

Reunion of Bridges Family At Lueders

The 69th birthday of H. S. Bridges of Rotan, oldest son in the family of ten children of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Bridges, was honored at a reunion of the Bridges family at Lueders on Sunday, June 2. Six children were present: two sons, J. H. Bridges of Lamesa and the honoree, and four daughters, Mrs. S. R. Dwiggins and Mrs. Lucy Ford, Merkel, Mrs. O. S. Campbell, Rotan, and Mrs. M. H. Jones, Thalia.

The parents settled in the Stith community in 1904 and H. S. Bridges, their oldest son, whose birthday was celebrated at Lueders, was engaged in the gin business at Stith for some time.

A picnic dinner and get-together were enjoyed at the Lueders tabernacle, the entertainment program being in charge of J. T. Bridges, son of H. S. Bridges, who is scoutmaster at Vernon. Those present were:

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Bridges and Billie Jean, Rotan; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bridges and Forest, Lamesa; Mr. and Mrs. Horace Holt and daughters, New Mexico; Mrs. S. R. Dwiggins, Mrs. Earl Watts and son, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dwiggins and daughter, Mrs. W. A. Ford and Grovener, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Wozener, Merkel; Mrs. O. S. Campbell, Rotan; Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll James and daughter, Thalia; Mrs. Jim Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Crawford, Vernon; Mr. and Mrs. Doss and children, Amarillo; Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Bridges and son, Feris Gillam, Mrs. Joe Skipworth, Mrs. T. J. Bridges, Howard and Helen Bridges, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Bridges and two daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Owens and daughter, Vernon; Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Bridges, Coleman; Alla Jane Bridges, Rotan; Miss Ola Bridges, Mr. Linberg, Tulsa, Okla.; Mr. and Mrs. Grady Bridges and baby, Archer City; Miss Edith Bridges, Clovis, N. M.; Mr. and Mrs. Dick Bowers, Mr. and Mrs. Robin Bowers, Abilene, and Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Burton, Merkel.

13th Baker-Watters Reunion Is Held

Thirteen cities were represented Sunday at Forest Park in Fort Worth for the thirteenth consecutive annual reunion of the Baker and Watters families. The main "hub" was missing, however, as G. L. Baker and Mrs. Baker (nee Watters) were prevented by ill health from attending. Even so, more than 125 people were present from these cities: Wellington, Tokio, Morgan, Dallas, Cleburne, Fort Worth, San Antonio, Merkel, Brownwood, Eulogy, Denton, Shreveport, La., and Oklahoma City, Okla.

Those attending from here were Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Mashburn, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Baker, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Patterson, Mrs. Claude Dye and Billy and Bobby, Mr. and Mrs. Byron Patterson and Paula, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Beech and Patsy, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Leach, Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Baker, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Britt Baker and Elaine Jones. Ray and Wanda Jones came from Tokio and went on to Fort Worth with the Britt Bakers.

Merkel Sends Three Delegates to State Firemen's Meeting

Leaving Sunday afternoon over the T. & P. railway, John Mansfield, chief of the Merkel Volunteer Fire department, and Parker Sharp went to Houston as delegates to the State Firemen's convention, which opened Tuesday and continues through Thursday.

Bob Fowler, former chief and past president of the Merkel Firemen's association, who is the third delegate, left with his family by automobile Saturday, going first to Breckenridge for a visit, thence on to New Orleans before returning to Houston for the convention sessions.

Applications Due In Mattress-Making

All applications for participation in the government's cotton mattress making program must be in by June 15, Hattie Tacker, county home demonstration agent, said Tuesday.

The applications may be filed with the community committee or at the home demonstration agent's office. The government furnishes cotton and ticking for mattresses for low income families on farms (less than \$400 a year) and the mattresses are to be made in centers to be established.

To date there have been 575 applications filed.

The first comedy was performed in Athens about 580 B. C., on a movable scaffold.

Rodeos

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The Brahma cows and calves were also in tiptop fettle.

The various events were run through Saturday afternoon with typical speed, the whole show introducing 45 entries taking not much over an hour and a half.

In the absence of Dr. L. C. Zehn-pfennig, chairman of the rodeo committee, who is on vacation, his place in the judges' stand was capably filled by Harry Bullock, co-worker with Zehn-pfennig on the committee.

Third in the series of double shows for the 1940 season is scheduled for Friday night, June 21, and Saturday afternoon, June 22.

The list of cowboys in the money for each show follows:

FRIDAY NIGHT'S WINNERS.

Calf roping—Ralph Russell, Merkel, first, 17 seconds; Zelma Herrington, Ranger, second, 18.8; Wayne Boyd, Trent, third, 19.2; Birch Wilfong, fourth, 21.

Wild cow milking—Phelton Herrington, Ranger, first, 18.8; Sig Faircloth, Ranger, second, 31.2; Jimbo Reynolds, Albany, third, 38; George Brown, Woodson, fourth, 38.8.

Bareback bronc riding—Gerald Derrick, Merkel, first; Bill Barton, Abilene, second; Smoky Stockton, Houston, third.

Saddle bronc riding—Barton, first; Jasbo Hester, Fort Worth, second; Johnny Downs, Abilene, third.

Bull riding—Derrick, first; Bill Brabbin, Merkel, second.

Steer riding—Barton, first; Scoop Haynes, Fort Worth, and Terrell Lawrence, Albany, tied for second and third; Derrick, fourth.

SATURDAY WINNERS.

Calf roping—Phelton Herrington, first, 18.6; Zelma Herrington, second, 22.6; Vester Parrish, Wingate, third, 24; Brown, fourth, 25.8.

Wild cow milking—S. G. Russell, Merkel, first, 14.6; Reynolds, second, 17.4; Ralph Russell, Merkel, third, 21.8; Earl Stevens, Trent, fourth, 22.6.

Bareback bronc riding—Barton, first; Downs, second; J. W. Clemer, third.

Saddle bronc riding—Hester, first; Barton, second; Eddie Caldwell, Breckenridge, third.

Steer riding—Brabbin, first; Buck Killough, Abilene, and Terrell Lawrence, tied for second and third.

Softball

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Trent girls play Merkel on Thursday night of this week, second game being between Trent and Moutray.

On next Monday night, the schedule provides: Stith vs. Noodle, Hodges vs. Trent.

The scores by innings:

White C. Girls	474	4	19	16	8
Trent Girls	28-10	3	23	13	4
A. Frazier, Shugart and F. Frazier; King, Cox and Jeffreys.					
Stith	600	100	0	7	5
Hodges	001	038	x	12	7
Woolsey, Shaw and Berry; Watts, Ernest Hartline and Roberts.					
F. & M.	000	000	0	0	4
Noodle	042	301	x	10	7
Smith, Floyd and Walker, Davis; Presley and Payne.					

LEAGUE STANDING.

Team	W	L	Pct.
Hodges	5	0	1.000
Noodle	2	1	.667
Moutray	2	2	.500
Trent	1	1	.500
F. & M.	1	4	.200
Stith	0	3	.000

Adding machine rolls at The Merkel Mail office.

LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS

First carload of wheat of the 1940 season was shipped from Merkel on Friday of last week. Shipper was T. J. Hinds. It is expected that several more cars will be loaded, A. J. Graham, agent for the T. & P. railway, told a representative of The Mail.

Samples of some Boysen berries raised by W. R. Sumpter on his place in Northwest Merkel were brought to the office of The Mail. They are similar in taste to dewberries but do not have so many seeds. Plants were secured near Kerrville, Mr. Sumpter states, and from eight vines he has already picked about three gallons of berries, with more blooms in sight.

Mrs. Henry C. West, president of the Abilene Presbyterial, was guest speaker at the final luncheon of the season held by the missionary societies of the Matthews Memorial Presbyterian church at Albany on Tuesday of last week. Accompanying Mrs. West to Albany were Mrs. Elma McFarland and Cheatham and their house guest, Mrs. Jess Roberts of Humboldt, Tenn.

Vernon Mansfield is now located in Corpus Christi, where he is employed by a service station and parking lot establishment.

Friends have received cards announcing the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shaffer of Silverton on June 5. He is named Frank Keith and is a great-grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Shaffer, former residents of the Canyon, and of Mrs. P. T. All-day of Silverton.

Recuperating from an attack of appendicitis suffered Sunday morning, Frank Woodrum was able to sit up Wednesday and to drive to the Woodrum Service station Thursday, but he has not yet returned to work.

Thirty-One Members Pence Family In Annual Reunion

Annual reunion of the Pence family was held at Lake Sweetwater Sunday, with 31 members of the family and a number of friends present. A mid-day picnic was enjoyed in the park, but owing to showers of rain the group repaired to the home of a son, Luther Pence, at Sweetwater in the afternoon hours.

Members of the family present were: Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Pence, Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Farr and children, Esther and Dondley, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jinkens and children, Bobbie Nell and Jimmie Ray, Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Pence and children, Emma Lee and Inez, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Pence and daughter, Pauline, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Will Pence and children, Bill Bob and Mary Frances, Anson; Mr. and Mrs. Luther Pence and children, Wanda Ruth and Jane, Sweetwater, and Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Pence and children, Ralph and Kay, Austin.

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RURAL SOCIETY

SALT BRANCH CLUB.

Mrs. Roy Harrell was hostess to the Salt Branch Home Demonstration club on Thursday afternoon, June 6. Roll call was answered with "The Bread I Make Most." The club voted to have a "community meet" at the school house Friday night, June 14, at which time there will be a speaker for the frozen locker unit; Mr. and Mrs. Williams and Miss Sue Killebrew, recreation directors at the Merkel Public schools, will also be present, and there will be an old-fashioned ice cream supper.

After the business session, Miss Hattie Tacker, county demonstration agent, gave a demonstration on breads, which were cooked and passed to the members.

Refreshments were served to the following members: Mesdames Smith, Ollie Higgins, Hudson, Hays, Buster Horton, Aaron Horton, Cox, Jess Higgins, Beene, Ada Higgins, Baccus, Robertson, Pinckley, Hewitt, Allen, Hammock; Misses Hattie Tacker, Ruth Pinckley, Lola Higgins, Lena Fay Harrell; the following visitors, Mesdames F. E. Church, Tucker, J. L. Hudson and daughter, Betty Lou, and the hostess.

Long-Time Resident Of Rotan Passes Away

Mrs. Mary S. Burrow, maternal grandmother of Supt. Connor Robinson of the Merkel Public schools, died Monday morning at her home at Rotan. She had lived in Rotan 52 years.

Funeral services were held from the Methodist church at 2 p. m. Tuesday, with the pastor, Rev. Joe Boyd, officiating.

Survivors include three children: Mrs. E. C. Robinson of Fluvanna, Hal Burrow of near Rotan and Mr. Ed Dulaney of Rotan, eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Her husband, the late J. W. Burrow, died in 1937.

Supt. and Mrs. Connor Robinson went to Rotan Monday upon learning of his grandmother's death and returned Tuesday for the funeral. Among others going from Merkel were Mrs. John West and Mrs. Henry West.

Just say you saw it in The Mail.

OLD GLORY!

June 14 is Flag Day . . . a day officially designated for the honoring of the flag of our country. For 163 years, Old Glory has symbolized the freedom, liberty, and opportunity which are ours as citizens of the United States of America. To the Stars and Stripes, a Salute . . . "long may it wave o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave."

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Hospital Notes.

J. W. Love, admitted to the Sadler clinic on Tuesday for treatment, was dismissed the following day.

Other patients received for treatment during the past week were Mrs. J. A. Scott and Mrs. Lee Keyes, both of Trent, and both admitted Thursday, June 13.

Two boys were born at the hospital during the past week; the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reddell Morris, Abilene, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe C. Higgins, Route 3.

To Abandon Grain Peg.

Chicago, June 13.—Minimum prices on grain futures will be abolished by the Chicago board of trade effective at the opening of business Friday, June 14, it was announced Tuesday.

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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Louise Matheny of Washington, D. C., and Mrs. Matheny of Abilene visited Mrs. C. C. McRee, who is ill, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Winslow Beckham and children of Lamesa spent the week-end here.

Mr. and Mrs. John Strawn and family have returned home after having visited for several days with relatives in Greenville.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Slim Messenger and two children, W. H. and Josh Ray, of Colorado City, and Mrs. Early of Big Spring spent Monday with Mrs. Bob Billington.

Sunday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Gafford were: Mrs. A. C. Keltz of Vernon, Mrs. Alma Hardison and son of Albuquerque, N. M., Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bicknell of Noodle, Mr. and Mrs. Foy Steadman and Judith Kay, of Trent, Miss Thelma Jones of El Paso, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nalley, Trent.

Helen Williams has gone to Abilene where she will be a student in McMurry college this summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Brewer have been visiting in Louisiana for the past few days.

Supt. and Mrs. R. L. Fortune and Bobbie, and Mrs. Zed Bright and little son spent the week-end in Brownwood.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at the Trent Missionary Baptist church for Mrs. Henry Lester. Burial followed in the Merkel cemetery. Mrs. Lester had lived near Trent for many years and was deeply loved by all who knew her.

WOODMEN CIRCLE

Grove No. 668 Woodmen Circle met Wednesday afternoon, June 5, for their monthly social. A short business session was also held. Two candidates for membership were received into the Grove, after which the meeting was turned over to Mrs. Ruby E. Swinney, chairman of the program committee. The program consisted of a very appropriate reading by Mrs. Swinney and music by Miss Jonnie Roberts at the piano.

The gift basket went to Mrs. E. H. Burks, after which ice cream and cake was served.

Mrs. Ed Burks and Mrs. J. E. Bowers are the program committee for the next social meeting to be held Wednesday afternoon, July 3. All members are expected to attend.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

Little Sue McRee was honored on her fourth birthday, with a party given last Monday afternoon. Games were played, after which Sue opened and admired her many and beautiful little gifts. Then cake and ice cream was served from a table decorated in pink and white with the large white cake with four pink candles as the center piece to the following: C. W. Edwards, Freddie Lee Boone, Patricia Ann Beasley, Veneta Quattlebaum, Sonny Williams, Tommie and Ruby Lee Jones, Robertus McRee, Carolyn McRee, Ruby and Joy Billington, Annie Laurie and Grady Anderson, Jr., Andy Merl Beasley, Sylvia June Taylor, Mrs. Buster Horton and son; also Mesdames H. H. McRee, Malcolm Beasley, Leonard Quattlebaum, D. H. Jones, Joe Boone, Cecil Taylor, Earl Billington, Andy Shouse, Lillie McRee, Anderson, Miss Vera Bright, Powell of Abilene, also two aunts of Abilene, and Mrs. Louie McRee.

First Meeting of Four Brothers Since 1928

Trent, June 13.—Mr. and Mrs. Boss Gray, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Grant and sons, Joe and Maurice, Deport; Mr. and Mrs. Waylen Gray, Forney; Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Gray and sons, James and Leroy, Lamesa, N. M.; W. R. Gray, Las Cruces; his daughter, Miss Ona Fae Gray, El Paso; and W. L. Gray, U. S. S. Tenn., Seattle, Wash., left for their respective homes Monday afternoon after a week-end visit with their mother, Mrs. Smith Gray, Caps, and their sisters, Mesdames E. W. King, Merkel, and A. J. Brewster and Clint Stewart, Caps.

Mrs. Gray and her daughters and two granddaughters, Mesdames Carlton and Harold King, were hostesses to a picnic dinner at State Park, Abilene, Sunday honoring the visitors who were in their first meeting of the four brothers since 1928. Others enjoying the outing were Harold, Carlton, Raebon and Nan King, Merkel; Misses Bobbie and Patsy Brewster, Billijo Stewart, Caps, and Lady Jane Anderson, Abilene; A. J. Brewster, Clint Stewart and Billie Tom Brewster, Dave and Odell Anderson, Butman.

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I know when I'm down-hearted
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I've one friend I can count on
And to her I must go.

With open arms you receive me,
With a welcome warm and true;
Oh, yes, this life's worth living,
With a friend as good as you.

You put the sunshine in the sky
And roll the clouds away,
It's mighty nice to have you, Pal,
To count on every day.

And now, if fate should deem it so,
That you and I must part,
Remember, friend, where'er I go,
I'll take you in my heart.

I know when sorrow comes my way,
You'd take me by the hand
And say, "Buck up, Old Pal of mine,
You know I understand."

And all my joys you share with me,
As true friends always do,
This is why I love you so
And to you I'll be true.

Where'er I go, what'er I do,
I'm sure I won't forget
The joys we've had together
Since the day when we first met.

I'll keep a special place for you
In the corner of my heart,
And never forget you, friend of mine,
Though we are far apart.

—Vennie Greene.

WPA Grants Guard Members Time Off

San Antonio, June 13.—A any amount of time lost from projects due to National Guard field training this summer may be made up by WPA workers who participate in such activities, it was announced Saturday by H. P. Drought, state administrator.

Drought has been advised by Colonel F. E. Harrington, commissioner of Works Projects, that previous restrictions limiting the time which may be allowed for National Guard training are waived "during the entire period of National Guard training." This order was issued following advice that the normal two-week training period would be extended in many cases this year.

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Open House

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hand. Just within a few years, W. O. W. assumed a permanent and prominent place among the fraternal beneficiary organizations.

Mr. Root labored earnestly for 23 years and, organizing camps in the Southland, he was suddenly stricken and called to his reward at Hendersonville, N. C., on the evening of Dec. 24, 1913. He was laid to rest in a beautiful mausoleum in Forest Lawn cemetery, Omaha, Nebr.

At the time of Mr. Root's death, William Alexander Fraser of Dallas, Texas, was sovereign adviser and the leadership fell upon his shoulders. It was through Mr. Fraser's efforts that the War Memorial hospital at San Antonio was established. Later, he was responsible for the adjunct to the hospital, known as the William Alexander Fraser chapel, and a monument to the memory of W. O. W. members who lost their lives in the World War. He was called from his labors on Nov. 6, 1932, and was laid to rest in his home town, Dallas, Texas.

Then, in turn, the leadership fell upon De Emmett Bradshaw, the present president, who is responsible for the present offices in the headquarters building.

Almost from the beginning John T. Yates of Omaha, Nebr., served as secretary and retired from office Mar. 15, 1937. He died Feb. 16, 1939, and upon his retirement the present secretary, Farrar Newberry, of Omaha, Nebr., was elected.

The assets of over \$129,000,000 are to guarantee the fulfillment of every legitimate contract, and a record of payment to beneficiaries of deceased and disabled members of approximately \$285,000,000. W. O. W. is represented in 44 states.

At the open house, the program rendered included the singing of "America" by the entire group; a piano duet by Charles and Bonnie Church; a reading, which was very comical, by Pearl Mathews; a song by Misses Jean, Pearl and Avalene Mathews; a song by Thelma Mathews, and a song by Master Roy Kent Mathews.

Several talks were made on the good of the order with the one word, "co-operation," being stressed.

The big three-tiered cake with 50 candles was lighted and A. C. Terry had the honor of blowing the candles all out. Refreshments were served to Messrs. and Mesdames W. M. Elliott, Watt Blair, A. C. Terry, L. R. Harris, C. C. Conley, C. P. Church, H. H. Hobbs, P. E. Wheeler, Buster Moulder, O. C. Williams, A. D. Ful-

ton; Mesdames R. H. Mathews, Sr., Roy H. Mathews, Jr., Harry Barnett, J. M. Stephens, Marlin; Misses Thelma, Pearl, Avalene and Jean Mathews, Esther Harris, Joy Sue Hobbs, Mary Nell and Sue Morgan, Zena Mae Barnett; Messrs. G. H. Hobbs, Seth Morgan, Floyd McCoy, Robert Harris, Charles and Bonnie Church, W. T. Walker, T. O. Lackey, Larue Boyd, Columbia, Miss., J. R. Gafford, Doyle and E. A. Conley, James Glynn Barnett, Roy Kent Mathews.

Italy Goes To War On Germany's Side

Rome, Italy, June 13.—Italy joined Germany at war against Great Britain and France Monday night to wrest dominion over the Mediterranean from the Allies.

Premier Benito Mussolini cast the fateful die in a dramatic announcement which called the Allies starvers and the holders of all the riches and gold on earth.

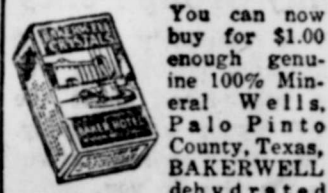
Italy cheered his decision, and wept, too; but mostly it cheered.

Berlin sources said Italian troops already had set upon France through the Riviera to sandwich Paris, marching from the south to meet the hard-pressing Nazi forces driving down from the north. An Italian communique, however, said the war declaration was not effective until Tuesday.

Attacks on French possessions in the Mediterranean were considered imminent—in response to the continual cries for Italian conquest of such prizes as Corsica and Tunisia.

Mussolini defined his principal war aim as control of the Mediterranean and warned his non-belligerent neighbors to preserve rigidly their neutrality, lest the war spread to the Balkans and to Egypt and Turkey.

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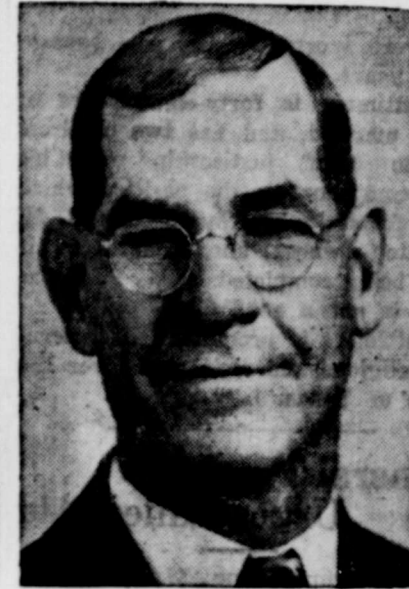
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QUEEN THEATRE CALENDAR

Friday-Saturday, double feature—John Garfield, Anne Shirley, Claude Rains in "Saturday's Children;" Zane Grey's "Knights of the Range," starring Russell Hayden and Jean Parker; Porky Pig cartoon and serial.

Saturday preview, Monday-Tuesday—John Steinbeck's "The Grapes of Wrath," starring Henry Fonda, Jane Darwell; color cartoon and News.

Wednesday-Thursday—Zorina and Richard Greene in "I Was An Adventuress;" short subjects included.

"Knights of the Range"

Rustlers and varmints, beware! "Lucky" is now the second-fastest drawing cowboy actor in Hollywood, and William Boyd, the famous "Hop-along Cassidy," can take satisfaction in a job well done, for it was he who taught Russell "Lucky" Hayden to draw a gun. While working in Zane Grey's "Knights of the Range," which Paramount will present Friday and Saturday at the Queen theatre, with Victor Jory, Jean Parker, J. Farrell MacDonald and Britt Wood also featured in the cast, Hayden submitted to tests which show that he can draw a gun in only two-fifths of a second.

On the same double feature program will be "Saturday's Children," starring John Garfield, Anne Shirley and Claude Rains.

"The Grapes of Wrath"

Long before literary critics had finished pounding out "Bravos!" in appreciation of John Steinbeck's stirring masterpiece, "The Grapes of Wrath," Darryl F. Zanuck had quietly completed his plans for the filming of this most discussed novel of modern literature.

Zanuck, production chief of the 20th Century-Fox studios, paid \$70,000 for the movie rights to Steinbeck's best-seller. By paying this price, the highest ever paid for a novel, Zanuck indicated his uncompromising belief that "The Grapes of Wrath" provides the mightiest and most human moving picture drama of a generation.

"The Grapes of Wrath" will be presented at the Queen theatre Saturday night preview, Monday and Tuesday.

"I Was An Adventuress"

Filled to the final fadeout with glamorous romance and exciting drama, "I Was An Adventuress" brings beautiful Zorina and handsome Richard Greene together on the screen of the Queen theatre Wednesday and Thursday in a film of which Darryl F. Zanuck, production chief of the 20th Century-Fox studios, can well be proud.

Zorina, who appears by courtesy of Samuel Goldwyn, plays the part of the self-styled Countess Tanya Vronsky, an exquisite huntress of fortunes, who thought romance was not for her until she met the one man, in the person of Greene. Together Zorina and Greene move romantically through gay continental resorts to prove themselves by all odds one of the most attractive pairs the screen has ever cast together, and her first dramatic role grants Zorina an opportunity to prove herself a fine dramatic actress.

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Fort Worth Attorney Candidate for Place Supreme Court Bench

Fort Worth, June 13.—H. S. Lattimore, Fort Worth attorney and former district and court of civil appeals judge, announced his candidacy for chief justice of the supreme court of Texas.

Lattimore was born in Fort Worth and is a graduate of Baylor university, and the University of Texas law school. Except for fourteen months which he spent in service in the World War, and the years he has served on the bench, he has been engaged in the active practice of law in Fort Worth for the last twenty-five years.

Lattimore is forty-eight years of age, married, and has two children. The chief justiceship of the supreme court is the position which was formerly held by the late C. M. Cureton, whose unexpired term is now being completed by W. F. Moore who is not a candidate.

Lattimore is prominent in fraternal, religious and civic work over the state of Texas.

General Pershing Urges Allied Aid

Washington, June 13.—General John J. Pershing Saturday urged that the United States send to the Allies "unlimited quantities" of airplanes, artillery, small arms and ammunition as well as food, clothing and medical supplies.

Appealing in a statement for contributions to the Red Cross, the commander of the American World War army asserted that the Allies were fighting "a war of civilization" and that they were "holding our front line."

In talking to reporters, Pershing said he was heartily in favor of compulsory military service in this country. He added that if such a plan was adopted an immediate expansion of the army would be possible in case of a threatened invasion. He recalled that the training of recruits for World War duty had required many months.

Meanwhile, James J. McEnte, CCC director, announced that the Civilian Conservation Corps was prepared to equip and operate a total of 63 schools for training motor mechanics.

White Church News

We are all smiles over the good rains we have been having; the farmers surely will be busy as soon as the weather clears and it's dry enough to work.

Our Sunday School enjoyed a picnic last Wednesday evening at the A. D. Barnes home. Some fifty members of the Sunday School gathered with well filled baskets and enjoyed a real good supper with cold drinks, and every one joined in playing games until 10 o'clock.

The political rally was rained out Thursday night before all the candidates had spoken.

Mrs. Elsie Nash and son, Billy Pat, of Merkel spent the week-end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Weston.

W. L. Barnes of Cross Roads, N. M., visited his nephew, A. D. Barnes, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Demere had as their guest the past week Mrs. Demere's brother, Jack Moore, of Arizona.

Floyd Hardin made a business trip to Big Spring Monday.

Bill Williams of San Antonio is visiting Woodrow Barnes.

Arlton Farmer, who is stationed in the U. S. army camp at San Antonio, is at home for a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Farmer.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ellison were shopping in Abilene last Thursday.

Raymond Demere made a business trip to Fort Worth last week.

Mrs. A. M. Shugart has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Cliff Petty, of Throckmorton for several days.

Rev. J. B. Stewart will preach here Sunday, so every one try to be present at both services and also come in time for Sunday School and League.

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BLAIR ITEMS

Kenneth McCleary who is stationed at San Diego, Calif., is visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Campbell, for the month.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Wilson and children of Megargel motored over Wednesday to the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Williams, for an indefinite stay.

Arlton Farmer of Fort Sam Houston and Etsel Farmer of Brownwood were passing visitors during the week with Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Moore and family spent the week-end with relatives at Weinert.

Mrs. Nora Pruitt left Wednesday for several weeks' visit with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Etsel Primrose, of Jasper.

Mr. and Mrs. John Meeks visited Mr. and Mrs. Knox Beall of Abilene last week-end and Mrs. Meeks remained for several days to be with her daughter.

Mrs. A. M. Jackson left the past week for an extended visit with her parents at Post.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Jenkins and children of Divide spent Sunday

with Mr. and Mrs. J. Williams. Mr. and Mrs. Claude Doan of Clyde visited Mr. and Mrs. Price Melton Monday. They were accompanied home by the former's mother, Mrs. Susie Doan, for a visit of several weeks.

BLAIR GIRLS MODEL DRESSES.

Girls from the Blair 4-H club who modeled dresses in Abilene Saturday in the 4-H club dress parade were: Mary Sue Grant, Jimmy Nell Horton, Otilla Doan, Lila May Lowery, Jackie Melton and Mary E. Melton. Adults present were Mesdames Clarence Melton, R. B. Horton, Carl Doan, Ruth Lowery and J. S. Grant.

Mary Sue Grant was awarded a free trip to the Short Course at A. & M. college in July as the outstanding club girl in Taylor county. She also made a report of her three years of club work.

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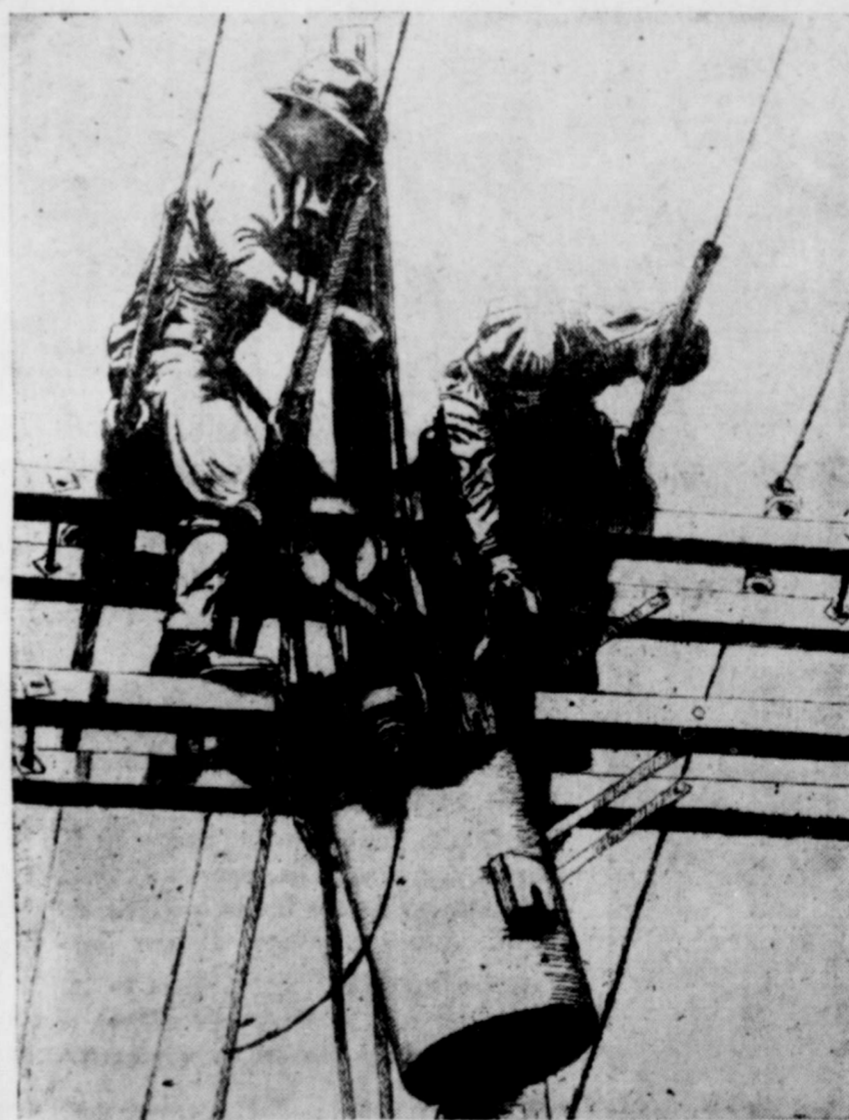
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LODGE CALLS

NOTICE MASONS A stated meeting of Merkel lodge No. 710, A. F. and A. M., will be held Saturday, June 15, at 8 p. m. Election of officers. All members are urged to be present. Visiting brethren cordially invited.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS POLITICAL

(Subject to action of the Democratic Primary in July.) For County Commissioner, Precinct No. 2: H. B. (Hob) ROBERTSON. A. J. CANON (Re-election.) W. R. (Bill) SUMPTER. BUSTER HORTON. L. A. (Lem) DUDLEY. W. R. COX. D. J. (Dave) ANDERSON. C. R. (Rufe) TITTLE: For 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.) For Congress (17th District): OTIS MILLER. THOMAS L. BLANTON. SAM RUSSELL. C. L. (Clyde) GARRETT. (Re-Election) For County Attorney: BRYAN BRADBURY. THEO ASH. For Tax Assessor-Collector: C. O. (PAT) PATTERSON (Re-election.) R. S. (Bob) WALKER. For State Legislature: JOE HUMPHREY. For County Judge: CARL P. HULSEY (Re-election.)

Bombs Miss Actor. Paris, June 13.—Robert Montgomery, American film star now driving an ambulance in France, narrowly escaped death Saturday when German bombs fell near his ambulance, it was learned Tuesday.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Hale returned Monday from a visit with Mr. Hale's sister, Mrs. W. H. Roach in Mineral Wells. They were accompanied home by his nephew, Ralph Roach, who will visit here several days.

Mrs. Tom Greene and son, Donald, of Hobbs, N. M., are visiting with her mother, Mrs. J. H. Grayson, since Wednesday of last week when they brought Mrs. Grayson home from Hobbs. Mr. Greene is expected a week from next Sunday and Mrs. Greene and son will return home with him.

Returning from a visit with her grandmother, Mrs. Lula Sadler, of Montalba in East Texas, Sandra Sadler was accompanied by her cousin, Sue Mayfield, of Arp, who is now her guest. Mrs. Sadler is also a guest in the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Sadler, having returned with Mrs. Sadler when she went after Sandra.

Dr. and Mrs. L. C. Zehnpennig left Saturday for a vacation visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Zehnpennig, in Ethan, S. D. J. D. Porter is spending several weeks with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Pence, at Monahans.

Mrs. T. L. Grimes and daughter, Tommye, are visiting with her mother, Mrs. G. J. Jones, in Nevada, Collin county.

Mrs. Carl Black visited last weekend with her daughter, Jannell, who continues in summer school at the Southwest Texas State Teachers college at San Marcos. Mrs. Black was accompanied by a niece, Elizabeth Elliott, of Divide, who entered summer school, and returning home with her was another niece, Evelyn Ensminger, who attended the regular session of State Teachers college.

Lois Burleson from Rancho Sacatal, Paul Spur, Ariz., visited last week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Burleson.

Miss Delia Kuykendall is visiting relatives and friends in Wichita Falls. Burnis Tucker of Palestine was a passing visitor Sunday night with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Tucker and family.

Mrs. Ray Evans of San Angelo and Mrs. Juanita Hutchins of Houston were week-end guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Patterson. Mrs. Edwin Heald and daughter, Minnie Lou, of Lubbock, also spent a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Patterson.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Baze and daughter from Santa Fe Springs, Calif., are visiting in the homes of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Baze, and his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Baze.

Rev. Cooper Waters, pastor of the First Baptist church, and Mrs. Waters and little daughter returned Monday from Wichita Falls where Rev. Mr. Waters was engaged in a two-weeks' revival. While away Mrs. Waters visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Galloway in Olney, and with relatives at Wichita Falls.

Week-end guests of Mrs. W. L. Harkrider were her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Firstbrook of Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. N. D. Callaway and Mr. and Mrs. George T. Moore visited last week in Quanah as guests of Mrs. Callaway's parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. J. Hanna. They also had the pleasure of seeing the Pat Davises.

G. F. Woods returned Monday from Marshall where he went for dental treatment in the T. & P. hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Britt Baker and little niece, Elaine Jones, accompanied by Elaine's brother and sister, Ray and Wanda Jones, of Tokio, Texas, went to Kaufman Saturday where they visited with their niece and cousin, H. R. Cates, and family. Returning to Fort Worth Sunday morning, they attended the Baker-Watters family reunion. Elaine accompanied her brother and sister to Tokio, where she will visit with them and their grandfather, J. T. Jones, for a while.

Rubynell Henslee has returned home from a two-weeks' visit with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Cogburn, of Fort Worth. She also visited relatives at Granbury. Visiting in the Rube Henslee home is Mrs. Henslee's niece, Ona Fay Cox, of Fort Worth, who is also visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cox. Guests this week of Mrs. Mary Orr and Miss Sally Orr are their daughter-in-law and sister-in-law, Mrs. W. H. Orr, of Wicket, and Mrs. Ernest Kelly, of Denver City.

Week-end guests of Mrs. J. A. Milliken were Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Holt of Waco and Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Brown and family of Quanah. Accompanying the latter on their return home was Wayne McLean, who will visit with them. Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Church and

granddaughter, Clara Frances Dwiggins, have returned from a visit in Clayton, N. M.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Gamble and Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Sublett returned Tuesday from several days' fishing trip at Lake Brownwood. In the party also were Mr. and Mrs. Jess Warren and Dr. and Mrs. Charles Williams of Abilene.

Leaving Wednesday, Miss Berdelle Adecock went to Waco to join her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Duke, on a three-weeks' automobile tour. Fourth member of the party is Miss Eva Howard of Houston. Going by Nashville, Tenn., they will visit Washington, D. C., and New York City, possibly going on to Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. Doss Sheppard and daughter, Miss Marian Sheppard, were week-end visitors with his mother, Mrs. S. W. Sheppard, and others of the Sheppard family. Returning they were accompanied by Mrs. U. H. Zehnpennig, who is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sheppard, in Dallas this week.

After a week-end visit with Mrs. Adah Heeter and Miss Sadie Woodrum, Mrs. John Woodrum and daughters, Misses Winterdean and Janell, returned home Tuesday to Abilene.

Miss Betty Hollingshead of Abilene is this week's guest of Miss Pearl Mathews.

Miss Leta Faye Barbee, who is employed at Corpus Christi, arrived home last week for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Barbee.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Patterson and daughter, Louise, visited relatives at Plainview over the week-end.

Mrs. J. F. Campbell returned Monday from a ten days' visit in Gatesville, Coryell City and Waco, with friends and relatives. While at Coryell City, she attended the home-coming, not having been back there for 41 years.

Welcoming their new granddaughter, Dana Kay Durham, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Clements and daughter, Wanda, of Brownwood, were guests in the home of Wrenn Durham the past week. Mr. Clements and Wanda have returned home, but Mrs. Clements remained with her daughter. Another guest in the home is Miss Bess Ferris, of Fort Worth, aunt of Mrs. Durham.

120 Youths Apply At Navy Recruiting Office

During the week ending Wednesday, a total of 120 youths applied for enlistment at the United States naval recruiting office in charge of J. J. Mockbee, chief signalman, U. S. N., at Abilene, of which number 40 were accepted for application. Nineteen were rejected and 21 accepted for enlistment, subject to final acceptance.

Among those accepted this week for enlistment by the Abilene office was Robert Grimes, while among recruits previously accepted for enlistment was William D. Bland, also of Merkel.

The U. S. army recruiting station at Abilene reports the enlistment of Jerrell D. Dixon, son of R. L. Dixon, Merkel, Route 2, who has been assigned to the field artillery, Fort Sill, Okla.



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Shiloh Church Plans Home-Coming Sunday

Program for the home-coming at Shiloh Baptist church Sunday, June 16, has been announced and committees in charge extend an invitation to every one interested to attend.

Following the opening song, at 10:15 a. m., "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms," by the congregation, Rev. Melvin Byrd, the pastor, will welcome the visitors. After prayer, the congregation will join in a song service and the sermon will be preached by Rev. J. J. Gentry.

Lunch will be served at the noon hour. The afternoon program will open at 1:45 with a song service, followed by prayer. Rev. Mr. Byrd, the pastor, will give a history of the church, recognizing former pastors, charter members and old members. After a vocal duet by Dorothy and Donald Rutledge, Rev. W. K. Horn will preach the afternoon sermon, followed by the benediction.

Wozencraft Family Meet At Lake Cisco

Lake Cisco was the scene of a picnic supper on Thursday night of last week when members of the Wozencraft family gathered for a happy reunion. Skating and swimming were diversions after supper.

Among those present from Merkel and Abilene were Mrs. W. A. Wozencraft, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Wozencraft, Neander Wozencraft, Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Wozencraft, Mr. and Mrs. Louis George and four children and Dick Wozencraft, Abilene.

Rites Held for Mrs. Nancy M. Lester, 81, White Flat Resident

Trent, June 13.—Funeral services were held at 3 p. m. Monday from the Baptist church here for Mrs. Nancy M. Lester, 81, who died Sunday at her home in the White Flat community, where she had resided for 53 years, ever since coming to Nolan county.

Rev. T. J. Young, of Rule, former pastor of the Baptist church here, conducted the rites and burial followed in Rose Hill cemetery at Merkel, with Barrow-Sheppard Funeral home in charge.

Born Nancy Matilda Mason on Apr. 22, 1859, in Gadson, Ga., she was married to H. L. Lester in 1881, the couple moving to Texas a year later. They were the parents of eight children, all of whom died in early childhood. Her husband died in 1916. Mrs. Lester was converted when a child and joined the Baptist church.

Surviving relatives are a brother, R. F. Mason, Culman, Ala.; a sister, Sondrell Lewis, Trent, and four adopted children: Otis Lester, Abilene; Obie Lester, Lubbock; L. C. Lester, Tullia, and Mrs. A. A. Howell, Abilene.

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