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Hints for Prevention Of Chick Diarrhea

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

Since it has long been known that
the organism responsible for pullo-
rum disease in chicks could be trans-
mitted through the egg, what was
once the most common source of this
disastrous disease has largely been
eliminated.

If you plan to hatch chicks from
your own breeding flock it is well to
have it tested to remove the carriers
of the pullorum germ, and if you
find a large number of reactors it
will be wise to purchase chicks from
another source. Choose a hatchery or
breeder that has been testing for
pullorum for a number of years, for
it takes more than one year to get
it off the premises.

If you find pullorum disease in
your adult stock, and decide to pur-
chase chicks from other sources, you
will have to be careful not to carry
the infection to your chicks on your
shoes, clothing, utensils or feed. If
you have had outbreaks of pullorum
disease in your chicks in previous
years, a thorough cleaning of your
brooder house is imperative.

Remove all loose litter and then
wash the dust off of the walls and
rafters, letting the water soak the
pasted litter off the floor. Scrub the
floor with hot water to which you
have added a good disinfectant, and
after you have flushed out all the
dirt, spray the walls and floor with
a concentrated solution of the disin-
fectant. While the house is still
damp, fumigate to penetrate the
cracks where the liquid disinfectant
could not be forced by the sprayer.

Use a disinfectant with a known
phenol coefficient, at least four
times as strong as carbolic acid, and
apply it to all your brooding equip-
ment with the same thoroughness
that you treated the house. After
the house is cleaned move it to a
new location, one that has not been
used as a chick range for a number
of years. Start your brooder stove
several days in advance of the ar-
rival of your chicks to test its tem-
perature control and to dry the
house.

Modern hatcheries maintain the
utmost sanitary precautions to as-
sure healthy chicks, but it is your
duty to maintain the natural vitality
and health by guarding against ex-
posure to uneven temperatures,
drafts, overcrowding, and other un-
favorable conditions. If you main-
tain the natural disease resistance
of your chicks that comes with good
health, you have half the battle won.

However, knowing the limitations
of the best intended and most
thorough sanitation it is considered
good practice to guard against in-
fection through the use of a reliable
drinking water medicine, one which
will prevent the spread of disease
germs by inhibiting their growth in
the water and at the same time medi-
cating the digestive tract. It is only
logical and practical to include a
good medicine in a well planned dis-
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"Queen of the Redbuds" was the title won by Miss Catherine Pool of San Antonio, senior at Texas State College for Women, when her classmates chose her to reign over them at the coronation climaxing the college's annual Self-Development Week. Selected for her good taste, intelligence, beauty, grooming, personality, and other qualities which make her the "Most Charming Girl" on a campus of 2850 young ladies, the tall brunette was chosen by a faculty-student committee from 60 candidates.

Highway Deaths Climb In First Quarter, 1940

Austin, Apr. 25.—Sudden death on
the highways came to 165 Texans
during March, 1940, the state depart-
ment of public safety reported Satur-
day—an increase of 48 over the toll
for the same month of 1939.

Out of this increase of 48, the
train-truck collision in the little town
of Alamo, in the lower Rio Grande
valley, took 29 lives.

For the first quarter of 1940—
January, February and March—the
toll adds up to 431, as compared with
365 during the comparable period
of 1939, an increase of 18 per cent.
Unless the traffic death rate is dras-
tically reduced for the remainder of
the year, a death list of 1900 for
the year may be anticipated officials
feared.

If you have any visitors, Phone 29
or 61.

Merkel Boy Accepted Member Players Club

Word comes from Texas Tech-
nological college, Lubbock, that
Charlie McCormick, a Merkel boy, has
been accepted into the Wesley Play-
ers, an exclusive club composed of
Methodist students at Texas Tech.

McCormick is appearing for the
first time on the stage as a Wesley
player in a play called "Light," writ-
ten by Alfred I. Took, which is to
be presented Apr. 28. Other mem-
bers of the cast are: Miss Ouida
Johnston, Miss Gail Gregg, Joe
Smith and Douglas Hardy.

Auto Sales Increasing.

Detroit, Apr. 25.—The Automobile
Manufacturers association reported
Saturday that March retail sales of
new passenger cars and trucks total-
ed 398,365 units, an increase of 20
per cent over the same month a year
ago.

WARREN NEWS

Mrs. Velma Thomas of Blair was
a guest the past week of Mr. and
Mrs. H. H. Hobbs and Mrs. C. E.
Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Isenburg and
family spent the day last Sunday
with their daughter and son-in-law,
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bockman, of
Clyde.

L. B. McClain returned from Mid-
land last week-end, where he is en-
gaged in farming.

Visiting Tom Harvell Sunday
were Mr. and Mrs. George S. Har-
vell of Abilene. Mr. Harvell is as-
sociated with the Amicable Life In-
surance company there.

Mrs. Calloway Chancey was the
week-end guest of the Jim Burns
family of Hawley.

A group from the young people's
Singing School class attended the
singing at Noodle Sunday night.
Every one reported a nice time on
the trip and enjoyed the singing very
much.

Singing was well attended at the
school house here last Friday night
and we were very glad to have our
visitors from Salt Branch and other
surrounding communities present. A
hearty invitation is extended to every
one for the singing again this Fri-
day night, Apr. 26, at 7:45. Come
and bring your friends.

Minister Paul Witt of Abilene
Christian college was present Sun-
day for his monthly message, which
was greatly enjoyed by all, im-
mediately following Sunday School,
which begins at 2:30 each Sunday
afternoon. Bring your friends and
visit us any time you can.

Lloyd Jinkens Awarded Pecos Rodeo Contract

Bid of Lloyd Jinkens of Fort
Worth, son of Tom Jinkens, to fur-
nish the stock for the Pecos rodeo,
July 3 and 4, was accepted by the
rodeo committee of that city when
plans for the annual event began to
take definite form last week.

Lloyd Jinkens will also serve as
arena director, it was announced,
but that probably means that his
father, Tom, who is arena director
for the Merkel shows, will fill that
capacity at Pecos.

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tlement of disputes is replacing the
"feuding and fighting" of
a half century ago.

(2) That "young
are going to find it
are plenty of
and aggressive
future is optim
The men who

informal parley on returning to their
alma mater were T. U. Taylor, dean
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C. A. Goeth, San Antonio; W. W.
Hair, Abilene; George B. Hufford,
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Purposes, Operations Taylor Electric, Inc., Told By Johnny Cox

(This is the first of a series of three articles by Johnny Cox, co-ordinator of the Taylor Electric Co-Operative, Inc., tracing the history of the REA and explaining its purposes and operations.)

In 1935, less than 10 per cent of the American farm houses had electric service. In fourteen states, less than 4 per cent were served, leaving close to 6,000,000 American farms entirely without electricity, while in Sweden, Denmark, France, Germany and Holland, farm homes served range from 75 per cent in Sweden to 100 per cent in Holland. Over 50 per cent of these farms are served electricity through co-operatives.

By the end of four years operation of the REA in the United States, in May, 1939, 600 REA projects in forty-four states had been organized. Since then, many others have been started. More than 100,000 miles have been organized.

Realizing the urgent need of electricity for farm homes and, knowing it was impossible for central utility stations to provide this service, the 74th congress passed an act to provide for rural electrification and is known as the "Rural Electrification Act of 1936." The REA is a government agency to lend money to rural electric co-operatives and operates in a similar way to the Federal Land bank, in making farm loans. This money is not a grant, but a loan, secured by the physical assets of the line, to be repaid over a period of twenty-five years at a low rate of interest.

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To Present Lecture Recital At HS-U



Karl Bonneaux, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Bonneaux of Trent, is to be presented at Hardin-Simmons university in a junior lecture recital, Thursday, Apr. 25.

He will read "C'est La Guerre" by Dorothy Clark Wilson, and the poem "Mame" by John V. A. Weaver. A student under the direction of Miss Katharine Boyd, H-SU speech department head, he was winner of top honors as first actor in the recent Texas Intercollegiate Play Festival, at McMurtry, in the play, "This is Villa." He also has appeared in "Three Corners Moon," "The Queen's Husband," "Our Town," and other plays. He also belongs to the radio speech class of H-SU, whose 30-minute programs over KRBC are presented each Wednesday afternoon.

The recital will be given in the H-SU Caldwell Fine Arts auditorium.

Four Sisters Hosts For Birthday Party For Another Sister

Five sisters and a brother and the members of their families were present Sunday, Apr. 14, when a dinner was held to honor Mrs. A. F. Derington of Crowell on her birthday.

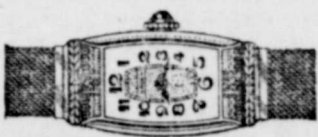
The party was given in the home of one of the sisters, Mrs. W. P. Derington, Jr., in Merkel, with the other sisters, Mrs. A. Alston of Crowell and Mrs. J. E. Wallace of Midland, twins, and Mrs. T. D. Warnell of Hamlin, assisting her as hostesses. The brother present was J. H. Turner of Abilene.

The entire guest personnel:

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Derington and son, L. T., and Dorothy Nell Beggs, Mrs. D. A. Alston, Crowell; Mrs. J. E. Wallace and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Hoover, Midland; Mr. and Mrs. Mike Shipley, Kenneth Carpenter, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Turner, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Boswell and daughter, Annie Laurie, Abilene; Mrs. N. F. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Warnell, daughter, Susie, and sons, Ray and Roy, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bayless and daughter, Mary Jo, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bayless and son, R. V. Anson; Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Warnell and daughter, Mary Sue, Mrs. C. W. Jones and sons, Vance and Jackie Lea, Hamlin; Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Derington, Jr., and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Derington and son, Larry, Isalea Walker, Ettie Harris, W. P. Derington and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McCandless, Merkel.

Sight-Seeing Tour To Davis Mountains

Mr. and Mrs. Allen D. King and son, accompanied by the former's mother, Mrs. H. D. King of Bloomfield N. J., who has been visiting in her son's home the past month, made a sight-seeing drive through the Davis



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mountains and Big Bend National park to Grand Canyon of Texas, returning by way of the R. R. King ranch, near Fort Stockton, where Mrs. H. D. King remained for extended visit with her son.

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PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. W. U. Shannon of Amarillo were week-end visitors in the John Shannon home. W. J. Shannon accompanied them on their return to Amarillo and will visit a daughter, Mrs. B. H. Moore, of Dill, Okla., before returning home.

Mrs. N. D. Calloway is visiting her parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. J. Hanna, of Quanah, having accompanied her mother, who had been her guest here, on her return home.

Miss Mary Eula Sears was among a group of six members of the Creative Sketch club of Abilene, who were special guests Saturday at the season-conclusion tea of the Art club in Sweetwater. Others from Abilene were Mrs. T. O. Massey, Mrs. E. D. Thomas, Mrs. Forrest Kendall, Mrs. John McGraw and Miss Juanita Tittle.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Davis and son, Billy Pat, of Quanah, were guests Friday night of Mr. and Mrs. George T. Moore. Pat, who recently assumed his duties as secretary of the chamber of commerce at Quanah, had been to Colorado City Friday for a meeting of commercial secretaries.

Mrs. Glenn Woody and son, Glenn Dwight, of Lubbock, are guests this week of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Hunter.

Miss Eddie Lou Sharp, student in McMurry college, Abilene, was the house guest of Miss Mary Jo Russell the past week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. George Stockton of Fort Worth are guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Simpson on Oak street.

Spending the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Castles, were Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Castles and daughter and J. B. Castles, Abilene, and Conrad Castles from Houston.

Miss Mossyve Sears has been in Abilene since Thursday of last week, visiting in the homes of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Arthur Sears, and her sister, Mrs. L. M. Touchstone.

Mrs. R. A. Walker and three daughters, Mrs. C. O. Patterson of Abilene and Misses Velma and Robbie Walker, returned Tuesday night from a visit with a son, Edwin Walker and family, in Paris.

Mrs. Esther L. Howell of Kingman, Ariz., and Mrs. Billie Marshall of El Paso are visiting Mrs. Marshall's mother, Mrs. J. H. Simpson. Mrs. Howell and Mrs. Marshall will leave Sunday for Ruidoso, N. M., where they will spend the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Autrey of Dallas returned home Tuesday after spending a few days with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Pannell. Mrs. Autrey is employed by the Railway express at Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Shouse were among a number of friends of V. E. Vessels, who went to Eastland Sunday to be with the bereaved family in the death of little Dow Vessels, who drowned at Lake Leon near Eastland.

R. C. Reagh, a former Merkelite now living at Overton, stopped over Wednesday to visit his brother-in-law, Garrett Richardson, en route to Colorado City to spend several days with his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Ketcham.

Dr. M. Armstrong and T. L. Grimes drove to San Saba Sunday to visit R. A. Grimes, their uncle and brother, respectively.

Mrs. Fred Guitart of Colorado City spent Wednesday here with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. George Woodrum and son, Bobby, went to Wichita Falls Sunday to visit their other son, Billy, who is employed by the Goodner Wholesale Grocery company.

Ex-Residents of Bell County Meet, Form Association

One hundred and thirty-two ex-residents of Bell county, meeting at the Abilene city hall Sunday afternoon, organized the Association of Bell County Ex-Residents by selecting Judge James P. Stinson of Abilene as president; A. J. Smith of Anson, vice-president, and Mrs. Florence Clifton, Abilene, secretary-treasurer.

The president named as an executive committee C. J. Glover of Merkel, Mrs. Lee Akers of Anson, Joe Childers of Abilene, Oscar H. Ludwig of Sweetwater and Mrs. E. T. Brooks of Abilene.

More than half a dozen towns in four or five counties were represented. Any one who has ever lived in Bell county is eligible and there is no fee for membership.

An annual basket picnic at a time and place to be chosen by the officers and executive board will be staged probably in July at the Abilene State park, on a Sunday.

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

FASHION PREVIEW



The new coiffure, chic and practical, according to April Good Housekeeping, is high on top, low in back and brushed up at the sides. This lovely one has shoulder length hair and she sweeps it back from the ears and fastens the big, soft curls with combs. The three spring hats are by Sally Victor and fit nicely over the coiffure without any bother or fuss. Spring fashions suggest that hair be worn quite long in back, four or five inches long at front and sides.

Twelve Rodeos

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in July, thereby avoiding conflict with July Fourth competition.

The three sections of seats from the softball field are to be moved to the rodeo grounds, enlarging the capacity to 1,000 seats. Clyde Bartlett was appointed by President W. O. Boney at a meeting of the directors of the association Monday night to supervise moving the seats.

For the night shows all seats will be reserved at the one price of 40 cents. For afternoon shows, no numbered reserved seats will be sold, grandstand seats being priced at 25 cents for adults and 10 cents for children under 12.

Preceding the opening show Fri-

day night, May 24, it is planned to have a street parade featuring contestants and others on horseback, while the usual grand street parade will be an event on the morning of the first day show, Saturday, May 25.

A booster trip to advertise the twelve shows in surrounding towns is being planned for Wednesday, May 22, two days before the show. Named by President Boney to co-operate on the booster trip with Connor Robinson, parade chairman, were the following committee: Nathan Wood, chairman, E. O. Carson and Clyde Bartlett.

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

Week to Emphasize WPA Usefulness

During the week of May 20-25, which has been nationally designated as "This Work Pays Your Community Week," all divisions of the WPA activities will hold open house. In Merkel this will mean the WPA street projects, the sewing room, the recreation project and the library.

Plans were mapped at a meeting of representatives from these activities and the several clubs in town, held at the Lions hall Wednesday night, for a special night to be set aside during that period for local observance. The date is to be announced later.

With the city officials, Fortnightly Study and Junior clubs, Lions club, Home Demonstration club and Parent-Teacher association participating in the plans, Mayor Henry West has been named general chairman, with Mrs. Elma McFarland secretary of the committee.

Other chairmen named are Nathan Wood, arrangements; Charlie Pounds, recreational supervisor, San Angelo, entertainment, with Mrs. Johnny Cox co-chairman. On the entertainment committee also will be Miss Killbrew and Mr. Williams, local recreational leaders, Mrs. Andy Shouse, Mrs. O. B. Leach, Mrs. Norman Hodge and S. D. Gamble.

Invitation or public relations committee will be headed by Jack Canon as chairman, with the following assistants: Mr. and Mrs. Wrenn Durham, Johnny Cox, Mrs. E. B. Wallace, Mrs. Grover Gilbert, Rex Myers and Mrs. Bonnie Griswold. Co-operating with this committee will be C. J. Glover, publicity.

As special speakers for the Merkel program H. A. Smith, district field supervisor of records projects, San Angelo, and Miss Clancy Baldrige, field supervisor of nursery schools, will take part on the program.

Cromwell Will Resign.

Ottawa, Apr. 25.—James H. R. Cromwell said Sunday night he will resign within the next month as United States minister to Canada, a post to which he was appointed last Jan. 4, to run for the democratic nomination as United States senator for New Jersey.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

Band Concert

(Continued from Page One)

Clarice Higgins, Wanda Douglas and Ann Walker. Another eventful spot on the program brought the introduction of Sue Grimes, band sweetheart and one of the baton twirlers.

The complete enrollment of the two bands follows:

HIGH SCHOOL BAND.

Cornets — Jack Haynes, Forrest Glen Barnett, Don Wood, Ann Blake, Jim Sublett, Clyde Bartlett, Robert Lee.

Clarinet — Billy Haynes, Bonnie White, Jack Smith, George Mack Owens, Ollie Blanton, Moody Lee Coffman, Dora Gaiter, Jeanette Neff, Jean Paine.

Horns — Joe Horton, Betty Reid. Trombones — Tag Shouse, Arlie Barron, Delma Harris, John Grant, Billy Joe White.

Basses — Marvin DuBose, Glenn Robertson.

Saxophones — Wayne Hughes, Billy Largent, Jerry Warren, Lou Jane Land, O. C. Shouse, Billy McGehee.

Drums — Earl Morehead, Helen Heeter, Dorothy Shannon, Franklin Deavers, Lamoine Sherrill.

Baritone — Sammie McGehee.

Oboe — Charles Church.

Flutes — Francois Harris, Dwight Swafford, Evelyn Sears.

Drum major — Lou Dale Gray.

Twirlers — Clarice Higgins, Wanda Douglas.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL BAND.

Cornets — John Robert Walker, Billy Pat Nash, Virgil Sears, Jimmy Bartlett, Robert Simpson, James Simpson, Zedie Glenn Johnson.

Clarinet — J. T. Reagan, Jimmy Walker, J. L. Gilbreath, Ann Walker.

Basses — Leroy Smith, J. D. Fox.

Horns — Genevieve Robertson, Jerry McGehee, Billy Baze.

Trombones — Jimmy White.

Saxophone — Lon McDonald.

Drums — Becky Gaiter.

Film of Oscar Winners.

Hollywood, Calif., Apr. 25.—Players from White Church will present their play, "Go Slow, Mary," at Union Ridge Wednesday night, May 1, under sponsorship of the Union Ridge Home Demonstration club.

Typewriting and Mail office.

Fox Roped on Ranch To Be Tamed as Pet

Returning Tuesday from a visit with Mrs. Lona McClure, who is the house guest of her sister, Mrs. Roman Palmer, on the Greer and Palmer ranch near Garden City, Mrs. Sally Angus brought back a fox, which one of the ranch hands roped and presented to her. She plans to have the fox tamed and keep it as a pet. "Cowboy" Herbert Boutwell was the handy man with the lasso.

Butman News

Mr. and Mrs. Ruble Johnson visited with Bob McLean Sunday.

Brother Healer was out Sunday and will be back May 5. Everybody come and hear him.

There will be a box supper at the church Friday night, May 3. Everybody is cordially invited to come and bring a pie or box. Ice cream will be sold.

Mr. and Mrs. Pasca Vest of Colorado City were the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Counts.

Mrs. Ben Butman has been over to Trent visiting her mother, Mrs. W. L. Reneau, who has been very ill. Mrs. Reneau is reported better at this writing, however.

Miss Ruth Brown was at church Sunday night.

Play at Union Ridge.

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Mrs. V. Dies.

Mrs. V. Dies, of the Williams family, died Sunday.

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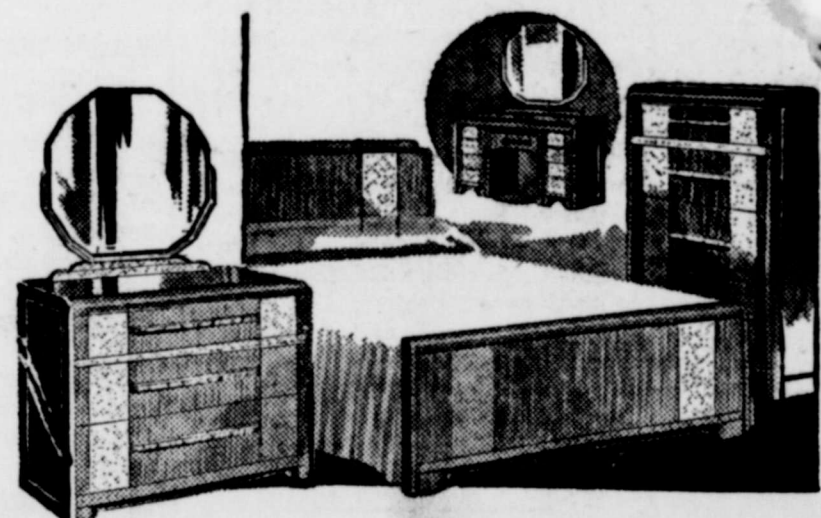


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FOR SALE or TRADE—House and lot in Weatherford; will trade for property of equal value in or near Merkel. Mrs. Ella Cruse in apartments of Mrs. Gertrude Pee.

FOR SALE—Burbank and Porter tomato plants, also hot peppers; want to spray trees. J. R. Baze.

FOR SALE—Jennings roll-run cotton seed, run one year, 75 cents per bushel; also have some milk cows and maize for sale. Paul Douglas.

FOR SALE—Red top cane, \$2.25 per hundred; cottonseed, 60c per bushel, Qualla seed. See Ira Moore, Merkel, Texas.

FOR SALE—Some good milk cows. R. M. F.

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FOR SERVICE—Two jacks at barn north part of Trent; \$10.00 to insure colt. See Carl Edwards, Trent, Texas.

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.

WANTED—All of your porch and lawn furniture that needs repairing or new covers; we recover stools, cots, chairs, settees or anything in the house or lawn; we make seat covers for autos—a shop-made cover is just like shop-made boots, they are made to fit—and in our shoe department we still have that high quality leather and rubber to repair with, just a little cheaper; we have some good second hand shoes for sale or trade; if you have some women's low heel shoes, we will trade for them; no spike heels wanted or lace boots. Auto glass is our specialty. Dowell's Shoe, Upholstering and Glass Shop, first door east of Chevrolet house.

LOST AND FOUND
LOST—Red Heifer; weighs about 240 pounds; last seen had sale tag on. Notify Pierce Horton.

Office supplies—Mail office.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF W. P. MOORE, DECEASED:

Notice is hereby given that original letters of administration with the will annexed upon the estate of W. P. Moore, deceased, were granted to me, the undersigned, on the 11th day of April, 1940, by the county court of Taylor county, Texas. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same to me within the time prescribed by law. My residence and post office address are Merkel, Taylor county, Texas.

W. W. Toombs,
Administrator with the will annexed of the Estate of W. P. Moore, deceased.

LODGE CALLS

NOTICE MASONS

A called meeting of Merkel lodge No. 710, A. F. and A. M., will be held Monday, Apr. 29, at 7:30 p. m. All members are urged to be present. Visiting brethren cordially invited.

H. G. Smith, W. M.
W. C. Black, Secretary.

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 County Commissioner, Precinct No. 4:

Jones County:
T. A. TUCKER.

For Constable, Precinct No. 5, Taylor County:

C. K. RUSSELL.
F. WEST.
C. L. DANIEL.
M. L. MELTON.
WINTER.

For Taylor County:

Elmer) LOWE.
W. ADAMS (Re-election).
J. QUARY.

Judge, Jones County:

SMITH.
of the Peace, Precinct

BOBB (Re-election).

By Clerk:

(Rex) DILLARD.

AN FRYAR (Re-election).

D. DARDEN.

District Judge, 104th Judicial

istrict:

OWEN THOMAS.

For District Clerk:

ROY SKAGGS (Re-election).

For Congress (17th District):

OTIS MILLER.

THOMAS L. BLANTON.

For County Attorney:

BRYAN BRADBURY.

For Tax Assessor-Collector:

C. O. (PAT) PATTERSON

(Re-election.)

For State Legislature:

JOE HUMPHREY.

Hospital Notes

Mrs. Edward Seago of Trent was admitted to Merkel hospital Sunday for treatment.

The baby son of Mr. and Mrs. Byers Petty was given minor surgery Monday.

Mrs. Sam Grayson entered the hospital Tuesday for removal of her right eye. She is reported resting nicely.

Jack Halbrook of Trent had a tonsillectomy Thursday.

Standard Typewriter Ribbons 75c each at Merkel Mail office.

Humphrey Bids For House Seat



JOE HUMPHREY

Joe Humphrey has submitted the following statement for publication in The Mail:

Fellow Citizens:
For a long time I have seriously and carefully considered announcing for the office of state representative of Taylor county. I realize the responsibilities and duties of a legislator. He must be able to interpret public opinion, and formulate the wishes of his constituents into sound public policy. He should not be the representative of any one organization or group but a representative of all the people of his district. He should constantly promote the interests of those he represents.

A state legislator has one of the most important responsibilities in our American democratic system. He should have sound and competent judgment. He must not be biased or prejudiced but must have a judicial temperament. He should be well informed and a careful student of economics, government, and parliamentary law.

I am asking you, fellow citizens of Taylor county, to elect me your representative because I am well qualified to serve you.

I am thirty-two years of age. I might give the best years of my life to law-making.

For the past nine years I have been teaching government in the Abilene schools. Seven years I have taught in Abilene high school, two years and three summers in McMurry college and one summer in Hardin-Simmons university.

During this time I have become acquainted with the finest young men and women in America today. Over two thousand of these splendid young friends of mine have learned the fundamentals of our great American democracy in my classes.

The greatest investment I have in Taylor county is to be found in the lives of thousands of young men and women. And, today, I would not trade their admiration and respect for any political office in Taylor county.

They know—as do most of you in Taylor county—the principles for which I stand in both my personal and public life. All of you know that our great country was built upon honesty and hard work. Our society will continue to develop upon those same principles. It isn't new laws that we need so much as continued respect for the law we have.

Every generation must fight the battles of fair play, justice and growth.

This race is not my individual race but is our race. Those of us who believe in clean, efficient, economical governmental services must support men whom we know we can trust.

It isn't promising that we need so badly as it is action. I shall have very few promises to make during this campaign. I realize that the

political demagogue buys his office with promises never to be fulfilled. I had rather do more than I promise than to promise more than I can do. I had rather be a one-term than a two-term.

I favor the payment of the social security obligations which have been written into our constitution. These include old age pensions, aid to the blind, aid to children and teacher's retirement.

I believe in revising our state budgetary system upon a sound and responsible basis with an honest-to-goodness sensible audit made outside of the executive branch. I believe enough money could be saved out of what is wasted and squandered each year to pay every obligation the state has assumed. I favor a program of reorganization and economy.

It shall be my purpose to discuss these and other issues during the campaign.

Through this modern method of communication, the printed word, I have been able to write these words to each of you who has taken the time to read these statements.

Will those of you who know me ask your kinsmen, friends and neighbors to support me in this campaign? Will those of you who do not know me, give me a chance to become acquainted with you and discuss the issues facing our state before you promise any candidate your vote and influence?

JOE HUMPHREY.

Carbon paper, 8½x11, two sheets for 5 cents; 25 cents per dozen. At Merkel Mail office.

Adding machine rolls at The Merkel Mail office.

High School Speech Class in Recitals

Members of the speech class of Merkel High school have taken much interest in the spring recitals that have been in progress for several days. This appearance upon the stage is required before credit is given in the speech course. Each pupil gives from memory one poem, one prose selection, and some phase of drama, usually a dramatization of some scene with the other members of his group.

Three girls opened the recital season: Louise Cook, Maudie Turner and Vivien Turner. They included vocal numbers. The second day's group included Billie McGehee, Doris Clyde Miller, Oleta Woolsey and Doris Clyde Miller. Don Wood, a member of last year's class, assisted with the musical numbers. Mary Lu Higgins, Louise Patterson and Betty Higgins made up the third group. They dramatized part of "Little Women." In addition, these girls sang solos.

Mildred Smith, Alva Grace Jones and Frances Peterson showed careful preparation. They chose as their play one scene from "Peg O' My Heart." Leo Ellisor and Truett Thompson were the two boys to assist Winnie Muri Click and Norma Averitt in Tuesday's recital. This group chose as their last selection the one-act play, "Followers." The Wednesday group consisted of Tommie Grimes, Dora Gaither, Dorothy Shannon and Geraldine Teague. In their excellent portrayal of the four "little women" with their mother, they were assisted by Doris Clyde Miller and Louise Patterson. The last

recital of this week included two boys, Lester Rister and Mickey McLean, and four girls, Peggy Robertson, Maurine Moore, Jerry Butman and Euvalda Fox. Seven members are scheduled for next week. Visitors have complimented earnestness on the part of these young readers. Mrs. Comer Haynes is class instructor.

400 Attend District HD Club Convention

Home demonstration work in all its phases in 16 counties was reviewed Friday morning as a highlight of the opening session of the annual convention of district 7, Texas Home Demonstration Association, held at the First Methodist church in Abilene, with more than 400 women present.

An address by Dosca Hale, specialist on child development and family life, from Texas A. & M. extension service, featured the afternoon session.

As president of the Taylor county council, hosts for the convention, Mrs. C. P. Church of Merkel presided for the introduction of the many prominent visitors and county agents present. Serving on the credentials committee was Mrs. Dewey Ramsey of Merkel, while Mrs. Buster Horton, another Merkel woman, was the acting secretary.

Probable meeting place for the association next year will be Stephenville, but final decision will be made at a later date by the executive board.

We take orders for egg stamps. The Merkel Mail office.

SPECIALS for FRIDAY-SATURDAY

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CLEANSER 2 cans 9c
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Pineapple .. 3 No. 1 cans 25c

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REGULAR
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GRAPEFRUIT
Juice 4 No. 2 cans 25c

RED & WHITE
MEAL 17c
5-lb. bag

PURE CANE
SUGAR 50c
10-lb. cloth bag

RIBBON CANE
Syrup Quart 20c

RED & WHITE
Grape Juice Quart 29c

PARD
Dog Food 3 cans 25c

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QUEEN THEATRE CALENDAR

Friday-Saturday, double feature—Laurel and Hardy in "Flying Deuces," and Charles Starrett in "Outpost of the Mounties;" added Popeye cartoon and chapter 1, "Zorro's Legion."

Saturday "owl" show, Monday-Tuesday—Jane Withers and Gene Autry in "Shooting High;" special added featurettes, Mickey Mouse cartoon, "Riveters;" Three Stooge comedy, "Oh, You Nasty Spy;" and latest Paramount News.

Wednesday-Thursday — "The Cat and the Canary," with Bob Hope and Paulette Goddard.

"Shooting High"

Sombrosos off to Jane Withers and Gene Autry and a 24-gun salute with "six shooters" to 20th Century-Fox for bringing these incomparable stars together in "Shooting High," offering at the Queen theatre for the "owl" show Saturday and Monday and Tuesday nights.

Together Jane and Gene race through the film shooting, riding, singing and getting laughs to score a new high in entertainment. Jane uses all her mischievous charm to turn in the finest performance of her career, while Gene never was better. His voice is still tops and he still knows how to get everything that can be gotten out of a song.

And, speaking of songs, Gene has some really grand numbers in "Shooting High," and he sings them as only he can. In this picture Gene has two solo numbers, "Only One Love in a Lifetime" and "Little Old Band of Gold." He sings both with his usual fine feeling and skill. Together Jane and Gene sing "Shanty of Dreams" and "Wanderers." This combination is tops in ballad singing.

BLAIR ITEMS

Rev. J. B. Stewart, M. E. pastor, is to fill his regular appointment at the M. E. church Sunday, Apr. 28. We cordially invite every one to these services. Come and receive God's blessings.

The Blair W. M. U. met Tuesday, Apr. 16, with Mrs. Pat Addison in charge. The service was opened with a song, followed by the devotional and prayer by Mrs. J. B. Stewart. Mrs. H. E. Campbell was in charge of the program, introducing "Witnessing in China." Those present were Mesdames J. H. Bishop, J. D. Sandusky, Lewis Spratlin, Pat Addison, V. L. Doan, J. H. Campbell, J. B. Stewart and Hugh Campbell and Miss Joy Doan. Next meeting will be on May 7. All the ladies are urged to meet with us and help make this unit a helpful one to the church.

Mrs. J. J. McDermott of Post spent the week-end with her daughter, Prof. and Mrs. J. S. Grant.

Mrs. S. P. Anthony of Post is visiting with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Jackson, for an indefinite time.

Mesdames C. A. Smith and I. W. Hannah of Castle Peak visited their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. B. Horton, Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Nash and children of Rotan visited with their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bradberry, Sunday.

Mrs. Oscar McLean spent the past week with her parents at Anson.

W. H. Bradberry and brother of the Divide were passing visitors with Hugh Campbell en route to Olden switch to visit a sister at that place.

Mr. and Mrs. Preston Doan and Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Patterson and two sons of Clyde spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Price Melton and family. Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Farmer and family of Butman were also guests in this home.

Miss Billie Jo Billington of Trent was the charming guest of Miss Joy Doan last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butman, Jr., and daughter, Nell, of Butman, visited with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Scott, and family.

The Epworth League met Sunday night at 8 o'clock, with Miss Louise Addison as group leader. Scripture reading was given by Mrs. Hugh Campbell. Others on the program were Eleta Foster, Prof. W. E. Sheffield, J. H. Lowery, Desmond Doan and Wallace Doan. Every one is invited to attend our League each Sunday evening.

Mrs. Charles Tipton and charming little daughter, Billie Nell, of Abilene, have been the house guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Scogin.

Mesdames J. S. Grant, Clint Madera and Will Moore made a business trip to Abilene Monday.

New York City has the largest acreage of public parks, but Chicago leads all American cities in the per capita acreage of parks.

Thomas L. Blanton Announces Platform In Race for Congress



THOMAS L. BLANTON.

In announcing as a candidate for congress from the 17th district, Thomas L. Blanton has furnished the following statement of his platform:

To the Voters of the 17th Congressional District:

Many who voted against me in 1936 now urge my candidacy. You have an investment in my knowing all the rules and precedents of congress, my intimate familiarity with the business of government, and my long personal acquaintance with its officials. For 3 years at home I have made a close study of the problems of our farmers, laborers, business men, ranchmen, oil men, professional men, railroad employees, truckers, unemployed and aged in this district, and have gathered a store of valuable information, which should make me better qualified now to serve you than ever before. I have good health, love to work, am not a politician, was district judge 8 years, represented in congress 71 different counties in Texas running from El Paso to Stephenville, giving me wide experience, and I have faithfully kept all campaign pledges.

1. For centuries in Europe selfish despots have waged cruel wars of aggression. They will likely continue for centuries to come. Wilson was re-elected in November 1916 on the slogan "He kept us out of war," yet in April 1917, he was persuaded to urge congress to declare war. We can't "make the world safe for democracy." No true American would oppose a war to repel a foreign invasion of the United States. But Europe's war is not ours. We must stay at home and attend to our own business.

It is easy to propagandize war. After national elections are safely over, selfish interests that reap profits out of war, will find some way to incite a message from the White House urging congress to declare war. Then will come the frenzied cry to congress, "Stand by the President!" A war atmosphere ensues that denounces as "yellow" any congressman who dares to oppose the war program. Calm, intelligent debate is impossible. Thus declarations of war are hurriedly pushed through congress. After congress declares war, it is treason to protest, or talk against it, or refuse to fight. Young men then must die, and parents then must suffer worse than death. And they never get over all of its sorrows. Many posted experts firmly believe and prophesy that congress next spring will be urged to declare war. Fathers and mothers must take steps now to prevent a foreign war.

I solemnly give my pledge, to the fathers and mothers who suffer at home, and to their sons who are sacrificed abroad on battlefields of horrors, that if I am nominated in July, I will begin at once to organize congressmen against this war, and will use every means humanly possible in congress to see to it that the flower of young American manhood is not sent across oceans to fight other nations' foreign wars.

2. Old age pensions were originated by congress, and are a federal problem. The aged pensioners of every state should be treated alike.

Believe It or Not

You can now buy for \$1.00 enough genuine 100% Mineral Wells, Palo Pinto County, Texas, BAKERWELL dehydrated mineral water crystals to make 20 gallons No. 4 strong mineral water. Why suffer from aches, pains and nervousness caused by acidity and constipation. BEWARE OF SUBSTITUTES. Call your local Drug, Department or Grocery Store or Bakerwell Mineral Water Co. Mineral Wells, Texas

receive \$30 each from the government, not be discriminated against by arbitrary administrators and state legislatures, and taken out of state politics. Texans now are more than doubly taxed, in financing a costly state administration, and our expensive government administration. I pledge my best efforts to amend this law, as originally intended by congress, to pay every old age pensioner in all states \$30 each month by the government.

3. I pledge that I will do everything possible to require all social security funds now being paid into the treasury, to be safeguarded and spent by the government only in discharging social security obligations.

4. Through strikes, violence, sabotage, and threats of defeating all candidates who won't agree to obey their orders, radical leaders have forced the passage of drastic laws, which, instead of benefitting labor, have stifled business, closed thousands of enterprises, and put out jobs and made penniless four-fifths of all the laborers in the United States. Our labor department has been so antagonistic to business men, they have realized that they can get no government protection from sit down strikes, and other ruinous practices.

No business can long survive the Wagner act. The N. L. R. B. has been friendly with agitators. Men with capital have preferred to invest their money in tax-exempt bonds, when they are not allowed to select their own employees for individual efficiency, but must take what the union gives them, when unsatisfactory or incompetent employees can't be discharged without union consent, and when John L. Lewis can force happy and contented employees to be unionized against their wish, and pay union dues. Thousands of owners have closed up their businesses. In Pennsylvania a turnpike was built to aid 6,000 needy farmers. Labor leaders required these farmers to join a union, and pay \$15 initiation fee, and \$1.50 dues per month, before they could work. Such drastic laws benefit only 1-5 of all laborers, while the other 4-5 are sacrificed, deprived of jobs, and go hungry. With work curtailed our splendid union men in this district earn less each year.

General unemployment hurts everybody, farmers especially. There can't be jobs without employers. There can't be proper purchasing power in the people without employers. Yet drastic laws have run many employers out of business. Millions of citizens are without jobs, with no purchasing power to buy farm products. I pledge that I will work to counteract the radical influence of our labor department, to repeal the Wagner act, to repeal the N. L. R. A., to remove the throttle hold which such radicals as John L. Lewis has upon the throat of our government, and to encourage business to reopen factories and enterprises that again will furnish jobs to the millions of unemployed, and at the same time safeguard legitimate rights and interests of union labor.

5. I pledge the farmers that I will strive to have returned to them, both owners and tenants, the control and management of their farms, and to use the millions of dollars now wasted in overhead in providing adequate markets for all farm products.

6. I pledge the independent oil producers that I shall help them with their program, and fight against government domination.

7. During the past three years herds of aliens have come into the United States unlawfully, and Frances Perkins refused to deport well known communists. I pledge to do

C. L. Darden Enters County Clerk's Race



C. L. Darden, of Abilene, above, is a candidate for the office of county clerk of Taylor county, subject to the democratic primary. In the race for the same office four years ago he ran a close second.

DIVIDE DOINGS

It was colder Tuesday morning after a sultry Monday afternoon.

A number of farmers began plowing and planting this week. Hope that we will not have many more northers.

Miss Olga Elliott will go to Dallas Wednesday with some of the home ec girls to the State Home-Makers rally, which will be held at the Baker and Adolphus hotels. Those making the trip are Nelmo Jo Maynard, Geraldine Sproul, Arlene Hanks, Wanda Mae McKee and Dorna Jean Buchanan. They will return home Saturday.

Rev. Dean Elkins came home Friday for a few days. He preached to a large crowd Saturday morning and evening.

Mrs. Willie Perry came home from the Sweetwater hospital Friday and is doing nicely. Her sister, Mrs. Elias Pruitt of Caps, is staying with her for a few days.

Mr. Petty and three of his FFA boys are in Austin this week at a judging contest. Those making the trip were the Barton brothers and Victor Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Latimer of Merkel were pleasant visitors Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Whisenant.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Magee and Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Jones spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Holt near Baird.

all possible to safeguard American jobs for Americans.

8. Since 1936 congress has widely appropriated the stupendous sum of \$11,971,000,000.00 more money than our receipts, which huge deficit the government must borrow, and when financed will raise our public debt far above the lawful limit, and which if continued inevitably means government bankruptcy. I pledge the people my best efforts to keep our annual spending within our income. Thank you for your support.

Thomas L. Blanton.

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Lufkin, Apr. 25.—Directors of Southland Mills, Inc., Monday authorized E. L. Kurth, president, to appoint a committee of three to look into the possibilities of doubling the capacity of the mill, the present capacity of which is 50,000 tons annually.

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

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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Rosson of Taft have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Woods.

Hazel Wanda Williamson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Williamson, was one of 42 students listed on the honor roll at McMurry college.

Mrs. W. J. Bicknell of Noodle visited Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Gafford Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Taylor and Jo are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Winn.

Word has been received of the death of Don Vessels, son of V. E. Vessels of Eastland, and grandson of Mrs. J. T. Vessels of Trent. Don was drowned in the Eastland lake Sunday evening. The funeral was to be held Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock in Slaton.

Mrs. Richard Scott has as her guest her mother, Mrs. Hardin.

WEAVER-HOOD.

F. L. Weaver of Community and Mrs. Ida Lillian Hood (nee Saddler) were united in marriage Apr. 20 in the home of Rev. R. O. Bailey.

They are to be at home in the old Saddler home place.

Mrs. Weaver has been teacher in the White Flat schools which closed Friday night.

The bride was presented a lovely shower Friday afternoon at the school.

STALLCUP-BANNER.

Odell Banner, daughter of Mrs. Roy Banner of Trent and J. D. Stallcup of Big Spring were married at the Church of Christ in Big Spring Sunday morning, Apr. 14.

Miss Banner was attired in a costume of blue and white with accessories to match. She has lived in the Trent area for many years. The groom was from the Big Spring area. He is now a student at Big Spring.

lene James, Loraine King, Louise Patterson, Ladie Fred Crain, Joyce Cox, Patsy Cox, Pearl Mathews, Ima Ruth Shouse, LaNell Edwards, Bebe Patterson, Marjorie Ann Walker, Gwendolyn Renfro, Patsy Ruth Pomroy, Cliffla Jean Estep, Joy Lansford, Sandra Sadler, Wilda Boles; Messrs. Mark Williamson, Jake Roberts, Ben Robert Hicks, Kenneth Burkhardt, J. B. Winn, Jr., Cull Currington, John Robert Walker, Gerald Renfro, Don Friend, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Ueckert, Mr. and Mrs. Williamson and Mrs. J. P. Roberts.

White Church News

(Omitted Last Week.)

Every one is all smiles over the good rains, but just a bit blue when we look at our frozen gardens, for we certainly had a cold spell last week.

The League put on a play at Butman last Tuesday night and made \$16.30. We feel like we have been well repaid for our trouble, as the money will go to fix up lights at the church and pay on the pastor's salary. So we say again to every one who helped in any way, "Thank you."

Guy Brown and M. H. Farmer, Jr., have gone to the CCC camps, but we have not learned where they will be stationed.

We are glad to report Mrs. E. E. Patterson is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Harris and children and Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Conley were visiting in our community.

Mr. and Mrs. P. R. McLean, Mrs. Beryl Brown, Mrs. Bill Brown and Miss Aileen Frazier attended district conference at Clyde week before last.

Bill Davis of San Diego, Calif., is a visitor with his cousins, Woodrow and Doyal Barnes.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Doan and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Tom Maddox Sunday.

List of Petit Jurors Called for Next Week

petit jury for next week in district court includes the following:

ron, T. M. Smith, O. N. W. King, Merkel; Joe Barlow, Earl M. Holt, A. E. Weldon, S. C. Edmund Yates, W. O. Landers, Grady Nar Alexander, Dan S. Clark, J. H. Sibley, M. Rogers, W. K. Jennings, O. D. Sam R. Eddins, R. D. Harry Goltz, E. T. Simmons, Scott, F. J. Arbuckle, J. R. Joe Montgomery, Jack Sloan, Shelton, Glenn Hoover, J. F. Smith, Joe Smith, J. R. Wood, A. P. Cowan, J. Frank Hobbs, C. C. Cowden, H. V. Chapman, J. E. Mills, Abilene; C. J. Patterson, Paul Cook, Geo. W. Haynes, J. E. Knight, Lawn; J. W. May, Ovalo; W. M. Stevens, Winters; W. D. Blanks, W. H. Rister, Ty; T. Y. Vanlandingham, View.

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Military Sovereigns Rule Cotton Ball



All Texas A&M stood at attention Saturday night, April 20, when Mamie Tramonte of Galveston and Wesley Seay of Waxahachie were crowned Queen and King of the college's famed Cotton Ball and Pageant. A military queen, Miss Tramonte, senior at Texas State College for Women, was crowned in white pique trimmed in gold braid. Seay is also a senior student and president of the A&M Agronomy Society which sponsors the coronation, cotton style show, and dance.

Work of Local Girl Teaching At Goree Is Highly Praised

Goree, Apr. 25.—Miss Esther Sorenson, vocational home-making supervisor for Area II, visited Miss Minta Aline McAninch's home-making department last week, and in her report to the superintendent, H. D.

Arnold, she was lavish in her praise of the grade of work being done by Miss McAninch and the girls taking home-making.

Miss McAninch is one of the two home-making teachers given highest rating in Area II in the supervisor's report to the superintendent of the Goree public schools.

Complete line of office supplies at Mail office.

Last 10 Per Cent of Tire Mileage Means 90 Per Cent Gamble

That 90 per cent of the car owner's tire troubles are likely to occur in the final 10 per cent of his tires' life has been conclusively proved in laboratory, road tests and in actual user's mileage records, according to S. M. Hunter, local Goodyear dealer, who this week announces that he has a 90-10 offer to make to car owners to help ban unfit tires from the highways and streets of the community.

"What we mean by 90-10 is, that the owner often thinks he is saving money when he continues to drive on tires which have about 10 per cent more of their total mileage remaining. Whereas, he is very likely taking a 90 per cent gamble that he won't have either a blowout, a bad skid, or at best the inconvenience of a flat tire at some time when he can least afford it.

"That remaining 10 per cent mileage gamble isn't worth the worry and possible expense it might cause

the driver. I am not trying to scare anyone into making tire replacements, but I am certain that with warm weather coming along tires will give up more quickly, because heat soon discovers worn tires' weaknesses," Mr. Hunter continued.

"To show that we are sincere in our efforts to rid the streets and roads of possible tire danger sources, we are offering to pay car owners for the remaining 10 per cent danger miles—so that the motorist may ride on safe, new Goodyears.

"Another important thing about tire buying to consider is that now, every Goodyear tire we sell is guaranteed in writing—not any particular number of months," said Mr. Hunter, "but for its full life, without time or mileage limits."

Mr. Hunter pointed out that his offer applied to any tire in his line, adding that he had a tire to fit every buyer's pocketbook demand.

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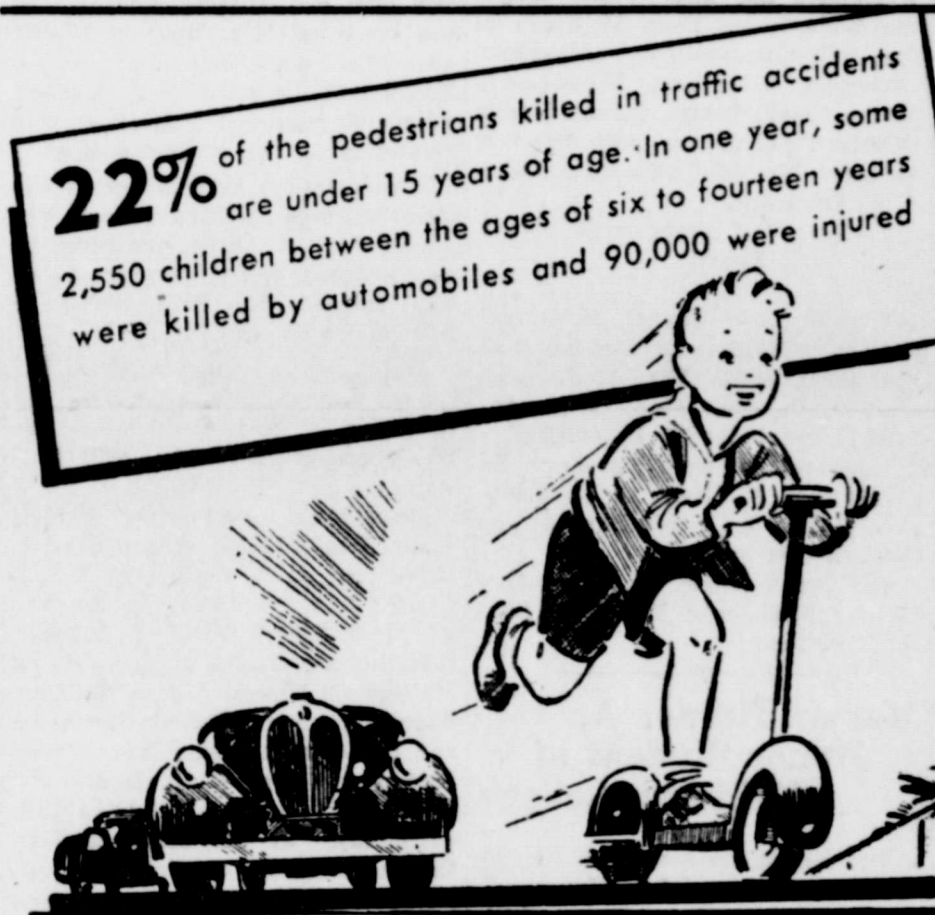
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Drivers of Lone Star Gas System automotive equipment take part in a continuous program of training in safety consciousness and accident prevention to make their home town a safer place in which to live.

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JUNIOR STUDY CLUB.

The annual spring social of the Junior Study club was held Thursday evening in the Lions club hall. Husbands and friends were named guests.

The room was very attractively decorated in large bowls of spring flowers.

Games of "42" and bridge progressed throughout the evening, prizes being awarded to Raymond Ferguson and Mrs. Elmo Collins for high score in "42" and Mrs. W. T. Sadler and Dr. Leo Zehnppennig winning high score in bridge.

After an enjoyable evening together, a delightful sandwich plate was passed to the following members and guests: Messrs. and Mesdames Chester Collinsworth, Wrenn Durham, Raymond Ferguson, Weston West, David Gamble, Andy Shouse, Elmo Collins, Geo. T. Moore, I. W. Walling, John Grable, Dr. and Mrs. L. C. Zehnppennig, Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Sadler; Misses Mary Collins, Mildred Hamm, Helen Reddell, Ruby Jinkens, Billie Gardner, Frances Largent; Messrs. R. D. Ely, A. G. Jones and Carroll Benson.

JOLLY NEIGHBORS.

Members of the Jolly Neighbors club were most graciously entertained in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hicks on last Friday evening. A game hour, during which time "84" was happy diversion, was culminated with lovely refreshments of orange sherbet, angel food cake and olives.

Those present were Messrs. and Mesdames John Grable, F. Y. Gaither, Johnny Cox, Spencer Bird, Herbert Patterson, Raymond Ferguson, Andy Shouse, Christine Collins, Ben Robert Hicks and C. J. Glover.

FIDELIS MATRONS.

Members of the Fidelis Matrons class of the First Baptist church met on Wednesday afternoon of last week at the home of Mrs. O. B. Leach, with Mrs. Lendon Coats and Mrs. C. B. Knight as co-hostesses. Opening prayer was led by Mrs. Owen Robertson and Mrs. Cooper Waters brought the devotional.

Refreshments of ice cream and sandtarts were served to Mesdames Earl Baze, Max Swafford, E. Y. Bailey, Allen McGeehee, Worth Lee, Byron Dingle, Cooper Waters, E. B. Wallace, Dent Gibson, O. F. Fox, R. H. Mathews, Jr., Clyde Bartlett, Owen Robertson, H. W. Lemens, Bob Sumpter, Ruby Jinkens, Dean Higgins, Fred Baker, Jr., Clyde Wurst and the hostesses.

COMRADES CLASS ENTERTAINED WITH TACKY PARTY.

On Monday evening of last week the Comrades Sunday School class of the Methodist church was entertained in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Grable, with Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ferguson assisting in host duties.

An old-fashioned tacky party was the theme and prizes were given Mrs. Elmo Collins as the tackiest girl and Raymond Ferguson as the tackiest boy.

Appropriate games and contests were enjoyed, after which doughnuts and Coca Colas were served to Messrs. and Mesdames Herbert Dunn, G. R. Bowers, Pinky Cypert, Andy Shouse, Elmo Collins, John Grable and Raymond Ferguson.

WOODMEN CIRCLE.

Mrs. Winnie Turner was recommended to act as secretary of the local Grove, while the secretary, Mrs. Pearl Hollingsworth, is vacationing in

California, at the regular meeting of the Merkel Grove of the Woodmen Circle last Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Ruby Barnett reported that the local Grove stood third among the Groves of the state for the first two months of the nineteenth publicity campaign. The district manager, Mrs. Katie Kidwell, insists the Merkel team accompany the district president, Mrs. Turner, to Lamesa on June 8 for the district meeting. All those in the team planning to go are asked to be present at the next meeting, which is on May 2. It is also "gift" basket day.

Those attending this meeting were Mrs. Kidwell, Abilene; Mesdames Lillie Barnett, Ruby Barnett, Pearl Hollingsworth and Edith Perry and Misses Maurine White and Norma Patton.

W. M. U. CIRCLES.

The Blanche Rose Walker Circle of the First Baptist church met Monday afternoon, Apr. 22, in the home of Mrs. Cooper Waters. Mrs. Irl Walker led the opening prayer, after which Mrs. Cooper Waters brought the Bible lesson. Mrs. Carson closed the meeting with prayer.

Those present were Mesdames J. O. Castles, Irl Walker, E. O. Carson, J. S. Swann, A. D. Fulton, E. R. Clack, Cooper Waters and W. L. Johnson.

The Elkin Lockett Circle met in the home of Mrs. T. E. Collins on Monday afternoon, with Mrs. Collins in charge. The meeting was opened with prayer by Mrs. J. M. Williamson and Mrs. Winter taught the Bible lesson from II Kings to the following members: Mesdames Patterson, Williamson, McNiece, Meeks, Clark, Tatum, Collins, Sharp, Gilbreath and Winter, with two new members, Mrs. M. T. Shultz and Mrs. A. P. Patterson.

The meeting closed with prayer led by Mrs. Meeks.

The Maybelle Taylor Circle met Monday afternoon in the home of Mrs. O. B. Leach. Mrs. A. R. Booth directed the Bible study from the first 12 chapters of I Chronicles.

Those present were Mesdames W. A. Ford, O. B. Leach, A. R. Booth, Fred Baker, Sr., Clyde Bartlett and Owen Robertson.

The next meeting will be on May 13 at 3 p. m., with Mrs. Fred Baker as hostess.

Marvin Hunter An Honor Student at McMurtry College

Included on the honor roll for the mid-semester term of McMurtry college was one of the graduates of the class of '38, Merkel High school, Marvin Hunter, whose report card showed four A's and one B for the half-term.

Marvin Hunter, always an excellent student, is a sophomore at McMurtry this year and friends will be delighted to learn of his high scholastic standing.

CARD OF THANKS.

We are deeply grateful to all those friends who by their thoughtful acts, words of sympathy and lovely floral gifts brought us consolation in the loss of our dear mother.

May God's richest blessings rest upon all of you.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Walker.
Henderson, Texas.

RURAL SOCIETY

PARTY AND SHOWER FOR YOUNG BRIDE.

A party given Saturday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Jones honored Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Henley of Midland. Mrs. Henley was the former Evelyn Garvin of Merkel, who was married Wednesday evening, Apr. 10, at Midland. Lola Higgins gave a shower for the bride also Saturday night.

Those attending for the party and shower were the honorees, Mr. and Mrs. Henley, Mr. and Mrs. John Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Higgins, Mr. and Mrs. Angus Garvin, Mr. and Mrs. Don Riney, Mrs. Jaynes, Bill Stalls, Lola Higgins, Jean Paine, Wilma Lee Paine, Francis Hester, Mary Alice Hester, Bernie Opal Dean, Peggy Doris Robertson, Christine Garvin, Juanita Garvin, Bonnie Jaynes, Lorena Higgins.

H. W. Higgins, Booth Higgins, Willard Paine, Jack Hester, Joe Horton, LeRoy Riney, Deverl Higgins, Scottie Freeman, Tommy Riney, Walter Riney, Billie Riney, Billie Joe Jaynes, John Angus Garvin, Charlie Ben Garvin, Jimmie Fin Garvin, J. C. Berryman.

After a very enjoyable evening of games, the group went on a treasure hunt, which led to a washpot filled with gifts for the bride. After the gifts were opened and viewed, refreshments were served and notes were written in the bride's book.

Those sending gifts were Mr. and Mrs. Buster Horton, Mr. and Mrs. Paxton Hays, Mrs. Will Hays, Mrs. W. C. Lee, Nellie Jaynes, Linnie Faye Armstrong, Mrs. Lee Lynn of Wingate, Mrs. J. A. Horton, Mrs. Hob Robertson, Mrs. Austin Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. Buster Hester.

BLUEBONNET CLUB.

The Bluebonnet Home Demonstration club met Tuesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Houston Martin with the president, Mrs. A. R. Toombs, in charge. After a singsong, members answered roll call with helpful hints for raising poultry.

The program, brought by several members, was "Cultivate Your Vision to See." A report was given on the political rally, showing \$41.64 was cleared. The club wishes to thank all who came.

Eight club members attended the district convention at Abilene on Thursday of last week, report of which was given by Mrs. Will Butman.

Refreshments were served to Mesdames Tom Russom, Carl Keith, A. L. Farmer, A. R. Toombs, E. J. Patterson, J. L. Coffman, H. H. Cargill, Don Riney, W. H. Ensminger, Ben Butman, James Simpson, Lloyd Matthews, Misses Lottie Butman, Loueen Butman, LaDell Matthews, and two new members, Mrs. Walter Hunter and Mrs. R. D. Hunter.

The next meeting will be a called meeting at the home of Mrs. George Anderson on Tuesday, Apr. 30. Miss Tacker, the county agent, will bring the program.

SALT BRANCH CLUB.

The Salt Branch Home Demonstration club met Thursday, Apr. 11, in the home of Mrs. Jess Higgins. Mrs. Buster Horton, the president, was in charge of the business session at which the action of the club president in appointing a committee to make a bid for the Junior-Senior banquet was approved on motion of Mrs. Higgins. Mrs. Vernon Hudson and Mrs. Roy Harrell were co-chairmen.

Mrs. Harrell was in charge of the program on "Poultry Management," and Mrs. Jess Higgins gave a demonstration of a home-made brooder. The club gift was drawn by Mrs. Buster Horton.

Hot chocolate and cake were served by the hostess, assisted by her daughter, Miss Lola Higgins, to fifteen members. Present were Mesdames J. A. Horton, Buster Horton, Ollie Higgins, W. U. Beene, Vernon Hudson, Roy Harrell, Johnny Cox, Ada Higgins, Mason Barker, Carl Baccus, J. E. Smith, Clint Allen, Miss Lena Fay Harrell.

BIRTHDAY DINNER.

A surprise birthday dinner was given T. P. Johnson of the Nubia community Sunday, Apr. 21. A large cake with pink decorations and blue candles was presented by his daughter, Mrs. B. E. Blount. Every one brought covered dishes.

A short program of string music was presented by Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Wheeler and Mrs. James Whitlock. Dinner was served to Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Johnson and daughter, Gladys, Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Blount and daughter, Gertha Joan, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Blount, Mrs. Roy Blount and children, Shirley Jean and Leroy, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Woods and children, Geraldine, Bonita and Glenn, Roscoe; Mr. and Mrs. James Whitlock of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. George Price and daughter, Oneta, of War-

ren; Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Harris and daughter, Clydene, and Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Wheeler and son, Don, Merkel.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS HONORED.

The Junior class of the Nubia church spent the day with Louise Richie Sunday. After music, singing and entertaining games, banana ice cream and cake was enjoyed.

Those present out of the Junior class were Becky Nan Seymore, Lulu Bell Patterson, Hollis McLean, Billy Seymore, Ruth Butman, Betty Jo Seymore, Geo. Wayne Richie, Sue Reynolds, Robert L. McLean, Faye Reynolds, Jean Miller; other visitors of the day were Mildred McLean, Nina Joyce Riney, D. J. Richie, LeRoy Riney, Lorene Whisenhunt, Walter Riney, R. G. Toombs, Mrs. Dewell McLean, Alva McLean and Mr. and Mrs. Don Riney.

ENJOYABLE PARTY.

On Wednesday evening, Apr. 10, a party was given in honor of Eddie Brown in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Brown, with their daughter, Eva, as hostess.

After many interesting games were played, delicious home-made candy was served to Nina Joyce Riney, Lorene Whisenhunt, Sybil Riney, Mildred McLean, Mary Frances Lewis, Louise Richie, Wade Ensminger, Mickey McLean, Edward Farmer, Leroy Riney, D. J. Richie and Don Riney.

After candy was served, music and singing was enjoyed.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Frazier entertained a number of friends in honor of their son, George's 15th birthday Sunday afternoon, Apr. 14. Outdoor games were played and enjoyed by all and the honoree received many appropriate gifts.

The birthday cake with 15 candles centered the table from which chocolate and cake were served to Doris Green, Juanita McCoy, Jurdine Gentry, Maudine Woodard, Genevieve McCoy, Prichard Gentry, J. B. Harp, B. L. Newman, Douglas Green, Dee Wilson, L. Z. Harp, Dan Ray, L. G. Wilson, Gene Frazier and Earl Melton of Eagle Pass.

BLAIR 4-H CLUB.

The Blair 4-H club met on Friday, Apr. 19, with their sponsor, Mrs. J. S. Grant. The president called the meeting to order and the minutes were approved. Plans were made for the club's Mother's day program which will be given May 10. After songs and games candy was served.

Those present were Mrs. J. S. Grant, Annie Clara Doan, Mary Sue Grant, Betty Alice Patterson, Willie Dean Patterson, Delwee Melton, Jackie Melton, Mary E. Melton, Vern Opal Moore, Dorothy Patterson, Lila Mae Lowery, Bonnie Patterson, Jimmie Nell Horton, Otilla Doan and Billie Jean Melton.

NUBIA W. S. C. S.

The Nubia Methodist W. S. C. S. met at the church on Wednesday of last week, with the president, Mrs. E. J. Patterson, in charge.

The service opened with the song, "The Kingdom Coming," and prayer by Mrs. A. R. Toombs. The program, "Pioneering in Korea," was brought by Mrs. James Simpson, with Mrs. A. R. Toombs as leader.

Mrs. Tom Russom was elected for "Superintendent of Baby Specials." Members present were Mesdames Sam Butman, Jr., Don Riney, E. J. Patterson, Dewell McLean, W. H. Ensminger, J. B. Stewart and A. R. Toombs.

All ladies in the community are invited to attend the next meeting on Wednesday, May 1.

FAMILY REUNION.

(Omitted Last Week.)

Mrs. A. H. Barnes, residing seven miles south of town near Castle Peak, had the very happy privilege of having all her children home over the week-end in a family reunion, the first time they had all been at home together since the death of their father, who passed away 10 years ago.

The two days were spent in various ways, hunting, visiting, making ice cream, and in the afternoon Sunday all gathered in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Campbell, near neighbors, for an hour of singing, with Miss Bonnie Campbell at the piano.

Dinner guests of Mrs. Barnes Sunday were her four children: C. Barnes of Dyke and daughter, Nan, of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Barnes and son, L. D., Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barnes and sons, Woodrow and Doyal, and Mrs. Cleo Baughman of Oklahoma City and son, Bill, of San Diego, Calif., United States navy; Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Martin, a brother of Mrs. Barnes, and their son, Homer, and grandson, Jo Bob, of Rotan; Mrs. Ellen Baccus and Mrs. E. H. Patterson, Hoyt Horton

In The Churches

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

There were 641 present at the six reporting Sunday Schools here last Sunday, as compared with 623 the previous week. On the same Sunday a year ago the attendance was 559.

METHODIST CHURCH.

Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. Morning worship at 11 o'clock. Young people's meeting at 7:15 p. m. Evening worship at 8. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock.

John H. Crow, Pastor.

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.

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.

Cooper Waters, Pastor.
W. J. Largent, Sunday School Superintendent.

Will H. Grimes, B. T. U. Director.

BAPTIST W. M. U.

Monday, Apr. 30, is the date for the Mission Study book of the First Baptist church. All ladies are urged to be present and study this book. This is an all-day meeting. Come and bring a covered dish.

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.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Sunday services: Bible classes preaching at 10:45, young people's meeting at 7, preaching at 8 o'clock.

You are invited to attend.

E. W. K.

and daughter, Melba
nye Hardin and Orma
ett.

Friends who called in
noon were Mr. and Mr.
Finch and daughters, Lois
of Stith; Mrs. Roy Riney, M.
Jones, Mrs. Ellis Clark and da
of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Lee
bell and children, Lois and Billy.

All of Mrs. Barnes' immediate
family were present, except one
grandson, J. D. Baughman, of Okla
lahoma City.

LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS

Texas-Pacific Coal & Oil company No. 1 Reidenbach, Taylor county wildcat west of the Dunagin pool, has been abandoned dry at a total depth of 3,275 feet. The test had reported several slight showings of oil or gas.

Three Merkel beauticians attended the Russell Morrison's trade show held at Lubbock this week: Mrs. Maurine Cypert, Miss Ruby Jinkens and Bob McDonald. Mrs. Cypert returned Tuesday night, the other two remaining over Wednesday.

After official inspection of the Merkel schools last week, R. N. Sandlin, deputy state superintendent, reported to Supt. Connor Robinson that he found all phases of school work fully up to standard and gave the school a splendid rating.

Miss Aline McAninch, who teaches in the Gorie schools, entered the Hendrick Memorial hospital, Abilene, Sunday night, for surgery. Reports from members of the family indicate that she is getting along nicely.

A group of 30 fifth grade students will tour Abilene business and industrial plants Saturday of this week, followed with a picnic lunch at one of the Abilene parks. Plans are being made by Miss Mamie Ellis, the teacher, and the room mothers, of the class.

Lemon Juice Recipe Checks Rheumatic Pain Quickly

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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. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.

Rev. Lloyd B. Smith of Sweetwater will preach for us Sunday morning and night.

R. U. Rister, Pastor.

WHITE CHURCH LEAGUE.

We had a real good League program Sunday evening, with 54 present. Those on program were Miss Johnnye Hardin, Mrs. Bill Brown and Mrs. J. B. Stewart, with poems by Rosie Alice McLean and Joan Brown. Mrs. Beryl Brown and daughter, Joan, sang a duet and also Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Barnes sang a duet with J. M. Brown playing his violin. Rev. J. B. Stewart delivered an inspiring message at the close of our program.

We had our social last Friday night, with a large crowd present, and every one had a real good time.

We are planning to take our play, "Go Slow, Mary," to Union Ridge on Friday, May 3. So every one be there, as we need to make some more money on the preacher's salary. Don't forget our Sunday School and League next Sunday.

—Reporter.

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