Trent and Merkel enthusiasts. J. R. Gafford paid tribute to members of the Merkel group for their graciousness throughout the year. Musical numbers were rendered by the Spinks String band. John Payne, manager, thanked the fans for their support and introduced the players present. T. G. Hamner, secretary-treasurer, gave the financial report for the club and announced they were contributing \$5.00 toward the purchase of the iron lung to be placed in Abilene.

Merkel visitors were Dr. and Mrs. L. C. Zehnpfennig, Joe P. Self, Burnis Tucker and Houston Bryant.

Trent committeemen were H. R. Poor, Lesley Beasley, Mr. Terry, Joe Nalley and John Strawn.

**TACKY PARTY.**

A tacky party was given last Tuesday evening on the Methodist church playground. General supervision was in charge of Bible School superintendent H. R. Poor and Rev. Alsie Carleton.



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ton. Tackiest of the women was Miss Hermal Glasgow who took the prize dressed in an ancient costume with the regalia of a "dressed-up and can't go" fashion, and carried the part of the very shy maid. Charles Andy Shouse was victorious among the men by portraying a baseball player ready for an engagement. He had very prominent muscles (of cotton) and "chawed" like a veteran.

An informal program was rendered preceding the serving of home-made ice cream and cake to 125 persons.

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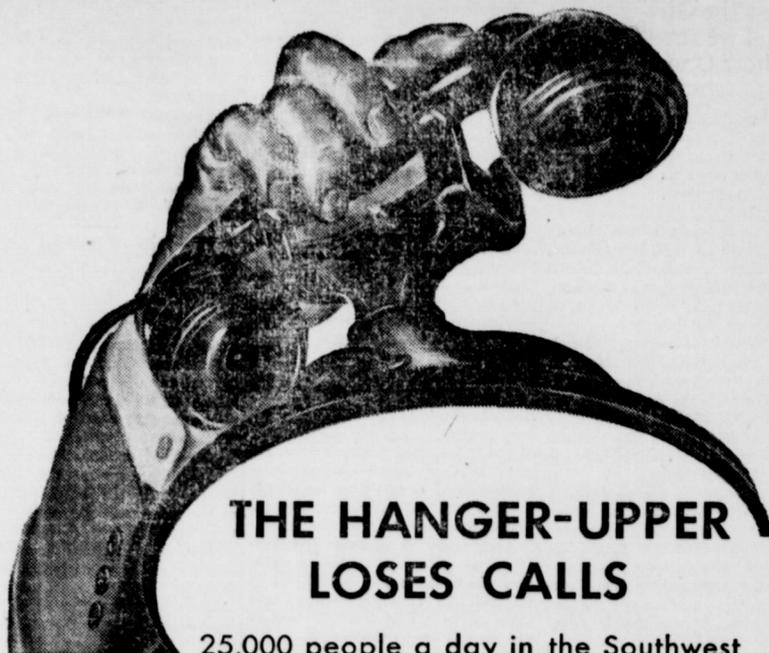
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STRAYED—Brown Jersey heifer, wearing iron yoke. Notify Leon Thompson, Route 1, Merkel, Texas.

LODGE CALLS

NOTICE MASONS A stated meeting of Merkel lodge No. 710, A. F. and A. M., will be held Saturday, Sept. 18, at 8 p. m. All members are urged to attend. Visiting brethren cordially invited. O. B. Leach, W. M. Carl Black, Secretary.

New Auto Concern Opens for Business

A new business concern—the City Motor company—will open Saturday in the Elmer Lowe building on Front street, with Earl Baze, well known Merkel citizen and experienced automobile man, in charge as manager. The City Motor company have been appointed dealers for Dodge and Plymouth motor cars, Dodge trucks and commercial cars for Merkel and vicinity and announce that they will maintain a stock of these cars and trucks as well as facilities for servicing, etc.

LOST ANYTHING? A little ad in our Lost and Found column may bring it right back.

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

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.

PERSONALS

Mrs. John Rea has returned to Abilene after visiting Mrs. Murray Farmer.

Willard Reeves of Houston visited his niece, Mrs. Irl Walker, last week. Miss Lena Webb, employee at the Abilene State hospital, returned to her work Monday after spending her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Webb.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Hays and children, Peggy and Bobbie, of Clyde, spent last week-end with Mrs. Hays' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Webb.

Mesdames Bert Smith and son, Bert, Jr., of Palestine, B. H. Bennett and son, James, of Corsicana, J. C. Everitt and L. G. Shafer of Dallas were guests of Mrs. Seth Hamilton and T. R. Everitt the latter part of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Reid of Santa Anna were Monday visitors in Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Mason Pee and children, Eula Sue and Tommie Joe, of Sweetwater, visited Mrs. Seth Hamilton and T. R. Everitt Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Don Reeder and daughter, Joy Nell, and Mrs. M. M. Coleman, of Lubbock, returned home Sunday after a visit in the home of Mrs. Reeder's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Hunter. While here, Joy Nell was christened at the morning service Sunday at the Methodist church.

Sunday guests of Mayor and Mrs. W. M. Elliott were his brother, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Elliott, and their son, Mr. and Mrs. Alvey Elliott, all of Abilene.

C. E. Conner, former long time resident of Merkel, now making his home at Hamilton, is here this week visiting old friends.

Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Adcock and two sons, Oscar and Waymon, spent several days last week at Crane with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Betterton.

T. G. Bragg returned Monday from Mineral Wells very much improved after spending several weeks there for health treatment.

Miss Bessylea Church had as her guest last week Miss Helen Faye Reddell of Anson.

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Gray and family returned Sunday from a visit of several days in Waco and Mexia.

Tom Kelly and sons from Dalhart are here visiting his aunt, Mrs. S. P. Martin, and picking cotton while here. Miss Velma Walker was home from Stephenville for a week-end visit with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Walker. Mr. and Mrs. Comer Patterson were also over from Abilene to spend Sunday in the Walker home.

When John D. Coats returned to Tuscaloosa, Ala., last week after a visit here, he was accompanied by his mother, Mrs. E. D. Coats, who will spend the year with her son there.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Reagh, accompanied by Garrett Richardson, who is Mrs. Reagh's brother, left Tuesday night for Laird Hill, where the Reaghs will make their home. Garrett was uncertain whether he would locate there or not. Three sons and two daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Reagh and their families are now residents in the East Texas oil field.

Miss Johnny Chadwick of Noodle has entered High School for her Senior year. She is located with Mrs. Bob McDonald.

Herbert Hoover of San Saba was a week-end visitor here, the guest of Herman Carson and Miss Verne Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Winter and grandson, Buddie, returned last week from a vacation trip to Wellington, Lamesa and Hobbs, N. M. They report a very nice trip and found the crops very good but late.

Miss Jessie Margaret Berry left Tuesday afternoon for Wickenburg, Ariz., to spend the winter.

Mrs. M. G. Curtis was visiting in Odessa the first of the week.

Miss Vida Perry has returned from a visit with relatives in Odessa.

Mrs. Clemmie Kincaid returned Monday from a visit in Odessa.

Misses Iris Garrett and Margaret Miller, joined by Miss Georgene Bullock of Stanton, left Wednesday morning on the Sunshine Special for Denton to attend the North Texas State Teachers college.

R. N. Campbell and Ross Baker drove down to spend Sunday in Brown county. Returning they were accompanied by Mrs. Lona Locks, a sister of Mr. Baker.

Mrs. Roxie Robins of Odessa spent the week-end with Mrs. Earl Teague.

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Cotton Queen, King Cotton to be Crowned In Brilliant Pageant

Abilene, Sept. 16.—Texas Cotton Festival program, to be held during the West Texas Free Fair, Oct. 5 and 6, was outlined by committeemen early this week when general information was mailed cities having announced duchesses to participate in the Festival.

Opening with the Royal Cotton parade, Oct. 5, the Texas Cotton Festival includes two days of unusual festivity, both private and official. The Festival is opened with the presentation of the Cotton Pageant in the grandstand at the fair grounds the opening evening.

Coronation of the Texas Cotton Queen and King Cotton is to be staged in the grandstand on the second night of the Festival, Oct. 6. The Royal family will arrive late in the afternoon. Selection of the King and Queen is not to be announced until coronation day.

Climaxing each night's events will be two Grand Balls for duchesses and their escorts. The Texas Cotton Festival ball is slated for the opening night, and the Coronation Ball will be held the following evening. Ned Bradley and his orchestra, featuring Joan Olsen, is to furnish the music.

Members of the women's coronation committee in charge of duchesses include Mesdames Ernest Grissom, John Byram and John Ray. Misses Eloise Ely and Marjorie Munger, Royal Princesses, are Abilene's hostesses.

If you have any visitors. Phone 29 or 61.

COMPERE NEWS

Rev. O. B. Tatum preached at the Baptist church Sunday and Sunday night. He also accepted the call to the church as pastor and will preach the fourth Sunday in each month. Every one is invited to attend these services.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Adkins of Lamesa visited the former's brother, Ben Adkins, of this community last week.

Rev. Mr. Hart and wife of Arkansas, who are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Frank Carr, of the Hebron community, attended church at this place and visited Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Stanley Sunday.

Grandmother Palmer spent Sunday with her son, Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Palmer, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Johnson are visiting their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Graham, at Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. T. K. Marshall visited their daughter, Mrs. Violet Smith, Sunday.

Mrs. A. W. Clemmer visited in the R. P. Horton home Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Ross Vinson, who has been sick, has recovered and was able to attend Sunday School and church Sunday.

Miss Cornelia Williams of Noodle attended church at this place Sunday night.

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON, D. C.

Published every week right at Washington, D. C., the capital of the nation and news center of the world, the Pathfinder has a tremendous advantage over all other magazines. That is why we are happy to offer the Pathfinder in combination with the Merkel Mail at the big bargain price of only \$1.60. Leave your order at our

office or mail it in promptly. We will gladly show you a sample copy of the Pathfinder if you wish, but the important thing is, don't let this chance slip!

A Check that Gave Most Pleasure Was Given This Week

Three times we had gone to the office of Ideal Security Life Insurance company, at Anson, with sorrowful hearts caused by violent and unexpected deaths in our family. The first time was when our son, Gean V. Cummins, was killed by a boiler explosion near Christmas of 1935; then when his daughter, Marcella, was killed in the New London school disaster.

Last week we received and carried messages of what we then thought was the untimely going of Earl Dean Cummins, when the mangled body of a boy was identified as that of his, by his mother when she was called to view the remains. Her son was away from home and other sad experiences caused her to feel that this was him. She accepted what she felt was more grief, and put the remains tenderly beside the bodies of her other two ill-fated loved ones.

The knowledge that Earl Dean is alive and is coming home to his mother and to us, who have twice mourned his death, makes the refund to Ideal Security Life Insurance company, who so promptly paid all claims, the most pleasant check we ever gave. That other parents and grandparents be spared the sorrows that have been our, is our earnest prayer.

(Signed) Mr and Mrs. M. S. Cummins.

THE RED & WHITE STORES

SPECIALS FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, SEPT. 17-18

- Apples, Jonathan, doz. 23c Red Pitted Cherries, per can 15c Tokay Grapes, 2 lbs. 15c Red and White Corn Flakes, pkg. 10c Oranges, dozen 30c Red and White Peaches, No. 2 1-2 can 19c Spuds, U. S. No. 1, 10 lbs. 23c Dried Peaches, 2 pounds 27c Fresh Corn, 6 ears 25c Field Corn, No. 2 can, 3 for 25c Cabbage, pound 2 1-2c Red and White Peas, No. 2 can, 2 for 35c Carrots, 2 bunches 9c Dried Peaches, 2 pounds 27c Green Beans, 2 lbs. 17c Standard Tomatoes, No. 2, 3 for 25c Lettuce, head 7c A-1 Soda Crackers, 2 lb. box 17c Dried Prunes, 3 pounds 25c Fleischman's Yeast, 3 cakes 10c Apple Butter, 38 oz. jar 25c Red and White Flour 12 pounds 59c Meal, 5 pounds 19c 24 pounds \$1.00 Early Riser Coffee, pound 19c 48 pounds \$1.85 Shortening, 4 lb. carton 49c K. C. Baking Powder, 25c size 18c Sliced Bacon, lb. 34c Red and White Extract, bottle 19c Jowls, pound 19c Texas Bologna, pound 15c Blackberries, per can 10c Cheese, pound 25c

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**B. T. U. PARTY.**

The young people of the First Baptist church held a "scavenger hunt" Friday evening to honor several new members and those leaving for college. Every one met at the church, then couples left in cars to participate in the hunt, after which games were played on the lawn.

Refreshments were served to Mr. and Mrs. Joe P. Self, Mr. Ted McGee, Misses Violet Barley, Dot Swafford, Cora Mae Newsome, Jessie Margaret Berry, Bess McNeice, Clara Frances Largent, Billie Gardner, Vivian Davis, Thelma Mathews, Emma Helen and Pauline Joyner; Messrs. J. A. Barnett, Victor Joyner, Horace Boney, Herman Carson, Dicky Sharp, Randall McNeice, Vernon Davis, Billy Dunning and Kit Carson.

**CLASS ELECTS OFFICERS.**

The home of Mrs. E. Clyde Smith was opened Tuesday afternoon to members of the Gleaner Sunday School class, who met in a fall business meeting, with Mrs. Ross Ferrier and Mrs. LeA Tipton co-hostesses.

Mrs. E. Clyde Smith gave the devotional, after which Mrs. Johnny Cox was elected teacher, with Mrs. Len Sublett assistant teacher. Miss Lottie Butman is the new Gleaner president and Mrs. F. E. Church, class secretary, with Mrs. Mack Buzbee, assistant secretary. Mrs. Homer Patterson was elected class reporter.

A dainty tea plate was passed at the refreshment hour to Mesdames Buck Mashburn, Eli Case, Lila Rea, Mack Buzbee, Will Toombs, F. E. Church, Dee Grimes, Bill Brown, Robert Hicks, Hattie Cooper, D. H. Vaughn, Len Sublett, Denzel Cox, E. A. Kempor, Herbert Patterson, Homer Patterson and Misses Lottie Butman and Mabel McRee.

**FAREWELL PARTY.**

Members of the "Three F" club, who are leaving this week for college—Misses Betty Grimes, Sis Gamble, Jane Ferguson, Phyllis Smith and De La Vergne Teague—were honored at a party given last Thursday evening in the home of Miss Fannelle Gray.

Hostesses for this farewell affair were Misses Verne Moore, Rachel Patterson, Hollis Perry, Frances Higgins, Mary Helen Mashburn and Fannelle Gray.

Guest arrived at 7:30 and Miss Betty Grimes presided for a business meeting and election of the following officers: president, Frances Higgins; vice-president, Verne Moore; secretary, Hollis Perry.

A buffet supper was served, after which all attended a showing of "Another Dawn" at the Queen theatre.

**CLASS RE-ORGANIZED.**

Members of the Builders Sunday School class of Grace Presbyterian church met in the home of Mrs. Henry West on last Friday afternoon. Outlines for a re-organization program progressed to include the election of the following officers: Mrs. John West is the new president, with Mrs. Connor Robinson assisting Mrs. Henry West as teacher.

An enjoyable social hour followed and dainty refreshments were served.

**LOCAL BRIEFS**

Irl Walker, who drove the Union Ridge school bus last year, will drive the same bus again this year.

Delma Compton has purchased the Queen confectionery, where he will continue to carry a full line of ice cream, cold drinks, candies and popcorn.

Nathan Wood sustained a most painful injury, which nearly cost him his thumb, when the knife he was sharpening Monday slipped on the steel and slashed the tendon on the thumb on his left hand.

Stickers giving the Badger 1937 football schedule, distributed by the Grable Motor company, were printed before two changes in schedule were decided on. The Baird game on Oct. 15 is cut out, while the Rotan game is moved up to that date. Oct. 22 is now an open date.

Mrs. J. W. Bryan entered the Hendrick Memorial hospital at Abilene Tuesday for surgery. Her two daughters, Mrs. Ross Ferrier, Jr., of Lake Charles, La., and Mrs. Herman Lindsey, who lives in Mississippi, came to be with her.

Read the advertisements in this paper. There's a message in every one of them that may enable you to save money. At least you will know where to find what you want without doing a lot of hunting and asking questions, and you also know the merchants appreciate your patronage because they solicit your business and make special offering of their goods.

Use The Mail Want Ads.

**Merkel Hospital Notes**

Miss Mildred Burnett entered the hospital Tuesday for treatment and minor surgery. Alton Bicknell had a tonsillectomy Wednesday.

**Baseball**

(Continued From Page One.) Palmer led the Merkel team with two blows each.

The Inter-Community league All-Stars scored twice in the seventh on Payne's single, N. Palmer's triple and a sacrifice by Jones.

Box score of Saturday's game follows:

HAMLIN—	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
McCoy, lf	5	2	2	1	0	0
Day, 2b	5	2	2	1	2	0
Cotton Partwood, rf	4	0	0	3	0	0
Weaver, 1b	5	2	3	9	0	0
Creed Partwood, cf	4	0	1	2	0	0
Hallums, 3b	3	0	0	0	2	0
Brown, c	0	0	0	2	1	0
Bartlett, ss	4	0	0	1	0	0
Bradford, c, 3b	4	0	1	7	1	0
Courtney, p	4	0	0	1	1	0

Totals 38 6 9 27 7 0

ALL-STARS—	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
N. Palmer, 3b	4	1	2	1	3	0
D. H. Jones, 2b	3	0	1	1	1	1
Cooley, lf	3	0	1	1	0	0
Williamson, cf	4	0	1	2	0	0
Hanna, p, rf	4	0	1	0	0	1
Justice, ss	4	0	1	2	4	2
D. Jones, c	4	0	0	6	2	0
Latin, 1b	2	0	0	8	0	0
Payne, 1b	2	1	2	4	0	0
E. Palmer, rf, p	4	0	0	2	2	0

Totals 34 2 9 27 12 4

Score by innings—  
Hamlin 300 000 300—6  
All-Stars 000 000 200—2

Summary—Runs batted in, Weaver 4, Day, Creed Partwood, N. Palmer, D. H. Jones, Triples, McCoy, Weaver, N. Palmer, Home run, Weaver. Earned runs, Hamlin 3, All-Stars 2. Stolen bases, Payne, Creed Partwood. Sacrifice, D. H. Jones. Left on base, Hamlin 7, All-Stars 7. Walks, by Courtney 1. Wild pitch, Courtney. Passed ball, D. Jones. Hit by pitcher, by Palmer (Hallums and Cotton Partwood). Strike-outs, Courtney 8, Hanna 4, Palmer 2. Innings pitched, Hanna 5, 3 runs, 6 hits; Palmer 4, 3 runs, 3 hits. Losing pitcher, Hanna. Time of game 1:38. Umpires, Myers, Renfro and Norris.

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.**

The six Sunday Schools here reported an attendance of 632 last Sunday, exceeding that of the previous Sunday, 598, and the same Sunday a year ago, 621.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.**

Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Prayer meeting at 7:45 p. m. Wednesday. Every one is cordially invited to these services. Strangers welcome. R. A. Walker, Pastor.

**METHODIST YOUNG PEOPLE'S PROGRAM.**

Program for Sunday, Sept. 19, 7:15 p. m.: Theme, "The Church and Our Duties."

Leader, Mildred Humphrey. Song No. 97. Scripture.

Song. Prayer, Mrs. Vernon Hudson. "Joyful Christianity through Play."

Mabel Murray. "Keeping up the Pitch," Billy Eteyl Church.

"I Decided to Become"

Dorma Lee Shelton. Reading, Norman Jean Hodge. Business. Benediction.

**NAZARENE CHURCH.**

We will hold a special service at 7:30 Friday evening in commemoration of the Constitution Sesquicentennial.

Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting

**Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.**

Every one is cordially invited to these services.

R. T. Smith, Pastor.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.**

Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. B. T. S. at 7:15 p. m. W. M. U. at 2:30 o'clock Monday afternoon. Prayer meeting at 8 o'clock Wednesday evening.

All are cordially invited to these services.

**NORTHSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH.**

Preaching at 8 o'clock Saturday night. Bible study 10 a. m. Sunday. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday night at 8 o'clock.

J. L. Burleson, Pastor.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST.**

Bible Study Sunday 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. by Raymond Kelsey of A. C. C. Young people's program 7 p. m. Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock a service of song, prayer and Bible study.

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Dozen	15c	Rutabaga Turnips, lb.	5c
Oranges Calif. Med. size	19c	Fancy pinks	15c
Dozen	19c	Tomatoes, 2 lbs.	10c
Apples King David	29c	Bell Peppers, pound	10c
2 doz.	29c	Nice and tender	10c
Grapes Tokays	25c	Green Beans, pound	10c
3 lbs.	25c	Colorado No. 1's	23c
Peaches Colo. Hail Variety	40c	Potatoes, 10 pounds	15c
Dozen	40c	Okra, home grown, lb.	10c
Cracker Jacks, 3 boxes	10c	Cauliflower, firm heads, lb	15c
Coffee, Folger's, 2 lb. can	56c	Yellow or white	45c
English Peas Large cans	5c	Squash, 2 lbs.	45c
Each	5c	Sweet Potatoes, 10 lbs.	5c
Tomatoes Empson's	25c	Blackeyed Peas, lb.	4c
3 for	25c	Cabbage, extra nice, lb.	5c
Peanut Butter Qt. jar	29c	Onions, Spanish sweet, lb.	5c
Crackers A-1 Saltines	19c	Jello, all flavors, pkg.	5c
2 lb. box	19c	Tasty Summer drink 3 for	25c
Peanut Butter 1-2 gal. bucket	53c	Amaryllis	\$1.79
Each	53c	Flour, 48 pounds	98c
Crackers	19c	Mrs. Tucker's	10c
2 lb. box	19c	Shortening, 8 lbs.	25c
Peanut Butter 1-2 gal. bucket	53c	Post Toasties, pkg.	29c
Each	53c	Ginger Snaps, 2 lbs.	29c
Crackers	19c	Grape Jam, 2 lb. qt. jar	5c
2 lb. box	19c	Toilet Tissue, roll	15c
Peanut Butter 1-2 gal. bucket	53c	Bran Flakes, 10 oz. 2 for	25c
Each	53c	P & G Giant bars	23c
Crackers	19c	Laundry Soap, 6 for	59c
2 lb. box	19c	Tea, Sunset, Glasses Free, 1-4 lb.	59c
Peanut Butter 1-2 gal. bucket	53c	Syrup, Pure Ribbon Cane, gallon	23c
Each	53c	Fancy Chuck	25c
Crackers	19c	Steak, lb.	25c
2 lb. box	19c	Calf Liver, lb.	16c
Peanut Butter 1-2 gal. bucket	53c	T-Bone	19c
Each	53c	Steak, lb.	30c
Crackers	19c	Cheese, lb.	25c
2 lb. box	19c	Round	12c
Peanut Butter 1-2 gal. bucket	53c	Steak, lb.	39c
Each	53c	Oleo, all sweet, lb.	25c
Crackers	19c	Pard Dog Food, 3 for	25c
2 lb. box	19c	Chili, home made, lb.	25c
Peanut Butter 1-2 gal. bucket	53c	Summer Sausage, lb.	25c
Each	53c	Mixed	16c
Crackers	19c	Sausage, lb.	19c
2 lb. box	19c	Jowls, pound	30c
Peanut Butter 1-2 gal. bucket	53c	Sugar Cured Bacon, lb.	25c
Each	53c	Bologna, 2 lbs.	12c
Crackers	19c	Rib or Brisket	12c
2 lb. box	19c	Roast, lb.	12c
Peanut Butter 1-2 gal. bucket	53c	Chuck Roast, lb 17	39c
Each	53c	Corn King	39c
Crackers	19c	Sliced Bacon, lb.	39c
2 lb. box	19c		

Cracker Jacks, 3 boxes 10c  
Coffee, Folger's, 2 lb. can 56c

English Peas Large cans Each 5c  
Tomatoes Empson's 3 for 25c

Peanut Butter Qt. jar 29c  
Crackers A-1 Saltines 2 lb. box 19c

Peanut Butter 1-2 gal. bucket Each 53c  
Crackers 2 lb. box 19c

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Crackers 2 lb. box 19c

Tea, Sunset, Glasses Free, 1-4 lb. 23c  
Syrup, Pure Ribbon Cane, gallon 59c

Fancy Chuck Steak, lb. 19c  
Calf Liver, lb. 15c

T-Bone Steak, lb. 23c  
Cheese, lb. 23c

Round Steak, lb. 28c  
Oleo, all sweet, lb. 20c

Pard Dog Food, 3 for 25c  
Chili, home made, lb. 25c

Summer Sausage, lb. 25c  
Mixed Sausage, lb. 16c

Jowls, pound 19c  
Sugar Cured Bacon, lb. 30c

Bologna, 2 lbs. 25c  
Rib or Brisket Roast, lb. 12c

Chuck Roast, lb 17  
Corn King Sliced Bacon, lb. 39c

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