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SALE
Fisher and
County Echo
telegram, Sul-
ter an opera-
tor in Roches-
ter. He was
former Sweet-
publisher.

Other purchases 31.6 per cent
other savings bonds during May than
visit, 1939, according to the Uni-
com of Texas bureau of business
turn. For the first five months
of 1940, purchases were 42.9 per cent
higher than during the same period
of 1939.

Ben S. Bearden, Rio Grande valley
farmer, claimed the first 1940
bale of cotton Saturday. The bale
was ginned at Edcouch from a load
of 1300 pounds.

John Quinton Magness, 50, em-
ployee of a private detective agency
at Dallas, was killed Sunday when
struck by a freight train.

Earl Dean Marks, 15, of Temple,
was drowned Sunday morning in a
slough swollen by back waters of
Little river. Two companions said he
drowned when he fell from a donkey
on which he was fording the stream.

Live stock shipments from Texas
ranches to Fort Worth stockyards
and to other states during May showed
a 3.1 per cent decline from that
month of 1939, with calves and sheep
showing the only gains—7.7 and 28.3
per cent, respectively, the Univer-
sity of Texas business research bu-
reports.

Three men were killed and another
was burned seriously in a head-on
collision of two motor trucks near
Lampasas Sunday. Marion N. Terry
of Richland Springs and Ross Simp-
son of Pontotoc were killed instan-
tly and August Grulick died later in
a Lampasas hospital.

June liquor tax revenues totaled
\$563,495, an increase of \$160,209
over the same period in 1939, R. M.
Manley, liquor control board official,
announced Saturday.

Betty Allen, 29, member of a car-
nival aerialist troupe, died Sunday in
a San Antonio hospital. Her death
resulted from injuries suffered two
months ago at Huntsville in a fall
during an act.

Thirty-seven-year-old Dewitt C.
Greer, an employee of the state high-
way department since 1927 and for
more than three years design and
construction engineer, was Saturday
appointed state highway engineer to
succeed Julian Montgomery, who re-
signed on the advice of physicians
because of illness.

Douglas H. Freeman, 23, died Mon-
day night of injuries suffered early
the same afternoon when his plane
crashed on a farm near Lubbock.

Monty Hoy, 42, Llano blacksmith,
was electrocuted Monday while
working with an arc welder.

A Casa Manana show similar to
the one presented last year by the
William Morris agency of New York
will be staged by the same company
in the open air cafe theatre, Fort
Worth, with Aug. 2 as the opening
date.

Postmistress at Tehuacana, near
Mexico, for the past 35 years, Miss
Josie Coleman Sunday ended her
connection with the postoffice de-
partment. She was forced to resign
her post on account of a federal old
age law.

Torrential rains in Arkansas ad-
ded misery to southwestern flood
sufferers Monday, while the crest of
the high water on the Colorado and
Guadalupe rivers swept toward the
Gulf of Mexico through South Tex-
as, leaving at least ten persons dead.

G-M Sets Vacation Pay.

Detroit, July 4.—General Motors
Corp. announced Monday it would
extend the vacation allowance of 40
hours' pay, granted employees in a
contract with the CIO United Auto-
mobile Workers, to other hourly-
rated employees.

U. S. Deals for Rubber.

London, July 4.—An agreement
for the purchase by United States
government organizations of British
reserve stocks of rubber and tin was
announced Monday night by the
British colonial office.

KO In Second Round.

Atlanta, July 4.—Jack Dempsey,
the former world heavyweight cham-
pion of the ring, knocked out a husky
wrestler, Clarence (Cowboy) Lut-
trell of Texas, in the second round
of their scheduled 10-round fight
Monday night.

INFORMALITY TO MARK PICNIC OF EX-BELL FOLKS

**Former Residents Will Celebrate
With All-Day Affair at Buf-
falo Gap Encampment Ground
Sunday, July 7.**

The Presbyterian encampment
grounds at Buffalo Gap will be the
place; Sunday, July 7, the time for
the reunion and picnic of former
residents of Bell county now living
in Central West Texas.

To be eligible one must have been
a resident of Bell county at some
time or other and members of the
family of members are, of course, in-
vited and expected at the picnic.

A reception committee headed by
Mrs. E. T. Brooks of Abilene will be
at the picnic scene by 9 a. m. to wel-
come guests. Visitors may come and
go at will, as the chief business of
the day will be a talkfest among
old friends and neighbors, some of
whom have not seen or heard of
each other for 40 or 50 years.

Lunch, following the old custom of
a basket picnic, will be spread at 1
p. m., and at 2:30 p. m. the only for-
mal part of the day's program will
start with the election of officers. Judge
T. A. Bledsoe will extend wel-
come in behalf of the Taylor County
Old Settlers' association to the
Bell County Ex-Residents' associa-
tion, of which Judge James P. Stin-
son is president. Joe E. Childers,
Abilene attorney, will respond briefly
for the ex-Bell countians.

That's all there is to the formal
program. No politics will be per-
mitted, as it is strictly a get-together
of old friends who have migrated
from the old Central Texas county
of Bell.

Membership in the association is
free, and those who have not already
joined may do so at the picnic if they
desire. Information reaching the
officers and committees in charge in-
dicates a very large turn-out of for-
mer Bell countians.

Plans Announced For Reunion of Old Settlers on July 19

Annual Taylor County Old Set-
tlers' reunion will be held at Buf-
falo Gap July 19, President Tom A.
Bledsoe of Abilene announced Satur-
day.

Program details have not been
worked out, he said. Senator Tom
Connally had been invited to be main
speaker, but it appears likely that
congress' session will prevent his at-
tendance.

Singing, with quartets featured,
and music by the Abilene High
School Eagle band will be included
in the day's entertainment. In ad-
dition, all county, district and state
political candidates have been in-
vited to make announcements.

Concessions will be assigned Sat-
urday, at the reunion grounds, at
3:30, Bledsoe said.

In conjunction with the reunion,
West Texas Spanish War veterans
will convene on the nearby Presby-
terian encampment, he added.

Officers of the reunion in ad-
dition to Bledsoe are Jim Hurt of
Ovalo, vice-president; Mr. and Mrs.
Fred Jones, secretary and treasurer;
Dan O'Connell of Tuscola, marshal,
and Will Watson of Abilene, an-
nouncer.

School Per Capita Allotment Raised

Austin, July 4.—The state board
of education Monday set the per
capita school apportionment for next
year at \$22.50, an increase of 50
cents over the current allotment and
the limit set by the legislature.

Superintendent of Public Instruc-
tion L. A. Woods estimated the
number of scholastics in the new
year would be approximately 1,535,-
000, a decrease of about 12,000 from
this year.

The number of scholastics has
been declining for several years,
Woods said the chief reason is birth
control.

RICE TRACK STAR NAMED TEACHER IN WARD SCHOOL

At a meeting of the school board
Monday night, resignation of Will
H. Grimes, member of the High
School faculty, was accepted and
Charlie Clark, previously elected to
a place in Grammar school, was
transferred to his position in High
school.

Grimes' duties as track coach will
be filled by Jack Patterson, graduate
of Rice Institute, Houston, and na-
tionally known track star, who was
elected as a teacher in the Grammar
school.

The school board is asking bids on
painting the exterior of the gymna-
sium. Bidders are asked to file esti-
mates with Supt. Connor Robinson
or with R. T. Gray, secretary of the
board.

Bank Statement Tells Story of Development

After paying the usual semi-an-
nual dividend of 4 per cent, totaling
\$2,000, and adding \$1,500 to surplus
to bring that amount to \$22,500, un-
divided profits of the Farmers &
Merchants National bank as of June
29 showed approximately \$3,000
higher than on Jan. 1, this year.
During the six months a charge of
\$500 depreciation on furniture and
fixtures had also been made and other
contingencies cared for.

It is planned by the directors of the
bank to charge depreciation on the
furniture and fixtures until that item
is reduced to \$1.00.

Statement of June 29 shows de-
posits of \$450,111.96; loans and dis-
counts, \$264,259.60; total resources,
\$530,823.52. Deposits on Mar. 26,
this year, were \$530,909.80, and on
June 30, 1939, \$501,655.82. Loans
and discounts on Mar. 26 were
\$217,868.34, and on June 30, a year
ago, \$219,365.45. Total resources,
Mar. 26, were \$611,241.58; on June
30, last year, \$579,709.62.

Entertainment for All at Playgrounds

"Everyone is welcome at Merkel's
playground at the school grounds,"
said Chas. S. Williams, one of the
three recreation supervisors, to a
representative of The Mail. The
other two supervisors are Miss Kille-
brew and Sandifer Hollingsworth.

"We can offer entertainment for
everyone," Williams continued. "We
have equipment for pingpong, paddle
tennis, volley ball, baseball and for
work in the crafts shop. The girls'
dressing room at the High School
gymnasium serves as a crafts shop.
Boys have made many things out of
wooden boxes and also bird houses
out of tin cans. We will have two
croquet sets in a few days.

"Everything is free to the public.
So come and have a good time with
the many boys and girls who come
regularly now."

A pingpong tournament will be
held Friday morning at 8 o'clock, at
which show tickets donated by the
Queen theatre of Merkel will be given
as prizes.

Old-Time Revival to Start Sunday at Stith

An old-time Methodist revival
meeting will be conducted at Stith
from July 5 through July 14. Group
singing and gospel preaching will
be featured. Services will be held
both morning and evening. There
will be special services for the young
people, conducted by the pastor, Rev.
R. L. Gilpin. Prayer groups will be
conducted for all ages.

Rev. Homer Sally, one of the out-
standing young preachers of this
conference, will be the evangelist.
Everyone is invited to attend.

Tax Stamp Sale Up.

Austin, July 4.—The state treas-
ury reported that June tax stamp
sales totaled \$1,281,690, an increase
of more than \$200,000 over those of
the same month last year and \$177,-
000 over those of May. The increases
occurred largely in the liquor, cig-
aret, beer and wine stamps classifica-
tions with note tax stamps sales
declining.

STAKING WORK UNDER WAY ON ELECTRIC CO-OP

**Redesigning New "A" Project
Necessitated Moving Sub-
Station to Merkel; Meter
Location Important Detail.**

Staking work is to start on Taylor
Electric Co-Operative, Inc., line some-
time this week. Engineers will have
completed within the next few days
redesigning the line to include both
the old A and B projects into a new
A project of 400 miles.

The new B project now being de-
veloped is expected to cover between
300 and 400 additional miles. This
has necessitated moving the substation
location from Tye to Merkel and
the construction of some 3- and 2-
phase lines over part of the system.

One staking crew will start work-
ing east from Merkel while the other
will go west into the Sweetwater
Lake area and Maryneal section. Stak-
ing work is expected to be completed
between the time contract is let and
time required for the contractor to
get material on the ground.

Proceeding the staking crews will
be the right-of-way men to work out
meter locations and house-wiring
agreements, to determine the size of
transformers needed. All members
are urged to give this matter previ-
ous attention and co-operate with
the right-of-way men to avoid delay.

After the meter locations are made
and shown on the staking sheets,
which are turned over to the con-
tractor, any change made in location
involves additional delay in con-
struction and expense to the mem-
bers making the change.

J. L. Loftis, former Delco light
dealer of Abilene, has been employ-
ed to secure applications and ease-
ments for the B project.

Stith Softballers Trounce Moutray; Hodges Still Top

The Stith Softballers broke into
the "win" column of the Merkel
community league Thursday night
of last week when they took Moutray
to a 14-2 cleaning. Woolsey, Stith
moundsman, held his opponents to
a lonely hit.

In Monday night's encounter
Moutray dropped another game, this
time to Hodges, league leaders, who
have been defeated only once during
the season.

Noodle bested Trent in Monday's
nightcap to move into undisputed
possession of second berth.

In the women's competition, the
Merkel Girls called the score-keep-
er to extra duty, when they piled up
26 tallies to defeat White Church
last Thursday night, the losers
making a rather ambitious showing
themselves with nine counters.

On Thursday night of this week,
July Fourth, the schedule calls for
(Continued on Page Two)

Utilities Executive Republican Leader in Presidential Race

Philadelphia, Pa., July 4.—Wendell
Willkie, the political miracle man,
stamped the Republican national
convention early Friday into a sixth
ballot nomination as its 1940 presi-
dential candidate.

The Indiana born utilities execu-
tive, who has fought the new deal
up hill and down dale for years, sur-
ged into the convention with 105 votes
on the first ballot, gained by big
jumps on each succeeding roll call
until the nomination was his. Out
of a possible 1,000 votes Willkie re-
ceived 998, all that were cast on the
last ballot.

His running mate will be Senator
Charles L. McNary of Oregon.

Stroke Kills Turpin.

Hollywood, July 4.—Ben Turpin,
whose crossed eyes made him one of
the most famous early screen stars,
died Monday of a stroke. He was 71
years old. His physician said he had
been suffering from asthma for
several years.

JUNE RAINFALL TOTALS ALMOST SEVEN INCHES

Coming down in torrents at times
and continuing in a steady down-
pour for several hours, last Friday
night's rainfall yielded 1 3-4 inches
of moisture, according to local
gauges, bringing the total within one
week to 4 1-2 inches, which includes
2 3-4 inches, on Sunday night, June
23, reported in The Mail last week.

June's rainfall of 6 11-16 is con-
sidered entirely adequate for all
crops for the present, as so much
rainfall created another urgent need
—for time and opportunity to get
into the crops and rid them of weeds.
Total rainfall for the first six
months of the year was 12 7-8 inches.

List of Petit Jurors Called for Next Week

The petit jury for next week in
104th district court includes the fol-
lowing names:

H. H. Price, J. D. Porter, J. T.
Darsey, J. L. McRee, Merkel; J. W.
Taylor, J. M. Loven, R. M. Brown-
ing, J. E. Price, Aultman Smith, Wm.
G. Schroder, A. G. Gent, W. D.
Smith, J. T. Farrar, Dennis Manley,
Grover C. Brock, Tom Haile, G. T.
Lambert, Earnest Butler, Paul Scott,
T. H. Willis, T. D. Johnson, A. J.
Sammons, H. H. Mansell, S. L. Phil-
ley, W. D. Sims, Jr., Dow Vinson,
John C. Wise, J. W. Weems, J. G.
Green, J. Frank Miller, D. C. Musick,
J. M. Stowe, L. W. Mansfield, M. B.
Moore, Emmett Chandler, E. L. Hor-
ton, W. H. Scott, Abilene; A. E.
Fogle, G. T. Lambert, L. O. Groves,
Sam Bates, Tuscola; J. W. Rister,
Walter McCartney, Tye; S. J. Fos-
ter, C. W. Robinson, Wingate; J. C.
Dickson, D. McMahan, Buffalo Gap;
H. R. Roberts, Guion; A. C. McMil-
land, Lawn; Ocie Hunt, Bradshaw.

Local Donations to Red Cross Reach \$70

Two more donations to the Red
Cross war relief fund reached The
Mail office this week, totaling \$15.00,
and bringing the amount subscribed
by Merkel citizens to \$70.00.

Any one wishing to donate to this
most worthy cause may leave check
with either Mrs. Elma McFarland or
C. P. Church, members of the ex-
ecutive committee of the Taylor
County Red Cross chapter, or checks
may be left at The Mail office.

Checks received this week were as
follows:
Max Mellinger \$ 5.00
Campbell's Grocery 10.00
Previously reported 55.00
Total \$70.00

GAR Commander Dies.

Quincy, Ill., July 4.—Capt. John E.
Andrew, 91, national commander of
the Grand Army of the Republic,
died Saturday in the soldiers and
sailors home hospital.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, July 2, 1920.)

GRIMES-REED.

We are informed that Mr. D.
Grimes and Miss Mary Reed, both
prominent young people of this city,
were happily united in matrimony
at the First Methodist church at Abi-
lene, last Thursday morning at 6:30
o'clock by the pastor, Rev. J. W.
Hunt.

The groom is the son of Mr. and
Mrs. T. L. Grimes of this city and
is a splendid young man of sterling
character and good business ability,
and the bride is the daughter of
Mrs. T. G. Bragg, one of Merkel's
most excellent and accomplished
young ladies, and we join the happy
couples' host of friends in extend-
ing congratulations and good wishes
for a long, happy and prosperous
married career.

BIG CELEBRATION AT TRENT.

Homer L. Easterwood, affable and
efficient cashier of the First State
bank of Trent, was in this city yester-
day and reported all arrange-
ments made for the biggest celebra-

INSTALL GRAY NEW PRESIDENT OF LIONS CLUB

**New Head of Civic Club Names
Four Committees to Launch
Important Activities, Includ-
ing Watermelon Feast.**

R. T. Gray, local manager of the
West Texas utilities company, was
installed as new president of the
Merkel Lions club at Tuesday's lun-
cheon, first meeting in July. He
succeeds C. J. Glover, editor of The
Mail.

Other new club officers are: By-
ers Petty, Connor Robinson and
Chester Collinsworth, first, second
and third vice-presidents, respec-
tively; Wrenn Durham, secretary-treas-
urer; N. T. Hodge, tall twister; Nolan
Palmer, Lion tamer, and Milton Case
and Nathan Wood, directors. Hold-
over directors are E. O. Carson and
John Grable.

With the new president presiding,
on motion of Dr. L. C. Zehnpfennig,
a past president of the club, a ris-
ing vote of appreciation of and
thanks for services rendered was
given the retiring president.

Heading a committee from the Li-
ons club appointed to arrange a
booster trip on Wednesday, July 17,
to advertise the next series of week-
end rodeos, is Dee Grimes. His co-
workers are E. Y. Bailey, Bert Mel-
ton and Claude Perry, the four be-
ing members of the conventions com-
mittee named by the new president
in his slate of appointments.

Another committee, with Mayor
Henry C. West as chairman, was as-
signed to work out details and su-
per-vice a program for paying cotton
premiums for the first bales of the
season, the plan to follow the one
used last year, based on grade in-
stead of earliest arrival. Others
serving on this committee are E. O.
Carson, Owen Robertson and E. Y.
Bailey.

Plans for a watermelon feast, with
the ladies invited, to take place on
Tuesday night, July 16, instead of
the next regular noonday luncheon,
are in the hands of a committee con-
sisting of Milton Case, chairman, Ray
Wilson and E. O. Carson.

Speaking of the subject of what
Merkel is missing by the closing of
Shannon's pool, one of Merkel's most
popular and inviting pleasure resorts
in past years, President Gray was
authorized by the club to designate
a committee to investigate the possi-
bility of re-opening the pool
through the support of local citizens.
The committee on civic improve-
ments and community betterment,
headed by Mayor West, was given
this assignment by the president.
Co-workers with Mayor West are
Booth Warren, A. J. Canon and
Paul Douglas.

Opening singing at Tuesday's
luncheon was led by Supt. Connor
(Continued on Page Six).

BROWN-RISTER.

Rev. Ira L. Parrock officiated at
the marriage of Miss Mary Agnes
Rister and W. B. Brown on Tues-
day evening.

**Ranking Contestants
In Each Event Listed**

Including time made in the last week-end double show, June 21-22, the highest ranking contestants for the seasonal prizes in calf roping and cow-milking, offered by the Merchants Trade Extension association of Merkel, and the five ranking contestants in the three riding divisions are printed below. (Only four have been in enough shows to compete for the grand prize in saddle bronc riding.)

To be eligible for the seasonal prizes contestants must compete in at least five single shows out of as many double shows during the season. Therefore, only those contestants who have participated in at least two single shows out of as many double shows to date are listed in the group of highest ranking contestants.

In the standing of contestants listed below, averages in calf roping and cow milking are in seconds and decimal fractions thereof, while in the riding events averages are based on percentages. (Figure in parenthesis indicates number of shows participated in.)

CALF ROPING.	
Vester Parish (6)	23.20
J. L. Cook (6)	24.73
Birch Wilfong (6)	27.37
Ralph Russell (6)	27.97
Bert Shields (4)	29.55
George Brown (6)	35.63
Giles White (3)	36.60
Jimbo Reynolds (4)	37.10
Zelmer Herrington (6)	37.40
Howard McGraw (6)	38.97
COW MILKING.	
Leo Huff (4)	17.70
Sig Faircloth (5)	28.40
George Brown (6)	29.80
Ralph Russell (6)	45.13
Homer Laney (6)	48.40
Phelton Herrington (6)	55.00
Birch Wilfong (6)	55.97
Vester Parrish (6)	56.57
Zelmer Herrington (6)	58.50
Earl Stevens (6)	59.90

SADDLE BRONC RIDING.	
Jasbo Hester (4)	82.88
A. C. Wike (3)	81.00
Johnny Downs (5)	80.00
Bill Barton (5)	65.10

BARRECK BRONC RIDING.	
Gerald Derrick (4)	81.88
Johnny Downs (5)	69.70
Buck Kellough (3)	57.67
Bill Brabbin (3)	51.50
Bill Barton (5)	51.20

STEER RIDING.	
Jack Moberly (3)	79.17
Buck Killough (5)	78.40
Gerald Derrick (4)	66.38
Terrell Lawrence (4)	63.38
Bill Brabbin (4)	61.63

Softball

(Continued from Page One)
Stith Girls vs. Merkel Girls; F. & M. bank vs. Stith.

On Monday night contenders are: Moutray vs. Noodle, F. & M. bank vs. Hodges, while Thursday night, July 11, the following games are carded: White Church Girls vs. Trent Girls, Trent vs. Stith.

The line scores follow:

White C. Girls	035	100	0	9	12	10
Merkel Girls	555	317	x	26	19	3
Frazier and McClain;	Melton and Mathews.					
Stith	300	240	5	14	13	6
Moutray	010	010	0	2	1	6
Woolsey and Berry;	Deverle Higgins, G. T. Black and Barnett.					
Hodges	200	010	1	4	7	4
Moutray	000	000	1	1	2	1
Earl Hartline and Bristow, Roberts;	G. T. Black and Barnett.					
Trent	000	022	0	4	5	7
Noodle	006	000	x	6	5	6
Bishop and Othel Jones;	Presley and Payne.					

LEAGUE STANDING.

Team	W	L	Pct.
Hodges	6	1	.857
Noodle	4	1	.800
Trent	5	2	.600
Moutray	3	5	.375
Stith	1	4	.200
F. & M.	1	5	.167

Texas motorists consumed an average of 778 gallons of gasoline per car last year, or 46 gallons more than the national average of 732 gallons.

The first use anywhere of oil as fuel for a locomotive was in 1898 on a train operating between Corsicana and Hillsboro.

TELEPHONE THE MAIL

The Mail will be glad to receive news of entertainments or visitors in Merkel homes, as well as other news items of a general nature. If you have company, entertain friends or return from a trip please telephone 61 or 29.

FASHION PREVIEW



THESE young clubmen-to-be are quite conscious of their charm and well dressed look as they step out in identical Botany flannel blazers, striped in red and white. Very dashing and very masculine. June Harper's Bazaar suggests the blazers to be worn with summer poplin suits of white and regulation low white Hood Rubber sneakers for scuffing small feet.

Record of Births.
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Wright, Trent, Friday, June 28, 1940.
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. John Crane, Trent, Sunday, June 30, 1940.
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Dixon, Route 2, Monday, July 1, 1940.

It is reported that 22.5 per cent of the injuries and 36.5 per cent of the fatalities in traffic accidents during 1939 were traced to exceeding the speed limit.

The first use anywhere of oil on streets or roads was at Corsicana.

White House Closed.
Washington, July 4.—The White House will be closed to visitors from July 1 to September 15 to permit repairs and extensive house cleaning, it was announced Saturday.

Machiavelli, whose name now describes a type of politics, told critics that if he taught princes to be tyrants, he also taught the people to destroy tyrants.

Texas has the largest oil well and oil field so far drilled, in the world.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mr. Hubert Freeman and four children of Brawley, Calif., stopped over here Thursday en route from California to Sherman for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Claude Smith and son of Noodle. The Freemans were in the recent earthquake in California.

Miss Imogene Hayes returned Wednesday of last week from an automobile trip to Florida. In the party were three other teachers from Odessa and seven states were visited on the tour.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Coats of Big Spring were week-end guests in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Diltz.

Mr. and Mrs. Nig Calloway and family of Bartlesville, Okla., are this week's guests of Mr. Calloway's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley King. Norman King is also here from Port Arthur for a visit with his parents.

Dick West, who accompanied Homer Easterwood on his return to Taft last week, has started to work in the editorial department of the Corpus Christi Caller-Times for the summer. Dick is majoring in journalism at Trinity university.

Bobby Knight of Amarillo visited last week with his cousins, Bruce and Grady Knight.

J. J. Russell, associated with the Sinclair-Prairie Oil company, with headquarters at Wichita Falls, visited his mother, Mrs. J. J. Russell, last week-end.

Mrs. Owen Robertson and daughter, Mona Madolyn, are visiting her aunt, Mrs. F. M. Willett, of Fort Worth. The Robertsons moved the past week into the J. F. Walker rent cottage.

Mrs. T. L. Grimes and daughter, Tommie Evelyn, were accompanied by her mother, Mrs. G. J. Jones, on their return from a summer visit with her at Nevada, Texas.

Home from Abilene Christian college, where she is attending summer school, Miss CeVene Daniels has as her guest Miss Wynonne Cook of Breckenridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Winston Polley have removed from Coleman to make Merkel their home, Winston being employed by the Taylor Electric Co-operative, Inc.

Miss Pearl Mathews visited this week with her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Mathews, in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Brown of Fort Worth were guests last week of Mrs. W. E. Carr. Mrs. Brown is a niece of Mrs. Carr.

Miss Maurine Tipton left Saturday of last week to join the Fred Haskett party at Dallas for a trip to the New York World's Fair, with a stopover at Washington, D. C., on the return trip.

Rex Myers, principal of the High school, returned the first of the week from a vacation, during which he drove a new Chevrolet from Flint, Mich. He also visited with home folks at Meridian. The Myers have taken Mrs. Thornton's apartment.

Mrs. J. D. Nutt left Tuesday to visit her mother, Mrs. Rube Sessions, at Wells, Texas. She was accompanied by Miss Nell Jennings, who will visit her mother at Pittsburg.

Returning from a visit with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Imes, at Tulsa, Okla., Mr. and Mrs. Tom Largent were accompanied by their granddaughter, Carla Lou, whom they are now entertaining.

Mrs. S. A. Chenault arrived Friday from Houston to be the guest of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Gamble. Other guests in the Gamble home this week were Mrs. Gamble's brother, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Sheppard and family, of Odessa.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Reid and family were here Wednesday for a while, returning the same day to their home in Santa Anna.



JULY 4

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DANLEYS AND MARY SUE

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Tittle and
are here. They
Mrs. C. R.
ent Sunday at
ford

Stuart and his grand-
father have gone to San Angelo to
visit Claude's uncle. They were accom-
panied by Roy Stuart, who re-
turned Sunday.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Howell and
son are visiting Mrs. Lena Hodges
near Buffalo Gap.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Harrell and
children of Dallas visited Mr. and
Mrs. Herbert West last week.

Bill Hogue made a business trip
to Fort Worth last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Crain are the
proud parents of a seven pound boy
born Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete McLeod spent
the past week-end in Lamesa.

Mrs. Winslow Beckham of Lamesa
spent last week with her sister, Mrs.
Cooper, of Abilene, where they took
a Bible course. They were joined
Sunday by Mr. Beckham and spent
the day with his mother, Mrs. C. T.
Beckham of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Hamner and
children of Wink are here for a visit.
Mrs. Frank Allyn and Louise of
Cisco are here.

Miss Wanda Clark of Fort Worth
has been visiting her grandparents,
Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Clark.

Uncle Coleman Whitfield, who has
been visiting his sister, Mrs. C. T.
Beckham, has returned to his home
in San Angelo.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Barbara Edwards was honored on
her fourth birthday Saturday after-
noon when her mother, Mrs. Carl
Edwards, entertained approximately
twenty-five guests in her home.

The house was very attractive,
being decorated with pink and white
gladioli and pink rosebuds. Also
there were fiesta colored discs.

Favors were pink and white
baskets, and, to lend a patriotic air,
small U. S. flags.

In the center of the table was the
two-tiered angel food cake with four
small pink candles. At each end of
the table was a large pink and white
candle.

A program was presented by Patricia
Ann Beasley, Baby Johnnie
Wheeler, June and Joy Nalley,
Peggy Tinsworth, Joy Lansford and
Cliffa Jean Estep. These little
ladies were dressed in long dresses.

Assisting with the games were
Avis Neal, Leta Rack and Mrs. Jessie
Dudley.

During the evening Laddie Fred
Crain played piano selections.

White angel food cake, pink and
white brick ice cream and pink punch
were served to the above mentioned
and the following little guests: Bobby
Owens, James Louis Wilks, Bobbie
Fortune, Tilda Lou Steen, Beatrice
Winters, Sylvia June Taylor, Jerry
Estep, Veneta Ann Quattlebaum,
Jimmie Winn, Robertus McRee, Sue
McRee and Danny Poor.

DINNER GUESTS.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Danley and
Mary Sue of Ranger were honored
dinner guests in the home of Mr. and
Mrs. Bruce Hughes Monday. The
Danleys are here on a visit after
having moved from here to Ranger
the first of this year.

Other guests were: A. N. Gordon,
Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Gordon and
Jack, Mr. and Mrs. Shorty Duncan
and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mauldin.

CANDIDATES' RALLY.

A candidates' rally will be held
July 11, 8:00 p. m., at Trent. Every-
one is invited to attend and enjoy
a nice program.

The spinning of glass began with
the Venetians.

QUEEN THEATRE CALENDAR

Last times Friday—Anna Neagle
and Ray Milland in "Irene," with Ro-
land Young, May Robson and Billie
Burke.

Saturday only—John Mack Brown
in "Oklahoma Frontier;" cartoon,
serial and other shorts.

Saturday preview, Sunday
matinee, Monday night — "Buck
Benny Rides Again," with Jack
Benny, Ellen Drew and Rochester;
added, Mickey Mouse cartoon and
News.

Tuesday-Wednesday — "Women in
the War," with Wendie Barrie and
Elsie Janis; selected short subject.

Thursday-Friday — "Man Who
Talked Too Much," with George
Brent and Virginia Bruce.

"Buck Benny Rides Again"

It's a hard riding, straight-shoot-
ing, two-fisted Jack Benny, a mighty
tough hombre, who appears in
"Buck Benny Rides Again," the
newest screen vehicle of the famous
film and radio comedian, which
Paramount will present at the Queen
theatre Saturday preview, Sunday
matinee and Monday night. Wild Bill
Hickok and Billy the kid were ten-
derfeet by comparison with the rip-
snorting buckaroo, the terror of the
plains, the mad man of the west,
Buck Benny of Bar None.

The story of this new Benny pic-
ture thrusts Jack, who hates fresh
air, into the wide open spaces. He
pretends to be a cattle rancher in
order to make an impression on his
best girl—played by Ellen Drew. To
carry out the deception, he has to
ride herd, although he fears horses
the way a good man fears the devil.
By bribing the cowhands to permit
himself to be mauled around by
him, he gains a reputation as a sort
of modern Wild Bill Hickok, but
this elaborate deception is destroyed
when he runs up against a real band
of cattle rustlers and bandits. How
Jack outwits them, and emerges a
somewhat synthetic hero, but a hero
nevertheless, forms the basis for the
rest of the story.

The story is, of course, a vehicle
for the Benny line of gags and wise-
cracks, the nifty dancing and scene-
stealing of Rochester; Phil Harris
and his orchestra, Andy Devine's
gravel-throated humor, the acrobatics
of the Abbott troupe and the lovely

charm of Miss Drew, to say nothing
of the song hits of the team of Frank
Doesser and James McHugh. Mark
Sandrich produced and directed the
picture.

NEWMAN NEWS

Wednesday night, June 26, the
County Home Demonstration club
ladies of this community sponsored
a candidates' rally. Candidates pres-
ent were Esco Walter and A. K.
Doss of Abilene, T. M. Randolph, Jr.,
H. C. Denson, J. P. Everheart, Roy
Formway, Charlie A. Jones, R. L.
(Bogue) Wilkins, Howard A. House,
T. L. (Sell) Carter and Howard C.
Davison of Fisher county and Owen
Thomas of Anson.

A contest was held for prettiest
man and ugliest woman in the crowd.
Esco Walter of Abilene won a cake
for being elected prettiest man, Mrs.
Jones won a cake for being elected
ugliest woman. She also won a larger
cake for paying for the most
votes.

Esco Walter, A. K. Doss and son,
A. K. Doss, Jr., made a short visit
in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. W.
Fowler Wednesday evening. After
leaving the Fowler home they vis-
ited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clay
Jones.

Mrs. Tindall is still with her
daughter at Shamrock.

Mrs. Fannie Reeves has returned
to her home from a visit with her
daughters at Rotan.

Little Gary Horky, who was bitten
by a rattlesnake late Thursday even-
ing, is doing just fine.

Mr. and Mrs. Lea Dickerson and
sons, Thelbert and Awaale, spent
Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs.
A. T. Williams of Colorado City.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Lesley and
daughter, Darlene of Midland, spent
the week-end with Mrs. Lesley's
parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Smith.

Everyone is invited to attend sing-
ing at the Baptist church next Sun-
day night.

CARD OF THANKS.

We want to take this method to
thank each and every one who in any
way assisted us during the illness and
death of our precious mother and
grandmother, for the kind words and
beautiful flowers for which we were
so grateful.

May God bless you all is our
prayer.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Douglas.
Billy Bob and Don.

Fuller Brothers and Sisters Hold Reunion

Abilene, July 4.—The Fuller fam-
ily—three brothers and two sisters—
will hold four reunions during the
year 1940, second in the series hav-
ing taken place Sunday in the Abi-
lene home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy C.
Fuller. Family meetings are held on
the fifth Sundays of the month.
Having met in March, the families
will meet again in September and
December.

Dinner was served Sunday at a
table decorated with daisies, glad-
ioli and double day lilies from the
Roy Fuller gardens. Games were
played and an old-fashioned sing song
was held.

Attending the reunion were the
brothers, Roy C. Fuller, Ralph Ful-
ler of Clyde, Drew Fuller, and their
sisters, Mrs. L. A. Dudley of Merkel
and Mrs. J. H. Rucker; Mrs. J. M.
Rucker of Caps, J. H. Rucker and
children, Joe Herman, Lucille, Ruth,
Juanita, John Morris, James Lloyd,
Harold Boyd and Melba Joyce; Mrs.
Drew Fuller and son, Bailey Ray;
Mrs. Della Burns, L. A. Dudley and
children, Doris Jean, Don Fuller and
Dale; Mrs. Anna Cox of Westbrook,
Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Cox and children,

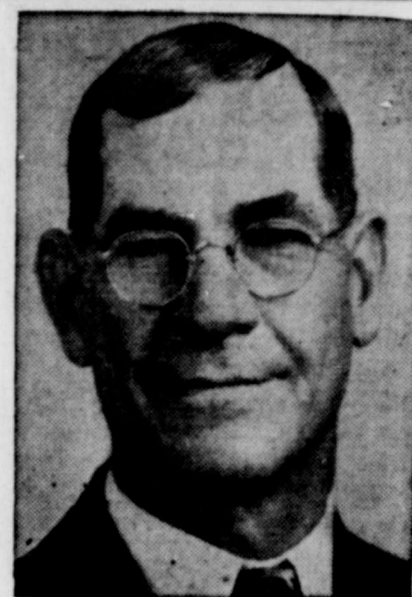
Cranford and Curtis, Mrs. Ralph
Fuller and daughter, Margaret;
Mrs. Roy Fuller's parents, Mr. and
Mrs. F. M. Story, and the Roy Ful-
lers' children, Aetha Blanche, Roy
Lee, John Frank and David, and
Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Rhodes.

Navy Orders 45 Warships.

Washington, July 4.—The navy
Monday ordered construction of 45
more warships, to cost a total of
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BLAIR ITEMS

The fine rains that have fallen this week have been a blessing. Cotton and feed have advanced to the point where it seems certain they are to make fair crops. The feed is assured and cotton is just getting off to a good start. The moisture will carry it along for a good while. Gardens and pastures have been helped immeasurably. Some combines and threshers have been operating for some time.

The Epworth League met Sunday night with Miss Joy Doan president and Wallace Doan, group leader. Those on the program were Buddy Derington, Desmond Doan, J. D. Sandusky, Sammie Doan, and a quartette by Desmond Doan, J. D. Sandusky, Buddy Derington and Annie Clara Doan. Miss Nell Scogin was song leader, with Miss Sandusky at the piano. Several new members were present.

John Mack Grant has returned home after a two weeks' stay in Abilene.

Mary Jean Weaks of Morton, Texas, arrived Saturday to spend the week with Fannie Lou Jackson.

S. P. Anthony, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. McRae and Thomas Anthony from Post spent the day Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Jackson. Mrs. McRae is remaining a few days to help care for her and Mrs. Jackson's mother, Mrs. Anthony, who is ill in the Jackson home.

The W. M. U. ladies met Tuesday with the following members present: Mesdames Carl Doan, H. H. Bishop, Pat Addison, Jim Campbell, J. D. Sandusky, Hugh Campbell, Misses Novis Whiteaker, Otilla Doan and Maxine Doan. A sunshine bag of lovely and useful gifts was presented to a sick lady.

Mesdames H. H. Bishop, J. D. Sandusky and Hugh Campbell and Miss Novis Whiteaker visited Miss Ila Mae Hughes Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Price Melton and daughter, Patsy Ann, made a business trip to Clyde Friday.

Verne Opal and Bertha Mae Moore have returned home after a two weeks' stay with their grandparents at Munday.

Miss Noma Neighbors of King county was down looking after her property one day the past week.

Kenneth McLeary, who has been visiting his mother, Mrs. Jim Campbell for a month, left Wednesday for his post at San Diego, Calif.

Master Billie Jackson has returned home after ten days' visit with relatives at Post.

Miss Sophia Howard of Abilene and Mrs. Ed Sherman of Treht spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Will Campbell.

Methodist Church at Nubia Begins Revival

A revival meeting will begin Friday, July 5, at the Nubia Methodist church, to continue through Sunday, July 14.

Services will be conducted by Rev. Hamilton Wright, pastor of the Methodist church at Baird.

"A hearty welcome is extended to every one and your help and prayers are desired in these services," it is announced by Rev. J. B. Stewart, the pastor.

Just say you saw it in The Mail.

All-American "Carries Ball" for Sadler



Jarrin' John Kimbrough, All-American powerhouse from Texas A. & M. college, and his brother, Jack, will buck the political line in the governor's race for Jerry Sadler, Hickory Grove's entry for this office. The Kimbrough brothers will travel with Sadler in his swing around the state

"as the avowed foe of a sales tax in any form, whether it is called transaction, gross receipts, or what-not." Sadler is running for governor on a platform to pay old age pensions and other social security obligations with increased taxes on oil, gas and sulphur.

Sadler Avowed Foe of Sales Tax in Any Form

Austin, July 4.—As an avowed foe of a sales tax in any form, Jerry Sadler, youthful candidate, is making the race for governor of Texas on a platform to pay old age pensions and other social security obligations of the state with additional taxes on oil, gas and sulphur.

Sadler would meet the teachers' retirement fund with reforms in the present franchise tax laws, and has called attention to the fact that there are billion dollar corporations now doing business in Texas and only paying \$10 annually in franchise taxes. Teachers of Texas have already paid more than \$6,000,000 into this fund to the state, which is

supposed to match dollar for dollar and has paid nothing.

Sadler has called attention of the people to the fact that Governor O'Daniel's transaction tax bill, which he advocates in seeking re-election is a sales tax which would tax poverty in Texas from 6 to 14 per cent for each loaf of bread bought, each gingham dress, overalls, work shoes, or would tax any kind of a transaction made in the entire state.

Sadler's proposal of taxing oil, gas and sulphur to pay these state obligations would put the tax burden "on those most able to pay." His slogan is "Tax the mouths of the wells and not the mouths of the people." He has shown that by taxing oil, gas and sulphur that the people of Texas would only be paying 20 per cent of these taxes, as more than 80 per cent of all oil, gas and sul-

phur produced in Texas is exported to other states.

"Any sales tax passed," Sadler said, "would be paid in its entirety by Texans. It would tax the poor, because the rich could buy their necessities outside of the state and would therefore not come under a sales tax, I am opposed to putting any further tax burdens on the little man of Texas, but believe it is high time big business started paying its share of our taxes."

OBITUARY

MRS. EMMA B. TAYLOR.

Funeral services for Mrs. Emma B. Taylor, 79, who died at Big Spring on June 24, were held from the Baptist church at Baird the following day. She was buried beside the grave of her husband, J. W. Taylor, who died in 1926.

Services were conducted by Rev. Joe Mayes, former pastor of the Baird Baptist church, assisted by Lester Parker, supply minister of the Church of Christ, Big Spring, and Rev. D. G. Reid, pastor of Immanuel Baptist church, Abilene.

Pallbearers were M. L. Douglas, Odie Jones, V. L. Merritt, Audvee Jerden, O. C. Taylor and Mr. Nalley, Big Spring.

Born Emma B. Roan on Jan. 6, 1861, to John and Jenny Roan, Columbia, Tenn., she moved with her parents, to Texas in 1878, settling at Ladonia, Fannin county.

She was married to John Wesley Taylor at Greenville on Jan. 22, 1881. To this union were born ten

children, nine of whom survive.

"Mother" Taylor, as she was familiarly called, was a devoted mother, a faithful and ardent member of the Church of Christ 52 years, and she was loved by all who knew her.

For several years Mrs. Taylor made her home with a daughter, Mrs. O. R. Douglas, of Union Ridge. She passed away at Big Spring while visiting another daughter, Mrs. R. Elder.

Daughters surviving are: Mrs. C. H. Jerden, Morton; Mrs. Elder; Mrs. F. H. Williams, Tucson, Ariz.; Mrs. L. A. Jerden, Longview; Mrs. S. G.

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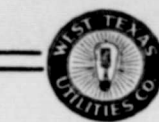
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We favor adequate preparedness for national defense. This country's natural position gives us a great measure of security against threats from abroad. With careful preparation we can strengthen that position until no nation would dare attack us.

National defense is not only a matter of men, airplanes, battleships and guns. It also requires us to strengthen our American institutions, which are the very things we wish to protect and preserve. They must be preserved. It would be a bitter and ironic victory if, in order to defeat an enemy, we sidetracked the system of free enterprise and the personal liberties which distinguish the American way of life from the tyrannies of Europe and Asia.

Let's keep this country American. Government experts and civilian authorities are studying how to provide for our actual defense and each citizen's part in it. Meanwhile, the rest of us can help by doing our work, whatever it is, as well as we can.

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LOST AND FOUND

LOST—Tuesday, June 25, 100 lb. sack; cane seed, between town and Buck Moore's. Notify Jim Perry, Route 4, Merkel, Texas.

LOST—White shoat between White Church and Paine place on Trent road. Notify J. E. Farmer, Route 4, Merkel, Texas.

LEGAL NOTICE

CITATION BY PUBLICATION. THE STATE OF TEXAS To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon E. F. Carper by making publication of this citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, to appear at the next regular term of the 42nd district court of Taylor county, to be holden at the court house thereof, in Abilene, Texas, on the 1st Monday in September, A. D. 1940, the same being the 2nd day of September, A. D. 1940, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 5th day of June, A. D. 1940, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said court No. 12,143-A, wherein Violet Carper is plaintiff, and E. F. Carper is defendant, and a brief statement of plaintiff's cause of action, being as follows: Suit for divorce on the ground that the defendant was guilty of cruel treatment and outrages toward the plaintiff of such a nature as to produce mental distress to such an extent as to impair the health of the plaintiff and all of such nature as to render their living together insupportable; and plaintiff requests that her maiden name be restored.

Herein fail not but have before said court, at its next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal of said court, at office in Abilene, Texas, on this 7th day of June, A. D. 1940.

ROY SKAGGS, Clerk District Court, Taylor County, Texas. By Birdie Wilson, Deputy.

THE STATE OF TEXAS To the Sheriff or any constable of Taylor county—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon Louetta Head, A. S. Head, Carl Head (or Carroll Head), Vina Henderson, and the heirs, assignees, devisees and legal representatives of Louetta Head, A. S. Head, Carl Head (or Carroll Head), and Vina Henderson; Dewey B. Henderson; Pat Henderson, James Henderson, Mozelle Henderson, minors, and E. C. Scarborough, by making publication of this citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, to appear at the next regular term of the 42nd district court of Taylor county, to be holden at the court house thereof, in Abilene, Texas, on the first Monday in September, A. D. 1940, the same being the 2nd day of September, A. D. 1940, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 11th day of June, A. D. 1940, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said court No. 12,145-A, wherein Clayton Lusby is plaintiff, and Louetta Head, A. S. Head, Carl Head (or Carroll Head), Vina Henderson, and the heirs, assignees, devisees and legal representatives of Louetta Head, A. S. Head, Carl Head

Herein fail not but have before said court, at its next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal of said court, at office in Abilene, Texas, on this 12th day of June, A. D. 1940.

Roy Skaggs, Clerk, District Court, Taylor County, Texas. By Penn Gilbreth, Deputy.

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. BERT MELTON. J. L. WINTER. T. C. (Tom) JINKENS.

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. For District Clerk:

- ROY SKAGGS (Re-election). For Congress (17th District): OTIS MILLER. THOMAS L. BLANTON. SAM RUSSELL. C. L. (Clyde) GARRETT.

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).

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.

Texas produced nearly one-fourth of all the petroleum produced in the entire world last year.

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(or Carroll Head) and Vina Henderson; Dewey B. Henderson; Pat Henderson, James Henderson, Mozelle Henderson, minors, Lucille or Lou E. Scarborough, Harold Scarborough, E. C. Scarborough and Texas Bitulithic Company, are defendants, and a brief statement of plaintiff's cause of action, being as follows: That on or about the 29th day of March, A. D. 1940, the plaintiff was lawfully seized and possessed of the following described lands and premises in Taylor County, Texas, holding and claiming the same in fee simple title thereto, said land described as follows, to-wit:

Lot 13 Block C of Henry James Subdivision Block 187 known as Sunny Side Addition to the City of Abilene, Texas, located in Taylor County, Texas, according to the map of said addition now of record in the county clerk's office of Taylor County, Texas, specific reference to which is here made. That on the day and year last aforesaid defendants unlawfully entered upon said premises and ejected plaintiff therefrom and unlawfully withheld from him the possession thereof to his damage in the sum of \$5,000.00. That the reasonable annual rental value of said lands and premises is \$1,000.00.

Wherefore, plaintiff prays judgment of the court that defendants be cited to appear and answer this petition in terms of law and upon final hearing hereof plaintiff have judgment for title and possession of said lands and premises; that writ of restitution issue and for costs of court, and for such other relief in law and in equity to which he may be entitled for all of which he will ever pray.

Herein fail not but have before said court, at its next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal of said court, at office in Abilene, Texas, on this 12th day of June, A. D. 1940.

Roy Skaggs, Clerk, District Court, Taylor County, Texas. By Penn Gilbreth, Deputy.

Railroads Suggest Ways to Improve Board Procedure

Washington, July 4.—Present procedure of the National Railroad Adjustment board results in decisions requiring railroads to pay for work not done, and to pay more than once for much work that is done, the attorney general's committee on administrative procedure was told recently by John Dickson, general solicitor of the Pennsylvania railroad, presenting a statement on behalf of all the railroads. Rulings of the board have reduced transportation efficiency, Mr. Dickson said, and handicapped railroads in rendering service and meeting competition.

To the attorney general's committee now engaged in a study of various public administrative bodies the railroads offered seven specific recommendations for improved procedure of the National Railroad Adjustment board created in 1934. The function of this board is to interpret and apply various working agreements between different railroads and classes of employees, of which there are now more than 4,000 on record.

The present procedure, the railroads declared, has resulted in "decisions so unjust and inequitable" that the employees "have procured compliance with them by repudiating the process of enforcement prescribed by the law itself, and by substituting therefor the strike-vote and its threat of transportation tie-up."

"The very unwillingness of the railroad labor unions to follow the statutory procedure by permitting the important decisions of the board to be enforced by court action, rather than by threat of strike, is an implied recognition that many awards will not stand the test of judicial scrutiny," the railroads added.

Among examples of such interpretations of rules and working agreements referred to in the statement were cases in which railroads were required to pay as much as four days' pay for one day's work, or to pay yard crews back pay at the rate of twenty hours for each eight hours on duty, because the crew was

called thirty minutes before the starting hour. In other cases, it was declared that "arbitrary penalties and unearned overtime" had to be paid for periods of time running back from five to fifteen years, because of decisions due to "technicalities and artificial reasoning." It was said, also, that because of varying awards in favor of different classes of employees, railroads, could be called upon to pay one set of employees for not doing work which another set of employees was paid for performing.

The railroad pointed out that in a major proportion of the "discipline cases" decided, the board had in effect "substituted its judgment for that of the carrier as to what is necessary to protect the safety of its operation."

The railroads recommended that rules and procedure of the adjustment board should be changed so as to require full statements of the case in submissions to the board, with an opportunity for reply by the other party; to set a reasonable time limit to claims for back pay; to permit parties to a case to be heard by the referee making the decision; to allow the evidence presented to be preserved; and to require that opinions giving the basis and reasoning of awards be published. Provisions to permit judicial review of board decisions were also recommended.

"Peace in the railroad industry, repeatedly threatened by labor, is not due to the adjustment board system as now administered," Mr. Dickson said. "There were no strikes of consequence on the railroads of the United States during the twelve years preceding the establishment of

the adjustment board. That there have been none since is true because the carriers have, up to the present, yielded their rights rather than to subject the public, themselves and their employees to the inconvenience and financial loss of a threatened tie-up of transportation."

LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS

Mrs. D. M. Hill was notified by telegram Tuesday that her sister, Mrs. T. V. Randolph, of Hement, Calif., had died that morning at 2 o'clock. Mrs. Randolph was well known here and her many friends will regret to learn of her death.

Among those attending the Pecos rodeo, from here were T. C. Jinkens, Jim Cook, T. C. Jinkens, Jr., J. L. Cook, Lewis Cook, Homer Laney, Howard Laney, wife and daughter, and also included in the Merkel party was Lloyd Jinkens from Fort Worth, who is furnishing the stock of steers and horses for the show.

Miss Lucille Allen, girls and boys' councillor of Dallas, was here Tuesday in the interest of Trinity university, of which she is a graduate.

With the completion of the concrete and native stone bridge over the railroad ditch at the crossing east of Oak street, that crossing was opened to traffic Tuesday. A twin bridge, on the street leading to the school buildings, was completed several weeks ago. Both bridges were constructed as a NYA project.

The National Auto Theft bureau reported to Manager Owen Robert-

son that the 1940 Ford deluxe sedan, stolen Sunday night, June 23, was wrecked and abandoned the following Wednesday near Sherman. It was reported two men were in the car at the time it was wrecked and an effort is being made to locate a 20-year-old Houston youth whose driver's license was found in the smashed car.

Friends have missed Miss Helen Heeter since Sunday when she had the misfortune to stick a needle in her left foot, as she has been confined most of the time to her home from the effects of the injury.

Mr. and Mrs. Rube Henslee have received word of the death of Uncle Ben Warren on June 26 on the plains. His body was shipped to Winters for burial. "Uncle Ben" was no kin to the Henslees but was a very dear friend and had made his home with the Henslees several times. He was 79 years old.

John S. Hughes has purchased two lots across from the A. T. Shepard home and plans to move his home place closer into town to occupy one of the lots. The cottage near his home place, occupied by Wright Dishman, has already been moved, with the household goods remaining in tact during the process of moving.

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

SPECIALS for FRIDAY-SATURDAY



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RED & WHITE LAUNDRY SOAP 7 BARS 25c

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BLU-KROSS Toilet Tissue 4 rolls 25c

PURE CANE Sugar 10-lb. cloth bag 49c

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RED & WHITE CATSUP 14-oz. bottle 15c

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RED & WHITE CORN 2 No. 2 cans 25c

RED & WHITE FLOUR 6 lb. bag 29c 12 lb. bag 49c 24 lb. bag 83c 48 lb. bag \$1.49

RED & WHITE Grape Juice Quart 29c

RED & WHITE Tomato Juice 3 No. 1 cans 25c

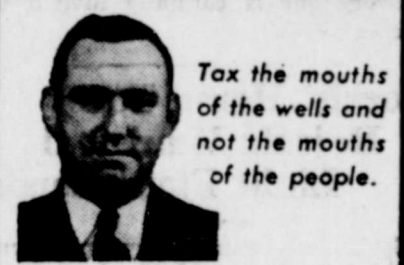
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T. E. L. CLASS LUNCHEON.

The home of Mrs. Twyman Collins was the setting for a party luncheon Wednesday when six members of the T. E. L. Sunday School class, of the First Baptist church, whose birthdays occur in this month, celebrated, naming Mrs. J. S. Swann the honor guest. Others whose birthdays were given a toast were Mesdames Lun Gilbreath, W. R. Sumpter, A. R. Booth, Everett King and Mrs. Collins. Mrs. Swann was presented a lovely vase filled with cut flowers as a token of love from the class.

At one o'clock a covered-dish luncheon of summer viands was served and the regular class meeting was held in the afternoon. Those present were Rev. and Mrs. Cooper Waters, Mesdames Earl Teague, John Mansfield, John Walker, W. B. Stevens, W. J. Largent, Jinks Winter, Lum Gilbreath, Everett King, A. R. Booth, W. R. Sumpter, Clyde Deavers, W. A. Ford, Collins and Miss Mae Lassiter.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Woman's Missionary society of Grace Presbyterian church met Monday afternoon, July 1, at the church, with Mrs. Jim West as leader for the program on "Rapid Changes in Town and Country, Stressing Christian Development."

The program was as follows: song, "More About Jesus;" Scripture lesson, Ephesians 4; leader; prayer; devotion on "Stewardship," Mrs. Delma Compton; favorite Scriptures, all members; "The Rural Church," Mrs. Jim West; "Inter-Mountain Area" (Mormon Work), Mrs. R. A. Walker; "New America Today," Mrs. John West; "Move On! Move On!" by Edith Lowry.



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Mrs. W. M. Elliott. The meeting closed with prayer for the retired missionaries.

The next meeting of the society will be for Bible study and social at the home of Mrs. Henry West on July 15.

FISH-FRY.

The inclement weather did not dampen the spirits of members of the Jolly Neighbors club on last Friday evening when their fish-fry had to be moved into town. Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Gaither opened their home and an especially merry evening was spent indoors. A sumptuous picnic supper was served to the hosts and hostesses, Mr. and Mrs. Gaither, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Shouse and Herbert Patterson, and the following members, Messrs. and Mesdames John Grable, Johnny Cox, Raymond Ferguson, Miss Christine Collins and C. J. Glover.

Lions Club

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Robinson, with Gay West at the piano. Only guest present was Harry Bullock.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Incoming President Gray announced the appointment of the following standing committees:

Membership: Owen Robertson, chairman; W. A. Stockbridge, Hubert L. Turner.
Attendance: Clyde Bartlett, chairman; Byers Petty, Frank Breaux.
Finance: W. O. Boney, chairman; C. F. Curb, W. M. Elliott.
Program: Nathan Wood, chairman; Connor Robinson, John Grable.
Lions education: Rev. John H. Crow, chairman; S. D. Gamble.
Constitution: S. M. Hunter, chairman; J. D. Nutt, Elmo Collins.
Civic improvements - community betterment—H. C. West, chairman; Booth Warren, A. J. Canon, P. H. Douglas.
Publicity—C. J. Glover, chairman; Meyer Mellinger.

Conventions: Dee Grimes, chairman; E. Y. Bailey, Bert Melton, Claude Perry.

Sports: Stanley King, chairman; Nolan Palmer, Byron Patterson.

Boys' and girls' work: E. O. Carson, chairman; A. A. McGehee, N. T. Hodge.

Public health: Dr. Urban Zehnpfennig, chairman; Dr. W. T. Sadler, A. T. Sheppard.

Education—rural schools: Dr. Leo Zehnpfennig, chairman; Wrenn Durham, Milton Case.
Saftey: F. M. Simpson, chairman; Hoyle Lemens, Ray Wilson.
Song leader: Nathan Wood.
Club sweetheart, Gay West.

On Draughon Honor Roll.

Miss Joyce Hayes, who has been attending Draughon's Business college of Abilene for the past several months, was one of the twenty-four highest ranking students whose names appeared on the honor roll of the college for the past term.

Just say you saw it in The Mail.

RURAL SOCIETY

UNION RIDGE CLUB.

"Food for Thought" was the topic discussed by the Union Ridge Home Demonstration club in the home of Mrs. Chester Bond on Friday, June 28. Diseases of the body were discussed at length by Mrs. W. C. Lee, Miss Mabel McRee, Mrs. Denzel Cox and Mrs. Woodrow Patton.

Plans were made concerning Mrs. O. E. Harwell's attendance to the A. & M. Short Course. Mrs. J. E. Jaynes was welcomed as a new member.

Refreshments were served to Mesdames Lee Tipton, Kenneth Pee, Woodrow Patton, O. E. Harwell, Denzel Cox, W. C. Lee, J. H. Clark, S. O. Patton, M. L. Douglas, Clem Watts, Burly Bond, J. E. Jaynes and Weldon McAninch; Misses Mabel McRee, La Verne Douglas and La Verne Harwell and the hostess.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. M. L. Douglas on July 12 at 3 p. m.

BLUEBONNET CLUB.

Mrs. T. J. Neill was hostess to the Bluebonnet club on Tuesday afternoon of last week in the home of Mrs. B. H. Riney. The program on venereal diseases was given by several members. The club decided to have a "bingo" stand at the Butman picnic.

Refreshments were served to Mesdames Roy Hunter, Don Riney, G. L. Anderson, A. R. Toombs, B. H. Riney, Walter Hunter, W. C. Perkins, W. H. Ensminger, Ben Butman, R. D. Hunter, E. J. Patterson, Dewel McLean; the following visitors, Mrs. Mary Stewart, Mrs. W. T. Perry, Betty Jo and Becky Nan Seymore and the hostess.

COMPERE CLUB.

The Comper Home Demonstration club met Thursday, June 27, in the home of Mrs. Ben Adkins, with the following members present: Mesdames Ray, Adkins, Marshall and Johnson and Emily Newman; visitors, Mrs. Chancey and Mrs. Smith, Martha Ann Ray, Joe Ray, Wanda Joyce Smith and Cayron Kaye Chancey. Miss Gladys Martin could not come on account of mattress work.

Mrs. Adkins served iced tea, cheese, crackers and vanilla wafers. The next meeting will be on July 11 with Mrs. T. A. Tucker.

BRIDAL SHOWER.

Mrs. Mose Cummins, Mrs. Claude Smith and Mrs. Sam Castleberry were hostesses on Wednesday afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock at the Noodle tabernacle for a bridal shower naming as honoree Mrs. Vernon McLaughlin, who was Ruby Nell Love until her marriage to Mr. McLaughlin on June 14.

After the many nice gifts were opened, refreshments were served to some fifty guests.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Little Jerry Don Higgins of Artesia, N. M., who is visiting in the Otis Foster home, and Betty, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Foster, were honored with a birthday party on June 26, in the home of Mrs. Roy Harrell.

The children played games in a room gaily decorated with toy balloons. Just before the refreshment hour a wagon loaded with gifts was brought in and the gifts displayed with much enthusiasm. Two lovely tiered cakes, Jerry's with two candles and Betty's with five, were cut and served with ice cream.

Those enjoying the occasion were Patricia Ann Palmer, E. L. Dunn, Barbara Wilson, Glenda Lou Petty, Gloria Teaff, Carolyn and Marilyn Teaff, Joy Sue Hobbs, Jeanie Ely, Hortense Reeder, Roy and Troy Roberts, Donnie Harrell, Bobbie and Betty Foster, Jerry Don Higgins.

Adults present were Mesdames N. B. Teaff, Pete Petty, H. H. Hobbs, U. S. Reeder, J. W. Teaff, Jr., Ada Higgins, Nolan Palmer, Herbert Dunn, Otis Foster, Roy Harrell; Misses Lena Faye Harrell and Crystable Jones of Abilene. Mrs. Jack Higgins, mother of Don, was unable to attend the party due to an illness which confined her to her bed.

NUBIA W. S. C. S.

The Nubia W. S. C. S. met at the church on Wednesday of last week, with Mrs. E. J. Patterson in charge. The service opened with a song, "Take the Name of Jesus With You," and "Mission Work in Mexico" was discussed by members.

Those present were Mesdames Sam Butman, Jr., E. J. Patterson, Don Riney, W. H. Ensminger, Dewel McLean, and one visitor, Miss Lillie Mae Neill.

Has your subscription expired? Come in and renew it next time you are in town. Special club rates on Semi-Weekly Farm News, Pathfinder and several Magazine Offers.

*** FASHION PREVIEW ***



SUMMER presents the usual difficulties of what to wear at in-between times, when sports or dinner dresses won't do. June Harper's Bazaar offers the idea of McBratney's white Irish linen; back and sleeves make it lively by being made of bright red cotton knit ribbing.

In The Churches

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

No Sunday School was held at Grace Presbyterian church last Sunday because of the Buffalo Gap encampment. The other five Sunday Schools reported an attendance of 540, as compared with 595 on the previous Sunday and 611 on the same Sunday a year ago.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Morning sermon at 11. Training Union 7:30. Evening service dispensed with on account of revival meetings in other churches in town. Teachers' and officers' meeting 7:30 Wednesday, with adjournment in time for revival services at other churches.

Final results of the revival showed there were 23 additions to the church by letter and by baptism. The church seems to be greatly strengthened by the meeting. Evangelist Sid Martin and Singer John Matthews proved to be a good revival team. Cooper Waters, Pastor.

BAPTIST W. M. U.

The W. M. U. of the First Baptist church will meet in Circles on Monday, July 8, as follows: Maybelle Taylor Circle with Mrs. H. W. Lemens, Mrs. Lucy Ford leader; Blanche Rose Walker Circle with Mrs. Cooper Waters, Mrs. W. L. Johnson leader, and Elkin Lockett Circle with Mrs. W. F. Patterson, Mrs. Chas West leader.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Offering for Reynolds home. Every one is urged to attend, as Sunday School is the only service now being held at our church.

W. M. Elliott, Clerk of Session.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Sunday services: Bible classes 9:45, preaching at 10:45, young people's meeting at 7:15. Preaching at 9:15 p. m. Wednesday evening Bible study at 8:15 o'clock. You are invited to attend. E. W. Key, Minister.

NAZARENE CHURCH.

Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 8:15 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8:15 o'clock. Everyone is cordially invited to these services. R. T. Smith, Pastor.

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J. T. COATS

Evangelist to Use Prophecies as Theme

Gratifying interest is being shown in the revival that started Sunday at the Fundamental Baptist church under the leadership of Rev. Jim C. Lott of Weatherford.

Beginning Tuesday night, the speaker is basing his sermons on the "Prophecies."

Services are held at 10 a. m. and 8 p. m. daily, with prayer service each evening at 7:15.

Every one is cordially invited to attend.

Norris' Home Town Rejects Municipal Light Plant Bonds

Sentiment against municipal ownership of electric plants last week was manifested by voters in both Wellington, Texas, and McCook, Nebr., home town of U. S. Senator Norris, who allegedly has used his franking privileges to promote political control of utilities.

Viewed as a personal defeat for Norris was the overwhelming vote at McCook where, in a special election, citizens turned down by more than 8 to 1 a proposal to issue \$425,000 in revenue bonds for the purchase of the local light plant system. The ballot was 1,110 against and 136 for the proposal.

Voters at Wellington turned down a similar proposal calling for \$175,000 in revenue bonds by a 26 per cent majority.

C. L. DARDEN

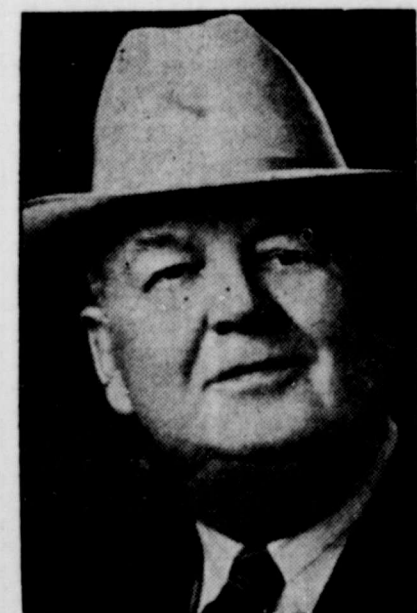
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Methodist Revival Leader Announces Sermon Subjects

Rev. Franklin D. Ivey, evangelist and assistant pastor of the First Methodist church here, is leading the revival started Sunday.

His sermons are real gospel messages, delivered in a most effective manner. Subject of his Wednesday evening sermon was "We Have a King But Caesar." On Thursday night, his topic was "The Church Sits Down."

For the remainder of the week, sermon subjects are announced as follows:

Friday night, "Moving to Sodom." Saturday night, "Porches of Despair."

Sunday night, "Washing Hands of Jesus."

Services are held twice daily, at 10 a. m. and 8:15 p. m.

Hospital Notes.

Mrs. Faye Fikes, who underwent major surgery at the Sadler Clinic Thursday, June 27, was dismissed Tuesday.

Miss Leta Faye Barbee of Noodle was admitted Monday for treatment. A son was born Friday, June 28, to Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Wright of Trent, at the hospital.

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- Schilling's Tea . . ¼ lb. pkg. 19c
- No. 2½ Can Kraut . . 3 cans 25c
- Cans, Fruit Jars, Caps, Lids and Jar Rubbers

- Post Toasties . . Pkg. 10c
- Puffed Wheat . . . Pkg. 5c

- Market Specials -

- Sliced Bologna . . . Lb. 10c
- Seven Steak Lb. 20c
- Chuck Roast Lb. 19c
- Oleo . . . Lb. 10½c
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(No Tax)

"WOMEN IN THE WAR"
WENDIE BARRIE — ELSIE JANIS
Selected Short Subject

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"MAN WHO TALKED TOO MUCH"
GEORGE BRENT — VIRGINIA BRUCE