

Keeping Up With Texas

Austin showed Houston out of the spotlight with building permits last week totaling \$741,520, thanks to two housing projects. One of these was for whites totaling \$287,705 and the other for negroes costing \$292,215.

J. W. Rickman, 22, Collin county youth who killed Motorcycle Patrolman Marion Taylor at McKinney two years ago, died in the Texas electric chair at Huntsville Monday. His last words were of penitence.

A. S. Bursleson, 35, of Oklahoma City, was crushed to death Sunday night when his automobile plunged off the highway at a sharp curve near Denton. His companion, L. T. Roland, 35, suffered a shoulder injury.

Appointment of Dr. Thomas Taylor, president of Howard Payne college in Brownwood, as a member of the state welfare board, which administers old age pensions, distribution of surplus commodities and other social security functions, was announced Monday by Governor W. Lee O'Daniel. He succeeds Rev. M. E. Sadler of Austin, who resigned recently.

Mrs. Dan Hudson, wife of the manager of the Settles hotel at Big Spring, died Saturday in a Ranger hospital of injuries suffered in an automobile accident near that city. Her husband, who was driving the car, was uninjured. Their automobile overturned several times 13 miles east of Ranger, when the driver swerved it to avoid a cow on the highway.

W. J. Green, 64-year-old Van Zandt county farmer, was crushed Tuesday beneath the wheels of the T. & P.'s Sunshine Special a few hundred yards east of Terrell's union station.

Clarksville will welcome home a distinguished son Saturday when Dr. Homer Price Rainey, president of the University of Texas, returns to his birthplace after an absence of more than 40 years, for a homecoming celebration.

Mrs. Elizabeth Vanham Kokernot, 69, wife of H. L. Kokernot, rancher and Baptist philanthropist, died Tuesday at her home in San Antonio. Her death came less than a week after announcement of a gift of Corpus Christi property valued at more than \$1,000,000 to the Baptist Foundation of Texas.

Trent, Mar. 21.—At Tuesday night's meeting of the Parent-Teacher association unit, Mrs. Bud Winter was re-elected president of the group for another year.

Other officers elected are Mrs. Joe Nalley, vice-president; Miss Hermal Glasgow, treasurer; Mrs. C. W. Seago, secretary; Mrs. Karl Bonneaux, parliamentarian, and Mrs. Louie McRae, historian.

Joe Humphrey, assistant principal of the Abilene High school, was the guest speaker, delivering a most interesting and appealing talk on "Citizenship."

Mrs. Karl Bonneaux was leader for the evening's program, which included a nature study skit by pupils of the fourth grade, a vocal solo by LaNell Edwards, a piano solo by Joy Nalley and readings by Annie Laurie Anderson and Geraldine Freeman, climaxed by presentation of two comedy skits by Karl Bonneaux, Jr., and Ralph Beard, from Hardin Sommons university.

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MERKEL, TEXAS, FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 1940.

On the "Broadway of America"

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MRS. NORMAN T. HODGE ELECTED NEW PRESIDENT

Slate of Officers for Next Year Named by Merkel Parent-Teacher Association at Meeting Held Thursday Night.

The election of officers, the presentation of Merkel's Beginning band and the address of two prominent Taylor county doctors were the highlights of the monthly meeting of the Merkel Parent-Teacher association Thursday night, Mar. 14, in the High School gymnasium.

Mrs. Clyde Sears, health chairman, was program leader for the evening and presented Richard Young, band director, and the twenty-eight members of Merkel's Beginnings' band. The band played three numbers: "Our First Parade," "Half Note March" and "Little Princess Overture." John Robert Walker, first chair cornetist, gave a solo, "Polka," accompanied by Mrs. Richard Young. During the playing of the march number, Marjorie Ann Walker, in her drum major costume, gave an excellent exhibition of baton twirling.

Dr. C. E. Adams of Abilene gave a most humorous yet informative talk on "Health Education—a Responsibility of the Home, School and Community," stressing the fact that because health is the most important desire of every person, these three institutions can co-operatively play a big part in securing this desire for every citizen.

Dr. Urban Zehnpenning, Merkel physician, spoke very effectively on "Mental Hygiene," emphasizing the part (Continued on Page Four)

Sixth District P.-T. A. To Convene At Abilene

Annual conference of the Sixth district, Texas Congress of Parents and Teachers, will be held at the Hilton hotel in Abilene, Mar. 27, 28, 29, and in calling attention to the meeting, Mrs. Cleasby Patterson, president of the Merkel P.-T. A. unit, wishes to stress the fact that every one interested in child welfare and the objects of the association is invited to attend.

Registration will begin at 1:30 Wednesday afternoon on the mezzanine floor of the Hilton hotel, the sessions proper to begin at 2 p. m. with a health conference.

Mrs. Joe A. Wessendorf, of Richmond, state president, will address the convention at 10 o'clock Thursday morning. Mrs. Holland Holt of Abilene is Sixth district president.

On Thursday evening seven members of the local study group will receive certificates.

Social features include a tea at the Abilene country club on Wednesday at 5 p. m. and a luncheon at 12:30 Thursday at the Taylor County Veterans club house.

Voting delegates appointed from Merkel are the new officers, including Mesdames N. T. Hodge, Grover Gilbert, H. C. Reid, W. T. Sadler, John Leonard and Holt Vaughn; others, Mesdames Cleasby Patterson, Ray Wilsoh, I. W. Walling, Clyde Sears, Lem Dudley, Hob Robertson, Densel Cox, John Grable, Ralph Walker, T. L. Grimes and Connor Robinson.

Softball At Trent To Start April 16

Trent, Mar. 21.—Trent's softball is due to get under way Apr. 16 and to complete the season Aug. 16. A league will be formed with teams from Trent, Merkel, Noodle and perhaps other community teams.

There are also plans for a girls' series consisting of four teams. Games will be scheduled each Tuesday and Friday nights.

An all-star team, to be picked from Trent's two teams, will play a team sponsored by the Taystee Bread Co. out of Abilene on Saturday night, Apr. 13. Taystees will furnish free sandwiches on this night.

Trent's softball ground is to have some improvements over last year. There will be a new cold drink stand, to be very modern in construction, and there will also be a new arrangement of the lights.

ROTAN WINNER IN FOUR-TEAM TRACK MEET

In a four-team track meet held here Wednesday afternoon at the softball grounds, Rotan took top honors, winning a total of 38 points. Trent placed second with 27 points, Merkel third with 21 points, and Noodle, fourth, with 14 points. The latter contestants, however, had to leave before the meet was over, otherwise the story might have been different. First place winners in each event were:

220-yard low hurdles, Tarpley, Noodle, 29:5 seconds.
880-yard dash, Griffin, Noodle, 2 minutes, 14 seconds.
220-yard dash, Dawson, Rotan, 24.3 seconds.
1 mile run, Douglas McCoy, Merkel, 5 minutes, 12 seconds.
1 mile relay, Rotan, 3 minutes, 52 seconds, Merkel placed second.
Broad jump, Ogletree, Trent, 17 feet, 9 inches.
High jump, Bryant, Merkel, and Ragsdale, Rotan, in tie, 5 feet, 4 inches.
Shot put, Bishop, Trent, 37 feet, 11 inches.
100-yard dash, Bentley, Rotan, 10.5 seconds.
440-yard run, Purser, Trent, 55.8 seconds.

Lovely Character Takes Passage from Sphere She Helped

Mrs. W. R. Williams, who had made her home for the past five years with a very dear friend, Mrs. J. R. Barnett, died at 8:30 Monday night at the Barnett home. She had been ill about two months.

Funeral services were held from the First Baptist church at 1:30 Wednesday afternoon, with her pastor, Rev. Willis Gerhart, rector of Heavenly Rest Episcopal church, Abilene, officiating, assisted by Rev. Cooper Waters, Baptist pastor. Barrow Funeral home was in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers were Joe and J. V. Patterson, Vincent, Griffin, Norris and Martin Barnett.

Flower girls were Mrs. Bob McDonald, Mrs. Vernon Hudson, Lillie Claud Barnett and Mrs. John Blackburn.

Following the funeral service, the body was shipped to Hot Springs, Ark., her girlhood home, for burial.

Mrs. Williams was the widow of the late W. R. Williams, of Mineral Wells, who died June 25, 1932. They had resided in Mineral Wells for 24 years prior to his death.

Survivors include a sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, of Hot Springs, four nieces and one nephew. A niece, Frances Smith, arrived here from Hot Springs a few hours before the death of her aunt.

Among those from out-of-town here for the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. John Embry, Mrs. Cox, Sweetwater; Mrs. Reba Williams, Mr. Gwen, Mrs. Lee Acuff and daughter, Mineral Wells; C. B. Smith, Stamford; Mr. and Mrs. George Barnett, Martin Barnett, Mrs. Bertie Torrell, Hamlin; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Covert and sons, Mrs. H. C. Barnett, Miss Lillie Claud Barnett, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Patterson, Abilene.

Remembering the brightness of her smile, the warmth of her friendship, the active interest she manifested in all things good, one might say "hers was an ideal, cheerful, Christian spirit, whose being here made the whole world better and happier."

Pensions In Texas for April To Be Unchanged

Austin, Mar. 21.—There will be no reduction in the average old age pension check for April and there may be a small increase, Adam R. Johnson, state public welfare director, announced Tuesday.

Johnson made the statement in disclosing that federal matching money for next month had been received.

The remittance was \$599,280 and the total to be paid aged persons in April will be double that amount. In March the average payment was \$9.40. On the rolls for the month were 119,748 persons.

BAND PREPS FOR CLOSING CONCERT OF SCHOOL YEAR

Date of Appearance Set for Apr. 23; Director Richard Young Promises a Well Rounded Program.

The rehearsal room of the Badger band is a place seething with activity, for the Merkel High musicians are hard at work preparing for the last concert of the year to be held Apr. 23 at the High School gymnasium. Many interesting numbers are to be played by the young hopefuls and, spurred on by the recent successes of the band, Director Young is putting forth every effort to give the music lovers of Merkel a well rounded concert.

Since the last public appearance of the band in Merkel, the band has gained much recognition and valuable experience in the many and varied activities in which they have participated. Among the concerts played have been such places as Anson High school, Hardin-Simmons U., Abilene chamber of commerce street parade, and a broadcast over KRBC, Abilene. Following the Abilene broadcast, the band was invited to appear again in the near future over the same station with possibilities of being aired over the Texas State network. All of these activities have given the band a wide range of experience and a really professional air.

The concert on Apr. 23 will introduce to the public the numbers which the band is scheduled to play for rating in the regional contest to be held in Abilene Apr. 25, 26, 27, also many special features and novelty numbers such as were played the last concert of the band last fall.

The band has grown in size as well as popularity in the last few months. The membership in the Badger band is now 67. According to Richard Young, director, there are still some openings in the band for bassoons, oboes, flutes and baritones. Those parents who are anxious for their child to learn to play a musical instrument can get information concerning the purchase of a horn and enrollment from either Mr. Young or Mr. Robinson, superintendent.

School Musicians Bring Program At Lions Luncheon

Four band members and Director Richard Young and Mrs. Young furnished the entertainment program at Tuesday's luncheon of the Lions club, at which two guests were present.

One of the guests was Hubert L. Turner, new groceryman in town; the other, L. R. Thompson, of Abilene, formerly of Merkel, who brought an invitation for members of the Merkel Lions to attend Thursday's meeting of the Abilene club, at which time Second International Vice-President George Jordan will be present.

With Mrs. Young at the piano, a cornet trio, Don Wood, Jim Sublett and Frank Bartlett, gave a delightful melody, "Three of a Kind." Tag Shouse's trombone solo was "Memories of the Past." Director Young with his "Sugar Blues" on the cornet was compelled to respond to an encore, playing "Dinah."

Opening sing-song was led by Don Wood, one of the visiting musicians, with Gay West at the piano.

As chairman of the membership committee John Grable was presented the Melvin Jones Birthday award, a handsome plaque of the International secretary-general.

Rabbit Drive at Goodman.
There will be a rabbit drive at Goodman next Thursday, Mar. 28, starting at the Goodman store. Dinner will be served at the school house at noon. Every one is invited to come and bring his gun. Candidates will be given time to make short talks after dinner.

New Farm Home.
Work has started on a new five-room colonial type bungalow, which Will Toombs is building on the site of his farm home. Lecil White is the building contractor.

ENTRIES FROM MERKEL LISTED IN COUNTY MEET

Representing the Merkel schools in declamation at the county meeting of the Interscholastic league will be: High School junior girl, Jeanette Neff; boy, Jack Haynes; senior girl, Mildred Browning; boy, Don Wood; ward school junior girl, Betty Gilbert, with Doris Dudley as alternate; junior boy, Bennie Kemper, with Leon Toombs as alternate.

In tennis: junior boys' singles, Tag Shouse; doubles, Jack Melton and Billy Tom Hutcheson; senior boys' singles, Raymond Smith; doubles, Mickey McLean and Dea-ward Gilbreath; girls' singles, Lorraine King; doubles, Maydell Kingsbury and Betty Lu Higgins.

Volley ball: senior girls, Florine Varner, Mildred Browning, Bernice Opal Dean, Winona Kelso, Oleta Woolsey, Pauline Bradley, Maydell Kingsbury.

Story telling: Joy Frances West, with Genora Brown as alternate.

Music memory: Patsy Simpson, Frances Walker, Dorothy Jenkins, Carlene Hughes, with Bonnie Jaynes, alternate.

Ready writer (High school): Betty Reid.

Typing team, Mickey McLean, Mildred Browning, Mildred Sue McCormick.

Shorthand team: Loudale Gray, Betty Reid, Mildred McLean, Evedean Terry, Winona Kelso.

The first junior track team in the history of the school will enter the county events Saturday, and from showings made in practice eliminations they stand a good chance to win the county trophy.

Exempt from county, the senior boys' track team will go to district at Sweetwater on Apr. 6.

Record of Births.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sellers, Friday, March 15, 1940.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Barley, Tuesday, March 18, 1940.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Irvin, Route 1, Monday, March 18, 1940.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Zed Bright, Trent, Monday, March 18, 1940.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Grady Baldwin, of Mulberry Canyon, Thursday, March 21, 1940.

Merkel 20 Years Ago

From the Files of Merkel Mail, March 12, 1920.)

BOARD OF TRADE BANQUET.
Perhaps the greatest gathering of business men and citizens of Merkel and surrounding community ever held in this city was Tuesday night of this week.

Toastmaster J. C. Mason never allowed a minute of the time to become dull, and with his wit and enthusiasm kept the guests deeply interested during the pause needed for the introduction of the next speaker.

After invocation by the Rev. W. M. Murrell, the first speaker of the evening was Hon. G. W. Johnson, whose subject was "Merkel, Past, Present and Future." To say that he was equal to the occasion and did the subject justice, would be putting it mild, for he has seen Merkel in the past and present, and wonderfully pictured her bright and glowing future. Mr. Johnson always interests his hearers at any time and on any subject.

Next on the program was a solo, by Miss Jackson, expression teacher in the Merkel High school.

"Sanitary Conditions in Merkel"—Dr. R. I. Grimes was the speaker of this important subject.

The duet by Mesdames Howard and Scott received repeated encores of appreciation.

"Community Aspiration," by J. E. Farrow, organization manager of the West Texas chamber of commerce, was ably and eloquently handled by that splendid gentleman.

The solo by Paul West was masterful and pleasing to every one present. This was the first time young West had appeared in song before the public and many were surprised at his wonderful voice, and it is to be hoped that he will avail himself of an opportunity to further cultivate it for no doubt he would soon take his place among those of national repute.

ASK SEALED BIDS FOR FURNISHING RODEO CATTLE

Committee Gives Specifications; Time Limit 6 P. M. Saturday; Tentative Dates for Summer Shows Announced.

Sealed bids for furnishing stock for the 1940 series of rodeos sponsored by the Merchants Trade Extension association of Merkel are being asked by the rodeo committee, of which Dr. L. C. Zehnpenning is chairman. Specifications call for 20 white face cows and calves, 10 steers, 10 bucking horses and 5 bulls, based on option of one or more Friday night shows in connection with the usual series of six or more Saturday afternoon shows. Bids must be filed before 6 p. m. Saturday of this week.

Detailed bid requirements may be secured from Chairman Zehnpenning. Tentative dates suggested by the rodeo committee for the 1940 shows are:

Friday night, May 24.
Saturday afternoon, May 25.
Saturday afternoon, June 8.
Saturday afternoon, June 22.
Saturday afternoon, July 20.
Saturday afternoon, Aug. 3.
Saturday afternoon, Aug. 17.

It will be noted that no show is scheduled for the week of the Stamford show, that is, for Saturday, July 6, and keeping up the series of a show every two weeks, there will be a four weeks' skip between June 22 and July 20.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

With the announcement of the personnel of the standing committees by President W. O. Boney, working forces are actively at work to put over the 1940 program of events sponsored by the Merchants Trade Extension association. The committees follow:

Rodeo—Dr. L. C. Zehnpenning, chairman, Dr. W. T. Sadler, W. L. Bullock, Booth Warren, T. C. Jenkins.

Softball—Henry West, chairman, Buck Leach, Harry Barnett.

Trades days—Roy Reid, chairman, David Gamble, Byers Petty, Wrenn.

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QUEEN THEATRE CALENDAR

Friday-Saturday—Double feature,
"Pride of the Bluegrass," and "Rid-
ers of Black River," with Charles
Starrett, Sons of the Pioneers.

Saturday "Owl" show, 11:30, also
Monday and Tuesday—Priscilla
Lane, Jane Bryan, Jane Wyman in
"Brother Rat and a Baby," with
Wayne Morris and Ronald Reagan.
Calendar nights, Monday and Tues-
day only.

Wednesday-Thursday—Lovely Lin-
da Darnell teamed with Tyrone
Power in "Day-time Wife."

"Brother Rat and a Baby"

"Brother Rat and a Baby," War-
ner Bros. new sequel to the comedy
hit "Brother Rat," will have its first
local showing at the Queen theatre
at the "Owl" show Saturday night
and continue Monday and Tuesday.
Heading the cast are Priscilla Lane,
Wayne Morris, Eddie Albert, Jane
Bryan, Jane Wyman, Donald Rea-
gan and Peter B. Good, the infant
actor who plays the second half of
the title.

Based on a story by John Monks,
Jr., and Fred F. Finklehoff, who
originated the "Brother Rat" comedy
for the stage and later for the screen,
the new film continues the adventu-
res of the trio of V. M. I. cadets
after graduation. Eddie Albert, the
Brother Rat who became a father on
commencement day, is the proud
screen papa of little Peter B. Good
and Jane Bryan is the mother.
Wayne Morris and Priscilla Lane
pick up the tangled threads of their
romance where they left off in
"Brother Rat" and Ronald Reagan
and Jane Bryan are another two-
some, bucking parental disapproval.

The six of them meet in New York
try to get Albert the job of var-
coach at V. M. I., but the baby
agrees to throw their plans out of
gear. With his innocent propensity
for making mischief he manages to
get them all in and out of trouble
with remarkable speed. The cadets
who thought all their troubles would
be over if and when they managed
to graduate from V. M. I. find that
there are still some merry mix-ups
for them to get into.

The supporting cast includes such
players as Arthur Treacher, Henry
O'Neill, Moroni Olsen, Nana Bryant
and several others. Ray Enright
directed.

"Day-time Wife"

Six short months ago an unheard
of youngster named Linda Darnell
sat signing in a darkened movie
theatre in Dallas, Texas, as she gazed
up at the shadow of Tyrone
Power on the screen.

Like every other woman in that
theatre, she was picturing herself
up there beside the handsome "King
of the Movies."

If, by some strange sorcery, she
could have risen from her chair,
stepped up to the screen and fulfill-
ed her dream by playing the starring
role opposite Tyrone, her fellow-
spectators might have been pardon-
ed for refusing to believe their eyes
—for saying that it couldn't happen.
But in effect, that is exactly what
has happened.

For today Linda Darnell is a full-
fledged Hollywood star, sharing stel-
lar billing with Tyrone Power in
"Day-time Wife," the 20th Century-
Fox production which marks her
second screen appearance and which
comes to the Queen theatre Wednes-
day and Thursday.

Linda Darnell is the dark-eyed
little lovely who made such a sensa-
tional screen debut in Elsa Max-
well's "Hotel for Women."

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

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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 tele-
phone 61 or 29.

TSCW Museum Gets Inaugural Gowns



First Ladies of Texas from Mrs. David G. Burnet, wife of the
first president of the Republic, to Mrs. W. Lee O'Daniel, are rep-
resented in the collection of inaugural gowns which the Texas Branch
of the Daughters of the American Revolution is presenting to
Texas State College for Women for a permanent museum at the
college. Many of the gowns are originals, while others are exact
copies, like that of Mrs. James Pinckney Henderson, wife of Tex-
as' first governor, which Miss Marion Mullins of Fort Worth, state
regent of the DAR, is shown putting on a model. The display of
31 costumes will be completed in time for the state DAR meeting
at TSCW March 25-28.

Tips In the Care Of Baby Chicks

(Second of a series of Poultry
Pointers to be published weekly.)

Beginners' luck in the care of baby
chicks isn't luck at all. If you inquire
carefully into the success of some be-
ginner with poultry, you probably
will find that he or she has been
very careful in the details and fun-
damentals of poultry keeping.

On the other hand, if you find
someone who is complaining that
poultry is no longer as profitable as
it once was and who is becoming
discouraged, you may find that he
has not increased his vigilance
against natural parasites and dis-
eases that were attracted to his
flock and have accumulated on his
premises year after year.

To protect your chicks against
these environmental conditions it is
important that you give them a fresh
start in a clean brooder house. Clean
it as it stands on its present site,
first with shovel and broom and then
wash down the walls and soak the
floor with water. When you have
scraped up the material you have
loosened with the water, flush the
house again, and then you will be
ready to disinfect it thoroughly.

Now you are ready to move the
house to a new location, far enough
from the old so that the chicks can-
not range near it. Remove your rub-
bers before entering the house and
attend to the chicks before you visit
the adult flock. Clean the brooder
stove as you cleaned the house and
have it in operation a week before
the chicks arrive to be sure it is well
regulated and the house is dry.

Since it is almost humanly impos-
sible to eliminate entirely all sources
of infection and contamination, it is
wise to have a good antiseptic drink-
ing water medicine on hand. A sooth-
ing spray for colds is also a good
investment. If you follow through on
such a sanitation program, relying
on the help of science and the medi-
cal profession, your chicks will grow
into profitable producers and your
losses will be reduced to the mini-
mum.

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White Church News

Friends of Mrs. E. E. Patterson
will be very sorry to learn of her
serious illness. We wish for her a
speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Bickley and
daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and
Mrs. A. C. Powell, of Stanton, visit-
ed the past week with Mr. and Mrs.
M. H. Farmer. The Bickleys and
Farmers visited Mrs. Aubra Ray of
Abilene Wednesday for dinner.

The small son of Mr. and Mrs.
Floyd Hardin fell last Thursday and
broke his collarbone. He is reported
doing fine at this time.

M. H. Farmer, Jr., is visiting this
week at Stanton.

Mrs. W. C. Berry spent a part
of the past week with Mr. and Mrs.
Cecil Melton of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hamm of Mer-
kel in company with Mr. and Mrs.
M. H. Farmer visited Sunday after-
noon with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Pail-
lips of Divide.

Mrs. A. D. Barnes attended the
Workers conference at the First
Baptist church in Merkel Thursday
of last week.

Mrs. Kate Phillips and small
daughter, Barbara Ann, of Merkel,
visited over the week-end with Mr.
and Mrs. J. C. Riggan and Mr. and
Mrs. W. C. Berry.

Rev. J. B. Stewart preached here
Sunday to a well filled house at both
services.

The League at this place is prac-
ticing a play to be given at the But-
man tabernacle in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Weston enter-
tained with a party Saturday night.

Mrs. Maurice Pressley and baby,
Carol, visited her parents, Mr. and
Mrs. Willis Evans, of Sweetwater,
the past week.

We are to have dinner at the
church Easter Sunday with some
one, probably Rev. Mr. Hawkins, to
speak to us, with entertainment in
the afternoon. Come and bring a well
filled basket.

There are 29,500,000 motor ve-
hicles in the United States.

Proclaims Bluebonnet Week.

Austin, Mar. 21.—Governor W.
Lee O'Daniel, author of "Beautiful,
Beautiful Texas," "where the beauti-
ful bluebonnets grow," Tuesday pro-
claimed April "Bluebonnet Month,"
to add to the bluebonnet's recogni-
tion as the state flower.

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and through its quieting results on
coughs from colds, tends to ease
nervous strain.

ARMY MAN SAYS.
"I served in the army for 33 years
and went through two campaigns
in the Philippines," said Mr. George
Morehouse recently, "and for the
last two years I suffered from
bronchial irritation due to colds.
Mentho-Mulsion is the only pre-
paration that ever gave me genuine
relief."
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your neighbors and guaranteed by
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"Plenty of Life In the Old Language," Says Educator About Latin

Austin, Mar. 21.—Instead of being "dead," Latin is a language very much alive—in at least three-fifths of the words you use, advises Dr. Harry J. Leon, University of Texas classical language professor.

Further proof there is "plenty of life in the old language, yet," Dr. Leon revealed that one million high school students are taking Latin in the nation's schools. This exceeds the combined enrollment for all other foreign languages, a recent survey showed, Dr. Leon reported.

"We can't call Latin an impractical subject when its derivatives keep cropping up in our daily speech," he said.

Objective tests prove that students with a knowledge of Latin have better command of English, Dr. Leon stated.

In Texas there is a demand for Latin teachers in the secondary schools, he said. Illustrating the Texan's interest in Latin, Dr. Leon pointed to the sixteenth annual Texas Latin tournament, sponsored by the Texas Classical association this year, Apr. 6, in Brownwood, San Angelo, Borger, Longview, Dallas, Port Arthur and Cleburne. Every high school in the state that has Latin courses is eligible to enter this tournament, he said.

WARREN NEWS

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. U. S. Reeder and family and Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hobbs and family last Sunday were Miss Ella Hobbs and Bill Hobbs, of Munday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Gwin and family of Portales, N. M., visited the latter's sister, Mrs. J. H. Roberts, and sons last Saturday.

Mrs. C. F. Kettering of Dallas visited Mrs. C. F. Kettering, and cousin, last week.

Home last week's visit of Abilene, Turner birth-

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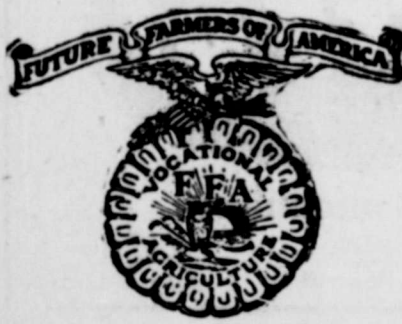
Brother Christian interesting

There is Sunday, Brother

who is at- sian college, ally invited to with us at 2:30

noon.

to announce that we our Friday night singing and want every one to come and bring your friends. We are expecting our good singers out from Merkel and Stith next Friday night, Mar. 22. Don't stay at home and think about coming, but come every Friday night at 7:30.



The officers of the Merkel F. F. A. chapter will attend a Federation F. F. A. meeting in Abilene Wednesday, Mar. 20. The purpose of the meeting is to elect the outstanding F. F. A. boy of the federation. The award will be based on the activities participated in by the boy during the year.

Several of the boys have received baby chicks to be used as projects for the coming year. These chicks will be kept for capons, laying hens and fryers. A demonstration is being made in the F. F. A. room in the High school of chicks started in an electric battery brooder. The demonstration is being carried on by the boys of the chapter with the help of Mr. Collinsworth, chapter advisor.

Plans are being made for the selection of calves for projects to be used next year, and one first year boy, Charles England, has already purchased a calf from Earnest Grissom of Abilene. Several others will be selected in the next week or two. These calves will be fed milk with some little feed until time to put them on a fattening ration in the fall.

Approximately 52,000 dry holes were drilled in Texas between 1889 and 1939 in the search for oil. The dusters represent a loss of one billion dollars to the Texas oil industry.

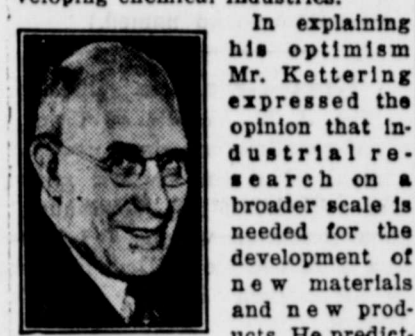
We take orders for egg stamps The Merkel Mail office.

Sees Research and Raw Materials As Big Factor in South's Growth

Charles F. Kettering, Noted Inventor, Says New Industries Would Eliminate Surpluses

The South, with its abundance of such basic products as cotton, sugar, pine trees, citrus fruits and peanuts, is in an ideal position for further development of new industries through research, asserted Charles F. Kettering, noted inventor and vice-president of General Motors, in a conference with a group of scientists and industrialists at New Orleans recently.

Mr. Kettering stated his belief that the "sun and the soil of the South" will make it one of the greatest centers of the rapidly-developing chemical industries.



C. F. Kettering

In explaining his optimism Mr. Kettering expressed the opinion that industrial research on a broader scale is needed for the development of new materials and new products. He predicted that the Southern states, with their plentiful raw materials, would take advantage of new scientific discoveries and suggested that the ensuing industrial growth might result in a labor shortage.

"We have an excess of men, money and materials, but a shortage of projects to work on," he said. "The WPA was invented to give men work while waiting for new industries to be developed. What we don't know suggests potential new industries. The difficult job is the one we don't know how to do, but when we find the answer it is all quite simple. The complexity is in our own minds.

"One way to stimulate new industries is to send picked young

graduates of technical schools into industrial laboratories for a while to see how some things are being done, then let them start out on some local project in which they're interested.

"Never in the history of the world have there been such opportunities. The technicians, university people, engineers, management, government representatives and others can well get together to start new industries, to put people to work in new jobs."

Mr. Kettering declared that the industrial base must be broadened and said that the country is away behind what it should be in technological processes.

The automotive research leader warned against impatience at small beginnings. "I never heard of a business that started big," he said. "There were no demands for the telephone, the airplane, the electric refrigerator. These were invented and then people found a use for them and the industries grew. It has been like that all through history."

Mr. Kettering's visit to New Orleans was in connection with the showing in that city of a traveling science exposition, the General Motors Parade of Progress. Many of the new developments mentioned by Mr. Kettering are shown regularly in the Parade of Progress, which is now touring Southern states.

GOODMAN NEWS

Grandma Grayson entered the Merkel hospital for medical treatment last Friday.

Brother Bird filled his monthly appointment at the Shiloh church Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night. There was a large crowd at all three services.

Emmett Tiner of Breckenridge visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Tiner, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Washburn and sons, Jim and Alton, visited Mr.

and Mrs. Fred Davis of San Angelo, and Alton remained for an extended visit with an uncle, Joe Washburn, of Mertzon.

Virginia Chloe McRee of Trent spent the week-end with Nadine Childers.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Deavers of Merkel visited Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Deavers Sunday.

Mrs. J. F. Anderson of Lawn visited Sunday with Grandma Cade.

Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Head of Sweetwater visited Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Washburn Sunday.

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of Salt Branch and Mr. and Mrs. Ruford Woodward of Hodges spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Armstrong.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Childers spent the week-end at Rising Star.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Freeman spent Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Washburn.

Mrs. Finis Cade and sons spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Bell, of Merkel.

Mrs. W. B. Toombs of Blair spent the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Campbell.

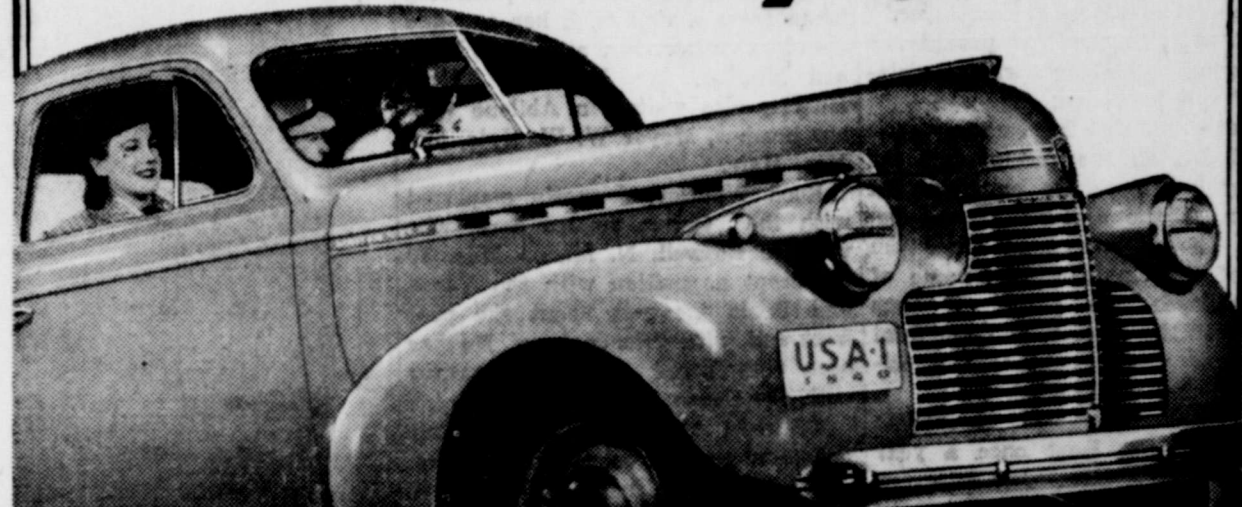
Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Vancill spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Love of Noodle.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. James and sons of Golan visited Mr. and Mrs.

Hardy Rutledge Saturday night. H. L. Barnes of Abilene was a Goodman visitor Sunday. There will be a rabbit drive at Goodman Thursday, Mar. 28.

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Receipts for Social Security Deductions Given Employees

Employers covered by the old-age and survivors insurance law are now required to give their employees receipts for the money taken out of their wages for old-age and survivors insurance taxes, according to W. O. King, manager of the Social Security Board field office at Abilene. This new requirement of the Social Security act, he explained, went into effect Jan. 1, 1940.

Mr. King pointed out that formerly the employer was only required to furnish the employee with a notation which would permit him to check the accuracy of the tax deduction. "This," he said, "could even be included on a pay check which would, of course, eventually be returned to the employer. But now the law specifically stipulates that the employer must furnish a statement 'suitable for retention by the employee.'" He added that the law provides a \$5.00 penalty for each willful violation of this provision.

Certain specified information must be included on the receipt but the wording is left to the employer. In addition to the amount of tax deducted, the receipt must show the name of the employer, the name of the employee, the period of time covered by the receipt, and the total amount of wages paid to the employee during this period.

Employers are required to furnish such receipts at least once a year and may furnish them oftener—every quarter, or every month, or every week, as they see fit. The receipt must be given to the employee within two months after the end of the period which it covers, and, in any case, when the employee leaves the job.

Tom Blanton Abandons \$40,000 Libel Suit

Eastland, Mar. 21.—A libel suit filed by former Congressman Thomas L. Blanton of Abilene after his defeat in the 17th congressional district by Clyde L. Garrett of Eastland was ended Saturday at Blanton's request.

Blanton had asked \$40,000 damages, alleging that he was libeled in campaign literature circulated four years ago by Garrett and his secretary, W. W. Cockrill.

The veteran Abilene legislator declared that his suit was filed so he could present proof in court that "I have never been guilty of a dishonorable act."

"I never did want a cent of Clyde Garrett's money," said Blanton, who agreed to pay costs of the suit.

Hospital Notes

Mrs. J. H. Grayson, who entered Merkel hospital last Saturday for treatment, was dismissed Monday.

W. H. Keiso of Stith received major surgery last Friday.

Bryan Mundy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Mundy, had a tonsillectomy Monday.

Patients for minor surgery were Mrs. E. S. Brady, of Route 2, who was received Saturday, and Mrs. N. C. Bush, Route 4, received on Tuesday.

Lloyd Barnes of Goodman was admitted Tuesday for first aid for a fractured foot, which he sustained when he fell in a well.

Dolores June Herron, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. D. Herron of Noodle, was admitted Tuesday for treatment.

Two babies, both boys, were born Monday at the hospital. Parents are Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Irvin, Route 1, and Mr. and Mrs. Zed Bright, Trent. Will Toombs was a surgery patient Thursday.

CARD OF THANKS

We are deeply grateful to every one for their kind assistance and words of sympathy in the loss of our friend, Mrs. W. R. Williams, also we wish to express our thanks for the lovely floral gifts.

May God's blessings rest upon all of you.

Mrs. J. E. Barnett and Myrtle.

Frances Smith.

Harry Barnett and Family.

1939 Brings Highest Profits.

Chicago, Mar. 21.—Sears, Roebuck and company made a net profit of \$25,274, the highest in the company's history, during the 1939 fiscal year, officials said in their annual report to stockholders.

Dogwoods Are Late.

Palestine, Mar. 21.—Cold weather has retarded the blooming of dogwood and the Texas Dogwood Trails at Palestine will not be opened until Sunday, Mar. 31, one week later than planned.

PERSONALS

Frase Demer, who was injured when struck by an automobile in Abilene two weeks ago and was taken to Hendrick Memorial hospital there, was able to be brought to the home of his daughter, Mrs. Leon Toombs, here last week.

Rev. and Mrs. E. B. Surface of Abilene were guests Thursday of last week of their daughter, Mrs. Connor Robinson, and Supt. Robinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Weldon McAninch and sons were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Middleton of Lamesa the past week-end.

Mrs. Duncan Frame of Abilene spent Saturday night and Sunday with Supt. and Mrs. Connor Robinson. Sunday and Monday guests were Mr. Robinson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Robinson, of Fluvanna.

Mrs. A. B. Hughes of Waco stopped over Saturday to visit her nephew, C. J. Glover, as she was returning home from a visit with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hughes, in Lubbock. Mrs. Hughes also visited in Abilene with her brother, Mayor W. W. Hair, and Mrs. Hair.

Reed Whatley, formerly employed with the Queen theatre here, who went to Roswell, N. M., on Mar. 10 to accept a position with the Yucca and Pecos theatres, spent the past week-end with friends here. He has been transferred as chief operator with the Garza theatre at Post.

While in Abilene for the Oil Belt Teachers' convention, Supt. and Mrs. Connor Robinson spent Friday night with Mrs. Robinson's parents, Rev. and Mrs. E. B. Surface.

Clarence B. Williams, who is employed by the Lanford seed company, Waco, and is now stationed temporarily at O'Brien, spent Sunday night here.

Mrs. H. C. Coit and four children, of Dallas, were week-end visitors with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Warren.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley King returned Sunday night from a visit to Waco, where they met their son, Norman King, who came up from Port Arthur.

Visiting her sons, C. P. and A. B. Hodges, is Mrs. Julia E. Hodges of Levelland, who has just returned from a three months' visit in her old home, Dobson, Surry county, North Carolina. Mrs. Hodges, who is 76, is the youngest of five sisters.

Miss Eunice Richards, in company with J. T. Fraidy and Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Whitlock of Leuders, attended the Fat Stock show in Fort Worth the past week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Eysen and son, Timmie, arrived Wednesday from Houston for a visit with Mrs. Eysen's mother, Mrs. Amy Sears.

Harry L. McCandless of Plainview was a passing visitor a few hours Monday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McCandless.

Miss Betty Grimes, student at Texas Tech, Lubbock, arrived home Tuesday for the Easter vacation.

Mrs. A. C. Terry, Jr., of Lubbock, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Moore, and will remain over the week-end. She came down with A. C. Sears, who is home from Texas Tech for the Easter vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. George T. Moore and Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Moore were visitors Sunday to the Fort Worth Fat Stock show.

Oil Belt Teachers Choose Wichita Falls

More than 1,000 West Texas teachers were in attendance at the two-day convention of the Oil Belt district unit No. 7, Texas State Teachers association, which was held in Abilene Friday and Saturday of last week.

Opening Friday night with a general session and featured platform speakers, the conclave closed Saturday afternoon with the election of 1941 officers in a meeting of the house of delegates.

J. H. Williams of Sweetwater, principal of Newman high school, was elected president for the coming year. Williams had served as vice-president for the preceding year and will succeed Charles H. Tennyson of Wichita Falls.

Other officers for 1941 are O. B. Rose of Graham, vice-president; Norman Rollins of Wichita Falls, re-elected treasurer for a third term, and Joe B. McNeil of Wichita Falls, member of the state executive committee.

Upon the invitation of McNeil, the house of delegates voted to stage the 1941 convention in Wichita Falls.

Windsor Sticks to Task.
On the Western Front, Mar. 21.—While the government at home becomes more and more embroiled in the conduct of its war policies, ex-King Edward, the Duke of Windsor, continues his visits to the front lines on the Western Front as liaison officer between the British and French troops.

MOLLY O'DANIEL TO TAKE FIELD IF HER DAD ELECTS TO RUN AGAIN



By CURTIS BISHOP (Austin Daily Tribune Staff.)

Molly O'Daniel, the fairest and youngest campaigner to ever appear on the Texas political scene, says she is ready to take the field again in the event the governor seeks a second term.

The attractive University of Texas co-ed, who stumped the state with her father and his Hillbilly band in the 1938 campaign, branded as "absolutely false" the newspaper story stating she and Mrs. O'Daniel were trying to persuade the governor to abandon politics and return to Fort Worth.

The story was published in a morning issue of the Waco News-Tribune and was signed by Sam Wood. It quoted unidentified Austin "gossip" sources saying that Mrs. O'Daniel and Molly were disappointed at the reception given them socially in Austin and were anxious for O'Daniel to renounce further political aspirations in favor of his old business, selling flour to listeners of his radio program.

Molly took one glance at the article and exclaimed: "Hurrah for Dad! He scores again."

Asked to explain her remark, she said that a few days ago a reporter telephoned her, identified himself as Sam Wood of the News-Tribune and tried to make a date with her for breakfast the following morning.

When she asked her father about going, the governor advised her "to stay away from anybody connected with the Waco News-Tribune because they have only ulterior motives and could only want to be seen in her presence so they could misquote her."

"So," says Molly, "Dad was right again. Even though I refused to go to breakfast with him, or even see him, he went home and wrote up a batch of pure lies."

"Mother and I," the young co-ed went on, "are having more fun in the mansion than we ever had in our lives. Thousands of people visit us, and the real people in Austin are just grand to us."

Asked if she would accompany her father on his speaking tour of the state in the event of a second race for governor, the personable Molly hesitated.

"Well, I don't know what he's going to do," she faltered. "He hasn't said whether he would run or not."

Then her father came up. "But if he does," she snapped, "Mother is anxious to be his campaign manager again and I can hardly wait to get on the big bus and visit the fine towns in Texas and get to visit with the lovely people I met the last time."

"Yes, if he does run," she repeated, "we'll be right there."

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material the individual is made of (mind, body and temperament), the effect of environment on this material, and unwholesome combinations of environment and material. "Right habit-forming in the home is the most important factor in mental hygiene," said Dr. Zehnpenning.

In the business session which followed, with Mrs. Clesby Patterson, local president, presiding, emphasis was placed on the meeting of the Sixth District conference of Parents and Teachers which meets in Abilene Mar. 27, 28, 29. Seven members of the local study group are to receive certificates at this conference. Members and others interested in the welfare of children are urged to attend these open meetings of the Abilene convention.

The treasurer, Miss Helen Reddell, reported a balance of \$81.24 in the local treasury. Miss Julia Martin, program chairman, announced the next meeting, which will be Thursday night, Apr. 11, featuring the work of the vocational agricultural department of the High school. Officers elected for the year 1940-41 are as follows: president, Mrs. Norman Hodge; vice-president, Mrs. Grover Gilbert; secretary, Mrs. John Leonard; treasurer, Mrs. H. C. Reid; historian, Mrs. Holt Vaughn, and parliamentarian, Mrs. W. T. Sadler.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

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Rodeo Bids

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Durham. Amateur hour programs—Nathan Wood, chairman, Stanley King, Clyde Bartlett, Richard Young.

Finance—Dee Grimes, chairman, A. A. McGehee, Ray Wilson, Booth Warren, R. T. Gray, Nolan Palmer, John West, S. D. Gamble.

Parade—Connor Robinson, chairman, (committee to be named.)

Tickets—C. J. Glover, chairman, Patul Douglas, Raymond Ferguson, W. A. Stockbridge, F. M. Simpson, Chester Collinsworth.

Concessions—E. Y. Bailey, chairman, Paul Douglas, Clyde Bartlett, John Grable.

Publicity—C. J. Glover, chairman, (committee to be named.)

Great-Grandson Arrives.

Mrs. J. T. Vessels of Trent is a great-grandmother since news of the arrival of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Orbee Redman, of Monahans. The great-grandson weighs 7 1-2 pounds and is named GERALD. His mother is the former Dorothy Vessels of Merkel.

Office supplies—Mail office.

Appointed As District Chief of Southern Old Line Life Insurance Co.

Appointment of Ralph B. Coats of Abilene as district manager has been announced by the Southern Old Line Life Insurance company. He was placed in charge of Abilene headquarters on Jan. 15 and has changed the office location to 214 Mims building.

In the insurance business the past 12 years, Coats has been with the Southern Old Line Life four and a half years. His territory extends to the Oklahoma and New Mexico lines, to Del Rio, and into Eastland county. From his wide experience he is in position to be of great service in helping patrons with their insurance problems.

Ralph is the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Coats of Merkel and was born near this city. He has spent most of his life in Taylor county, and has known every "pig trail" in the county since the horse-and-buggy days, he says.

In Merkel Monday, Mr. Coats announced the appointment of Horace C. Daniel as local agent for the Southern Old Line Life.

SPECIALS FOR FRIDAY & SATURDAY

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 STAR STATE COFFEE 1-lb. can 24c
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FOR SALE—First year Qualla seed, 75 cents per bushel. Henry Walker, Route 3, Merkel, Texas.

FOR SALE—300 bushels Watson's Mebane cottonseed, ginned 17 bales at time; culled \$1.00. W. J. Bicknell, Route 2, Merkel, Texas.

SHETLAND PONY for sale or trade for bicycle or heifer. R. D. Reggon, Stith, (Merkel, Texas, Route 1.)

FOR SALE—1930 model A Ford truck, a good one, cheap for cash. See J. J. Barron, Merkel, Texas.

SPECIAL PRICES on day old and started White Leghorns, Friday and Saturday. Sharp's Hatchery, "Quality Chicks."

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FOR SALE—Nice one-room house, 12x24. See Joe Largent or Bob Fowler.

FOR SALE—Used Underwood typewriter, good condition, \$20.00; terms if desired. Merkel Mail.

FOR SALE—Planting seed, white cane 3 cents, red top cane 3 cents, etc. See H. H. Meas, Route 1.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS POLITICAL

(Subject to action of the Democratic Primary in July.)
For County Commissioner, Precinct No. 2:

H. B. (Hob) ROBERTSON.
A. J. CANON (Re-election.)
W. R. (Bill) SUMPSTER.
BUSTER HORTON.

L. A. (Lem) DUDLEY.
W. R. COX.
D. J. (Dave) ANDERSON.
C. R. (Rufe) TITTLE.

For Commissioner, Precinct No. 4. Jones County:

T. A. TUCKER.
For Constable, Precinct No. 5, Taylor County:

C. K. RUSSELL.
P. F. WEST.
EARL DANIEL.
BERT MELTON.

For Sheriff, Taylor County:
W. E. (Elmer) LOWE.
SID H. McADAMS (Re-election).
W. T. McQUARY.

For County Judge, Jones County:
GILBERT SMITH.

For Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 5:

N. D. COBB (Re-election).
For County Clerk:

R. E. (Rex) DILLARD.
VIVIAN FRYAR (Re-election).
For District Judge, 104th Judicial District:

OWEN THOMAS.
For District Clerk:
ROY SKAGGS (Re-election.)

Falls Top Menace.
Philadelphia, Mar. 21.—Accidental falls headed the list of causes of violent deaths which claimed 73 victims of every 100,000 persons in Philadelphia during 1939, the health department has announced.

FARM CHIEF PRESENTED PLAQUE



J. E. McDonald, left, Commissioner of Agriculture, is being presented a plaque by Pierce Brooks, President of the Texas Safety Council. The plaque was awarded by the directors in recognition of Mr. McDonald's work in behalf of safety and the general welfare of the people.

Little Joanne Robinson Succumbs To Illness

Little Joanne Robinson, eight-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orvin L. Robinson of Trent, died at 3:30 Tuesday afternoon at the Merkel hospital, following an illness of twelve days. Death was due to bronchial pneumonia.

Funeral services were held at 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon from the Trent Baptist church, with Rev. Thomas J. Young, the pastor, officiating, assisted by Rev. Cooper Waters, pastor of the First Baptist church of Merkel. Burial followed in the Trent cemetery, with Barrow Funeral home in charge.

Surviving are the parents and one brother, Jerry Lynn, age 5, also Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Robinson of Cisco, paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Hardie Rutledge of Goodman, maternal grandparents, and Mrs. B. L. James of Goodman, a great-grandmother.

Merkel Man Heads Area P. O. Clerks

At the organization meeting of the 17th congressional district unit of the United National Association of Post Office Clerks, held at the Wooten hotel, Abilene, last Saturday, a Merkel man, Clark Mundy, was honored with election as president.

Other officers are John C. Washam of Sweetwater, vice-president, and Don Marshall, of Abilene, secretary-treasurer.

Election of officers came in a business session following a dinner attended by 33 persons.

Present to assist in organization of the group was Noel D. Patterson of Waco, state president of the UNAPOC; L. G. Hoppe of Austin, state organizer; and Hugh L. Ramsey of Gonzales, district 14 organizer. Mrs. Patterson and Mrs. Hoppe accompanied their husbands.

Burl Lassetter of Abilene was toastmaster. Mr. and Mrs. Mundy were the only persons present from Merkel.

Butman News

Brother W. C. Taggart was out from Abilene to preach two sermons to us. He brought Brother C. L. Johnson, also of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Houston spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Artist Cook.

Mrs. W. C. Perkins shopped in Abilene Saturday.

Louise Cook, Buster Adkins and Maudie, Vivian and Kenneth Turner visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill Perry of Divide.

Doris Reeves and Pauline Cook spent Wednesday night with Mr. and Mrs. Pierce Horton of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brown visited Mr. and Mrs. Ed Blackburn Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barnes, Doyal and Woodrow, were at church Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Dennis visited Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Counts Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Counts visited Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Russell Sunday. Little Stella Mae will be in the incubator for about two more months.

Mrs. W. L. Reneau of Trent spent last week with her daughter, Mrs. Ben Butman. Billy and Jarrell had infected legs.

Nephew of Joe Winter Killed In Auto Accident

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Winter and Mr. and Mrs. Bud Winter, accompanied by G. W. Winter of Abilene, went to Wellington Wednesday to attend the funeral of the former's nephew, Alvin Winter, who was killed early Tuesday morning in a highway accident, in which two others were injured.

Alvin Winter is the son of Marion Winter, who lived here many years ago. He was crushed to death and Archie Collins of Childress and Gard Connell of Wellington were injured seriously when a car struck them as they were changing a tire two miles north of Wellington.

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LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS

A crew from the county tax collector's office will be at the city hall here Friday and Saturday of this week to issue auto license tags and take property renditions.

Members of the Business and Professional Women's club will meet at 8 o'clock next Monday night at the Lions hall, it is announced by Mrs. Bilye Caple, president pro tem.

The building back of the Farmers State bank, formerly occupied by Booth grocery and owned by Mrs. Viola Thomas of Abilene, is undergoing general overhauling and modernizing. The wooden awning in front has been torn down and both interior and exterior given a new paint job. Other improvements are also being made under contract with Vessels and Dingle.

Announcement is made in this week's issue of The Mail that L. E. (Bill) Sledge is now operating the Gulf Service station on the highway. He has a large circle of friends who will be glad to know he has entered business for himself.

R. J. King retired from the grocery business this week and has moved with his family to his farm eight miles northwest of town.

"Battle to Win" Solution.
Berlin, Mar. 21.—The news agency, DNE, declared Tuesday that Adolf Hitler made Germany's last peace offer in his reichstag speech of last Oct. 6 and that "the solution now is a battle to victory."

Grand Jury Brings In 13 Bills, Recesses

Three Merkel men, Holland Teaff, Clyde M. Latimer and Leon Toombs, are on the grand jury impaneled by Judge W. R. Chapman, who opened a four-weeks term of the 104th district court in Abilene Monday morning.

Ben H. Gray, Sr., of Abilene, was named foreman of the inquisitorial body. Others serving are B. C. Plowman, S. W. Brewer, Jeff Boyd, Young Buchanan, Abilene; C. P. Watson and M. A. Patterson, Ovalo; John Crain, Trent, and Carl Ivey, Ovalo.

After a two days' session they recessed Wednesday after returning 13 indictments.

Six of the 13 true bills were for auto theft, four were for burglary, one for drunk driving, one for hog theft, and one for forgery and passing of a forged instrument.

If you have lost or found anything, want to buy or sell anything, let the folks know it through The Mail want ad column. They read it.

List of Petit Jurors Called for Next Week

The petit jury for next week in 104th district court includes the following names:

- H. M. Mayfield, T. C. Jinkens, B. E. Dalton, Homer Laney, Merkel;
- Gus Mayes, George Anthony, L. A. Dalton, O. K. Hobbs, Willie Martin, H. W. McDaniel, John A. Williams, J. T. Cotman, C. B. Wood, Robert H. Holder, Roy Curtis, C. L. Harvey, Harve Wright, W. O. Irby, H. C. Allen, J. L. Lovingsood, Sam Noble, Joe E. Childers, J. S. Logsdon, R. W. Rasco, B. L. Lynch, Chester Davis, Dr. Raymond Wray, L. Paul Kirk, Walter H. Naylor, H. L. Rice, Otto O. Watts, T. E. Hammond, Geo. W. Page, Abilene; C. L. Fisher, W. L. Falwell, J. G. Bush, Zack Best, W. Z. Williams, Ovalo; M. A. Patterson, E. T. Meeks, Levy Hefley, Lawn; E. H. Moody, J. H. Herrington, H. B. Medley, Guion; W. L. Marshall, H. H. Lofland, Tuscola; J. L. Minnatre, Buffalo Gap; A. M. Hinds, Tye; A. N. Hale, Bradshaw; Jno. W. Terry, Trent.

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LETTUCE head 7c
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RED & WHITE COFFEE
1-lb. Can **25c**

RED & WHITE Marshmallows 1-lb. box 15c

WHOLE Green Beans .. No. 2 can 19c

SOUR or DILL Pickles Qt. 15c

RED & WHITE Pears No. 2 1/2 can 23c

MEDIUM OXYDOL Pkg. **18c**

RED & WHITE SOAP
6 bars **23c**

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4-lb. carton **39c**

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GRAPEFRUIT Juice 3 cans 19c

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EGGS Doz. 15c
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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

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By virtue of an order of sale, issued by the Clerk of the District Court of Taylor County, Texas, on the 24th day of February, 1940, as directed by the terms of said judgment, I as Sheriff of said Taylor County, have seized, levied upon and will, on the first Tuesday in April, 1940, same being the 2nd day of April, 1940, at the courthouse door of said Taylor County, between the hours of 2 o'clock P. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. of said day, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all the right, title and interest of J. E. (Bob) Hill and Verna Hill, a feme sole, in and to the following described real estate levied upon the 26th day of February, 1940, as the property of J. E. (Bob) Hill and Verna Hill, a feme sole; description, 252 acres out of Section 12, Block 18, T. & P. land, Abstract 754, Cert. No. 12, in Taylor County, Texas, extending partly into the corporate limits of the City of Merkel, and being same land as described in partition of division in cause No. 1037, page 547, Book "E" minutes of the District Court of Taylor County, Texas, subject, however, to the right of redemption of the defendants, or any one interested therein, may have, and subject to any other and further rights the defendants, or any one interested therein, may be entitled to under the provisions of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the above described judgment and foreclosing the lien provided by law for the taxes, interest, penalty and costs. The proceeds of said sale to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, said sale will be made subject to the defendants right to redeem the said property by complying with the provisions of law in such cases made and provided.

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Taylor County, Texas.
By Wade Willis, Deputy.
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Guthrie and C. H. Jones in and to the following described real estate levied upon the 26th day of February, 1940, as the property of C. W. Guthrie and C. H. Jones; Description, North one-half of Lot 4 and fifteen feet of Lot 5, Block 6, Sheppard's Addition to the town of Merkel, and is otherwise described as being 64 3-4 feet by 160 feet out of Block 6 Sheppard's Addition and is described in a deed of trust to Home Owners Loan Corporation Vol. 96, page 591, deed of trust records of Taylor County, Texas, subject, however, to the right of redemption of the defendants, or any one interested therein, may have, and subject to any other and further rights the defendants, or any one interested therein, may be entitled to under the provisions of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the above described judgment and foreclosing the lien provided by law for the taxes, interest, penalty and costs. The proceeds of said sale to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, said sale will be made subject to the defendants right to redeem the said property by complying with the provisions of law in such cases made and provided.

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unknown heirs, assignees, devisees, and legal representatives of J. A. Williams and wife, Mrs. J. A. Williams, deceased, E. G. Williams and O. A. Williams, William Williams, Sanford Callahan and Mrs. Sanford Callahan, for the aggregate sum of Five Hundred Ninety Three and 8-100 Dollars (\$593.08) for delinquent taxes, interest, penalties and accrued costs on the same, with interest on said sum at the rate of 6 per cent per annum from date of judgment together with all costs of suit. Said judgment directs that a foreclosure of plaintiff's lien together with lien of the taxing units which were parties to this suit and established their claims thereto for the amount of said taxes, interest, penalties and accrued costs as apportioned to each tract and/or lots of land as described in said order of sale.

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Whereas on the 20th day of July, A. D., 1939, The City of Merkel, Texas, a municipal corporation, plaintiff, and The Merkel Independent School District, a municipal corporation, The State of Texas, and Taylor County, Texas, impleaded and intervening Taxing Units recovered a judgment in the District Court of Taylor County for the 104th Judicial District of Texas No. 3221-B on the docket of said Court, against John W. Foster for the aggregate sum of Three Hundred Twenty Seven and 15-100 Dollars (\$327.15) for delinquent taxes, interest, penalties and accrued costs on the same, with interest on said sum at the rate of 6 per cent per annum from date of judgment together with all costs of suit. Said judgment directs that a foreclosure of plaintiff's lien together with lien of the taxing units which were parties to this suit and established their claims thereto for the amount of said taxes, interest, penalties and accrued costs as apportioned to each tract and/or lots of land as described in said order of sale.

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Court of Taylor County, Texas, on the 24th day of February, 1940, as directed by the terms of said judgment, I as Sheriff of said Taylor County, have seized, levied upon and will, on the first Tuesday in April, 1940, same being the 2nd day of April, 1940, at the courthouse door of said Taylor County, between the hours of 2 o'clock P. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. of said day, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all the right, title and interest of John W. Foster in and to the following described real estate levied upon the 26th day of February, 1940, as the property of John W. Foster; description, Lots 4 and 5, Block 5, T. & P. original town of Merkel, in Taylor County, Texas, subject, however, to the right of redemption of the defendant, or any one interested therein, may have, and subject to any other and further rights the defendant, or any one interested therein, may be entitled to under the provisions of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the above described judgment and foreclosing the lien provided by law for the taxes, interest, penalty and costs. The proceeds of said sale to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, said sale will be made subject to the defendant right to redeem the said property by complying with the provisions of law in such cases made and provided.

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The State of Texas, County of Taylor:

Whereas on the 27th day of October, A. D., 1939, The City of Merkel, Texas, a municipal corporation, Plaintiff, and The State of Texas, The County of Taylor, and The Merkel Independent School District, a municipal corporation, impleaded and intervening Taxing Units recovered a judgment in the District Court of Taylor County for the 42nd Judicial District of Texas No. 11,819-A on the docket of said Court against Mrs. Pearle Jones, and husband Ben Jones, for the aggregate sum of Three Hundred Forty One and 60-100 Dollars (\$341.60) for delinquent taxes, interest, penalties and accrued costs on the same, with interest on said sum at the rate of 6% per annum from date of judgment together with all costs of suit. Said judgment directs that a foreclosure of plaintiff's lien together with lien of the taxing units which were parties to this suit and established their claims thereto for the amount of said taxes, interest, penalties and accrued costs as apportioned to each tract and/or lots of land as described in said order of sale.

By virtue of an order of sale, issued by the Clerk of the District Court of Taylor County, Texas, on the 24th day of February, 1940, as directed by the terms of said judgment, I as Sheriff of said Taylor County, have seized, levied upon and will, on the first Tuesday in April, 1940, same being the 2nd day of April, 1940, at the courthouse door of said Taylor County, between the hours of 2 o'clock P. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. of said day, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all the right, title and interest of Mrs. Pearle Jones, and husband, Ben Jones, in and to the following described real estate levied upon the 26th day of February, 1940, as the property of Mrs. Pearle Jones, and husband, Ben Jones; description, Lots Nos. 1 and 2 in Block No. 23, of the College Addition to the Town of Merkel, according to the official plat of said addition as same appears of record in the Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, subject, however, to the right of redemption of the defendants, or any one interested therein, may have, and subject to any other and further rights the defendants, or any one interested therein, may be entitled to under the provisions of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the above described judgment and foreclosing the lien provided by law for the taxes, interest, penalty and costs. The proceeds of said sale to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, said sale will be made subject to the defendants right to redeem the said property by complying with the provisions of law in such cases made and provided.

SID H. McADAMS, Sheriff.
Taylor County, Texas.
By Wade Willis, Deputy.
Abilene, Texas, February 26, 1940.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

The State of Texas, County of Taylor:

Whereas on the 14th day of September, A. D., 1939, The City of Merkel, Texas, a municipal corporation, Plaintiff, and The State of Texas, Taylor County, Texas, and Merkel Independent School District, impleaded and intervening Taxing Units recovered a judgment in the District Court of Taylor County for the 42nd Judicial District of Texas No. 11,266-A on the docket of said Court,

against E. A. Kemper, Annie Hill, a widow; Effie Denton and husband, John Denton; Raymond Hill and wife, Margie Hill; Mabel Denton and husband, Madison Denton; Marvin Hill and wife, Cora Hill; Alma Bailey and husband, W. P. Bailey; Robert W. Hill and wife, Minnie Sue Hill; Lesley Hill and wife, Otha Lee Hill; and Sadie Harrison and husband, Ben Harrison, defendants, for the aggregate sum of Two Hundred Eighty One and 94-100 Dollars (\$281.94) for delinquent taxes, interest, penalties and accrued costs on the same, with interest on said sum at the rate of 6 per cent per annum from date of judgment together with all costs of suit. Said judgment directs that a foreclosure of plaintiff's lien together with lien of the taxing units which were parties to this suit and established their claims thereto for the amount of said taxes, interest, penalties and accrued costs as apportioned to each tract and/or lots of land as described in said order of sale.

By virtue of an order of sale, issued by the Clerk of the District Court of Taylor County, Texas, on the 24th day of February, 1940, as directed by the terms of said judgment, I as Sheriff of said Taylor County, have seized, levied upon and will, on the first Tuesday in April, 1940, same being the 2nd day of April, 1940, at the courthouse door of said Taylor County, between the hours of 2 o'clock P. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. of said day, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all the right, title and interest of E. A. Kemper, Annie Hill, a widow; Effie Denton and husband, John Denton; Raymond Hill and wife, Margie Hill; Mabel Denton and husband, Madison Denton; Marvin Hill and wife, Cora Hill; Alma Bailey and husband, W. P. Bailey; Robert W. Hill and wife, Minnie Sue Hill; Lesley Hill and wife, Otha Lee Hill; and Sadie Harrison and husband, Ben Harrison, defendants, in and to the following described real estate levied upon the 26th day of February, 1940, as the property of the defendants; description, South 20 Block 57, T. & P. land, subject, however, to the right of redemption of one interested therein, may have, and subject to any other and further rights the interested the under the sale to be made above described closing the taxes, interest, penalties and accrued costs as apportioned to each tract and/or lots of land as described in said order of sale.

By virtue of an order of sale, issued by the Clerk of the District Court of Taylor County, Texas, on the 24th day of February, 1940, as directed by the terms of said judgment, I as Sheriff of said Taylor County, have seized, levied upon and will, on the first Tuesday in April, 1940, same being the 2nd day of April, 1940, at the courthouse door of said Taylor County, between the hours of 2 o'clock P. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. of said day, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all the right, title and interest of Mrs. Florence E. Jesop, if alive, and, if deceased, the unknown heirs, assignees, devisees, and legal representatives of Mrs. Florence E. Jesop, deceased, by making publication of this Citation once in each week for two consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof in some newspaper published in your county, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court, 42nd Judicial District of Taylor County, to be held at the court house thereof, in the City of Abilene, Texas, on the 3rd Monday in April, A. D. 1940, same being the 15th day of April, A. D. 1940, then and there to appear and defend the suit filed in said court on the 19th day of February, 1940, in cause numbered 12,036-A, wherein the City of Merkel, a municipal corporation, is plaintiff, and Mrs. Florence E. Jesop and the unknown heirs, assignees, devisees, and legal representatives of Mrs. Florence E. Jesop, deceased; Mrs. Annie L. Stevens, a feme sole; and J. S. Burkhead and wife, Mrs. J. S. Burkhead, are defendants, and said plaintiffs have impleaded Merkel Independent School District, the State of Texas, and Taylor County, Texas, taxing units in said State, to appear in said cause and for each to file its claim for delinquent taxes against the property, or any part thereof, described in the petition of said plaintiff. The cause of action being alleged as follows:

That suit has been brought by the plaintiffs for the collection of delinquent taxes for the years 1920, 1925, 1926, and 1928 to 1939, inclusive, and for the following amounts, of interest, penalties and costs, to-wit: \$184.71 and court costs allowed by law.

That certain taxing units have intervened in this suit and filed

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LEGAL NOTICE

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claims for taxes on all or part of the property described in plaintiffs' petition, as follows: Name of intervening taxing unit and the amount of taxes, penalties, interest and costs: Merkel Independent School District, a municipal corporation, \$132.21; State of Texas and County of Taylor, Texas, \$55.51. Said taxes are due upon the following described lands or lots: 100 feet by 140 feet out of the S. W. Corner of Block 18, College Addition, and 20 feet off the West side of Lot 8 and 80 feet off the East side of Lot 9, Block 18, College Addition to the town of Merkel.

Plaintiffs allege a prior and constitutional lien upon said land for said taxes, interest, penalties and all costs allowed by law, and pray for the foreclosure of said lien and sale of said lands for the satisfaction of the same.
Each party to said suit shall take notice of, and plead and answer to, all claims and pleadings now on file and hereafter filed in said cause by all other parties therein.
Herein fail not, but have you before said court, on the first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court in the City of Abilene, Texas, this the 11th day of March, A. D. 1940.

ROY SKAGGS,
Clerk of the District Court, Taylor County, Texas.
(SEAL) By Birdie Wilson, Deputy.
Issued this the 11th day of March, A. D. 1940.

ROY SKAGGS,
Clerk of the District Court, Taylor County, Texas.
By Birdie Wilson, Deputy.

TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mrs. Clara Paul of Big Spring parents, Mr.

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District Clerk Asks For a Second Term



ROY SKAGGS

To the Voters of Taylor county:
I sincerely appreciate your support and, as an expression of my gratitude, I am trying to make you a good district clerk.

Your splendid co-operation has made the past year in the district clerk's office very pleasant.

I earnestly solicit your vote and influence in the July primary.

ROY SKAGGS.

BLAIR ITEMS

Rev. J. B. Stewart, M. E. pastor, is to fill his regular appointment Sunday, Mar. 24. Brother Stewart's sermons are of the very highest type. Don't miss these services—you will miss a blessing. There is a welcome to all.

Mrs. Bob Malone has been on the sick list the past week, also little Sonja Sue Horton.

Those at the bedside of Grandma Meeks the past week were George Meeks and daughter, Mrs. Calvin Isbell, of San Angelo; Mr. and Mrs. Willie Meeks and daughter, Lela, of Hamlin, and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Meeks of the plains.

Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Davis and family of Palava, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Caldwell and Mrs. Roy Caldwell and baby of Alba, Texas, were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Scogin. Miss Nell Scogin accompanied her relatives home for some two weeks' stay.

Mr. and Mrs. Preston Doan and family and Mrs. Lynn Patterson and son of Clyde spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Price Melton.

Mr. and Mrs. Orval Bradberry are entertaining a new baby girl. The little miss has been christened Shirley Ann.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Griffith of Tulsa spent Friday night with the latter's brother, Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Pruitt. Mr. and Mrs. Pruitt accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Griffith home for the week-end and will visit relatives en route home.

H. E. Addison has returned to his post at Fort Bliss, Texas, after a visit of several months with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Addison.

Etsel Farmer of Brownwood visited relatives here last week-end.

J. H. Lowrey and sisters, Misses Ruth and Lila Mae, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Reynolds and family of Trent.

Vivian Ferrell of Arkansas is visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Campbell, for an indefinite time.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Latimer and son, of Merkel, visited Mr. and Mrs.

Odie Pruitt and family one day the past week.

Mrs. E. J. Orsborn and son, Paul, left Thursday to visit with her daughter and son-in-law, Rev. and Mrs. Hollis Shook, of Weatherford. Paul visited the Fat Stock Show in Fort Worth before returning home.

Miss Louise Addison, accompanied by friends of Abilene, attended the Fat Stock show at Fort Worth last week-end.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Doan, D. V. Doan and Mr. and Mrs. John Meeks visited Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Patterson of Castle Peak last week-end.

William Bradberry and Miss Iun Robinson were united in marriage on Saturday, Mar. 16, at Hermleigh by a minister at that place. The bride is the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Robinson of this place. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bradberry of the Divide and is engaged in ranching in that community. As these young people begin their lives together, they have the sincerest good wishes of many friends and the citizens of this community at large.

The League topic of discussion for Sunday was "Christ Befriended the Needy." An interesting program was

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Will Campbell and Mrs. Hugh Campbell. Miss Eleta Foster gave a piano solo. The League will meet

at the M. E. church Sunday, Mar. 24, at 7:30 p. m. Don't miss this program. It will do you good.

THANK YOU!

—We want to thank the people of Merkel and this territory for the nice business given us on our opening day and also for the kind words of encouragement given us on our new business enterprise.

—NEW VEGETABLE SPRAY RACK — We have installed a new vegetable spray rack and have FRESH VEGETABLES every day. We invite the housewives of our territory in to shop and economize on your every need.

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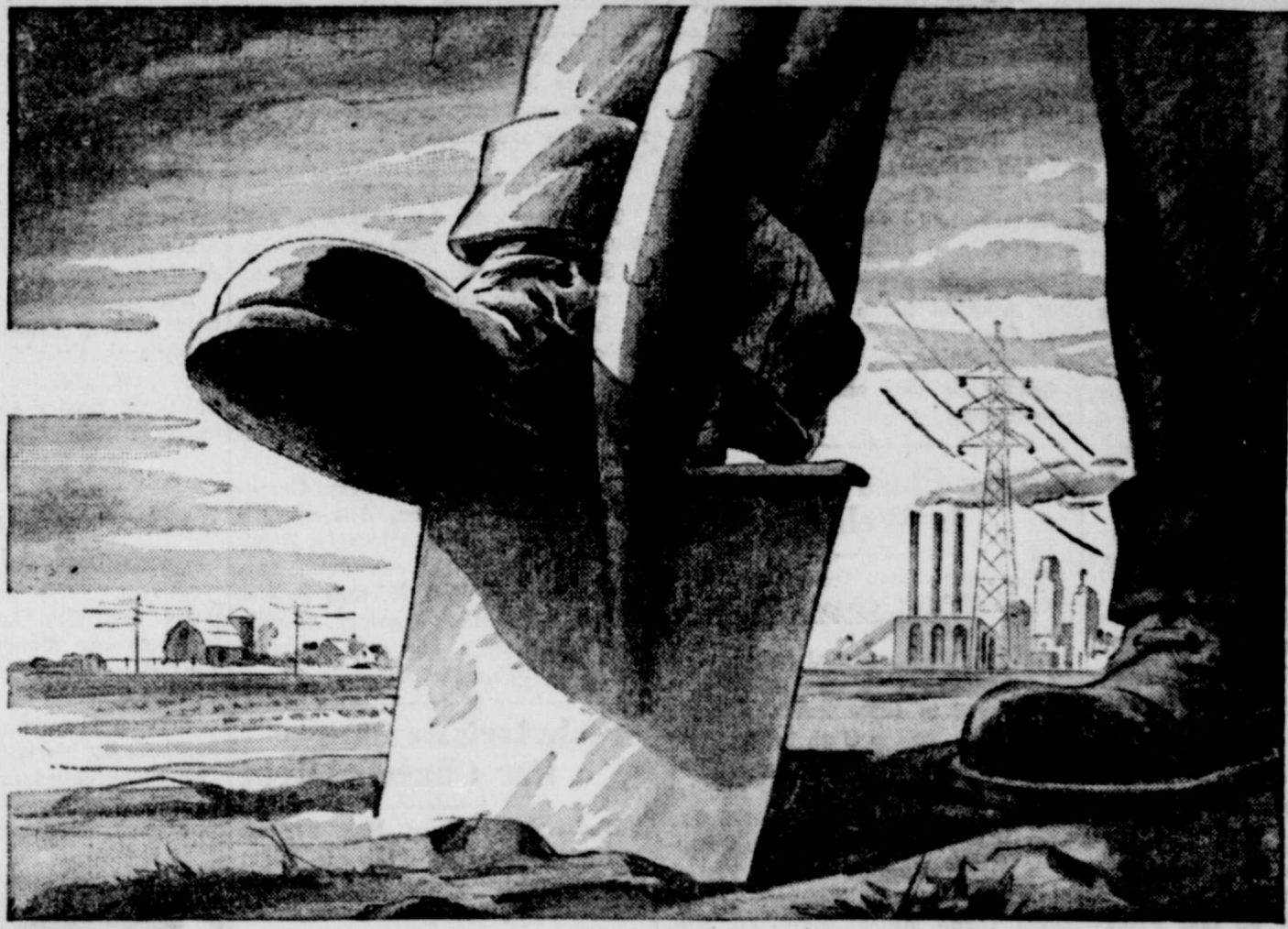
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No, it isn't an accident that electricity has reached its greatest present development in the United States. The reason is that these thousands of men and women in the electrical industry have the American spirit of initiative—the good old-fashioned kind.

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BOOK REVIEW HIGHLIGHT OF FORTNIGHTLY STUDY CLUB MEETING.

Highlighted by a book review by Mrs. W. H. James of Abilene and a parliamentary drill by the F. F. A. boys of the Merkel High school, meeting of the Fortnightly Study club was held in the High School studio Tuesday afternoon, with Mrs. Comer Haynes and Miss Winnie Heizer hostesses.

Mrs. W. S. J. Brown and Mrs. Tom Largent were in charge of the program for the afternoon. Mrs. Largent introduced Mrs. James who reviewed "Kitty Foyle," by Christopher Morley. The Future Farmers of America, with their adviser, Chester Collinsworth, gave their drill in their chapter room in the form of a regular business meeting. The boys showed they have been carefully trained in parliamentary procedure.

The president, Mrs. Johnny Cox, presided for the business meeting, during which the vice-president, Mrs. Tom Largent, was elected as delegate to the convention of the Sixth district, Texas Federation of Women's clubs, to be held in Colorado Apr. 2 and 3.

The club voted to use varied programs as their course of study for another year.

The following guests were present: Mesdames John Crow, Clyde Sears, Olin Lushy, Big Lake, Willie Joe Largent, Yates Brown, L. L. Swafford, Kansas City, and Miss Willie Bell Virden; members, Mesdames Tom Largent, F. C. McFarland, Elsie Nash, W. T. Sadler, Johnny Cox, G. W. Wilhite, S. D. Gamble, Owen Robertson, Stanley King, W. S. J. Brown, H. C. West, J. T. Warren, Comer Haynes, Connor Robinson, Bud Winter, Misses Mamie Ellis, Julia Martin, Winnie Heizer, Mildred Holt and Christine Collins.

HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB.

Mrs. R. H. Mathews was hostess Friday, Mar. 15, to the Merkel Home Demonstration club when Mrs. John Hughes told members how to make a tub garden, and why they are useful. Mrs. Andy Shouse very ably conducted a parliamentary drill. Reports were heard from all committees.

Refreshments were served to the following members: Mesdames Will Toombs, Stanley Toombs, Andy Shouse, Buck Leach, Byron Dingle, Dutch Bryant, F. A. Polley, Paul Blackaby, Tom McAninch, A. P. Peterson, Clark Mundy, John Hughes, Bob Sumpter, Bill Sumpter, J. A. Bryan, C. P. Church, J. Ben Campbell, Bob McDonald, Grover Gilbert, Harry Barnett, Norris Barnett, Clyde Shouse, Walter Teaff, T. C. Humphreys, and the hostess, Mrs. Roy H. Mathews.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. Bob McDonald on Mar. 29, and roll call, "My Favorite Vegetable."

The demonstration agent, Miss Tacker, will demonstrate the filling of a feather comfort on Tuesday, Mar. 26, in the home of Mrs. Andy Shouse, and those interested are invited to attend.

JOLLY NEIGHBORS CLUB.

Members of the Jolly Neighbors "84" club spent an especially happy evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. Y. Gaiter on last Friday evening. Following the game hour, a delicious sandwich plate with frosted drink was passed to Messrs. and Mesdames Andy Shouse, Herbert Patterson, Robert Hicks, Raymond Ferguson, Spencer Bird, Johnny Cox, John Grable, Miss Christine Collins and C. J. Glover.

GLEANER CLASS PARTY.

Co-hostesses in entertaining members of the Gleaner Sunday School class of the Methodist church were Mesdames Dee Grimes, T. L. Grimes and F. Y. Gaiter, meeting in the Gaiter home on Wednesday afternoon of last week.

Mrs. Lizzie Latham presided for the business meeting, after which guests were entertained by Miss Becky Gaiter with accordion numbers. Games of "42" provided diversion until tea time when a delectable salad with wafers, olives, potato chips and macaroons was served with coffee to Mesdames Tipton, Latham, Shannon, Crow, Patterson, Cox, Hunter, Case and Hicks, and Misses Ona and Pauline Johnson.

BAPTIST W. M. U.

The W. M. U. of the First Baptist church met in the basement of the church Monday for their Royal Service program, with twenty-one members present. The program was in charge of the Elkin Lockett Circle, with Mrs. G. M. Sharp mission leader.

After this program Mrs. Clyde Deavers, Sunbeam leader, presented a play, "Mother Goose and Her Missionary Family," which was greatly enjoyed, and those who did not see this play by these children certainly missed a treat.

Presbyterial To Meet At Abilene Apr. 2-3

Program for the annual meeting of the Women's Presbyterial Missionary society of the Abilene presbytery, to be held at the Central Presbyterian church in Abilene Apr. 2 and 3, has been released by Mrs. H. C. West, president of the organization.

General theme of the presbyterial program is "The Mission of the Church in a Changing World," with the 1940 theme, "The Steadying Gospel in a Disturbed World."

Meeting of the executive board is to be held at 7:30 on Tuesday evening, opening day, with the general sessions to start at 9:30 Wednesday morning. There will be three sessions on Wednesday, morning, afternoon and evening, at each of which Miss Rachel Benfer, field secretary of the National Missionary board, New York City, as guest speaker, will make addresses.

A Merkel woman, Mrs. Connor Robinson, is on the Wednesday morning program for a talk, "Challenging Facts—Did You Know?" Each church in the presbytery is expected to send one or more representatives.

Junior Class Play Is Well Received

The entire cast from the Junior class and Mrs. Comer Haynes, as director, are receiving full meed of praise for the successful presentation of "Seventeen," a play of "puppy love days" in three acts, by Booth Tarkington, at the High School gymnasium-auditorium on Tuesday night.

Those taking part were Douglas McCoy, Maurine Moore, David Gibson, Peggy Robertson, Betty Higgins, Booth Higgins, Louise Patterson, Mildred Smith, Tommie Grimes, Doris Clyde Miller, Mary Lu Higgins, Dora Gaiter, Becky Gardner, Geraldine Teague, Dorothy Shannon, Frances Marie Foster, Jacquetta Palmer, Alene Cox, O. C. Shouse, Charles Church, John Mack Grant and Marvin Dubose.

Advertise in The Merkel Mail.

RURAL SOCIETY

McCOY-BAKER.

Melvin Eugene McCoy and Francis Mae Baker surprised their friends and parents by going to Abilene Saturday night and getting married in the home of Brother Atwood.

Mrs. McCoy is the attractive youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Baker, who live in the Warren community. Mr. McCoy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. McCoy, residents of the Hodges community. Mrs. Tommie Smith, sister of the groom, J. R. Baker, brother of the bride, and Joe Owens were the only attendants.

The couple will make their home in the Hodges community, where Mr. McCoy is engaged in farming.

SALT BRANCH CLUB.

The Salt Branch Home Demonstration club met with Mrs. Buster Horton on Thursday afternoon, Mar. 14. After roll call, a short business meeting was held and Miss Lola Higgins was elected recreational council delegate. A program on the care of food for the family was given, emphasizing the care of milk, care of the dairy cow in order to secure better milk production and improvement of beef by proper feeding of animals.

After dismissal of the club, a gift shower was presented to Mrs. Joe Higgins.

A refreshment plate was passed to Mesdames Vernon Hudson, Joe Higgins, Johnny Cox, J. E. Smith, Carl Bacus, T. C. Allen, Buster Horton, Ollie Higgins, Bill Hays, J. S. Pinckley, W. U. Beene, Ada Higgins and H. B. Robertson, Miss Ruth Pinckley, and the following visitors, Mesdames J. C. Allen, Ernest Neff, Jarrett Pinckley, Austin Petty, Miss Lila Rister and the hostess.

COMPERE CLUB.

The Comper Home Demonstration club met in the home of Mrs. T. A. Tucker on Thursday, Mar. 14, with Mrs. L. B. Ray, the president, presiding. After roll call, reading of the minutes and council report, two members were presented on the program: Mrs. Oscar Johnson, who discussed "Safety in Beauty Buying," and Mrs. A. J. Newman, "Five Minutes of Wardrobe Talk."

A plate lunch of sandwiches, potato chips, individual pies and hot chocolate marshmallows was served. The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Dewey Ramsey on Mar. 28, when Miss Martin, county agent, will demonstrate cheese-making. All neighbors are welcome.

BLAIR 4-H CLUB.

The Blair 4-H club girls met Friday, Mar. 15, with their sponsor, Mrs. J. S. Grant. The president had charge of the business meeting.

There are three girls who have made closets, three who have made gardens and five who have made house coats. After singing songs and playing games, the meeting adjourned.

Those present were Mrs. Grant, Willie Dean Patterson, Annie Clara Doan, Mary Sue Grant, Ottila Doan, Jackie Melton, Dorothy June Patterson, Jimmie Nell Horton, Delwee Melton, Lila Mae Lowery, Bonnie Marie Patterson, Mary E. Melton and Billie Jean Melton.

Presbyterians Plan For Church Night

Wednesday evening, Mar. 27, has been designated as "Church Night for Everybody" at the Grace Presbyterian church in the basement, at 8 p. m.

A light supper will be served, to be followed by a short program and reports of the pastor, Rev. R. A. Walker, and other church officers and leaders. The arrangements committee, Mrs. John West and Mrs. Connor Robinson, ask that those coming bring any or all of the following: pie, cake or sandwiches.

Every member of the church is urged and expected to be present Wednesday night, Mar. 27, 8 o'clock at the Grace Presbyterian church.

Attend Funeral At Sidney for Father of Mrs. Castle Ellis

Among those from here going to attend the funeral of A. C. Jones, father of Mrs. Castle Ellis of Abilene, were Mrs. John Reese, his sister, and Mr. and Mrs. V. N. Ellis, Mrs. G. D. Richie, Mrs. Forence Berry, Mr. and Mrs. W. Roundtree, Mrs. Hicks Goode, also Melba Grogan of Anson.

Mr. Jones, who was 51 years old, is survived by his wife, two other daughters besides Mrs. Castle Ellis and four grandchildren.

Carbon paper, 8 1/2 x 11, two sheets for 5 cents; 25 cents per dozen. At Merkel Mail office.

Series of Sermons By Dr. Bickley Announced

A series of sermons to be preached by Dr. C. A. Bickley, of Abilene, district superintendent, at the Mt. Pleasant Methodist church, beginning Mar. 25 and concluding Mar. 31, is announced as follows:

- Monday night, "Divine Healing."
- Tuesday night, "Can We Do Without the Church?"
- Wednesday night, "Conquering Church."
- Thursday night, "Those Who Are Wearing Stripes in This Community."
- Friday night, "Prodigal Fathers and Mothers."
- Saturday night, "What is God Able to Do in This Day?"
- Sunday morning, "Man's Power Plus God's Power."
- Sunday afternoon, second quarterly conference.

Workers Conference To Meet At Tye April 11th

Next monthly meeting of the Workers conference of the Sweetwater Baptist association will be held Apr. 11 at the Tye Baptist church. Rev. Fred Porter is pastor of the Tye church.

Selection of the next place of meeting was made at the afternoon session of the association's all-day meeting held at the First Baptist church here Thursday of last week. About 200 were present at the meeting and dinner was served at noon in the church basement by the ladies of the local church.

At the Merkel meeting a new treasurer, John J. Toombs, of Abilene, formerly of Merkel, was elected to succeed Thomas E. Roberts, resigned.

Easter Program To Be Given At Nubia

The Nubia Missionary society will give the following program Sunday night:

- Piano music.
- "The Date of Easter" and Scripture, by Mrs. Sam Butman, Jr.
- Prayer, Mrs. A. R. Toombs.
- Solo, Mrs. Don Riney.
- "In God's Garden," by Bobby Jo Hunter.
- Exercise, "Jesus and the Children."
- Reading, Loveta Coffman.
- Play, "Hope Eternal."
- Reading, Buddy Hunter.
- Duet, Mrs. Clyde Latimer and Mrs. A. R. Toombs.

Everyone is especially urged to attend Sunday School at 10:30 a. m. Bring your little folks to the Easter egg hunt and let them enjoy the Spirit of Easter through the hospitality of Nubia church.

Father of Mrs. Sledge Buried At Comanche

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Sledge went to Comanche Monday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Sledge's father, J. H. Lloyd.

Besides the daughter here, he is survived by his wife, three sons and five other daughters.



Let **FLOWERS** carry your greeting!

Flowers provide the loveliest way to send Easter greetings to family or friends. We have a complete selection of cut flowers and potted plants.

MISSIE'S FLORAL SHOP

In The Churches

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

There were 587 present at the six reporting Sunday Schools here last Sunday, as compared with 548 the previous week. On the same Sunday a year ago the attendance was 635.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Sunday School 10 a. m., preaching service 11 a. m., Training Service 6:45 p. m. There will be no evening preaching service, as we are cooperating with the Methodist church in their revival. The pastor will be the speaker Sunday evening. Wednesday evening prayer service at 7:30 o'clock. Cooper Waters, Pastor. W. J. Largent, Sunday School Superintendent. Will H. Grimes, B. T. U. Director.

W. M. U. CIRCLES.

The W. M. U. of the First Baptist church will meet in Circles next Monday, Mar. 25.

Blanche Rose Walker Circle will meet with Mrs. Cooper Waters, with Mrs. W. L. Johnson leader and Mrs. Waters, Bible teacher. The Maybelle Taylor Circle will meet with Mrs. A. R. Booth, with Mrs. Lucy Ford leader and Mrs. Lam Gilbreath, Bible teacher. The Elkin Lockett Circle will meet with Mrs. W. F. Patterson, with Mrs. Chas. West leader and Mrs. J. L. Winters, Bible teacher.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. As the pastor will be at Baird, there will be no preaching service Sunday morning nor night.

Wednesday, Mar. 27, will be "Church Night for Everybody." A light supper will be served followed by a short program. The time is 8 o'clock.

R. A. Walker, Pastor.

FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Rev. J. C. Lott of Weatherford will preach for us Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night. Everyone is cordially invited to come and hear him.

All other services as usual. R. U. Rister, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Sunday services: Bible classes 9:45, preaching at 10:45, young people's meeting 6:30, preaching at 7:30 p. m.

Wednesday evening Bible study at 7:30 o'clock. You are invited to attend. E. W. Key, Minister.

NAZARENE CHURCH.

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

meeting Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock.

Everyone is cordially invited to these services. R. T. Smith, Pastor.

NEW LIVE OAK CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10:30 a. m. at the New Live Oak Baptist church of Butman.

Mrs. Dennis Counts, Church Reporter.

NUBIA LEAGUE.

The Nubia league met regularly Sunday night with a very interesting program, and we are glad to report there were twenty-four young people present and six adults.

The program was "The Christian View of Recreation" and "For the Beauty of the Earth." Several interesting talks were made, with the group captain, Louise Richie, in charge.

The league selected the following new officers: president, Mrs. Don Riney; vice-president, Nina Joyce Riney; group captain, Don Riney; secretary-treasurer, Mildred McLean; reporter, Nell Butman; song leader, Mr. Horton, with Louise Richie as pianist. Sponsors are Mr. and Mrs. Joe Seymore and Mr. and Mrs. Dewel McLean.

As next Sunday night is Easter, the League has a very interesting program with Annie C. Cargill in charge. Every one is cordially invited to attend.

Time has been changed until 7:30 p. m. Every one is urged to be there on time.

Different Speaker Each Night Through Sunday

Speakers for the remaining three nights of the Pre-Easter revival at the Methodist church, sponsored by the young people's organization in connection with the local church, council of mission are:

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Puffed Wheat Pkg. 5c	Shortening 4-lb. ctn. 39c
POST TOASTIES Pkg. 10c	PURE PORK SAUSAGE Lb. 10c
SALT PORK BACON Lb. 9c	Rib or Brisket BEEF ROAST Lb. 15c
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