

## Keeping Up With Texas

William A. (Bill) Becker, Kaufman, a senior in agricultural administration at Texas A. & M. college, has been named cadet colonel of the Texas Aggie ROTC cadet corps for the 1940-41 school year.

Harold Cory, 25-year-old El Campo rice farmer, was killed instantly shortly after noon Sunday when his coupe plunged down an embankment on Cook's lane, half a mile north of the Fort Worth-Dallas pike near Village creek.

Mrs. E. C. Brown, 46, was killed instantly and her husband seriously injured Saturday midnight when a small house near Hemphill in which they were sleeping was demolished by a runaway automobile, which swerved from the highway after a collision and plowed 150 yards through a pine thicket before striking the house.

Arlin Reese, on trial at Groesbeck for the murder of his common law wife, was found guilty and sentenced to death Tuesday. Reese was convicted of slaying Mrs. Lizzie Reinhart and tossing her body beside a lonely road in the outskirts of Corsicana.

Ora Myrtle Ivey, 15, of Bronte, died in a San Angelo hospital Sunday night of injuries sustained in a car accident on the Bronte-Robert Lee road about 6 p. m. that day. Geraldine Edson, 14, received a possible skull fracture.

John Terry, 30, Red River county school teacher, died at a Clarksville hospital Sunday, second victim of an explosion of a tanker truck carrying road surfacing oil near Cuthand, south of Clarksville, Saturday night. Otis Bartlett, 34, was killed almost instantly in the blast.

Devan D. Daggett, Rhodes scholar and law graduate of Yale and Louisiana State university, has been added to the teaching staff of the Baylor university school of law.

Weldon St. Clair, 28, Seymour, was killed Monday when the automobile in which he was riding overturned six miles west of Seymour. Two other occupants of the automobile were not seriously hurt.

Introduction of news photography courses in the Baylor department of journalism was announced Monday by President Pat M. Neff. The innovation will be directed by Prof. A. Clarence Smith, formerly of University of Oklahoma and Kent (Ohio) State university.

### FDR Signs Draft Bill, Calls 16,500,000 to Register on Oct. 16

Washington, Sept. 19.—President Roosevelt signed the draft act Monday, fixed Oct. 16 as registration day for 16,500,000 young Americans now subject to compulsory military training, and asserted the United States was marshalling its strength to avert the terrible fate of nations whose weakness invited attack.

The new law itself requires that all who on Oct. 16 have attained the twenty-first anniversary of their birth and have not passed the thirty-sixth year must register. A national drawing by lot will determine the order in which questionnaires will be mailed to the men. On the basis of the questionnaires, local boards will place the men in various classifications—those available for immediate service, those deferred because of dependents, etc.

### Past Superintendent Is Honored by Council

The officers and teachers of the Methodist church met in a workers' council at the church on Thursday evening, Sept. 12.

Rev. John H. Crow, the pastor, brought the devotional on "The Challenge of Today." Mrs. H. C. Williams gave an interesting history of the Merkel Methodist Sunday School, beginning in 1884. Mrs. N. T. Hodge sang two songs, dedicating one to Herbert Patterson, the retiring superintendent. The Sunday School presented Mr. Patterson with a beautiful desk as a token of their appreciation of his eleven years service as superintendent.

Johnny Cox, the new superintendent, called for a round table discussion of plans for the new year's work. The Gleaner class served refreshments of sandwiches and tea to forty guests.

Council meetings will be held regularly on the second Thursday evening of each month.

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## TRENT P.-T. A LAUNCHES NEW YEAR'S WORK

Committee Chairmen Outline 1940-41 Program on Theme, "The Creative Home;" Full List of Committees Named.

Trent Sept. 19.—The first meeting for the 1940-41 session of the Trent Parent-Teacher association was held Tuesday night, Sept. 10, in the high school auditorium, with the president, Mrs. Bud Winter, presiding.

The program opened with the entire group singing "America," led by T. B. Friend and accompaniment played by Kathlene Bryan. This was followed by introduction of officers, chairmen of standing committees and new faculty members. Mrs. Joe Nalley, program chairman, gave a brief outline of the program planned for the year, the theme being "The Creative Home."

Mrs. C. W. Edwards, study group chairman, distributed programs for the year and announced the first meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Alex Williamson at 2:30 p. m. on Sept. 25. The course is based on "Ways to Succeed as a Parent" and "A Guide to the Pre-School Years."

Mrs. Alex Williamson, publications chairman, stressed the importance of reading Parent-Teacher publications in order to be a well informed member of the association. Mrs. Karl (Continued on Page Two)

## Lions to Co-Operate In Re-Launching Boy Scouts Activity Here

Two additional members were assigned at Tuesday's luncheon by President R. T. Gray to the standing committee on boys' and girls' work from the Lions club to co-operate with Charles Clark of the High School faculty in re-launching Boy Scout activity in Merkel.

Committee chairman is E. O. Carson, other members of the standing committee being A. A. McGehee and N. T. Hodge. Supt. Connor Robinson and Chester Collinsworth were added to this committee, which is to meet Monday night with Mr. Vogel, field representative of the Boy Scouts, at the Lions hall.

During the proceedings of the weekly club meeting, Dr. L. C. Zehn-pfennig in behalf of the club presented a past president's pin to C. J. Glover, whose term expired July, last.

It was announced by President Gray that Tuesday's luncheon marked the beginning of the fall individual attendance record, to continue through the month of April, at which time all Lions throughout the International who have not missed a single meeting will be awarded attendance pins.

Following Dr. Urban Zehn-pfennig's suggestion, the club was divided into two groups, headed by Stanley King and Norman T. Hodge, respectively, to provide doves for the next luncheon, which will be held Oct. 1.

Two guests were present for Tuesday's luncheon; E. C. Atwood, new manager of the Gulf station on the highway, and Luther Grimes, of Brawley, Calif. Opening singsong was led by Supt. Connor Robinson.

## HD Council Arranges For Exhibits at Fair

Plans for the county home demonstration council's exhibit at the West Texas fair were laid Saturday afternoon as the council met in regular session at the county agricultural building, Abilene.

Mrs. J. M. Hamilton, Colony Hill, and Mrs. L. A. Groene, Pleasant Hill, were appointed treasurers for fair week, and the following were named as a committee to buy silverware and dishes to be used at the concession: Mrs. H. R. Clemmer, Elmdale; Mrs. M. A. Waldrop, Wylie. The council will sponsor an exhibit on mattress making.

Mrs. C. P. Church appointed a nominating committee composed of Mrs. Groene, Mrs. Tom Moore of Tye, Mrs. Homer Landers of Ovalo. It will report at the next council meeting, to be held the third Saturday in October.

## TO MEET WITH SCOUT FIELD MAN MONDAY

Thirty-two boys interested in forming a Boy Scout organization here met in the Grammar School auditorium Wednesday morning with Charles Clark, local Boy Scout leader, and plans were made for another meeting at the Lions hall Monday night at 7:30.

At this time, Mr. Vogel, field representative of the Boy Scouts council, will be present to assist in organizing the Scout movement here.

Co-operating with Mr. Clark is a committee from the Lions club, consisting of E. O. Carson, chairman, A. A. McGehee, Norman Hodge, Supt. Connor Robinson and Chester Collinsworth.

## Contract Released To Contractor for Over Half R E A Project

With the signing of customers on Taylor Electric Co-operative's new B project nearing completion, directors of the Co-operative have asked for authorization from Washington to start pre-allotment surveying.

The directors also voted to re-employ Bryan Bradbury of Abilene as attorney for the new project and to re-employ the same engineers of the Midwestern Engineering and Surveying company, of Tulsa, Okla., that were used in the major project.

Contract for 235 of the 420 miles of the A project has been released to the contractor, it was stated Thursday morning by Johnny Cox, superintendent, who also said that 340 miles had been staked.

The contractor is expected to be here Monday and soon after his arrival work is expected to begin on erection of poles and lines for the 400-mile project.

## Weta-Frances Club New Name of Future Homemakers Group

The Future Homemakers club of Merkel High school had its first meeting of the year Thursday night at 7:30 in the High School studio.

The following officers were elected: Dora Gaiter, president; Wanda McCoy, vice-president; Louise Patterson, secretary; Mary Sue Grant, treasurer; Jeannett Neff, club pianist; Eva and Ova Martin, song leaders, and Miss Frances Cleveland, sponsor. In honor of past and present teachers, the name of the chapter was chosen to be the Weta-Frances club.

Following the business meeting a short talk was given by the sponsor on "Plans for the Club," after which social activities were directed by the third year class. About fifty members were present.

## Makes Final Test Flight in Training As Civilian Pilot

A. C. Sears, who was a member of the class numbering 45 in Abilene's Civil Aeronautics Authority summer course in civilian pilot training, made his final test flight Saturday, and, after reports are received at Washington, D. C., private certificates as licensed pilots will be forthcoming to members of the class.

Young Sears, who received a B. S. degree from Texas Technological college, Lubbock, in the June class, left Wednesday morning for Fargo, N. D., where he will do work toward his M. S. degree and also teach in the North Dakota State Agricultural college.

## Honor Gold Star Mothers.

Washington, Sept. 19.—President Roosevelt has designated Sunday, Sept. 29, "Gold Star Mothers' Day" and directed all government buildings to display the American flag in honor of the occasion.

## Ladies Called to Meet.

The ladies of the Methodist church at White Church are called to meet at 3 p. m. Sunday, it is announced by the pastor, Rev. J. B. Stewart.

## OVER 250 ATTEND FIRST MEETING LOCAL P.-T. A.

Mrs. Norman Hodge Presides For Business Session, With Evening's Program in Charge Of Mrs. Owen Robertson.

First meeting of the year of the Merkel unit of the Parent-Teachers association was held Tuesday evening in the High School gymnasium, with an attendance of approximately 250.

Mrs. N. T. Hodge, the president, opened the meeting with a short business session before turning the program over to Mrs. Owen Robertson, who was master of ceremonies for the evening.

Three numbers, "New Colonial March," "Vienna Serenade" and "Them Basses," were presented by the High School band under the direction of Richard Young.

Greetings from the school board were brought by Nathan Wood, president of the local board of trustees, after which the constitution and by-laws of the organization were read by Mrs. W. T. Sadler.

Faculty members and P.-T. A. officers were introduced by Mrs. Comer Haynes, a former president of the Merkel P.-T. A. unit, and then followed a social hour honoring the members of the faculty of the Merkel Public Schools.

## P.-T. A. Study Group Will Meet Sept. 25

The Home Study group of the Merkel Parent-Teachers association will meet for an hour's program, from 9:30 to 10:30 a. m., Wednesday, Sept. 25, at the home of Mrs. C. B. Gardner, chairman of the Parent Education and Study group.

Centering about the thought, "We Want to Know," the following subjects will be discussed:

"How Did the United States Come About?" Mrs. W. T. Sadler. "What Is Your Conception of a Democratic School?" Supt. Connor Robinson.

"How Can Progressive Education Help in the World Crisis?" Mrs. Gordon Green.

"How Can We Best Spend Our Money?" Mrs. Clesby Patterson. "What Books Should Parents Read This Year?" Mrs. Clyde Bartlett.

All officers, chairmen and members of committees are requested to be present and every member of the P.-T. A. unit is cordially invited. Please notify Mrs. Owen Robertson, chairman of the hospitality committee.

## MHS Seniors Plan to Inaugurate Class Day

The Seniors of Merkel High school met at activity period Sept. 9 to organize their class. Supt. Robinson was invited to act as temporary chairman.

The following officers were elected by the class: John Mack Grant, president; David Gibson, vice-president; Dora Gaiter, secretary-treasurer; Tommy Grimes, reporter, and Mrs. Comer Haynes, sponsor.

On Tuesday morning the class chose their room-mothers for the year. They are: Mesdames T. L. Grimes, John Shannon, J. S. Grant and E. J. Miller.

Merkel will be hearing a great deal in the future from its fifty-eight Seniors. One of their chief plans for the year is to inaugurate a class day in Merkel High school.

## FSA Selects Farm Purchase Clients

William T. Griffin of Lawn, H. E. Johnson of Caps and Lester Owen Byrn of Shep were named Wednesday by a county Farm Security administration committee to receive long term tenant purchase loans with which to buy farms of their own.

Lee Robinson, Tuscola, was named as alternate. The tenants will be made 40-year loans with which to buy and modern equip farms of their own, Rural Supervisor Clarence Symes announced.

## COUNTY SINGERS WILL CONVENE HERE OCT. 5-6

In the interest of the meeting in Merkel in October of the Taylor County Singing convention, Glen Haddox, president, and Wade Willis, both of Abilene, were here Tuesday.

The convention, which is to be held at the High School gymnasium, will assemble at 7:30 Saturday night, Oct. 5, and continue through Sunday, beginning at 10 a. m., with an hour off for lunch.

Good quartets are expected from as far away as Dallas.

Lunch will be provided for out-of-county singers, it is announced. Other officers of the convention are: Buster Horton, vice president, and Silas Clark, Abilene, secretary.

## Badgers Give Clyde Sound Trouncing in First Game of Year

Merkel's Badgers opened their 1940 football season last Friday night by soundly trouncing Clyde's Bulldogs 19-0. The game was played on the local gridiron before a near-capacity crowd. Gate receipts for the opening game were larger than for any game in previous years.

The Badgers kicked off to Clyde and, when the visitors found the Merkel line too tough, they elected to kick. Taking over on their own 26-yard line, the Badgers proceeded to march 74 yards to a touchdown without losing possession of the ball. Four successive first downs were made in this drive, with Bryant doing most of the ball carrying.

At this point the Bulldogs stiffened and neither team could score during the remainder of the game. (Continued on Page Two)

## School Spirit Races High at First Game

Lending color, as usual, to the opening football game of the season between Clyde and Merkel last Friday night were the Badger band in full uniforms and the Pep Squad sporting their new outfits for the first time.

The same loyal organizations paraded the downtown streets Friday afternoon, inspiring plenty of yells and applause as they passed through the business section.

Heading the Pep Squad is Peggy Robertson as leader, with Ova and Eva Martin as assistants. Miss Mary Lou Ashburn is Pep Squad sponsor.

As drum majorette, Clarice Higgins leads a trio of well trained twirlers, Wanda Lilly Douglas, Mary Fay Johnson and Marjorie Ann Walker, while marching with the band in the between-halves maneuvers was the sweetheart of the organization, Sue Grimes, and adding still further color came Evelyn Sears in a snappy exhibition of rope twirling.

## MERKEL 30 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, September 16, 1910.)

Miss Duncan Browning, after the summer gayeties, is preparing to settle down to business and on the 12th of September will re-open her kindergarten, which she has conducted with so much success for the past two years.

"Grandfather" Hamm surprised all of Merkel by returning on Monday night's train with his bride from Colorado City. He married Mrs. Crawford of that place and congratulations are in order for both him and his good lady. Mr. Hamm is one of our most respected citizens and we wish this estimable couple all the joys that life can bring. Brother Dunning was one of the officiating clergymen and figured conspicuously at the wedding breakfast.

Miss Zora Whitaker was the charming hostess on Thursday evening, Sept. 8, to a number of friends. The program was literary and musical and

## ANSON TIGERS REPUTED TO BE FORMIDABLE FOE

Badgers to Entertain Visitors From Jones Capital Friday Night; First Conference Game at Roscoe Sept. 27.

Indications are that the Badgers will meet stiff competition in the Anson Tigers, who come to the local gridiron Friday night, second game on the Badgers' 1940 schedule.

Anson outclassed Loraine 25 to 7 last Friday night, while the Badgers were closing out the Clyde Bulldogs, 19-0.

Merkel opens the conference season against Roscoe Friday night of next week, Sept. 27, the game to be played at Roscoe.

With Red Davis assigned as acting captain and Byron Bryant co-captain, Coach Carroll Benson announces the probable starting line-up for the Anson game as follows:

Right end, Elbert Hickam; right tackle, Red Davis; right guard, David Gibson; center, Roy Coats; left guard, Tillman Rutledge; left tackle, Lee Mack Reynolds; left end, James Cox; quarter, Buster Jack Melton; full back, Raymond Smith; left half, Bryon Bryant; right half, Jerry Warren.

The referee's whistle will start activities at 8 p. m. Price of admission is: 35 cents for adults, 15 cents for students.

## Trio of Merkel Boys Return for Further Assignments in Navy

Robert I. Grimes, Walter Etsel Hunter and Elwood Cox, a trio of Merkel boys who enlisted in the United States navy in July, left Wednesday to return to San Diego, Calif., after spending nearly two weeks here with their parents and relatives. They made the trip with Luther Grimes, of Brawley, Calif., uncle of Robert Grimes.

After completing an eight weeks' period of military instructions at the Naval Training station, San Diego, Calif., Robert Grimes was assigned to the aviation machinists' school and the other two boys will be assigned to units of the United States fleet on their return to San Diego.

## Area Gins Turn Out 1,253 Bales in Week

Ginning in this territory got into full swing the past week, with a total of 1,253 bales having been turned out at the six plants in Merkel and those at Stith, Noodle and Blair. Total for the season, as tabulated up to Wednesday night by The Mail, had reached 2,126 bales.

Up to the same date last year, 2,666 bales had been ginned at these same plants.

was highly enjoyed by all. The diversion was a telegram contest. Miss Gladys Christopher won the souvenir for making the best telegram from ten words given her. The souvenir was a beautiful water color sketch. The color scheme was pink and white and was carried out to perfection. The refreshments were delicious and served in a unique manner. Little pink and white icing baskets of cream were served to each guest with cake. This party was one of the closing frolics of the vacation which ends Sept. 19. Those who attended were Misses Maude Jenkins, Katherine Mathis, Gladys Christopher, Mary Lee Hicks, Clara and Margie Saffles, Winnie Warren, Lyska Pitzer, Messrs. Rufus McNess, Tiry Sublett, Ben Merritt, Frank Ferrier, Simpson Christopher, Bill Largent and Wilmer Williams.

Uncle Iz Allen is not going to the coast and will sell his bathing suit cheap; also a lot somewhere.



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**Varied Entertainment At West Texas Fair**

Abilene, Sept. 12.—Regardless of your taste, you'll find your entertainment at the West Texas Fair Oct. 7-12!

Two complete new programs have been arranged, one for each half week of the exposition. They are designed to appeal to both young and old Fair goers.

Probably the top attraction for the older patrons will be the square dance, scheduled for the first three nights at the Supper club.

Of general interest to all ages, and both urban and rural residents, will be the Second Annual Texas Palomino Association Horse Show, Oct. 7, 8 and 9. And it's free!

Moving in on Thursday, Oct. 10, for the last three days' stand will be the splendid Cavalcade of Stars, playing both night grandstand revues and supper club floor shows and dancing.

The cavalcade features Johnny (Seat) Davis and his orchestra; Dixie Dunbar, of movie and Broadway fame, with her Rhythmaires; Bob Neller, ventriloquist and his impish dummy, Reggie; Rolla and Verna Pickert, still dancing artists; Bud Hughes, canine act and magic; and Dorothy Byton's 12 beautiful dancing girls.

Here for the entire week will be the Max Goodman Wonder shows, furnishing carnival and midway attractions.

Likewise a full-week will be the world famous Hardin-Simmons University Cowboy band, with its colorful music and specialty acts. In addition to playing for the Palomino show each afternoon and night of Oct. 7, 8 and 9, the band will stage an elaborate free show of its own the

last three afternoons before the grandstand.  
And what does not come free will be available at modest prices.

**Trent P.-T. A.**

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Bonneaux, parliamentarian, made a talk on parliamentary law in the association. Supt. R. L. Fortune made a talk on "The Relationship of the P.-T. A. to the School." Leroy Stone, Blackwell superintendent, explained the importance of visual education in the schools and gave a demonstration.

The following are officers of the local unit: Mrs. Bud Winter, president; Mrs. Joe Nalley, vice-president; Mrs. C. W. Seago, secretary; Miss Hermal Glasgow, treasurer; Mrs. Karl Bonneaux, parliamentarian; Mrs. Louie McRee, historian.

The complete list of committees follows:

Program—Mrs. Joe Nalley, chairman; Mrs. J. G. Wilks, Mrs. Maurice Faulkner, Mrs. R. L. Fortune.

Music—Miss Christine Collins, chairman.

Publicity—Mrs. T. B. Friend, chairman; Miss Yvonne Hodges, Miss Christine Collins.

Publications—Mrs. Alex Williamson, chairman; Mrs. Earl Strawn, Mrs. Ola Lee Winn.

Hospitality—Mrs. Leslie Beasley, chairman; Mesdames Hale McRee, John Strawn, Bill Springer, T. B. Friend, Carl Edwards.

Budget and finance—T. B. Friend, chairman; Mesdames Joe Boone, Karl Bonneaux, C. W. Seago.

Membership—Mrs. Cecil Taylor, chairman; Mesdames J. W. Tiner, Richard Scott, Malcolm Beasley.

Room Representatives—Mrs. John Wheeler, Jr., chairman.

Health—Miss Magdalene Payne, chairman; Mrs. A. W. Woods, Miss Hermal Glasgow.

Goals—Supt. R. L. Fortune, chairman.

Parent Education and Study group—Mrs. C. W. Edwards, chairman; Mesdames Alex Williamson, Clifford Estep, Louie McRee, John Strawn.

The executive committee met Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 18, for a short school of instruction. At this time various committee plans were discussed and each committee chairman was given some instructions as to how they may carry on their phase of the work.

If you have any visitors, Phone 29 or 61.

**PERSONALS**

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dennis returned Sunday to Corpus Christi, after a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Dennis.

Mrs. Rachel Johnson of Mayfield, Ky., is visiting her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Abe Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Johnson and daughter, Wahneeta, of Paducah, Ky., are visiting their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Abe Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Veach of Dallas were guests from Thursday to Sunday in the R. H. Mathews home. Mr. Veach, who is a brother of Mrs. Mathews, is employed as a railway mail clerk on the T. & P. run out of Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Redwine and daughter, Sammie Doris, were over from Anson to spend the week-end with Mrs. Redwine's mother, Mrs. S. G. Russell.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Cash of Hamlin, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Stevens and Mr. and Mrs. J. F. McCartney and son, Billy, spent the week-end at Brownwood lake.

Mrs. S. H. L. Swafford of Portland, Ore., is visiting in the home of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Tom Swafford.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Thomas and daughter, Mona Beth, and Mrs. J. A. Milliken and grandson, Wayne McLean, drove down to Fort Worth Sunday to visit their brother, Byron Thomas, and family.

Mrs. Connor Robinson left Sunday afternoon with her mother, Mrs. E. B. Surface, of Abilene, for a two-day visit to Dallas and Waxahachie.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Burgess of Lubbock visited over the week-end with friends here. They were en route to Austin where Mr. Burgess will work on his Ph. D. degree at the University of Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Spurgin returned Saturday from a visit with their son, Ray Spurgin, and wife at Dallas.

After a visit of several weeks with a son, Homer Cannon, at Houston, and a daughter, Mrs. John Smith, at Alto, Mrs. F. Z. Turner returned home last week.

Miss Jessie Margaret Berry, who came home at the close of the summer session to visit her mother, Mrs. Florence Berry, returned Sunday to Commerce where she will attend the East Texas State Teachers college again this year.

Mrs. Ada Watkins of Wichita Falls, mother of Mrs. D. H. Vaughn, is a guest in the Vaughn home this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Davis and son, Billy Pat, of Quanah, were guests Friday and Friday night of Mr. and Mrs. George T. Moore. Pat, who is now secretary of the chamber of commerce at Quanah, was formerly coach of the Merkel Badgers and the Davises took in the opening game of the season Friday night.

Selma Jones, of the U. S. army, stationed at Brooks field, San Antonio, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Simpson drove to Colorado City Saturday to attend a meeting of the Mitchell-Scurry Rural Letter Carriers association.

Down from Odessa for the week-end were Don Swafford, Vernon Mansfield, Miss Himalya Swafford and Mr. and Mrs. Dillard Dunn and little son.

Postmaster and Mrs. Wrenn Durham and daughter, Dana, left Sunday to spend the week in Fort Worth visiting relatives.

George West arrived Sunday from Corpus Christi, where he is employed, for a few days' visit with his wife and children here. He was expecting to return to Corpus Christi the last of the week.

**Average Paper Gives \$18,666 Annually In Community Publicity**

Stockton, Calif., Sept. 19.—The average newspaper annually prints community service material valued at \$18,666 in advertising rate terms alone, Prof. Clifford L. Wiegley, Stanford university, estimated recently in an address before the Stockton Lions' club.

The statement was based on a three-year survey which showed non-metropolitan newspapers devoting 645 pictures and 94,000 column inches to public service material. At prevailing advertising rates, the material would be worth \$56,000.

**New Secretary of Commerce**  
Washington, Sept. 19. — President Roosevelt sent to the senate Friday the name of Jesse H. Jones of Houston, Texas, to be secretary of commerce, succeeding Harry L. Hopkins, who resigned recently on account of ill health.

**Badgers**

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ing the second quarter. At the half the score was: Merkel 6, Clyde 0.

The third quarter was slow from the spectators' viewpoint as both defenses kept the opposing offense well bottled up.

However, in the fourth period Merkel took charge completely and with Bryant, Smith and Higgins carrying the ball started a drive that climaxed with "Smitty" going around left end for 21 yards and 6 points. Bryant picked the same route to run over the extra point.

Later in the quarter Merkel took possession of the ball near mid-field after a Clyde punt had gone out of bounds short, and immediately started another touchdown march. From the Clyde 11, Quarterback Melton went through right tackle on the old bootleg play and crossed the goal line standing up.

Much credit goes to the boys in the backfield for this victory, but the boys in the line were also playing quite a bit of football. Captain "Red" Davis was outstanding in the starting line, both on offense and defense. Cox, Reynolds, Rutledge, Coats, Gibson and the Hickam boys also turned in games they should be proud of.

These same boys will try for their second win this Friday night against Anson's powerful Tigers, who defeated Loraine 25 to 7 last Friday night. No one should fail to see this game, to be played under the lights on the local gridiron, starting at 8 o'clock.

The starting line-ups:  
Clyde—Ends, Ferguson and Rex Klepper; tackles, Wagner and Ray Klepper; guards, Dugan and Monroe (captain); center, M. Tarrant; quarterback, C. Tate; halfbacks, H. Tarrant and Webster; fullback, Walker.

Merkel—Ends, Hickam and Cox; tackles, Davis (captain) and Reynolds; guards, Gibson and Rutledge; center, Coats; quarterback, Melton; halfbacks, Smith and Bryant; fullback, Higgins.

Substitutes:  
Clyde—Rogers, C. Bratton.  
Merkel—Derington, Barbee, Harold, Warren, McCoy, Carson, Cade, Clark, Hennington, Butman.

Scoring:  
Touchdowns—Merkel: Bryant, Smith, Melton.  
Extra points—Merkel: Bryant.

By periods:  
Clyde ..... 0 0 0 0—0  
Merkel ..... 6 0 0 13—19

Officials: Calloway, referee; Galbreath, head linesman; Hill, umpire.  
Statistics of the game—First downs, Merkel 14, Clyde 10. Yards gained running, Merkel 282, Clyde 98. Yards lost, Merkel 24, Clyde 31. Passes completed, Merkel 0, Clyde 3 for 61. Passes incomplete, Merkel 5, Clyde 9. Punts, Merkel 6 for 168, Clyde 7 for 147. Average yards punts, Merkel 28, Clyde 21. Penalties, Merkel 7 for 65, Clyde 5 for 25. Own fumbles recovered, Merkel 0, Clyde 1.

**Announcement**

We have engaged the services of H. L. Willis, 942 Chestnut, Abilene, who spent four years with the Colorado Life Insurance Company, Colorado, Texas. He knows insurance, and is able to show you the saving we give. He will be in this territory often, and any consideration you show him will be appreciated by us.

**IDEAL SECURITY LIFE INSURANCE CO.**  
Box 306, Anson, Texas, Phone 3731

**To the People of Merkel Territory**

I have known of Ideal Security Life Insurance Company, Anson, since they started business, and have watched their growth, which can only come to those whose methods are right. I became more interested when I came into this territory to work another line, and heard nothing but favorable comment of the way they handled their business. My experience in selling insurance has taught me that it is a lot more satisfactory to work for and with people when there are no unpleasant explanations to make. I am proud to be connected with them, and shall do my best to make it mutually pleasant with all we contact.

H. L. Willis,  
942 Chestnut Abilene, Texas.

**Texan Elected Speaker.**  
Washington, Sept. 19.—Chosen to succeed the late William B. Bankhead as speaker of the house was Sam Rayburn, the present democratic leader and a close friend of the dead speaker. The brief ceremony elevating Rayburn to the speakership preceded the funeral services for the late speaker of the house.

**FIVE WAYS TO ... Keep Your Credit Good!**

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**Increase in State Tax Would Reduce Output Stripper Wells by Half**

Any appreciable increase in the state gross production tax on oil would run the cost of producing the "stripper" wells of West-Central Texas so high that it would be impossible for the owners to continue to operate many of them, a report by the West-Central Texas Oil & Gas association asserts.

In the opinion of numerous conservative men who are well acquainted with the returns from the "stripper" wells of West-Central Texas, should a 5-cent per barrel increase in the state tax be imposed on the production from these wells, at least 50 per cent of the 8,611 sub-marginal wells of the district would be abandoned and plugged, the report claimed.

Such action would not only cause the returns of the territory from these wells to be cut at least in half, but it would also serve as a serious deterrent to many operators in the contemplated drilling of more wells in the area, the survey declared. Other statements made include:

"The sub-marginal wells in West-Central Texas, at their present allowable are producing approximately 533,000 barrels per month. This adds up to an excess of 6,400,000 barrels per year. Approximately that many dollars are realized from the production of these 'stripper' wells.

"Out of this sum, the landowners of the district are being paid \$2,750,000 per day in royalty. This aggregates \$800,000.00 per year. Payroll of the 3,500 men employed in looking after these small producers amounts to \$283,000.00 per month or \$3,400,000.00 per year. The total of these two items is \$4,200,000.00.

"An increase in the state tax of as much as 5 cents per barrel would, without any doubt, cut this total of royalty and wage disbursements now being paid by the 'stripper' wells in this district in half. On top of that, these small wells are paying taxes to the state, counties and schools amounting to over \$750,000.00 a year. A 5-cent per barrel increase in the gross production tax would in reality cause a decrease in the tax receipts of the state and various local political subdivisions. A 5-cent per barrel increase on the total production of the 'stripper' wells would amount to around \$320,000.00.

"That much of an increase would result in at least half of the total annual production being abandoned.

This would, as a result, cut in half the \$750,000.00 in taxes now being paid by these wells. It can be seen that if such an action were to occur, the total tax receipts from the 'stripper' wells of West-Central Texas would decrease by no less than \$55,000.00 per year. In other words, a 5-cent per barrel increase in the state tax would amount to the state's confiscating at least half of the 'stripper' wells of this district. This would cause the loss of millions of barrels of oil that would be discovered if these wells were kept on production."

**Wheeler Family In Reunion at Post**

First Wheeler family reunion was held Sunday, Sept. 1, in the beautiful park just north of Post, and it was decided to make the reunion an annual affair, at the same place each year.

Those present were: B. N. Wheeler, J. W. Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Church and family, Dorothy Moe and Ethel Howard, Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. U. B. Wheeler and family, Bovina; Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Wheeler and Henry, Lubbock; E. E. Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Wheeler and family, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Wheeler and family, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Riley and family, Tulia; Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Wheeler, Plainview; Mr. and Mrs. Avory Adams, Kress; Mrs. Ruby Hayhurst and Emma Lee, Anson; Franklin Smith, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. McCollum, Dimmitt. Visitors were L. F. Cozzens and Virginia Cozzens, Hamlin, and Billie Thompson, Anson.

**11,000 Airplanes in 9 Months.**

Buffalo, N. Y., Sept. 19.—In nine months, the army and navy will have approximately 11,000 combat airplanes—fighters and bombers—William S. Knudsen, chairman of the national defense commission, said Tuesday.

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**List of Petit Jurors Called for Next Week**

The petit jury for next week in 42nd district court includes the following names:

J. G. Herron, R. M. Ferguson, Clyde Latimer, W. R. Sumpter, J. B. Crain, Ross Ferrier, G. L. Anderson, Seth N. Diltz, Merkel; T. B. Kelley, Guy E. Paxton, J. L. Dellis, W. H. Free, Ed Riesel, Reese Miller, W. C. Mingus, Jr., W. L. Murphy, Tommie Wood, C. G. Atkinson, J. W. Martin, Willard W. Foster, T. P. Carter, W. R. Chapman, A. R. Mallon, G. A. Daniel, H. L. Norman, W. A. Parnelly, J. C. Hamm, Jack M. P. Stephens, Archie Wilson, W. M. Chaney, I. C. Humphrey, E. L. Ledbetter, H. C. Wilson, H. T. Strickland, B. A. Ross, Roy L. Duke, J. L. Williams, J. N. Ferguson, Geo. Leonard, W. P. Cook, Abilene; W. H. Kister, Arnold Galle, Tye; J. B. Johnson, C. V. Morris, Tuscola; J. L. Minatree, Buffalo Gap; E. H. Moody, Guion; C. W. Allmand, Wingate; Geo. W. Haynes, Lawn; J. W. May, Jim Lackey, Ovalo.

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**Trent Boy Starts Course In Military Flight Training**

Santa Maria, Calif., Sept. 19.—Flying Cadet Fred Coleman McCurdy of Trent, Texas, entered Hancock College of Aeronautics at Santa Maria for the elementary course in military flight training.

After thirty weeks of intensive training under the air Corps expansion program he may win his wings as a second-lieutenant in the Air Corps Reserve and fly the latest type of military airplanes.

Training is divided into three phases of ten weeks each—elementary, basic and advanced. Elementary training is conducted by civilian flying schools under contract with the gov-

ernment. Flying cadets who exhibit proficiency are transferred to basic and advanced schools of the Air Corps.

White in training Flying Cadets receive \$75 per month plus liberal allowances for rations and quarters. Upon receiving their commissions they may secure pay and allowances of approximately \$245 per month while on active duty.



**A "FOUR-ALARM" FOR THE BLUE-GRAY TRUCKS**

A KANSAS CITY bridge burst into flames one morning last spring. It twisted and withered under the terrific heat... then stout steel spans splashed into the Kansas River.

"Voice bridges" went out of service, too. For attached to the bridge were two large telephone cables, containing wires to 1,700 telephones. It was a four-alarm for the telephone repair crews—the men in the blue-gray trucks. While flames still soared near by, the reconstruction work began.

In a fire department rowboat they got a line across the river. Emergency telephones were rigged up at strategic locations.

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**TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS**

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Jones and Lindly Burl of Crane were visiting relatives here last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Carter Dyer of Coleman visited Mrs. Dyer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Roberts, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Friend, Don and Cecil, went to Brownwood to spend the past week-end.

Kirby Steadman of Texas Tech, Lubbock, was a week-end visitor here.

Supt. and Mrs. R. L. Fortune and Bobbie, also Mrs. Helen Williams and Bobby, spent Saturday in Brownwood.

R. T. Bishop of Waco is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Bishop.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Blankenship are the parents of a son, born Sunday night at the Merkel hospital.

Mrs. Blankenship is the former Clarice Duncan of this city and Mr. Blankenship is teacher and coach in the High school here.

Mrs. W. H. Hale had as her guests over the week-end her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Carmen Hale of Ropes.

Mr. and Mrs. James Ellis are announcing the birth of a son, born Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Scott had as their guests this week-end Mrs. Scott's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sampson, of Hawley.

Miss Dorothy Jo Rutledge left Saturday for Brownwood, where she will enter Howard Payne college.

**PEP SQUAD ORGANIZED.**

The girls of Trent High school met last Wednesday, Sept. 11, to organize their Pep Squad for this year and elected their officers for the football season.

Willadene Strawn was elected president; Nadine Childress, vice-president; Ladie Fred Crain, reporter, and Betty Howell, secretary.

The Stribling Twins, Wilma and Wanda, were elected cheer leaders and Mrs. Maurice Faulkner was chosen Pep Squad sponsor.

**FOOTBALL GAME FRIDAY NIGHT.**

Trent opens their football season this Friday night by playing McCaulley here. All games to be played here will be played on a lighted field at night.

Friday night's game will start at 8 o'clock. Admission will be 15 and 25 cents.

Trent will play a schedule as follows:

- Sept. 20—McCaulley at Trent.
- Sept. 27—Eula at Trent.
- Oct. 4—Lawn at Lawn.
- Oct. 11—Eula at Eula.
- Oct. 18—Ovalo at Trent.
- Oct. 25—Bradshaw at Bradshaw.
- Nov. 1—Tuscola at Trent.
- Nov. 8—Open date.
- Nov. 15—Wylie at Trent.

**White Church News**

Rev. J. B. Stewart filled his regular appointment here Sunday, preaching to a well filled house at both services.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Harris entertained with a party Saturday night.

Mrs. A. M. Shugart has returned home after an extended visit with relatives in El Paso. She also visited the Carlsbad Caverns.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynward Harrison and children and Mrs. Weston of near Putnam spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Weston and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison returned home Sunday but Mrs. Weston remained for a longer visit with her son and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Petty and sons of Luaders were week-end visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Berry. They were accompanied home by Mrs. Petty's mother, Mrs. A. M. Shugart, for a visit.

Mrs. E. E. Patterson is real sick at this writing. We wish her a very speedy recovery.

Ray Hardin joined the army and is stationed at San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Farmer were in Abilene Thursday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Odell McLean and baby son are visiting relatives near Wichita Falls.

John S. Hughes of Blair was seen in our midst one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Brown are in Rochester where he has contracted a church building. He will be away several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Toombs and Malcolm Leon were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Frazee Demere.

**BLAIR ITEMS**

We are sorry to report that Mrs. J. W. Mayfield entered the Merkel hospital the past week for treatment. All are hoping for her an early recovery.

Price Melton, who was bitten by a spider the past week, is getting along nicely.

Rev. J. B. Stewart, the pastor, is to fill his regular appointment at the Methodist church Sunday, Sept. 22.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Dick of Bluffdale, Texas, were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Shumfield. Mr. Shumfield is a welder for the Santa Fe railway company and was transferred here from Waco.

Miss Lucy Moore left Sunday for Lubbock to enter Texas Tech. She was accompanied there by Otis Moore and Miss Joy Doan.

Miss Sarah Malone and her brother, Harrison Malone, left Sunday for Lubbock to enter Texas Tech. They were accompanied by their father, Mark Malone, and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Orsborn.

Misses Laverne and Comora Hughes left over the week-end for

Lubbock, where they will attend Texas Tech again this year.

Fair weather prevails and cotton picking is in full sway. The farmers are very busy looking after the fleecy staple and the gin is running day and into the nights.

Charlie Jones of Merkel was seen in our midst Monday.

Mrs. Nora Pruitt has returned home after a week's visit with her son, Mr. and Mrs. George Lowery, of Cleburne.

**BOYS SCOUTS REORGANIZE.**

The Boy Scouts reorganized Monday with Prof. Jack Chapman, Scoutmaster; Carl H. Doan, assistant Scoutmaster; J. D. Sandusky, Jr., junior assistant Scoutmaster; Budde Derington, patrol leader; Billie J. Sandusky, assistant patrol leader; Wallace Doan, scribe; Desmond Doan,

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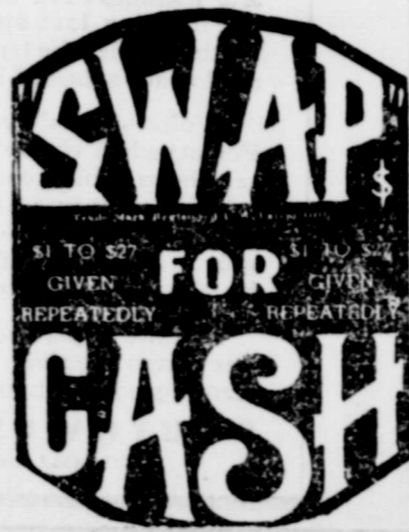
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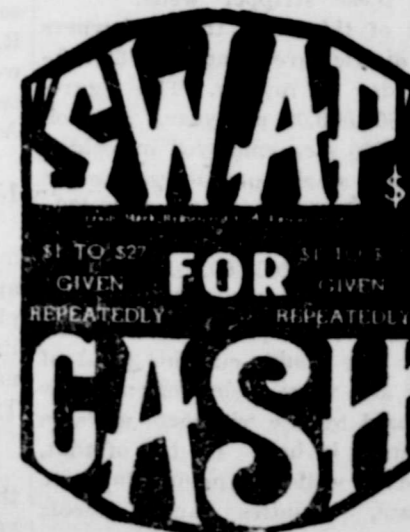
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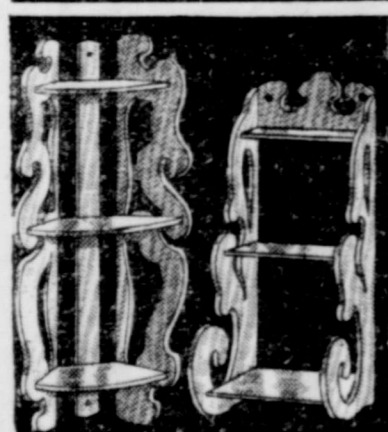
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FOR SALE—My home on Oak street; I want to sell within the next three weeks. See me at Mrs. T. J. R. Swafford's. Mrs. S. H. L. Swafford.

FOR SALE—Late 1936 Plymouth coach; good running condition. R. A. Martin, Route 1, Merkel, Texas.

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## QUEEN THEATRE CALENDAR

Friday-Saturday — Johnny Mack Brown, Fuzzy Knight in "West of Carson City;" 2-reel comedy, serial and short subjects.

Saturday preview, Sunday matinee, Monday night—"All This, and Heaven Too," with Bette Davis, Charles Boyer. Feature starts Sunday 2:10 and 5:00 p. m., Monday 7:15 and 10:05 p. m.

Tuesday only — Jeffrey Lynn, Brenda Marshall in "Money and the Woman;" also selected short subjects.

Wednesday-Thursday — "Scatterbrain," with Judy Canova, Ruth Donnelly, Alan Mowbray.

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.

## Review of 47-Years Of Women's Work In Methodist Church

"The Passing of the Old and Forming of the New Woman's Work in the Merkel Methodist Church" was most interestingly told by Mrs. H. C. Williams at the organization meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 11, of the Society of Christian Service, replacing the Woman's Missionary society. The article, which is published in full, follows:

"The first Woman's organization of our church was the Parsonage Aid South, held in a 40x60-ft. frame building on the present site. From some cause it died and was buried. That was before I came. In the spring of 1894, two Methodist women knocked on my door one afternoon and I was so happy to welcome them in, for I was a stranger and homesick for old friends and church. After a social chat, they told me their mission. I think I was a little sicker. Some friction had arisen and it seemed the church, under the direction of the pastor, Brother J. A. Hyder, thought it best a stranger take hold and I was the stranger. I did not know any better than to try it. For one year we had a fair measure of success and only by co-operation of eight members. And on their foundation have we been building. We are forty-seven years old.

"Then an older and more experienced woman, Mrs. J. A. Leemon, was elected president, she serving well many years, followed by Mrs. G. B. Brown for one year. Mrs. E. D. Coats served one year as president. Again the first president served two years during which time our present brick church was built. Our society furnished our pews and pulpit furniture at a cost of \$665.00. At this time there were eighteen members. There were hills to climb, valleys to tread, spots of sunshine and days of joy and rejoicing. During this time the name Parsonage Aid was made history and we were known as Home and Foreign society. Then again history was made of the Home and Foreign society and today we are the Woman's Home Missionary society. Serving in turns were the following: Mesdames J. W. Jennings, H. C. Burroughs, C. D. Mims, J. L. Harris, E. W. Parmenter, H. C. Williams, G. H. Adams, each serving faithfully in her day. As we have clasped hands and broadened our work, we almost circle the globe. Mrs. Ida Armstrong, our next president, led the way raising funds for our assessment for the Bell Bennett Memorial in Nashville, Tenn. Mrs. Geo. Brown was next in line and led the way to raise our assessment of \$300.00 for McMurry college. Mrs. L. R. Thompson, Mrs. Tom Largent, Mrs. Fet Touchstone, Mrs. R. A. Burgess, Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson, Mrs. W. S. J. Brown, Mrs. F. E. Church; all

## RENAMED TO POST



The state democratic convention at Mineral Wells last week renamed Ernest W. Wilson, Abilene attorney, as executive committeeman from the 24th senatorial district.

erved well their time. I need not speak of these last two years of faithful and efficient work of Mrs. Largent, her work stands and it with the Woman's Missionary society has today, September 11, 1940, passed into history, she still as president of Woman's Society of Christian Service.

"Perhaps you younger women do not know the heartaches we mothers have had when we read of the destruction of our years of building in other lands. Some say we have builded in vain, but, women, we have not. We have sown seed, we have already reaped a great harvest in telling of our Christ to other nations. They may destroy the work of our hands, but the eternal truths sown in the hearts of man will some day, some time mean eternal life to many souls.

"And now, as a great church sees it best to again widen the scope of our work, we can, under God, keep on sowing seed and with open hearts and willing hands occupy till He comes. We know not what the future holds for our work in other fields, yea in our own land, but as we lay down the old and take up the new organization today may the faith of our mothers be ours. I am glad to say there are no marks of decay of our work. We are not tearing down, but building perhaps a greater structure. May we with much prayer, strong faith and hard work enter into larger co-operation with our united church.

"God only knows what may be accomplished. We are not here by chance. Woman in all history has had the place to serve God in saving humanity. You remember when God made her, He said "She" is for a helpmeet which means help-right. May I say in our new organization, to the officers: Pray for understanding to lead, not dictatorially, but

## LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS

The two blocks from the railroad south to the High School building have been closed to traffic this week, preliminary to coating this section and the crossing, also the Y on the north side, with a black top. Similar paving is to be laid on Kent street from Elm five blocks north.

Returning 16 additional indictments, the 42nd district court grand jury adjourned Thursday night of last week until Oct. 2. During the first week of the new term, the inquisitorial body had returned 16 indictments, total for the two sessions being 42 bills.

Jack Traweek, of Stephenville, who will be remembered by older residents as having been employed at Ed's cafe, leaving here in 1919, has been again engaged as cook by Mrs. Ed Turner, proprietor of the cafe. A new waitress, Euvalda Fox, has also been employed.

Omitted from the list of college students reported in last week's issue of The Mail was the name of Ben Ferguson, who is attending McMurry for his second year. He is staying at home and making the trip over daily.

When her car overturned late Saturday afternoon as she was return-

edly, she was compelled to turn to the side of the road, causing her car to overturn. The machine was considerably damaged.

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A-1 Crackers 2-lb. box 17c	BLUE & WHITE Pork & Beans 1-lb. can 5c
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RED & WHITE Coffee 1-lb. can 25c	RED & WHITE Broom Each 78c
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FORTNIGHTLY STUDY CLUB INITIAL MEETING IN HONOR OF LOCAL PRESIDENTS.

The Fortnightly Study club held its initial meeting in the home of Mrs. Tom Largent on Saturday morning, honoring local presidents. Mrs. Elma McFarland, Mrs. S. D. Gamble and Miss Christine Collins were co-hostesses with Mrs. Largent.

The vice-president, Mrs. Largent, presided for the program and distributed year books. She asked the group to rise in a moment of silent tribute to two deceased members, Mrs. Rufus Adcock and Miss Julia Martin.

Mrs. Connor Robinson paid tribute to the four past presidents and the present president, all of whom were present except Mrs. Thomas Durham of Lubbock.

Mrs. R. O. Pearson of Abilene, the first president of the club, gave a group of poems by Lexie Dean Robertson. Mrs. Henry West and Mrs. W. W. Haynes of Abilene, two former presidents, expressed their appreciation of the club.

Mrs. Johnny Cox, president, gave a brief introduction to the work outlined for the year, the course of study being "Broadening our Horizon."

The entertaining rooms were beautifully decorated with red radiance roses. Coffee was served with dainty sandwiches, cookies and melon balls from a lace-laid table centered with a crystal bowl of red radiance rosebuds.

Guests were Mesdames Pearson, Haynes and Leonard. Members present were Mesdames Stanley King, W. T. Sadler, Connor Robinson, W. B. Pett y, Owen Robertson, Comer Haynes, Len Sublett, Elsie Nash, Harry Bullock, Johnny Cox, Henry West, Tom Largent, Elma McFarland, Bud Winter, Misses Mamie Ellis, Christine Collins, Vennie Heizer, Mildred Holt and Johnnie Sears.

BELOVED PIONEER WOMAN OF MERKEL HONORED.

Mrs. S. H. L. Swafford, better known as Grandmother Swafford, of Portland, Oregon, spent her 84th birthday at her former home, Merkel. It was that occasion which brought together a number of her life-long friends in celebration last Sunday.

A special table, decorated with lovely cut flowers, was the table of honor for Mrs. Joe Harris, Mrs. H. C. Williams, Mrs. J. P. Sutphen and Mrs. Swafford. Birthday gifts were presented Mrs. Swafford and, following a sumptuous meal, a lovely birthday cake was cut. Other guests present were Mrs. Grace Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Odum and Mr. and Mrs. Van Brown and daughter, Peggy Jean, and son, Charles Dwayne, all these people were from Putnam; Miss Himalaya Swafford and Don Swafford, both of Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Patterson and son, Tru-

ett Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Golladay and granddaughter, Mary Faye Johnson, Mrs. Fred Groene, Miss Mary Anna Mayfield, Mr. and Mrs. Max Swafford and little son, Mrs. T. J. R. Swafford and children, Dot, Nedra and Dwight.

SHOUSE-CAMPBELL.

Announcement was made last Thursday of the marriage on Sept. 3 of Edgeline Campbell and Mardell Spencer Shouse. The wedding took place at twilight at the ranch home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George F. Campbell, 15 miles south of Abilene.

Mr. Campbell gave his daughter in marriage in a ceremony read by Rev. Alsie Carleton, Methodist minister of Clyde.

Attendants to the couple were Mrs. Leland Taylor and Charlie T. McCormick, and giving the wedding music was Aileen Hardin. Miss Hardin also played the piano accompaniment for LaVada Raynes to sing "I Love You Truly."

The bride wore a fur-trimmed costume suit of soldier blue and her corsage was of pink gladioluses.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Shouse, the groom was reared in Merkel and graduated from Merkel High school, later attending McMurry college.

The couple are living in Abilene, where Mr. Shouse is employed in the accounting department of Banner Creameries.

GLENER CLASS PARTY.

The Gleaner class of the Methodist church met on Wednesday afternoon of last week in the home of Mrs. Pete White, with Mrs. Lucille White, Mrs. Lizzie Latham and Miss Mabel McRee co-hostesses. The rooms were beautifully decorated with queen's wreath and digitalis cut flowers.

Mrs. Roy Harrell gave an inspiring devotional on "Faithfulness" and also led the prayer.

Games of "42" were played until refreshment time, when a delicious plate of chicken salad, wafers, olives, coconut macaroons and grape drink were passed to the following members: Mesdames Johnny Cox, Tom Largent, W. S. J. Brown, Robert Hicks, Len Sublett, Ross Ferrier, P. E. Church, Dee Grimes, F. Y. Gaither, T. L. Grimes, John Crow, W. W. Toombs, Roy Harrell, John Shannon and Denzel Cox. Guests were Mesdames C. K. Russell, Pete White, Misses Bonnie White, Mossy Sears, Ona and Pauline Johnson, Mary Eula Sears and the hostesses.

HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB.

Mrs. Grover Gilbert and Mrs. C. P. Church were co-hostesses Friday to the first fall meeting of the Home Demonstration club, meeting in the home of Mrs. Gilbert.

The following officers were elected for 1941: president, Mrs. Grover Gilbert; vice-president, Mrs. W. R. Sumpter; secretary, Mrs. Holt Vaughn; treasurer, Mrs. Clyde Shouse; reporter, Mrs. Clark Mundy; council member, Mrs. Craig Humph-

reys; historian, Mrs. Andy Shouse.

Mrs. Holt Vaughn presented the club with the completed historian book and the club recognized her excellent work with the gift of a vase. Mrs. Andy Shouse was appointed chairman of a committee on arrangements for the Fair exhibit, with Mrs. Fred Baker, Jr., and Mrs. Stanley King as her assistants.

Refreshments were served to the following members and guests: Mesdames Fred Baker, Jr., Andy Shouse, C. P. Church, Paul Blackaby, Dora Hill, Lem Dudley, John Hughes, J. Ben Campbell, John L. Jones, Clyde Shouse, J. W. Bryan, Harry Barnett, Walter Teaff, Holt Vaughn, Craig Humphreys, Clark Mundy, Stanley King, Bob McDonald, E. B. Wallace, Grover Gilbert, Fred A. Baker, Sr., W. T. McAninch, Rosalie Royalty, Buck Leach, Doyle Nutt, Dent Gibson, L. D. Chapman and Norris Barnett.

The next meeting will be Sept. 27, in the home of Mrs. Buck Leach, when Miss Tacker will demonstrate the care of kitchen and cleaning equipment.

SOCIETY HAS THIRTY-NINE CHARTER MEMBERS.

The Society of Christian Service replaced the Woman's Missionary society after the charter meeting held Wednesday, Sept. 11, at the Methodist church.

The morning program was a retreat, with Rev. John H. Crow, the pastor, taking charge. "Today's Challenge for Christians" was the theme of the program. Following the retreat Mrs. H. C. Williams gave the history of the Merkel missionary society.

A covered dish luncheon was served at the noon hour.

At the afternoon program the charter ritual was conducted by Rev. Mr. Crow, assisted by Mrs. Herbert Dunn, secretary. Thirty-nine women signed the charter.

The new officers elected were: Mrs. Tom Largent, president; Mrs. Andy Shouse, first vice-president; Mrs. W. R. Cypert, second vice-president; Mrs. Buck Mashburn, corresponding secretary; Mrs. R. M. Ferguson, auxiliary secretary; Mrs. Clyde Sears, study leader; Mrs. Gertrude Peep, superintendent of supplies; Mrs. Spencer Bird, spiritual cultivation; Miss Lottie Butman, stewardship; Mrs. Mack Buzbee, treasurer.

Time of meetings is 2:30 every Monday.

SEWING CLUB.

The following members of the Sewing club were entertained on Wednesday of last week by Mrs. N. D. Calloway: Mesdames Erwin Bailey, L. V. Moore, Spencer Bird, Geo. T. Moore, Byron Patterson, J. E. Boaz, Jr., John Grace, Worth Lee, Owen Robertson, Stacy Bird, Connor Robinson, Herbert Dunn, Nolan Palmer, Max Swafford, David Gamble, Buck Leach, Urban Zehnpennig.

The next meeting will be Sept. 25 with Mrs. Milton Case, when secret "Pals" will be revealed. This meeting will begin at 3 p. m.

RURAL SOCIETY

MISCELLANEOUS SHOWER.

On last Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Rex McLean entertained with a miscellaneous shower for Mrs. J. B. Bunch, nee Leona Harris, at the church at White Church.

At the culmination of an hour of games directed by Mrs. Maurice Pressley and Miss Johnnie Hardin, a lovely array of gifts was presented the honoree. A white and pink color scheme was carried out in all details and in a dainty menu, which was passed by Mrs. M. H. Farmer and Miss Aileen Frazier.

Those served were Mesdames John Coomer, Maurice Pressley, Ted Windham, Homer Tye, Rex McLean, Beryl Brown, R. D. Hunter, Roy Hunter, Monroe Harris, J. H. Swinney, J. C. Riggan, Frase Demere, P. R. McLean, Dewey Rodgers, Floyd Hardin, A. D. Barnes, Kate Phillips, M. H. Farmer, J. D. Hardin, E. E. Conley, R. L. Swinney, Willis Evans, Mondel Rodgers, Charlie Bunch; Misses Aileen Frazier, Johnnie Hardin.

Those sending gifts were Mesdames A. D. King, Marvin Egger, Buddie Windham, Dutch Bryant, Willie Thomas, C. D. Harris, T. M. Shugart, H. E. Farmer, E. W. Turner, Charlie Whisenhunt, Earl Eaten; Miss Mannie Faye Thomas, Miss Lois Harris, Homer Tye, Jr., Miss Lena Fay Armstrong.

Children present were J. B. Swinney, Royce D. Rogers, Gerry Ann Rodgers, Carol La Rue Pressley, Lena Sue McLean, Barbara Ann Phillips, Sonny Boy Riggan.

WARREN CLUB.

The Warren Home Demonstration club met at 3 p. m. Tuesday, Sept. 10, at the home of Mrs. Ross Baker. The meeting was called to order by the vice-president, Mrs. M. H. Ely,

who presided for the business session.

Under the head of new business plans looking ahead to "Achievement Day" were made. Each member will exhibit needle work and some useful kitchen article.

The next meeting will be on Friday, Sept. 27, in the home of Mrs. M. H. Ely, at which time the county agent, Miss Gladys Martin, will be present. All members are urged to attend. Remember the date—Friday, Sept. 27, instead of the club's regular meeting day on Tuesday, Sept. 24.

COMPERE CLUB.

The Compere Home Demonstration club met with Mrs. A. J. Newman on Thursday, Sept. 12. Plans for work for the remainder of 1940 were discussed. Fruit and cakes were served.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. Dewey Ramsey on Sept. 26.

Girl Scouts Organize For New Year's Work; Group Leaders Named

At four p. m. Wednesday, Sept. 11, girls and adults interested in Girl Scout work met in the home of Mrs. Bob McDonald to organize and discuss plans for the coming year. Although progress was greatly retarded by the absence of Mrs. G. W. Wilhite, former Girl Scout leader, who was unable to come from Hermleigh because of last minute unfortunate circumstances, a great deal was accomplished.

While the girls enjoyed outdoor games on the lawn, secretary of the scout troop committee, Mrs. Hob Robertson, led the adult group in a discussion of the acquisition of a building for exclusive use of the Girl Scouts. With a little more than \$100 already in the treasury, and additional funds promised, the Scouts hope to purchase a house of sufficient good material to erect a suitable structure on a lot which is to be donated by the Merkel schools. Although the organization is not at present able to erect an ideal building, it believes that even a small structure which would serve as a meeting place and general headquarters would be of more than enough value in strengthening the association to merit emptying the treasury.

Mrs. Robertson brought out the fact that some of the money has been in the treasury for about two years and should be put to some use in building up the organization.

According to Girl Scout rules, the girls were assembled into three groups: high school, intermediate and brownie.

Mrs. Richard Young was made leader of the high school group and Miss Billy Gardner of the intermediates. Only one brownie scout, Norma Jean Hodge, was present. It is hoped that others in this age group will join in the near future, (ages 7 to 10.)

At 4 p. m. Sept. 18, the high school group met at the home of Mrs. Richard Young. At the same hour, the intermediates assembled at the home of Miss Gardner.

At the conclusion of business transactions, dainty cookies with fruit punch were served to Mesdames Hob Robertson, Walter Teaff, Grover Gilbert, Lem Dudley, Richard Young, Norman Hodge, Paul Blackaby, H. Curington, Harry Barnett and Bob McDonald; Misses Lottie Butman, Billy Gardner and Juanita Husky and the following Scouts:

Joy Christine Curington, Frances Derington, Johnnie McDonald, Dorothy Nell Greene, Betty Jo Speck, Nedra Swafford, Evelyn Sears, Jarret Teaff, Geraldine Daniels, Ima Ruth Shouse, Genevieve Robertson, Bobby Nell Reagan, Kathrene Speck, Betty Gilbert, Marian Cobb, Mary Faye Johnson, Anne Walker, George Anne Kingsbury and Norma Jean Hodge.

The Girl Scout organization provides excellent social experience, healthful recreation and practical education in a form that is as alluring as it is unique. Mothers and Dads, you will not want your girl to miss these advantages. Encourage her to be a Girl Scout.

Speaker Bankhead Dies.

Washington, Sept. 19.—Speaker William B. Bankhead of Alabama died at 12:33 a. m. (CST) Sunday in Naval hospital. His death was due to a ruptured artery in the abdomen.

Singing At Warren.

There will be singing Friday night, Sept. 20, at Warren. The new Stamps book, "Golden Key," will be used. Every one is urged to attend.

Texas has a total of 22,500 miles of highway maintained by the state highway department.

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In The Churches

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

There were 552 present at the six reporting Sunday Schools here last Sunday, as compared with 579 the previous week. On the same Sunday a year ago the attendance was 625.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Morning sermon at 11. Training Union 7:00. Evening sermon at 8:00.

Teachers' and officers' meeting and prayer meeting 8:00 Wednesday evening. Cooper Waters, Pastor.

BAPTIST CIRCLES.

The W. M. U. of the First Baptist church will meet Monday, Sept. 23, in Circles, as follows:

Maybelle Taylor, with Mrs. Clyde Bartlett; Blanche Rose Walker, with Mrs. E. O. Carson; Elkin Lockett, with Mrs. G. M. Sharp.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. is the only service at our church. Everyone is urged to attend regularly. W. M. Elliott, Clerk of Session.

METHODIST CHURCH.

Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. Morning sermon at 11 a. m. Young people's meeting at 7:30 p. m. Evening worship at 8:00. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8. John H. Crow, Pastor.

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.

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.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Sunday services: Bible classes 9:45, preaching at 10:45, young people's meeting at 7:00. Preaching at 8:00 p. m. Wednesday evening Bible study at 8:00 o'clock. You are invited to attend. The Elders.

NUBIA LEAGUE.

The Nubia League met last Sunday night and selected the following new officers: Mattie Reynolds, president; Annie C. Cargill, vice-president; Lorene Whisenhunt and Maudie Turner, program chairmen. There was a very interesting program given on co-operation. We extend an invitation to every one to come at 7:30 Sunday night. Nell Butman, Reporter.

Chevrolet Announces Showing 1941 Model

"The most beautiful Chevrolet Ever" is the title given to the 1941 model which will be unveiled to the public Saturday morning, Sept. 21. In Merkel, the showing will be held at Grable Motor company, local Chevrolet distributor.

Although there are many major improvements in the new model, greatest emphasis is placed on the increased beauty of the car. Sleek streamlining from the front bumper to the tail lamps blends into a harmonious unit which for sheer smoothness rivals any car.

"Chevrolet, first in sales for nine of the last ten years, presents for 1941 the greatest of all Chevrolets—designed to be first again, styled to be first again, engineered to be first again, built to be first again," said John Grable, local dealer. "This 1941 model offers you thrilling new bigness, longer wheelbase, dashing new 'Aristo-Style' design, longer larger, wider, Fisher bodies, de luxe knee-action on all models, Chevrolet's original and exclusive vacuum power gearshift, crystal clear safety plate glass all the way around the car, plus many more outstanding comfort, safety and convenience features, Chevrolet's consistent leadership through the years has been based on value. For 1941 it seeks to maintain that leadership through the same method."

The public is cordially invited to visit the showroom of Grable Motor company Saturday. Carbon paper, 8 1/2 x 11, two sheets for 5 cents; 25 cents per dozen. At Merkel Mail office.

Hospital Notes.

Charles Webster, who entered Sadler Clinic last Thursday for minor surgery, was dismissed Tuesday.

Mrs. Floyd Shedd, Trent, had major surgery Tuesday.

S. M. Hunter, who entered the hospital Sept. 7 for major surgery, was dismissed Wednesday. Two babies were born at the hospital during the week. The parents are: Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sosebee, Route 2, to whom a son was born last Friday, and Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Blankenship, to whom a son was born Monday.

Record of Births

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sosebee, Route 2, Friday, September 13, 1940. Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilson, Sunday, September 15, 1940.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. James Ellis, Trent, Sunday, September 15, 1940. Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Blankenship, Trent, Monday, September 16, 1940.

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Oleo ..... Lb. 10c

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Chuck Roast Lb. 19c

Seven Cut Steak ..... Lb. 20c

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