

# THE MERKEL MAIL

VOL. 48—NO. 28.

MERKEL, TEXAS, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1937.

On the "Broadway of America"

5c PER COPY

## RANCHERS FROM BIG SECTOR TO HOLD FIELD DAY

### Lamb Drenching Feature Demonstration for Friday's Program at Butman; Prominent Specialists Will be Present.

Big delegations from all surrounding counties are expected for the ranchers' field day at Butman on Friday of this week, according to reports reaching Sam Butman, Jr., who is chairman of arrangements.

Besides Mr. Butman, the local committee on arrangements includes Mrs. Butman, Gordon Crawford, Jim Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Will Butman, Mrs. Allen King, Mrs. Ada Demere, Mrs. Marry Russom, Miss Lottie Butman, R. W. Johnson and T. S. Barton, Jr.

The feature event of the day from standpoint of sheep and goat raisers will be the demonstration of drenching lambs and selection of lambs and breeding rams in the afternoon by W. H. Dameron, superintendent of the Sonora experiment station and a specialist in sheep and goats. He will be assisted by W. T. Magee, Shackelford county agent and a former instructor in the Texas A. & M. college animal husbandry department.

F. W. Alexander, Albany Hereford breeder and close observer of native West Texas grasses, will be a speaker on pastures and pasture improvement.

I. B. Boughton, veterinarian at the Sonora experiment station, will be speaker on sheep and goat diseases and will give demonstrations along that line.

The range program of this year and the new program will be outlined and discussed by County Agent Knox Parr, who is also helping in arrangements for the day, as is Leon C. Ransom, assistant county agent.

## Take Further Steps Complete Organization

For the purpose of further completing the organization of the Merkel Parent Teacher association, the recently elected officers met Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Connor Robinson, the president, when committee chairmen and members were selected.

Other officers are: Mrs. C. B. Gardner, vice-president; Mrs. Joe P. Self, secretary, and Mrs. Sam Swann, treasurer. These officers with the chairmen of the committees will constitute the executive board.

As all chairmen and committeemen had not been contacted up to Wednesday evening, Mrs. Robinson announced that the complete list would be published next week. Committees provided for in the organization are: program, historian and parliamentarian, membership, publicity, hospitality, budget and finance, parent education, room representatives, music committee.

A set of by-laws, subject to adoption at the next meeting of the P. T. A., which will be Oct. 13, was prepared, and the executive board voted to meet one hour prior to the association meeting each month.

As the local organization is already properly affiliated with the state and national association, the suggestion to join the county council, made up of delegates from all PTA groups in the county, was approved and is to be submitted to the monthly meeting in October for vote of the entire body.

Another proposal to be submitted at this meeting with the approval of the executive board is to make every other meeting a night meeting so that the fathers may attend.

Those living outside of Merkel are especially urged to affiliate with the local Parent Teacher association.

## Compere School to Open Next Monday

With Joe P. Self, Jr., as principal and Mrs. M. K. Milner as primary teacher, the Compere school will open next Monday, Oct. 4.

Trustees of the school are D. A. Ramsey, R. P. Horton and Jeff Chaney.

## Box Supper at White Church.

There will be a box supper at White Church Friday night, Oct. 1. Everybody is invited, and all ladies that will be asked to bring a box. The proceeds will be used for the church. Rev. J. L. Mayhew, Blair circuit, is pastor.

## Record of Births.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Blount, Thursday, September 23, 1937.

## KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Jep Flannery, 23, of Grand Saline, was convicted Friday on charges of assaulting a 9-year-old girl and was sentenced to 20 years in prison.

Tommy Woodward, 31, was given a 35-year prison sentence by a jury which found him guilty of robbing the First State bank of Big Sandy last May 10.

Parking meters were approved by Wichita Falls voters, 1,163 to 716, in a special election Saturday. The devices have been operated there during a 10-month trial period.

Allan Shivers of Port Arthur, oft described as the "Apollo of the Senate," Monday was honored by his colleagues with unanimous election as president pro tem of the senate.

Col. Ike T. Pryor, 85, picturesque cattleman who grew up with Texas, died at San Antonio Sept. 24. A homeless orphan in his early youth, the Florida native became the owner of countless herds and vast acreage.

Eight-year-old Mary Louise Roberts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Roberts, of Haskell, was fatally injured Sunday when she was crushed beneath the wheels of a truck being backed from a garage by her brother.

Dr. D. S. Pooser, 65, pastor of the First Christian church, of Marshall, credited with introducing Woodrow Wilson when the latter made his first political speech in Savannah, Ga., in 1912, died at Marshall Monday night.

Roy S. Lively, postmaster at Irving for 15 years, pleaded guilty before U. S. Commissioner Lee R. Smith at Dallas to charges of embezzling postal funds. Lively was removed from office last week and his sister was appointed to succeed him.

John Martin Brice, 47, postmaster at Bruni, and his three-year-old son, Francis, were drowned when a skiff in which they were riding on San Ramon lake, near Laredo, turned over. Another son, Phil, 12, was in the boat, but swam ashore.

The estate of the late Frank B. Cotton of Brookline, Mass., amounting to approximately \$600,000, has been bequeathed to the Texas College of Mines, El Paso. The estate consists largely of property within the El Paso city limits.

Charles T. Blakeney, charged with the kidnapping for extortion of a farmer, his wife and son June 25, was sentenced to ninety-nine years on each of three counts in district court at Catulla, LaSalle county. The sentences will run concurrently.

After defense motion for a change of venue was overruled, selection of a jury for the trial of Bill Dawson, charged with the fatal shooting of Mayor A. J. Parker of Roscoe, was completed in a night session of 32nd district court at Sweetwater Tuesday and the case got under way Wednesday.

In an address to the legislature, assembled in special session Monday morning, Governor James V. Allred called on the Texas legislature for a "people's program" of \$6,225,000 "investments in human happiness and security." He also asked \$4,500,000 a year to balance the state budget and an unspecified sum to reduce the general fund deficit of \$15,194,000.

## Extension to Noodle Creek Field Shows Better than Expected

Looming even larger than gushers of the Ranger boom, the Montour Production company No. 1 Ernest Smith—eighth producer for the new Rotan field of northwest Fisher county—drilled itself in late Tuesday afternoon flowing at the rate of more than 13,000 barrels per day.

The Montour No. 1 Smith is on acreage purchased by the Pittsburg, Pa., company from H. Abrahamson, Abilene, and Tom Largent, Merkel, last summer for approximately \$3,000 per acre in total consideration. Abrahamson and Largent, who assembled the original block for the discovery of the field, still retain an interest in the production.

The field was opened by Southern Oil Corporation No. 1 Robinson on May 15. Southern later sold 1,032 acres and the lone producer to Sunray Oil company for approximately \$1,000,000.

## MAYOR ELLIOTT PROCLAIMS DATES FROM OCTOBER 3-9 AS FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

In keeping with the designation of Oct. 3-9 as Fire Prevention week in nation and state by President Franklin D. Roosevelt and Governor James V. Allred, Mayor W. M. Elliott has issued the following proclamation for Merkel:

"Know all men, women and children, by these presents:

"That, whereas, the health, happiness, life and safety and general welfare of each citizen are dependent upon existing living conditions, and

"Whereas, the lives and property of our people are endangered by fire caused by rubbish accumulations in homes, offices, stores, factories, alleys and streets, and

"Whereas, a city is judged largely by its general appearance of cleanliness, freshness and beauty, and

"Whereas, fire to a very large de-

gree is preventable by the proper application in fire prevention and fire protection;

"Now, therefore, I, W. M. Elliott, mayor of the city of Merkel, Texas, do hereby proclaim the week of Oct. 3 to 9 as Fire Prevention Week, during which I most respectfully urge our civic and commercial organizations, our school officials and teachers, and our citizenship as a whole, to cooperate and work with the fire chief, fire marshal and city officials in an effort to control this useless loss of life and property by fire. Every home, office and place of business should be inspected carefully and all fire hazards removed.

"In testimony whereof, I hereunto sign my name and affix my seal of office on this the 6th day of Sept., A. D. 1937.

"W. M. Elliott, Mayor."

## DEATH CLAIMS MRS. JINKENS, 58

### Funeral Rites Held 4 P. M. Saturday; Son Remains at Hospital in Critical Condition.

Mrs. Mattie Bryson Jinkens, 58, who had spent most of her life in Taylor and Nolan counties since her marriage in 1899 to Tom C. Jinkens, died at 6 o'clock Friday evening at the Merkel hospital.

Ill for several days, Mrs. Jinkens was carried to the hospital Wednesday. Her death was attributed to acute nephritis, which followed gastro-intestinal producing gradual heart failure. An oxygen tent was used and she was also given a blood transfusion.

Funeral services were held at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon from the Methodist church, conducted by Rev. John H. Crow, pastor, assisted by Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of Grace Presbyterian church. Interment was in Rose Hill cemetery.

Pallbearers were Homer Patterson, Booth Warren, W. W. Haynes, Cramer Reynolds, A. D. Fulton and Jim Patterson.

Mattie Bryson was born Mar. 19, 1879, in Hamilton county, and she became the bride of Tom C. Jinkens on Mar. 16, 1899, at Dora. Their home had been here for the past ten years.

Besides her husband she is survived by three sons, Lloyd Jinkens, Fort Worth; Leonard Jinkens and T. C. Jinkens, Jr.; four daughters, Mrs. W. A. Steele, Sweetwater; Mrs. Troy Sloan, Noodle, and Mrs. Ted Bicknell and Miss Ruby Jinkens, Merkel; a brother, J. M. Bryson, Tokio, and three sisters, Mrs. A. W. Cook, Dora; Mrs. Steve Hampton, Port Arthur, and Mrs. S. L. McNeely, Fort Worth, and 14 grandchildren.

At the time of her death, a son, Leonard, lay in critical condition at the hospital with a brain abscess which followed a carbuncle on his neck, and another son, T. C. Jinkens, Jr., had just been dismissed from a physician's care after treatment for (Continued on Page Six.)

## Rotan Field Boasts 13,000 Bbl. Gusher

With top of the lime pay zone in the Will McKemie No. 1 W. W. Toombs, northeast of production in the old Tiner extension area of the Noodle Creek field, reached at 2,465 feet last Friday, interest in the southwestern Jones county area has been revived.

The new strike comes eleven years almost to a day after proving of the first producer for the Noodle Creek field, which was discovered with the strike of oil on Sept. 6, 1926, by Phillips Petroleum No. 1 Winters.

After six-inch casing was cemented above the pay zone Saturday, the plug on the McKemie No. 1 W. W. Toombs was drilled out Wednesday afternoon. McKemie reported the oil rose about 250 feet within an hour after the top of the pay had been reached, but that further deeping into the 2,465-foot pay would be delayed until Thursday morning.

McKemie said Wednesday night that the well was showing better than had at first been expected. If a good producer was made, he said he would immediately drill two other tests. The well is little more than a mile from one of the largest producers drilled in the field.

## NONAGENARIAN PASSES AWAY

### Mrs. Emily Wiman, 94, Mother of Mrs. George F. West, Dies at Roscoe.

Mrs. Emily Wiman, 94, who had been a resident of Taylor county since 1881, died unexpectedly at 8:30 Friday morning at the home of a son, Tom Wiman, in Roscoe, where she had been spending the summer.

Mrs. Wiman, apparently in good health, arose as usual, dressed herself and prepared to eat breakfast, which was served in her room. She mentioned feeling ill and died almost immediately.

Funeral services were held here at 10 o'clock Saturday morning from the home of her daughter, Mrs. George F. West, with Rev. R. T. Smith, pastor of the Nazarene church, of which she was a member, officiating, assisted by Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of Grace Presbyterian church, and Rev. Mr. Leach, of Roscoe, student in the Baptist seminary, Fort Worth. Special music was rendered by four granddaughters, Patty, Gladys and Ruth Wiman and Mrs. Cleck Smith.

Burial took place in Rose Hill cemetery, with the following grandsons serving as pallbearers: John, Tom Dick and Jimmy Wiman, Hugh and Bob Mayfield and Paul West. Grandsons and great-grandsons were honorary pallbearers.

Mrs. Wiman was born Mar. 19, 1843, in Graves county, Ky., and was married there in 1867 to Milton Wiman. Coming to Texas they first settled in Ellis county and in 1881 moved to Taylor county. She had resided in Merkel over 50 years. Mr. Wiman having been one of the first purchasers of townlots here. Since his death 31 years ago, she had been living with a daughter, Mrs. George F. West, here (Continued on Page Four.)

## Plans Completed for Annual Divide Fair

Dates for Divide's Third Annual Community Fair have been set for Friday and Saturday, Oct. 8 and 9, according to H. D. Norris school superintendent and director general of the show.

R. R. Petty, vocational agriculture teacher, is in charge of the agriculture exhibits; Mary Clark Sturdivant, in charge of the women's division, and Mr. Morris has charge of the commercial exhibits. H. A. Tyrone, J. B. McCoy and J. M. Holder are to care for the outside entertainment, and Misses Josephine Pinson and Mary Frances Lester compose the program committee.

Individual farm booths will be judged on variety of products, quality, uniformity and attractiveness of display. Merchandise premiums of \$7.50, \$5 and \$2.50 will be given for first, second and third place winners in this division.

In the agricultural division premiums will be given for the following classifications: ear corn and grain sorghums, cotton, grain and seeds, sheaf grains and forage, fresh fruits, fresh vegetables and cured meats; in the women's division, for dresses, suits, made-over garments, needlework and handwork, bedspreads, quilts, foods division and flower arrangements.

## FIRE PREVENTION POSTER CONTEST CLOSES TUESDAY

Fire Prevention posters must be submitted by Grammar school students by Tuesday, Oct. 5, in the contest for prizes of \$5, \$3 and \$2 offered for the three best posters submitted.

The two best from each of the seven Grammar grades will first be selected and placed on exhibit in the lobby of the Queen theatre, where patrons for the benefit showing Wednesday and Thursday of "Turn Off the Moon," the proceeds of which will go to the Firemen's fund, will determine the prize winners by their vote. The prizes will be awarded at the end of the first show on Thursday night, Oct. 7.

The Merkel Volunteer Fireboys, through Chief W. W. Wozencraft, are sponsoring this contest as a feature of Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 3-9, and Manager Hodge of the Queen theatre has offered a benefit showing of this feature picture, with Charlie Ruggles and a brilliant array of comedy and musical stars, for the Firemen's fund.

## Rainfall First Nine Months at Low Ebb

Local rainfall Friday night of last week was only three-eighths of an inch, according to the gauge of Volunteer Weather Observer Grover Hale, but week-end rains in the Noodle section were reported as much as two inches.

With the month of September, usually marked by considerable rain, passing by, Merkel's rainfall for the first nine months of the year is 12 1/2-16 inches.

## Another 1,700-Bale Week Area Ginnings

With ginnings of 1,702 for the six days ending Wednesday night, following a similar 1,700-bale week at the six gins in Merkel and those at Blair, Stith and Noodle, included in the tabulations of The Mail, total ginnings for the Merkel area for this season are nearing the 7,000 figure, the exact total being 6,929 bales.

While opinions vary, it is estimated that the crop in this section is about half gathered.

## Donkey Ball Game Nets \$25 and Fun Aplenty

Other statistics of the donkey ball game played on the High School football field last Friday night are lacking but the final score of 1 to 0 in favor of the Lions represents the tops in baseball. The losers were listed as the "Dark Horses" and selected from players of the Inter-Community Softball league.

A large crowd was present to enjoy the idiosyncrasies of the donkeys and the resourcefulness of the players under serious handicap.

More than \$25 was realized for the benefit of the Merkel Badger Band fund.

## MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, September 28, 1917.)

### RE-UNION OF VETERANS.

The following Veterans of the Civil War met at the home of J. C. Moore last Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock, where they ate watermelon and drank grape juice. They decided that the fare was very different to that which they were accustomed in the sixties. It was a grand old crowd of honored heroes that was gathered to review some of their past achievements. They were as follows:

Rev. A. A. Baker, chaplain of the First Brigade of Tennessee Cavalry, commanded by Gen. Armstrong and finally by General Ashby, age 82 years;

W. D. McDonald of Company "A" 16th Texas Cavalry, McCulloch Brigade, Walker's Division, age 81 years;

E. W. Dennis, volunteer in Capt. Timberlake's Company, age 81 years;

J. H. Oliver, 6th Alabama Cavalry, age 76 years;

A. J. Young, Company A 32nd Tennessee, Cheatam's division, age 75 years;

J. R. Donaldson, Hawkins Cleburn Division of sharpshooters, age 74 years;

Raymond Jones of the Haskell County draft, 30 years of age;

J. C. Moore, Company E Nichols'

## BADGER SQUAD OFF TO COLORADO FOR NEXT GAME

### Pep Squad and Merkel Badger Band and Loads of Rooters to Make Trip; Game Under Lights Starts at 8 P. M.

The Badgers will open their 1937 season at Colorado Friday night of this week, with the game starting at 8 o'clock.

The three school buses will be used in transporting players, Pep Squad and band members, plans providing for departure at 5 p. m., according to Supt. Connor Robinson.

Badger squadmen will ride in the Ford bus driven by R. H. Mathews, Jr.; band members are to be transported in the Chevrolet bus driven by Emory Jones, while the Pep Squad will have seats in the Ford driven by Max Swafford.

In earlier games this year, the Badgers showed unexpected development and strength in holding the Clyde Bulldogs to a 7-7 tie, while in the Anson encounter last Friday, the 24-0 defeat was not discouraging, as the Tigers were reputedly much the better gridiron warriors. Both were non-conference games.

On the following Friday, Oct. 8, the Merkel High School eleven will be called on to combat the Roscoe Flowboys at Roscoe.

## Anson Tigers Hand Badgers 24-0 Defeat

After holding the Tigers scoreless in the first period of last Friday's game, the Badgers succumbed to a 24-0 defeat as the result of a fierce running and air attack from the Ansonites during the latter three quarters.

On his first play of the second period, Bill Beard, backfield substitute, ran across the first Tiger score. E. T. McClain, in the third, ran 20 yards for the second tally after catching a pass behind the Merkel squad.

A 60-yard dash by Herndon, after pocketing a Merkel punt, pushed across the third score, while an intercepted pass by Ball, who ran the ball 10 yards to Merkel's thirty-yard stripe, and another dash by Herndon for 30 strides accounted for the final tally.

Merkel intercepted one pass and Anson grabbed three. Anson was penalized 5 yards in the first period for an off-side player. Each side received a 15-yard set-back during the third period—Anson for screening a pass, and Merkel for roughing.

Coach Davis started the same lineup as in the Clyde game: Jinkens and Winter, ends; G. Barnett and Graham, tackles; V. Barnett and Cox, guards; Shouse, center; Malone and Adcock, half backs; Windham, full back, and West at quarter. Substitutes were: Walker, Wozencraft, Warren and Russell.

Rev. Baker made a talk and led in a short devotion exercise. The Veterans departed being of one mind that the evening was one of the most pleasant they had experienced in a long time.

For information of friends and acquaintances, we wish to announce that H. W. Beckham, Trent, is serving the navy, now on the U. S. S. New York, and may be addressed care of the Postmaster of New York, N. Y., Company 12.

Roscoe Sharp, in a letter to his parents, says: "Tell the boys not to bring a lot of clothing. The government has an ample supply on hand. We sure have to work down here. Too tired at night to go into town."

C. S. Sipe, formerly with the Grimes garage, has purchased the Ford garage from Leerstang and Smith, and will operate same in future. Formerly the plant only did work on Ford cars but Mr. Sipe will do all classes of automobile work. Mr. Sipe has been working on cars ever since they first made their appearance and claims to be a machinist of the first class.

TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Reid, accompanied by their two daughters and son of Winfield were guests Tuesday of their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. James Bright. They will visit relatives at other Texas points before returning to their home.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Trevathan of Wichita Falls visited lately with Mr. and Mrs. Alex Williamson, also Mrs. C. T. Beckham and Hubert Beckham.

Misses Newton, residents here some twenty years ago, were guests Friday night in the L. E. Adrian home. They make their home now in Port Arthur and Denton.

Miss Oretta Dunn, who has spent the summer in the O. L. Bishop home, returned Sunday to her home in San Antonio.

Glynn Hamner of Mineral Wells spent the week-end here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cal Hamner.

Granville Nugent of Marshall is at home in the White Flat community with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Seth Nugent, after spending the past season pitching for the Marshall baseball team.

Miss Mildred Stedman spent the week-end here with her mother, Mrs. Asha Stedman. She presented her resignation to the Goodman Consolidated school board of trustees and returned to Brownfield to continue her duties with McGowan and McGowan Abstract company.

W. F. Harris of Rule spent the past week with his nephew, Robert Harris, and family.

Mrs. R. B. McRee, Sr., had as her guests the past week her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Henderson of Lubbock, also Mrs. Priscilla Williamson of Hebron.

Mrs. Lucille Steen of Denver, Colo., spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. John Strawn.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Taylor and baby, Jo., returned Tuesday to their home in Sonora, after spending the past ten days with Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Winn.

SOX SUPPER FOR SATURDAY EVENING.

An evening's entertainment is promised for young and old alike Saturday evening, beginning at 8 o'clock, when the Ladies' Bible class of the Methodist church present a program at the church. Each guest is asked to bring a pair of men's sox filled with eatables, these to be auctioned off to the highest bidder. Funds will be used for church equipment to be purchased later.

A formal program will be presented under the direction of Mrs. Alsie Carleton, Mrs. Andy Shouse and Mrs. Alton Boone, assisted by the young people's department. Every one is cordially invited to attend.

BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON.

Mrs. H. H. Jones honored her husband with a dinner at their home Sunday, the occasion coming as a surprise to the honor guest.

A bountiful lunch was served at the noon hour, following the presentation of suitable gifts from the guests. The afternoon was spent in informal games.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Jones and son, Tommy. Mrs. John Payne and children, Billy, Joyce and Jean, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Jones and two children, Bobby Jo and Johnnie, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lee Tittle, Hughie Cooley, Deverle Bishop, Misses Beatrice and Ruby Cooley, Othell, Hollis and H. H. Jones, Jr.

BIRTHDAY DINNER FOR FORMER RESIDENT.

Mrs. F. H. Harris of White Church was honored by her children Sunday, her sixty-first birthday, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. P. B. Cooper. The occasion was spent in early reminiscences and friends called in the afternoon.

Together with her husband, present

FLOWERS

For ALL OCCASIONS

MISSIE'S FLORAL SHOP

LOANS

We are interested in making loans in Merkel to build new homes, modernize existing dwellings, and refinancing. If interested, communicate with us.

ABILENE BUILDING & LOAN ASSOCIATION OF ABILENE Abilene Texas

were Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Harris and two children, White Church; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harris and children, Trent; Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Kelley and children, Blackwell; Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Cooper and daughter, Trent; Miss Esther Harris of White Church, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Willhelm of Blackwell, Mrs. John Herring of Eastland, L. P. Willhelm of Wink, Mrs. M. J. Willhelm, L. B. Willhelm and son of Comanche, Mrs. Bess Castleman and children and Mrs. Louise Johnson and children of Big Spring, W. F. Harris of Rule, Mrs. John Nicholas and children, Merkel.

Also the following friends called to congratulate Mrs. Harris: Mr. and Mrs. Lee Cagle and two daughters, Miss Glenna Cagle, also Mr. and Mrs. Ira Hale and three children of Longworth, Mrs. Rachel Davidson, Sweetwater, A. H. Purser and son, H. A. and Odell Dickerson of White Flat.

METHODIST WOMEN PERFECT STUDY CLUB.

Women of the Methodist church completed plans Thursday afternoon of last week for a study and social organization. They were entertained in the parsonage with Mrs. Alsie Carleton, who introduced a book, subject to be given in four or five lessons, "What of the Moslem World?"

Taking part on the program with the chairman were Mrs. John Payne, Mrs. Earl Strawn and Mrs. Louie McRee. Musical selections appropriate for the topic were presented by Mrs. Andy Shouse and Miss Imogene Mangum.

Refreshments were served after plans were made to meet each Thursday at 3 p. m. Mrs. Allen Terry will be hostess for the next meeting, with Mrs. Carleton and Mrs. Andy Shouse co-chairmen of the program committee.

Present for the initial meeting were Mesdames Payne, L. McRee, E. Strawn, Tom Williamson, R. L. Reeves, R. B. McRee, W. E. Shouse, John Strawn, R. O. Bailey, Allen Terry, Andy Shouse, Miss Imogene Mangum and Mrs. Carleton.

RUMMAGE SALE.

The ladies of the Methodist church will have a rummage and food sale Saturday, Oct. 2, in the Lions building. Come and get your pies and cakes, also dressed chickens, for Sunday dinner.

Second sheets for sale 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.

COMPERE NEWS

Rev. O. B. Tatum filled his regular appointment at the Baptist church Sunday.

Mrs. T. K. Marshall had as her guests over the week-end her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Elton Eleazer, of Corpus Christi.

Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Ray and family were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Adkins Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Smith and little daughter have moved from this community to Big Spring where Mr. Smith has employment with the Phillips filling station.

The Baptist Sunday School enjoyed a watermelon feast at the church last Friday night, there being 43 present.

School will begin at this place next Monday, Joe P. Self, Jr., and wife have already moved into the teacherage. We extend them a hearty welcome.

Mrs. E. B. Wilburn visited friends at McCamey over the week-end.

Miss Emily Newman of this place has gone to Winters where she will teach in a nearby school the coming term.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ramsey spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Johnson Sunday.

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

Red Hot Specials

U. S. TIRES AND BATTERIES

13-Plate Battery, exchange \$4.05

PANHANDLE GASOLINE White 12c—Bronze 19c Sealed Cans Motor Oil 20c-35c

'33 Pontiac "S" 4-door sedan, new paint, good shape \$315

I buy or trade for Wrecked and Burned Cars

We have a Good Assortment of New and Used Parts CHEAP!

Special Prices on Mechanical Work

Dealer for Oldsmobile—GMC Trucks and Trailers

Phone 149

Tom's Wrecking Company

On East Broadway Merkel, Texas

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

Advertisement for NEWS-WEEK magazine and newspaper. Includes image of a man reading and text: 'This MAGAZINE 26 weeks and this NEWSPAPER 1 year for \$2.45'. 'GET the world's news in pictures. Each week, NEWS-WEEK, combined with TODAY, presents the action of the world in pictures and words of everyday English... easy to read and easy to understand. NEWS-WEEK is unbiased politically and will keep you informed of interesting world events.'

FILL OUT THIS COUPON NOW!

Dear Mr. Editor: Enclosed find \$2.45 for which send me your newspaper for one year and NEWS-WEEK for 26 weeks. Name: Street or R. F. D.: Town and State:

LOANS

"THAT WILL HELP THE BORROWER TO PROFIT—NOT MERELY BECOME A BURDEN OF DEBT"

Most people do not realize the many kinds of loans that we are willing to make to responsible firms and individuals—

GOVERNMENT LOANS ON COTTON We have facilities for handling them promptly and with dispatch.

LOANS ON COTTON IN MERKEL YARD

Your yard tickets are good collateral for short term loans here. Attractive rates on notes secured in this manner. May be transferred later to Government Loans if you wish.

COMMERCIAL LOANS Short term commercial loans to responsible merchants to meet their increased volume and seasonal requirements.

LIVESTOCK LOANS We always regard good marketable livestock excellent security. Many farmers with a surplus of feed will want feeder loans.

AUTOMOBILE LOANS Before you buy a new car, be sure to get the details of our plan. This arrangement will enable you to pay the dealer cash for your car and save money.

EQUIPMENT LOANS Farmers who wish to increase their production ability by purchasing new machinery and equipment may borrow here for such purposes. We regard farm tractors, where the owner has sufficient equity, as acceptable collateral.

PERSONAL LOANS Personal loans bring to worthy employed persons and to others having regular source of income advantages and privileges of credit not heretofore enjoyed. Repayment may be made in convenient monthly installments.

REAL ESTATE LOANS Many loans on farms and city property will meet our credit requirements. We may be able to assist you. Loans of this nature should not exceed 50 per cent actual value of the property and maturity date not more than five years.

COLLATERAL LOANS We are always glad to make loans on the security of good marketable bonds, stocks, life insurance policies, or other equities of established, transferable value.

Nothing gives us greater satisfaction than to see dollars from this bank go out to do useful work in this community. We are glad to take an active part in promoting economic progress and prosperity in this section. If we can cooperate with you along sound banking lines in ways that will advance your interests we will have served a worthy purpose. Without obligation, you are invited to discuss your plans and needs with us.

The Old Reliable

Farmers & Merchants National Bank

Merkel, Texas

MEMBER FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

COLLEGE STUDENTS

WE WILL SEND THE MAIL TO YOU AT SCHOOL FOR—

ONLY ONE DOLLAR

Until June 1, 1938

**"Cherokee Strip"**  
With Dick Foran at Queen Friday-Saturday

The brave days of old when Uncle Sam was throwing open free homestead lands to pioneers willing to race for them and develop them, live again in "The Cherokee Strip," the First National melodrama starring Dick Foran, showing at the Queen theatre Friday and Saturday.

The choicest land went to those who claimed first, traveling by cow ponies, buckboards, covered wagons or on foot. There are two heroines, Jane Bryan and Helen Valkis, and a number of other noted players, including Ed Cobb, Milton Kibbee, David Carlyle and Gordon Hart.

Dick Foran, the singing cowboy, is not a cattle puncher this time. He's a young (singing) lawyer and hangs his shingle in one of the boom towns as well as in the hearts of one or two of the local belles.

In a Western picture, but far removed from the ordinary type and with songs by M. K. Jerome and Jack Scholl—notably "My Little Buckaroo."

**"Wee Willie Winkie"**  
Stars Temple, McLaglen, In Heroic Adventure

Kipling's colorful characters live glamorously, adventurously and courageously on adventure's last frontier in the Twentieth Century-Fox picturization of his famed "Wee Willie Winkie," which comes to the Queen theatre for the "Owl" Saturday, also showing Monday and Tuesday, with Shirley Temple and Victor McLaglen in the starring roles.

From the heart of mighty India, where all the world is wild and strange, where the British raj ends at Khyber Pass, in the land of the Bengal Lancers, comes this glorious adventure of the Scottish Highlanders in action and of the little girl who won the right to wear their plaid.

The most spectacular production in which Shirley Temple has yet appeared, "Wee Willie Winkie" gives Victor McLaglen a powerful role as a fearless, fighting fool, and provides splendid opportunities to C. Aubrey Smith, June Lang, Michael Whalen, Cesar Romero, Constance Collier and young Douglas Scott.

Life at a frontier army post in India is not too happy for Shirley and her widowed mother, June Lang, for her grandfather, C. Aubrey Smith, is a gruff old disciplinarian. The youngster decides that the only way to win the Colonel's approval is to become a soldier herself, and her friend, Michael Whalen, a young lieutenant, turns her over for training to the burly ser-

geant Victor McLaglen who dubs her "Wee Willie Winkie" because of the quaint way she has of screwing up her eyes when she asks questions.

Shirley gets into plenty of trouble at the post, but wins the gratitude of an imprisoned chieftain, Khoda Khan, when she returns his lost amulet. In a surprise raid on the post, the proud chieftain is freed, and the border is immediately ablaze with crimson warfare, with McLaglen's life being one of those lost.

Feeling that both Khoda Khan and her grandfather would prefer peace, Shirley takes a desperate step to end the killing, and sets out at night for the Pathan camp. When her departure is discovered, the Highlanders set out grimly for Khyber Pass, graveyard of many a soldier, determined to rescue her or die in the attempt. With lives at stake, Shirley makes one last desperate gesture to save them and restore peace, bringing the picture to a thoroughly thrilling climax.

**Ruggles Heads Cast of Musical Mirthquake**

Music and laughter are equal ingredients mixed in liberal proportion in "Turn Off the Moon," Paramount's newest musical comedy hit which is billed Wednesday and Thursday at the Queen theatre as a benefit showing for the Firemen's fund during Fire Prevention Week.

Charlie Ruggles heads the cast of movie and radio stars assembled for this latest "must" on your movie list. He is aided by Eleanor Whitney, Johnny Downs, Kenny Baker, Phil Harris and his orchestra, Ben Blue, Marjorie Gatenon and the Fanchonettes.

The latest Paramount musical mirthquake marks the debut of Franchon, famous for her Fanchon and Marco stage units, as a full fledged motion picture producer. Under her expert supervision, dance director LeRoy

Prinz has created a new terpsichorean craze "Jamming" that Hollywood expects to be as popular as the famous Charleston.

"Turn Off the Moon" is an original screen play by Marguerite Roberts, Harlan Ware and Paul Gerald Smith. In a light vein the story kids astrology as a royal aid to romance and an additional headache to Charlie Ruggles' frustrated sweetheart.

The music was written by Sam Coslow and includes three songs that are bound to be successes—"That's Southern Hospitality," "Turn Off the Moon" and "Jamming."

**RUMMAGE SALE.**

The ladies of the Methodist church will have a rummage and food sale Saturday, Oct. 2, in the Lions building. Come and get your pies and cakes, also dressed chickens, for Sunday dinner.

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.

Typewriting and carbon paper at Mail office.

**Birth of Son Announced.**

Friends here have received announcements of the birth of a son, William Edgar Dowell, Jr., to Rev. and Mrs. W. E. (Bill) Dowell, of Corcoran, Calif., on Sept. 19. His weight was ten pounds, six ounces.

Why buy wormy or tasteless apples? When we sell clean, sound, delicious apples, cheap. Take time off to visit our large orchard and see apples on the trees and buy your winter supply. Delicious, Jonathans, etc. Shanks Nurseries, one-half mile north of Clyde.

**FARMS AT BARGAINS.**

Also buyers for your farms when priced right. Quick sales. List your property with us. Shanks Land and Loan Office, Penney Bldg., Abilene, Texas.

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

**CROSS CHILDREN MAY HAVE WORMS**

Wash for upset little stomachs, bad breath, fretfulness, loss of weight, itching around nose and arms. They may have pin or round worms. Whites Cream Vermifuge has safely and for years, reliably expelled the worms and toned the delicate tract. Whites Cream Vermifuge recommended by druggists. Merkel Drug Company, Merkel; R. B. Johnson, Trent, and Other Drug Stores.

**MOTHER! PROTECT your BABY**

Mother, most hospitals now SAFER against germs. So protect their babies against mother, do as hospitals do, as germs and skin-infection by doctors recommend Give rubbing Mennen Antiseptic Oil all over the baby's body—Mennen Antiseptic Oil daily every day This keeps the baby's skin healthier and druggist's today.

**MENNEEN Antiseptic OIL**

**We Are Neighbors**

The word "neighbor" comes down to us from the Anglo-Saxon. It meant then, as now, a person who lived nearby, or on an adjoining farm. It was a worthy tribute to say of any man that he was a good neighbor.

The Farmers State Bank has always tried to be a good neighbor to the people of this community. If you live within the Merkel trading area, we cordially invite your banking business.



**FARMERS STATE BANK**

Member Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation


**SAVING MONEY**

Saving Money by doing without the insurance you really need is apt to prove expensive. Why not have us analyze your insurance needs and make recommendations that will fit your requirements and purse? No obligation.

**W. O. BONEY**  
MERKEL, TEXAS


Farm Loans and all kinds of Insurance  
Consult Your Insurance Agent as you Would Your Doctor or Lawyer.

**I'M A NEW WOMAN THANKS TO PURSANG**



Yes, Pursang contains, in properly balanced proportions, such proven elements as organic copper and iron. Quickly stimulates appetite and aids nature in building rich, red blood even in cases of simple anemia. When this happens, energy and strength usually return. You feel like new. Get Pursang from your druggist.

**MAKE YOUR TEETH shine like the stars!**



**CLEAN AND WHITEN TEETH** with Calox, the Oxygen tooth powder which penetrates to the hidden crevices between the teeth. Pleasant, Refreshing, Protects the gums and is economical to use.

**TRY CALOX AT OUR EXPENSE**  
What Calox will do for your teeth is easily demonstrated by you in your own home at our expense. Simply fill in the coupon with name and address and mail it to us. You will receive absolutely free a test can of CALOX TOOTH POWDER, the powder more and more people are using every day.

**FREE TRIAL COUPON**  
McKesson & Robbins, Inc., Fairfield, Conn. Dept. A.N.P.  
Send me a 10 day trial of CALOX TOOTH POWDER at no expense to me. I will try it.  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

**PROFESSIONAL**

<p><b>BEN M. DAVIS</b> Certified Public Accountant Attorney-at-Law Income Tax Consultant Mims Bldg. Abilene, Texas</p>	<p><b>PAULINE JOHNSON</b> Successor to <b>G. W. JOHNSON</b> Next door to Eli Case and Son Grocery and Market Merkel, Texas</p>
<p><b>DR. JNO. W. NEWSOM</b> The Drugless Physician Office in the Banner Residence <b>OFFICE HOURS</b> 8:00 A. M. to 5 P. M. Saturday: 8 a. m. to 12 p. m.</p>	<p><b>Ernest Walter Wilson</b> ATTORNEY-AT-LAW Insurance Law a Specialty General Civil Practice 125 1/2 Pine St. Abilene, Texas</p>

**MERKEL MAIL WANT ADS FOR RESULTS**

**I'M KIND TO YOUR SKIN!**



Keener, longer-lasting, kind to the skin, Treet Blades are uniformly good! And only 10¢ for 4 superb blades.

**4 FOR 10¢**

**Treet BLADES**  
"IT GEM AND EVER-READY RAZORS"

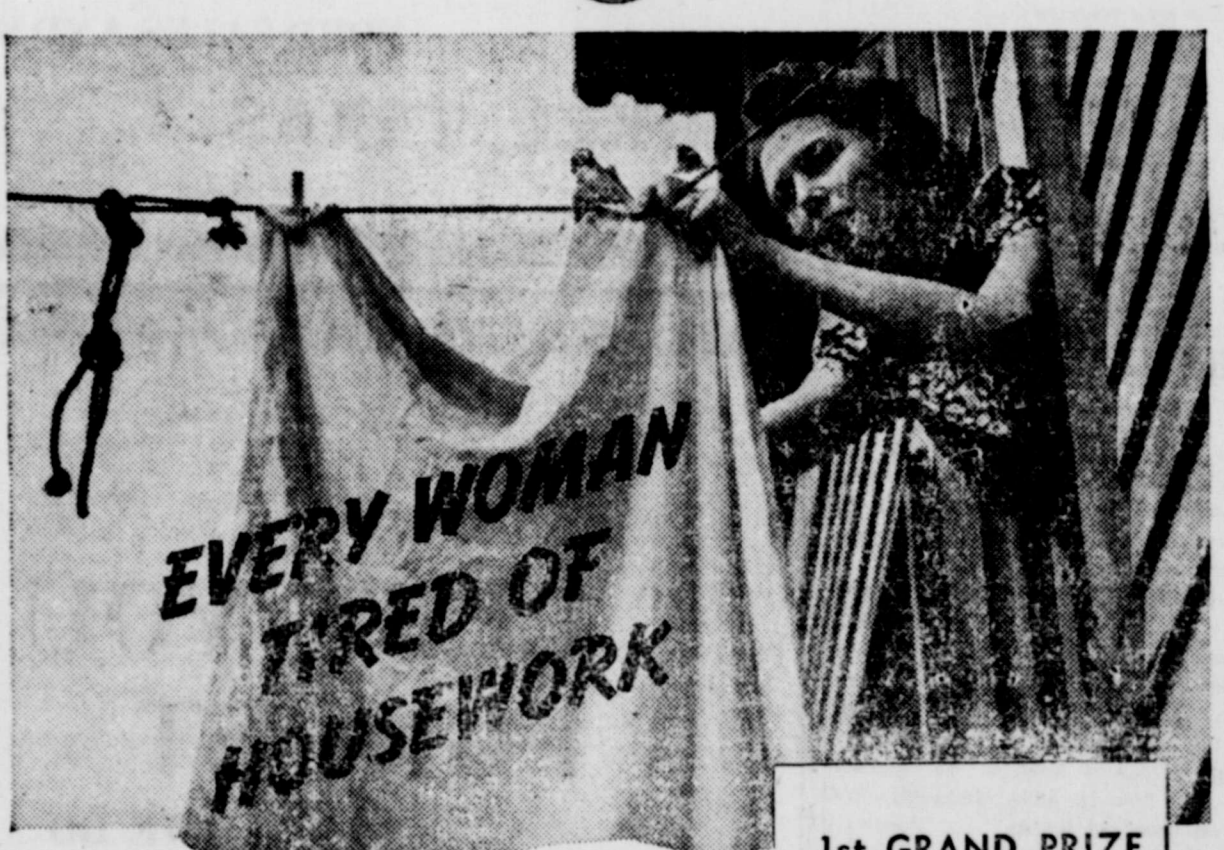
Sufferers of **STOMACH ULCERS HYPERACIDITY**

**DEFINITE RELIEF OR MONEY BACK**

THE WILLARD TREATMENT has brought prompt, definite relief in thousands of cases of Stomach and Duodenal Ulcers, due to Hyperacidity, and other forms of Stomach Distress due to Excess Acid. **SOLD ON 15 DAYS TRIAL.** For complete information, read "Willard's Message of Relief." Ask for it—free—at

Merkel Drug Company

**C. M. PRESLEY**  
Jeweler  
Watches—Diamonds—Silverware  
209 Pine Street  
Abilene, Texas



is invited to participate in this **\$40,000 PRIZE CONTEST** ON THE *Electrical Standard of Living* which changes the "housewife" into *The Neoelectress*

**H**OW would you like to win a \$12,000 New American Home planned to fit your needs — and equipped with Electric Servants that reduce housework to a minimum? How would you like to win \$200 worth of electrical appliances that bring freedom from Kitchen Drudgery—a range, dishwasher, clothes washer, refrigerator or a combination of smaller appliances whose retail prices total not more than \$200?

You have every chance to win. All you have to do is write 100 words on why the electrical way of living appeals to you. And that should be easy for every man and woman who has witnessed the progress of the West Texas home maker—from Housewife to Neoelectress.


All you need to enter this contest is a copy of the FREE folder, "Invitation to Participate." It gives the facts and contains the official entry blank on which you write your letter. You may enter each weekly contest by calling at this company's local office for copies of entry blank. This \$40,000 PRIZE CONTEST is open to ALL! So get started today.

**West Texas Utilities Company**  
The Better Things of Life Come With the Electrical Standard of Living

- 1st GRAND PRIZE  
\$12,000 New American Home
- 2nd GRAND PRIZE  
\$8,000 New American Home
- plus  
10 PRIZES  
each worth \$200 EACH WEEK
- A total of 102 Prizes \$40,000

First contest closes October 2... weekly thereafter until December 4. 1st and 2nd Grand Prizes will be selected from weekly winners.

Ask for **This FREE Folder**



For the valuable tips it contains on the Electrical Standard of Living... for the entry blank on which you write your letter... for the complete rules of the contest. Get them—FREE—from any local office of this company. The sooner you get an entry blank — and write your letter — the sooner your chance of winning a prize.

**THE MERKEL MAIL**  
Published Every Friday Morning  
C. J. GLOVER, Editor  
TELEPHONE NO. 61

Entered at the postoffice at Merkel, Texas, as second class mail.

**SUBSCRIPTION RATES**  
Taylor and Jones Counties ..... \$1.00  
Anywhere else ..... \$1.50  
(In Advance)

**Advertising Rates On Application**  
All obituaries, resolutions of respect, cards of thanks, etc., are classed as advertising, and will be charged for at the per word.

**PERSONALS**

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Horton and daughter returned home Wednesday of last week from Arlington where they visited his brother, O. A. Horton, and family. They attended Casa Manana at the Fort Worth Fiesta, the Pan-American Exposition in Dallas and the State Singing convention which met in Arlington Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Murel Thornton of Hamlin have returned home after visiting their parents here and celebrating their little daughter, Peggy's third birthday.

Mrs. Jack Miller and son, have returned to Fort Worth after a short visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Thornton.

Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Lassiter and daughter, Miss Mae Lassiter, and Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Pribble of Abilene were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lassiter in Big Spring Sunday.

Pelix Stalls, employed by the Acme Lumber company, Hamlin, was over to spend Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Stalls.

Sammy Doris Redwine of Abilene spent last Wednesday with her little cousins, Darwin and Darlene Warlick. She was accompanied home by Darlene, who spent the remainder of the week with her.

After visiting Saturday with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Hughes, at Waco, C. J. Glover returned via Dallas, reaching home Sunday night.

Mrs. Ed Jones and children and Miss Marie Hudson of Abilene were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Fox. Mrs. Ruby Jinkens and Miss Hudson are cousins of Mr. Fox.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley King, Mrs. S. D. Gamble and Mrs. E. Clyde Smith spent Sunday at Stephenville visiting with their respective children, who are students at John Tarleton college.

T. A. Moore of Midland was a guest last week of his sister, Mrs. Hattie L. Cooper, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Clyde Smith.

Mrs. W. M. Elliott and Miss Vera Walker attended the funeral at the Tye Methodist church on Thursday of last week of Mrs. L. M. Alexander, an old friend of the Elliotts.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Sanders spent the week-end with relatives and friends at O'Donnell. Mr. Sanders reports excellent crops in that section.

Mrs. Ray King of Monahans is here for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Dye, Sr.

Tom Toombs of Meadows is spending several days here this week with relatives and looking after oil and other interests.

Mrs. W. L. Harkrider of Brownwood was a visitor with friends here this week.

**BLAIR ITEMS**

Cotton is coming in fast, with dry weather a great aid in gathering. This has been very encouraging to the cotton farmers who would like to get out their crops before the staple is damaged by the weather. The fields are good picking now and the crop is coming in steadily to the gin.

Rev. W. B. Morton, evangelist of Abilene, delivered two eloquent discourses at the Methodist church Sunday.

Rev. and Mrs. Lloyd Mayhew and baby, Charlene, and Mrs. W. B. Morton and sons, Baker and Glen, of Abilene, attended services at the M. E. church Sunday.

Udie Latimer of Nubia has bought the Blair filling station here and solicits the patronage of the public. Elmer Patterson is working in the mechanical department and will appreciate the co-operation of the public.

Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Morton and sons and Rev. and Mrs. Lloyd Mayhew and daughter of Abilene were the interesting guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Doan and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Horton of Trent.

Mr. and Mrs. Price Melton visited the teacher's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Doan, of Clyde Sunday.

Hollis Shock of New Mexico is visiting his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Akins, and other friends here for an indefinite time.

Reverent acknowledgement engraved cards, with envelopes to match, 25 cents per dozen at Merkel Mail office.

**FFA Chapter Elects Morris Clack as Convention Delegate**

On Tuesday night, Sept. 21, the Merkel Future Farmer chapter met in the vocational agriculture room of the High School with 35 members present. Several items of business important to the chapter were discussed and passed upon, one of these being the selection of a delegate to represent the Merkel chapter in Kansas City at the National Future Farmer convention. Three nominees were named and out of this number Morris Clack, local president, was selected to attend.

The delegates of the entire area will meet in Fort Worth on Oct. 16 and go by special train direct to Kansas City. Texas is sending a 100-piece band composed of Future Farmers and it expects to make several "booster" stops at the larger cities on the way. The delegate sent from the local chapter will be expected to send the chapter a news letter telling of the convention during his stay there.

**MAKE PROJECT TOUR.**  
The second year vocational agriculture class went on a field trip to inspect projects this week. The calves visited on this trip are all going nicely and the club should have some fat calves by the time of the F. F. A. show in February.

C. H. Collinsworth, local vocational agriculture teacher, L. B. Gibson, J. W. Hughes and A. C. Bland journeyed to the Lem Dudley ranch Saturday and each boy selected three lambs to be fed and used for projects this year. Several other boys will soon purchase registered gilts and some barrows to be fed for projects. These animals will also be shown at the February show. The entire chapter will spend next Wednesday at the West Texas Fair in Abilene where they will prepare a booth for entry in the best farm products display contest.

**Woodmen Circle Gives Miscellaneous Shower**

On Thursday, Sept. 23, sixteen members of the Woodmen Circle gathered at the home of Mrs. Ed Turner on Oak street between the hours of 3 to 5 p. m. for a miscellaneous shower for Mrs. Ruby Jinkens and a handkerchief shower for past guardian, Mrs. C. P. Church.

Several piano solos were rendered by Miss Norma Patton, but the program was cut short on account of Mr. Jinkens' being carried to the hospital.

Fruit punch and lovely white cake were served, and the following members sent love gifts to the honoree: Mesdames R. H. Mathews, Sr., R. H. Mathews, Jr., Fred Guitler, Jr., Irl Walker, James Patterson, F. A. Polley, E. E. Wallace, C. P. Church, Pearl Hollingsworth, Lila Rea, Luther Barnett, Norma Patton, W. A. Shaw, Fred Guitler, Sr., and several others whose names the reporter was unable to secure.

Guardian Turner was also the happy recipient of a beautiful handkerchief presented by Mrs. Lila Rea.

Members of the Grove were cordially invited to attend the pie supper at Abilene Monday night, Sept. 27.

**Mrs. Wiman**

(Continued From Page One.)  
during the winters, and in Roscoe with a son in the summers.

Survivors are one son by a former marriage, J. T. Buckingham, Dallas; three daughters, Mrs. West, Mrs. B. A. Cox and Mrs. Ed Stephenson, Augusta, Ark., and three sons, Tom and Arthur Wiman, Roscoe, and Milton Wiman, Tulsa; forty-one grandchildren, a large number of great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

One daughter, Mrs. W. F. Scarborough, died Aug. 3 last, and Mrs. Hugh Mayfield, deceased, was also her daughter.

Among those from out-of-town who came for the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. Milton Wiman and son, Pat, Tulsa; M. D. Looney, Borger; Mrs. Myrtle Smith, Mrs. Tommie Lineberry, Midland; Mrs. Sewell Heavenhill, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Dick Wiman, Abilene; J. T. Buckingham, Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Silas Davenport, Hamlin; Mrs. Sidney Foy, Baird; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wiman and daughters, Gladys, Patty and Ruth, and sons, John and Jimmie Wiman, and granddaughter, Margarite Glyn, Arthur Wiman, Mrs. Cleck Smith, Mrs. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Wiman, Roscoe. A large number of friends also came from Roscoe.

Typewriter paper for sale at Merkel Mail office.

If you have any visitors. Phone 29 or 61.

Second sheets for sale at Merkel Mail office.

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

**Grand Prize of \$12,000 in Contest on Electrical Standard of Living**

Believing that West Texans have an opportunity to "cash in" on a national contest, the West Texas Utilities company is inviting all Merkel citizens to participate in a \$40,000 contest on the "electrical standard of living."

The company will cooperate with a national firm in distribution of two grand prizes and 10 prizes each worth \$200 each week for 10 weeks, R. T. Gray, local manager, announced. Entry blanks may be secured at the local office, he said.

"All you have to do is write 100 words on why the electrical way of living appeals to you," he said. "Although similar to our recent contest for a new name for women, in which Neolactress was chosen as a substitute for housewife, there is no connection."

"In this new contest, the grand prize will be a \$12,000 all-electric home. Second prize is an \$8,000 home. Winners of these two prizes will be chosen from winners of weekly prizes. The contest will last 10 weeks, beginning at once. Both men and women may enter, sending in entries each week."

Entries must be made on the official entry blank, he said, which gives all details and instructions. The entry blank may be obtained by request at the office here.

**Rites for Mrs. Sarah Alexander Held at Tye**

Funeral services for Mrs. Sarah Alexander, 69, resident of Taylor county for 37 years, were held at 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon, Sept. 23, from the Tye Methodist church, with the pastor, Rev. A. F. Click, officiating.

She died at her farm home two miles west of Abilene Wednesday night after a prolonged illness. Burial was in the Tye cemetery, beside the grave of her husband, M. L. Alexander, who died July 27.

Sarah Turner was born in Murphey, Collin county, Jan. 5, 1869. In 1885 she was married to B. B. Knight. After his death she married Mr. Alexander, in 1891.

She is survived by a son, J. S. Knight of Tye; four daughters, Mrs. Minnie Thomas, Mrs. Betty Warner and Mrs. Opal Bryant, all of Tye, and Mrs. T. H. McGowan of Big Spring; a sister, Mrs. J. F. Hill, of Tye, and three brothers, J. H., H. M. and Thomas Turner, all of Oklahoma.

**RURAL SOCIETY**

**UNION RIDGE CLUB.**

The Union Ridge Home Demonstration club met Friday of last week in the home of the president, Mrs. O. E. Harwell, with Mrs. W. C. Lee as co-hostess.

Miss Peggy Taylor, county agent, gave a report on the last council meeting and she also gave a report on the district meeting of the club women which was held at the Hilton hotel, Abilene, last week. Miss Taylor showed club members how to do drawn work and how to have standard corners on hemmed linens.

Plans were made to have a booth at the West Texas Fair, each member being asked to bring her prize article to the home of Miss Mabel McRee on Friday afternoon, Oct. 1.

A unity refreshment plate was served to Mesdames Lee Tipton, W. C. Lee, J. L. McRee, O. R. Douglas, W. A. Harris, Clarence Church, M. L. Douglas, J. W. Taylor, Misses Mabel McRee, Faye and Mary Bell Douglas, Laverne Harwell, Miss Taylor and the hostesses.

The next meeting of the club will be Oct. 8 in the W. A. Harris home.

**COMPERE CLUB.**

Miss Marjūn judged angel's food and sunshine cakes Sept. 23 at Newman store. Contestants were Mesdames Ramsey, Bristow, Ray and Hayes. Members present sampled cakes with a refreshing punch.

Next meeting will be Oct. 14 with Mrs. Ramsey.

On Oct. 6 the club will go to Lueders for the day where an all-day program of dinner, stunts and canned fruits or vegetables will be in order.

**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!

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

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

**Bargains in Used Cars**  
**MORE THAN 20 TO SELECT FROM**

**WE LIST A FEW**

- 2—1935 FORD TUDORS, good rubber, good motors, look good and run good, each ..... \$395.00
- 1936 STANDARD CHEVROLET TOWN SEDAN, new rubber, clean car ..... \$495.00
- 2—1934 DeLUXE FORDORS, a car for real service at low cost ..... \$335.00
- 1933 CHEVROLET SEDAN, renewed and guaranteed at \$295.00
- 1933 CHEVROLET COACH, \$275.00
- 1934 FORD COUPE, good rubber, new motor, clean inside and out, ..... \$365.00
- 1933 CHEVROLET COUPE, \$265.00
- Several other good CHEVROLETS at REDUCED PRICES

**MANY OTHER FORDS**

**Trucks and Commercials**

- MODEL A TRUCK, good rubber a good truck for the money \$125.00
- 1931 CHEVROLET TRUCK and TRAILER ..... \$235.00
- 1934 FORD PICKUP, ..... \$325.00

**MERKEL MOTOR CO.**

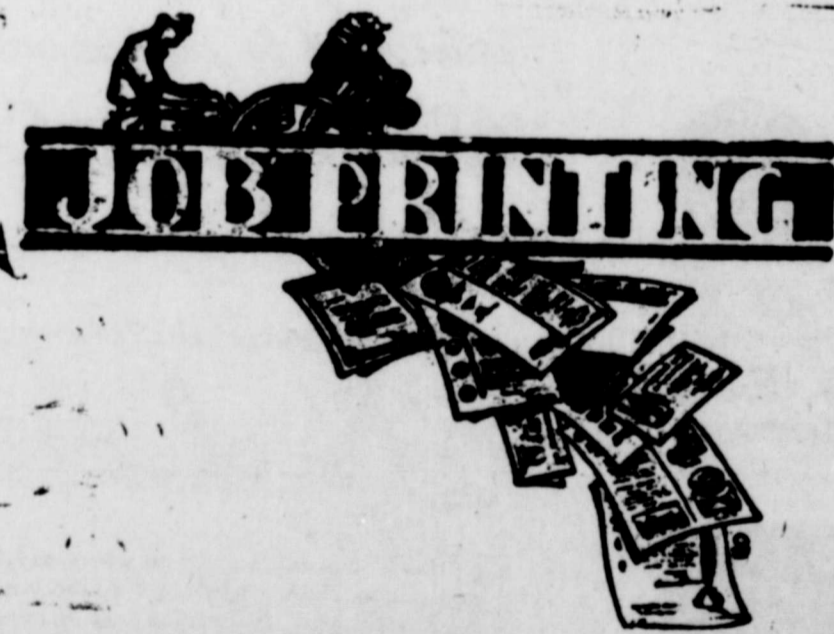
FORD SALES AND SERVICE

**MERKEL, TEXAS**

**PHONE 84**

**LEST YOU FORGET**

**WE DO**



When you are in need of job work, think twice before you send it out of town. If you will have the Merkel Mail do your work, you will get some of this money back.

**THIS IS SOMETHING FOR YOU TO THINK ABOUT**

**PHONE 61**

**THE MERKEL MAIL**



**FOR SALE**  
See me before you sell your Maize; will pay \$12 per ton at your place, \$13 delivered to town; prices are changing often; will pay top prices at all times; you will find me or some one of my men at Hi-Way Service Station.  
Sinclair Gas and Oils  
Washing and Greasing  
A full line of Brunswick Tires (guaranteed) and Tubes  
HI-WAY SERVICE STATION  
P. H. Douglas & Son  
Phone 288 Merkel, Texas  
Open all night

**FOR SALE**—Black hull seed wheat. Pierce Horton.

**FOR SALE**—Bargain: 320-acre farm, two miles northwest Golan, Fisher county; will not take much cash to handle deal; winding up estate. Joe Garland, Power Attorney.

**SEE OUR USED CARS**  
1935 Plymouth DeLuxe 4-Door.  
1935 Plymouth DeLuxe 2-Door.  
1934 Chevrolet DeLuxe 2-Door.  
1934 Ford V-8 Coupe.  
1933 Chevrolet Coupe.  
1933 Ford V-8 Coach.  
Plenty of older models for \$50.00 up  
F. E. CHURCH MOTOR CO.  
Chrysler and Plymouth Dealer  
Old Baker Rock Garage on Front St.

100 acres good improved land near Butman school house; plenty good water; on R.F.D. and Merkel High School bus route. See T. H. Spears, Blair, or H. E. Spears, Valera, Texas.

**ECZEMA RELIEF:** Paracide Ointment is guaranteed to relieve any form of eczema, itch, athlete's foot, itching piles within 24 hours, or money promptly refunded. Large jar 60c at Merkel Drug Co.

**FOR SALE**—20 acres, 1-1/4 miles of Merkel; 2-room dwelling and small outbuildings; good well and mill. W. O. Boney.

HAVE some good milk cows for sale. W. A. Campbell, (Blair,) Merkel, Route 4.

**FOR SALE OR TRADE** good 3-inch wagon. E. Barnes.

**FOR SALE**—Black husk wheat, free of Johnson grass. Vernon Horton.

**FARM FOR SALE**—I have an 80-acre farm, 2 1-2 miles west of Stith, for sale; can give possession Jan. 1. John R. West.

**FOR SALE**—Second hand sheet iron, also some scrap lumber. West Company.

**FOR SALE OR TRADE**—We have two used Farmall Regular Tractors, with or without implements; will take livestock for same. West Company.

**FOR SALE**—Good wall telephone; excellent condition; \$3.50. Vernon Simpson, Merkel, Texas.

HAVE GOOD clean wheat seed, free of Johnson Grass. See Mrs. J. F. Merritt, Merkel, Texas, Route 1.

**WANTED**  
BRING us your Produce; highest market prices guaranteed. Sheppard & Shelton Produce, Independent Operators. We pay cash. Phone 141.

TRY US on your next cream test; we buy cream, eggs and chickens; best cash prices on all produce; get a free bottle of Egg Producer. Merkel Creamery, Joe Stalls, Operator.

**AT H-S LAUNDRY**—We have added a mangle and are prepared to do all flat work, also finished. See us for prices. Mrs. Stevens, Mgr.

**FOR RENT**  
TYPEWRITER FOR RENT by the month. Inquire at office of Merkel Mail.

**LOST AND FOUND**  
STRAYED from my lot Sept. 21, white sow, weighs about 300 to 350 pounds. Notify Joe Higgins.

**FOR RENT**—Three unfurnished rooms. J. Y. Melton at Po-Po Sandwich shop.

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

**List of Petit Jurors Called Next Week**

The jury panel in 42nd district court for next week includes the following names:  
Fred Barnes, C. M. Latimer, E. L. Wilson, J. T. Blackburn, M. H. Henslee, G. H. Bryant, Merkel; Boyd King, C. H. Lester, M. T. Daniel, Jack Jones (colored), J. O. Dulin, O. E. Power, S. R. Friedsam, A. D. Linton, W. R. Truss, Everett Wagner, W. D. Guldedge, Jesse E. Walker, C. M. Coffey, L. V. Vantrees, Dr. R. A. Maddox, J. C. Frederickson, King Stevenson, Louis H. Ackers, C. F. Briggs, T. E. Gabbert, J. W. Chaney, J. Harvey Clark, Louis Montgomery, Henry E. Andrews, James Price, E. L. Whitaker, J. M. Chandler, J. D. Moore, Luther Hollingshead, E. G. Batjer, Elbert S. Lasseter, J. L. McDavid, Abilene; J. A. Moore, Tye; G. R. Yates, Lloyd Dean, Guion; Neil Holder, Wingate; P. H. Tally, Buffalo Gap; G. A. Buchanan, Winters; E. H. Burks, Trent; M. G. Jenkins, Ray Barrington, J. W. Ivey, Tuscola; Ray Floyd, Ovalo; E. C. Hallman, Lawn.

**Attend Funeral of Brother at Houston**

Funeral services for Hugh Hogg, 43, brakeman on the Southern Pacific, who was killed Thursday evening of last week at Houston when he fell from the steps of the cab of the engine as he was looking backward, held there at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon, were attended by a sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Houston Robertson, who joined Mrs. Dennis Hartley and a son, Raymond, of Plainview, as they passed through here.  
Mr. Hogg formerly lived in this section, where he is well known, having left here about 20 years ago.  
He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hogg of Palacios, who were unable to attend the funeral because of illness of Mr. Hogg; four brothers, Will and Jim Hogg, Houston; Braxton Hogg, Palacios, and Raymond Hogg, Dallas, and one other sister, Miss Lucille Hogg, Bay City.

**Achieves Membership In College Chorus**

Abilene, Sept. 30.—Mozelle Sosebee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Sosebee of Merkel, was one of twenty-two students added to the capella chorus of Abilene Christian college, following competitive tryouts held this week on the college campus.  
During recent years the chorus, a combined group of 50 voices under the direction of Leonard Burford, head of the A. C. C. fine arts department, has appeared in principal cities over the state and has broadcast over every major Texas radio station. The organization has received acclaim throughout the Southwest for its contribution to the art of a capella singing.  
Miss Sosebee was also admitted to membership in the Kitten Klub, women's pep organization of Abilene Christian college, following competitive tryouts held on the campus of the school.

**LOCAL BRIEFS**

Holt Vaughn, who was operated on for appendicitis at the Hendrick Memorial hospital, Abilene, on Tuesday of last week, is reported getting along nicely, although it will be several days yet before he is able to be removed home.

John Toombs, district manager for the Colorado Life Insurance company, and Mrs. Toombs were over from Abilene Tuesday. Mr. Toombs is a frequent visitor to his old home town, but Mrs. Toombs does not come so often.

First government loan contract in Taylor county was completed by J. B. Browning of the Stith community, whose loan was made through the Farmers & Merchants National bank of Merkel, the cotton having been handled by the West Texas Cotton Growers association, Abilene.

With 22 boys included in her household, Mrs. W. H. Dunning is taking care of a project house for A. & M. students at College station. Her son, Billie Dunning, is one of this group of twenty-two students.

The Po-Po Sandwich shop, now under the management of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dawson, has been rebuilt into a substantial rock structure, with most convenient appointments for serving the trade. During the temporary absence this week of Mr. and Mrs. Dawson, J. Y. Melton is managing the sandwich shop.

**FARMS AT BARGAINS.**  
Also buyers for your farms when priced right. Quick sales. List your property with us. Shanks Land and Loan Office, Penney Bldg., Abilene, Texas.

Use The Mail Want Ads.

**Cash Prizes Offered In Photo Contest by Lone Star Gas System**

A novel contest for amateur photographers which reverses the usual order of such competitions is announced by Lone Star Gas system in an advertisement appearing in this issue. Instead of asking the contestant to buy something or write an essay about a product, the gas company announces that it wants to buy from its customers one hundred good photographs of gas heating equipment.  
"There is nothing to buy, no letters to write, in this contest," the company explains in announcing the contest which opens Oct. 11 and will close Dec. 18. "Your gas company and national manufacturers of heating appliances wish to obtain photos or snapshots illustrating various types of gas heating equipment used in the homes of this section. We need one hundred good photos or snapshots of home interiors that can be used to illustrate gas heating appliances. We want to buy these 100 photos from our gas customers and will pay \$10 each for the ten best submitted each week during the ten week contest. At the end of the ten week period grand prizes of \$100, \$75, \$50 and \$25 will be awarded for the four best entries submitted during the contest."

In explaining the reason for the contest, company officials said:  
"One of the most difficult things to obtain is an interior view showing gas heating equipment in natural home surroundings. We have a definite need for such pictures, for experience has shown us that it is difficult for customers who wish to buy gas heating equipment to visualize how the appliance they are considering will look in their home. It will heat comfortably, but will it harmonize with other furniture, they wonder? The photos we hope to obtain through this contest will be of great assistance in helping them decide just which type of heating appliance will look best in their own home."

The contest is open to anyone living in a home supplied gas by any of the Lone Star Gas system companies with the exception of professional photographers or others who may take pictures for commercial purposes, and Lone Star Gas system employees and their immediate families. Companies participating in the contest include Lone Star Gas Co., The Dallas Gas Co., County Gas Co., Texas Cities Gas Co. and Community Natural Gas Co. Entries may be submitted at the nearest gas company office or mailed directly to Lone Star Gas System Advertising Department, 305 South Harwood, Dallas. Folders giving complete information on the contest and showing sample pictures similar to those desired may be obtained from the gas company.

**Hodges Happenings**

My! But aren't we having lovely weather for harvesting the abundant crop that God has so graciously seen fit to bless us with. Let us all stop long enough from our labor to thank Him who sends all good things.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Hudson, formerly of the Compere community but now living in Antioch, Calif., are announcing the birth of a fine eight pound boy. The young man made his arrival Sept. 9, named Jerry. Mother and baby are doing nicely.

Wedding bells rang again in our city a few days ago when Miss Nellie Barfield of Abilene became the bride of Pete Ashby. We wish for this young couple the very best of happiness and success as they face the future together.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Wilson and family were Sunday guests of Mrs. Wilson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Tedford, of Clyde.

Mr. and Mrs. Josh Cook are the proud possessors of a new wind charger radio.

Rev. Standlee filled his regular appointment at the M. E. church Sunday and Sunday night.

Brother Campbell of Abilene has accepted the call to the Baptist church here, and we feel like he will be a great blessing to the Hodges people. He will preach here on the first and second Sundays and Sunday nights. Every one is invited to attend all services at both of our churches.

Master Jimmie Walsh, age seven, holds the Hodges championship for ball pulling (so far as we know) for his age. He pulled 152 pounds Monday, but Jimmie says that is too many bolts for him and that he intends to be a man before he tries that many again.

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.

Typewriting and carbon paper at Mail office.

**Complete Tentative Card West Texas Fair Attractions is Set**

Abilene, Sept. 30.—West Texas Free Fair opens shop once again Monday, Oct. 4, for the first time since 1930 with a program of entertainment and exhibits outstripping any previous fair week in the years past. Not just a county fair any longer, the entertainment-decked program offers West Texas six days of fun, frolic, and above all a glimpse of this section's 1937 prosperity.

All available exhibit space, inside and outside buildings, has been contracted for and, much to officials' delight, the oldest building on the fair grounds, the Exhibitors building, has been opened to stem the demand for exhibit space.

To single out any one event of the West Texas Free Fair week would not give credit to the other events. But the occasion expecting to attract state wide attention, the Texas Cotton Festival and Coronation of the Texas Cotton Queen and King Cotton, slated Oct. 5 and 6, will probably lead the week's attendance record. Close behind comes the gigantic pageant, "Arabian Nights," the championship rodeo, horse races, and countless exhibits of every description.

Twenty-seven Texas cities and towns have named duchesses to take part in the coronation ceremonies, Oct. 6, and more are expected before the fair opens. On the Festival program is the Royal Cotton Parade, feature parade of the fair week in which many money prizes and trophies are to be presented for the best floats, band, and hand-pep squad units. Two invita-

tional coronation and festival balls are to be given during the two days. The Cotton Parade is expected to be the longest parade of its kind ever presented in West Texas. More than fifty floats, besides the many West Texas high school band and pep squad units, will take part. Out of town floats have been invited.

Opening the six day show will be the pageant, "Arabian Nights," with more than 400 in the cast. With a different show each night, the "Arabian Nights" is expected to draw throngs to witness its spectacular performances. The settings and scenery will be constructed on a stage 253 feet in length.

Exhibits of manufacturing, commercial, distributing, machinery, and agricultural have been secured. One of the largest agricultural exhibits ever presented in West Texas has been arranged throughout fair week. An automobile show, showing the latest models; a horse and mule show; a dairy products show; and last but not least, the new Central West Texas industry, oil, will have its several exhibits.

The final three days of the fair will see the horse races, with over 100 thoroughbreds slated to take part in the meet, and the championship rodeo. The races are slated for the afternoons and the rodeo at nights. Over \$3000 in purses have been offered for both events. Handicap races will feature the race meet while the rodeo's big attraction will be the top-notch entrants.

Admission to the West Texas Free Fair is without gate charge, giving West Texans a big free show. One of the largest fair crowds to ever attend such an event west of Fort Worth is

expected to pass through the turnstiles during the six days.

**GOLAN NEWS**

(Omitted Last Week.)

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hill are Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hill of Lueders and Mrs. Doris Winter of Merkel.

Palmer Lawlis was in Coleman on business Monday.  
Mr. and Mrs. Perdue of Brownwood visited Mrs. Perdue's cousins, L. C. Williams and Mrs. H. T. Jeffrey, Sunday.

A shower was given by Mrs. Doris Winter in the home of Mrs. W. C. Hill for Mrs. Dick Bailey of Merkel on Tuesday, and many gifts were received by the honoree.

Children enjoying the birthday dinner for Tom B. Jeffrey given Sunday by his mother, Mrs. H. T. Jeffrey, were: J. F. Herron, Calvin Stevens, Eugene Perdue, Theron Williams, Rudolph Perdue, Bonnie Lee and Jannell McCain, Bill Francis, Evelyn Bradshaw, Frankie Cook and Doris Herron.  
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Guitar, Jr., and Mrs. D. M. Hill of Merkel were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Jeffrey.

Many from Noodle and Golan enjoyed the bridal shower given Mrs. George Byrom, Jr., in the home of Mrs. V. P. Byrom Tuesday afternoon. Many beautiful and useful gifts were received.

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

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

**THE RED & WHITE STORES**

**SPECIALS FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, OCT. 1-2**

Cranberries, pound	22c	Red and White	Catsup, 14 ounce bottle	17c
Apples, Delicious, doz.	25c	Gold Medal	Wheaties, 2 packages	25c
Tokay Grapes, pound	5c	Blue and White	Matches, 6 box carton	19c
Oranges, dozen	30c	Red and White	Soap, 6 bars	25c
Lettuce, head	5c	Blue and White	Tamales, per can	15c
Spuds, U. S. No. 1, 10 lbs.	19c	Red and White	Meal, 5 pounds	19c
Early Riser		Moon	Brooms, each	25c
Coffee, pound	19c	Dried	Prunes, 3 pounds	25c
Red and White		Red and White	Peaches, No. 2 1-2 can	
Peas, No. 2 can, 2 cans	35c		2 cans for	35c
Standard			Shortening, 4 lb. carton	47c
Tomatoes, No. 2, 3 for	25c		Sliced Bacon, lb.	34c
Crystal			Jowls, pound	19c
Spinach, No. 2 can	10c		Bologna, pound	19c
Sinclair				
Fresh Limas, No. 2, 2 for	25c			
Red and White				
Red Salmon, No. 1 tall	27c			
Palmolive				
Soap, Free Complexion				
Cloth, 4 bars	25c			
Red and White				
Milk, 6 small or 3 tall	23c			

**WEST COMPANY, Merkel**      **A. W. WOOD, Trent**  
**D. C. HERRING & SON, Noodle**      **E. BRADLEY MER. CO., Stith**  
**GOSDIN BROS., Blair**

DeSOTO

Plymouth

**CHURCH MOTOR CO.**  
COL. P. CHURCH, Mgr.

**DR. CURLEY'S PLACE**  
F. A. LONDON, Service Mgr.

DeSOTO

Plymouth

# Prevent FIRE

## FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

OCTOBER 3rd-9th

Fire strikes without warning—any time, any place. The safety of your own home may depend upon the precautions of your next door neighbor. A moment of your own carelessness—a cigarette in the waste basket, a short circuit—may imperil the lives of members of your family and sweep away the investment of a lifetime.

Merkel citizens, individually, pay for every fire

in Merkel through the increased rates in fire insurance policies, and through the loss in time, investments, materials and effort caused by fire.

Learn the importance of your part during Fire Prevention Week. Check up on yourself to see that you are taking adequate care and protective steps for your family, your home and your community.

Compliments of

**FARMERS STATE BANK**  
IN MERKEL

Member Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.

Compliments of

**BRAGG DRY GOODS COMPANY**

FIRES ARE DANGEROUS  
IT'S ALWAYS SAFE TO TRADE WITH

**WEST COMPANY**  
Your Friends for 40 Years

**MERKEL'S FIREBOYS**

Know how to handle fires, but why not take every precaution to prevent fires? A great many fires should never happen. Be CAREFUL—take pains to eliminate all fire hazards from your home or business.

**HI-WAY SERVICE STATION**  
P. H. Douglass & Son—Ralph Walker, Mgr.  
PHONE 288

Sinclair Oils and Gas—Brunswick Tires (Guaranteed) and Tubes—Batteries—Cars Washed and Greased.

Compliments of

**MAX MELLINGER**  
TO THE GOOD FIREBOYS

Compliments of

**GRABLE MOTOR COMPANY**  
"Chevrolet Sales and Service"

**WEST'S AUTO SUPPLY STORE**  
"THE BIG, BUSY AUTO SUPPLY HOUSE"  
REPLACEMENT PARTS—AUTO SUPPLIES

TELEPHONE 222 MERKEL, TEXAS

Compliments of

**MERKEL HOSPITAL**

W. T. SADLER, M. D. L. C. ZEHPFENNIG, D.D.S.

Shake That Swing Off Your Shoes  
...Everybody's Jammin' Now!

Fun from Charlie Ruggles and Ben Blue! Frolic from Eleanore Whitney and Johnny Downs! Rhythm from Phil Harris and his band and Kenny Baker!

Wait'll you see the Fanchonette girls and hear the four song hits!

**"TURN OFF THE MOON"**

Adolph Zukor presents  
with CHARLIE RUGGLES - Eleanore Whitney  
Johnny Downs - Kenny Baker - Phil Harris  
and his Band - Ben Blue - Marjorie Gatewood  
A Paramount Picture - Directed by Lewis Rainer

SHOWING WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, OCT. 3-7

**QUEEN THEATRE**  
Benefit Firemen's Fund

THREE CASH PRIZES—\$5, \$3, \$2  
For Best

FIRE PREVENTION POSTERS  
Submitted by Grammar School Students

**BURTON-LINGO CO.**

"Where Quality, not Price is Criterion"

Phone 74 Merkel, Texas

**MAGNOLIA PETROLEUM CO.**

MOBIL GAS AND MOBIL OIL  
W. A. STOCKBRIDGE, Agent

Following Merchants and Business Men Are Backing the Fire Boys

- |                             |                                     |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Geo. Smith, Contractor      | Claude Dye's Laundry                |
| F. E. Church Motor Co.      | Homer Patterson                     |
| Dowell Auto Shop            | Merkel Cafe                         |
| Texaco Station              | Bell & Buford                       |
| Liberty Service Station     | Petty and West Barber Shop          |
| Cotton's Cafe               | Wheeler's Market                    |
| Blue Front Cafe             | Douglass Dairy                      |
| Fox Wrecking Shop           | Maurine's Beauty Shop               |
| Front Street Grocery        | Merkel Drug Co.                     |
| Perry Bros.                 | Barrow Furniture Co.                |
| West Texas Utilities Co.    | Ed's Cafe                           |
| Vick Drug Co.               | Booth Grocery                       |
| Sheppard and Shelton        | Bullock Hardware Co.                |
| Merkel Ice Co.              | Carson Grocery                      |
| Buck's Shoe Shop            | J. M. Garrett Feed Store            |
| Wood's Store                | Smart and Son Roller Rink           |
| McCoy Barber Shop           | Eli Case and Son Grocery and Market |
| Economy Grocery             | Merkel Mail                         |
| Woodrum Filling Station     | Bob's Barber & Beauty Shop          |
| Black's Radio Shop          | Woody's Cafe                        |
| Ferrier's Service Station   | Farmers Co-Operative Society        |
| Magnolia Service Station    | No. 1, Merkel, Texas                |
| Campbell's Grocery & Market | Dandy Bakery                        |
| Patterson Grocery & Market  | W. O. Boney                         |
| Community Natural Gas Co.   |                                     |

PRESTONE

FORD BATTERIES

**MERKEL MOTOR CO.**  
Ford Sales and Service

USED CARS

COOPER TIRES

**HIGGINBOTHAM-BARTLETT CO.**

"Good Lumber"

GOODYEAR TIRES

EXIDE BATTERIES

**HUNTER AND SUBLETT**

PONTIACS

GENERAL REPAIR WORK

**MERKEL GIN COMPANY**

H. H. TOOMBS, Manager

Compliments of

**CITY MOTOR COMPANY**  
EARL BAZE, Manager

DODGE

PLYMOUTH

Magrolia Gas and Oil

Goodrich Tires and Accessories

**P. & K. SERVICE STATION**

"Service for Sure"

Patterson

Knight

Compliments of

**REID'S VARIETY STORE**

5c-10c-25c to \$1.00 Store

Compliments of

**CITY DRY CLEANERS**

CLEANERS AND HATTERS

# Do you like to take PHOTOGRAPHS?



*This sample photo illustrating a radiant circulating type gas heater was taken in the home of one of our customers.*

## 5 Simple Rules of the "Heating Photo Contest"

1. All photos must include a view of the gas heating equipment used to heat the room or adjoining room in which the photo is taken. (See sample)
2. The house in which you reside must receive its gas service from one of the companies of Lone Star Gas System and all photos submitted in the TEN WEEK CONTEST must be taken in a home served gas by one of the companies of Lone Star Gas System. These companies are:— Lone Star Gas Company; The Dallas Gas Company; County Gas Company; Community Natural Gas Company; Texas Cities Gas Company.
3. Employees of any company of Lone Star Gas System and their immediate families and professional photographers or persons engaged in the business of making photographs for commercial purposes are not eligible to enter this Heating Photo Contest.
4. All photos submitted must have your name and address (including the town) PRINTED PLAINLY ON A SEPARATE PIECE OF PAPER AND PASTED TO THE BACK OF EACH PHOTO ENTERED IN THE CONTEST.
5. All photos submitted should be delivered to your local gas company office or mailed to LONE STAR GAS SYSTEM, ADVERTISING DEPARTMENT, 305 S. HARWOOD ST., DALLAS, TEXAS.

The contest is for a TEN WEEK Period from October 11, 1937 to December 18, 1937 (inclusive). All photos submitted will become the property of Lone Star Gas System to be used as desired by the company. Photos entered in the contest will not be returned and weekly prize winners will be advised by letter. At the close of the ten week contest a complete list of prize winners will be available for your inspection at your nearest gas company office.

*cash prizes*

for indoor photos  
showing heating appliances

Your gas company and national manufacturers of gas heating appliances wish to obtain photos or "snapshots" illustrating gas heating equipment used in homes of this section.

We want to buy one hundred photos showing interior views of living rooms, dining rooms, bed rooms or any other room in the house. All photos submitted to the judging committee must conform to the rules of the contest and must include a view of gas heating equipment. Also, every photo or "snapshot" submitted in the contest must be taken in a home served gas by one of the companies of Lone Star Gas System and the person submitting the photo must reside in a home receiving gas service from one of these companies. (See Contest Rule No. 2 for details)

## Nothing to Buy . . . No Letters to Write!

We are interested in photos ONLY. Include any type of gas heating appliance such as a gas floor furnace, a gas circulating heater, a gasteam radiator or an individual room heater of the gas radiant type. Select a view of a room that shows some type of gas heating appliance and

send it in. There is nothing to buy, no letters to write, to make your entry eligible for a prize. Read the five simple rules of the contest carefully and send your entries promptly each week. The contest extends from October 11, 1937 to December 18, 1937, inclusive.

## CASH PRIZES

Ten weekly prizes of \$10.00 each will be awarded the best photos submitted each week. A total of one hundred prizes of \$10.00 each for the best one hundred photos submitted during the TEN WEEK CONTEST. At the close of the Photo Contest additional prizes of \$100.00, \$75.00, \$50.00, and \$25.00 respectively will be awarded the four photos selected as the best entered during the TEN WEEK CONTEST.

LONE STAR  
Community  Natural Gas Co.  
GAS SYSTEM

See "Turn Off the Moon" at Queen Theatre' Oct. 7-8--Benefit Fire Dept.



**MARRIAGE ANNOUNCED.**  
Merkel friends of the former Miss Bess Touchstone are receiving announcements this week of her marriage to Sam Gonzales of New Orleans on Saturday evening, September 25.

**EVENING OF GAMES.**  
Mrs. Norman Hodge invited a number of her husband's friends in to help him in celebration of his birthday on Tuesday evening, September 21. Colonial tallies marked places for games of progressive "42" furnished diversion for the evening and at the culmination of the games a delectable sandwich plate with iced drink was served to Messrs. Hodge, Clyde Shouse, Earl Baze, Carlton Vick, Carroll Benson, Connor Robinson, Dean Higgins, R. T. Gray, Arthur Lawson, Allen McGehee, Paul Douglass, Byers Petty, Comer Haynes, Bill Haynes, Ollie Dye, E. O. Carson, Bob Corley.

**BIRTHDAY FETE.**  
Mrs. Bob Mayfield celebrated her daughter's fifth birthday with a lovely birthday party on Thursday afternoon, September 23. Miss Sue Mayfield was a very charming little honoree as she opened her gifts which were admired by all.

In pinning the donkey's tail, Billie Reid was most successful and won a toy airplane. Outdoor games were played and pictures made. Bat and ball sets were given each little guest as favors. Angel food cake and punch were served to Sue Mayfield, Ann Booth, Sandra Sadler, Patsy Swann, Helen Haynes, Creta Key and Karen Sue Case, Billy Mack Sheppard, Topper and Larry Largent, Joy Frances West, Marjorie Ann Walker, Dorothy Nell Lee, Marilyn Petty, Jo Marvayn Tipton, Billy Reid, Y. E. Jenora and Barbara Ann Brown, Jackie Smith, Joanna Ramsey, Norma Jean Hodge, Gerald and Gloria West, Frances Grimes, Austin, and Bobby Booth Mayfield, also the following mothers, Mrs. Milton Case, Mrs. Jim West and Mrs. Norman Hodge.

**Prohi Rally Cancelled.**  
Dallas, Sept. 30.—Rev. Jeff Davis of the United Texas Dries announced that illness of two major speakers had caused the indefinite postponement of a state-wide prohibition meeting which was to have been held here Sept. 29 and 30.

**"Battle Hymn" Opposed.**  
Anniston, Ala., Sept. 30.—A campaign is under way to remove the song, "Battle Hymn of the Republic," from song books and hymnals used in southern schools and churches. The song was written by Julia Ward Howe.

**Boston Millionaire Dies.**  
Paris, Sept. 30.—Edward A. Filene, 77-year-old Boston merchant who was known as one of America's most socially minded and philanthropic millionaires, an active worker for social security and a pioneer in advocating the five-day week, died here Sunday.

# CHURCH SERVICES

## Baptist Young People Form Organization

The following officers were elected at the organization meeting of the young people of the First Baptist church: Robert Higgins, president; Thelma Mathews, vice-president; Clara B. White, secretary; Bess McNiece, Bible reader; Nadine Clack, corresponding secretary; Mrs. E. Y. Brown, pianist; E. Yates Brown, chorister; group captain No. 1, Vivian Davis; group captain No. 2, Victor Joyner.

The B. T. S. program for Sunday follows:  
"Serving in My Church. Youth has a Place in the Church," by Vivian Davis.  
"The Meaning of My Church," Victor Joyner.  
"Serving by Attending," Bess McNiece.  
"Serving by Sharing Time and Talents," Thelma Mathews.  
"Serving by Sharing Money," Nadine Clack.  
"Serving by Prayer," Howard Carson.  
"Serving by Soul-Winning," Clara B. White.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.**  
Dr. Atwood of Hardin-Simmons university will preach at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Sunday School 10 a. m. B. T. S. at 7 p. m. WMU at 2:30 Monday afternoon. Prayer meeting at 7:45 o'clock Wednesday evening.  
All are cordially invited to these services.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.**  
The six Sunday Schools here reported an attendance of 542 last Sunday, as compared with 565 on the previous Sunday. On the same Sunday a year ago, bad roads due to excessive rains and threatening weather cut the attendance down to 195.

**METHODIST CHURCH.**  
Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Young people's meeting 7 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.  
John H. Crow, Pastor.

**METHODIST YOUNG PEOPLE'S PROGRAM.**  
For Sunday, Oct. 3, at 7:15 p. m. Leader, Clyde Sears.  
Scripture, 1 Cor. 4:1-16.  
Song, "I Love to Tell the Story."  
First speaker, Bonnie Church.  
Hymn No. 97.  
Second speaker, Marvin Hunter.  
Special number, Thelma Mathews, Frances Higgins, Pearl Mathews.  
Business.  
Benediction.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.**  
Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m., followed by a communion service. Offering for Reynolds home. Preaching 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.  
Every one is cordially invited to these services. Strangers welcome.  
R. A. Walker, Pastor.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST.**  
Bible Study Sunday 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by Raymond Kelsey of A. C. C. Young people's program 6:30 p. m.  
Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock a service of song, prayer and Bible study.  
Come to our services.  
The Elders.

**NORTHSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH.**  
Preaching at 8 o'clock Saturday night. Bible study 10 a. m. Sunday. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday night at 8 o'clock.  
J. L. Burlison, Pastor.

**NAZARENE CHURCH.**  
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.

**Noted Composer Dies.**  
Oakland, Calif., Sept. 30.—Carrie Northey, 72, known on the stage as Caro Noma, who composed the song, "Can't You Hear Me Calling, Caroline?" died here Sept. 23. Numerous singing tours took her around the world.

**Million for Teachers**  
Austin, Sept. 30.—The state's contribution to a teachers' retirement system will be at least \$1,360,550 the current fiscal year, in the opinion of State Auditor Tom C. King. The problem of raising the money was submitted by Governor James V. Allred to the legislature now in session.

We take orders for egg stamps. The Merkel Mail.  
Advertise in The Merkel Mail.

## Merkel Hospital Notes

Mrs. J. S. Pinckley, who entered the hospital Tuesday for major surgery, is getting along satisfactorily.  
Cline Satterwhite, son of E. V. Satterwhite, was admitted last Saturday for treatment.  
A tonsillectomy was had Sunday by Miss Opal Foster.

### Mrs. Jinkens

(Continued From Page One.)  
an abdominal injury. Leonard continues in a critical condition.  
Among out-of-town relatives and friends who came for the funeral were Mrs. A. G. Elliott, Miss Willie Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Boyles, Miss Mary Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Dennis, Mr. and Mrs. Austin Visor, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Christopher, Sweetwater; D. M. Senter, Big Spring; Mrs. Leo Waggon, Rev. and Mrs. Smallwood, Sweetwater; Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Powers, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bullard, Clyde.

### CARD OF THANKS.

We want to express our sincere appreciation of the love and sympathy and many kindnesses shown us in the illness and death of our beloved wife and mother, also for the beautiful floral offerings. Especially do we wish to thank the doctors and nurses for their untiring efforts to save her life. May God's richest blessings rest upon all of you.  
T. C. Jinkens and Family.

Why buy wormy or tasteless apples? When we sell clean, sound, delicious apples, cheap. Take time off to visit our large orchard and see apples on the trees and buy your winter supply. Delicious, Jonathans, etc. Shanks Nurseries, one-half mile north of Clyde.

### HOUSE FULL OF APPLES

Just received large shipment of Arkansas Apples—Delicious, Collins Reds and Jonathans—from \$1.00 to \$1.50  
Also have a stock of fine sweet potatoes  
**APPLE HOUSE**  
W. P. MELTON, Prop.  
In Boyce Bldg. on Front Street

Bananas Large yellow fruit	Carrots, per bunch	5c
Dozen	Fancy pinks	
	<b>Tomatoes, 2 lbs.</b>	15c
Oranges Calif. med. size	Large Firm heads	
Dozen	<b>Lettuce, head</b>	5c
	Beets or Radishes, bunch	5c
Apples Roman Beauty	Strictly No. 1's	
2 dozen	<b>Potatoes, 10 lbs.</b>	23c
	Turrs'ps and Tops, 2 bunches	15c
Grapes Tokay	Okra, home grown, lb.	15c
2 lbs.	Bell Peppers, Extra nice, lb.	10c
	Rutabaga Turnips, lb.	5c
Grapefruit Marsh Seedless	Cabbage, Colo. hard head, lb.	3c
3 for	<b>Cauliflower, lb.</b>	10c
	<b>Cranberries, qt.</b>	23c
	Fancy well bleached Jumbo	
	<b>Celery, stalk</b>	17c

## English Peas, large cans, each 5c

# FLOUR

Amaryllis, 48 lbs.	\$1.79
Peerless, 48 lbs.	\$1.45
Ginger Snaps, 2 lbs.	25c
Corn Flakes, pkg.	10c
Pure Ribbon Cane	
<b>Syrup, gal. bucket</b>	59c
Post Toasties, pkg.	10c
A-1 Soda	
<b>Crackers, 2 lb box</b>	19c
<b>Peanut Butter, qt.</b>	29
Jello, all flavors, pkg.	5c
Pickles, quart can	19c
Toilet Tissue, roll	5c
<b>Milk</b>	
7 cans	25c
<b>Potted Meat</b>	
7 cans	25c
<b>Tomatoes</b>	
No. 1 can	5c
<b>Salt</b>	
3 boxes	10c

Salad Dressing, Best Maid, qt. jar 25c  
**Shortening 8 lbs. 89c**  
Coffee, Maxwell House, 3 lb. can 81c

Choice Chuck		Chili, pound brick	25c
<b>Steak, lb.</b>	19c	Pig Brains, lb.	20c
Choice Chuck		<b>Bologna, 2 lb.</b>	25c
<b>Roast, lb.</b>	17c	Rib or Brisket	
Calf Liver, pound	15c	<b>Roast, lb. 12 1-2c</b>	
Sausage, pound	19c	Buttermilk, Sweet Milk and Whipping Cream	
Round		<b>BARBQ</b>	
<b>Steak, lb.</b>	28c	Fancy SELECT OYSTERS	
Cheese, Elkhorn, lb.	23c	<b>Fresh CAT FISH</b>	
Veal Loaf, pound	15c		
Wilson, sliced			
<b>Bacon, lb.</b>	39c		
Salt Pork Jowls, lb.	21c		

## ELI CASE & SON

### GROCERY & MARKET

Phone 234 Prompt Service

## REDUCED PRICE

New Fall Clubbing Rate  
SEMI-WEEKLY FARM NEWS  
and  
MERKEL MAIL  
Both Papers, Now One Year

**\$1.50**  
**THE MERKEL MAIL**

(Rate direct to subscriber—no agents.)

What is your Favorite Magazine?

**SAVE MONEY!**  
SUBSCRIBE WITH YOUR HOME NEWSPAPER

You get a full year's subscription to one of these famous magazines and also a year to this newspaper for the amazing bargain price shown. Act now while this generous offer lasts.

### THIS NEWSPAPER, 1 Year

AND ANY ONE OF THE MAGAZINES LISTED BELOW. . . . BOTH

American Boy	\$2.00	Movie Classic	\$2.00
American Fruit Grower	1.75	Open Road for Boys, 2 yrs.	2.00
American Girl	2.25	Parents' Magazine	1.50
American Magazine	2.80	Pathfinder (weekly)	1.80
Better Homes and Gardens	2.00	Photoplay	2.25
Child Life	3.20	Pictorial Review	2.00
Copper's Farmer	1.80	Popular Mechanics	3.00
Christian Herald	2.50	Popular Science Monthly	2.50
Collier's Weekly	2.50	Progressive Farmer, 3 yrs.	1.75
Country Home, 1 yrs.	1.75	Readers' Digest	4.25
Delineator	2.00	Radio News (Technical)	2.25
Dime Family Journal	1.65	Redbook Magazine	2.80
Etude Music Magazine	3.00	Review of Reviews	3.50
Fans Journal, 1 yrs.	1.75	Romantic Stories	2.00
Field and Stream	3.50	Screen Book	2.00
Flower Grower	2.50	Screenland	2.00
Home Arts—Nadecraft	1.80	Screen Play	2.00
House and Garden	3.80	Silver Screen	2.00
Household Magazine	1.80	Southern Agriculturalist, 2 yrs.	1.50
Judy	2.65	Sports Afield	2.00
Liberty	2.80	Successful Farming	1.80
Life	2.85	True Confessions	2.00
Literary Digest	4.50	True Story	2.50
McCall's Magazine	2.00	Woman's Home Companion	2.00
Midwest Seller & Sports Rev.	2.50	Woman's World	1.50
Modern Mechanic & Inventions	2.25	Young America	2.50



Dear Mr. Publisher:

I enclose \$\_\_\_\_\_ for which send me your newspaper for a full year and the magazine which I have checked.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street or R.F.D. \_\_\_\_\_

Town & State \_\_\_\_\_

## QUEEN THEATRE

"FOR YOUR ENTERTAINMENT"

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY  
Dick Foran (The Singing Cowboy)  
In "THE CHEROKEE STRIP"  
Hear Dick Sing "My Little Buckaroo"  
Added: Porky Cartoon, "Get Rich Quick," a 2-Reel Comedy and Sport Reel. Plus "Vigilantes Are Coming" No. 2

SATURDAY "OWL" SHOW, MONDAY AND TUESDAY  
Shirley Temple—Victor McLaglen  
In Rudyard Kipling's  
"WEE WILLIE WINKIE"  
With June Lang—C. Aubrey Smith—Michael Whalen  
Special Added Attractions: "The Peeping Penguins" Color Cartoon and "The Frim Favorites"

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY  
Charlie Ruggles—Eleanor Whitney—Johnny Downs  
In "TURN OFF THE MOON"  
With Kenny Baker—Phil Harris and His Orchestra  
Also 2-Reel Comedy "Doctor Cupid" and Selected Short Subject  
BENEFIT FOR MERKEL FIREBOYS

This Paper For One Year and 52 Issues of **PATHFINDER** ONLY \$1.60

More than a million readers throughout the country read PATHFINDER regularly for a complete, timely and unvarnished digest of the news. Are you overlooking something? Today, economic and political affairs are at their poky-turviest. Every new turn of events is apt to affect your pocket-book. Everyone's asking, "What's it all about, and how much is it going to cost me?" Before you can answer that question you must be able to interpret the news; and before you can interpret you must have all the facts clearly explained.

**EVERY WEEK from the NEWS CENTER of the WORLD** comes to you with its reliable, easy-to-read and easy-to-understand news reviews in words, pictures and charts. Its condensed form presents a lively and intelligible survey of current events throughout the world; its impartial interpretation, analysis and explanation of the news enables you to think and talk straight. Other weekly news magazines sell at \$4 to \$5 a year. Pathfinder sells for \$1 a year, but for a limited time we can offer you a greatly reduced bargain price on a combination of this paper and PATHFINDER. Drop in and see samples or write and take advantage of this special offer without delay. Insure your economic future by assuring your complete grasp of current affairs.