

Keeping Up With Texas

Slumping 16.4 per cent from the like period of 1939, live stock shipments from Texas ranches to the Fort Worth stock yards and out-of-state points for the first six months of 1940 have totaled only 36,278 carloads, the University of Texas bureau of business research reports.

Miss Lucille Lawrence of Anna was killed Sunday in a truck collision at a highway intersection one mile north of McKinney.

Roy Weiss, 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Weiss of McGregor, was killed Sunday night in an automobile collision two miles south of Lancaster. Mr. and Mrs. Weiss and a 6-year-old daughter received minor injuries.

Permits for new buildings at Baylor university gave Waco top place in the state's building race last week. Waco issued building permits amounting to \$582,160.

Dr. W. R. White, pastor of the First Baptist church of Oklahoma City, met Monday with the board of directors of Hardin-Simmons university and accepted the presidency of that institution, succeeding the late Dr. J. D. Sandefer. Dr. White in June turned down the first offer made by the board.

James Goodwin, 19, drowned Sunday while swimming in Mancill lake, two miles north of Ranger. Reports were that the youth, accompanied to the lake by two younger boys, became exhausted while swimming.

Three men were killed and six persons injured in an automobile collision early Sunday on the Shreveport highway, 13 miles east of Carthage. The dead were: Frankie Joe Langley, 35; his brother, Colburn, 37, and J. C. Lawrence, 19, all employees of a basket factory at Carthage.

Frank Cheeves, 66, member of an old Young county family, drowned in the Brazos river near Newcastle while in swimming.

When two trucks overturned late Sunday on the steep, winding road near Signal peak, in the El Paso section, two men, Payne Guthrie and Grady Barzil, both of San Angelo, were killed and a third, Doyle Powell, also of San Angelo, who was driving one of the trucks, received burns when his machine burst into flames which caused his death early Monday in an El Paso hospital. The other two men were pinned in the cabin of the second truck and killed instantly.

Governor W. Lee O'Daniel Tuesday removed Ernest O. Thompson, one of his opponents in the recent gubernatorial campaign, as Texas representative on the interstate oil compact commission. J. C. Hunter, Abilene oil operator, was named Wednesday to succeed Thompson.

Instructor Sebastian Zaffiro, 28, and Dawson Swafford, 26, crashed to their death in a Dallas aviation school plane at Gainesville Wednesday night.

Governor W. Lee O'Daniel Wednesday proclaimed Aug. 19 as national Aviation day in Texas.

Owen Thomas, Esco Walter Winners in 104th District Races

Complete unofficial returns in the race for judge of the 104th judicial district show that Judge Owen Thomas of Anson polled 10,150 votes to 6,525 for Judge A. K. Doss of Abilene in Saturday's primary.

In the race for district attorney of the 104th judicial district, with returns incomplete from Jones county, Esco Walter, now Taylor county attorney, is shown to have a total of 10,797 in the three-county district to 5,976 for Howard Davison.

The vote by counties in the judge's race follows:

Taylor: Thomas 4,099, Doss 5,062; Jones, Thomas 3,805, Doss 912; Fisher, Thomas 2,246, Doss 551.

The vote in the attorney's race:

Taylor: Walter 7,547; Davison 1,763. Fisher, Walter 1,021, Davison, 2,071; Jones, (incomplete), Walter 2,229, Davison 2,132.

Record of Births.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Claude Toles, Route 1, Sunday, July 28, 1940.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. John Lawlis, Route 2, Monday, July 29, 1940.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. George Bishop, Tuesday, July 3, 1940.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Curtis McAninch, Stith, Tuesday, July 30, 1940.

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O'DANIEL DOES IT AGAIN; WINS FIRST PRIMARY

Outdistances All Six Opponents Combined; Total Vote Cast For Governor Mounts to Over 600,000.

Repeating his performance of two years ago, Governor W. Lee O'Daniel outdistanced a field of six opponents in the first democratic primary Saturday to win the nomination for a second term as the state's chief executive.

His total vote had reached 607,614, according to the latest count released by the Texas Election Bureau, with an estimated 30,000 votes yet to be reported. Out of a total of 1,130,326 votes accounted for, he had received 53.7 per cent. Runner-up again this year was Ernest Thompson, whose vote was 240,960 in the latest tabulation.

In the 1938 primary, O'Daniel received 573,166 votes, or 31,447 more than his 12 opponents. Thompson had 231,630 in the final compilation of the 1938 vote.

Pierce Brooks held a lead over Olin Culberson for railroad commissioner of less than 1,000 votes. These two will be in a run-off.

Other state race yet to be settled (Continued on Page Two)

Only Run-Off In County is Sheriff's Race

Only county race undecided in Saturday's primary, in which a record vote of over 9,800 ballots was cast, is that for sheriff. The incumbent, Sid McAdams, led with 3,831, McQuary being second with 2,910. Third man was Elmer Lowe, whose vote was 2,798.

Roy Skaggs, unopposed for his second term as district clerk, was high man on the ticket, polling 9,817 votes, the highest total on record in Taylor county.

In other county races unopposed candidates' scores were Carl P. Hulsey, county judge, 9,557; John A. White, surveyor, 9,617.

For county attorney, Theo Ash, justice of the peace in the Abilene precinct, defeated Bryan Bradbury, representative in the legislature the past three terms, 5,060 to 4,269.

Three court house officials gained clear majorities over two opponents each.

Roy Fuller won his fifth term as county treasurer over Eugene Hargrove and Herman Askins. Their respective totals were: 5,076, 2,223 and 1,895.

Miss Vivian Fryar was favored by 5,213 voters, with C. L. Darden receiving 3,091 and Rex Dillard, 1,197. C. O. (Pat) Patterson had 5,902 votes for assessor-collector, as compared with 2,118 for J. L. McDavid, and 1,405 for R. S. (Bob) Walker.

Polling 5,655 votes to 3,561 for his opponents, Joe Humphrey, of Abilene, was nominated for state representative from the 116th district without a run-off. The other three in the race had these totals: Wilson, 2,101; Whitaker, 559, and Etheridge, 901.

All the present commissioners must make the second campaign. A. J. (Jack) Canon will be opposed in pre-

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Pope, Smith in Second Primary in Race for Jones County Judge

Anson, Aug. 1.—Walter Pope, Jr., and Gilbert Smith will be in the run-off for county attorney of Jones county, according to unofficial returns, which show Pope leading with 1,813 votes, and Smith, second, 1,658. Third man was Frank Locke, 1,408.

In the commissioner's race, precinct 4, Ab Sosebee is high man with 246 votes. In the run-off with Sosebee will be either A. W. Hampton, who received 204 votes, or Rum Blackley, whose vote is 217, according to unofficial returns. It will require the official canvass to determine between Hampton and Blackley.

Votes for the other candidates for commissioner were: Walter Alford 189; McDonald 81, and Tucker 70.

ELECT MRS. ELLEN DUNCAN TO FACULTY

Mrs. Ellen Duncan, who taught last year at Bitter Creek and who formerly taught at White Church, was elected teacher of the primary grade at a meeting of the school board Tuesday night. She takes the place of Miss Himalya Swafford, who has accepted a place in the Odessa schools.

Mrs. Len Sublett, who had been elected a member of the Grammar School staff, has been assigned to teach history in the High school, in the place formerly taught by the late Miss Julia Martin. Place as history teacher in the 5th, 6th and 7th grades of the Grammar School is yet to be filled.

Will H. Grimes, who resigned from the High School faculty at the close of the last term, will teach in the Sierra Blanca schools next year. G. W. Wilhite, another teacher who resigned from the Merkel school faculty, will be principal of the high school at Hermleigh next year.

At this week's meeting of the board, B. M. Williams was selected as a bus driver to succeed Terrell Mashburn, resigned.

Sam Russell Earns Place in Run-Off With Clyde Garrett

Complete returns from eight counties and nearly complete returns from the other four reveal that Congressman Clyde L. Garrett of Eastland led his nearest opponent, Sam Russell, of Erath county, 3,672 votes in his race for re-election on the 17th district.

Garrett polled 19,148; Russell, 15,496; Blanton, 8,608; Miller, 8,544, and Sheppard, 1,384.

The vote by counties for the run-off candidates, Garrett and Russell, follows:

Garrett: Callahan 1,086, Comanche 663, Eastland 4,318, Erath 889, Fisher 834, Hamilton 786, Jones 1,356, Nolan 1,874, Palo Pinto 1,496, Shackelford 463, Stephens 1,665, Taylor 3,738.

Russell: Callahan 898, Comanche 891, Eastland 1,403, Erath 3,597, Fisher 774, Hamilton 1,387, Jones 535, Nolan 868, Palo Pinto 2,485, Shackelford 419, Stephens 812, Taylor 1,057.

Former Publisher of Mail Dies in Arkansas

Rev. J. M. Fryar, a former owner and publisher of The Merkel Mail and later a minister in the Methodist church, died at Beebe, Ark., on Tuesday, July 27.

He came to Merkel in 1905 and, after spending several years here as a newspaper man, he operated newspapers in Colorado City, Big Spring, Rising Star and Ranger. After entering the ministry, he served churches in Central and West Texas, later moving to Grayson county. Ill health caused his superannuation a few years ago. He was editor of the Beebe Sentinel at the time of his death.

Survivors are his wife, two sons and two daughters and several grandchildren. He was a brother of Charles A. Fryar, publisher of the Shackelford County Leader, Albany, and former Merkel newspaper man. Two other brothers, one in Little Rock and one in Tennessee, also survive.

Attends Funeral of Brother Killed in Highway Accident

Mr. and Mrs. J. Ben Campbell, accompanied by their two daughters, Miss Mary Kate Campbell and Mrs. H. C. Reid and son, returned Wednesday from Bonham where they attended the funeral Sunday of Mrs. Campbell's brother, Jess Atkins.

Mr. Atkins, a member of the highway crew, was fatally injured Friday when struck by a car while working on the highway. He died Saturday. He was well known here, having visited in the Campbell home.

TAYLOR ELECTRIC CO-OP OFFICES NOW IN MERKEL

Wednesday Finds Organization Located in Quarters at the Farmers State Bank Building; Personnel of Working Force.

With the removal Wednesday of the offices of the Taylor County Electric Co-Operative, Inc., to Merkel, occupying quarters in the Farmers State bank building, Merkel becomes, in fact, headquarters for the organization.

Associated with the working forces are Johnny Cox, coordinator; Ruth Roberts, book-keeper and secretary; F. E. Everett, resident engineer for the Midwestern Engineering and Construction company, Tulsa, Okla.; Ralph Miller, party chief staking crew; Herbert Campbell, party chief staking crew; F. J. Joyce, Winston Polley, Robert Francis, Julian E. Shattuck, R. E. Azbill, M. C. Church, staking crew; John L. Jones, who moved here from Borger, easements, and Spencer Bird, right-of-way, all of whom are making or will make Merkel their home. Several have brought their families here.

Others in the employ of the co-op are Archie McKee of Potosi, of the staking crew, and T. V. Bright and J. L. Loftis, right-of-way men, the latter two of Abilene.

BIDS TO BE OPENED. August 9 is the date set for opening of sealed bids for construction of 935 1-2 miles of rural electric lines in this area. Included will be lines in parts of Taylor, Nolan, Fisher, Jones, Callahan and Shackelford counties.

Meanwhile two crews are staking the lines, with more than 100 miles already completed.

Large Crowd Grets Gov. O'Daniel Here

On the closing day of his campaign for re-election, Governor W. Lee O'Daniel spoke four times in this immediate territory.

From Sweetwater, where at 1 p. m. he addressed his first Central West Texas crowd, he went to the Butman rodeo-picnic. Leaving there he came to Merkel, where Edwards street had been roped off for the occasion. The governor was accompanied by Jess McKee of Fort Worth and Reuben Williams of Austin, the latter an assistant secretary of state who was on leave of absence during the campaign.

Although he arrived over 30 minutes later than announced speaking time, the crowd waited very patiently and gave the governor an enthusiastic welcome upon his arrival at 4:10. He spoke about 15 minutes, departing for Abilene, where he closed his campaign Friday night.

Hodges Again Climbs To Top of Column

Trent's defeat at the hands of F. M. and Hodges' win over Noodle in Monday night's twin bill switched leaders in Merkel's softball league, Hodges again moving to the top of the column. The Trent club that has played three less games than Hodges dropped to second place.

The game between the girls' teams was not played as scheduled last Thursday night, and, owing to the fact that Moutray was short of players, their game was forfeited to the Bankers. In an exhibition game the Bankers proved winners over a mixed team of players picked up by (Continued on Page Two)

Snyder Motorcade to Make Merkel Visit

A large motorcade of Scurry county people will arrive in Merkel at 2:55 p. m., Tuesday, Aug. 6, advertising the annual Snyder rodeo, to be held Aug. 9 and 10. They will come here from Abilene.

The delegation will carry complete sound equipment and a stage mounted on a truck and will bring an entertainment somewhat along the usual line, together with several novel features, it is announced by Robert G. Dillard, manager of the Scurry county chamber of commerce.

IMPORTANT BAND MEETING CALLED NEXT MONDAY

A full band schedule will get under way Monday morning at which time all members of the Merkel Badger band and of the Grammar School band are requested to report to the High School gym at 9:30 for an important meeting.

Director Richard Young announces that at that time schedules will be made out for morning rehearsals during the month of August. All those interested in joining the band are asked to meet Mr. Young with their parents at 9:30 Monday morning.

Those who anticipate joining this month will be interested to know that there are several low priced instruments available.

A concert is being planned for the week of Aug. 12, to be given on the school lawn.

John Lee Smith, Omar Burleson Are Slated in Run-Off

On the basis of complete unofficial returns from every county in the 24th district except Jones county, where only 600 votes had not been accounted for, John Lee Smith of Throckmorton led the field for state senator with 12,422 votes. Second man in the race is Omar Burleson of Anson, who polled 10,465 and will face Smith in the run-off. Wilbourne Collier trailed third with 8,262 votes.

The vote by counties for the two leading candidates follows:

Smith: Callahan 736, Eastland 1,768, Fisher 471, Jones 416, Haskell 2,397, Mitchell 383, Nolan 470, Scurry 469, Shackelford 1,033, Stephens 1,729, Throckmorton 942, Taylor 1,209.

Burleson: Callahan 529, Eastland 793, Fisher 772, Jones 3,682, Haskell 640, Mitchell 682, Nolan 678, Scurry 463, Shackelford 301, Stephens 362, Throckmorton 108, Taylor 1,455.

Highway Toll Soars.

Austin, Aug. 1.—State police reported Monday a traffic death toll of 766 throughout the state during the first half of 1940, higher by 8 per cent than last year. The 8 per cent represented 54 lives.

MERKEL 30 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, July 22, 1910.)

A PARTYE OF YE OLDEN TIMES.

A most unique and delightful entertainment was the reunion of the W. P. I. club on Thursday afternoon, July 14, at the home of our most esteemed townsladye, Mistress H. T. Merritt, residing on ye Elm street in ye Citye of Merkel from three of ye clock until early candlelight. The invitation read "bring the latest news of ye friends and don't forget yer knittin'."

Promptly at three of ye clock the guests assembled and as they were blind so did they do. The latest news of ye friends was delightfully told while the hands were employed with the knittin'. What woman of ye olden times or ye present times either didn't enjoy or doesn't enjoy a harmless lot of gossip?

While tongues and hands were busy two of ye old time niggers, Dinah and Liza (Misses Ruth Merritt and Bessie Touchstone), appeared with trays of ice cold buttermilk and ginger cakes to the refreshment of ye innocent gossipers. Dinah and Liza behaved with great dignity until the burst of merriment from the guests caused them intense indignation and their black manners were outraged by the indecorous behavior of "dat po white trash dat didn't know no better'n to laff at a nigger."

They acted their parts well and were first among the amusing features of the evening.

Next was a list of the five senses—seeing, hearing, feeling, smelling, tasting. First, the guests were taken into a room in which was a table containing many articles. They walked around the table and out and were presented with cards and pen-

ANOTHER "BOOTS SCRAMBLE" ON WEEK-END CARD

Friday Night Brings Popular Feature to Merkel Arena Again; Second Show Follows Saturday Afternoon.

Another "boots scramble" such as proved a very popular diversion at the last show on July 19 is being planned for Friday night of this week and it is anticipated that many more cowboys will enter the contest this time.

Second performance of the double rodeo, fifth in the series of week-end shows sponsored by the Merchants Trade Extension association of Merkel for the 1940 summer entertainment program, will follow Saturday afternoon.

Fans are still talking about the enjoyment afforded by the July 19-20 week-end shows and, as the season nears its end, enthusiasm in the closing rodeos is rapidly rising. Final shows of the season are scheduled Aug. 16-17.

Other features on this week's card will include the regular contests such as calf roping, wild cow milking, steer riding, bull riding and the bronc riding events.

RESERVED SEATS. For the night show, numbered reserved seats are on sale at both drug stores, price 40 cents. Sale will be transferred to the rodeo grounds at 6:30 on the night of the show.

For the afternoon show, no numbered seats will be sold. Prices are 25 cents for adults and 10 cents for children under 12. Seats will be on sale at the rodeo grounds at 12:30 p. m. on show day.

(Price of tickets quoted above includes the admission tax.)

Parramore Post to Meet Here Aug. 26

Time for the August meeting of Parramore Post of the American Legion, which is to take the form of a watermelon feast, will be Aug. 26. Date was erroneously reported in The Mail as Aug. 12.

The meeting is to be held at Merkel and details are now being worked out.

cils and were requested to write what they saw on the table. Miss Duncan-Browning won the souvenir for having seen the greatest number of articles. Second—Silence was enforced and suddenly sounds as of demons from hades burst upon the listeners.—horns, combs, tin pans and other such musical instruments sounded simultaneously and the guests had to write what they heard. Mrs. H. C. Williams' keen musical ear detected the greatest number of sounds and from what they emanated, and won the souvenir for hearing. Third—The guests were blindfolded and made to touch many things and Mrs. Maxwell won the souvenir for feeling. Still blind-folded, they were then called upon to smell and taste of different odors and preparations, some of which were very delightful to the olfactories and to the palate. Assafoetida was the only scent guessed by every one but as they were in doubt as to it was spelled they didn't write it down. Mrs. J. A. Adkisson won both souvenirs—smelling and tasting.

The candles were lighted, punch was served and the merry crowd drank the health of their charming hostess and Mrs. Maxwell, in whose honor was this ever-to-be-remembered reunion. They all left declaring they had not had as much real fun "since the woods burned down."

Those present were Mrs. Maxwell, honoree, Mesdames H. C. and Otho Williams, McClain, Craig, Adams, Bradley, Jones, Allen, Pipe, Shaffer, Harris and Misses Sears and Browning.

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PERSONALS

Dr. J. T. McRee and son, J. T., Jr., of Longview, and Prof. F. L. McRee, of Texas Technological college, Lubbock, were week-end visitors in the home of their sister, Miss Mabel McRee.

Little Miss Shirley Louise Jensen of Sweetwater is guest this week of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Proctor.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Popham and family have just returned from Paducah where they attended the funeral of their son-in-law, J. C. James, of Burlington, Ia.

A group from Merkel spent last week at Christoval, returning Friday. Those in the party were Mrs. Earl Stanford, Mrs. N. D. Cobb, Mrs. Leon McGaughey, Mrs. Jack Stanford, Mrs. Charlie Huff and son, and Billy George Coker.

Marshall Stalls is here from Wickensburg, Ariz., visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stalls.

Mrs. J. B. Baldrée of Welch, Texas, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Decker, and sisters, Mrs. O. C. Shouse and Mrs. Hollis McCoy.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Glenewinkel and children attended the watermelon festival in Rising Star last Thursday night. Their daughter, Miss Mary Ann, visited Misses Mary and Lena Smith Thursday and Friday.

Billy Gene and Cleo Cogburn arrived Saturday from Fort Worth to visit their aunt, Mrs. Rube Henslee, and other relatives.

H. L. Proctor returned Saturday from a visit with relatives in Bell county, his old home.

Guests last week of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley King were Mrs. King's brother, Jack Calloway, wife and family, of Corpus Christi.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Jones have moved to Midland where he has accepted employment.

Mrs. Morris Smith, who has been ill for the last two months, is now at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Hogan, where she is receiving medical treatment from a local physician.

Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Hogan and daughter, Nan, had as their guests this week, Miss Clarice Faye Blair of Noodle, also on Monday Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Wade and daughter, Jimmie Joe, of Sanger. The latter were on their way to Hollywood, Calif., where they will spend their summer vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Sublett of Lubbock, who were married here on July 23 at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Sublett, were down to spend the week-end.

Miss Vivian Davis has returned from Austin where she spent the past two months working in the state laboratory, the first month in the serology department and the second month in the bacteriology department.

Jim Sublett, who spent last week with his brother, Jack Sublett, at Lubbock, returned home Sunday. Jack is taking a course in aviation and has already made a solo flight.

Mrs. J. M. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Collins and Miss Mary Collins were in Vinson, Okla., enjoying a week-end family reunion in the home of Rev. and Mrs. Paul Collins. Other members of the family were present also from Lamesa and Pampa. Mrs. J. M. Collins remained for a longer visit with her son and family.

Mrs. Odell Eoff, Mrs. Ray Spurgin of Dallas and Kirby Steadman of Trent visited in Lubbock Sunday. Mrs. Spurgin, who had been visiting relatives and friends, returned Wednesday to her home in Dallas.

Guests the past week of Mrs. Lucy Ford were her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ford, of Vanhook, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Whitaker and children of Corpus Christi were passing visitors with friends here Saturday. They were en route to Slaton where Mrs. Whitaker and children remained for a summer visit. Mr. Whitaker, formerly employed in the composing room of The Mail, returned Sunday to Corpus Christi where he works on The Press.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Toombs and son returned Wednesday of last week

from a trip to South Texas points, including Galveston, Houston, San Antonio and Beaumont, having visited friends at the latter place.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Epp of Pecos are here visiting her father, H. H. Toombs.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Earthman of Childress visited several days last week with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Earthman and Mr. and Mrs. W. T. McAninch.

Vernon Mansfield left Tuesday for Odessa where he has accepted employment with the Houston Food store.

In a party leaving Saturday for a two weeks' sketching trip in and around Santa Fe and Taos, New Mexico, were Miss Mary Eula Sears and Mrs. Forrest R. Kendall and Miss Juanita Tittle of Abilene. Miss Sears will be a guest of Mrs. Philip Yonge of Sweetwater in her Taos cabin.

Misses Betty Lu Higgins and Mary Lu Higgins visited last week with Miss Bonnie Catts of Graham.

Mr. and Mrs. George Sharp of Fort Worth are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Sharp.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Bell and two children, Charles and Carroll Ann, returned Monday to their home at Corpus Christi after a week-end visit with Mr. and Mrs. John Shannon.

Mrs. Nell Lee and Mrs. Lucille White have returned from a two weeks' stay in Corpus Christi.

Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Dinwiddie and son, Woodie, of Los Angeles, Calif., were guests Saturday in the home of T. R. Lassiter and daughter, Miss Mae Lassiter. Mr. Dinwiddie is a nephew of the late Mrs. T. R. Lassiter. They were en route to Dallas for a vacation visit with Mrs. Dinwiddie's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson left Sunday for a fifteen days' vacation trip, during which they will visit a son and daughter at Shreveport, La., and another son at Houston.

Miss Fannie Boaz, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Jackson and two daughters of Stamford, has returned from an automobile trip through Oklahoma, Kansas, Colorado and New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Harris of Fresno, Calif., who left Merkel about 30 years ago, were here the past week visiting relatives and old friends. They left Thursday.

Visitors this week in the home of Mrs. Bertie Pee are her daughter, Mrs. C. W. Guthrie, of Big Spring, and another daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Burden of Avery.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Cox, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Tom Coats, Patsy Cox and Gwendolene Sandusky, are visiting relatives in Del Rio this week.

After a visit with her mother, Mrs. G. D. Richie, Mrs. Morris Beasley has returned to her home at Roswell, N. M. She was accompanied by her sister, Miss Vera Richie, who will spend her vacation at Roswell and other points in New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wood and daughter, Ruby Blair, of Fort Worth, were guests Sunday of their mother and grandmother, Mrs. J. S. Blair. They were accompanied home by their son, Roy Blair, who had been visiting here.

J. K. and Warren Blair are spending this week with their cousin, Roy Blair, in Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Shelton and children and Paul Arnold Whiteley accompanied Miss Ganevera Middleton of Stanton on a visit last week to Bell county where they were guests of their grandmother, who is 90 years old.

Sheriff's Race

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cinct 2, by Lem Dudley. Canon's vote was 359, while Dudley received 189. Third man in the race was Rufe Tittle, whose vote was 172.

In the other three precincts, Luther J. Webb will face R. L. (Bob) Young, precinct 1; Luther McMillon has J. E. (Jim) Marshall as his opponent in precinct 4, while in precinct 3, John O. Cunningham lacked only six votes of a majority over his two opponents. Cunningham's vote was 320 to Glen Johnson's 227, and Leo Standard's 98.

The six-man race for constable, precinct 5, left C. K. Russell, high man, with 343 votes, to be opposed by J. L. Winter, who received 193 votes.

In the Trent precinct, E. M. Sherman was nominated over R. O. Bailey for justice of the peace by a vote of 84 to 58.

Tabulations by boxes of the sheriff's race and of the two local precinct races appear on page three, also the complete vote of the Merkel box and the county totals, in all opposed races.

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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mrs. M. B. Jones left last Friday morning to visit her brother, Etheridge Merritt, and other relatives of Roxton, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Boone and boys visited Mr. and Mrs. Jack Boone and son of Memphis, Texas, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Fortune and Bobbie have returned home after having attended the Christadelphian encampment at Buffalo Gap last week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Friend and sons and Miss Norma Nell Black of Brownwood were visiting here last week-end.

Mrs. Roy Banner has had as her guests for a few days her daughter, Mrs. Stallcup, and Mr. Stallcup of Big Spring. They were accompanied home by Miss Dorothy Banner, who will stay with them for a while.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bowers and family have been attending the Bowers family reunion at Buffalo Gap this week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Williamson and family were joined by the Trevanths of Wichita Falls for a vacation trip which will include Colorado Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Randel and Penelope of Quanah spent last Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Johnson, Sr.

Mrs. Bruce Howell and little son are visiting with Mrs. Lena Hodges of near Buffalo Gap while Mr. Howell is in Arizona.

Mr. and Mrs. John West of Merkel were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Johnson, Sr.

Mrs. Ed Burks has as her guest her daughter-in-law, Mrs. G. I. Burks of Houston.

Harold Horton, six-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Horton, is improving satisfactorily after having undergone an appendectomy at the Sadler Clinic last Saturday.

Mrs. Bob Billington has gone to Gule, Okla., to visit her father, Mr. Messenger.

Mrs. C. C. Estep, who has been ill for some time, is improving rapidly and will soon be up again.

Louise Smith of Roscoe is visiting Jonnie Roberts this week.

Alma Joyce Massey, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Massey of Denton, suffered a broken leg last Wednesday afternoon when run over by a car in front of her home. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. J. I. Leamon of Trent.

RED AND WHITE PICNIC.

Attending the Red and White picnic at Buffalo Gap last Tuesday were Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Woods, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Boone and family, Vera Bright, Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Beasley, Mr. Childers and the Red and White Girls Softball team which consists of Doris Marie Stevens, Loraine King, Willadean Strawn, Helga Beasley, Dorothy Hood, Louise Pursler, Wilma Stribbling, Nadine Childers, Wanda Stribbling, Velma Horton, Betty Jane Tittle and Marjorie Pearl Beasley.

Enthusiasm Prevails At Donkey Ball Game

Due to many other conflicting attractions, including the Butman picnic and the O'Daniel speaking at Abilene, the crowd that witnessed the donkey ball game last Friday night on the softball field was limited in numbers but 100 per cent enthusiastic in reporting a most enjoyable evening.

A Lions club team managed by Stanley King defeated Blackie Callaway's All-Stars, 6-2. The line-ups: Lions players were: Durham, Norman Gray, Breaux, Bobby Woodrum, Patterson, Earl Beech, Ellison, Wilson, R. T. Gray.

All-Stars: Robins, Frank Dye, Callaway, Adcock, Herbert Dunn, John Dye, Truett Perry, E. Hickman.

Lem Dudley Expresses Appreciation for Votes

To the Voters of Precinct 2:
I am grateful to each and every one for the support you gave me in Saturday's election. Please accept this as a personal note of thanks. I also thank each of my opponents for the high type of campaign carried on and I trust I have conducted myself so as to merit your support in the run-off.

I shall continue the race on the same high plane as in the first primary and earnestly solicit the continued support of every one.

Truly yours,
L. A. (Lem) Dudley.
(Political Advertisement.)

It is reported by competent traffic observers that four out of five accidents occur when the pavement is dry and the weather is clear.

Thanks Supporters, Ask Others To Investigate Qualifications to Serve

To the Voters of Jones County:

I am very grateful to those of you who supported me in Saturday's primary by giving me the largest vote cast for any one candidate for county judge. I also wish to thank you for the personal endorsement and recommendation given me in speaking to your friends throughout the campaign and personal work many of you have done for me. I earnestly solicit your continuation of this support throughout the August run-off primary.

To those of you whose candidate's name will not be on the second primary ballot, I will appreciate your investigation of my character and qualifications to serve you in all branches of the county judge's office, and earnestly solicit you to vote for me and to give me your active support in the August primary.

To all I wish to state that I have not, during this campaign, engaged in any petty politics, but have run solely upon my qualifications to serve you as presiding officer of your commissioners' court and as judge of your probate and county courts, and I expect to continue my campaign upon this high plane. I am keenly sensitive of the fact that the good people of Jones county in selecting a man to fill this important office will give first consideration to his character and qualifications.

Inspired by the loyalty of friends and the large plurality vote just given me, I feel confident that a large majority of the Jones county citizenry will vote for me in the August primary. And if I am so fortunate, I will enter the office without any prejudice toward anyone, and with the fixed determination to serve you honestly, efficiently, courteously, and with equal consideration to each and every citizen of Jones county.

Walter S. Pope, Jr.
(Political Advertisement.)

Softball

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Moutray. The forfeit advanced F. & M. to third place in the percentage column.

On Thursday night of this week, Merkel and White Church girls are scheduled, with Moutray and Stith matched for the nightcap.

Monday night's contenders are: Hodges vs. Moutray, Trent vs. Noodle, while on next Thursday night, Aug. 8, Stith girls will meet Merkel and the Bankers are billed against Stith.

The line scores:
F. & M. --- 200 640 0 12 8 5
Trent --- 000 200 1 3 3 9
B. Bryant, Smith and Walker; N. Tittle, McElmurry and Hutcheson.
Hodges --- 102 121 0 7 9 0
Noodle --- 000 100 0 1 5 8
Leverich, Ernest Hartline and Roberts, Bristow; Don Cade and Hutcheson (sub catcher.)

LEAGUE STANDING.

Team	W	L	Pct.
Hodges	9	3	.750
Trent	6	3	.667
F. & M.	5	6	.455
Noodle	4	6	.400
Moutray	4	7	.364
Stith	3	7	.300

White Church News

We certainly are needing a rain here; the feed is all about to begin falling.

Almost every one in this community attended the picnic at Butman last week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Wilson and daughter of Levelland visited Mr. and Mrs. P. R. McLean last week.

Rev. and Mrs. Henry Brandon and daughter of Dallas were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frazee Demere the past week.

Mrs. Raymond Russom and sons, J. R. and Cleo, of Lamesa, have returned home after visiting several days with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Frazier of Putnam visited their children, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Frazier and Mr. and Mrs. Beryl Brown, and attended the picnic at Butman.

Miss Ellen Duncan of Bitter Creek spent the week-end in the Beryl Brown home, and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Clark of Trent were also recent visitors in the Brown home.

C. C. Barnes of Sulphur Springs visited his brother, A. D. Barnes, Sunday.

Every one received a decided thrill when Governor O'Daniel visited the picnic.

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A meeting of all boys that are planning on taking vocational agriculture for the first time this coming year are asked to meet Mr. Collinsworth in the V. A. room at the Merkel High school Friday, 2 p. m., Aug. 2.

This meeting is very important and all boys that expect to register for V. A. I should be present.

Cobb Thanks Voters For Re-Nomination

To the Voters of Precinct No. 5:
For the almost unanimous vote with which you favored me with the nomination to the office of justice of the peace in Saturday's election, I sincerely thank you and take this opportunity to pledge again the very best service within my ability during the coming two years in this office to which you have re-nominated me.

Sincerely yours,
N. D. Cobb.
(Political Advertisement.)

A. J. Canon Sincerely Thankful to Voters

Voters of Precinct 2:
I thank you sincerely for the vote you gave me Saturday.

To my opponents: I want to compliment you for the high type of campaign you carried on and I hope I have conducted myself in such a way that you can support me in the run-off.

A. J. Canon.
(Political Advertisement.)

O'Daniel

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also in a run-off is that for chief justice of the supreme court, in which H. S. Lattimore of Fort Worth is leading over James P. Alexander of Waco.

Winning without a run-off in state races were:

Tom Connally, United States senator.

Coke R. Stevenson, lieutenant-governor.

George Sheppard, state comptroller.

Charlie Lockhart, state treasurer.

L. A. Woods, state superintendent.

J. E. McDonald, state agriculture commissioner.

Latest returns from 252 out of 254 counties in the state, including 196 complete, show:

Governor.—Condron 1,988, Davis 3,975, Ferguson 96,821, Hines 119,707, O'Daniel 607,614, Sadler 59,261, Thompson 240,960.

Railroad Commissioner.—Brooks 196,319, Culberson 195,357.

Chief Justice Supreme Court.—Alexander 301,117, Lattimore 339,919.

Solicits Support In Second Primary

To the Voters of Precinct 5:
I want to express my thanks and appreciation for the fine way in which you supported me last Saturday. I earnestly solicit your vote and influence in the second primary.

As I have said before, I have discharged my duties, at all times, and will continue to do so in the future, if elected. Thanking you in advance,
I am
Very respectfully,
C. K. Russell.
(Political Advertisement.)

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 Governor—Hines, 74; Condron, 1; Thompson, 157; Ferguson, 20; Sadler, 118; Davis, 3; O'Daniel, 432.
 Lieutenant-Governor—Mead, 171; Stevenson, 511; Somerville, 69.
 Comptroller—Butler, 101; Sheppard, 665.
 Treasurer—Lockhart, 580; McKee, 187.
 State Superintendent—Woods, 263; LeMay, 527.
 Agriculture—King, 121; McDonald, 455; Corry, 148.
 Railroad Commissioner—Hardin, 130; Smith, 11; Culberson, 165; Pundt, 3; Patterson, 3; Copeland, 2; Langford, 3; Smith, 17; Hood, 15; Mills, 1; Holt, 24; Saulsbury, 48; Brooks, 114; Sheppard, 7; Jones, 4; Terrell, 2; Van Zandt, 31; McDonald, 62.
 Chief Justice Supreme Court—Alexander, 265; Lattimore, 261; Humphrey, 109; Douglas, 23; Griffin, 13; Chapin, 23.
 Associate Justice, Supreme Court—Watkins, 245; Sharp, 458.
 Criminal Appeals—Christian, 411; Beauchamp, 297.
 State Senator—Smith, 143; Collie, 91; Phelps, 147; Davison, 167; Burleson, 196; Lotief, 26.
 Representative—Whitaker, 48; Wilson, 175; Etheridge, 83; Humphrey, 479.
 District Judge (104th)—Thomas, 456; Doss, 325.
 District Attorney (104th)—Walter, 616; Davison, 180.
 County Attorney—Bradbury, 340; Ash, 449.
 County Clerk—Fryar, 454; Darden, 246; Dillard, 115.
 Sheriff—McQuary, 217; McAdams, 122; Lowe, 462.
 Assessor-Collector—McDavid, 143; Walker, 48; Patterson, 609.
 Treasurer—Askins, 342; Hargrove, 257; Fuller, 192.
 County Commissioner, Precinct 2—Horton, 71; Robertson, 122; Canon, 251; Tittle, 65; Anderson, 29; Sumpter, 66; Cox, 43; Dudley, 129.
 Constable, Precinct 5—West, 61; Russell, 256; Melton, 114; Doan, 63; Winter, 183; Jinkens, 115.
 County Chairman—Stinson, 812.
 Precinct Chairman—Boney, 81; Boyce, 1; Hunter, 1.

County Complete

Senator—Fisher, 472; Connally, 7, 623; Belcher, 781.
 Congress—Sheppard, 283; Miller, 2,137; Russell, 1,057; Garrett, 3,738; Blanton, 2,237.
 Governor—Hines, 1,145; Condron, 9; Thompson, 2,486; Ferguson, 322; Sadler, 387; Davis, 13; O'Daniel, 5, 160.
 Lieutenant-Governor—Mead, 1,810; Stevenson, 6,420; Somerville, 630.
 Comptroller—Butler, 875; Sheppard, 8,079.
 Treasurer—Lockhart, 7,273; McKee, 1,743.
 State Superintendent—Woods, 3, 912; LeMay, 5,375.
 Agriculture—King, 1,431; McDonald, 5,630; Corry, 1,412.
 Railroad Commissioner—Culberson, 1,686; Brooks, 2,547; McDonald, 1, 434; all others, 1,582.
 Chief Justice, Supreme Court—Alexander, 2,462; Lattimore, 3,688; Humphrey, 841; Douglas, 277; Griffin, 167; Chapin, 255.
 Associate Justice, Supreme Court—Watkins, 2,885; Sharp, 5,337.
 Criminal Appeals—Christian, 4, 224; Beauchamp, 3,946.
 State Senator—Smith, 1,209; Collie, 873; Phelps, 3,757; Davison, 1, 538; Burleson, 1,455; Lotief, 331.
 Representative—Whitaker, 559; Wilson, 2,101; Etheridge, 901; Humphrey, 5,655.
 District Judge (104th)—Thomas, 4,099; Doss, 5,062.
 District Attorney (104th)—Walter, 7,547; Davison, 1,763.
 County Attorney—Bradbury, 4,269; Ash, 5,060.
 County Clerk—Fryar, 5,213; Darden, 3,091; Dillard, 1,197.
 Sheriff—McQuary, 2,910; McAdams, 3,831; Lowe, 2,798.
 Assessor-Collector—McDavid, 2, 118; Walker, 1,405; Patterson, 5, 902.
 Treasurer—Askins, 1,895; Hargrove, 2,223; Fuller, 5,076.

Sheriff's Race

	McQuary	McAdams	Lowe
Court House	203	279	144
Butternut St.	408	546	371
Fair Park	296	534	355
Shelton-Webb	265	324	208
Cedar St.	278	310	204
Orange St.	318	185	135
North Park	212	118	76
Hamby	11	14	9
Vets' Clubhouse	58	107	50
McMurry	114	181	85
Caps-Abilene	34	13	11
Buff-Abilene	14	16	22
Buffalo Gap	30	75	99
Jim Ned	9	53	5
Moro	11	23	13
Nubia	16	21	71
Merkel	217	122	462
Guion	17	72	22
Shep	31	79	38
Potosi	36	49	15
Trent	34	32	86
Caps-Merkel	14	8	10
View	21	48	27
Tuscola	78	157	67
Ovalo	38	117	39
Iberis	16	21	7
Tye-Merkel	25	19	24
Lawn	46	162	64
Blair	29	21	25
Bradshaw	33	117	41
Lisman	1	8	3
TOTALS	2,910	3,831	2,798

For Constable

	West	Russell	Melton	Doan	Winter	Jinkens
Merkel	61	256	114	63	183	115
Blair	20	8	1	42	4	1
Nubia	17	36	8	20	3	15
Tye-Merkel	8	27	2	1	3	5
Caps-Merkel	1	16	1	1	0	4
TOTALS	107	343	126	127	193	140

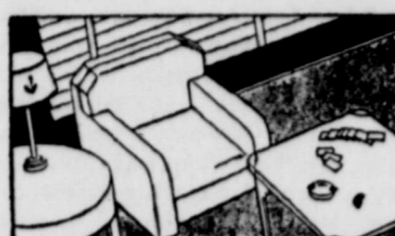
For Commissioner

	Horton	Robertson	Canon	Tittle	Anderson	Sumpter	Cox	Dudley
Merkel	71	122	251	65	29	66	43	129
Trent	8	11	20	93	3	210	5	
Blair	6	2	24	6	7	4	4	22
Nubia	8	2	30	5	29	0	2	23
Tye-Merkel	28	12	17	3	1	0	1	6
Cap-Merkel	7	3	17	0	3	0	0	4
TOTALS	128	152	359	172	72	72	60	189

Tuberculosis Toll Reduced.

New York, Aug. 1.—A 4.7 per cent decrease in the tuberculosis death rate in the United States was reported Monday by Dr. Paul P. McCain, president of the National Tuberculosis association. He said there were 61,184 tuberculosis deaths in 1939 as compared with 63,677 in 1938.

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Many Cotton Bag Sewing ideas are illustrated in a free booklet. Send to National Cotton Council, Box 18, Memphis, or Textile Bags, 100 N. LaSalle St., Chicago.

NEWMAN NEWS

There were 26 mattresses completed at the school building last week. Harvey Lee Davis of Roby visited a few days last week with Othell Reeves, while he was home from CCC camp.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Reeves and son of Colorado City spent Wednesday night in the home of Mrs. Fannie Reeves.

Those who enjoyed a picnic and fish fry on the river Thursday were: Mr. and Mrs. Truett Dickerson of Houston, Mr. and Mrs. Otho Watson and daughter of DeLeon, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Reeves and son of Colorado City, Mrs. John Cross, Mrs. Ed Alderidge and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Floyd and son of Rotan, Harvey Lee Davis of Roby, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Talbot and children of Golan, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Watson and children of Palava, Othell Reeves of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Watson, Maudine and Lloyd Watson, Mr. and Mrs. Olan Watson and children, Mrs. Jeff Self, Walton and Dalton Self, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Dickerson and son, Lula Mae and Robert Hale, Mr. and Mrs. Jerald Duncan, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Watson and children, Mr. and Mrs. Jonah Self and daughter, Mrs. Fannie Reeves, Mr. and Mrs. Lea Dickerson, Thelbert and Arvalee Dickerson, Alice Boen and sons.

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Jones and Helen, who have recently moved from Borger to Merkel, spent Sunday night in the home of Mrs. Fannie Reeves.

Mrs. Jerald Duncan is visiting her sister, Mrs. Truett Dickerson in Houston.

GOLAN NEWS

(Too Late Last Week.)
 Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jeffrey of near Vernon are visiting relatives here this week.
 Theron Williams spent Saturday night and Sunday with J. D. Josey of Sylvester.
 Mr. and Mrs. Sandy Sipe visited Mr. and Mrs. Finis Sexton of Rotan last week-end.
 Mrs. John Corneison of Bowie and Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Thomas, of near Brownwood, visited their father, J. T. Gann last week. Mr. Gann left Saturday for an extended visit with relatives in East Texas.
 The F. Jeffrey reunion was held Sunday in Sweetwater. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Jeffrey and family, H. T. Jeffrey and family, Mrs. Bob Jones and family, Mrs. Walter Byrum and family, Mrs. Med Herron and family, Mrs. Nola Jones and family, Mrs. Birdie McCain and family, Mrs. Bess McClung and family, and two children of Mrs. Annie Davis. All members of each family were present except two of the Davis children living in California.

Seventy-five members of the F. Jeffrey family enjoyed a picnic lunch in Sweetwater party Sunday.
 Mr. and Mrs. Alvie Barbee of California, visiting here and in Oklahoma and Arkansas this month, left Monday morning for their home.
 Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Williams attended church in Sylvester Tuesday night. Brother Marvin Williams, a former pastor, later of White Church, is conducting the meeting for Rev. C. W. Parminster.
 Hugh Jeffrey is on the sick list this week.
 Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Williams visited with Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Williams of Sylvester Sunday.
 Our crowd out for singing Sunday night was small, but we had a good singing.
 We are having a good Sunday School. Let's have 80 again next Sunday morning.
 Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hill went to Gorman Saturday for a visit with his brother, E. Hill. On arriving they learned of the serious illness of Mr. Hill's nephew, J. C. Chambers, of Moran. Mr. and Mrs. Hill left Gorman for Moran immediately. Mr. Chambers lived until 5 o'clock Saturday evening. Mrs. Chambers will be

remembered as Miss Ivor Hightower of Trent.
 Mr. and Mrs. Doris Winter visited relatives in Gorman Monday.
 Mrs. L. C. Williams has just received word from her brother, Rev. Johnnie W. G. Hill of Warrensburg, Mo., of the arrival of a little daughter Monday. Her name is Lina Sue.

Business Men Invited to Come to Playground

Next Tuesday, Aug. 6, from 6:30 p. m. to 8 p. m. will be an hour and a half for adults and business men at the playground located at the High school. It will be under the supervision of Chas. S. Williams, recreation director.

There will be activities of croquet, pingpong, paddle tennis, checkers, washers and dominoes. Business men are invited to make this a play day after work hours. There will be plenty of recreation for all.

A washer tournament will be held at the playground at 8 o'clock Friday morning, Aug. 2, and a croquet tournament, Friday, Aug. 9. Every one is cordially invited to attend one or all of these events. "Remember the dates and make the playground a recreation center for you," is the slogan that Director Williams wants everybody to adopt.

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QUEEN THEATRE CALENDAR

Friday-Saturday — Roy Rogers, George (Gabby) Hays in "Young Buffalo Bill;" added, serial and selected short subjects.

Saturday preview, Sunday matinee, Monday night—"Four Sons," with Don Ameche, Alan Curtis, Robert Lowery; added, Donald Duck cartoon and News.

Tuesday only—May Robson in "Granny Get Your Gun;" special added attraction, "Unusual Occupation," featuring in a song Gene Autry at his North Hollywood ranch, also Bob Hope and Akim Tamiroff in television preview.

Wednesday-Thursday — Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., Madeleine Carroll in "Safari."

"Four Sons"

"Four Sons," unanimously hailed by previewers as "an emotional masterpiece, splendidly convincing," will be shown Saturday preview, Sunday matinee and Monday night at the Queen theatre.

For this great picture Darryl F. Zanuck drafted the talents of outstanding players including: Don Ameche, Eugenie Leontovich, Mary Beth Hughes, Alan Curtis, George Ernest, Robert Lowery, and many others.

Surpassing anything he has ever done, Don Ameche heads the brilliant cast. Fresh from his great triumph in "Lillian Russell," he is said to "reveal a new manner in a truly outstanding performance." Previewers claim that his portrayal outshines even his "Alexander's Ragtime Band," "Hollywood Cavalcade" and "Swanee River" triumphs.

Said to be the most powerfully dramatic role of them all, the character of the mother is enacted by Miss Leontovich. By her portrayal in "Four Sons" previewers agree that she "promises to be a new screen sensation." She was persuaded to perform in her first screen role after starring on the stage for fifteen years in New York, Paris and London.

Alan Curtis is splendidly convincing in his role. He has a part which calls for strength, force and determination.

As a reward for the excellent work she did in recent pictures, Mary Beth Hughes was selected to play the leading romantic role in "Four Sons" opposite Don Ameche.

As the two other brothers in the story, George Ernest and Robert Lowery have turned in splendid performances. Lionel Royce and Sig Rumann are also featured in the cast.

"Safari"

A skillfully contrived story, expertly directed and brilliantly enacted by a splendid cast, makes "Safari," the Paramount drama which stars Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., and Madeleine Carroll, and which comes to the Queen theatre Wednesday and Thursday, an outstanding screen effort. Having for its principal locale a West African jungle, it offers a deft combination of romance, adventure and comedy.

The story has to do with a safari planned by a wealthy baron, Tullio Carminati, who arrives on his yacht in M'Pola, with Madeleine Carroll and Muriel Angelus as his guests. Madeleine is determined to marry Carminati and welcomes the opportunity to arouse his jealousy by becoming deeply interested in Fairbanks, a big game hunter Carminati has hired to lead the expedition.

Strong-willed and independent Fairbanks immediately antagonizes Carminati, and refuses to accompany the hunt until Madeleine persuades him. Flying over the area the safari will travel, Fairbanks and Madeleine are forced to remain alone all night in the jungle arousing Carminati's insane rage. Learning that Carminati has been carelessly responsible for the death of one of the native boys, Fairbanks denounces him as a murderer.

On a lion hunt Carminati intentionally wounds a lion and suggests that Fairbanks make the kill single-handed. Fairbanks emerges with a torn arm, disbands the camp, and returns to M'Pola after angrily tongue-lashing both Madeleine and Carminati. He plans flying to Europe and the war. In a series of tensely dramatic scenes, the picture is brought to an unexpected but wholly believable conclusion.

"Safari" was directed by Edward H. Griffith, from a screenplay by Delmer Daves, based on a story by Paul Hervey Fox. Featured in the picture, besides Carminati and Muriel Angelus are Lynne Overman and Billy Gilbert.

Just say you saw it in The Mail.

Peasant Dress



Anna Neagle, RKO-Radio star, wears a peasant dress of skipper-blue cotton, with suspenders embroidered with hearts and flowers in red and white. Lace-trimmed blouse is white batiste. A sweet-heart clip in heart red suede is a charming part of the hearts and flowers of this gay summer ensemble. The pair of hearts is suspended from a red suede arrow.

Sosebee Grateful For Plurality in First Primary

To the Voters of Precinct 4, Jones County:

As it will be impossible for me to see each of you personally, I desire to take this means to express my sincere thanks for the courtesies and consideration given me during my campaign for commissioner.

I am indeed grateful for the confidence you have placed in me by giving me a substantial plurality in the primary just held, and I assure you that I will appreciate your continued support and influence in my behalf.

To those of you whose choice in the first primary is not in the run-off, I respectfully refer you to my friends and neighbors in Southwestern Jones county; the people that have known me for fifty years—their overwhelming support in the first primary is an honor, indeed, and it should be conclusive evidence as to the kind of citizen I have been.

I assure you that your careful consideration will be sincerely appreciated, and should you see fit to support me in the run-off, I will endeavor to always merit the confidence you have placed in me.

It will be my purpose to see as many of you as possible during the short period before the second primary, but should I miss anyone, please consider my candidacy and use your vote and influence in my behalf.

If I am elected to this place of trust and responsibility, it will be my purpose to render the entire district the best service possible, and to this end, I pledge my administration as your servant.

Thanking you again, I am,
Sincerely yours,
A. C. (Ab) Sosebee.
(Political Advertisement)

A total of 32,153,360 of state-owned lands was given to railroads for building lines in Texas. About 84 per cent of these lands were located in West Texas. The railroads built 3,627 miles of road for this amount of land.

Ellis Island is approximately 27½ acres in area.

BLAIR ITEMS

The Methodist revival closed Sunday night with preaching of rare order. Rev. Mr. Stewart's messages were logical and convincing and manifold blessings have already been evidenced from these services. Several additions to the church by baptism resulted and the church has been made stronger thereby. The fine gospel messages given by this man of God have added power to the lives of all and brought a spiritual awakening throughout the community.

The song leader and pianist both showed a fine Christian spirit of co-operation and they possess unusual ability in the evangelistic field.

There was good attendance from Merkel, Abilene, Sweetwater and the surrounding communities throughout the series of meetings.

Mrs. W. H. Erwin of South Texas is visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Mitchell, for an indefinite time.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Walker and son, Harold, of Sweetwater visited Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hamp Campbell over the week-end and attended services here. Mrs. Campbell's sister of Abilene also visited in this home recently.

Billie Ray Thomas of Dallas and Lamoine Sherrill of Stith were guests of John Mack Grant for the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Campbell spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Sherman of Trent.

Mrs. Joe Ramsey and daughter of Merkel visited Saturday night and Sunday with Mrs. Hugh Campbell.

Mrs. Oscar McLean and daughter, Vernell, Mrs. Claud McLean and daughter, Joyce, and R. L. McLean visited the former's parents of Anson one day the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Abbott of Abilene spent Sunday with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Addison and family.

Miss Leola Reidenbach of Mt. Pleasant was the week's guest of Miss Madlyn Brown.

Gifts worthy of mention were also received by Mrs. Glenn Abbott, a recent bride, from Mrs. Marvin Edgar of Brownwood and Mrs. Carl Hughes of Merkel.

The Epworth League met Sunday at 2:30 with Miss Joy Doan, president and Wallace Doan, group leader. Others on the program were J. D. Sandusky, Jimmy Campbell, Desmond Doan, John Moore, Billie Campbell and Sammie Doan.

Owen Thomas Conveys Appreciation to Voters

To Citizens and Voters of 104th Judicial District:

I am deeply grateful for every courtesy and consideration shown me and my family during the recent campaign and for the very splendid vote I received at the democratic primary, whereby I was nominated your district judge for the 104th judicial district, composed of Taylor, Jones and Fisher counties. Upon election and qualification, I shall ever strive to perform my duties in a manner worthy of your confidence and in keeping with the dignity and responsibility attached to this judicial office.

Sincerely,
Owen Thomas.
(Political Advertisement)

Game Warden Fined.

North Haledon, N. J., Aug. 1.—Deputy Fish and Game Warden Ernest Grossman was fined \$20 Tuesday on charges of fishing without a license.

Culberson Plans 100 Speeches in Runoff

Austin, Aug. 1.—Crediting the support of Texas newspapers and the work of more than 12,000 volunteer workers with the success of his primary campaign for railroad commissioner, Olin Culberson today was burning up Texas highways to reach every section of the state before the run-off election. He planned to make at least 100 speeches during the next 30 days.

Before a banquet of firemen representing 400 Texas towns meeting at the annual firemen's training school at A. & M. college, Culberson thanked the 25,000 volunteer firemen of the state who had worked toward his election. Olin Culberson served the firemen as secretary for the past 22 years and was active in their program to reduce fire insurance premiums by \$2,500,000 a year for rural and urban areas in Texas.

Culberson said he had received the active editorial support of more than

80 Texas weekly and daily papers in the primary and credited the generous amount of space the press gave his campaign with a large share of his successful campaign.

Rallying to the Culberson standard were a number of the eliminated candidates for railroad commissioner including Walton Hood, John D. Copeland, Bailey Sheppard, O. O. Terrell

and others who endorsed Culberson as the man best qualified by experience, integrity and ability for the office.

A high grade dairy cow may produce as much as 10 tons of milk in a year.

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The poorest place in the world to attempt a lie is in the advertising columns of American newspapers and magazines, and in American radio programs.

In the first place, our publishers and broadcasting companies wouldn't carry dishonest advertising. They outlawed it long ago.

In the second place, such efforts to mislead would be conducted in full view of the public and of the officials empowered to apply fraud laws.

In the third place, dishonest advertising is as inefficient as dirty football. It does not pay.

Informed people have lost interest in the advertising-baiting hooks and speeches of the radical self-appointed reformers since one after another of them has figured prominently before the House Special Committee on un-American Activities.

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FOR RENT

MY HOME for rent unfurnished. Mrs. E. N. Brown.

WANTED

WANTED—Man and wife working in town to do chores at my home for room rent. Miss Mabel McRee, 4 miles N. W. Merkel.

LEGAL NOTICE

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

You are hereby commanded to summon C. B. Cravens 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 19th day of July, A. D. 1940, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 12,169-A, wherein Pearl Cravens is plaintiff, and C. B. Cravens is defendant, and a brief statement of plaintiff's cause of action, being as follows:

That plaintiff and defendant married on or about Mar. 2, 1930, and separated on or about April 2, 1930. Plaintiff sues for divorce on the grounds of three years abandonment and asks that her maiden name, Pearl Ryder be restored to her. There were no children born, and no community property to be divided.

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

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, on this 19th day of July, A. D. 1940.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS
POLITICAL

(Subject to action of the Democratic Primary in August.)
For County Commissioner, Precinct No. 2:

A. J. CANON (Re-election.)
L. A. (Lem) DUDLEY.
For Constable, Precinct No. 5, Taylor County:

C. K. RUSSELL.
J. L. WINTER.
For Sheriff, Taylor County:

SID H. McADAMS (Re-election.)
W. T. McQUARY.
For County Judge, Jones County:

GILBERT SMITH.
For Congress (17th District):

SAM RUSSELL.
C. L. (Clyde) GARRETT.
(Re-Election)

Humphrey Appreciative
Of Voters' Confidence

To the Citizens of Taylor County:
You have placed a great responsibility upon me. For your splendid vote of confidence I am humbly grateful. I shall try to repay you by working hard and faithfully as a true representative.

No man in our great American system of democracy elects himself to office. His friends are responsible. To every one of you who helped me, may I take this opportunity of thanking you from the bottom of my heart.

J. C. (Joe) Humphrey.
(Political Advertisement.)

Typewriter paper for sale at Merkel Mail office.

Ranking Contestants
In Each Event Listed

Including time made in the last week-end double show, July 19-20, 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 three 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 three 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.	
J. L. Cook (8)	23.70
Birch Wilfong (6)	27.37
Ralph Russell (8)	29.30
Vester Parrish (8)	31.28
Zelmer Herrington (8)	32.13
George Brown (6)	35.63
Giles White (5)	39.52
Howard McGraw (7)	40.40
Phelton Herrington (8)	40.53
Earl Stevens (8)	42.95
COW MILKING.	
George Brown (6)	29.80
Sig Faircloth (7)	30.29
Leo Huff (6)	33.33
Phelton Herrington (8)	48.15
Ralph Russell (7)	51.54
Homer Laney (8)	52.63
Birch Wilfong (6)	55.97
Vester Parrish (8)	56.40
Earl Stevens (8)	56.58
Zelmer Herrington (8)	60.98
SADDLE BRONC RIDING.	
Jasbo Hester (4)	82.88
Bill Barton (7)	58.14
Johnny Downs (7)	80.00
BAREBACK BRONC RIDING.	
Gerald Derrick (6)	81.42
Johnny Downs (5)	65.70
Bill Barton (7)	59.86
Buck Kellough (3)	57.67
Bill Brabbin (5)	46.20
STEER RIDING.	
Jack Moberly (4)	79.50
Buck Killough (5)	78.40
Gerald Derrick (6)	71.58
Bill Brabbin (6)	67.83
Bill Barton (7)	62.71

Double Heart Ranch
Rodeo Starts Friday

Lasting three days, the Double Heart ranch rodeo and round-up will get under way Friday of this week, featuring perhaps more attractions and a greater variety of program than any like western sport in this country.

It was but a short ten years ago that Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Cox, owners of the Double Heart and owners and promoters of the rodeo, set themselves to launch the rodeo and now this ranch, with its romantic setting high on a plateau overlooking the breaks of the Brazos on the east and the breaks of the Colorado on the west, has become the playground of all lovers of western sports.

This year there will be still other added features, chief of which is the saddle horse race, and it is promised it will be "fast and furious." All entries in this contest must also participate in some roping contest, it is announced.

Featured also this year will be amateur boxing matches, in which some of the best scrappers in this area will participate.

There will also be calf roping for men over 55 years old and boys under 15 years.

As heretofore, Mr. Cox will act as host for the old-time cowboys, admitting all those over 65 years free to all events.

The original Tune Wranglers, of San Antonio, have been secured to make music, with the usual dance each night on the open air ball room floor at the ranch.

Every event known to the rodeo world will be staged, also saddle horse races, buffalo riding, aeroplane stunts and a complete round of entertainment.

Summer Students at ETSTC.
Commerce, Aug. 1.—Summer students from Merkel attending East Texas State Teachers college the first semester were: Jessie Margaret Berry, daughter of Mrs. Florence Berry; Helen Jane Ferguson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Ferguson, and Kathryn Milner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Milner.

If you do not take The Mail—subscribe now and enjoy it every week.

Gilbert Smith Asks
Further Consideration
In Race for Judgeship



To the Citizenship of Jones County: I sincerely appreciate the splendid vote you gave me on Saturday, July 27, and take this method of thanking each of you.

I tried to conduct myself during the first primary in such a way that those of you who did not support me will have no reason to regret doing so in the run-off. I assure you that I will continue to keep my campaign on a high plane.

The race was made solely upon my own merits, qualifications and record as a county official. I enter this second primary with the solemn pledge that if elected your county judge I will give my full time to the duties of the office, giving you honest, fair and economical service at all times. I propose to serve the entire county, giving the same attention to the rural communities and small towns as I do the centers of population.

Won't you investigate my record as a public official and private citizen and give me the same opportunity of promotion as has been customary in the past?

Mrs. Smith joins me in expressing our deepest gratitude for your vote of confidence.

Gilbert Smith,
Candidate for County Judge.
(Political Advertisement.)

Derrick Takes First
Place in Three Events

Three first places in riding events—all that he entered—were won by Gerald Derrick on the opening day of the Butman rodeo Thursday of last week. He took top honors in bull riding, steer and bareback bronc riding.

Leo Huff, also of Merkel, won first place in calf roping and steer decorating. There were only 11 ropers and they were given two tries at the calves, with an average time being taken.

Again Friday afternoon ropers were allowed two tries and the average time was taken. Competition was not quite so keen as on the opening day when the four winners were separated by less than one second's time.

Junior steer riding was one of the features each day and all boys completing rides were presented lariet ropes by A. J. (Uncle Jack) Canon, as has been his custom for several years.

Results follow:

THURSDAY'S WINNERS.
Bareback bronc riding: Derrick, first; Bill Barton, Abilene, second; Kenneth Turner, Merkel, third.

Calf roping: Leo Huff, first, 17.1; S. G. Russell, Merkel, second, 17.5; J. L. Cook, Dora, third, 17.8; Vester Parrish, Wingate, fourth, 18.

Steer decorating: Huff, first, 10.3; Russell, second, 12.5; George Brown, Woodson, third, 14.8; Parrish, fourth, 17.6.

Steer riding: Derrick, first; Bill Brabbin, Merkel, second; J. B. Hunter, Sweetwater, third.

Saddle bronc riding: Bill Chick, Coleman, first; Johnny Downs, Abilene, second; Barton, third.

Bull riding: Derrick, first; Turner, second.

FRIDAY'S WINNERS.
Calf roping: Leonard Huff, Merkel, first, 16.8; Brown, second, 24; S. G. Russell, third, 28.3.

Steer decorating: Brown, first, 10.5; Parrish, second, 11.4; Leonard Huff, third, 13.5; S. G. Russell, fourth, 17.5.

Steer riding: Derrick, first; Hunter, second; L. W. McIntosh, Merkel, third; Jimmie Downs, Abilene, fourth.

Bronc riding: Chick, first; Barton, second.

Bareback bronc riders staying the necessary eight seconds for mount money were Derrick and Hunter.

To Move British Youths.
London, Aug. 1.—The United States committee for the care of European children disclosed Monday it will send 1,000 children from the war zones to the United States in about three weeks if a ship is available.

Smith Leads for
State Senator

John Lee Smith staged a surprising upset in the State Senate race Saturday. The political dopsters had given him no better than third place, but he came under the wire leading the field by more than 2,000 votes.

At a late hour Monday the totals stood as follows:

Smith	12,422
Burleson	10,465
Collie	8,262
Davison	6,630
Lotief	3,520
Phelps	5,943

Smith's plurality 1,957

Although his home county of Throckmorton has the smallest voting strength in the district, Smith's neighboring counties gave him such an overwhelming lead that the heavy voting strength of the home counties of his opponents could not overcome it. In Haskell county the vote was Smith, 2398, combined opposition, 1,675; Stephens county, Smith, 1,729, combined opposition, 1,795; Shackelford county, Smith, 1,033, combined opposition, 913. Smith ran first in five counties and second in five.

(Political Advertisement.)

Second In Airports.

Washington, Aug. 1.—The civil aeronautics authority Tuesday announced figures showing Texas to have the second largest number of airports and landing fields in the United States. With 151 such fields, Texas was second only to California with 186.

Delegates Named to
County Convention

The following delegates, instructed to vote as a unit, were named at Saturday's precinct convention held at the tabernacle as representatives of voting precinct No. 17 to the county convention:

W. O. Boney, Joe Holmes, Watt Blair, H. H. Toombs, Jim Patterson, B. M. Tipton, W. T. Sadler, E. O. Carson, G. F. Woods, John Jones, J. N. Hatfield, Connor Robinson, Sam

Swann, Comer Haynes, G. W. Boyce, Holland Teaff, Homer Tye, Harry Bullock, W. W. Toombs, F. H. Douglas, E. L. Wilson, C. C. Foster, T. L. Grimes, Nathan Wood, Byers Petty, Stacy Bird, T. G. Bragg, C. J. Glover, H. C. West, E. M. McDonald. W. O. Boney, precinct chairman, presided at the meeting. C. J. Glover was secretary.

An airplane will be used in missionary work in Borneo, allowing workers to reach areas never before penetrated.

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of
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COFFEE
Lb..... 25c

RED & WHITE
Meal 5-lb. bag 18c

STANDARD, No. 2 Can
Tomatoes 3 for 25c

RED & WHITE
Corn (No. 2 can) .. 2 for 25c

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Prunes No. 10 can 25c

HOME STYLE
Pineapple 2 cans 25c

RED & WHITE
Peas No. 2 can 18c

NILE
Salmon Per can 15c

CHEESE Lb. 25c
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CARL BONNEAUX GUEST ARTIST FOR MUSIC CLASS.
The lovely suburban home of Mrs. John Shannon was the scene of a gay party on last Friday evening when she, assisted by Miss Dorothy Shannon, entertained members of the summer class of piano and voice pupils of Christine Collins.
The rooms were decorated with dahlias, tube roses and other summer blossoms where a seated program was presented by 20 members of the class.
Carl Bonneaux, who will be a senior speech student in Hardin-Simmons university next year, was presented in three monologues: "Mayme," "Mr. Milk Toast" and "Mrs. Cohen at the Beach." Preceding these hilarious readings Mr. Bonneaux inspired the pupils with a pep talk in regard to his own past endeavors and future plans.

At the tea hour, dainty pin-wheel sandwiches, wafers and mint drink were served. Invitations were extended to Misses Maurine Moore, Charlene James, Gwendolyn Renfro, Hazel Wanda Williamson, Ladie Fred Crain, Mary Eula Sears, Jonnie Roberts, Mary Joe Hutchins, Helen McLeod, Joyce Cox, Patsy Cox, Marjorie Anne Walker, Peggy Titworth, La Nelle Edwards, Ima Ruth Shouse, Cliffla Jean Estep, Joy Lansford, Patricia Anne Beasley, Creta Key Case, Norma Jean Hodge, Dorothy Joe Strawn, Helga Beasley, Bebe Patterson, Louise Patterson, Virginia Chloe McRee, Dorothy Shannon, Helen Heeter, Anne Blake, Betty Lu Higgins, Thelma Mathews, Pearl Mathews, Mrs. Norman Hodge, Mrs. Andy Shouse; Messrs. Bonneaux, Ben Robert Hicks, Marvin Hunter, Jake Roberts, J. B. Winn, Gerald Renfro, Bobby Tom Hodge and Mark Williamson.

"SCHOOL DAZE PARTY."

The young people's department of the First Baptist church were guests at a lawn party at the Baptist parsonage Tuesday night. "School Daze" was the theme, with Mrs. Twyman Collins as the principal teacher; Mrs. Winston Polley was physical education teacher; Thelma Mathews, spelling teacher; Mrs. Owen Robertson, math and dramatics teacher; Mrs. Cooper Waters, home economics teacher; Horace Boney was the duncer; Pearl Mathews, voice teacher.

School lunches with lemonade were served to Rev. and Mrs. Cooper Waters, Dr. and Mrs. Urban Zehn-pennig, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Largent, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Boney, Mr. and Mrs. Winston Polley, Mrs. Owen Robertson, Mrs. E. H. Mathews, Mrs. Twyman Collins, Misses Pearl and Thelma Mathews, Rachel Patterson, Grovone Ford, Vivian Davis, Dot Swafford, Iris Garrett, Bess McNiece, Nadine Clack, Clara and Maurine White, Mabel Maddox, Dor-ma Lee Shelton, Mildred and Doro-thea Bird, Mary Nell Morgan, Ann Lake Waters; Messrs. Robert Hig-gins, Doyle Gray, Zerk Robertson,

Howard Carson, Billy Largent, Wel-don Davis, L. B. Gibson, Sampie Mc-Gehee, Morris Clack, Rex Asbill and Cecil Turner.

GLEANER CLASS PARTY.

The lovely new home of Mrs. Eli Case was opened Wednesday afternoon of last week to members of the Gleaner Sunday School class, with Mesdames Robert Hicks, Roy Harrell, Herbert Patterson and O. R. Harwell as co-hostesses. The rooms were beautifully decorated with cut glowers of pink rosebuds and pink zinnias.

Miss Pauline Johnson gave the devo-tional, followed by prayer by Mrs. John H. Crow. Two contests in charge of the hostess were greatly enjoyed.

A dainty refreshment plate of orange sherbet, angel food cake and olives was passed to the following members: Mesdames Lee Tipton, Liz-zie Latham, Duncan Briggs, Johnny Cox, Roy Baccus, M. R. Brookreson, D. H. Vaughn, Dee Grimes, Ken-neth Pee, W. W. Toombs, John Crow, Dollie Henslee, Tom Largent, E. A. Kemper, Homer Patterson, John Shannon, W. S. J. Brown; Misses Pauline Johnson, Mabel McRee, Ona Johnson and the hostesses.

WOODMEN CIRCLE.

At the regular meeting of Grove No. 563, Woodmen Circle, plans for selling ice cream and cakes at the candidates' rally on Saturday night, July 20, were discussed, and the guardian appointed committees to assist her.

Communications were read from Mrs. Pearl Hollingsworth, who is visiting in California, and from Mrs. Katie Kidwell, district manager, of Abilene.

The drill team served delicious re-freshments to Mesdames Lillie Bar-nett, Winnie Turner, Lillian Math-ews, Lucy Bonneaux, Edith Perry, Alice Wallace and Misses Maurine and Clara B. White.
Thursday, Aug. 1, is the next "gift basket" day.

GIRLS AUXILIARY.

The Girls' Auxiliary of the First Baptist church met on Monday for their regular meeting. "The Temple of Light" was the theme of the program and Matthew 5:14-16 was the Scripture reading.

Those present were Jeanine Dingle, Peggy Joyce Hampton, Florine Stover, Irene Stover, Ila Mae Douglas, Petty Jean Mathews, Geraldine Jin-kens and Mrs. W. A. McCandless, the sponsor.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Mrs. C. C. Conley entertained in honor of her daughter, Helen, on Friday afternoon, July 19, with a party celebrating her eighth birth-day.

After an hour's fun of playing games, refreshments were served to Ruby Nell Henslee, Ethel Joyce Hampton, Betty Sue Harris, E. A.

Conley, Doris Jo Cooper, Billie Har-ris, Joanna Ramsey, Doyle Conley, Carolyn Sue Coats, Geraldine Stan-ley, Warren Harris, Uvana Shug-art, Jerry Harris, Dale Shugart; Mesdames Ada Shugart, L. R. Har-ris, F. H. Harris, Raymond Russom and two sons, J. R. and Cleo, from Lamesa, and the hostess, Mrs. Con-ley.

RURAL SOCIETY

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Mrs. E. M. Tarpley honored her little son, Keth, with a party on Tuesday, July 23, celebrating his fifth birthday.

After games were played, Jo Nell Lucas sang "Playmates," the gifts were opened and, as the little guests marched around the dining table, with its birthday cake and five can-dies, they sang "Happy Birthday to You." Then the candles were lighted and blown out.

Refreshments of cake and punch were served to the following guests: Christine and Buddy Martin, Eldora Eoff, Betty Lou, Maxine and Roy Lucas, Joann and Harold Sloan, Jimmie Dan Vick, Claude Thomas Smith, Yvonne Horton, Ella Fay, Jonell, Larue Lucas, Mary Frances Christwell, Wilma Lee, Lonnie, Car-lton and Dorothy Fay Loven, Billie and Doris Caldwell, Vera Nell Jin-kens, Wanda Joyce Brewer, Billy Morris and Sonny Goode, Garvice, Billy Euell Tarpley and the honoree; Mesdames R. L. Dixon, George Cooper, Bill Caldwell, Ray Spurgin, Lon Loven, Troy Sloan, Claude Smith, Claude Jinkens, Henry Martin, Odell Eoff, Vessie Justice, Ernest Lucas, Lena Christwell, Ernest Dixon and little son, Ernest Tarpley and Miss Sybil Dixon.

LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS

Only representative from Merkel attending the Firemen's Training school at College Station, July 28-Aug. 2, is Ray Wilson, secretary-treasurer of the Merkel Firemen's association. He left Sunday for Col-lege Station and is expected home Friday or Saturday.

Leaving Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Max Mellinger and son, Sylvan, are spend-ing the week in the Fort Worth and Dallas buying markets.

Mrs. D. M. Hill has received word of the birth of a daughter to Rev. and Mrs. Johnnie Hill, of Warren-burg, Mo. The little lady, Mrs. Hill's first granddaughter, arrived July 23.

Upon the advice of his physician, Ed Turner, proprietor of Ed's cafe, took off from his duties Wednesday and will rest at home for a while.

Mrs. E. L. Ash has received word of the death of a cousin, W. T. Andrews, of Abilene, who died at the home of a daughter in San Antonio. Mr. Andrews was well known here, having been a salesman for the Wooten Grocer company.

According to the American Jersey Cattle club, New York City, a regis-tered Jersey cow, Sybil Dreaming Lucy 1250081, has been purchased by Jack Young, Route 2, from W. P. McLean, Greenville, Texas.

James O. McCoy, Route 1, Merkel, enlisted in the United States army on July 25, and has been assigned to the cavalry at Fort Clark, Texas, it is reported by the U. S. Army Re-cruiting station at Abilene.

Playground Scene of Interesting Games

The Locust playground from Abi-lene brought a senior boys' and girls' team to Merkel Wednesday for soft-ball games with the Merkel play-ground. The games were played on the softball field, the Merkel girls being defeated and the score between the boys' teams resulting in a tie.
A large crowd of boys and girls always enjoy fast games of tennis, croquet, pingpong, softball and other activities on the playground.
The junior boys' softball team and the senior girls' team plan to play on the Abilene playground Friday.

Hospital Notes.

Mrs. Bob Fowler was received at the Sadler Clinic last Thursday for treatment.

N. M. Minshew of Neches, Texas, was admitted Monday for major surgery.

A son was born at the hospital to Mr. and Mrs. John Lawlis, Route 2, on Monday, July 29, 1940.

According to chemists, if all the energy in gasoline could be utilized, the automobile could travel 256 miles on a gallon of fuel.

Complete line of office supplies at Mail office.

Revival to Start Sunday at Trent



D. Lee Hukel of Rotan, Texas, will do the preaching in the protract-ed meeting that will be conducted by the Church of Christ, Trent, Texas, beginning Sunday, Aug. 4.

The meeting will close Sunday, Aug. 18, after continuing for-fifteen days. Services will be held in the tabernacle that is situated on the church grounds and plans are being made to make the tabernacle more comfortable.

Mr. Hukel is well known as a min-ister of the Church of Christ. He has been located at many Texas towns. His father was a minister also.

Two services will be held daily, except for the two Saturdays during the meeting. The evening services will start at 8:15.

The singing will be directed by lo-cal leaders.

The public is invited to all the serv-ices of this meeting.

League Activities

After a rather long absence from this column, I am back to give you a brief report on what we have been doing for the last few weeks. Our attendance has been rather poor lately, but the last two Sunday evenings we have had good crowds and are expecting to grow more with the coming Sundays. However, the crowd does not need to be large for us to have a good meeting together, and the faithful few who are always there are helping to carry on. We feel that if we just stay with it, we will be made better and perhaps some one else will be helped in some way. Seemingly more interest is being manifested in the program than in a good while and that leads us to be-lieve that more of us are reading our literature and our Bibles and many things can be gained from this.

For next Sunday, we have a pro-gram outlined which would be in-teresting to you if you will take an interest and be with us at 7:45. We need your presence and there are very few of us who do not need a pausing place in our swiftly moving lives in which we can stop and be thankful for what we have and what God does for you every minute that you live. The program is as follows:
Leader, L. S. Tipton; Scripture, by leader; hymn; prayer; talk, Dora Gaiter; reading of hymn; talk, Ben Ferguson; business; benediction.

Again, I would like to urge you to be with us for we need you and you need the church where you can be grateful. You have many worldly things such as a good home, money, good cars and good food and health, but beyond all of this is the price-less gift of life which is given by God alone. Without this, everything else is nothing and life is first before anything. In closing, let me leave this thought with you: "Though the wrong seems off so strong; God is the Ruler yet."
Marvin Hunter, Reporter.

Meeting at Warren Now in Progress

The Church of Christ meeting which began at the Warren school house last Sunday will continue through next Sunday.

Frank Reeder of Comanche is do-ing the preaching. Every one is in- vited to come.

Just say you saw it in The Mail.

To the People of Taylor County:

I wish to express my appreciation and assure you of my gratitude for your support in my election as County Clerk. I shall do my best to repay you in courteous and ef-ficient service.
Sincerely,
VIVIAN FRYAR

In The Churches

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.
There were 516 present at the six reporting Sunday Schools here last Sunday, as compared with 527 the previous week. On the same Sunday a year ago the attendance was 670.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.
Sunday School at 10 a. m. Morning sermon at 11. Training Union 7:30. Evening sermon at 8:30.
Teachers' and officers' meeting and prayer meeting 8:15 Wednes-day evening.
Cooper Waters, Pastor.

BAPTIST W. M. U.
The W. M. U. of the First Bap-tist church will meet Monday, Aug. 5, for a business meeting. All are urged to be present.

METHODIST CHURCH.
The pastor is engaged in holding a revival at Caps, but there will be preaching Sunday at the morning hour. Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Young people's meeting at 7:45. No evening service.
John H. Crow, Pastor.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
Sunday School will be held each Sunday at the usual hour, 10 a. m. Every one is urged to attend regular-ly.
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 8:15 p. m.
Wednesday evening Bible study at 8:15 o'clock.
You are invited to attend.
E. W. Key, Minister.

FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST CHURCH.
Preaching Saturday night at 8 o'clock. Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Young people's Bible study 3 p. m. All young people invited to attend these studies. Preaching service 8 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.
W. L. Massey, Supt.

NAZARENE CHURCH.
Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Preach-ing 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.

Hundreds Gather For Election Party

Hundreds came out for the election party Saturday night, sponsored by the Lions club, of which R. T. Gray is president, and most of them stayed till a late hour.

All races were practically deter-mined when the board closed at 11 p. m., except the returns from Nubia, which were decisive in the county commissioner's race. Partial returns secured at that hour gave Dudley a lead over Tittle that put the former in a run-off with Canon.

The Lions club committee, consist-ing of Wrenn Durham, Stanley King, and Supt. Connor Robinson, was as-sisted by Luther Land, Weston West, Frank Simpson, Max Swafford and the club president in posting returns on the board and in making an-nouncements over the public address system.

Mt. Pleasant Church To Begin Revival

A revival meeting will start Fri-day, Aug. 2, at the Mt. Pleasant Methodist church. Evening services begin at 8:30.

Rev. A. T. Mason, pastor at Haw-ley, will conduct the services. Every one is cordially invited to attend these services. "Assist us with your pres-ence and prayers," is the message that comes from Rev. J. B. Stewart, the pastor.

During the month of July, 1939, 2,740 persons were killed in traffic accidents — including holiday trips and everyday driving.

Organization of Young People Formed Here

You have never seen anything in the paper before about this organi-zation, the Young People's Christian association, but from here on out plenty will be said, for we will be doing a lot of things which we feel will be worth while for you to hear about.

This is an organization of the young people of all the churches of town, who meet every Monday night at 8 to study together and associate together so that we may be better Christians and workers in our respec-tive churches. Our meetings are open to any one who is interested in being a better Christian. Neither do we exclude those who aren't Chris-tians, for those who aren't are also most welcome.

Our first two meetings have been occupied with perfecting our organi-zation and we feel that this has been done by the use of several commit-tees and the help of all of those present. Our aim at present is to in-crease our attendance and this can and will be done with your help. We need you and our meetings would be enjoyed by all the others to a fuller extent if you are present. Don't forget next Monday night at 8, some one else will be looking for you to be with us, so don't disappoint that some one else. A program will be planned and prepared for next meet-ing and we truly hope that nothing will stand in the way of your being there.
—Reporter.

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Milk 7 cans 25c

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