

## Keeping Up With Texas

Hurled from behind the steering wheel of his automobile when it failed to make a curve near Buffalo Gap early Sunday, Charlie Alvin Eubanks, 25, of the Wilmett community, Runnels county, was killed almost instantly.

A. P. Bateman, farmer residing near San Angelo, died Saturday night of typhoid, or rabbit fever, contracted four weeks before.

A wire blown across the high line in front of a school building caused the death at Munday of Ed N. Pennington, 41, of Quanah. A WPA worker, he was electrocuted when he tried to knock a wire from the high line.

Herman Bilberry, about 25, employee on the J. D. Patterson ranch north of Peacock, was fatally injured late Sunday when his automobile overturned on highway 18, three miles west of Aspermont.

Lizzie Young, 80, negro, was burned to death in a fire which destroyed her home at Gainesville Saturday. Fire Marshal John McCarty expressed the belief the woman had been trapped after discovering the fire.

J. B. Oliphint, 55, Harris county superintendent of schools, dropped dead in his office at Houston Monday.

West Publishers, Inc., publishers of the Dallas Journal, Monday announced the appointment of C. Joseph Snyder as general manager of the Journal. Snyder, formerly general manager of the St. Louis, Mo., Star-Times, succeeds Clarence E. Linz, who resigned several months ago.

Contracts for a \$400,000 girls' dormitory at Texas Technological college at Lubbock were let Saturday when members of the Tech board of directors met at Fort Worth.

Amos and Amer Lewis, 16-year-old twins, were charged Sunday with murder, after their step-father, George Lewis, was beaten to death in a cotton patch at his Valley View farm near Electra.

Willis Williams, 17, of Texarkana, drowned in fifteen feet of water at Old River, 25 miles northwest of Texarkana, while swimming Sunday afternoon. He swam across the 100-foot stream and was on the return trip when he tired and sank after calling to two companions for assistance.

W. L. Fincher, 49, farmer of northeast Marion county, was a victim of a hit-and-run driver, 6 1-2 miles east of Jefferson on highway 49 early Sunday morning.

Mrs. Adna Smith Eichhorn, 81, said to be the only woman who went up the cattle trails twice, died Saturday afternoon at her home at San Antonio. She was a member of the Old Trail Drivers association of Texas and was crowned queen of the organization at a convention in San Antonio in 1936.

Reward of \$500 was posted Monday by Governor W. Lee O'Daniel for apprehension and conviction of the murderer or murderers of Judge W. H. Mead near Raymondville. The 73-year-old former county judge of Willacy county was shot Saturday.

J. C. Miller, 14, of Burkburnett, was killed Monday night when his bicycle fell beneath the wheels of a truck near Tyler on the Dallas highway.

Date of the state nominating convention, first announced for Sept. 3 at Mineral Wells, was fixed for Sept. 10, by the state democratic executive committee meeting in Austin last Saturday. Change in date was in accordance with an opinion by Attorney General Gerald C. Mann.

W. C. (Doc) Ruhmann, assistant Taylor county farm agent and 4-H club leader for 20 months, was notified Monday of his appointment as the first full-time agent-at-large in Texas. His first assignment will be in Sterling county where he will substitute for the county agent who has been seriously ill for some time.

Bobby Frank Daniels, 9-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Daniels, of Fort Worth, was drowned Wednesday afternoon in the Sylvania Park pool, supposedly when he slipped from an inner tube on which he had been floating.

John C. Knight, 22, U. S. army air corps cadet at Love field from Rotan, was killed Tuesday when the training plane he was piloting crashed nine miles north of Carrollton.

A head-on collision nine miles north of Henderson on the Kilgore highway Tuesday night resulted in the death of Earl Bourg, 18, Kilgore, junior at the University of Texas, and C. E. (Toad) Brady, 50, operator of a Henderson filling station.

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MERKEL, TEXAS, FRIDAY, AUGUST 16, 1940.

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## Show Tickets Reduced to 25 Cents

### TULSA FIRM IS GIVEN GENERAL REA CONTRACT

Concern Bids \$179,791.71 for Construction of 395.5 Miles Of Lines for Taylor Electric Co-Operative, Inc.

A Tulsa, Okla., concern, the Walco Engineering and Construction company, was awarded the general contract for the construction of 395.5 miles of lines for the Taylor Electric Co-Operative, Inc., at a meeting of the directors of the organization last Friday morning.

Their bid of \$179,791.71 was the lowest of six bids submitted. Next lowest was that of Reinhart and Donovan, Oklahoma City, who submitted a figure of \$184,672.03, while the third lowest bid was submitted by L. O. Brayton & Co., Dyersburg, Tenn., in the sum of \$185,263.54.

Embraced in the general contract are the construction of lines and furnishing poles and transformers, but the general contract does not include meters or running service to the houses or engineering work.

Approval was given the contract by J. E. Van Hoose, of Washington, D. C., regional director of engineering and operations, who was contacted by phone by Coordinator Johnny Cox, and the contract was drawn up and completed by the co-op officials Saturday. Work will start just as soon as materials can be assembled.

Besides representatives of the six firms bidding on the contract, a number of material men, trucking contractors and freight solicitors for the railroad companies were here for the letting Friday.

### Dates for Community Meetings on House-Wiring Are Listed

"Through coordination of plans of the engineering and utilization division of the Rural Electrification administration of Washington, D. C., the co-operatives are now furnishing to the members the entrance switch in house-wiring contracts, and this makes a substantial saving in the cost of wiring the house," it was announced Wednesday by Johnny Cox, coordinator of the Taylor Electric Co-Operative, Inc.

Within the next week, he added, a meeting will be held for all house-wiring contractors at which time this procedure will be explained. "All members are asked to wait until after this meeting to have their houses wired," he said. "They will save money by doing so. Full co-operation is asked by both members and house-wiring contractors."

Meetings are to be held in the following communities on the dates listed:

Blair, 2:30 p. m. Monday.  
Potosi, 8:30 p. m. Monday.  
Stith, 2:30 p. m. Tuesday.  
Hodges, 8:30 p. m. Tuesday.  
Divide, 2:30 p. m. Wednesday.  
Cottonwood, 8:30 p. m. Wednesday.  
Eskota, 2:30 p. m. Thursday.  
White Flat, 8:30 p. m. Thursday.  
Maryneal, 2:30 p. m. Friday.  
Tuscola, 8:30 p. m. Friday.  
Other meetings at Hawley, Elm.

### Vacancies Filled On Welfare Board

Two vacancies on the Taylor county welfare board were filled Monday at the semi-monthly session of the county commissioners' court.

R. B. Leach and Rev. W. C. Ashford, both of Abilene, were appointed to succeed Byron England, moved to Galveston, and Rev. Willis P. Gerhart, resigned.

A Merkel man, C. P. Church, is one of the members of the welfare board.

### DELUGE OF RAIN BRINGS OVER TWO INCHES MOISTURE

Following showers that started about 4:30 Wednesday morning, Merkel was deluged by a hard rain that started around 10 a. m. and left nearly two inches of moisture in the space of an hour, total rainfall for the day being 2 1-4 inches.

It was the first precipitation of enough proportions to register since June 28.

Farmers in this territory were made jubilant, as late feed and late cotton will be materially benefitted. Ranchers also welcomed the fall as a boon to ranges and stock water.

June's rainfall was 6 11-16 inches, bringing the total prior to Wednesday's deluge to 12 7-8 inches. With the latter added, the 1940 figures total 15 1-8 inches.

### To Offer Premiums For Cotton Bales Based on Grade

Merkel's first bale for the 1940 season was received Monday. It was raised by J. B. Wade, who lives ten miles northwest of town, and was ginned by Guitari's gin. The bale weighed 420 pounds and classed middling.

Instead of offering premiums, however, for the first, second and third bales, according to the time of arrival, the merchants of Merkel will again award these premiums for the first, second and third bale, according to grade and staple, out of the first 25 bales entered according to the prescribed rules.

Details of the plan for awarding premiums, as announced by a committee from the Lions club, headed by Mayor Henry C. West, assisted by Chester Collinsworth, E. Y. Bailey, E. O. Carson and Owen Robertson, are along the same lines as last year:

The cotton must be produced, ginned and marketed in the Merkel trade territory, the judging to be limited to the first twenty-five bales of cotton thus produced in 1940. The samples are to be left at the Farmers & Merchants National bank, showing the owner's name, date of ginning and weight of bale. It is required that bales must weigh a minimum of 475 pounds and it is suggested that the producer shall take his sample to the bank for registration immediately after ginning shall have been completed.

Judging will be done by a competent cotton classifier.

The same committee will assume the duties of raising the premiums to be offered, the list of premiums to be announced when completed.

### Hodges Takes Greater Lead in Ball League

With two victories during the week to their credit, one of them by forfeit, Hodges moved farther in front to lead Merkel's softball league with 11 wins and 3 losses for the season so far. Trent, as runner-up, was idle during the week. The latter has a number of postponed games on their card, having played five games less than the leaders to date.

On the balance of the schedule Trent has two games to play, while Hodges has only one. Two women's games are carded and four in the men's league to complete the official schedule, besides the postponed games to be made up.

On Thursday night of last week, the first extra inning encounter of the season wound up with the Stith girls victor over Merkel, 9-7. A homer by Flo Varner, with one on ahead of her, cinched the game in a thrilling ninth inning finish for Stith. The same hitter had smashed a circuit clout in the fourth frame, also with one on. As a result of the game, (Continued on Page Five)

### WOODRUM TEAM AS LOSERS HOST TO MELON FEAST

Opponents Chosen by T. G. Bragg Victorious in Twelve Matches, Winning Series, 4 Up and 3; Warren-Myers Tied.

As losers in the matched play between two teams of golfers, Captain George Woodrum and his defeated aggregation were hosts to the winners, captained by T. G. Bragg, for a watermelon feast given at the club grounds Tuesday evening.

At the completion of the 20th match out of the 23 to be played, the Bragg aggregation had won 12 to 8 for the losers, leaving them winners, 4 up and 3.

In contrast with the result of team play, Captain Woodrum himself bested his opponent, Captain Bragg, in their match, and by the same odds, 4 up and 3, that his team-mates lost.

Other winner on the Woodrum side, since publication of results to that time published last week, was Dee Grimes, who defeated Earl Beech, 4 up and 2.

Winners on Bragg's side since last week's tabulation were: Collinsworth, 4 up and 3, over Nolan Palmer; Clesby Patterson, 4 up and 3, over L. C. Zehnpfennig; Jerry Warren, 1 up, over Murry Toombs; Lloyd Robertson, 4 up and 3, over David Gamble; Jack Patterson, 5 up and 4, over W. L. Lee.

Booth Warren and Rex Myers were tied on 18 holes, and the two matches unplayed were: Robert Higgins vs. William Neill, A. B. Patterson vs. Horace Boney. Higgins and A. B. Patterson were Woodrum players, the other two, on Bragg's side.

Erroneously last week The Mail (Continued on Page Two)

### Dolph Coats Injured Seriously in Fall

Attending physicians at the Sadler Clinic reported Thursday morning that the condition of Dolph D. Coats, injured in a fall about 2 o'clock Sunday morning at Abilene, remained critical.

Mr. Coats' spine is fractured, also one leg, and he broke three ribs, when he fell over an embankment while checking flares that were burning low on the Cat Claw bridge-widening project on the highway at the west edge of Abilene. He was employed as nightwatchman on the WPA project.

His cries for help were heard at a tourist court west of the bridge and he was taken to the Hendrick Memorial hospital, Abilene, in an ambulance called from Kiker-Knight. Later Sunday morning he was removed to the Sadler Clinic here in a Barrow-Sheppard ambulance.

### Garrett to Speak Downtown After Saturday's Rodeo

Clyde L. Garrett, Eastland, seeking re-election to congress from the 17th district, plans to visit the Merkel rodeo Saturday afternoon, and it is announced that he will speak on a downtown street after the rodeo is over.

An intensive speaking tour of the southern part of Taylor county Friday will be climaxed by a Garrett rally on the federal lawn at Abilene that night at 8:30.

During Friday the congressman will make 11 speeches, including the Abilene engagement.

### Flier in Reserves.

Hillsboro, Aug. 15.—James E. Sturgis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Sturgis, who recently graduated as an air cadet from Kelly Field and is now an instructor at Randolph Field, has accepted a commission as second lieutenant in the reserve corps.

### BAND TO PARADE, GIVE CONCERT ON STREET FRIDAY

Giving accent to the final night rodeo of the season, the Merkel Badger band will stage a parade on the downtown streets at 2 p. m. Friday, followed by a band concert. Other entertainment is also scheduled and the merchants of Merkel wish to extend to the general public an invitation to view the parade and enjoy the concert.

The band, under the direction of Richard Young, has always shown a most loyal spirit wherever the interests of the community are concerned and by putting on a parade and concert Friday afternoon extra attention will be directed to the night rodeo.

The band will also be present and play during the rodeo Friday night.

### Badger Band to Give Concert Aug. 29 on High School Lawn

The Merkel Badger band will give an open air concert on the lawn of the High school Tuesday evening, Aug. 20. The concert is scheduled to start at 8 o'clock and, in case of unfavorable weather, it will be held in the gym. This is a free concert and the public is invited.

Many favorite tunes will be played, among them being "I'll Take You Home Again, Kathleen," featuring a baritone solo by Sammie McGehee and a cornet duet by Jack Haynes and Jim Sublett. Another feature on the concert will be a new overture recently rehearsed by the band for this concert, "Westward Ho," a descriptive western composition.

The band will be composed of some of last year members who are still playing with the summer band and the present members who will again be in the band next school year.

This concert is indicative of the progress the band has made this summer. The band has grown gradually all summer in membership and the coming school year promises to see more than a hundred students taking instrumental music.

The band members wish to extend a cordial invitation to all friends of the school to come Tuesday night and hear the concert.

## MERKEL 30 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, August 19, 1910.)

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Long from Borden county are visiting Mrs. Long's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Berry.

Dr. and Mrs. C. M. McCauley and children, who have been spending several weeks at Boulder, Colo., have returned to their Merkel home. Dr. McCauley has purchased some valuable lots in the best residential section of Boulder and contracted for a modern home where he and his family can spend a part of each year.

He was very emphatic in impressing upon us that he had no intention of leaving Merkel and professed to be genuinely glad to be back.

S. Welch this week loaded his household goods and shipped out for Pecos where he will make his home in the future.

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### ADDED EVENTS FOR CONCLUDING DOUBLE RODEO

Directors Make Reduction in Price of Tickets for Night Show as Gesture of Appreciation to Loyal Fans.

As an expression of appreciation to all supporters of the series of rodeos now in their seventh season, directors of the Merchants Trade Extension association, sponsors, announce that the price of tickets for Friday night's show, concluding night performance of the current season, has been reduced from 40 cents to 25 cents. All seats will be numbered and reserved as heretofore for the night show. The price of 25 cents includes the tax.

In further appreciation of the splendid reception these shows have met with, it is planned by the rodeo committee to make the concluding performances—Friday night and Saturday—the best of the year.

To this end, two special events—junior steer riding and team tying—have been added to the program for Friday night.

Boys entering the junior steer riding contest, will be limited to 100 pounds or under, and they will be actually weighed. Brahma calves will be used. White face steers will be used in the team tying event.

As is well known to all fans, at the concluding show Saturday afternoon, the seasonal cash prizes totaling \$100 will be awarded to the highest ranking contestants in calf roping, wild cow milking, steer riding, saddle bronc riding and bareback bronc riding. The standing of the (Continued on Page Two)

### Durham Is Confirmed As Postmaster Here

The United States senate late Wednesday confirmed the nomination by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, of Wrenn Durham as postmaster at Merkel, the Merkel man was advised by a telegram from United States Senator Tom Connally.

Nomination of Postmaster Durham for re-appointment was sent to the senate by the president on Thursday of last week.

Postmaster Durham is now completing a four-year term under commission dated June 3, 1936. He was recommended by Congressman Clyde L. Garrett for re-appointment on May 29.

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PERSONALS

On a vacation visit, Rev. Charles Tucker and family of Mercedes were recent guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Tucker. While in West Texas, Rev. Mr. Tucker preached in Dr. Knox's church at Abilene one Sunday and another Sunday at Brownwood.

A week-end guest in the Tom Spears home was their daughter, Mrs. C. E. Patterson of Lubbock. Accompanying Mrs. Spears was Mrs. Cleo Lyles of Amherst, who visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Stanley.

In a vacation party leaving Monday were Mr. and Mrs. Mack Buzbee, Rev. and Mrs. John H. Crow, Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Pee, Mrs. W. W. Campbell and Miss Stella Wilson. Santa Fe, Albuquerque, Cloudercroft and other New Mexico resorts were included in their schedule.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Roundtree have returned from a visit with Mrs. Roundtree's sister, Mrs. A. F. Morgan, at Greenville.

Mrs. D. A. Lee had as her week-end guests last week her sister, Mrs. R. C. Ivy and two daughters, Angie Ruth and Wanda May, of Fabens. With them was Miss Elizabeth Bowden, also of Fabens.

Visiting with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. McAninch, last week were Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Taylor, of Ennis, and Miss Wilma McAninch, who is studying to be a dietician at the Methodist hospital, Dallas.

Reed Whatley is having to go under osteopathic treatment for the injury to his right shoulder, which he received last March while employed in one of the Griffith theatres in Denver City. He will receive his treatment for the time being in Abilene.

Jack Dawson West and Verner Sublett have gone to Corpus Christi for a vacation this week. They were joined by the former's sister, Mrs. Sidney Foy, of Baird.

A passing guest Tuesday with Mrs. Buster Horton was her brother, J. F. Williams, of Abilene. He spent the past year in Columbia, Mo., completing his master's degree at the University of Missouri, and was en route to El Paso where he will teach in the School of Mines.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Stevens and Mr. and Mrs. Silas Stevens and daughter, Marletta, returned the latter part of last week from a week's trip by automobile to interesting points in New Mexico, including Eagle Nest, Red River and Albuquerque. At Tucumcari they visited the former's daughter, Mrs. R. L. Kesner, and Mr. Kesner.

Mr. and Mrs. Comer Haynes, accompanied by their two sons, Billy Clyde and Jack, have recently toured the Rio Grande valley, spending some time also at Corpus Christi and Raymondville.

Leaving Tuesday of last week, Mrs. R. A. Walker and daughter, Miss Robbie Walker, joined another daughter, Mrs. C. O. Patterson, and Mr. Patterson, of Abilene, for a three-weeks' trip to Canada.

Miss Faye Watson of Abilene is visiting this week with her cousins, Annie Fern and Alva Grace Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Arnwine and daughter, Nell, visited relatives in Levelland over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cypert left Saturday afternoon for a vacation trip to Ruidoso, Carlsbad Caveths and other interesting points in New Mexico, and probably going on to Colorado. They were accompanied as far as Odessa by Miss Maurine Tipton.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Douglas had as their guest the past week their daughter, Mrs. Faye Bednor, of Falls City, Nebr. She is now visiting relatives in Odessa.

After a visit here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Williams, Mrs. Kenneth Sharp accompanied her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Morrow, to Wichita Falls, where she will join her little daughter, Shirley Ann, who is visiting her cousin, Peggy Sue Williams.

Little Miss Jane Tipton is visiting this week in Aspermont with Billie Carolyn Chambliss.

Supt. and Mrs. Connor Robinson visited last week with Mrs. Robinson's brother, Prof. Eugene Surface of Trinity university, and Mrs. Surface, at Waxahachie. Returning, they stopped in Dallas Saturday and Sunday.

Guests during the week in the S. D. Gamble home were Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Magness, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lacy and Mrs. Dorothy Patterson, all of Dallas.

Mrs. Jackson Parker and daughter, Jean, were guests over the week-end of her mother, Mrs. J. S. Blair, and other relatives.

Mrs. Marcia Shepperd from Fort Worth and Mr. and Mrs. Ennis Jones from Pampa are visiting in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Baze and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Baze.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy C. Eiland of Snyder were week-end guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Largent.

Mr. and Mrs. John Grable returned Tuesday from a visit to Throckmorton and Dallas. They were accompanied to Dallas by Mrs. Grable's sister, Mrs. Tom Craft, of Throckmorton.

Miss Mary Eula Sears has returned from a visit with Mrs. Phillip Yonge in her mountain cabin, Shady Brook, out from Taos, N. M. Traveling companions were Miss Juanita Tittle and Mrs. Forrest Kendall of Abilene and the interesting haunts of the many artists included on the itinerary were painted around Red River, Eagle's Nest, Twining, Santa Fe and Las Vegas.

Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Pruitt and family, including a daughter, Miss Nell Pruitt, from San Angelo, left Thursday for an extended automobile trip to California, Washington state and on to Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Ferguson, accompanied by their son, Ben, will leave Friday for Commerce to attend graduation exercises at the East Texas State Teachers college, from which their daughter, Jane, will receive her bachelor's degree Monday.

Sylvan Mellinger is in Clarendon where he went to manage the Mellinger store there while his brother, Isadore, is on ten days' vacation.

E. O. Carson and son, J. C., left Monday for Eunice, N. M. They will return probably Friday.

Spending several days at their cabin on Lake Sweetwater, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hodge and children, Bobby Tom and Norma Jean, had as their guests, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Daugherty and daughter of Snyder and Dub Rush of Terrell. Mrs. Daugherty is a sister of Mrs. Hodge and Dub Rush is their nephew.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Tucker and family of Altus, Okla., and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Tucker and family of Plainview visited over the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Tucker.

Losers Hosts

(Continued from Page One) reported one match as between Weldon Coats and Rex Myers when it should have been Weldon Coats vs. Myer Mellinger, Coats being the winner, 1 up.

No winner qualified for the prize offered for the player landing in a ring laid out in the fairway, but in an impromptu contest for the player getting nearest the ring, Dean Higgins took each contestant's ball such as they were, for his trophy.

Informality prevailed at the watermelon feast, with greeting being happily extended by R. T. Gray in behalf of the losing side. Those enjoying the feast were:

Messrs. and Mesdames T. G. Bragg, Dean Higgins, Connor Robinson, A. A. McGehee, Paul Douglas, Cotton Owens, Wrenn Durham, Horace Boney, George Woodrum, Owen Robertson, W. O. Boney, Richard Young, R. T. Gray, Byers Petty, Andy Shouse, Dee Grimes, Nolan Palmer, Rex Myers, David Gamble, Luther Land, Dr. and Mrs. L. C. Zehnpenning; Miss Mabel Maddox, Mrs. Nell Groene; Messrs. Floyd McCoy, William Neill, Bobby Woodrum, Meyer Mellinger, Weldon Coats, Byron Patterson, Don Warren, Robert Higgins, C. J. Glover.

Revival to Begin at White Church Aug. 16

The revival meeting at the White Church Methodist church begins Friday night, Aug. 16. Services at 8 o'clock each evening. Sunday School at 10 Sunday morning. Beginning Monday, Aug. 19, morning services at 11 o'clock.

We need you in these services. We need your prayers. Services will be conducted by the pastor. We extend to all a hearty welcome.

J. B. Stewart, Pastor.

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

LAUD ALEXANDER



At a home county rally held last week McLennan County went on record for its native son, Judge James P. Alexander, candidate for the office of Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Texas. The farmers, labor, the professional and business men were all represented on the program.

A past president of the Waco Trades Council told of Judge Alexander's unending fairness toward the laboring classes and their problems.

A former district judge, H. M. Richey, reviewed Judge Alexander's career as a judge, stressing his service of four years as county judge, four years as district judge, 14 years in the private practice of law, and 10 years as an Associate Justice of the Court of Civil Appeals.

In those ten years, Judge Alexander has made a record that should be the envy of every man on an appellate court," said Judge Richey.

Dr. J. T. Harrington, for many years a member of the board of Trustees of Baylor University, where for twenty years Judge Alexander has taught a class in law at off hours, declared that for years he was a close and warm friend of the late O. S. Lattimore, Justice of the Court of Criminal Appeals, now deceased, but that in this race he recognized Alexander was the best qualified man for the Supreme Court.

"Judicial greatness is not inherited. It is only achieved through laborious work, and James P. Alexander has attained his outstanding place in judicial circles through long years of diligent effort. The people should not confuse Judge Alexander's opponent with Justice O. S. Lattimore," he declared. "That great man has long since passed to his just reward."

In McLennan County in the first primary Alexander received nearly 15,000 votes while his opponent received only 2200.

Rodeo

(Continued from Page One) contestants is carried elsewhere in this issue of The Mail and their performance Friday night and Saturday will largely determine the winners.

The features mentioned above are in addition to the full program of day events—calf roping, cow milking, steer riding, bull riding and the two bronc riding contests.

Information comes from the office of Congressman Clyde L. Garrett that he expects to visit the rodeo Saturday afternoon and he will speak downtown after the show is over.

Friday afternoon will bring a colorful parade on the downtown streets by the Merkel Badger band, at 2 p. m., with a short band concert and other entertainment features. The band will also be present and play at the night rodeo performance.

RESERVED SEATS.  
For the night show, numbered reserved seats are on sale at both drug stores, price 25 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.)

House-Wiring

(Continued from Page One) dale and other communities will follow ahead of the staking crew.

At these meetings a representative of the utilization division from Washington will be present and valuable information will be available. Full attendance is urged by all members in these sections.

Recent changes in the routing of the line add some 25 more miles to the original contract, making on this contract 420 miles.

The new "B" project is shaping up nicely. It must be completed in the very near future in order to be included in the next letting or else wait until next July. Leaders in each community are urged to get their section complete as quickly as possible.

Advertise in The Merkel Mail.

Ranking Contestants In Each Event Listed

At Saturday afternoon's show, concluding performance of the 1940 series, seasonal cash prizes will be awarded to the highest ranking contestants in calf roping, cow milking and three riding events, steer, saddle bronc and bareback bronc riding, by the Merchants Trade Extension association of Merkel.

Including time made in the last week-end double show, Aug. 2-3, the ten highest ranking contestants for the seasonal prizes in calf roping and cow milking are listed below, also the three eligible riders in each of the bronc events and the five ranking steer riders.

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 four 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.)

Table with 2 columns: Name and Score. Calf Roping: J. L. Cook (10) 25.88, Ralph Russell (9) 29.40, Zelmer Herrington (10) 30.82, Vester Parrish (10) 35.74, Birch Wilfong (8) 37.28, Phelton Herrington (10) 38.38, Howard McGraw (7) 40.40, George Brown (8) 43.38, Earl Stevens (10) 45.30, James Russell (7) 47.37.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Score. Cow Milking: Sig Faircloth (9) 28.62, Leo Huff (8) 29.30, George Brown (8) 36.00, Homer Laney (10) 47.76, Ralph Russell (7) 51.54, Vester Parrish (10) 55.72, Phelton Herrington (10) 56.52, Birch Wilfong (8) 56.65, Zelma Herrington (10) 59.66, S. G. Russell (10) 63.12.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Score. Saddle Bronc Riding: Jasbo Hester (5) 31.10, Johnny Downs (9) 78.39, Bill Barton (9) 63.06.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Score. Bareback Bronc Riding: Gerald Derrick (8) 80.81, Bill Barton (7) 59.86, Bill Brabbin (6) 51.50.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Score. Steer Riding: Jack Moberly (5) 80.00, Gerald Derrick (8) 73.63, Bill Brabbin (7) 69.36, Bill Barton (7) 62.71, Terrell Lawrence (6) 55.75.

Budget Hearing Set.

A public hearing on the 1940-41 school budget has been announced by President Nathan Wood of the school board, to be held at 2 p. m. next Wednesday, Aug. 21, in the office of Supt. Connor Robinson at the High school.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank all those who assisted in any way during the illness and death of our beloved father and grandfather; especially do we wish to thank the doctors and nurses at the Sadler Clinic.

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Senate for Hiking Army Pay to \$30

Washington, Aug. 15.—Taking its first specific action during the present session, the senate Wednesday adopted an amendment to the draft bill raising the basic army pay from \$21 to \$30 a month.

Critics of conscription have repeatedly urged such an increase, arguing that it would speed up enlistments and help provide manpower for the army by the volunteer method, with no need for conscription. However, administration forces also had endorsed the idea, so that the senate's decision was not considered a test on the bill itself.

Offered by Senator Lee of Oklahoma, a supporter of conscription, the amendment provides that voluntary recruits and draftees in the Army and Marine Corps shall be paid \$21 a month during the first four months of training and then, if their rating is satisfactory, their base pay shall be increased to \$30. Increases also would be granted to some other classes of enlisted men, and the cost was estimated at \$70,000,000 this fiscal year.

ISOM-RISTER.

Friends will be interested to learn of the marriage of Miss Hilda Rister and Mr. Jim Isom, which took place Saturday afternoon in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Moore, with Rev. J. B. Stewart officiating.

They will make their home in the Mt. Pleasant community, where they are receiving best wishes of many friends for a long and happy married life.

Francois Harris Wins Scholarship at Tech

Lubbock, Aug. 15.—Winners of the 20 freshmen agricultural scholarships which will have a combined value of \$2,000 and will be effective next session at Texas Technological college have been announced by the department of agricultural education.

The 20, all high school graduates, will receive scholarships of \$100 each from Sears, Roebuck & Co. They were chosen from 57 applicants who were interviewed by a scholarship committee and took tests.

Included in the group of twenty winners is a Merkel boy, Francois Harris, who graduated from Merkel High school in June.

Predicts Jobs for 2,500,000.

Washington, Aug. 15.—A prediction the defense program would cause within a year the employment of 2,500,000 persons now out of work came Monday from the American Federation of Labor.

Vernon Live Stock Commission company barns and 19 cattle in them burned Tuesday night, causing damage estimated at \$10,000.

More than five and one-half million families received information or assistance from Extension Service workers in the United States in 1938.

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

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**Official Canvass Gives O'Daniel Majority of 101,981 Over Field**

Official tabulations by the state democratic executive committee meeting in Austin last Saturday showed that Governor W. Lee O'Daniel was renominated by a majority of 101,981 votes over seven opponents. The official canvass gave him 645,546 out of 1,189,311 votes cast in the governor's race. Ernest O. Thompson was runner-up with 256,934.

O'Daniel's total vote was 54.3 per cent of the total. When the Texas Election Bureau announced its last total during the week after the election, O'Daniel's vote was given as 607,614, which was 53.7 per cent of the total vote accounted for at that time.

In the 1938 primary O'Daniel received 573,166 votes, or 31,477 more than 12 opponents. Thompson had 231,630 in the final compilation of the 1938 vote.

The official vote for governor was announced by the state committee after their canvass Saturday as follows:

W. Lee O'Daniel, 645,546; Harry Hines, 119,121; Jerry Sadler, 61,318; Miriam A. Ferguson, 100,578; R. P. Condron, 2,003; Albert L. Derden, 88; Ernest O. Thompson, 256,934; Arlon B. Cyclone Davis, 3,623.

Olin Culberson led the field of nineteen candidates for the railroad commission to go into a run-off with Pierce Brooks. Culberson received 214,174 votes; Brooks 211,681 and the other seventeen 620,411. Although the race had the greatest number of candidates, the total vote in it was lighter than in several others with a total of 1,046,266, of which Culberson and Brooks together polled 425,855.

In the only other second primary run-off race, for chief justice of the supreme court, the first primary leader was H. S. Lattimore, with 371,452 votes. Judge James P. Alexander polled 319,765. Four other candidates received a total of 319,456 votes. There were 1,010,673 cast for the six in the race.

**GOLAN NEWS**

We are still expecting rain and needing it so badly. Crops are seriously suffering.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. George Byrom is suffering a severe case of sore throat.

Ivor Chambers and son, Johnnie Curtis, of Moran, and daughter, Mrs. Baird Kirkpatrick of Oklahoma, visited their uncle, W. C. Hill, a few days last week.

Mrs. Dollie McCain of Sweetwater visited in the home of her son, Dawson McCain, and family the past week.

A. J. Hill of Lefors and Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Hill of Snyder visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hill, last week.

Theron Williams went to Cisco Thursday morning with the Sylvester FFA boys, and from there on to Stephenville and then to Hillsboro to visit with his uncle, Rollie J. Hill.

Children visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. Cox Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. Cap James, Trent; Mrs. R. B. Johnson, Trent, and Mrs. Edward Lawlis, McCaulley.

Mr. and Mrs. Holton Jane of McCaulley were here for church Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Dock Lawlis of Longworth and Mr. and Mrs. Brownlee of Sylvester attended church here Sunday.

Those from Newman here for church Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sharp and Bob Gartman.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Davis of Newman visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Med Heyron Sunday after coming for church Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Finch of Stith were here for church and visiting old friends and neighbors Sunday.

Grandchildren visiting in the home of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hill, are Sylvia Smith of Alpine and Jackson Hill of Snyder.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Parsons of Sylvester came for church and visited with Mrs. Parsons' parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Byrom, Sunday.

Brother Reed, Baptist pastor in Abilene, closed a successful ten-day meeting Sunday morning.

There were 127 present for church school; we are glad to have so many and invite you back.

Our singing nights are first and second Sunday nights. Come and help us sing each of these nights.

**Arnoux, French Ace, Killed.**  
Vichy, France, Aug. 15.—Maurice Arnoux, celebrated French airman, was reported Monday to have been killed in aerial combat against Germany.

**FASHION PREVIEW**



**TWEEDS** that almost speak with a Scottish burr are going to be among the 'musts' for autumn. Harper's Bazaar's August number, dedicated to college girls, introduces two charming ideas. (1) Green, red and natural plaid wool, the jacket with rounded lapels, a four-gored skirt. (2) Tan, white and teal blue Glen plaid, a long jacket, a four-gored skirt.

**Odessa Selected by West Texas Press**

Colorado City, Aug. 15.—Odessa was selected as the 1941 meeting place for the West Texas Press association at the closing session of the 1940 convention here Saturday morning. Odessa, Lubbock and San Angelo bid for the meeting and when Lubbock and Odessa were tied on the two last ballots, the toss of a coin determined the choice of Odessa.

Cedric Harrison, Seymour, was elevated to the presidency, succeeding Sam A. Roberts, Haskell, who automatically becomes a director.

Officers elected in addition to Harrison were: Grady Roberts, Munday, and N. H. Pierce, Menard, vice-presidents; new directors, W. W. Whipkey, Colorado City, and W. B. Crossley, Roscoe. Willard Jones, Snyder, was re-elected secretary-treasurer. Barney Hubbs, Pecos, and J. M. Rankin, Slaton, are holdover directors.

Registration for the convention was around seventy.

**First 1940 Estimate Below Last Year**

Washington, Aug. 15.—The department of agriculture in the first 1940 estimate Aug. 8, forecast this year's cotton crop as 11,429,000 bales of 500 pounds gross weight, based on Aug. 1 crop conditions.

Production was 11,817,000 bales last year and average of 13,547,000 bales in the ten years, 1929-38.

Austin, Aug. 15.—An increase of 47,000 bales in the Texas cotton crop was forecast by the U. S. department of agriculture reporting board Aug. 8. The August report estimates this year's crop at 2,893,000 bales. The 1939 crop was 2,846,000 bales and average production over the ten-year period 1929-38 was 3,876,000 bales.

**Two Family Reunions Held in Adcock Home**

With the presence of all of their children and their families, a happy reunion took place last Sunday in the O. J. Adcock home. Here from Snyder were Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Adcock, Jr., and daughter, Jimmy Yvonne; from Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Betterton and five children; from Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Adcock and daughter, Nida Ruth, and the youngest son, Waymon Adcock, and Mrs. Adcock, who live here. Also present was Mrs. A. W. Bankhead of Gatesville, a sister-in-law of Mrs. O. J. Adcock, Sr.

On the previous Sunday, the 88th birthday of Grandmother Bankhead was the occasion for a reunion of the Bankhead family for dinner in the Adcock home. Present on that occasion from out-of-town were: Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Graves, Mrs. E. J. Graves and two daughters, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. McDonald and three children, all of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Red Graves, Clovis, N. M.; Eugene Bankhead, Sweetwater; E. L. Bankhead, DeLeon; Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Adcock and daughter, Abilene, and Mrs. T. J. Melton, another daughter of Grandmother Adcock, who lives here.

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**Recruiting in Marine Corps Smashes Record**

Smashing all records for peacetime recruiting in the U. S. Marine Corps since the World War, the Texas district, with headquarters at Dallas, came out on top as the leading district recruiting station for the nation with a total of 240 men enlisted during the month of July. The Dallas office also has the distinction of enlisting 40 men in one day, which was done on Friday, July 26.

The response of the American youth in Texas to the call for voluntary enlistments, has been gratifying and it is expected that the marine corps will soon reach its authorized strength, which will bring the total number of men to 34,000. This figure represents an actual doubling of the personnel of the marines, as the total number remained around 17,000 for a number of years since the World War.

When the new strength is achieved it is proposed to organize several defense battalions, mainly to augment the fleet marine forces on the east or west coasts or at locations which may best serve the military needs of the nation.

The Fleet Marine force comprises virtually all military units, including rifle, engineer, chemical, signal, tank, motor transport and the necessary service companies. New defense battalions will be capable of an all-round defense short of a major fleet effort, it is said, and will add considerable strength to the original force.

For years the Fleet Marine force, a special division within the corps, has been taking part in maneuvers with the navy. Islands in the Caribbean or the Pacific furnished the practice grounds for the establishing of advanced bases, and gave the sea

soldiers some excellent training in landing and other exercises.

Marine Corps Recruiting stations in Texas are located in Dallas, Austin, Fort Worth, Houston and San Antonio. Young men desiring to join the marines should apply at their nearest recruiting station, Major J. D. O'Leary, District recruiting officer, announced.

Nearly half of Australia has no regular surface drainage.

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**Favors Draft.**  
Washington, Aug. 15.—Senator Connally (D-Tex) Tuesday pledged support to the conscription bill, saying in a statement that "the welfare of my country and the safety of our people compel me to support it."

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**TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS**

Lema Ruth Powell of Sylvester is visiting Ola Lee Winn this week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Evans and two little girls of Lake Trammell, Sweetwater, also Mrs. Hattie Boozer, Marie and Betty Jo Boozer were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Winn.

Mrs. C. C. Stribbling, Mrs. C. T. Beckham and Hubert McLeod have gone to Colorado Springs where they will join Mr. and Mrs. A. Williamson and family who are vacationing there.

Mrs. Pomroy of Merkel is visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Woods.

Willa Doris Murdock returned to her home in Sweetwater Tuesday after having visited her mother, Mrs. Archer, for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Sherrill Bishop spent the past week-end in Hamlin visiting Mr. and Mrs. Cooley.

Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Scott of Abilene were visitors in Trent Monday.

Earl Stevens and Wayne Boyd attended the rodeo at Snyder last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Bolin and Jimmy Wayne of Abilene spent Thursday night and Friday with Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Bishop.

Charlie Bryant of Houston was a visitor here last week.

Marshall Woods of Holiday, Miss., was an overnight visitor Monday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Woods.

**SCHOOL OPENS SEPT. 9TH.**

According to information released this week by R. L. Fortune, superintendent of the Trent schools, the 1940 term will begin Sept. 9.

The faculty is now completed as follows: R. L. Fortune, superintendent; T. B. Friend, principal; Claude Blankenship, coach; Mrs. Maurice Faulkner, teacher of English. Grade teachers are Magdoline Payne, Mrs. R. L. Fortune, Hermal Glasgow, Yvonne Hodges and Mrs. T. B. Friend.

Earl Billington, Cecil Taylor and Roscoe Owens will again drive the busses. Mrs. Ola Lee Winn is librarian. Choc Hutcheson, Johnnie Duncan and Louise Purser will direct recreational activities.

**WEEK-END PARTY.**

Miss Dorothy Hood was hostess for a house party last week-end in her home. Those enjoying her hospitality were: Valere West, Marie Stevens, Dene West and Vera Bright.

**White Church News**

Gathering feed is the order of the day here; however, we have been having some cooler weather to work at it.

Mrs. Ernest Conley and children returned home last Sunday after a visit with relatives at Big Spring and Lamesa.

J. C. Riggan attended the Primitive Baptist association at Lamesa last week-end.

Jane and June Edington of Abilene visited the past week in the A. D. Barnes home.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Conley and children of Merkel visited in the J. C. Riggan home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Weston of Austin were recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Weston and family.

Miss Maxine Phillips spent the week-end with relatives in Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hardin and children and Mrs. J. D. Hardin were visiting friends in Merkel Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Frazier and family were visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Leon Coats of Castle Peak Sunday.

Several from our community are attending the Baptist meeting at Butman.

Mrs. A. M. Shugart is visiting relatives in El Paso for an indefinite time.

Elby Frazier spent the week-end with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Frazier, of Putnam.

Ray Hardin is spending the week visiting relatives in Big Spring.

Betty Jean Johnson of Merkel spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Counts.

The revival meeting is to begin Friday night at the church. Every one is urged to come.

**CARD OF THANKS.**

We wish to thank every one who in any way helped and cheered with visits and kind words our dear father and grandfather during his long illness and all those who so kindly came and helped us in any way at his death.

May God bless all of you.

Mrs. O'Rear and Family.  
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**Outdoor Eating is the Style for Summer**



You ate hot chili con carne all winter long—and now it pops up cold in salad for the outdoor eating table. Along with it, you'll serve sandwiches of your favorite variety, cold Julienne potatoes that come all ready to serve, pickles, olives and fruit beverages. For something hot, you'll welcome baked beans all ready the way you like them—in their private bean pot that serves to heat them in. So let your song be "get out and get under—the sky," with ready-to-eat glass-packed foods—all you need to make is this recipe for:

- CHILI CON CARNE SALAD.**
- 1 pound ground, round steak
  - 1 cup finely diced onion
  - 2 cloves garlic, finely minced
  - 1 tablespoon olive oil
  - 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
  - 1 teaspoon chili powder
  - 1 tablespoon chili sauce
  - 1/2 jar (1 1-2 cups) baked kidney beans, drained
  - 1 cup diced celery
  - 1-3 cup mayonnaise
- Slowly saute beef, onions, and garlic in olive oil about 15 minutes. Do not brown. Add salt and chili powder rubbed to a paste with chili sauce. Mix thoroughly. Chill. Add beans and celery. Add mayonnaise and toss together lightly with fork. Place in glass jar and seal. Chill thoroughly. Approximate yield: 1 quart salad.

**BLAIR ITEMS**

The Baptist revival that got under way here Sunday is progressing nicely under the leadership of Rev. Charles Williams of View. Rev. Mr. Williams delivered a two-fold message Sunday on the familiar text, from the 15th chapter of John, "The Need of the Holy Spirit." There was a good attendance and members and others enjoyed a gospel feast, for a revival that is rock-ribbed with the Word of God and saturated with the power of the Holy Ghost is one of the greatest blessings that can possibly come to a community. Such a revival rebukes sin and rescues the fallen. Surely such an undertaking is worthy of your support.

The Epworth Leaguers enjoyed a watermelon feast at church Friday night. Miss Lena Faye Orsborn, leader of the young women, group 1, entertained Wallace Doan, leader of the young men, group 2. The spirit of youth was greatly in evidence and a jolly time was reported by all.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Cobell and two children, Marilyn Jane and Larry, of Southland, are spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Jackson and family.

Etsel Farmer of Brownwood visited his uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Hurman Doan, and family, Sunday.

Several from here attended the M. E. revival at Mt. Pleasant the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Grant and two children, John Mack and Mary Sue, left Monday to visit with Mrs. Grant's mother, Mrs. H. H. McDermott, of Ralls, and attend the McDermott reunion, held the 13th and 14th at the old Hank Smith reunion ground in the Mt. Blanco canyon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Jennings and children of the Divide spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Moore and two sons, Kenneth and Donald, and Jessie Earl Wilson of Red Springs are visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moore, and other relatives here for the week. Mr. and Mrs. D. Moore of Tye were visitors in this home Sunday.

Mrs. Chalmers Patterson of Lubbock was the house guest the past week of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Spears.

Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Pruitt and family visited relatives at Potosi Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Thomas of Abilene were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Mitchell.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Maddera and family of Midway were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Clint Maddera Sunday afternoon.

The British constitution is an unwritten, indefinite body of legal rules and principles, partly acts of parliament, and partly result of judicial decisions.

**QUEEN THEATRE CALENDAR**

Friday-Saturday — Johnny Mack Brown and Bob Baker in "Chip of the Flying U;" serial and selected short subjects.

Saturday preview, Sunday matinee, Monday night—Alice Faye and Don Ameche in "Lillian Russell;" Paramount News and selected short subjects.

Tuesday only—Lloyd Nolan, Jean Rogers in "Man Who Wouldn't Talk;" also Three Stooges comedy and colored cartoon.

Wednesday-Thursday — Edw. G. Robinson in "Dr. Ehrlich's Magic Bullet;" added, selected short subjects.

**"Lillian Russell"**

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**NEWMAN NEWS**

Brother S. G. Sheppard filled his regular place at the Baptist church Sunday.

Our meeting will begin Aug. 23. Brother Boyd of Rotan will do the preaching.

Nell Tabor of Bowden is visiting in the home of Fairy Beth Fowler.

Gaston Walker of Merkel is visiting with his cousins, Thelbert and Arvalee Dickerson, Douglas and Bobbie Gene Boen.

Mrs. Fannie Reeves is visiting at north Roby this week.

Ruby Helen Creswell is visiting in the home of her brother at Rotan.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Talbot and children have returned home from Buffalo Gap where they attended a reunion.

Zell Field of Sweetwater spent the week-end with her parents.

Laura and Velma Cook of Abilene spent the week-end with their parents and on their return home Monday they were accompanied by their mother, Mrs. Henry Cook, who will spend a few days with them.

Mrs. Jim Watson and Mr. and Mrs. Olan Watson and children are visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Otho Watson and daughter of De Leon.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Creswell and children spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Creswell.

School started here Monday morning and all the children were happy to see school open again.

**JOHN LEE SMITH LEADS IN SENATE RACE**



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1. Full payment of pensions by performance, not promises.
  2. Fair and equal tax levies on all forms of wealth, (no sales tax).
  3. Favoritism and special privileges to none.
  4. Raise truck load limit to not less than 12,000 lbs.
  5. Honest co-operation with the Governor to solve our perplexing problems in these critical times.
  6. Reduction of state salaries not less than 10 per cent, and abolition of unnecessary boards, bureaus and commissions.

**Elderly Visitor Dies Here; Body Is Taken to Neches**

Saturday night, Aug. 10, at 11:58 o'clock, N. M. Minschew, 72 years of age, died in the Sadler Clinic, after having suffered from a complication for about twelve months.

Deceased was from Neches, Texas, and had been visiting in the home of his grandson, B. H. Bryant, for three weeks.

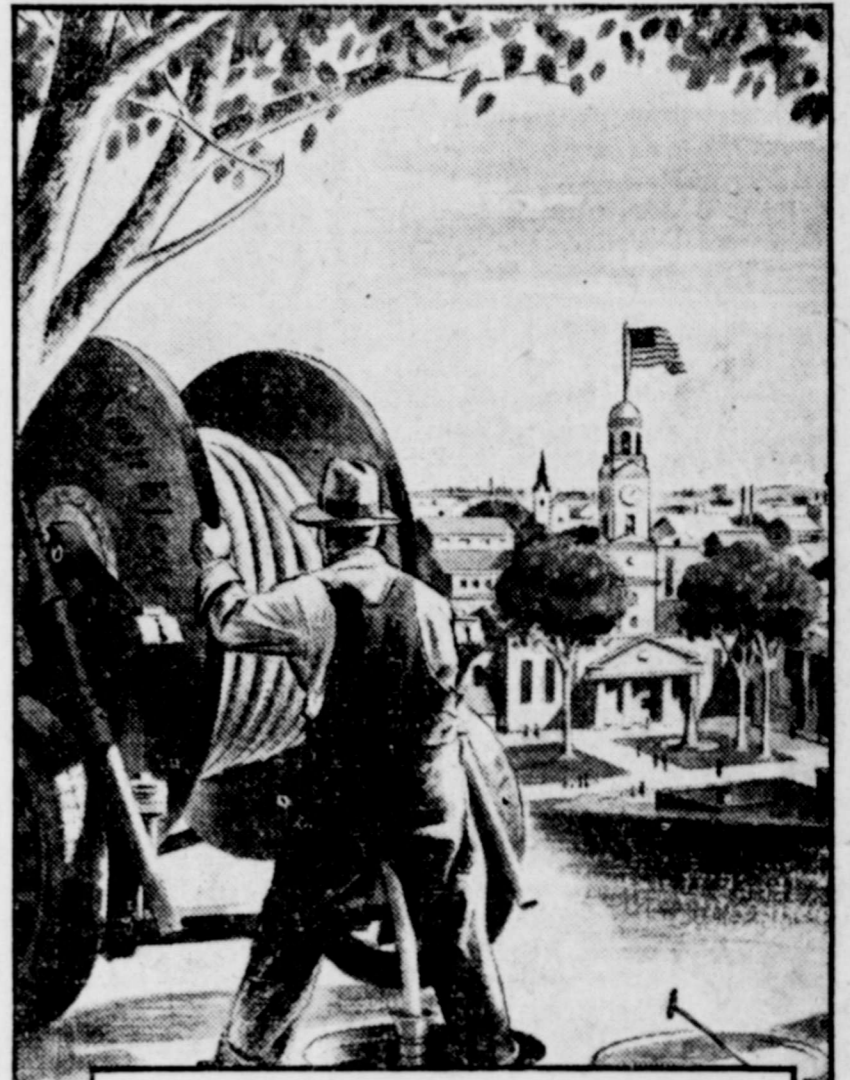
The body was taken to Neches by Gragard-Spraggrins, funeral directors

of Jacksonville, Texas, and burial was had there Sunday afternoon, Aug. 11.

He is survived by one son, Arthur Minschew of Neches, three sisters, Mrs. Velma Nixon of Houston; Mrs. Della Bryant, Merkel, and Mrs. Betty Coleman, Palestine, and ten grandchildren.

The Titanic disaster saved many lives since it made the world iceberg conscious and brought about the ice patrol.

Typewriter paper for sale at Merkel Mail office.



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Sporting goods? A slashing tennis game. A well-hit drive from

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Some people say that all enthusiasm should be taken out of advertising. In books and speeches they crusade for bleak little ads that give nothing but thread counts, strength and chemical tests, dimensions and prices. What a pity if they had their way!

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**FOR SALE**—My 220-acre farm, 2 1-2 miles southwest of Merkel; my equity cash, balance long time loan. Mrs. A. H. Thornton.

**FOR SALE**—One two-wheel trailer with 16 inch wheels and tires; one four-wheel trailer; one model A, fordor, 16 inch wheel and tires; one '29 Buick, fordor sedan; bargain prices. See Irl Walker, West Side Wrecking Yard.

**FOR RENT**

**FOR RENT**—My furnished apartment, or will take 2 or 4 to room and board. Mrs. A. H. Thornton.

**LOST AND FOUND**

**STRAYED**—Bay mare, 4 years old, weighs about 1,100 pounds; strayed Saturday night or Sunday. Notify Chester Bond, Merkel, Texas, Route 2.

**LODGE CALLS**

**NOTICE MASONS**  
A stated meeting of Merkel lodge No. 710, A. F. and A. M., will be held Saturday, Aug. 17, at 8 p. m. All members are urged to be present. Visiting brethren cordially invited.  
J. F. Walker, W. M.  
W. C. Black, Secretary.

**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)

**Elected to High Post.**  
Cincinnati, Aug. 15.—John Lee Smith, Throckmorton, Texas, Tuesday was elected supreme vice chancellor of the Knights of Pythias of the United States. He defeated Judge Willard Kent, chief justice of New York supreme court, by 106 to 64 votes in the annual convention of the order in session here.

Complete line of office supplies at Mail office.

**Softball**

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Stith girls swapped places with Merkel, going to the head of the class in the percentage column.

On Friday night, Moutray and Hodges were to meet to play off a postponed game, which went by forfeit to Hodges when Moutray did not have a full string of players. In an exhibition game, played instead, Moutray brought in two outside players and slaughtered Hodges, 22-12.

Moutray had the big end of an 18-1 score Monday night, which went only five innings on account of the time limit per game. In the nightcap Monday, Hodges was an easy winner over F. & M., 10 to 1.

Remaining scheduled games are as follows:

Thursday, Aug. 15—Trent Girls vs. White Church; Trent vs. Stith.

Monday, Aug. 19—Hodges vs. Stith; F. & M. vs. Noodle.

Thursday, Aug. 22—Stith Girls vs. White Church; Trent vs. Moutray.

The line scores:  
Stith Girls 001 300 302 9 8 8  
Merkel Girls 051 100 000 7 8 8

Woolsey and B. Finch; Windham and Mathews.

F. & M. 006 100 2 9 10 3  
Stith 010 011 0 3 7 5

Floyd and Davis; E. Woolsey and Pete Berry.

\*Moutray 421 355 2 —22  
Hodges 023 340 0 —12

(Exhibition game.)  
Moutray 509 31 18 12 1  
Noodle 001 00 1 3 10

Deverl Higgins, Junior Clark and Barnett; Cade, Martin, Eason and Payne.

Hodges 010 630 0 10 13 0  
F. & M. 000 010 0 1 2 5

Leverett and Roberts; Floyd, B. Bryant and Davis.

**LEAGUE STANDING.**

Team	W	L	Pct.
Hodges	11	3	.786
Trent	6	3	.667
F. & M.	6	7	.462
Noodle	4	7	.364
Moutray	5	9	.357
Stith	4	8	.333

**GIRLS' LEAGUE.**

Team	W	L	Pct.
Stith	5	2	.714
Merkel	3	2	.600
Trent	3	3	.500
White C.	0	5	.000

**Hospital Notes.**

Mrs. Annie Scott was dismissed Thursday, Aug. 8, from Sadler Clinic. Another patient, Bud Barton, was dismissed Sunday.

Dolph D. Coats, injured in a fall at Abilene early Sunday morning, was reported still in a critical condition Thursday morning. He sustained a fractured leg and spine and three broken ribs.

Mrs. Riley Whisenhunt was received Sunday for treatment.

Mrs. Dewey Sandusky, Route 4, was admitted Monday for minor surgery.

Evelyn Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Jones, Route 1, underwent major surgery Wednesday.

Three patients had tonsillectomies during the week: Mrs. R. B. Buntin on last Thursday, Betty Gilbert on Thursday and Mrs. F. H. Duncan, Trent, on Wednesday.

A daughter was born at the hospital Monday to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Jeffrey, Nolan.

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Smocks are practical—and they can be stylish and charming at the same time. They are simple and easy to make. Use laundered cotton bags to make the smock pictured, leaving the Bags their natural white or tinting to the color you prefer. Add just a touch of color at pockets and neck. You'll find if you have several clean smocks on hand you can save yourself many minutes by not changing clothes to prepare dinner or wash dishes, and can save many dollars in cleaning bills by protecting your dresses. The material from cotton flour bags or cotton sugar bags is ideal for smocks, and extra bags are easily available through your nearest baker or department store. Other 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.

**LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS**

Friends will be glad to learn that Paul West is recuperating nicely, having been able to sit up part of Wednesday, and he was again up and about the house Thursday morning.

During the vacation trip of Miss Robbie Walker to Canada, Mrs. Joe Ella Leverich is filling her place at Bob's Beauty shop.

Visiting last week with friends as he passed through, Joe P. Self of Breckenridge was a caller at The Mail office. It will be remembered that he was president of the Lions club during his residence here and he has been similarly honored by the Breckenridge Lions. He was accompanied by his daughter, Joy Sue.

Upon his return Monday from Haskell county, where he conducted a revival at Brushy, 6 miles from Goree, Rev. Cooper Waters reported that section as dry as this part of the country had been for six weeks. He was talking to a reporter Monday, (before the grand rain.)

Fat men and lean ones met in mortal combat on the softball field last Friday night. Result of the game was 21 to 14 in favor of the thin boys.

Joining with friends in Abilene and other parts of this section, C. J. Glover, editor of The Mail, attended a luncheon held at Wooten hotel, Abilene, last Saturday, honoring Judge James P. Alexander of Waco, who is in the run-off with Hal Lattimore of Fort Worth for the post as chief justice of the supreme court of the state.

**Meeting of Dental Society in Abilene**

Approximately 40 dentists attended the quarterly session of the Seventeenth Congressional District Dental society, held at the Hotel Wooten in Abilene last Saturday night. Going from Merkel was Dr. L. C. Zehnpfenig.

After an informal dinner, the Fort Worth District Dental society conducted a clinic with Dr. I. B. Baker in charge, the discussion centering on "Gold Inlays."

Visiting dentists played golf in the afternoon prior to the dinner and business session.

Abilene was voted the next convention, to be held in December. Abilene will also be the meeting place for the annual convention of the West Texas Dental society in September.

**County Gets First 1940 Parity Checks**

The first 1940 parity checks for Taylor county farmers have been received in the office of A. L. Cook, AAA administrative assistant.

There were 74 checks in the batch, totaling \$3,475.13, representing the first slice of approximately \$130,000 in parity payments to be received in this county.

Those for whom checks were included have been notified, and others will be notified as soon as their payments are received, it was explained by Cook.

Just say you saw it in The Mail.

**Funeral Services Held For Mrs. W. T. Sherrell**

Word was received here Monday evening of the death of Mrs. W. T. Sherrell, 67, who lived ten miles south of Abilene. Death was rather unexpected although she had been confined to her bed some 11 months after a stroke of paralysis.

The W. T. Sherrell family is well known here and their many friends mourn the going of this good wife and mother. Mrs. Sherrell had been a member of the Methodist church 53 years.

Coming to West Texas they settled at Comper 35 years ago, later living at Merkel a number of years, then at Abilene.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon from Elliott's funeral home, Abilene, with Rev.

Thomas J. Young, pastor of the Baptist church at Roby, officiating, assisted by G. H. Ballard, pastor of the Neill Baptist church. Burial followed in Cedar Hill cemetery, beside the grave of a son.

Besides her husband, she is survived by five sons and two daughters. The sons are: S. S. of Carbon, George of Dallas, John of Waco, Charlie of Merkel and Marvin of Tuscola; the daughters, Mrs. Margie Wafford Lawn, and Miss Bonnie Mae Sherrell, who lived with her parents. Eleven grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, two brothers and one sister also survive.

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for FRIDAY-SATURDAY  
AUGUST 16th and 17th**



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Size 360 <b>LEMONS</b> Doz. 25c	New Crop <b>YAMS</b> 3 lbs. 19c
Iceberg <b>LETTUCE</b> 2 heads 9c	Colorado <b>CAULIFLOWER</b> Head 15c
<b>SPUDS</b> No. 1 Colorado 10 lbs. 19c	
All Flavors <b>Gelatin Dessert</b> Pkg. 5c	Blue & White <b>Pork &amp; Beans</b> Per can 5c
Salad Wafer	Red & White, Sliced or Crushed
<b>Crackers</b> 1-lb. box 17c	<b>Pineapple</b> No. 2 can 17c
Red & White Prepared	Bird Brand
<b>Spaghetti</b> Per can 10c	<b>Shortening</b> 3-lb. carton 34c
Nile	Red & White
<b>Salmon</b> No. 1 can 15c	<b>FLOUR</b> 6 lbs. 29c—24 lbs. 82c
Shoe String	12 lbs. 49c—48 lbs. \$1.45
<b>Potatoes</b> Per can 10c	Red & White
Junket	<b>Coffee</b> 1-lb. can 25c
<b>Ice Cream Mix</b> Pkg. 10c	Lady Godiva
	<b>Toilet Soap</b> 4 bars 15c
<b>MARSHMALLOWS</b>	Red & White 1-lb. cello bag 15c
Fleis'man's <b>Yeast</b> 3 cakes 10c	Hill's <b>Dog Food</b> 3 cans 25c
American	Oregon
<b>Sardines</b> Per can 5c	<b>Fresh Prunes</b> No. 2 can 10c
Red & White	Pure Cane
<b>Shrimp</b> Per can 17c	<b>Sugar</b> 10-lb. cloth bag 49c
Potato	Red & White
<b>Salad</b> No. 1 can 15c	<b>Meal</b> 5-lb. bag 49c
Red & White	Lipton's
<b>Ripe Olives</b> 4-oz. can 10c	<b>Tea</b> 1/4-lb. 24c 1/2-lb. 47c
Sun-Spun	Red & White
<b>Salad Dressing</b> Pt. Jar 20c	<b>Laundry Soap</b> 7 bars 25c

**MARKET SPECIALS**

Wisconsin <b>CHEESE</b> Lb. 25c	Canadian <b>BACON</b> Lb. 39c
Chicken <b>LOAF</b> 1/2 lb. 15c	Sugar Cured <b>BACON SQUARES</b> Lb. 12c
Skinless <b>WINERS</b> Lb. 15c	Sliced <b>BACON</b> Lb. 19c

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**ADDITIONAL MONEY TO 1940 CROP INSURANCE POLICY HOLDERS WHO COLLECTED INDEMNITIES**

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**MRS. E. M. McDONALD HOSTESS TO CLASS.**

The Althean class of the First Baptist church held its August business meeting with Mrs. E. M. McDonald. Mrs. J. O. Castles gave a devotional and opened the meeting with prayer.

Adding interest to the afternoon was the election of officers, all of the officers of the past year being re-elected. They are: president, Mrs. Chas. West; vice-presidents, Mrs. J. M. McNiece, first; Mrs. Pick Allen, second; Mrs. J. S. Swann, third; Mrs. G. M. Sharp, fourth; treasurer, Mrs. G. M. Sharp; Sunday School secretary, Mrs. W. O. Boney; social secretary, Mrs. W. L. Johnson; reporter, Mrs. W. F. Patterson.

Delicious refreshments were served to Mesdames O. B. Tatum, W. C. Burleson, W. L. Johnson, F. A. Polley, S. A. Coats, Pick Allen, W. A. McCandless, J. W. McConnell, G. M. Sharp, A. H. Zollinger, F. A. Baker, Sr., W. O. Boney, J. J. McNiece, J. T. Dennis, J. Ben Campbell, Chas. West, J. O. Castles, J. M. Williamson and the hostess.

The next class social and business meeting will be Sept. 4.

**BRIDAL SHOWER.**

Naming Mrs. Ben Sublett of Lubbock as honoree, Mrs. George Woodrum, Mrs. Stanley King, Mrs. V. B. Sublett and Miss Imogene Hayes were hostesses for a prettily planned bridal shower in the home of Mrs. Woodrum on Wednesday afternoon, Aug. 7.

Flower arrangements in the entertaining rooms were by Mrs. Ada Heeter and Missie's Floral shop, with bachelor buttons the predominant flower used.

Guests registered in the bride's book and gave their favorite recipe to the bride.

Frosted punch was served from a crystal punch bowl, with assorted crackers, pickles, olives and cake squares, to the following guests: Mesdames Paul Stanford, R. T. Gray, Joe Garland, W. L. Burns, D. M. Lee, Frank Golladay, R. D. Tyler of Abilene, R. H. Denton, Wade Denton, Abilene, B. T. Sublett, J. H. McDonald, J. Ben Campbell, L. P. Allen, Ari Sharp, Elsie Nash, W. O. Boney, W. J. Hayes, Barney Douglas, Jessie Reagan, Glenn Woody of Lubbock, Waymon Adcock; Misses Betty Ann Colling, Abilene, Berdelle Adcock, Margaret Sharp.

Those sending gifts were Mesdames Lynn Shelton, Don Reeder of Lubbock, Lem Dudley, Robert Hicks, A. A. McGehee, Odell Crow, Nathan Wood, O. J. Adcock, Irl Walker, Joe Cypert, Miss Hazel Coats.

**VISITOR COMPLIMENTED WITH BRIDAL SHOWER.**

A bridal shower was given for Mrs. Vester Bland, nee Miss Lucille Hampton, in the home of Mrs. C. P. Church on Thursday afternoon, Aug. 8. Mrs. Bland is here on a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Hampton, from Ralston, Okla., where

she has made her home since shortly after her marriage in February.

A short program consisted of games and a duet played by Mrs. E. B. Wallace and Bonnie Church.

Refreshments were served to Mesdames E. B. Wallace, S. A. Hampton, C. P. Church, Ruble Johnson, Helen Williams, R. L. Fortune, B. T. Sublett, W. O. Boney, H. O. Allen, F. J. Joyce, R. H. Mathews; Misses Dorothy May Howard, Faye Hampton, Peggy Joyce Hampton, Alvarie Smith, Bobbie Janell Fortune, Vesta Scott and Sarah Wilson and Sonny Williams.

Those sending gifts were Mesdames Dutch Bryant, W. W. Campbell, Florence Berry, Hubert Turner, Tom Kerns, Doyle Nutt, Ruby Jinks, A. A. McGehee, John A. Grable and Earl Beech and Donald Cox.

**GIRLS' AUXILIARY.**

The Girls' auxiliary met Monday, Aug. 12, at the First Baptist church for their regular meeting. A story, "As Missionary Children Grow Up," was read by Mrs. Irl Walker.

Those present were Jeanine Dingle, Petty Jean Mathews, Jo Anna Ramsey, Maxine Turner, Marilyn Petty, Alma Lou Smith, Florence and Irene Stover and two new members, Helen Jones and Ima Ruth Shouse.

Mrs. W. A. McCandless is sponsor for the Girls' auxiliary, and Petty Jean Mathews, reporter.

**W. M. U. CIRCLES.**

The Blanche Rose Walker Circle of the First Baptist church met Monday afternoon in the home of Mrs. J. O. Castles. Mrs. Cooper Waters led the opening prayer and Mrs. Lum Gilbreath brought an interesting Bible lesson. Mrs. W. B. Stevens closed the meeting with prayer.

Those present were Mesdames Cooper Waters, E. O. Carson, J. O. Castles, W. B. Stevens, A. R. Booth, Lum Gilbreath and W. L. Johnson.

The Elkin Lockett Circle met at the home of Mrs. Oda Clark on Monday afternoon. In the absence of the leader, Mrs. Chas. West, Mrs. J. M. Williamson was in charge. The opening prayer was led by Mrs. O. B. Tatum. The Bible lesson was taught by Mrs. J. L. Winter from the book of Job to the following members: Mesdames Meeks, Williamson, Tatum, Sharp, Zollinger and Clark.

The Circle will meet next time with Mrs. Oda Clark.

**Dillard Succeeds Tisdale as Trustee**

At a meeting of the county school board held last Saturday Rex Dillard of Tuscola was named a member of the board, succeeding C. B. Tisdale of the same town, whose resignation had been submitted to the board.

Other business included consideration of protests of various local trustees against student transfers.

**RURAL SOCIETY**

**GOING-AWAY SHOWER.**

The home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Moore was the scene of a delightful party on Friday afternoon, honoring Mrs. J. S. Grant with a going-away miscellaneous shower. The honoree received many nice and useful gifts.

Mrs. Grant has been very popular in social activities in the Blair community and her host of friends are wishing her much happiness, prosperity and many new friends in their new home.

Those assisting the hostess in this enjoyable affair were Mesdames R. B. Horton, Floyd Perkins and Charles Tipton.

Various games and contests engaged the attention of the guests and, after the social hour, a dainty refreshment plate was passed to the honoree, Mrs. Grant, and Mesdames W. R. Loper, A. M. Jackson, Carl Doan, J. D. Sandusky, R. B. Horton, T. A. Mitchell, Susie Doan, Charles Tipton, S. L. Scogin, J. B. Jones, O. D. Pruitt, Floyd Perkins, J. W. Moore, W. H. Moore, and Miss Ruth Lowery.

Those who sent gifts were Mesdames Hugh Campbell, V. L. Doan, E. E. Patterson, Rex McLean, E. J. Orsborn, Paul Orsborn, Cynthia Hall, Clarence Melton, Bob Thompson, E. E. Akin, Hosea Myers, of Anson; Misses Annie Clara Doan, Fannie Lou Jackson, Lena Faye Orsborn and Nina Orsborn.

**MARY SUE GRANT COM-PLIMENTED.**

A charming compliment was paid to Miss Mary Sue Grant of Blair on Friday afternoon in the home of Miss Vern Opal Moore, when Miss Grant as the honoree of a going-away party received a beautiful array of gifts. Mary Sue is a young lady of many fine traits and these qualities have made her many friends. Her moving away will be felt with much regret.

Miss Moore and Miss Jimmie Nell Horton were co-hostesses in this lovely affair. At the conclusion of enjoyable games, a dainty menu was passed to the honoree, Miss Grant, and Misses Billie Nell Tipton, Lila Mae Lowery, Dorothy Perkins, Mary Lucille Perkins, Otilia Doan, Maxine Doan, Gwindolene Sandusky, Elmer Lee Sandusky, Johnny Wesley Perkins, Howard Lee Moore, Betty Joe Peterson, Bertha Mae Moore, Julia Fae Moore, Jimmie Nell Horton, Vern Opal Moore; Dale Doan, Joe Delle Doan, Jimmie Wayne Doan, Alonzo Moore, Bill Jackson.

**BLUEBONNET CLUB.**

Mrs. R. D. Hunter was hostess to the Bluebonnet club on Tuesday, Aug. 13, with Mrs. Adrian Farmer, vice-president, in charge. The program was "Man's Fight Against Disease," discussed by members.

The following officers were elected for 1941: Mrs. Adrian Farmer, president; Mrs. S. C. Keith, vice-president; Mrs. W. C. Perkins, council member; Mrs. R. D. Hunter, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Elmer Patterson, reporter.

Refreshments were served to Mesdames Adrian Farmer, Houston Martin, Roy Hunter, Raymond Thomas, S. C. Keith, W. H. Ensminger, A. R. Toombs, G. L. Anderson, W. C. Perkins, Dewel McLean, and four visitors, Mesdames Artist Cook, Marvin Egger, Misses Louise Cook and Melba Hunter.

The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Raymond Thomas on Aug. 27.

**PICNIC PARTY.**

A group of jolly picnickers gathered down on Mulberry creek in the Akin pasture Saturday night, celebrating the birthdays of Elmer Patterson, Donald Latimer, Evelyn Mathews and Loneta Blackburn.

Chicken was fried on the campfire and a bountiful table was spread, with plenty of ice cream to top it off.

Those enjoying the occasion were Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Perry, Bobby Peterson, Verdine Patterson, Lula Belle and Junior Patterson, Lloyd Mathews, LaDell Mathews and the honorees.

**RANDOLPH REUNION.**

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Perry and grandson, Bobby Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Mathews and daughter, LaDell, Miss Loneta Blackburn and Mrs. D. M. Hill, of Merkel, attended the Randolph reunion at Lueders Sunday.

Among those present from out of the state was Mrs. Perry's father, T. C. Randolph, of Hemet, Calif.

**MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS.**

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**Fifty-Seven Entries in Croquet Tournament**

Fifty-seven entries were scheduled in a croquet tournament at the playground Friday morning, and there were a few boys who arrived too late to enter. Prizes were four tickets donated by the Queen theatre and three watermelons donated by Carson grocery, Turner grocery and J. Y. Melton grocery.

The winners were Jack Melton and Ikey Turner, senior doubles; Jack Haynes and Jerry McGehee, junior doubles; Billy Pat Nash, mid-get division winner; Billy Tom Diltz, junior division winner singles, and Jack Melton, senior single winner.

This tournament was the largest scheduled at the playground this year and it will probably be the last tournament, but there will be an outing of some type planned by Director Charlie Williams before school starts for the boys who have been attending the playground.

A bus heavily loaded with boys and girls from the playground left Thursday morning for Abilene State park to enter in a county recreation festival. Tournaments were held in swimming, softball, washers, horse-shoes, paddle tennis and volley ball. Approximately sixty went from Merkel.

**Jane Ferguson to Receive Bachelor's Degree from ETSTC**

Commerce, Aug. 15.—The East Texas State Teachers college will graduate three hundred and sixteen applicants for the bachelor's degree and seventy-three for the master's degree Monday, Aug. 19. The commencement address will be delivered by Hon. G. C. Morris, Greenville, state representative, Monday, Aug. 19, at 9:45 in the college auditorium.

Rev. Harrison Baker, pastor of the Kavanaugh Methodist church, Greenville, will deliver the commencement sermon Sunday, Aug. 18, at 11 o'clock.

President Sam H. Whitley's annual senior class reception was held on the lawn of the president's home Tuesday evening, Aug. 13.

In the number receiving bachelor degrees will be Jane Ferguson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Ferguson of Merkel.

**Four-Day Reunion of Moore Family Held**

The Moore family has just completed their annual four-day reunion which was held in the Lueders Baptist encampment grounds. Those present were descendants of Andy Moore, who came to Texas from Arkansas and settled in Comanche county in 1870. The direct descendants present were Mrs. W. E. Shouse, Trent; George Moore, DeLeon, and John Moore, Colorado City.

George Moore had ten of his 11 children present. The total number attending the reunion neared 100. Those present from Merkel were: Clarence Shouse and son, Bobby, Mrs. C. T. McCosmick and daughters, Sue and Evelyn, Mrs. Jim McWilliams and children, Ward, Derry, Sherry, Susie Bill and Iva Ruth, Mrs. Clyde Shouse, Tag and Ima Ruth, Mrs. Andy Shouse and Iva Day Clark.

The 1941 reunion will be held the second week-end in August in the Abilene State park.

**Small Farmers Benefit.**

College Station, Aug. 15.—Three-fourths of the payments made in Texas under the 1939 AAA program went to producers operating small farms, the A. & M. College Extension service announces. Only forty-five of the 594,304 payments made under the program amounted to between \$5,000 and \$10,000. Under AAA regulations, no payment to any individual, partnership or estate can exceed \$10,000.

Typewriter paper for sale at Merkel Mail office.

**In The Churches**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.**

There were 533 present at the six reporting Sunday Schools here last Sunday, as compared with 489 the previous week. On the same Sunday a year ago the attendance was 645.

**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 Wednesday evening.

Cooper Waters, Pastor.

**BAPTIST W. M. U.**

The W. M. U. of the First Baptist church will meet at the church Monday, Aug. 19, at 4 p. m., with the Maybelle Taylor Circle in charge of Royal Service program.

**METHODIST CHURCH.**

Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. Morning sermon at 11 a. m. Young people's meeting at 7:45 p. m. Evening worship at 8:15. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8:15.

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 regularly.

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 evening.

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.

**Baptists to Sponsor Vacation Bible School**

A Vacation Bible school will open on Monday morning at the First Baptist church and will run for two weeks, closing Friday, Aug. 30. Children of all denominations and of no denomination between the ages of four and sixteen are invited to attend.

The Vacation Bible school is carried on very much like the literary school except the emphasis is placed on religious training. The course of study includes memory work, Bible study, notebook work and handicraft. Specially trained instructors will direct the work in each of these activities. At the close of the school there will be a commencement program to which all parents and friends will be invited. The work done by the pupils will at that time be exhibited and diplomas will be given those who have earned them by attendance.

The faculty which is composed of about twenty-five teachers spent a whole day last Monday outlining the work that will be done. Thorough preparation is being made by the church and the faculty in order that a good school may be held.

The opening bell will ring at 8 a. m. each morning and the closing bell at 11 a. m. During the routine there will be a short recess allowed the pupils at which time they will get sufficient relaxation. Those who attend are requested to be on time each morning and to remain throughout the entire period each day.

White cotton hose designed for use of trained nurses by the federal bureau of home economics are meeting with great success since they can be sterilized thoroughly and laundered without turning yellow.

**Ordination Service Set Friday Night**

On Friday night, Aug. 19, there will be an ordination service to set aside four men as deacons in the First Baptist church. The persons to be ordained are A. A. McGehee, Comer Haynes, W. L. Fugat and Hubert L. Turner.

An interesting program has been arranged in which neighboring pastors will take part. The ordination sermon will be preached by Rev. C. A. Powell, pastor of the University Baptist church, Abilene.

All members are urged to be present and the public is invited. The time is 8 p. m.

**Washington Pastor Fills Pulpit Here**

Rev. Ray Garrett, pastor of the Second Baptist church in Washington, D. C., who with his wife and two sons is visiting his father, J. M. Garrett, and other relatives, filled the pulpit at the First Baptist church last Sunday morning and night.

Other guests Sunday from out-of-town in the Garrett home were a son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Bullock and daughter, Anna Marie, of Sweetwater, and Wayne Riddle, an old friend of the family from Abilene.

**Church of Christ to Begin Meeting Aug. 18**

A. J. Rollings, of Athens, Ala., will begin a series of gospel meetings at the Church of Christ in Merkel on Sunday, Aug. 18.

Two services will be held daily; on week-days, 4 p. m. and 8 p. m., on Sundays, 10:45 a. m. and 8 p. m. A welcome awaits you.

**Record of Births.**

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Byron Patterson, Sunday, August 11, 1940.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Jeffrey, Nolan, Monday, August 12, 1940.

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Oleo ..... Lb. 10c

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