

Keeping Up With Texas

Texas had its third governor for the year Saturday as Senator R. A. Weinert of Seguin occupied the executive offices in the absence in Oklahoma of Governor Coke R. Stevenson.

An army training plane at Stamford crashed and burned in a cornfield Friday morning snuffing out the lives of its two occupants: Civilian Instructor Louie Cearley, 25, of Arlington, and Aviation Cadet Stanley A. Sigel, Chapel Hill, N. C.

Peggie Marie Nelson, age 2, was killed at Abilene Saturday when a pickup truck driven by J. M. Plumlee, roomer at the Nelson home, backed over her as she played in a driveway at her home.

Lieut. Austin T. Heffelman of Beloit, Wis., and Second Lieut. Allen R. Bailey of San Diego, Calif., were killed Friday in the crash of their training plane on a ranch 50 miles east of Fort Stockton.

Texas' old age pension rolls will reach an all-time high for September with payments going to 150,944 persons. Estimated average will be \$18.72, as compared with \$18.56 in August to approximately 148,350 pensioners.

R. L. (Bob) More, Sr., 67, manager of the far-flung W. T. Waggoner estate, died in Vernon hospital Saturday afternoon, an hour and a half after suffering a heart attack at his office.

Three persons were drowned Sunday afternoon in the Trinity river, west of Cayuga and within a mile of a concrete bridge on the Palestine-Corsicana highway. The victims were: Alex Cummings, 28, of Corsicana, and his two nephews, Billy Gene Scroggins, 12, and Irwin Lee Scroggins, 9.

U. S. Border Patrolman R. J. Heibler, 23, of Port Arthur, was killed Sunday night when struck by the machine of a hit-and-run motorist, near Uvalde.

As the result of a Sunday automobile collision near Clarkwood, lives of three persons were claimed Monday in a Corpus Christi hospital: Homer John Aguillard, 40, James, La., and Robstown, Texas; John G. Strom, 31, and wife, 28, of Carroll, Iowa, and Clarkwood.

Shortly after signing a statement admitting the slaying of a ranchman, S. C. Husted, 67, eluded a group of officers and plunged to his death from the third floor of the Pecos county court house at Fort Stockton, Monday.

Charles Piland, 35, of Weatherford, was killed early Sunday when a light truck he was driving collided with a heavy truck nine miles east of Weatherford. W. D. Lamb of Abilene, driver of the larger vehicle, was absolved of blame by officers who investigated the accident.

Jimmy Ray Miller, four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Miller, Jr., of near Lueders, died Monday night in a Stamford hospital as the result of injuries received in the afternoon in an automobile accident east of Stamford.

O. J. S. Ellington, general manager of the prison system, was discharged Monday by the board at a meeting in the board's office in Houston.

Rev. W. O. Patterson, 65, pastor of the Baptist church of Blooming Grove, was killed when his car was hit by a train near Corsicana Monday.

Three fatalities resulted from the two-car auto collision which occurred Sunday at Austin as a family sped to a hospital with their year-old son. Mrs. Morris Huckaby, 19, and her father-in-law, J. W. Huckaby, 49, and Mrs. Ella Woody, 18, driver of the other car, were the victims.

John Douglas Graham, 4, of Grand Prairie, was injured fatally Sunday when his father's light truck struck a parked automobile on the Fort Worth cutoff.

Kenneth Beals, 22, and Eugene Adrian Stacy, 21, pipe workers at the naval air station, Corpus Christi, were fatally injured Tuesday when Stacy's car overturned on the new military highway south of there.

Huddleston Test East Of Town Rated at Nearly 200 Barrels

Placed on railroad commission gauge, Lewis Production No. 1 L. L. Huddleston, directly east of the W. H. Peckham No. 1 Buel Perry, which opened a shallow pool in June east of Merkel, pumped 190.28 barrels of oil in 23 hours from lime at 2619-26 feet, total depth.

The Jones & Stasney & Rose No. 1 A. J. Canon, northwest extension for the Stith pool, is estimated good for 400 to 500 barrels daily. The test topped Flippen lime at 2,303 feet and found oil saturation at 2,312-18 feet before shutting down to set pipe.

Metcalf Oil company No. 1 S. C. Tipton, abandoned Nolan county well, two miles southwest of Trent, started flowing Friday night after operators had begun work on plugging it. In 60 hours the well made a total of 510 barrels, averaging 8 1-3 barrels hourly. Completed three years ago, the test became known as a jinx from many difficulties encountered in the drilling and in its renewed life further carries on its freak propensities.

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PREMIUMS FOR COTTON RAISERS TOTAL \$106.65

R. J. King, John Fulton and R. N. Campbell, Producers of the Three Best Bales Out of 25 Submitted Under Plan.

Premiums amounting to \$106.65 in cash and merchandise were paid to the producers of the first, second and third best bales of the 1941 cotton crop in the Merkel territory entered in the lot of 25 bales under the plan sponsored by the Lions club to pay the premiums for the three best bales, according to grade and staple instead of for the first three bales in the order of their arrival. The total was distributed 50, 30 and 20 percent to the winners.

To R. J. King, Trent, Route 2, was awarded first place. His bale, ginned by the Farmers Cooperative Society No. 1, weighed 518 pounds, was classed strict middling, one-inch staple. It carried a loan value of 15.10. The premium netted Mr. King \$22.50 in cash and \$30.80 in merchandise, total \$53.30.

John Fulton's bale, which ranked second, turned out by the same gin, weighed 526 pounds, graded middling, one-inch staple, with loan value of 14.80. His premium was \$13.50 in cash and \$18.50 in merchandise, total \$32.00.

Winner of third prize was R. N. Campbell, Trent, Route 2, whose bale was also ginned by the Farmers Cooperative Society No. 1. It netted 628 pounds, classed meddling bright, 31-32-inch staple, and had a loan value of 14.70. The premium amounted to \$9.00 cash and \$12.35 in merchandise, total \$21.35.

Samples of the 25 bales were carried to Abilene Wednesday afternoon by Byron Curb, local cotton buyer, and were classed by H. J. Matejowsky, with the department of agriculture board of cotton examiners. Producers were not known to the classer, as samples were submitted to him by number.

Prizes were offered for only the first three bales, the fourth or runner-up bale belonging to Houston Robertson and weighing 545 pounds, middling, 31-32 staple. It was ginned at the Planters.

The committee, appointed by President (Continued on Page Two)

W. L. (Lou) Barnett Dies of Heart Attack; Burial in Blue Ridge

W. L. (Lou) Barnett, 58, died at 3:30 Saturday morning at his home in the Mulberry community. In failing health for the past two years, he began to suffer a series of heart attacks about three weeks before his death and one coming at 3:30 Friday morning proved fatal.

From the Barrow-Sheppard funeral home, the body was carried Sunday afternoon to the Barnett home by Grover Lamb, funeral director from Blue Ridge and an old friend of the deceased, and on Monday it was taken back for burial to Blue Ridge in Collin county where Mr. Barnett was born and reared.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Barnett, pioneers of the Blue Ridge community, he was born June 8, 1883. He was united in marriage to Pauline Bone in Sept. 25, 1904. Before moving to this section about ten years ago, he had served four years as tax assessor in Collin county. Since coming here he had been engaged in farming. He was a deacon of the Stith Baptist church.

Funeral services were held at the Baptist church at Blue Ridge, with Rev. G. O. Key, pastor of the First Baptist church, McKinney, officiating, assisted by Rev. E. E. Gilbert of Oklahoma, former pastor at Blue Ridge. Burial followed in the I. O. O. F. cemetery at Blue Ridge.

Serving as pallbearers were Lon Stapp, Berry Penny, Claud Press, Bob Tilton, Glenn Havil and Sam Flanigan, all of Blue Ridge and all old friends of the family.

Surviving are his wife, four sons and one daughter. The sons are: John Bernard, Texarkana; Dr. Willie Ray, Naval hospital, Newport, R. I.; Harold, Los Angeles, Calif., and J. A., Navy Medical school, San Diego, Calif.; the daughter, Mrs. Chester Harris, Pecos. Five grandchildren, one brother, M. L. Barnett, of Mineral Wells, and three sisters, Mrs. Lee Quinn, Mrs. Iris Smith and Mrs. Rosa Wilson, all of Blue Ridge, also survive.

All of the children were present except one, Harold, of San Diego, Calif., who did not arrive until after the funeral.

URGES EARLY COMPLETION OF AID FOR BRITAIN

A considerable sum of money can be raised for the British War Relief campaign in Merkel if those having old newspapers and magazines will bring them to uptown headquarters, the former WPA sewing room, either Friday of this week or Thursday or Friday of next week, it is announced by Mrs. Tom Largent, general chairman.

Mrs. Largent also urges all those who wish to assist in British War Relief in any manner to volunteer their services at once so that the work can be completed before cold weather.

Colleges Claim Large Number From Merkel For Coming Session

Thirteen Merkel High School Seniors of the class of 1941 are college bound this month, with three girls going to Texas State College for Women, Denton; Becky Gardner, Tommie Grimes and Louise Patterson, while Doris Clyde Miller will attend North Texas State Teachers college. Betty Rogers, who recently moved here from San Antonio, will also attend TSCW. Dora Gaitner and Sammie McGehee have enrolled at Texas Tech and Dorothy Shannon at McMurry; Marvin Du Bose will attend Texas Wesleyan college while Douglas McCoy will enroll as a ministerial student at Hardin-Simmons university. O. C. Shouse has entered Texas A. & M. college.

Aleene Cox, Frances Foster, Jacquetta Palmer and La Moine Sherrell have enrolled for a business course in Draughton's at Abilene.

A number of 1941 Seniors are taking post graduate work at the High school: Eva Brown, Betty Lu Higgins, Maureen Moore, Mildred Sue McCormick, Peggy Robertson, Geraldine Teague and Charles Church.

Among college students of other years, Francois Harris, Comora Hughes, Mabel Murray, La Verne Hughes and Harrison Malone return to Texas Tech.

Mary Jo Russell, Marvin Hunter and Ben Ferguson are students returning to McMurry, where Billy George Gant has also enrolled.

Students attending North Texas State Teachers college, Denton, will be Don Wood, Billy Wood and Kenneth Neill, while Edith Butman will attend Texas State College for Women there.

Betty Reid of Santa Anna has enrolled in Hardin-Simmons university where Billy Largent will again attend. Continuing their work at John Tarleton Agriculture college, Stephenville, will be Mickey McLean and Mildred McLean, and Mary Jo Garland will continue at Southwest Texas State Teachers college, San Marcos.

Sylvan Mellinger will return to the University of Texas, Austin, and Dick West to Trinity university, Waxahatchie, while Willard Paine will re-enter Abilene Christian college.

Roy Rust, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Largent, formerly of Brownwood, is a freshman at Kemper Military school, Booneville, Mo.

Joe Earl Lassiter, who has two years more at law school at the University of Texas, will not return this year because he is subject to call for army service late in September.

Teachers Leave for Coming Year's Work

Merkel furnishes a number of teachers to schools in other towns, among those with assignments this year being:

Miss Marie Pinckley, Garland; Miss Minnie Lee Coats, Sweetwater; Miss Berdelle Adcock, Texas City; Miss Mary Kate Campbell, Amarillo; Miss Irene Swann, Roswell, N. M.; Miss Jess Sutphen, Wichita Falls; Miss Bess Church, Corpus Christi; Miss Faye Pinckley, Perryton; Miss Imogene Hayes, Odessa; Miss Aline McAninch, Shamrock; Miss Himalaya Swafford, Odessa; Miss Frances Castles, Casa Grande, Ariz.; Miss Billie Gardner, Abilene; Miss Jessie Margaret Berry, Bogata.

P.-T. A. Honors School Faculty With Reception

Members of the faculty of the Merkel Public schools are to be honored at a reception this Thursday night at the High School gymnasium, which is to be the first meeting of the Merkel Parent-Teacher association for the new year.

Mrs. John Leonard is to be master of ceremonies, and the opening song will be led by Don Wood.

DEFENSE SHOP FOR MERKEL IS NOW APPROVED

Purchase of \$750.00 Worth of Equipment Included; Arch Rose Tin Shop Secured for Location; Four Courses Offered.

Word was received this week from M. F. Thurmond, state supervisor for National Defense shops, that the application for a shop in Merkel has been approved.

Along with the approval for the shop came permission for the local supervisor to purchase some \$750.00 worth of equipment, which will be purchased in the near future so that the shop may be put in operation as soon as possible. All equipment that goes into the shop as well as the salary for the teacher is paid for by the federal government. Some money is also provided for the purchase of consumable supplies used by students in the shop.

The tin shop building, formerly occupied by Arch Rose, has been secured as a place to offer this work and the application of a teacher has been sent in for confirmation by the state office.

Any boy or man between the ages of 17 and 24 is eligible to take the courses to be offered, provided they are not attending a public school. There will be no charges for the courses offered and all work will be of a practical nature.

Each course will run for a period of ten weeks (15 hours per week). The time of day or night that classes will be held will be set so as to accommodate the students. The courses to be offered are:

1. Operation, care and repairing of tractors, trucks and automobiles, (including both gas and Diesel engines).
2. Metal work, including simple welds, tempering, drilling, shaping and machinery repair.
3. Woodworking.
4. Elementary electricity, including operation, care and repairing of electrical equipment.

Woodwork and metal work have been selected as the first two courses to be offered.

Any boy or man that is interested in this work should contact Chester Collinsworth, local supervisor, or Supt. Connor Robinson at High school.

Death Claims M. L. Estes, 82, Resident Of Section 40 Years

Funeral services were held at 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon from the First Baptist church for M. L. Estes, 82, resident of this section for 40 years, who died at noon Tuesday at his home, following a three-month illness.

According to plans for his funeral which he himself outlined, five preachers took part in the services, with Rev. Cooper Waters, pastor, officiating. Funeral sermon was preached by Rev. J. W. Saffle of Plainview, a friend of over thirty years standing, who paid eloquent tribute to the sterling character and Christian faith which had marked his long and useful career. Others participating in the service were: Rev. S. W. H. Buzbee, retired Nazarene minister; Rev. J. L. Burleson, Baptist pastor of Cisco, and Rev. Marvin Boyd, pastor of the Methodist church.

Burial followed in Rose Hill cemetery under direction of Warren Funeral home of Knox City.

Pallbearers were: John Shannon, S. D. Gamble, W. J. Sheppard, Byers Petty, W. T. McAninch and Pierce Horton.

Serving as honorary pallbearers were: J. B. Jones, J. W. Teaff, Joe Holmes, A. J. Canon, J. I. Ford, John Hughes, Sam Butman and T. R. Lassiter; also named as honorary pallbearers were other members of the Sunday School class to which he belonged.

A native of Mississippi, Mark Lowry Estes was born May 21, 1859, near Corinth. He was married on July 10, 1883, to Mrs. Mary J. Needham at Robinsonville in McLennan county. She died 14 years later at Rosenthal, also in McLennan county. On Jan. 1, 1914, he was married to Stella Martin at Merkel, who survives.

Mrs. Estes moved to Jones county in 1901, settling in the Comper community, where he engaged in farming until he moved to town in 1914. After coming to Merkel he followed the carpenter trade. He was converted at the age of 24 and joined the Baptist church at Robinsonville.

Survivors are his wife, two children by his first marriage, Lee Estes of Plainview and Mrs. Amy Sears of (Continued on Page Two)

Farmers of This Section Invited to Meeting to Be Held Saturday 8 p. m.

BADGERS MEET CLYDE BULLDOGS TO OPEN SEASON

With a great display of team spirit, following a week's training at Lueders and daily workouts, the Badgers are ready for their first football game of the season, which will be played against the Clyde Bulldogs on the local gridiron Friday night. Game will begin at 8 o'clock with admission, 15c to students, 35c to adults. Bleachers from the softball park have been moved to the stadium to increase the seating capacity.

Final word from Coach Carroll Benson is that blocking assignments are being carried out by the boys in great shape, and the team is in fine condition.

Sharing the enthusiasm of the football squad, the Band and Pep Squad will march downtown Friday to give a pep rally to increase interest in this first non-conference game.

The starting line-up, according to Coach Benson is listed:

Right end, Elbert Hickam (co-capt.); right tackle, Banning Butman; right guard, Ollie Blanton; center, Jerry Warren; left guard, Bud Derington; left tackle, Lee Mack Reynolds; left end, James Cox; quarter, Jack Melton; blocking back, J. C. Carson; full back, Raymond Smith (co-capt.); left back, Clarence Harrell.

Gordon Murray Ordered TO Panama Canal Zone

James Gordon Murray, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Murray, now an ensign in the United States Naval reserve in Pasadena, Calif., has received orders from Washington, D. C. to report for duty at the naval air base, Coco Solo, Panama Canal zone.

Cotton Crop Estimated At 10,710,000 Bales

Washington, Sept. 11.—The Agriculture department Monday estimated the 1941 cotton crop at 10,710,000 bales compared with a forecast of 10,817,000 bales a month ago and a 1940 production of 12,566,000 bales.

The reduction of 107,000 bales since last month's estimate was due to less favorable conditions in the central cotton belt, the crop reporting board said. Boll weevils caused serious injury in that area.

The crop is one of the smallest on record. The average production of the period 1930 to 1939 was 13,246,000 bales. Income from the sale of cotton, however, may be the largest in 10 years due to higher prices, department officials said.

The crop board reported 504,125 bales of the crop had been ginned to Sept. 1.

Indicated yield for Texas was 2,888,000 bales, as compared with 3,234,000 bales produced last year and 3,766,000 bales for the decade ending in 1939.

Merkel Badger Band to Present Program; Speakers Will Explain Details of Proposed Cooperative Project.

At a general meeting of farmers to be held at 8 o'clock Saturday night Sept. 13, on the corner of the Farmers State Bank building, it is planned by the merchants of Merkel, who are opening a cooperative cheese plant here within the near future, to explain the full organization plan.

The Merkel High School Badger band will be on hand to present a program, their first appearance in Merkel this season.

Invitations are being sent through the mails to all the farmers in Merkel's trade territory, urging their attendance at this meeting. Manager Johnny Cox stated Thursday.

Rains in the early part of the week interrupted the series of community meetings planned Monday and Tuesday nights, but a large group of merchants expected to go to Divide this Thursday night for a meeting of farmers there, accompanied by the Badger band.

Two meetings will be held Monday night, one at the Trent school auditorium, the other at the Butterfield school, both meetings to begin at 8 o'clock. A group of speakers will be present at these places to explain the cooperative cheese plant details.

At the meeting of the board of directors held last Friday night, the following officers were named: John Drummond, Caps, president; Dewell McLean, Nubia, first vice-president; Louie McRee, Trent, second vice-president; Chester Collinsworth, Merkel, secretary-treasurer, and Johnny Cox, manager.

Word was received from Austin Monday by Manager Cox that the charter for the Merkel Cooperative Cheese Plant, Inc., had been granted, and it is planned within the coming week, following Saturday night's general meeting, to complete the sign-up of farmers.

Officials expect the plant to be in operation by Dec. 1 in a building which is to be purchased and remodeled. Bids have already been received from machinery and equipment manufacturers.

The plant will require the production of about 1,600 cows, and will include three vats having a total capacity of 30,000 pounds of cheese. It is expected to serve the trade area of Taylor, Nolan, Jones counties and part of Fisher.

Monday Night's Rain Does Injury to Crops

Rain that reached torrential proportions at times produced an even inch of moisture Monday night, according to the gauge of Volunteer Weather Observer J. I. Ford.

Much injury was done to feed yet in the fields and cotton sustained further deterioration, due to encouragement given boll weevils and worms by the rain.

The additional rainfall brought the year's total to 26 13-16 inches.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From Files of The Merkel Mail, September 30, 1921.)

Among the football news of the past week, it was noticed that Bill Stevens, former half back on the team of Merkel Hi, played the same position with the Austin College eleven when they defeated the Durant Normal, last Friday by a score of 34 to 0. We are glad to see a local boy make good this way among college athletes. It takes a good one to get a place on a college team his first year.

Messrs. Wade Darsey and Davis Jones left Wednesday night for Kansas City, where they will enter an automobile mechanics school.

Among the many Merkel young ladies who are attending college away from home this year is Miss Maurine Angus, who will spend the year at the Abilene Christian college.

Concerning the work in the Merkel High school, Supt. Burgess states that enrollment is larger for this time of

the year than ever before in Merkel. There are now at the end of the first month 158 in attendance in high school grades. More students are remaining in the high school than ever before known in Merkel; also attendance is very regular. This is a good omen.

Miss Hettie Wills left Sunday for Arlington, where she will attend Grubbs Vocational college this year.

Merkel High school is again to have a lyceum course of four numbers to be given by the Redpath Lyceum Bureau. This same bureau will give these programs at Simmons college, Abilene Christian college and Sweetwater high school. The first number, Oct. 7th, will be the gripping play, "Within the Law." The reader, Miss Virginia Slade, will play the part of the entire cast of sixteen characters. She recently drew great crowd in New York. A male quartet, a ladies quartet and Reno the Magician complete the season, all for \$2.00.

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List of Petit Jurors Called for Next Week

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

Carl Baccus, W. C. Bryan, Roy Hunter, R. F. Mashburn, Houston Robertson, Merkel; J. H. Clements, H. J. Bradshaw, Sr., W. R. Biggerstaff, Fred Little, K. P. Jones, Wayland Frazier, A. B. Woodriddle, Powell Roberts, Alvin Swindell, Jno. C. Skilern, D. D. Parramore, J. D. Borden, T. A. Gettys, G. W. Brewster, Curtis C. Head, Ira C. Pratt, O. E. Hayes, H. T. Saylor, J. H. Parramore, R. C. Granger, Floyd Smith, J. H. Gibson, Chas. H. Foster, C. T. Hodges, D. A. Baneen, Robert Hunter, Richard Boyd, H. Len Smith, Ralph Antilley, I. G. Smith, R. B. Pratt, Fred W. Forst, Oscar Rose, W. E. Holmes, B. Childers, Abilene; Chas. King, M. S. Briggs, Tye; O. D. Palmer, Ovalo; O. G. Brown, Earl Adams, O. E. Blackwood, Tuscola; Earl Dowell, Buffalo Gap; G. C. Johnson, Trent; Ocie Hunt, C. M. Hunt, Bradshaw.

Pastor is Moderator Of Session at Snyder

Rev. J. Basil Ramsey, pastor of Grace Presbyterian church, and W. A. Campbell, elder-delegate, left Wednesday for Snyder to attend the fall session of the Abilene Presbytery of the Presbyterian church, U. S. A.

Rev. Mr. Ramsey is moderator of the session, with Rev. H. C. Travis as pastor-host.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks for the love and sympathy shown us in the illness and death of our beloved husband and father; also for the beautiful floral offerings.

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Mrs. W. L. Barnett and Children.

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Mother of Mrs. Tipton Dies here Saturday

Mrs. Mary Ann Newman, 81, died at 6 o'clock Saturday morning at the home of a daughter, Mrs. C. W. Tipton, northeast of town. She had been an invalid for the past eight years.

Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon from the Church of Christ with Minister Claude C. Smith officiating. Burial followed in the Trent cemetery under the direction of the Barrow-Sheppard company.

Palbearers were George Wootrum, R. T. Gray, R. L. Adcock, O. W. Paine, D. A. Lee and Joe Stalls.

Flower girls were Jean and Wilma Paine, Venita and Geneva Allen, Mary Jo Garland and Betty Jennings.

Mrs. Newman was born May 2, 1860, in Waynesville, N. C., her maiden name being Mary Ann Coman, and she came to Texas with her parents when only ten years of age. She was married June 6, 1878, to Charles Newman at Bryan. Since the death of her husband at Franklin, Robertson county, on Oct. 4, 1923, she had made her home with her daughters, coming about three months ago to be with the daughter here. She had been a member of the Church of Christ for 60 years.

Surviving are five children: four daughters and one son. The daughters are: Mrs. Tipton, Mrs. J. V. Shrader, Valley Mills; Mrs. Rufus D. Moore, Jr., Mt. Pleasant, and Mrs. S. B. Crissey, Burkburnett; the son, H. V. Newman, Waco. Twelve grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and two sisters, Mrs. Selma McDonald, Houston, and Mrs. Mattie McDonald, Wheelock, also survive.

LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS

Enrollment at the Grammar school, which was reported 437 on the opening day of school, had increased to 468 by this week, a gain of 31, it was announced Wednesday by Principal Gordon Green.

William Neill and family, who have been in New Mexico the past several months, have returned to Merkel to make their home and William has resumed his candy truck business. They are located in O. J. Adcock apartment.

Succeeding Herbert Dunn, who moved to Southland, Claude Perry is now in charge of the market department at Campbell's grocery and market.

At the Colorado City Round-Up last week, all four winners in the calf roping event made time under 14 seconds. Royce Sewalt, Brooksmith, took first place with 12 seconds flat. S. G. Russell of Merkel came third, time 13 seconds.

A factory trained expert representing the Sun Mfg. company, Hugo Mulhauser, will be in the service department of the Yazell Chevrolet company three days next week, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, to give free motor tests, it is announced in the advertising columns of The Mail this week.

Fundamentalist Church Plans All-Day Meeting

An all-day fellowship meeting is planned for Sunday, Sept. 14, at the Fundamentalist Baptist church. A basket dinner is to be served at the church. Every one is cordially invited to attend.

In the afternoon ordination services will be held for three deacons and one preacher.

The night services will be at the regular time.

The American silk industry has about 175,000 workers.

Confers With Hull



Admiral Kichisaburo Normura, Japanese envoy, after conference with Secretary of State Hull. Both Normura and the secretary refused to divulge the nature of their conference.

Patriotic Quotes
Sweet land of liberty of thee I sing

1795 1871

BLOOD is thicker than water.
Josiah Tattnall

Tattnall, an American naval commander, made this statement in defense of his action in aiding a British squadron attacking a fort in China. He had brought his American vessel into line of fire to protect British ships being hammered from shore.

Hunter Family Hold Fifth Annual Reunion

Members of the Hunter families met for their fifth reunion at the Presbyterian encampment grounds at Buffalo Gap Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 6 and 7. Most of the time was spent talking over old times, the youngsters enjoying games, swimming and taking pictures.

Those attending were: Mrs. Mamie B. Hunter, Elizabeth, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hunter, Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hunter, James Roy, Merkel; Mrs. Laura Balch, R. L. Balch, Francis and Mary, Mrs. L. W. Moore, Janice Sue, Temple; Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Hunter and Ella, Austin; Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Hunter and Marvin, Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Box, Kansas City, Mo.; Emmett L. Hunter and John Leslie, Alpine; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence A. Hunter, Annella, Clarice, Mr. and Mrs. William L. Hunter, Mattie, and W. J., Mr. and Mrs. Guy R. Hunter, Mamie Belle, Dorothy and Miss Jean Miller, Willie Mae Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. Eustace Bradford, Rosemary and Melvin, Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. Glen Woody, Odell and Glen Dwight, Wanda Hunter, Joy Nell Reeder, Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Drahn Jones, Carrie Marie, Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hunter, Mildred and Beverly Jean, Austin; Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Russell, Elizabeth, W. L., Jr., and Stella Mae, San Antonio; Era Bale, Abilene; Ruth Coats, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Hunter, Christine, Darwin and Randall, Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Bell, Blanche, Ellsworth, Jr. Jimmie D. Vernon, Leslie, Alton Ray, Bernard Lyle, Lida Ruth and Joe Earl.

Numbered as visitors were Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Balch, Lela, Bobby, Ranger; Mrs. L. E. Vaughn, Mrs. L. M. Rucker, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Rucker, Mary, Harold Boyd and Melba Joyce, Mr. and Mrs. Truett Rucker, Lillian, three children, Mr. and Mrs. McGraw, Abilene; Mrs. W. H. Thomas, Merkel.

The next reunion will be held the second week-end in September at the same place.

Premiums

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ident Connor Robinson of the Merkel Lions club to raise the premium money and award the prizes, consisted of Chester Collinsworth, chairman, W. O. Boney and Nolan Palmer. Prize winners may call at the

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M. L. Estes

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Merkel; a step-son, Claud Needham of Waco; three grandchildren, Mildred Estes of Plainview, Mrs. Jack Morris of Abilene, and W. H. Eysen of Houston; two step-grandchildren, Joyce N. Smith of Waco and Lee Needham, who lives in Colombia, South America, and two sisters, Mrs. Emma Moore of Dallas and Mrs. Florence Cooksey of Waco.

Out-of-town relatives here for the funeral were C. D. Needham and Joyce N. Smith, Waco, and two nephews, Billy Garner, Arkansas Pass, and Vernon Jones, Ingleside.

Standard Typewriter Ribbons 75c each at Merkel Mail office.

Funeral Services Held For Tye Farmer Monday

Funeral services for W. W. Harp, 74, who was found dead in his car, Friday afternoon, were held Monday at 3 p. m., at the Tye Methodist church. Rev. R. L. Gilpin, pastor, officiated and burial was held in Cedar Hill cemetery at Abilene under auspices of the Masonic lodge.

Mr. Harp had driven into the pasture at his farm home three miles southwest of Tye to burn some grass. When he did not return, his wife went in search and found him in the car dead. He was sitting in the open door with his feet on the running board. Heat from the grass burning toward the car had scorched his face. A physician attributed death, however, to a heart complication which had developed six months or more ago.

He was born Aug. 26, 1867, in Tennessee, and came to Texas at the age of 18, settling in Ellis county. He was married there to Docie Massey, and they moved to Tye 38 years ago. They bought their present home in 1912.

Survivors besides Mrs. Harp are two sons, L. E. Harp, Hodges, and J. R. Harp, Hamby, and a brother, John Harp, Midlothian.

Palbearers were A. M. Hinds, D. Teaff, Arch Teaff, Oscar Perry, Walter McCartney and Theo Kincaid.

Laughter Funeral home was in charge of arrangements.

CARD OF THANKS.

We want you to know that your kindness and thoughtfulness during the illness and death of our beloved husband and father is more deeply appreciated than any words of thanks can express. We also wish to express our appreciation for the beautiful floral offerings.

May God's richest blessings rest upon all of you.

Mrs. M. L. Estes.
Lee Estes and Family.
C. D. Needham and Family.
Mrs. Amy Sears and Family.

Hospital Notes.

Doris Ruth Gilmore entered Sadler Clinic for an appendectomy Sept. 4. Mrs. Clyde Irvin was admitted for minor surgery Sept. 5. Mrs. Andy Scott received treatment Sept. 6 and Lauralette Hawkins received a tonsillectomy Sept. 10.

Mrs. M. H. Barker of Salt Branch received a tonsillectomy at the office of Dr. C. B. Gardner last week.

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National Live Stock Producer	1 yr.
National Sportsman	1 yr.
Progressive Farmer	2 yrs.
Southern Agriculturist	1 yr.
Southern Agriculturist	1 yr.

GROUP C - Select 1 Magazine

Comfort	1 yr.
Farm Journal-Farmer's Wife	1 yr.
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Southern Agriculturist	1 yr.
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CARLSBAD CAVERNS, EIGHTH WONDER OF THE WORLD

(By MRS. C. T. DERRICK.)

This is not to be read by persons who have seen Carlsbad Caverns. But to my friends who have not made the tour, and have requested me to write of my experiences during a recent tour of that monstrous cave, I submit the following observations:

It is useless to try to describe in detail the wonders of that great natural miracle. But here are some of the things that impressed me most.

The road that winds to the top of a peak in the Guadalupe mountains where the Cavern is located, is a scenic drive overlooking a beautiful valley.

The parking terraces and the buildings are impressive. Ten or twelve buildings of native stone nestle against the mountain—Pueblo style.

Our party arrived in time for the 8 a. m. tour, but more than 600 visitors had procured tickets and lined up for the start. So we waited for the 9:15 a. m. party. During our wait another more than 600 had bought tickets and were lined up.

At the sound of a whistle we started; as we neared the big black hole, my heart got higher and higher—swallowing would not keep it down. In descending the trails along the ledges around the walls, we got glimpses of the precipices and chasms below. I, being one of those unfortunate ————— maniacs, (can't think of the prefix) who cannot look down from a great height, became dizzy and panicky. I clutched at everything, wanted to scream, or do something desperate. My weakness greatly embarrassed me, and, Monty seeing my desire, kindly offered me his arm and told me to "hang on" and "don't look," when it was too terrifying. At every bend in the trail he gave me the inside until I got myself under better control.

We walked most of the way two abreast. Sometimes the trails (\$1,000,000 worth of them) were wide enough for three or four abreast. Sometimes we had to go in single file, but the trails are perfectly safe for a level-headed person who will exercise moderate caution.

Six hundred people strung out in two's make a procession perhaps one-half mile long. Five or six rangers were distributed at intervals along the party to give aid and advice when needed.

Ours was an orderly party. The guides had requested that there be no loud, boisterous talking or laughing. But no one wanted to, any way. There was such a feeling of awe and reverence pervading the party that it was a unit of dignity and courtesy. Nobody pushed or complained if the procession halted or came to a standstill.

As one goes down to the 829-foot level, the great vaulted ceiling, the sheer precipices and yawning chasms below, the great, black holes in the walls are breath-taking.

When we reached the bottom and there were no more precipices or chasms, it was one delightful surprise after another. You have never had a dream that was more fantastic than the scenes encountered in that unbelievably large cave. One wonder unfolds upon another until it is simply bewildering and defies description.

There is every shape and size of stalactites and stalagmites, by the hundreds of thousands. One can see almost anything he looks for—faces, animals, flowers, icicles, great and small, anything which his imagination leads him to see in those marvelous formations.

The "King's Palace" has majestic chandeliers hanging from the ceiling, and all the fixtures of a royal palace. It reminds me so much of the pictures of Buckingham Palace in London that I used to see in my school books.

The "Queen's Chamber" is dainty and feminine, having a color theme of white and dusty rose. It is a succession of lace-work, grill work, curtain and strap, card and tasse draperies of which, I suppose, all interior decorators have dreamed but can never achieve on such a colossal scale.

In the "Hall of the Giants" one could swear that those huge formations were covered with ice or snow,

Attorney General



President Roosevelt has named Solicitor General Francis Biddle (above) as attorney general, to succeed Robert H. Jackson, now associate justice of the Supreme court. Biddle is 55.

until one remembers that it takes a temperature of 32 degrees Fahrenheit or less to freeze ice. The temperature in the Caverns never varies from 56 degrees.

At the base of the "Rock of Ages," largest stalagmite in the Cavern, we were requested by a guide to remain silent while the lights were turned off for thirty seconds. The effect is indescribable. It is the only time in my life that I have experienced utter silence and darkness. We all sat or stood as if transfixed. The spell was broken by voices on a phonograph in the distance singing "Rock of Ages," accompanied by pipe organ. I wanted so much to join in the singing and give my heart's deepest praise to that "Rock of Ages, Cleft for me," but we were not asked to do so, so we remained reverently silent until a ray of light, and then another, appeared out of that blackness to light us on our way.

On the 750-foot level are the lunch room, rest rooms and elevators. There are also souvenirs, museum pieces, telephone, mail box, drinking fountains and everything as modern as in a city. Tables and seats are provided for perhaps 1,500 people. One may carry his lunch or buy it at the lunch counter, served cafeteria style. The floor of the lunch room is of concrete. Everything is clean and sanitary. Sewage is pumped to the surface through the elevator shaft. Two high speed elevators carry 22 passengers to the surface in 67 seconds. Quick trip up, for such a long one down!

The air of the Caverns is the purest I have ever breathed, and the perfect system of ventilation is one puzzle the scientists have not solved. There are no air currents. A man near us lighted a cigarette and we observed that there was no flicker of flame or wavering of smoke as it ascended straight up.

There are no echoes to speak of and when one spoke the voice sounded as clear and distinct as it does in a large auditorium in which the acoustics function perfectly.

I kept looking for huge snakes, spiders, ect., but there is not a living thing, plant or animal.

There is no sound save the occasional dropping of water from the ceiling and the noises made by the tourists. It was hard to get used to the fact that there was no rustling of leaves, no hum of insects, twitter of birds, or the hundred and one noises we are accustomed to hearing.

There is no unpleasant dampness, dust or grime.

There are several pools of clear, still water. No streams were encountered.

I observed no odors until we neared the lunch room—then, oh, joy! how good the coffee smelled! Ten large urns of it, steaming hot!

We rode out on the elevator and arrived at the surface at 2:15 p. m., not too tired, but with a memory of the most thrilling experiences of our lives.

Our little party of five wanted to miss nothing, so we took a spin down through Guadalupe Canyon toward Van Horn while waiting for the bats to come out.

Millions of bats inhabit a part of the Cavern not open to tourists. They come out for food and water every evening just before dusk, from April to October, then most of them migrate to parts unknown, but it is thought to be Mexico or Central America.

The bats appear to rise from the depths of the Cavern in a whirling, black mass, choking the entrance. It then resolves into a column, streaming away toward the southeast and Black river.

It has been estimated that the bats consume several tons of insects every night. They return to the cave at dawn.

My friends, you will never regret spending \$1.50 for a ticket to tour Carlsbad Caverns. Possibly you would not begrudge the 25-cents charge to ride out on the elevator. Or you may walk out "free of charge" if you choose!

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T. C. Weir, Age 73, Former Sheriff of Taylor County Dies

T. C. Weir, 73, a former resident of Merkel and three times elected sheriff of Taylor county, died Thursday morning of last week at his home, 1125 South Seventh street, Abilene, after an illness extending over the last 10 years.

Funeral services were held at 4 p. m. Friday from Laughter's chapel, conducted by Dr. E. B. Surface, pastor of Central Presbyterian church, Abilene, assisted by Dr. J. H. Hamblen, pastor of the First Methodist church there, and burial followed in an Abilene cemetery.

Mr. Weir was born in 1868 in Williamson county at a town which now bears the name of weir. He was married in 1892 in Williamson county to Josie Oden. She died 18 years later, after the couple had moved to Abilene. In 1911 he was married to Mrs. Pearl Smith, who survives him.

Coming to Nolan county in 1901, he taught school there before moving to Merkel in 1903. The same year he was elected county commissioner and the next year he became justice of the peace. In 1908 he was elected Taylor county sheriff, serving three terms, and was then appointed a Texas ranger. Afterward he was night sergeant of the Abilene police department until ill health forced his retirement.

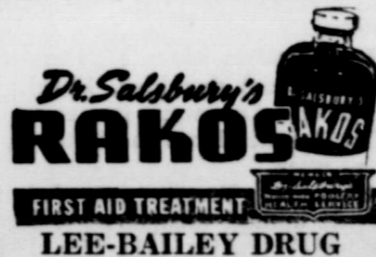
Survivors, in addition to his wife, are two sons, Gordon and Grady Weir, both of Abilene.

Important factors in the storage of many vegetables are control of light, temperature, ventilation and moisture.

According to a government estimate there were 17 per cent more cattle on feed for market in 11 cornbelt states on Aug. 1 than one year ago.

The seasonal decline in milk production between July and August was about 10 per cent, the smallest percentage decline ever reported at that season, says the Agricultural Marketing service.

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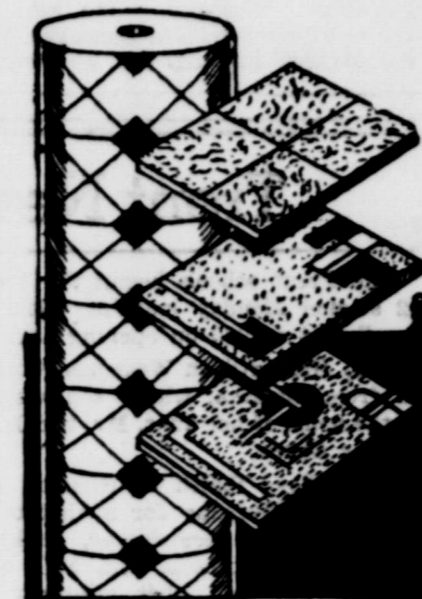
Merkel Boy Promoted To Corporal's Rank

Woodrow W. Clemmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Clemmer, of Merkel, and now a technician at Goodfellow Field, new basic flying school at San Angelo, has recently been promoted from the rank of private first class to the rank of corporal. Corporal Clemmer, who enlisted in the Air Corps Apr. 10 of this year, and six other technicians of the 49th School Squadron were promoted to fill positions in rapidly expanding national defense program.

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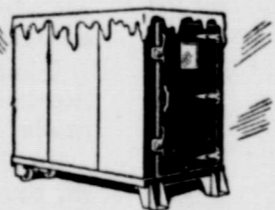
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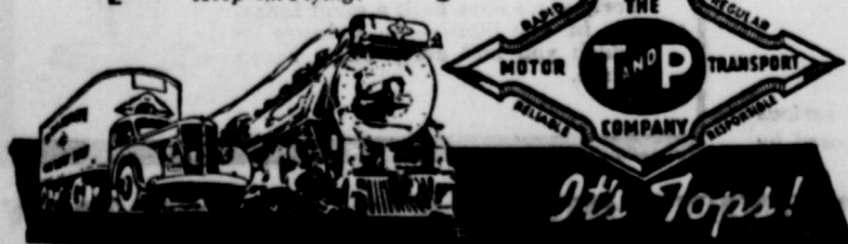


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QUEEN THEATRE CALENDAR

Friday-Saturday—Tim Holt, Marjorie Reynolds in "Cyclone on Horseback;" Andy Clyde comedy, "Spider Returns" No. 4.

Saturday preview, Sunday matinee, Monday night—Mary Martin in "Kiss the Boys Goodbye," with Don Ameche and Rochester; cartoon, latest Paramount News.

Tuesday only—"Footlight Fever," with Alan Mowbray, Donald MacBride; cartoon, selected short subjects.

Wednesday-Thursday—"Forced Landing," with Richard Arlen, Eva Gabor, Evelyn Brent; "Information Please," cartoon.

"Kiss the Boys Goodbye"

Several of radio's most popular entertainment personalities are featured in the Paramount film version of the Broadway stage hit, "Kiss the Boys Goodbye." The screen comedy with music comes to the Queen theatre Saturday preview, Sunday matinee and Monday night.

The new melodic laugh-film stars Don Ameche, one of radio's best-known stars, and Mary Martin, who has made a rapid rise on the airways as well as the screen since her sensational success singing "My Heart Belongs to Daddy" in the Broadway musical, "Leave It to Me."

Heading the featured cast of "Kiss the Boys Goodbye" are Oscar Levant, the noted wit, musicologist and human encyclopedia of the "Information, Please" program; Connie Boswell, who shares vocal honors with Bing Crosby, as singing mainstay of the Kraft Music Hall broadcasts, and Rochester, who for years has been helping Jack Benny reap the laughs on the Jell-o program. John Scott Trotter, the band leader, who is also featured, is another recruit from the Kraft Music Hall program.

Miss Boswell, who once was termed by Irving Berlin the outstanding ballad singer of the nation, sings a special number written for her and Rochester in "Kiss the Boys Goodbye." In the picture, Miss Boswell is one of an ensemble of "singing secretaries," vocalizing "Sand in My Shoes," one of the newest hit tunes. Rochester is a butler.

"Forced Landing"

With hemispheric defense the keynote to the news of the day, the Queen theatre presents an up-to-the-minute thriller of fifth column menaces in the sky in Paramount's "Forced Landing," which is to shown Wednesday and Thursday.

In a tropical island off the Pacific coast, romance and adventure find new excitement in hair-raising aerial battles and sky riding spies. The film makes use of colorful jungle scenes combined with death-defying flights through dangerous mountain passes that promise to hum with suspense.

Producers William H. Pine and William C. Thomas engaged topflight stunt pilots to perform these aerial feats, never before seen on the screen.

Richard Arlen, ace pilot in private life, is teamed with a brand new leading lady, Eva Gabor, who makes her film debut after a two-year grooming by Hollywood experts. Advance word has it that Miss Gabor registers with the same startling attractiveness that made Veronica Lake a famous personality overnight.

The cast includes such outstanding players as J. Carrol Naish, Nils Asther, Evelyn Brent, John Miljan and Victor Varconi.

A reduction of 50 per cent in supplies of burlap is forecast for the next 12 months. The cotton textile industry is expected to increase production to meet the reduction of jute bagging.

Cigarettes consumed in Canada during the first half of 1941 exceeded the number in the corresponding period of 1940.

Quick on the Trigger



The motorcycle scout shown in this photo demonstrates how he would act if an "enemy" plane attacked the truckload of supplies he is escorting during third maneuvers at Camp Polk, La. The soldier quickly dismounted and set his automatic rifle into play against the plane.

Trent News--Personals

The Trent schools began the 1941-42 session Monday morning with an enrollment of 260 on opening day.

Miss Herbertdean West has returned from Lamesa, where she visited in the home of her aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Goode.

Mrs. Floyd Smith of Houston arrived last Thursday for a visit of a few days with her father, Jackson Bright, and brothers, Zed, N.O. and Quincy. She will visit relatives at Texico before returning home.

Mrs. Lydia Payne, who has been ill for some time, was able to be in town Thursday.

C. H. Foley of Wichita Falls was guest last week of friends here. He is entering school at the seminary in Fort Worth this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Strawn, Mr. and Mrs. John Strawn, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Williamson, Mr. and Mrs. Spurgeon Scott, and daughter, Patsy, and T. D. Scott attended the funeral of Miss Celeste Scott at Sylvester Sunday. Miss Scott was a sister of Mrs. Roy Elliott.

Mrs. Ben Howell went to Sweetwater Monday to join Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ivy for a two weeks' trip through the western states. Mrs. Howell will visit her sister at Salt Lake City, also her brother at Portland, Ore., while the Ivys will visit at St. Mary's, Idaho.

Mrs. Dorris Murdock and daughters, Ruth Marie and Ann, of Dallas, visited last week in the home of her mother, Mrs. Mary Archer.

Mr. and Mrs. Avery Falkner of Midland were recent guests in the home of his brother, Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Falkner.

Mr. and Mrs. Carter Dyer are moving this week to Pecos, where Mr. Dyer has employment with the T. & P. railway. Mrs. Dyer and little son will join him there after a visit of several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Roberts.

Mesdames Clark Hamner and children and Leonard Quattlebaum and children returned Monday from a visit of several days last week in the home of relatives at Lubbock.

On last Thursday Mesdames W. Y. Steen, Ann Boone, M. M. Owens and J. Cal Hamner were guests of Mrs. J. I. Leamon and Mrs. Twyman Collins in Merkel.

Elery Smith of Roscoe attended to

business here last Friday and visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Cal Hamner.

Mrs. Will Miller of Nubia was a visitor of Mrs. J. R. Gafford Wednesday. In the afternoon they visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Shouse.

Mrs. Janie Evans and son, Glover, of Eustace, were recent guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Burks. They were returning from a trip to California.

Leo Reynolds of Breckenridge spent the week-end with home folks.

Miss Jonnie Roberts entered Gail Business college at Abilene, Monday. Among others entering college this week are Kirby Steadman, who is attending Texas Tech, and Willadean Strawn, who entered McMurry.

Mrs. Horace Taylor and children returned to their home in Midland Saturday after a two weeks' visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Winn. On Friday Mrs. Winn complimented her granddaughter, Jo, with a surprise birthday party for her seventh birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Hall and son, Pike, Jr., and daughter, Hazel, of Shreveport, La., were guests in the J. Cal Hamner home the latter part of the week.

Mrs. Roy Banner attended the Mitchell annual reunion at Colorado City last Thursday and Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Tittle joined a group of friends and spent the week-end at Christoval.

Jimmie Titsworth, who is stationed at Chanute Field, Rantoul, Ill., is home for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Titsworth. They also had as recent guests another son, Mr. and Mrs. L. Z. Titsworth, of Rankin, and their daughter, Mrs. Thelma Coleman, of Snyder.

Clarence Martin, who has been home for the past several weeks, returned Monday to San Antonio to resume his duties in the army.

Newsreels are among the biggest single users of motion picture film, distributing about 126,400,000 feet yearly to America's 13,000 theatres.

Increased Number of Convictions Reported in Drunken Driving

Austin, Sept. 11.—Reflecting the increase in drunken driving convictions under the new misdemeanor law, a report by State Police Director Homer Garrison reveals that 333 persons were deprived of their driving privilege between June 16 and August 20.

Of this number, 245 drivers' licenses were suspended or revoked for driving while intoxicated. Others lost licenses for reckless driving, negligent homicide, assault with a motor vehicle and other traffic violations.

RURAL SOCIETY

FITZGERALD-ADDISON.

Miss Louise Addison and Staff Sergeant Earl Fitzgerald were married on Saturday, Aug. 30, at Grandfield, Okla., with Rev. Walker Ferguson, Methodist pastor, reading the double ring ceremony. Only attendants were two sisters of the bride and their husbands, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Horton of Wichita Falls and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Abbott of Abilene.

The bride, the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Addison of Blair, graduated from Abilene high school in 1938. She was reared in the Blair community and had lived there all her life. She is a very accomplished young woman and has a host of friends to wish her success and happiness.

Sergeant Fitzgerald is stationed at Sheppard field, Wichita Falls, where the couple is at home at 1907 Holiday street.

Expect 45th Division To Return to Base At Camp Barkeley

With the 45th Division in Louisiana, Sept. 11.—First official word that the 45th Infantry division will return to its base at Camp Barkeley, Texas, when current maneuvers are over, reached division headquarters this week.

Third Army ordered the 45th to assemble in an area southeast of Marshall, Texas, when maneuvers end late in September. Maj. Gen. Wm. S. Key, commander of the division, expressed belief the unit will be back at its base by Oct. 10 at the latest.

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Personals

Mrs. Nora Pruitt, Mrs. Jimmie Primrose and Mrs. Raymond Shore of Blair visited Mrs. J. B. Rosson of Merkel Monday.

Misses Ethel Ione and Juanita Kerr of Cleburne spent the past week with their cousin, Linnie Fay Armstrong, of Salt Branch, in the home of their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Armstrong. They also visited other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Woodard and son, Ronnie Joe, visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Armstrong, when their sister and cousins of Cleburne were guests in that home.

Miss Norene Duncan of Dalhart visited her aunt, Mrs. Cora E. Curb, last week, returning home Tuesday.

Mrs. J. T. King of Abilene was a week-end visitor with Mrs. Cora E. Curb and other friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Hutcheson of Shreveport, La., are here spending the week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson.

Week-end guests here from Dallas were Mrs. T. A. Bearden and two sons, Thomas A. and Robert Edward,

who visited with her sisters, Mrs. W. B. Stephens, Mrs. Earl Lassiter and Mrs. General Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold King will be located near El Paso during the fall season, where Harold is employed in a gin.

A frequent visitor here the past week was Joe P. Self, who has been transferred by his company, the Lincoln National Life Insurance company from Breckenridge to Abilene. He and his family are domiciled at 126 Clinton street.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Burgess of Austin visited over the week-end with friends here. They were going to Lubbock to spend a few days before returning to Austin, where Mr. Burgess teaches classes in the University of Texas while working toward his Ph. D. degree.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Derstine, accompanied by their little son, Sammy, left Tuesday for Austin, where they enrolled Sammy in the Texas State School for the Deaf.

Week-end guests in the R. L. Adcock home were Mrs. A. A. Williamson of Menard, mother-in-law of Mr. Adcock, and her daughter, Mrs. Barbara Carroll, and three children, also of Menard.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Largent, Jr., and two sons of Bismarck, Ark., visited Sunday with his mother, Mrs. C. M. Largent.

Rev. and Mrs. Cooper Waters and daughter, Anna Lake, accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Jack Mercer, drove to Wichita Falls Monday to take Mrs. Mercer home after a visit here.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Swafford have returned to their home at Kansas City, Kans., after a visit with her mother, Mrs. C. M. Largent.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Largent left last Friday for Topeka, Kans., where Mr. Largent served as judge of Herefords at the Kansas Free Fair. They will return probably Friday of this week. Their son, Billy, spent the time with his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Royce Eiland, at Childress.

Guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fugat were his sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Braswell, of Dallas.

While her husband is spending the week in Fort Worth on business, Mrs. Raymond Earthman of Amarillo is dividing time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. McAninch, and Mr. Earthman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Earthman.

Miss Peggy Robertson visited last week in Lamesa with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Taylor.

A. C. Bland, Jr., and H. P. Allen returned Sunday night from a week-end vacation in Houston, Galveston and other points near the bay. While away they enjoyed a swim in the gulf.

Mr. and Mrs. Waymon Richards of the Arledge ranch near Knox City spent the week-end in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Richards. Waymon plans to be in Abilene Sept. 25 with some show cattle.

Mrs. Dr. Howard of Fort Worth visited over the week-end with her cousin, Mrs. Pearl Hollingsworth.

Robert Grimes, from the air station at San Diego, Calif., is here on 15 days' furlough visiting his mother and other relatives. Bob is with scouting squadron No. 2 attached to USS Lexington.

Mrs. Mary Jowers has just returned from a two months' visit in California. She was accompanied home by her nephews, Bernie Dark and Sidney Lewis, who are visiting in the Jarrett Pinckley and Nim Teaff homes.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Mitchell the past week were Mrs. Mitchell's mother, Mrs. Maggie Thomas, and niece, Jo Ann Gregg, of Bronte; a sister, Mrs. Clara Gregg, of San Angelo; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Thomas and daughter of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Willie B. Toombs.

Miss Minnie Lee Coats, who has been teaching in Coleman in past years, was elected to the Sweetwater faculty this year. As a brother, Vernon, is employed in Sweetwater, her mother, Mrs. S. A. Coats, and sister, Miss Hazel Coats, have moved to Sweetwater, to be with them.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McConnell are their son, Mr. and Mrs. Dunning McConnell, of Monahans, and nephews, Marvin Rawls, of Cerulean, Ky., and Mr. and Mrs. Will Rawls and daughter, Jane, of Cadiz, Ky.

Friends will be glad to learn that Mrs. John Bradshaw, the former Dorma Lee Shelton, who underwent an appendectomy at the Sweetwater hospital Wednesday of last week, has recuperated sufficiently to be moved to her home. Her mother, Mrs. D. I. Shelton, has gone to be with her after she was moved home.

Miss Mattie Reynolds, a recent visitor here, is now employed with the Phelps-Dodge corporation at Clarksdale, Ariz.

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LADY GODIVA SOAP FLAKES box **15c**

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BAPTIST CONGREGATION HONORS MINISTERIAL STUDENT.

The spacious lawn south of the Baptist church was the setting for a lovely garden party last Friday evening when the entire congregation was invited out to compliment Douglas McCoy, who will enter Hardin-Simmons university as a ministerial student this week.

A profusion of summer flowers was blended with natural shrubs, and the young ladies sharing the spotlight as entertainers wore formal garden frocks, which further enhanced the scene.

Miss Mary Elna King opened the program with a medley of sacred numbers on the piano. She was introduced by L. B. Gibson, who presided as master of ceremonies for the evening. Miss Betty Lu Higgins sang "Listening," after which Miss Sue Morgan gave a piano number. "The End of a Perfect Day" was sung by J. D. Fox, and Miss Thelma Mathews sang "What Is Your Life." Christine Collins was accompanist for the vocals. Mrs. Owen Robertson completely captivated her audience with her "Seventeen" by Booth Tarkington as a fitting climax to a delightful program.

Mrs. Don Riney directed games, after which the W. M. U. ladies served refreshing punch with cookies. Rev. Cooper Waters presented the guest of honor, Douglas McCoy, with a handsome array of personal gifts as a tribute from his home church people.

RUSSELL-SHORT.

Friends here have learned of the marriage of Harold W. Russell, formerly employed by Grable Motor company, to Miss Margaret Doris Short. The wedding took place Friday evening at the Gaston Avenue Baptist church, Dallas, with Dr. Marshall W. Craig officiating. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel A. Short, Dallas, and the groom is the son of Mrs. Kate Russell, Sulphur Springs.

After a wedding trip to Clouderoft, N. M., the couple will make their home in Dallas.

SURPRISE BIRTHDAY DINNER.

A surprise birthday dinner was given in honor of Mrs. Mary Jowers Sunday in the Nim Teaff home. All of her children were present, except one son, Master Sgt. Joe J. Jowers, who is stationed at Borinquen Field, Puerto Rico.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Jowers, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Jowers, and daughter, Jean, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Jowers and son, Wayne, all of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Lollar and children, Gary and Jean, of Tye; Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Jowers and daughters, Lajon and Linda, Big Spring; Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Briggs and sons, Don Joe and Ronnie, Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Jarrett Pinckley and Mr. and Mrs. Nim Teaff and daughter, Gloria.

FIDELIS MATRONS.

The Fidelis Matrons met Wednesday afternoon at the First Baptist church for an hour's business session. Those present were Mesdames L. V. Moore, George T. Moore, Hoyle Lemens, W. T. Sadler, Bill Sledge, O. B. Leach, Chas. Knight, Sam Swann, Joe Higgins, Nim Teaff and Jarrett Pinckley and Miss Johnnie Sears.

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Y. W. A. ENTERTAINED.

The home of Mrs. John Russell was opened Tuesday evening to members of the Y. W. A. of the First Baptist church, with Miss Marie Morgan and Miss Mary Nell Morgan co-hostesses in entertaining.

A cleverly planned game hour was directed by the hostesses, after which dainty refreshments were served to Mesdames Clyde Bartlett, Don Riney, John Russell; Misses Thelma Mathews, Mildred Bird, Pearl Mathews, Dot Swafford, Nan Bible, Nadine Clack, Marie Morgan and Mary Nell Morgan.

HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB.

The Merkel Home Demonstration club met last Friday afternoon in the home of Mrs. J. Ben Campbell. Mrs. W. R. Sumpter called the meeting to order. Reports of various committees were heard, with Mrs. Sumpter giving the council report. Time for meeting was changed from 3 p. m. to 2:30. A committee of Mesdames Harry Barnett, Fred A. Baker, Ted Windham, Grover Gilbert, John Hughes and Fred Baker, Jr., was appointed to see about booth arrangements at the fair. Another day of quilting for the British was discussed. Four quilts have been quilted and finished at present.

Officers elected for the new year are: president, Mrs. W. R. Sumpter; vice-president, Mrs. Lem Dudley; secretary, Mrs. Don Riney; treasurer, Mrs. Fred A. Baker; reporter, Mrs. J. Ben Campbell; parliamentarian, Mrs. Ernest Teaff; historian, Mrs. C. B. Knight; song leader, Mrs. Andy Shouse; council member, Mrs. J. S. Grant.

The program was on "Made-Over Garments." Garments that had been made over out of something old were displayed by Mesdames Harry Barnett, Lem Dudley, W. R. Sumpter, Don Riney and Bob McDonald.

Gift basket was passed and many useful gifts displayed. A surprise birthday basket was presented to Mrs. H. C. Reid.

Next meeting will be Sept. 19 with Mrs. Grover Gilbert.

Refreshments of ice cream and cake were passed to Mesdames Ernest Teaff, L. A. Dudley, J. W. Bryan, Ted Windham, J. Ben Campbell, Harry Barnett, Grover Gilbert, Bob McDonald, Fred A. Baker, C. B. Knight, Don Riney, Bill Sumpter, E. B. Wallace, Henry Reid and Miss Irene Warren.

MISSIONARY MEETING.

Mrs. Henry West was leader for a most interesting program of the Woman's Missionary society of Grace Presbyterian church Monday afternoon at the church. The afternoon's subject was "Challenging Facts—The Younger Generation," and the leader opened the meeting with a devotional from Psalm 32:8.

Mrs. J. Basil Ramsey reviewed "Guiding Youth," a survey of the work among negro young people in the ten Presbyterian boarding schools in the United States. Mrs. John West gave two editorials from "Women and Missions" magazine and "Questions and Answers" on the church's program in 16 foreign countries was given by Mrs. West and Mrs. Connor Robinson, as discussed in the book, "Not Without Swords' Loud Clashing," a survey of Presbyterian foreign missions.

In the business session which followed, the society decided to meet Sept. 22 for the initial study of the

TSCW Students Fly Own Planes



When America finds a place in the defense program for its women fliers, these Texas State College for Women students, Elsie Adams, El Paso, and Gladys Ingenhuett, Comfort, will be ready to go. Both girls own airplanes and were instructed in the CAA approved school at the Denton Airport where the college permits its students to train with parental approval. A ground course in flying is offered in the TSCW physics department.

National Missions' Study book for the year, "Thoroughfare for Freedom."

A Spiritual Life Prayer group meeting preceded the regular meeting, and will be the procedure at each regular monthly meeting.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

On Friday afternoon from 4:30 till 5:30, Mrs. Jay Greenfield and Mrs. Wilbur Click entertained in the home of Mrs. Greenfield for the little friends of Raymond Click with a birthday party in celebration of his fifth birthday.

Games were played on the lawn and balloons and suckers were passed to the children. At the close of the games ice cream and cake were served to Pasty Jean Floyd, Jewel and Bobbie Click, Junior and Billy Jean Greenfield, Glend Lou Hobbs, Kenneth Wayne Marshall, Pasty Ruth Bryant, Jerry and Denna Marie Gibson, Maxine London, Bobby Faye and Shirley Ann Ingram; Wanda Jewel, Helen and Don Warren Daniels, Eva Faye and Bobbie Fisher, Wayne, Dwayne and Wanda Brewer, Bernell McLain, Barbara Sue and Sonia Kay Thorn, Corky Land, Anna Beth Webster, Vanzell and Clois Lester, Billie Jean Grayson, Bettie Huskey, Don Lee Bigsby.

Grown-ups present were Mesdames Brewer, Gaston Hobbs, Price Floyd, E. A. Click, Jr., E. A. Click, Sr., Annie Marshall, Warren Daniels, Ashford, Grace Ingram, Reba Thorn, Miss Sallie Orr.

W. M. U. CIRCLES.

The Elkin Lockett Circle of the First Baptist church met Monday, Sept. 8, with Mrs. W. F. Patterson. Mrs. Patterson had charge of the meeting which opened with prayer by Mrs. J. M. Williamson. After a short business session, Mrs. Williamson taught the Bible lesson.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. Williamson September 22.

The Blanche Rose Walker Circle met in the home of Mrs. W. O. Boney Monday afternoon and enjoyed an interesting discussion on the Bible lesson. Those present were Mesdames E. O. Carson, J. O. Castles, Pick Allen, J. S. Swann, A. R. Booth, E. M. McDonald, W. L. Johnson and W. O. Boney.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. E. O. Carson.

Salt Branch Women Aid in British Relief

The ladies of the Salt Branch community, sponsored by the Home Demonstration club, have quilted nine quilts for British War Relief. The ladies have donated all the tops, linings, thread and cotton as well as the work.

Mrs. W. U. Beene, the oldest member of the club, is the only lady who was present at each quilting. Mrs. Beene is also knitting sweaters, beanies, etc. Mrs. W. J. Higgins is knitting, also. A few ladies have knitted or crocheted six inch squares.

The ladies are now planning to do other phases of work for Britain.

Fort Worth Relatives Visit in Smith Home

A number of relatives from Fort Worth visiting in the Julius Smith home at Butman formed a happy gathering for the week-end of Aug. 29. Present were: Mrs. Katie Keith, a sister of Mrs. Smith and her daughter, Mrs. Mildred Fisher and baby daughter, Sandra Jean Fisher, also Mrs. D. C. Batey, mother of Mrs. Smith, and her son, Joe Batey, and a niece, Miss Thelma Smith.

Mrs. Smith's mother stayed with her until Sept. 6.

There are 214,000 Christians in Japan's 90,000,000 population.

Rattlesnakes do not always rattle before they strike.

One-seventh of the earth's total land area is taken up by Russia.

In The Churches

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

There were 577 present at the six reporting Sunday Schools here last Sunday, as compared with 588 the previous week. On the same Sunday a year ago the attendance was 577.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Morning sermon at 11. Training Union at 7:00. Evening sermon at 7:45. Prayer meeting at 7:45 Wednesday evening.

Cooper Waters, Pastor.

METHODIST CHURCH.

Sunday services: Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Morning worship service 11 a. m. Intermediate League 7:15 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 Society of Christian Service meets Monday at 3 p. m. Mid-week service every Wednesday night.

There's always a welcome with the Methodists.

Marvin Boyd, Pastor.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. No preaching service, morning nor night, as the pastor is closing a revival at Tye. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.

J. Basil Ramsey, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Sunday: Bible School 9:45 a. m., preaching 10:45 a. m. and 8:30 p. m., young people's Bible class 7:30 p. m.

Wednesday: Ladies' Bible class 4:00 p. m. and prayer meeting at 8:30 p. m.

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

Claude C. Smith, Minister.

NAZARENE CHURCH.

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

Everyone is cordially invited to these services.

G. O. Crow, Pastor.

PREACHING AT BLAIR.

Everyone is invited to attend church Sunday at 11 a. m. at the Blair school auditorium. Services will be held by Rev. A. C. Healer of Sweetwater.

Mesdames Lucile And Pete White New Owners Cotton's Cafe

A business change announced late Tuesday finds Mrs. Lucile White and Mrs. Pete White owners of Cotton's Cafe, which they purchased from S. O. (Cotton) Owens, and the latter left Tuesday night for Colorado City to operate the coffee shop at the Colorado hotel, now under the management of Ben Smith, former Merkel resident.

The Mesdames White furnished The Mail the following statement:

"In announcing that we have bought Cotton's Cafe, we want first to bespeak the continued patronage of all the old customers of the popular cafe, at the same time inviting new customers, both those who eat out and those who take occasional meals downtown, to visit us. We will continue the same high class service, with special emphasis on the daily plate lunch, hamburgers and sandwiches."

From Colorado City, after his arrival Tuesday night, Cotton sent The Mail the following for publication: "Just a parting word to my many friends and patrons during my stay in Merkel; that I am very grateful for the splendid business given us, and it is with regret that we left, but we are trying to better ourselves always. Thanks again to all of you." It was signed "S. O. (Cotton) Owens, Ruth and George Mack."

George Mack went with his father Tuesday night and entered school Wednesday at Colorado City. Mrs. Owens will follow in a few days.

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YAMS peck	35c	California—Medium Size ORANGES, dozen	23c
BELL PEPPERS, pound	10c	GRAPES 3 lbs.	25c

SUGAR PURE CANE Kraft Bag	10 lbs.	59c
SHORTENING	4 lb. carton	63c

CHASE & SANBORN—Vacuum Packed COFFEE	1 Pound can	29c
	2 Pound can	57c

MACARONI, 3 boxes	10c	CRACKERS, 2 lb. boxes	15c
CORN No. 2 can	10c	PEANUT BUTTER, quart	27c
Brazos TEA, (one-fourth) 1/4 lb.	15c	Ginger Snap COOKIES, 2 pounds	25c
		PORK & BEANS, 16 oz. can	6c

BRISKET BEEF ROAST, pound	17c	Sliced BACON, pound	25c
Longhorn CHEESE, pound	29c	Salt Pork, JOWLS	12c
PORK STEAK, pound	27c	Sliced or Pieces BOLOGNA, pound	15c
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