

Keeping Up With Texas

E. B. Ragland, 44, was injured fatally at Dallas Monday afternoon when his car went out of control on a driveway leading to the Lone Star Cement company plant on the Commerce street cutoff on the Fort Worth pike. The car mowed down two concrete posts and rammed into a tree.

When Abner Davis returns home to Detroit, Mich., after his vacation at Port Aransas, he'll carry what, up to date, is a four-year record for tarpon caught in that vicinity. His catch was a tarpon six feet, 11 1/2 inches long.

The body of John Riley Thacker, Bonham newspaper man, was found Saturday in a creek near Leonard. He had been missing for a week. Authorities said there was no evidence of foul play.

Mrs. Howard Lyon, 30, of Thompson, and her nephew, Dick Moore, 8, son of Mrs. Mary Moore of Kilgore, were killed instantly at noon Saturday in an automobile accident one mile south of Kilgore.

Elias Beltran, 11, drowned at Dallas Sunday. Unable to swim, he stepped into a hole while wading.

Mrs. John McKelvey, 26, Harlingen, and E. W. Wright, 25, Corpus Christi, were killed instantly Saturday night, and the woman's husband was critically injured, when a light coupe in which they were riding turned over twice on the Boca Chica highway, seven miles east of Brownsville.

Three Alvin residents were fatally injured and a fourth, Hugh Scruggs, 27, also of Alvin, seriously hurt early Sunday morning in an automobile crash near Alvin. The dead: Miss Alice Leary, 21; Clarence H. Lane, 37, and Harry Joe McLeMore, 21.

John Kujawa, 23, of Houston, was injured fatally when his automobile overturned early Sunday on the Airline road out of Houston.

Charles Edward Kobar, of Houston, 14, died under the wheels of a freight train a block from his home Sunday afternoon when he started to crawl beneath the train, taking a short cut home from a swimming pool.

Arthur C. Wood of Brady was injured fatally Sunday when supports gave way and his automobile fell on him while he was underneath making repairs.

Two sisters, Nello Moltz, 20, and Irene Moltz, 17, of Seguin, were drowned Sunday afternoon in a lake near that city, after swimming into deep water. Although several persons were present, no one was able to rescue the girls.

Mrs. John R. Thomas was killed and her husband, a carpenter, and daughter, Hermoine, injured at Breckenridge Saturday afternoon when the car in which they were riding collided with a motor truck three miles east of that city.

Private First Class Russell E. Worthy, 32nd pursuit squadron, Brooks field, was killed and two other soldiers hurt slightly Sunday night when the car in which they were riding turned over on a curve three miles south of San Antonio.

Warren Gray, 19, of San Antonio, died in a swimming accident in the Medina river a mile from Macona while on a picnic Sunday.

Miss Martha Mullin, 18-year-old Markama sorority girl, was killed in an automobile accident two miles north of Carlsbad, N. M., late Monday. Witnesses said the car in which she was riding hit a highway dip and overturned.

L. Farr, superintendent of the high school the past two years, accepted a one-year contract as superintendent of the Snyder system, succeeds E. O. Wedgeworth, who recently became head of Bryton schools.

Panke, 10, son of Mr. and Mrs. Panke of Houston, was killed in the Medina river near Wednesday while swimming.

Wellington Tuesday died Sunday, a proposed \$175,000 that would have been paid a municipally owned power plant.

Wednesday night found a former railroad duty supervisor, guilty of accepting a \$5,000 bribe and punishment at 2 years.

At about 22, drowned in being swept off his feet by waters of Clear creek at Denton. Berth was driven across the rains when the accident occurred.

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HERRINGTON BOYS COP TOP HONORS IN FIRST SHOW

Phelton Wins Calf Roping, Zelma Takes Cow-Milking Contest; Next Series of Shows Set for July 19-20.

Phelton and Zelma Herrington, brothers from Ranger, took top honors in last Friday night's rodeo, opening performance of the third week-end series of 1940 shows. The former was first in calf roping with the wild cow milking contest with time of 13.6 seconds.

Approximately 2,000 attended the performance, and a crowd of several hundred larger shared in the thrills of Saturday afternoon's exhibition, in which Burch Wilfong of Throckmorton and Leonard Huff of Merkel tied for first and second money in calf roping with time of 16.2 seconds. Exceptional time of 13.2 was made by George Brown of Woodson to lead the cow-milking entries.

A total of 73 contestants participated in Friday night's show, with 64 taking part in the afternoon contest Saturday. Both shows were run off in good fast shape, pleasing in every way to the enthusiastic spectators.

Because of conflicting shows during the week of July Fourth, next series of rodeos on the Merkel schedule were originally set with a four weeks' skip to July 19-20.

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

FRIDAY NIGHT'S WINNERS.
Calf roping—Phelton Herrington, Ranger, first, 16 seconds; Lee Brannon, Comstock, second, 16.8; Brown Todd, Water Valley, third, 17; Jimbo Reynolds, Albany, fourth, 17.4.

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Advice and Hints For Home Owners Planning Gardens

All those who were entries in the recent home beautification contest, sponsored by the Fortnightly Study club and other civic organizations, will be interested in the following article prepared by Mrs. John R. Dressen, Abilene, chairman of the judging committee, reporting observations of the committee as well as carrying suggestions for any who wish help in making plans for beautifying their yards:

"We want to congratulate the citizens of Merkel for sponsoring a home beautification contest, and the judges found it very difficult to make a decision in many cases, but, since we were judging by a score card, we had to be governed by the points.

"Sometimes we found a place well kept and well landscaped without a rose garden and, according to our score cards, that counted off quite a few points. In some cases we found a beautiful pool and an attractive nook and we could only give the pool five points as an accessory.

"Under the heading of appropriateness of material, we found some problems. Perhaps a most attractive one-story home had used the Arizona cypress tree in the foundation planting. The Arizona cypress is a forest tree and grows too large to be used near the house. It makes a beautiful specimen tree and can be used for a background or as shade tree on the west side of our homes, if placed several feet away from the house. This tree seems so well adapted to our climate, and nurserymen everywhere have sold them for foundation planting and we are now seeing our mistake.

"The Italian cypress, so stately and formal, grows too tall for the most of our one-story homes and so often we find them set so near the house that in just a few years they have grown up under the eaves. And then a beautiful shrub must be kept pruned or look deformed. So often we find places overplanted; since we buy our plants small, that is an easy thing to do. We soon find our foundation planting a veritable forest and our windows completely covered, creating a smothered effect.

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BUSINESS HOUSES TO CLOSE SHOP JULY FOURTH

National independence day—Thursday, July Fourth—will be generally observed as a holiday here. The post office will remain closed all day, and there will be no delivery on rural routes, as the carriers will also have holiday.

The F. & M. National bank will observe the holiday and the following list of firms, who signed up for closing on a list passed by R. T. Gray and E. O. Carson, appointed by C. J. Glover, president of the Lions club:

Petty & West, Adcock's Cleaners, Barrow Furniture, Bragg Dry Goods, Bullock Hardware, Burton-Lingo company, Carson grocery, Campbell's grocery, Case grocery, City Dry Cleaners, Front Street grocery, Garrett Feed store, Higginbotham-Bartlett company, Grable Motor company, Hunter & Sublett, Orchid Beauty shop, Maurine's Beauty shop, E. M. McDonald Feed store, Turner grocery, West Texas Utilities company, Merkel Motor company, Bob McDonald's Barber shop, West's Auto Supply, West store, Church Motor company, Curley London, Dandy bakery, Max Melling, Modern Beauty shop, Patterson grocery, Wood's grocery, Crown Variety store, Nutt's Variety store, Black's Radio shop, Buck's Shoe Shop, J. T. Darsey, City Barber shop, Bell and Buford, McCoy's Barber shop.

Former Resident of Jones County Dies

Funeral services were held from the Methodist church here at 10:30 Saturday morning for Francis A. Criswell, 55, with Rev. John H. Crow, the pastor, officiating. Burial followed in Rose Hill cemetery.

Pallbearers were Doc Callaway, Jim Cook, Ira Irwin, George Cooper, Atlas Phillips and Lee Williams. Mr. Criswell, who died in Big Spring Friday, was born in Jones county on Aug. 5, 1884, and had lived in that county practically all of his life. The body was brought overland in a Barrow-Sheppard funeral coach.

Surviving are four brothers: Sid and Ed Criswell, Merkel; Charlie Criswell, Canyon, and C. W. Criswell, Arizona.

Rites Held at Baird For "Mother" Taylor

Funeral services for Mrs. Emma B. Taylor, 79, who died at Big Spring early Monday morning, were held from the Baptist church at Baird Tuesday afternoon. She was buried beside the grave of her husband, J. W. Taylor, who died in 1926.

Mother Taylor, as she was familiarly called, had made her home with her daughter, Mrs. O. R. Douglas, of the Union Ridge community for several years. A few days ago she went for a visit with another daughter, Mrs. R. A. Elder, at Big Spring, where she took ill and passed away a few hours later.

Survivors are seven daughters and two sons. The daughters are: Mrs. C. H. Jerden, Morton; Mrs. Elder; Mrs. F. H. Williams, Tucson, Ariz.; Mrs. L. A. Jerden, Longview; Mrs. S. G. Green, Terrell; Mrs. Douglas, and Mrs. J. W. Derden, Abilene; the sons, C. D. Taylor, Abilene, and E. O. Taylor, Fort Worth. Two sisters, Mrs. Will McClintic, Lamesa, and Mrs. Frankie Harris, Commerce; one brother, Deltive Roan, Commerce, and 34 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren also survive.

West Texas Blessed With Generous Rains

The heaviest rainfall of 1940 brought 2 3/4 inches of moisture to this section during Sunday night and along with it brought smiling faces to farmer, stockman, business man and all alike, for while rains had visited several portions of the area during the month of June reports showed that they were not general.

Sunday night's downpour covered most of this section of West Texas, bringing the 1940 total to 11 1/8 inches.

APPROVAL GIVEN FOR NEW RURAL POWER PROJECT

Former A and B Projects Combined; Resident Engineer Has Assumed Duties; Sub-Station Located At Merkel.

Taylor Electric Co-Operative, Inc., has announced authorization by the REA to start development of a new B project, which will in the main consist of short extensions to major lines of the A project in Taylor county.

Approval was given at a meeting of REA co-operatives in the northern district of Texas with REA officials from Washington, D. C., at the Texas hotel in Fort Worth last Friday. Former A and B projects have been combined to make a new A project of 375 miles that will be constructed as one unit with 800 members. The sub-station will be located at Merkel instead of Tye, it is learned, for purposes of better serving the combined projects.

F. E. Everett of Midwestern Engineering and Construction Co., Tulsa, Okla., who has been assigned as resident engineer on the projects, assumed his duties Monday.

Fifteen representatives from the local co-operative attended the Fort Worth meeting. They were: Knox Parr, Taylor county farm agent, Abilene; R. B. Tate, Nolan county farm agent, Sweetwater; T. V. Bright, Abilene; Ollie Cox, Double Heart ranch, Sweetwater; O. S. Moore and W. C. Moore, Divide; Johnny Cox, Sam Swann and Sam Butman, Merkel; Ed Gist, Hamby; W. C. Church, Stith; Johnny Wheeler, Trent; Ed Herndon and C. B. Johnston, Eskota, and George R. Pepper, Bitter Creek.

Dates of Butman Picnic Definitely Set for July 25-26

The dates of July 25 and 26 for the Mulberry Canyon free summer entertainment were confirmed at a meeting of a special committee appointed by Sam Butman, Jr., general manager, to determine definitely the dates for the annual affair.

This committee, which included M. P. (Uncle Jack) Latimer, E. H. Cordill, Joe Seymore, Jim Cook and Mrs. Tom Russom, met Tuesday at the home of Eli Cordill.

Sam Butman, Sr., has been renamed honorary president; E. H. Cordill is vice-president of the association, with Sam Butman, Jr., general manager, and Mrs. Tom Russom, secretary-treasurer.

Chairmen of the various committees are: Jim Cook, rodeo; Tom Russom, finance; Dewel McLean, public speaking, and Joe Seymore, entertainment.

Stamford Boosters Pay Merkel Visit

Boosting the Cowboy reunion, a group of Stamford citizens, traveling in about 20 autos with a sound car, visited Merkel Thursday morning.

The delegation, sponsored by the Exchange club of that city, was headed by Charlie Greene, manager of the Stamford chamber of commerce, as master of ceremonies.

Welcome was extended in behalf of the city of Merkel by Supt. Connor Robinson, who took occasion to thank the people of Stamford for the cordial reception extended Merkel Boosters on a similar pilgrimage in May.

Rally at Butman To Promote Picnic

A picnic rally, which will take the form of a general meeting of all those interested in promoting the annual Butman picnic and rodeo, July 25-26, will be held at the Butman tabernacle Saturday night beginning at 8 o'clock.

Mrs. Ben Butman and Mrs. Don Riney are in charge of the entertainment program, which will include string bands, readings and special music.

The American's Creed—Adopted By Congress

I believe in the United States of America, as a government of the people, by the people, and for the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic; a sovereign nation of many sovereign states; a perfect union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.

I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it, to support its constitution, to obey its laws, to respect its flag, and to defend it against all enemies.—(The American's Creed, by William Tyler Page, was adopted by an act of congress, April 6, 1918.)

Ex-Residents of Bell Plan Picnic July 7

Final plans for the picnic of Bell county ex-residents, now living in Taylor, Jones, Nolan and other counties of West Texas, were mapped at a meeting of the executive committee held Sunday afternoon in the offices of Judge James P. Stinson, Abilene, president of the association.

The all-day picnic is set for Sunday, July 7, at the Presbyterian encampment ground at Buffalo Gap. The formal program will be brief, and there will be no political or war talk. Purpose is a general get-together of old friends. Everybody is eligible for membership—there are no dues—who has lived in Bell county, and so are their families.

It will be a dinner on the ground affair, everybody bringing his own basket.

Program Over KXOX.

The interested public is invited to listen in on a program of songs by Ben Robert Hicks and Charlene James over KXOX, Sweetwater, at 4:30 Sunday afternoon.

MERKEL 30 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, June 17, 1910.)

STORIES OF THE STREET.

WANTED—A big general rain, a regular sod-soaker and gully washer, and p. d. q. Merkel Country Farmers.

Stockmen report that there is no grass. The seriousness of this situation is realized when we state that Coggin & Demery shipped the most of their cattle and Arthur Sears and others are figuring on moving their stuff unless it rains.

WHAT THE FARMERS SAY.
S. H. L. Swafford reported Saturday that unless it rained in fifteen minutes the early feedstuff was lost. The time is now up but we have not seen him since.

G. W. Brady: "My early feed is hurting but a good rain in a week or ten days will greatly improve its condition and believe that it would make some feed."

W. F. Dupree is a cotton buyer, not a grower, but is believing that he will get to bid on some cotton this year on the Merkel market. He was quite poetic Saturday and recited the following for us:

"With tawny face and horny hands,
The farmer comes and tills the lands,
All day long, beneath the burning sun,
See, O! see the furrows he has run."

J. M. Rister says a rain is needed badly but that his family of eleven are living out of their garden and with the exception of early feed his crops are looking good.

Gilford Kinsey is having peach cobbler at his house, even on week days,

MAIL CARRIER RETIRES AFTER SERVING 35 YEARS

Auley Sanders To Make Last Trip on Rural Mail Route Saturday of This Week; Retires Under Annuity Plan.

Completing 35 years' service as rural mail carrier out of the Merkel post office, F. A. (Auley) Sanders will retire under the annuity plan for postal employees after he makes his Saturday run.

As will be recalled Mr. Sanders succeeded J. Ben Campbell on Route 2, when the latter retired under the annuity plan some five years ago.

A long time resident of Merkel, Auley Sanders came here in 1901 from Tennessee, where he was born at Huntington on June 2, 1877. During the interim before he took the rural route examination in 1905 in competition with 17 applicants, he farmed two years and Auley plans to return to the farm in a modified way when he retires Saturday.

Next week he and his wife will move to their place on the mountain, an 80 acre tract out of the Perry ranch which he bought two years ago and which adjoins the farm of a brother-in-law, Charlie Orr. He has already cleared up about 18 acres, built a house, and it is there he will raise chickens, hogs and milk cows.

In the early days there were no graded roads—they were mostly like trails, Auley says, on July 1, 1905, when he started carrying the mail on Route 3 out of Merkel, employing a horse and cart for conveyance. Only high water prevented regular runs which were sometimes made on horseback. He used a motorcycle two years in 1907-8 and the following year bought his first car, a Ford. Even after he got the car, he sometimes had to resort to the horse and buggy to insure the trip. In 1908, Campbell retired from the service.

Before he came to Texas, Mr. Sanders was married to Miss Minnie Orr on Dec. 28, 1898. She died in 1916. His second marriage took place on Oct. 10, 1934, to Mrs. Lula Morris. He is the father of two daughters.

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BLAIR ITEMS

Brother Bishop Hunter of Merkel gave an interesting talk on "Drifting" to a well pleased congregation Sunday. Mr. Hunter has won the hearts of the people here by his impressive messages. Marvin Hunter, his son, led the song service with Miss Gwendolyn Sandusky at the piano. Mrs. Hunter accompanied her husband and also attended services. We welcome these fine folks back soon.

Lem Dudley was seen in our midst on business Tuesday.

Mrs. Eli Brooks spent Thursday with Mrs. Sholie Swafford and family.

Miss Dorothy Perkins of Corpus Christi is visiting her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Perkins and family, for an indefinite time.

Miss Joy Doan was one of those chosen by Rod Merritt, personal director, to make a talk on "How Training and Recreation Program May Be Improved" at Abilene on May 31 and at Brownwood on June 7, with Miss Galena Mae Taylor, Abilene, as sponsor.

Kenneth McCleary visited relatives in Fort Worth the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Riley James and children of Malakoff came up Friday to visit with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Z. V. Moore. Mrs. James and children remained for a two weeks' stay here, also visiting other relatives.

Mrs. Elgin Mayberry and family of Mt. Pleasant were guests in the Moore home Sunday, also Jack Moore of Bowie is visiting home folks.

Hosie Myers of Anson visited Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Doan and family, also Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell Sunday, and Mr. and Mrs. Billington and son, Gene, of Trent, spent Sunday in the Doan home.

"Ye scribe" has been absent for several days on a nursing expedition, attending the bedside of Mrs. Miller of ... who underwent

at major surgery recently and who is convalescing nicely at this writing.

Miss Novis Whitaker of Abilene is spending the week-end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sandusky.

Miss Leola Reidenbach of Mt. Pleasant is the week-end guest of Miss Madlyn Brown.

Mrs. Will Moore and family, accompanied by Mrs. R. B. Horton and three children, left Friday for Weinert and Seymour. Mrs. Horton and children will visit her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Moore and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Wilson and family at Red Spring for an indefinite time.

Miss Lucy Moore left Sunday for Lubbock where she will take a summer course at Texas Tech.

Mrs. Anthony and Mrs. T. E. McRee of Trent spent several days with the former's daughter, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Jackson and family.

Elworth Bell, Jr., of Bradshaw, spent the week-end with his grand-

parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hunter.

The Epworth league met Sunday with Miss Joy Doan, president, Miss Lena Faye Orsborn, group leader and Scripture reading. Others on the program were Gwendolyn Sandusky, Nell Scogin, Fannie Lou Jackson, Annie Doan and Nina Orsborn.

The League play, a minstrel comedy, was sponsored by Miss Orsborn, with the following cast: J. D. Sandusky, superintendent; Miss Nell Scogin, teacher; students, Jimmy Campbell, Annie Doan, Gwendolyn Sandusky, Nina Orsborn, Fannie Lou Jackson, Sammy Doan, Desmond Doan, Billy Raye Jackson. The entertainment was very impressive and lemonade and cake were served to the two groups.

WARREN NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. John Hobbs had as their guests the latter part of last week, Mrs. Hobbs' sisters, Mrs. Warren Stidham and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hokit of Fort Stockton, also Mrs. Hobbs' mother, Mrs. Perry Clunch, who is remaining for a visit with the family here.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Bill Harvell and family last Friday were Mrs. W. J. Ham and Mrs. Leonard Gray and children, Billie and Nancy, all of Clyde.

Mrs. Jack Higgins and son, Jerry Don, of Artesia, N. M., arrived Saturday night for a two weeks' visit with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Roberts and family and Mr. and Mrs. Otis Foster and family and other relatives.

Evelyn Jones spent last week with her aunt, Miss Mae Chancey, who is employed at Trent. She returned Saturday, accompanied by Miss Chancey, who visited with home folks over the week-end.

Bobby Nell Reagan was a guest the past week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Foster and daughters, Bobby Fern and Betty.

On Sunday night, June 16, Miss Lyla Hobbs was hostess to a group of friends in her home with a supper in celebration of her sixteenth birthday. Gifts were presented and those enjoying the occasion were Mr. and Mrs. John Hobbs, Bennie Hobbs, Claudean Harvell, Earl Cross, Merle Owen, Dessie Baker, Cleo Chancey and the hostess.

Come to Sunday School each Sunday afternoon at 2:30, at the school house.

Here is a special invitation to you to bring your friends and attend singing Friday night, June 28, at 8:15. We have a supply of the new Stamps-Baxter books, "Golden Key." Everyone come and have a big time enjoying the new songs.

White Church News

We certainly have been having some fine rains, and the farmers are indeed all smiles over the fact.

Tom Hardin of Elida, N. M., is visiting in the home of his brother, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hardin.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gee and family of Pampa, S. D. McLean and daugh-

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J. T. COATS

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Mother and daughter smile happily, for they are delighted with their blue and white plaid skirts, as featured in June Good Housekeeping. Whether it be the mountains, beach, or farm for you this summer, you won't want to leave behind such treasures as these. They come in sizes 2 to 20!

ter, Joanna, and Mrs. Kenneth Bailey of Wichita Falls, and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hall and son, Billy Don, of Olney, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. P. R. McLean and family last week-end.

Mrs. Earl Perkins was a visitor with her father, Mr. Hellum, of Comanche, over the week-end.

Misses La Verne and Duane Porch of Big Spring are spending a few weeks with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hardin.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Mayfield of Blair and Mrs. Marvin Mayfield and son, Marvin, Jr., of Abilene, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Damere Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Conley and children of Merkel visited Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Riggan Sunday.

Bell Farmer of Sunray is spend-

ing his vacation in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Farmer.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ellison have as their guest, Mr. Ellison's mother of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Edington and children, James and June, of Abilene, were Sunday guests in the A. D. Barnes home.

Miss Aileen Frazier visited Miss Jeraldeen Butman Sunday.

D. W. Rodgers, who has been quite sick, is reported much better at this time.

Edison Quits Post.

Washington, June 27. — Charles Edison left the post of secretary of the navy Monday after a period of five months' service to run for governor of New Jersey as the democratic nominee.



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Civil Service Rules In Effect for Defense Workers, Garrett Says

New application bills did not relax civil service requirements. Consequently, all persons who work for the government under the national defense program will be under civil service regulations.

This statement comes from Congressman Clyde L. Garrett, who explains that he is having many inquiries as to the manner in which people will be employed, and outlines prospects for work as follows:

"Preference will be given those with civil service status who have worked in the so-called 'emergency' agencies, provided they have registered for the work and can show their civil service eligibility.

"The main needs of both the war and navy departments during the next year will not be for clerical help but for skilled employees in the various arts, crafts and trades and their place of employment will be in the field establishments and not in Washington. The best way to find out about employment is to apply to the commanding officer at the nearest war department establishment or to one of the two kinds of civil service commission offices.

"The people in Texas, interested in this employment, should contact the tenth district office of the civil service at the Old Custom House building, New Orleans, La., or to the local civil service representative, who will be found among the postoffice employees in second or first class offices. These men can give you the information or tell you whom you should contact.

"All persons interested in craft or trade positions or in skilled positions as laborers should register in one of these district offices or at the nearest United States employment office. Do not try to get a job in any of the government rearmament programs outside of your own immediate territory until you have civil service status or have contacted and been contacted by this United States employment office in regard to a position, as it is felt best to use those nearest the job to serve, to prevent dislocation of persons from their home environment and too much floating around over the country. When the labor, skilled and craftsmanship, of any section is fully employed then others will be brought in from adjacent territory.

"This information is given that our people may not go to unnecessary trouble and build hopes of sudden employment too quickly. I shall be glad to give other information in regard to this program as it is available."

New Officers Installed By Merkel Masons

Merkel Lodge No. 710, A. F. & A. M., installed the following new officers for the ensuing year at Monday night's meeting:

J. F. Walker, worshipful master; E. B. Reece, senior warden; Willie L. Moore, junior warden; Bob Fowler, treasurer; Carl Black, secretary, and G. F. Woods, tiler. The last three were re-elected.

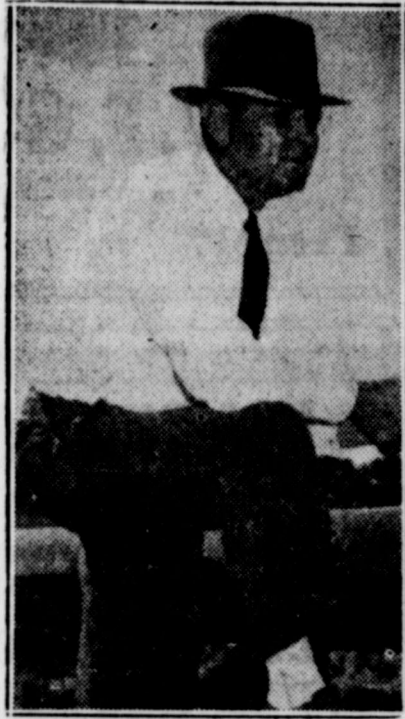
Newly appointed officers are: V. B. Sublett, senior deacon; James Hass, junior deacon; Joe B. Jackson, senior steward; H. K. Farr, junior steward; Jim Collins, chaplain; Andy Shouse, marshal.

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

Hangs Up Driving Record Eight Years Without Accident

"I'd rather be an hour late than never arrive at my destination."

This home spun philosophy has helped effect a record of driving a company automobile 336,779 miles in eight years without an accident for Luther Tolbert, assistant pipe line superintendent for Lone Star Gas com-



pany, which sells gas wholesale to Community Natural Gas company, Texas Cities Gas company and other local distributing companies. Mr. Tolbert's safe driving mileage is equivalent to 13 1-2 times around the earth.

Pursued in the interest of the company's constant safety campaign to protect its employees and the public, Mr. Tolbert's accomplishment is among the perfect driving records that have been established by a number of employees. His work takes him through all kinds of weather at all hours of the night and day over every conceivable type of road, confronting him with a maximum of driving hazards.

Although the time element is important in his work, Mr. Tolbert does not demand the sacrifice of safety in driving.

"I give other drivers the benefit of every doubt," he said. "I might have an alibi that I used the proper hand signals, that the right-of-way was mine, or that the other driver should have been looking where he was going, but if an accident should happen all the alibis in the world

could not repair the damage or rectify the injury caused by an automobile mishap."

Mr. Tolbert, whose record started in 1932, believes that greatest precaution should be taken on the clear, wide highways where the tendency to speed is strong. The driver who might zig out of a side road without looking, the stalled car or truck, the unknown danger around the next curve, are all pointed out by Mr. Tolbert as hazards which prove caution profitable on the highway as well as in a city's congested traffic.

Trim Accident Toll Local Dealer Urges By Checkup of Tires

After nearly two and a half years' use on the cars of average Americans under all types of driving, survey and test records have shown, declares S. M. Hunter, local Goodyear dealer, that the Marathon tire has piled up billions of highway miles proving itself an entirely satisfactory product.

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"Opportunity to spread the application of new tires to older cars with an attractive proposition is provided in the two and four-tire sets which we are offering," Mr. Hunter continued. "Largest percentage of tire replacement is either for two or four tires, seldom for one or three," he pointed out, "and figures show that the majority of tire buyers would prefer to purchase either two or four rather than just one, which is usually all they can afford, if they buy a good grade tire made by a recognized manufacturer.

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to take. We'll be pleased to look over tires for wheel alignment, unequalized braking and so on to insure getting the most miles out of tires, as well as to point out which ones are dangerous and require replacing."

List of Petit Jurors Called for Next Week

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

Dutch Dunn, Spencer Bird, J. M. Walker, Sam Swann, A. H. Murphy, W. L. Blair, Merkel; T. A. Hackney, J. R. Jacks, A. B. Johnson, Clyde Oldham, J. J. Bresenham, C. L. Johnson, J. W. Nichols, Welson Marshall, Harold A. Girdner, Jinks McGee, E. V. Mitchell, S. B. Thomason, A. E. Shipley, James Price, A. A. Storey, Walter R. Jennings, Claud Young, M. V. Witbeck, Van Chapman, N. O. Mobley, Frank A. Oyster, J. E. Montgomery, T. C. Campbell, C. D. Baird, W. W. Dodson, C. T. Steele, J. C. Tyler, Hugh Wilson, Russell Kirby, C. M. Landers, Emmett Boyd, E. P. Plumlee, G. P. Harris, J. B. Dean, Howard Miller, L. R. York, U. S. Heavenhill, A. L. Tabor, Abilene; C. J. McIntyre, C. S. Reynolds, Wingate; N. B. Teaff, Tye; W. L. Morris, Ovalo; W. L. McCormick, Tuscola; W. E. Puckett, Winters.

Awarded Flying Medal.

London, June 27.—Sergt. W. R. Williams, 20, born in Topeka, Kan., was awarded the British distinguished flying medal Monday. He was a wireless operator and gunner in a bomber which shot down a German Heinkel and a Junkers and then bombed an objective.

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QUEEN THEATRE CALENDAR

Friday-Saturday, double feature—Hop-A-Long Cassidy as "Santa Fe Marshal;" "Village Barn Dance," with all-star cast; also Popeye cartoon and serial.

Saturday preview, Sunday afternoon, Monday night—"My Favorite Wife," starring Irene Dunne and Cary Grant; added, color cartoon and late Paramount News.

Tuesday-Wednesday—Jones family "On Their Own;" added, two-reel comedy and short subjects.

Thursday-Friday—Anna Neagle, Ray Milland in "Irene," with Roland Young, May Robson and Billie Burke.

"My Favorite Wife" Is First Sunday Feature Scheduled At Queen

A sparkling treatment of the Enoch Arden story is the delightful basis of "My Favorite Wife," to be shown Saturday preview, Sunday afternoon and Monday night at the Queen theatre, with Irene Dunne and Cary Grant in the stellar roles.

Described as a sophisticated entertainment bristling with refreshing comedy from the opening scene to the final fade-out, "My Favorite Wife" has Miss Dunne, portraying Grant's wife, returning from a scientific exploration which met a sea disaster in which all members were declared lost. Her return is welcomed by Grant with astonishment, joy and apprehension—because he weeds and leaves on his second honeymoon that very day.

By clever connivance, Grant manages to keep the news of Irene's return from wife No. 2. He immediately packs up the kissless bride, leaves the honeymoon hotel, and goes home—where he again meets Irene, now posing as an old friend of the family.

The plot introduces a handsome explorer with whom Irene spent her seven-year absence on a South Sea island who now wants to marry her; all of which leads to a double skirmish along the romantic front—wife vs. bride for Grant, and explorer vs. Grant for Irene—which builds up to the whirlwind climax after a sparkling stream of exhilarating comedy and exciting romance.

"My Favorite Wife" offers rare opportunity for comedy expression to Miss Dunne and Grant. In the featured brackets, Randolph Scott and Patrick, as the explorer and bride, top an excellent support which includes Ann Shoemaker, Donald MacBride, Granville Bates and two youngsters, Scotty Beckett and Mary Lou Harrington.

USHA Gets More Cash.

Washington, June 27.—The house banking committee voted Tuesday to give the United States housing authority \$5,000,000 more annually, thereby to permit the lending of capital heretofore "frozen."

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.

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LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS

Donation of \$2.00 from Mrs. J. L. Speck for the Red Cross war relief fund is acknowledged this week by The Mail, bringing the total of subscriptions reported from Merkel to \$55.00.

Owen Robertson, manager of the Merkel Motor company, was notified by long distance Wednesday morning that the new Ford deluxe sedan, stolen from the show room here during Sunday night, had been located at Sherman. It was expected that the car would be returned here Thursday by insurance representatives. The display room was broken into and the car driven out the front door. A small amount of money was rifled from the cash register.

Floyd McCoy last week moved his barber shop two doors south on Kent street to the location formerly occupied by Buck's Shoe shop.

H. H. Daniel, who suffered another stroke on Wednesday of last week and has since been in serious condition, is reported better. He is at the home of a daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. O. N. Buford.

When the official ballot for the Taylor county democratic primary was checked and okeyed by a committee Monday morning, it was reported four candidates were left off the ballot when they decided not to pay their assessments by the deadline last Saturday midnight, reducing the number on the ticket to 162 names. One of the four who decided not to continue in the race was Earl Daniel, candidate for constable in precinct 5.

The Abilene recruiting office reports the enlistment of Leslie A. Palmer, William L. Roberts and William L. Cooper in the United States army during the past week. The former two were assigned to the 79th Field Artillery, Fort Bragg, N. C., and the latter to the 2nd Division, Field Artillery, Fort Sam Houston.

Palomino Group Elects, Moves to Incorporate

Members of the Texas Palomino association, meeting in Abilene last Saturday, elected new officers and directors, took steps toward incorporation and ordered "go ahead" on plans for staging their second annual Palomino horse show at the West Texas Fair in Abilene in October.

Jack Bridges, Glen Rose, was elected president, succeeding Howard B. Cox, San Angelo. Other new officers are Dr. H. A. Zappe, Wichita Falls, secretary; W. B. Mitchell, Marfa, first vice-president; R. L. Underwood, Wichita Falls, second vice-president.

The list of directors includes Jerry Sadler, Texas railroad commissioner, who has a stock farm near Merkel. Among those present at the Abilene meeting was Dr. W. T. Sadler, owner of a string of Palominos.

Tom Jinkens Seeks Office of Constable

To the Voters of Precinct No. 5: In making my announcement for the office of constable of precinct 5, I wish to state that it is not my intention to make a house to house canvass and, as the time between now and the election date is limited, I may not get to see all the voters.

Having lived in Taylor county and this section around 50 years, I feel that nearly every one knows me and I will sincerely appreciate your vote and influence in the coming election.

Yours respectfully,
T. C. (Tom) Jinkens.

Carrier Retires

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ters by the first marriage: Mrs. Virgil Hassey of Sacramento, Calif., and Mrs. Pete White of Merkel.

A charter member of the Merkel Fire department, Auley was active for many years with the local volunteer fire-fighters and is an honorary member of the organization at this time. He has been a worth while citizen in all respects and during his long residence here has acquired a wide circle of friends who join with all the patrons he has served on the two mail routes in rejoicing that he has planned so well for his later years after retirement from postal service.

Until further notice from the second assistant postmaster general, the substitute carrier, Pierce Horton, will fill the place temporarily as carrier on Route 2.

Standard Typewriter Ribbons 75c each at Merkel Mail office.

PERSONALS

Supt. and Mrs. Connor Robinson returned Wednesday from a four-day vacation spent on the ranch of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Robinson, near Fluvanna in Borden county.

Miss Billie Gardner, who gave the wedding music in the Morrow-Coulter wedding at Stamford Sunday, was accompanied on her return to Austin, where she is attending summer school at the University of Texas, by her sister, Becky Gardner, who is visiting in the Gamma Phi Beta sorority house and participating in the rush week gayeties.

Guests during the past week of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Thomas were Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Hamilton and daughter, Janice Lee, who were returning to their home at Lamesa after a vacation trip to the gulf coast.

Mrs. Elma McFarland had as her guests Tuesday and Wednesday, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Grubbs, of Stockton, Calif. Mrs. Grubbs is the former Zora Coggin, who was making her first visit back to Merkel in 23 years.

Homer Easterwood, cashier of the First State bank at Taft, was a visitor this week in the John and Twyman Collins homes here, returning home Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. J. T. Johnson returned Wednesday morning from a visit at Big Spring with her son, D. C. Johnson, and wife, and the latest member of the family, a six-pound granddaughter, born Monday, June 24.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Dunn of Southland spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Dowell and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Dunn. On Sunday Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Dunn, Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Dowell, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Dunn and son, E. L., and Mr. and Mrs. Verner Dunn and little daughter, Bettie Sue, of Abilene, all drove over to Sweetwater to meet the Sunshine Special as their little niece, Tommy Scott Gosby, was coming home from Georgia on a year's visit.

Mrs. Herbert Patterson and son, Truett, were home for the week-end from Austin, where Truett is attending summer school at the University of Texas. Mrs. Patterson is spending part of the summer in Austin with him.

Miss Betty Grimes returned Monday to Denton, where she is a student in summer school at Texas State College for Women, having accompanied her mother, Mrs. Dee Grimes, and sister, Sud, home after they had visited with her since she entered summer school.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Newby and little daughter, Paka, visited the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Newby, of Colorado City, Saturday night and Sunday.

All the children of Mr. and Mrs. Lige Harris were home the past week, except one son, T. J. Harris, of Phoenix, Ariz. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Harris and children, Joan and Jimmie Lynn, of Amarillo; Mrs. T. J. Harris and daughters, Jean and Patsy, of Phoenix, Ariz.; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Harris of Borger; Mr. and Mrs. Don Riney, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Harris, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Russell and children, Jimmy, Jerry and Jackie.

Week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. David Gamble were Mrs. Gamble's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Ryals, of Dallas, who were also visitors to the week-end rodeo.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Baze and children, Mary Jane, Kelley and Don, from Idalou, near Lubbock, Dorothy Jane Anderson from Fort Worth and Lloyd Turner from Brownwood are visiting in the homes of J. R. and Earl Baze.

Mrs. Wilbur Click and son have returned from a three-weeks' visit with relatives at Carthage.

Misses Venita Allen, Iris Eoff, Betty Lou Cade and Clarice Blair were week-end guests of Jewell Chancey of Noodle.

Mrs. Jeff Chancey and children and Miss Jewell Chancey visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Reece of Abilene Tuesday.

Miss Lena Root of Bartlesville, Okla., is a guest in the W. R. Sumpter home.

Mr. and Mrs. Buster Horton entertained Mrs. Mike Jennings and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Van Winkle and children from Berea and Lexington, Ky., in their home last Thursday. The visitors, who are relatives of Mrs. Horton, are on a trip to the West coast and Yellowstone National park.

Guests this week in the Wrenn Durham home are Mrs. H. C. Rainey, of Fort Worth, an aunt of Mrs. Durham, and Mrs. Tom Durham of Lubbock, mother of Mr. Durham. Mrs. Earl Clements, mother of Mrs. Durham, has returned to her home at Brownwood.

It is believed all flowers of the world belong to only nine primary types.

Garden Plans

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"The type of plant used can be governed by the type of architecture used in our home. The large two-story house can take much larger plants and more of them; with the bungalow or cottage we should use our shrubs sparingly; they should be well chosen and grouped with the higher or accent plants at corners and the low group in front of our windows. We should allow some of the house to show all the way to the ground in places to keep it from cutting height from the house.

"In making our foundation planting we should make a very careful study of the type of house and check the shrubs to be used as to how tall they grow, for we can make or mar the beauty of our homes with our planting.

"The arrangement of flower beds is an interesting study. Some times we find beautiful flowers in beds arranged in a way that we get a cluttered effect when looking at the entire grounds. A curb planting often creates this effect.

"Attractive flower beds can be arranged all around the outer lines of the back yard, with a background of evergreens, blooming shrubs or a vine-covered fence, with the tall growing flowers in the back and graduating down to the low ones in front, with some thought given to color arrangement. And a green grass plot in the center adds to the charm. Many interesting and beautiful pictures can be created with flower bed arrangement.

"The real dirt gardener always strives to improve her garden and enjoys remaking it and hopes to grow larger dahlias, chrysanthemums or finer iris than her flower-growing friends. Wouldn't life be uninteresting without a bit of friendly rivalry?"

"The real gardener always enjoys sharing plants, seeds and flowers with friends. Gardening is surely the most interesting and healthful hobby one could choose, for it matters not how many years we have spent with it, there's always so much more to learn about it."

Rodeo

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Wild cow milking—Zelmer Herrington, Ranger, first, 13.6; S. G. Russell, Merkel, second, 14.6; Leo Huff, Merkel, third, 20.4; Phelton Herrington, fourth, 21.4.

Bareback bronc riding—Johnny Downs, Abilene, first; Bud Fitzgerald, San Antonio, second; Gerald Derrick, Merkel, third.

Saddle bronc riding—Jasbo Hester, Brownwood, first; Downs, second; Bill Barton, Abilene, third.

Bull riding—Derrick, first; Barton, second.

Steer riding—Bill Brabbin, Merkel, first; Marvin Wolverton, Wichita Falls, second; J. B. Hunter, Sweetwater, third; Jack Moberly, Albany, fourth.

SATURDAY WINNERS.

Calf roping—Burch Wilfong, Throckmorton, and Leonard Huff, Merkel, tie for first and second, 16.2 seconds; Clay Campbell, Sonora, third, 18; J. L. Cook, Dora, fourth, 19.2.

Wild cow milking—George Brown, Woodson, first, 13.2; Wilfong and Ralph Russell, Merkel, tied for sec-



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ond and third, 15; Leo Huff, Merkel, 16.2.

Bareback bronc riding—Downs, first; Derrick, second; Buck Kellough, Abilene, third.

Saddle bronc riding — Wolverton, first; Downs, second; A. C. Wike, San Angelo, third.

Bull riding—Johnny Stovall, Fluvanna, first; John Burdon, Fluvanna, second. Only two riders qualified in this event.

Steer riding — Wolverton, first; Derrick, second; Ben Davis, Aspermont, third, and Kellough, fourth.

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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bowers and Mr. and Mrs. George Isles were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bowers.

Mr. and Mrs. Carter Dyer of Coleman have been visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Roberts. They were accompanied here by Jonnie Roberts, who had spent the past two weeks with them.

Mrs. Bruce Cole and daughter of Hobbs, N. M., visited her mother, Mrs. Archer, last week.

Mrs. Byron Booser and two daughters of Sweetwater spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Winn.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Jones left Monday for Coleman to stay a few days with the latter's father, Mr. Campbell.

Mrs. Norma Davis of Long Beach, Calif., has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. Williamson and Mrs. Freeman.

After a month's visit with his parents here, Alvie Statser has returned to Denver, Colo., where he is stationed in the air corps at Lowry field.

Bob Howell of Abilene has been returned to the hospital at Marshall with a severe back injury. Mrs. Howell, the former Sally Freeman, is here with her mother.

A number of people from this section enjoyed picnics at the state park, Buffalo Gap, Sunday. Those going in one party were: Mr. and Mrs. Foy Steadman and Judy, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Wilson and family, Mrs. Elmer Pomroy and family, Kirby Steadman, all of Trent; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Barnes of Blair; Carroll Steadman of Dallas, and Vesta Scott and Ethel King of Merkel.

In another party that went to the State park and took their supper were: Mr. and Mrs. Earl Strawn and James; Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Stribling and family, Billy Joe Bowers, Helen McLeod, Alvie Statser, Charlene James, Mark Williamson, Cull Curvington, Spud McLeod, Mrs. A. Williamson, Carlton and Claudine Stribling.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Poor and Danny have been visiting here.

Quite a number of people from Trent attended the singing at Noodle Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Foy Steadman, Mr. and Mrs. Zed Bright and son, Kirby Steadman, Mrs. Charlie Seago, Mrs. M. Grayson, Dorothy Hood, Mr. G. S. Bryant and Kath. Vera Bright, all of Trent, attended a musical in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bicknell at Noodle Monday night.

J. B. Winn, Jr., and Buddy Winter attended the F. F. A. picnic at Buffalo Gap last week.

Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Beasley and daughters visited in Lubbock Sunday.

TRENT GIRLS ENJOY OUTING.

Members of the Trent Fun-Loving Hikers' club, sponsored by their recreation director, Louise Purser, enjoyed an outing at Lake Sweetwater Thursday evening, June 20. After several games were played, each of the girls helped to prepare the campfire supper, which was served at 7 o'clock. The girls then went on a hike and had the business part of the meeting.

Mrs. C. W. Edwards, who assisted with the picnic, was unanimously

elected to be the club mother. At adjournment at 9 o'clock, members voted to meet again on July 5.

Those enjoying the occasion were Betty Jane Tittle, Billie Joe Billington, June Nalley, Annie Laura Anderson, Louise Wheatley, Betty Leslie, Peggy Titsworth, La Nelle Edwards, Tilda Lou Steen, Betty Marie Purser, Ruby Acuna, Anita Acuna, Wanda Kegans, Patsy Scott, Miss Velma Horton, Mrs. C. W. Edwards and small son, C. W., Jr., and the sponsor.

Lift Quota Limit In Marine Corps

In order that young men of the north central part of the state of Texas may be afforded the opportunity of enlisting in the U. S. Marine Corps without traveling long distances, a recruiting station has been established in the U. S. Court House building in Fort Worth. This office will be open daily from 8:30 a. m. to 4 p. m., except Saturday afternoons and all day Sundays.

For a number of years the United States Marine Corps has been limited to a small number of enlistments due to the comparatively small size of its enlisted personnel, with that of the army and navy. But, due to the present plans for a large na-

tional defense program, the lid has been lifted and the quotas will be "unlimited" for a certain period of time. This ban on restricted enlistments will afford many young men throughout the United States, an opportunity to enlist in the service of their choice, the United States Marines. The Marine Corps does not require that one be a mental genius in order to enlist; in fact, the requirements have been lowered from that of a high school education to that of a grammar school education. The Marine Corps educates its own men through the Marine Corps institute, an educational institution comparable with that of any high school and many colleges.

If you are between the ages of 18 and 30 years, from 64 to 74 inches tall, white, single, with no dependents, a graduate of grammar school, physically sound and of good moral character, then you are eligible for enlistment in the Marine Corps. Any recruiting officer will explain the advantages this fine branch of the service has to offer you.

One-third of all the oil and gas wells drilled in the United States last year were drilled in Texas.

Adding machine rolls 15c or two for 25c; regular retail price everywhere. For sale at the Merkel Mail.

O'Daniel to Open Campaign July 2

Austin, June 27.—Governor W. Lee O'Daniel's re-election campaign tour, postponed once, will begin and perhaps end at Waco July 2.

In his weekly radio broadcast from the executive mansion, the governor announced Sunday that unless something unforeseen happens he would speak at Waco on that date.

"That may be the only appearance I will get to make. However, if time and conditions will permit there may be other appearances and talks after that," he said.

He had originally planned to begin a state tour last week but announced its postponement because of added duties caused by world conditions and his part in the national defense program.

Explaining that he had been too busy for campaigning, the governor said in his radio address:

"In times like these I feel that it is far more important that I stay in my office and do everything I can to

assist the president in carrying out the great defense program. Politics seem so unimportant compared with a great world crisis like we now are witnessing."

He said he chose Waco for his first public rally because of its central location. The Central Texas city was the scene of a huge rally in his campaign two years ago.

The chief executive said his Waco address would not be broadcast because "it may be so hot that I would not want to put it on the air."



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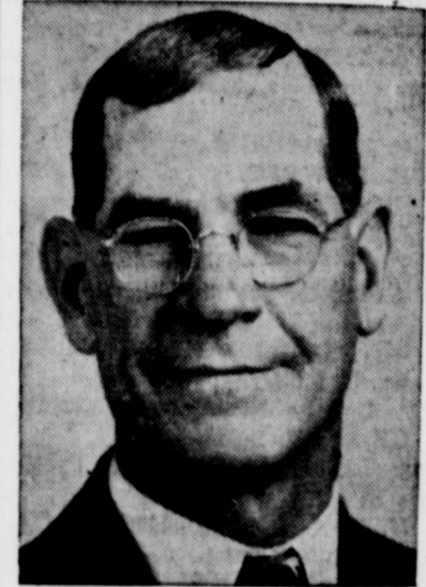
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Stamford's Cavalcade Of West Starts July 2

Stamford, June 27.—With the addition of new entertainment features during the past few days, the stage is set for Stamford's yearly cavalcade of the West, the eleventh and the town is in holiday attire, with nual Texas Cowboy Reunion. Already streets and buildings bedecked with bunting and cowboy banners, the whole community busy as a beehive and ten-gallon hats and high-heeled boots increasingly numerous about town.

Real cowhands with chuck wagons and roping horses will begin arriving by Sunday just to be on hand in plenty of time for the opening Tuesday morning, July 2, and they'll be around until the new amateur rodeo champions are crowned at the final contest on Thursday night, July 4.

Late additions to the program include a girls' calf-roping contest for each afternoon and night rodeo performance. Entries will be by invitation and cash purses will be awarded for the lowest average time. Another new feature is a square dance on horseback to be staged by a team from Throckmorton on the night of July 4.

Lending a new aspect to the Texas Cowboy Reunion this year is the first official show of the American Quarter Horse association to be held during the celebration, with \$1,000 in cash prizes offered in four classes. Another new departure is the gaited horse show with \$480 in prizes.

The Reunion will open officially with the grand parade at 11 a. m. Tuesday, though at that hour the first morning rodeo performance, starting at 8 a. m., will have been completed. The first meeting of the old-time cowboys' association will be held at 1 p. m. The daily schedule includes rodeo performances at 8 a. m., 2 p. m. and 8 p. m., square dances at the Coombes Roundup hall and modern dances at the sponsors' pavilion each night at 10 o'clock and chuck wagon dinner for old-time cowboys at the Will Rogers Bunkhouse at noon.

The old fiddlers' contest, biggest free attraction, will be held at the Coombes Roundup hall at 8:30 a. m., July 4.

Red Cross Fund \$14,843,967.
Washington, June, 27.—The Red Cross war relief fund totaled \$14,843,967 Monday. Late contributions included \$25,000 from the Bethlehem Steel corporation and \$1,125 from inmates and employees of the Jackson, Mich., state prison.

Cavalcade's '76 Spirit



● The "Spirit of '76" is one of the gripping scenes in "America! Cavalcade of a Nation," theme spectacle of the 1940 Golden Gate International Exposition. The gigantic Exposition production depicts the story of the growth of America on the world's largest stage.

ference at the base, was taken from the Davis mountains, near Balmorhea. At that time it measured eight inches in height. Today it is twenty feet tall, and has twenty branches, each one being seventeen inches long and weighing 2 pounds each.

From each branch are to be seen four clusters, measuring six inches in length. There is an average of seventeen buds to each cluster. These are light green in color and resemble the fingers of a cat. The stem upon which the bloom rests is something like four inches long, and is the size of a large needle. The bloom looks like a small, yellow croquet mallet, and is attached to the tiny stem which supports it by a point no larger than screen wire.

The odor emitting from the bloom is very delicate, and while not especially pleasing, is not at all offensive. The pollen from the bloom is of a very heavy yellow, and when spread upon any surface, looks like yellow paint.

There is a heavy fluid exuding from the plant which looks like honey; it is also of a sweetish taste, and bees are said to hover around this liquid in droves, as it is a very enticing refreshment.

Miss Kuykendall stated several

hundred people had made special trips to her home in Wichita Falls to see the curious specimen of the flower kingdom, and many Merkelites have seen the portion on display here.

Orphans to Australia.

Melbourne, Australia, June 27.—Machinery for settling more than 5,000 English war orphans in Australia now is complete, it was announced by Senator H. S. Foll, commonwealth minister of interior.

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Big Celebration At Moro Planned July 4

A record-breaking crowd is expected at the July Jubilee, to be staged at the B. M. Burks' place at Moro, ten miles east of Shep, on July Fourth. Activity is to begin at 2 p. m. and will continue till midnight, it is announced by J. W. Burks.

"We are inviting the candidates of Taylor county to play a game of softball against the candidates of Rannels county," Mr. Burks said. "This game is to open the program in the afternoon, and the candidates' speaking will immediately follow the ball game. All candidates are invited to speak and also candidates from other precincts (1, 2 and 3,) as well.

"At night the old-timers' square dance and queen's race will take place. All the girls who come to this program are invited to 'doll up' and enter this queen's contest. It costs nothing to enter. Twenty girls have already enrolled in the race and we are expecting 200 more to be in this contest the night of the jubilee.

"We are inviting all you people of Merkel and the surrounding territory to be our special guests at this celebration."

Just say you saw it in The Mail.

Century Plant Branch Proves Interesting

When Miss Delia Kuykendall returned to Merkel from Wichita Falls the latter part of last week she brought back a most interesting and beautiful specimen of plant life—a branch from a century plant grown in the yard at her home in Wichita Falls.

Six years ago, the plant from which this branch was cut, and which is now twenty-five inches in circum-

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KELLY-JUSTICE.

On Saturday, June 15, Miss Lucille Justice and Mr. Hugh M. Kelly took their marriage vows in the parsonage of the First Methodist church in Big Spring.

The bride was attractively attired in a black cable net dress with white waffle trim. White accessories completed the outfit. She wore a corsage of pink roses.

Attendees were Miss Effie Maude Teal and Johnny Stewart. Miss Teal wore a white eyelet embroidered dress with black accessories. Her corsage was of pink gladioli.

Mrs. Kelly is the charming and talented daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Justice of Merkel. She graduated from the Noodle high school and later attended Draughon's Business college. More recently she has been employed by the C. I. T. corporation of Midland.

The groom, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Kelly of Fort Worth, is employed by the Hughes Tool company.

After a short wedding trip, the couple returned to Midland, but after August 1 will make their home in Hobbs, N. M.

HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB.

Mesdames R. L. and W. R. Sumpster were hostesses Friday to the Merkel Home Demonstration club in the home of the latter. Mrs. Grover Gilbert was elected as delegate to the Short Course at A. & M. with Mrs. Paul Blackaby as alternate. Mrs. Bob McDonald gave some very helpful hints in her portion of the program "Food for Thought," and Mrs. Andy Shouse in her serious discussion of venereal diseases gave several excerpts from the Texas venereal disease law.

Refreshments were served to the following members and visitors: Mesdames Paul Blackaby, W. F. Hamblet, Fred Baker, Jr., Buck Leach, F. A. Polley, Winston Polley, J. W. Bryan, Clark Mundy, Craig Humphreys, Walter Teaff, Harry Barnett, Bob McDonald, John Hughes, J. L. Ashford, Jr., Alonzo Peterson, Dent Gibson, Andy Shouse, Holt Vaughn, W. T. McAninch, J. Ben Campbell, Grover Gilbert, E. B. Wallace, Jay Greenfield, R. L. Sumpster, M. L. Estes, R. Sumpster, N. L. Nutt and W. R. Sumpster and Mrs. E. W. Warren.

The next meeting will be at the Woodman hall July 5 beginning at 9:30 a. m., with a covered dish luncheon at noon, and featuring a day of rug-making. Miss Tacker will be present in the afternoon for her kitchen arrangement demonstration.

CLASS SOCIAL.

The T. E. L. class of the First Baptist church met on Wednesday of last week in the home of Mrs. J. F. Walker, with Mrs. T. T. Earthman as co-hostess. After a business session, a musical contest was enjoyed, with Mrs. Earthman at the piano. Iced drinks and cookies were served to Mesdames Sam Swann, Booth

Warren, Bird, Booth, Fulton, Clack, Largent, Winter, J. F. Walker and T. T. Earthman.

W. M. U. CIRCLES.

The Elkin Lockett Circle of the First Baptist church met in the home of Mrs. L. D. Chatman on Monday afternoon, with Mrs. Chas. West, the leader, in charge. The meeting was opened with prayer by Mrs. J. M. Williamson. Mrs. T. E. Collins and Mrs. Lum Gilbreath brought a wonderful Bible lesson to the following: Mesdames Tatum, Chatman, Gilbreath, McNiece, West, Clark, Zoltinger, Winter, Patterson, Williamson, Sharp, Collins, Criswell and one new member, Mrs. Burleson. The closing prayer was led by Mrs. Winter.

The Maybelle Taylor Circle met Monday afternoon in the home of Mrs. John Walker, with Mrs. Lucy Ford as leader. Mrs. A. R. Booth taught the Bible lesson from the book of Ezra.

Those present were Mesdames Clyde Bartlett, H. W. Lemens, A. R. Booth, Lucy Ford, John Walker and Owen Robertson.

The Circle will meet at 4 p. m. on July 8 with Mrs. H. W. Lemens.

The Blanche Rose Walker Circle met in the home of Mrs. J. S. Swann Monday afternoon. Mrs. Sam Swann led the opening prayer, Mrs. J. O. Castles taught the Bible lesson and Mrs. E. O. Carson dismissed with prayer.

Those present were Mesdames J. O. Castles, J. S. Swann, A. D. Fulton, W. W. Wheeler, J. W. Reynolds, E. O. Carson, Sam Swann, J. M. Stephens and W. L. Johnson.

Touring United States, Oregonians Visit Here

Dividing their visit between Mrs. Martin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Harris, of Abilene, and her sister, Mrs. Ed Sandusky and family, the past week were Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Martin and children, Orlena, W. C., Jr., and Albert, of Cottage Grove, Ore., where Mr. Martin is editor of the Cottage Grove Sentinel.

The Martins are making a tour of the United States, going on from here through the southern states to Atlanta, Ga., then swinging up to Washington, D. C., and on to New York City for a ten days' visit to the World's Fair. They will go back by way of Chicago and on home the northern route.

Also visiting in the Ed Sandusky home during the week were other relatives: Mr. and Mrs. Miller Harris of Crane; Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Harris and children, Molly and Stanley, of Iredell; Mrs. P. F. Harris and two grandchildren, Herbert and Imogene; James, Frank, and Sybil Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Johnson and son, O. L., all of Abilene.

RURAL SOCIETY

BLUEBONNET CLUB.

Mrs. Don Riney was hostess to the Bluebonnet club on Tuesday afternoon of last week, with "Flowers for Gardens" the subject of the program. Members made plans for a menu to be served at the rally.

Mrs. A. R. Toombs was elected as a delegate from the club, and also a voting delegate from the council, to go to A. & M. Short Course at College Station.

Refreshments were served to the following members: Mesdames A. R. Toombs, W. C. Perkins, Will Butman, W. H. Ensminger, R. D. Hunter, Carl Keith, Elmer Patterson, T. J. Neill, B. H. Riney, Dewel McLean, Roy Hunter, H. H. Cargill, Miss Loucen Butman, the hostess, and following visitors, Mesdames Lige Harris, John Jones, Roy Riney, S. G. Russell, Thomas Harris, Misses Doris Hunter, Mildred McLean, Jeffrey Butman, Lula Bell Patterson, Jean and Patsy Harris.

The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. B. H. Riney on July 2 at 2:30 p. m.

SALT BRANCH CLUB.

A demonstration of new stitches for scarfs by Mrs. C. P. Church was the highlight of the meeting of the Salt Branch Home Demonstration club in the home of Mrs. Clint Allen in Merkel on Thursday of last week.

A report was made from the community "fun night" held at the school house two weeks ago. The community enjoyed the meeting so much that it was decided to meet every two weeks, the next meeting to be Friday night, June 28. Every one in the community is invited and visitors are always welcome.

Those enjoying the demonstration and the lovely refreshment plate were Mesdames W. U. Beene, Roy Harrell, Jess Higgins, Roy Hewitt, J. C. Allen, Mason Barker, Sam Hagmock, J. L. Tucker, Ada Higgins, Bill Hays, J. E. Smith, Vernon Hudson, C. P. Church; Misses Lena Faye Harrell, Lola Higgins and the hostess.

The next meeting will be a called meeting on Thursday, June 27, at the school house.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Mrs. P. R. McLean was hostess to a group of children on Friday, June 21, honoring her daughter, Rosie Alice, on her tenth birthday. The guests began to arrive at 2:30, engaging in games and enjoying themselves as only a bunch of children can, especially at a birthday party, as one of the happiest memories one can carry through life is the memory of a childhood party.

The climax came when the hostess served delicious ice cream and cookies to the following: Barbara Ann and Maxine Phillips, Joan Brown, Imogene Rodgers, Betty Alice Cook, Betty Lou Riggan, Gloria Dean and Hazel Conley, Joan McLean of Wichita Falls, Waymond Conley, Fay, Bertie Mae, Carl, Billy, Floyd and Harold Gee of Pampa, and Don McLean.

Grown-ups present were Mesdames Artist Cook, Kate Phillips, Ernest Conley, Bill Gee of Pampa, Kenneth Bailey of Wichita Falls and Ben Hall and baby of Olney.

Family Reunion of Sosebees Honors Arizona Visitor

About 55 people gathered in the home of Marvin Sosebee in Anson Sunday afternoon, June 16, for a family reunion in honor of Otis E. Fuller, of Phoenix, Arizona, cousin of the Sosebee boys, who with his family is visiting relatives here and in Seymour.

Those present were: O. W. Sosebee and family, A. C. Sosebee and family, Joe Bailey Sosebee and family, Noodle; T. F. Sosebee and family, Stamford; Mr. and Mrs. Otto Sosebee, John Sosebee, J. M. Sosebee and family, Cecil Hawk and family, Leona Sosebee, Anson; Glen Cantrell and family, Mozelle Sosebee, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Sosebee, Abilene; Mrs. A. J. Barbee and Dorothy, E. O. Criswell, Noodle; William Thompson and two children, George and Eno, Mesilla Park, N. M.; Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Franklin and son, Price, Joe Jones, Seymour; Otis E. Fuller and family, Phoenix, Arizona.

Employment Gains.

Washington, June 27.—Secretary Perkins said Wednesday that due to defense work and seasonal business gains non-agricultural jobs had increased 240,000 between April and May, sending the level of employment about 1,000,000 above the corresponding period last year.

More than one-fourth of all the petroleum produced in the entire United States to date has been produced by Texas.

Evangelist Coming



Rev. Franklin D. Ivey, well known evangelist and at present assistant pastor of the First Methodist church, Abilene, will lead the open-air revival meeting starting Sunday, June 30, at the Methodist church. Music will be furnished by home talent. Services will be held twice daily, at 10 a. m. and 8:15 p. m., it is announced by Rev. John H. Crow, the pastor.

Fundamentalists Begin Revival Next Sunday

"Blood Redemption" is the theme of the revival meeting starting Sunday, June 30, at the Fundamentalist Baptist church. Evangelist Jim C. Lott of Weatherford will do the preaching.

Services will begin each night at 8 o'clock and will continue for two weeks. Every one is invited to attend these services.

SINGING AT NOODLE.

Good morning, friends, just calling your attention to the big singing, a glorious day for all at Noodle next Sunday. So, of course, you will all be there. Get there early so we can shake hands and say howdy and be singing in the good old Noodle way at 10:30.

Tell all of the singers you see and mail a postcard to those you do not, to be at the biggest and best singing west of the Mississippi river during the year of 1940. So all the big boys, we hope you will be there, and most of the little ones.

So, come bring your books and an extra loaf of bread, some fried chicken, so you can take care of some one from a distance. Please do not think of a failure, because we do not have them.

Also we would like to have as many ministers as can be with us. So, come be with us in this gospel singing. Please do not forget to tell your friends and come early.

Tom Spears.

Texas Sales Show Gain.

Austin, June 27.—Sales of goods by 92 Texas department stores last month rose 11 per cent above the record for May, 1939, the University of Texas bureau of business research reported Tuesday. Men's clothing stores made the biggest gain, 22 per cent.

Just say you saw it in The Mail.

In The Churches

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE. There were 595 present at the six reporting Sunday Schools here last Sunday, as compared with 588 the previous week. On the same Sunday a year ago the attendance was 625.

NAZARENE CHURCH.

Rev. Lee L. Hamric, evangelist of the Church of the Nazarene, will preach here Sunday at 11 a. m. and 8:15 p. m. He has been heard here before and a cordial invitation is extended for everyone to hear him again.

Sunday School, young people's meeting and prayer services at the usual hours.

R. T. Smith, Pastor.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

On account of the encampment at Buffalo Gap, which closes Sunday, no Sunday School will be held at the church here, but a number will go from the Sunday School to join in the encampment Sunday School services.

W. M. Elliott, Clerk of Session.

BAPTIST W. M. U.

The W. M. U. of the First Baptist church will meet July 1 at the church for their business meeting. It is time for each chairman to make her quarterly report. So let each chairman be present with her report so that the secretary can get her report off in time. Meeting time is 4 p. m. All ladies are urged to come.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Sunday services: Bible classes 9:45, preaching at 10:45, young people's meeting at 7:15. Preaching at 8:15 p. m. Wednesday evening Bible study at 8:15 o'clock.

You are invited to attend.

E. W. Key, Minister.

Miss Vivian Fryar



Miss Vivian Fryar, who is a resident (for 16 years) tax-paying citizen of Taylor County, county clerk for 3 1/2 years, is basing her campaign for re-election as county clerk on her record of efficient and economical service.

Baptists Near Close Of Successful Revival

According to all reports there is more interest being shown in the revival meeting now in progress at the First Baptist church than in any revival this church has held in many years. The attendance has been exceptionally fine from the very beginning in all services. Up to Wednesday of this week there had been seventeen additions to the church in response to the invitations to join by letter and for baptism.

The meeting will continue through Sunday, June 30. The candidates for baptism will be baptized about two weeks after the close of the meeting. The reason for the intervention is that immediately after the close of the meeting work will begin on the remodeling of the church auditorium, in which a new and modern baptistry will be built and the candidates now awaiting baptism will be held over until the new baptistry is ready.

Evangelist Sid Martin and Song Leader John Matthews have proven a popular team in Merkel and will doubtless be invited to return at a later date.

The time of the morning service is 10 a. m. and the evening service is 8:15 p. m. Sunday services are the usual time: Sunday School 10, preaching 11 a. m. and 8:15 p. m., Training Service at 7:30.

Hospital Notes.

Mrs. Fay Fikes was admitted to the Sadler Clinic for major surgery on Wednesday.

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