

Keeping Up With Texas

J. F. Huie, who had been city secretary at Anson for the past 18 years and who on Oct. 7 celebrated his 81st birthday, resigned last week. He will continue to serve until a successor has been named and city books audited.

Burns received Saturday when a fellow service employee struck a match while using gasoline to clean a grease pit proved fatal for Harry Johnson, 24, San Antonio.

Col. Donald A. Robinson, at Fort Bliss, Texas, was Saturday assigned to duty as chief of staff, headquarters, 9th corps, Fort Lewis, Wash.

W. B. Mullinix, Jr., 18, was killed Saturday when the automobile in which he was riding crashed into a Missouri-Pacific freight at a crossing four miles west of Hearne.

Richard Benson, convict from Williamson county who was serving a three-year term for assault to murder, was shot to death Saturday by a guard on a prison farm at Huntville as he was trying to escape.

Frances Holden Barnett, 29, a resident guest of the Central Y. M. C. A., Dallas, died late Sunday afternoon in a Dallas hospital after a fall from the sixth floor of the "Y" building.

The war department Saturday appointed Major William E. Ryan, coast artillery corps reserve, as construction quartermaster at Camp Brownwood.

C. A. Price, Dallas, one of the four oldest Associated Press employees in point of service, filed his last bulletin for the Associated Press Saturday, retiring at 65 after more than 45 years of service.

Automobile accidents took more than their usual week-end toll in Texas and with shootings and a fall added gave the state a violent death total of at least 15. Eleven of the deaths were traffic mishaps.

Hubert S. Hunter, editor of the El Paso Times, a newspaper man whose career was identified with the Southwest since his graduation from Stanford in 1908, died suddenly of a heart attack Sunday night.

Bert Hill, 35, of Gilmer, was killed and seven other persons injured at Gladewater in an early morning collision Sunday between Hill's car and a bus.

Navarro Martinez, 76, of Kyle, was killed Sunday afternoon when struck by a car as he walked near the Kyle city limits.

Francisco Leija, 41, Pharr school janitor, was killed Sunday morning when the car in which he was a passenger collided with a trailer loaded with oil field equipment. Two others with him were not hurt.

S. A. Peel, 50, farmer, of the Goodland community near Lubbock, was killed instantly Sunday night when his automobile overturned twice after a rear tire had blown out.

Harry Shelton, son of H. C. Shelton, publisher of the Rotan Advance and radio technician in the 64th squadron, air corps, will leave Kelly field this week for Puerto Rico.

Curtains were drawn Monday on the presentation of the fifty-second annual State Fair of Texas after new attendance records were set—1,116,447 for the season.

William Duncan, Jr., of the College of Marshall, was elected president of the Texas Baptist Student Union at the college group's annual convention last week on the Baylor campus in Waco.

Arch M. Martin, 58, member of a widely known Young county family, was found dead Tuesday morning in the cow lot of his ranch, 14 miles southwest of Graham in the Fish Creek community. It is believed he died of a heart attack.

While other Texas cities were boasting of their traffic safety records, Sweetwater Tuesday passed its 365th day without a traffic fatality within the city limits and, conscious of its record, the city will attempt to make it 500 days without a fatality.

B. B. Brown, 23, of Freepport, and an unidentified woman companion, died Wednesday in the wreckage of an automobile that struck Oyster Creek bridge on a highway near Freepport and hurtled into a stream.

The Texarkana Gazette did not publish Thursday morning as a result of a strike by pressmen and stereotypers.

Mrs. Norma Neyland Bushnell, 40, of Dallas, was killed and two other persons injured when their automobile overturned Tuesday 30 miles west of Fort Stockton after a tire blowout.

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SECRETARY OF WAR WILL DRAW FIRST NUMBER

Noon on Oct. 29 is Time Set for Beginning of Army Training Plan; To Call 800,000 Men By Next June.

At Washington, D. C., at noon on Oct. 29, Secretary of War Stimson will draw the first number in a nationwide lottery in which nearly 17,000,000 young men hold tickets—800,000 of them good for a year's service in the army.

Plans for the lottery were completed Monday at a conference of Dr. Clarence Dykstra, director of selective service, and President Roosevelt. At first Dykstra said that the president would draw the first number, but later announced that Mr. Roosevelt desired this honor to go to Stimson.

The president will attend the historic ceremony, to be held in the interdepartmental auditorium, and will make an address, to last about 10 minutes.

Within three weeks after Stimson lifts the first blue number capsule from a big goldfish bowl, the initial contingent of 30,000 draftees will be on their way to training camps.

Men will be called to training—800,000 by next June 15—in the order in which their names are drawn from the bowl, unless they volunteer without waiting to be called or unless they are deferred from service.

Names and serial numbers of all Taylor county registrants in the peacetime draft have been posted on bulletin boards in the postoffice lobby at Abilene and are being published in installments by the Abilene daily paper, but serial numbers given registrants by the local boards do not mean that draftees will be called to (Continued on Page Four)

Noodle Planning for Hallowe'en Carnival

The annual Hallowe'en Carnival will be held at Noodle on Wednesday, Oct. 28, according to E. E. Read, school superintendent.

Among the attractions will be bingo, boxing, impersonation, bean guessing, etc.

The profits from the Carnival will be used as they have been in the previous years, to pay on school typewriters, to buy athletic supplies, and to better the school.

Everyone is invited to come to take part in the fun and frolic. This is going to be a bigger and better carnival than ever before. Starts at 7:30 p. m.

Area Gins Turn Out 1,185 Bales for Week

Following two successive weeks when area ginnings exceeded 1,250 bales, tabulation by The Mail for the six days ending Wednesday night of this week showed a total of nearly 1,200 bales turned out by the six gins here and those at Blair, Stith and Noodle. The exact figure was 1,185 bales, bringing the total for the season to 7,920 bales.

Out of the 6,800-bale total crop of 1939, up to this date last year these gins had turned out 6,253 bales. Very little doubt exists now that the area ginnings will pass the 10,000 mark for the 1940 crop.

Fireboys' Party Adds \$15 to Treasury

Approximately \$15 was added to the treasury of the Merkel Fireboys at the party given Tuesday night at the Lions hall, games of "bingo," ballyhooed by Parker Sharp, Frank Breaux and R. H. Mathews, Jr., being the chief source of revenue, with returns also from the sale of cakes and pies, donated by the ladies, and coffee.

The High School band, under the direction of Richard Young, with members in uniform and the baton twirlers in full regalia, rendered a concert before the games started and during intermission Misses Thelma and Pearl Mathews were presented in a vocal duet, with Miss Christine Collins as accompanist.

CLEAN-UP WORK IN CEMETERY TO START MONDAY

Clean-up work will start Monday in Rose Hill cemetery, it was stated Thursday morning by Mrs. Elma McFarland, chairman of the committee from the Fortnightly Study club, sponsoring this improvement.

It is especially requested, Mrs. McFarland said, that owners of lots in the cemetery, who care for their lots or provide privately for the upkeep, have them cleaned before this work starts so that duplication may be avoided.

Original estimate for the work was placed at \$75, with only \$66.75 subscribed so far. Any one wishing to donate to this worthy cause may leave their subscription with Mrs. McFarland or at the office of the Merkel Mail.

Lunch Room Opens; Serves 156 Students At Noon Thursday

More than 50 students were served at the opening day Wednesday of the lunch room of the Merkel Public Schools, sponsored by the school board as a WPA project. The menu for opening day centered around meat loaf. Facilities will care for service of around 80 at one time.

Following the first day, which was more or less experimental, 156 students were served Thursday.

Most of the supplies come from surplus commodities, except meats, milk and a few other items, which the school authorities have to buy to make a well rounded meal. That is the reason why a charge has to be made, Supt. Connor Robinson stated in explaining the lunch room operation.

"The object of the lunch room," he said, "is to provide for the undernourished children who are not able to pay for meals and for whom meals are furnished free, but those able to pay are charged 10 cents."

"It is strictly a non-profit affair, and the net proceeds will go back into the fund to buy more supplies," he added.

Part of the dishes, silverware and kitchen utensils was supplied by the (Continued on Page Four)

Study Group to Meet On Wednesday, Oct. 30

Postponed from Oct. 23, the Study group of the Merkel Parent-Teacher association will meet Wednesday morning, Oct. 30, from 9:30 to 10:30, in the home of the Study group chairman, Mrs. C. B. Gardner.

The meeting is held separately from the regular association meeting and is held more for definite study than can be had at P-T. A. program meetings.

You are invited to attend this study meeting for parents, teachers and all other adults who want a closer acquaintanceship with the world they live in, an acquaintance which will enable them to share their knowledge with youth and assume together the full responsibilities for democratic citizenship.

Based on the general study for the year, "The World Is Ours," Wednesday's program will be: "It's a Small World," Mrs. Connor Robinson; "Helping Children to Health," Mrs. Spencer Bird; "Citizenship Can Be Taught," Carroll Benson, teacher of High School civics class and coach; "Sleep in McGuffey's Third," Mrs. Holt Vaughn, and "Health in War and Peace," Dr. U. H. Zehnpenning.

Walker Home on Oak Is Being Modernized

Work of modernizing the J. F. Walker home on Oak street, which was badly damaged by fire a few weeks ago, is well under way, with J. L. White as the contractor in charge.

The floor plan is being re-arranged and a new bungalow roof will replace the old one. The entire structure will be repainted and repapered.

Record of Births
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Perry, View, Wednesday, October 23, 1940.

READY TO START STRINGING WIRE ON REA PROJECT

Holes Dug on 207 Miles of "A" Project, Most of Poles Set; Stringing Delayed by Wire Shipment.

A delayed wire shipment held up the start on stringing wire for the lines of the Taylor Electric Co-Operative, Inc., which it had been anticipated would begin Thursday of this week.

Holes have been dug for 207 miles of the "A" project and poles set for practically this distance, and the construction company will be ready to start stringing this portion of the project upon the arrival of the wire shipment.

"The contractor expects to have project 'A' energized by Christmas," it was stated Thursday by Supt. Johnny Cox, "unless an unusual amount of bad weather hampers progress." This project will extend over 420 miles.

Authorization has been received to start work on the pre-allotment map for project "B," which will cover about 150 miles. Each extension will have to take care of itself on an average of 2 1-3 members per mile, Cox stated.

"We are very anxious that consumers on 'A' project finish their house wiring at the soonest possible date," he added, explaining that it must be inspected before the co-operative maintenance men can install entrance switches and meters.

At a three-day state meeting of REA superintendents and directors at Fort Worth last week, which was attended by Supt. Johnny Cox and President Sam Butman, Jr., of the Taylor Electric Co-Operative, there were 200 present, including many officials from the REA at Washington. Represented were 66 co-operatives in Texas, two from the edge of New Mexico and two from Louisiana.

Defer Luncheon Date To Permit Election Held in Club Hall

While fixed dates for the twice-a-month luncheons of the Merkel Lions club are first and third Tuesdays, President R. T. Gray announced Thursday that the directors of the club had decided to defer the first meeting in November to the second Tuesday, which will be Nov. 12, due to the fact that the first Tuesday in the month will be state and national election day and the club has always proffered the use of the hall for holding elections.

Members will take notice of the change in the date of the next luncheon.

Complete Second Unit Of Bonded Warehouse

Early this week second warehouse unit was completed on the block in North Merkel recently purchased by the Hamlin Bonded Warehouse company, giving the company a total storage capacity of 5,600 bales.

The new unit is of the same dimension as the first one, 80x124 feet.

If more storage space is needed, still another unit will be added, it was stated Wednesday by W. L. Boyd, Jr., manager.

Progress Made in Scout Organization

Boys Scouts of Troop 20, Merkel, are holding regular meetings every Monday night at the Lions Hall. Latest project of the boys is the construction of knot boards in an effort to learn the nine knots necessary for passing the tenderfoot test. Several of these boards are on display and more will be added in the near future.

A court of honor is being planned for sometime during the next few weeks, depending on how fast the boys advance.

Approximately fifteen boys have been attending regularly and they are expecting big things to happen when they take their first hike. This event is scheduled for the near future so that some of the boys will have ample chance to pass several outdoor tests.

SNYDER TIGERS COME FRIDAY TO MEET BADGERS

When Merkel meets the Snyder Tigers Friday night on Badger field, starting time 8 p. m., it will be the local boys' fourth conference start and a strenuous effort will be made by Benson's charges to land their first conference victory of the season.

While the Yellowhammers were blanking Merkel last Friday night, the Snyder boys had to take a 24-6 defeat at the hands of Loraine.

With Clarence Harrell at half, McCoy at center and Coats at tackle, probable starting line-up of the Badgers for Friday night's games will look like this:

Cox and Hickam, ends; Davis and Coats, tackles; Gibson and Rutledge, guards; McCoy, center; Melton, quarter; Harrell and Bryant, halves; Smith, full.

Yellowhammers Pile Up 3 Touchdowns; Best Badgers 20-0

Featuring a hard running backfield, Rotan's Yellowhammers punched over touchdowns in the first, third and fourth quarters to defeat the Badgers 20-0 in a conference game played at Rotan last Friday night.

Merkel kicked off out of bounds and after three plays failed to gain, Rotan punted. The ball bounced to the Merkel 2-yard line where it was touched by the safety man, but he was unable to gain possession and Rotan recovered. Two plays later Hargrove went over for the first touchdown. The kick for extra point was good and Rotan was ahead 7-0 with less than 2 minutes of the game gone by.

Rotan kicked to Merkel and after an exchange of punts the ball came to rest on the Baiger 5 yard line. Unable to make substantial gains through the Yellowhammer line, Merkel spent the second quarter punting out of danger on second and third downs and digging in to stop several scoring attempts by Rotan.

Merkel came back strong in the third quarter and was driving goalward when a pass interception stop- (Continued on Page Five)

Win Top Honors in Buff Orpington Class

Gilbert and West, (Grover Gilbert and Pete West to you,) won top honors in the Buff Orpington class at the annual Central West Texas fair at Haskell last week.

Besides awards of first, second and third places in cock, cockerel, hen and pullet and first and second young pen, they also showed the best pen of Buff birds, best solid color male and best male of all varieties, which was the grand champion male bird.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, November 5, 1920.)

MERKEL SCHOOL VOTES PRESIDENT.

Tuesday afternoon the 10th and 11th grade history class held a "kangaroo" general election in the history room. Mr. Kenneth Sharp acted as speaker of the house and presided over the meeting. Myrtle Scott, Sewele Harwell and Alvis Wilkins spoke for Senator Harding; Bill Stevens, Mary Cleo Booth and John A. Woodard represented the democratic nominee. After the stump speeches were concluded the voters, who hailed from Ohio, New York and California, presented their poll tax receipts and voted their votes at the polls of their respective state. Miss Loyce Dry, notary public, signed affidavits for those who failed to bring their receipts. Roy Largent, Wade Darsey and Loyce Dry held the election. J. J. Russell, who marked the bulletin board, found that of the total of 31 votes polled, 25 were for Cox and 6 for Harding.

OYSTER SUPPER.

PLAN CARNIVAL, FUN AND FROLIC, FOR HALLOWE'EN

Stage Set for Annual Affair at High School Gym, Sponsored By Parent-Teacher Ass'n; Thursday Night, Oct. 31.

Room mothers, teachers, boys and girls, P-T. A. workers, each grade's carnival queen and other friends of the Merkel Parent-Teacher association are busy making plans and lavish arrangements for the annual Hallowe'en Carnival to be given in the Merkel High School gymnasium Thursday night, Oct. 31, from 7 o'clock until 10:30.

Features of the carnival will be the crowning of two carnival queens—one from High school and one from Grammar school. Each grade in Grammar and High school has selected a "queen." These twelve queens will be introduced from the stage at 8 o'clock, then at the close of the carnival (10:15), the winning queen from both Grammar and High school will be presented and crowned.

Winners will be determined by the "queen" having largest number of votes, votes being 1 cent each and recorded at the P-T. A. booth.

The Merkel High School band, under the direction of Richard Young, will play popular and feature selections from the stage at 8 o'clock preceding the introduction of all the queen candidates.

Approximately sixty room mothers of all grades, teachers and other P-T. A. workers met Friday, Oct. 18, under the leadership of Mrs. Owen Robertson, carnival chairman, and selected booths for each grade, consisting of both fun and food booths. "Guess What" "Dart Throwing," "Ring the Duck," grab boxes, confetti, balloons and noisemakers of all kinds, will be some of the fun booths, while soda pop, hamburgers, hot dogs, pop corn, cakes, pies, coffee, doughnuts and ice cream will be found in the food booths.

At 10:15 from the stage, 50 cents (Continued on Page Four)

Carnival Sponsors to Meet Friday, Oct. 25

A meeting is called by Mrs. Owen Robertson, Merkel P-T. A. Hallowe'en Carnival chairman, for all teachers and room mothers or class sponsors this Friday afternoon, Oct. 25, at 3:45 in the Grammar School auditorium.

A final check-up on booths and other final instructions regarding booth prizes, money check-ups, queen's race and general procedure plans will be made.

It is urged that, if it is not possible for all group sponsors to be present, every grade have at least one representative there to take instructions for individual booths.

Last Tuesday evening at 8:00 Mr. Loring Hamlet entertained his friends with an oyster supper at the Busy Bee cafe.

Those enjoying the hospitality of Mr. Hamlet were Misses Reed, Jones, Wharton, Herring, Houston, Sutphen and Deal; Messrs. West, Grimes, Britton, Baze, Brown, Jones and Mr. and Mrs. J. Winter.

WOMAN IS CRUSHED BY AUTO.

A bad accident happened in this city last Monday in which a lady was badly crushed when an automobile driven by Mr. A. C. Boney ran upon the sidewalk, pinning the lady against the iron pillar just in front of McCoy Meat market and Mr. Boney's Confectionery. Mrs. Guard, who is a member of Brunk's Comedians, was immediately removed to the office of Dr. R. I. Grimes and when it was learned that a surgical operation was necessary she was carried to Abilene where she died Monday night.

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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Lofton of Hermleigh, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Carey and baby of Stith and M. F. Carey of Colorado Springs, Colo., visited with Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Carey over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Freeman went this week to Arlington to visit Mr. Freeman's sister, Mrs. Oscar Tomlin of that city.

Mrs. Earl Owens of Memphis and Mrs. Lee Morrison of Dallas visited with Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Owens the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Wash and Mr. and Mrs. Casey Wash and Zotyne visited with relatives and friends here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe English and children of Lamesa visited Mr. and Mrs. A. J. English and Mr. and Mrs. Pete McLeod this week.

LaVora Barnes, student at A. C. C., Abilene, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Barnes.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Blankenship and little son spent the past week-end in Stephenville.

Mrs. George Gafford of Hobbs, N. M., visited with Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Gafford recently.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Terry, Sr., had as their week-end visitors Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Terry, Jr., and Mrs. and Mrs. Bo Terry and little daughter, all of Lubbock.

Mrs. C. C. Stribbling, Mrs. John Strawn, Mrs. Earl Strawn and Mrs. Alex Williamson, accompanied by Cull Carrington, spent the week-end visiting their respective children, who are attending John Tarleton college at Stephenville.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Hood spent the week-end with relatives in Munday. A sister of Mr. Hood returned home with them.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Jones went to Coleman to spend the week-end with Mrs. Jones' father, Mr. Campbell of that city.

Mrs. J. W. Lansford and daughter, Hertha, of Goule, Okla., spent last week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Billington.

Mrs. Joe Nalley had as her guest last week Miss Helen Page of Temple. Miss Page is employed at Scott & White hospital.

P-T. A. MOTHERS CLUB.
The P-T. A. Mothers Study club met Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 23, in the home of Mrs. A. Williamson. Mrs. L. N. McRee discussed "Can Parents and Teachers Get Together." Mrs. Caz Lansford also gave a discussion.

CAFETERIA OPENED.
Trent school cafeteria was opened last Wednesday, Oct. 16. Hot lunches are served to approximately 75 children. Those in charge of the lunch-room are: Mrs. Jack Bright, Mrs. Dobbins, Mrs. C. Hutchinson and Fanny Vessels.

TRENT NOSES OUT OVALO.
In their third conference game of the season, Trent continued their winning streak by beating the Ovalo six 6-0 last Friday night.

Trent's six-man team is undefeated this season, having played 5 games.

The starting line-up against Ovalo was: quarterback, John Barnes; full-back, Billy Tittle; halfback, H. H. Jones; right end, John Armour; center, Othell O'Kelley; left end, Billy Jones.

First downs were: Trent 9, Ovalo 6.

Passes attempted: Trent 11, Ovalo 21.

Passes completed: Trent 6, Ovalo 2.

Trent plays Bradshaw in their fourth conference game of the season at Bradshaw Friday afternoon. Kickoff is at 2:30.

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Texan Family Wins National Honor



HERE'S the happiest family in the entire United States. They're (left to right) John Leathers, 19; Margaret Jean Leathers, 16; and Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Leathers. The Leatherses own and farm a 200-acre homestead at Clarendon, Donley County, in the famed Panhandle cattle country of Texas. Last May they won the Fort Worth Star-Telegram's newspaper contest to pick the Typical American family of West Texas and were given a week's entertainment on the New York World's Fairgrounds. The Ford Motor Company provided them a car and chauffeur for the round trip, and at the Fair, in all, 48 Typical American families were similarly selected in various parts of the country and brought to the Fair by the Ford Motor Company at the rate of two families a week. In mid-October a board of judges named by seven New York newspapers picked a Super-Typical American family, and the Leatherses were it. The Ford Motor Company then telegraphed them to fly to the Fair on October 22 as the Company's guests. And at the

seven-acre Ford Motor pavilion, largest attended of any industrial exhibit both in 1939 and 1940, a splendid gift awaited them. It was a shining 1941 harbor grey Super Deluxe Fordor Ford V-8 sedan, equipped with radio and white wall tires—Ford's present of a Typical American car.

Not only were the Leatherses to help close up the big Fair on October 27, but as the Ford Motor Company's guests were to visit President Roosevelt at the White House, and see Ford's mammoth plant at Dearborn, Michigan, and wonderful Greenfield Village.

D. E. Leathers' ranch is just a mile from the spot where he was born, 39 years ago. John Leathers, almost six feet tall, is a 4-H Club leader. His steer, Willie, was judged best of all the entries from 32 counties. Vivacious Margaret Jean writes music, and one of her piano compositions was published when she was only 14.

This photo was taken at the Ford pavilion last May, when the Leatherses tried out the powerful new lightweight Ford tractor.

20,000 Texas Adults Enrolled in Classes Of Home Economics

Fort Worth, Oct. 24. — Eighty thousand persons, including 20,000 adults, are studying home economics in day or evening classes in Texas. Miss Ruth Huey, Austin, director of vocational home economics, told the conference of home economic teachers held here recently. About fifty instructors attended the sessions.

Miss Huey said that there also are about 8,000 out-of-school persons who are taking the courses. She said that about 6,000 boys have enrolled in home economic classes in Texas, principally because they want to learn how to run the family budget, purchase food sup-

plies economically or become a chef. It was reported that 728 high schools teach home economics.

Teachers attending represented twelve colleges, the state department of vocational education and a number of high schools. Among those present was Robert A. Manire, state director of agricultural education.

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The Merkel Future Farmer chapter held its regular monthly night meeting on Oct. 10, in the V. A. room at the High School building, the main business being to initiate some Green Hands. There were twenty-three of them.

Other business was the appointment of a committee for setting up objectives. On this committee are the following: J. D. Sandusky, Billy Haynes, Franklin Deavers, Deverl Teaff and Jack Haynes. This committee will report at the next meeting.

The Green Hands were Dean Big-ham, Buford Buntin, Edward Big-ham, Billie Campbell, Donna Doan, Buddy Derington, W. M. Dunnagin, Orval Ely, Lawrence Huff, William Huff, Troy Holder, Curtis Holmes, James Johnson, R. C. Kelso, Robert Lee, Billy Lindwey, J. H. Lowery, W. J. Mashburn, Ray Mashburn, Buddy Mashburn, Arthur Newton, Alton Newton and Deverl Teaff.

Walter Mayberry took a registered Hampshire gilt and a registered Berkshire boar to the West Texas Fair and won some prizes. He sold the gilt for \$26.00.

Joe Horton has started a nice flock of grade ewes and has just bought a registered Hampshire ram.

Some of the other boys are getting pigs now for use as projects. The other projects are all doing well and they will be ready for hard competition at the show this year.

Billy Haynes, Reporter.



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Ninety-Five Pupils On Honor Roll For First Six-Weeks

Ninety-five pupils are on the honor roll for the first six-weeks period of the 1940-41 session of the Merkel Public Schools, as announced by Supt. Connor Robinson this week. Of this number 60 are in Grammar school, with 35 in the High school.

Becky Gardner, a senior with an average of 96, leads the entire school. The complete list of names on the honor roll follows:

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.
 Primer—Mona Madelyn Robertson, Ann Booth, Peggy Curb, Jerry Don Cobb, Sara Lu Clemens, Eloise Banker, Bryan Mundy.

First grade—Wanda Tipton, Sandra Sadler, Patricia Swann, William Robertson, Margie Skurlock, Bobye June Riney, Brooxie Nell Jenkins, Jesse Newton, Doris Black, Dudley Farr, Anna Marie Hewitt, Norma Jean Hodge, Barbara Ann Bryant, Bobbie Nell Jinkens.

Second grade—Betty Sue Harris, Wilda Lee Bowles.

Third grade—Jimmy Floyd, Roger Bailey, Virgil Horton, Ethel Joyce Hampton, Barbara Sue McCoy, Leland Mundy, Gerald West, Loveta Coffman, Billy Reid, Patricia Turner, Jorene Risinger, J. L. Shults, Gaston Walker.

Fourth grade—Robert Tom Hodge, Mary Katherine Hampton, Helen Jones, Marilyn Petty, Jacquelyn Toombs, Maxie Turner, Oris Reynolds, Joy Frances West, Jo Marvayn Tipton, Barbara Sandusky.

Fifth grade—Ann Walker, Billy Pat Nash, Beth Ann Myers, Clara Frances Dwiggins, Billy Morse Baze.

Sixth grade—Ann Groene, Mary Ruth Hutcheson, Bobby Joe Bland, La Fern Stanford, Lola Mae Roland.

Seventh grade—Betty Gilbert, Becky Gaither, Reba Rae Kingsbury.

HIGH SCHOOL.
 Eighth grade—Frances Walker, Dorothy Jinkens, Carlene Hughes, Bonnie Jaynes.

Ninth grade—Wanda McCoy, Avelene Mathews, George Mack Owen, Don Hutcheson, Willie Sue Morgan, Jack Butman, Mary Alice Hester.

Tenth grade—Sue Grimes, Jack Melton, Billy Tom Hutcheson, Dwight Swafford, Venita Allen, Nina Orsborn, Bonnie McAninch, Donald Cade.

Eleventh grade—Becky Gardner, Dora Gaither, Nell Butman, Mary Lu Higgins, Frances Peterson, Winnie Merle Click, David Gibson, Betty Higgins, Doris Clyde Miller, Madlyn Brown, Louise Cook, Eva Brown, Lyla Hobbs, Sammie McGehee, LaMoine Sherrill, Mildred Smith.

Mrs. Buster Horton Elected President HD County Council

At the October meeting of the Taylor county home demonstration council held last Saturday, Mrs. Buster Horton of Salt Branch was chosen the new chairman, to succeed Mrs. C. P. Church of Merkel.

Other new council officers are: Mrs. H. L. Riddle, Ovalo, vice-chairman; Mrs. H. R. Clemmer, Elmdale, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Grover Gilbert, Merkel, reporter, and Mrs. Johnny Cox of Salt Branch, parliamentarian. New officers will be installed at the January meeting of the council.

Thirteen clubs were represented, with Mrs. H. L. Riddle of Ovalo, vice-chairman, presiding in the absence of Mrs. C. P. Church of Merkel, who was ill.

It was planned to invite the 1941 convention of home demonstration club women of Texas to Abilene and to run Mrs. J. M. Hamilton of Colony Hill for the office of state president.

Mrs. Hamilton is not only a former president of the Taylor county council, but she has also filled the office of vice-president for the district and has been active in the state association.

During the meeting Mrs. Clemmer reported the council cleared \$72 on its West Texas Fair concession, and organization of a farm women's association to market eggs, butter, cream and milk was discussed.

Among members present were: Bluebonnet, Mrs. A. R. Toombs; Salt Branch, Mrs. Buster Horton, Mrs. Johnny Cox; Merkel, Mrs. John Hughes, and Tye, Mrs. Tom Moore.

Fires take a toll of around 10,000 deaths every year in the United States.

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"Veritable Paradise" O'Daniel's Opinion of The Lone Star State

Austin, Oct. 24.—"Texas today is a veritable Paradise," in the opinion of Governor O'Daniel.

Speaking on his Sunday morning radio broadcast from the governor's mansion in Austin, O'Daniel said: "Let me remind you that crops are good in Texas, folks are happy in Texas, democracy is functioning in Texas—Texas is not short on friendship and hospitality."

The governor recounted several incidents which occurred on his jaunt over the state, visiting in the homes of newly-elected legislators. He told of finding a "fiddle" in the bedroom of Senator R. C. Lanning of Jacksboro, being "arrested" by a group of citizens for association with San Angelo's Senator Penrose Metcalfe, and eating fried chicken at Bridgeport on Representative Clinton Kirshey's birthday.

Three million farm families of the nation, 53 per cent of them in the South, are trying to "keep soul and body together" on gross incomes averaging \$615 per year, says Howard R. Tolley, chief, bureau of agricultural economics.

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Stith's Training Union Wins Month's Banner

The organization of Training Unions where none has been organized in churches was stressed at the monthly zone meeting of Training Unions with Hebron church Oct. 20.

Emphasis was also placed on study courses. The first of a series of study courses is the one at Hodges this week.

Members of the Stith Training Union led in attendance, with 35 present, winning the banner for the preceding month.

The subject under discussion by Stith B. T. U. was "Prayer." Topics were discussed by various departments. The program was interspersed with special songs, very appropriate to general thoughts of each topic.

Newly elected officers are: Frank Mundy, Stith, director; Rudolph Caffey, Truby, associate director; Miss Margaret Cook, Hodges, secretary, and Mrs. V. L. Merritt, Hebron, assistant secretary.

The next meeting will be at Hodges Nov. 17. Hebron B. T. U. will sponsor this program. Dr. E. B. Atwood of Hardin-Simmons university will give a report on the B. T. U. conference at Waco last week.

Just say you saw it in The Mail.

ORDER APPROVING THE COUNTY TREASURER'S REPORT

On this the 14th day of Oct., 1940, the Commissioners' Court of Taylor County, Texas, in regular session, compared and examined the Quarterly Report of Roy C. Fuller, County Treasurer, for the quarter ending Sept. 30, 1940, and found the same to be correct and the respective amounts to have been received and paid out since the preceding report.

Fund	Balance Last Report	Received This Qtr.	Paid Out This Qtr.	Balance Oct. 1, 1940
Jury Fund	\$ 8,447.19	\$ 527.58	\$ 2,309.00	\$ 6,665.77
Prec. No. 1 Fund	15,883.42	5,339.53	12,060.12	9,162.83
Prec. No. 2 Fund	12,689.76	4,894.12	8,748.17	8,835.71
Prec. No. 3 Fund	165.45	3,733.24	5,860.59	1,958.90
Prec. No. 4 Fund	57.18	4,222.78	9,843.70	5,563.74
Third Cl. Gen. Fund	14,844.28	9,597.58	19,497.53	4,944.33
Fifth Cl. Pauper	11,159.00 O. D.	5,311.23	10,524.38	16,372.15
Court House Skg. Fund	784.28	459.52	1,189.27	54.53
Road Dis. 1 Fund	50.07	20.69	.00	70.76
Road Dis. 2 Fund	494.96	1.65	.00	496.61
Road Dis. 3 Fund	8.74	204.88	196.86	16.76
Road Dis. 4 Fund	1.90	231.00	231.67	1.23
Road Dis. 5 Fund	32.65	73.03	96.00	9.68
Road Dis. 6 Fund	1.43	2.54	.00	3.77
Road Dis. 7 Fund	7,193.61	280.87	1,081.37	6,393.11
Highway 1 and 30	430.24	941.65	.00	1,371.89
Hiway 600 M. Fund	14,736.11	1,014.81	5,682.49	10,068.43
Hiway 275 M. Fund	294.84	1,642.05	1,902.09	34.80
Perm. Imp. Fund	3,838.37	382.77	3,781.46	439.68
Taylor Co. Jail Fund	2,139.09	292.48	.00	2,431.57
Officers' Salary	219.07	17,962.01	17,944.11	236.97
Spe. Auto Reg. Fund	14,400.00	.00	14,400.00	.00
Taylor Co. Lateral				
Road Acct.	10,751.14	.00	.00	10,751.14
Road Dist. No. 2				
Lat. Rd. Acct.	1,218.51	.00	.00	1,218.51
Road Dist. No. 6				
Lat. Rd. Acct.	1,888.00	.00	.00	1,888.00
Spe. Co. Rd. and Bg.				
Fund	786.00	.00	.00	786.00
Totals	\$100,197.29	\$57,138.81	\$115,348.81	\$41,987.29

List of Bonds and other securities on hand:

Road Dist. No. 2 Skg. Fund	\$1,003.31
Road Dist. No. 7 Skg. Fund	3,005.72
Highway 600 M. Skg. Fund	2,640.00
Totals	6,649.03

BOND AND WARRANT INDEBTEDNESS

	Original Issue	Bonds Redeemed	Outstanding
Taylor Co. Jail Bonds	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 27,000.00	\$ 73,000.00
Road Bonds Series 1923	350,000.00	113,000.00	237,000.00
Road Bonds Series 1927	600,000.00	154,000.00	446,000.00
Road Bonds Series 1929	275,000.00	62,000.00	213,000.00
County Warrants			
Series 1926	54,000.00	24,000.00	30,000.00
Road Dist. No. 1 Refunding	40,000.00	15,000.00	25,000.00
Road Dist. No. 2 Bonds	20,000.00	17,600.00	2,400.00
Road Dist. No. 3 Bonds	15,000.00	11,000.00	4,000.00
Road Dist. No. 4 Bonds	15,000.00	11,000.00	4,000.00
Road Dist. No. 5 Bonds	25,000.00	22,000.00	3,000.00
Road Dist. No. 6 Bonds	25,000.00	21,000.00	4,000.00
Road Dist. No. 7 Bonds	25,000.00	13,000.00	12,000.00
Totals	\$1,544,000.00	\$490,600.00	\$1,053,400.00

Prec. No. 2 Machinery Contracts:	
Galion Iron Works	\$ 2,925.00
Bucyrus Erie Co.	1,160.00
R. B. George Machinery Co.	4,800.00
Prec. No. 3 Machinery Contracts:	
R. B. George Machinery Co.	1,508.75
Prec. No. 4 Machinery Contracts:	
Bucyrus Erie Co.	672.78
F. & M. Natl. Bank (Abilene)	500.00
Totals	\$11,566.53
Total Outstanding Indebtedness	\$ 1,064,966.53

The requirements of Article 401 P. C. have been complied with and tabular statements have been filed as required.

LUTHER J. WEBB, Commissioner Prec. No. 1
 A. J. CANON, Commissioner Prec. No. 2
 JNO. O. CUNNINGHAM, Commissioner Prec. No. 3
 J. L. McMILLON, Commissioner Prec. No. 4
 CARL P. HULSEY, County Judge
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of Oct., A. D. 1940.
 (SEAL) VIVIAN FRYAR, County Clerk, Taylor Co., Texas

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LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS

Enrollment at the Grammar school had reached 443 at the end of the first six-weeks' period, it was stated Monday by Principal Gordon Green. Of this number 433 were actually in school at the end of the period.

J. W. McConnell, who underwent major surgery at Hendrick Memorial hospital, Abilene, on Thursday of last week, is reported getting along nicely, but he will be at the hospital for several days yet.

In a group of 32 Taylor county youths that left for Brownwood last week, where they were to undergo physical examinations and be assigned to CCC camps, were Orie Lee Maddera and Robert Edward Price, Merkel, and Oddie David Washburn, Trent.

It started with a spider bite, but it was about a week later before Bob Hicks learned that the inflammation of his instep was anything more than an ordinary irritation. For several days last week he was compelled to stay in bed for treatment, but got up Sunday and is managing to get around all right with the aid of crutches.

"Considerably improved" is the report that came Thursday from the bedside of Tom Coats, who has been confined to his home the past five days with pneumonia.

Since the fire which damaged the Lee-Bailey drug store, Woodrow Wilson's watch repair shop is temporarily located in Ed's cafe.

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(Continued from Page One) each will be presented to the boy and girl wearing the cleverest Hallowe'en costume. Judges selected will roam through the crowd during the evening to make their selections. Two dollars and a half will be awarded to the grade whose booth turns in the most money at the close of the Hallowe'en Carnival.

A special invitation is extended to Merkel and the entire surrounding communities to help celebrate Hallowe'en at the Merkel gym Thursday, Oct. 31, from 7 to 10:30. Admission at the door is 5 cents.

Booths are to be decorated any time Thursday, Oct. 31, and any one having pumpkins, shocks, autumn leaves, fodder or any other Hallowe'en decorations for stage use is asked to leave them at the gym either Wednesday, Oct. 30, or Thursday, Oct. 31.

Draft

(Continued from Page One) the colors in that order. The national lottery will determine in what order a registrant is called.

Registrants in Taylor county outside of Abilene number 1,784, while the Abilene registrants count 3,266, making a total of 5,050 in the two sections of Taylor county.

About one out of every 50 Texans who registered will be called for selective service training between now and March 1, it was disclosed Saturday with the announcement of quotas and the total number registered in the state.

Governor O'Daniel announced that 308,588 Texans had registered for possible military training.

Texas quota, it was announced by selective service officials in Washington, is 33,213. However, at first call only 14,317 white men and 2,549 negroes will be called. The remainder of the quota will be called between March 1 and July 1, 1941.

Lunch Room

(Continued from Page One) Merkel Parent-Teacher association.

Assigned by the WPA to the lunch room are Mrs. C. D. Hutchins, Mrs. Minnie Bagley, Mrs. Ruby Grace Ingram, Mrs. Stella Robertson and Miss Ester Harris.

The menu for the week beginning Monday, Oct. 28, follows:

Monday—Meat loaf, tomato sauce, mashed potatoes, wheat muffins, milk, cabbage-apple slaw, applesauce-cookies.

Tuesday—Creamed meat, steamed grits, lettuce-tomato salad, wheat muffins, fruit cup-cookies.

Wednesday—Pinto beans, diced pork, corn meal muffins, mashed potatoes, carrots (raw), milk, apple cobbler.

Thursday—Boiled rice, egg and cheese sauce, turnip greens or spinach, wheat muffins, pear salad, cocoa-raisin cookies.

Friday—Navy beans, diced pork, corn meal muffins, scalloped potatoes, buttered beets, fruit cup-cookies.

Advertise in The Merkel Mail.

Neglect of Accident Hazards Claims 32,000 Lives Annually in U. S. Homes

Falls and Burns Leading Causes, Red Cross Warns in Safety Appeal

Washington, D. C.—The American Home—traditionally the symbol of security and safety—rivals the highway as the scene of the nation's greatest number of accident fatalities.

In a statement issued here by the Home and Farm Accident Prevention Service of the American Red Cross, it was pointed out that accidents in the home, including falls, burns and other common mishaps, claimed 32,000 lives last year—only 600 less than the number of motor vehicle deaths. Farm accidents accounted for an additional 4,200 deaths.

Statistics showed that home deaths last year increased 500 over the preceding year and farm accidents increased 300.

In addition to a mounting death toll, home and farm accidents last year caused upwards of 4,700,000 injuries which resulted in economic losses running into millions of dollars.

To reduce the number of rural and urban accidents in and about the home, the American Red Cross in 1935 inaugurated its accident prevention program as a parallel project with the First Aid and Life Saving Services.

This year, 9,000,000 "check lists" describing accident hazards and urging their removal will be distributed throughout the country.

Approximately 2,000 Red Cross chapters have undertaken a program to acquaint householders in their vicinities with accident hazards in the home and on the farm. Chapters will be aided by the Junior Red Cross and the schools in distributing the "check lists."

The program will stress the vital need for removing accident hazards causing falls, as this type of accident resulted in more than half of last year's home accident fatalities. Burns and explosions caused the next heaviest loss of life.

Accident prevention is one of seven services conducted day-to-day by the American Red Cross in its tireless campaign against accidental death and suffering arising from disaster and other causes of emergency nature. These services are supported solely by members who join each year during Roll Call, November 11-30.



Each year 1,400 adults and children die from accidental poisoning. Label bottles clearly and keep them out of reach of children.



Accidents on the farm yearly injure 200,000 persons and machinery is the leading cause. Most deaths and injuries are due to carelessness.

James Swann Awarded Prize for Etching

James Swann, former West Texan and son of Mrs. J. S. Swann of this city, was awarded the Chicago Society of Etchers' \$500 prize at its annual exhibition this month on his drypoint, "Night in Chicago." Mr. Swann, who is secretary and treasurer of the society, has had several solo shows in Abilene and another is slated later in the season at the Studio Gallery.

Current number of the Art Digest carries a story on Swann's prize-winning etching, together with a reproduction of the drypoint.

Fatalities from farm accidents still number about 4,400 a year. The country's total cash loss from accidents, including death, injury, loss of time, etc., has been estimated at 2 1/2 billion dollars annually, with from 27 per cent to 35 per cent of this loss on farms.

A record total of 365,838 crop insurance contracts on the 1941 crop were taken out by winter wheat producers in the United States, an increase of 60,000 over last year's number.

Last year the Texas State Employment service made 550,074 placements of farm workers, compared with 403,035 in the previous year.

Bloys Meeting Set Oct. 27.

Marfa, Oct. 24.—The fall meeting of the Bloys Camp Meeting association has been announced by Rev. Richard Irving of Fort Davis for Sunday, Oct. 27, when services and a business meeting will be held in the tabernacle at the encampment grounds in Skillman Grove, north of here.

Rodeo Star Dies.

Denver, Oct. 24.—Charles F. Hafley, 69, credited with staging the first successful rodeo at Madison Square garden and first of rodeo riders to wear bright-colored silk shirts and kerchiefs, died Oct. 10 after an illness of nearly five months.

Draft Board Member Quits.

Midland, Oct. 24.—C. Ed Prichard resigned as a member of the Midland county draft board after Adj. Gen. J. Watt Page, state director of selective service, announced that board members of draft age would be ineligible to serve. The other members of the local board are W. L. Simmons and C. C. Keith.

Joins Canada Air Force.

Austin, Oct. 24.—The Canadian Air Force had a recruit Monday from the railroad commission's staff as Scott Hart, statistical clerk in the Kilgore office of the oil and gas division, resigned to enter the service.

Office supplies—Mail office.

Hospital Notes.

Cecil Stevens registered Thursday, Oct. 17, at the Sadler Clinic for an appendectomy.

Lon Martin was dismissed last Saturday.

Dolph Coats, who re-entered the hospital Oct. 10, because of complications, was reported getting along nicely Thursday morning.

A son was born at the hospital Wednesday to Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Perry, View.

Markets for about 65 per cent of former European cotton exports have been cut off by naval blockade as a result of the war.

Charred Wood Ignites; Firemen Again Visit Patterson's Grocery

The Patterson Grocery and Market, badly damaged by fire about two weeks before and closed since that time, was visited by firemen again Saturday night about 7:30, when pieces of charred wood on the floor became ignited.

The glow and smoke caught atten-

tion of passersby and the fireboys quickly smothered the coals.

Fire Marshal D. H. Vaughn expressed the opinion that a cigaret discarded by some one in the building during the day was probably to blame.

Heat Melts Race Track.
Los Angeles, Oct. 24.—Sunday's scheduled midget auto races at Ascot speedway were cancelled because the asphalt on the track melted in Saturday's 105 degree heat.

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50c-SIZE WOODBURY'S LOTION, 1/2 price	25c
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CONTAINS NO CALOMEL ACKER'S BLACK MEDICINE	60c
DEPENDABLE — ACCURATE ST. REGIS ALARM CLOCK	98c
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FOR SALE CHEAP—1930 Studebaker sedan. Mrs. Ed Turner.

FOR SALE—One pair of pole climbers, 16 1-2 inches, and safety belt. Ralph Walker. Phone 224 or 28W.

FOR SALE—120 acres, 106 in cultivation, well located, 5-room dwelling and outhouses; small cash payment, balance 20 years; possession, Jan. 1, 1941. See W. O. Boney.

FOR SALE—2 excellent saddle mares, 1 filly colt, 1 mule colt. See Booth Warren at F. & M. Nat'l bank.

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Furnished bedroom, private entrance. Mrs. T. G. Bragg.

FOR RENT—Building, corner Elm and Edwards street; can give possession Jan. 1, 1941; building now occupied by Barrow Furniture company. Write E. G. Neely, 4311 Hall St., Dallas, Texas.

WANTED

WANTED—Middle-aged woman for house-keeper and care for children. Mrs. Norman T. Hodge. Phone 140.

WANTED—Field pasturage for 100 head of cattle. Sam Butman, Merkel, Texas.

Badgers

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ped the drive and gave Rotan the ball in midfield. The home team immediately began a march of its own and by mixing passes with straight line plays managed to push over its second touchdown. The extra point was place kicked perfectly.

Early in the fourth period two long pass completions gave Rotan a first down on the Merkel 2-yard line. The Badgers dug in and held like a stone wall for three downs, but on the fourth down Hargrove went over for his third carrier of the night. The extra point was blocked.

At this point the Merkel second team took the field and played inspired ball the remainder of the game. Late in the game they started a drive that carried to the Rotan 5-yard stripe, but an off side penalty stopped the threat.

Although severely crippled by injuries to key men the Badgers will be trying for their first conference win here this Friday night against a fast improving Snyder team. Be on hand at 7:30 to help the Badgers "take" the Bulldogs.

The starting line-ups: Merkel—Cox and Hickam, ends; Davis and Reynolds, tackles; Gibson and Rutledge, guards; Coats, center; Melton, quarter; Warren and Bryant, halves; Smith, full.

Rotan—Ragsdale and Roy Cole, ends; Gilbert and Anthony, tackles; Ray Cole and Day, guards; Curlee, center; Underhill, quarter; Bentley and Cave, halves; Hargrove, full.

Statistics—First downs, Merkel 7, Rotan 11. Yards rushing, Merkel 101, Rotan 183. Passes complete, Merkel 2 of 12, Rotan 7 of 11. Yards passing, Merkel 39, Rotan 49. Passes intercepted, Merkel 1, Rotan 1. Punts, Merkel 7 for 195, Rotan 5 for 197. Penalties, Merkel 3 for 15, Rotan 5 for 30.

Mrs. Inez West Meets Death in Accident

Friends here have learned of the death of Mrs. Inez West of Gatesville. She was killed late Monday evening in an automobile accident when the truck she was driving overturned about four miles from McGregor, pinning her beneath the machine and causing instant death. Mrs. West, who has been a resident of Gatesville for the past 28 years, is well known to a number in this section, who formerly lived in Coryell county.

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PERSONALS

W. J. Hutcheson and D. L. Holland of Shreveport, La., visited Mr. and Mrs. Will Hutcheson Sunday. On their return home Monday, they were accompanied by their wives, who had been at the bedside of Will Hutcheson for the past two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Johnson and young daughter, of Abilene, were Sunday guests of Mrs. J. T. Johnson and Miss Delia Kuykendall.

Visiting Sunday in the Q. A. Collins home at Lamesa were Mrs. J. M. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Collins and Miss Mary Collins.

Mr. and Mrs. Watt Blair and R. H. Mathews, Jr., drove to Levelland to spend Sunday with the Blair boys and their families.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Palmer and Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Palmer Friday were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Childers and daughter, Dorothy Sue, from Cisco. Returning home with them to spend the week-end were Mrs. N. C. Palmer and children, Jacquetta, Wayne and R. G., Mrs. R. S. Palmer and daughter, Mary June, and Kathryn Milner.

Leaving last Wednesday Mr. and Mrs. Howard Laney, accompanied by Mrs. Floyd Davis of Big Spring, visited their sister, Mrs. Joe Bickley, at Wills Point, going from there to Shreveport, La., and then returning to Texas for the A. & M.-T. C. U. game at College Station Saturday. On Sunday they witnessed the penitentiary rodeo at Huntsville.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cypert accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Comer Patterson of Abilene to College Station Saturday for the A. & M.-T. C. U. game. On Sunday the party took in the rodeo at Huntsville.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Davis returned Monday to Big Spring.

Judge John L. Camp of Houston was a guest last week in the C. B. Gardner home.

Here for a vacation visit with Mrs. Hill's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hamm, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Hill and little son, Gary, of Seminole, left Tuesday for Crowley, Texas, to visit Mr. Hill's parents for a few days. They will return here for the week-end before going home.

Mrs. Odie Mathews of Phoenix, Ariz., is here for a visit with her sisters, Misses Eula and Mossye Sears, and other relatives.

After visiting her daughter, Mrs. H. C. Coit, and family in Dallas, Mrs. J. T. Warren is now in Conway, Ark., guest of her sisters, Mrs. H. D. Russell and Mrs. J. B. Voss.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Kelly of Denver City were here to spend the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Justice.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Walker of Madill, Okla., visited her brother, Odell Eoff, and family Sunday. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Harkins, Sweetwater; Mr. and Mrs. John Browning, Tahoka; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Harkins and son, Colorado City, and Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Eoff and son, Merkel.

Miss Jewell Chancey has been the guest of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Reece, of Abilene, for the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hill of Tye were dinner guests Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Elliott.

Mrs. Carl Mathews and little daughter, Brenda Carlynn, of Abilene, were visitors last week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Mathews.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Terry, Jr., of Lubbock came down to spend the week-end with her parents, Mrs. and Mrs. Ira Moore. They were accompanied by Miss Rachel Patterson, student at Texas Tech, for a week-end visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray King, who have returned to Merkel since the Eastland Oil company, by whom Mr. King

QUEEN THEATRE CALENDAR

Friday-Saturday — "Three Men from Texas," with William Boyd (Hopalong Cassidy) and Russell Hayden; also last chapter "Fumanchu" and 2-reel comedy, "South of the Boudoir."

Saturday preview, Sunday matinee, Monday night — "When the Daltons Rode," with Randolph Scott, Kay Francis, Andy Devine; added, Donald Duck color cartoon and late News.

Tuesday only — Geraldine Fitzgerald, Gladys George in "A Child is Born;" also selected short subjects.

Wednesday-Thursday — John Barrymore, Mary Beth Hughes in "The Great Profile;" selected short subjects, "March of Time," color cartoon and Popular Science in color.

Hallowe'en Fun Frolic, 11:15 p. m. — "The Saint Takes Over;" serpentine-souvenirs for all.

Coming soon—"Knut Rockne, All American."

"When the Daltons Rode"
"When the Daltons Rode," Universal's saga of frontier America, in the days of the celebrated Dalton gang, comes to the Queen theatre Saturday preview, Sunday matinee and Monday night, with Randolph Scott and Kay Francis heading a distinguished cast.

Based on the exciting book of the same name, the film traces the careers of the Dalton boys as ranch owners who are led into spectacular crime by the persecutions of a land company.

The story reaches a climax with the historic raid on Coffeyville, Kans., in 1892, when the gang was destroyed while staging the old West's only double bank robbery.

Miss Francis, portraying the first action role of her career, appears as the winsome telegraph operator of Coffeyville, a character based on the real-life sweetheart of one of the Daltons. Scott plays a frontier lawyer who befriends the Daltons and helps bring the land company agents to justice.

The four Daltons are portrayed by Brian Donlevy, Broderick Crawford, Stuart Erwin and Frank Albertson, while Andy Devine has what has been described as one of his best roles as the Dalton's girl-chasing ranch hand who joins the gang in their maraudings.

Other important roles are played by George Bancroft as the rich man of the town and by Mary Gordon as the mother of the Dalton's; also in the cast are Harvey Stephens, Quen Ramsey, Edgar Deering and others.

George Marshall directed "When the Daltons Rode" from a screen play by Harold Shumate.

On January 1, 1940, there were 32,245,000 persons living on farms in the United States, according to the bureau of agricultural economics.

is employed, started work on their No. 1 T. Bigham, south of the Dunagin pool, visited Sunday in San Angelo with Mrs. King's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Dye.

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Thanks Extended to Friends and Neighbors Around the Old Home

To our many dear friends and neighbors around the old home we so dearly love:

We wish to take this method of extending to each of you our heartfelt thanks for the part you have had in helping to comfort us in this dark hour, by showing your sincere love for us in the way you have.

First of all, we are thanking God through Christ Jesus, our blessed Lord and Savior, giving Him all the praise, thanking Him for the knowledge we have of knowing that everything that is good and pleasing in Thy sight comes from Thee above.

As the dark cloud hangs heavy over our home, we through faith in God's Word can see a bright spot on ahead on which we hinge our hope.

Pray for us that even this may bring us closer to the Savior, bound together with God's everlasting love. And may we keep our eyes on the cross and follow Jesus and be ever so humble and submissive to God's will, whatsoever it may be, for we know He doeth all things well.

May God's richest blessings always be with you all.

S. S. Sherrell and Maurice. Carbon, Texas.

If all the boys and girls in the United States who were members of 4-H clubs in 1939 were to join hands and form a circle it would have a diameter of about 500 miles. Texas was second among the 48 states in enrollment.

Anniversary Cotton Gin is Celebrated

College Station, Oct. 24. — The month of October, 1940, marks the 150th anniversary of the invention of cotton ginning by Eli Whitney.

Prior to 1790, seed and lint were laboriously separated by hand.

No other event can claim equal economic importance in Texas and the South, F. E. Litche, ginning specialist of the Texas A. & M. extension service, has pointed out. It paved the way for great development in agriculture, industry and world trade.

While the first cotton was ginned on Whitney's gin at Mulberry Grove plantation near Savannah, Ga., the first complete bale was turned out in Wilkes county in the same state, where Whitney established a gin house in 1793. He made many improvements on his gin in Wilkes county. One of these was removal of the lint from the saws by means of a brush.

When Whitney's patent was granted March 14, 1794, by President George Washington and signed by Thomas Jefferson, it was for a period of fourteen years. At the end of that time he faced competition from a number of gins that had been developed in the interim.

When his application for renewal of the patent was refused, Whitney became discouraged with the whole cotton business and moved to New Haven, Conn., where he was successful in the manufacture of firearms.

Although many improvements have been made in gin machinery, the actual principal of ginning as worked out by Whitney remains unchanged.

Bigham Test Drilling Around 1,400 Feet

The Eastland Oil company No. 1 T. Bigham, Taylor county wildcat six miles south of the Dunagin pool, was reported Thursday as drilling around 1,400 feet.

The contract is for a 2,400-foot cable tool test.

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

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OCTOBER 25 - 26



- JONATHAN APPLES Doz. 15c
- TOKAY GRAPES Lb. 5c
- LEMONS Doz. 19c
- SPUDS 10 lbs. 17c

- CAULIFLOWER Head 10c
- GRAPEFRUIT Doz. 25c
- ORANGES Doz. 15c
- GREEN BEANS Lb. 5c

- SALAD Wafers 1-lb. box 17c
- DEL DIXI Pickles (sour or dill) Qt. 15c
- SWEET Pickles Quart 25c
- DEL DIXI — Sweet, Sour or Dill Pickles 8-oz. jar 9c

- RED & WHITE Coffee 1-lb. can 25c
- MOTHER'S Oats Pkg. 27c
- RED & WHITE Peas No. 2 can 18c
- FRUIT Cocktail 2 cans 25c

- RED & WHITE Pumpkin No. 2 can 10c
- RED PITTED Cherries No. 2 can 15c
- PURE CANE Sugar (cloth bag) 10 lbs. 49c
- BIRD BRAND Shortening 4-lb. carton 39c
- RED & WHITE Meal 5 lbs. 17c

- PINEAPPLE Juice 3 cans 25c
- BLACKEYED Peas 2 cans 19c
- OUR VALUE Corn No. 2 can 10c
- RED & WHITE Grape Juice Pint 15c
- RED & WHITE Soap 7 bars 25c

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MISSIE'S FLORAL SHOP

Tom Mix's Faithful Horse and Pal, Tony, Left to His Lawyer

Los Angeles, Calif., Oct. 24.—Tom Mix, cowboy actor killed in an automobile accident in Arizona last week-end, left his faithful horse and pal, Tony, to his attorney, it was disclosed when his will was made public Thursday.

In addition, Mix bequeathed to Ivon D. Parker, his lawyer for a quarter century, all his riding equipment, guns and western clothing used in his motion picture work, and all his trophies, prizes, horns and animal heads.

The rest of the estate was divided equally between the actor's widow, Mabel Hubbell Mix, and one of his daughters, Thomasina Mix Mathews, 19, for whom the will provided a monthly income of \$500 until she reaches the age of 25, when she is to receive her share of the principal.

Mix disinherited his four former wives and his daughter, Ruth Mix Knight. "I declare that I have been previously married," the will stated. "I do not desire that any of my former wives or my said daughter, Ruth Mix Knight, in any wise participate in this will."

It provided that any person who might contest the will on the ground of being a legal beneficiary, should be cut off with \$1.

BLAIR ITEMS

The fourth quarterly conference will convene at the Methodist church Friday, Oct. 25, presided over by Rev. C. A. Bickley, district superintendent, Rev. Mr. Hamilton and Rev. J. B. Stewart, all of Abilene.

Jim Campbell, M. E. Sunday School superintendent, was the recipient of a nice Bible presented by the Sunday School on Oct. 13 as a birthday gift.

Miss Sarah Malone, student at Texas Tech, Lubbock, visited over the week-end with her father, Mark Malone, and other relatives.

Miss Nell Butman of Butman was a guest of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Scott, Wednesday night.

Miss Nell Pruitt of San Angelo was a recent guest of her father, O. D. Pruitt, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Perkins and children spent Sunday with their grandmother, Mrs. Perkins, and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Coop of the Divide.

Mrs. Elva Smith, Vivian Farrell of Abilene and Miss Pearl Parker of Hamby were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Jackson and Mr. and Mrs. Boles made a pleasure trip to Buffalo Gap Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Meeks and family are sporting around in their new Ford deluxe coupe.

Tom Melton of Merkel visited relatives in our midst Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Artist Cook of White Church were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell Sunday.

Mrs. Inez Mayfield of Sweetwater was guest Thursday of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mayfield.

Information Stations On Highways Prove Great Aid to Tourists

AUSTIN, Oct. 24.—The Texas Highway department operated 7 information stations during the fiscal year ended Aug. 31, 1940, and 6 additional stations in June, July and August when tourist travel was highest. These stations are located

1940 RED CROSS POSTER



Pretty Martha Anderson, a Texas girl who has made a successful career as a model for photographers and artists in New York, posed for the 1940 Red Cross Poster, calling to all patriotic men and women to join the American Red Cross Chapter

in their communities from November 11 to 30. Ray Morgan, a distinguished New York portrait and poster artist, created the design, which emphasizes the keynote that the Red Cross "serves humanity."

on the heavier traveled highways at the state line and are operated to furnish motorists with accurate information on the Texas highway system and places to be reached over state highways.

During the year 88,917 vehicles stopped at the 7 year-round stations and in the three summer months, 19,175 vehicles stopped at the 6 summer operated stations. There were cars from every state in the Union and 723 foreign cars from all parts of the globe, including Africa and the Orient. California was high with 16,944 and Delaware low with 55.

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White Church News

Rev. J. B. Stewart of Abilene, pastor at this place, preached his farewell sermon here Sunday night for this conference year. He does not know whether he will be sent back for the coming year or not. Our community as a whole has enjoyed the past two years' work with Brother Stewart and his good wife and, if they are not sent back to serve the church another year, we can heartily recommend them wherever they go as being a good pastor and co-worker, and we pray God's richest blessings on them.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Ensinger and son, Wade, Jr., of Butman, attended church here Sunday and were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barnes.

Mrs. Lydia Payne and daughter, Miss Maggie Payne, of Trent, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Rigan Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. W. C. Berry was dinner guest of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Windham and children, Sunday.

Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Stewart had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. H. Eddie Farmer Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Harris entertained the League with a social in the

form of a weiner roast Saturday night. Every one reported a real good time. Mr. and Mrs. Harris are sponsors of the League.

Mrs. Marvin Egger of Divide is spending the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Farmer.

Contrary to popular belief, the use of snuff is not dying out. Around 38 million pounds went to market in 1939.

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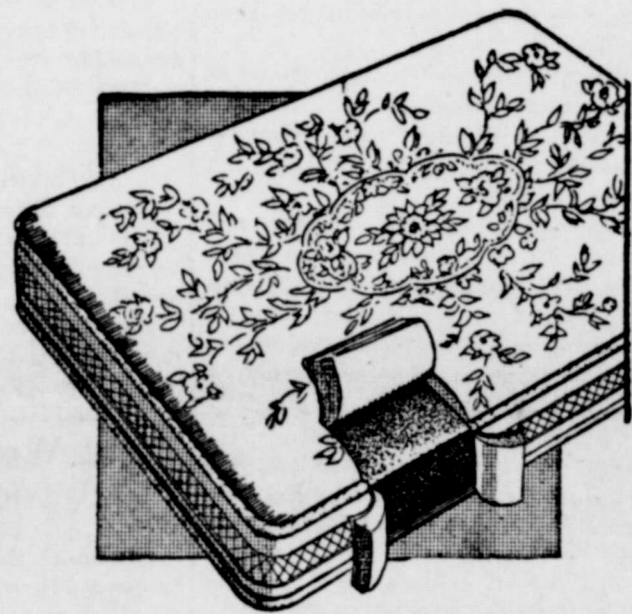
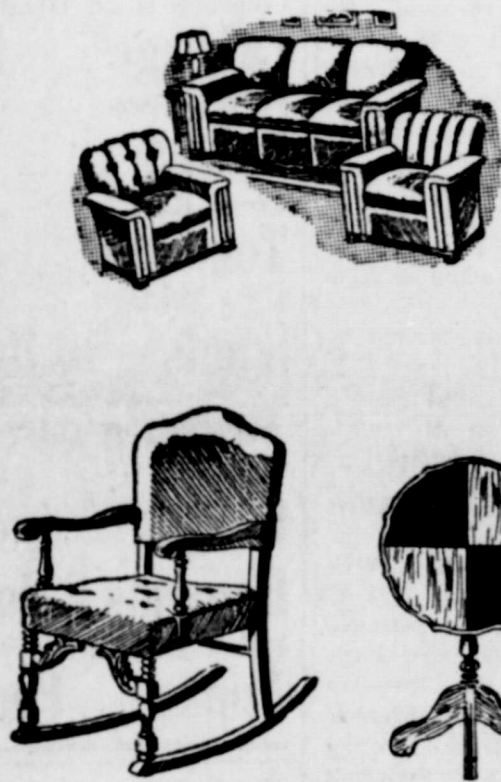
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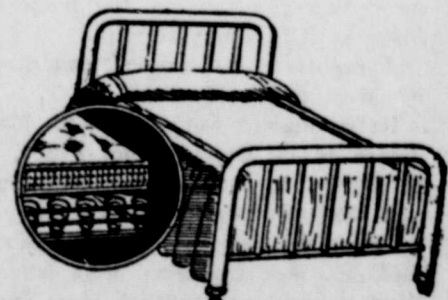
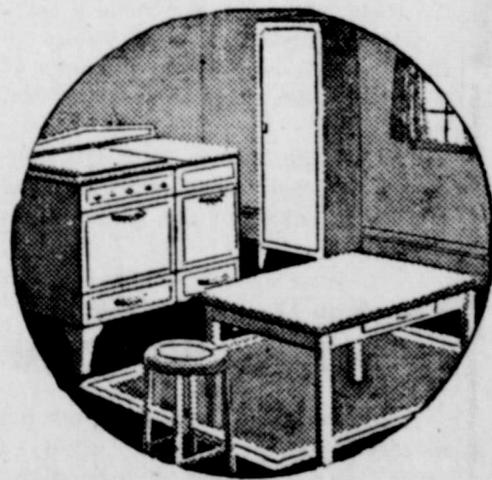
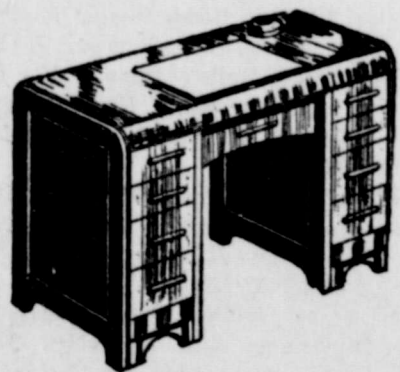
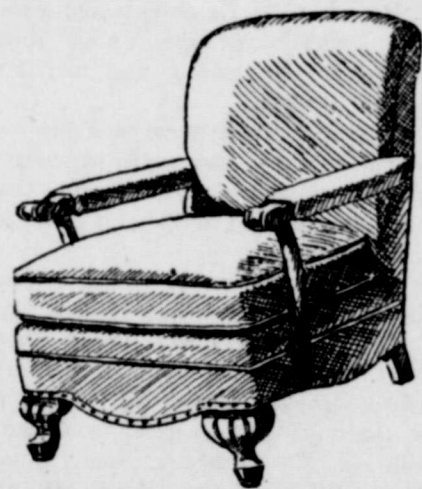
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GIFT TEA HONORS MISS LOU DALE GRAY.

The betrothal and approaching marriage date of Miss Lou Dale Gray, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Gray, and Clyde Sears, second son of Mrs. Clyde Sears, was disclosed at a tea of beautiful appointments Tuesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Allen McGehee with Mrs. George Woodrum and Mrs. Stanley King co-hostesses.

A pastel color theme of blue and white was stressed while the reception rooms were profusely decorated with gorgeous pink dahlias and roses. Miss Gray was lovely in all white.

Mrs. McGehee headed the receiving line which was made up of the honoree, Miss Gray, her mother, Mrs. R. T. Gray, Mrs. Clyde Sears, Mrs. King and Mrs. Woodrum. Mrs. Horace Boney presided at the guest book and other members of the house party were Misses Evelyn Sears, Gay West, Helen Heeter, Becky Gardner, Dora Gaither, Tommye Grimes, Sue Grimes, Dorothy Shannon and Billie McGehee.

Mrs. Richard Young was at the piano throughout the afternoon with a repertoire of appropriate selections.

Mrs. Connor Robinson poured tea from a lace laid table centered with a miniature wedding party done in porcelain and set up on a large mirror, in which the colors of blue and white were again reflected. Tiny hand-painted scrolls were favors on the plate of tea confections, which bore the date of November sixth as the wedding date.

Miss Evelyn Sears invited guests to view a lovely array of gifts on display.

Those present were the honoree, Miss Lou Dale Gray; Mrs. R. T. Gray, Mrs. Clyde Sears, Mesdames Vernon Sublett, Pete White, George White, Homer Patterson, Comer Haynes, Wrenn Durham, Frank McFarland, Len Sublett, J. F. Walker, F. Y. Gaither, T. G. Bragg, Robert Hicks, Warren Higgins, W. O. Boney, Pick Allen, Elsie Nash, Ella Duncan, Ira Moore, S. M. Hunter, Arl Sharp, Frank Breaux, N. D. Cobb, Leon McGaughey, W. L. Lee, E. F. Bailey, T. C. Allen, Curtis Wilcox, Grover Gilbert, Cyrus Pee, Byers Petty, Herbert Patterson, Duncan Briggs, J. A. Milliken, John Shannon, John Mansfield, Ralph Walker, Harry Bullock, Urban Zehnpennig, David Gamble, George T. Moore, L. V. Moore, John Grable, Milton Case, Bill Fugate, Landon Hill, Cecil Justice, Byron Patterson, N. D. Calloway, Chester Collinsworth.

Mesdames Waymon Adcock, Joe Largent, Holt Vaughn, D. H. Vaughn, Pete West, Connor Robinson, Odie Campbell, Amy Sears, Bill Brown, L. M. Touchstone, Bud Sears, Arthur Sears, Joe Bettis, Beatrice Nes-

bith, Bill Hennessee, Joe Cypert, W. J. Largent, Cotton Owens, Nell Greene, Nathan Wood, Charlie Tip-ton, D. A. Lee, H. Curington, O. J. Adcock, J. H. McDonald, Bob McDonald, Charles Monday, Jessie Reagan, Paul Douglas, Barney Douglas, Tye Sublett, Ed Turner, John West, W. T. Sadler, Dee Grimes, Booth Warren, John Crow, Norman Hodge, T. L. Grimes, Earl Teague, John R. Walling, Jr., C. B. Gardner, Max Mellinger, Lige Gamble, Eli Case, W. W. Campbell, Ada Heeter, Horace Boney, Richard Young, Stanley King, George Woodrum, Allen McGehee.

Misses Evelyn Sears, Gay West, Helen Heeter, Becky Gardner, Dora Gaither, Tommye Grimes, Sue Grimes, Dorothy Shannon, Billie Mae Cobb, Sallie Orr, Sadie Woodrum, Bessie McNiece, Bonnie Lou White, Christine Collins, Mary Lou Ashburn, Robbie Walker, Ethel King, Mary Anna Mayfield, Mossie Sears, Eula Sears, Johnnie Sears, Louise Patterson, Billie McGehee.

GLENER CLASS SOCIAL.

The beautiful suburban home of Mrs. John Shannon was opened Wednesday afternoon of last week to members of the Gleaner Sunday School class and a number of visitors. Mesdames Johnny Cox, Homer Patterson and Earl Stanford were co-hostesses.

The rooms were decorated with dahlias and marigold. Following the opening song, "I Love to Tell the Story," Mrs. John H. Crow gave a very inspiring devotional on "Stewardship" and also led in prayer, after which the group joined in singing "America." Mrs. Johnny Cox introduced each number on the following program: duet, "List to the Voice," Mrs. Homer Patterson and Mrs. Andy Shouse; piano solo, "The Hurdy Gurdy Man," Mrs. Richard Young; solo, "My Prayer," Dorothy Shannon; reading, "My Master," Tommye Grimes; "The Rosary," "Out of the Dusk to You," Mrs. John Leonard playing her own accompaniment; "The Voice in the Old Village Choir," Mrs. Jack Morris of Abilene; reading, group of poems, Mrs. Owen Robertson, and "Blueberry Hill," Mrs. Norman T. Hodge.

At the culmination of the program a refreshment plate was passed to the following guests and members: Mrs. Odie Mathews of Phoenix, Ariz.; Mesdames Owen Robertson, N. T. Hodge, C. B. Gardner, John Leonard, Andy Shouse, C. K. Russell, Grover Hale, Richard Young, Kent Smith, Buck Jinkens, Misses Tommye Grimes and Dorothy Shannon. Members present were Mesdames M. L. Douglas, Jack Morris, Leon Toombs, Will Toombs, Warren Daniels, Oda Clark, Roy Baccus, T. L. Grimes, Dee Grimes, F. Y. Gaither, Eli Case, Her-

bert Patterson, W. S. J. Brown, S. M. Hunter, F. E. Church, Len Sublett, John Crow, Lizzie Latham; Misses Mabel McRee, Lottie Butman, Mossie Sears, Ona Johnson, Pauline Johnson and the hostesses.

EIGHTEENTH CENTURY FURNITURE CLUB TOPIC.

Mrs. L. C. Zehnpennig was a most gracious hostess to members of the Junior Study club on Thursday afternoon of last week. During the business session, two new members were elected, namely, Mrs. E. Y. Bailey and Mrs. Max Swafford.

Mrs. David Gamble was leader for the program on Eighteenth Century furniture and Mrs. Chester Collinsworth discussed "The Furniture of Modern America."

Members present for this interesting program were Mesdames J. E. Boaz, Jr., Elmo Collins, Chester Collinsworth, Wrenn Durham, Raymond Ferguson, David Gamble, George T. Moore, Carroll Benson, Andy Shouse, Pete West, N. D. Calloway, Urban Zehnpennig; Misses Hettie Logan Clay, Ruth West, Billie Gardner and Imogene Schulze.

"42" PARTY HONORING NEW MEN TEACHERS.

Featuring Halloween appointments new men teachers of the Merkel Public schools were honored at a stag "42" party in the home of Supt. Connor Robinson Thursday night, Oct. 17.

A delicious refreshment plate was passed to the following invited guests at the conclusion of the games: Messrs. Rex Myers, Chester Collinsworth, Dick Young, Charles Clark, Carroll Benson, William Taylor, Jack Patterson, Gordon Green, Comer Haynes, Elmo Collins, Nathan Wood, R. T. Gray, Al McGehee, W. W. Toombs, Norman Hodge, George Woodrum, John Grable, S. D. Gamble and Byers Petty.

Oct. 27-Nov. 3 Known As Girl Scout Week

Dates of Oct. 27-Nov. 3 have been designated as Girl Scout week and all twenty-five members of the intermediate group of the local Girl Scouts, of which Miss Billie Gardner is sponsor, are planning to observe the opening day by attending Sunday School at the Methodist church and then crossing to the Baptist church for the morning church hour.

These girls will also be on hand to sell pillows Friday night at the Snyder-Merkel game. The price is 5 cents and those who buy pillows will not only enjoy the game in greater comfort but will aid the Girl Scouts financially at the same time.

Bible Presented as Memorial to the Late Rev. R. A. Walker

As a memorial to her husband, the late Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of Grace Presbyterian church for thirteen years, Mrs. R. A. Walker has presented the church with a beautiful Bible, with a leather padded back. The inscription, in gold letters on the fly leaf, reads: "In Memory of R. A. Walker, Pastor 1927-1940. Family."

Presentation was made at the Sunday School hour last Sunday by Mrs. Walker in behalf of the Walker family.

Twelve Persons Hurt In Three-Way Crash

In a three-way crash—two cars and a truck—on the highway about 4 miles west of Trent Friday night, twelve persons were involved, but according to last reports all escaped without grave consequences.

Four of them were brought to Sadler Clinic: Mrs. Myrtle Kearse and L. M. Hubbard, both of Sweetwater, and Raymond and Ross Locke, brothers of Odessa. Mrs. Kearse had only slight lacerations and Mr. Hubbard, no injury. Raymond Locke sustained a fractured arm and nose, with cuts on face, but was dismissed Saturday. His brother, Ross Locke, who was driving one car, emerged with only a sprained shoulder.

The eight others, involved in the accident, members of two families, were taken to Hendrick Memorial hospital, Abilene; only fractures were sustained by I. C. Raley of Drasco, a fractured pelvis, and Mrs. C. H. Partlow, 62, of Bradshaw, who had a broken bone in the right leg.

The two families were in a truck loaded with furniture, en route from Bradshaw to Lubbock.

The Locke brothers were going east on their way to Glen Rose.

If you have any visitors, Phone 29 or 61.

RURAL SOCIETY

HAMMACK-BAIRD.

Mr. and Mrs. Le Roy Hammack announce the marriage of their daughter, Jaunita Hammack, to Loyd Baird of Terrell, Texas. The ceremony was read in the home of Rev. Gene Hall, 2517 Cedar street, Abilene, at 4:30 p. m. Oct. 12, 1940.

The bride chose for this occasion a frock of royal blue crepe with accessories of navy blue. She is a lovely young lady and respected by all who know her. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Baird of Terrell.

Those present at the ceremony were Mr. and Mrs. Le Roy Hammack and sons, Len and Dan, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hammack and children, Jimmie and Sammie, of Merkel, and Mrs. Bill Goza and children, Billie Joyce and Raymond Earl, Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Baird will probably make their home near Merkel. It is the wish of many friends that they may find happiness along life's way.

SALT BRANCH CLUB.

Highlighting the meeting of the Salt Branch Home Demonstration club on Oct. 17 with Mrs. Mason Barker was the report given by the Fair exhibit committee. The committee reported that the club won third place on their exhibit at the Fair, also stating that within the last four years since the West Texas Fair was organized the club has won first, second and third place and an honorable mention, which made all the members feel that the club had really accomplished worthwhile things.

The club is offering their exhibit at the Fair for sale.

A Halloween party was planned for club members and their families to be given Tuesday night, Oct. 29, in the home of Mrs. J. A. Horton, each member coming in costume and bringing enough doughnuts for their family.

Mrs. Roy Harrell had charge of an interesting program on "Diseases Common to Children" and "Venereal Diseases." Mrs. J. S. Pinckley, Sr., drew the gift.

Those enjoying the meeting and dainty refreshments were: visitors, Mrs. Will Martin, Mrs. E. H. Thompson and Mrs. Cleo Carter, and the following members, Mesdames Johnny Cox, J. C. Allen, Buster Horton, J. S. Pinckley, Bill Teaff, Mason Barker, Bill Hays, Roy Harrell, W. U. Beene, Joe Higgins, T. C. Allen, Ada Higgins, Vernon Hudson and Misses Lena Faye Harrell and Ruth Pinckley.

UNION RIDGE CLUB.

Mrs. Leo Harris entertained guests and members of the Union Ridge Home Demonstration club last Friday afternoon.

Plans for the Achievement day program afforded the main discussion of the afternoon. Mrs. Frank Carr was remembered with a number of lovely gifts.

Refreshments were served to Mesdames Denzel Cox, Lige Harris, Kenneth Pee, Clyde Irwin, Frank Carr, W. C. Lee, S. G. Russell, J. H. Clark, Pierce Horton, Woodrow Patton, O. E. Harwell, O. R. Douglas, S. G. Russell, Jr., Don Riney, Gene Cade, Audia White, Ernest Brady, Quincy Taylor, Chester Bond, Buster Moulder, Gene Reece, Lee Ponder, J. M. Williamson, Ruby Dean, J. E. Jaynes, Gordon Hass, Vernie Merritt, Weldon McAninch and Miss Mabel McRee.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. Weldon McAninch on Nov. 1.

BLUEBONNET CLUB.

Mrs. Joe Swinney was hostess to the Bluebonnet club Tuesday, Oct. 22. Plans were made for Achievement day program in the home of Mrs. A. R. Toombs Nov. 9.

A report on last council was given by Mrs. R. D. Hunter.

Refreshments were served to Mesdames R. D. Hunter, Don Riney, J. L. Perry, A. R. Toombs, Will Butman, Roy Hunter, W. C. Perkins, A. L. Farmer, Houston Martin, Dewel McLean, Ben Butman; Miss Loucen Butman, and one visitor, Mrs. Susie Doan.

WHITE CHURCH WSTS.

The Women's Society of Christian Service of White Church met Oct. 20. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. John Coomer, who gave the opening prayer, followed by Mrs. Stewart and Mrs. Coomer, who told of their trip to Memphis. There was a short program given.

Those present were Mesdames J. B. Stewart, John Coomer, Bill Brown, Beryl Brown, P. R. McLean, A. D. Barnes, Raymond Demere, Roy Ellison, D. W. Rodgers, J. H. Swinney, Rex McLean and Miss Geneva Ellison, one new member, Mrs. Allen King, and one visitor, Mrs. Leon Toombs.

Just say you saw it in The Mail.

In The Churches

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

There were 564 present at the six reporting Sunday Schools here last Sunday, as compared with 542 the previous week. On the same Sunday a year ago the attendance was 633.

FIRST 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 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. 28, at 3 p. m. as follows:

Blanche Rose Walker will meet with Mrs. W. L. Johnson.

Maybelle Taylor will meet with Mrs. Owen Robertson.

Elkin Lockett will meet with Mrs. W. F. Patterson.

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, 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.

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.

NAZARENE CHURCH.

Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Everyone is cordially invited to these services.

R. T. Smith, Pastor.

Local Women Attend Synodical At Paris

Mesdames Henry West, R. A. Walker and Delma Compton and Mrs. C. O. Patterson of Abilene returned Thursday of last week from Paris where they attended the three-day meeting of the synodical, which was held at the same time as the meeting of the synod of Texas, Presbyterian church, U. S. A.

Mrs. West is president of the Abilene presbytery, and besides the three women who accompanied her there was one other from the Abilene presbytery, Mrs. J. A. Owen, of Albany.

The synodical met in joint session with the synod for the session of the retiring moderator, Dr. Frank Wear of Trinity university, Tuesday morning and for a communion service Wednesday morning.

Social features included a luncheon Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock in the home of the president of the Paris presbytery at Deport, which was for executives, and a tea from 4 to 6 on Tuesday afternoon at the manse of the host church at Paris for all visitors, men and women.

The 1941 meeting of the synod and synodical will be held in San Antonio.

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Minister from Post Preaches Here Sunday

Rev. J. Basil Ramsey, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Post, will fill the pulpit at Grace Presbyterian church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. All members of the congregation are especially urged to attend. Visitors are cordially invited.

Rev. Mr. Ramsey will go to Tuscola to preach at the church there Sunday evening.

Sunday School will be held at the usual hour, 10 a. m.

W. M. Elliott,
Clerk of Session.

McLean Pastor Accepts Call to Local Church

Having accepted the call of the local Church of Christ, Lee Starnes, minister of the Church of Christ at McLean, has written that he will be here to preach his first sermon on Sunday, Nov. 3.

Mr. Starnes probably will be here the latter part of the week to see about finding a home to live in, but will preach the coming Sunday, last one in October, at his present charge.

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