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The citizens of Brown county decided Saturday by a vote of more than two to one against permitting their merchants to sell beer to Camp Bowie's 21,000 soldiers.

Pedro Gusman, 7, was drowned and a companion, Jesse Gamboa, 7, was saved Saturday after they fell into Buffalo Bayou in downtown Houston while playing around a skiff.

Both Corpus Christi and Galveston issued more than \$1,000,000 in building permits last week. The former's \$1,383,770 total included a 400-unit navy housing project. Galveston's \$1,315,202 included a million dollar recreation pier.

Nita Ruth Fuller, 9-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Fuller of Blooming Grove, near Corsicana, drowned Friday when she fell into a can of water.

Frank Dexter Matthews, 46, Albany plumber, was instantly killed early Saturday when the car he was driving struck the rear of a Merchants Fast Motor Lines truck on the Breckenridge highway a mile east of Al-

On the first day that William D Lee, 53, went to work for the Republic Ice plant at Dallas, his nearused to sweep the vault.

Charles A. Malone, Jr., 30, Plainview ginner, was killed Friday Coats at the piano. This was follownight when his car struck a mule on the Lubbock-Plainview highway, near Clark, a charter member of the the Lubbock municipal airport. His church. body was thrown 150 feet from his wrecked automobile.

L. T. Vaughn, 55, Lubbock disfatally Friday afternoon when his Joe Bickley and Mrs. W. H. Laney, automobile collided head-on with a Mrs. Amanda Brown, Mr. and Mrs.

Governor W. Lee O'Daniel announced Colorado City, Mr. and Mrs. John S. his candidacy for the office of United Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Farmer, States senator, increasing the list seek- Mr. and Mrs. P. R. McLean, J. L. ing that office to nearly a score.

Mrs. T. H. Morrison, 22, registered Mr. and Mrs. Ben Clark, Trent. nurse at Hendrick Memorial hospital, Rev. 'Marvin Boyd spoke in the was killed and Miss Mary Jane Kelly, afternoon following the testimony 20, student nurse from Winters, was meeting when so many told what the W. E. Bradley, Byron Bryant, county, Sunday afternoon.

member of the Texas legislature and Be With You Till We Meet Again." Sherrill, O. C. Shouse, Jr., Truett son of the late Gov. O. B. Colquitt, The benediction was given by Rev. Thompson, C. S. Williams, Walter was found shot to death late Monday A. C. Healer of Sweetwater. at his home in Dallas. Death resulted from gunshot wounds, suicidal, the Services Held Sunday coroner reported.

Jack Lindley, 18-year-old member of the Alvin high school graduating class, was injured fatally when an automobile skidded and overturned others in the automobile escaped with minor injuries.

lineman for the West Texas Util-

Honor Roll Carries List of 161 Pupils For Final Period

On the honor roll for the last six Arvis Henderson. weeks' period of the school session just closed, there were 161 pupils, Massey was born Jan. 10, 1866, in according to the list released Mon- Eastland county. He was married to day by Supt. Connor Robinson. Of this Miss Susie Richardson on Apr. 9, number 89 were in Grammar school 1893, in Grayson county. After a resiand 72 in High school.

Nell Yvonne Butman and Doris Clyde Mr. Massey had been a member of Miller, with an average of 97 each, the Baptist church 48 years, all of tied for the highest grade in High which time he had served as a deacon, school.

The complete list of names on the been superintendent of the Fundahonor roll for the last six-weeks' per- mentalist Baptist Sunday School. iod follows:

GRAMMAR SCHOOL. mer Lee Sandusky, Don McLean, Joy Ed Massey, Kilgore; Jack, Hugh and Jerry Don Cobb, Sara Lu Clemens, Martin, Fort Worth. Two brothers, Bryan Mundy, Helen Deel, Betty Jo Massey, San Antonio, and three sis- have to be replanted. Kellog, Kenneth Baccus.

FIRST-Sandra Sadler, Wanda Tipton, Jesse Newton, Margie Skur- Williams, San Antonio, also survive. lock, Patricia Swann, Brooxie Jenkins, William Robertson, Bobbye June Riney, Mary Tom Weston, Karel Lee Barnes, Norma Jean Hodge, Doris Black, Connie Beth Harris, Bobbie Nell Jinkens, Patsy Jean Clark, Dud- day in November beginning in 1942, animously to meet next year in San Palmer's Lions. ley Farr, John Ed Bow, Barbara Ann because, in the words of President Antonio, on May 16, and chose Dr.

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MERKEL, TEXAS, FRIDAY, MAY 23, 1941.

On the "Broadway of America"

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HOME-COMING BRINGS CROWD

pate in Testimony Meeting.

With visitors from various parts of the state present, the home-coming week's issue of The Mail. last Sunday at White Church was largely attended. Old friends met and renewed acquaintance and spent a very happy day talking of old times.

The morning services consisted of Sunday School and preaching by the pastor, Rev. J. B. Stewart, with dinner served at the noon hour.

In the afternoon the program in cluded a prayer by Rev. Marvin Boyd, ly-frozen body was found huddled on pastor of Merkel Methodist church, the floor of the ice vault, his hands a reading by Mary Tom Weston, still clutching the broom which he had special song, "Precious Memories," by Mrs. Fraze Demere, Beryl Brown and Mrs. A. D. Barnes, with Mrs. Tom ed by an inspiring talk by Dolph

Especially honored were the following old-timers: Dolph Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Huse Watkins, of Abilene, Sam trict representative for the General Butman, Sr., Mrs. E. H. Patterson, Foods Sales company, was injured J. H. Campbell, Blair, Mr. and Mrs. Phillips 66 gasoline truck near Sny- Tom Coats, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Frazier, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Wilson, Level-In a radio address Monday night, land, Mr. and Mrs. Dayton Snow,

For W. L. Massey, 75;

Funeral services were held at 1:30 east of Alvin early Tuesday. Eight Sunday afternoon from the Funda- Higgins, Lyla Hobbs, Nancile Hogan, Massey, 75, who died at 4:30 Satur-William Anderson (Dub) Riddle, day, following a two weeks' illness.

ities company, Abilene, was electrocut- church at Cisco and former pastor ed Tuesday midday from contact with here, officated, assisted by Rev. M. a 4,000-volt wire as he worked atop a C. Miller, present pastor. Burial fol- Mildred Smith, Betty Jo Speck, 50-foot pole in the Mulberry alley lowed in Rose Hill cemetery under Geraldine Teague, Maudie Turner, between North First and Second direction of Barrow-Sheppard funeral Oleta Woolsey.

> Pallbearers were: active, Howard Patton, Otis Peterson, Bill Peterson, Wilbur Click, Claud Toles, Seth Morgan; honorary, Bob Popham, Cass Patton, W. J. Hampton, M. D. Miller, Charlie Foster, W. T. Gregory.

Flowers girl were: Vergie James, Iva Day Clark, Ruby Toles, Mesdames Emmett Clark, Wilbur Click and

A native Texan, William Lafate dence of 24 years in Oklahoma, the Three Seniors, Becky Gardner, family moved to Merkel 14 years ago. and for the past eight years he had

Surviving are his wife, four sons, three daughters, 45 grandchildren and PRIMER-Madolyn Robertson, El- 12 great-grandchildren. The sons are:

ers, Mrs. George Hunt, Mrs. Bow-

Back to Tradition. Washington, May 22.-The 48 states will again celebrate Thanksgiving on the traditional last Thurs-

accomplish its purpose.

BEAUTIFICATION JUDGING DATE EARLY IN JUNE

First week in June has been set as the time for judging the yards in the home beautification contest Old-Timers Spend Happy Day sponsored by the Fortnightly Study Renewing Acquaintances at club, with the co-operation of other Familiar Scene; Many Partici- civic clubs of the town. The exact date, to conform to the convenience of the judges, who will all be from outof-town, will be announced in next

Details in connection with the judging were completed at a general meeting of all committees held Tuesday afternoon at the Lions hall, with Miss Mamie Ellis, general chairman, presiding. Entries include 17 home-owners, with 4 in the non-home-owner group.

Award Diplomas to **Fifty-Four Seniors** At Commencement

In commencement exercises held Friday night in the auditorium-gymnasium, fifty-four Seniors of Merkel High school, attired in traditional cap and gown, were awarded diplomas by Supt. Connor Robinson.

Honor pupils of the class were Becky Gardner, valedictorian, with an average of 96.9, and Doris Clyde Miller, salutatorian, with an average of 94. Douglas McCoy, whose average was 92, was the highest ranking

Instead of having a commencement speaker, members of the class pre-McLean, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Brown, sented a program centering on the theme, "Today's Challenge."

Receiving diplomas Friday night

seriously injured when their car over- old church had meant to them in Charles Church, Roy Coats, Marvin turned four times on a curve two their life. A climax was reached with DuBose, Leo Ellisor, David Gibson, miles north of Wingate, Runnels a special song, "If I Could Only Hear John Mack Grant, Elby Frazier, My Mother Pray Again," and the Booth Higgins, Calvin Keith, Doug-Rawlins M. Colquitt, 54, former congregation joined in singing "God las McCoy, D. J. Richie, La Moine Leonard.

> Dessie Baker, Margaret Boden, Eva Brown, Madlyn Brown, Nell Butman, Louise Cook, Alene Cox, Winnie Cross, Mary Derington, Mickey Diltz, Legion to Sponsor Was Native Texan Frances Foster, Dora Gaither, Becky Gardner, Christine Garvin, Tommye Grimes, Betty Lu Higgins, Mary Lou mentalist Baptist church for W. L. Alva Grace Jones, Eva Martin, Ova Martin, Doris Clyde Miller, Maureen Moore, Mildred Sue McCormick, Rev. J. L. Burleson, pastor of the Jacquetta Palmer, Louise Patterson. Frances Peterson, Peggy Robertson, Betty Lou Russell, Dorothy Shannon,

Cemetery Clean-up Delayed by Rains

Due to heavy rains it has been decided to postpone the cemetery cleanup until next week, it was announced Wednesday by Mrs. Elma Mc-

Lot owners, who take care of their own grounds, are urged to have their lots cleaned before that time.

Contributions to the fund may be left in the bottle receptacles in the stores down town or sent to the Merkel Mail office or Mrs. McFarland.

Torrential Rain Hits Merkel Section

Around 7 o'clock Tuesday evening, this section was visited by a torrential rain that poured down for over an hour without ceasing. Accompanied by Billington, Elvyn Starnes, Connie Charlie Massey, Merkel; the daughters considerable wind, but without any Mack Seymore, Joan Seymore, Don Mrs. Bruce Gouge, Weatherford; Mrs. signs of hail nearby, the damage to Winters, Ann Booth, Peggy Curb, Charlie Gouge, Merkel, and Mrs. Roy the grain crop is not thought to be serious, but row crops already plant-Eloise Baker, Jimmie Lou McLeod, Charlie Massey, Houston, and Hugh ed suffered heavily and some may

> Observer J. I. Ford, bringing the night of this week. year's figure to 15 11-16 inches.

Baptists Pick San Antonio. Roosevelt, advancing the date failed to Ellis A. Fuller, of Atlanta, Ga., to with 5 cents extra for grandstand historian, Shirley King; post chapdeliver the 1942 convention sermon. | seats.

ZONE MEETING SUCCESSFUL IN FACE OF DELUGE

District Governor Frank Crip- Leach of the softball committee. liver From Wichita Falls is Principal Speaker; Next Zone

quarterly zone meeting of Lions club days and Thursdays. was unusually well attended here Prices of admission will be 5 cents, 50 present, including ten members sit in the grandstand. from Abilene, four from Sweetwater and two from Roscoe.

honor was Frank Cripliver of Wichita Falls, district governor. He was introduced by Supt. Ross Covey of Sweetwater, where the district governor had visited at the noon lunch-

R. E. Gracey, zone chairman, prenext zone meeting, scheduled for the zone chairman for next year.

In the absence of the club president, nor Robinson, followed by the invoca-City, a deputy district governor.

Entertainment features included two accordion numbers by Becky Gaither, "Mexicali Rose" and "Accordion March," and Richard Young in a cornet solo, "Willow Echoes," to which he responded with several encores. He was accompanied by his wife at the piano.

Arrangements had been made to meet at the football stadium for a chicken barbecue, but on account of threatening weather during the day ers' cars, horseback riders, a farm show testifying to their success along a change had been made to a fried chicken dinner at the club hall. Stan- old hack with Billy Ramsey in the of entries, Supt. Connor Robinson is ley King was in charge of arrange- driver's seat and a group of young- again serving as announcer. Other ments, with Connor Robinson as chairman of the entertainment com-

Poppy Sale Saturday

The American Legion will sponsor a poppy sale here Saturday, Stanley King, vice-president of the Abilene post, has been advised.

A table will be provided in front of Sibley and P. A. Diltz, deputies. Max Mellinger's store for the sale,

may give whatever they want.

Hodge-Breaux Winners

Hodge and Breaux were winners in the Scotch foursome just concluded by the Merkel Golf club, the finals Farland, chairman of the general taking the form of a three-way match. Besting Warren and Shouse, 3 up

and 2, they defeated McGehee and McCoy, finalists in the lower bracket,

Minister Lee Starnes Accepts Call to Clovis

Having accepted a call to the Church of Christ at Clovis, N. M., Minister Lee Starnes, who has served the local church since Nov. 10, their club rooms last Monday night. last, will close his work here with the

Doubleheader Game to **Benefit Firemen's Fund**

With proceeds to go to the Fire-Total precipitation was gauged at men's benefit fund, a doubleheader is man Brock, Houston, and Mrs. Tom 25-8 inches by Volunteer Weather scheduled at the softball field Friday

captained by Cotton Owens, and the office for the ensuing year are as Leans, directed by Roy Mathews; in follows: post-commander, Dr. R. I. Birmingham, Ala., May 22.-The the other game, the Fireboys, captain- Grimes; vice-commander, C. C. Jones; Southern Baptist convention voted un- ed by Claude Perry, will meet Nolan vice-commander, S. R. Weaver; post

Price of admission will be 10 cents, officer, R. C. (Bill) Sheppard; post

FOUR CLUBS IN MERKEL'S SOFT BALL CIRCUIT

Weather permitting, Merkel's softball league will start Monday night, it is announced by Chairman Buck

Four teams are entered, F. & M National bank, Trent, Stith and Meeting to be Held at Roscoe. Hodges, with the possibility of other clubs joining, but, with only four Despite a deluge of rain that fell clubs, they will all play on the two about the time of assembling, the designated nights each week, Mon-

Tuesday night, with approximately with an extra charge of 5 cents to

Principal speaker and guest of Colorful Parade **Ushers in Series Summer Rodeos**

The Merkel Badger band, under sided for a business session at which the direction of Richard Young, has reports from secretaries of the four never shown to better advantage than Extension Association, Inc., of Merclubs of the zone were given. At the when Saturday morning in their re- kel, and first of a series of six shows splendent new uniforms they headed Roscoe, presidents of the clubs will the colorful street parade that accent- third Saturday, June 7, June report as a nominating committee on ed the opening of the rodeo season July 19, Aug. 9 and Aug. 30. in Merkel.

R. T. Gray, Booth Warren served as Jeanette Neff and Evelyn McCormick, with the dogger jumping from the toastmaster. Opening number was a with the proudly prancing drum verse of "America," led by Supt. Con- majorette, Clarice Higgins, and baton twirlers, Fredda Nell Huddleston, of Phoenix, Ariz., now stationed at tion by Rev. C. E. Cogswell, of Knox Wanda Douglas and Mary Faye John- Camp Barkeley, a professional rodeo son, Merkel's famous musical organiza- performer before he joined the army, tion was greeted as they passed in gave the exhibition, finally managing line of march with continuous out- to land his steer after two bad starts. bursts of praise and pride on the part of the populace.

> M. B. Thomas and M. T. Rierson, his tricks and antics much to their leading the parade, were followed by liking and he came in handy in more Sheriff S. H. McAdams and County ways than one during the various Juvenile Officer Elmer Lowe, carry- thrilling moments of the show. ing United States and Texas flags, respectively. After them came the Howard and Homer Laney as arena band, merchants' floats, auto deal- directors, the effectiveness of the wagon driven by Hollis Horton, an this line. With Tom Jinkens in charge sters enjoying the fun, the fire truck officials: Burl Hitson of Breckenand other vehicles. Attracting par- ridge and Vester Parrish, judges; ticular attention was the exhibit of Fred Baker, tie judge; Lem Dudley, the Salt Branch Home Demonstration | barrier judge; Homer Laney and Earl club.

Arriving too late to enter the pa-Audrey Mae Lamb and Ola Fay Bur- Robinson. gess, from the court house. Also from the sheriff's department were Ruck

West company, Adcock's Cleaners, Zelma Herrington of Ranger. Church Motor company, Lee-Bailey Drug, Abilene Laundry. Eli Case and won by Jimbo Reynolds of Albany in Of Scotch Foursome | Son, Carson's grocery, Merkel Motor | 19.7 seconds. Sonny Edwards of Big company, Ben and Bob Hicks, Inter- Spring came up second in 22.1 sec-(Continued on Page Two)

OVER HUNDRED **ENTRIES ON CARD OPENING SHOW**

First Rodeo of 1941 Season Staged Before Huge Crowd; Everybody Well Pleased; Junior Steer Riding Popular Feature.

From the grand entry to the final whistle checking out the last steer rider, spectators at Merkel's first free rodeo of the 1941 season had three full hours of thorough enjoyment Saturday afternoon.

As has been the case each year with the first show of the season, the entry list in the eight events exceeded one hundred, a total of 114 contestants being put through the chutes, with 36 entered in the calf roping

Approximately 2,500 enthusiastic fans witnessed the performance opening the eighth consecutive season of free shows by the Merchants Trade for 1941. Others will follow every,

An added attraction Saturday was Preceded by the flag-bearers, an exhibition of steer bulldogging running board of an automobile instead of from a horse. Corporal Roer

Introduced as a novelty in the Merkel arena was Bob Grimes of Abilene, Two state highway patrolmen, as clown pick-up man. Fans found

Stevens, pick-up men.

Other members of the rodeo comrade was a car from the County mittee, besides the Laney brothers, clerk's office, with Miss Vivian Fry- co-chairmen, are Booth Warren, S. D. ar, Mrs. Chester Hutcheson, Misses Gamble, W. H. Bullock and Connor

WINNING CONTESTANTS.

Always a consistent winner, Ralph Rusell started the 1941 season by cop-Merchants represented were: Ya- ping first money in calf roping with which will be presided over by local zell Chevrolet company, Woozy's cafe, the exceptionally fast time of 14.7 sec-West Texas Utilities company, Tay- onds. There was a three-way tie at The poppies are made by boys in for Electric Co-operative, Inc., Beech's 18.3 seconds for the rest of the prize the Veteran's hospital and donors laundry, Ben Franklin store, C. F. money between Vester Parrish of Curb, Gulf agent, Cotton's cafe, Wingate, Tooter Swann of Trent and

The wild cow milking contest was (Continued on Page Two)

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, June 3, 1921.)

AMERICAN LEGION HOLDS MEETING.

A very enthusiastic and well attended meeting of Merkel Post No. 233, American Legion, was held in This club of ex-service men is at

Sunday morning and evening services. last getting on their toes to do some-He plans to begin his new duties thing and from all indications there nected with the Merkel Mail, is takon Sunday, June 1, and will move his will be as much heard of their activi- ing a lay-off from his duties with family to Clovis some time next week. ties in the near future as has been the paper and will spend the time that of other live posts throughout resting and making some improvethe United States. Their club room ments on his home. is very commodious and is being fitted out very comfortably for the entertainment and recreation of its

Before adjournment of this meeting it was called into executive session and the annual election of ofadjutant, W. L. Diltz, Jr.; finance lain, Yates Brown.

Executive committee-Roy Adams, Jinks Winter, Frank McFarland, Jack Walker, Emmett Grimes, Owen Ellis and Jay Hendrix.

Mr. H. T. Merritt, who has for more than sixteen years been con-

Miss Lynnis Thompson, daughter of L. R. Thompson, will return home from Nebraska this week, where she has been employed as teacher of English in one of the high schools of that state. Miss Thompson will have Contending teams will be the Fats, ficers completed. Those elected to hold charge of the classes in English the coming fall and winter terms Merkel High school.

> Russell Barnett returned this week from about two years' service in the U. S. Navy. He saw a great deal of the world but is glad to be back.

Traveling Library to Visit Merkel May 31

Word has been received by Mrs. Grover Gilbert, president of the Home Demonstration club, that the Tom

the book bus of Tom Green county will be on exhibit here between those hours, the location to be announced man, Dorothy Butler. next week.

Increase in Showing Of C. P. Hodges Test

After swabbing had brought a recovery of the original gas, W. W. Fondren No. 1 C. P. Hodges, east of the Noodle Creek field, was said Wednesday to rate about 150 barrels daily.

Merry Brothers & Perini and Butler & Horne No. 1 T. E. Collins was drilling late Wednesday at 2,775 feet, while the J. L. McMahon et al No. 1 George L. Miller had reached a depth of around 2,000 feet.

Early in the week H. W. Lee and W. D. Brookever No. 1 Church was drilling below 600 feet.

It Pays to Keep Up With Queen Calendar

It is not a pot of gold, but it may mean two tickets to the Queen theatre as a gift from the management.

Each week the manager of the theatre will call by telephone ten residents of this community and ask night at the High School commencethe answering person if he knows what feature is playing at the Queen years enrollment in Merkel High

If you answer correctly, in 15 seconds, two free tickets will be available at the box office good for any tardy. day of the current week.

Trent Church of Christ Begins Revival May 23

Trent, May 22.—Grover C. Ross, minister of the Church of Christ of be interested to learn that Corporal K. Winters, will preach the first sermon R. Burkhart, son of Mr. and Mrs. of the spring revival of the Trent Bry Burkhart, of Trent, has been pro-Church of Christ Friday evening, at moted to the rank of sergeant. He

scheduled to continue from May 23 Ark. to June 1, inclusive. It has not been determined whether day services will be held or not.

Minister Ross is widely known as a preacher in this section of West Texas. Before moving to Winters, he was preacher for the Church of Christ of Cisco.

The song services will be under the getting his strength back. direction of local song leaders. The public is invited to all services of the meeting.

Visitors Enjoy Family Picnic at State Park

The presence of visitors, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Walker, of Roswell, N. nounced Tuesday. Notice will be giv-M., prompted an enjoyable picnic sup- en of the time of re-opening. per for members of the W. T. Walker family at Abilene State park Monday evening.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Bertis Lang, Abilene, Mrs. Aubrey Reagan and children, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Douglas, Mr. and Mrs. Barney Douglas and child-Dorothy Jinkens and Joyce Webb.

Honor Pupils Named at Trent Commencement

Trent, May 22.—At commencement exercises held Friday night at the high school auditorium, Supt. R. L. Green County Traveling library will Fortune presented awards to the be in Merkel on Saturday, May 31, highest ranking senior students, as between the hours of 3 and 5 o'clock. follows: highest ranking boy, Roy Mrs. Kate Causseaux, county Yandell; second ranking boy, Billy rural school supervisor and chairman Joe Purser; highest ranking girl, of the Taylor county library com- Wanda Stribling; second highest mittee, has advised Mrs. Gilbert that ranking girl, Wilma Stribling; junior honor student, Mary Lou O'Rear; sophomore, Kathleen Bryan; fresh-

> Judge James P. Stinson of Abilene delivered the commencement address. Other speakers were County Superintendent Tom McGehee and A. W. Woods, president of the Trent school

Named Honor Man at Naval Training Station

Word comes from the U.S. Naval Training station at San Diego, Calif., that Walter Lee McDaniel, a brother of Mrs. Leon McGaughy of this city, was selected as honor man of his

company for the week ending Apr. 26. At this station, according to Commander L. B. Schulten, it is the custom to select each week the one man of each compay of 141 recruits who has shown by his outstanding ability, his zeal and his loyalty that he is worthy of this special designation.

Graduate Has Perfect Attendance Nine Years

Climaxing a nine-year perfect attendance record in school Jacquetta Palmer received her diploma Friday ment exercises. Prior to her three school, she was a student at the Compere school and for the last nine years she has been neither absent nor

Jacquetta, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Palmer of Compere, plans to enter a business college very short-

Promoted to Sergeant's Rank. Friends in Merkel and Trent wil is now assigned to the 43rd Engineer regiment, Camp Joseph T. Robinson,

LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS short visit there.

Judge N. D. Cobb, who has been confined to his home the past several ren, arrived last week-end from Penweeks, was able to come up town the past week and seems to be gradually

Eight Boy Scouts were very effithe grandstand for the opening rodeo

The libraries at both the Grammar and High schools are closed, as the library project is temporarily suspended, Supt. Connor Robinson an-

There will be a call for boys to enroll in CCC camp on May 29. Those interested in going should contact the local welfare office.

Among the boys leaving Thursday for induction at Fort Bliss, El Paso, were Virgil Hennessee, sent by draft ren, Misses Isalea and Fay Walker, board No. 1, Abilene, and Fate A. Howard, from board No. 2

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PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Blair, Eddie

Mr. and Mrs. Max Swafford and son, Mike, were up from San Antonio for the week-end. Max is working in the radio installation department at Duncan field, San Antonio.

A. T. Sheppard left Tuesday for San Antonio to attend the annual meeting of the State Embalmers and Undertakers association.

Lieut. Clifton Bellamy, 111th engineers, Camp Bowie, Brownwood, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Sumpter.

As elder-delegate from the Abilene presbytery, Presbyterian church, U S. A., W. A. Campbell left Tuesday morning on the Sunshine Special to attend the general assembly of the church at St. Louis this week.

Mrs. Terrell Mashburn and daughter, Anita, of Corpus Christi, are visiting her mother, Mrs. Effie Rider, and Mr. Mashburn's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Mashburn. Terrell, who finished school at Port Arthur as a first class radio-telephone operator, is now employed as technician with the Gulf Coast Broadcasting company, Station KRIS, Corpus Christi.

Lloyd Jinkens of Fort Worth, who rarely misses an opening rodeo here, was among the hundreds of spectators at the show Saturday. He was en route to Pecos to witness the match roping between Bob Crosby and Walton Poage.

After spending the winter in the home of a daughter, Mrs. Clyde Smith, at San Saba, Mrs. J. M. Dry has returned home for the summer.

Lieut. Doyle Nutt, 52nd signal battalion, temporarily at Camp Bowie, Brownwood, on maneuvers, was here Nutt, of Corsicana, has moved to third. Merkel to help Mrs. Nutt in the store. the Doyle Nutts.

had been working as relief man at of Fort Worth, in the order named. the T. & P. office in Trent, was a Saturday night visitor in Merkel.

Boyd, from Burleson visited Mrs. of a dozen riders. Gene Frazier, Buddy Hill's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Mashburn, Willard Gunter, Clyde Grayson for a few days last week-end. Lewis, James Roy Baccus and Mel-Mrs. Leon Bigbee and son, Donald vin Lee Denson all stayed on till the Lee, accompanied them on their re- whistle, the latter making good on turn home Wednesday morning for a

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Gay and daughter. Mrs. Mabel Kerr and two childwell for a visit of several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Walker of Roswell, N. M., returned home Wednesday after a visit in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. cient helpers in serving as ushers at Walker, and with the Paul Douglas family. Mr. Walker is connected with the Clovis Dispatch. Coming with Isalea Walker, who had been visiting Joe Fulton. there for some time.

> Mr. and Mrs. Sam Muckelroy of Beaumont and Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Rawlinson and son, Henning, of Abilene, were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Shouse the first of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg, accompanied by his mother, Mrs. M. E. Holmes, and Mrs. Carra Lee McElroy and Mrs. Paul Marr, all of Stephenville, visited last week with Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Dabney at Vernon and Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bragg at

Mrs. Tom Largent was accompanied by her two granddaughters, Car- Rosa Alice McLean, Lola Mae Rola Lou and Sharon Imes, on her re- land. turn Tuesday from Tulsa, Okla. Her daughter, Mrs. Chester Imes, will come later to join them.

During the first nine months of 940, 2,001,278 new passenger cars were registered in 43 states and the Simpson, Joyce Webb, Dorothy Jink-District of Columbia as compared to ens, Bonnie Jaynes, Tommy Diltz, 1,549,738 registered in the same states Dean Bigham, Rose Sublett. during the same period of 1939.

Parade

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national Harvester, Shouse Brothers, Max and Peggy, and Mrs. Hayden W. A. Stockbridge, Magnolia agent, Blair of Levelland visited in the Black's Radio shop, Queen theatre, Watt Blair and Roy H. Mathews Merkel Drug, Campbell's grocery, homes over the week-end. They were Po-Po Sandwich shop, Wood's groaccompanied home by Miss Petty Jean cery, Turner Brothers, P. H. Doug-Mathews, while Eddie Max remained las, truck contractor, Dandy bakery here for a visit with his grandpar- and Jimmy Walker, Star-Telegram agent on a decorated bicycle.

As chairman of the parade committee, W. R. Yazell expressed his deepest appreciation for the co-operation of the band, city and county officials, the merchants and all who took part in the opening day parade. He also expressed the regret of the committee and the directors of the Merchants Trade Extension association that officers of the camp were compelled by army orders to cancel the promised appearance of a military band in the parade.

Rodeo

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onds; Clem Hodges, Tuscola, third, 22.3 seconds, and N. A. Pitcock, Aspermont, fourth, 23.5.

After tying for second in calf roping, Parrish took first money in team tying, one of the added events this year, his time being 20.3 seconds. Zelma Herrington, who also tied for second in calf roping, placed second in team tying, time 21.9, and Toots Mansfield, Big Spring, was third,

Only three qualified in bull riding, finishing in the following order: Guy Alice Hester, Avalene Mathews, Fred- | ford Buntin, Donald Cade, Moody Fort Worth, third.

Saddle bronc money was split 60-40 between Odell Betsell of Houston, first, and Bill Barton of Abilene, second, the only two that qualified.

Winner in the bareback bronc riding contest was Al Criswell of Anson, followed by Jimmy Downs of Abilene, for the week-end. His brother, Elgie second, and Bob Williams of Albany, Grimes, Mary McCoy, Neta Mashburn, Betty Lu Higgins, Mary Lu Higgins,

Another first place was taken by He and his wife are residing with Betsell, when he was classed tops in ley, Dorothy Smith, Bobby Teaff, Frances Peterson, Mildred Smith, steer riding, followed by J. B. Hunter Glenn Barnes, Edward Bigham, Beau- Maudie Turner. Fred Cannafax of Weatherford, who of Roscoe, Williams and Jim Clark,

Junior steer riding, a new event on Merkel's rodeo card, proved popu-Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hill and son, lar entertainment with spectators. Out his second try after being tossed the first time.

Honor Roll

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SECOND-Betty Sue Harris, Wilda Lee Bowles, Allen James, Borden Perkins, Pat Foy.

THIRD-Barbara Sue McCoy, Gerald West, Leland Mundy, Shirley Winters, John Jay Horn, Peggy Doris Humphrey, Martha Faye Smith, them from Clovis were his parents, Patricia Turner, Loveta Coffman, Mr. and Mrs. Walker, and sister, Miss Jimmie Floyd, Virgil Horton, Lena

FOURTH-Betty Joan James, Robert Tom Hodge, Mary Catherine Hampton, Geneva Carr, Betty Buchanan, Oris Reynolds, Marilyn Petty, Becky Nan Seymore, Maxie Turner, Billie Seymore.

FIFTH—Clara Frances Dwiggins, Patricia Douglas, Dorothy Gardner, Peggy Joyce Hampton, Petty Jean Mathews, Billy Pat Nash, Billie Joyce Ford, Murel Thompson.

SIXTH-Bobby Joe Bland, Willie Joe Clark, Ann Groene, Wanda Mae Hudson, Mary Ruth Hutcheson, La Fern Stanford, Robert Simpson, Nellie Fae Sandusky, Jeraldine Jinkens,

SEVENTH- Geneva Allen, Jean Curb, Becky Gaither, Betty Gilbert, Reba Rae Kingsbury, James Roy Baccus, Genevieve Robertson.

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NINTH-Wanda McCoy,

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Laverne Douglas, Geneva Ellison, Sue

ELEVENTH-David Gibson, Douglas McCoy, La Moine Sherrell, O. C. Shouse, Madlyn Brown, Nell Yvonne TENTH-Venita Allen, Ruth Bell, Butman, Louise Cook, Mary Derington, Dora Gaither, Becky Gardner, Bonnie McAninch, Jeanette Neff, Lyla Hobbs, Doris Clyde Miller, Mil-Nina Orsborn, Jean Paine, Sue Pinck- dred McCormick, Louise Patterson,

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QUEEN THEATRE CALENDAR

Friday-Saturday-Gene Autry and Smiley Burnette in "Riding on a Rainbow;" Three Stooges comedy, "White Eagle" No. 3.

Saturday preview, Sunday matinee, Monday night-"Penny Serenade," with Irene Dunne and Cary Grant; color cartoon, Paramount News.

Tuesday only-Lloyd Nolan in "Sleepers West," with Mary Beth Hughes and Lynn Bari; cartoon, selccted short subjects.

Wednesday-Thursday-Richard Ar-Ien and Jean Parker in "Power Dive;" color cartoon, selected short subjects.

"Penny Serenade"

One of the most pleasurable screen treats of the year, according to Hollywood report, Columbia's new romantic drama, George Stevens' "Penny Serenade," comes to the Queen theatre Saturday preview, Sunday matinee and Monday night, with Irene Dunne and Cary Grant excitingly starred.

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"Penny Serenade" is based upon Martha Chevens' delightful magazine novel, and adapted to the screen by Morris Ryskind. The supporting cast includes Beulah Bondi, Edgar Buchanan and Ann Doran.

"Sleepers West"

With more thrills and bigger laughs to Sweetwater Friday. than ever before, Lloyd Nolan and Lynn Bari meet aboard the crash- very busy trying to get their crops that raises most of its food and the include funds to build or repair the bound "Comanche Limited" in "Sleep- all planted. ers West," the 20th Century-Fox film which will be shown at the Queen the cemetery working May 30. That theatre Tuesday.

that fast-talking detective, Michael be held at the church during the noon whom these loans are made. It also plications for these loans may be made Shayne, swaps wisecracks with re- hour. Every one bring lunch. porter Lynn Bari over the whereabouts of the star witness Shayne tended the rodeo at Merkel Saturday. Families to whom these loans are office building. is escorting to a murder trial. She's blonde Mary Beth Hughes, and a gangster is on board to keep her from

Half a dozen other colorful characters, including Edward Brophy and Ben "Shadrach" Carter, keep things at fever pitch and the film has a surprise climax that's a knockout.

"Power Dive"

Men who laugh at death as they defy the laws of gravitation, zoom, dive, roll and perform other spinetingling miracles in Paramount's upto-the-minute sky drama, "Power Dive," which is booked at the Queen theatre Wednesday and Thursday.

Portrayed by a cast which includes Richard Arlen, Jean Parker, Don Castle, Roger Pryor, Helen Mack, Cliff Edwards, Louis Jean Heydt and child-star Billy Lee, "Power Dive" is a story about the men who invent planes, build them, and then go through heart-pounding tests to prove the ship's stamina. Against this inspiring background, the film also portrays a conquest of hearts, as two brothers fall in love with the same

Portuguese prisons today are similar to those of early Philadelphia

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White Church News

Several from our community attended the graduation exercises at Merkel Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Buck Weston and children of Gorman and Mrs. Weston of near Putnam spent the weekend in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Weston and children after attending the rodeo at Merkel Saturday. They also attended the home-coming here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Wilson and Bailey of Wichita Falls spent the in any year. week-end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. R. McLean.

Rev. A. C. Healer and son, Thurs- attractively priced for the sale. ton, of Sweetwater, were supper guests

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NEWMAN NEWS

There was a good crowd out to

hear Brother Jones at the Methodist

J. P. Boyd and Edith Horky at-

Mr. and Mrs. John Cross of Rotan

Mrs. Alda Cunningham and Mrs.

Lea Dickerson made a business trip

visited in the Reeves home Sunday.

C. W. Fowler.

never sleeps.

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day night. sick but is improving some at this ing averaged 20 per cent longer

Louis Farmer of Camp Bowie was tires tested. home for the week-end.

Family-Size Farm Ownership Is Aim

the Farm Security Administration provide safer motor car operation on office, Anson, are intended to help crowded highways. Fairy Beth Fowler of Abilene spent Saturday night and Sunday at the worthy tenant farmers to buy familyhome of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. size farms, according to William C. Jones county.

Farmers who practice "live-athome" farming will be first choice for these long-term, low-interest buy and they are not restricted to Farmers of this community are loans. This means that the family fully-improved farms. The loan may live stock and poultry feed on the We wish to remind every one of farm will have the best chance.

The Jones county tenant purchase Mr. and Mrs. Elve Herron at- buy.

Current Tire Sale Offers Opportunity For Safer Driving

Anticipating the year's first new peak in tire buying, scheduling of the annual spring sale has just been announced by S. M. Hunter, local Goodyear dealer, who points out that daughter of Levelland, Mr. and Mrs. the opportunity is timed to coincide Ben Hall of Hobbs, N. M., Mrs. Odell with the beginning of what may be McLean and baby and Mrs. Kenneth the country's biggest driving period

Present plan for sales' dates covers the period from May 21 to 31 during Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cogburn and Mrs. the 10 days of which dealers nation-Lela Brown of Fort Worth attend- ally will feature the first-line G-3 ed the home-coming Sunday. Mrs. All-Weather tread tire offered on a Cogburn and Mrs: Brown will be special trade-in deal, as well as the remembered as Mary and Lela Clark. All-American in five popular sizes,

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With rubber prices steady for the time being at least, despite a crucial international situation, now would be a logical time for those who need tires during the summer to make replacements on their cars, in the opinion of Mr. Hunter, especially since prices are lowered in a period when Tenant purchase loans, for which buying should be increasing, because applications are now being taken at of a seasonal demand for new tires to

On a mountain road in California, Church, farmer and chairman of a heavy wire mesh fence is being used FSA's tenant purchase committee of to prevent rocks falling on the roads and endangering motorists.

> made pick out the farm they hope to home, barn, and for other improvements.

Other members of the tenant puris also the closing date of our school, committee, of which Mr. Church is chase committee are Walter Love and Lloyd again playing the role of and the seventh grade exercises will chairman, helps to choose families to J. C. Williams, both of Anson. Aphelps to value the farms which they at the Farm Security office located in the basement of the Anson post

It is estimated that around 100 million dollars would have to be spent to bring the roads of New England totaled 449,763,000 pounds and was and the middle Atlantic states alone up the largest on record, the agricultural to military specifications.

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Trent News--Personals

motored over to Camp Barkeley in the the day and had lunch at the Beckham afternoon. Other guests in the Burk- home. hart home on Monday and Tuesday J. P. Roberts, who went to the third Sunday in May. J. C. Bristo, all of Lamesa.

Mrs. Royce Jordan and daughter, ly. Pat, spent last week visiting in Lawn. tended the commencement exercises another bond. Friday evening and visited with relatives over Sunday.

Miss Edith Harris has returned to her home in Indian Gap after spending the school term in the home of Supt. and Mrs. R. L. Fortune.

Mr. and Mrs. Casey Wash of Odessa were week-end guests of relatives. Eiland Hale, who is attending week-end. Other guests in the home Jewel Click of View. of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hale were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Husband and children

Tennessee.

Mrs. J. T. Vessels has gone to Royalty for a visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Vessels.

Peggy, were Sunday guests of Mrs. guests. Pauline Freeman.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Cooley and and Mrs. Oscar Sherrell Bishop. Miss up. Virginia Cooley, who had been visiting here for the past week, returned nome with them Sunday afternoon.

ime visiting her daughter, Mrs. Earl Palmer, of Noodle, while Mr. Owens s away with the senior class on their trip to South Texas.

Miss Yvonne Hodges is visiting with friends at Rule before returning to her home in Clyde. She plans to spend a few days at home and then will enter Abilene Christian college for spec-

Mrs. M. L. Tittle, Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Trevathan, Leta and Bernice, Miss

Rozetto Finto of Lamesa. They all H. W. Beckham. The party then spent Mrs. Spurgeon Howell, Lamesa.

were Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Burkhart and T. & P. hospital at Marshall for a tonsillectomy, is reported doing nice-

J. W. Windland, young son of Mr. tives at Clyde and Abilene. They at soon have enough stamps to purchase co-hostesses.

mesa were visiting relatives here with relatives since Friday. They were prize to the honoree. accompanied home by Peggy Tits-

part time here with friends.

Fannie Vessels and Dorris school in Dallas, was home for the guests this week in the home of Mrs. hostesses.

guests in the Reynolds home recently Bishop, J. E. Bowers. were Mesdames Roy and R. D. Hunter of Nubia, who spent last Saturday, and Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Chamb-Mrs. Sidney Pass and daughter, less of Abilene, who were Sunday

Rev. Cecil Tune and Mrs. Tune son, J. K., and Miss Opal Parker of week, Rev. Mr. Tune having gone Hamlin were guests Sunday of Mr. to Scott & White's clinic for a check-

Mrs. Hattie Griffith of Abilene was aweek-end guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Cal Hamner. Going over Mrs. M. M. Owens is spending the to Roscoe Sunday, they were guests in

the Elery Smith home for the day. Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Boyd of Hamlin attended preaching at the Baptist church here Sunday and also at-

tended the Howell reunion.

Coming early to spend the day Sun- ters, Mesdames Ansil Martin and derra, Mildred Nixon, Dene West; Company M, 158th division, was a students. day, Mr. and Mrs. A. Williamson daughters, Amelia Faye and Yvonne Billie Tittle, Lee Reynolds, Billy Joe Sunday guest of Mr. and Mrs. Z. V. served a waffle breakfast to Mr. and of Sweetwater, and Mrs. Cullen Tit- Purser, Roy Yandell, Tommy O'Rear. Moore. Dallas. They returned Sunday, being M. M. Owens. accompanied by Mrs. Burks for a

> Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Estep entertained a number of relatives at their home Sunday for lunch. Those present for this enjoyable accasion were Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Estep and sons, Jackie and Lamon, Seminole; Mrs. Wesley Harris, Abernathy; Mr. and Mrs. Willard Estep and Dorothy Nell, Paint Rock; Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Rogge and daughter, Billie Mae, Mr. and Mrs. Slim Cooley, Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Rogge and daughter, Mrs. Jennell Estep, all of Abilene; Clifford Estep and children, Cliffa Jean and Jerry, and Mrs. Lela Churchwell.

Mrs. R. L. Fortune visited her sister, Mrs. Garfield Ball, of Snyder, last week. Mrs. Ball, who has been critically ill, is reported very much improved.

ANNUAL HOWELL REUNION.

Seventy-two were present at the annual Howell reunion held Sunday at the old home place, with I. M. Howell as president and Mrs. Adrian Crumpler as secretary. Talks of olden times were made and songs sung, and at the noon hour a bountiful lunch was served to the following:

Mr. and Mrs. Sam T. Howell, Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Howell and daughter, Jackie; Mrs. Hattie Smith and son Oran, Jr., Mrs. Clara Cummings and son, Patrick John, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Terry Williams, Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. Homer Terry and children, H. B., Jr., Tilla, Mrs. Jean Higgs, Baird; Mr. and Mrs. John C. Howell, John, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Crumpler and son, John Adrian, Mr. and Mrs. E. Howell, John Allen Howell, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Howell and children, Maudie, Woodie, Brown, Doyle, Mary Sue, Trent; Mrs. Rachel Phillips and daughter, Ivy Lou, Del Rio; Mrs. Wilma Kate Glenn and daughter, Swan, Sanderson; Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Howell, Lamesa; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Howell, Mrs. Tom Winter and Tommy, Jr., Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Howell and children, Dale and David, Gail: Mrs. Burma Smith, Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Owens and children, Bobby, Janie, George Howell, Trent; David Howell, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Artemus Howell and sons. Donald and Allen, Mrs. Lucille Frazier and son, Ray Don, Trent; Mrs. Bessie Billings, Mrs. Bea Rutherford and sons, Cecil, Jr., Joe Boylus, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bowers and son, Billy Joe,

Trent; O. L. Howell, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Austin Merrick, Lamesa; Mrs. Grace Warren, Mrs. Artie Howell, Big Spring; Mrs. Nora Hollingshead, Miss Ethel Hollingshead, Mrs. Mr. and Mrs. Bry Burkhart had as Loraine Mathis, all of Wichita Falls, Nadine Mathews and daughter, Car-Sunday guests Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Miss Helen McLeod, Mrs. C. T. lynn, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Burkhart and daughter and Miss Beckham, Mrs. Buena Stribling and Boyd, Tommy Hill, Hamlin; Mr. and

> The next meeting will be at the same place at the same time, the

> > GIFT PARTY FOR MRS. WAYNE BOYD.

On Tuesday afternoon of last week Mr. and Mrs I. M. Howell and Mrs. John Windland, was the Mrs. Wayne Boyd was complimented daughter, Jackie, and Mr. and Mrs. first to purchase a government bond, with a gift party in the home of Mrs. S. T. Howell, of Fort Worth, came \$18.75 at this post office. He is Roscoe Owens, with Mesdames Chock out Friday after visiting with rela- also investing in stamps and will Hutcheson and Lucille Frazier as

Games directed by Mrs. Owens and Mrs. Sam Rosson and son, Joe, and Mrs. Hutcheson were greatly enjoyed, and Mrs. Ellis Smith of Lubbock re- and at their culmination Mrs. Roy Mr. and Mrs. Jack Green of La-turned home Monday after visiting H. Mathews of Merkel presented the

> Refreshments of cookies and punch with candy hearts topped with a Elery Smith, Jr., who is in the air stork as plate favors, were served to service at Pearl Harbor, Honolulu, is Mesdames Bob Billington, Henry home for a two weeks' vacation with Bright, Elmer Freeman, J. W. Lanshis parents at Roscoe. He is spending ford, Jr., Rubel Johnson, Robert Harris, Lovell Armour, Fanny Vessels, are Roy H. Mathews, Merkel, and the

Those sending gifts were Mesdames Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Chambless Ollie Fox, Bessie Perry, E. L. Turner, of Aspermont attended the commence- Dent Gibson, Dee Perry; Misses Wanment exercises here last Friday eve- da McCoy and Margarette Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Hays Wheatley and ning, spending the night in the home Merkel; Mesdames C. R. Hutcheson, laughter, Louise, are vacationing in of Mr. and Mrs. N. Reynolds. Other Clifford Estep, Ray Horton, O. L.

> VACATIONAL BIBLE SCHOOL. The Vacational Bible school opened Monday morning at 9 o'clock with an enrollment of more than 30, supervised by Mrs. Fred Porter. Miss spent several days in Temple last Frances Osborn of the Baptist Seminary of Fort Worth is here to help with the work. There are also other local ladies and young ladies to help teach. All children are welcome. The classes start at 9 a. m. and close at 12.

> > SENIOR CLASS ON TRIP.

Leaving Saturday morning on a Christi, Galveston and other inter- at the M. E. church Sunday, May 25. graduates as follows, Misses Virginia services. Misses Mattie and Cora Scott of Chloe McRee, Betty Lu Howell, Dene Will Campbell left Tuesday for St. Abilene were guests Sunday in the Strawn, Helga Beasley, Nadine Chil- Louis, Mo., to attend the general ashome of Mr. and Mrs. Spurgeon Scott. ders, Johnnie Roberts, Ladie Fred sembly of the Presbyterian church. Mrs. W. E. Hamner and two daugh- Crain, Mildred Swinney, Mildred Ma- Robert Connelly of Camp Barkeley, very ably rendered by the school tle and sons, Gary and Buddy, of They were accompanied by Mr. and Fabens, visited last week in the home Mrs. T. B. Friend, Mrs. Marjory boy were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. of Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Burks of Falkner, Miss Hermal Glasgow and Ray Reynolds Sunday.

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The W. M. U. met in regular session Monday afternoon at the pastor's home with Miss Frances Osborn of Fort Worth in charge. The subject was "Frayer." Those attending were Mesdames A. Williamson, W. M. Carey, C. Crocker, Fred Porter, N. Rey-

BLAIR ITEMS

nolds, English, Banner.

Rev. J. B. Stewart, Methodist pastrip to San Antonio, Austin, Corpus tor, is to fill his regular appointment esting places were a number of the Every one is invited to attend these

Mr. and Mrs. Bernice Blount and Frances Peterson this week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Farmer and exercises here Friday night.

family of Butman visited Miss Annie Clara Doan Sunday. Miss Doan has been on the sick list but is getting along nicely now.

Mrs. Ed Carpenter and children of Dallas were the week-end guests of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Estall and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Vivian Terrell of Inadale have moved into our midst and we are very proud to have this fine young couple here.

The Blair school of 1940-41 closed a successful school term Friday night, May 16, with Jack Chapman as principal and Miss Ruth Chapman, primary teacher, and trustees, Price Melton, Charlie Peterson and A. M. Jackson. The closing exercises were

Miss Mary Sue Grant of Merkel visited with Misses Betty Jo and

Mr. and Mrs. Riley James and children of Merkel attended the school



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THE STATE OF TEXAS, To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County-Greeting:

You Are Hereby Commanded to summon Edith Rosenbaum by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, to appear at the next regular

Start Housekeeping Aid 45 Students Hold **Project About June 1**

By the first of June it is planned to start the WPA housekeeping aid project in Merkel, which will be located in the old Hamilton home, just across the street south from Dr. Armstrong's home.

The purpose of the housekeeping aid project is three-fold: to provide employment for needy women who are able to work but for whom private employment is not available; to care for the households of the needy where the housewife is temporarily incapacitated because of ill health or confinement, and to teach the housewife of the needy families to utilize the materials on hand to the best

advantage. Families eligible for temporary free home assistance are those lowincome families whose income will not permit them to hire help to take the place of the home-maker in time of an emergency, and or whose income will not permit them to rehabilitate their homes without instructions and assistance in the use of

available materials. Low-income families within the town where the project operates may be referred to the housekeeping aid project for such reasons as: when the mother is ill, when other members of the family are ill, when the homemaker is absent for a temporary period because of an emergency or need for instructions and assistance in teaching the home-maker in the many branches of work in and around the

Requests for temporary assistance may be made through Mrs. Elma Mc-Farland of the Merkel Welfare department.

The wages of the employees of the housekeeping aid project are paid by the federal government.

The project site is set up as a typical low-income home, where the women employed are trained in the various phases of home-making duties by a college graduate with home economics training.

term of the 104th District Court of Taylor County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Abilene, Texas, on the Fourth Monday in June, A. D. 1941, the same being the 23rd 15 cents per full gallon; you pick them day of June, A. D. 1941, then and yourself. Oscar Koehler, 3342 Hickory
St. Route 1. Abilene. Texas.
there to answer a petition filed in said
Court on the 25th day of April, A. D. docket of said Court No. 3867-B, wherein Lutha V. Rosenbaum is Plaintiff, and Edith Rosenbaum is Defendant, and a brief statement of plaintiff's cause of action, being as

Plaintiff and Defendant were married on or about May 1, 1930, and on bedrooms, modern conveniences, quiet or about September 1, 1933, defendant left and abandoned Plaintiff with the intention of not returning and FOR RENT-Two-room apartment, has continued to reside away from furnished or unfurnished; in country. Plaintiff since then, all of which Mrs. C. L. Daniels, Route 1, Merkel, is fully alleged in Plaintiff's petition on file in said court.

Herein Fail Not but have before FOR RENT-Two-room furnished said Court at its next regular term, at the hospital during the week. Parapartment, hot and cold water; with this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the ton and Mr. and Mrs. Sam McLeod,

> Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas on this 25th day of April, A. D. gallons of ice cream.

ROY SKAGGS, Clerk, District Courts, Taylor County, Texas

Perfect Attendance Record During Year

When perfect attendance records for the 1940-41 school session were compiled, it was found that 45 pupils of the Merkel Public schools had not missed a single day during the year The list includes:

PRIMER-Kenneth Baccus. SECOND-Burl McCoy.

THIRD-Paul Baccus, Ethel Joyce Hampton, Gaston Walker, Sidney Williams, Martha Smith.

FOURTH-Wayne McLean, Oris Reynolds, Robert Wayne Sledge, Marilyn Petty.

FIFTH-Orvil Kemper, James Land, Billy Pat Nash, Leon Toombs, Otis Williams, Curtis Davis, Clara Frances Dwiggins, Joyce Irwin.

SIXTH-Frank Shults, Geraldine Jinkens, Rosa Alice McLean, Elna Fay Frazier.

SEVENTH-Frank Simpson, Geneva Allen. EIGHTH-Patsy Simpson, Bonnie Jaynes, J. T. Reagan, Rose Marie

Sublett, Ikey Turner. NINTH - Wanda McCoy, Haze Vancil, Gwendolene Sandusky, Mitchell Chancey, Wanda Douglas, Clarice

TENTH-Laverne Douglas, Juanez Holt. Glenn Barnes.

ELEVENTH-Dessie Baker, Betty Lu Higgins, Kenneth Palmer, John Mack Grant, Douglas McCoy, La Moine Sherrell.

Children Called to **Bedside** of Mother

Mrs. J. J. McNiece continues seriously ill following a second heart attack suffered Sunday. Attending her bedside during the week, besides her daughters here, were two sons, Randall, of Dallas, and Raymond, and a daughter, Edna, of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Speakley, Oplin, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Reid, Santa Anna.

A brother, E. F. Leach, of Biloxi, Miss., has been notified of Mrs. Mc-Niece's serious condition, but has not

Mr. and Mrs. Randall McNiece returned to their home in Dallas, Wednesday, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Reid have returned to Santa Anna.

Honorable Mention.

The Fire Prevention Poster enterert Walker, seventh grade, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Walker, now of Abilene, was awarded honorable mention, and a blue ribbon has been received by John Robert from Marvin Hall, state fire insurance commis-

Hospital Notes.

Houston G. (Blondie) Smith of Goodman entered Sadler Clinic Friday, May 16, for treatment. J. D. Sandusky, son of Mr. and

Mrs. Dewey Sandusky, Route 3, was admitted Wednesday for treatment. Two babies, both boys, were born ents are Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Kingsboth of Trent.

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Will Graduate from John Tarleton May 25

Stephenville, May 22 .- Among the 150 graduating seniors at John Tarieton college this year is Edith Butman of Merkel. Dean J. Thomas Davis, head of the Stephenville institution, released this list of graduates Monday closed. They were: after all records had been checked by the registrar. Edith is the daughter and is majoring in business ad- Mundy. ministration.

Graduation exercises will be held at Tarleton on Sunday, May 25. Departing from the usual procedure, commencement exercises will be held the same day. The purpose of this is to enable parents and friends to make but one trip in order to attend all activities, Dean Davis explained.

Church to Dedicate

A new altar at the Stith Methodist church will be dedicated in special services Sunday morning, May 25. An | Stanford, Ann Groene. offering was received on Mother's Day for the building of the altar, Rae Kingsbury. and it is being placed in the church ! in memory of the mothers of members who were praying mothers. It is to be dedicated to the glory of God, ter, George Mack Owens, Avalene Maand to be used by the Christians of thews, Wanda McCoy, Willie Sue Morthis community.

The pastor will preach at the 11 o'clock hour on the subject, "The Altar in the Heart, the Home, and the House of God." The public is ininvited to attend these services.

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All-Year Honor Roll Includes 58 Students

Fifty-eight students of the Merkel and 22 in High school, were on the lowing names: honor roll for each of the six 6-weeks' Fred Baker, Roy Largent, W. B.

ma Jean Hodge, Connie Beth Harris, Doris Black, Dudley Farr, Sandra Sadler, Wanda Tipton, Jesse Newton, T. H. Wills, C. P. Oliver, B. B. Laughboth the baccalaureate services and Margie Skurlock, Patricia Swann, lan, A. F. Haile, Dr. O. B. Stanley, William Robertson.

SECOND-Wilda Lee Bowles, Betty Sue Harris.

THIRD-Jimmie Floyd, Virgil Horton, Barbara Sue McCoy, Gerald West, Jay Horn.

FOURTH-Marilyn Petty, Maxie Altar to Mothers Turner, Robert Thomas Hodge, Betty dleton, Guion; J. T. King, Roy Isom,

> FIFTH-Clara Frances Dwiggins. SIXTH-Lola Mae Roland, La Ferr

SEVENTH-Becky Gaither, Reba FRESHMEN-Carlene Hughes

SOPHOMORES-Mary Alice Hes-

JUNIORS-Venita Allen, Sue Grimes, Donald Cade, Billy Tom Hutcheson, Jack Melton.

SENIORS-Madlyn Brown, Nell Yvonne Butman, Louise Cook, Dora Gaither, Becky Gardner, Betty Lu Higgins, Mary Lou Higgins, Lyla Hobbs, Doris Clyde Miller, Mildred Smith.

List of Petit Jurors Called for Next Week

The petit jury for next week in Public schools, 36 in Grammar school 42nd district court includes the fol-

periods during the school session just Petty, J. L. McLean, H. W. Hester, J. H. Witcher, Eli Case, A. V. Dye, PRIMER-Mona Madolyn Robert- Jr., Merkel; John S. Hughes; J. T. son, Ann Booth, Sara Lu Clemens, Sander, Clyde Stayton, J. C. Srygley, of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butman, Jr., Peggy Curb, Jerry Don Cobb, Bryan Herman Galle, Ed Turner (colored), B. E. Ward, Dennis Campbell, J. M. FIRST-Bobby Nell Jinkens, Nor- Hardie, Ed Grissom, Edwin J. Jennings, T. S. Higginbotham, John F. Victor, J. B. Clement, W. E. Beasley, W. R. Pollock, R. B. Harris, Jr., C. F. Briggs, Jno. W. Price, Geo. Foster, Jno. A. Waldrop, Jr., R. L. Osborn, Grady Allen, Jesse Coffman, Clark Collins, Geo. D. Kiker, Amuel Leland Mundy, Patricia Turner, John Coats, J. T. Bennett, Abilene; C. B. Tisdale, Ed Blackley, M. G. Jenkins, R. F. Williams, Tuscola; R. A. Mid-Tye; C. E. Sims, Ovalo; W. L. Reneau, Trent.

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ANNOUNCE APRIL MARRIAGE OF LA VERNE DUNBAR AND JACK DAWSON WEST.

The many friends of one of Merkel's most popular young couples were surprised when Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dunbar of Tuscola formally announced the marriage of their ring ceremony read by Rev. E. L. Dawson West, in a ceremony read | March 1, 1941. by the Rev. Alsie Carleton, Methodist pastor at Baird, in his home on Apr. 18.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Foy of Baird served as attendants at the wedding. Mrs. Foy is the only sister of the

Sul Ross State Teachers college at club last Friday. The house was de-Alpine and has taught in the Roby corated with roses, sweet peas and schools two years previous to her other cut flowers. work here, where she is a member of our public school faculty. In this one short year has endeared herself jous committees were heard and Mrs.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. West, one of Merkel's most influential and pioneer families. He was respected as a rising young business man in West's Auto Supply store when he volunteered last fall in the army and was assigned to Company A, 142nd infantry, Camp Bowie, Brownwood. Mrs. West will attend college in Brownwood this summer. She is being socially introduced Saturday afternoon by members of the groom's family, Mrs. H. C. ing the library. The Tom Green county West, Mrs. Weston West and Mrs. Sidney Foy.

FAMILY DINNERS STILL MOST POPULAR FORM OF HOSPITALI-TY IN WEST TEXAS.

Mr. M. L. Estes, whose birthday falls on May 21, was named guest of honor last Sunday in the home of his

Another family group together last Sunday felt particularly honored to have Mrs. M. E. Holmes of Stephenville, 88-year-old mother of Mr. T. G. Bragg. She returned with Mr. and Mrs. Bragg when they visited her on Mother's day along with Mrs. Carra Lee McElroy, a niece of Mr. Bragg, and Mrs. Paul Marr, a daughter, also of Stephenville, Mr. and Mrs. Dee Grimes and Miss Sue Grimes were present Sunday and Mr. Brian Wells of Glen Rose.

Guests in the Homer Patterson the third Monday in April. home Sunday were together to enjoy Miss Rachel Patterson, student in Texas Tech, Lubbock. She was accompanied home for the week-end by Henry Hinch, also of Lubbock. Others present were Mrs. M. E. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fugat, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Patterson and Will Patterson.

> LAWN PARTY FOR COMRADES CLASS.

church afforded a perfect setting for W. M. Elliott, J. Basil Ramsey and Hobbs, and refeshments were served members of the Comrades, Couples, Connor Robinson. Sunday School class on last Monday evening when Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ferguson and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Dye were hosts and hostesses.

ed, after which a picnic supper was friends. Clever games were played served with iced tea to Rev. and Mrs. out-of-doors and the honoree was de-Marvin Boyd, Messrs, and Mesdames lightfully surprised with a shower of E. E. Read, Herbert Dunn, Cyrus gifts. Pee, Ray Wilson, Jack Patterson, Angel food cake and ice cream, with

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The couples were united in a double daughter, La Verne, to Mr. Jack Seymore in his home at Cisco on

> Both couples have a host of friends who wish them much happiness in their married lives.

MERKEL DEMONSTRATION CLUB.

Miss Lottie Butman was hostess The bride holds a B. A. degree from to the Merkel Home Demonstration

Mrs. Grover Gilbert called the meeting to order with Mrs. Don Riney capacity she is most popular and in leading the singsong. Reports of varto a host of other friends outside the Craig Humphreys gave the council report. Rally day will be Aug. 6. Mrs. Vernon Hudson gave a most interesting report on the district meeting held in Stephenville on Apr. 18.

Mrs. Don Riney was elected new singsong leader.

Mrs. Kate Causseaux reported about the county library for Taylor county. All members were in favor of a county traveling library will visit Abilene and Merkel Saturday, May 31.

the program on "Floor Finishings and Mrs. Owens was attractively attired service met at the church on Wed-Color Harmony:" "Floor Finishes," Mrs. Fred Baker; "Color Harmony," Mrs. Stanley King.

Refreshments were served to Mes-L. A. Dudley, Roy H. Mathews, John make their home in the Warren com- Virgil Patterson and Mrs. Mary day 8 p. m. daughter, Mrs. Amy Sears, at a sur- Hughes, Stanley King, Fred Baker, munity where he is engaged in farm- Click made talks. There will be misprise celebration of his close friends. Jr., J. Ben Campbell, J. W. Bryan, ing. Those present were Mrs. Pet Touch- Bill Sumpter, Grover Gilbert, Holt stone, Miss Mollye Touchstone and Vaughn, C. W. Newton, Alonzo Peter-Mr. and Mrs. Jack Morris, of Abilene, son, Fred A. Baker, Sr., R. L. Adcock, Miss Eula Sears, Miss Mossie Sears, Clark Mundy, Craig Humphreys, tion club met May 15, with Mrs. Ida Mrs. M. L. Estes and Mrs. Amy Clyde Shouse, Don Riney, E. B. Wal- Higgins. Report on the council meet Hays, Vernon Hudson, Ben Butman, freshments." Mary Davis Cooper, Kate Causseaux and the hostess.

> The next meeting will be May 30 at Mrs. Clyde Shouse's home.

PRESBYTERIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The Woman's Missionary society of of the book, "Jesus, Our Ideal," by rell and Ruth Pinckley. W. P. Whaley, D. D., as a continuance of a previous Bible Study lesson held

With Mrs. Connor Robinson as leader, chapters V through X were discussed: "Jesus, Our Ideal in Opposition and Persecution," "In Service," "In Prayer," "In Love" and "In Optimism." The remaining two chapters will be studied the third Monday in

from Gal. 4:19. Sentence prayers clos- was made and carried to have a can- in honor of the president. ed the hour's study. Present wes Mes- ning center. dames Henry West, L. L. Murray, The spacious lawn of the Methodist John West, R. A. Walker, G. F. West, Mrs. H. C. Chancey, the former Lyla

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Mrs. E. Y. Bailey entertained her little daughter, Carol Ann, on her

Andy Shouse, Pinky Cypert, Milton balloons and candy yo-yos as plate Case, Earl Watts, Mrs. Terrell Mash- favors, were served to Jo Ann Moore, burn of Corpus Christi; Billy Gene Jan Lemens, Joy Walker, John R. and Bobby Brooks Dye, E. L. Dunn Grable, Beth Thomas, Nan Shelton, and Don Boyd, and the hosts and Creta Key and Karen Sue Case, Ralph Bartlett, Tommy Ballmain, Barbara

Wilson, Erwin Castleberry, Elvyn National Defense Idea In The Starnes, Patricia Ann Palmer, Don Boyd, E. L. Dunn, Ned Watts, Peggy Scott, June Laney, Gloria West, Mrs. Nolan Palmer, Mrs. Lewis Ballmain

FAMILY REUNION.

and Mrs. Gaylord Castleberry.

Mrs. S. R. Dwiggins had a very when her two daughters, Mrs. O. P. parade Saturday morning, nounce the marriages of their daugh- Burgess and daughter, Virginia, and been together for eight years.

> er daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Arn- tatoes, Mrs. Roy Harrell pretended wine and Nell Arnwine.

WOODMEN CIRCLE.

The Woodmen Circle met in the lent a patriotic air. W. O. W. Hall Thursday afternoon

Hollingsworth.

RURAL SOCIETY

OWENS-BAKER.

On Sunday, May 18, Minister Lee Starnes of the Merkel Church of

The bride, who graduated from ved to a score or more guests. Merkel High school with the class of 1941, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. Bill Sumpter then presented Ross Baker of the Warren community. accessories to match.

dames Bob McDonald, Harry Barnett, from the Mars school. The couple will was in charge of the program. Mrs.

SALT BRANCH CLUB.

The Salt Branch Home Demonstra- one visitor and one new member. lace and Miss Irene Warren; visitors, ing was given by Mrs. Vernon Hud-Mesdames Pearl Hollingsworth, Bill son. The program was on "Light Re-

Garvin, W. R. Collins, Jess Higgins, Campbell. Carl Baccus, Ida Higgins, W. U. Beene, Bill Hays, Joe Higgins, H. W. Higgins, J. S. Pinckley, Roy Harrell, Grace Presbyterian church met Mon- M. H. Barker, J. A. Horton, Buster led by Mrs. A. D. Barnes. day afternoon to study six chapters Horton, and Misses Lena Faye Har-

> Visitors were Mrs. Henry Hester, Misses Lorena Higgins, Frances and Mary Alice Hester.

Mrs. Jack Higgins and Mrs. H. W. Higgins were new members.

WARREN CLUB.

The Warren Home Demonstration club met on Tuesday, May 13, at 2 For a devotional, the leader read president, Mrs. M. H. Ely. A motion been given the name Roosevelt base at 7:30.

to Mesdames Walter Kelso, R. V. Jones, U. S. Reeder, R. B. Buntin, J. D. Sanders, E. H. Thompson, H. C. Chancey, Otis Foster, Joe Owens, R. Watson, Earl Cross, Derel Watson, Out-door games of which volley sixth birthday Thursday afternoon Gaston Hobbs, John Hobbs, Ted Windball proved most popular were play- with a party for a number of her ham, H. Windham, M. H. Ely, Port-



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ters, Miriam to J. L. Meeks of Blair Lucy Faye, and two sons, Weldon by women, the display was built on pared with 570 on the previous Sun- verses are taught each Sunday, stories and Frances to J. Howard Windham and Emmett Dwiggins from Fort a trailer drawn by a tractor. Duties day and 583 on the same Sunday a are told and little picnics are enjoy-Worth, came to spend the week-end. depicted by club members were those year ago. It was the first time they had all of the average farm woman; canning, knitting, churning and working A Mother's day dinner was served in the field, Mrs. Carl Baccus drove n the home of another daughter, the tractor, Mrs. Vernon Hudson car- 9:45 a. m. Morning worship service Mrs. Earl Watts. Others present ried a hoe, Mrs. W. U. Beene knitted, 11 a. m. Intermediate League 7:15 p. were another son, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Mrs. Mason Barker was at the churn, m. Young People's League hour be-Dwiggins and Clara Frances, anoth- Mrs. Angus Garvin was cooking powine and family, Mrs. Horace Arn- canning, Mrs. Jesse Higgins carried a basket of eggs, Mrs. Bill Hays, president of the club, was also on the float. Little boys in military suits

> for its regular business session. Mrs. er Petty, Ernest Smith, Bob Fowler Roy H. Mathews was elected report- Brooks Patterson, Alice Wallace, Jaser to replace Mrs. Norris Barnett, per Hobbs, Thelma Thomas, Donald who resigned after moving to Abilene. Paine, Ernest Owens, Hall Hobbs, Those present were Mesdames Roy R. Thomas, M. J. Hines, Ross Baker; H. Mathews, Harry Barnett, Norris Misses Louise Hudson, Norah Foster, Barnett, E. B. Wallace and Pearl Winnie Cross, Wilma Paine, Dessie Baker, Mary Derington, Betty Chancey, Ruth Pinckley and Lila ning. Steadman.

> > QUILTING AND BRIDAL SHOWER.

Thursday, May 15, Mrs. Robert Christ, united Merle Owens and Dessie James held a quilting in her home. library. A committee of Mrs. John Baker in marriage, the vows taking In the afternoon a bridal shower was Hughes, Mrs. Gilbert and Mrs. Harry place in the Starnes home. The ring given for Mrs. Douglas Reddin and Barnett were to confer with the county ceremony was read at 1 p. m. with many nice gifts were received. After commissioner of the precinct regard- only a few close relatives attending. the shower refreshments were ser-

> MT. PLEASANT WSCS. Mt. Pleasant Society of Christian in a blue crepe wedding dress with nesday afternoon, May 14, with the president in charge. Opening prayer The groom, a son of Mr. and Mrs. was given by Mrs. W. B. Hill. The Ernest Owens of Stith, graduated secretary read the minutes. Mrs. Hill hood." Scripture I John 2:8-11. sion study three nights next week Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday nights. Seven members were present,

> > WHITE CHURCH WSCS.

service met Tuesday, May 20. The Refreshments were served to the vice-president, Mrs. A. D. Barnes, 8 p. m. following: Mesdames T. C. Allen, J. and was opened by the singing of C. Allen, W. J. Higgins, Jack Higgins, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms," of these services. Come bring your Vernon Hudson, J. E. Smith, Angus followed by a prayer led by Mrs. Jim friends.

> Mrs. P. R. McLean conducted the Bible study on the life of Abraham. The meeting was closed by a prayer

D. Barnes, J. B. Stewart, P. R. Mc- ing Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. Lean and J. H. Swinney; visitors, Mrs. Jim Campbell of Blair, Mrs. Roy Coats, Sr., and Mrs. R. L. Swin-

The next meeting will be June 3.

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National Defense," the exhibit of the SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE club represented much preparation on superintendent, W. L. Massey, no with. If you are young you will find Typifying work done on the farm ing Sunday Schools was 502, as com- put him in the class where memory

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Marvin Boyd, Pastor.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH. Sunday School at 10 a. m. Morning sermon at 11. Training Union 6:45. Evening sermon at 8.

Prayed meeting at 8 Wednesday eve

Cooper Waters, Pastor.

GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School 10 a. m. Morning worship 11 a. m. Sermon subject, "Seek ye first the Kingdom." Text, Matt. 6:33, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

Evening worship 8 p. m. Sermon subject, "The Unlimited God, limited by the limitation of limited men.' Text, John 14:12.

Junior Intermediate C. E. 7 p. m. Leader, Billy Campbell. Subpect, "The Church and World Brother-Mid-week prayer meeting Wednes-

J. B. Ramsey, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST. Our regular schedule of services is as follows:

Sunday: Bible School 9:45 a. m., Bananas, doz. preaching 10:45 a. m. and 8 p. m., The Women's Society of Christian young people's Bible class 7 p. m. Wednesday: Ladies' Bible class DEL MONTE- Drip or Reg. meeting was called to order by the 2:30 p. m. and prayer meeting at

The public is invited to attend each

Lee Starnes, Minister.

NAZARENE CHURCH. Sunday School 10 a. m. Preach- Macaroni, 3 boxes 10c

ing 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. NYPS at Those present were Mesdames A. 7:30 Sunday evening. Prayer meet. PURE CANE-Kraft Bag Everyone is cordially invited to

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p. m. in the home of Mrs. Ross Baker. 333-acre fleet operating base on Ter- Preaching 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. The house was called to order by the minal island at San Pedro, Calif., has Prayer meeting Wednesday evening

M. C. Miller, Pastor.

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Reporter.

Record of Births. Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Massey,

Saturday, May 17, 1941. Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Kingston, Trent, Sunday, May 18, 1941. Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Sam McLeod, Trent, Wednesday, May 21, 1941.

Wednesday, May 21, 1941. Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Black, Route 1, Wednesday, May 21, 1941.

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Pineapple, 3 cans Shredded Wheat,

ANY FLAVOR-

Oat Meal, Coconut, Vanilla-COOKIES 14 oz pk 10

Sliced-Bologna, 2 lbs.

BRISKET BEEF-

PORK

Sugar Cured-

Bacon Squares, lb. 14c Boneless, PICKLED-Pig Feet, qt. jar

FULL CREAM,-No. 1

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OLEO, lb.

Cottage Cheese, glass

HOT BAR-B-Q