## Keeping Up With Texas

Old age assistance clients, numbering approximately 119,000, will find their October check \$2 more, it was announced by the state board of public welfare. September payments averaged \$11.16.

First awards of Will Rogers Memorial scholarships have gone this fall HEART ATTACK to five Texans selected by University of Texas regents. Recipients were: J. Curtiss Brown, Mankins; Sidney Brown, Rosenberg; James Stiff, Jr., Big Spring; Kenneth Wiley, Port Arthur, and N. B. Sikes, Austin.

The crash of a private plane Sunday at Katemcy, 15 miles south of Brady, took the lives of Scott Stauch, 29, NYA instructor at Roy Inks dam, and William Jordan, 26, son of a Katemcy family.

Stepping barefooted on wet grass while carrying an extension cord renight of Mrs. Frances Ullmann, 24,

Collision of a southbound autohis mother, Mrs. Eugene Amerson of Mr. Cole, Baptist pastor of Lamesa. Hillsboro; the death of a negro, H. T. Henderson, 19, of Marlin, and the tery, with Barrow-Sheppard funeral P.-T. A. Meeting to injury of six of his companions.

Claude Eure, 60-year-old pilot, and four passengers in his plane fell Joe Higgins, E. Barnes, E. B. Barnes, to their deaths after an air collision Tom Coats, Clark Mundy, Lawrence late Saturday near Velasco. The other Thornton and Jim Patterson. ship in the collision was piloted by Eure's 21-year-old son, Willard, who ter Hunter, B. M. Eckert, June Homanaged to land safely despite the gan and Lawrence Thornton, Misses loss of a propeller.

Two McAllen youths, Delbert Dean and Gilbert Patterson, were killed instantly and a third was seriously injured Monday afternoon when their Briscoe county in 1892. Moving to two seater Waco plane crashed into the Merkel section in 1910, he had the airport fence at Alice.

Punigan of the Dunigan Tool & Sup- ago when he bought a home in Merply company, died in a Breckenridge kel. He had continued active as a hospital Saturday about four hours cattleman until the day he was stric-

O. W.IA Coan, 48, a farmer, was Gund dead at Stanton Monday mornright side. He was on his way to shoot a dawk, and in closing a wire gate, it is believed, his gun was accidentaldischarged.

A shotgun charge through his heart killed Dick Price, 38, member of a prominent Childress family, Monday. The shooting was believed voting precinct for registration of all by investigating officers to have been male citizens between the ages of 21 accidental.

Dr. W. L. Crosthwait of Waco was elected president of the Texas Surgical society and Temple was selected for the convention city next spring at an executive meeting at Houston Tuesday.

who returned to Washington, D. C., ing force into two shifts on account McMurry Wah Wahtaysees as an enabout two weeks ago from his home of the long hours. in Uvalde, headed for Texas again cal matters.

in Washington, D. C., Tuesday was men between 21 and 35 may volunty's surviving Confederate veteran, previously been barred. now past 91.

Jordan D. Welch, 44, cotton gin expert of Dallas, was killed Monday urday at the county court room in while working on a gin near Crockett. Abilene of chief registrars and any Automatic stompers on a press crushed Welch's head.

Nacogdoches county, died of a heart attack late Tuesday afternoon as he sat in a Dallas cafe.

O. A. Redland, 60, rice grower of Crosby, was killed early Wednesday when his automobile plunged down a 40-foot embankment on the Liberty road near Houston.

cracked a safe at the Texas Power & night of next week, Oct. 15, in the Light company office at Waxahachie high school auditorium. and kidnaped a 74-year-old night watchman, forcing him to ride for an an automobile.

Foster Elder, star halfback of Southern Methodist university, was njured seriously in an automobile ac- program for a talk on "The Birthident Wednesday as he and three ther players rushed to catch a train and Teachers." r Pittsburgh where the Mustangs ill play Pitt Saturday.

State Representative Harold Hanker was given a three-year peniten- will give a piano solo. s administrator.

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MERKEL, TEXAS, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1940.

On the "Broadway of America"

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## CLAIMS "UNCLE CHARLIE" JACOBS

Pioneer Stockman Passes Away nesday Afternoon.

C. E. (Uncle Charlie) Jacobs, 74, pioneer stockman, died at 9:40 Tuesday night at his home here. He sufsulted in the electrocution Sunday fered a heart attack about 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon shortly after he San Antonio, mother of four chil- had lunch, and his condition remained critical from that time.

Funeral services were held at 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon from the mobile and a truck loaded with 19 Church of Christ, with Dr. G. O. negro cotton pickers, two miles north Wood of Abilene serving as the ofof Alvarado early Sunday, caused the ficiating minister. He was assisted death of Dr. Young Amerson, 25, a by J. P. Crenshaw, Church of Christ Roscoe physician; critical injuries to minister of Sweetwater, and Rev.

> Burial followed in Rose Hill cemehome in charge.

Pallbearers were Paul Douglas

Flower girls were Mesdames Wal-Arlene Cruse and Louise Richie.

A native Texan, Charles E. Jacobs was born Mar. 4, 1866, in Dallas county. He had resided in West Texas nearly 50 years, having settled in engaged in farming and stock rais-Mike Dunigan, 11, son of Francis ing west of town until about 15 years after being hi by a passenger train. ken. A rugged individual, strongly (Continued on Page Two)

# ing, with a charge of birdshot in his Draft Registrars to

As chief registrar for the Merkel and 35, Sam Swann has again asked The Mail to stress the need for about 15 or 20 more volunteers to assist in handling draft registrants on Wednesday of next week. Oct. 16.

The Lions hall will be used for registration, the hours to be from 7 a. m. to 9 p. m. It is planned, Regis-Vice-President John N. Garner, trar Swann said, to divide the work- Fair by bringing along with them the

According to a new ruling receiv-Attending the Confederate reunion draft registration in Taylor county,

All volunteers who can do so are asked by Mr. Swann to attend a called meeting to be held at 2 p. m. Sat

others who are going to help. At that time Miss Fryar will have W. B. Melton, 65, of Appleby, a sample registration blank to pre-

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#### Athenia Survivor to Speak at Trent PTA

Trent, Oct. 10 .- The monthly meeting of the Trent Parent-Teacher association, postponed from Tuesday Two bandits early Wednesday night, Oct. 8, will be held Tuesday

Chief speaker will be Mrs. Robert hour and a half in the trunk back of here for her speech on the Athenia T. Bridge of Abilene, remembered disaster, of which she is a survivor.

Mrs. Clesby Patterson, past president of the Merkel P.-T. A., is on the

"Have You Ever Been to Texas in yards. the Spring?" by Mrs. Homer Patterson of Merkel and Ladie Fred Crain

court at El Paso Wednesday and all members are urged to pay several golfers. conviction of conversion of \$4,- their dues before Oct. 25 so that the Others in the foursome were Al Mc- terson and insured for \$4,000. the national congress.

#### BAND AND PEP SQUAD RANK IN SECOND PLACE

The Badger band and Pep Squad trooped to Abilene and came home with a sizable portion of the well known "bacon," placing second Tuesday Night; Rites Held against stiff competition in the From Church of Christ Wed- Parade of Pioneers. Winters won first place and Slaton ranked third.

Before thousands of spectators the Merkel unit marched and played in competition with a score of other bands. When the judges were through computing the scores of the various entrants, they awarded Merkel second place, a beautiful plaque and a cash award of \$25.00, to be divided best solid color hen, best solid color equally between the Band and Pep pullet and best solid color display. Squad.

The students attended the Fair as guests of Abilene following the parade. Miss Ashburn and Director Richard Young accompanied the two

## Feature Rhythm Band

The October meeting of the Merkel Parent-Teacher association will be held in the Grammar School auditorium Tuesday night, Oct. 15, at 7:30 pullets. p. m., with Mrs. Clesby Patterson, local past-president, as program lead-

The program offers two special features: Dr. R. A. Collins, professor of education in Hardin-Simmons university, Abilene, who will speak on "Parental Responsibilities," and the Rhythm band, under the direction of Misses Vinnie Heizer and Mildred Holt. Third grade room mothers will act as hostesses, and a recognition of the birthday of the founding of Texas Congress of Parents and Teachers will be given. The business sespresident, Mrs. N. T. House, il friends and patrons of the school are cordially invited to be present.

silverware and cooking utensils for them to the meeting of the association to be held next Tuesday night.

#### Invitation to Fair Takes A Novel Turn

Welcoming gates were opened wide in Merkel last Friday night when the Kiwanis club of Abilene concluded a series of good will trips by Abilene civic clubs boosting the West Texas tertainment feature.

As the visitors arrived, they were Tuesday, silent as ever about politi- ed over the week-end by Miss Vivian greeted by the Merkel High School Fryar, county clerk, in charge of band, led by Director Richard Young, and the Pep Squad, sponsored by Miss Mary Lou Ashburn, and they ushered Robert Wyatt Ransome, Jones coun- teer to help in registration. They had the McMurry collegiates in a procession down Edwards street to the intersection of Elm, with Clarice Higgins, petite majorette of the band, leading the way.

The 64-piece band played a number and the two organizations, the band

Gray, local manager of the West Texas Utilities company and president of the Merkel Lions club, with response by Mayor W. W. Hair of Abilene and L. R. Thompson, county

auditor and a former Merkelite. Several formations by the Wah Wahtaysees followed the speaking. Dick Antilley, flagbearers.

## Dean Higgins Joins

Dean Higgins has joined the "hole-

At the same time he broke the course's record, shooting a 33 for the 36-par course. Previous record was adjoining building. sentence by a jury in 34th dis- New year books will be distributed, 34, which had been accomplished by

### **GILBERT SHOWS CHAMPION BIRD AT 1940 SHOW**

Several Other Local Poultry Farciers Enter Prize-Winners, Including Gilbert's Son And Three FFA Boys.

Grover Gilbert of Merkel, was declared the grand champion bird of the West Texas Poultry show at the West Texas Fair Wednesday.

In the special awards Gilbert won

pullet; association and variety award. | conference tilts.

third young pen.

second and third hen; first, second, left tackle for 6 points. third cockerel, variety special and The last touchdown came after

Games): second cock; fourth hen; first pullet.

Capons, (birds weighing nine pounds and over): Bobby Gilbert,

FFA (pen of Buff Orphingtons): First, rf. L. Heningwar, second, Billy t Joe White; third, R. V. Clark.

## Those who wish to contribute dishes, Taylor County Seeks Card, Get Supplies the school lunch room and have not Five Units of Guards, One to Be in Merkel

a charter. Present for the meeting | night at 8:00. were T. N. Carswell, commander of Parramore Post of the American Legion, Abilene, and J. L. Warren, service officer.

On Wednesday formal application for the organization of five Taylor Barnes, Route 2, Thursday, October county home guard units-four in 3, 1940. Abilene and the one in Merkel-was forwarded to Governor W. Lee O'-Daniel by Mr. Carswell.

The application was accompanied from numerous public officials and 1940. heads of service clubs. It also included names of men to be recommended as "commissioned" officers for the

"It is probable," Carswell said, and the Pep Squad, voiced a rousing "that I will be given authorization welcoming yell for McMurry and Abi- at the Monday night meeting of the Legion to begin immediate recruiting Greetings were extended by R. T. for the guards. We will have the men

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## Fire Badly Damages

and dollars but not definitely deter- remained until some one could be the Cotton Palace and Dallas Fair Aileen Hardin was drum major, and mined until invoicing is completed re- found who could identify it. He was during her vacation. Lola Jo McComb, Martha Ansley and sulted to the stocks and fixtures of employed by Geo. McDonald as a two business finans on Front street truck driver. from a fire of unknown origin early Monday morning.

to the Lee-Bailey drug store. Most local chapter. in-one" class. While playing a recent of the damage to the drug store reday of the Texas Congress of Parents foursome on the Merkel golf course, sulted from water and smoke, the he holed out in a single stroke on No. grocery department of Patterson's smoke and water.

> Slight damage resulted also to the office of W. O. Boney, upstairs in an The building occupied by the two standing at their front door.

establishments is owned by A. B. Pat-

## FIRST CONFERENCE TILT AT HOME FINDS WOLVES AS BADGERS' OPPONENTS

## SECOND STRINGERS A Buff Orphington hen, owned by BEST ABILENE "B"

Reserves Capture Practice Game Here Friday Night, Scoring Three Touchdowns.

Last Thursday night Merkel's sec-Other Merkel poultry fanciers who High's "B" team and sent them home Badgers managed to hold the Plowentered winning birds were W. B. with a 19-7 defeat pinned all over boys to a 6-6 draw. Petty, Pete West, R. J. Miller and them. Capable reserves were found John Grable, also Bobby Gilbert in for several first string positions, the capon division and three FFA among them being Euell Hickam at last week, the Wolves enter the batboys. The respective winnings were: end, Glenn Barbee at guard, Doug-Gilbert (Buff Orpingtons): First las McCoy at center and Jerry Warcock; first, fifth and variety special ren at blocking back. These boys hen; first, second, third cockerel; played heads-up ball all the way and second young pen; first and second will undoubtedly see service in future ment since the start of the season.

Petty (Buff Orphingtons): Second Merkel's first touchdown came cock; second hen; fourth cockerel; when Elby Frazier, an ineligible playfirst young pen; third and fourth ing in his first game this year, went Pete West (Buff Orphingtons): also kicked the extra point. Minutes by moving seats from the rodeo Third cock; third and fourth hen; later the Merkel team was again grounds. knocking on the touchdown door and R. J. Miller (White Rocks): First, this time it was J. C. Carson through

poultry association award; first, Merkel had been penalized 15 yards, second, third, fourth and fifth pul- which set them back from the Abilene 25 to the 40. On the next play Grable (Dark Cornish from scrimmage, Frazier went directly over center, cut to the sideline and scampered unmolested to the pay

> A) ene scored its only touchdown in the fourth quarter when fullback Sale churned 20 yards straight up Color Wood With the Web e middle after a drive which had ber, rig rried from past mid-field. The same guard; ( kicked the extra point.

Statistics of the game - First left end Downs, Merkel 5, Abilene 8. Passes right hah completed, Merkel 1 of 8, Abilene 4, full back. of 9. Passes intercepted by, Merkel Abilene 1. Punts, Merkel 4 of 32, Abilene 5 of 21. Fumbles recovered, Merkel 3, Abilene 1.

This Friday night the regular Bad-At a called meeting Monday night gers play host to Colorado's mighty at the Farmers & Merchants Nation- Wolves. This is conceded to be one of al bank of a group of citizens inter- the best games that will be played ested in forming a local unit of home in district 6-A this year, so support

Record of Births

Thursday, October 3, 1940. Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd W.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Mattingly, Tye, Route 1, Friday, October 4, 1940.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Talby endorsements of the movement bert, Sylvester, Monday, October 7,

Additional Seats for 200 More Persons Provided: Tough Battle Ahead of Benson's Charges.

Important battle in District 6-A Friday night will find the Merkel Badgers meeting the Colorado City Wolves on the local gridiron in their first conference game of the season at home. In their only conference ond team played host to Abilene game so far, played at Roscoe, the

By reason of an overwhelming score of 42-6 over the Roby Lions tle Friday night with the edge in their favor, but Benson's Badgers are certain to put up a strong fight in keeping with their steady develop-

The game will begin at 8 p. m. Price of admission will be 35 cents for adults and 15 cents for students. Additional seating capacity for over from the two yard line. Frazier 200 more persons has been provided

> Attractive souvenir programs, sponsored by the Merkel Athletic association and the business men of Merkel, will be distributed to all who attend the game.

The starting line-up for the Badgers will be: Cox, left end; Reynolds, left tackle; Rutledge, left guard; Coats, center; Gibson, right guard; Davis, right tackle; Hickam, right end; Melton, quarterback; Bryant, left half; Smith, right half; Higgins,

tackle; Wade; guard: garter; Smith, t half; Allen,

## s Exceed 1939 Figure 150 Bales

Total ginnings for the week ending Wednesday night by the six plants in Merkel and those at Stith, Noodle and Blair, reached 1,258 acguards, steps were taken to ask for the Badgers and be there Friday cording to tabulation by The Mail, exceeding the output for the previous week by more than 150 bales.

Season's total for these nine Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Neill, plants is 5,484 bales, passing last year's figure of the same date of 5,-370 bales.

Bomb Kills Star's Sister.

Belfast, Ireland, Oct. 10 .- Senator Thomas McLaughlin of Armagh was informed Wednesday his niece. Gigetti Carroll, sister of Madeleine Carroll, screen star, had been killed in a London air raid.

## **MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO**

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, October 22, 1920.)

Merkel Friday morning when Mr. W. T. Sherrell accidentally ran over and Two Business Firms almost instantly killed a young man ficient bookkeeper with the Merkel by the name of Tyler. The body was Motor Co., is now taking a two weeks Damage estimated at several thous- carried to the Collins house where it vacation. She contemplates going to

Dr. and Mrs. N. J. Smith returned Originating in the back of the Pat- from El Paso Saturday. Mrs. Smith Hole-in-One Club terson Grocery and Market, the flames had gone to the Grand Lodge of the spread through a wooden partition Eastern Star as a delegate from the

On last Friday night, the ladies of the Methodist church challenged their Draughon's Business college. Musical numbers will be a solo, 8, par for which is 3 and which is 135 store being also greatly damaged by husbands to meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Jones and go in a body to the pastor's home. Bro. and Mrs. Murrell were completely surprised by about thirty men and women ed the Dallas Fair.

> The ladies brought dainty sandnesses were protected by insurance. | quite a delightful evening spent in Waco Cotton Palace.

A very sad accident happened in rather an old fashioned way.

Miss Lillian Watts, who is the ef-

Mrs. Meador and Miss Willie Toombs returned first of the week from Dallas, where they had been to spend a few days at the Big Fair.

Judge and Mrs. N. D. Cobb returned first of the week from Dallas, where they had been to place their daughter, Miss Maurine, in

Mrs. E. L. Wills and daughter, Miss Hettie, returned first of the week from Dallas, where they attend-

J. N. Shelton left this week for wiches and tea and coffee were made | Waco where he will visit friends and n funds from an estate for which Trent P.-T. A. unit may affiliate with Gehee, Norman T. Hodge and Owen Stocks and fixtures of both busi- after reaching the parsonage. It was relatives and incidentally attend the

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#### Draft Plans

(Continued from Page Cne) sent to the registrars for their scrutiny and supplies will also be passed

The registration card itself is comparatively simple. It requires the following informa-

- 1. Full name. 2. Age in years.
- 3. Permanent mail address.
- 4. Telephone number. 5. Employer's name.
- 6. Place of employment or business.
- 7. Place of birth. 8. Date of birth.
- 9. Name of country in which you hold citizenship,
- 10. Name of person who will always know your address.
- 11. Have you taken out first naturalization papers?
- 12. Relationship and address of person who will always know your address.

TWO DRAFT BOARDS.

Announcement was made Tuesday of the personnel of 341 local draft boards, recommended by Governor W. Lee O'Daniel.

Taylor county will have two draft boards, one for handling draft registrants in Abilene, the other to serve for other cities and communities in the county.

The Abilene board members are T. N. Carswell, Thomas E. Brownlee and A. I. O'Bar. Members of the Taylor county board are Fred Rucker, Ed Kendall and Clint Stewart, all of Abilene, Route 3.

Work of the draft boards will begin immediately after registration day, nadoon of that time all men of

trars and their assist ats are doing

Home Guards

(Continued from Page One) ready for drilling when approval

The applications asked the forma-

tion of five units of 74 men each,

with a captain, first-lieutenant, and

second-lieutenant to command each

"We asked for enough units to offer everyone interested a choice to

According to current rules and regulations governing home guard

organizations, the companies com-

posed of men from 18 to 64 years old

will drill an hour and a half each

week. Membership in the home guard

will not affect eligibility for selective

At the present time the men will

"It will be purely a civic organiza-

tion," Carswell said, "to replace the

regular national guard when it

leaves for training. At the same time the home guard will train men in

military maneuvers and drill prac-

C. E. Jacobs

(Continued from Page One) opinionated but always fair and honorable in all his dealings, he had

a wide circle of friends throughout this city and section who will miss

"Uncle Charlie" all the more as the days go by, for he lived a very busy

life and advancing age had not caus-

ed any slackening in his activities. Survivors are his wife, the former

Mrs. Mattie Gilmore; one son, Johnny Jacobs: three children by a former

marriage: A. E. Jacobs of Lamesa,

Mrs. G. W. Hall, Jr., Long Island, N. Y., and Mrs. W. R. Montgomery, Phoenix, Ariz.; eight grandchildren

and three step-children, Mrs. Stella

Gaulden, Celeste, Mrs. R. N. Campbell, Merkel, and Roy Gilmore, Brown-

drill without arms or uniforms. They

will furnish their own guns "to get

the feel of military drilling."

comes from the governor."

enlist," Carswell said.

poards to classi

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army to be traine

Members of the

serve without pay, j

on registration day.

ne draft

as the regis- on Oct. 4.

#### CRACK SECOND DIVISION TO BE SEEN AT STATE FAIR



from the Forest Avenue entrance through the grounds. The parade will

be a mile and a half long. The review- | The equipment will be placed throughwhich also will include its equipment, ing stand will be in front of the Hall out the grounds for public inspecof State and in it will be notables tion. The Division is commanded by including army men and civilians. Major General Walter Krueger.

#### Raising Funds for Roosevelt Campaign

With the campaign for "a million Texas votes for Roosevelt in 1940" well under way, the Texas democrats have launched their state-wide finance drive to assist the nation-wide fight to return the president to office on Nov. 5, Myron G. Blalock, Texas Roosevelt campaign manager, has announced from headquarters at Aus-

Named as chairmen of the Taylor county finance committee are J. E. McKenzie and Walter Pope, both of Abilene, and as community chairman H. H. Toombs is actively at work raising funds in Merkel.

Named to assist Mr. Toombs on the committee are Mrs. C. P. Church, Mrs. Grover Gilbert, W. O. Boney and W. R. McCartney.

#### Hospital Notes.

Miss Mae Melton of Sweetwater, who entered Sadler Clinic Tuesday for treatment, was dismissed the fol-1

t board will Mrs. A. E. Mattingly, Tye, Route 1,

#### More Funds Needed For Cemetery Work

With a goal of \$75.00, estimated cost of cleaning up Rose Hill cemeof \$37.10 had been 'reported by Mrs. Elma McFarland, committee chairman, up to Wednesday morning.

Other members of the committee from the senior study club are Mesdames W. S. J. Brown, Elsie Nash, tors of the West-Central Oil and Gas and Stanley King, with Mrs. Connor Robinson, Mrs. Johnny Cox and Miss Johnnie Sears also co-operating in raising subscriptions.

Owners of lots in Rose Hill are requested to work over their lots, if own lots have this attended to in advance of the clean-up the project will

#### Elliott Reports for Duty.

Dayton, Ohio, Oct. 10.-Capt. Elliott Roosevelt, son of the President. Other patients dismissed during the accompanied by his wife, arrived here thusin 'negres' to 35 cars of week were Mrs. S. O. Patton, Mrs. Wednesday to (report for duty at Slats Horton and the little son of Wright Field in the 2 "my Air Corps'

testing laboratories. He was commis-Two babies were born at the hos- sioned Sept. 23 on his thirtieth birthgistering pital during the week: a son, to Mr. day and left private employment at he first and Mrs. Lloyd W. Barnes, Route 2, Fort Worth to serve in the procureon Oct. 3, and a daughter to Mr. and ment branch here.

> Pears best for canning are never tree-ripened but are harvested when Farm purchases of food in the mature yet still green and permitted United States are estimated to am- to ripen in a cool, dark, well-ventilatount to over \$1,100,000,000 per year.

### Firemen's Association Next meeting of the Mid-Western

**Local Volunteers Go to** 

Firemen's association will be held at tery, a project sponsored by the Albany in April, it was decided at Fortnightly Study club, cash receipts | the semi-annual convention at Cisco on Thursday of last week.

One of the speakers at the convention was Olin Culberson, railroad commissioner-elect, who was on his way to Stamford to address the direc-

Chief John Mansfield of the Merkel Volunteers was accompanied by his wife and others from the local department attending the Cisco meeting were H. H. Windham, Parker possible, before the general clean-up Sharp, Ray Wilson, Herbert Dunn, is started, as if those who keep their Herman Carson, Leslie Palmer and Frank Breaux. Another Merkelite present was Homer Laney.

> Corpus Base May Open Early. Washington, Oct. 10.—Secretary Knox said Wednesday that the navy hoped to open its new air station at of the scheduled date of Margh 1.

## SERVICE

#### to this Land of Democracy

Every man, woman, and child of this community and throughout our nation pays honor and respect to those men who will respond to the call to register on October 16 as provided in the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940.

Let us keep before us every hour of every day in the months ahead the thought that all young men engaged in national defense training are giving service in the cause of democracy — not only for themselves but for all of us. Let us pledge with them, and without reservation, our allegiance to the government of the United States for whatever program may be necessary to preserve the principles of our liberty and our individual rights as American Citizens.

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#### Sadler's Stable Wins Two Prizes at Show

Dr. W. T. Sadler's Palomino stable won second prize in the four-year-old Texas Fair this week.

Winning entries were Chieftain in the former class and Chief Sandy in the latter class.

The entries of W. R. Potter, Roscoe banker, and Lane Hudson of Big Spring were named grand champions.

Markets Close Columbus Day. Corpus Christi a month in advance (except live stock) will be closed pounds, and estimates place the 1940 Saturday, Oct. 12 (Columbus day). | figure at 159,000,000.

#### Ralph Russell Wins In Roping Finals

Ralph Russell, youngest son of Mrs. Selma Russell, won the calf roping gelding class and fifth in the two- event in the second go-round Tuesyear old stallion class at the second day at the West Texas Fair with a annual Palomino show at the West time of 14.1 seconds, and he also won finals Wednesday night with a time of 17 flat.

> Ralph was riding a Palomino roping horse belonging to O. L. Harris of Knox City.

Probable production of peanuts in the United States for 1940 has been set at 1,521,705,000 pounds, 39 New York, Oct. 10 .- All domestic per cent above last year's production. financial and commodity markets In 1939 Texas produced 129,480,000

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#### Average "Stripper" Well Pays 9.2 Cents Per Barrel in Texas

(Fourth in a series of five articles on the oil industry prepared by the West-Central Oil & Gas association.)

"Operating figures gathered from the majority of the 'stripper' well owners of the West-Central Texas district, by the regional association, show that the average 'stripper' well pays 6.3 cents per barrel direct state. This is in addition to the tax paid of Doole, Texas, Sunday. direct to the state of Texas, called per barrel. In other words, the av- at Roscoe. erage barrel of oil produced from the 'stripper' wells of West-Central visiting with Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Texas during 1939 paid a total of Woods the past week. 9.2 cents per barrel direct tax to the state, counties and schools.

"This total does not take into account other taxes paid by the operators amounting to 1.4 cents per barrel. When that is put on, the total direct tax paid for each barrel of oil Merkel to make her home with her produced from the 'stripper' wells by West-Central Texas amounted to given a lovely handkerchief shower 10.6 cents per barrel.

"A careful check of the financial ternoon. records of a representative number of independent 'stripper' well operators given a shower of gifts Sunday night of this district reveals that the op- by the congregation. erators realized approximately 15

"It can be readily seen from these tax on crude oil by another 5 cents a Boone returned home with her for barrel, were to be put into effect, an indefinite stay. the total per barrel tax on the production of the 'stripper' wells would Trent school, was absent from her exceed the return per barrel now be- duties Monday in order to attend the ing received by the operators.

"Many people who support the idea of increasing the state gross made a business trip to San Angelo production tax on crude oil do not on Saturday of last week. take into account in any way the ad valorem taxes paid by production and ed her mother, Mrs. Freeman, the producing properties. This, as has past week. been shown above, amounts in this district to double the direct gross Goodman, who formerly operated a production tax."

## QUEEN THEATRE CALENDAR

Friday-Saturday-"Covered Wagon Days," with the Three Mesquiteers; added. Three Stooges comedy, cartoon and serial.

Saturday preview, Sunday matinee Monday night-"The Sea Hawk," with Errol Flynn, Brenda Marshall, ternoon at Lawn. Claude Rains, Alan Hale,

Air," with Ronald Reagan, John being carried over by Barnes and their own home-grown, quick-frozen terson, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Jones Litel; also 2-reel comedy and short Tittle. O'Kelley, scooping up a fum- foods this winter because of cold and daughter, Helen Frances, Mersubjects.

Wednesday-Thursday-Elsa Maxwell's "Public Debutante No. 1," with passes: Barnes to B. Jones and Brenda Joyce, Ralph Bellamy, Charlie Barnes to J. Armour. Barnes kicked Ruggles; added, latest March of Time. two goals for the extra points.

#### "The Sea Hawk"

Erroll Flynn, swash-buckling hero of so many thrilling screen adven-"The Sea Hawk," Warner Bros. both teams. thrilling new saga of the seven seas, which is scheduled at the Queen theatre Saturday preview, Sunday noon, Oct. 11. matinee and Monday night.

Riding the danger-swept waters of the Spanish Main, fighting through enemy ambushes in the swamp-infested jungles of Panama, attacking the aged and famous Polish pianist, battling the tyranny that shackles | ties and allowed to continue his jourmen to the torturous chains of a terrible bondage, Flynn's role as "The Sea Hawk" is film adventure at its greatest heights. Lavishly produced, this paper will give you the best nothing has been spared in bringing values for your money. the action-packed story to thrilling life on the screen. Mighty sea battles, daring duels, magnificent court scenes and a tender love story are masterfully interwoven in "The Sea Hawk," which critics who have previewed it have already labelled one of the greatest motion pictures of all time.

Featured with Flynn is beautiful Brenda Marshall, hailed as one of the most exciting new star "finds" of the year. Claude Rains, Donald Crisp, Flora Robson, Alan Hale, William Lundigan and Una O'Connor head the supporting cast of thousands. Michael Curtiz directed from the screen play by Howard Koch and Seton I. Miller. Erich Wolfgang Korngold wrote the musical score which accompanies the thrilling action of the film.

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#### TRENT NEWS AND **PERSONALS**

Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Owens had as their Sunday guests Mr. and Mrs. "Dutch" Bryant and children of Merkel, also Mr. and Mrs. Earl Palmer and son of Noodle.

Mark Williamson, Helen McLeod, James Strawn, Dorothy Jo Strawn and Lewis Tiner, all of John Tarleton college, spent the past week-end with their parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Duncan and Phylis, also Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Duncounty and school ad valorem taxes. can visited Arthur Duncan and family

Mrs. Bob Billington has been rethe gross production tax, and which moved to her home here after having during 1939 amounted to 2.9 cents undergone surgery in Young hospital

Mrs. Pomroy of Merkel has been

J. B. Winn, Jr., left Monday for Dallas where he will enter his 4-H club calf in the 4-H club boys division at the State fair. He is expected to return Saturday.

Mrs. R. O. Bailey, who is going to daughter, Mrs. Andy Shouse, was at the Methodist church Monday af-

Rev. and Mrs. Fred Porter were

T. B. Friend was called to Browncents per barrel on their production wood Monday by the unexpected after royalty, wages and taxes were death of his mother. She was buried in Brownwood.

Mrs. Jack Boone and son of Memfigures that if the suggestions of phis, Texas, have been visiting relasome people, for increasing the state tives here for a few days. Mrs. Annie

Miss Yvonne Hodges, teacher in funeral of her grandmother.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Poor and Danny

Mrs. Bob Howell of Abilene visit-

Friends of Mrs. Roy Williams of beauty shop here, will be happy to learn she is to open a modern shop

in Trent at a very early date. moved to the farm, Mr. Billington sion band. having resigned as driver of a school

TRENT TROUNCES LAWN IN CONFERENCE GAME.

first half, the Trent Gorillas defeat- injuries and damages sustained when John Cross, Mrs. Edward Alderidge ed Lawn in their first conference his automobile collided with an army and daughter, Barbara Ann, Rotan; game of the season, 34-0, Friday af- truck in Coolidge, Oct. 13, 1937.

Scoring was evenly distributed Tuesday only - "Murder in the throughout Trent's team, touchdowns ble, went 25 yards for another touch- storage lockers. down. Two other touchdowns came by

First downs were: Lawn 5, Trent

Lawn completed 5 out of 19 passes while Trent completed 13 out of 21. tures, has his most glorious role in Clean, hard playing was featured by

> Trent plays Eula at Eula in their second conference game Friday after-

#### Paderewski Released.

Washington, Oct. 10 .- The Polish embassy said Ignace Jan Paderewski, the fighting ships of a great Armada, had been released by Spanish authori- 125 1/2 Pine St. Abilene, Texas ney to the United States.

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#### **Elected Member** Of National Honor Society at McMurry

Abilene, Oct. 10 .- Hazel Williamson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Williamson of Trent, was elected to Alpha Chi this week by the McMurry college faculty.

Alpha Chi is a national honor junior and senior classes.

Miss Williamson is a senior stu-grandmother's. dent majoring in English. She is Mr. and Mrs. Earl Billington have holds an office in the Volunteer Mis- the two tables.

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#### Referendum Procedure Like That of 1939

last year.

All cotton producers in the state will be given the opportunity to vote in the referendum to decide whether quotas will be in effect in 1941, George Slaughter, state AAA committee chairman, pointed out. In last year's referendum, 82 per cent of the cotton producers voting in Texas favored quotas, while 91 per cent of the producers in the nation voted yes.

A national cotton-marketing quota of approximately 12,000,000 bales, the same as in effect for the current year, has been proclaimed by Secretary of Agriculture Claude R. Wickard.

The county AAA committees will be in charge of all arrangements for the referendum in the various counties, the chairman said, and the voting will be handled just as in any regular election. The committee will choose three local farmers to serve as election officers in each community. Voting places will be provided for all communities where cotton is produced, the county committee designating the places and providing ballot and casting it in the customary manner used in secret balloting.

munities where cotton is produced.

## Reunion of Reeves

With all of her children present except one, Othell W. Reeves of Lubbock, Mrs. Fannie Reeves was the center of a happy family party at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John L. society in which membership is at- Jones of Merkel, Sunday, Sept. 29, tained on a basis of character and celebrating her sixty-first birthday. scholarship. Members are selected Her eldest grandson, Leon Dickerfrom the upper ten per cent of the son, celebrated his twenty-fifth birthday, which is the same date as his

A beautiful white birthday cake president of Alpha Theta Nu and decorated in pink centered each of

Dinner was served to Mrs. Fannie Reeves, Sylvester; Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Redves and baby, Ona Lee, Port Washington, Oct. 10. - President Arthur; A. D. Reeves, of Houston Roosevelt Monday signed a bill direct- Jesse M. Reeves, Beaumont; Mr. an ing the treasury to pay W. J. Hance Mrs. Eldon Reeves and son, Rober Mr. and Mrs. Irl Walker and children, Irlene, Jimmie and Gaston, Mr. One half million farm families in and Mrs. Houston Martin and chilthe United States are going to eat dren, Doris and G. M., Lula Bell Patkel: Mr. and Mrs. Lea Dickerson and

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College Station, Oct. 10. - Voting procedure in the cotton-marketing quota referendum, Dec. 7, will be the same as was used in the referendum

To be effective in 1941, cotton marketing quotas must be approved by two thirds of the farmers voting in the nation. If approved, quotas will apply to all states, counties and com-

## Family Held Here

#### sons, Thelbert and Arvalee, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Dickerson and son, Elton Lenoir, Alice Boen and sons, Douglas and Bobbie Gene, and Buster Reeves.

1,690,069 Aliens Register. department reported Monday that 1,- capacity since it was organized. 690,069 aliens had registered through last Friday.

Again Heads 36th Division Fort Worth, Oct. 10-Gen. John A Hulen of Fort Worth was re-elected president of the Thirty-Sixth Division Veterans association at the closing business session of the organiza-Washington, Oct. 10 .- The justice tion Monday. He has served in that

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#### **Pertinent Points on** "When Do We Eat" By Magazine Writer

From an article, "When Do We Eat?" by Emily Hays Jones, in the magazine published by the National Congress of Parent Teacher associations, the following pertinent points are re-produced at the suggestion of the study group of the Merkel unit of the P.-T. A.:

1. Every good habit established is not only important for its own sake but is a step in character building.

2. Gradually change the child's diet and accustom him to a variety of foods.

3. The tall heavy, more active child requires more food than the smaller, less active child.

4. Good eating habits are just as important as any habit and this depends to a great extent upon the parents.

5. Good food habits help build good health.

How are these good habits started? Be regular, since hunger is produced by a clock-like rhythm of the body. Do not vary in the schedule fifteen or twenty minutes, the child's hunger will be gone and he is likely not to take his food well. If a child is hungry he is more apt to accept new foods.

New foods may be introduced by W. Rogers, R. B. Williamson, A. C. giving them time after time. Authorities agree that new foods are easier H. J. Moreland, A. E. Barber, Fred accepted in early life than later on. The baby should be accustomed early in life to accept a variety of foods. L. B. Powell, M. A. Wagner, W. T. His diet must gradually be changed Comer, E. G. Tikker, Otho Polk from a liquid to a solid. This may be accomplished by making the gruels and strained vegetables much thicker. The well trained baby will be given hard toast or zwieback not only to exercise his gums but to teach him to chew and swallow foods of different textures and consistencies.

Very highly seasoned foods should not be given the small child. Most physicians recommend that very little salt be used, about half as much as Gap; A. B. Badgett, Winters; Tom used by the adult. During the first year avoid highly sweetened formulas and foods as they dull the appetite for the essential foods and create a desire for overly sweet foods later on.

Whether the child should eat at the table with the family should be determined by the circumstances. Usually if he eats alone he has less Motractions and will likely eat nore.

started early in life n spoon. Getting food into a spoon, then to the mouth, chewing and swallowing are difficult tasks for a child and much patience and time should be given him.

Protein, energy foods or carbohydrates and fats and minerals are required for health.

A typical day's meal containing these essential foods:

Breakfast: Fruit, orange and tometo juice; cooked cereal, egg, toast (whole wheat), milk to drink.

Dinner: Main dish of meat, fish, poultry or eggs; cooked vegetables, raw green vegetable, whole wheat bread and butter; dessert, milk to

Supper: Vegetable, creamed, escalloped, baked; sandwich or bread and butter, cooked fruit, milk to drink.

Mary S. Rose, noted nutritionist, has often said: "One year of good feeding at the beginning of life is more important than ten after forty." References:

1. Miriam E. Lowenberg, "Your Child's Food."

2. Ada Hart Arlett, "The Child from One to Twelve."

3. John E. Anderson, "Happy Childhood."

#### Sequoia Troop of **Girl Scouts Meets**

The Sequoia troop of the local Girl Scouts met on Oct. 2 at the home of Mrs. Richard Young. Plans were discussed to dress dolls to distribute Christmas and also for a hike.

The new members were Billie Maye Cobb, Fredda Nell Huddleston and Mary Lou Bow. This troop is composed of High School girls and any High School girls who are interested are welcome as members.

After patrol meetings a cold drink and cookies, which were prepared by members, were served to the following: Dorothy Nell Groene, Johnnie McDonald, Fredda Nell Huddleston, Billie Maye Cobb, Evelyn Sears, Nedra Swafford, Jeanette Teaft, Betty Jo Speck, Mary Lou Bow, Frances Derington and the two leaders, Mrs. Young and Miss Lottie But-

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#### List of Petit Jurors Called for Next Week 000

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

C. R. Roland, V. N. Ellis, Earl Mashburn, Frank Golladay, B. H. Riney, Merkel; W. M. Dowell, Paul Alford, R. J. Lane, A. H. Gilbreth, C. Gray, W. G. White, J. W. Edmonson, W. M. Mullins, C. P. Pechachek Robt. W. Rogers, C. H. Ingle, R. I. Smith, Lucian Gilbreth, M. H. Brasher, T. M. Moore, W. H. Curtis, E. A. Hargrove, J. S. Arledge, Abilene; Bruce C. Howell, Trent; W. C. Newton, Tye; Clyde Dunn, W. W. Cook, ner, Tuscola; Floyd Tate, Buffalo with a gross injustice. Drummond, View; A. B. Webb, Guion; T. H. McCarty, Lawn.

More than 80 University-given scholarships were awarded students at University of Texas summer graduation recently.

#### **Court Ruling Gives Protection to Owners Utilities Investments**

A federal court decision, giving needed protection to the millions of people who have invested their savings in utilities property only to see its value endangered by threats of public ownership confiscation, recently was handed down in the state of Washington which forces payment of a fair price for any part of a utilities system taken over by government agencies. Legal authorities regard it as having potentially great importance, according to news reports.

It was held by the court that a utility company is entitled to severance damages when it is compelled to sell a portion of its system to a public utility district. In the case on which the court rendered its decision the public ownership promoters involved must pay \$5,000,000 for the properties they tried to force the private company to sell for \$3,000,-

tem cannot be accurately judged by the worth of the physical property it established in its relation to the Star flag. whole system if it is to be fair and

In other words, "the mere money value of the distribution lines serv- Merkel Mail office. ing the city is no arbiter of their worth to the utility as a whole."

One technique of the power socialsts, it was recalled, "has been to force private utilities to sell the best parts of their systems, at low prices, and without severance damages."

It is expected that, in the interest of fair play, to say nothing of the welfare of the millions of people who Wingate; Frank R. Graham, W. P. actually own the utility properties, James, J. M. Wade, Theo H. Meiss- the Washington decision will do away

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#### Slight Decrease in Last Cotton Estimate

Washington, Oct. 10 .- The agriculture department revised downward its previous estimate of this year's cotton production.

On the basis of October 1 conditions, it forecast a crop of 12,741,-000 bales, or 31,000 less than was indicated at the beginning of Septem-

Production last year was 11,817, 000 bales and in 1938 it was 11,943, 000. The 1929-38 average was 13,-

Indicated yield on Oct. 1 in Texas was 3,390,000, a decrease of 89,000 bales from the September estimate.

#### Move Children from Gibraltar. Algeciras, Spain, Oct. 10.-British

authorities at Gibraltar were reported here Monday to have ordered compulsory removal of all children from the fortress.

A naval fleet of eleven men-of-war was built as one of the first acts of "It is obvious that the value of the Republic of Texas after its estany part of an integrated utility sys- ablishment in 1836, University of Texas records show. Six years later, all of the vessels were docked, howrepresents," it is pointed out by the ever; and after July, 1843, no wardecision. "Instead, the value must be ship ever sailed, flying the Lone

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#### Merkel Boy Honored At McMurry; Named Member Alpha Chi

Abilene, Oct. 10 .- Marvin Hunter, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Hunter of Merkel, was elected this week to Alpha Chi by members of the Mc-Murry college faculty. He is a junior student majoring in history.

Alpha Chi is a national honor on a basis of character and scholarship. Members are selected from the

#### Merkel Boy Plays In Cowboy Band

Abilene, Oct. 10 .- Edgar Bradley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Bradley of Merkel, has qualified for membership in the celebrated Cowboy band of Hardin-Simmons university. He is a third year member and plays the flute.

The Cowboy band, composed of 80 student musicians, with well balancsociety and membership is 'attained ed instrumentation, is much in demand for programs, concerts and radio performances. Director M. B. upper ten per cent of the junior and McClure, for the seventh year is its composer-conductor.

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#### LODGE CALLS

NOTICE MASONS A stated meeting of Merkel M., will be held Saturday, lodge No. 710, A. F. and A. Oct. 12, at 7:30 p. m. All members are urged to be present. Visiting breth-

ren cordially invited. J. F. Walker, W. M. W. C. Black, Secretary.

#### WANTED

WANTED-Couple to stay at my house; apartment furnished free for company. Miss Mabel McRee, Route 2, Merkel, Texas.

WANTED-Field pasturage for 100 head of cattle. Sam Butman, Merkel, who is a cadet at Randolph field. Texas.

WANTED to buy second hand feed mill. Mack Tucker.

WOULD like to buy or rent a good second hand cash register. Nutt Variety Store.

## Shiloh Church Host

"Telling the Story of Jesus" through our Sunday Schools by office at McMurry, while Miss Opal Bobbie Gene, spent Sunday in the preaching, teaching and healing was Huskey is employed at Ranger. the theme of Zone 1 in its initial meeting of the new associational year, with Shiloh church.

The program was sponsored by the brought by Mrs. Norman Winters. | Worth.

superintendent: "We all have a part daughter, Ann Lee, left Sunday for home they were accompanied by Lura, in telling this wonderful story. We Arlington where Mr. Blake has been who will visit a few days. should be grateful that as Americans employed for several weeks and Mrs. Clay Jones and Alice Boen atwe have the privilege of worshiping, where they will make their home. tended council at Roby Tuesday. unmolested."

Houston Smith was unanimously Agricultural college. vacancy left by Rev. Melvin Byrd, Glenn Anderson, all of Borger, were Merkel Mail office. resigned.

Feeling keenly the loss of this good pastor, who has labored in this zone more than three years and who has served faithfully in an official capacity since organization of the zone, Mr. Smith said: "There is never an obstacle comes in the church or Sunday School but that it may be overcome."

Rev. W. L. Daniels, newly elected associational Sunday School superintendent, spoke at length regarding the future of Sunday Schools in Jones association.

Zone officers named other than Superintendent Houston Smith are: associate superintendent, Elbert West; secretary, Mrs. J. B. Harris (nee Miss Mildred Browning); study course chairman, Mrs. Edgar Bradley; publicity chairman, Mrs. V. L. Merritt.

There was a good attendance, representatives of six Sunday Schools, with renewed interest manifest.

Noodle retained the efficiency banner with a grade of 73 per cent, followed closely by Shiloh's grade of 71 per cent.

The Intermediate class of Shiloh will present the program at the November meeting with Noodle church. A more detailed account of this program will be published later.

#### **Noodle Hereford Ranch** Wins Six Blue Ribbons

Showing the reserve champion bull and reserve champion female, W. S. J. Brown of Noodle Hereford ranch annexed six blue ribbons in the Hereford division of the West Texas Fair

this week. Grissom & Smallwood of Abilene and A. E. Fogle of Tuscola were winners of grand championships, with Noodle Prince Domino 16th, shown by the Noodle Hereford ranch, a close competitor to the first place winner, Royal D. Domino, herd sire of Ernest Grissom.

Typewriter paper for sale at Merkel Mail office.

### **PERSONALS**

Miss Jane Ferguson, who teaches n the Cross Plains schools, was home to spend the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Ferguson. Miss Olive May Reid from Mc-Murry college, Abilene, spent the week-end at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Reid.

After a visit with Miss Bess Mc-Niece, Mrs. Roy Reid returned last Friday to her home at Santa Anna.

Week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Adcock were Mrs. Adcock's brother, Jim Eoff, and wife, of Win-

Mrs. Eva Gilmore of Porbland, Ore., who is spending several weeks! with her brother, Wesley Edwards, and family at Maryneal, is guest this week of her niece, Mrs. George White.

Mrs. W. J. Largent, accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Royce Eiland, of Snyder, and joined by her son, Billy Largent, student in Hardin-Simmons university, left Monday for Dallas to join Mr. Largent during the National Hereford show at the State Fair of Texas.

Mrs. Luther Swafford of Kansas her mother, Mrs. C. M. Largent.

Travis Wilson, of the United States naval training station, San Diego, Calif., who was home for a visit of several days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Wilson, returned Wednesday to San Diego.

to San Antonio to visit over the weekend with their son, Norman King, They were accompanied by Mrs. V. B. Sublett, who was met there by her husband, now employed at the navy base in Corpus Christi.

Dan Hammond, of the Nutt Variety store, has gone to Lufkin to be with his sister, who is ill.

Mrs. S. A. Huskey and daughter, Miss Juanita, removed to Abilene the latter part of last week and are re-To Zone 1 Meeting siding at 1311 Amarillo street. An- their daughter, Fairy Beth, at Abiother daughter, Miss Walderine Huskey, is employed in the president's

Mrs. Esker Curtis has returned home to Breckenridge after a visit Mrs. Tom Smith spent Sunday in the with her mother, Mrs. Sally Angus. home of Mrs. Fannie Reeves. Here Sunday for the christening of Stith Baptist Sunday School, with little Dana Gay Durham were her discussions by the Junior-Adult Bible grandmother, Mrs. Earl Clements of class, viz.: Clement Carey, Perry and Brownwood, and two aunts, Miss Bess Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cook and chil-

Quoting Elbert West, general Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Blake and and Velma Cook. On their return Miss Blake will attend North Texas

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week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Jones.

Miss Mary Ellen Key, of Electra who visited her sister, Miss Loraine Key, last week, was joined by her mother for a short visit. Returning home, they were accompanied by Miss Loraine Key, who had resigned her position with the Farmers State bank in liquidation.

#### LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS

On account of a Jewish holiday, the Max Mellinger store will remain closed Saturday of this week, Oct. 12. The religious season began Wednesday, Oct. 2, with a two-day observance of the Jewish New year and ends Saturday, which is the Day of

In the list of prize winners announced Tuesday in the open steer classification of the Hereford show at the State Fair of Texas at Dallas, W. J. Largent and Son of Merkel won first place in the senior steer calves class.

Work started Thursday on removing of the corrugated iron warehouse in the rear of the premises | City, Mo., is here for a visit with formerly occupied by Joe Garland's furniture store to a location just east | of the Merkel Co-Op station No. 1, where the structure will serve as a |.

A. J. Graham, local agent for the Texas & Pacific railway, has pur-Mr. and Mrs. Stanley King drove chased the frame house, second door north of the Merkel Co-Op station |. No. 1, formerly occupied by Ralph Walker, and has already taken possession. The property was owned by the city through a tax claim. The Walkers have moved to Mrs. Huskey's

#### **NEWMAN NEWS**

There was a good crowd at sing-

ing Sunday night. Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Fowler visited

lene Sunday afternoon. Alice Boen and sons, Douglas and home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cook.

Mrs. Frank Creswell and Mr. and

Jeff Self and son, J. P., of Shep, spent a few days last week visiting

Mrs. Truett Jones. Special music was Ferris and Mrs. H. C. Rainey of Fort dren, Maudie and A. J., visited in Abilene Saturday with Misses Lura

Carbon paper, 81/2 x11, two sheets elected zone superintendent to fill the Mr. and Mrs. Jack Christian and for 5 cents; 25 cents per dozen. At

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#### Glen Robertson Named Old Settlers Reunion Member JTAC Band

Stephenville, Oct. 10 .- Glen Robertson of Merkel has been selected as organization for the past twenty-one was made recently after extensive try-

Few musical organizations have Jubilee Queen, Miss Ida Frazier. made the record of the Tarleton band. In the countless band contests engaged in during the last twenty years, Hunewell's boys have never placed lower than second. On the annual band trip to the Battle of Flowers celebration for the past five years they have consistently won first

During the current year Robertson will make several trips with the band, including the one to San Antonio for the Fiesta in the spring. He will also assist in several radio broadcasts to be given over W. B. A. P. and K. G. K. O. by the Tarleton band.

#### TELEPHONE THE MAIL

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

Rained out again on the second a member of the John Tarleton Col- Taylor county old settlers has been drive for Pennsylvania's 36 electoral lege R. O. T. C. band. This announce- re-set for Saturday night, Oct. 19, votes. ment was made recently by D. G. it is announced by J. W. Burks. The Hunewell, director of this musical reunion site is the old B. M. Burks' place at Moro, 10 miles east of Shep years. Selection of sixty musicians and 8 miles northwest of Bradshaw.

One of the highlights of the pro-

Pinchot to Stump for FDR. Washington, Oct. 10 .- Gifford Pin-At Moro Re-Set Oct. 19 chot, former republican governor of

Pennsylvania, Wednesday endorsed President Roosevelt for a third term scheduled date, the reunion of South and promised to aid the democratic

Addition of 23 new teaching posts at the University of Texas this fall brings the faculty strength of the institution to total 584. About 1,200 gram will be the coronation of the classes are taught, many of them having several sections.

# **Pathfinder Polls** Public Opinion

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LEONARD-HUCKLEBERRY.

(Daily Oklahoman, Sept. 28, 1940.) Solemnized in the home of the Northeast Eighteenth street, and John near Colorado City Sunday morning.

delabra and baskets of the chrysan- are to live in Big Spring. themums. A prie dieu was arranged

raum," (Liszt); "Because," (d'Harde- from Colorado City high school she lot), and "I Love You Truly," (Ja- attended McMurry college, Abilene, cobs-Bond). The candles were light- receiving a degree there in 1939. She ed by Miss Betty Lou Baldwin.

Rev. W. E. Robertson, minster of Dallas for 11 months. the Grace Methodist church, performed the ceremony in the presence of Mrs. Roy Harrell of Merkel. A gradrelatives and close friends.

the bride, was her only attendant. company of Big Spring. She wore a wine crepe street dress with black accessories and bird of paradise corsage.

For her wedding the bride, given in marriage by her father, chose a costume suit of soldier blue, trimmed in gray, fashioned with fulllength matching coat. Her accessories were of dubonnet and she wore of orchids and lilies of the valley. Denzel Houston was best man.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held for the wedding guests. The three-tiered wedding cake was afforded much merriment. decorated with a cupid and wedding

Immediately following the recepding trip to points in the east.

Central high school and attended the Hockaday school, Dallas. She was graduated form Gulf Park college. Gulfport, Miss., where she was a member of Sigma Psi Iota sorority.

Mr. Leonard, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Leonard, Merkel, Texas, is a former resident of Oklahoma City. He attended the University of Oklahoma, and is now associated with the Magnolia Oil Co., Patoka, Ill., where the couple will establish a home after October 10.

Out of town guests at the wedding were Frank Howard, Patoka: Mrs. E. P. Guidry, Houston; Mr. and Mrs. and Mrs. Johnny Cox reached a new M. W. Stewart, Ponca City; Mr. and high on Friday evening of last week Mrs. Tom Graham, Kaw City; Mr. when they entertained members of and Mrs. W. A. Sniffin, Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Bradley, Wichita Falls; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Leonard, parents of the bridegroom, and his Hugh and Walter, all of Merkel.

FORMER MERKEL BOY WEDS AT COLORADO CITY.

With only members of their imbride's parents was the marriage mediate families in attendance, Buena Friday at 8 p. m. of Miss Juanita Vista Wulfjen of Colorado City and Marie Huckleberry, daughter of Mr. Eelon Harrell of Big Spring were and Mrs. A. C. Huckleberry, 707 married at the Wulfjen ranch home

The ceremony was read by the Rev. White chrysanthemums were used J. E. Shewbert, pastor of the Lorin decorating the rooms of the house, aine Methodist church. The couple The stairway, by which the bride remained in Colorado City long Zehnpfennig, Geo. T. Moore, L. C. Jr., Merkel, Charlie Nunn, Sweetwatentered, was decorated with ferns enough to attend the wedding of and greenery. White ribbons marked Mary Elizabeth Pidgeon to Thos. E. the aisle to the improvised altar, Pendleton of Austin and then left flanked on either side by tall can- for Lubbock and other points. They

Mrs. Harrell is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. U. D. Wulfjen, Preceding the ceremony, Miss Eve- well-known in ranching circles of lyn Dumbauld, pianist, played "At West Texas. She has been reared in Dawning," (Cadman); "Liebest- Mitchell county. After graduation was in the Baylor nursing school at

Mr. Harrell is the son of Mr. and uate of Merkel high school, he is em-Miss Dorothy Huckleberry, sister of ployed by the B. Sherrod Supply

> PARTY FOR WOMEN TEACHERS AND WIVES OF MEN TEACHERS.

Featuring Merkel's school colors of purple and gold, Mrs. Connor Robinson entertained the women teachers and wives of the men teachers in her home Thursday night, Oct. 3. Guests chatted informally, some a veiled off-theface hat, and corsage playing forty-two and others Chinese checkers in the entertaining rooms adorned with bachelor buttons and marigolds. The reading of "confession sheets" of each person present

The tea table further carried out bell. It was served by Mrs. T. A. the color note of purple and gold with Bradley after the bride cut the first a center flower arrangement of big Taylor Circle, Mrs. Clyde Bartlett; piece. Miss Elvaretta Walker presid- yellow mums surrounding a football. Elkin Lockett Circle, Mrs. Lucy ed at the punch bowl, and Miss Jane Tiny football men made of yellow Ford. Woodruff had charge of the guest suckers and gumdrops were in formation at each side of the football and served as individual favors. Yeltion, the newlyweds left for a wed- low candles flanked this centerpiece arrangement. Tea dainties, a frozen jects discussed at the regular pro-

buffet-sivle by the hostess to the following invited guests: Mesdames Comer Haynes, Len Sublett, Elsie Nash, Ellen Duncan, Elmo Collins, Rex Myers, Chester Collinsworth, Dick Young, Carroll Benson, William Jesus:" Scripture, Acts 2:44-47, Taylor, Gordon Green: Misses Mary Lou Ashburn, Frances Cleveland, Willie Belle Virden, Imogene Schulze, Holt, Vinnie Heizer, La Verne Dunbar, Hettie Logan Clay, Billie Gardner and Mamie Ellis.

JOLLY NEIGHBORS CLUB.

The well known hospitality of Mr the Jolly Neighbors club.

Games of "84" were especially merry and at the refreshment hour a delectable salad plate with sweets sisters and brothers, Patricia, Valerie, and iced tea was served to Messrs. and Mesdames Etsel Church, Bob

Hicks, John Grable, F. Y. Gaither, Spencer Bird, Raymond Ferguson, Herbert Patterson, Miss Christine ENJOYABLE EVENING IN THE Collins and C. J. Glover.

JUNIOR STUDY CLUB.

Mrs. Geo. T. Moore was hostess to members of the Junior Study club on Thursday afternoon of last week. During the business session two new members were elected: Miss Ruth West and Miss Hettie Logan Clay.

Miss Billie Gardner discussed "Circuit Riders and Missionaries of the Southwest," and Mrs. Elmo Collins used as her subject "Poetry of the Southwest.

Members present were Mesdames Andy Shouse, Elmo Collins, Urban Abilene, Mrs. Leon Toombs and Leon, Zehnpfennig, Norman Hodge, Carroll er, Mr. and Mrs. Frase Demere and Benson, N. D. Calloway, David Gamble, J. E. Boaz, Jr., Chester Collinsworth, Pete West, Wrenn Durham. Raymond Ferguson: Misses Imogene Schulde, Mary Collins, Billie

INSTALLATION SERVICE.

The W. M. U. of the First Baptist church met at the church Monday afternoon for their business meeting and installation of new officers, Harwell discussed "measles," Mrs. O. which was a very beautiful service. R. Douglas gave an interesting dis-The new officers are:

President, Mrs. Lum Gilbreath; vice-president, Mrs. J. M. Williamson; secretary, Mrs. A. R. Booth; pianist, Mrs. Clyde Bartlett; chorister. Mrs. J. L. Winter.

Chairmen-Personal service, Mrs. L. D. Chapman; education, Mrs. H. W. Lemens; mission study, Mrs. J. L. Watts, Don Riney, Burly Bond, M. Winter; stewardship, Mrs. J. J. Mc- L. Douglas, Chester Bond, O. E. Har-Niece; benevolence, Mrs. J. O. Castles; well, W. C. Lee, Lige Harris, Weldon mission, Mrs. Owen Robertson; Bible McAninch and Leo Harris and Miss study, Mrs. J. M. Williamson; peri- Mabel McRee. odical, Mrs. W. L. Johnson; publicity, Mrs. Chas. West; social, Mrs. T. E. Collins; Margaret Fund mother, Mrs. J. S. Swann; decoration chairman Mrs. W. B. Stevens; young people leader, Mrs. Cooper Waters; G. A. leader, Mrs. W. A. McCandless; R. A. leader, Mrs. Irl Walker; Sun-

beam leader, Mrs. Clyde Deavers. Circles - Blanche Rose Walker leader, Mrs. W. L. Johnson; Maybelle

> WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

"India and Alaska" were the sub-Mrs. Leonard was graduated from salad and hot spiced tea were served gram of the Woman's Missionary society of Grace Presbyterian church Monday, Oct. 7, with Mrs. W. M. Elliott as program leader.

The following program was given: song, "What a Friend We Have in 16:4-5, 20:24-28; Hebrews 12:27-29. leader: "Alaska, Our Last Frontier." (Dr. Everett King), Mrs. Del-Ruth West, Alzada Pogue, Mildred ma Compton; "Worthy of All Praise," (Miss Imhoff), Mrs. John West; "Field Talk on Alaskan Stations," Mrs. Henry West; "The Viceroy Approves," Mrs. Connor Robinson; silent prayer; prayer for missionaries, Mrs. Henry West; "A Happy Man" and Scripture, leader.

A short business session followed the program.

Mrs. Delma Compton will be leader of the next program on "Steward-

#### Great Throng Attends Singing Convention

Hundreds of visitors, many from distant points in the state, were here for the two-day session of the Taylor County Singing convention, Saturday night and Sunday, held at the High School gymnasium.

Shep was selected for the next semi-annual meeting, the session to be held on the second Sunday in April Glenn Haddox, of Abilene, as president of the convention, was in charge, with Mrs. Haddox as pianist for community singing. Buster Horton is vice-president, and Silas Clark of Abilene, secretary of the convention. Especially active in the arrangements was Wade Willis of Abilene, secretary of the Texas State Singers association.

Among the out-of-county talent furnishing numbers on the program were: Texas Friendly Four, Caddo; Weavers quartet, San Angelo: Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wallace, San Angelo; Herrington Sisters, Weatherford; Golden Melody and Meade's quartets. Sweetwater; a quartet from Roby and singers from Snyder and several other places. Especially effective daughter of Mrs. G. R. Holloway of Sisters, Venita and Geneva, local City, Iowa, took place on Sept. 25 in girls, in guitar and violin selections. the Yuma Presbyterian parsonage.

#### NOTICE.

racing or tanking are asked to please see the undersigned and settle for same or leave money at the Farmers & Merchants National bank.

A. J. Canon.

#### RURAL SOCIETY In The

RAYMOND DEMERE HOME.

"A welcome warm and sincere, awaits good friends who enter here" must have been in the minds of all who entered the home of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Demere recently for an evening of recreation and fun.

Games were played for a while and then all were served a lovely turkey dinner with all the trimmings.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Coomer, Mr. and Mrs. Hill Simmons the hosts.

UNION RIDGE CLUB.

the Union Ridge club last Friday af- is urged to attend regularly. ternoon. Black and gold were colors emphasized in a unique manner in Hallowe'en decorations and the refreshment plate.

A very interesting program was presented on "Health." Mrs. O. E. cussion on "tonsils." "Tuberculosis" was the topic presented by Mrs. Denzel Cox. Miss Mabel McRee talked on

A dainty plate of sandwiches, potato chips, olives, mints and punch was served to Mesdames J. H. Clark, O. R. Douglas, Denzel Cox, Clem

The next meeting will be held with Mrs. Leo Harris on Oct. 18.

NEWMAN CLUB.

The Newman Home Demonstration club met Thursday, Oct. 3, in the home of Mrs. C. W. Fowler. Roll call was "The Thing that I Have Achieved This Year that I Appreciate Most."

A short business meeting was held at which it was decided to have the club's Achievement day at Mrs. Clay preaching at 10:45, young people's Jones on Nov. 19: Next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Leon Dicker- p. m. son on Oct. 15.

Refreshments of sandwiches, punch and cookies were served to Miss Doris Mae Creswell, Mesdames Clay Jones, Fannic Reeves, Muriel Cunningham, Boen, Edith Horky and C. W. Fowler and a few children.

HOSTESSES FOR SHOWER. Mrs. Pierce Horton and Mrs. Bob

Riney were joint hostesses on Wednesday afternoon of last week for a shower in the Horton home for Mrs. Sam Martin. After a short program, gifts were

presented and refreshments served to Mesdames Harold King, Carlton King, Blackburn, W. J. Derstine, Clem Watts, T. D. Scott, Lon Martin and John Morgan and Frances Nan King. Those sending gifts were Mesdames Pete Morgan, John Crane, E. W. King and Vernon Horton and Misses Margarette Turner and Ethel King.

#### Plans for Completion Homemaking Room

Second year homemaking girls of Merkel High school are discussing ideas and planning additions to make their combination living and dining room more home-like. The room contains living room and dining room furniture. The girls feel it needs drapes, pictures and flowers to make it complete.

Drapes present a real problem because doors and windows in the room suggest a school rather than a home. Two unbroken walls present a new situation in selecting pictures.

Each girl has submitted a sketch illustrating her idea of how the room should look. The class will select one that best meets the needs of the department and carry it out in their unit on "Making the Dining Room Attractive and Convenient."

Miss Frances Cleveland is vocational homemaking teacher.

#### Beth Holloway Weds on Anniversary Parents'

Marriage of Miss Beth Holloway, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Holloway of Brawley, Calif., and grandwere a couple from Coahoma, in piano this city, and Joe Carrol Pyle, son and violin numbers, and the Allen of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Pyle of Sioux

The wedding date will be one always to be treasured by the bride as Parties owing the county for ter- it also marked the 24th wedding anniversary of her parents.

> The wedding party included the bride's parents and other members of the immediate families of the contracting parties.

## Churches

previous week. On the same Sunday the winners announced as follows: a year ago the attendance was 592.

NAZARENE CHURCH.

There will be a special service at the church Sunday afternoon at 3 Frank Demere, Mr. and Mrs. John o'clock, conducted by Rev. J. C. Hen- House." son, D. D., of Bethany, Okla. Everyand daughters, Mabel and Catherine, body is invited to attend this service. All other services as usual Sunday and during the week.

R. T. Smith, Pastor.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. Sunday School at 10 a. m. is the Mrs. Pierce Horton was hostess to only service at our church. Everyone

> W. M. Elliott, Clerk of Session.

FURST BAPTIST CHURCH. Sunday School at 10 a. m. Morning sermon at 11. Training Union 6:45.

Evening sermon at 7:30. Teachers' and officers' meeting day afternoon. and prayer meeting 7:30 Wednesday evening.

Cooper Waters, Pastor.

BAPTIST W. M. U. The W. M. U. of the First Baptist church will meet in Circles Monday, Oct. 14, at 3 o'clock, as follows:

Blanche Rose Walker Circle in the nome of Mrs. Sam Swann. Maybelle Taylor Circle in the home

of Mrs. H. W. Lemens. Elkin Lockett Circle in the home of Mrs. J. F. Campbell.

METHODIST CHURCH.

Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. Morning sermon at 11 a. m. Young people's meeting at 6:45 p. m. Evening worship at 7:30. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30.

John H. Crow, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST. Sunday services: Bible classes 9:45, meeting at 7:00. Preaching at 8:00

Wednesday evening Bible study at 8:00 o'clock.

You are invited to attend. The Elders.

FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Preaching Saturday night at 7:30 o'clock. Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Preaching service 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30. W. L. Massey, Supt.

PRIMITIVE BAPTISTS.

Elders O. C. Floyd and L. L. Bodine will preach at the Grammar School auditorium Saturday night and Sunday, Oct. 13, at 11 a. m. Every one is invited.

BLAIR BAPTIST CHURCH. Rev. Chas. Williams of View is to fill his regular appointment at the Blair Baptist church Sunday, Oct.

WHITE CHURCH LEAGUE. The White Church League met Sunday night with a large attendance. Those on program were Mrs. A. C. Windham, Mrs. Bill Brown and Mrs. P. R. McLean, with a song by Joan Brown, Rosa Alice McLean and Ima Jean Rodgers and a poem by Eula Dix Denton.

Every one is urged to come to League on Sunday night.

-Reporter.

#### Salt Branch Club Wins Third Place

The Salt Branch Home Demonstration club won third place in the home demonstration exhibit at the West Texas Fair. Twenty-five clubs in four counties, Coleman, Taylor, Callahan and Jones, are included in the exhibit. Callahan county home demonstration clubs won top honors, with the Wylie unit winning second place.

The Salt Branch club won its prize for work in renovating an old-time safe, refinishing two chairs for a kitchen breakfast nook and stipling an old linoleum at a total cost of \$4.50. The safe features a door which lets down for a serving table, and spaces for storing dishes and linens.

CARD OF THANKS.

Our friends are among our most valuable possessions and we feel we are rich indeed, since the illness and death of our beloved husband and father, for our friends certainly proved their worth.

Thank you all and may we never fail you at any time is the wish of the C. E. Jacobs Family.

If you have any visitors, Phone 29

#### Fire Prevention Poster Winners Announced

Judging of Fire Prevention posters SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE. by pupils in the 5th, 6th and 7th There were 567 present at the six grades of Grammar school, sponsorreporting Sunday Schools here last ed by the Merkel Fire department, Sunday, as compared with 529 the was completed Thursday morning and

Seventh grade-John Robert Walker, first, "Don't Flirt with Fire;" Jean Curb, second, "Fire Prevention Week Mottoes;" honorable mention, Foy Westenhover, "Poor Wiring

Sixth grade-Lloyd Rutledge, first, "Whale;" Lola Mae Roland and Mary Ruth Hutcheson, tied for second; honorable mention, Billy Don Dingle. Fifth grade - Peggy Simpson, 'Waste Basket;" Billy Pat Nash, second; honorable mention, Billy Morris Baze.

Judges were Mesdames Connor Robinson, William Taylor and Gordon Green. Miss Mamie Ellis is the art teacher for these classes.

A display of posters entered in the contest was made in the north window of Bragg Dry Goods company, having been placed on exhibition Wednes-

The merchants who advertise in this paper will give you the best values for your money.

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Texas New Crop Seedless Grapefruit 6 for 25c California Medium Size Oranges .. Doz. 10c Grapes ..... Lb. 5c Colorado No. 1 White Spuds .. 10 lbs. 19c Yams Pk 25 - Bu 85

Lettuce \_ 2 hds. 9c Colorado Celery .. stalk .. 10c Curtis' Assorted Candy Bars 2 for 5c Tamales Lb. can 10 Kimbell's Best, Guaranteed Flour .. 48 lbs. \$1.35

Shortening 4 lb 35c 3 cans 10c Ham .... Crackers. 2 lbs. 15c

P-Nut Butter qt 23c Oxydol 25c size 19c

No. 2 Can Tomatoes ... Coffee

Sugar Cured Lb. 10c Jowls Lb. 17c Hams .... Kraft's

Lb. 19c Cheese Sliced Sugar Cured Bacon

Nice, Tender Chuck Steak lb. 20c

Beef Roast .. Lb. 15c Pork Roast Lb. 17c

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