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Mary Catherine Grail, 19, of Dallas, was killed Friday night in a headon collision with a truck 15 miles east of Stephenville.

Oscar Owens, about 35, of Conroe, was killed, and two other men were injured seriously in a car-truck collision Saturday night near New Waverly, close to Huntsville.

Jim Oats, 70, farmer, a resident five miles south of Throckmorton, died Sunday afternoon of a heart attack. He had been in ill health for several months.

Dr. Robert Thomas Hill, 82, selfmade scientist who was principal geologist of the United States geological survey from 1886 to 1930, died in a Dallas hospital Monday

L. L. McElroy, Odessa druggist, and two Waco negroes, M. L. and Cora Williams, were killed Sunday in a highway crash seven miles east of

Robert Buck, 25, Indianapolis, flying cadet from Randolph field, was killed and six others injured when four cars piled up Sunday on the Aus-

When a light airplane crashed Monday afternoon in a pasture one-half mile west of Farmers branch, near Dallas, its two occupants, William Lokey of Waxahachie, who had been living temporarily at Grand Prairie, and William A. Gilmore of Beaumont, an employee of the Culver Aircraft Sales Co., Love field, were killed.

Marketings of Texas live stock for June rose almost 16 per cent over Mrs. G. C. Griffith, Mansfield; M. June, 1940, according to the University A. Perkins, Merkel; Mrs. R. A. Perof Texas bureau of business research, kins, Sweetwater; Mrs. J. A. Cook with a total movement of 5,457 cars.

George Williams, 23, was crushed to death under a log truck Saturday when he became entangled in harness and was pulled under the vehicle near

struck by an automobile.

G. M. Davis, 36, Tyler truck driver, was burned to death in the cab of his truck Sunday after a collision on U. S. Highway 71 near Clarence, La.

Gov. W. Lee O'Daniel announced Tuesday he would take the oath of office as United States senator at noon, Aug. 4.

Graham, who was visiting in Seminole,

Mrs. Ben Wolfman fell to her death Tuesday from the second floor of a hotel in Houston.

A ground accident and a plane crash Tuesday claimed the lives of were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Russom, Mr. two Brooks Field officers and a fly- and Mrs. Clovis Harrison, Mrs. Will ing cadet. Second Lieut. Wallace B. Butman and Mrs. Ruth Isenhower. Brown, flight instructor, and Cadet George N. Weber, died when their BC-1 training plane crashed eight with Mrs. L. E. Perkins. They then miles southeast of the field. Second went home by Brownwood to visit F. Lieut. J. S. Rosenthal, 21, of the 22nd C. Griffith, their son and brother, Observation squadron, was killed in- who is ill with the flu. stantly earlier when he accidentally backed into a whirling propeller.

Jack Gullette, 45, of Dallas died at Baylor hospital, Dallas Tuesday afternoon of injuries received when he fell from the third floor of the Oil to be sent intact to a basic flying field Well Supply Company, while washing of the air corps for training, will be a window.

Six Temple negroes were killed early Wednesday when their automobile was in collision with a truck driven by a Gilmer man. The truck driver, who was slightly hurt was carried to a Waco hospital.

Worth State bank to serve Fort in the unit, the list including several Worth's great stockyards district was announced by Cleaves Rhea, financier. Charter for the bank, capitalized at \$100,000 and a paid-in surplus of \$20,000 was granted in Austin Wednesday.

## Fifth Free Rodeo Is Scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 9

Fifth in the series of six free summer rodeos sponsored for the season by the Merchants Trade Extension association of Merkel is scheduled Saturday of next week, Aug. 9. The final performance of the season will follow three weeks later, on Aug. 30.

This year's calendar includes eight events: calf roping, wild cow milking, steer riding, bull riding, saddle and bareback brone riding, with two added events that have proved increasingly popular as the season has advanc-

ed, junior calf riding and team tying. In the last show, Vester Parrish, Wingate cowboy, made a sensational record of tossing his loop to heel four out of five attempts and won third place for himself in the team tying

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### SURPRISE MRS. L. E. PERKINS ON 84th BIRTHDAY

Family Reunion Proves Interest-Other Descendants of Beloved Pioneer Woman.

Mrs. L. E. Perkins observed her 84th birthday, July 25. Her children and a large part of her grandchildren gin Thursday, Aug. 7. and great-grandchildren met in the rebuilt home of her son, W. C. Perkins, Sunday, July 27, to honor their mother and grandmother. The day was spent in visiting, being photographed, viewing gifts and the house.

Mrs. Perkins' children redecorated her furniture and presented her with quilters Wanted to tin highway three miles out of San such gifts as curtains, rug, pillow cases, aprons, etc., to make her room more beautiful. Then, she received a variety of other gifts, as handkerchiefs, flowers, fruit, work basket, towels, bedspread and greetings.

At the noon hour lunch, consisting of turkey, chicken, tomatoes, lettuce, beans, squash, fruit salads, potatoes, pickles, vegetable salads, cakes, pies, milk and tea, was served buffet style to the following:

Mrs. L. E. Perkins and her children, and W. C. Perkins, Merkel; friends, Mrs. L. V. Magee, Nolan, C. L. Ground and Miss Aileen Frazier, Merkel.

Grandchildren and great-grandchildren and other relatives: Mrs. L. D. Irvine, R. B. Farris, Abilene; Mrs. Carl Avery, prominent Center at- W. E. Perkins and children, Elmo, quarters will be used again next week, torney, was killed early Saturday on Billy Sam, Wiley, Margarette Ann Thursday and Friday, after which the Shelbyville highway when he was and Betty Lou, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd another meeting place or work room Lucile, Mr. and Mrs. Borden L. Per- the opening of school on Sept. 1. Charles Bethel, 12-year-old boy from Edith Griffith, Mr. and Mrs. Al Cable Any one who can quilt, piece or tack and son, Larry, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. can be used. Okla., was drowned when he dived Curry, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Stone. from a boat in a lily pond, Tuesday. Mansfield; Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Howard, Britton; R. A. Farris and R. A. Farris, Jr., Sweetwater; Mr. and Mrs. Herman Jeffrey and daughters, Patsy ing of tops call either of the chair-June and Vonita Ruth, Nolan.

Friends calling during the event

The G. C. and M. I. Griffith families remained over the night of July 27

#### To Organize Local Air Cadet Training Unit

An air cadet unit of 20 members, recruited in Abilene by Lieut. J. T. Carroll of the Dallas district recruiting office, when an air corps examining board sits in Abilene Aug. 8-13.

charge of the army recruiting substation at Abilene, said Tuesday that he had already taken applications Establishment of the North Fort from about ten youths for enlistment from nearby towns.

Applications must be filled out before candidates can appear before the He added that he had a supply on progresses. hand for other cadet applicants.

The board will sit in the Hilton hotel, Abilene. Applicants will be ex- will leave here Saturday morning amined on both educational and physi- for a brief trip to Carlsbad Caverns, cai requirements, Parham said.

## State Official License

Austin, July 31.-The highway commission has issued an order that in registering passenger cars for the forum. registration year 1942, and in successive years, no license plates will be numbered below 5,000, and further that the issuance of special series of are invited and urged to attend license plates known as the "State Official Plates" will be discontinued.

This order means that in the future there will be no low license numbers issued by the highway department.

RESERVED SEAT SALE. Numbered reserved seats for the fifth rodeo of the 1941 season--Saturday, Aug. 9 .- will be on sale Saturday at both drug stores. Price 40 cents to everybody.

#### MUST QUALIFY **BEFORE AUG. 6** FOR TOURNEY

Golfers have until 6 p. m. Wednesday, Aug. 6, to turn in qualifying scores for the annual city tournament of the Merkel Golf club. Qualifying ing Occasion for Children and play must be in threesomes or foursomes, it is stated by Connor Robinson, chairman of the tournament com-

Players are to be divided into two

No. 2 tee. Longest ball in fairway will out of three will determine the winner. day.

## Assist in Merkel's War Relief Program

More volunteers are wanted to as sist in making quilts as part of Mer-War relief work of the American Red

This work, in charge of Mrs. W. S. J. Brown and Mrs. Lucille White, has been under way two weeks and a number of workers are doing their bit. Meeting place is the home economics room at the High School building, the time from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. on Thursdays and Fridays of each week.

The room is cool and comfortable and plenty of machines are available M. E. Perkins, Lewis Perkins, Mrs. for workers. The home economics Perkins and children, Raymond, John will have to be designated, as pre-Wesley, Dorothy Marie and Mary parations will be starting then for

kins and children, Borden E., Ronald Women and girls who wish to asand Yvonne, J. A. Cook, Glenn Cook, sist in the quilting work are asked J. L. Cook, J. P. Cook and Miss Milto report on Thursdays and Fridays in Merkel High school, has resigned Fires of Personal Devotion;" evening, men will move in the first echelon, with C. Perkins, Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. to bring print scraps, woolen scraps, tion as principal and coach at South-M. I. Griffith and children, Kenneth wool pants or anything to go in cotton land. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grady and Mary Ann, G. C. Griffith, or wool quilts. Donations of scrap Clark, live at Tuscola. Clarence Griffith, Roy Griffith, Miss threads and quilt tops are also wanted.

The Merkel work room expects to complete at least ten quilt covers. It is requested that any one wishing to donate materials or cotton for linmen or leave their donations at the Max Mellinger store, where they will night, Camp Barkeley Utilities trimbe picked up.

#### Consecration Service To Close Caravan Week

Local young people and their adult leaders are enjoying the program let players, 11-10. of activities at the Methodist church this week under the direction of the visiting Youth Caravan.

The Caravan team members were prominent in all church activities Sunprogram at the Sunday School wor- Leach of the softball committee. ship hour and then taught four Sunday School classes. Charles McEowen of Denton, Mo., explained the Caravan movement at the morning service. The entire night service was in charge of the group. Walter Ewing of Wharton, Texas, who is a student in the S. Staff Sgt. Herman Parham, in M. U. school of theology, was the speaker.

> The schedule this week included a project hour each morning, and a made up of class work, forum discussion, worship and directed recreation.

More than fifty were present at the opening class period on Monday night, examining board, Parham pointed out. and the interest is growing as the week Odessa Prepares For

This is the last stop for the group in their eight-week schedule. They after which they will return to their homes: Rebecca Douthitt to Pendleton, S. C.; Rosalee Godbey to Georgetown; Walter Ewing to Wharton, and Plates Discontinued Charles McEowen to Denton, Miss Jewell Posey, instructor in Mc-Murry college, is with the group as adult counselor and leader of the adult

> The climax of the week's activity will come with a closing consecration service Friday night. All young people

#### Mrs. R. L. Bland of Abilene Dies Suddenly

Just as The Mail was going to press Thursday noon, word was received of the death of Mrs. R. L. Bland, well west outpost to the Wimberley pool known former resident of Merkel, who in Southwest Jones county. died suddenly at her home, 1118 Saydied suddenly at her home, 1118 Say- A fourth producing well, rated at les boulevard, Abilene, about 10 o'clock about 50 barrels, was brought in the Thursday morning.

Funeral arrangements were not

#### TEXAS SENATOR **GETS KEY POST** IN UPPER HOUSE

Tom Connally, of Marlin, Veter-Relations Committee.

Washington, July 31.-Senator Conflights, match play of 18 holes to be- nally (D-Tex), veteran of two wars security of our people at home," was Commissioner L. A. Dudley. win in first flight, while in the sec- designated chairman of the senate ond flight, longest average for two foreign relations committee Wednes-

> Senator George (D-Ga), who became head of the committee after the death of Senator Pittman (D-Nev), last year, withdrew to become chairman of the finance committee succeeding the late Senator Harrison (D-Miss). The democratic steering committee,

which made the nominations, also addnell (D-Del) to the foreign relations day, with evangelistic preaching by committee to succeed Harrison and Rev. Fred Walker, pastor of the kel's program in assisting British former Senator Byrnes (D-SC), who Brownfield Presbyterian church. was appointed to the supreme court.

> when he came to congress as a mem- there will be no morning worship declaration of war against Germany.

bargo and enactment of the lend lease and selective service act.

declared in an interview, "but the and his topics for the series of meetworld might as well know that we ings, to be held twice daily, morning have rights and possessions for which and evening, follow: we are ready to fight if it's necessary for their security.'

#### Charles Clark Accepts Position at Southland

Charles Clark, teacher of science work Religion." from the faculty here, to accept a posi-

The position has not yet been filled, Supt. Connor Robinson stated Thursday morning.

## Continue Twin Bills

In a hotly contested game Monday med the Farmers & Merchants National bank softballers, 9 to 7.

ever, over the Headquarters, 160th field artillery, last Friday night, 10 to 4. In the second game Friday night, at a meeting of the joint inauguration the 160th FA defeated Yazell Chevro-

Although Camp Barkeley will not be represented while the boys are on maneuvers in Louisiana, it is planned to continue with a schedule of two ames each Monday and Friday nights, day. They presented the missionary it is announced by Chairman Buck

#### Drunk, Insane Persons details will be announced later." Barred From Busses

Austin, July 31.-No Texas bus line may carry drunk or insane persons, the railroad commission ordered Monday.

The order forbade picking up drunks. If a passenger becomes drunk full evening's program each night, to the extent that he annoys other passengers, is noisy, indecent, profane, vulgar, boisterous or obstreperous, he is to be put off at the next stop.

## Press Session Aug. 8-9

Odessa, July 31.-Local newspapermen and chamber of commerce committees are making plans for entertainment of the fourth estate of West Texas here Aug. 8 and 9.

This will be the fifteenth annual convention of the West Texas Press association. Ralph and Henderson Shuffler, each

an ex-president of the association; Ray Camp, another newspaperman, and Jerry Davenport, chamber commerce manager, are in charge arrangements. The program is to announced within a few days. Entertainment will include golf swimming and other recreation.

#### Oil Notes.

L. L. Horne and George Rice of Dallas have made location for No. 1 W. C. Church as a quarter-mile north-

past week on the A. W. Hunter property, (the old French pasture,) southeast of town.

#### MERKEL SENDS **IN 265 POUNDS** OF ALUMINUM

In the nation-wide collection of aluminum, immense quantities of which are essential in the construction of airplanes and for other nationan of Two Wars, Designated al defense purposes, Merkel's con-Chairman of Senate Foreign tribution totaled 265 pounds, and Trent sent in 175 pounds to county headquarters.

Mayor Henry C. West was chairman for the local campaign, and the are placing in order machinery that who holds that "a vigorous and firm collection of scrap aluminum was will keep 303,000 soldiers moving over Driving contests in both flights will foreign policy is essential to secure transported to Abilene in a county an area of 31,000 square miles in East be held at 6:30 p. m. on Aug. 6 from respect for our rights abroad and the truck through the services of County Texas and Louisiana during August

### Revival to Start Sunday Night at Presbyterian Church Lear's Second Army, in what is to constitute the biggest sham conflict

A week's revival will begin Sunday evening at Grace Presbyterian church, ed Senators Lee (D-Okla) and Tun- to continue through the following Sun-

Rev. Mr. Walker will arrive in time Connally recalled that his first act for the evening service Sunday, but ber of the house was to vote for the service at the church Sunday, as the division. pastor, Rev. J. Basil Ramsey, will Connally was in the front rank of fill his regular appointment at Tus- the 45th infantry division-combined the fight for repeal of the arms em- cola, returning here for the opening service of the revival.

The evangelist's topic for Sunday "We don't desire war," Connally night will be "Ears to Hear With,"

> evening, "The Dimensions of Life." Tuesday: morning, "Launch Out into the Deep;" evening, "On Whose Side Are You?"

Monday: morning, "Road Builders;"

Wednesday: morning, "Food for a and mathematics and assistant coach Thursday: morning, "Feeling the an indefinite stay. A total of 8,491

Learning the Way of Jesus." Friday: morning, "Volunteering for Christ;" evening, "In My Stead."

Saturday: morning, "Opening Iron Gates;" evening, "Not Far from the Kingdom." Sunday: morning, "The Birthday of

the Church;" evening, "The Hope of

#### a Christ-Like World." On Monday-Friday Inauguration of Coke Stevenson Set Aug. 8

Austin, July 31 .- The inauguration of Coke R. Stevenson as governor of The Bankers were winners, how- Texas has been set tentatively for Aug. 8.

This time was selected Wednesday committee of the Texas legislature.

Sen. Houghton Brownlee of Austin, chairman of the committee, said: "Frovided that nothing occurs which

will prevent Gov. O'Daniel from carrying out his schedule, the joint inauguration committee has tentatively set the date for the installation and contents a total loss, firemen reportinauguration of Gov. Coke Stevenson for Friday, Aug. 8. Arrangements and O'Daniel's schedule calls for his

departure from Texas next Saturday night. Stevenson then will become acting governor, automatically. Stevenson will become governor when U. S. senator. That is planned for of freshly bottled soft drinks were Aug. 4 at noon in Washington.

### THIRD ARMY TO TAKE OVER LAKE CHARLES

Forty-Fifth Infantry Division, Included In VIII Army Corps, Plans Movement from Camp Barkeley in Two Echelons.

Third Army soldiers from 13 states and September in the nation's largest war maneuvers.

From Lake Charles, La., Lieut. Gen. Walter Krueger, Third Army commander, will direct the "civil war" that is to be waged between units of his own forces and Lieut. Gen. Ben Lear's Second Army, in what is to ever staged in the peace-time history of the United States.

More than 5,000 service troops, from the units of the Third Army, are on hand to have Lake Charles ready for the opening of the mock war games. Of this group, 650 are from the 120th engineers from Camp Barkeley, who left Abilene last Tuesday and arrived Sunday to make ready for the entire

The 45th division-now designated with the Second Regular division, Fort Sam Houston; 36th division, Camp Bowie, and 56th Cavalry brigade, all stationed in Texas, compose VHI Army Corps, a part of the Third

Movement of the 45th division, stationed at Camp Barkeley, other than the engineers already in Louisiana, will be in two echelons, the first to leave Saturday, Aug. 2, and the second to leave Monday, Aug. 4, with a total Hungry World;" evening, "Patch- of 19,000 men, 1,800 vehicles, 13,301 guns and all equipment necessary for 1,256 vehicles to be used in the two columns. There will be 7,773 officers and enlisted men in the second echelon leaving Aug. 4. Of the 1,255 vehicles to be used in the first echelon, 483 will return to Camp Barkeley Aug. 3

> to join the second echelon. Troops of both echelons will get in two days of marching before the movement of the division to the Mansfield, La., area is completed Aug. 10. Units of the first echelon will march Sunday and Monday, with the second echelon scheduled to march Wednesday and Thursday, troops marching 11 to 17 miles each day.

#### Driverless Truck Goes Through Blazing Plant

Gladewater, Texas, July 31.-A. driverless, blazing truck crashed. through the doors of a burning bottling plant here Monday morning, only to burn in the yard of the plant as fire left the \$16,000 building and

The starter on the truck was probably shorted by the fire, firemen said, and since the vehicle had been left in reverse gear it backed itself

through the doors. Owner Roy Long was awakened by the noise of the doors being smash-O'Daniel takes the oath of office as ed. All of the building and 1,000 cases destroyed.

## **MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO**

(From Files of The Merkel Mail, Aug. 12, 1921.)

TWO JIMS GONE

STATE WASHINGTON Last Saturday night Messrs. Jim Boaz and Jas. A. Patterson left this city for a trip through the states of Oregon and Washington. And for a visit with the former's mother, resid- Sheriff Ed Blackburn and family and ing at Seattle, Washington.

A trip along the Pacific coast is one that most any Texan who had not previously made the trip, would desire to take and we feel sure that these excellent gentlemen will enjoy same to the fullest extent.

Miss Murphy Thomas has accepted stenographic position with the Farmers State bank. She is one of Merkel's finest young ladies and the Merkel Mail predicts that she will make good with this institution.

Miss Nell Holloway has returned from Abilene where she has been attending Abilene Christian college this

summer term. Stewart Grimes and wife, who have boro first of the week.

been guests of friends and relatives for ten days, left first of the week for their home at Eastland.

T. H. Spears and family, Deputy Mr. Blackburn's father made up a merry fishing party to the Clear Fork one day this week. And our friend Spears is authority for it that they caught more fish than they could possibly eat.

Uncle Frank Sears and daughter, Miss Mossie, Mrs. Bud Sears, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Sears, Mrs. E. L. Woodroof and Mrs. D. J. Matthews composed a party of citizens from Merkel who last week spent a day and night at the Arthur Sears ranch on Valley creek. A fish fry was one of the enjoyable features of the occasion.

Dr. N. J. Smith was called to Hills-

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#### Firemen Get Insurance Reduction at School

College Station, July 31.-The annual firemen's training school which was held at Texas A. & M. college last week set a new record for attendance when 521 firemen from all parts of Texas registered for the five-day course. In addition there were 54 instructors on hand from various large departments and 14 visitors who attended one or more sessions. A total of 283 towns was represented which also set another new mark.

By attending the school and then passing a written examination on the last day, the firemen earned a reducthe school was started 12 years ago, days last week vacationing such savings have mounted to the millions of dollars class and at the same time fire losses have been reduced greatly through the firemen knowing Claude Smith and son, Mrs. W. C. the approved methods of fire fighting | Eoff and son and Ina Henderson, are taught at the school

A large part of the work this year was devoted to national defense practices, particularly practices to follow in fighting incendiary fires set from the air. Some of the instructors have been in London to learn how fires are parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Compbeing fought there and that informa- ton. Barney Ralph Turner has been tion was passed on to the "smoke a visitor in this home the past month. eaters" at the school.

#### Hospital Notes.

Tim McLeod received a tonsillec-

June Riney was admitted to Sadler Clinic July 25 for surgery. She was dismissed July 30.

tomy July 26. Mrs. Annie Scott was admitted for

treatment July 29.

In sea battles men with minor hurts usually are treated before those with

There were fewer cases of smallpox in the United States in 1940 than in any previous year on record.



Pay Day for Dollar-a-Year Men



Here are some of the 262 dollar-a-year men in the defense program on their recent "pay day." Total of all payments was only \$126 to the 262 workers as many of them had not worked a full year and could not receive their "total" salary. Distributing checks above (center) is Edward Stettinius, priorities director.

## Personals

tion of five per cent in the key fire bert and children, Betty, Bobby and ton, Okla. insurance rate for their cities. Since Billy, and Marian Cobb spent several

> Tom Henderson and daughters, Mrs. visiting in Dallas and Alba this week. Ernest Henderson, Jr., returned to his home in Dallas with them.

> Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Turner of Borger were week-end visitors with her

Betty Jo McDermett of Ralls is visiting this week with her cousin, Delia Kuykendall. Mary Sue Grant.

companied by Mrs. Gray and their built home on the Divide. son, Doyle, left Tuesday for a vacation visit to Birmingham, Ala. They Cecil Melton's baby was dismissed went by Mexia to pick up an uncle of in Abilene, visiting Mrs. J. T. King, July 26 and Buddy Derington was dismissed Mr. Gray, W. J. Sellers, and wife, returning home Tuesday. who made the trip with them.

Mrs. H. H. Hobbs and daughter, Joy Sue, left the latter part of the serious wounds, so they may return the bedside of Mrs. Hobbs' brother, W. and Mrs. Kenneth Barker and two Walker. H. Thomas, who is ill.

> Mr. and Mrs. Lois Burleson and son, Jimmy Glasgow, after a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Sacatal, at Paulspur, Ariz.

Winona, Mr. and Mrs. John Malone, Aug. 1. Lloyd and Mary Loyce Malone, of Anson, visited the past week-end with Mildred Glenn of Snyder returned with Durham's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl been visiting in the D. I. Shelton home. them for a visit in the Kelso home.

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Bailey and daughters, Pat and Annette, of Wink, Mrs. S. D. Gamble were Prof. and after a visit of several days in the accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Mrs. L. R. Chenault and little daugh-Yeager of Kermit, are visiting this ter, New York City. Mr. Chenault is week with Mr. and Mrs. John Malone professor of economics in the Universiand Mrs. and Mrs. Walter Kelso.

Miss Doris Clyde Miller is visiting this week with her friend, Miss Judy Owens, in San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Shannon, Jr., T. A. Kellam of Lamesa, Sunday. and two children, of Cisco, were weekend visitors in the John Shannon home. J. B., Jr., is a nephew of the Merkel man.

A visitor this week in the O. J. Adcock home is Mrs. E. J. Graves of Lubbock, a sister of Mrs. Adcock.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hodge and forma Jean returned Sunday from a visit to the LZ ranch, near Perryton, accompanied by their son. Bobby Tom, who had spent six weeks in a boys' summer camp there. They spent

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Mrs. Arnold Seydler and son, Char- | Saturday night and Sunday with Dr. les, of Sweetwater, Mrs. Grover Gil- and Mrs. Urban Zehnpfennig at Law-

guest Miss Norma Richards of Sweet- mained for a longer visit.

Watts, and also with relatives in New and family. Mexico, have returned home.

Miss Delia Kuykendall is visiting this week in Wichita Falls.

Mrs. D. H. Puegh of Big Spring visited the first of the week with her sisters, Mrs. J. T. Johnson and Miss

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Perkins and R. T. Gray, local manager of the son, L. V., and mother, Mrs. L. E. West Texas Utilities company, ac- Perkins, have moved into their re-

Mrs. Cora E. Curb spent last week

week for Little Rock, Ark., to be at Orvalee Bradshaw, of Honey Grove, nephews of the late Rev. R. A. daughters, Leona and Virginia, from

ita Falls and points in Oklahoma. Armstrong, and family. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kelso and They are expected to return about

Visitors this week with Mr. and ty of New York City.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Golladay, Mary Faye Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Frazier and granddaughter, Frances Walker, visited Mr. and Mrs.

Miss Johnny Sears left last week for Santa Barbara, Calif., where she will spend several weeks.

Mrs. O. E. Harwell and children, Charles, Charlotte and Frances, returned Monday from Wichita Falls, where they visited Mrs. Harwell's mother, Mrs. Dora Horton.

Mrs. Joe Jackson of Trent is visiting here for a week with Mrs. Lloyd Kelsey, who is recovering in the Sweetwater hospital from an operation.-Sweetwater Reporter.

Mrs. Frank Quillen and Mrs. E. .. Balmain will leave Friday for Mansfield, La., to be located there while their husbands are on maneuvers with the 45th division.

Mrs. M. H. Jensen and children of San Antonio are here for a summer visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Proctor.

Misses Mary Collins, Grovene Ford and Vivian Davis are vacationing at Ruidoso, N. M.

Miss Pearl Mathews spent the weekend with Miss Joyce Turner at Roscoe.

Charles Iddings of Russell, Kans., is visiting Marvin Hunter and friends here. He attended Kansas State college at Manhattan, Kans., last year and will again enroll there for the coming year.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Burns visited Mr. Burns' sister, Mrs. S. S. Perry, in Clyde Tuesday morning.



Secretary of Navy Frank Knox is shown drawing the second number in the second peacetime draft lottery. The number was 98. First

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Wilcox of first of the week, visiting Mrs. Wilcox's mother, Mrs. G. R. Holloway. Misses Betty Gilbert and Dorothy Nell Groene returned to St. Louis with them for an extended visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Minor S. Burns and family arrived Friday morning to spend the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Burns. Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Burns returned home Sun-Miss Dorothy Shannon has as her day but Hazel, Junior and Bobby re-

Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Burns and fam-Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Lane of ily, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. W. Houston, who have been visiting in L. Burns, spent Saturday in Sweetthe home of her mother, Mrs. L. A. water with Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Brooks

> Mrs. Carl Mathews and daughter, Carlynn, and Miss Ethel Hollingshead visited Sunday in the R. H. Mathews

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ponder of Hobbs,

Worth, who came from Fort Worth with a friend who was visiting her husband at Camp Barkeley, spent Sunday night in the home of Mrs.

Vistors last week in the home of Mrs. R. A. Walker were Miss Lucille Visitors with Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Reeves of Paris, Travis Reeves of Ashby this week were a brother-in- Jackson, Miss., and Ross Coleman, law, Will Bradshaw, Miss Ruth and of Fort Worth, a niece and two

Messrs. M. E. and E. L. Armstrong, of Weatherford, accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Sam Allen and daugh- by their niece and her husband, Mr. ters, Venita, Geneva and Jo Nell, ac- and Mrs. Forrest Lindsey, and little Burleson, have returned to Rancho companied by Jewel Chancey, are daughter, Dorris Helen, spent the visiting in Lockney, Henrietta, Wich- week-end with their brother, J. O.

> Miss Mary Anna Mayfield, after a visit with her sister, Mrs. Joe Ram-

returned Wednesday to Big Spring D. I. Shelton home.



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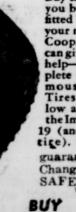
N. M., have returned home after visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Irl Walk-

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. McGee of Fort

Postmaster and Mrs. Wrenn Dur- sey, and friends here returned Thursthe Kelso's sister and family, Mr. and ham and daughter, Dana Kay, spent day to Midland with Mrs. Velmer Mrs. Millard Worsham of Lockney. the week-end in Brownwood with Mrs. Shelton and two children, who had

Mrs. Bill Sheppard and two sons,





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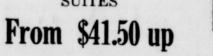
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### **Highlights of Woodmen Circle's 50th Anniversary**

Forest Woodmen Circle returning them; 1,200 members have been in the from Omaha, Nebr., where they at- Circle over 40 years. The national oftended the society's 50th anniversary ficers were seated in white satin celebration and National Institute, re- chairs. Mrs. Talley told them they port one of the greatest fraternal were not growing old in the service gatherings in history. One of the of humanity, they were growing group, Mrs. Karl Bonneaux, has pre- younger every day. pared for The Mail the following The next on program came the interesting account of their trip and grand march, representing the prothe proceedings of the National meet- gress of 50 years. There were some 2,000 women in 20 different colors on

left Merkel June 21 at 6:20 a. m. in full of roses in different colors. Words a new Plymouth sedan. The women fail to describe the beauty of this making the trip were Mesdames R. grand spectacle. Then the girls from H. Mathews, Claude Perry, C. W. the Woodmen Circle Home in Sherman Seago, Beatrice Reeves, E. B. Wallace gave a march dressed in red, white and Karl Bonneaux, all members of and blue. Then appeared two women the local team of the Woodmen Circle pantomiming the aged at the Home of Merkel, C. P. Church being the and the memories of childhood to soft lucky man. We spent the first night music from an electric organ. Then in Topeka, Kans., 689 miles, all miles, the children pantomimed the welcome too. Went on to Omaha the next day. of a new mother and father, who are The National convention opened on really mother and father to them, Mr. Sunday with the keynote address by and Mrs. Alexander. The children's Mrs. Dora Alexander Talley.

Sunday night was the memorial service which included tribute to the husband of Mrs. Dora Alexander Talley and the late Morris Sheppard and all members who have passed away since ing circle representing a cake. The the last National convention. The outside circle carried garlands of beautiful candle service was very impressive, the candles being lighted by five generations of the Talley family. The elaborate golden candleholders were six-feet high.

An orchestra of fourteen pieces furnished the music for the memorial service and the pageant.

On Monday at 9 a. m. we met for the big parade in a hot sun. Hotter than any West Texas sun that ever shines because it didn't have that swell breeze we appreciate here. For one hour there were over 2,000 women dressed in white satin with various colored jackets which made it a colorful spectacle. The streets in Omaha have deep inclines and the sun shining on the gold caps and banners made it a sight never to be forgotten. The parade was one mile long, marching four abreast. It was witnessed by 25,000 people. The band from Boys Town was in the parade along with ten other bands. The men's band from Omaha marched directly behind the Lone Star Region from Texas. When it played, "The Eyes of Texas," there was such applause from the spectators one would have thought of a Texas rodeo. At the end of the parade the Texas delegation was hailed by the

The parade was led by the Sherman band from the Woodmen Circle home, led by our Betty Jane Keifer as majorette. We were all glad that Betty Jane was our own little girl who went to the Home at Sherman operated exclusively for women and seven months ago from Merkel. Her mother was musician for our Woodmen Circle team before her passing nearly 35 million dollars in assets. It away. Betty Jane also took part in the song and dance numbers and is one of the most talented and popular and children in 11 states." children in the home. We took her

sight-seeing and bought her souvenirs. We took her through the Woodmen Circle's new building, which was one of the most modern we saw on our trip. We registered who we were and where we were from and in a few seconds they had our records to show

how well they keep them. Seeing the tremendous size of our organization and the way they received us made us appreciate our

fraternity more than ever. with pageantry and rituals, parades school, high school, trade school, print and stunts, along with a number of shop, gymnasium, movie theatre, business sessions. More than 2,000 of swimming pool and dormitory. It has the Woodmen Circle's 132,000 members were in the national headquaters poll, all voters under the age of 21 city for the affair, which included years. Boys Town is a self-governing the first quadrennial Tau Phi Lambda sorority convention and nine regional ly in the hands of the boys. conventions.

One of the most spectacular presentations of the Institute was a pageant at the city auditorium at don't miss seeing Boys Town, for there which 2,000 taffeta-gowned women portrayed the society's five decades of progress.

The pageant amazed spectators by its military precision and delighted Eighteen shades of color were repre-

distinguished guests. They were dressed in five shades of blue to represent really visited there. a huge bluebonnet-about 400. Twenty trumphets, announced the guests. The next Region had the march of flags scenic points visited on their return which was the most beautiful spectacle trip via the Pacific coast.] one can imagine. There were about 300 dressed in red, white and blue. The flag carriers carried flags of center in Asiatic Russia is in the Kusevery state and formed a reception netz basin, adjacent to vast iron deline through which the United States posits. flag was marched. All the flags were placed in a flag stand and in the middle proudly stood the Stars and Stripes. The stage was beautifully decorated in palms and huge baskets of of flowers. A choir in the back sang

"God Bless America." The next group represented the religious part and were dressed in choir robes. The next part presented the pioneers who were in purple dresses with large white dutch collars. The team that brought them in wore lavender and green, the colors of the Woodmen Circle. The pioneers were all women who had been members

Local members of the Supreme over 40 years. There were 18 of

With six women and one man, we the floor at once, all carrying arms part or the Home's part was given to the reading of the history of the Home. Then came the forming of the birthday cake. Women dressed in four shades of pink formed a revolvroses for the cake decorations; the inside group all carried 50 huge candles. The oldest member lighted the 1st candle representing 46 years continuous membership. Golden fairies escorted the honored members to light the candles on the cake. The future candles were lighted by the grandniece of President Talley. Then the grand finale-with all colors encircling the cake, the lights were turned out. Two thousand women took part

in the finale. A huge banquet attended by 2,000 persons filled the city auditorium for one evening session. Speakers included Alex O. Benz, president of the National Fraternal Congress of America, of Appleton, Wis., and Mrs. Dora Alexander Talley, president of Woodmen Circle. Mrs. Talley expressed her gratitude to every member for her individual contribution to the success of the organization, and proclaimed her faith in the future of the society.

country through the protection of homes, teaching the ideals of good Fresh pears, plums, prunes, apples will continue to increase."

The Supreme Forest Woodmen Circle, founded in Denver as the "Mystic Circle" in 1891, is now one of the largest fraternal benefit societies children. It has more than 105 million dollars of insurance in force and has more members than any other society dealing chiefly with womer

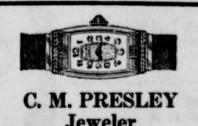
"It was undoubtedly the largest and best meeting of its kind that we have ever attended," one woman said. "I believe every woman in attendance was inspired anew with the zeal for fraternal service."

On Tuesday afternoon we went to Boys Town, which was ten miles from Omaha. Boys Town is a haven for wandering boys, regardless of creed, color or race. It is not an orphanage but a complete community in itself, the smallest incorporated city in the The Institute program was jammed world. It has a post office, grade a mayor and city council, elected by community, with the control complete-

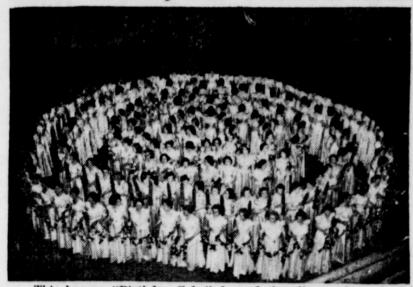
It is supervised by Father Flanagan and is supported only by donations. If you ever have the chance, is no greater service to humanity than is given by Father Flanagan. Boys range from six to eighteen, although the age limits are from 12 to 15 years, and they will let them stay them with its spectrum of pastel colors. until they are 21 years or until they find a job. There were about 330 boys there, about one-half Catholic and one-The pageant opened with Texas half Protestant. If you have seen Lone Star Region bringing in the "Boys Town" in the movies, you can imagine the trip we had when we

[Concluding installment of Mrs heralds, dressed in white with gold Bonneaux's report, to be published next week, will tell the interesting

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This human "Birthday Cake" formed the climax of a colorful pageant held in connection with the 50th anniversary celebration of the Supreme Forest Woodmen Circle in Omaha, Neb., recently. More than 2,500 of the society's 132,000 members participated in the celebration and a four-day National Institute. Representatives of the Great Lakes region are shown

#### Nearly 2,000 Members March in Parade



Nearly 2,000 members of the Supreme Forest Woodmen Circle marched through the streets of downtown Omaha, Neb., to open the society's 50th anniversary celebration and National Institute recently. In the foreground is the large Texas delegation, followed by representatives of the Rocky Mountain and Pacific Coast regions

#### List of Blue Stamp Foods Available

The list of foods available during August for purchase with the Blue Stamps by families taking part in the "I have faith to believe that the Food Stamp plan in Taylor county work of our society will continue to was announced Monday by Mrs. Velda go forward," she said, "that not Rathmell, local stamp plan representaonly will our membership and assets tive. These foods are obtainable in To warn foreign dictators that the increase, but that our service to our local stores throughout the month of United States is the strongest country

citizenship and service to humanity, and enriched wheat flour have been to buy a Defense bond, what can I do added to the list of foods which will be available nationally during August, cluded in the August list.

With these revisions, the complete list of "Blue Stamp Foods" for the bond. period of Aug. 1 through 31 in all Stamp Plan areas, is as follows: oranges, and peaches; fresh vegetables (including potatoes) corn meal, shell eggs; raisins, dried prunes; hominy (corn) grits; dry edible beans; wheat flour; enriched wheat flour; flour, and whole wheat (graham)

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Just by her precious presence Among God's selectives there.

But my arms are so empty and

hungry For a form so tiny and dear, And I listen each day and night For a voice I'll never more hear.

Oh, she's gone, my own precious darling,

And it seems more than I can bear. But she's free from all pain and suffering. She's given the tenderest care.

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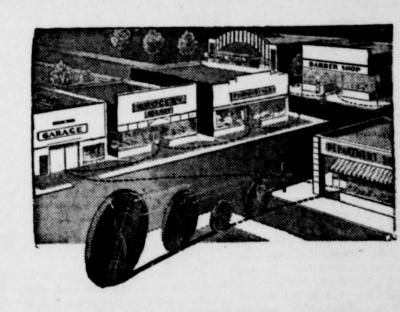
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## **QUEEN THEATRE CALENDAR**

Friday-Saturday-Gene Autry, Smiley Burnette in "Back in the Saddle;" cartoon, "White Eagle" No. 13. Saturday preview, Sunday matinee, Monday night-Bob Hope, Dorothy Lamour in "Caught in the Draft;" cartoon, latest March of Time.

Tuesday only-"Thieves Fall Out," starring Eddie Albert, Joan Leslie; "Unusual Occupations," selected

Wednesday-Thursday-"Scattergood Pulls the Strings," with Guy Kibbee, Susan Peters; "Information Please, Bob Chester and his orchestra.

#### "Back in the Saddle"

The ever-popular Gene Autry has another smash hit in "Back in the Saddle," which shows Friday and Saturday at the Queen theatre.

In addition to amiable and capable Smiley Burnette, a strong supporting cast includes Jacqueline Wells, Edward Norris, Mary Lee and Addison Richards. Lew Landers, who is responsible for many of the best action films, directed for associate produce Harry Grey.

In "Back in the Saddle," Gene is seen as the leader of the ranchers in a dispute with E. G. Blaine, a ruthless mine owner who is needlessly poisoning the streams from which the cattle drink. Gene tries to restrain him, but is hampered by the actions of his ward, Tom, who believes that Gene is falling in love with his sweetheart, Taffy. Tom's misdirected energies finally get Gene and himself trapped by Blaine's men. Gene, with the aid of Smiley, fights his way out and saves Tom in a climax filled with thrills and action.

#### "Caught in the Draft"

Hope radio and screen fans who look ledge wrote the following letter, adfor the best in comedy gags will find dressed to "the dearest people of Mer- hundred cases of mumps.) When our elementary education. their hero in top form when his lat- kel and Trent:" est movie, "Caught in the Draft," comes to the Queen theatre Saturday preview, Sunday matinee and Monday you about my trip to P. I. a good It was exciting and at the same time, night. Fashioned in Hope style, Para- while back and I am just now doing experience. Then we were taken into mount's merry-making version of life it. among the recruits is said to be an all-out blitzkrieg of laughter.

with a sarong. Lynne Overman, who before long. We arrived in Dallas vers. We went about 190 kilometers fans will delight in Bob's new stooge Eddie Bracken, the rookie who'll do night.) The next day we went to the ing. The wind got up to at least 50 ing the army's road signs during some war games and almost causing a major disaster, all for the sake of the sound of guns.

In addition to the merriment, there are some tricky new tunes that everybody will soon be humming. Add to to P. I.) this the choice morsel of a gag in the mouth of Hope and you get a laugh menu that will do things to the sides of your ribs when you see "Caught in the Draft."

#### "Scattergood Pulls the Strings"

the second of the Scattergood Baines picture, now ready and titled "Scattergood Pulls the Strings," to be pre-celled. We were lucky to hit it in so sented at the Queen theatre Wednes- short a time. We were taken to Frisco day and Thursday. A charming ro- by a number of small boats and then tween youthful James Corner and Su- out of San Francisco harbor at exactly summation by Scattergood; in addition on special duty in the ship's bakery the reunion of a small boy with his the first day and I guess I ate too father, who has unjustly been convict- much. Any way, I got sick and, beed of a crime, is brought about by the lieve me, you ought to see 2,400 soldiers famous "sage of Coldriver."

Guy Kibbee once more plays the a thing as seasickness, because I know title role of this screen version of the from experience. famous Clarence Budington Kelland | "The second day out I was okay and also for the beautiful floral offerings. stories; and according to Hollywood began to enjoy the trip very much. I critics' plaudits, his is the perfect wrote a page or two every day about upon all of you. characterization. Supporting him are our trip to Dad and my girl and mail Francis Trout, the Pliny Pickett of ed them at Hawaii. When we arrived the "Scattergood Baines" radio pro- in Honolulu, we were greeted by the gram, Bobs Watson, of "Boys Town" army band. We were not allowed to fame, Emma Dunn, Susan Peters, get off the ship, so we had to stand film star, Monte Blue.

Cabanne, this is the second of a series miles from P. I. We had smooth sail- uses. produced by Jerrold T. Brandt for ing for about a week and then blood RKO Radio release. Cabanne is credit poison set in my foot. I just ignored with the screen-play along with Ber- it for a while and nearly too long. I nard Schubert, John Krafft, and had to go to hospital for the rest of Michael T. Simmons.

The root of the yucca plant is used any length of time in my life. by Navajo Indians of New Mexico for washing wool and shampooing their was Apr. 22, about 7:30 a. m., I got

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## Merkel Boy Sees Service In Philippine Islands

enough, because I was asked to write trained plenty hard, but I loved it

Bride, we intended to go to Fort Sam much. With Bob is the one and only Doro- Houston, so we left Abilene with thy Lamour-the gal who hit the gong high hopes of being in San Antonio ing, at 2:30, we went out on maneuplays the part of a Hollywood theat- about 11 Thursday night, Mar. 13, from Manila. We were not supposed rical agent, follows Bob and his ten 1941. (The reason I remember that to return home until July 3, which per cent into the army. The Hope date so well is because I remember is tomorrow, but a typhoon came up anything for a laugh-even switch- post office in Dallas and there we miles an hour and it rained steadily signed our names about fifty times So five days after we left we had to and passed another physical examina- come back and when we left cocoanuts tion. Then we were sworn in and were falling everywhere. his goose-pimply boss who can't stand given \$5.25 for meals. (We changed our minds about going to Fort Sam after we got to Dallas, and I was the cause of it, for I asked J. B. to go.

"We were supposed to leave at ? Friday night, but it was 10 before we left. We came through Merkel on the Sunshine Special about 3:30 Saturday morning. We arrived in Fort McDowell, Calif., about 8 Monday morning on Mar. 17. There we changed from civilian clothes to army o. d.'s. Two interesting themes motivate We stayed two weeks in McDowell. and got our names on the sailing list, because some one's name had been cansick and seasick at that. There is such

James Corner, and the famous silent on deck and look. We left Honolulu making evaporated milk. This will at 5 p. m. on Apr. 6, the same day save considerable shipping space as Directed by the popular Christy we arrived, and we were still 4,000 the way to P. I. and I was mad, for I had never been in a hospital to stay

> "The day we docked in P. I., which out of the hospital. We were also greeted by a band, our army band.

One of Merkel's boys in Uncle Sam's | We were loaded in trucks and taken army is stationed in the Philippines, out to a tent camp, where we were The coast-to-coast parade of Bob or was of July 2, when Tillman Rut- under quarantine for two months. (During that time we had over a recruit drill was over, we were then "I guess I've put this off long considered as soldiers and we were Manila to the regular post. There we "When I joined the army with Mc- kept on training, though not quite so

"Last week, June 23, Monday morn-

"I guess you have heard of the kind of snakes they call phyons? Well, I saw one and got a close look at it. I would not have, though, if it hadn't been dead. As it was, it it was only a young one-I would say about eleven feet long. It has a flat head and is a sort of brown, with an untold color in spots on the brown.

"Well, that's all up to the present time and, even though they are training us hard over here, I still like the army life; in fact, it's swell. I will be seeing you in two or three years, may-

#### "Tillman Rutledge."

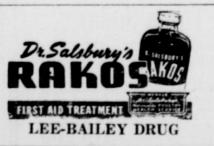
"P. S. Say, I'm betting on our football team this year. Do you think mance that requires help is played be- we got on the Republic. We sailed they will win district, Mr. Benson? Tell them the 'old man' is behind them san Peters, and is aided in its con- 12 Saturday on Mar. 30. I was put to the limit. Here is luck to Merkel; since I have left, it is possible. Ha!'

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#### Diphtheria Classed Year Round Disease

"We now have two cases of diphtheria in Taylor county, and one child died last week in Jones county of this Defense and in order to facilitate disease," according to Dr. George A. handling of increased traffic between Gray, director of the Abilene-Taylor County Health Unit. "Some folks who think diphtheria occurs only in winter should realize that it is a year round

"It is unnecessary these days for parents to take chances on their chiltoxoid, which is the preventive vaccine, or the Schick test to determine susceptibility.

"About three months is required for the individual to build immunity after the toxoid has been given." Consequently, Dr. Gray urges parents to have their children immunized now.

#### New Mail Address Of 45th Division

Camp Barkeley, Texas, July 31 .-If you have a soldier boy in the 45th Division, you'll want to make a note

He's going off on maneuvers soon and he'll have a new mail address. Here it is:

Pvt. John Doe, Co. C, 158th Inf. (or whatever his utfit is,)

A.P.O. 45, Ragley, La.

#### Will Teach Next Year In School at Bogata

Commerce, July 31.-Jessie Margaret Berry of Merkel, who will teach the first grade in the Bogata school next fall, is enrolled in East Texas State Teachers college for the summer semester.

Miss Berry is working on her bachelor's degree and is majoring in

The hairbrush used by the Navajo Indians is a bundle of stiff grass stems. The same brush is also used for sweeping floors.

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In line with a policy of bending every effort to do a job for National Abilene ar other West and Northcentral Texas defense areas Southwestern Greyhound lines has inaugurated additional service between Abilene and Pecos which will connect with service now operating through to Dallas, A. F. Baldus, general traffic dren taking diphtheria. The family manager of the Greyhound company, physician is prepared to give the has announced. The new service became effective on July 24.

According to Mr. Baldus, the additional service will bring Greyhound service between Pecos and Abilene to six round trips daily. All six schedules extend to Dallas, two going via Breckenridge, two via Cisco and Mineral Wells and two via Thurber.

Following the inauguration of the new service Greyhound departures from here are: Eastbound, 12:23, 5:23, 8:33, 11:08 a. m. and 4:13, 5:27 p. m. Westbound, 1:47, 7:27, 10:57 a. m. and 9:57, 4:18 and 12:57 p. m.

Vegetables best for drying are sweet corn, mature beans and peas and sweet potatoes.

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FOUND-Bunch of keys. Owner can get same by paying for this ad. Merkel Mail office.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

FOR SERVICE-Have young OIC d farm, two miles nor Merkel, Vernon Simpson.

#### LODGE CALLS

NOTICE MASONS A stated meeting of Merkel lodge No. 710, A. F. and A. August 2, at 8 p. m. All members are urged to be present. Visiting brethren cordially invited.

E. B. Reece, W. M. W. C. Black, Secretary.

#### Legal Notice

THE STATE OF TEXAS, To the Sheriff or any Constable of

Taylor County-Greeting: You Are Hereby Commanded summon Corenne Portis 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 term of the 42nd District Court of Taylor County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Abilene, Texas, on the First Monday in September, A. D. 1941, the same being the 1st day of September, A. D. 1941, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 30th day of July, A. D. 1941, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 12,521-A, wherein Grant Portis is Plaintiff, and Corenne Portis is Defendant, and a brief statement of plaintiff's cause of action, being as fol-

Plaintiff and Defendant were married June 15, 1936, and separated December 1, 1940, and that there are no children and no community property. Plaintiff sues for divorce on the

grounds of cruel treatment, all of which is fully alleged in Plaintiff's Petition on file in said court.

Herein Fail Not but have before said Court at its next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, on this 30th day of July, A. D.

ROY SKAGGS, Clerk District Court, Taylor County, Texas. By Penn Gilbreth, Deputy.

Complete sine of office supplies at

#### TELEPHONE THE MAIL

The Mail will be glad to receive news of entertainments or visitors in Merkel homes, as well as other news items of a general nature. If you have company, entertain friends or return from a trip please telephone 61 or 29.

## Trent News--Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Falkner and and her mother, Mrs. Buena Stribling, children of Konowa, Okla., are here for who is spending the summer there. a visit with her mother, Mrs. Rose Edwards.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dowthett of home after visiting with Mr. and Mrs. the week-end. P. H. Thomason and their son, Sgt.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Freeman, ac Sunday visiting in Anadorko, Okla., Mrs. E. Bowers. with Mrs. J. E. Freeman. They also visited relatives in Checotah and Purcell, Okla.

Mrs. Ida Bright attended to business and visited relatives in Kilgore several days last week.

Mrs. C. M. Stribling was called to FOR RENT-Furnished apartment, Gainesville last Thursday on account

Wilson Bright is visiting this week in the home of an uncle in Sulphur Mrs. Carter Dyer and little son

have returned from a ten days' visit Moody, of Sweetwater. with relatives at Lawn. Don Armour visited several days last week in the home of his aunt,

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Rosson, at Lubbock. He was accompanied home Saturday by three cousins who visited here for a few days.

Mrs. Carl Edwards and daughter Barbara, are visiting with relatives at Linden.

Miss Doris Marie Stevens played ball at Eastland last Wednesday with Dr. Dann's team from Sweetwater. Doris is spending this week in the home of her grandparents at Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Matthews had as guests over Sunday, their son, Lloyd, his wife and son, also Mrs. A R. Toombs and son, R. G., and Betty Jo Seagraves, all of Nubia.

Rev. and Mrs. Fred Porter are in meeting at Tye this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Winn left Friday to spend a week's vacation visit- the bride's book and were served reing in East and South Texas. Miss freshments of punch and cake as they Winnie Brown is taking the place of arrived. A musical program was ren-Mrs. Winn as telephone operator while dered. Peggy Titsworth sang, "Walkshe is away.

Kathleen, accompanied by W. C. Nal- Song" was rendered by a trio, Misses ley and Vernon Martin of Sweetwater Christine and Gloria McLeod and and Anna Verne Clements of Abilene, Dorothy Jo Strawn. Cliffa Jean (white) boar for service; at A. T. made a trip to Mason, leaving Friday Estep read a poem entitled "Husand returning Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Springer and Sunday.

Homer Terry of Clyde.

to Dallas for a visit with Misses Rosemary and Beth Ann Graham.

Wichita Falls to visit with relatives Dudley, Loraine King.

Stanley Armour returned Saturday from a trip to Kilgore.

Messrs. H. L. Wilson and Foy Duncan, Okla., have returned to their Steadman made a trip to Mason over

Among those from here attending Joe Dowthett, of Camp Barkeley. Mrs. the closing service at the M. E. Bessie Murdock came over from Odes- church at Eskota Sunday evening were sa for a visit with them over the week- Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Bright, Mrs. Jack Bright, James Bright, Mark Williamson, Ernest Stewart, Billie Joe Bowcompanied by his mother, Mrs. Paul- ers, Mr. and Mrs. Wright and daughine Freeman, and Miss Opal Free- ter, Betty, Mr. and Mrs. H. Kegans man, spent from Friday until late and children, Troy and Wanda, and

Mrs. Bennie Butman, who has been ill at the home of her father, W. L. Reneau, is very much improved.

Mrs. Spurgeon Scott and daughter, Patsy, left Sunday for a week's visit with Mr. and Mrs. Lige Kelly of Rule. Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Beckham and sons, C. T., Josh and Pat, of Lamesa, were recent guests in the C. T. Beckham home. They were leaving on a

vacation to Mexico City. Mrs. J. A. Brown visited Monday in the home of her sister, Mrs. G. W.

Miss Virginia Chloe McRee has rerelatives in Fort Worth, visiting in Mr. and Mrs. Coke Caraway, Mrs. Causseaux and Mr. and Mrs. I. M.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Orand have gone to Fort Worth for a visit with relatives and friends.

on Sunday. They visited their daughand family.

#### GIFT PARTY.

Honoring Mrs. Neely Tittle, recent bride, Mesdames Tom Williamson and Earl Strawn were co-hostesses at the home of C. C. Stribling last Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock in a prettily planned party. Guests registered in ing By the River," with Miss Dorothy Mrs. Garnett Bryan and daughter, Jo Strawn at the piano. Porter's "Love bands.'

children and H. Jones visited relatives Strawn, E. L. Mangum, J. C. Brewer, at Spur and Roxton from Friday to L. Quattlebaum, A. Williamson, A. J. English, Fred Porter, Lesley Beasley, Mr. and Mrs. W. Y. Steen were Hale McRee, Homer McLeod, Dorris guests Tuesday and Tuesday night of Dowdy, Clark Hamner, Stanley Arlast week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. mour, L. W. Ross, Jr., R. B. Johnson, Sr., Childress, L. Z. Titsworth Miss La Nelle Edwards has gone and H. Ogletree; Misses Willa Dean Strawn, Hazel Williamson, Helga Beasley, Betty Jane Tittle, Lady Miss Helen McLeod has gone to Fred Crain, Dorothy Rutledge, Louise



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#### 'Unlimited Army'



Arrow indicates Gen. George C turned from a two weeks' visit with Marshall, army chief of staff, as he appeared before senate military afthe homes of Mr. and Mrs. Adams, fairs committee asking congress to authorize a draft army of unlimited size. He spoke of the "grave national peril.'

Those sending gifts were Mesdames to Jal, N. M., last Friday, returning Bowers, S. Berger, O. S. Bishop, M. Helga Beasley, Betty Lu Howell, Helen intendent, John Meadowbrook from M. Owens, E. Burks, J. B. Winn, E. McLeod, Charline James; Messrs. ter, Mrs. Jack Jones and Mr. Jones, Seago; Misses Magdaline Payne, Bet- Smithy Ogletree, Billy Joe Bowers, Messrs. A. Williamson, Dow William- iamson, James Strawn.

#### Father of Merkel Man **Buried at Nocona**

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Burleson and two children, Pauline and Ronald Gene, went to Nocona last week to attend the funeral of Mr. Burleson's father, J. R. Burleson, who passed away

Survivors include five daughters and five other sons besides the Merel man.

#### Marries Orchestra Leader.

Las Vegas, Nev., July 31.-Judy ranger, Monday.

Canada's tobacco production in 1939 amounted to 109,000,000 pounds.

London has only three evening newspapers, but 40 years ago it had

son, C. C. Stribling, Mark Williamson.

#### LAWN PARTY.

Manufacturing company as riveter at in Group 4. Los Angeles, Calif., and is here for a ten days' visit, Mr. and Mrs. A. Williamson entertained at their home P. M. Limbke, Brady; Thomas League, with a chicken barbecue and all the Hamilton; G. A. Tunnell, Stephenville; trimmings, salads, desserts and iced Thomas Wilkinson, Olney, and Troy drinks. As entertainment, home mov- Peeples, Roby. Board members presing pictures that were made on a re- ent were: W. F. Bailey, Olney; L. D. cent trip to California by Mrs. Will- Singley, Roby; W. S. Price, Comanche; iamson were shown.

ty Lu Howell, Nadine Childress; Lewis Tiner, Roy Yandell, Mark Will-

#### **Power Reserve Holds Meeting at Hamilton**

Members of the Texas Power Reserve Electric Cooperative, Inc., Group 4, neld their regular monthly meeting at Hamilton, Texas, on July 25. Leslie C. Roenick, of Rural Electrification administration, Washington, D. C., was principal speaker. Mr. Roenick reports that REA in Washington is greatly impressed by the fine work of REA cooperatives in Texas. He, as well as other REA of-Sarland, sweet-faced, sad-voiced lit- ficials who were present for the dedile songstress of the films, became the cation of the Possum Kingdom Dam oride of Dave Rose, 31-year-old orches- on July 2, were very high in their tra leader, composer of music and ar- praise of all cooperatives surrounding this project. There were approximately seven thousand farm people present, and this shows the fine co-operation of Texas people as a whole,

Chairman G. A. Tunnell brought up the subject of a portable generating plant for emergency service. One of these plants has been purchased by Group 7 of the Texas Power Reserve. and they have found it to be satisfactory in every way. This plant has a 100 KVA capacity and can be moved from one location to another. It is Complimenting Cull Currington, felt that a plant of this kind would who is employed in the Lockheed be of great benefit to all cooperatives

Project superintendents present were: O. I. Griffin, Colorado City: George L. Martin, Stephenville; M. Included in the guest list were the D. Head, Brady; J. H. Carlock and honoree, Misses Lady Fred Crain, L. H. Strain, Colorado City; A. T. Mr. and Mrs. S. Berger made a trip J. M. Smith, Malcolm Beasley, J. E. Wilma Stribling, Dorothy Jo Strawn, Jones, Hamilton, and visiting super-

> Barracuda are the real tigers of the sea, not the sharks.

## SPECIALS FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, AUGUST 1-2



ALL FLAVORS

Clay county.

LIMES, each ORANGES, doz. 29c LETTUCE, head .....

**CELERY** bunch NEW SPUDS 5 lbs 15c FRESH CORN 3 ears ..... 10c

R&W **FRUIT JUICES**  PINEAPPLE PEACH PEAR PLUM APRICOT **TOMATO** 

3 cans

Pork & Beans, 3 cans ....17c

Lipton's

GREEN BEANS with Potatoes, 3 cans 25c

PEAS, No. 2 can, 2 for ....25c

Catsup, 14 ounce bottle 17c

Glass FREE!

TOAST

RED & WHITE

Corn Flakes, 2 pkgs ..... 17c

COFFEE, 1 lb. can 27c

Butter Crackers, box 21c 1/4 pound 23c

1/2 pound 45c

Red & White.

6 bars

## -- MEAT MARKET DEPARTMENT --

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DUDLEY-DEAN

Miss Elberta Dean and Mr. Quannah Dudley were united in marriage in a ring ceremony in Ovalo Saturday next meeting. The club voted unnight. Rev. Cooper Waters, pastor of animously to help work with the the First Baptist Church, here, performed the ceremony in the home of Leroy Eaton, where he was staying three quilts for British War relief, during the revival.

Mrs. E. M. Dean, was lovely in a wed- on Aug. 6. ding ensemble of blue sheer alpaca made a host of friends.

for the wedding was Miss Joyce Hum- Lottie Butman, Irene Warren.

The groom is the son of Mrs. John Dudley of Divide. He attended the High School at Divide.

The couple will make their home temporarily with his mother at Divide.

BRIDAL SHOWER.

Hass entertained July 16 in the home dogs over an open grill. At a late of Mrs. Joe Jaynes with a bridal show- hour a delicious watermelon feast er honoring Miss Elberta Dean, who was enjoyed by Misses Barbara Anbecame the bride of Quannah Dudley ders, Dora Gaither, Maurine White, Saturday night, July 26.

bride's book. Guests viewed many lovely gifts.

Refreshments of punch and cookies were served to Mesdames Joe Bickley, Burly Bond, Craig Humphreys, Denzil Cox, Marvin Douglas, J. E. Jaynes Buster Hester, E. M. Dean, Harry Hester, Clint Allen and Gordon Hass; Misses Joyce Humphreys, Rena Mae Dean, Alice Hester, Bonnie Jaynes, Patricia Douglas; Billy Joe and Gary Jaynes and Nallen Cox. Many others sent gifts.

AL FRESCO SUPPER PARTY.

Members of the Jolly Neighbors club were guests at an elaborate supper party Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Bird, with Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Patterson and Mr. and Mrs. Andy Shouse co-hosts in entertaining with Mr. and Mrs. Bird.

where tables were attractively ap-pointed around a newly constructed pointed around a newly constructed ternoon, July 28, with the assistant the guests were particularly indebted to him as well as the hosts for this

enjoyable evening. Those present were Messrs. and Mesdames John Grable, Raymond Ferguson, Johnny Cox, Robert Hicks, Spencer Bird, Forrest Gaither, Herbert Patterson Andy Shouse, Miss Christine Collins, Messrs. C. J. Glover and Bernie Bell.

HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB. club met last Friday afternoon in the R. Booth taught the Bible lesson from Dining Table," "Manners Elsewhere" home of Mrs. Charles Knight, with Obadiah, Jonah, Micah and Nahum. and a demonstration on serving a meal Mrs. Fred Baker, Jr., as co-hostess.

The president, Mrs. W. R. Sumpter, called the meeting to order and, after Mrs. Don Riney led the singsong, re ports of various committees were heard.

Mrs. Ernest Teaff gave a most interesting account of her trip to A. & M. Short Course. Miss Sanders, the Red Cross nurse, presented those That Full, Choked Feelingmembers with their certificates who had taken the home hygiene course. Suggestions were heard and plans discussed for the club's booth at the they contain Bismuth and Carbonates West Texas Fair. Mrs. Sumpter, the for quick relief. Your druggist has

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C. W. Newton as nominating committee for new officers to be selected council's concession at the fair.

The club will be responsible for work to begin on them this week. The bride, a daughter of Mr. and Plans also were made for Rally day

Refreshments were passed to Mesfashioned with a white bodice, with dames E. B. Wallace, Ernest Teaff, accessories of blue and white. She Roy H. Mathews, R. L. Adcock, Fred attended school at Merkel, where she A. Baker, Jr., Charles Knight, W. R. Sumpter, C. W. Newton, Harry Bar-Attending the couple were Miss nett, Bob McDonald, Don Riney, Ted Joyce Dudley, a sister of the groom, Windham, J. S. Grant, J. Ben Campand Milton Riley. Miss Dudley wore bell, Craig Humphreys, Andy Shouse, an all-white costume. Also present Grover Gilbert, J. W. Bryan; Misses

LAWN PARTY.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fugat, Merkel's most popular host and hostess, were "at home" to a group of young people on Tuesday evening, entertaining with a lawn party.

Popular outdoor games were play-Mrs. Joe Jaynes and Mrs. Gordon ed and all joined in roasting hot Thelma Mathews, Clara White, Him-Mrs. Buster Hester presided at the alya Swafford, Dot Swafford, Nadine Clack, Pear! Mathews, Marie Morgan, Peggy Morgan; Messrs. L. B. Gibson, David Gibson, Howard Carson, Dave Carson, Hugh Rogers and Bill Reeves,

> COMRADES CLASS PARTY. The Comrades Sunday School class of the Methodist church met on the church lawn Monday night of last week for a delightful evening of outdoor games. Mr. and Mrs. John Grable and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Green were co-hosts.

> Ice cold watermelons were cut and served to Messrs. and Mesdames E. E. Read, Elmo Collins, Jack Patterson, Jack Stanford, Ray Wilson, Pinky Cypert, Raymond Ferguson, Andy Shouse, Cyrus Pee, Vernon Hudson, Milton Case and Rev. and Mrs. Marvin Boyd and the hosts.

W. M. U. CIRCLES. The lawn was brilliantly lighted First Baptist church met in the home The Elkin Lockett Circle of the barbecue pit where delicious steaks leader, Mrs. Patterson, in charge. The were served as piece de resistance of meeting opened with prayer by Mrs. meeting opened with prayer by Mrs. the sumptuous meal. Bernie Bell per- J. M. Meeks. In the absence of the sonally supervised the barbecue and teacher, Mrs. Meeks taught the lesson to the following members: Mesdames O. B. Tatum, A. H. Zollinger, G. M. Sharp, W. F. Patterson.

> The Circle will quilt a quilt at the home of Mrs. G. M. Sharp. The Circle will meet with Mrs. W. F. Patterson next meeting.

The Blanche Rose Walker Circle Rally day, Aug. 6. met Monday afternoon with Mrs. W. L. Johnson. Mrs. E. O. Carson opened The Merkel Home Demonstration the meeting with prayer and Mrs. A. cussions on "What to do Around the Mrs. J. O. Castles closed with prayer. was given. Miss Tacker also gave help-

O. Castles, J. S. Swann, W. O. Boney, balanced meals a day and how im-A. R. Booth, E. O. Carson, Earl Lassi- portant they are to bodies. Booklets ter, W. W. Wheeler and W. L. John-

The next meeting will be with Mrs. Earl Lassiter on Aug. 11.

president, appointed Mrs. Grover Gil- them .- Merkel Drug Co.

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"Scattergood Pulls the Strings"

With Guy Kibbee-Susan Peters

"Information Please"-Bob Chester and His Orchestra

#### Bandana For Barrie



Bright and cheery as Wendy Barrie herself is this playtime frock selected by the RKO-Radio star. Bandana-like cotton fabric of red, splashed with green and yellow flowers, styles the gathered peasant skirt and halter top. The refreshing blouse of white cotton broadcloth features eyelet embroidered ruffling at the high neck and on the puffed-out sleeves.

#### RURAL SOCIETY

SHORE-LOWERY.

On Sunday evening, July 27, Miss Ruth Lowery became the bride of Raymond E. Shore of Kirk, Colo., with the justice of peace in Baird performing the ceremony.

The bride is the oldest daughter of Mrs. O. D. Pruitt. The groom is the son of Mrs. Susie V. Shore of Kirk,

They will make their home temporarily in Abilene. Their many friends wish them much

BLUEBONNET CLUB. Mrs. Ford Butman was hostess to club on July 22. The president, Mrs. A. L. Farmer, requested Mrs. Dewell McLean to preside. Miss Lottie Butman led in prayer, a number of songs were sung. The minutes were read and roll was called. Mrs. A. L. Farm-

Members brought various things to be chosen to represent the club at

Miss Hattie Tacker gave a program on "Manners in the Home," with dis-Those present were Mesdames J. ful thoughts on how to make three and recipes on National Defense were handed to each member to study.

Plates with checkerboard cake and iced punch were served to Miss Lottie Butman, a visitor, Mesdames Hugh Campbell, A. R. Toombs, A. L. Farmafter eating and drinking usually er, Will Butman, Dewell McLean, Joe comes with acid indigestion and heart- Swinney, Tom Russom, Carl Keith, burn. Have ADLA Tablets handy, Raymond Thomas, Elmer Patterson, W. C. Perkins, Ray Reynolds; Miss Louene Butman, Miss Tacker and the!

> All members are urged to attend the Rally Day, Aug. 6.

Mrs. Lucy Scott will entertain the club in her home on Aug. 12.

UNION RIDGE CLUB. The Union Ridge Home Demonstration club met in the home of Mrs. Chester Bond on Tuesday, July 22, with Mrs. Lee Tipton presiding. After reading the club pledge, Mrs. Douglas called the roll. The club voted to meet and piece quilt tops for British War

Mrs. Weldon McAninch gave her report of the A. & M. Short Course, which was greatly enjoyed.

Refreshments and cake were served one visitor, Mrs. Dee Lee, and the following members: Mesdames Houston Clark, W. C. Lee, Denzil Cox, O. R. Douglas, L. C. Patton, W. T. Mc-Aninch, Kenneth Pee, Lee Ponder, Leo Harris, J. E. James, Burly Bond, Lige Harris, Lee Tipton, M. L. Douglas, Chester Bond, O. E. Harwell and Weldon McAninch; Misses Mabel McRee and La Verne Douglas.

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

SALT BRANCH CLUB.

The Salt Branch Home Demonstration club met in the home of Mrs. J. C. Allen on Thursday, July 24, at 2:30. Mrs. Johnny Cox led the singsong and Mrs. Vernon Hudson gave a short program on "The Child in the

Mrs. J. S. Pinckley, Mrs. Carl Baccus and Miss Ruth Pinckley rendered a two-act-play, which was greatly enjoyed. Mrs. Bill Hays told of her trip to Short Course, which was very

#### LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS In The

J. R. Higgins, QMC detachment, Fort Sam Houston, and Bryan Higgins from Corpus Christi were here visiting their father, C. A. Higgins, and brothers and sisters last week. The Higgins family gathered Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Land and had dinner and spent the

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Grimes, their daughter, Sue, and Mrs. Cyrus Pee a year ago the attendance was 516. returned late Wednesday from Dallas and Fort Worth, where they had gone for the fall market season and the Southwestern Style show.

Mrs. Claude Johnson, wife of Tahoka trucker, was treated Wednesday for an attack of acute indigestion and remained overnight in the emergency room at Dr. Armstrong's office. She was returning with her husband from Weatherford when she became ill on the highway between Abilene and Merkel.

#### Year's Traffic Deaths **Increased 17 Per Cent**

Chicago, July 31 .- The nation's traffic toll during the first half of 1941 climbed 17 per cent over the same period of 1940, a trend which time high for the year.

The six-month total was 16,810, or 2,390 more than the 14,420 for the same 1940 period.

Unless the trend is checked, the council said, the 1941 annual count will shoot past 40,000, compared with last year's 34,500. The last half of the year invariably brings the heaviest

#### Record of Births.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Izie Hodges, Sunday, July 27, 1941. Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Grantham, Trent, Wednesday, July 30, 1941 Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Warren Daniels, Thursday, July 31, 1941.

#### Dies of Heart Attack.

Clyde, July 31 .- Dr. R. A. Webster 52, prominent physician at Clyde for 20 years, died Wednesday in an Abilene hospital after a heart attack Tuesday. He came here from Shreveport, La., and had a large practice throughout this section.

Was Famous in Vaudeville-

Hollywood, July 31.-Charley Murray, 69, famous for nearly half a century on stage and screen, died Tuesray first gained fame in vaudeville as nesday evening at 8 o'clock. er of the team of Murray and

Refreshments were served to the following visitors, Mrs. Bobby Carter, er gave a very interesting report on Miss Ideen Ely, Miss Sue Pinckley, her trip to the Short Course at and these members: Mesdames W. for the congregation to attend preach-Cox, Vernon Hudson, Roy Harrell, church at Butman. Miss Ruth Pinckley and the hostess. In her report of the Intermediate

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## Churches

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

There were 557 present at the six the Double Heart rodeo. reporting Sunday Schools here last Sunday, as compared with 546 the previous week. On the same Sunday

#### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Morning sermon at 11. Training Union at 7:30. Evening sermon at 8:15,

Prayer meeting at 8:15 Wednesday evening.

#### Cooper Waters, Pastor.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. Sunday School at 10 a. m. No mornng worship service, as the pastor will be at Tuscola, but he will return for the evening service, which will mark the opening of the revival to be conducted by Rev. Fred Walker of Brownfield.

J. Basil Ramsey, Pastor.

#### METHODIST CHURCH.

Sunday services: Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Morning worship service the National Safety council said 11 a.m. Intermediate League 7:15 Wednesday pointed toward an all- p. m. Young People's League hour begins at 7:15 p. m. Evening preaching service at 8 p. m.

Week-day activities: Women's Soday at 3 p. m. Mid-week service every news."

Wednesday night. There's always a welcome with the

Methodists. Marvin Boyd, Pastor.

### CHURCH.

Preaching Saturday night at o'clock, Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8. M. C. Miller, Pastor.

#### CHURCH OF CHRIST. Sunday: Bible School 9:45 a. m.,

preaching 10:45 a. m. and 8:30 p. m., lianship of the British government. young people's Bible class 7:30 p. m. 4:00 p. m. and prayer meeting at 8:30 p. m.

friends.

Claud C. Smith, Minister.

#### NAZARENE CHURCH.

11 a. m. and 8 p. m. NYPS at 7:30 Everyone is cordially invited to

these services. G. O. Crow, Pastor.

NUBIA M. E. CHURCH.

Sunday School and League met at earlier hours last Sunday in order U. Beene, Jess Higgins, Ollie Higgins, ing services at other churches. Some T. C. Allen, J. S. Pinckley, Bill Hays, attended the Church of Christ at Mason Barker, H. W. Higgins, Johnny Cross Roads and others, the Baptist

#### **Triple-Features Booked** At Double Heart Rodeo

Plans for the triple-featured Double Heart Ranch rodeo and roundup, to be held Aug. 27, 28 and 29, were announced this week by Ollie Cox, Nolan county rancher and promoter of

The Double Heart ranch is located 10 miles south of Sweetwater, and for several years has been the scene of similar western entertainment each

Rodeo performances will be held ightly each of the three dates. At 5 p. m. daily there will be three horse races on a half-mile track now under construction. Sandwiched between the racing and rodeo shows will be airplane stunting, in which Lucky Fitzgerald of Fort Worth will participate

One race for saddle horses, another for three-year-olds, and another freefor-all will be held each afternoon.

A buffalo, to be killed a day or two before the opening of the rodeo, will be barbecued for the occasion.

#### Junior R. A. Boys Gather Peas Given Them by Friends

The Junior R. A.'s of the First Baptist church have been very busy regardless of the hot weather. Our pastor, Rev. Cooper Waters, carried ten' boys to camp at Lueders. We enjoyed ciety of Christian Service meets Mon- it very much; we still talk "camp

Our counselor, Mrs. Irl Walker, has met with us each Monday at 2 o'clock. Mr. Malone of Blair and Mr. Ellis gave us enough peas to can 50 quarts for Buckner Orphans Home. We FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST gathered the peas and the W. M. U. canned them. We are planning something different for next month.

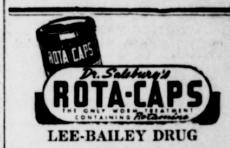
All boys are urged to come and meet (Signed.) Don Collins, Secretary. Jimmy Walker, Ambassador-in-Chief.

Napoleon spent his six years of exile at St. Helena under the guard-

Wednesday: Ladies' Bible class encampment at Buffalo Gap, Ruth Butman, younger daughter of Sam Butman, Jr., used such expressions The public is invited to attend each as "we learned to pray better," "we of these services. Come, bring your listened to God's voice" and "I wish every young person could have been

On Monday night Mildred McLean, Betty Jo Seymore, Annie C. Cargill, Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching Edith, Nell and Ruth Butman and Mrs. Tom Russom attended the Youth day in Hollywood of pneumonia. Mur- Sunday evening. Prayer meeting Wed- Caravan at Merkel and reported a very

Sunday School and League Sunday, Aug. 3. You are cordially invited.



SALTINE WASHER, 25c size 21c TOILET TISSUE, 6 rolls 25c

PURE CANE-Kraft Bag SUGAR MAXWELL HOUSE

10 lbs. COFFEE

3 lbs.

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**56c** 

87c

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VINEGAR Pure Apple

Qt. Fruit jar 10c **TOMATOES** Pound

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> CARROTS 2 bunches 9c

**SPUDS** WHITE **ONIONS** 

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Bananas doz 15c Oranges doz. 19c

ICE COLD WATERMELONS

Longhorn CHEESE 27c Pound. Sliced Square **BOLOGNA** Pound 15c

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