

Keeping Up  
With Texas

Miss Maxine Robison of Austin, one of the group of American college girl survivors of the steamship Athenia disaster, was chosen as "Sweetheart of 1940" by the University of Texas student body for the Annual Round-Up festivities last week-end.

Louis Hornsby, 27, Corpus Christi, was killed late Sunday afternoon when the car he was driving in jolly races at Spudder park, Corpus Christi, overturned.

Raymond Zimmerman, 31, Merdow, Greenville, was killed Sunday by a passing automobile when they attempted to walk across the highway near Greenville.

William Kohman, about 60, Galveston druggist, died in a Galveston hospital Sunday afternoon two hours after the bicycle he was riding was in collision with a car containing six Houston high school students.

Horace J. Long, 20, of Dallas, identified by papers in his pocket as a student at Texas A. & M. college, was killed early Sunday at Houston when the automobile in which he was riding was in collision with another car.

Charles Green, managing editor of the Nolan County News at Sweetwater, has been elected secretary-manager of the Stamford chamber of commerce. He will assume his duties Apr. 15, succeeding Mrs. Steve Bennett, who will remain as Green's assistant.

Fred V. Johnson, 43, World War veteran and Houston's "society" burglar, pleaded guilty Saturday to burglary, felony theft and assault to murder charges and was assessed 190 years in the Texas prison.

W. H. Richardson, Jr., of Austin was re-elected Monday as chairman of the State Safety commission, governing body for state police, state motor patrolmen and state rangers.

E. J. Hooks, 52, driver for a Fort Worth travel bureau, was killed at Weatherford Sunday night when his automobile overturned seven miles west of that place. Mrs. R. T. Hill of Kilgore, who was taking to Kilgore from Odessa, suffered a broken arm in the accident. Her two children were not injured.

Texas postmasters, meeting at Marshall, chose McAllen for their 1941 convention site and elected Burris Jackson of Hillsboro president.

Jess Copeland, 62, was drowned at Hillsboro Saturday while attempting to wade across swollen Hackberry creek following a 5.4 inch rain which drenched that area.

Chief Justice C. M. Cureton of the supreme court, who has served longer than any other man as chief justice in the tribunal's century of existence, died Monday at Austin at age of 65.

Pat L. Davis Accepts  
Place As Commercial  
Secretary At Quanah

With the election of Pat Davis as secretary of the chamber of commerce at Quanah, Merkel High school loses a very popular football coach. Pat tendered his resignation Tuesday to the school board and will leave here Saturday to assume his new duties at Quanah on Monday. He succeeds Herman Brown there, who has gone to Cleburne as chamber of commerce manager.

Coming to Merkel in the fall of 1937, Pat Davis has boosted football interest in Merkel to a high pitch, and his work with the boys has made him their idol in training camp and on the gridiron.

Best wishes of a large circle of friends and supporters here go with him and his family to their new location and new vocation.

District Volleyball,  
Track Events Next

Members of the Merkel girls' volleyball team, who will take part in district at Sweetwater this week-end, are Florine Varner, Winona Kelso, Bernice Opal Dean, Pauline Bradley, Mildred Browning, Oleta Woolsey and Maydelle Kingsberry. The club is under the coaching of Mary Lou Ashburn, physical education instructor, and Supt. Connor Robinson.

Also scheduled this week-end are district track events, in which Merkel High school boys will enter and for which Will H. Grimes has had the boys going through strenuous paces for the past several weeks.

Merkel entrants failed to place in district tennis and literary events, which took place last week-end.

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LOCAL CHAPTER  
FFA BOYS ENJOY  
ROLE AS HOSTS

Fathers Are Special Guests at Annual Banquet; Glen Robertson Formally Presented F. & M. Silver Cup.

At the Fourth Annual Father and Son banquet of the Merkel F. F. A. chapter, held last Thursday night in the Lions hall and attended by 63 persons, fathers of the boys learned not only of the large aggregate of the projects under way but also of the well directed manner in which the chapter meetings are conducted.

The banquet was opened in typical chapter conducting style, with Francois Harris as president and all the officers at their posts. Other officers are: Jerry Warren, vice-president; Forrest Glenn Barrett, watch dog; Clyde Deavers, Jr., reporter; Billy Haynes, treasurer; Jack Hester, secretary; Burnel Merritt, parliamentarian, and Chester Collinsworth, advisor.

Francois Harris in the capacity of toastmaster extended a welcome to the fathers, and the invocation was given by Jack Hester. After the dinner, furnished by Cotton's cafe and served by eight members of the home-making class under the direction of Miss Neweta Cleveland, home economics teacher, Chester Collinsworth, the advisor, extended welcome and introduced the chapter queen and sweethearts and special guests: Jeanette Neff as queen; Jean Paine and Wanda Douglas as sweethearts, and George Woodrum, John Grable, W. J. Largent, Hubert Patterson, J. I. Moore of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Young and C. J. Glover as special guests.

Waitresses were Mary Jo Hutchins, Marjorie Jo Fulton, Linnie Faye Armstrong, Nedra Swafford, Billie M. Cobb, Gwindolene Sandusky, Lula Belle Patterson and Mildred Smith. Several cornet numbers by Richard Young, accompanied by his wife, afforded delightful entertainment, preceding the introduction of reports by the chapter members, including talks by three boys, Billy Haynes, Clarence Harrell and Glen Robertson, on subject.

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Merkel Overwhelms  
Hodges in Encounter

Inaugurating the softball season, the Farmers & Merchants National bank team overwhelmed Hodges, 15-4, in a game played on the softball field here Wednesday afternoon. Batteries for the Bankers were Floyd and Walker; for Hodges, Hartline and Roberts.

Dee Perry, manager of the F. & M. players, is ready to book games with any team in the surrounding territory accepting challenge of the Merkel players.

Change Made in PTA  
Place of Meeting

Due to the fact that the Junior class will be using the High School gymnasium for decorations for the Junior-Senior banquet, place for the April meeting of the Merkel Parent-Teacher association has been changed to the Grammar School auditorium. The time is 8 o'clock Thursday night, Apr. 11.

Chester Collinsworth, vocational agriculture teacher, and the F. F. A. boys will give the program. Clark Mundy is program leader.

Trent Opens Softball  
Season on Saturday

Trent, Apr. 11.—Trent launches its 1940 softball campaign Saturday, a double header being carded for the evening. Trent girls will play Anson girls, while Trent boys have Taystee from Abilene as their opponents. Sandwiches will be served free. The games will be free, but when the season starts regular charge will be made for admission. League play will open Tuesday night.

The softball plant has undergone improvements since last season. Malcolm Beasley and J. N. Childers are managers while Joe Boone is chairman of the softball committee.

JUNIOR-SENIOR  
FETE IS EVENT  
FRIDAY NIGHT

Annual Junior-Senior banquet will high light school activities on Friday night. The place is the High School gymnasium, the time 8 p. m. Members of the Salt Branch HD club will provide the menu, with Sophomore girls serving as waitresses. Miss Neweta Cleveland and Will H. Grimes are co-sponsors for the Junior class, hosts for the affair. Miss Julia Martin is sponsor of the Senior class. The program follows:

Invocation, Supt. Connor Robinson; "Toast to Seniors," John Mack Grant, president of Junior class; response, Betty Reid, Senior president; "Kid from Fifth Avenue," reading and tap dance, by Betty Gilbert; Viennese waltz, exhibition dance, by Becky Gardner and Charles Baker; trumpet solo, Richard Young; song, Dorothy Shannon; "Farewell to Seniors," Louise Patterson, vice-president of Junior class; response, Billy Largent, Senior class vice-president. Mrs. Richard Young will play the accompaniments.

Other officers of the Junior class are Dora Gaither, secretary-treasurer, and O. C. Shouse, reporter.

Honor Paid District  
Deputy Grand Master

On Monday night, Apr. 8, Merkel Lodge No. 710, A. F. & A. M., was host to lodges in the 75th Masonic district, which were all represented, and visitors from Breckenridge, Franklin, Coleman, Fort Worth and McCauley were present.

The occasion was in honor of the present district deputy grand master, O. B. Leach. W. Marcus Weathered of Coleman, past grand master; Dr. E. M. Wood of Anson, grand senior warden of the grand lodge of Texas, and J. D. Harrison of Ovalo, past grand high priest, were dinner guests of O. B. Leach. H. G. Smith and J. F. Walker. Later refreshments were served to members and visitors.

The principal speakers were J. D. Harrison, Dr. E. M. Wood and W. Marcus Weathered. The lodges from the 75th district are Abilene, Anson, Merkel, Ovalo, Stamford, Stith, Hamilton, Tuscola and Lawn.

It was an inspirational occasion and enjoyed by more than 100 local and visiting members of the Masons of Texas.

Officers of the Merkel lodge are: H. G. Smith, worshipful grand master; J. F. Walker, senior warden; E. B. Reece, junior warden; Bob Fowler, treasurer; W. C. Black, secretary. There were several officers and past officers of the other lodges present.

Beneficial Rains  
Visit Area; Bring  
Needed Moisture

First drenching rain in several months visited Merkel and entire West Texas Friday night and reports from over the state indicate that the precipitation was general in Texas.

The ground was thoroughly soaked by the 1-4 inches of moisture, as gauged locally, greatly benefitting grain crops and seasoning fields for planting all other crops.

Added to previous rainfall for the year, Merkel's total moisture to date amounts to 5 3-16 inches, according to Grover Hale, Volunteer Weather Observer.

Toombs and Hodge Are  
Named School Trustees

Unusual interest resulted in the casting of 245 ballots in last Saturday's election for school trustees, in which W. W. Toombs and Norman T. Hodge were elected members of the board over S. D. Gamble and Byers Petty, incumbents.

The vote was Hodge 137, Toombs 134, Gamble 114 and Petty 104.

Voters in the Merkel box were pretty evenly divided in their choice for county trustee from precinct No. 2. Dewell McLean received 102 votes, one more than were cast for Z. V. Moore. Results in other boxes in the precincts were not available, leaving the result in doubt.

PATTERSON GOES  
TO SOUTH TEXAS  
FOR RODEO STOCK

After Being Awarded Contract, Well Known Cattle Man Stays Week In South Texas, Assembling Cattle for Big Show.

Homer Patterson, whose bid won the contract to supply the stock for the 1940 series of free rodeos sponsored by the Merchants Trade Extension association of Merkel, left Sunday for Fort Worth, from where he was to go to South Texas to buy cattle for use in the shows here the coming summer. He was accompanied by John Shannon and Tom Jenkins, the latter a member of the rodeo committee.

Included in the contract for stock this year are 20 white facing cows and calves, 10 steers, 10 bucking horses and 5 bulls.

Opening show of the season is scheduled for Friday night, May 24, followed with an afternoon show Saturday.

Fireboys Re-Elect  
John Mansfield As  
Department Head

Merkel Volunteer Fireboys at their annual election held Monday night at the fire station re-named John Mansfield as chief for another year. Bob Fowler was elected assistant chief. New president of the association is Herbert Dunn, with Frank Breaux as vice-president, and Sam Wilsson re-elected secretary-treasurer.

Named as foreman of Hose Co. No. 1 is Roy Robbins, with Parker Sharp as foreman of No. 2; Les Palmer, chemical foreman, and Murray Toombs, hose police.

Chief John Mansfield, Assistant Chief Bob Fowler and Parker Sharp were selected as delegates to the state convention to be held in Houston in June.

Tickets on Sale Soon  
Spring Band Concert

Tickets will soon be on sale for "the best band concert ever to be given in Merkel," which is the announced attraction for Apr. 23. At this time Director Richard Young states that the Badger band will give an interesting and varied concert which will sum up the work done this year in the band department.

Several solos and ensembles will add much interest and variety to the program. At this concert the band will present for the first time the required numbers for class B bands at the regional contest in which the band is participating.

Tickets will be on sale within the week and the same prices will prevail as for the last concert: 25 cents for adults and 15 cents for students. The proceeds will be used to buy uniforms and other necessary equipment for the band.

Baird Man Re-Elected  
By Area Fire-Fighters

More than 300 visiting fire-fighters and their wives from a ten-county area were present for the semi-annual session of the Midwest Firemen's association held at Snyder on Thursday of last week.

J. S. Ashby of Baird was re-elected president, and Cisco was chosen for the October meeting.

Those going from Merkel were Mr. and Mrs. John Mansfield, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Mathews, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Claude Perry and Messrs. Parker Sharp, Les Palmer, Herman Carson and Lloyd Vick.

Farmers Make Plans  
To Enroll Members

Farmers surrounding Merkel were due to meet Thursday night of this week at the Lions hall to plan a campaign for memberships in the Taylor County Agricultural association.

The meeting of the committee, originally scheduled for last Friday, was called off on account of the rain.

PRESBYTERY IN  
MEMORIAL FOR  
LATE MINISTERS

At 7 o'clock Wednesday evening, a memorial service was held at the Baird Presbyterian church, where the spring meeting of the Abilene presbytery was in session, for two deceased ministers, Rev. R. A. Walker, joint pastor of the Merkel and Baird churches, and Rev. L. B. Gray, who served the Ranger church.

Eulogy of Rev. Mr. Walker was given by Rev. Wm. F. Rogan of Stamford, while Rev. J. A. Owen of Albany paid tribute to the memory of the Ranger pastor. Rev. James J. Richardson of Abilene, oldest minister in the Abilene presbytery, was also one of the speakers.

Among those attending from Merkel were Supt. Connor Robinson, who was elder-delegate to the presbytery; Mrs. R. A. Walker, wife of the deceased minister, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Walker and children, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Patterson, of Abilene, Mrs. Delma Compton, Misses Robbie and Velma Walker and Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Elliott.

Butman Rodeo Dates  
Are Tentatively Set

Dates for the Butman picnic-rodeo were tentatively set for July 25-26 at a meeting of leaders and supporters of the organization held last Saturday night at the Butman school house. Much interest was manifested and plans for the show and picnic were enthusiastically discussed.

Sam Butman, Sr., was again named honorary president; E. H. Cordill, honorary vice-president; Mrs. Tom Russo, secretary-treasurer, and Sam Butman, Jr., general manager.

Jim Cook was designated rodeo chairman, with the following other committee chairmen: stage entertainment, Joe Seymore; public speaking, E. H. Cordill; special features, Mrs. W. H. Ensminger; games and sports, J. Lee Coffman.

WTCC Convention Date  
Changed to May 16-18

Abilene, Apr. 11.—The annual West Texas chamber of Commerce convention, to be held at Big Spring, will be May 16-18.

Change of the date from May 13-15 was approved Monday by directors of the chamber, and announced by D. A. Bandeen, manager, after receiving word from E. K. Fawcett of Del Rio, president.

The action was taken so the convention committees could more fully develop the convention's Americanization theme by making it coincide with the annual Buffalo Trail Boy Scout council round-up which attracts more than 800 boys and leaders.

Theme of the convention will be "The American Way of Living," and a feature of the session will be a "youth parade."

Record of Births.  
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Francis Cogdill, residing on the Largent ranch, Sunday, April 7, 1940.

MERKEL 30 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, May 20, 1910.)

SALT BRANCH CROPS HURT.

Hail stones as big as hen eggs and millions of them fell in Merkel and county Monday afternoon. A strip of territory estimated to be three miles wide and six miles long in the Salt Branch neighborhood will have to be replanted. Chunks of ice hit the ground with the force of a cannon ball, doing damage to the extent of several thousand dollars. J. W. (Billie) Teaff will have to replant 150 acres of cotton. Others are Sid Coats, Will Hays, W. B. Robertson, S. W. Taylor, Porter Petty, Arthur Jones, McMurry, Frank Rodgers, Joe Higgins, T. B. Garoutte, R. H. Dean, J. A. Buford, G. W. Harrell, R. A. Miller, Ralph and Tom Gougeon.

CANYON SANDSTORM.

Cultivators Run On Sunday. Farmers loses Entire Crop of Cotton—

Plowing by Lantern Light.  
It is told of J. S. Swann that once upon a time (before we had good roads) he met a farmer coming to town with a heavy load stranded in the road in front of a big mud hole and was asked if there was not some other road leading into the City in closer. "Nope," he replied, "but if you will wait here a few minutes this will be dried up."  
The significance of this story can not be appreciated by the unacquainted. We did not believe it and likewise we did not believe the stories of farmers plowing by moonlight and with lanterns but we know now that such has happened. Last Sunday more than a hundred cultivators were running in a section of the Canyon country, to prevent damage from blowing sand, and just Friday morning they had a good soaking rain.

NATHAN WOOD  
NEW PRESIDENT  
SCHOOL BOARD

All Teachers Re-Elected at Meeting of Trustees; Pat Davis, G. W. Wilhite Tender Resignations to Board.

Organization of the board of trustees of the Merkel Independent school district for the coming year was perfected at a meeting of the board Tuesday night with the election of Nathan Wood as president, succeeding S. D. Gamble who has been head of the school's governing body the past year, following Herbert Patterson's presidency, and who had served previously as vice-president for a number of years.

At Tuesday night's meeting, vote of Saturday's election was canvassed and the names of W. W. Toombs and N. T. Hodge certified as successors to S. D. Gamble and Byers Petty. Mr. Gamble has served 13 years on the board.

Several months ago, Supt. Connor Robinson, Principal Rex Myers of the High school, Principal I. W. Walling of the Grammar school, Chester Collinsworth, vocational agriculture teacher, and Richard Young, band director, were re-elected, and at this week's meeting the entire list of teachers was re-elected.

Resignations from Pat Davis and G. W. Wilhite were accepted, however, after the two had been re-elected. Pat Davis goes to Quanah as secretary of the chamber of commerce; filling his place as coach, Carroll Benson will carry on spring practice, while a substitute teacher will fill this school room duties. Mr. Wilhite will continue till the end of school.

Besides those already named, the following is a list of teachers re-elected:  
High school—Will H. Grimes, Miss Willie Bell Virden, Mrs. Lucy Tracy Haynes, Miss Neweta Cleveland, Miss Mary Lou Ashburn, Miss Julia Martin.

Grammar school—Misses Julzada Pogue, Agnes Clark, Billie Gardner, Vinnie Heizer, Mildred Holt, Ruth West, Himalya Swafford, Helen Reddell, Imogene Schulze, Mamie Collins and Carroll Benson.

As bus drivers, Terrell Mashburn, Cyrus Pee, Irl Walker and Johnny Warlick were named, and two others, Ford Smith, Jr., of Mt. Pleasant and W. L. Russell of White Church, if their school again contract into Merkel.

Trent P.-T. A. to  
Meet Tuesday Night

Trent, Apr. 11.—"Theme and Relaxation" will be the play of the April meeting of the Trent Parent-Teacher association to be held next Tuesday night at the school gymnasium, beginning at 7:45 o'clock. Mrs. J. G. Wilkins is program leader.

Special guests will be Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dowell, from Abilene Christian college, who will demonstrate "The Importance of Play and Relaxation."

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**Civic Music Maps Membership Drive**

The Civic Music association of Abilene will conduct its annual membership campaign the week of April 15-20 from headquarters located at the Hotel Wooten, according to the announcement of President Mrs. R. A. Maddox.

The Abilene Civic Music association is a non-profit co-operative organization which brings to Abilene annually three or more concerts by artists or musical organizations of national and international reputation. Admission to these concerts is by membership card only and anyone interested may join the association by paying the amount of annual dues during this one membership week. After Saturday, Apr. 20, the membership privilege is closed and no more members are accepted for another year. No tickets are sold for single concerts.

During the past years the Abilene Civic Music association has presented such artists as Milstein, Baggiore, Luboschutz, Nemenoff, et cetera. This past season its program consisted of the following numbers: Griller String Quartette, Donald Dickson, Alexander Brailowsky. Artists to be presented next season will be selected and announced immediately after the close of the membership campaign on Saturday, Apr. 20, when the amount of funds available for this purpose is definitely known. All money resulting from the pooling of membership dues except that necessary for local expenses such as auditorium rental, et cetera, is expended in securing artists to appear on next season's series. Suggestions of members joining as to type of concerts they would be interested in hearing are welcomed by the officers of the association. More complete information may be obtained by calling at headquarters or by telephoning Christine Collins, local representative.

**Death Claims Mrs. Sarah F. Martin, 84**

Mrs. Sarah F. Martin, 84, resident of Taylor county for 51 years, died at 8:30 Saturday morning at her home here. She had been ill for about two weeks.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 Sunday afternoon from the Methodist church, with Rev. C. W. Foot, pastor of the Methodist church at Roscoe and former pastor here, officiating. He was assisted by Rev. John H. Crow, local Methodist pastor, and Rev. R. T. Smith, pastor of the Church of the Nazarene. Burial followed in Rose Hill cemetery by the side of her husband, who died in 1923. Barrow Funeral home was in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers were Jim Moore, M. T. Shults, Clarence Shouse, P. E. Wheeler, Andy Shouse and C. F. Curb.

Born Sarah F. Dodd near Little Rock, Ark., on Jan. 22, 1856, she moved to Texas with her parents when only six years of age. She was married to S. P. Martin on Jan. 4, 1874, at Lone Oak in Hunt county and the couple moved to West Texas in 1888. Her husband engaged in farming in the Mt. Pleasant community until moving to Merkel in 1916. Mrs. Martin had been a member of the Methodist church for 66 years.

Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. Cora Curb, Merkel; Mrs. Charlie Orr, Mulberry canyon; Mrs. Ethel Penny, Sulphur Springs, and Mrs. O. D. Pruitt, Blair, and one son, Grady (Martin), Dalhart. Twenty grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, one sister, Mrs. Caroline Dagley, Lockney, and one brother, L. E. Dodd, California, also survive.

**Socialists Name Thomas.** Washington, Apr. 11.—Norman Thomas, white-haired veteran of three presidential races, and Maynard C. Krueger of Chicago, 34-year-old economics professor, will carry the socialist banner in the 1940 campaign.

**William Faversham Dies.** Bay Shore, N. Y., Apr. 11.—William Faversham, 72, matinee idol at the turn of the century, died here Sunday. His last public appearance was about four weeks ago when he appeared on a radio program.

**Political Rally, First Of Season, Scheduled At Butman Apr. 12**

In sponsoring a political rally at the Butman tabernacle Friday night, Apr. 12, beginning at 7:30, members of the Bluebonnet Home Demonstration club extend a special invitation to all candidates to be present and take advantage of the opportunity to get before Mulberry Canyon voters. A large attendance is promised and an interesting program has been arranged.

So that there may be no confusion among the candidates themselves as to the nature of this rally, the sponsoring club has requested The Mail to print the following notice:

"Due to a misunderstanding among some of the candidates the Bluebonnet Home Demonstration club wishes to state that the rally slated for Apr. 12 is not connected with the Butman picnic-ropedeo, which will be held in the summer. The members of the club extend a special invitation to all candidates and feel that this rally will be an opportunity to get before Mulberry Canyon voters early in the campaign."

The program will be in charge of Mrs. W. H. Ensminger and candidates are asked to register with her. Welcome is to be extended by Mrs. W. C. Perkins.

"Parliamentary Law and Its Origin" is the subject assigned Mrs. Johnny Cox of the Home Demonstration council. Other talks to follow are: "Middle Clear Fork Soil Conservation District," by Knox Parr, county farm agent; "REA Program," Johnny Cox, president of the Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc., REA announcement, by Mrs. Tom Russom.

After a recess, during which music will be provided, a play, "The Wrong Baby," will be given. B. B. Reynolds will have charge of the auction, following which another play, "The Pull Back," will be given. Another recess will give time for the candidates to get ready for the speaking and Sam Butman will make the closing remarks.

**Rites Thursday for Mrs. M. E. Huffman**

Mrs. Margaret E. Huffman, 71, died at 9 o'clock Wednesday night at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Annie Smith. She was taken ill last Thursday and pneumonia developed later, causing her death.

Funeral services were held at 4 p. m. Thursday from the Fundamental Baptist church, with Rev. J. L. Burselen, a former pastor, officiating. Burial followed in the Smith cemetery, with Barrow Funeral home directing.

Born near San Marcos in Hays county on July 27, 1868, she was married Feb. 1, 1886, to Thomas Jefferson Huffman, who died in 1917 and is buried at Rose Hill cemetery here. The family came to Taylor county 25 years ago.

Surviving are seven children, four daughters and three sons. The daughters are Mrs. Maidie Sellers, Mrs. Melissa Wright, Mrs. Annie Smith and Mrs. Minnie Smith; the sons, Jack, Tom and Willie, all of Merkel. Thirty-three grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and six sisters also survive.

**Hines Blames Failure On O'Daniel Himself**

Midland, Apr. 11.—Harry Hines charged here Monday night that the entire social security problem "would have been settled at the last session of the legislature, had it not been for the methods employed by the governor or himself."

Hines, in a special broadcast, laid the failure to pay old age assistance, blind dependent children and teacher benefits at the door of the governor, declaring, "any governor who pursues the policy of attempting to drive rather than lead, who forgets the fundamentals of our government and undertakes to dictate, threaten and coerce your legislature and the other departments of your government is doomed to failure, whether his purposes be good or bad." Condemning any suggestion of a yes man or puppet legislature, Hines said that was the "first move of every European dictator."

"If you elect me governor, I ask no more than that you send to your legislature, noble and patriotic Texans. If, with that kind of public servants the leadership of Harry Hines fails after two years, I shall not condemn all save myself, nor expect such failure to be rewarded with re-election."

The United States Military Academy at West Point was opened in 1802.

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

**LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS**

Dr. L. C. Zehnpfennig is attending the 60th annual convention of the Texas State Dental society in session this week in Dallas. Mrs. Zehnpfennig and Miss Thelma Mathews, office assistant of Dr. Zehnpfennig, who accompanied the dentist as far as Fort Worth, attended the Bosworth classes in dentistry, returning home Tuesday night.

One additional entry has been received since the publication last week of names in the Home Beautification contest sponsored by the Fortnightly Study club, assisted by three other local clubs. Mrs. Henry Curington has entered the home-owners' group, making a total of 34 entries.

A chicken house in the rear of the premises owned by the Guitar Trust estate and occupied by Mrs. Sarah Sneed, on West Elm street, was almost totally destroyed by fire shortly before 8 o'clock Wednesday night, but the blaze was confined to the one outhouse. It is thought the fire started from a kerosene-burning brooder. A number of chickens were burned up.

Construction of two rock bridges across the drainage ditch south of the railroad was started Wednesday morning as a National Youth Administration project, employing thirty youths. One bridge is on the street leading south to the High school, the other on the street south from the old railroad water tower. The bridges will have rock abutments and wings, with concrete tops.

The City Barber shop is now occupying quarters in the Ross Ferrier building, two doors west of their old location and recently vacated by the Club cafe, and Pete Rutledge and Cal Walton are about to get used to the change.

A special school children's matinee of "Swanee River" was shown at the Queen theatre Tuesday afternoon, with special prices for students in the Grammar school. The theatre was practically filled, Manager Norman Hodge reports.

**Former Resident of Goodman Passes Away**

Three sons and three daughters and members of their families, all of the Goodman community, went to Athens last Sunday to attend the funeral of their father, W. H. Swinney, 84, who was a resident of the Goodman community three years prior to 1939, when he moved to Athens. He died at 7:15 a. m. Friday, and burial took place Sunday at 2:30 p. m. at the Ash cemetery near Athens.

Those going from here were Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Swinney and family, R. A. Swinney, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Swinney and family, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Logan, Mrs. Grady Clements and daughter, Mrs. Lily Moore and children, who were joined by another brother, O. M. Swinney of Nimrod and Walter McGehee, of Trent, a grandson of the deceased, and his family.

Besides the above children, his wife, two other daughters, Mrs. A. Y. Logan of Athens and Mrs. Nettie Sanders of Canton, and a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren survive.

**Famous Comedian to Appear in Stage Play At Abilene Theatre**

Hollywood's most amusing comedian in Broadway's most hilarious comedy will come to the stage of the Paramount theatre, Abilene, Tuesday, Apr. 16, for one performance only—8:30 p. m. The comedian is Edward Everett Horton and the play is "Springtime for Henry," on their nation-wide tour, which included Havana, 14 cities in Florida and eight weeks in Chicago. Every state in the union will be visited eventually.

Mr. Horton, of course, is noted for his work in such films as "Lost Horizon," "Top Hat," both versions of "Holiday," "Bluebeard's Eighth Wife," "Trouble in Paradise," "Ten Dollar Raise" and "Little Tough Guys in Society." In addition to his Hollywood career, he has acted extensively on the legitimate stage, where he received his training prior to his moving picture activities.

As the rakish, stylish man-about-town in "Springtime for Henry," Mr. Horton creates a long gale of merriment for the entire three acts. A roue, he is reformed by his newly-hired secretary, who has matrimonial designs even though she denies them. However, he prefers freedom and the company of many women, so in the end he becomes defiant and returns to the life that he enjoys. Lovable, somewhat eccentric, alarmed, irritable and touchingly considerate by turns, he is one of the busiest and most amusing characters on the stage today.

Ben W. Levy, author of "Art and Mrs. Bottle," "The Devil Passes" and "Mrs. Moonlight," wrote "Springtime for Henry," which was a smash hit in both New York and London. The producer is Laurence Rivers, who sponsored "The Green Pastures," "White Horse Inn" and many other Broadway stage hits. The director is Miriam Doyle, vice-president and chief director of Laurence Rivers, Inc., who staged "Springtime for Henry" in New York prior to its opening last October in Baltimore. Mr. Horton is supported by Gordon Richards, Marjorie Lord, Barbara Brown and Sally McMorrow, and well known Broadway players.

**J. L. Winter Seeks Post as Constable**

To the Voters of Precinct No. 5: In announcing for the place as constable of precinct No. 5, Taylor county, I do so with full understanding of the duties and responsibilities of the office and feel that I can perform these duties and meet the responsibilities of the office to the entire satisfaction of everybody.

I was born close to Hawley and have lived practically all my life in this section, the past thirty years in and around Merkel. As city marshal of Merkel for five years, my experience as a peace officer is well known to most of the citizens here, and to those who do not know me I ask that you look up my record.

I shall make an effort to see each of the voters personally before the July primary, and earnestly solicit your support and influence.

Sincerely,  
J. L. Winter.

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**Baptist Church Will Open Library Soon**

The First Baptist church is soon to open a library which, though not a public library, will be at the disposal of anyone who wishes to use it and will comply with its rules. It is believed that such a library will serve a very useful purpose, as there is no library of any description in Merkel during the summer vacation months when the public school is closed.

Already the library has in addition to its religious material a good start in the fields of fiction, history and biography. Many new books are being donated or loaned to the library for use. It is hoped that by the time of the formal opening which will be announced right soon that the supply of books will be large enough to render real aid and enjoyment to those who might wish to borrow books.

Miss Clara B. White will serve as librarian, and any information desired concerning the library may be obtained from her. Regular hours for checking books in and out will be established when Miss White will be on duty to help those who wish to use the library.

An appeal is hereby made for books that would be suitable for a church library. If people who have good books around that are not of any further use to them will either donate or loan them to this library they will be put to good use. If persons willing to co-operate in this endeavor will contact the librarian or the pastor of the church, the books will be called for.

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**TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS**

Mrs. Anna McGraw spent the week-end in Muleshoe visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hart.

Mrs. Louie McRee is home from the Merkel hospital and doing nicely.

Mrs. Kate Causseaux, county director of education, paid the Trent schools a visit last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bowers went to Morgan Mills Monday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Gordon.

Mrs. Carter Dyer is reported getting along favorably after undergoing an appendix operation in a Sweetwater hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Scott and Mrs. C. C. Estep went to Lamesa Friday to attend the funeral of Mr. Scott's little niece.

Emadene McLeod, who recently moved to Big Spring, was a passing visitor here Saturday night.

Mrs. C. T. Beckham, Hubert Beckham and Mrs. Mary Winston visited with Winslow Beckham in Lamesa over the week-end.

State Superintendent L. A. Woods was a visitor in the Trent schools one day last week.

Don't forget the softball games Saturday night which will open the season for the Trent teams. Trent girls will play Anson girls, while Trent boys will compete with Tayssee of Abilene. Free sandwiches are to be furnished by Taystee Bread company.

Mrs. R. B. Johnson, Sr., Rev. and Mrs. W. G. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. W. Y. Steen and Mrs. John Strawn attended the district conference of the Methodist church in Clyde last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Poor and Danny moved last week to McAllen, where they are to make their home.

**WOODMEN CIRCLE**

Wednesday afternoon, Apr. 3, Trent Grove of the Woodmen Circle met for their monthly social. A short business session was held, after which games and contests were played. In the contest "hidden flowers," Mrs. J. E. Bowers was the winner. The next contest, "Patsy feeding Piggy," was won by Lillie J. Horton. The Grove voted to send a "get-well" card to Lola Lee O'Kelly, a member of the Grove who is ill.

Each month a gift basket is given away. Drawing this basket, which was filled with many beautiful and useful gifts, was Mrs. T. G. Hamner.

Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served to Agnes Burks, Bernadine Hamner, Helen McRee, Anna Bowers, Hattie Gafford, Lillie Horton, Dorothy Stevens, Ruby Windham, Robertus McRee, and Mamie Gafford.

These social meetings are held the first Wednesday afternoon of each month.

**Trent Boy Receives Rating of Excellent Combat Car Driver**

Fort Knox, Ky., Apr. 11.—Corporal Lester Brown, of Troop E, First Cavalry, whose home is near Trent, Texas, has recently been given rating of excellent combat car driver. Corporal Brown has been in the army since Dec. 20, 1931, and has served with Troop E, First Cavalry since that time. At the time of his enlistment in Troop E the First Cavalry was mounted on horses and stationed at Marfa, Texas.

In 1932 the "Famous First" was ordered to Fort Knox, Ky., to become the first cavalry regiment to be mechanized. This change required the men of the First Cavalry to become familiar with all types of motor vehicles, and Corporal Brown soon became an expert with most of these.

The First Cavalry is the oldest regiment of cavalry in the army, being organized Mar. 2, 1833, as the First Dragoons for service in the Blackhawk war. Troop E, which is now a combat car troop, was one of the original troops of the First Cavalry.

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**Bradbury Announces For County Attorney**



Bryan Bradbury, above, Taylor county representative (116th district), has authorized The Mail to announce his candidacy for the office of Taylor county attorney.

Bradbury is completing his third term as a member of the Texas legislature from this district.

His announcement follows:

To the people of Taylor County: Please consider this my announcement for the office of county attorney of Taylor county, Texas.

If elected, it will be my purpose to serve in a faithful, courteous, and efficient manner.

I trust that my conduct, both in private life and public duty, will merit your further confidence and support.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bryan Bradbury.

**Texans Gave \$83,000 To Finnish Relief**

Dallas, Apr. 11.—Texas contributed \$83,302.87 to Finnish relief aside from corporation contributions made direct to Herbert Hoover's committee by the home offices of many concerns having branches in this state. These figures were released by Capt. J. F. Lucey, Texas director for the Finnish Relief fund, this week from his office in Dallas. At the same time Capt. Lucey said the state headquarters and the state organization are being discontinued.

The Texas director was profuse in his compliments of the subscription campaign conducted by Texas newspapers. "If we had not had the marvelous co-operation of Texas newspapers," Captain Lucey said, "we never could have got the job done." He also paid his respects to workers at state headquarters and the local committeemen over the state.

While Texas donations were not the largest, nor did Texas lead the states in number of donations, Capt. Lucey said, yet it was one of the ranking states. Only New York, Illinois, California and one or two other states are credited with a greater total in contributions.

In a recent communication from Herbert Hoover, national director of the fund, a request was made that the newspapers continue to keep their columns open for subscriptions and that local committees continue their organization. In this request Capt. Lucey concurs and is asking these agencies to keep their facilities open for further contributions.

**FOR CHICKS' DRINKING WATER**  
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**Says O'Danielism Real Issue in Race**

Austin, Apr. 11.—Formally opening his campaign for the governorship of Texas, Jerry Sadler, member of the railroad commission Thursday night declared "O'Danielism" was the chief issue before the people of Texas.

"The big issue before the people," he asserted in a broadcast throughout the state, "is whether they want or don't want O'Danielism."

He said the governor was attempting to set himself up as a dictator, that he wanted to abolish the legislature and newspapers and radio stations which do not bow to his will, and that he would triple the cost of government by his transactions tax which experts have estimated would levy \$400,000,000 a year on Texans.

Exactly 24 hours previously Governor O'Daniel had announced his candidacy for re-election.

In addition to losing barbed shafts at the governor, the plain-speaking Sadler:

Advocated raising approximately \$25,000,000 in new revenue to finance the state's social security program by increasing taxes on oil, natural gas, sulphur and corporation franchises, following the principle of "taxing according to the ability to pay."

Favored broadening the state social security program by raising the constitutional limit on old age pensions from the present \$15 a month to \$20 to agree with the federal program, by providing burial funds for pensioners, by matching county expenditures for local relief and by doing something for unemployed youth.

Opposed a general sales tax of any form or description.

Also expressed opposition to selling liquor by the drink and to legalized horse race betting.

Recommended increasing the truck load weight limit, now 7000 pounds.

**Three Merkel Students On A. C. C. Honor Roll**

Abilene, Apr. 11.—There are 279 Abilene Christian college students listed on the institution's spring honor roll which has been posted in the Hardin Memorial building by Mrs. Clara Bishop, registrar.

To be listed on this roll a student must make an "A" grade in one or more courses for the first half of the semester. This list is obtained from the mid-semester report from the teacher which groups all of their students in three classes: honor students, passing, or failing.

It is also the practice of the college to mail each student's record for the first half of the term to the

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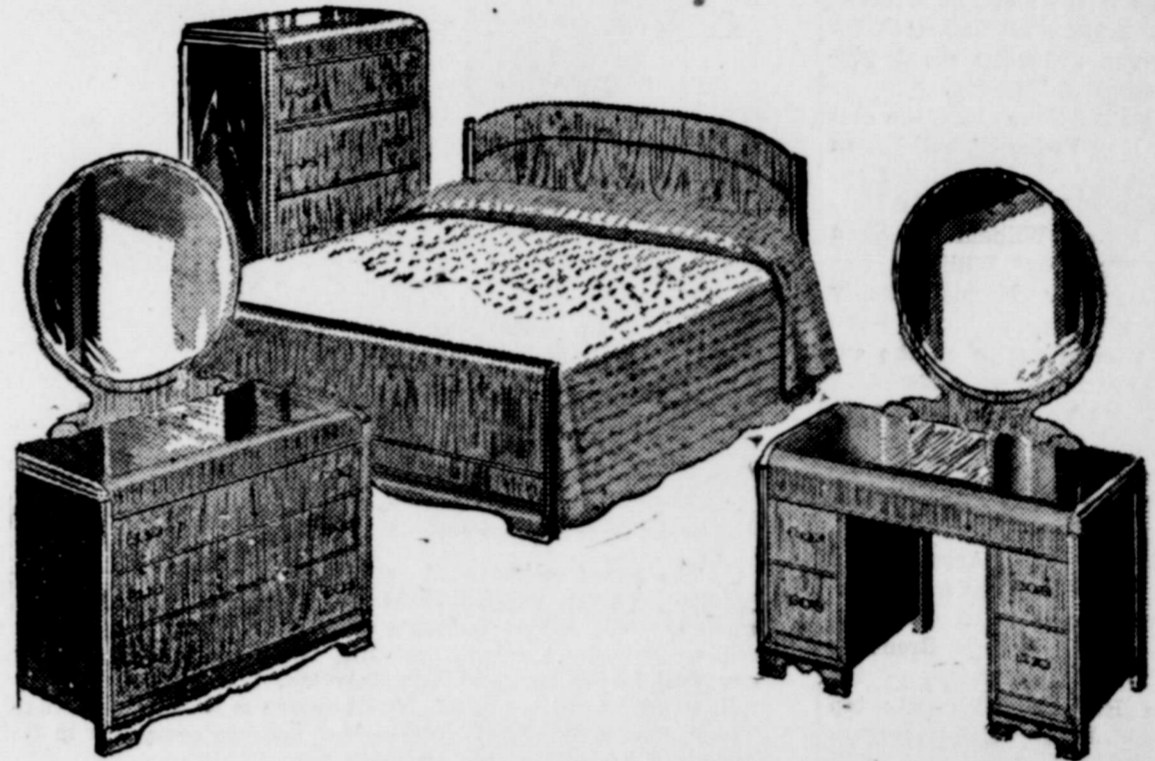
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parents. This term will end May 31. Among those listed on the honor roll are: Faye Varner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Varner, in one course; Geraldine Sloan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Sloan, in three courses, and Mary Jo Garland, daughter of Joe Garland, in one course. All are from Merkel.

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All but seven of Texas' 254 counties now share in this cash return from leases and production on more than 50,000,000 acres of Texas land.

Then, too, the Texas farmers and ranchers sell to oil workers and their families more than \$60,000,000 worth of farm and livestock products each year.

Thus the farmers and ranchers of our state receive nearly 200 million dollars a year as their share of oil's total expenditure of 750 million dollars annually in Texas. These 200 million dollars in turn flow into every channel of Texas trade.

The Texas farmer and rancher and the oil man are partners in the development of Texas.



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# QUEEN THEATRE CALENDAR

Friday-Saturday, double feature—Zane Grey's "Light of the Western Stars" and "Chasing Danger," with Preston Foster, Lynn Bari; added Porky Pig cartoon and serial.

Saturday "Owl" show, 11:30 p. m., Monday-Tuesday—James Cagney, Pat O'Brien, George Brent in "The Fighting 69th;" added "Mother Goose in Swingtime," color cartoon and News.

Wednesday-Thursday—Weaver Bros. and Elvira "In Old Missouri," their latest hit.

Coming soon—"Grapes of Wrath," "Pinocchio," "Swiss Family Robinson," "Dr. Ehrlich's Magic Bullet."

## "The Fighting 69th"

"The Fighting 69th," a new Warner Bros. film starring James Cagney, George Brent and Pat O'Brien, will be the feature attraction at the Queen theatre Saturday night preview, Monday and Tuesday.

Headed by the three stars, the cast includes a long roster of well-known players such as Alan Hale, Jeffrey Lynn, Frank McHugh, Dennis Morgan, Dick Foran, William Lundigan and Guinn "Big Boy" Williams. The original story by Norman Reilly Raine, Fred Nible, Jr., and Dean Franklin is based partly on the exploits of the famous 165th New York infantry, better known as the Fighting 69th, the Irish Brigade, of which the late Father Francis Patrick Duffy was regimental chaplain. This is the role played by Pat O'Brien, whose priest role in "Angels with Dirty Faces" will long be remembered. Cagney is cast as a rebellious buck private, and George Brent as "Wid Bill" Donovan, colonel of the 69th. Alan Hale is the crusty top sergeant, and Jeffrey Lynn portrays the war-time poet, Joyce Kilmer.

The ups and downs of training camp life are vividly depicted in the film—the human interest drama of the adjustment of raw recruits from every walk of life to the discipline of life in the army. Cagney, as the tough guy who stubbornly resists falling into line with the military rules and regulations, provides the main thread of the story. In spite of the efforts of O'Brien, as the kindly and humane priest, and Brent, as the hard-bitten, but understanding colonel, he refuses to conform until events place him in a position where there is a true test of his mettle, and he comes through with flying colors.

Critics who previewed the film in Hollywood have sent through advance reports, hailing it as the most exciting human interest entertainment in years, a good, rousing action drama with a leavening of broad comedy in the tradition of such films as "The Cock-Eyed World." Cagney and Alan Hale carry much of the comedy with a typical feud between a cocky private and a bullying top sergeant, which climaxes, incidentally, in one of the most rough and tumble fist bouts ever filmed.

William Keighley directed the production.

## Two New Instruments Add to Effectiveness of Merkel Badger Band

The Badger band is putting out a much different sound with the addition of two new school-owned instruments. An Eb baritone saxophone has been added to the reed section of the band. It will be played by O. C. Shouse, former clarinetist with the band. The other instrument is a bell lyre, bought through the interest and goodwill of the Merkel merchants.

Members of the band are very grateful for the kindness shown them and are firmly resolved that every effort shall be made to co-operate with the merchants in any way that is possible.

The bell lyre is a rare type of band instrument which sounds similar to bells. It is being put to good use in playing contest numbers the band is preparing for the regional meet in Abilene Apr. 25, 26 and 27. The bell lyre is being played by Becky Gardner, who recently joined the band.

## Austin Trolleys Junked.

Austin, Apr. 11.—Electric street cars in Austin operated Sunday for the last time. Most of the cars were replaced recently by busses.

## KNOW THIS DOCTOR?

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## Glamour Girl Wins Screen Test



The secret ambition of every girl was realized by Beryl Ann Longino, Lufkin sophomore at Texas State College for Women, when she was named Denton's Glamour Girl and the winner of a trip to Hollywood, screen test with Warner Brothers, and a three-day visit in the home of Ann Sheridan, Denton movie actress. A tall, slender brunette of 18, Miss Longino is a dramatics student at TSCW and won her title in a contest open to every girl in Denton, including students of the two colleges.

## BLAIR ITEMS

Mrs. Bob Malone entered the Hendrick Memorial hospital for treatment the past week and is getting along nicely, according to last reports.

We are sorry to report that Mrs. Mark Malone has been on the sick list for some time. We are hoping for her early recovery.

Several from here attended the League program at White Church Sunday night.

Don't forget the Epworth League program Sunday, Apr. 14. Come and bring someone with you.

Several from here attended the funeral of Mrs. S. P. Martin of Merkel Sunday. The bereaved loved ones have the sympathy of a large number of friends in the home-going of this good woman.

Jerry Frank, attractive little son of Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Patterson of Castle Peak, is the house guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Meeks.

Marshal Provine of Tennessee was a visitor in the home of his daughter, Mrs. Spratlin, and brother, Sam Provine, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. G. K. Martin and children, Teota and Oleta, of Dalhart, and Mrs. Charlie Orr of Divide spent Monday night with Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Pruitt.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Campbell, Mr.

and Mrs. W. A. Campbell and Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Campbell attended the bedside of their cousin, R. N. Campbell, at Merkel, who is seriously ill at his home.

Mrs. Mary Tittle and Mrs. Catherine Jones and children visited last week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Will Campbell.

Rev. Charles Williams of Abilene will fill his appointment at the Baptist church Sunday, Apr. 14. All members are urged to be present at 10 o'clock. Every one is invited to attend these services.

The Blair W. M. U. will meet at the M. E. church on Tuesday, Apr. 16. Everyone is invited to attend.

Mrs. A. J. Penny of Sulphur Springs visited their sister, Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Pruitt, over the week-end. Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Mitchell have moved to Sweetwater temporarily.



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## SPECIALS FOR FRIDAY & SATURDAY

- PURE CANE SUGAR 10-lb. cloth bag 49c
- Miller's CORN FLAKES Pkg. 10c
- 14-oz. Bottle CATSUP 10c
- CRYSTAL WHITE SOAP 7 bars 25c
- Heavy Syrup PEACHES, No. 1 Tall can 9c
- Kuner's Sliced BEETS No. 2 can 10c
- Gebhardt's Chili Beans No. 1 tall can 8c
- TOILET TISSUE, 6 rolls 25c
- A-1 CRACKERS, 2-lb. box 18c
- Winesap or Delicious, Med. Size APPLES Doz. 15c
- No. 1 DRY SALT MEAT Lb. 10c
- California Medium ORANGES Doz. 19c
- Lily MARGARINE 2 lbs. 25c
- Bananas Doz. 7c
- CHEESE CREAM Lb. 19c
- LETTUCE 2 heads 9c
- RIB ROAST Lb. 15c
- CARROTS 2 bunches 5c
- PORK CHOPS Lb. 15c
- Turnips and Tops 5c
- Seven Steak Lb. 17c

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Mr. Mitchell having been transferred by the Planters Gin company to that place indefinitely.

Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Pruitt and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Orr of the Divide Monday.

Mrs. Susie Doan accompanied Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Doan and family of White Church to Post Sunday to visit the former's son, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Doan, and family. Mrs. Doan remains for an indefinite stay with her son.

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ASSETS	
1. Loans and discounts (including \$69.58 overdrafts)	\$274,009.35
2. United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	30,450.00
3. Obligations of States and political subdivisions	28,535.31
5. Corporate stocks, including stock of Federal Reserve bank	2,150.00
6. Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve bank, and cash items in process of collection	275,595.92
7. Furniture and fixtures \$2500.00	2,500.00
8. Real estate owned other than bank premises	1.00
12. TOTAL ASSETS	\$611,241.58

LIABILITIES	
13. Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	\$492,099.29
14. Time deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	18,052.25
16. Deposits of States and political subdivisions	19,803.64
17. Deposits of banks	509.19
18. Other deposits (certified and cashier's checks, etc.)	445.43
19. TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$530,909.80
24. TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$530,909.80

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	
25. Capital Stock:	
(c) Common stock, total par \$50,000.00	50,000.00
26. Surplus	21,000.00
27. Undivided profits	9,331.78
29. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	\$ 80,331.78
30. Total Liabilities and Capital Accounts	611,241.58

MEMORANDA	
31. Pledged assets (and securities loaned) (book value):	
(a) United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed, pledged to secure deposits and other liabilities	4,350.00
(b) Other assets pledged to secure deposits and other liabilities (including notes and bills rediscounted and securities sold under repurchase agreement)	17,102.50
(c) TOTAL	\$ 21,452.50
32. Secured liabilities:	
(a) Deposits secured by pledged assets pursuant to requirements of law	19,803.64
(d) TOTAL	\$ 19,803.64

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Taylor, ss: I, Booth Warren, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. BOOTH WARREN, Cashier Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5th day of April, 1940. (SEAL) MARY COLLINS, Notary Public. CORRECT—Attest: J. T. WARREN, H. C. WEST, SAM BUTMAN, Sr. Directors.

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5.25-17 or 5.50-17. 10.20  
6.25-16 or 6.50-16. 13.50

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FOR SALE—Brick building, at a bargain price; next door to Eli Case's grocery. See Mrs. Dave Ashby, Comper, Merkel, Route 1.

FOR SALE—Strong, thrifty tomato and pepper plants, through April and May. Call at I. V. Davis' farm, Trent, Texas.

FOR SALE—Breakfast room suite. See Irven Thompson.

FOR SALE—1935 Plymouth tudor. See Alvin Wozencraft or Ollie Fox.

FOR SALE—1929 Model A pickup; good condition. R. L. Griffin Mattress Factory.

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BIDS WANTED for concession to sell cold drinks, confections, cigars and cigarettes, at rodeo grounds for season of 1940; sealed bids from individuals only, (no bottling company considered), will be received by E. Y. Bailey, chairman of the concession committee, until 6 p. m. Saturday, Apr. 13, 1940. See Mr. Bailey for specifications. Right reserved to reject any and all bids.

WANTED—Prospects for cars; will give \$5.00 cash for prospects where sale of over \$200 is made; 1940 license plates on all cars. O. C. Shouse at Merkel Motor Co.

**Hospital Notes**

Mrs. E. E. Patterson of Route 4 was admitted to the Merkel hospital Sunday for treatment. Mrs. E. A. Parrish, Route 2, was received Monday for treatment.

Brooks Patterson, who entered the hospital Mar. 21 for major surgery, was sufficiently recuperated to be taken home Tuesday.

If you have any visitors, Phone 39 or 61.

**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) SUMPTER.  
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.  
J. L. WINTER.  
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.)  
For Congress (17th District):  
OTIS MILLER.  
For County Attorney:  
BRYAN BRADBURY.

**Father-Son**

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pervised individual farming programs.

As winner of the sweepstakes prize in the local project show, Glen Robertson was presented the Farmers and Merchants National bank silver cup. In the local, county and district shows, Glen won total prize money of \$97. Willard Paine was last year's winner of the cup.

Work of the chapter was summarized by the advisor, Chester Collinsworth, who said that projects the boys now have under way total over \$5,000, including feeding of 40 lambs, 20 beef calves, 15 registered gilts, 25 barrows and 1,500 poultry head, in addition to cultivation of 150 acres of field crops. The local boys have won \$325 in premium moneys at various spring shows, he added.

Supt. Connor Robinson discussed the vocational agriculture program in the local school.

The complete list of those present, including fathers and sons, special guests and members of the faculty, follows:

J. D. Sandusky, J. D. Sandusky, Jr., Francois Harris, Delma Harris, Ellis Harris, Jack Hester, Jeanette Neff, Jean Paine, Wanda Douglas, Clarence Melton, Donnie Melton, W. J. Largent, Booth Warren, Jerry Warren, Donald Latimer, Clyde Deavers, Jr., Clyde Deavers, Franklin Deavers, H. A. Deavers, Ollie Blanton, Cecil Brown.  
Burneal Merritt, Clarence Harrell, Roy Harrell, Will Butman, Banning Butman, Roy R. Coats, Roy R. Coats, H. B. Robertson, Glen Robertson, Billy Joe White, Denzel Melton, Bonnie Horton, Aaron Horton, Joe Horton, Weldon Holmes, Carl Baccus, Coy Baccus, Everett Burleson, Harry Barnett, Forrest Glenn Barnett, R. D. Clark.  
Stewart Kelley, John A. Grable, George Woodrum, Herbert Patterson, Rex Myers, Booth Higgins, John S. Hughes, Wayne Hughes, Elsie Roland, Troy Roland, Hoyt Horton, Charles England, Walter Mayberry, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Young, J. I. Moore, Abilene, C. H. Collinsworth, Connor Robinson, Comer Haynes, Billy Haynes, C. J. Glover.

**WARREN NEWS**

The farmers in this section are all rejoicing over the nice rain we had last week and are very anxious now to start planting. Many of them already have some crops planted. While waiting for the fields to dry a bit, they are taking part in various rabbit drives over the country. They enjoyed a very successful one here last Monday afternoon.

Last Friday Mr. and Mrs. Otis Foster and Mrs. J. H. Roberts drove to Anson, taking Mrs. Foster's grandmother, Mrs. Etta Busby, to board the bus there for Childress. Mrs. Busby was a two-weeks' guest of her granddaughter here.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hobbs and family visited Mr. and Mr. Jewel Thomas and family of Hodges one day last week and enjoyed a fishing trip while there.

Beatrice Reeder was the Friday night guest of Miss Irene Derrington of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Gaston Hobbs and little daughter, Glenda Lou, of Merkel, were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Hobbs and family the

latter part of last week.

Last Sunday there were 45 present for Sunday School and church. New officers and teachers were elected. U. S. Reeder was re-elected as superintendent and Otis Foster was re-elected as song leader. Cleo Chancey is our new secretary. Teachers elected were: Claudean Harvell, class No. 1; Elsie Smith, class No. 2; Miss Norah Foster, class No. 3, and Mrs. Otis Foster, class No. 4.

After Sunday School Brother Alvin Hatton and a group from Hardin-Simmons university brought several talks on "A God-Planned Life," which were greatly enjoyed. Everyone is invited to be with us next Sunday afternoon at 2:30, when we plan to have Rev. R. L. Gilpin, Methodist minister of Tye, with us for his monthly message.

Don't forget the singing scheduled for Friday night of this week, Apr. 12, beginning promptly at 7:45. Here is a very special invitation to our friends of Noodle, Merkel, Stith, Salt Branch and all other surrounding communities to be present at that time. Bring your friends and come on over and help us make it a big success.

**MASSIE-KEITH.**

On Friday evening, Apr. 5, Miss Rosie Lee Keith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Keith of I. X. L., and Jodie Lee Massey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Massey, were united in marriage at the home of the groom's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Massey, with Rev. W. G. Richardson, officiating.

Only immediate relatives were present for the ceremony, but many friends join in wishing the young couple much happiness and success.

**NOODLE NEWS**

The people of our community were very proud of the splendid rain. Farming will be busy with spring crops.

The Allen sisters, Geneva, Veneta and Jo, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Eason Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bicknell and Mr. and Mrs. Otto Bicknell and daughter, Bobby Nell, attended the Jones County Singing convention Sunday. Others who attended that afternoon were Mrs. L. R. Cade, Mrs. Albert Cade, Mrs. Waldo Cox, Doc Calloway and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Horton and family.

We had a splendid singing Sunday night at our auditorium. Buster Horton and his quartette were present. Irene Moore of Merkel was a visitor in the home of Mrs. Jimmy Crow recently. She also attended school. Due to the fact that our school has been cut short, the pupils have been

studying more, making a greater effort to pass.

We will have our baccalaureate sermon Sunday night.

The junior class presents "Percy Cuts Loose," a three-act comedy, at the high school auditorium Friday night, Apr. 12, at 8 o'clock. Admission, 10 and 15 cents; any family, 35 cents.

The cast of characters is as follows:

Mrs. Gordon, Marie Jones.  
Mr. Gordon, Charles Clark.  
Percy Gordon, James Cox.  
Anna, Iris Eoff.  
Mona, Jodie Bickwell.  
Bob Whitford, Ray Maxwell.  
Ben Bolt, Bus Martin.  
James, Carl Maxwell.  
There will also be a play presented by the High School Choral club Tuesday.

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**PARAMOUNT TUESDAY**  
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Spiced Meat 12-oz. can 25c  
RED & WHITE  
Corned Beef 12-oz. can 22c  
RED & WHITE  
Roast Beef .. 12-oz. can 25c

RED & WHITE  
Luncheon Spread ... Can 9c  
RED & WHITE  
Sliced Beef .. 2 1/2-oz. jar 15c  
VIENNA  
Sausage ..... 3 cans 25c  
POTTED  
Meat ..... 4 cans 15c

PURE CANE  
**SUGAR** 50c  
10-lb. cloth bag

BIRD BRAND  
**SHORTENING** 39c  
4-lb. carton

RED & WHITE  
Pears ..... No. 2 1/2 can 22c  
WHOLE KERNEL  
Corn (12-oz. can) 2 for 25c

SWEET  
Pickles ..... Quart 25c  
RED & WHITE  
Vinegar 1/2 Gallon <sup>WATER</sup>JUG 29c

LARGE  
**OXYDOL** 18c  
Pkg.

RED & WHITE  
**SOAP** 25c  
7 bars

WHITE HOUSE  
**APPLE BUTTER 28 oz. jar 18c**

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MRS. WILHITE REVIEWS "THE NAZARENE" TO FORTNIGHTLY STUDY CLUB.

One of the most outstanding Fortnightly Study club programs of the year was given by Mrs. G. W. Wilhite when the club met in the home of Miss Christine Collins on Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Wilhite reviewed "The Nazarene," by Sholem Asch, a Jewish-Polish author. She gave a very interesting introduction of the author and said "The Nazarene" is his masterpiece, taking thirty years to complete the story. In commenting on the book, Mrs. Wilhite said this shall probably be an immortal story and shall be read more than Shakespeare. She reviewed the book in three parts. The first part gave a picture of Palestine during the reign of Pontius Pilate; second part gives the gospel of Jesus, according to Judas Iscariot, and the third part gives the latter part of the life of Christ as told by Joseph, a student of Nicodemus. The entire book is made up of Biblical history and gives one a very interesting view of the life of Christ.

During the business meeting Mrs. Johnny Cox, the president, and Mrs. Tom Largent, vice-president, gave very interesting reports from the Sixth district, Texas Federation of Women's clubs, held in Colorado City on Apr. 2 and 3.

Mrs. Comer Haynes, finance chairman, reported that Mr. Hugh Fellows from the McMurry speech department will give a lecture on Shakespeare in the High School gymnasium on Thursday evening, Apr. 25. The Badger band will also give several numbers at this time. This is to be the second of the fine arts programs planned earlier in the year by the financial committee.

Three visitors, Mrs. Fred Groene, Mrs. Lendon Coats and Mrs. David Gamble, and the following members were present: Mesdames F. C. McFarland, Elsie Nash, W. T. Sadler, S. D. Gamble, Johnny Cox, Bill Brown, Tom Largent, Owen Robertson, H. C. West, G. W. Wilhite, Connor Robinson, Bud Winter; Misses Mamie Ellis, Julia Martin, Vinnie Heizer, Mildred Holt and Christine Collins.

Refreshments were served to Mesdames Grover Gilbert, Walter Teaff, Craig Humphreys, A. P. Peterson, Clark Mundy, Holt Vaughn, Royce Bowers, Andy Shouse, Bob McDonald, Harry Barnett, F. A. Polley, J. Ben Campbell, Bill Sumpter, Bob Sumpter, Paul Blackaby, W. A. Stockbridge, C. P. Church, E. B. Wallace, Fred Baker, Sr., Fred Baker, Jr., Buck Leach, Stanley King, Worth Lee, Tom McAninch, Dutch Bryant

and Mrs. Dingle and Mrs. Gibson. The next meeting will be Apr. 24 in the home of Mrs. Harry Barnett with a program on poultry diseases. Miss Tacker will be present. All members are urged to attend the district meeting in Abilene, Apr. 19.

JUNIOR STUDY CLUB.

The regular meeting of the Junior Study club was held Thursday, Apr. 4, in the home of Mrs. John Grable. Mrs. Wrenn Durham, president, presided for a business meeting, at which time reports from the officers were heard. The club decided to study miscellaneous subjects for next year's work.

Miss Imogene Schulze was leader for the afternoon's program, also giving a very interesting report on "Great Dramatists of Today." Miss Frances Largent gave "Abe Lincoln," a 1939 Pulitzer prize play, which every one enjoyed very much.

Those answering roll call were Mesdames J. E. Boaz, Jr., Chester Collinsworth, Wrenn Durham, Pat Davis, Raymond Ferguson, Norman Hodges, Pete West, David Gamble, Elmo Collins, Andy Shouse, L. C. Zehnpennig, George T. Moore, I. W. Walling; Misses Mary Collins, Agnes Clark, Mildred Hamm, Helen Reddell, Imogene Schulze, Billie Gardner, Frances Largent and the hostesses.

MRS. WAYMON ADCOCK COMPLEMENTED WITH SHOWER.

Mesdames R. T. Gray, George Woodrum and Horace Boney were hostesses for a prettily arranged shower honoring Mrs. Waymon Adcock, the former Johnny Chadwick, on Tuesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Gray.

Betty Gilbert and Edwin Earl Breaux, students of Mrs. G. W. Wilhite, gave readings and each guest furnished the bride her favorite recipe. Refreshments, with individual corsages of sweet peas, were served by Lou Dale Gray and Billie McGehee to Mesdames O. J. Adcock, Inez Chadwick, Arl Sharp, J. M. Bankhead, J. H. McDonald, Nathan Wood, W. T. Walker, D. A. Lee, Elmer Key, Jay Greenfield, A. A. McGehee, Curtis Wilcox of Abilene, Elmer Adcock of Abilene, Cotton Owens, Nell Groene, Joe Largent, Frank Breaux, Joe Stalls, Barney Douglas, Paul Douglas, Tye Sublett, W. W. Webb, Bob McDonald, Jessie Reagan, Grover Gilbert, George Wilhite, Henry Curington and Elsie Nash; Misses Isalea Walker, Betty Gilbert, Sally Orr, Faye Nichols and Berdelle Adcock.

Mrs. Adcock was presented a chenille bedspread from the F. F. F. club, the members of which are Miss Rachel Patterson, Mrs. A. C. Terry, Mrs. Alvin Wozencraft, Miss Grovieve Ford, Miss Betty Grimes, Miss Sis Gamble, Miss Betty Reid, Mrs. John R. Walling, Miss Frances Higgins, Miss Hollis Perry, Miss Snookie Mashburn, Miss Jane Ferguson and Mrs. Horace Boney.

WILLING WORKERS CLASS.

The Willing Workers class of the Presbyterian church met Tuesday afternoon, Apr. 9, in the home of Mrs. J. R. Walling. The meeting was opened with a song, "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Saviour," followed by a Scripture lesson from the fifth chapter of I John, by Mrs. S. G. Russell, and prayer by Mrs. G. F. West. Poems and readings were given by the class and Mrs. W. A. Wozencraft

gave the 121st Psalm and Mrs. West, the 46th Psalm. Roll call was answered by Scripture quotations. The program closed with a song, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," and the Lord's prayer.

The hostess, Mrs. J. R. Walling, assisted by Mrs. John R. Walling, served a refreshment plate consisting of angel food cake, wafers and grape-juice to Mesdames S. A. Derstine, S. G. Russell, W. A. Wozencraft, J. W. McConnell, W. M. Elliott, R. A. Walker, J. E. Tucker, G. F. West, Misses Mary and Jennie Keny, and one visitor, Miss Mary Derstine.

WOODMEN CIRCLE.

Mrs. Lillie Barnett, guardian of Grove No. 563 of the Woodmen Circle, presided over the meeting last Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Pearl Hollingsworth and Mrs. Ross Wheeler were reported on the sick list and it was voted that they be sent "get-well" cards. The "gift basket" was drawn by Miss Maurine White.

Those attending this meeting were Mesdames Lillie Barnett, Sallie Mathews, Nancy Polley, Rosie Mae Howell, Beatrice Reeves and Misses Maurine White and Norma Patton.

JOLLY NEIGHBORS.

The home of Christine Collins was opened to members of the Jolly Neighbors "84" club, with C. J. Glover assisting as host, on Friday evening of last week.

Molded creams were served with angel food cake to Messrs. and Mesdames Robert Hicks, F. Y. Gaither, Herbert Patterson, Johnny Cox, John Grable, Raymond Ferguson, Spencer Bird and Andy Shouse.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Woman's Missionary society of Grace Presbyterian church met Monday afternoon at the church with Mrs. John West program leader.

The foreign mission study of "Tent Evangelism in Chosen," given by Mrs. Connor Robinson, followed the devotional by the leader from I Kings 19:8 and I Cor. 10:1-15. Mrs. John West also gave accounts of the mission field work with the American Indian in New Mexico, as the national mission study. Reports were then heard by six members of the local society who were in attendance at the meeting of the Abilene Presbytery held in Abilene Apr. 3.

Mrs. Henry West led the prayer for missionaries in these studied foreign and home fields, and for the family of the late church pastor.

Those present were Mesdames W. M. Elliott, John West, Connor Robinson, Henry West, I. W. Walling, Andrew Baker, Delma Compton and R. A. Walker.

Monday, Apr. 15, the society will meet at the church to study "Charms of the Bible" by Jesse Bowman Young, led by Mrs. Connor Robinson. All women of the church are invited to be present.

GLEANER CLASS.

The April social meeting of the Gleaner class of the Methodist church was held Wednesday afternoon in the home of Ona and Pauline Johnson, with Mesdames S. M. Hunter and Earl Stanford and Miss Mabel McRee co-hostesses. A business session under the direction of Mrs. L. Latham, class president, followed the devotional brought by Mrs. Herbert Patterson. Games of "42" and chinkier chess were enjoyed until tea time when a salad plate with bluebonnets as plate favors was served to the following members: Mesdames Latham, Shannon, Largent, Tipton, Brown, Johnny Cox, Roy Bacus, Harrell, Case, Hicks, Denzel Cox, Carl Bacus, Buzbee; Misses Mary Eula Sears, Julia Martin, and a guest, Mrs. C. K. Russell.

SEWING CLUB.

When the Sewing club met Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Nolan Palmer, a short business meeting was held and the resignation of Mrs. Pat Davis was read.

Refreshments were served to the following members: Mesdames E. Y. Bailey, Stacy Bird, Herbert Dunn, David Gamble, John Grable, Buck Leach, L. V. Moore, Owen Robertson, Connor Robinson and N. D. Callaway. Notice of the next meeting will be announced in next week's paper.

W. M. U. CIRCLES.

The Maybelle Taylor Circle of the First Baptist church met Monday afternoon with Mrs. Clyde Bartlett. Following the opening prayer by Mrs. Buck Leach, Mrs. W. A. Ford presided for a short business session. Mrs. Lum Gilbreath gave an interesting Bible lesson from the second book of The Kings. This was Mrs. Gilbreath's last day as Bible study leader for the Maybelle Taylor Circle, as she resumes her work as general chairman of Bible study for the W. M. U. of the First Baptist church and returns to her own Cir-

cle, Mrs. A. R. Booth closed the meeting with prayer.

Present were Mesdames Lum Gilbreath, Fred Baker, A. R. Booth, W. A. Ford, John Walker, S. C. Vick, Dent Gibson, Buck Leach, Owen Robertson and Clyde Bartlett.

Mrs. A. R. Booth will teach the Maybelle Taylor Circle beginning Apr. 22, at which time they will meet in the home of Mrs. Buck Leach.

The Blanche Rose Walker Circle met Monday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Cooper Waters. Mrs. S. R. Dwiggs led the opening prayer and Mrs. Waters brought an interesting Bible lesson. Mrs. E. O. Carson closed the meeting with prayer.

Those present were Mesdames J. O. Castles, J. M. Ashby, J. S. Swann, E. O. Carson, S. R. Dwiggs, Cooper Waters and W. L. Johnson.

The Circle will meet Apr. 22 with Mrs. Cooper Waters.

The Elkin Lockett Circle met Monday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Chas. West, with the leader, Mrs. West, in charge. The meeting was opened with prayer by Mrs. J. M. Meeks, and Mrs. Winter, the Bible teacher, brought a very interesting lesson from the second book of The Kings to the following members: Mesdames Tatum, Patterson, Meeks, Winter, Sharp, Collins, Zollinger, Williamson, McNeice and West.

RURAL SOCIETY.

BLUEBONNET CLUB.

Mrs. Lloyd Matthews was hostess on Tuesday afternoon to members of the Bluebonnet Home Demonstration club. "Vegetables in Salads and Cooking" was the program given by Mrs. J. L. Kaufman, Mrs. W. C. Perkins and Mrs. W. H. Ensminger.

Plans were completed for the political rally to be sponsored at Butman Apr. 12 and committees appointed to take charge of the program.

Refreshments were served to Mesdames A. R. Toombs, Tom Russom, T. J. Neill, Will Butman, J. L. Perry, G. L. Anderson, Riley Whisenhant, A. L. Farmer, W. C. Perkins, Joe Swinney, Dewell McLean, H. H. Cargill, J. B. Stewart, W. H. Ensminger; Misses Loueen Butman, Louise Cargill, LaDell Matthews, Sevene Neill, Tommie Swinney, and one visitor, Mrs. Twyman Collins.

BRIDAL SHOWER.

On Wednesday afternoon Mrs. LaRoy Hester and Frances Hester were hostesses in the Henry Hester home for a bridal shower for Mrs. Paxton Hays, the former Mary Lou Hughes.

After a number of games the honoree was presented with gifts and refreshments were served to Mesdames Bill Hays, H. W. Hester, Joe Higgins, Jarrett Pinckley, W. M. Hays, W. C. Lee, Austin Robertson, W. J. Higgins, Ollie Higgins, W. U. Beene, Carl Hughes, John S. Hughes, John Fulton, W. E. Petty, Austin Petty, Jas. H. West, Buster Horton, Nim Teaff; Misses Alice Hester, Carlene Hughes, Lena Faye Armstrong, Lena Faye Harrell, Wilma Paine, Lou Ella Hughes and Carroll Hays, Bill Horton, Gloria West, Gerald West, Gloria Teaff, Glenda Lou Petty, Dwain Higgins, and the hostesses.

Those sending gifts were Mesdames Johnny Cox, Earnest Neff, Holland Teaff, J. J. Russell, Spencer Bird, Carl Bacus, Wilma Robertson, Ellis Harris, Roy Harrell, E. M. McDonald, C. H. Sparks, J. J. Jowers, T. C. Allen; Misses Peggy Robertson, Jeanette Neff, Ruth and Sue Pinckley and Mr. Verner Hester.

Another Compliment To Betty Grimes.

Another social compliment has come to Miss Betty Grimes, student in Texas Technological college, Lubbock, when she was nominated by the Sans Souci, exclusive girls' club in which she holds membership, as a candidate for queen of the school.

A senior, Miss Maxine Wheatley, of Pampa, was chosen queen, and Miss Grimes served as one of the duchesses in the queen's court, a presentation annually attended by hundreds of spectators.

CARD OF THANKS.

We want to thank each and every one who helped in any way during the sickness and death of our dear mother, Mrs. Sarah F. Martin; for the flowers, they were beautiful; for the comforting words of Revs. Foote, Crow and Smith; the choir, for their singing, also Dr. Armstrong for his efforts. May God's richest blessing rest on each and every one of you in our prayer. The Children and Grandchildren.

Spider web strands are about .00015 of an inch in diameter and are used in some scientific instruments.

In The Churches.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

There were 544 present at the six reporting Sunday Schools here last Sunday, as compared with 612 the previous week. On the same Sunday a year ago the attendance was 677.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School will be held each Sunday at the usual hour, 10 a. m. Every one is urged to attend regularly.

W. M. Elliott, Clerk of Session.

METHODIST CHURCH.

Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. Morning worship at 11 o'clock. Young people's meeting at 7 p. m. Evening worship at 7:45. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock. John H. Crow, Pastor.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Sunday School 10 o'clock, preaching 11. Training Service 7:15, evening preaching service 8 o'clock. Prayer meeting and teachers' and officers' council begin at 7:45 Wednesday evening.

A choir rehearsal is called for the coming Sunday afternoon at 2:30 at which time our new choir director, Roy Lee Williams, a student in Hardin-Simmons university, will be present to outline the work of the choir in the future. This is an important meeting and all members of the choir are expected to be present. Cooper Waters, Pastor. W. J. Largent, Sunday School Superintendent. Will H. Grimes, B. T. U. Director.

BAPTIST W. M. U.

The Blanche Rose Walker Circle of the First Baptist church will have charge of the Royal Service program Monday afternoon at the church at 3 o'clock. The program, with Mrs. W. L. Johnson as leader, follows:

"The First Adam—The Second Adam," Mrs. W. B. Stevens; "God's Standards," Mrs. E. O. Carson; "God's Standard for the Individual," Mrs. Cooper Waters; "God's Standard for the Home," Mrs. Irl Walker; "God's Standard for the Nation," Mrs. J. O. Castles, with the following discussions, "Fighting the Liquor Traffic," Mrs. S. R. Dwiggs; "Inter-Racial Justice," Mrs. J. T. Warren; "Promoting Americanism," Mrs. A. D. Fulton; "Preserving Peace," Mrs. J. M. Ashby; "The Christian Sunday," Mrs. J. S. Swann, and "God's Standard and the W. M. U.," Mrs. W. L. Johnson.

FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Preaching Saturday night at 8 o'clock. Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Young people's Bible study 3 p. m. All young people invited to attend these studies. Preaching service 8 p. m. R. U. Rister, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

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

Wednesday evening Bible study at 7:45 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.

NUBIA EPWORTH LEAGUE.

The League met regularly Sunday night with the group captain, Don Riney, in charge. The lesson was "We Are Going to India" and "India: Five Thousand Years Ago and Today." After the Scripture reading by Dewell McLean, the following talks were made: "A Geographic Lesson," Annie C. Cargill; "A History Lesson," Mrs. Don Riney; "A Lesson in Appreciation," Donald Latimer; "Five Thousand Years of History," Mrs. Viola Ensminger; "A Land of Contrasts," Mrs. Tommy Russom.

A very interesting lesson was rendered and every one received a blessing. The Hebron B. T. U. is coming next Sunday night to give us a program and everyone is cordially invited.

We are glad to announce that there was a large attendance Sunday night with several visitors. We are always glad to have visitors. Every one come. Time 7:30. Nell Butman, Reporter. Mrs. Don Riney, President.

WHITE CHURCH LEAGUE.

Sunday evening, Apr. 7, Blair brought their League over to visit White Church, and they surely did

put on a good program for us. Those on the program were Mrs. S. L. Scogin, J. D. Sandusky, Mrs. J. D. Sandusky, Pauline Maddera, Madlyn Brown and Joy Doan, and Mrs. Jackson rendered a very pretty solo for us, also numbers were given by Billy Campbell, Buddy Darnton, Annie Clara Doan, Desmond Doan, Gwyndolyn Sandusky and Fannie Lou Jackson. We certainly did enjoy their program and we want them to come back whenever they want to. —Reporter.

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