

Keeping Up
With Texas

Attorney General Gerald C. Mann Saturday announced his candidacy for the United States senate seat vacated by the death of Morris Sheppard.

William Terrell Higginbotham, 20, North Texas Agricultural college student, died Saturday of an accidentally inflicted bullet wound while he was on a camping trip.

Borosh Constantine, 30, second division private from Fort Sam Houston, was killed Monday when lightning struck a pup tent in which he and another soldier were sleeping at Camp Bowie, Brownwood. The other soldier was uninjured.

Arthur E. Burns, 21, enlisted man at home on furlough from Randolph field, San Antonio, was found dead in the wreckage of an automobile on the Brady-Mason highway four miles south of Brady at 6 a. m. Sunday.

Judge A. J. Fires, first county judge of Childress county and an outstanding jurist in the Panhandle for half a century, died Sunday at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Ross Robertson, at Wichita Falls. He was nearly 81 years old.

Two Fort Clark soldiers, Pvt. Joe E. Hall, 19, of Lamesa, and Corp. Rex Alexander Gossett, 20, of Dallas, were injured fatally when an armored squad car on field duty overturned between Bracketville and Rock Springs Friday.

Leonce Stephenson, 22-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl W. Stephenson of Sweetwater, plummeted to his death in his training plane from a height of 700 feet. He was an air corps cadet at San Angelo.

Sweetwater Monday morning reached another point in its long traffic safety record when the 600 deathless days mark was passed at 1:10 a. m. Nicolas Lasoya, 24, a Mexican, was drowned Monday night when he fell into the Colorado river near Colorado City, while reaching for a piece of driftwood.

Campfire flames ate into a dead tree and caused it to crash upon two sleeping fishermen at Lufkin early Tuesday, killing George Alford, 17.

Judge George E. Christian, 53-year-old commissioner of the state court of criminal appeals, died at 7 p. m. Tuesday in an Austin hospital where he had been taken after suffering a cerebral hemorrhage during a court conference that morning.

Henry D. Pilgrim, 37, laborer, was killed Tuesday when a concrete bridge at Dallas under which he was working caved in, crushing him.

E. L. Langley, senior member of the board of city commissioners, late Monday was named mayor of Sweetwater, succeeding Henry T. Marshall, who served the past year and who remains on the board.

Instructions to extend the time for paying of truck licenses to Apr. 28 were received Tuesday from the state highway department by C. O. Patterson, county tax assessor-collector.

Second to make public announcement of his candidacy to succeed the late Morris Sheppard as United States senator is Representative Martin Dies, chairman of the house committee investigating un-Americanism.

Governor W. Lee O'Daniel Wednesday re-appointed Joe Kunschik of Austin as state commissioner of labor.

Soaking Rains Early In Week Yield Three Inches of Moisture

Three inches of rain falling in a period of less than three days has given this section of West Texas a thorough soaking, which was a real soaking, as most of the moisture that fell went into the ground, already provided with the best underground season in many years.

Outlook for a bumper small grain crop was further enhanced, as farmers have most of the cultivated land in shape for planting, little time will be lost getting seed in the ground. Ranchmen report the best range conditions in 20 years.

Report from Volunteer Weather Observer J. I. Ford shows three-eighths of an inch Sunday, 1 3/8 inches Monday and 1 1/4 inches Tuesday, netting exactly three inches in three days. The West company gauge recorded one-half inch uptown Sunday and a full 1 1/2 inch Monday.

Added to previously reported rainfall for this year, which was 5 1/8 inches, the 1941 figure has reached 8 1/8 inches.

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MERKEL, TEXAS, FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 1941.

On the "Broadway of America"

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LAST RITES HELD SATURDAY FOR MRS. A. W. ELY

Beloved Mother of Eight Children Passes Away; Native Texan, Had Been Resident of This Section Since 1906.

Funeral services were held at the Tye Methodist church at 1:30 p. m. Saturday for Mrs. A. W. Ely, 60, conducted by Rev. R. L. Gilpin, the pastor. Burial followed in Rose Hill cemetery at Merkel by the side of her husband, who preceded her in death several years. In failing health for a number of years, she became seriously ill Apr. 3.

Jennie Tucker was born in Wise County, Texas, Aug. 14, 1880. She was married to A. W. Ely Mar. 28, 1898, near Whitewright, Texas, where they resided until their removal to the present home, five miles east of Merkel in 1906.

Surviving children are three sons, M. H. and R. D. of Merkel, and H. C. Ely, Fort Worth; five daughters, Vera and Ideen Ely, Mrs. Laura Teaff and Mrs. Audra Allen, Merkel, Mrs. Aura Blevins, Dallas. Also surviving are one sister, Mrs. Ethel Messee, Kennard, Texas; a niece, Mrs. Sadie Cowger, O'Donnell, Texas, and six grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Dee and Arch Teaff, Theo Kincaid, Coleman Smith, Saul Hinds, Hubert McCartney, Mike Ferguson and E. H. Allen.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Barrow-Sheppard of Merkel.

PTA County Council To Meet Here Apr. 24

The Taylor County council of Parent-Teacher associations will meet for its last quarterly meeting of the year 1940-41 in the Merkel Lions Club hall, Thursday, Apr. 24, from 10 a. m. until 4 p. m., with the Merkel Parent-Teacher association acting as hostesses.

Mrs. Lee Kincaid, North Park, is present president with Mrs. Bud Winter, president-elect. The council is made up of representatives from all Parent-Teacher organizations in the county excluding Abilene associations; and at each council meeting reports are given from local associations and local problems discussed.

A covered-dish luncheon will be served at noon. Local members are urged to be present and participate as hostesses for the group. Mrs. Norman Hodge, local president, and Mrs. Owen Robertson, hospitality chairman, are asking for volunteers to help in making arrangements for the group.

Clubs Begin Drive for Cemetery Clean-Up

Each year the Fortnightly Study club, supported by the other civic clubs of the town, sponsors a cemetery clean-up and, funds are now being raised for this purpose.

As chairman of the general committee, Mrs. Elma McFarland announced that bottles or boxes will be placed in all the stores of the town and voluntary contributions from every one interested are solicited.

It is hoped that with other cash donations from clubs, individuals and merchants, all on a voluntary basis, enough money can be raised to make a thorough job of cleaning up Rose Hill cemetery.

Friday Night Brings Junior-Senior Banquet

Dr. E. B. Surface, pastor of Central Presbyterian church, Abilene, is to be speaker for the Junior-Senior banquet, one of the annual highlights of the commencement season at Merkel High, to be held Friday evening at the gymnasium. Carroll Benson is sponsor for the Juniors, host class.

Invocation is to be given by Supt. Connor Robinson, followed by a song, "I'm Waiting for Ships that Never Come In," by Joyce Cox. Sue Grimes will toast the Seniors, with response by John Mack Grant. Richard Young, director of the Merkel Badger band, will give a cornet solo.

INSTALL NEW OFFICERS NEXT PTA MEETING

A style show given by the home economics department of the Merkel High school under the direction of their teacher, Miss Frances Cleveland, will open the last regular program meeting of the Merkel Parent-Teacher association, Wednesday afternoon, Apr. 23, in the Grammar School auditorium at 4 p. m.

Mrs. Bud Winter, president-elect of the Taylor County council, will install all local officers for the year 1941-42 as another feature of the program. Mrs. Grover Gilbert and Mrs. John Leonard, delegates to the recent district conference at Big Spring, will bring reports of conference proceedings. Miss Mamie Ellis will present to the association the Merkel P-T. A. publicity book, compiled and most artistically decorated by Mrs. Holt Vaughn, historian, which was exhibited at the district conference and which received an award grade of A plus. Tenth and eleventh grade room mothers are to act as hostesses and a brief business session will close the program.

Officers to be installed at Wednesday's meeting are: president, Mrs. Grover Gilbert; vice-president, Mrs. Ray Wilson; secretary, Mrs. Lem Dudley; treasurer, Mrs. Gordon Green; historian, Mrs. Norman Hodge; parliamentarian, Mrs. Owen Robertson, and all committee chairmen.

Honor Roll Lists Names of 151 Pupils For 6-Weeks Period

One hundred and fifty-one pupils of the Merkel Public Schools were listed on the honor roll for the fifth six-weeks' period, as announced by Supt. Connor Robinson Tuesday. Of this number, 91 were in Grammar school and 60 in High school.

Two Seniors, Becky Gardner and Nell Butman, tied for the highest mark, with an average of 96 each; Sue Grimes, Junior, and Avalene Mathews, Sophomore, each also averaged 95 to lead their classes. Highest grade in the Freshman class, an average of 93, was made by Carlene Hughes.

The complete list of pupils on the honor roll follows:

Primer: Madolyn Robertson, Elmer Lee Sandusky, Elvyn Starnes, Connie Mack Seymour, Joy Billington, Ann Booth, Peggy Curb, Sara Lu Clemens, Eloise Baker, Jimmie Lou McLeod, Jerry Cobb, Bryan Mundy.

First grade: Sandra Sadler, Jesse Newton, Wanda Tipton, Patricia Swann, Margie Skurlock, Karel Lee Barnes, William Robertson, Mary Tom Weston, Brooxie Nell Jinkens, Doris Black, John Ed Bow, Barbara Ann Bryant, Patsy Jean Clark, Dudley Farr, Bobbie Nell Jinkens, Connie Beth Harris, Norma Jean Hodge.

Second grade: Betty Sue Harris, Wilda Lee Bowles, Borden Perkins, Pat Foy, Allen James, Dale Doan, Burl McCoy.

Third grade: Barbara Sue McCoy, Gerald West, Leland Mundy, Loveta Coffman, Patricia Turner, John Jay Horn, Peggy Humphreys, Shirley

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Work Begun on New Home for Pete West

Lines were staked off and foundation started Thursday of last week for the modern new home to be built by Pete West, fronting 75 feet on Oak street just north of the A. A. McGehee home.

The house, to be built of California redwood, will consist of five rooms and bath. Bob Fowler is the contractor and building plans are under a FHA Class I loan.

Women to Meet to Organize for Softball

All women and girls interested in softball are asked to meet Tuesday afternoon, Apr. 22, at 6 o'clock at the home of Mrs. L. V. Moore.

BADGER SCHOOL BAND TO GIVE SPRING CONCERT

Event Scheduled Tuesday Night; First Time Students Presented in New Uniforms; Prepare For Contest to Follow.

The Merkel High School Badger band is occupying the center of the stage in the round of local school activities; it is a busy time for the aspiring young school musicians, as the concert and the contest will fall within the same week. Each night throughout this week the students have been practicing for the coming events.

The addition of new uniforms has proved a big incentive to the band to perfect the general standard of the organization and to make a good rating in the contest. Last year the band won third division in concert and sight-reading playing, and first division in the marching event. This year more stress is being put on the concert and sight-reading, since that phase of the contest is more popular.

On Tuesday night, Apr. 22, the Badger band will be presented in its annual spring concert at the High school. According to all reports, this will be the biggest and best work that the band has done. The program will be in two parts, first, the Grammar School Beginners' band and, last, the High School band, and will feature several soloists and the numbers to be used in the contest in Abilene the following Friday.

The program by the High School band follows:

"Hall of Fame," concert march, (Olovioditi).

"Eroica Overture," required contest number, (Beethoven).

"Stars in a Velvety Sky," (Herbert L. Clark), baritone solo, Sammie McGehee.

"Junior Joins the band," (Yoder), novelty, Bonnie Lou White, Dorothy Shannon, Cheatham McFarland, La Moine Sherrill.

"Semper Fidelis," march (Sousa.) Intermission.

"Spiritual Rivers," (Gault), selected number.

"The Last Rose of Summer," cornet solo, Jack Haynes.

"Old McDonald Had a Farm," novelty featuring the Rube Band.

Football March medley.

"Star Spangled Banner."

The admission charge for the concert will be 25 cents for adults and 15 cents for children.

This will be the first time the students will be presented in their new uniforms.

Hoped that Several More Will Enlist in Home Beautification

Addition of three more home-owners in that division of the second annual home beautification contest, sponsored by the Fortnightly Study club in co-operation with the other local civic clubs, was announced Thursday morning by Mrs. Norman T. Hodge, chairman of the registration committee. New entries are Mrs. T. C. Allen, Mrs. W. T. Sadler and Mrs. A. T. Sheppard.

With May 1 as the deadline for entries, it is hoped by the various clubs sponsoring the beautification project that a number of other civic-minded residents will enlist.

Golfers Qualify for Scotch Foursome

Plans for a Scotch foursome were announced Wednesday by Connor Robinson, chairman of the tournament committee of the Merkel Golf club.

Qualifying round of 18 holes may be played at any time, but cards must be turned in by Apr. 24. Those qualifying must play in threesomes or foursomes, it is announced.

Match play, which will also be 18 holes, will begin Monday, Apr. 28, the tournament to be completed by May 15.

Record of Births.
Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Jacobs, Saturday, April 12, 1941.
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. John J. Bothman, Saturday, April 12, 1941.

MERKEL WOMAN INJURED WHEN CAR OVERTURNS

Monday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Carl Black, accompanied by Misses Elizabeth Elliott, Mary Jo Garland, Evelyn Ensminger and Jannell Black, en route to San Marcos, were in an automobile accident in Lampasas.

Reports reaching Merkel Thursday morning were to the effect that just before reaching the main part of the city the driver of an automobile in front of the Black car suddenly stopped. Mr. Black, throwing on the emergency brake, caused his car to overturn. All of the occupants of the automobile were considerably bruised and shaken up.

Mrs. Black suffered a fracture of the second vertebra and was taken to a hospital in Austin. Wednesday she was placed in a cast. It is stated that as soon as her condition will permit, presumably in two or three days, she will be taken either to San Marcos or will return to Merkel, depending upon her physical condition.

The Black automobile was almost a total wreck.

Fireboys Re-Elect Mansfield as Chief; Delegates Named

John Mansfield was re-elected chief of the Merkel Volunteer Fire department at the annual meeting of the organization Monday night. Roy Robins was named assistant chief, and Ray Wilson re-elected secretary-treasurer.

Re-elected as president of the Merkel Firemen's association was Herbert Dunn, Milton Case being named vice-president.

Foremen named were: Claude Perry, Hose Co. No. 1; Homer Laney, Hose Co. No. 2; Les Palmer, chemical foreman, (re-elected) and Earl Watts, foreman, P. C. unit. To fill a new office created by amendment to the by-laws Parker Sharp was unanimously elected tail twister. R. H. Mathews, Jr., is fire truck driver.

Claude Perry and R. H. Mathews, Jr., were named delegates to the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals association, which meets in Wichita Falls June 10, 11 and 12. Chief Mansfield is also a regularly accredited delegate to the state convention.

An attendance campaign at practice is now in progress, the losing company to entertain the winners with a banquet.

Seniors to Present Class Play Apr. 28

The Senior class of Merkel High school will present their annual play on Monday night, Apr. 28, at the High School auditorium.

The play, entitled "The Hero Returns," is under the direction of Mrs. Comer Haynes.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, April 29, 1921.)

Nat Anderson, Claude Comegys, Roscoe Sharp, Riley White, Paul Stanford and others of our citizens who are temporarily sojourning at Ivan, one of the "oil centers" of Stephens county, were here first of the week and report things humming in their part of the field.

POPULAR COUPLE WED.

On Wednesday afternoon at 2:00 p. m. Rev. Ira Farrack, pastor of the Baptist church, in his usual impressive manner pronounced the words which bound in holy wedlock Mr. Aron Hellums and Miss Jewel Hay, both well known and popular young people of this city. The happy event took place at the home of Pastor Farrack.

POST OFFICE ADVANCED TO SECOND CLASS.

As evidence of the prosperity, growth and development of Merkel and surrounding country, Postmaster

LANEY BROTHERS NAMED AS RODEO CO-CHAIRMEN

Homer and Howard Laney Selected to Head Strong Show Committee for 1941; Opening Show Tentatively Set May 17.

With Homer and Howard Laney as co-chairmen, the rodeo committee for the season of 1941 includes W. H. Bullock, S. D. Gamble, Booth Warren and Connor Robinson. Personnel of the committee was announced by President R. T. Gray at a meeting of the board of directors of the Merchants Trade Extension association held Monday night at the Lions hall.

At the same meeting, dates for the series of six summer shows were tentatively set as follows: May 17, June 7 and 28, July 19, Aug. 9 and 30. The schedule provides for the first show on May 17, with five others to follow on every third Saturday, concluding Aug. 30.

W. R. Yazell is chairman of the parade committee, other members being E. Y. Bailey, Ray Wilson and Dee Grimes.

As chairman of the seating and ticket committee, Clyde Bartlett will be assisted by Owen Robertson, W. O. Boney and C. J. Glover.

C. J. Glover was named chairman of the publicity committee.

Five Students Honored At Lions Luncheon

Five honor students from Merkel High school were guests of the Lions club at their Tuesday luncheon. Two Seniors, Becky Gardner and Nell Butman, had tied for an average of 96; Sue Grimes, Junior, and Avalene Mathews, Sophomore, each had averaged 96, and Carlene Hughes represented the Freshman class with an average of 93.

In introducing the students, Supt. Connor Robinson emphasized the enviable record of Becky Gardner, who out of her four years in High school had missed being a guest of honor of the Lions club only one period.

It was announced that date for the zone meeting, for which Merkel is to be host, will be Tuesday, May 20, as was originally planned. The club voted to donate \$10 to the cemetery clean-up campaign sponsored by the Fortnightly Study club. The program committee, Nathan Wood, chairman, was asked to contact authorities at Camp Berkeley with a view of having a military band concert here at an early date. Mayor H. C. West was added to the softball committee, especially to act with the school board in a proposed plan to utilize the football field.

Only other guest besides the students was A. M. Bray, of Dallas, representative of the Chevrolet Motor company. Opening sing-song was led by Nathan Wood, with Gay West at the piano.

TO CLEAN UP TABERNACLE.

We are requested by Messrs. R. L. Adeock, A. T. Sheppard and Lytton Howard, trustees of the tabernacle, to announce that on next Tuesday afternoon, there will be a meeting of citizens for the purpose of cleaning up and repairing the tabernacle sufficient for holding the different gatherings which will take place during the next few weeks.

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Shirley H. King has this week received notice from the post office department at Washington that the Merkel office would on July 1, 1921, become an office of the second class.

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Action Needed to Halt Labor Strikes

Washington, Apr. 17. — Rising to the floor of the senate last week, Senator Tom Connally urged his colleagues to give heed toward halting labor shut-downs in national defense plants.

"It seems to me," said the Texas senator, "that fundamentally there is no difference between the employer refusing to go on and produce and the employees refusing to proceed with normal production. So, if I had any way about it, I would adopt a provision directing or authorizing the president, through the secretary of war or the secretary of the navy, to take over any plant which has a contract for the production of essential national defense articles, arms or ammunitions, where disputes between the employer and the employees, or other labor disturbances, are impeding and delaying production."

Law exists now for the government to take over plants where the owner refuses to co-operate in the defense drive; Connally feels that the law can and should be amended to permit the government to take a hand in cases where employees refuse to co-operate and tie-up defense production.

"There is a law against striking against the United States," remarked Senator Connally. "If the government should take over a plant as it did during the World War, governmental boards would determine in each particular factory what is a fair wage and what are fair working conditions."

Connally's legislative record has long been considered as friendly to labor; yet at the present time he considers "the Union of the United States as Union Number 1 in this country, which is superior and paramount to any other union."

Delegates to Attend District Convention

Delegates and members of Taylor county home demonstration clubs will take part on the program when district 7 meets at Stephenville Friday. Mrs. J. M. Hamilton, of Abilene, state vice-president for district 7, will preside. Mrs. Johnny Cox is to act as convention parliamentarian. They will be accompanied by Mrs. Vernon Hudson, county delegate. Mrs. Cox and Mrs. Hamilton at-

Patriot Quotes

1747 1792



I HAVE not begun to fight!
John Paul Jones

After hours of furious fighting in a naval battle on September 21, 1778, the British commander thinking the American ship under the command of Jones, famous U. S. naval leader, about done for shouted: "Have you struck?" Jones sent back the famous reply quoted above. In the end the Americans won.

tended the convention of district 6 at Big Spring Wednesday when Mrs. Cox introduced Mrs. Hamilton as Taylor county's candidate for state president.

Women Organize to Hear Red Cross Book

The American Red Cross text book on "Home Hygiene and Care of the Sick" is being taught in Merkel by Miss Ala Sanders.

The following women are taking the course: Mrs. Lem Dudley, president; Mrs. Robert Sumpter, secretary; Mrs. Don Riney, treasurer; Mesdames C. B. Knight, Fred Baker, Jr., Clark Mundy, E. B. Wallace, W. R. Sumpter, John Hughes, Walter Teaff, Buck Leach, Earnest Teaff, Holt Vaughn, Paul Blackaby, Grover Gilbert and C. S. Higgins.

The class meets in the home of Mrs. John Hughes each Tuesday afternoon from 2 to 4 o'clock.

Baptists Attend State Convention at Dallas

Ten representatives of the First Baptist church here left early Tuesday morning for the annual State Sunday School convention at Dallas. In the group were Rev. and Mrs. Cooper Waters and Anna Lake, Mesdames Lum Gilbreath, Will Patterson, E. O. Carson; Misses Nadine Clack, Maurine and Clara White and W. J. Largent. They will return Thursday.

They were joined at Dallas by Mrs. Twyman Collins and Mrs. Lucy Ford. Mrs. Collins and her mother, Mrs. J. I. Leamon, had gone to Denton late last week to visit Mrs. Leamon's daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Massey.

Sub Commissioned.
New London, Conn., Apr. 17.—The 1,475-ton submarine Gar was placed in commission Monday at the submarine base here, three months ahead of the contract delivery date.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Blair and daughter, Clarice Faye, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Bernell Crow and Miss Judy Chancey, all of Noodle, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Lassiter and son, Cecie, and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Vension, of Big Spring.

Miss Jessie Margaret Berry, student at the East Texas State Teachers college, Commerce, returned home Monday after an Easter vacation visit with her mother, Mrs. Florence Berry.

Miss Betty Reid, of Santa Anna, student at John Tarleton college, Stephenville, visited last week-end with Misses Helen Heeter and Gay West.

Jack Traweek, cook at Ed's cafe, left Tuesday morning for a visit with friends in Austin.

Dr. J. P. Howard and son, Jasper, spent Easter Sunday with Dr. Howard's parents in Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Nail of Fort Worth were Monday morning visitors with Mrs. Nail's aunt, Mrs. Seth Hamilton.

Miss Mary Jo Garland, student at Southwest Texas State Teachers college, San Marcos, spent the Easter vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Garland.

Mrs. W. J. Hutcheson of Shreveport, La., spent Easter Sunday with her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson.

Mrs. J. W. Corum of Winters, accompanied by her granddaughter, was a week-end visitor with her husband here.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Fulton motor-ed over to Winters to spend Easter with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ford.

First Lieut. Doyle Nutt, 52nd signal battalion, Fort Sam Houston, was home for an Easter visit. The Nutt family is now occupying the S. D. Gamble rent cottage vacated by the Rex Myers.

Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Sharp and nephew, Jimmy Bourn, of Fort Worth, and Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Bourn, of Winters, were Easter guests in the home of Mrs. J. P. Sharp.

Mrs. Carl Mathews and little daughter, Carlyn, of Abilene were Easter visitors in the R. H. Mathews home.

Sylvan Mellinger and Hugh Leonard, students at the University of Texas, who came home for the Easter holidays, returned Monday to resume their school duties at Austin.

Don Warren, who arrived home last Wednesday to spend the Easter vacation, returned Tuesday to College Station to resume his studies at A. & M. college.

Miss Mildred McLean, student at John Tarleton college, Stephenville, was among the large number of college students home for the Easter vacation.

Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Burleson and daughter, Mary Margaret, of Cisco, were visitors Sunday in the W. L. Massey home. Rev. Mr. Burleson preached Sunday afternoon at the Fundamental Baptist church, of which he was formerly pastor.

Miss Betty Grimes, student at Texas State College for Women, Denton, remained over until Wednesday before returning to school after the Easter vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hicks returned Monday from an Easter visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Walters, at Wills Point.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Darsey and daughter, Jane, of Austin were here to spend Easter in the Frank Hamm home. Mrs. Johnny Hill, another daughter, and little son, Gary, who had spent the week here, were joined by Mr. Hill and they returned Sunday to their home at Seminole.

Home for the Easter vacation, Miss Edith Butman had as her guest, Miss Ruth McKay, of Kilgore, a collegemate at John Tarleton, Stephenville.

Miss Opal Palmer of Dallas spent Easter with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Palmer. She was accompanied as far as Abilene by Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Barrett, Jr.

Mrs. W. S. J. Brown and Miss Johnny Sears left Wednesday for Whitewright to visit their grandmother, Mrs. J. F. Lilley.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Garrett of Waco returned home Sunday after an Easter visit with his father, J. M. Garrett, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Derstine and son, Hal, of Lamesa, spent Sunday in the home of Mrs. S. A. Derstine, who is ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Swafford, now of Monument, N. M., and Miss Himaly Swafford, who teaches at Odessa, were here to spend Easter with their mother, Mrs. T. J. R. Swafford.

Mrs. E. D. Coats has returned home after an extended visit with her son, John D. Coats, and Mrs. Coats at Tuscaloosa, Ala. Mrs. Ben Harper and Mrs. Snow

Condensed Statement
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Close of Business April 4, 1941
RESOURCES: Loans, Time and Demand \$233,967.80; Overdrafts 1,412.46; Real Estate on Hand 3,481.02; Furniture and Fixtures 1,500.00; Stock in Fed. Res. Bank 2,250.00; Gov. Loans on Cotton \$178,031.87; Bonds and Warrants 59,359.64; Cash and Sight Exchange 208,776.55; Bills of Exchange 5,077.61. AVAILABLE CASH 451,245.67. DEPOSITS 608,159.62. Total \$693,856.95.

Warren and son, Robert Warren, of Greenville, mother and sister of Mrs. Max Swafford, who were week-end guests in the Swafford home, returned Monday to their homes.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Eyssen and son, Timmie, of Houston, returned home Tuesday after a week-end visit with Mrs. Eyssen's mother, Mrs. Amy Sears. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Morris of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Eyssen of Hamlin also were Sunday guests of Mrs. Sears.

Mrs. F. T. Hogan is visiting in Corpus Christi with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Hendricks. She made the trip down with Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Lay of Coahoma, who have since returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. John Shannon, accompanied by Mrs. J. S. Touchstone and Mrs. C. L. Sherrill and daughter, Laurel, drove to Sentinel, Okla., over the week-end to take Mr. Shannon's father, W. J. Shannon, who will visit a daughter, Mrs. B. H. Moore, there.

Gordon Murray, student at A. & M. college, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Murray, returning to school Monday. Miss Mabel Murray, who is attending Texas Technological college, was also home for the Easter vacation.

While spending the Easter vacation at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Patterson, Truett Patterson had as his guest a collegemate, Roy Hastings, from Hereford. Rev. and Mrs. Noel Bryant and daughter, Sylvia Marie, of Sparenburg were pre-Easter visitors with Mrs. Bryant's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Church. Bess Church, who teaches in Corpus Christi, was home for the Easter holidays, accompanied by Gerald MacDonald of Camp Bowie, Brownwood.

Rev. J. B. Ramsey, pastor of Grace Presbyterian church, went to Miles Tuesday to conduct funeral services for C. A. Rogers, who died at Post. A number of Texas Tech students were here for the Easter vacation. Three of those not mentioned elsewhere were Misses Rachel Patterson,

Named Moderator of Abilene Presbytery

Rev. J. B. Ramsey, pastor of Grace Presbyterian church, was elected moderator at the spring meeting of the Abilene presbytery of the Presbyterian church, U. S. A., held at Albany last week.

Dr. E. B. Surface, pastor of Central Presbyterian church, Abilene, was named minister-commissioner to the general assembly to be held in St. Louis in May. W. A. Campbell was elected elder-commissioner, with Supt. Connor Robinson as alternate. The fall meeting will be held in Snyder.

Merkel Boy Makes ACC Honor Roll

Abilene, Apr. 17.—Approximately three hundred students made the honor roll the first nine weeks of the spring semester at Abilene Christian college. Their names have been placed on the bulletin board in the Hardin Memorial building. To make the honor roll students must make an average of 90 or above in one or more of their courses. Several students made the honor roll in all of their work. Local student on the honor roll was Don Wood, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Wood, in three courses.

Report of Condition of "HOME STATE BANK"

Report of Condition of "HOME STATE BANK"
of Trent, Texas, a member of the Federal Reserve System, at the close of business on April 4, 1941, published in accordance with a call made by the Federal Reserve bank of this district pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Reserve Act.
ASSETS: Loans and discounts (including \$34.98 overdrafts) \$194,402.03; United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed 12,200.00; Obligations of States and political subdivisions 958.00; Corporate stocks (including \$1,800.00 stock of Fed. Res. Bank) 1,800.00; Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection 173,934.57; Bank premises owned, furniture and fixtures 1,800.00. TOTAL ASSETS \$385,094.60.

LIABILITIES: Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations \$305,002.39; Time deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations 3,315.86; Deposits of States and political subdivisions 3,845.67. TOTAL DEPOSITS \$312,163.92. TOTAL LIABILITIES (not including subordinate obligations shown below) \$312,163.92.

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS: Capital* \$25,000.00; Surplus 35,000.00; Undivided profits 12,930.68. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS 72,930.68. TOTAL LIABILITIES and CAPITAL ACCOUNTS \$385,094.60.

*This bank's capital consists of common stock with total par value of \$25,000.00. I, L. E. Adrian, Cashier, of the above-named bank, hereby certify that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. L. E. Adrian. CORRECT—ATTEST: H. W. BECKHAM, T. H. WILLIAMSON, A. WILLIAMSON, Directors.

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Taylor: Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8th day of April, 1941. C. C. McRee, Notary Public. (SEAL)

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Chuck Wagon Beans, 2 cans 15c
No. 2 Canned Tomatoes 15c
No. 2 Canned Green Beans 15c
No. 2 Canned Corn 15c
No. 2 1/2 Peaches, 2 for 25c
10c Big Ben Rice 5c
Matches, 2 boxes 5c
Macaroni, 2 boxes 5c
Empson SWEET PEAS, No. 2 can 12c
Big Ben, 10c Bugler, Velvet, Sir Walter Raleigh Tobacco 2 cans 15c
Gas—Oil—Drugs—Planting Seed
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QUEEN THEATRE CALENDAR

Friday-Saturday—William Boyd as Hopalong Cassidy in "Doomed Caravan;" Popeye cartoon, 2-reel comedy and serial.

Saturday preview, Sunday matinee, Monday night — "The Sea Wolf," starring Edward G. Robinson, Ida Lupino, John Garfield; Paramount News, Disney color cartoon.

Tuesday only—Jean Hersholt as Dr. Christian in "Remedy for Riches;" also selected short subjects.

Wednesday-Thursday — The Aldrich family of radio in "Life with Henry," with Jackie Cooper and Hedda Hopper; special added shorts, "Wings of Steel," 2-reel technicolor, and "Greece Fights Back."

"The Sea Wolf"

Feature picture at the Queen for Saturday preview, Sunday matinee and Monday night is "The Sea Wolf," Warner Bros. screen version of the famous novel by Jack London, starring Edward G. Robinson, Ida Lupino and John Garfield, with a supporting cast headed by Gene Lockhart, Barry Fitzgerald, Alexander Knox, Stanley Ridges and Frances McDonald.

"The Sea Wolf" is a powerful story of life aboard the hell-ship "Ghost," where Wolf Larsen ruled the lives (and often deaths) of the men in his shanghaied crews. Into this milieu comes a frightened young girl who is fleeing from prison and a sensitive young author, picked up from the wreck of a San Francisco ferry. The impact of this pair upon the oddly assorted crew of "The Ghost," makes a dramatic and memorable story, which finds its perfect medium in film.

A tender and highly unusual love story is woven through the powerful action, with Ida Lupino and John Garfield as the sweethearts. Robinson, of course, portrays Larsen. Alexander Knox, a very promising

screen newcomer, plays the role of the young author, and Barry Fitzgerald, one of the screen's most brilliant character actors, plays "Cookie," a sniveling, slimy coward who fawningly reported to Larsen everything that goes on among the other members of the crew.

Michael Curtiz directed "The Sea Wolf," from the script by Robert Rossen, based on Jack London's stirring novel.

"Remedy for Riches"

The efforts of a small town doctor to upset a big city promoter's plans in bilking the citizens of the now famous mythical town of Rover's End provides the theme for the new Jean Hersholt starring film, "Remedy for Riches," coming to the Queen theatre Tuesday only.

This new Stephens-Lang production is basically a comedy despite a semi-serious plot interwoven in the story. Several hilarious situations, notably those of Jean Hersholt and Walter Catlett baking a cake and the antics of popular Edgar Kennedy, account for much laughter.

"Remedy for Riches," is the fourth of the "Dr. Christian" series based on Hersholt's famous radio program heard by millions weekly. It is an RKO Radio release directed by Erle C. Kenton from an original screenplay by Lee Loeb.

"Life with Henry"

The Aldrich Family is probably the best known group ever devised in fiction. First they became the idol of millions through their regular radio appearances. While still on the air, a play was written around them titled "What A Life," which enjoyed two seasons on Broadway and the road. The play was bought for Jackie Cooper by Paramount and Henry Aldrich made his debut in motion pictures. Again, it met with such success on the screen that a second Aldrich Family picture was made, "Life with Henry," to be shown at the Queen theatre Wednesday and Thursday.

In "Life with Henry" Jackie Coop-

er again plays the star part of Henry Aldrich and Hedda Hopper is seen as his mother. They both played in "What A Life." Other members of the family and many of Henry's friends are introduced in this new picture. Leila Ernst, a newcomer to the screen from the stage, makes her debut as his leading lady. Eddie Bracken, his pal "Dizzy," also makes his bow. His father is played by Fred Niblo, former silent picture director, his sister Mary, by Kay Stewart, and Aunt Harriett, by Josephine Whittell.

"Life with Henry" is an original story conceived by Clifford Goldsmith, the originator of the character on the radio. The scenario was written by Goldsmith in collaboration with Don Hartman, scenarist. It was produced and directed by Jay Theodore Reed.

HOLIDAY NOTICE.

This bank will observe next Monday, Apr. 22, 1941, (San Jacinto Day), as a holiday and will not be open for business. Customers will please take notice and be governed accordingly.

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Just say you saw it in The Mail.

Spring Campaign Makes Contribution For Safer Driving

"Every spring we look forward to the opportunity afforded by the April tire sales feature which Goodyear organizes to stimulate business for us which is also as well a contribution toward safer driving," said S. M. Hunter, Goodyear dealer who told The Mail, that his company had just placed a season-opener advertising campaign to extend from Apr. 16 to 26.

Featuring the lines of the brand new G-3 All-Weather, Marathon in standard and reversible sidewall types, and the All American, successfully introduced last year in five sizes, the 10-day campaign marks the first big tire selling promotion of the company this year, Mr. Hunter declared.

Fact that there will continue to be considerable bad driving weather yet this spring, with heavy rains creating slippery pavements, the matter of buying new traction, is, in the opinion of Mr. Hunter, a most important factor, coupled with the point that as soon as highways get

hot the traffic will be heavier and then, if there are tire failures on crowded roads, the resulting potential is likely to be much greater, in toll of injury and property damage.

Because the Goodyear tire line has been improved and since there is the opportunity to trade in old tires on new, there are few car owners who, needing good rubber, will want to

pass up the sale opportunity to equip their cars for summer driving.

Texas Cotton in Sweden.

Goteborg, Sweden, Apr. 17.—The 3,643-ton Swedish freighter Danaholm arrived Sunday with a load of cotton from Texas. The ship was licensed to pass through the British blockade.

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Fresh White or Yellow
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Kellogg's (Free Bowl) **Corn Flakes** 2 pkgs. **21c**

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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Supt. and Mrs. R. L. Fortune and daughter, Bobbie, accompanied by Miss Edith Harris, spent the week-end visiting relatives in Brownwood and Indian Gap.

Mrs. J. I. Leamon is visiting in the home of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Massey, Denton.

Will Walker of Big Spring was a guest in the Edd Burks home over the week-end.

Mrs. Ben Howell, accompanied by Mrs. John James, visited in Fort Worth over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bowers of Fort Worth were week-end guests in the J. E. Bowers home.

Miss Hazel Wanda Williamson returned to school at McMurry after spending the Easter holidays at home.

Mrs. Elsie Boring and son, Jimmy, of Houston are guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Bishop.

Mr. and Mrs. Artemus Howell attended Clyde Landers Bible class party last Tuesday evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Bullock, Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Wallace and daughter, Ernestine, of Lubbock, were week-end guests in the home of H. Kegans and A. McElmurry.

Mesdames A. Williamson, C. C. Stribling and Mary Winston returned Saturday from Los Angeles, Calif.

Miss Dorothy Joe Strawn, James Strawn, Mark Williamson and Lewis Tiner returned to Stephenville to school after spending the Easter holidays with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Childress and three daughters of Odessa were passing guests of the C. W. Edwards family Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Styles and children of Tahoka visited with Mrs. Hamilton's sister, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Estep, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Norwood and sons of Clyde were recent guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Roberts.

Little Miss Sue McRee was a guest of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Powell of Abilene, last week. She also attended a birthday party of a cousin, Virginia Lou Hornsley, of Baird on Thursday, returning to her home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Deverle Bishop and little daughter, of Lamesa, returned home Monday after a visit of a few days in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Bishop and Mrs. Roy Banner. They were accompanied home by Mrs. Oscar Sherrill Bishop.

Mr. and Mrs. John Strawn and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Strawn were guests in the home of Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Johnson of San Angelo last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Mays of Fort Worth spent Easter in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Woods.

Mrs. Helen Williams spent the week-end with her home folks, Mr. and Mrs. N. O. Bright.

Miss Pete Smith of Abilene was guest of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Duncan Sunday.

Frank Allyn and daughter, Miss Louise, of Cisco, and Freddie Allyn of College Station were here Monday attending to business and visiting with friends.

Edgar Lee Mangum, who is working at Camp Berkeley, spent the week-end at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Malone and Mrs. Bob Malone of Merkel were passing guests of friends Saturday.

Mrs. Glen Hamner left Tuesday for a visit with friends in Wichita Falls.

Mrs. W. E. Clement and children of Abilene were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Garnet Bryan Sunday.

Noble Forrester of Austin was a recent guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Forrester.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Fortune, Mrs. Maurice Falkner, Misses Yvonne Hodges and Hermal Glasgow attend-

ed the Taylor County Teachers meeting in Abilene Monday evening. Messrs. A. Williamson, Oliver Bright, John Strawn, Earl Strawn, Rev. Cecil Tune attended the Laymen's meeting at St. Paul's church, Abilene, Monday evening.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS PARTY.

The Volunteer Sunday School class met last Tuesday evening at the pastor's home for a scavenger hunt. After organizing in groups, they went to different places seeking the item they were supposed to find, all returning after quite a search. Easter baskets were presented the winners.

Refreshments were served to the following: Rev. and Mrs. Fred Porter, Mr. and Mrs. Orvin Robinson and son, Jerry, Kirby Steadman, Misses Edith Harris, Johnnie Roberts, Dorothy Rutledge, Betty Lou Howell, Ladie Fred Crain, Sarah and Norma May Wilson, Elizabeth Kathcart.

ICE CREAM SUPPER.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Jones entertained a number of young folks at their home Tuesday evening. Games were played and contests enjoyed, after which refreshments of homemade ice cream and cake were served.

MRS. PURSER ENTERTAINS.

Last Friday afternoon Mrs. Faye Purser, assisted by Mrs. Lee Keyes, entertained with a prettily planned Easter party, naming Mrs. Marvin Freeman as honor guest. The Easter theme was carried throughout the party, guests participating in an Easter egg hunt and other contests and games.

Refreshments of angel food cake, and ice cream, with Easter chickens as plate favors, were served to Mesdames G. M. McElmurry, Hurlt O'Kelley, Alonzo McElmurry, Etta Causseaux, Lee Keyes, W. C. Matthews, Opal Cooper, Albert Blankenship, Ross Young, W. M. Patton, Tom Williamson, M. F. Hand, Ray McElroy.

Those sending gifts were Mesdames H. Ogletree, W. B. McLain and G. M. Freeman and L. B. Statser.

GRADE SCHOOL OUTING.

On last Friday the entire grade school with their teachers and room mothers took off for an all-day outing. Their first stop was at the Abilene zoo, where Miss Yvonne Hodges and 39 pupils, Mrs. R. L. Fortune and 50 pupils, Miss Hermal Glasgow and 30 pupils, Mrs. T. B. Friend and also about 25 pre-school children, with a number of room mothers, Mesdames Caz Lansford, H. Kegans, Malcolm and Lesley Beasley, Ozro Steen,

C. W. Edwards, W. R. Scott and C. Estep, all registered and spent some time seeing things; then on to the State park where Easter eggs were hunted and a bountiful lunch was spread. On their return they took opportunity of visiting Camp Berkeley.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED.

On Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rogge of Abilene were hosts to a number of relatives, her father, S. H. Estep, being the honored guest on his 62nd birthday. Those present for the happy occasion were Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Estep, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Estep and children, Trent; Mr. and Mrs. Slim Cooley, Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Rogge and daughter, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Willard Estep and daughter, Dorothy Nell, Paint Rock, and Billie May Rogge, Abilene.

JOINT EASTER EGG HUNT.

Mesdames W. P. Stoker, Foy Steadman and Carl Carey entertained their Sunday School classes Saturday afternoon, taking them for an egg hunt. After the hunt cream cones were served to 20 children at the W. P. Stoker home.

FISH FRY.

A very enjoyable time was spent Monday evening when about 50 men, women and children gathered at the school house in response to an invitation to eat fish. Only those who have eaten fish fried by T. B. Friend know what they missed.

UNION OF LIGHTED CROSS.

Meeting of the Union of the Lighted Cross of the Methodist church was held at the church Monday evening, with a good attendance and a fine program. Refreshments consisted of Dixie cups and cakes.

The Tennessee program completed 72,818 cotton mattresses in 1940.

Honor Roll

(Continued from Page One)

Winters, Jimmie Floyd, Virgil Horton, Helen Conley, Ruby Lee Horton, Ethel Joyce Hampton, Lena Joe Fullerton.

Fourth grade: Billie Arnwine, Geneva Carr, Donald Collins, Wanda Daniel, Don Dudley, Bobby Gilbert, Mary Catherine Hampton, Robert Tom Hodge, Helen Jones, Betty Jean James, Marilyn Petty, Jacquelyn Toombs, Maxie Turner, Oris Reynolds, Billie Seymore, Janice Patterson, Becky Nan Seymore, Susie Bill McWilliams.

Fifth grade: Murel Thompson, Billy Pat Nash, Billy Joyce Ford, Jimmy Walker, Jimmy Harris, Clara Frances Dwiggins, Dorothy Gardner, Patricia Douglas.

Sixth grade: Betty Joyce Cook, Ann Groene, Mary Ruth Hutcheson, La Fern Stanford, Alice McLean, Lola Mae Roland, Nellie Fae Sandusky, Robert Simpson.

Seventh grade: Genevieve Robertson, Betty Gilbert, Reba Rae Kingsbury, Becky Gaitner, James Roy Baccus, Geneva Allen, Jean Curb.

Eighth grade: Carlene Hughes, Patsy Simpson, Bonnie Jaynes, Dorothy Jinkens, Mary Sue Diltz, Tommy Diltz.

Ninth grade: Avalene Mathews, Wanda McCoy, Mary Alice Hester, Willie Sue Morgan, Martha Denton, Patricia Leonard, Ala Jean Kingsbury, Wanda Dingle, Ruth Butman, Esther Farr, Dorothy Nell Groene, Clarice Higgins, George Mack Owens, Mary Jo Hutchins, Nedra Swafford, Don Hutcheson.

Tenth grade: Glenn Barnes, Donald Cade, Moody Coffman, Billie Tom Hutcheson, Joe Kimbrough, Jack Melton, Cheatham McFarland, Tag Shouse, Dwight Swafford, Venita Allen, Ruth Bell, Laverne Douglas, Sue Grimes, Mary McCoy, Neta Mashburn, Bonnie McAninch, Jeanette

Neff, Nina Orsborn, Jean Paine, Sue Pinekey, Bobby Teaff.

Eleventh grade: Nell Butman, Becky Gardner, Douglas McCoy, Dora Gaitner, Betty Lu Higgins, Lyla Hobbs, Doris Miller, Frances Peterson, Mary Lu Higgins, Madlyn Brown, Frances Foster, Calvin Keith, Louise Cook, Mary Derington, David Gibson, Mildred Sue McCormick, Mildred Smith.

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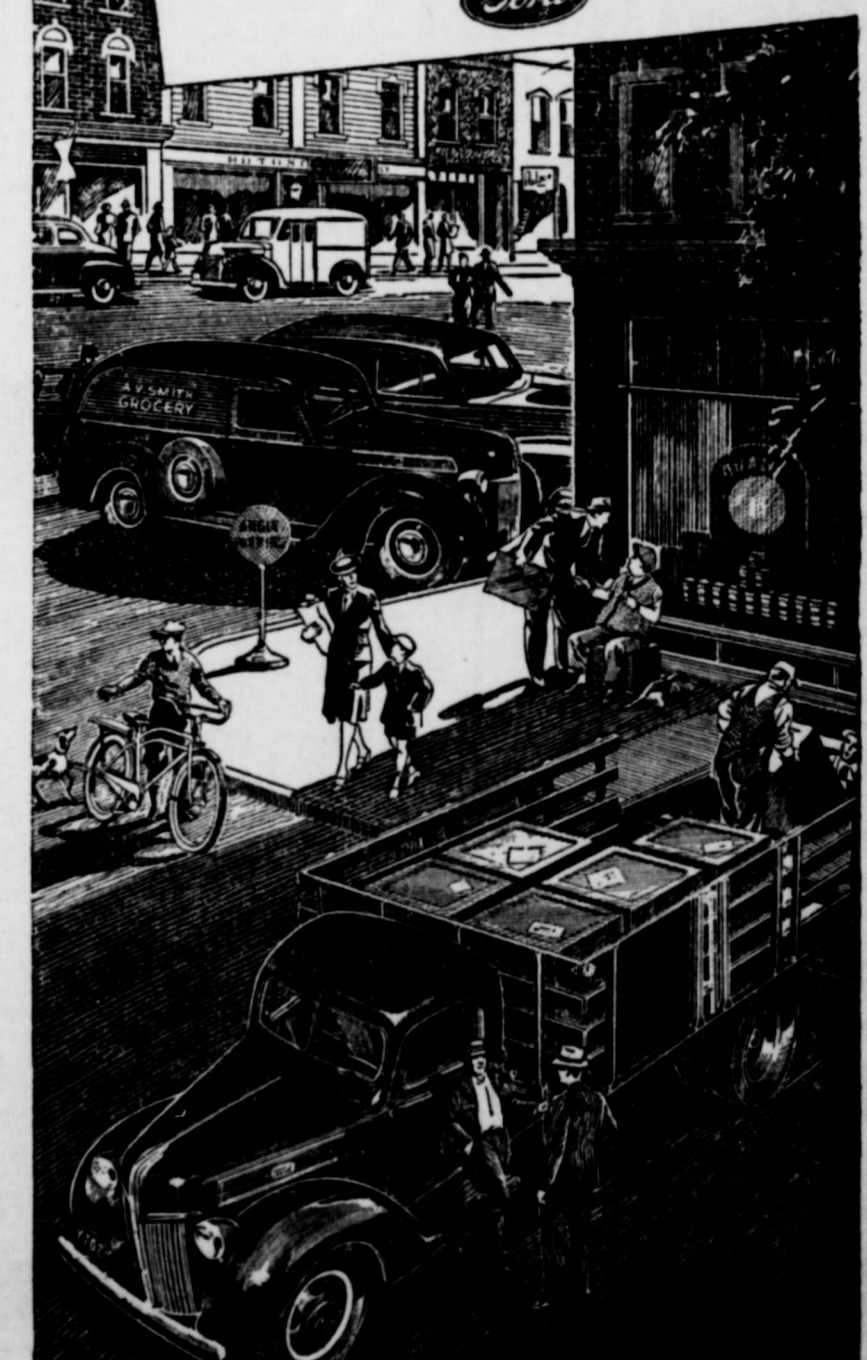
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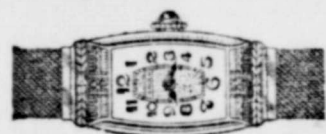
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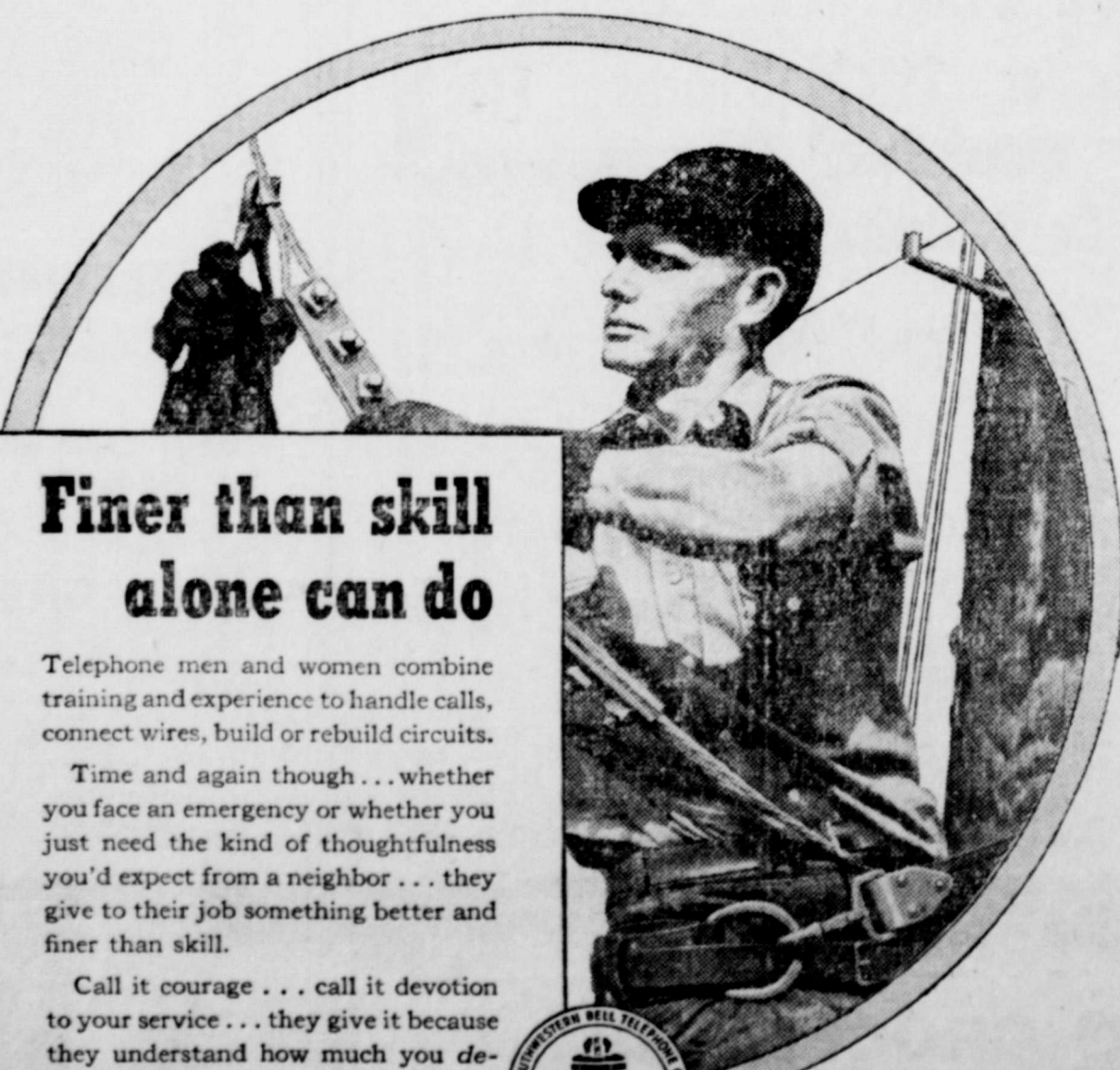
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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO THE CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF G. W. BOYCE, DECEASED:
Notice is hereby given that original letters of administration upon the estate of G. W. Boyce, deceased, were

granted to me, the undersigned, on the 17th day of March, 1941, by the County Court of Taylor County, Texas. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same to me within the time prescribed by law. My residence and post office address are Merkel, county of Taylor, State of Texas.

BOOTH WARREN,
Administrator of Estate of G. W. Boyce, deceased.

BLAIR ITEMS

Rev. Emmett L. Whitaker, Baptist minister, will fill his regular appointment here Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the school auditorium. Every one should hear the message. Each member should be loyal.

The Easter program rendered Thursday night by the Blair Primary children was very fine. Sponsored by Miss Ruth Chapman, teacher, the 4-H club girls acted as hostesses to the audience, serving pop corn and punch. The picture show, sponsored by Supt. McGehee, was greatly enjoyed by the school children and patrons of the community Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Moore and sons of Red Springs were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Bryan are the proud parents of a fine baby boy who has been in their home since Apr. 1. The little fellow has been christened Bobbie.

It has been reported that J. W. Mayfield is on the sick list at this writing.

The rain that fell first of this week was really fine on small grain and has put farming land in good shape for planting; also pastures for stock, and now we soon will be wielding the garden hoe, and did you say "work."

W. A. Campbell attended the meeting of Abilene Presbytery that convened at Albany, Apr. 9.

Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Pruitt visited the former's sister, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Daniel of Potosi, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Primrose, Misses Ruth and Ila Mae and J. H. Lowery attended the Jones County 48th Annual Convention at Anson Sunday.

Otilia Doan of Merkel visited Clara Doan Thursday night.

Oil Notes.

Merry Brothers & Perini and Butler & Horne Drilling company No. 1 T. E. Collins, about six miles north of town, was drilling at 1,450 feet Wednesday night, after running 10 inch casing.

J. L. McMahon et al No. 1 George L. Miller was drilling around 1,200 feet at last report.

Merchants Sales Books 5c, six for 25c or 25 for \$1.00, at Merkel Mail office.

Makes Interesting Tour by Automobile Through Old South

Mrs. J. T. Warren recently returned from a two weeks' automobile trip through the "Old South" with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Coit, and their daughter, Catherine, and two sisters of Mr. Coit, all of Dallas. Leaving the latter part of March, they traveled 3600 miles covering ten states along the route of the Annual Garden Pilgrimage.

Following the Azaleas Trail, they saw the magnificent ante-bellum homes, and at Charleston, the Magnolia Gardens—universally known as the most beautiful gardens in the world. They stopped at Middleton, Cypress, Bell Isle and saw many other noted and interesting gardens.

Climaxing their trip was Marine Land 18 miles up the coast from St. Augustine.

In telling of her trip, Mrs. Warren concluded: "It was two weeks pleasantly spent, but I still love Merkel."

Begins Third Year as Presbyterial President

While rains over the district cut attendance, between 50 and 75 women registered for the 49th annual meeting of the Women's Missionary society of Abilene presbytery held at Stamford Monday and Tuesday.

A Merkel woman, Mrs. Henry West, who is completing the third year of her term as president, presided at the sessions. Mrs. Connor Robinson accompanied her, both ladies remaining for the two-day sessions. Others going over from Merkel Tuesday were Mesdames John West, G. F. West, W. M. Elliott, R. A. Walker and J. B. Ramsey.

Mrs. Connor Robinson was elected secretary of literature, replacing Mrs. H. P. Redwine, Snyder, who had resigned.

Presbyterial meeting will be held at Snyder next year, at which time the Snyder church will observe its 50th anniversary.

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Methodist Men Attend District Lay Meeting

Three hundred men assembled at St. Paul's church, Abilene, Monday night for a district Methodist Men's meeting. After the fellowship supper was served in the church basement, the group went to the church auditorium for an address by Judge M. A. Childers of San Antonio, who is lay leader of the Southwest Texas conference and also a member of the judicial council which has judicial authority over the entire Methodist church in America.

The delegation from Merkel reports a very enjoyable and inspirational evening. The following attended from Merkel: R. M. Ferguson, Frank Golladay, Herbert Patterson, Lawrence English, C. P. Church, W. W. Toombs, Roy Baccus, Vernon Hudson, Johnny Cox, N. W. Durham, Dee Grimes, T. G. Bragg, Eli Case, E. O. Carson, Tom Coats, Cyrus Pee, S. M. Hunter and Rev. Marvin Boyd.

Merkel Wins Tourney Over Pleasant Hill

Only one other school was represented in Merkel's invitation tournament held here Saturday morning.

Two volleyball teams from Pleasant Hill in Jones county were present. Merkel won two straight games over Pleasant Hill's B team and each time the score was 15-9.

The A teams competed, with Merkel winning two out of three, 4-15, 15-10, 15-10. The Merkel teams were under the supervision of Jack Patterson.

Divide Dairy Team Wins Alpine Contest

Entering the Area II contests Apr. 5 at Alpine, the Divide F. F. A. dairy team won first place banner and individual awards for each team member.

Team members are Warren Barton, Victor Jones and Harold Morrow. Warren Barton placed second high point and Victor Jones sixth high individuals.

The live stock team recently won the Roscoe district judging contest. The live stock team also entered the Area II contest, but failed to bring back any awards. The Junction team won the Area II live stock contest. Team members are John L. Boyd, Truman Dennis, Jackie McMillan and Clarence Mason.

The dairy team will enter the state contest at A. & M. college Apr. 21. Judging teams have won several district, area and state contests under the supervision of R. R. Petty, VA instructor.

Divide Students Attend Open House at Tech

A group of four homemaking students from Divide accompanied the homemaking teacher, Olga Ann Elliott, to attend the ninth annual open house of Texas Technological college in Lubbock, Apr. 5.

"Our First Defense—The Home," stressing the place of the home and home economics in our present defense program, was the theme of the homemaking division. Exhibits, demonstrations, displays and plays were

used to develop the theme. Very interesting visits were made to the college nursery school, home management house, co-operative cottage and the girls' dormitory. Part of the group visited the engineering department and the R. O. T. C. building. Most of the guests who had visited the college at this exhibit for many years, agreed that this was one of the best ever given.

Students making the educational visit were Ruth Dunlap, Bertha Nell Daniels, Jean Pool and Laura Nette Hawkins. Ima Joy McCoy, an active member of the Divide Home Demonstration club, accompanied the group. Plans are already being made to take a much larger group next year.

Utilities Line Crew Honored at Banquet

Members of the West Texas Utilities line crew were honored with a company banquet Tuesday night at Hotel Wooten, Abilene, for their record of having gone 12 years without a loss of time record.

Roy Comer is foreman of the crew of 23. It has averaged 21 men during the 12 years and they have worked a total of 551,907 hours.

Attending the banquet from Merkel were John Mansfield, R. T. Gray and L. V. Moore, among others in the crew being Vernon Mansfield and Doyle Gray, both of whom work out of the Abilene office.

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Red & White Pears	" 2 1/2	22c	63c	1.23	2.39
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Red & White Peas	" 2	17c	49c	95c	1.85
Red & White Corn	" 2	13c	35c	68c	1.35
Red & White Tomato Juice	12 oz.	8c	22c	43c	.85
Green Beans	No. 2	9c	25c	49c	.97
Tomatoes	" 2	7c	20c	39c	.75

APPLES	Doz.	15c	RED & WHITE	Coffee	1 lb. can	25c
STRAWBERRIES	Box	10c	RED & WHITE	Meal	5 lb. bag	18c
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ORANGES	Doz.	29c	BLACKEYED	Peas	2 cans	19c
CELERY	Bunch	10c	PURE CANE	Sugar (cloth bag)	10 lbs.	59c
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FORTNIGHTLY STUDY CLUB.

As program leaders for the day, Mrs. Bud Winter and Miss Johnny Sears were privileged to present to the Fortnightly Study club, Mrs. Wrenn Durham, one of the younger women of the Junior Study club, as guest speaker for the meeting on April 16 in the home of Miss Christine Collins.

Mrs. Durham introduced her program by giving a brief outline of the life of Jan Struther, the author of the book, "Mrs. Miniver." Then in a most natural and charming way, she introduced the characters of a typical family, that lived in a typical house, in a typical English city, London.

Mrs. Durham could not have chosen a more fitting book to bring to the Fortnightly Study club, as the club has had several programs on the life of the English people in this year's study.

Mrs. Tom Largent also brought an interesting report of the meeting of the 6th District of Texas Federation of Women's clubs held in Ballinger April 3 and 4.

Those present for this meeting were: Mesdames W. S. J. Brown, Johnny Cox, S. D. Gamble, Comer Haynes, Stanley King, Tom Largent, Elma McFarland, Elsie Nash, W. B. Petty, Owen Robertson, W. T. Sadler, Bud Winter, John Leonard, Ellen Duncan, Len Sublett; Misses Christine Collins, Mamie Ellis, Vinnie Heizer, Mildred Holt, Johnny Sears and Alzada Pogue.

RINEY-DEAN. Marriage of Miss Bernie Opal Dean to Leroy Riney was solemnized Saturday evening at 7 o'clock at the Baptist parsonage with Rev. Cooper Waters officiating. They were attended by Miss Elberta Dean, sister of the bride, and Quannah Dudley. Several other friends were present. The bride wore a light blue alpaca dress with pink accessories. Mrs. Riney, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Dean, graduated from Merkel High school in 1940, when she was Senior favorite.

The groom, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Riney of Nubia, is engaged in farming at Nubia where the couple will make their home.

HUFF-BLAND. Mrs. Roscoe Bland announces the marriage of her daughter, Vernell, to Mr. J. D. Huff which took place Dec. 2, 1940, at Eastland.

The bride, the elder daughter of Mrs. Roscoe Bland, graduated from Merkel High school in 1937 with many honors in speech and acting in the one act plays.

The groom graduated from Divide High school in 1934 and attended the University of Texas three years, majoring in engineering. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Huff of Blair. They are making their home in Houston where he is employed at an aircraft factory.

GLEANER CLASS SOCIAL.

The regular social meeting of the Gleaner Sunday School class was held in the home of Mrs. Ross Ferrier, with Mrs. F. Y. Gaither, Mrs. Denzil Cox, Mrs. F. E. Church, Mrs. Herbert Patterson, co-hostesses, on Thursday afternoon. The house was beautifully decorated with spring flowers and an Easter motif used. The devotionals was given by Mrs. Tom Largent from the 21st chapter of Luke, also reading a number of appropriate poems, followed by a prayer with Mrs. Marvin Boyd leader.

Games of "42" were enjoyed until the tea hour when a delicious salad plate with frosted punch and Easter bunnies as favors was served to the following guests and members: Mrs. W. M. O'Briant, Mrs. Ross Ferrier, Jr., and little daughter, Rosslyn; Mesdames Marvin Boyd, Len Sublett, Dee Grimes, W. S. J. Brown, Eli Case, D. H. Vaughn, R. B. Bland, Lee Tipton, O. E. Harwell, E. A. Kemper, L. Latham, S. M. Hunter, Robert Hicks, Tom Largent, Misses Mabel McRee, Ona and Pauline Johnson.

SEWING CLUB MEETS.

An afternoon of sewing was delightfully spent in the home of Mrs. Earl Watts who was the hostess to the Needle and Thimble club on Wednesday afternoon.

Those present were Mesdames Owen Robertson, Milton Case, Ross Ferrier, Jr., Stacy Bird, L. V. Moore, Mark Lemens, Herbert Dunn, W. A. Bowman, Max Swafford, Spencer Bird, J. E. Boaz, Jr., David Gamble, Worth Lee, Nolan Palmer, George T. Moore, W. R. Yazell, E. Y. Bailey and Connor Robinson.

The next meeting of the club will be at the home of Mrs. J. E. Boaz, Jr., on Wednesday, Apr. 30. Members are to meet at the home of Mrs. L. V. Moore at 2:30 and make the trip there, going as a group.

DINNER PARTY.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Patterson entertained a number of their friends with a dinner party on Tuesday evening at their suburban home on Bettis heights. A delectable chicken menu was served to Messrs. and Mesdames Claude Comegys of Abilene, Lee R. Adams and Homer Bass of Sweetwater, John Shannon, Jack Patterson and Homer Patterson.

GIRLS AUXILIARY PICNIC.

Mrs. David Gamble, who is sponsor for the Intermediate Girls' Auxiliary of the W. M. U. of the Baptist church, chaperoned her group on a most enjoyable outing last Saturday. The day was spent in hiking, kodaking and eating. Those present were Misses Nedra Swafford, Oneta Douglas, Mary Joyce McConnell, Elsie Smith, Bobby Nell Regan, Dorothy Jinkins, Gwendolyn Renfro, Avelene Mathews, Madeline London, Irlene Walker and Mrs. Gamble.

W. M. U. CIRCLES.

The Elkin Lockett circle of the First Baptist church met Monday, Apr. 14, in the home of Mrs. G. M. Sharp. In the absence of the leader, Mrs. W. F. Patterson presided. The meeting was opened with prayer by Mrs. J. M. Meeks.

Mrs. J. M. Williamson brought a wonderful lesson to Mesdames J. M. Meeks, A. H. Zollinger, W. F. Patterson and G. M. Sharp.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. W. F. Patterson. The meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. Williamson.

The Blanche Rose Walker circle met with Mrs. Sam Swann on Monday afternoon at 2:30. Mrs. J. S. Swann opened the meeting with prayer. Mrs. A. R. Booth directed the Bible lesson, and Mrs. Sam Swann closed the meeting with prayer.

Those present were Mesdames A. D. Fulton, E. O. Carson, J. S. Swann, Sam Swann, A. R. Booth, W. L. Johnson.

Next meeting will be with Mrs. A. D. Fulton on Apr. 28.

RURAL SOCIETY

BLUEBONNET CLUB.

The Bluebonnet Home Demonstration club met in the Live Oak Baptist church at Butman, Tuesday evening, Apr. 15, with Mrs. Adrian Farmer as hostess and Mrs. Ford Butman and Mrs. W. C. Perkins acting as co-hostesses.

The president, Mrs. Adrian Farmer, called the meeting to order. Mrs. Hugh Campbell was then in charge of a recreation period, asking each one to give her name, where she lived and her hobby. This was done in order to get acquainted with the visitors. Many interesting games followed.

A program was given on "Food and National Defense," with Mrs. Ben Butman in charge. The topics given were: "Living Above the Safety Line" and "Farm and City in Defense." Each club member was asked to tell the good she had gotten from the club since joining it.

Mrs. R. D. Hunter and Mrs. Ben Butman were asked to leave the room and when they returned were asked to go on a treasure hunt, each finding a large basket of gifts, which turned out to be a stork shower.

Refreshments of cookies and iced punch were served to the following guests: Mesdames Wade Ensminger, Jessie Smith, Sam Butman, Jr., Artist Cook, Roy Coats, Roy Hunter, M. H. Farmer, J. H. Swinney, Denzil Cox, M. E. Perkins, Dewey Rogers and Misses Mildred Wilkins, Bertie Smith and Dorothy Mae Smith; members: Mesdames A. L. Farmer, J. C. Swinney, Ford Butman, Walter Hunter, W. C. Perkins, Dewell McLean, S. C. Keith, R. O. Thomas, Tem Russon, Drotha Reynolds, Ralph Miller, R. D. Hunter and Ben Butman and several children.

Those sending gifts were Mesdames Marvin Egger, Joe Seymour, A. R. Toombs, Johnny Cox, Simpson, Andy Hunter and Gertrude Pee.

Plans are being made to send a car of delegates to the convention at Stephenville Apr. 18.

UNION RIDGE CLUB.

The Union Ridge Home Demonstration club met April 11 with Mrs. S. O. Patton. Lilac blossoms and iris decorated the home.

Songs were led by Mrs. Denzil Cox with Mrs. Wynona Scroggins at the piano. The president presided for the business meeting. Roll call was answered by helpful household hints and Mrs. Cox gave the council report. Mrs. Lee Tipton presented the program on National Defense. Mrs. Leo Harris gave "What American Women Can Do;" Mrs. O. R. Douglas, "Adjusting Farm Family Living;" Mrs. Lee Ponder, "Safety Line."

Mrs. Weldon McAninch gave a clever poem in honor of Mrs. Woodrow Patton, who received a lovely shower of gifts.

A refreshment plate of salad, crackers and punch with Easter bunnies as favors was served to the following visitors, Mrs. S. G. Russell, Sr., Mrs. John Rister, and members, Miss Mabel McRee, Mesdames J. H. Clark, W. C. Lee, Woodrow Patton, O. R. Douglas, S. O. Patton, Wynona Scroggins, Chester Bond, Leo Harris, Weldon McAninch, Lee Ponder, Lee Tipton, Kenneth Pee, Denzil Cox, J. E. Jaynes, O. E. Harwell. Those sending gifts were: Mesdames Earl Stanford, Jack Stanford, E. M. Dean and Clem Watts. Next meeting will be Apr. 25 with Mrs. Lee Ponder. Pals will be revealed and Miss Hattie Tacker will also be present.

SALT BRANCH CLUB.

The Salt Branch Home Demonstration club met Monday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Roy Harrell with Mrs. Vernon Hudson, vice-president, presiding. Mrs. Hudson gave a report

of the last council meeting. After the business session, Miss Hattie Tacker gave a most interesting program on "Food as a Family Problem," using charts to illustrate. Miss Tacker distributed material on "The Texas Food Standard," "The Normal Diet," "Planning the Day's Three Meals" and "Meat Recipes."

Those present were Mesdames Carl Baccus, Vernon Hudson, Smith, Bill Teaff, J. S. Pinckley. Misses Ruth Pinckley, Sue Pinckley, Hattie Tacker, Lena Faye Harrell, Carylyn and Marylyn Teaff and Mrs. Harrell.

Next meeting will be with Mrs. H. B. Robertson on May 1. New members and visitors are always welcome.

GOODMAN CLUB.

The Goodman Home Demonstration club met Friday, Apr. 11, in the home of Mrs. Henry Ueckert for a program on "Sewing."

Mrs. Henry Ueckert, program chairman, presided for the meeting. Mrs. H. G. Smith, council delegate, had attended the all-day meeting of the council, Apr. 2, at the Women's Club in Anson and her report was very interesting and beneficial. Mrs. Henry Ueckert had also attended the meeting on button holes, zippers and slip covers.

The next meeting will be held in the home of Mrs. Clifford Eoff Friday, Apr. 25. Mrs. John Windlan will give a selected subject on the program. Miss Gladys Martin will be present and each member will wear her favorite bonnet for the "Bonnet Parade." The meeting will start promptly at 2:30 and visitors and new members are always welcome.

Refreshments, in which the Easter motif was stressed, were served to Mesdames H. G. Smith, R. J. King, John Windlan, Walter McGehee, Karl Bonneaux, Zed Bright, Clifford Eoff, Irvin Ueckert, Leo Ueckert, Miss Loraie King, several children and the hostess.

WHITE CHURCH WSCS.

The Women's Society of Christian Service of White Church met at 2 p. m. Tuesday, Apr. 8.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. John Coomer. Mrs. A. D. Barnes gave the devotional, using Luke 12 as the Scripture reading, after which a short business session was held. Mrs. A. D. Barnes was elected vice-president.

Mrs. J. B. Stewart gave a talk on "Investing Our Heritage for Christian Education." Those present were Mesdames John Coomer, P. R. McLean, A. D. Barnes, Raymond Demere, J. B. Stewart, J. H. Swinney and Rev. J. B. Stewart. The next meeting will be Apr. 22, when the group will study part of the life of Abraham Lincoln.

Education Cost \$113,325,380.

Austin, Apr. 17.—Texas education cost \$113,325,380 last fiscal year, ending Aug. 30, 1940, which was \$11,693,398 more than the preceding year, and it covered instruction for 1,550,980 enumerated scholastics in the public schools and 62,465 students in the state's higher institutions of learning.

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In The Churches

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

There were 512 present at the six reporting Sunday Schools here last Sunday, as compared with 575 the previous week. On the same Sunday a year ago the attendance was 623.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Morning sermon at 11. Training Union 6:45. Teachers' and officers' meeting and prayer meeting 7:45 Wednesday evening.

Cooper Waters, Pastor.

GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. As the pastor will be at Tye, there will be no other service Sunday. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:45.

J. B. Ramsey, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Our regular schedule of services is as follows: Sunday: Bible School 9:45 a. m., preaching 10:45 a. m. and 8 p. m., young people's Bible class 7 p. m. Wednesday: Ladies' Bible class 2:30 p. m. and prayer meeting at 8 p. m.

The public is invited to attend each of these services. Come bring your friends.

Lee Starnes, Minister.

NAZARENE CHURCH.

Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. NYPS at 7:30 Sunday evening. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

Everyone is cordially invited to these services.

G. O. Crow, Pastor.

FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST CHURCH.

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

M. C. Miller, Pastor.

Evangelistic Services

End Revival Sunday

Rev. Alsie Carleton of Baird preached at the Methodist church Tuesday night, the service being designated as Young People's night. Wednesday night was Sunday School night, with officers, teachers, assistant teachers and all class presidents seated together. The pastor is to preach Thursday and Friday nights. Thursday night will be family night, and families are asked to come as a group and sit together. On Friday night, "Church Loyalty" will be the theme.

On Saturday night, a number of small group services will be conducted in the homes of shut-ins who are unable to attend the services at the church. All who wish to join in attendance at one of these cottage services are asked to come to the church and the groups will leave there for the various homes at 8 o'clock. Evangelistic services at both services Sunday will conclude the series. The night services are beginning at 8 and closing at 9 o'clock.

Hospital Notes.

Dewey Whisenand, of Tye, admitted to Sadler Clinic last Friday for treatment, was dismissed Sunday.

A daughter was born at the hospital Saturday to Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Jacobs.

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