

Colonel Willam Brittain Odom, 84, Texas' oldest living ranger and resident of Medina county for 50 years before moving to Austin three years ago, died Aug. 2 at Austin.

B. N. Winship of Seagoville took over his duties Saturday as superintendent of the state capitol building. Winship was appointed by the state board of control to fill the position left vacant by the discharge of Ward Lambert.

Henry Eugene Pegoda, 26-year-old Dallas truck driver, was killed in stantly Saturday at 12:37 a. m. when his loaded truck was struck at a grade crossing in the edge of Bremond by a passenger train.

G. Alex Dismukes, resident of Lee county 60 years, died Saturday of a broken neck received when a mule

the year, R. L. Woodall, 65, carpen- roping over Saturday afternoon enter, died last Friday. He had work- tries. ed on a house all morning and at noon walked to a theatre a few blocks boy, won calf roping honors Friday away. He stayed in the air-cooled night. show for 30 minutes and collapsed a few minutes after he came out.

at Brooks field, San Antonio, was in both bronc riding events. killed Aug. 1 when run over by a truck. He was a nephew of J. T. part of contestants in the special Stevenson of Abilene and was reared by his uncle.

Accidentally hit on the head with a bowling ball at the alleys at which 16, of Itasca, received a fatal injury been so faithfully on the job for all Saturday, dying on the way to Fort Worth in an ambulance.

George Dupree, 55, of Houston, drowned in the San Jacinto river Sunday after once being saved by a son. Dupree lost his life when he plunged back into the water to try to aid his wife, who was struggling to stay afloat on a log.

Drebon Mauldin, 17, was killed and five other young persons injured at midnight Sunday in a crash eight miles east of Electra. The party was en route home from e picnic at Wichita Falls.

collision between two tomobile



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Leo Huff Takes Prize Money in. department. There will be about 40 Cow Milking in One: Concluding Shows, Aug. 16-17.

In last week-end's double rodeo, it team ran away with him on the pre- fell to Leo Huff's lot to win first vious Monday. He was 80 years old. place in cow milking for both per-Fort Worth's first heat victim of formances and first place in calf

S. G. Russell, another Merkel cow-

Winners in the riding events were better distributed, although in the Toledo W. Stevenson, 22, a cor- afternoon performance Frank Grifporal in the 32nd pursuit squadron fin of Coleman copped first money

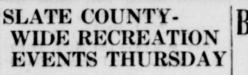
> Because of lack of interest on the "boots scramble," which had been announced for Friday night, that event was cancelled.

In the absence of Supt. Connor he was working Travis R. Braley, Robinson, regular announcer who has

#### RESERVED SEAT SALE.

Numbered reserved seats for the final night rodeo of the season - Friday night, Aug. 16---will be on sale Monday, Aug. 12, at both drug stores. Price 40 cents to everybody (including tax.)

shows, Dr. L. C. Zehnprennig, chair man of the rodeo committee, handled the microphone to call arena activities Saturday afternoon. Supt. Robinson was in Abilene attending rive deaths resulted from a head- a meeting of the county school board. Concluding double rodeo of the 1940 season, completing a series of twelve shows, will be staged Friday night, Aug. 16, and Saturday afternoon, Aug. 17. At the final performance-(Continued on Page Two)



MERKEL, TEXAS, FRIDAY, AUGUST 9, 1940.

At State park on Thursday, Aug. 15, a county-wide recreation festival will be held by the Abilene recreation

Calf Roping, Both Shows, entries from Merkel in tournaments of the following events: swimming, washer pitching, softball, horseshoes, paddle tennis and volley ball.

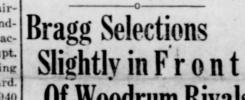
> The activity will start at 8 a. m. and last till about 7 p. m. Junior ago entries will be age 15 and down, and senior age entries, 16 and up. point man, best sport, and a banner schools over West Texas. playground of the county will be selected.

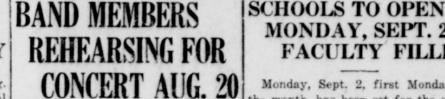
A school bus will be used to take er, Pauline Burleson, Cheatham Mcstates. Each individual will take his Jones, Norma Jean Hodge and Bobown lunch. Merkel playground will by Tom Hodge. enter all events; so any one desiring to go should see one of the directors at the playground.

Lee Mac Reynolds, Billy George Gant, Waymon Rutledge and Calvin Peterson were the winners in a washer tournament held at the playground last Friday morning. Prizes were donated by Nutt's Variety store.

On Friday, Aug. 9, there will be a croquet tournament at the playground, beginning at 8 o'clock. Prizes will be four show tickets given by the Queen theatre and watermelons donated by Turner grocery, J. Y. Melton's grocery and Carson's grocery.

These tournaments are .sponsored by Chas. S. Williams, playground director.





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Monday, Sept. 2, first Monday in the month, has been set for the opening of the Merkel Public schools. At

On the "Broadway of America"

MONDAY, SEPT. 2;

for Badger Band; Several the date of Sept. 9 was tentatively New Members Added; Con- named, but the first Monday was cert on School Lawn. definitely selected at a meeting of the board Tuesday night of this

This has been a busy summer for week the Badger band. New members have

large the band and help put it on a liam H. Taylor, a graduate of Abi-New members who have been The faculty of the Merkel schools is

added up to date are: Francis Walk- now complete.

Holidays during the school term, entries, Director Chas. S. Williams Farland, Mary Fay Johnson, Helen already designated, are a two day holiday, Thursday - Friday, for Thanksgiving, and the Christmas

> Wednesday and Friday morning at Dec. 29. School-will resume Monday, 8:30; beginners' band meets every Dec. 30. Tuesday and Thursday.

Work has already begun for the lawn. The band will also play for the opening of school. Director Richard Young urges all band members who have not attended these re-

There is a decided shortage of trombone and flute players in the band may receive all the necessary or Supt. Connor Robinson at the

a beginner. **O'Daniel Forces Win** And Lose in Day at County Convention Hattie Tacker, county agent. Lead-

## **REA TO OPEN** CONSTRUCTION FACULTY FILLED **BIDS FRIDAY**

Summer Has Been Busy Time a meeting of the board last week, Contract to be Let for Constructing 395.5 Miles of Lines; House Wiring Meeting Planned for Early Date.

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Sealed bids for construction of Elected as teacher of history in 395.5 miles of Taylor Electric Cobeen added, which will greatly en- the 5th, 6th and 7th grades is Wil- Operative, Inc., REA line will be opened at 10 o'clock Friday morning Prizes will be given to the high footing with the bands from larger lene Christian college, who taught at the offices of the co-op in the last year at North Park, Abilene. Farmers State bank building at Merkel, and it is expected that seventyfive or more people will be here in connection with the letting, according to Johnny Cox, coordinator.

Trucking contractors who wish to bid on distribution of poles and trans-The band rehearses every Monday, holidays to begin Dec. 19 and end formers over the line are asked to be present to contact the general contractors who will be at the letting, Cox said.

Members of the organization are urged by Coordinator Cox not to sign a contract for house wiring until notified by the co-operative.

"A meeting of house wiring contractors will be held soon," he explained. "At this meeting will be present a wiring inspector and a rep-

resentative from the utilization de-Reports from A. & M. Short Course and other reports showing partment of the REA in Washingthe amount of fruits, vegetables and ton.

"Several changes are being made meats that have been canned or preserved this season were features of by the REA engineering department the day's program at the annual in wiring specifications, and this meeting will be held after the new county-wide rally of home demonspecifications have been received." stration clubs held Wednesday, July

Staking crews expect 200 miles Mrs. C. P. Church of Merkel, ready to release to the contractor president of the Taylor county HD Friday morning, according to Cox. council, directed the program, assist-

## ed by Mrs. L. A. Groene, president Convention Styled of the Pleasant Hill club, and Miss "Home-Coming" Event

hearsals to contact him.

concert planned Aug. 20 on the school Sixteen HD Clubs **Gather for Annual Rally Day Program** 

band, he states. Any parents who would like to have their child in the

information from either Mr. Young High school any morning. There is a trombone available now at a reasonable price that would be suitable for 31. at Buffalo Gap.

near Canyon early Sunday morning. The dead were: Mark Taylor, manager of the Amarillo division of the Phillips Petroleum company, only occupant of his car, and four young Saturday afternoon, Aug. 17-seapeople, Mary Jane Dick, 17, and Violet Bippus, 27, both of Hereford; Arvid Fancher, 21, of Welsh, and Roland Faulkinberry, 23, Weatherford.

Three members of the civilian conservation corps, all from Texas, were killed Monday near Portal, 65 miles northeast of Douglas, Ariz., when a landslide buried them. Among the dead was Carl H. Garrett, 21, Lueders, Texas.

Louis Otto Boettcher, 46, a successful Shackelford county farmer for 13 years, died in a Breckenridge hospital Sunday night of a brain hemorrhage caused by a sunstroke. Boettcher was loading feed at his farm Saturday morning when strick-

Mrs. Herbert Keller, 35, died Saturday in a Stephenville hospital from injuries suffered in an automobile crash in which her husband was killed. The automobile in which they were riding was struck by a passenger train just outside of the Hico city limits.

Victims of a crash early Monday morning at Houston in a private plane, taken without the owner's consent, were Paul A. Teegarden, 23, who had taken a flying course at Both State and County Love field in Dallas last winter, and Johnny Farrell, 16, who ran away from his foster parents' home in Corpus Christi two weeks ago to be an aviator.

Mrs. W. C. Smither, 43, Corpus Christi school teacher, was killed Tuesday when her car turned over on last. the Goliad highway near Victoria. She had been visiting her son, Irving, Texas A. & M. college student. Roy Schkade, two-year-old youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A.

Schkade, drowned Sunday morning in a concrete water trough at the Judge Carl P. Hulsey. Schkade home seven miles east of Albany.

Owen Sisk, 19-year-old Parker from the maximum of 35 cents. county farm youth, was killed Tuesday when his car was in collision with one driven by O. G. Holmes, 62, north of Azle.

Windstorm Cancels

Short of players, Moutray forfeit- guests. ed last Thursday night's game in the softball league to Stith. The latter club defeated a mixed team 17 to 5, following the women's game which was won by Merkel over White Church, 17-6.

Only two innings had been played in the opener Monday night before the windstorm; therefore, both games were postponed. Scheduled were Hodges vs. Moutray, Trent vs. Noodle. On last Saturday night the Trent girls bested Trent, 11-3, making up

for the game postponed from July 25. Percentage table of the girls' league, appearing herewith, includes all games up to date.

On Thursday night of this week, Stith and Merkel girls are scheduled, with F. & M. vs. Stith as the night-

Monday night's contenders are: Moutray vs. Noodle, F. & M. vs. (Continued on Page Two)

**Tax Rates Reduced** As the result of reductions in the

pay 15 cents per hundred valuation score. less ad valorem taxes this year than

Meeting Tuesday, the state automatic tax board reduced the state tax rate 8 cents, and the county rate of 62 cents last year will probably

be dropped to 55 cents, as recommended in the budget of County

The state rate for 1940 will be 69 cents, made up of a 35 cents levy who have "42," Ching chess or any George C. Lewis was killed Mon- for the general state fund, 27 cents other table games are asked to bring day night when his automobile crash- for schools and 7 cents for Confed- them. All who can are asked to bring ed into the rear end of a truck 12 erate pensions. The general fund and freezers of cream. Each family will miles east of Dumas. His wife, who Confederate pension rates are the be responsible for their own bowls was riding with him, was uninjur- maximum permitted by the constitu- and spoons.

tion. The school rate was lowered

### **Record of Births.**

Wichita Falls oil man, five miles Toombs, Trent, Route 2, Wednesday, ning an outing to be held sometime navy as advocated by General John August 7, 1940.

UI WOOUTUIN RIVAIS

Captained by George Woodrum and T. G. Bragg, who chose their playbaseball style, two teams of golfers and two-fifths votes elected their Children of members gave a program matches, with the stakes a watermelon feast next Tuesday afternoon Softball Encounters for the winners, with the losers as hosts. The ladies will be special

Including the captains, each team

consists of 23 players. According to the card Thursday morning, Bragg's firming nomination of the party's selections had a slight edge of 7 to 6 in matches played. Results of these matches, tabulated to show the winners by teams, follow:

up and 2 over Byron Patterson; A. Shouse.

Woodrum: Owen Robertson, 3 up and 2 over Cotton Owens; W. O.

Bobby Woodrum; Richard Young, 2 up and 1 over Howard Carson; Weldon Coats, 1 up over Rex Myers;

E. Y. Bailey, 2 up over Rev. John Crow.

In the "blind bogey" tournament recently concluded, Paul Douglas won the prize of a dozen golf balls. His tax rate by both state and county, score was 99 and that was the num-Taylor county property owners will ber drawn. No one else had that

## **Community** Club at Salt Branch Plans **Meet Friday Night**

The Salt Branch Community club will meet Friday night, Aug. 9, at 8:15 at the school house. Games of various kinds will be played. Those

Mrs. H. B. Robertson is chairman fessional men's post Tuesday disof the club.

not sponsor this meeting, but all are the military conscription bill and sale to Merkel and the great West. Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Deverl urged to come. The HD club is plan- of over-age destroyers to the British within the next two weeks.

Organization of the Taylor county democratic convention held last Saturday in the district court room at Warren, pastor of the First Chris-Abilene was controlled by the O'Dan-

But in adopting a resolution put-

Bragg: A. E. Higgins, 1 up over posed by O'Daniel men, led by Rob-Norman Hodge; Connor Robnson, 3 ert M. Wagstaff, floor leader, read: A. McGehee, 4 up and 3 over R. T. opposed to a sales tax, for any pur-Gray; Pete West, 5 up and 4 over pose, of any kind, and by whatso-Byers Petty; Paul Douglas, 5 up and ever name called. We further de- than 250. 4 over George T. Moore; Clyde Bart- mand that any additional revenues lett, 3 up and 1 over Don Warren; for social security purposes be rais-Floyd McCoy, 7 up and 6 over Andy ed by taxes on the natural resour-

County Chairman James P. Stinson called the meeting to order and Boney, 2 up and 1 over Wrenn Dur- appointed Wendell Bedichek tempoham; Joe Cypert, 2 up and 1 over rary secretary.

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## **Heart Trouble Causes** Death of E. L. Rogers

News has been received by friends here of the death of E. L. Rogers, 69, of Santa Ana, Calif., who passed away on July 31. Death was due to

heart trouble. Burial was at Rose Hills cemetery in Whittier, Calif. of G. B. Crossley in the Sanitary Mr. Rogers was formerly in busi-Barber shop, and with Mr. Thompness here for many years, having son as his partner will continue to been engaged in the grocery business do business. with the late W. F. Hamblet. He was

well known in Merkel and neighboring cities and communities. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Sarah E. Rogers, daughter, Mrs. J. E. Don-

B. Rogers, of Bakersfield, Calif.

### Legion Approves Draft.

patched telegrams to Texas congress-

J. Pershing.

ing singsongs throughout the day

was Mrs. H. L. Riddle of Ovalo. Principal speakers were Rev. F. M. tian church, Abilene. and Judge ers in the old-fashioned town lot iel forces, who by a margin of two James P. Stinson, also of Abilene. designated as "home-coming" con-

> Echoes from the A. & M. short course were given under these headings: Executive, Mrs. Church; general theme, Mrs. O. T. Tate, Wylie, any form, action of the convention and Mrs. Grover Gilbert, Merkel; associational, Mrs. Tom Davis, who read a paper written by Mrs. G. W. zation.

Davis, one of Taylor county's three R. Toombs of the Bluebonnet club. dance for a mid-day lunch to more

Registered from clubs in western Taylor county were:

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Annual convention of the West Texas Press association, which is to be held at Colorado City on Friday and Saturday, Aug. 9-10, has been vention, as it was in Colorado that the regional association was started 14 years ago.

One of the features of the meeting will be home-coming address, "Fourteen Years in the West Texas Press Association," by J. L. Martin of Mc-Camey, first president of the organi-

Entertainment features include a choice and in outlining a platform official delegates, and report on mat- luncheon at noon Friday tendered by tress-making demonstration at Wash- the Lions club of Colorado City, golf The resolution, which was intro- ington by the Sam Jones family of tournament for the Bill Parker troduced by W. R. Ely and bitterly op- Brownwood (district 7), by Mrs. A. phy in the afternoon and a barbecue supper at the country club, courtesy Members of the county's sixteen of the Colorado City Frontier Round-"This convention declares itself clubs were joined by their families Up association and Walter W. Whipand friends to bring the total atten- key, publisher of the Colorado Record. Later dancing will follow at the Colorado hotel.

> Saturday morning, 8 o'clock, will bring the annual West Texas cham-Merkel: Mrs. Dora M. Hill, Mrs. ber of commerce breakfast, followed by the final convention session.



Druggist H. A. Sanders recently been in the U. S. army for more purchased a beautiful Oakland se- than four years, came in first of the dan which he presented to his better week from Fort Sill, Okla., where he received an honorable discharge. His many friends here are glad to Chas. West purchased the interest welcome him back.

W. L. Diltz, Jr., one of the splendid bookkeepers at the Farmers State bank, is on his vacation. More information in our next issue concerning the whereabouts and activipany, returned Tuesday from Dal- ties of this gentleman is promised, las and other points east where he that is, if we can get the dope on him.

W. G. Leach, affable and efficient Miss Mary and Master Bill operator for Western Union, return- Comegys, who on last Monday were reports a fine time to his old home the home of their aunt, Mrs. H. F. among the old haunts of boyhood Groene, in honor of their birthday. youngsters enjoyed games, etc., and just before their departure delicious Robert E. Rainbolt, son of Mr. angel food cake and ice cream were

ald of LaHabra, Calif., and son, L. had been on vacation. Fort Worth, Aug. 8.-American Le- ed first of the week from a visit to eleven and seven years old, respec-

gionnaires of the business and pro- his old home in Kentucky. Mr. Leach tively, were royally entertained at The Home Demonstration club will men and senators urging adoption of days but says he is glad to get back For several hours, a number of

and Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt, who has served.

C. C. Jones, one of the clever sales-

men at the Merkel Dry Goods com-

"three-fourths."

candidate for convention chairman, of songs and readings. Theo Ash, county attorney-elect.

ting the convention on record as unequivocally against a sales tax in proved a political paradox, as the state convention so often does in conopposed to his advocated principles.

# ces of Texas."

First action was election of a

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## PERSONALS

Miss Laverne Harwell has returned from a visit with her uncle, O. H. Harwell, of Aspen Park, Red River, N. M. She also visited in Colorado before returning home.

Bill Hamm, Woodrow Wilson and Byron Curb are spending the week in Corpus Christi.

Mrs. R. H. Jones of Weinert is guest this week in the E. Y. Bailey and W. L. Lee homes.

George Mack Owens visited last week-end with his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Wilcox, in Abilene.

A party leaving Friday for Red River Village and Ruidoso, N. M. included Mrs. Bill Fugat, her sisterin-law, Mrs. H. R. Braswell, of Dallas, a houseguest in the Fugat home, Miss Imogene Shultz of Brownwood and Misses Mary Collins and Fannie Boaz.

Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Palmer and Miss Mary Helen Mashburn and Murry Toombs have returned from a vacation automobile trip to Ruidose, N. M. They also visited Carlsbad Caverns.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Burns returned last Saturday from a trip to points in East Texas including Cedar Hill, Dallas, Kilgore, Woodville and Port Arthur, returning by way of Kilgore, Lone Oak and Morgan Mill to Gorman, visiting relatives at those places. Miss Hazel, Minor, Jr., and Robert Burns are spending their vacation with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Burns.

Grimes.

Mr. and Mrs. John Morgan of Dal-

las are visiting her sister, Mrs. C. K.

After visiting here several days

with her brother and sisters. Mrs.

Raymond Russom of Lamesa was

accompanied on her return home by

Mrs. E. E. Conley as far as Big

Spring, where Mrs. Conley spent

several days with her brothers and

brother-in-law, Preston Conley, and

family, then going on to Lamesa on

Thursday to visit Mrs. Russom. At

the latter place they all took in a

three-days Primitive Baptist meet-

ing. Mrs. E. E. Conley, Gloria Dean,

Waymond and little Dewey Conley

Accompanied by Mrs. A. R. Paine,

for Lamesa, where they took in a

three-day Primitive Baptist meeting.

Gold Nathan and Elgin Riggan and

families from Big Spring were also

there. Mr. Riggan returned home

Recent guests in the S. O. Pat-

Dale Burleson of Granbury.

daughter, Ada, from Abilene.

returned home Sunday night.

Sunday night.

Ruby Johnson.

Russell, and family.

While her husband is away at-Dunagain of Monahans, who has



# Louise Foote of Abilene, the pictures. Miss Foote, who was Texas Queen of Queens of 1939, is awarded the movie test as the shown in a love scene with Don Queen of Queens, was directed in

Castle of Houston, who has played in such MGM pictures as "Rich Man Poor Girl," "Love Finds Andy Hardy," "Thunder Afloat," "North-"est Passage," and other feature Hollywood and a screen test.

daughters, Misses Betty and Sue Joe Reese and his sister, Miss Estelle Reese, of Clifton, who are visit-Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Gardner and ing their uncle and aunt, Mr. and two daughters, Misses Billie and Mrs. Harry Bullock, accompanied Becky, will leave Friday for a two- Mrs. Bullock over from Albany to weeks' vacation trip to California. spend Tuesday here.

Attending the family reunion at the home of W. C. Calvert in Sweet- T. Sheppard, joined by their son and night, Trent girls will play White Hays, Carroll Hays, Mr. and Mrs. water Thursday were Mr. and Mrs. daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ster- Church and Trent meets Stith in the C. K. Russell and daughters, Mary ling Sheppard of Dallas, are spend- men's league. Jo Russell and Mrs. R. M. Ferguson, ing the week in Red River Village The line scores; tending the National Guard training Jo Russell and arts. R. M. Ferguard ing the week in the regulation in New White C. Girls 010 013 1 6 8 8 olyn and Marilyn Teaff, Lola and John Smallwood, Doc Ruhmann and Taway will visit first with Miss Helen Mr. and Mrs. John Morgan of Dal- Mexico. During the absence of Mr. Merkel Girls \_ 008 450 x 17 11 6 Lorena Higgins, Mary Alice and Knox Parrie las, visitors in the Russell home. and Mrs. A. T. Sheppard, Vernon A. Frazier and F. Frazier; Moore Frances Hester, Jeanette Neff, Herassisting Bob

### Rodeo

(Continued from Page Gne) sonal cash prizes will be awarded highest ranking contestants in calf roping, cow milking, steer riding and the saddle bronc and bareback bronc riding events.

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

FRIDAY NIGHT'S WINNERS. Calf roping-S. G. Russell, Merkel, first, 16.6; Phelton Herrington, Ranger, second, 18.6; Zelma Herrington, Ranger, third, 19.2; Earl

Stevens, Trent, fourth, 19.4. Cow milking - Leo Huff, Merkel, first, 15.8; Vester Parrish, Wingate, second, 16; Sig Faircloth, Ranger, third, 23.4; Ira Drum, Fluvanna, fourth, 25.4.

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

Bareback bronc riding - Gerald Derrick, Merkel, first; Frank Griffin, Coleman, second; R. J. Wilkerson, Abilene, third.

Bull riding-Johnny Stovall, Fluvanna, first; Derrick, second.

Steer riding-Jack Moberly, Albany, first; Terrell Lawrence, Roscoe, second; Stovall, third; J. B. Hunter, Roscoe, fourth. SATURDAY'S WINNERS.

Calf roping-Huff, 14.4: Parrish. second, 17.2; J. L. Cook, Dora, third, 18.2; Zelma Herrington, fourth, 32. Cow milking-Huff, first, 18.6; Zelma Herrington, second, 18.8; George Brown, Woodson, third, 19.2; Faircloth, fourth, 22.2.

Saddle bronc riding - Griffin. first; Barton, second; Downs, third. Bareback bronc riding - Griffin, first; Bill Brabbin, Merkel, second; Bobby Williams, Abilene, third. Bull riding - Wilkerson, first; Derrick, second; Kenneth Turner, Abilene, third.

Steer riding-Derrick, first; Hunter and Wilkerson tied for second and third; Brabbin, fourth.

### Softball

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nd Mathews, Land.

Florida.

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## **Rally Day**

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Grover Gilbert, Betty and Bobby Gilbert, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Church, Bonnie Church, Mrs. Clyde Shouse, Mrs. Bob McDonald, Mrs. Andy Shouse.

Salt Branch: Mr. and Mrs. W. U. Beene, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Harrell, Lena Faye and Donald Harrell, Mrs. W. J. Higgins, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Allen, Lenier and Wayman Hicks, Mrs. Johnny Cox, Mrs. Vernon Hudson, Mrs. Roy Hewitt, Lawrence, Leaving Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. A. Hodges, while on next Thursday Marie and Don Hewitt, Mrs. Bill has 189 members.

## **Plans Discussed for** Hereford Sale Oct. 14

Plans for the West Texas Hereford association sale Oct. 14 were discussed by a group of leaders of the organization at a recent meeting in Abilene and members of the association will soon receive a letter outlining some of the proposals for the event.

Entertainment features, it is planned, will include an evening party and a noon barbecue in connection with the sale. The association now

Attending the meeting from Mer-Mason Barker, Eloise and Alford kel were Bill Brown and D. L. Ste-Barker, Mrs. Buster Horton, Billy vens. Others present were Ernest . 4 .

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been her guest, and later with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. J. Hanna, of Quanah. kel.

Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Walling and Mrs. Walling's mother, Mrs. Allie E. Green, left Monday to make their Mrs. Carpenter and children from home at Coleman, where Mr. Walling Dallas are spending this week with has accepted the position of principal their sisters, Mrs. Tom Estoll of strong home. of the west ward school for the com- Merkel and Mrs. Lue Patterson of Merkel school faculty to accept the maneuvers in Louisiana. place at Coleman. Merkel regrets to lose the Wallings but they carry best from a visit with her parents. Mr. wishes of a large number of friends and Mrs. M. E. Ryals, of Dallas, and to their new home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Boney, join- G. Black, of Austin. ed by Mr. and Mrs. Herace Boney, visited Sunday with another son, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Boney, and two claughters at Colorado City.

Norman King, who is attending a radio school at Port Arthur, is home for a vacation visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley King.

Gnests over the week-end of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Nutt were Mr. Nutt's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Nutt, of Corsicana, who returned home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Wink and Tamily of Jal, N. M., visited Mrs. Wink's mother, Mrs. S. R. Webster, the mast week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Holsey and family have moved back to Merkel from Hamlin.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Dunlap and Miss Extan Pearson of Jal, N. M., spent the past week visiting in Merket with Mrs. Dunlap's mother, Mrs. S. R. Webster. Miss Elizabeth Webster accompanied the Dunlaps home for a two weeks' visit in Jal.

IMr. and Mrs. Charlie Webster, after a stay in Jal, N. M., have moved back to Merkel.

Mrs. S. M. Cruse, Mrs. Tom Stults and two children and Miss Arlene and Mrs. Patton, were Mr. and Mrs. and Morman Cruse returned Sunday from a week's visit with Mrs. Cruse's mer, Mrs. F. J. Louis, in Rock- as guests Sunday J. A. Stanford and

Returning Sunday to Wichita Falls, J. J. Russell was accompanied guest this week of Miss Betty Lu by his mother, Mrs. J. J. Russell, Higgins. who will spend most of August visiting in his home.

Arriving Monday Mrs. Minnie Mary Fay Johnson, and Becky Gaith- Weathers. Johnson of New Orleans, La., is the er, spent the week-end in San Anguest of her cousin, Mrs. T. C. Allen, tonio, visiting their daughter, Mrs. and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Grimes, in Dallas and Fort Worth on a buying trip family of Sulphur Springs are guests for the Bragg Dry Goods company, of their daughters and sons-in-law, are expected home probably Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Faby Mashburn and They were accompanied by their Mr. and Mrs. Noris Barnett.

Miss Clarice Faye Blair of Noodle Simpson has been had as her week-end guests, Misses Sumpter at Barrow's. Nan Hogan and Irene Moore of Mer-Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McCandless

visited last week with their son, Har- Hodges ry McCandless, at Plainview. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Coats and Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt of Abilene is a guest this week in the Dr. M. Arm-

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Elliott at ing year. Mr. Walling served as prin- Blair. Mrs. Lillian Lewis is also tended the revival service at Tye last cipal of the Grammar school here visiting her mother, Mrs. Estoll, Sunday, which is being conducted by the past year, resigning from the while her husband is attending Dr. A. C. Bickley. They were dinner guests of old friends, Mr. and Mrs. David Camble has returned Mrs. J. F. Hill.

Miss Blanche Dinwiddie of Dallas was a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. has as her guest her sister, Mrs. A. Jarrett Pinckley and Mr. and Mrs. Nim J. Teaff while visiting her sister, Mrs. Mary Jowers.

Miss Gay West returned Wednesday from a visit with Miss Betty Reid in Santa Anna.

Week-end visitors in the W. B. Stevens home were Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lassiter and daughter, Rosemary, of Big Spring; Mrs. Mary Bearden and three children, Thomas, Truman and Mary Evelyn, of Dal-1 las, and Mr. and Mrs. Jeneral Jones. The Beardens were accompanied by Tommy Sherman of Dallas. T. R. Lassiter and Miss Mae Lassiter were also guests for Sunday dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Jowers and family of Roswell, N. M., were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Teaff the past week. Mr. Jowers is a well gnown rancher of that sec-Columbus Riggan left last Thursday tion

Chester Collinsworth is in College Station this week attending the annual state-wide conference of Texas teachers of vocational agriculture. At this conference a group of farmers will do the teaching, numbered among whom is Walter Hammond ton home were Mr. and Mrs. Rayof Tye.

mond Johnson of Lubbock. Spending Miss Maurine Tipton has returnthe week-end with her parents, Mr. ed from a Fred Haskett tour, which included New York City, Washington, D. C., a boat trip up the Hud-Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Patton had son, crossing into Canada and many other points of interest in the north and east. Miss Lurline Hays of Abilene is

Mr. and Mrs. Jarrett Pinckley and Mr. and Mrs. Nim J. Teaff and daughter drove to Eastland Sunday Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Golladay, acfor church services and visited in companied by their granddaughter, the home of Rev. and Mrs. Jones

Red Propaganda Barred.

Bern, Switzerland, Aug. 8 .- The Swiss government has prohibited all Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Spinks and communist, Trotskyist and anarchist activity and propaganda and decreed three-year prison terms and heavy fines for all violations of the ban.

LEAGUE STANDING. Team-WL Pct .750 Trent .667 F. & M. .455 Noodle .400 Stith .364 Moutray .333 GIRLS' LEAGUE. Team-W L Pct. Merkel 3 1 .750 Stith .667 Trent .500 White C. ----0 5 .000 Cuba is about 90 miles from



SID H. McADAMS THANKS ....

To all the Taylor County voters for the loyal support they gave me in the primary election for sheriff. A lead of practically 1,-000 votes over my nearest opponent is evidence that the people of Taylor county appreciate the friendly service given them by the sheriff's office.

I carried 20 boxes out of Taylor county's 31. In Precinct 4 where I served as county commissioner four years, I had a majority in all eight boxes.

As it has been the custom of Taylor county voters to elect their sheriff three terms and as I am running for my third term I would sincerely appreciate your vote and influence August 24th.

SID H. McADAMS Candidate for Re-Election as SHERIFF

bie Newton, Ruth Pinckley, Mrs. J. E. Smith. The Salt Branch group went in the school bus.	There will be singing at Was Friday night, Aug. 9. The new bo "Golden Key," will be used. Ex one is invited to come.
Bluebonnet, club: Mesdames Roy Hunter, R. D. Hunter, Walter Hun- ter, Claud Perkins, Elmer Patter-	
son, Lloyd Matthews, Mr. Jim Per- ny, LaDell Matthews, Bobby Glen Peterson, Lula Belle Patterson, Bob- by Jo Hunter, Buddie Harold Hun-	verse, died in a San Antonio pital Tuesday from rattlesnake
ter.	Just say you saw it in The Ma



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"PAY CASH AND PAY LESS" -

**RIGHT ON THE CORNER** 

Friday, August 9, 1940.

**TRENT NEWS AND** 

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Fenton Boyd and fami-

Mr. and Mrs. Joe English and chil-

Ellen Duncan, accompanied by her

ly.

last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Reed and

THE MERKEL MAIL

Hailed as "Pinto

Bean King of 1939"

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. W.

Dale, now of Medina, will be interest-

ed to learn of their success in truck

"J. W. Dale with his wife came

to Medina in June, 1936, from Pa-

ducah, where he had been principal

their future home in Medina. They

have purchased 34.65 acres of ir-

rigated land. He farms this besides

in pinto beans. He has been very suc-

a title that he can well claim for

and brought him \$2.00 per bushel.

1940.

## BLAIR FTEMS

The revival at the Baptist church will begin Sunday, Aug. 4. Rev. Charles Williams, the pastor, will do the preaching. He is an able speaker who brings plain gospel messages. farming. Mrs. Dale will be remem- All who are interested in a revival bered as Miss Jewel Burklow, who should hear these messages. It may taught several years ago at the I. suggest a way for you to make good X. L. school. A recent newspaper a real contribution to that end. Every

clipping tells the story of their prog- one is cordially invited to attend. Mr. and Mrs. Iva Reeves of Cold rado City were the interesting guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell Sunday. Mr. Reeves is a drag line operaof the school for six years and had tor for the John F. Buckner co-opera-

tive, Cleburne. been elected for the seventh time. Russell and Stella Mae, Dub Hunter, After carefully inspecting the valley, W. W. Bly of Southland was down Tuesday on a prospecting tour. Mr. and Mrs. Dale decided to make Mr. and Mrs. Roy Doan of Post were passing visitors with their mother, Mrs. Susie Doan, last Thursday morning. They were en route some land he has rented, specializing from Fort Worth where they attended the funeral services of the latcessful and was recognized as the

ter's grandmother. 'Pinto Bean King' of Medina in 1939, Reed Whatley and brother, John Henry, of Arkansas are visiting friends here for an indefinite time. Mrs. Knox Beall and two daughters, Jerry and Beverly, of Abilene, visited the first of the week with

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Jackson and family are sporting a new Ford out 2 1-2 acres. These potatoes were pick-up, which is a great asset to the first on the San Antonio market their grocery enterprise here.

Mr. and Mrs. Hosea Myers of "Mrs. Dale keeps a home garden Anson and Mrs. Charles Tipton and around the house, where many varbaby of Abilene were visitors Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Scogin. ieties of vegetables are used for home Arthur Wesley Cavett of Sweet-

## water is visiting with his uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cavett, for the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Clint Maddera and family spent the week-end with Mrs. Gertie Ralls and family of Merkel. Mrs. H. E. Campbell visited Mrs. B. M. Williams of Merkel Saturday afternoon

Mr. and Mrs. Will Moore and family visited relatives at Munday last week-end.

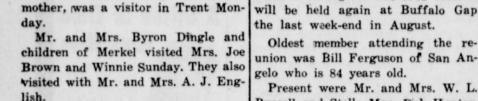
Mr. and Mrs. Howard Brown and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Berry of White Church.

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## Lemon Juice Recipe Chec

MERKEL DRUG CO.



Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Jones and Lindly Burl of Crane have been visit ing his mother, Mrs. M. B. Jones, and other relatives for the past few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob McLeod and Mr and Mrs. Tom Rosson and family, all of Big Spring, spent Sunday with Mrs. Walker.

Mrs. Bob Billington, who recently returned home from Gule, Okla., was accompanied home by her father, Mr. Messenger, of Gule, who plans to visit with her for awhile. Mrs. Billington also had as her guests Sunday her brother, Slim Messenger, and family of Colorado City.

Mrs. G. I. Burks of Houston, who is visiting Mrs. Ed Burks, spent Saturday and Sunday with her sisters in Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Estep and family of Paint Rock, also Mr. and Mr. and Mrs. Don Reeder and Joy Mrs. Fred Rogge and family of Abi- Nell, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Woody lene spent last Sunday with Mr. and and Glenn of Lubbock; Mrs. Laura Mrs. S. H. Estep.

are spending the week in San Antonio.

Web and Milton Weaver and their families of Lamesa spent the past Mrs. Ellsworth Bell and children of week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Bradshaw, Bernard, Renfro, Mr. and Jones.

home after visiting for a few days Louise Beard and daughters of Aused the funeral of her sister-inlaw, children of Pleasanton. Mrs. Will Jones.

Earl Stevens attended the Double companied by Doris Marie Stevens, and Margaret Owen, of Houston. Dene West, Vera Bright, Valree West and Dorothy Hood.

Mr. and Mrs. Dockery and daughter of Roxton, Texas, have been visiting Mrs. Dockery's grandmother, Mrs. W. H. Hale, for the past few days.

Mrs. J. T. Vessels has returned the home of Mrs. Gertie Pee, a fam-

consumption. "They are now building additions Balch, Robert Balch, Francis and to their home, also building sheds, Mrs. Carl Edwards and Barbara Mary Balch, Mrs. Lois Banzhaf and etc. A new John Deere tractor with son, Mr. and Mrs. L. Moore and all modern equipment and three Janice Sue, Mr. and Mrs. Seth Holtzmules and all the necessary tools are claw and Peggy of Temple, Mr. and now ready for the fall bean crop, which will consist of around 50 acres in pinto beans in addition to peas, Mrs. G. R. Hunter and daughters of potatoes and other crops that might Mrs. M. B. Jones has returned Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Hunter. seem suitable."

in Roxton. While there, she attend- tin; Mrs. Ethel Kappleman and Among the visitors were Rev. J.

A. Owen, Mrs. Owen, Mary Sue, Heart rodeo last Friday. He was ac- Doris and Jo Ann Owen, of Albany,

### Family Picnic at Abilene State Park

**Buffalo Gap Scene** 

family of Big Spring are visiting held for the fourth time Saturday

dren of Lamesa visited relatives here the Federal Park at Belton, the Swift

**Of Hunter Reunion** 

The Hunter family reunion was

and Sunday in the Buffalo Gap

Presbyterian encampment grounds.

Reunions before have been held in

camp at Fort Worth and Arlington

Park in Arlington. The 1941 reunion

Oldest member attending the re-

Present were Mr. and Mrs. W. L.

Ruth Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. E. L.

Hunter and family, Mr. and Mrs.

Bishop Hunter and Marvin, Mrs.

Wanda Shelton and Dorma Lee Shel-

ton of Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Joe

Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence A.

Hunter and children, Mr. and Mrs.

S. A. Austin and children, Willie

Mae Hunter, Mrs. J. W. Young and

J. W., Jr., Patricia Ann, Bartlett and

Ethel, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hunter

and W. J., Mrs. Rub Bradford, Mr.

and Mrs. D. Jones, Mrs. E. L. Hun-

ter, Mrs. Elsie Owens, Elizabeth

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rucker and

Glenn, Mrs. J. M. Rucker, Mr. and

Mrs. J. H. Rucker and family, of

Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Balch

and Mildred and Bobbie of Ranger,

Worth:

With several children from out-oftown and their families visiting in

Lee O'Daniel Spends \$4,035 in Campaign

Austin, Aug. 8. - Gov. W. Lee O'Daniel spent \$4,035.01 on his campaign for re-election and received the same amount for his campaign. His final campaign expense report on file Monday in the office of the secretary of state shows the expenditures and receipts down to the final penny.

"The spring crop of 1940 produced 53,900 pounds of dry, re-cleaned beans on 48 acres which he farmed. He sold these beans for \$3.10 per Mr. and Mrs. John Meeks. Hunter, Irene Bostick, of Fort hundred pounds. Mr. Dale tried out his luck in Irish potatoes, putting

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from Eastland where she visited her ily picnic was planned for Monday son, Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Vessels, for at Abilene State park. the past ten days.

M. C. Graham.

ANNIVERSARY.

Last Tuesday, July 30, marked the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Gafford, better known as "Uncle John" and "Aunt Hattie." They were entertained on this day values for your money. in the home of their daughter, Mrs. W. J. Bicknell of Noodle.

Mr. and Mrs. Gafford were married July 30, 1890, in Sulphur Springs and moved here in 1906. During their 34 years living here they have acquired many, many friends who wish them many more years of happy married life.



I sincerely appreciate the support the voters of the 104th judicial district in Fisher, Jones and Taylor counties gave me at the primary July 27.

I am grateful to the people for the nomination to the office of district attorney, and it will be my purpose as your district attorney to faithfully and conscientiously discharge the duties of that office.

Enjoying the delightful outing Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Vessels and were: J. M. Pike and children, Jack,

daughters, Wilma and Annette, of Gwynne and Joy, Bogata; Mr. and Royalty, are visiting ten days with Mrs. D. D. Burden, Avery; Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Vessels and Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. C. W. Guthrie and son, Kimbell, Big Spring; Mr. and Mrs. Denzel Cox and children, Joyce, Patsy, CELEBRATE GOLDEN WEDDING Davey Lee and Corky, Miss Mabel McRee, Mrs. R. D. Hunter and Mrs.

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THE MERKEL MAIL

#### Friday, August 9, 1940.

**On Draughon's Honor Roll.** 

Abilene, Aug. 8. - Misses Elna

Tucker and Sue Bird, of Merkel,

who have been attending Draughon's

highest ranking students whose

for the past term.

## QUEEN THEATRE CALENDAR

Friday-Saturday - George O'Brien in "Prairie Law;" extra attraction, "Your Town," heart-stirring drama of America at work; also 2-reel comedy, serial and cartoon.

Saturday preview, Sunday matinee, Monday night-George Brent, Merle Oberon, Pat O'Brien in "Til We Meet Again," with Geraldine Fitzgerald, Binnie Barnes and Frank McHugh; added, color cartoon and News.

Tuesday only - Warner Baxter, Andrea Leeds in "Earthbound;" added, 2-reel comedy and short subject.

Wednesday-Thursday - Jon Hall, Nancy Kelly in "Sailor's Lady;" also selected short subjects.

#### "Our Town"

American system of free private enterprise in the development of the as the ideal love team to portray the Kans. urday.

typical of all home towns.

While the orchestra plays heartstirring patriotic airs and the Stars and Stripes waves in the breeze the amazing tale of growth and prosperity is unfolded step by step. It stirs the emotions and quickens the heart-beat.

But your town goes beyond the home community. Packed into the scope of one short film is the thrilling story of the rise of America from its modest hard-fought beginning to first place among the industrial nations of the world-the dream of our courageous forefathers come true.

You see the standard of living rise with the expansion of the community. his job of bringing Brent back to You marvel at the hardihood of those who struggled onward and upward in the long ago without one of the many modern conveniences which make for ease and comfort of living excels, while Frank McHugh portoday.

Aladdin's lamp could not have Blore plays the vapid English lord wrought more magic changes. The from whom they reap a tidy fortune

still greater achievement. **10th Successive Year** See "Your Town" and know your America. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim The picture was produced by Audio Productions, Inc., in collaboration Dye was again the scene of a happy Hughes southwest of town changed

shall be resumed and go forward to

"Til We Meet Again'

Manufacturers.

McHugh.

the other pain.

"Til We Meet Again," co-starring Corpus Christi and Zack Dye of moved to the front of the lot. Merle Oberon, the lustrous star of Junction, Texas. "Wuthering Heights" and George Brent, the reckless hero of "Fight- playing games were brought to a

Goulding, whose most recent suc- good string music. During this time to John Jones, moving here from cesses include "Dark Victory" and long tables were spread under an Borger to be associated with the Tay-"The Old Maid," the fine supporting arbor and beds were placed out under flor Electric Co-operative, Inc. cast includes Pat O'Brien, Geraldine the stars. On Tuesday afternoon Fitzgerald, Binnie Barnes and Frank there was a watermelon feast. Neigh-

bors and friends and relatives visit-"'Til We Meet Again" is the ed at different times during the three

piognant romantic tale of a man days. and a woman for whom there was no Friends who dropped in were Mr.

tomorrow, and audiences who have and Mrs. Arthur Valentine, Willard The vital part played by the previewed the film in Hollywood and Annie Beth Valentine and have hailed Miss Oberon and Brent Brother Ted Norton of Wichita,

home community is strikingly de- dramatic pair. Set against the bril- Relatives present were: Mr. and picted in "Your Town," coming to liant background of a trans-Pacific Mrs. Wiley Finch, Spur; Mr. and the Queen theatre Friday and Sat- luxury liner, the story tells of the Mrs. M. H. Henslee, Mr. and Mrs. shipboard love affair between a girl Daulton Warren and family, Merkel; It is a short sound picture, crowd- who knows that she has but a few Mr. and Mrs. Edd Kinsey and daughing into a few fleeting minutes the months to live and a man who is be- ters, Evelyn and Nina Jo, Sweetwatmarvelous development of one com- ing brought back to San Quentin to er; Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Hennington munity over a period of years but pay the death penalty. Each guards and her father, Tom Spain of Sweet his secret jealously, wishing to spare water.

Dye Reunion Held for

families gathered on Sunday, July

28, for the tenth year in succession.

This year it was in honor of their

The children with their families The knowledge of their impending were Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Kingery, doom makes their brief time together Matador; John L. Blair, Levelland; doubly precious, and athough he Tom Bryan, Paducah; Dorman Prafinds a means of escape with his ther, Afton; Alfred Dye, Roaring life, he gives up his chance rather Springs; Rubin, Robert and Hamp than leave her. To reveal further de- Dye, all of Merkel.

#### Airline Safety.

from the tender beauty of the story Washington, Aug. 8 .- Air lines of Geraldine Fitzgerald, the lovely the United States have flown 1,249,-Irish star, who also appeared with 594,263 passenger miles since the last Miss Oberon in "Wuthering Heights," fatal accident March 26, 1939, the plays the role of her friend and con- civil aeronautics board reports. The fidante in "'Til We Meet Again," lines carried 3,158,159 passengers Pat O'Brien who was teamed with during the period. Brent in "Fighting 69th," is cast as

#### **Texas Employment Gains.**

Washington, Aug. 8. - A federal security administration report said public employment offices found jobs countess, Binnie Barnes has the type in private industry for 1,500,000 persons during the first six month of 1940.

> The first X-ray in America was exhibited in the Dime Museum.

## **Hughes Home Place** Sold to Jim Price

The old home place of John S. purchased the property embracing about two acres from the owner. Mr. Price, who has been renting Mrs. Mc-The Queen theatre's new film, Dad's 64th birthday. Two of the nine Spadden's home, is moving to the showing Saturday preview, Sunday children were unable to be present. Hughes place, on which the house in matinee and Monday night, will be They were Mrs. Bill Smelser of the rear of the premises has been

Previously Mr. Hughes had moved Three joyful days of visiting and the house from the lot to the location just across the street north from ing 69th." Directed by Edmund close Tuesday night with lots of A. T. Sheppard, which is now rented

> Mr. Hughes and family have been for some time living on his farm six miles south of town.

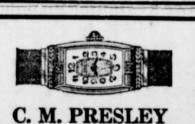
Laurence Olivier, Vivien Leigh Left Free to Marry

London, Aug. 8 .- A divorce which actress Jim Esmond obtained against Laurence Olivier was made final Monday, and thus both parties were left free to marry.

Naming Vivien Leigh, star of 'Gone With the Wind," as co-respondent, Miss Esmond had obtained a decree nisi of divorce here Jan. 29. Miss Leigh was divorced Feb. 19 by Herbert Leigh Holman, London lawyer. He had named Olivier as corespondent.

In his divorce suit, Lawyer Holman said that Miss Leigh had gone to Denmark in 1937 to play Shakespearean roles in a company of which Olivier was also a member. On her return, Holman pleaded, Miss Leigh said she was in love with Olivier and left him. They were married in 1833.

Just say you saw it in The Mail.



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## Winners of Amateur Night at Butman

Prize winners for Amateur night Business college for the past several at the Butman Rodeo-Picnic, Thursmonths, were two of the twenty-two with the National Association of reunion, as the children and their hands this week when Jim Price day, July 25, which were not available for publication last week, were: names appeared on the honor roll First, Ralph Garrett string band; second, Kent Mathews; third, Union Ridge trio, consisting of Clara Joyce Cox, Bernie Opal and Elberta Dean; fourth, T. D. Compton, Jr. There were twenty-one entries.

> Out of a dozen competing in the Old Fiddlers' contest on the second night, first place was won by Carson Buchanan, in the Divide band; second, Mrs. Faby Mashburn; third, Melba Tally from Shep, and fourth, Reuben Dye.

In charge of the entertainment programs for the two nights were Mrs. Don Riney and Joe Seymore.

Dr. Cook Dies. New Rochelle, N. Y., Aug. 8 .- Dr. Frederick Cook, explorer who claimed to have been the first man to reach the North Pole, died in New Rochelle hospital Monday.





en route the early days becomes a splendid structure of stone, cement and steel. The hills surrounding the little village where this amazing start was made are dotted with thousands of modern homes.

Others in the cast include Henry O'Neill, George Reeves, Doris Lloyd, Marjorie Gateson and Regis Toomey.

tails of the plot here would detract

the detective who sincerely dislikes

As a card-sharping phoney French

of high comedy role at which she

trays her partner in crime. Eric

as it is enfolded on the screen.

### Piano Prodigy Dies.

New York, Aug. 8 .- Arnold Pomerantz, 19-year-old pianist and form-Finally you resolve that so far as er child prodigy who performed as it lies within your power you will soloist at Philadelphia symphony see that the progress which has made concerts for young people at the age America a great and happy land of 9, died Aug. 1.

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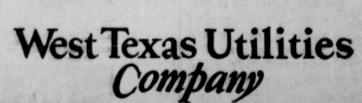
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#### THE MERKEL MAIL

### Three Visitors at Lions Club Luncheon

Mrs. J. S. Blair has received news of the death of her sister, Miss Fan-Guests at Tuesday's luncheon of ny Anthony, 84, who passed away the Lions club were: Johnny Cox, Monday at Centre, Ala. She was coordinator of the Taylor Electric Co-Operative, Inc., which last week two years in Mrs. Blair's home sevmoved its offices to Merkel; Chas. eral years ago. Williams, recreation director, and

Taylor County Rural Letter carriers company. held in Abilene Saturday afternoon. gineering department had moved the riers at Ballinger that night.

one of the largest in this part of the Vira L. Martin, D. C., Ph. C., for- ances in Texas towns. country, with another project of 150 merly of Abilene, announces the opening of a chiropractic office in reth can perform almost any trick. one of the Ash apartments on Fri- He uses no unusual methods and and urged that the people of Merkel day of this week. She has had six- finds that practice aids in improvteen years' experience in serving ing his work. be ready to give a cordial reception West Texans.

Included in a party of fishermen At present he is in West Virginia Invitation was extended the Lions club, individually and as a body, to hanan were Ross Ferrier, W. W. other relatives in this rection. Toombs, N. A. Dowell, Barney Reynespecially desired, he said, to have a olds, Curly London, Everett Wilbusiness men's afternoon on Tuesliams, Ire Marshall, Oliver M. Pike

and Billy London. Supt. Connor Robinson, Mayor

Henry C. West and C. J. Glover were Cliff Baldwin, well known carternamed by President R. T. Gray as a er in Abilene for many years, is now committee to greet the Snyder boostemployed as chef at Woozy's cafe. ers on their arrival Tuesday after-

noon. Reports from committees con-Two recent recruits in the United stituted the main feature of the busi-States army, David G. Reidenbach, ness meeting. Committees reporting son of Dan Reidenbach, Route 3, and were: cotton premiums, Henry West, Lloyd W. Gilmore, son of Mrs. Beulchairman; donkey ball game, Stanah Gilmore, Route 3, have been asley King, chairman; swimming pool, signed to the cavalry, Fort Ringgold, Henry West, chairman, and cheese Rio Grande City, Texas.

### Petty as toastmaster for the next Elderly Cousins Visit Uncle Tom Ferguson

Visitors overnight Monday with Uncle Tom Ferguson were W. P. Ferguson and S. P. Ferguson, second cousins of the Merkel man, who were returning to their home at San Angelo after attending the Hunter family reunion at Buffalo Gap.

The visitors are both bachelors. the former being 84 years old and the county, to appear at the next regu- Ely-W. J. Cuningham-Martin group other 77. W. P. Ferguson was the lar term of the 42nd District Court nominated E. M. Overshiner. The oldest member of the family in at-

> Much interesting family history was revealed by the visitors. The On a roll call vote Ash was elect- original family name was Fergus,

## LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS Former Merkel Boy **Acclaimed Champion Top Spinner of World**

Claimant to the title of the world's known to many here, having spent champion fancy top spinner, a former Merkel boy, Thurman E. Landreth, whose home is in Abilene, is being given much publicity in papers

R. L. Adcock and F. M. Simpson over the country, representing prodattended the monthly meeting of ucts of the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Snyder chamber of commerce, ac-

Attired in traditional western out-From there Mr. Simpson joined Joe fit, he travels over the country in a band and soloists. Nalley and A. C. Terry, Sr., of Trent 1940 Chevrolet coupe, with sound and they attended on invitation the equipment. He took up fancy top supper of the Runnels county car- spinning at the age of 11 and, prior to being employed by the tobacco company, he gave amateur perform-

With ordinary spinning tops, Land-

A brother of Mrs. Oda Clark of this city, he was a recent visitor here.

returning Wednesday night from a but plans to return via plane Sept. four-days' fishing trip at Lake Buc- 26 to visit his family in Abilene and

#### Russia Takes Estonia.

Moscow, Aug. 8 .- Russia completed the process of absorbing the Baltic states into the soviet union Tuesday night when the supreme soviet (parliament) voted to admit Estonia. Lithuania and Latvia previously had been admitted.

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.

216 RED BALL



converged on Merkel at 2:55 Tuesday afternoon advertising Scurry day with a spectacular parade. Robert G. Dillard, secretary of the

ompanied the party, which brought along several entertainers, both string

Welcome was extended in behalf years.

**Pathfinder Polls** 

of the Merchants Trade Extension association, the Lions club and the Brief Visit to City city of Merkel by Supt. Connor Robinson

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#### France Bans Masons.

Vichy, France, Aug. 8 .- The Pecounty's fourth annual rodeo Aug. tain government has ordered dissolu-9-10, which will open at 1 p. m. Fri- tion of freemasonry and all other secret societies in France, it was announced Saturday.

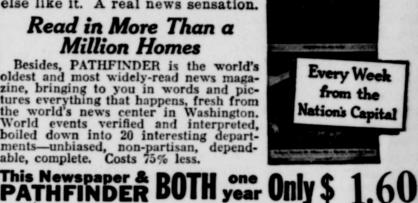
> The big trees of the Pacific coast region are known to have grown to an age of three or four thousand

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good tires, upholstery, paint and motor. Price \$85. Apply Merkel Mail.

FURNISHED upstairs apartment for rent. Mrs. T. J. Toombs.

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, temporary chairman of the convenin some newspaper published in your tion. Three were nominated. The of Taylor County, to 'be holden at O'Daniel group nominated Theo Ash tendance at the Hunter reunion. the Court House thereof, in Abilene, and Lee R. York. Both were term-Texas, on the 1st Monday in Septem- ed "good O'Daniel men."

Dan Hamilton, recently added to the FOR SALE OR TRADE-1937 Deluxe Plymouth coupe; you can almost force of Nutt's Variety store. Explaining that as Merkel was the steal this car. Earle Watts. center of the project and as the en-

days of each week.

luncheon, Aug. 20.

Henry West.

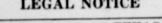
FOR SALE-One two-wheel trailer with 16 inch wheels and tires; one sub-station to Merkel, it was more four-wheel trailer; one model A, satisfactory as a whole to have the fordor, 16 inch wheel and tires; one co-op offices here, Coordinator Cox '29 Buick, fordor sedan; bargain reported progress of the work so far, prices. See Irl Walker, West Side which embraces 395.5 miles of lines, Wrecking Yard.

ALL MY Household Goods for sale, miles under way. He thanked the including piano, radio, phonograph, Lions club for co-operation extended etc.; will sell separately. Bob Mar- the organization that he represented

- tin.

FOR SALE - Household furniture; to the visiting wiring contractors to enough to furnish 5 or 6 rooms. Mrs. be here Friday. H. M. Rainbolt at Dr. Armstrong's.

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WANTED-Man and wife working plant, by Booth Warren.

ber, A. D. 1940, the same being the bered on the docket of said Court No. 12,169-A, wherein Pearl Cravens is plaintiff, and C. B. Cravens is de- Bedichek, temporary secretary, were plaintiff's cause of action, being as retary, respectively. follows:

That plaintiff and defendant marseparated on or about April 2, 1930. Plaintiff sues for divorce on the R. H. Hansell, T. E. Hayden. 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 A. Graham, Guion; Thomas E. Haysaid Court, at its next regular term, den, A. A. Heathington, Joe Humphthis writ with your return thereon, rey, Mrs. Joe Humphrey, all of Abishowing how you have executed lene; Ocie Hunt, Bradshaw; J. L. same.

Given under my hand and seal of C. L. Johnson, R. H. Mansell, Malsaid Court, at office in Abilene, Tex- colm Meek, W. S. Pope, J. P. Stinas, on this 19th day of July, A. D. son, all of Abilene; R. L. Osborn, 1940.

ROY SKAGGS, Clerk, Horace Roberts, Ernest W. Wilson, District Court, Taylor County, Texas. Abilene; E. L. Wilson, G. F. Woods, 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)

#### MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS.

We will appreciate the privilege of call to service if dependent on a sending in your subscription to the soldier's wage alone. leading magazines. On a great many Included in the group of emof them, if you want to include your ployees mentioned is N. D. (Blackie) subscription to The Mail, we are in Callaway, mess sergeant, 112th cavposition to make special clubbing offer. See us before you renew.

Advertise in The Merkel Mail.

2nd day of September, A. D. 1940, ed with 28 4-5 votes to 26 1-5 for and their great-grandfather was then and there to answer a petition Overshiner and 5 for York. The Abi- born in Scotland in 1720. The grandfiled in said Court on the 19th day lene city precincts' votes went vir- father of the San Angelo men was of July, A. D. 1940, in a suit, num- tually unanimously for Overshiner born in Virginia in 1799, the year On motion of W. E. Martin, the that George Washington died. temporary chairman, Theo Ash, and **Blackley in Run-Off** 

fendant, and a brief statement of made permanent chairman and sec-Appointed on the committee to

President Gray appointed Byers

Opening singsong was led by Nathan Wood, with Billy Wood at the

piano. Invocation was given by

Demos

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name delegates to the state convenried on or about Mar. 2, 1930, and tion were: C. L. Johnson, chairman, A. A. Heathington, Wylie Caffey,

Abilene.

chairman of the delegation.

in Mineral Wells Sept. 3.

of the first primary in Jones county show that A. C. (Ab) Sosebee led Delegates selected for the state the ticket for commissioner of preconvention were: Theo Ash, Wendell cinct 4 with 264 votes and will be in Bedichek, E. T. Brooks, Gladys Butthe run-off with R. P. Blackley who rill, Harvey C. Brown, Wiley Cafreceived 217 votes. fey, Jeff Elliott, all of Abilene; W.

Leads in First Primary By 2,000 Votes-

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- Raise truck load limit to not
- 5. Honest co-operation with the the Governor to solve our perplexing problems in these criti-

Reduction of state salaries not less than 10 per cent, and abolition of unnecessary boards,

Hospital Notes. Bud Barton was admitted to the Sadler Clinic Tuesday for surgery. Kincaid, Buffalo Gap; J. C. Hunter, JOHN LEE SMITH LEADS IN SENATE RACE Tuscola; Wilson Preslar, Lawn; both of Merkel; R. M. Wagstaff, C. L. Johnson was designated chairman and R. M. Wagstaff vice-The state convention will be held **Blackie Callaway Off To Guard Maneuvers** Abilene, Aug. 8 .- Those "left behind" will double up to fill the jobs of 18 members of the West Texas Utilities organization in Abilene and Taylor county while the 18 men are attending National Guard's annual

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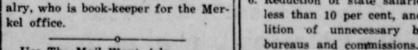
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POPULAR BRIDE COMPLIMENT- Doyle Nutt, S. O. Owens, W. ED WITH GIFT TEA.

Mrs. Cecil Justice, nee Miss Hollis Perry, was named honoree for a pretty party in the home of Mrs. Noman Hodge Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. A. E. Higgins co-hostess with Mrs. Hodge in entertaining.

The rooms were decorated with lovely cut flowers forming a pretty setting for the pastel shades in the formal gowns worn by members of the house party and stressing a color theme of orchid and yellow for all party appointments.

Little Misses Paula Patterson and Norma Jean Hodge opened the door and other members of the house party were Mrs. Hodge, who introduced the honoree, Mrs. Justice; Mrs. A. E. Higgins, Mrs. Waymon Adcock, Mrs. John R. Walling, Miss Mebs Hennington, Mrs. Horace Boney, Miss Betty Lu Higgins, Mrs. Sally Angus, Miss Billie McGehee, Miss Rachel Patterson, Miss Ethel King, Miss Melen Heeter and Miss Loudale Gray.

A come-and-go affair, calling hours were from 3 to 6 o'clock. Miss Iris Garrett played continuously, as guests were served a dainty sandwich plate with wedding ring wafers, mints and refreshing punch. Orange blossoms were plate favors. Following a survey of the many handsome wedding presents, hand-painted "Thank Yous" were added favors. Guests registered in a beautiful handpainted guest book, as follows:

Mesdames Barney Douglas, Paul Douglas, Frank Hamm, John Mansfield, D. H. Vaughn, Holt Vaughn, Homer Patterson, Earl Teague, John Grable, Warren Higgins, T. L. Grimes, Irven Thompson, William Neill, O. R. Dye, Ray King, M. G. King, Bill Fugat, Earl Baze, D. P. Moore, D. M. Hill, A. R. Toombs, Joe Seymore, A. A. McGehee, T. J. Toombs, Will Toombs, Leon Toombs, Joe Bailey Toombs, Stanley Toombs, Willie B. Toombs, Emmett Ayers, D. A. Lee, G. W. Moore, Clyde Sears, R. T. Gray, Booth Warren, Frank Golladay, W. O. Boney, O. J. Adcock, Byers Petty, Lucy Ford, Comer Haynes, Byron Patterson.

Mesdames Ves Justice, Calvin

Smith, Clona McClure. Misses Mildred Hamm, Gwendolyn wall, Robert M. Francis and Julian Vaughn, Geraldine Teague, Irene Moore, Connie Pogue, Alzada Pogue, Margaret Boden, Sadie Woodrum, Leta Faye Barbee, Fannie Boaz, Ce-

Vene Daniels, Opal Freeman, Christine Collins, Mary Collins, Thelma the Women's Missionary society of esteemed by many friends. Losing her Mathews, Robbie Walker, Vivian Davis, Vergie Campbell, Vera Richie. day, Aug. 5.

#### LAWN PARTY. One of the most colorful parties

of the summer was given on the Warren Higgins' lawn last Saturday evening in celebration of the sixteenth birthday of Miss Betty Lu Higgins.

The beautifully lighted yard was decorated with multi-colored balloons in a natural setting of flowers and shrubs. After admiring the many gifts, table games, croquet and dancing furnished happy diversion until a late hour when miniature birthday cakes were served with ice cream. The guest list included: the honoree, Miss Higgins, Misses Ernestine Haines, Jenny V. Grimes, Patty Hays and Lurline Hays, all of Abilene; Misses Anne Blake, Dora Gaither, Sue Grimes, Helen Heeter, Tommye Grimes, Mary Lu Higgins, Clarice Higgins, Gay West, Nan Hogan, Dorothy Shannon, Doris Clyde Miller, Wanda Dingle, Becky Gardner, Mary Ellen Key, Louise Patterson,

Geraldine Teague and Pearl Math- bers. ews; Messrs. Don Wood, Billy Wood, Jerry Warren, Billy Largent, David Gibson, L. B. Gibson, Sampie Mc-Gehee, L. S. Tipton, Forrest Glen ham McFarland.

"BACKWARD" PARTY.

Never a dull moment, the younger week. generation still devise unique means were served at Dora Gaither's. Those program.

THE MERKEL MAIL

#### picnic-fashion, after which entertainment was informal for Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Bradbury, Abilene; Messrs. and Mesdames Ralph Miller, F. J. Joyce, Winston Polley, Spencer Bird, Johnny Cox, John L. Jones; Misses Betty Grimes, Thelma Mathews, Pearl Mathews and Mary Nell Mor-R. gan; Messrs. F. E. Everett, R. E. Azbill, Herbert Campbell, R. Corn-E. Shattuck.

#### WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

"China" was the subject of the lesson as led by Mrs. R. A. Walker of attractive personality and is highly the Grace Presbyterian church Mon- to Anson is a bad break, but it will

read by the leader, was followed by ling to agree that the groom is in a Stewardship devotional on "The high luck. Importance of the Small Giver," I Cor. 13, by Mrs. Delma Compton, who also discussed "The Chinese Church Practices Stewardship."

"Ginling, Your College in China's and all those who have met him are Capitol," by Mrs. Dwight Morrow, impressed with his character and was given by Mrs. Henry West. Mrs. ability, evidencing fine qualifications Connor Robinson presented "My Re- for success. He stands high in his ligion by Madame Chiang-Kai-Shek, community, where for some time he ing sermon at 11 a. m. Young peo-China's First Lady." Mrs. W. M. has been employed by the Western ple's meeting at 7:45 p. m. Evening Elliott gave a discussion of Irene Auto Associate store, now holding worship at 8:15. Prayer meeting Forsythe's "God Ministers to China," the responsible position as manager Wednesday evening at 8:15. and Mrs. John West spoke on "The with that company. Sorrows of a Personnel Secretary" by It is at Anson where the couple Anne Scott. The leader concluded the will live and where they are followprogram with a station letter from ed by the best wishes of manyfriends. China.

The next meeting of the society will be Aug. 19 in the home of Mrs. Connor Robinson at which time the National Missions Study book on "The Migrant Problem" will be presented by five of the society mem-

#### WOODMEN CIRCLE PLANS OLD FOLKS PARTY.

Plans for an "old folks party" to Barnett, Joe Earl Kimbrough, Bryan be staged at the W. O. W. hall on tian college, Mrs. Woodlock is em-Higgins, J. W. Hughes and Cheat- Tuesday night, Sept. 3, at 8 o'clock, ployed by the Security Abstract were discussed at the regular meet- | company, Abilene. ing of Grove No. 563, Woodmen Circle, on Thursday afternoon of last of the Musser Lumber company, a

There will be an admission fee of of the five years with which he has of entertaining themselves. On last 10 cents at the door, which will en- been connected with the company. Thursday evening the girls assumed title each individual to all games and Graduate of the Abilene high school, the role of "escort" and entertained all the ice cold lemonade he can he is a former student in McMurry the boys with a no-host affair at the drink. Every member of the Grove college. Queen theatre. Later refreshments is responsible for a number on the

enjoying this gracious leap year Mrs. Mae Seago thanked the Grove ospitality were Misses Mary Ellen for the beautiful card sent her. The

## RURAL SOCIETY

In The

reporting Sunday Schools here last

Sunday, as compared with 516 the

previous week. On the same Sunday

a year ago the attendance was 663.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

sermon at 11. Training Union 7:30.

Teachers' and officers' meeting

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and prayer meeting 8:15 Wednes-

BAPTIST CIRCLES.

METHODIST CHURCH.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

John H. Crow, Pastor.

Evening sermon at 8:30.

day evening.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Morning

## MYERS-SCOGIN.

Mr. Hosea Myers and Miss Nell Scogin surprised their many friends when on July 30 they motored over to Anson and were united in marriage by Rev. W. D. Fielder, Baptist minister. Mrs. Fielder and sons witnessed the nuptials.

The bride is the accomplished

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. L Scogin and has lived practically all her life in the Blair community. She graduated from Merkel High school in 1938. She is a young lady of most be borne cheerfully in view of the The Scripture lesson, Psalms 139, happiness that is hers. All are wil-

tist church will meet in Circles Mon-Son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Myers day afternoon at 4 o'clock, as folof Anson, the groom was reared in lows: Blanche Rose Walker and that place. He is already coming to Maybelle Taylor Circles with Mrs. Cooper Waters; Elkin Lockett Circle have many friends in our community with Mrs. Oda Clark.

Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. Morn-

preaching at 10:45, young people's

#### WOODLOCK-SOSEBEE.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Sosebee of Noodle are announcing the marriage of their daughter, Mozelle, and Clinton Woodlock, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Woodlock, 1734 North Tenth street, Abilene, which took place July here. 6 in San Angelo. John T. Smith, Church of Christ minister, read the service.

A former student in Abilene Chris-

The groom is Abilene manager position which he has held for two

> RECENT BRIDE COMPLI-MENTED.

Entertainment and a short pro-

Harris, dedicated to the bride. A

reading, "Our Men," dedicated to

Mrs. J. A. Traylor and Mrs. Gene

the hosts.



8:15 o'clock. You are invited to attend. SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE E. W. Key, Minister. There were 489 present at the six

> PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. Sunday School will be held each Sunday at the usual hour, 10 a. m. Every one is urged to attend regular-

> > W. M. Elliott, Clerk of Session.

#### 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 The W. M. U. of the First Bapevening.

W. L. Massey, Supt.

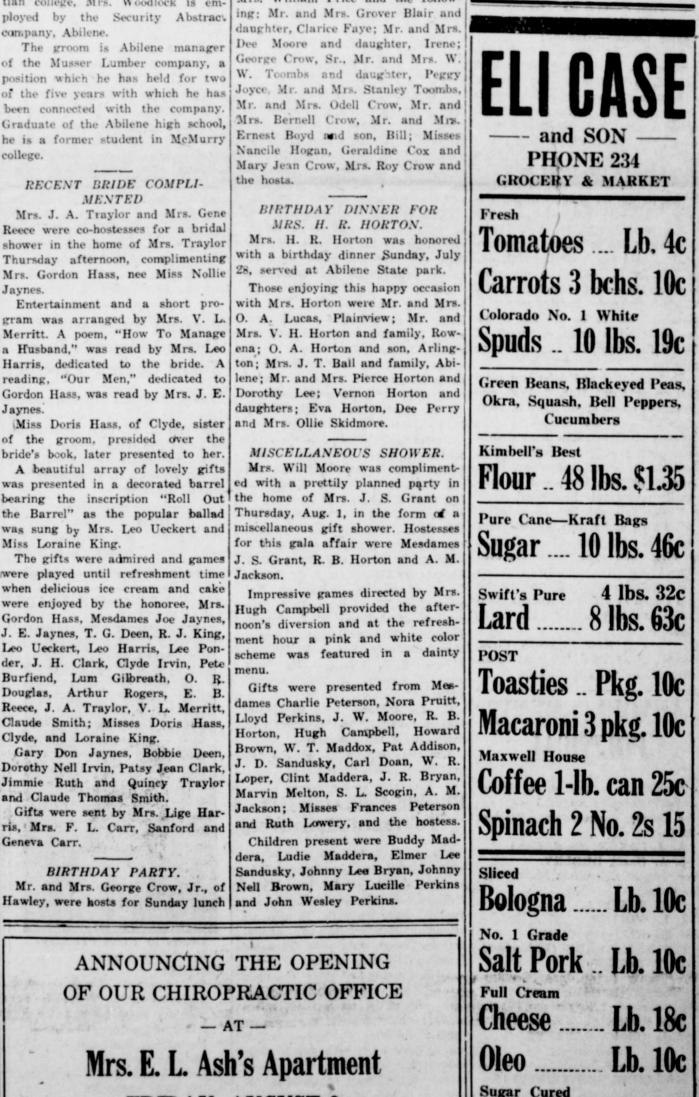
NAZARENE CHURCH. Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 8:15 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8:15. o'clock.

Everyone is cordially invited to these services.

R. T. Smith, Pastor.

## **County Board Will** Meet Again Saturday

A large part of Saturday's meet-Sunday services: Bible classes 9:45, ing of the county school board was devoted to hearing protests of transfers, but, as the full docket was not honoring Mrs. George Crow, Sr., on cleared, the board will hold an extra her birthday. Also a guest of honor meeting at 9 a. m. next Saturday. The board voted to hold a meeting ers, niece of Mr. and Mrs. George of county local trustees and school Crow, Sr., who is visiting relatives officials on Sept. 7 in Abilene. The meeting will be similar to one held Lunch was served buffet-style and last May, and will be designed to at mid-afternoon ice cold watermel- allow school officials to talk over



**Sliced Bacon Lb 15c** 

Seven Steak Lb. 20c

Chuck Roast Lb. 19c

was Mrs. William Price from Rog-

ons were served to the honoree and plans for the year.

Mrs. William Price and the following: Mr. and Mrs. Grover Blair and daughter, Clarice Faye; Mr. and Mrs. Dee Moore and daughter, Irene; George Crow, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Toombs and daughter, Peggy Joyce, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Toombs, Mr. and Mrs. Odell Crow, Mr. and Mrs. Bernell Crow, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Boyd and son, Bill; Misses Nancile Hogan, Geraldine Cox and Mary Jean Crow, Mrs. Roy Crow and

BIRTHDAY DINNER FOR MRS. H. R. HORTON.

and Mrs. Ollie Skidmore.

Friday, August 9, 1940.

Milton Case, Eli Case, Esker Curtis, Glen Barnett. Earl Watts, Wrenn Durham, Chester Collinsworth, Delma Compton, Nolan Palmer, Nell Groene, T. G. pard, Duncan Briggs, Max Mellinger, park.

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win, Myrtle Boden, Louie Herring, Key, Doris Clyde Miller, Anne Blake, Grove was very sorry to hear of Ed Reece were co-hostesses for a bridal burn, S. G. Russell, Inez Chadwick, ty Lu Higgins, Dora Gaither, Helen him flowers. W. J. Bicknell, Lyle Cade, Odell Vick, Heeter, Wanda Dingle, Becky Gard-L. D. Irvine, David Gamble, Lige ner, Geraldine Teague and Gay West; were Mesdames Lillie Barnett, Ruby Gamble, Dee Grimes, Ross Ferrier, Messrs. Billy Etsel Church, Billy Barnett, Mae Seago, Lucy Bonneaux, E. Y. Bailey, W. L. Lee, L. V. Moore, Largent, Don Wood, Donald Cade, Norma Molden, Sweetwater, and George T. Moore, Fred Baker, Jr., Cheatham McFarland, David Gibson, Miss Maurine White. Buck Leach, Pete West, Spencer L. S. Tipton, Sample McGehee, Bob-Bird, Stacy Bird, Connor Robinson, bie Woodrum. Ben Robert Hicks. L. C. Zehnpfennig, Urban Zehnpfen- Jerry Warren, Don Warren, L. B.

PICNIC SUPPER.

W. W. Campbell, John Toombs,

shower in the home of Mrs. Traylor Earl Beech, A. B. Patterson, Ada Sue Grimes, Louise Patterson, Doro- Turner being ill and different mem-Heeter, Raymond Neal, Sam Mash- thy Shannon, Tommye Grimes, Bet- bers of the Grove volunteered to send Thursday afternoon, complimenting Mrs. Gordon Hass, nee Miss Nollie Jaynes.

Those participating in the meeting

#### SEWING CLUB.

Mrs. Spencer Bird was hostess on nig, Max Swafford, W. T. Sadler, Gibson, Jake Roberts and Forrest Wednesday of last week to members of the Sewing club. Clever "Guess What" packages with Coca-Cola were served to one guest, Mrs. Miller, and Members of the R. E. A. and en- to the following members: Mesdames Bragg, Cyrus Pee, Frank McFarland, gineering employees held their first L. V. Moore, Max Swafford, E. Y. Comer Patterson, Nat Anderson, social-get-together since removing Bailey, Geo. T. Moore, Urban Zehnp-Algie Daniels, Grover Gilbert, Joe their offices to Merkel, on Thurs- fennig, Buck Leach, Byron. Patter-Cypert, Curtis Wilcox, A. T. Shep- day evening of last week at State son. Worth Lee, Connor Robinson,

Herbert Dunn, Owen Robertson, Leo A summer, cold, menu was served Zehnpfennig, Earl Beech, John Grable, Stacy Bird and the hostess, Mrs. Spencer Bird.

> The next meeting will be with Mrs. J. E. Boaz, Jr., on Aug. 14.

WATERMELON FEAST. The Baptist church lawn was the scene of a watermelon feast for the intermediate department of the B. T. U. last Friday night. Mrs. Irl Claude Smith; Misses Doris Hass, Walker and Pearl Mathews sponsor- Clyde, and Loraine King. ed many interesting games, at the conclusion of which cold watermelons were cut and served to Rev. Cooper Waters, Mrs. Annie Walker, Pearl Mathews, Wanda McCoy, Frances Melton, Margie Joe Fulton, ris, Mrs. F. L. Carr, Sanford and Nedra Swafford, Gwen Renfro, Annie Geneva Carr. Mae Bagley, Ned Swafford, David Carson, Douglas McCoy, J. L. Gilbreath, Royce Gilbreath, Harold

Carl H. Doan.

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Jaynes. Miss Doris Hass, of Clyde, sister of the groom, presided over the bride's book, later presented to her. A beautiful array of lovely gifts was presented in a decorated barrel bearing the inscription "Roll Out the home of Mrs. J. S. Grant on the Barrel" as the popular ballad Thursday, Aug. 1, in the form of a was sung by Mrs. Leo Ueckert and miscellaneous gift shower. Hostesses Miss Loraine King. The gifts were admired and games J. S. Grant, R. B. Horton and A. M. were played until refreshment time Jackson. when delicious ice cream and cake were enjoyed by the honoree, Mrs. Gordon Hass, Mesdames Joe Jaynes, J. E. Jaynes, T. G. Deen, R. J. King, Leo Ueckert, Leo Harris, Lee Ponder, J. H. Clark, Clyde Irvin, Pete

Burfiend, Lum Gilbreath, O. R. Douglas, Arthur Rogers, E. B. Reece, J. A. Traylor, V. L. Merritt, Gary Don Jaynes, Bobbie Deen, Dorothy Nell Irvin, Patsy Jean Clark, Jimmie Ruth and Quincy Traylor and Claude Thomas Smith.

Gifts were sent by Mrs. Lige Har-

Sandusky, Johnny Lee Bryan, Johnny BIRTHDAY PARTY. Mr. and Mrs. George Crow, Jr., of Nell Brown, Mary Lucille Perkins Powers, Joseph Winter and Billie Hawley, were hosts for Sunday lunch and John Wesley Perkins.

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