

Keeping Up With Texas

A. A. Craig, 67, farmer of Godley, died in a Fort Worth hospital Saturday of injuries he received when struck by a hit-and-run car on U. S. highway 81.

Charles H. (Red) Martin, 27, injured late Sunday when an army pursuit plane he was flying crashed and caught fire near Roanoke, died early Monday in Fort Worth.

Attorney General Gerald C. Mann announced Monday that he would make a state-wide speaking tour, beginning about June 9.

Earl Few, who escaped from the Texas penitentiary at Huntsville Apr. 30, was back "home" Tuesday. Few was recaptured at Gainesville, where he had gone hoping to join that city's community circus.

Jack Walker, 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Walker of Anson and junior in the Anson high school, was awarded first place in the state meet at Austin for high school boys' declamation.

Horace Melvin Neeby, 31, oil field worker, was killed almost instantly Saturday at Odessa when struck on the head by a falling timber. The timber fell from the top of an oil rig where he was at work.

Miss Sarah Berry, long-time resident of McKinney, was burned to death Saturday morning when fire destroyed her home.

John Esten Cook, 67, former president of the Texas Press association and for 29 years editor and owner of the Rockdale Reporter-Messenger, died Friday after a brief illness.

Rev. Donald E. Elder of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Houston, has been invited to deliver the baccalaureate sermon to 1940 graduates of the University of Texas.

Bruce W. McCarty, who published the Eagle Lake Headlight for 37 years, died Tuesday after a heart attack Sunday.

After being out 13 hours, the jury in the case of E. N. Howell, former tax assessor-collector of Stephens county, Wednesday morning returned a verdict of guilty and assessed his punishment at 7 1/2 years in the penitentiary on a charge of misappropriation of public funds. He had pleaded guilty to an indictment charging converting to his own use \$20,407.42.

Henry Haynes, farm hand, was found guilty of murder of his grandmother, Mrs. Martha McGuire, by a district court jury at Comanche and his punishment fixed at 75 years in prison. Haynes is also under indictment in the slaying of his uncle, J. B. Haynes.

Ed Faulkner, Graham oil field worker, was charged Tuesday with murder in connection with the death of his close friend, R. B. Baker, 48-year-old oil company superintendent of Olney.

Former Governor Miriam A. Ferguson Tuesday sent her filing fee of \$100 to State Democratic Chairman E. B. Germany as a candidate for governor. She announced her next campaign broadcast will be from Dallas on May 25.

C. A. Miles, Jr., Liberty lawyer, was elected the first president of the Texas Private Flyers association, newly organized on a permanent basis during a two-day aerial round-up at Stamford.

Annagene Ainsworth, a senior in Fluvanna high school, and Emma Gene Taylor, seventh grade student at Hobbs school in Fisher county, were chosen as winners from state school supervisory district No. 8 in the "Know Texas" contest sponsored by the Dallas Morning News and Texas Almanac. The award will be a 2,000-mile all-expense educational tour of Texas.

Six-Club Softball League Gets Start

With six teams, Stith, Trent, Hodges, Noodle, Moutray and F. & M. bank competing, the Merkel softball league season got under way Monday night, with a double-header, both games of which were replete with errors.

Moutray bested Stith in the opener, 7-3, while Hodges won the night-cap from Trent, 18-13. Ten errors were made in the first game and 31 in the second.

Complete schedule is printed in this issue of The Mail with Monday and Thursday nights, as playing dates. The first game each Thursday night will be between girls teams.

Boost Farm Fund. Washington, May 16.—The house boosted the agriculture department's funds for next year beyond the \$960,000,000 mark Tuesday by agreeing to a \$50,000,000 RFC loan program for farm tenants.

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DEAN BOGER TO ADDRESS SENIORS OF MERKEL HIGH

Mildred McLean, Valedictorian of Class; Gay West Wins Salutatory Honors; Sermon For Graduates Sunday Night.

Dean R. G. Boger of McMurry college will deliver the address to 44 graduates of Merkel High school at commencement exercises to be held Monday night, May 20, in the gymnasium, at 8:15.

Baccalaureate sermon is to be delivered by Rev. Jones Weathers, of Eastland, on Sunday night, May 19, beginning at the same hour.

With an average of 94.015, Mildred McLean achieved the honor of valedictorian of the class; salutatorian is Gay West, whose average is 93.315.

The complete programs follow:

BACCALAUREATE SERMON.

Processional, "Largo" from Xerxes-Handel, Mrs. Richard Young.

Invocation, Rev. John H. Crow.

Songs: "Ere the Light Fades Away," Hewitt-Brahms; "Praise the Lord," Baines; "The Lord is My Shepherd," Hoschat, Girls' chorus.

Scripture reading, Rev. Cooper Waters.

Songs: "Softly and Tenderly," Thompson-Riegger; "The Lord Bless You and Keep You," Lutkin, Girls' chorus.

Sermon, Rev. Jones Weathers.

Benediction, E. W. Key.

Recessional, Mrs. Richard Young.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES.

Processional, "Triumphal March" from Aida-Verdi, High School band.

Invocation, E. W. Key.

Salutatory, Gay West.

Music, "My Creed," Burket-Fisher, sextet.

Valedictory, Mildred McLean.

Music, "A Dream-Boat Passes By," Page-Lemare, sextet.

Address, Dean R. G. Boger, McMurry college.

Awarding of scholarships, presentation of diplomas, Supt. Connor Robinson.

Benediction, Rev. John H. Crow.

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OPERETTA TO BE PRESENTED FRIDAY NIGHT

"Swanee Melodies," Reviving Old Southern Plantation Setting. To Be Staged for 7th Grade Graduation Night.

Commencement exercises of the Grammar school this year will take the form of an operetta, "Swanee Melodies," to be presented Friday evening, May 17, at 8:15 in the High School gymnasium.

The story is one of the Old South with all its beauty, rhythm, friendliness and wonderful heritage.

Friends have gathered on the porch of the plantation home of Colonel Daniel Forrester with the family and pickaninies in honor of the Dr. Heyward family from England, who are visiting America for the first time.

The cast of characters reads:

Colonel, Tommy Diltz.

Caroline, Carlene Hughes.

Dr. Heyward, Jimmie White.

Melinee, Patsy Simpson.

Elizabeth, Frances Walker.

Gloria, Dorothy Jinkens.

Patsy Jean, Joyce Webb.

The Lad, Wayne Tipton.

Mandy, Bonnie Jaynes.

Mose, Buddy Derington.

Mary, Rose Marie Sublette.

Rastus, J. D. Fox.

Nancy, Becky Gaither.

Chorus, seventh grade, Bobbie Brown and Becky Gaither.

Dancers: James Reece, Mary Lou Bow, Leroy Smith, Mary Evelyn Perry, Billy Joe Price, Joyce Webb, Donna Doan, Frances Melton, R. W. Johnson, Rena Mae Dean, Billy Doan, Dorothy Jinkens, Wayne Farr, Alvarie Smith, Jimmie White, Patsy Simpson, Wayne Tipton, Frances Walker, Tommy Diltz, Carlene Hughes, J. D. Fox and Rose Marie Sublette.

Pianist, Mrs. Yates Brown.

Following a brief intermission during which the curtain is dropped will follow the presentation of certificates to 45 graduates. Frances Walker is valedictorian of the class, with an average of 92.68, while Patsy Simpson's average as salutatorian is

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PRIZES LISTED FOR COLORFUL RODEO PARADE

Two Street Parades to Mark Opening of Summer Season: Friday May 24, 5 p. m.; Saturday, May 25, 10 a. m.

At 5 p. m. on Friday, May 24, date of the opening night show of the 1940 rodeo season, a downtown street parade, headed by the Badger band and including all the arena contestants, will be staged, it was announced Thursday by Connor Robinson, parade chairman.

The usual big street parade, with decorated cars and floats and other colorful entries, is reserved for Saturday morning, May 25, date of the first afternoon show, the parade to form at 10 o'clock and to include ten divisions.

Invitations to take part in leading the parade have been sent to Lew Jenkins and Sam Baugh, Sweetwater; Jerry Sadler, Austin; Sheriff Sid McAdams, Dr. Leo Zehnpfennig and Mayor H. C. West.

The Merkel Badger band, next in line, will be followed by miscellaneous entries, with Dee Grimes in charge of this division. A prize of \$2.50 will be given the most characteristic horse drawn vehicle, representing the horse and buggy age. Out-of-town booster groups will also be included in this division.

Mrs. W. T. Sadler is in charge of the club or social organization division, with a prize of \$2.50 offered for the best display or float.

After the next division, candidates for office, in charge of S. M. Hunter, the women's division is also sponsored by Mrs. Sadler and a prize of \$2.50 will be given the most typical cowgirl (based on poise, dress, horse-womanship.)

Lem Dudley will have charge of the children's division, in which prizes of \$1.00 each will be offered the most typical cowboy and most typical cowgirl, under 12 years of age.

A \$5.00 prize will be awarded for best merchandise display or float in the commercial or merchants' division, in charge of Harry Bullock.

Men's division will be arranged by Howard Laney, including contestants and other men riders. A prize of \$2.50 will be given the most typical cowboy, and \$2.50 for the oldest cowboy.

Boys and girls on bicycles will constitute the tenth division.

If groups come from out-of-town, they should follow No. 3, the miscellaneous entries, Chairman Robinson states. He also stresses the point that all entries must be received by him by Thursday morning, May 23.

W. G. Cypert, Age 78, Retired Minister, Answers Last Call

W. G. Cypert, 78, retired Church of Christ minister, and one of Merkel's most highly esteemed citizens, died at his home here shortly before noon Thursday. He had been in ill health for several months. Death was due to a stroke which he suffered Wednesday morning.

Funeral services will be held at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon from the Church of Christ, with Minister E. W. Key officiating, assisted by Lloyd Smith of Abilene. Burial will follow in Rose Hill cemetery, with Burrow-Sheppard funeral home in charge.

Pallbearers named are D. A. Lee, C. W. Tipton, R. T. Gray, Rufus Adcock, O. J. Adcock and W. T. Walker.

Mr. Cypert was born Sept. 4, 1862, in Tennessee and was married on Oct. 25, 1882, to Miss Margaret Frances Owens in Lunenburg, Ark. He began preaching at the age of 19 and had served the Merkel church 20 years before retiring about ten years ago. The family moved to Merkel in 1909. His wife died Nov. 23, 1933.

Surviving are eight children: Mrs. Henry Bright, Trent; Mrs. Neil Smith, Lubbock; Mrs. Frank Cook, Port Arthur; Mrs. Clyde Raughton, Port Arthur; Mrs. George Woodrum, Merkel; Dick Cypert, Port Arthur; A. L. R. Cypert, Lubbock; Joe Cypert, Merkel, and seven grandchildren.

RODEO SEASON TO OPEN FRIDAY NIGHT, MAY 24; SEATS ON SALE MONDAY

Itinerary for Booster Trip Next Wednesday

Leaving the city hall at 7:30 a. m., the following itinerary, announced by committee chairman Connor Robinson, will be followed as far as possible next Wednesday, May 22, when the Merkel Boosters, accompanied by the Badger band, visit neighboring cities to advertise the Merkel free summer rodeos:

Arrive	Leave
8:00 a. m. Abilene	8:15
8:40	Clyde 9:00
9:15	Baird 9:45
10:30	Albany 11:00
11:45	Lueders 12:00
12:30 p. m. Stamford	1:30 p. m.
2:00	Anson 2:15
2:45	Hamlin 3:00
3:45	Rotan 4:00
4:20	Roby 4:30
5:00	Sweetwater 5:40
6:20	Trent 6:30

Local Masons Attend Banquet in Abilene

A number of members of the Merkel Masonic lodge were in Abilene Wednesday night, guests of the Abilene lodge, to attend a special re-dedication program, and to enjoy a banquet following the program.

Those from Merkel lodge were: O. B. Leach, H. G. Smith, J. F. Walker, E. B. Reece, G. F. Woods, Andy Shouse, James Haas, Lesley Beasley, George O. Laine, E. O. Carson, J. A. Grable, T. C. Hughes, E. O. Hill, M. S. Cummings, Waldo Cox, Ernest P. Spurgin, Jim Collins, W. C. Black, Joe B. Jackson, Joe D. Janes, Joe Hartley, Bob Fowler.

Trent P.-T. A. Will Install New Officers

Trent, May 16.—At the meeting of the Trent P.-T. A. on Monday night at 8 o'clock, new officers for the ensuing year will be installed, with Mrs. J. C. Stewart of Lawn, district vice-president, presiding.

Mrs. Friend's room will furnish the entertainment, and a social hour will follow the program.

Record of Births.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Burnett Orr, Nolan, Sunday, May 12, 1940.

MERKEL 30 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, June 3, 1910.)

H. W. Derstine, our genial mail manipulator, attended a pow-wow of the republicans at Sweetwater yesterday.

Mrs. Eva Perkins is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vol Martin.

Cashier J. E. Faucett celebrated Decoration day by donning an Abilene Bankers' uniform and playing the game Monday against the Dallas bankers. The Merkel banker holds down the place behind the bat as well as during his base ball days when he was considered one of the best amateurs in West Texas.

ART EXHIBIT. Lovers of art were given an opportunity to enjoy an art exhibit Saturday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Rudmose from 3 to 6.

On entering the guests were given hand-painted catalogs in which were listed 130 pictures on exhibit. The parlor was a veritable flower garden. There were pictures of many kinds of flowers in water colors. In the hall the fruits came first, then heads and figures, all in water colors. A few pictures in oil were shown. The most prominent was The Old Fiddler,

Summer Series of Six Double Shows Brings Night Performances on Fridays, Afternoon Shows Saturday Following.

Inaugurating the seventh consecutive season of Merkel's free summer rodeos, first performance of the 1940 series, which includes six double shows, Friday nights and Saturday afternoons on alternating week-ends, will be staged Friday night, May 24, beginning at 8 o'clock.

For the first time since the summer program was begun, these shows, heretofore restricted to amateurs, will be open to the world.

Cash prizes totaling \$100 are offered to season winners in the five divisions of calf roping, cow milking, saddle bronc riding, bareback riding and steer riding, and contestants, to be eligible, may compete in either of the double shows, or both, just so they are in at least five single shows out of as many double shows during the season.

Sixty-five head of rodeo stock were assembled more than a month ago by Homer Patterson, whose bid won the contract this year to furnish the cattle, and they are in tiptop shape.

For the night shows, all seats in the grandstand, the capacity of which has been increased to 1,000 seats, will be numbered and reserved, with a price of 40 cents to everybody.

Blocks of seats will be placed on sale Monday morning at two drug stores here for the opening night show—Friday, May 24—and arrangements have been made to accommodate Abilene patrons, who may secure their tickets from Ward's Hilton Pharmacy.

The grandstand seats will be priced at 25 cents to adults and 10 cents to children under 12 for the Saturday afternoon shows, but no numbered reserved seats will be sold for these performances.

Street decorations were being put up Thursday, the booster trip is well mapped out for Wednesday of next week, two days before the first show, two parades will mark opening days, and all details are ready for the opening night, President W. O. Boney of the Merchants Trade Extension association, sponsors of the shows, stated Thursday morning.

Anarchist Dies.

Toronto, May 16.—Emma Goldman, internationally-known anarchist, died early Tuesday at her home here after an illness of several months.

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Electricity Cheapest Source of Power On Farm; Has Many Uses

(This is the third and last 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.)

Today's farmer separates 1000 pounds of milk for less than the cost of a cup of coffee. Cream separating is speedy, effortless, and efficient with electricity. For the price of another cup of coffee, a farmer can have his cow milked with electricity for a month and cut a ton of ensilage to feed her on. What farmer is there who would not give the price of a cup of coffee to get out of milking a cow twice a day for one month?

For the price of a sandwich, a week's supply of water can be pumped into the house, enough ice made in the electric refrigerator for household use and preserve the food for a day and have enough left over to operate the family washing machine for two weeks.

The question is often asked, "What are the uses of electricity on the farm and in the farm home?" There are over two hundred of them. The most common are lighting, radio, iron, refrigerator, running water systems, range, water heater and many other small appliances. On the farm itself, electricity can be used profitably for lighting barns and yard, lighting hen houses, brooding chicks, pumping water, grinding feed and operating many kinds of farm equipment and machinery.

Many people have found that with a small water system to irrigate a garden, orchard, berries and grapes, they were able in a short time to pay for the system and a year's operating cost for all electric energy used. In most instances, electricity is the cheapest source of power available on the farm. It is convenient, safe and always ready for action.

Anything worth doing is worth some time and study that it may be done right. This brings up the responsibility of the members to the co-operative. A study of charter and by-laws of your co-operative to know of the rights, as well as the responsibilities, you have as a member, would be beneficial. Learn more about electricity, the uses it can be put to, and benefits that may be derived from it, individually, your community as a whole, and to the school children attend. A member should learn to use electricity safely. You should find out how you can co-operate with your board and your superintendent to keep operating cost down while constantly improving the quality of service.

A member would do well to discuss with the merchants, business and professional men of the town where he does business, the opportunities of Rural electrification and enlist their aid and support. Without the support of the newspapers, the city and county officials, the business and professional men and the various organizations, Taylor Electric Co-Operative would not have been possible.

GOODMAN NEWS

(Omitted Last Week.)
Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Williams and family of Post spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Williams and son. Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Grayson were Noodle visitors Wednesday.
Bobbie Taylor of Electra has returned home after a three weeks' visit in the home of his aunt, Mrs. Roy Williams.
Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Taylor and Sylvia June spent Sunday in the Frank Hale home at Newman.
Mrs. W. E. Pomroy visited in Trent Friday.
Gerlene and Patsy Ruth Romroy spent Thursday night in the home of their aunt, Mrs. Lula Woods of Trent.
Mr. and Mrs. Varnell Templeton and son, also Evelena Williams, who is now employed at the telephone office in Loraine, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Williams and son. Miss Avis Deavers of White flat spent the week-end with home folks.
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Barnes of Blair

Railroads Greatest Economic Asset To Texas, Engineer Says

Dallas, May 11.—The rail lines traversing this state, serving both the large and small community with efficient and dependable service, constitute the greatest financial, commercial and economic asset to Texas, and the state's future progress and prosperity is inherently linked and synchronized with the continued successful operation of these specific carriers, was the opinion rendered Thursday by Burt C. Blanton, consulting industrial engineer and business economist of Dallas.

"Communities without rail outlets are not desirable locations for new industries, and it is an obvious fact that the more railroads providing service to a city or town the greater is its present stability, both commercial and industrial, and, likewise, its future potentialities are contingent upon such transportation facilities, which are still paramount to all other types," Mr. Blanton said.

"There are numerous communities in Texas, constituting cities and towns in the population brackets ranging from 2,500 upward to 20,000 inhabitants or more, who derive their major tax revenue from the railroads, and this is equally true in relation to three-fourths of the 254 counties comprising the state of Texas. Subsequently, if such a medium of taxation is eliminated due to the abandonment of rail lines, there are many of these communities which will eventually become bankrupt as a sequence of such lost revenue, which cannot be replaced supplemented by other forms of taxes as, obviously, business, industry, and real property levies now in effect together with all other forms of taxation constitute a serious and most detrimental factor in the continued solvency and economic success of individual and integral endeavor."

Mr. Blanton cited the fact that loss of rail service to any community, regardless of the existence of improved highways, motor transportation, air service, et cetera, invariably resulted in a decline in population, and in disintegration of commerce and industry, with a marked decline in earned income of the inhabitants, effective purchasing power, and local pay rolls.

"A railroad serving any city or town is, in reality, that community's fundamental asset, for such a transportation medium provides both directly and indirectly (a) a primary source of income due to tax revenue and pay rolls; (b) a most consistent and high wage scale; (c) a major source of effective purchasing power; (d) a most dependable, efficient, and economical form of transportation to commerce and industry; together with other essential and requisite constituents," Mr. Blanton said. "Railroads are one of the major employers of men in every vocation in Texas, and wages paid (both male and female) are high and equitable to labor."

"Every citizen of Texas, in every city, town, and village, should realize the importance, and the economic asset, of the railroad serving their respective community," Mr. Blanton said. "Public support, both moral and financial, is requisite to the future, as well as the present, success of this essential transportation medium. The railroads are not asking any special favors—not curtailment of service, not lower taxes, not financial assistance—but only for your travel patronage and your freight business. If you will co-operate with them in doing your part to attain this necessary objective, then their present and future is assured, for their greatest concern today is that they be given an equitable share of business to provide the necessary revenue to meet the obligations—pay rolls, continued employment of the hundreds of thousands of workers dependent upon them for livelihood, tax revenue, and funds for all other necessary fixed charges and operating expenses."

Mr. Blanton suggested that every city, town, and village throughout Texas adopt this, or a similar slogan: "Our railroad is our greatest economic asset—Give it your business."

In conclusion Mr. Blanton rendered the opinion that the present and continued stupendous commercial and industrial development, and growth in population, together with utilization of raw materials, latent resources, and the building of new industries in Texas was contingent to a major degree upon the success of the railroads in our economic entity.

spent Saturday in the W. E. Pomroy home.
Mrs. Claud Smith of Noodle was a visitor at Goodman this past week. Grandma Cade has been having trouble with her eyes.

White Church News

Our committee is working on the Children's Day program, and Rev. Mr. Hawkins, who held the meeting here last summer, will be the main speaker at both the morning and afternoon services. The program will begin at 10 a. m. and Brother Hawkins will speak at 11, with an old-fashioned dinner on the ground at 12. The afternoon will be devoted principally to the old people, with Brother Hawkins and Rev. J. B. Stewart, the pastor, both to speak and all the old-timers to have an opportunity to speak, with several special songs by visiting singers. So we plan to have something for every one from the oldest to the youngest. We will be looking for you; bring young Sunday School and pastor, come and worship with us, as some of the neighboring churches have already promised to meet here and enjoy the day at old White Church. Bring a well filled basket and come early, so you won't miss anything. The committee consisting of Mrs. Beryl Brown, Mrs. Will Butman and Mrs. John Coomer, are working hard, trying to have a real good program.

Mrs. Floyd Hardin and children, Leon, Odell and Jeanne, returned home Sunday from Big Spring where Mrs. Hardin had been ill. Her mother accompanied her home and will remain for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Weston and children, Mary Tom, Stanley Joe and Billy Frank, spent Mother's Day at Putnam with Mr. Weston's mother in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lynward Harrison.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Porch and children, Lavern, Duane and Clifford, and Miss Maurine Hardin of Big Spring, returned home Tuesday after spending Mother's Day with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hardin.

Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Riggan and children and Lloyd Riggan, all of near Big Spring, were visiting in our midst last week.

Jewel Fay Noel is sick at this writing.

Woodrow Barnes returned home Friday night after visiting in the J. W. Latimer home in Douglas, Ariz., for a few days. He also made a visit to Old Mexico and California.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Eddie Farmer were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Campbell of Blair Sunday.

E. J. Patterson of Nubia visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Patterson, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. King and son, Allen, Jr., and Mrs. O. W. Reed were Abilene visitors recently.

Mrs. Raymond Demere has returned home after an extended visit with relatives in California.

Mrs. E. H. Patterson, south of town, was happy to have all her children home for Mother's Day. Guests in her home were Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barnes and sons, Woodrow and Doyal, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Blair and sons, J. K. Jr., and Warren Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Patterson and son, Jerry Frank, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Patterson and daughters, Bertha and Billye, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Fulton and daughters, Lena Jo, Mary Sue and Mammie Jean, and Mrs. Patterson's nephew, G. W. Hughes.

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We will appreciate the privilege of sending in your subscription to the leading magazines. On a great many of them, if you want to include your subscription to The Mail, we are in position to make special clubbing offer. See us before you renew.

The first comedy was performed in Athens about 550 B. C. on a movable scaffold.

\$20,000.00

This week we can announce that our Mortuary Funds have passed the \$20,000.00 mark. The Mortuary Fund is the reserve fund from which nothing but Death Claims can be paid.

Do you not think that this strong reserve is indisputable evidence that our protection is absolutely safe? Certainly, we could never have accumulated this \$20,000.00 had our rates and methods not been right.

There are but two things to safe life insurance: the RATES you take. The low rates that you have paid have proved to be adequate.

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We Pay Death Claims Quicker.
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New Goodyear Tire Announced By Dealer

Important to the owners of not-so-new automobiles, who may be thinking about new tires to insure themselves trouble-free Memorial day week-end holiday trips, is announcement by S. M. Hunter, local Goodyear dealer, of the company's new All-American tire, priced within the reach of 70 per cent of the majority market of users.

In discussing the tire, Mr. Hunter said: "It's full-size and bears a lifetime guarantee without time or mileage limitations. These are the sizes: 6.00-16, 5.25-17 or 5.50-17 and 4.75-19 or 5.00-19, so you can see that it is tailor-made to fit a lot of cars now operating, for several years.

"We are mighty pleased to have it, completing the Goodyear line we handle and enabling us to fill anybody's car or truck tire needs, no matter in what price class he wants to buy or what his driving demands may be."

Smart in appearance, the new All-American has the same high-carbon, high-tensile steel wire for beads as is used in all Goodyear passenger car tires. Its body is made with low-stretch Supertwist cord, which has even higher tensile strength than did quality tires of two years ago, Mrs. Hunter pointed out. In addition, there is double cord breaker of high tensile strength to give greater protection against bruises.


Tread compounds are of time-tested reputation, providing long time abrasion resistance, while the tread design is new and known as multiple-rib, assuring long, even wear, easy steering and side slip protection.

At the same time every possible economy has been effected in manufacture without sacrificing essential safety factors, summarized Mr. Hunter, so the tire should prove popular with people who want the product of a recognized manufacturer at lowest possible initial cost.

Like nearly all members of his family, Thomas Jefferson was an excellent musician and a capable vocalist.

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

Good Luck GRADS



The Farmers & Merchants National Bank extends sincere congratulations to you who are graduating this spring. You have achieved a goal; you have acquired the working tools of knowledge; you have proved your ability to think, solve perplexing problems, and absorb ideas. You have earned congratulations.

High School days are over. Before you lies a troubled world that needs the vigor, the enthusiasm, the sturdiness of youth.

No matter where your path may lead, you carry the best wishes from all of us here in the bank — for your happiness, your well-being and a long life of usefulness.

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Increase In Cotton Exports Is Shown

Washington, May 16.—The agriculture department reports that sales of cotton and cotton products under its export subsidy program totaled 6,278,000 bales between last July 27, when the program was inaugurated, and May 1.

Of the total 5,642,011 bales were actually exported, as compared with 2,998,163 bales in the same period in the previous season, before the program started.

The department has paid out or earmarked slightly in excess of \$35,000,000 in subsidies on the cotton sold under this program, officials said.

If you have any visitors, Phone 29 or 61.

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Congressman Garrett Makes Reckoning of Stewardship to Voters

Formal announcement of Congressman C. L. (Clyde) Garrett for re-election from the 17th congressional district follows:

In announcing my candidacy for re-election, I desire to refer to my platform of 1936 and outline the various actions I have taken concerning same.

FREE SPEECH AND FREE PRESS.
I strongly advocated and emphasized the principle of free speech and free press. Strictly adhering to that principle, I have not denounced either a constituent or a colleague in congress, through the press or through the medium of the Congressional Record, for either their actions or their comments contrary to my interests or favorable to an opponent.

It will be recalled, when I ran for congress, I opposed the use of the franking privilege in the United States mails and the facilities of the government printing plants—all maintained at enormous cost to the taxpayer—for the personal or political advancement of any officeholder. My constituents well know that I have faithfully maintained this attitude. They also know that I have not flooded the mail weekly with uncalculated and useless statements printed in the Congressional Record.

VETERANS LEGISLATION.
I favored in 1936, as now, such actions as would provide for those veterans of foreign wars who are now in need of assistance from the country they fought to save.

Immediately upon coming to congress, I introduced a bill providing for the establishment of a Veterans hospital in the 17th district. As a result of this movement which I helped to inaugurate, two such hospitals are now being constructed in Texas.

I have devoted much time in assisting veterans in presenting their claims to the Veterans' Administration and have worked for and supported all legislation which would better the condition of these splendid citizens, their wives and widows. In presenting these claims, I found that many deserving and needy veterans, after a proper presentation of their evidence, have been denied the aid they deserved. And accordingly, I introduced a bill which would give the veteran the right to contest the decision of the Veterans' Administration's ruling in a court in his district. No member of congress can show a record that compares more favorably than mine in relation to the veterans, their wives and widows.

I also presented memorials and have diligently worked to provide additional domiciliary facilities at Legion, Texas, and at this time such facilities are receiving thoughtful consideration by the Veterans' Administration. At the present time, I am supporting and will vote for the adequate and just pensions for the widows and children of veterans in the present bill before Congress.

OIL CONTROL, COMMERCE AND LABOR.

I have always favored the principles of private ownership and freedom of business enterprise, and I have and shall continue to oppose the nationalization and federalization of our industries. My stand in 1936 in opposition to federal control of our oil industry is indicative of my present position in this respect. We still have honest and capable men in Texas whom we can elect and to whom we can safely entrust the handling of this great industry. Our state officers elected to handle this problem are nearer to the people and are far more concerned with the industry's welfare than any bureaucrat that could be sent out from Washington. Our present plan with the control vested in elected state officials is and will work to the benefit of both the consumer and the producer. My attitude in this connection is further reflected in my support of the Walter-Logan bill recently passed by the house. This bill gives every citizen the right to have any ruling of an administrative bureau reviewed by a court. This, I believe, is the best way to keep the administrative bureaus within the power of the people.

Since commerce is dependent on means of transportation, I have been working to equalize such existing discriminatory laws and regulations as might prevent the free and unlimited flow of commerce. In this connection, I have worked diligently to eliminate the unfair freight rates imposed on the South and the Southwest. During my term as congressman, several great steps in this direction have been made, destroying certain west Texas zones and giving that region equal rates with other zones. I shall continue my efforts until we have won equal and just rates for our district.

Together with my interest in com-



C. L. (Clyde) GARRETT

merce, I have always been aware of the needs of the employee. I voted for the Wage-Hour law, since legislation along this line was needed. While neither the Wagner Act nor the NLRA, which were passed prior to my coming to congress, have worked to the satisfaction of congress and the nation, I do not feel that we should junk this legislation entirely. We should use these laws as a base, eliminating such provisions as are wrong and unjust, and retaining those parts which benefit both labor and commerce.

SOCIAL SECURITY.
Many people are of the opinion that our present Social Security law relates to old age assistance only. This is merely a part of it. This act authorizes the federal government, as an agent of the people, to secure proper facilities for its youth, to care for the sick and ailing, and to provide means of sustenance for its aged and infirm. I know that the provisions for the health and welfare of our people run only to about 8 cents per person per year which is too small. I know that adequate provisions have not been made for our youth; that laborers do not feel safe against sickness and accident; that our aged and infirm are not justly treated—many of them being now in dire need and want. I have supported and endorsed measures that sought to relieve these conditions. When I came to congress, I found that this act was amassing a tremendous sum which would not fully benefit the people until 1975 and that the payments to begin in 1942 would give the people but a mere pittance. I voted for the measure that authorized these payments to begin in 1940 and sought to secure an amendment to the act to eliminate this "reserve fund" which does not help the people. Realizing that this tremendous reserve was unnecessary, I supported the amendment which reduces the contributions made by both the employee and the employer. I feel that Social Security contributions should be kept sacred and used exclusively for purposes for which they were collected.

I supported all such amendments to the Social Security act, including those which sought to liberalize the basis for benefits to the old people who should receive aid and support from this law. This was the intent of the law when passed and I favor carrying out the mandate of the people.

It will be remembered that, when I ran for congress, I advocated a liberal and adequate old age pension preferably paid by the federal government. I am still of the same opinion. In fact, I have supported all pension legislation which had this for its purpose. I have kept faith with the people. While pensions are an important and necessary part of our Social Security problem, I do not allow myself to shirk the other needs and demands of our people in this connection.

AGRICULTURE.
The most important industry in my district is agriculture. It is confronted with many vexing problems. It is easy for one who has an ax to grind to say that he wishes to aid the plight of the farmer, but it is hard for him to follow up his statement with a plan, for such a plan must be developed through months and probably years of study and with the proper national perspective.

I supported the present farm bill. This bill does provide a splendid working basis for a most worthwhile and long-range farm program, and, though far from being perfect, must and will eventually be amended to eliminate any inequalities. This bill places, as it should, control of the program largely in the hands of the farmers themselves. I have favored a national policy of adjusting agricultural products to prevailing and prospective demand and for handling burdensome agricultural surpluses while this adjustment is in progress. I believe also in the basic principle of sound business-like management of farms. This farm act provides for payment of parity prices on all the

basic farm products. I have supported every appropriation to provide payment of parity prices to our farmers.

I have actively supported the Water Facilities program. It is now in its infancy but it has already proven its worth and I believe that it should be extended.

I have wholeheartedly supported our Soil Conservation program. Our people know what it has meant to them. I shall continue to support it.

The Rural Electrification program has received my hearty support. I am glad that many of the communities of my district are taking the advantage of cheaper power rates under this program. I hope that the day is not far distant when our agricultural conditions and farm income will make it possible for every family in our rural communities to take full advantage of the comforts and conveniences provided by the Rural Electrification program.

Fully realizing what the Farm Security program has and is meaning to our farmers I have unhesitatingly supported this program. Furthermore, I have voted for lowering interest rates and more readily accessible loans to our farmers at all times.

I strongly favored the first Farm Tenancy Purchase bill and have supported each of them since. I favored a larger appropriation than that provided in the above bill in order that more of our worthy tenants might acquire farms. I also feel that congress should take immediate steps to prevent the causes of farm tenancy. Too, realizing that unemployment is being greatly increased by tenants being driven from the farms, I have heartily supported amendments to the Farm act which had for their purpose the remedying of this deplorable situation. Thousands of deserving people, with substantial equities in their homes, are losing them annually. Some safe and sound program should be provided to remove this cause of farm tenancy. It has been said "You cannot make landlords out of tenants until you stop the thing that is making tenants out of landlords."

In my further efforts to co-operate with agriculture, every cotton farmer is aware of the bill which I have introduced in congress calling for the redemption of tax-exempt certificates under the Bankhead act, voted prior to 1936. The passage of this measure would restore money taken away from the farmers of my district and increase the purchasing power of every community in West Texas. About twenty million dollars would be returned to the pockets of the farmers which is now frozen in the treasury through the unconstitutional Bankhead act passed in 1934.

TAXATION.
It will be remembered that in 1936 I advocated balancing the budget. I still would like to see this done. However, it is more than one man can do alone. With the alarming unemployment and relief now confronting the nation, the necessity for huge appropriations for agriculture, coupled with the enormous sums now so necessary to national defense, no one knows when the budget can be balanced. In this connection, will state that I have voted for the maximum amounts requested by the president for the above purposes, and, on one or two occasions with reference to relief, in excess of the amount requested. If my constituents could know the appeals which come to my office from the county, city, and school officials for funds that they may sponsor worthwhile projects in order to provide work for the unemployed, such as courthouses, city halls, school buildings, recreation and athletic buildings and grounds, farm-to-market roads, streets, parks and numerous other projects; if they could see the appeals which I receive from the thousands of unemployed men and women begging for an op-

portunity to work and a chance to live, they would understand why I voted for such appropriations. I cannot bring myself to believe that funds spent for the above purposes have been poured down "rat-holes" as some would have you believe. I believe it more important to save the lives of these unfortunates who through no fault of their own cannot secure jobs, to aid the sick and infirm, to care for the young who have not food for life, and to rebuild the wavering morale of our people than it is to count the money as it lies idle in the counting houses. A life is more precious than a dollar. I do not believe my people want me to deny my support and assistance to the aid of those in need. Furthermore, I know that the people of my district adhere to the doctrine that we are "our brother's keeper."

I also believe it is more important to provide an adequate national defense of our country than it is to save and hoard dollars. It is better to spend a billion dollars than a million lives in defense of our country.

NATIONAL YOUTH ADMINISTRATION.
The destiny and future of our nation is dependent on the coming generations who shall be its citizens and its leaders. I have ever favored a democratic system of education and, in close co-operation with our splendid schools and colleges, have supported the provisions of the National Youth Administration. I know that there are literally thousands of our worthy and deserving girls and boys who would be denied the privilege of equipping themselves for life's duties and responsibilities if it were not for this program. I shall continue to support this worthwhile program.

SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES.
While I know that our country will never become the aggressor nation, I am well aware of the policies of dictator nations and know what happened to Austria, Poland, Finland, Norway, not to mention many others. Having this in mind I supported the Hobbs bill, which gives the government authority to deport all aliens who are illegally in this country and who are subversive in their work and criminal in their intent. Realizing that we have much to fear from enemies within I voted to create the Dies committee to investigate un-American activities and have

voted for every appropriation to continue this work. I believe the work of this committee should be continued until it has exposed the pernicious activities of the subversive elements and until such time as congress can pass such legislation as will prevent any threats to our American form of government.

IMMIGRATION.
No general immigration laws have been passed since I came to congress. However, I do not favor letting the bars down for any influx of natives of other countries. Our own citizens deserve the best things of this country and it is my candid opinion that all aliens now in this country should now be given their choice, either to become citizens or get out.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.
My people know that in 1936 I pledged that I would never vote for a war of aggression. I shall keep my word. I believe that we should attend to our own affairs. Certainly none of us desire that the flower of our youth be sent to fight in foreign wars. I can easily understand the anxiety of the fathers and mothers of this country who do not wish that their sons should be sacrificed to fight other nations' wars as I have two fine sons who would likely be among the first to be called to arms.

Since I have been in congress I have supported every movement for peace and neutrality. I advocated and supported the Neutrality Law of 1939, the main provision of which calls for "Cash and Carry." I feel that this act, far more than the actions of any one man who may be elected to congress, will keep us out of foreign alliances and entanglements. I have favored the administration's efforts in securing a more closely-knit Pan American Union, which most men of international learning hail as the greatest step toward peace today, and have aided in every way the closer alliance of the American democracies and a practicable and co-operative organization under the protection of the Monroe Doctrine. I have yet to find a member of congress who advocates the United States entering the war; only warmongers and opportunists deny this fact. Congress does not need further organizing along this line. In these perilous times it behooves our people to keep cool heads, our feet on the ground, and for everyone of us to strive to be as neutral in action, and

in spirit, as is humanly possible, so that we may maintain an attitude of frankness and straightforwardness of purpose that will make the nations of the earth respect our desires for peace. May I not take this opportunity to earnestly and respectfully urge that all my constituents co-operate with our great president, and the national administration by refraining from "ear-talk," useless agitation, and rash and radical statements.

Despite the fact that hundreds of my friends are urging that I return to the district now and actively enter my campaign, it is my purpose, if conditions remain as they are, to remain in Washington and continue my official duties until congress adjourns. However, I greatly appreciate the many good letters which I am receiving from my friends concerning my work in congress. I am sure that these will be active in my behalf, at least, until I can return to the district.

CLYDE L. GARRETT,
Congressman, 17th Congressional District of Texas.

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Death Claims Mrs. D. C. Herring, Wife Of Noodle Merchant

Mr. D. C. Herring, 73, wife of a well-known Noodle merchant and farmer, died at the family home Monday afternoon. Mrs. Herring fell on Dec. 20 and fractured her hip, remaining in the Sadler Clinic here for six weeks. She was later carried to her home but had never fully recovered from effects of the injury.

Funeral services were held at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon from the Shiloh church, with Dr. W. Harrison Baker of Greenville officiating, assisted by Rev. R. H. Williams, Baptist pastor of Shiloh. Burial followed in Shiloh cemetery, with Barrow-Sheppard Funeral home in charge.

Pallbearers were J. E. Touchstone, Norman Bicknell, Wayne Satterwhite, Clarence Satterwhite, Roger Sosebee and Hiram Satterwhite.

Born Dollie Eugenia Horn on Oct. 7, 1866, in Alabama, she was brought to Texas by her parents when just a child. The family first settled in Burleson county, later moving to Coryell county. She was married to D. C. Herring on Jan. 10, 1886, at Ross Station in the latter county. The Herrings had lived at Noodle the past 30 years. Mrs. Herring had been a member of the Methodist church 46 years.

Surviving are her husband, three daughters and six sons: Mrs. W. C. Witt, Bishop; Mrs. W. C. Thompson, Mesilla Park, N. M.; Mrs. John C. Thompson, Dallas; C. S. Herring, Robstown; W. H. Herring, Bishop; O. H. Herring, Amherst; Louie Herring, E. W. Herring, Noodle, and M. R. Herring, Raymondville. Two sisters, Mrs. J. N. Hatfield of Merkel and Mrs. Annie Scott of Noodle, and a brother, Rev. W. K. Horn of Post, also survive.

Relatives from a distance attending the funeral were: C. S. Herring and family, Robstown; W. H. Herring and family, Bishop; O. H. Herring and family, Amherst; M. R. Herring and family, Raymondville; W. C. Witt and family, Bishop; Mrs. W. C. Thompson, Mesilla Park, N. M.; Mr. and Mrs. John C. Thompson, Dallas; Mr. Robert Wyche, Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Witt, Raymondville; Alvin Witt, Iowa Park; Mrs. Marvin Watkins, Robstown; Miss Wilma Herring, Bishop; Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Kelly, Alice; Rev. W. K. Horn and wife, Post.

Out-of-town friends: Mrs. Moore Thurmond, Mrs. W. L. Carter, Mrs. W. L. Brent, Mrs. Robert Morris, Dallas; Dr. W. Harrison Baker, Greenville; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. McDonald, Mrs. T. C. Boucher, Mr. and Mrs. Riley Horton, Miss Mozelle Sosebee, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Cantrell, Mrs. Dean Gulleze, Mr. Foster, Mr. Perry and Mr. McDonald, all of Abilene; Ernest True, Bishop; Will Creighton and daughter, Big Spring; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Black, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wilson, Paducah; Joe Frank and J. B. Hendricks, Corpus Christi; Ivy Witt, Hamlin; Mrs. E. D. Scott and daughter, Dorothy, Stamford; Mr. and Mrs. Otto Sosebee, Mrs. J. M. Sosebee, Walter S. Pope, Jr., Rex Reddell, Leona Sosebee, Mrs. Cecil Hawk, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Wyche, Mr. and Mrs. Zeke Harrison, all of Anson; Mrs. Frank Carter, Odessa, and many friends from Merkel and adjoining communities.

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9251. Other honor pupils are: Bonnie Jaynes, with a yearly average of 92.13, and Dorothy Jinkens, with an average of 91.38.

GRADUATING CLASS.
Members of the graduating class are:

Modine Bishop, Mary Lou Bow, Ida Belle Brown, Pauline Burleson, Leona Buchanan, Gordon Cargill, Joy Cunningham, Rena Mae Dean, Frances Derington, Buddy Derington, Billy Tom Diltz, Donna Doan, Billy Doan, J. D. Fox, Willie Joe Hannah, Kenneth Hanley, Euell Hickam, Carlene Hughes, Herbert Hughes, Bonnie Jaynes, Dorothy Jinkens, R. W. Johnson, Benny Kemper, Jewel Keener, Frances Melton, Jewel Faye Noel, Joyce Patterson, Mary Evelyn Perry, Maxine Phillips, Billy Joe Price, J. T. Reagan, James Reece, Patsy Simpson, Alvarie Smith, Mary Smith, Leroy Smith, Jim Speck, Rose Marie Sublette, Wayne Tipton, Billy Joe Tombs, Ike Dale Turner, Frances Walker, Joyce Webb, Jimmie White, David N. Wozencraft.

President Bizzell Resigns.

Norman, Okla., May 16.—Dr. W. B. Bizzell, president of the University of Oklahoma, Monday submitted his resignation to the board of regents, effective July 1, 1941. He will become president emeritus of the university and head of the department of sociology.

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LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS

Ralph Russell, youngest son of Mrs. S. G. Russell won first in calf roping at Lueders Saturday in time of 13.1, and second in ribbon roping, time 11 seconds flat. S. G. Russell, Jr., placed third in calf roping at Possum Kingdom Sunday, time 13.3, also coming third in ribbon roping, time 11 seconds flat.

An election has been called by Mayor H. C. West and the city council for Tuesday, June 11, at which time the voters will decide whether or not motion picture shows may be operated in Merkel between the hours of 2 and 6 p. m. on Sundays.

Lou Dale Gray, who went to Waco last week to compete in the national contests, placed in the second division in baton twirling. There were five divisions and placing in the second division is a decided honor in itself.

Work on the WPA street improvement project in Merkel has been stopped until May 27, owing to the fact that funds appropriated have been used up, but the work will be resumed on that date, according to advice received by Mayor H. C. West.

The stroke of partial paralysis to the left side of his face sustained by C. P. Church Saturday of last week is gradually disappearing, but it will be several months, according to word from his physician, before the effect will be entirely gone.

Dick West, student at Trinity university, Waxahachie, has been elected to membership in the Blue Key, national honor fraternity. He and one other sophomore were the only two from his class thus honored.

List of Petit Jurors Called for Next Week

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

F. B. Huddleston, N. T. Hodge, Roy Harrell, Ross Ferrier, W. S. Slayden, T. J. Bird, Truett Meeks, Leandro Morono, J. S. Brown, Merckel, W. E. Brown, B. J. Stamps, J. J. Caldwell, T. C. Richardson, N. D. Hodgkiss, E. N. Kirby, J. Doyle Curley, T. M. Hinsley, Geo. J. Miller, C. W. Logsdon, R. L. Buster, J. B. Fain, W. K. Miller, Carlos Rogers, C. B. Moore, E. L. Holly, Floyd Hardin, Frank Redlinger, W. B. Twomey, E. V. Poe, L. B. McNeill, Jr., B. J. Rogers, J. M. Miller, Dwight Williams, Wallace Murray, N. W. Bradshaw, T. P. Carter, J. A. Joeris, Clifford Hale, Abilene; W. G. Hicks, George Hafner, C. P. Mansfield, Tuscola; A. B. Britton, R. M. Turner, Ovalo; B. O. Gibbs, Winters; J. W. Streetman, Lawn; W. P. Ballard, Guion; W. T. Skinner, S. O. Bowman, Buffalo Gap; C. W. Allmand, Wingate; J. A. Abbott, Bradshaw.

Girl Scouts Prepare Own Banquet Menu

Thirty Girls Scouts, with their fathers and mothers, attended the Father, Mother and Daughter banquet at the Lions hall on Friday evening, May 10. One hundred persons were present.

The menu, consisting of fried chicken with gravy, mashed potatoes, buttered peas, lettuce and tomato salad, cherry pie a la mode, tea and rolls, was prepared by the girls.

The program was as follows: "Brownie Songs," Brownie Girl Scouts; "America," "Star Spangled Banner," Girl Scouts; "The Jitters," a costume reading, Joy Curington; "Suzannah's Mother," colored reading and tap dance—a tribute to mothers—Betty Gilbert.

Mothers Remembered.

The Merkel Masonic Lodge No. 710 sent 22 geraniums to widows of Merkel Masons, and mailed four cards to widows of former Merkel members, who now reside at other places, as part of their Mother's Day observance.

Babson for President.

Chicago, May 16.—The prohibition party Saturday was organized for its 1940 campaign with Roger W. Babson, economist-statistician-churchman, heading the party as presidential nominee.

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Merkel PTA Installs New Officers; Reports For Year Presented

The Merkel Parent-Teacher association met in its closing program for the 1939-40 school year in the Grammar School auditorium Thursday afternoon, May 9, with the president, Mrs. Clesby Patterson, presiding.

With Mrs. Lem Dudley, as program chairman and Mrs. J. L. Winter giving the invocation, the program featured the installation of new officers for the coming year. The program opened with a duet by Doris Clyde Miller and Pearl Mathews, accompanied by Mrs. Comer Haynes. A style show presented girls of the home economics department under the direction of Miss Neweta Cleveland in modeling housecoats, shorts, cotton school dresses and sheer material dresses from clothing I classes and all purpose dresses and pre-school child garments from clothing II classes. Forty girls modeled dresses made by them in school work; their appearance was announced by Marjorie Hogan.

Rev. Cooper Waters, pastor of the First Baptist church of Merkel, spoke on "The Development of a Harmonious Civic Program Is the Problem of Home, Church and School."

Mrs. Lee Kincaid, North Park, president of the Taylor County council, was presented to the association and spoke briefly on the work of the council as related to the local unit.

Following the business session, Mrs. Holland Holt of Abilene, past president of Sixth District Congress of Parents and Teachers, conducted a most impressive "Key" installation service for new officers. The following officers were installed for the year 1940-41: Mrs. Norman Hodge, president; Mrs. Grover Gilbert, vice-president; Mrs. John Leonard, secretary; Mrs. H. C. Reid, treasurer; Mrs. Holt Vaughn, historian, and Mrs. W. T. Sadler, parliamentarian.

Committee chairmen: program, Mrs. Ray Wilson; music, Billie Gardner; publicity, Mrs. Connor Robinson; publications, Mrs. Clyde Bartlett; hospitality, Mrs. Owen Robertson; budget and finance, Mrs. Clesby Patterson; membership, Mrs. Clyde Sears; health, Mrs. Elsie Nash and Himalya Swafford; room representatives, Mrs. Lem Dudley; goals, Mr. Connor Robinson; study group and parent education, Mrs. C. B. Gardner.

During the business session, the association voted to purchase one unit of film, \$25.00, for the film library to be established at Abilene Christian college for use of schools in this district. The treasurer, Miss Helen Reddell, reported a balance of \$56.34 in the treasury. Annual reports of committee work were given by the following: room representatives, Mrs. John Leonard; publications, Mrs. Denzel Cox; health, Mrs. Clyde Sears; parent education and study group, Mrs. Norman Hodge; hospitality, Mrs. Connor Robinson; budget and finance, Mrs. C. B. Gardner; historian, Miss Vernelle Bland.

Commencement

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LIST OF GRADUATES.

The complete list of graduates follows:

Boys—J. D. Andrews, Arlie Joe Barron, J. W. Cook, Billy Cox, Earl Cross, Clyde Deavers, Deward Gilbreath, Francois Harris, Billy Largent, Sampie McGehee, Mickey McLean, Marvin Pruitt, Lester Rister, Glenn Robertson, J. D. Sandusky, Jack Smith, Homer Tye, Pal Watson, Don Wood.

Girls—Anne Blake, Pauline Bradley, Mildred Browning, Winnie Merle Click, Bernie Opal Dean, Irene Derington, Miriam Diltz, Euvalda Fox, Ailene Frazier, Lou Dale Gray, Helen Heeter, Frances Hester, Margie Hogan, Winona Kelo, Mary Ellen Key, Maydell Kingsbury, Billie McGehee, Mildred McLean, Lena Faye Orsborn, Beatrice Reeder, Betty Reid, Evadean Terry, Vivian Turner, Florine Varner, Gay West.

CARD OF THANKS.

As it is impossible for us to see each of you personally, we wish to take this method of expressing our heartfelt thanks to the hundreds of friends and neighbors who assisted in any and every way, to help lighten our burden during the illness and death of our dear wife and mother.

We especially thank the doctors and nurses for their loyalty and kindness.

D. C. Herring and Children.

43 Out of 49 Blair Pupils Pass Test

Out of 49 pupils in the Blair school taking the Harlow achievement tests, 43 made a passing grade, according to the state requirements, it is reported by J. S. Grant, principal of the school.

The following pupils in the lower grades made passing marks:

First grade—Lena Maddera, Dale Doan, Julia Fay Moore, Wayne Vinson, Lee Roy Thompson, Fayrene Thompson, Doyle Melton, Billy Jackson, Ernest Owen Patterson.

Second grade—Lena Jo Fulton, Earnest Ray Reynolds, Betty Lou Melton, Raymond Perkins.

Third grade—Royce Peterson, T. C. Melton, Elberta Reynolds, Bertha May Moore, Reuben Horton, Waymon Melton.

Results of the tests showing the progress of other students during the school year is shown in the following comparison (first test as of October and second as of April).

Fourth grade—Helen Maxine Doan, 23 1-2, 47 1-3; Mary Elizabeth Melton, 21 5-6, 37 1-3; William Robert Loper, none, 28 1-3; Vern Opal Moore, 15 1-2, 39 1-2; Junior Moore, none, 30; Bonnie Marie Patterson, 18 5-6, 63 5-6; William Albert Patterson, 15 1-2, 31 1-3.

Fifth grade—Vaughn Doan, 35 2-3, 59 2-3; Jimmie Nell Horton, 44 2-3, 69 2-3; Lila Mae Lowery, 25 1-2, 58 1-3; Delwee Melton, 30, 53 5-6; Dorothy June Patterson, 34 2-3, 67 5-6; Bobbie Joe Swafford, 42 5-6, 70 5-6.

Sixth grade—Jimmie H. Campbell, 41 2-3, 61 2-3; Ottila Dorene Doan, 54 2-3, 72 1-6; Jackie Melton, 47 1-3, 67 2-3; Jessie Loper, none, 70 1-2; Raymond Patterson, 36, 44; Stanley Peterson, 42 5-7, 72.

Seventh grade—Orvel Brown, 56 1-3, 74 2-3; Annie Clara Doan 41 1-7, 72 2-3; Alton Durwood Doan, 56 2-3, 83 1-2; Mary Sue Grant, 57 2-3, 84 2-3; J. H. Lowery, 44 1-3, 67 2-3; Billie Jean Melton, 53, 73 2-3; Betty Alice Patterson, 31 1-2, 58 5-6; Willie Dean Patterson, 43, 73 1-2.

Hits New Peak.

Washington, May 16.—For the first time in FHA history, new-home applications for FHA mortgage insurance exceeded the \$100,000,000 level during April. Federal Housing Administrator Stewart McDonald announced.

Cotton Mart Closed.

Alexandria, Egypt, May 16.—The Egyptian government Tuesday closed indefinitely the Alexandria cotton market, the third largest in the world, to halt falling prices and speculative operations.

Approximately four million acres of Texas land are now producing oil or gas or both.

Fire Destroys Home Former Merkelites

Friends here will regret to learn of the fire which completely destroyed the home occupied by Mrs. H. C. Boen and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Aldredge at Rotan Sunday afternoon. Due to the high wind, the fireboys were unable to save anything. Besides the contents of the house, \$35 in cash was lost.

Mrs. Boen and Mrs. Aldredge were formerly Alice and Hazel Reeves of Merkel. Mrs. Irl Walker, a sister, left very soon after hearing news of the fire to visit them at the home of their mother, Mrs. Reeves, of Sylvestor.

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

Grand Jury Returns Twelve Indictments

Grand jury in 42nd district court Tuesday returned eight burglary indictments, an aftermath of the "breaking" of a series of burglaries in Abilene ten days before by the constable's department and a city police.

In addition, the grand jury returned four other true bills, two for auto theft, one for chicken theft and one for swearing.

The jurors recessed until Friday morning.

There were 160,314 persons in Texas who paid a federal income tax in 1937. Harris county led with 26-173, but the city of Dallas led cities with 24,797.

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DEWBERRIES—Will pick dewberries Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 25 cents ready picked, 15 cents customer pick them. Judge Crow's farm, 10 miles north of Noodle on Hamlin road.

FOR SALE—We have storage tanks, stock tubs, tank floats, windmills, water well supplies, pipes and fittings. Higginbotham-Bartlett Co.

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

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

FOR RENT

TYPEWRITER for rent. Merkel 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.

ELECTION NOTICE.

By virtue of authority vested in me as mayor of the city of Merkel, notice is hereby given that an election will be in the city of Merkel on the second Tuesday in June, same being the 11th day of the month, for the purpose of deciding whether or not it shall be lawful for motion picture shows to operate between the hours of 2:00 and 6:00 o'clock on Sunday afternoons.

Election will be held at the city hall and polls will be open from 8 a. m. to 6 p. m.

G. W. Boyce is hereby appointed election judge.

Given under my hand and seal this the 9th day of May A. D. 1940. H. C. West, Mayor.

LODGE CALLS

NOTICE MASONS

A stated meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710, A. F. and A. M., will be held Saturday, May 18, 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.

Girl Scouts To Go To Spring Camp May 20

Mrs. Clyde Sears has again opened her ranch to the Girl Scouts for their camp. The girls will leave Merkel 9 a. m. May 20 and return Saturday afternoon, May 25.

The girls are busy securing health certificates this week. They, with their leaders, sincerely thank the doctors of Merkel for their untiring co-operation in this field.

The free trip to camp this year was won by Druilla Wheeler. Johnny McDonald was second and Janet Teaff, third.

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).
- C. L. DARDEN.

For District Judge, 104th Judicial District:

- OWEN THOMAS.
- W. R. CHAPMAN (Re-election).

For District Clerk:

- ROY SKAGGS (Re-election).
- OTIS MILLER.
- THOMAS L. BLANTON.
- SAM RUSSELL.
- C. L. (Clyde) GARRETT.

(Re-Election)

For County Attorney:

- BRYAN BRADBURY.

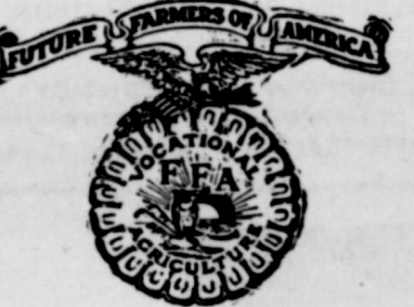
For Tax Assessor-Collector:

- C. O. (PAT) PATTERSON (Re-election).

R. S. (Bob) WALKER.

For State Legislature:

- JOE HUMPHREY.



The Merkel FFA chapter met Tuesday morning in a called meeting for the purpose of electing officers for the 1940-41 school year. Officers will go into office in July, which is the beginning of the FFA year.

The officers elected to the posts were: president, Jack Hester; vice-president, Jack Haynes; secretary, Franklin Deavers; treasurer, Billy Joe White; reporter, Jerry Warren; parliamentarian, Delma Harris; watch dog, Joe Horton; historian, Herbert Rogers; song leader, Forest Glen Barnett.

Another meeting has been called for Friday, May 18, for the purpose of deciding whether the chapter conducting team will go to Huntsville to compete in the state contests there June 24-25. If the chapter decides to go, a day will be spent at A. & M. college. This will be one of the most beneficial trips of the year to the boys who go.

Thirty of the boys, in charge of Chester Collinsworth, chapter advisor, and Carroll Benson, with Johnny Warlick driving the bus, spent the week-end on a fishing trip, reporting great luck. Leaving Friday they went first to Paint Rock on the Concho, coming back the next day to the Colorado near Ballinger and home Sunday.

Veteran Native Texas Newspaper Man Dies

C. J. Glover, editor of The Mail, went to Waco Monday to attend the funeral of Fred B. Robinson, with whom he was associated in publishing the Waco Times-Herald for a number of years.

Mr. Robinson, veteran native Texas newspaper man, died at 12:40 Sunday morning of a brain hemorrhage at his apartment in the Raleigh hotel, Waco. He was one of the early presidents of the Texas Press association.

Surviving are his wife and a brother, George C. Robinson, former editor of the Waco Times-Herald. One niece, Miss Anne Lee Robinson, also survives.

SUMMER SCHOOL.

Summer school will open May 27. All students desiring to register should see G. W. Wilhite.

PERSONALS

Mrs. S. G. Russell, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Nunnally and Sam, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Redwine and Sammy Doris, of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Shive and Mary Lou of Brownwood, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Harris, James and Ralph Russell, Mrs. S. G. Russell, Jr., and three sons, Jimmy, Jerry and Jack, and Mr. and Mrs. Delma Compton were a group who spent Sunday picnicking at Abilene State park.

A Mother's Day gathering at the home of Mrs. A. W. Black brought together five children, 19 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Included in the group of 41, Lubbock, Sweetwater, Ballinger, Abilene, Snyder and Stith were represented besides Merkel relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Parr of Waycross, Ga., were guests the past week of Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Walling. Mrs. Parr and Mrs. Walling are cousins.

Mrs. C. E. Thomas will visit several weeks in Arkadelphia and Little Rock, Ark., with relatives there, also with a sister in Texarkana.

Miss Thelma Thomas, who has been visiting in the H. H. Hobbs home, has returned to Big Spring.

Mrs. J. T. Vessels of Trent has returned from six-weeks' trip to Royalty, Seagraves and Lubbock.

Miss Nell Pruitt, who is in training at Shannon Memorial hospital, San Angelo, was a week-end visitor with her mother, Mrs. A. E. Pruitt, and other relatives and friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. John Frazier of Big Spring spent Saturday night and Sunday with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Frazier, of Hodges.

Dee Johnson of Big Spring spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. Johnson.

Vernon B. Simpson left Wednesday for examination and treatment at the Veterans hospital, Muskogee, Okla.

Sylvan Mellinger, student at the University of Texas, was a visitor for Mother's Day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Max Mellinger.

Virgil Stanley returned Thursday to Paul Spur, where he is engaged in ranching work at Rancho Sacatal. After several days' visit with his parents at Sherman, he stopped by here to visit his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Bureson.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gates and sons, Charles Wade and Phillip Don, of Throckmorton, visited Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Leel White and family.

Misses Thelma Neighbors and Edith Edwards of Abilene were guests over the week-end of Miss Elna Tucker.

Mrs. J. A. Adkisson of San Antonio has returned home after a visit with her mother, Mrs. Mary Orr.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Baze and son, Don, of Idalou, were guests the past week-end of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Baze.

Supt. and Mrs. Connor Robinson were guests Sunday in the home of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. E. B. Surface, of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Terry, Jr., of Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Darsey, Jr., and little daughter, of Abilene were Mother's Day guests in the Ira Moore home.

D. C. Herring will accompany his daughter, Mrs. John C. Thompson, when she returns to Dallas, to spend a few weeks.

Frances Higgins is expected home Sunday from Hendrick Memorial hospital to spend a two weeks' vacation.

Guests in the W. T. Sadler home are State Railroad Commissioner Jerry Sadler and Mrs. Sadler and a brother, Robert Sadler, of Port Arthur. Jerry Sadler was accompanied by his brother and Dr. W. T. Sadler Thursday to Big Spring where he spoke before the West Texas chamber of commerce convention.

Joe McLaughlin, who has been employed at Littlefield for the past year, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Douglas, of Noodle before going to Abilene to enroll in Draughon's Business college. Joe is a graduate of the Goodman high school and was a member of the basketball team there.

Mrs. Ross Ferrier went to Austin Monday to visit her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Ferrier, Jr., who are the parents of a baby girl named Rosslyn.

Since the return of Mrs. Paul Douglas from Kermit, guests in the Douglas home are Mr. and Mrs. Grover Douglas of Hot Springs, Ark., and Miss Billie Nelson of Fort Worth. Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Duke of Fort Worth were week-end guests in the R. L. Adcock home.

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Moss of Lamesa visited this week in the R. T. Gray home.

Rev. Cooper Waters is in Fort Worth this week attending the Pastor's Retreat at Seminary Hill.

Mrs. A. C. Rose of Amarillo and brother, N. C. Lestang of Kilgore,

were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Proctor.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Warren are spending a few days in Mineral Wells.

Among the college students home for Mother's Day were Misses Betty Grimes and Rachel Patterson, Truett Patterson and A. C. Sears, from Texas Tech. Miss Grimes had a guest with her, Ruth Rogers of Alpine, daughter of Rev. Fred Rogers, a former Presbyterian pastor here. Guest of Truett Patterson was John Ashbury, of Colorado City.

Mother's Day guests of Mrs. T. R. Bankhead and of Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Adcock were Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Graves, Mrs. E. J. Graves, Lubbock; Mrs. Allen Abernathy, Hamlin; E. L. Bankhead, Sweetwater; Mr. and Mrs. Reynold Bankhead and three children and Granny Carson, Rotan; Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Adcock and daughter, Nida Ruth, of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Adcock and daughter, Jimmy, Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. Waymon Adcock, and Mr. and Mrs. Grady Allen, Abilene.

Presented In Piano Recital At A. C. C.

Abilene, May 16.—Billy Wood, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Wood of Merkel, was presented in a piano recital May 10 by the fine arts department of Abilene Christian college.

This was a general recital for the violin students of Mrs. Amelia Baskerville McDaniel, piano students of Norene Watson, and voice students of Leonard Burford, head of the department.

Office supplies—Mail office.

Hodge Medalist In Merkel Tournament

Medalist score in the qualifying round of the annual championship tournament of the Merkel Golf club was turned in by Norman T. Hodge, who shot 18 holes in 76. Byron Patterson won the long distance driving contest, placing three balls in the fairway for a total of 799 yards.

As medalist, Hodge received a prize of six golf balls; Patterson was awarded three golf balls as best in the long distance driving contest. Prizes are to be given the winner and runner-up in each flight and the consolation of each flight.

Owing to the fact that a few of the first flight matches are not completed and that rush of other news has taxed the mechanical facilities of The Mail this week, results of the first round matches will not be printed until next week.

Receives Eye Injury.

Friends will regret to learn that the son of Mr. and Mrs. Emory Jones of Abilene, former residents of Merkel, received a serious eye injury Sunday when he fell from a by-low swing. Several stitches were taken, but at last reports he was doing very well.

AP Veteran Dies.

New York, May 16.—Frank H. De Weir, 68, who typed out the flash on destruction of the battleship Maine in 1898, and recorded 18 other wars during 43 years as an Associated Press foreign department typist and librarian, died May 8 at his home in Queens.

GOLAN NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Farmer of near Stamford spent Mother's Day with Mrs. Farmer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Jeffrey.

Mr. and Mrs. Finis Sexton of Rotan visited with relatives here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Holton Jones of McCaulley attended church here Sunday.

Several from here attended the ball game at Sylvester Saturday night. Neienda was the visiting team.

Mr. and Mrs. V. P. Byrom and Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Williams were in Sylvester for singing Sunday afternoon and report a good singing.

Brother Williams of Abilene filled his regular appointment here Sunday. A short Mother's Day program was rendered before the church service.

Rev. Mr. Reeves of Abilene preached the baccalaureate sermon for the Sylvester graduating class Sunday night. Doris Herron, Theron Williams, Mary Joe Hale and J. C. Davis are graduates of the class from our community. Dean Boger of McMurry college will address the class Friday night in the high school auditorium.

Rev. Howard Hollowell conducted the service for the seventh grade graduates on Thursday evening, May 16. Eva Gene Williams is a graduate of that class from this community.

Approximately 30,000 Texans are employed by Texas oil refiners. The annual pay roll for these refinery plants and office workers is approximately 50 million dollars a year.

SPECIALS

for FRIDAY-SATURDAY

MAY 17-18

APPLES Doz. 15c

STRAWBERRIES ... Qt. 25c

ORANGES Doz. 25c

NEW SPUDS 4 lbs. 15c

SALAD

Wafers 1-lb. box 17c

PAPER

Plates Doz. 10c

DRINKING

Cups Doz. 10c

RED & WHITE

COFFEE

1-lb. can **25c**

RED & WHITE

Fruit Cocktail Can 13c

RED & WHITE

Green Lima Beans Can 15c

RED & WHITE

Pineapple Juice .. 3 cans 25c

RED & WHITE

Vinegar Qt. Flask 15c

GENUINE

Kleenex 2 boxes 25c

SCOTT

Towels 2 rolls 25c

CAN

Opener Each 10c

LETTUCE Head 5c

CARROTS 2 bunches 5c

GREEN BEANS 2 lbs. 9c

PAPER

Napkins Pkg. 10

WAX

Paper Roll 10c

WOODEN

Forks and Spoons Pkg. 10c

PURE CANE

SUGAR

10-lb. cloth bag **49c**

RED & WHITE

Meal 5-lb. bag 18c

Sun Spun Salad Dressing

PINT **20c**

|| QUART

..... **29c**

PEANUT

Butter Pint 15c

DEL DIXI

Pickles 8-oz. jar 9c

SANDWICH

Spread 8-oz. jar 15c

MARKET SPECIALS

LIVER Lb. 22½c

BOILED HAM ½ lb. 19c

BEEF RIBS lb. 15c

SLICED BACON Lb. 19c

PORK CHOPS Lb. 19c

WEST COMPANY, Merkel

A. W. WOOD, Trent

D. C. HERRING & SON, Noodle

E. BRADLEY MERC. CO., Stith

TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Neil O'Rear, Mr. and Mrs. Deverl Bishop of Trent, Mr. and Mrs. Olen Horace Watson of Sylvester and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Stallcup of Big Spring were the Sunday guests of Mrs. J. R. Banner.

Mrs. J. L. Landers of Salt Lake City, Utah, spent last week with Mrs. Joe Brown and Winnie.

Miss Madeline Watson and Mrs. Gerald Duncan of Sylvester spent a pleasant week-end with Miss Dorothy Banner.

Henry Wilson, who underwent surgery at the Merkel hospital last week, has been returned there after he was reported not improving as rapidly as expected.

Clayton Hood, of the U. S. Army and stationed at San Antonio, has been spending the last few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Hood.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Taylor and Jo of Sonora were here visiting the J. B. Winns over the week-end.

Misses Dorothy Banner, Veneda Keys, Elizabeth Cathcart and Zella Mae Grantham spent Monday night, May 6, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tootsie Snodgrass, 1610 South Second, Abilene. Tuesday morning they accompanied Miss Jean Daffy to Fort Worth.

James Strawn, a student at John Tarleton college, spent the week-end here.

Christine McLeod and Tim McLeod of A. C. C. were here Sunday to visit their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Massey and children of Denton were the recent guests of Mrs. Massey's mother, Mrs. J. I. Leamon.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert West, Valree West and Dorothy Hood went to Coleman Wednesday of last week to visit Mr. and Mrs. Will Riley.

Kirby Steadman of Texas Tech, Lubbock, and Mildred Steadman of Denton were visiting relatives and friends here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Fortune and Bobbie and Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Friend went to Brownwood the past week-end.

The post office and the Star Hardware company were entered Sunday night and a small sum of money was taken from each place. As yet, no suspects have been apprehended.

Hazel Wanda Williamson, a student of McMurry college, Abilene, was the week-end guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Williamson.

Milton Sherman of Phoenix, Ariz., visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Sherman, last week.

Virgie Strawn of Sylvester was a guest of the John Strawns and the Earl Strawns Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rogge and children of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Estep and daughter of Paint Rock, Mr. and Mrs. Hughie Cooley of Hamlin and Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Estep and children of Trent spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Estep.

Miss Kathryn Shannon of Fort Stockton and Miss Jean Scott of Abilene were week-end guests of Dorothy Jo Strawn.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Bolin and little son of Abilene were here to see Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Bishop Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Dingle and children of Merkel spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. J. English.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Beckham and sons of Lamesa visited Mrs. C. T. Beckham, Mr. and Mrs. A. Williamson and Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Stribbling last week-end. Sunday all of them went to the city park for dinner on the ground. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Pat Cooper in Abilene.

SCHOOL NEWS.

The High school baccalaureate program will be held Sunday, May 26, at the Trent auditorium at 8:30 p. m. Dr. Frank L. Turner of McMurry college, Abilene, will be the speaker.

Dr. Thomas H. Taylor, president of Howard Payne college, Brownwood, will deliver the commencement address Friday, May 31, 8:30 p. m. at the High School auditorium.

The Junior-Senior banquet was held at the Trent auditorium May 16. An oriental theme was carried out. Decorations were of blue and gold. Supt. Fortune served as toastmaster while the grand march was played by Christine Collins. Grace was said by Mrs. T. N. Tiner and the greeting was given by Mrs. Bud Winter. Another greeting was given by Ladie Fred Crain with response by Cull Currington. Mrs. McGraw gave a reading. An address was given by Joe Humphrey of Abilene. Mayor A. W. Woods gave the benediction.

FORMER TRENT BOY MAKES RECORD.

Word has been received here of the promotion of Billy Payne from

Boyhood Home of Jerry Sadler



From an humble beginning, Jerry Sadler, now 32 years of age, has risen to one of the high offices of Texas. On his record Sadler, born in the piney woods of East Texas, at Hickory Grove in Anderson County, is now seeking the governor's office as an avowed foe of a sales tax in any form. He proposes to pay social security obligations by additional taxes on oil, gas and sulphur.



the seventh grade of Plainview junior high school.

Billy was given honorable mention by the American Legion Post of Plainview as an outstanding pupil and was presented a medal at a recognition program held at the city auditorium. Points were selected on the basis of character, honor, courage, scholarship, leadership and service.

Billy also received a perfect attendance record card; also a gift from his home room classmates for a quality added, by themselves, to the qualification score—that of companionship. This is the first time in the history of the junior high to present such an award. There are 168 pupils enrolled in the 7th grade.

Billy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Payne, former residents of Trent, and he will spend the summer in Trent as a guest of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Shouse, and Mrs. L. R. Payne.

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

Tom Blanton Delays Campaign Opening

Hon. Thomas L. Blanton of Albany was a visitor in Merkel Friday and while here he announced he would not open his campaign for congress in this district until after adjournment of the current term of congress.

Blanton made the following statement:

"I have never believed in taking advantage of anybody, and I believe in giving fair treatment to everybody. Hence, I will not begin my campaign until after congress adjourns, and Congressman Garrett has had time to return to the district. Then I am going to set a strenuous pace for him, as I shall work about 16 hours a day actually campaigning the different counties of the district."

During the first two months of 1940, 484,841 new passenger cars were registered, as compared to 368,154 registrations during the same period of 1939.

Sewing Room To Hold Open House May 20-25

King cotton, one of the major surplus items which the state of Texas has been instrumental in supplying to the world market, has a staunch friend in the sewing room project in Merkel.

Thousands of yards of cotton material are used each month in District 19, which includes Taylor county. Consequently a huge bite is taken from the blanket of surplus cotton. The sewing room project is manned by needy persons taken from Work Projects Administration rolls in Taylor county and the job is made possible through the sponsorship of Taylor county commissioners court. This has made it possible for needy workers to produce cotton garments of all sizes for all ages for distribution to destitute families in each county.

School age children, who did not have the necessary clothes to wear in attending school, have been clothed by garments made in the sewing room. Men and women have been able to apply for jobs in private employment with the comfortable feeling that the appearance is apt.

Employees who have not been familiar with sewing work when first assigned to the sewing room, have been given sufficient training to enable the workers to do the work required. This training has served in good stead for the workers and in many instances has enabled the worker to gain private employment as a housekeeper or seamstress. It has also made it possible for these workers to clothe their own families at less expense.

Group method of production, which has been initiated in District 19, has been adopted to speed production of garments to meet the increasing demands for more clothes for needy persons as well as to simplify the work so that the worker is able to concentrate on one phase of garment production.

Present production plans for the sewing rooms will require that approximately 100 yards of cotton material be used each month for each worker assigned to the project.

The mechanics of sewing room operation is the same as for any business organization. Patterns are cut and filed in a systematic method with sketches of each attached. When

a new pattern is introduced, a sample garment is made and used as a model. The lay system is used in cutting, with six thicknesses spread at one time in most materials. Variety is achieved in design.

There were 920 garments made in the Merkel sewing room during the month of March, and 1,248 during the month of April.

The pay roll for April was \$1,028.40, distributed to 25 workers. Each of these workers represents not an individual but a family for whom they are the bread winner.

John C. Burnside, district manager and Mrs. Mary W. Barry, director of Professional and Service projects, join the sponsors in asking the public to attend an "open house" at Merkel, when the women in the sewing room will be at work so that the public may become acquainted with the operations of this project.

This activity is a portion of the work planned for demonstration during the week of May 20-25, which has been nationally designated as "This Work Pays Your Community Week."

Ex-Army Men Under 36 Eligible for Reserve

Men with one year or more of continuous service in the regular army under the age of 36 years may now enlist in the regular Army Reserve, according to Recruiting Sgt. H. Parham, Abilene. Members of the reserve are subject to call only in an emergency declared by the president and receive \$2.00 per month while on an inactive status and \$3.00 additional per month for each month

served in the reserve if ever called to active duty, such additional pay not to exceed \$150.00. There are no drills and no meetings to attend. All that is required is the reporting of a change of address to the corps area commander. Enlistment is made in the same grade held at discharge and in the same branch of service.

Further qualifications are that a man be physically sound and of good moral character. He must have been discharged under honorable conditions. The fact that he is married is no bar to his enlistment in the reserve.

All U. S. army recruiting stations are able to furnish information about the reserve and most stations are equipped to give the physical examination and accomplish the enlistment. Applicants should have their last discharge certificate with them making application.

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QUEEN THEATRE CALENDAR

Friday-Saturday, double feature—Charles Starrett, Sons of the Pioneers in "Two Fisted Ranger," John Payne, Gloria Dickson in "King of the Lumberjacks," also comedy and serial.

Saturday preview, Monday and Tuesday—Bing Crosby, Dorothy Lamour and Bob Hope in "Road to Singapore," News and cartoon added.

Wednesday-Thursday—"Three Cheers for the Irish," with Priscilla Lane and Allan Hale; selected short subjects.

"Two-Fisted Rangers"

Charles Starrett's latest Columbia outdoor action drama, "Two-Fisted Rangers," comes to the Queen theatre Friday and Saturday. Considered Starrett's best picture of the year, with the two-fisted star wiping out the killer mob controlling a western community, "Two-Fisted Rangers" also features lovely Iris Meredith, the singing Sons of the Pioneers, and a supporting cast which includes Kenneth MacDonald, Hal Taliaferro, Dick Curtis, Bill Cody, Jr., James Craig and Ethan Laidlaw. Joseph Lewis directed.

"King of the Lumberjacks"

To be called "college boy" was a form of insult until John Payne showed the skeptical lumberjacks he could fell a tree with the best of them.

Romance and action in the timber country serve as background for "King of the Lumberjacks," Warner Bros.' saga involving three characters caught in the stern country where you fight it out—or you don't. In the film, which shows Friday and Saturday at the Queen theatre as part of a double feature with "Two-Fisted Rangers," John Payne and Gloria Dickson share stellar honors with Stanley Fields in enacting this tale of rawboned drama, as vital as an ax blow.

Survival of the fittest was the rule of this logging camp in the great northwest. Into six days a week went gruelling work. The seventh was reserved for an explosion of raucous merriment that often spilled into bloodletting, result of a feud or over-harsh words of "misunderstanding." All this tangy, salty life has been recreated by Warner Bros. for "King of the Lumberjacks," in which John Payne, Gloria Dickson and Stanley Fields roar their way across the screen in turbulent drama.

"The Road to Singapore"

One of the liveliest melanges of joy and hilarity ever to come out of Hollywood will arrive in town Saturday night at the Queen theatre, with a cast headed by Bing Crosby, Dorothy Lamour and Bob Hope, who are ably abetted at their gay high jinx in the tropics by such players as Charles Coburn, Judith Barrett, Anthony Quinn and the renowned Professor Jerry Colonna. Bob's radio sidekick. The title—"Road to Singapore" hits the keynote of revelry and riot which predominates throughout the film.

The story serves as a warp on which is woven a series of hilarious incidents such as Bing's and Bob's trick of playing "Pattycake," then socking offensive parties, Jerry Colonna's singing session at the organ, and the time the boys go blackface so that they can get something to eat at a native party. All this naturally involved plenty of singing of five new tunes, and elegant dancing by about two hundred tropical maids. At least, it was two hundred when we last count.

The fine direction of Victor Schertzinger finds time for the five new songs, included in which are "Too Romantic," "Kaigoon," and "The Moon and the Willow Tree," and for plenty of clowning by Colonna, he of the expressive eyes and formidable moustache.

"Three Cheers for the Irish"

The attraction at the Queen theatre Wednesday and Thursday will be "Three Cheers For the Irish," a warm-hearted, captivating story of the ups and downs in the lives of a typical Irish-American family. Heading the cast are such folk as Priscilla Lane, Thomas Mitchell, Dennis Morgan and Alan Hale—all of whom trace their lineage back to old Erin. The picture meant more to these people than just another assignment. Irish all, the crew was infected with the charm that effervesces from the story as Irish as Killarney.

The original story offers ample opportunity for the cast's talents. In addition to the leading players mentioned such favorites as William Lundigan, Frank Jenks and Henry Armetta appear in the Warner Bros.-First National picture.

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BLAIR ITEMS

The Mother's Day program that was rendered at the Baptist church Sunday was very appropriate and impressive for the occasion. Rev. C. S. Williams, pastor, paid eloquent tribute to "Mothers," and an excellent talk was made by Prof. J. S. Grant. Other numbers were congregational singing led by Miss Lena Fay Orsborn, "My Mother's Bible," with Miss Bonnie Lois Campbell at the piano; "History of Mother's Day," Mary Sue Grant; song, "Mother," by Jimmie Nell Horton, Otilla Doan, Mary Sue Grant, Fannie Lou Jackson, Gwendolyn Sandusky, Annie Clara Doan, with Mrs. A. M. Jackson at the piano; "Which Loves Mother Best," Billie Jackson; poem, by Julia Fay Moore; "To My Mother," Bertha Mae Moore; "Mother," Lena Bell Maddera; "Mother," Ludie Pearl Maddera; "Only Mother," Maxine Doan; song, "Baby Your Mother," by Gwendolyn Sandusky, Annie Clara Doan, Fannie Lou Jackson, with Mrs. A. M. Jackson at the piano; "After a While," Raymond Perkins; "On Mother's Day," Vern Opal Moore; reading, Doris Reeves of Butman; "Nearer My God to Thee," piano solo by Bonnie Lois Campbell of Merkel; "My Mother," Jimmie Nell Horton; vocal solo, Mrs. A. M. Jackson; duet, by Rev. and Mrs. C. S. Williams, Abilene; quartette, Misses Lena Fay Orsborn, Annie Clara Doan, Fannie Lou Jackson, Gwendolyn Sandusky; closing prayer, E. J. Orsborn.

Out-of-town visitors who attended this service were: Lee Moore, Oklahoma City; Mrs. A. L. Farmer and family, Miss Doris Reeves, Butman; Miss Pauline Cook, White Church; Rev. and Mrs. C. S. Williams, Abilene; Miss Bonnie Lois Campbell, Lee Campbell, Billie Morris Campbell, Merkel; Mrs. E. E. Akin, Nubia; Mrs. J. R. Abbott, Miss Peggy Abbott, Miss Madlyn Addison, Glenn Abbott, Abilene.

The pastor presented a beautiful bouquet to Mrs. Susie Doan as the oldest person present at the service. The program committee included Miss Lena Fay Orsborn, Mrs. A. M. Jackson and Mrs. Hugh Campbell.

The Epworth League presented an interesting program Sunday with Miss Lena Fay Orsborn leader. Scripture reading was given by Nina Orsborn. Others on the program were Nell Scogin, Vaughn Doan, Billie Campbell, Vern Opal Moore, Annie Clara Doan, Jimmie Campbell, Prof. W. E. Sheffield, Sam Doan and a quartette, Misses Annie Clara Doan, Gwendolyn Sandusky, Ila Mae Lowery and Otilla Doan.

Miss Eleta Foster spent the weekend with home folks at Stith.

Those participating in the family reunion held Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Campbell were Mr. and Mrs. Whit Farmer and sons, Snyder; Mr. and Mrs. H. Eddie Farmer, White Church, and Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Doan and family. Friends visiting in the afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lackey, Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Pollard, Abilene, and probably others.

Lee Moore of Oklahoma City visited with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moore the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Thornton of Levelland and Mrs. Myrtle Scott of California have been the house guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Meeks the past week.

Mrs. Joe Abbott and daughter,

Peggy, Miss Madlyn Addison and Glenn Abbott of Abilene were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Addison. Misses Pauline Cook and Doris Reeves of Butman were interesting guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell Sunday.

Mr. Peoples and mother, Grandma Peoples, and Rev. and Mrs. Charles Williams of Abilene were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Williams. Mr. and Mrs. Price Melton and family visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Doan, of Clyde Sunday.

Mrs. Will Campbell visited relatives at Trent Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cook of Odessa and Mrs. Bill Neill of Trent were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Shorty Swafford Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Doan and family visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Horton, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Jackson entertained their friends, Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Carey, of Post, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Stanford and family of Tye and Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Patton and Mr. and Mrs. Miller Patton of Merkel were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Peterson.

Miss Sarah Malone and brother, Harrison Malone, students at Texas Tech, Lubbock, spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Malone.

Jack Moore of Bowie spent Mother's Day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Z. V. Moore.

Recognition Given Merkel Girl Now Freshman At Tech

Lubbock, May 16.—Miss Comora Hughes, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Hughes, Merkel, was selected to act as page in the annual Texas Technological College Women's Recognition service on May 14.

Pages are selected from freshmen women students with a grade average of C or above. One hundred sixty-eight outstanding women students will be recognized this year.

Interested Young Men May Enlist In U. S. Marine Corps

With an expected increase in recruiting activities during the summer, the U. S. Marine corps has enlisted the aid of local postmasters in order to give interested young men an opportunity to submit their applications for enlistment to recruiting headquarters, according to information from Postmaster Wrenn Durham. Mr. Durham said that he has been supplied with application blanks and illustrated pamphlets about the marines, their organization, and duties. These may be obtained by inquiry at the local post office.

Upon receipt of a young man's application at the recruiting station in Dallas, it is given careful consideration and if the applicant meets the requirements of the Marine corps, he is given a date upon which to report to the station for final examination and enlistment. Newly enlisted marines are sent to San Diego, Calif., for training.

The recruiting service has experienced little difficulty in attracting an excellent type of American manhood into the Marine corps, for theirs is a service that appeals to many adventurous young men, who like to travel and lead an active outdoor life. Enlistment standards have always been high in the marines and it has been successful in recent years in building its organization into what has been considered one of the finest and most efficient military organizations in the world. The maintenance of this standard will be the task of the recruiting officers in accepting new personnel for the enlarged Marine corps.

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DIVIDE DOINGS

Mother's Day was observed at the Baptist church Sunday with a beautiful sermon and program, with dinner on the ground.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rogers was laid to rest at Slater's chapel Tuesday morning.

We are glad to report Mrs. H. D. Norris and Mrs. Melvin Ussery doing nicely at the Sweetwater hospital, following surgery last week.

Mrs. Alton N. Whiteaker and son of Abilene spent last week here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Perry.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Rhoads of Caps were here Sunday visiting her mother, Mrs. S. E. Porter.

Mr. and Mrs. Burnett Orr are the

proud parents of a baby son. His name is Wallace Beall. Both mother and baby are doing nicely at the Sadler clinic in Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Moore are announcing the arrival of a baby son last Saturday morning. His name is Wesley Don.

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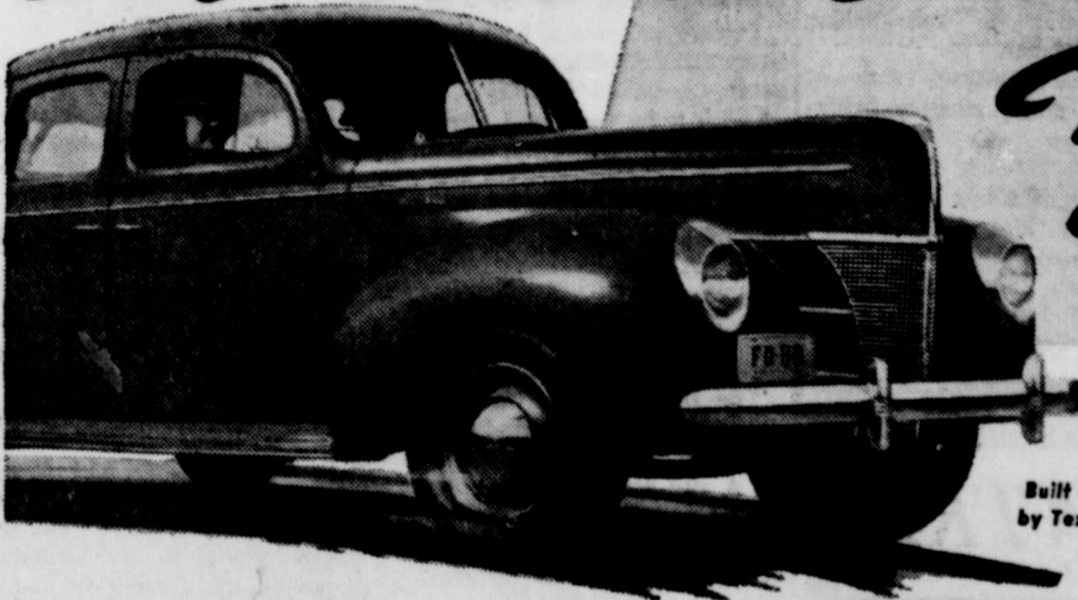
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HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB.

In rooms lavishly decorated with spring blossoms, Mrs. Fred Baker, Sr., entertained the Merkel Home Demonstration club Friday afternoon, when a program "From Rags to Rugs" was given. Mrs. Bob McDonald acted as secretary in the absence of Mrs. E. B. Wallace. Roll call was answered with "Material I have on hand to make a rug." Mrs. Grover Gilbert reported the activities of the morning meeting of the district in Abilene on Apr. 19, and Mrs. Paul Blackaby reported those of the afternoon. Mrs. C. P. Church and Mrs. Paul Blackaby demonstrated methods of making several different rugs, illustrating each step in the process. Refreshments were served to Mesdames Grover Gilbert, Bob McDonald, Stanley King, Norris Barnett, Holt Vaughn, Bob Sumpter, C. P. Church, John Hughes, F. A. Polley, Billy Cobb, Clark Mundy, C. B. Knight, Royce Bowers, J. D. Nutt, Fred Baker, Jr., Craig Humphreys, Clyde Shouse, Roy H. Mathews, Andy Shouse, Buck Leach, Paul Blackaby, W. T. McAninch, Walter Teaff, R. H. Mathews and the hostess, Mrs. Fred Baker, Sr.

WILLING WORKERS CLASS.

The Willing Workers class of Grace Presbyterian church met Tuesday afternoon, May 14, in the home of Mrs. S. G. Russell for a Mother's Day program. After the opening song, "On Higher Ground," the Scripture lesson was read from the 16th chapter of I Corinthians and Mrs. G. F. West led in prayer. Songs and poems on "Mothers" were given and a beautiful tribute to "Fathers" was paid by Mrs. J. W. Connell. The program closed with the class song, "Blest Be the Tie that Binds," and the Lord's prayer in unison.

Mrs. Russell was assisted by her daughter, Mrs. Leo Harris, in serving a refreshment plate consisting of sandwiches, cake and grapejuice to the following members: Mesdames J. E. Tucker, S. A. Derstine, R. A. Walker, G. F. West, W. M. Elliott, J. W. McConnell, S. G. Russell, Misses Mary and Jennie Keny, and one visitor, Mrs. Leo Harris.

SEWING CLUB.

The Sewing club met on Wednesday afternoon of last week with Mrs. Connor Robinson. A new member, Mrs. Leo Zehnpenning, was presented. Guests for the afternoon were Mrs. Earl Watts of Odessa and Mrs. George West.

After an enjoyable hour of sewing, a refreshment plate was served to the following: Mesdames E. Y. Bailey, Earl Beech, Stacy Bird, Milton Case, N. D. Callaway, Herbert Dunn, David Gamble, Buck Leach, W. L. Lee, L. V. Moore, George T. Moore, Nolan Palmer, Byron Patterson, Owen Robertson, Max Swafford, Urban Zehnpenning, Leo Zehnpenning, George West and Earl Watts.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 21, with Mrs. Max Swafford.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Ned Watts was honored on Saturday, May 11, on his second birthday, with a party given in the home of his grandmother, Mrs. L. A. Watts. After games were played, lovely gifts were presented, while

the group was singing "Happy Birthday."

Small baskets with candy mints were given as plate favors, and ice cream and cake was served to the following: Wanda Jean Tipton, Sandra Sadler, Ann Booth, Creta Key Case, Karen Sue Case, Lapan Case, Mike Swafford, Jimmy McAninch, Jackie McAninch, Jackie Hogan, Patricia Ann Palmer, Paula Patterson, E. L. Dunn, Jo Ann Moore, Zedic Glyn Johnson, Bryan Wayne Mundy, Billie Mundy, Leland Mundy, Patsy Ann Arnwine of Levelland, Barbara Wilson, Jerry Douglas; Mesdames Zedic Johnson, Weldon McAninch, Milton Case, Max Swafford, Ray Mundy, Earl Watts, L. A. Watts, Miss Lucy Faye Dwiggin and the hostess.

EASTERN STAR CHAPTER.

Regular meeting of Merkel Chapter No. 212 of the Order of the Eastern Star was held Tuesday, May 14. After the business session, a number of inspirational talks were made for the good of the order and a beautiful memorial program was given.

Visitors present were Mesdames Carr and Nutt. Members were: Messrs. and Mesdames H. G. Smith, Gene Reese, M. S. Cummings, Andy Shouse, Mesdames Georgia Allday, Lillie McRee, M. C. Graham, Mae Seago, R. J. Miller, Aurra Johnson, Maude Thornton, Priscilla Williamson, Bessie Merritt.

A group of members attended a district 7 school of instruction in Abilene on Saturday, May 4. Eleven certificates were secured by the Merkel chapter. Fourteen grand officers were present, including the worthy matron and worthy patron of the grand chapter of the state of Texas.

SURPRISE PICNIC.

Mesdames Hob Robertson, Bob McDonald, Grover Gilbert, Will Toombs, Barnett and Walter Teaff surprised the Girl Scouts with a picnic supper at the Road Side park on Wednesday of last week.

The girls had been on an information tour of Mrs. Holden's "picture" house and, though unexpected, the picnic was hailed with enthusiasm.

Nolan Singers To Convene Sunday

The Nolan county singing convention will be held at Newman high school in Sweetwater, beginning at 10:30 Sunday, May 19, Homer Long, president, has announced.

Several music companies will be represented and several quartettes, including the Cliff Boswell group, will be present.

Stamps-Baxter quartette will give a concert in the high school auditorium Saturday night, May 18.

Hospital Notes.

Henry L. Wilson of Trent was readmitted Monday to the Sadler Clinic for treatment.

Clyde Bunch, residing south of town, received major surgery Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Burnett Orr of Nolan are parents of a boy born at the hospital Sunday, May 12, 1940.

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

BRUNETTE BEAUTIES GET JUDGES' VOTES



Denton, May 16. — Brunettes led this year for the second straight time in the beauty selection at Texas State College for Women, where not a single blonde girl won a beauty page in the college's 1939 yearbook. This year's crop of beauties, presented by Russ Morgan at the annual senior prom in Bralley Memorial library at TSCW, are five brunettes and one blonde.

Chosen from the sixteen class nominees, the Brunette Beauties are Misses Janice Smith, Denton fresh-

man; Darcas Harrison, sophomore from Tuckerman, Ark.; Mary Elizabeth Cook, Houston senior; Beryl Ann Logino, sophomore from Lufkin, selected at large; and Claire Nusome, Corpus Christi freshman, also chosen at large. The blonde beauty is Miss Gladys DuRose, junior from Belton.

Each of the girls will be featured in a full-page picture in the Daedalian yearbook. They were selected by Alexander Hogue, artist; Truman Pouncey, photographer, and Gayle North, radio commentator on styles

and personalities. Introduction of the beauties by Morgan, who provided "music in the Morgan manner" for the formal, was the high-point of the prom.

Over 200 senior girls, escorted by boys from all over Texas and neighboring states, attended the dance which is the outstanding social event of the season at TSCW. The six beauties were introduced on an improvised stage at one end of the dance floor and promenaded the length of the room to their chosen music.

Tentative Date Set For Judging Homes

At a meeting of the combined committees for home beautification, sponsored by the Fortnightly Study club in co-operation with three other clubs of the city, held Monday at the Lions hall, grade sheets were worked out for the judges' use and either the 11th or 12th of June set tentatively for the judging. For the information of those competing, it is announced that the houses will be numbered and judges will have no knowledge of the name of the contestant. Neither are contestants expected to greet or welcome the judges, who may make the inspection to their own satisfaction.

In the home owners group, the most attractive home will be judged on the following bases: lawn, (front and back), condition of grass, 30 per cent; material (appropriateness), trees and shrubs, rose gardens, flower beds, 35 per cent; condition of material, 30 per cent; accessories (pools, fountains, dials, trellis), 5 per cent.

In case of renters, best kept premises will be the basis, judged on these points: lawn 40 per cent; material, (flower beds, trees and shrubs, rose gardens), 20 per cent; condition of entire premises as to cleanliness, neatness and good arrangement, 40 per cent.

RURAL SOCIETY

BLUEBONNET CLUB.
The Bluebonnet Home Demonstration club will meet Tuesday, May 21, in the home of Mrs. W. H. Ensminger. A rug demonstration will be given by members who attended the school on rugs in Abilene. All members are asked to be present.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.
Doris Wane Caldwell of Noodle celebrated her 5th birthday Sunday with a party given at the community tabernacle. Speeches were said by the little guests and school was played, while the grown-ups visited with each other.

After the gifts were opened and admired, orange fruit and chocolate and white birthday cake were served to the honoree and the following: Billie Caldwell, Dannette Perrin, Jimmy Vick, Larry Sloan, Joan and Harold Sloan, Ray Belle Causey, Johnnie Murdock, Billy and Keith Tarpley, Lonnie, Wilma Carlton and Dorothy Loving, Christine and Buddy Martin and Ella Dora Eoff.

Grown-ups present were Mesdames George Cooper, Sam Perrin, Houston Scott of Abilene, Jim Sloan, Weldon Causey, Bill Murdock, E. M. Tarpley, Loss Story, Lon Loving, Geraldine Sloan, Dell Eoff, J. T. Murdock and Bill Caldwell.

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In The Churches

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.
There were 583 present at the six reporting Sunday Schools here last Sunday, as compared with 577 the previous week. On the same Sunday a year ago the attendance was 618.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.
Sunday School 10 a. m., morning sermon 11, training service, 7:15. On account of the commencement sermon, the evening service will be suspended. Prayer meeting and teachers' meeting Wednesday evening at 8.
Cooper Waters, Pastor.
W. J. Largent, Sunday School Superintendent.
Will H. Grimes, B. T. U. Director.

BAPTIST W. M. U.
The W. M. U. of the First Baptist church will meet Monday, May 20, at the church, with the May Belle Taylor Circle in charge of the following program:
Theme, "Youth Steadfast for Christ;" devotional, "God's Challenge to Youth," Mrs. Max Swafford; "Youth in a Changing World;" Mrs. Alvin Wozencraft; "The World Bids for Youth," Mrs. Horace Boney; "God Bids for Youth," Mrs. Buck Leach; "Youth Steadfast for Missions," Mrs. David Gamble; "The Challenge of the Heroics," Mrs. L. V. Moore; "Missionary Education at Work," Mrs. N. D. Callaway.

METHODIST CHURCH.
Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. Morning sermon at 11 a. m. Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson will be the speaker for the young people's meeting at 7:15 p. m. On account of the commencement sermon, the evening service will be suspended. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.
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.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.
Sunday services: Bible classes 9:45, preaching at 10:45, young people's meeting at 7. On account of the commencement sermon, the evening service will be suspended.
Wednesday evening Bible study at 8 o'clock.
You are invited to attend.
E. W. Key, Minister.

FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST CHURCH.
Preaching Saturday night at 8 o'clock. Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Young people's Bible study 3 p. m.

Party Tuesday Night To Mark P & S Week

National Professional and Service Week, May 20-25, will be observed at a party at 7:30 Tuesday night in the Merkel High School gymnasium, with Mayor H. C. West officially opening the program and making other announcements pertaining to the week, known as National P. & S. Week.

The evening's entertainment will then revolve around the following program, with Charlie Pond, of Abilene, superintendent of recreation, as master of ceremonies:

Merkel High School band.
Community singing led by James E. Day, recreation director, Abilene, and accompanied by Mrs. C. S. Williams of Merkel.
Willie Clara Armstead, negro state champion extempore speaker.
Boxing exhibition, by some of Abilene's ranking amateur boxers.
Speech, John C. Burnside, district WPA supervisor.

Speech, Supt. Connor Robinson. Music, by Shep Troubadours.
Tumbling team from Abilene, composed of George Richardson, Bobby Corliss and Raymond Frazier, third in Southwestern A. A. U. gymnastics meet and headed for national.
Songs by Choral club.
Contests conducted by Sue Killebrew and C. S. Williams, recreation leaders.
Community singing.
Closing speech by Mayor West.
On the entertainment committee, besides Mr. Pond and the recreation leaders, are Mrs. Johnny Cox, co-chairman, Mrs. Andy Shouse, Mrs. O. B. Leach, Mrs. Norman Hodge and S. D. Gamble.

Masons Hold Service, Dedicated To Mother

At a called meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710, A. F. & A. M., Monday night a special program as outlined by the grand master of the Masonic grand lodge of Texas, emphasizing the rededication of mothers, was carried out.
Eighteen members were present. An interesting and inspiring session was held.

All young people invited to attend these studies. Preaching service 8 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.
R. U. Rister, Pastor.

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.

Visitors Tour Ten States On Vacation

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Douglas had as their guests Tuesday night, their daughter, Mrs. Edwin Bednorz, and husband, also Walter Henderson, of Falls City, Nebr. The party were on their return home from their vacation, in which ten states were visited, including many points of interest.

Their itinerary took them to St. Louis, the home town of Lincoln and a coal mine in Illinois, the battlefields at Vicksburg, a saw mill in Ada, La., and the largest airport in the world at Shreveport, La., but the most interesting points they considered to be Mammoth Cave and the Ancient Buried City in Kentucky and a park in Tennessee.

They were Sunday guests of Mrs. Bednorz's sister, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Ashmore, in Enid, Miss. From here they were going to Odessa before returning to their home in Nebraska.

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— and SON —
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GROCERY & MARKET

Green Beans Lb. 5c
Carrots 3 bchs 10c
Squash Lb. 5c

BEETS --- Per bch. 5c
Many Other Vegetables
Prices Are Down on All

Bananas 2 doz. 25c
Fancy Winesap

Apples Doz. 19c
Lemons ... Doz. 15c

Medicated Toilet Soap 3 bars 10c

Corn Flakes 2 pkg. 19c

Shortening 4 lb. 39c

Pure Cane — Kraft Bag Sugar 10 lbs. 48c

TASTY Glass FREE TEA 3-oz. pkg. 15c

BAKING POWDER K. C. 25-oz. can 18c

Fresh PRUNES Gal. 28c
Catsup 14-oz. bot. 10c

All Flavors JELLO Pkg. 5c

Maxwell House Coffee --- 1-lb. can 25c

Ice Cream SALT --- 5-lb. pkg. 9c

No. 2 Cans Green Beans 3 for 25c

Mrs. Dalton's Salad Dressing qt 25c

Sour PICKLES Gal. can 44c

Complete Assortment No. 1 Canned Vegetables 5c

K. B. Guaranteed Flour 48 lbs. \$1.58

Build-Up Grapefruit Juice --- Doz. cans 50c

— Market Specials — Salt Pork ... Lb. 9c

Sliced or in the Piece Bologna ... Lb. 12 1/2c

Sliced Bacon lb 15c

COTTAGE Cheese Glass 15c

Seven Steak Lb 23c

Fleischman's YEAST -- 3 cakes 10c

Chuck Roast .. Lb. 22c
Skinless WEINERS ... Lb. 17c
Picnic Ham Lb. 15c

Large Asst. Lunch Meats — Fresh Cat Fish —

QUEEN THEATRE
— "Showing the Pick of Pictures for Less" —

FRIDAY-SATURDAY
TWO SHOWS FOR THE PRICE OF ONE!
No. 1—Charles Starrett, Sons of the Pioneers
"Two Fisted Ranger"
No. 2—John Payne, Gloria Dickson
"King of the Lumberjacks"
Comedy and Serial Included
All Sixty and Over Admitted Free—Tell Your Friends

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Together for the First Time on the Screen
Bing Crosby, Dorothy Lamour and Bob Hope
"ROAD TO SINGAPORE"
News and Cartoon Added
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No Wonder We'll Give
"THREE CHEERS FOR THE IRISH"
It's Priscilla Lane and Allan Hale
Shorts Subject Selected