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PERSONAL NEWS NOTES

Mrs. U. S. Reeder and her nicce Frances Reeder, spent Sunday in Comanche, where the latter paid a Mother's Day visit to her grand mother, Mrs. M. P. Paine.

Mrs. Doyle Gray and two sons, of Hamlin, are spending the week with her mother, Mrs. U. S. Reeder. Over the week-end Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Malone had as their guests, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Peterson of Abilene, Stanley Peterson of Fort Worth and G. M. Reeves, who left Sunday for the Navy.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Stevens spent last week with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Stevens. Mrs. Pearl McCartney accompanied them. While in San Antonio, they also visited Mrs. Silas Stevens' parents, Dr. and Mrs. I. H. Flowers, of Laredo, who took them over in rangement with floral decorations Mexico for a short tour. Mr. Stevens, who has been confined at home for a year, stood the trip fine and thinks he will soon be ready for another such outing.

Miss Mary Jo Garland visited with her parents in Merkel over the weekend and until Wednesday morning. She was attending a course of instruction for home demonstration agents held at Abilene Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Swann and Patsy, joined by Mr. and Mrs. For- the occasion, made the introductory est Sears and Carolyn, of Snyder, speech and presented each speaker spent the week-end at their cabin in Ruidoso, N. M. Miss Irene Swann from Roswell came up Friday.

Mrs. W. W. Wheeler and daughter. Mrs. W. L. Johnson, visited with the former's daughter, Mrs. V. W. Lepard, and son, V. W., of Anson, the ed, using "Friendship" as the basis past two weeks.

Worth were here for Mother's Day with his mother, Mrs. J. S. Blair.

tration office, Fort Worth, is spend-Mrs. T. R. Swafford. Ikey and Abie Turner, students in

John Tarleton college, Stephenville, Away," were home for a Mother's Day visit with their mother, Mrs. Ed Turner. Mr. and Mrs. George Burris and daughter, Jarron, of Waco, spent Mother's Day with Mrs. J. L. Tuck-

Mrs. Robert Hicks returned Tuezday from Wills Point, reporting her mother, Mrs. B. A. Walters, is improving nicely. Ben Robert Hicks and his wife plan to go down Monday and bring his grandparents out here

for a visit. Miss Billie Gardner, laboratory technician at the Middlesex General hespital, Brunswick, N. J., who has been visiting her parents, Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Gardner, since the middle of last week, plans to fly back to Brunswick, leaving Saturday night. Miss Becky Gardner, the other daughter, who teaches in the El Paso schools, flew home Friday night for Mother's Day visit, returning en Sunday night by plane.

Foy Smith is visiting in Fort Worth with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Batev.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Clemmer and Mrs. Clemmer's mother of Breckerridge spent Thursday night and Friday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs A. W. Clemmer.

Mrs. S. G. Russell went to Brownwood Tuesday night to be present for the graduation of her granddaughter. Mary Lou Shive, on Wed-

nesday night. All four of Mrs. Warren's sisters, Mrs. W. H. Hines of Albuquerque, N. M., Mrs. O. H. Warren of Brownwood, Mrs. Delia McAllister of Cross Plains and Mrs. Sam O. Hill of Abi lene spent last Thursday and Friday in the Claud Warren home.

Mrs. W. A. Harrison and Mrs. J. H. Swinney and children, J. B , Syra and Johnnie, accompanied Mr. and Dye. Valton Dye. Bobby Gilbert, Del-Mrs. Clovis Harrison and Barry to Lubbock where they visited over the lotte Harwell, Eldon Hicks, Robert week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Lyn- Tom Hodge, Loman Huff. ward Harrison and children. Patsy Trvin, Betty Joan James, Miniford and Lynn Weston.

Mrs. John Sheffield and son, Johnny, returned Tuesday to their home Waco after visiting several days with her mother, Mrs. Earl Teague. Oris Reynolds, Jerold Salter, Bar-

Visiting last week-end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Smith were Billie Seymore, Robert Wayne Sledge their sons, Robert and Calvin, from Mrs. Allen C. Hargrove and children, Sandra Kay and Richard Allen. Robert left his two children here for a stay with their grandparents.

DEEP IN THE HEART OF TEXAS BANQUET THEME

Traditional Junior-Senior Affair Held at Bluebonnet Hotel, at Sweetwater, with Guest List Numbering 130.

Hon. Carl M. Anderson, Sweet water attorney, was guest speaker for the traditional Junior-Senior banquet of Merkel High school, held hotel, Sweetwater, on Friday evening of last week, with 130 persons present including members of the Senior and Junior classes, High School faculty, members of the school board and those appearing on the kel.

Centering about the theme, "Deep in the Heart of Texas," first suggestion was in the horseshoe table ar and a continuous string of horseshoes covered with crepe paper in school colors running down the center. Place cards were miniature Alamos, and pink and green candles shed their mellow light from improvised grapefruit holders.

Following the invocation by Bus ter Horton, president of the school board, Jerold Salter as president of the Junior class and toastmaster for taking time out at intervals for some "Tall Tales from Texas." In behalf er of Mr. Stockbridge. of the Juniors, Betty Joan James toasted the Seniors with "Texas Brags," to which President Jimms Walker of the Senior class respond- Mrs. Ray Meeks, Mr. and Mrs. Rot of his talk. "Texas, a World in it- Slaton; Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Meeks Mr. and Mrs. Bill Jones and son, self" was Buddy McKeever's toast Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cook Donald, of Fort Worth were passing to the school, and representing the Mrs. C. A. Mattingly, Coahoma; visitors with their grandmother, Seniors Patsy Dunagin paid tri- Mr. and Mrs. George Cook, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Swann, Thursday, en bute to the school faculty with the Mrs. Howard Cook, Nell Cook, Hawroute to Amarillo, to visit the form- topic, "Texas Under Six Flags." ley; Mr. and Mrs. Roy De Rusha and Merkel at Tuscola. er's mother, Mrs. Henry Jones. - Supt. R. A. McCollum, in response daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Watts Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Blair of Fort to both toasts, emphasized that "The Eyes of Texas are Upon You."

Miss Adelle Elkins, accompanied Miss Dot Swafford, who is em- by Mrs. Comer Haynes, sang two ployed in the War Assets Administ- groups of solos, rendering first "Silver on the Sage Tonight" and "Buting her vacation with her mother, termilk Skies," while in the second group she gave "Old Faithful" and "I Tipped My Hat and Slowly Rode

> Group singing by the classes featured "Deep in the Heart of Texas," "Home on the Range," "The Eyes of Texas" and the school song.

The menu, otherwise known a "grub," included bull dogger's fruit cup, prairie chicken, tumbleweeds. cow puncher potato, cactus salad, flapjacks and saddle soap, bunkhouse pie, buck shot and glass 'o spurs.

Gifts were presented by the Junior class to the two class sponsors, Mrs. Edwin E. Read, Junior sponsor, and

Mrs. Comer Haynes, Senior sponsor. Members of the Senior class are James Bartlett, Billy Morris Baze, J. C. Beaird, T. J. Bird, Jr., Billie Louise Bland, Betty Joyce Bond, Virginia Bradley, Billy Ray Browning, Myrle Byrd, Vada Campbeil, Sanford Carr, Melba Cook, Elbert Dean, Mabel Denton, Ula Denton, Maxine Doan, Patricia Douglas Patsy Dunagin, Clara Dwiggin John English, Leon Floyd, Billie Joyce Ford, Gene Frazier, Louis Graham, Vernon S. Greenlee, Peggy Hampton, Jimmie Harris, Billy Havvell, Truman Harvell, Jack Holder Truman Holloway, Betty H. Garrett Buddy Hunter, Nell Johnson, Dwain Jones. Billy Joe Knight, Jean Mathews, Mary Jo McConnell, William A. McDonald, Joy Nalley, Billy Pat Nash, Hubert Peterson, Max Robbins, Ima Ruth Shouse, Peggy Simpon, Betty Kathryn Smith, Betty June Toombs, Jimmy Walker, Kenneth Ward, Pauline Wheeler, Mary Nell Winter.

Juniors are Larry Bailey, Douglas Baker, Carol Best, Nena Joyce Best, Jimmy Black, Billy Bowen, Jackie Brown, Betty Buchanan, Gorden Cargill, Geneva Carr, Doris Cooper, Bobby J. Criswell, Don Dudley, J. R. 14 Gilmove, Jay Greenfield, Char-McCoy, Buddy McKeever, Hollis Mc Lean, Trevn Marton, T. C. Melton, Ralph Miller, William Patterson, Patterson, Royce Peterson, bara Sandusky, Becky Nan Seymore William Shoemaker, Laverl Stout, Fort Worth, and their daughter, G. H. Suber, LeRoy Teaff, Ada Marie Thompson, Jackie Toombs, Marie Varner, Rayford Ward, Glenn Westenhover, Clyan Whisenhunt, Delores Young.

MANY REUNIONS MARK MOTHER'S DAY IN MERKEL

Reports of several family reunions on Mother's Day have reached The Mail, including:

Mrs. Annie Berry had all her hildren with her for Mother's Day -first Mother's Day in several years that all were home together. Twenty eight were present: Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Berry, Edgar and Wayne, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Vantreese, Mr. and Mrs. Barnie Berry, Michael and Annette, all of Stith, Mr. and Mrs. Ford Elfers, Joyce Elaine and Donin the Sky Room of the Bluebonnet | nalita, Clovis, N. M., Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Berry and Jay David of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Berry. Dianne and Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Berry, Matthews and Patricia, and Mrs. Berry and Ollie, all of Mer-

> Those spending Mother's Day in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Clark were Mr. and Mrs. Mel Jones. Freddie and Melva, Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Clark and Carolyn. Willie Joe from Houston, Junio and Patsy, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Coats, H. D. Clark and Mrs. Chas. West.

> Present for a family reunion in the W. A. Stockbridge home were B. T. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Glenn, Breckenridge; Mr. and Mrs G. W. Blackman, Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Sides and son, Glenn. Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Angie Glenn, Big Spring; W. T. Dillin, Mrs. Nannie Glenn, mother of Mrs. Stockbridge, and Mrs. S. J. Dalton, moth

> Thirty-eight enjoyed the family reunion Sunday in the home of Mrs J. M. Cook at Noodle. Present were ert Meeks, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Meeks, and two sons, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Mc-Hroy, and two children, Mr. and Mrs. William L. Cook, and two children. Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Pete Cook and two children, Stith; Buck Cook, Anson; Jim Cook, Noodle, and Mr. and Mrs. Waymon Adcock and three children and Mrs. A. B. Rose, Merkel.

> Mrs. L. F. Young of Boyds Chapel had all her children but one with her on Mother's Day. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jeffries from Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Humphreys and son, Jimmy, of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Fineless Bartlett, Freida Jo and Barbara, from Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Young and family from Stith, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Young and family, Boyds Chape1 and Mrs. Med Raney from Hamlin. Mrs. H. C. Moore of Fort Worth was unable to be present. Others visiting Mrs. Young were a grandson, Jack Moore, from Fort Worth Billie Ruth Hubbard, Mr. and Mrs. Thompson Young from Boyds Chapel, Mr. and Mrs. Red Miers from Mc-Caulley and Ray and Bobby Mash-

burn, Stith. Those spending Mother's Day in the J. A. Bertram home were Mr. and Mrs. Claud Rittenberry and son. Ronnie, of Hamby, Mr. and Mrs Billy Bertram, Mrs. Jim Gibson and daughters, Pat and Sue, all of Abi- Must Secure Approval lene, Mr. and Mrs. Norman King and Linda Ann King of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Whitaker and daughter, La Kay, spent Mother's Day in the home of her mother, Mrs. R. F. Teague, in Slaton.

WITH OUR BOYS

Capt. and Mrs. R. T. Blair and daughter, Judy, spent the week-end here, returning to Fort Sill, Okla. Monday. Their daughter remained for a longer visit with her grandparents, Mrs. Lucy Ford and Mr. and Mrs. Watt L. Blair.

Pfc. Buddy Mashburn, who is stationed at Washington, D. C., is home on furlough, visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. Earl Mashburn. He to report back May 27.

Record of Births

oot, Monday, May 12, 1947. Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Car ter, Monday, May 12, 1947. Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Ander son, Monday, May 12, 1947. Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. M. P. F. qua, Wednesday, May 14, 1947.

Trash Fire.

The fireboys answered an alarm about 4 p. m. Wednesday, callin them to extinguish a trash fire i the alley back of Mrs. J. D. Porter' home. No damage resulted.

BADGER NINE OPENS DIAMOND SEASON AT HOME

First Time in Many Years that Merkel High School Has Field ed A Team; Game Called at 2:30 P. M. Friday.

Coach Carroll Benson's high school nine will open their 1947 baseball season against the Rotan Yellowhammers here Friday afternoon at

The contest will be played on th softball diamond in the west part of town. Admission will be 25 and 10

"Skipper" Benson indicated early this week that his probable starting lineup would be as follows: Don Dudley, catcher; J. R. Dye or Jimmy Walker, pitcher; William Shoemaker, first base; John English, second base; Leroy Teaff, third base; Robert Sledge, shortstop; Leon Floyd, left field; Robert Hodge, center field; Jimmy Walker or J. R. Dve. right field.

This is the first time in many years that Merkel has fielded a high school nine and the quality of the local club is unknown as yet. "If we don't get town first, we never will get to bat," Coach Benson pessimis tically mouned this week. There is no available dope on the Rotan nine

Merkel is a member of baseball District 13 along with Colorado City. Trent, Hamlin, Tuscola and Rotan. There will be a split season, the first half ending June 6 and last half on June 27.

The remainder of the Badger's kel at Hamlin; May 30, Merkel at Trent; June 3, Colorado City at Merkel: June 6, Tuscola at Merkel: June 20, Trent at Merkel; June 24. Merkel at Colorado City; June 27. as City and Woodward, Okla.

Funeral Held Saturday For Former Resident

Funeral services for C. C. Foster. 75, former resident of Merkel, who died Friday afternoon at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Curtis Nicholson, of Plainview, were held at p. m. Saturday from the chapel of the Barrow-Sheppard Funeral home conducted by Rev. L. M. Brown, pastor of the Methodist church. Buria! was in Rose Hill cemetery by the side of his wife, who died two years

Pallbearers were Ernest Joyce. Warren Daniel, J. W. Bryan, Wilbur Thomas, Leon Scott and Leon Bigbee.

Mr. Foster was a member of the IOOF and had been a member of the Methodist church since boyhood.

Survivors include three daughters. Mrs. W. L. Davis of Hobbs, N. M. Miss Opal Foster of Tyler and Mrs. Curtis Nicholson of Plainview; two brothers, Joe and Mack Foster of Farmersville, and two sisters, Mrs. J. W. Stewart of Farmersville and Miss Nattie Foster of Oklahoma

From AAA Office if Payment is Sought

Farmers and ranchers are urgeby Ollie Higgins, County AAA chairman, to get approval from the AAA office before they start to carry out any of the practices listed in the handbook recently mailed out, they wish to receive the AAA pay-

Among the practices listed are terraces, diversion terraces, water wells, tanka eradication and contour

Hereford Tour Takes Lunch at Noodle Ranch

On the second day of the annual tour, sponsored by the West Texas Hereford association, two ranches in the Merkel territory were visited on Tuesday: Roy Largent and Sons and the Noodle Hereford ranch. At the latter place, they

served a wonderful noonday barbecue by the women of the Merkel Methodist church.

Singing at Nolan. The Nolan County Singing vention will be held at Nolan Sur day, May 18, starting at 11:30 a. m Lunch will be spread at 12:30. "Lets of good singers will be there, so don' miss this one," is the word that comes from Pete Tyrone,

CUB SCOUT PACK RE-ORGANIZED TUESDAY NIGHT

After a year of inactivity, the Merkel Cub Scout Pack, spon by the Lions club, was officially organized Tuesday night at a meeing of the parents in the Commun. Center building.

Gordon Pursley was selected a Cubmaster with G. H. Suber as Assistant Cubmaster, Claud Warren was elected chairman of the Pac committee and Rev. D. S. Neel as A. W. Bailey, Den Dads, Den Moth ers will be Mrs. Ruth Pangle and Mrs. D. W. McLeod.

For the present the Pack will open ate in two Dens as follows: De No. 1: Tommy Bailey, Corky Con Freddie Boone, Phillip Pursley, Wes ley McLeod; Den No. 2: Joe Neel Ben Neel, Bobby Mayfield, Bobby Pangle, Tommie Warren, and Garth McLeod. Eddie Breaux and Bruce Knight will serve as Den Chiefs.

Parents who wish to have thei. sons join the Cub Pack should see Claud Warren or Gordon Pursley a soon as possible.

Arrangements have been made for members of the local Pack to go to Abilene once a week during the sum mer months to take part in a Red Cross swimming course for Cubs at the American Legion pool.

Texas City Benefit Show Raises \$235

The sum of \$235.00, net proceeds of the VFW-sponsored benefit show for the Texas City Relief fund at the Queen theatre last week, 'vas turned over to the Taylor County schedule is as follows: May 23, Mer- Red Cross chapter for the specia fund for Texas City.

The American Red Cross as a national organization has announced June 10, open; June 13, Merkel at the allotment of \$250,000 to each of Rotan; June 17, Hamlin at Mcrkei; the two areas, which have recently sustained such tragic suffering: Tex-

Last Sunday's Game in New League Postponed

The opening game of the Cotton Belt league, scheduled last Sunday, was postponed because of muddy grounds. Merkel plays Loraine Loraine next Sunday.

Music Recital on Evening of May 22

The public is invited to a musi recital by the pupils of Christing Collins at Grace Presbyterian churc's on the evening of May 22.

Large Crowds Here for "Appreciation Day"

Representing the firms of El Case and Son, Tarpley Service station and Kimbell Milling company respectively, Milton Case, Ralph Tarpley and A. J. Canon were charge of the "Appreciation Day program Wednesday, which again attracted large numbers of friends of Merkel merchants from the sur rounding communities.

"Appreciation Day." sponsored b 45 Merkel merchants, is held each Wednesday, with a special feature

SPRING DROUTH **BROKEN BY TWO** INCH DOWNPOUR

General Rains Cover West Texas, with Merkel Getting Total of 2 3-4 Inches of Moisture Last Week-End.

The protracted winter and spring drouth, which had held local rainfall to only two inches for the first four months of this year, was broken on Saturday with general rains all over

West Texas. Within an hour and a half, beginning at 5:15 p. m. Saturday, Volunteer Weather Observer J. I. Ford, reports rainfall of 1 5-8 inches, and on through Saturday night enough more fell to raise the figure to two inches. Previously, on Friday morning, the Merkel area received threequarters of an inch of rainfall but it was not general.

P-TA Sponsors Merkel Pre-School Roundup

All parents who have pre-school children are urged to bring them to the Well-Child Clinic Friday, May 16, from 2 to 4 o'clock, at Mrs. Mc-Farland's office.

All children who have unfinished immunizations should be on hand at 1 o'clock to complete this service before the pre-school children are to begin. Parents of the above mentioned children are asked to co-operate

with this movement. Dr. Cowgill, director of the Health Unit, will make the inspection. The local helpers from the P.-T. A. will be: Mrs. Louie Herring, president, Mrs. Bud Toombs, health chairman, and Mesdames Melvin Loader and Carroll Benson.

Upper Bracket Teams In Semi-Final Stage

Meeting in the semi-final round of the upper bracket of the line is Golf Club's Scotch foursome, Lesier Dorton and Clesby Patterson will play Norman Hodge and Sylvan Mel-

In the lower bracket, H. O. Boney and R. O. Anderson are waiting for the winner of the match between W. O. Boney and Nolan Palmer vs. Dr. L. C. Zee and Riggs Shepperd.

Singing at Noodle is Announced for Sunday

A singing at Noodle is announced for Sunday at 2 p. m. by Tom Spears, who urges all singers and others that are interested in the Fifth Sunday singing to come and tell where they want to meet the Fifth Sunday in June, if they want the Fifth Sunday meeting.

To Give Book Review At Meeting of WMS

At the Monday afternoon meeting of the Woman's Missionary society of the First Baptist church, to be held at 3 p. m. at the church, Mrs. W. T. Sadler will review "A Slave in Iwo Jima." All women of the town are invited and urged to attend,

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From Files of The Merkel mail, May 20, 1927.)

GLEE CLUB WINS SECOND PLACE AT WICHITA MEETING.

The Merkel High School Glee chib accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. W. ! Diltz, Jr., Mr. W. N. Hall, Supt 1 L. Jackson, Miss Christine Collins director, and Miss Edna Marie Jones. pianiste, drove to Wichita Falls last Saturday where on Sunday the club participated in a contest sponsored by the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, winning second place in the contest and a prize of \$50.00 which will pay expenses of the trip and leave some money for the club to do with as they like.

Miss Collins and the club deserve much credit for their showing and are to be especially commended for doing their bit toward advertising Merkel. The writer heard many compliments passed upon them by worth- and Ray Spurgin. while people who heard them and it is his opinion, if they begin now to

bringing back one or more prizes. The experience of appearing before their regular picture.

I that large audience was worth more than the expense of the trip to each one who participated in the contest. It is hoped that the superintendent and school authorities as well as all music lovers of the town will give every encouragement toward the development of the music talent in our

Fort Worth High school won first place in the contest and received a prize of \$100.00.

Members of the Glee club participating in the contest were: Misses Thelma Copeland, Obeal Stubblefield, Venice Bell, Mildred Smith, Urma Lee Gilmore, Orpah Patterson, Iris Garrett, Helen Compton, Inice Brown, Gladys Watts, Bessie Westenhover and Mary Pence; Messes, Clyde Mayfield, Charlie Largent, Carlos Montandon, James Collum, Maben Rogers

The High School Glee club will give the public the opportunity of train, the Glee club may go to Fort | hearing the numbers used at Wichita Worth next year in all confidence of Falls on Wednesday and Thursday evenings at the Queen theatre with

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QUEEN THEATRE CALENDAR

Friday - Saturday - Double feature program: Robert Lowery, Helen Gilbert in "Death Valley" George | Montgomery, Nancy Guild in "The Brasher Doubloon;" toon and Chick Carter No. 9.

Sunday, Monday and Tuesday Tyrone Power, Gene Tierney, John Payne, Anne Baxter, Herbert Marshall in "The Razor's Edge;" Bugs Bunny cartoon and latest News. Wednesday - Thursday - Robert Cummings, Peter Lorre in "The Teacher's Crisis."

THE RAZOR'S EDGE."

Darryl F. Zanuck has transformed W. Momerset Maugham's "The Razor's Edge" into one of the finest motion pictures ever to reach the screen. The Twentieth Century-Fox picture stars Tyrone Power. Gene Tierney, John Payne, Ann Baxter, Clifton Webb and Herbert Marshall.

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PICK-UP and DELIVER

PERSONALS

Bert Melton returned Wednesday from McKinney where he had been under treatment at the Veterans hospital for the past twenty days.

Mother's Day visitors in the Jos Stalls home were Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Stalls of Dallas and Mr. and Mrs. Felix Stalls and son, Joe Brent.

After spending Mother's Day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Adcock, Mrs. A. A. Betterton and children returned Monday to their home at Big Spring.

After a two-weeks' vacation visit Chase;" latest March of Time "The with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Tittle, Weldon Tittle returned on Saturday night to Los Angeles, Calif. where he is employed by the Herb Mitchell Engravers. On his way here he stopped and visited his brother. Orion Tittle, and family at Fabens and while here he also visited in Aus

Elevator Best Kept in 200 Kimbell Group

While attending the grain conrention at Stamford recently, which assembled about 200 of the elevator Iks, Jack Canon, local mamager of the Kimbell Milling company, was deservedly complimented when he was reported as having the nicest kept elevator out of the group.

He said, however, that the Merkel and Abilene areas were charged with the lowest percentage of estimated yield on what wheat will be harvested. Around Stamford, the yield is reported as fair, with prospects fine n Oklahoma and Kansas.

Hospital Notes

Mrs. Bob Dean underwent surgery at Sadler Clinic last Friday. Patients received during the week for treatment were Kenneth Childers May 9, and Mrs. Jean Williams, May 13. Mrs. F. C. Coker entered the hospital May 14 for radium treatment. Mrs. Rex Martin was given a tonsillectomy May 13.

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CLEAN COTTON RAGS wanted: will pay 10 cents per pound. Badger Chevrolet company.

SEE Collins Variety store for floor sanding work.

LOST AND FOUND

LOST- Brewn sport coat, about weeks ago. Reward for return to Loman Huff.

FUR KENL

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MISCELLANEOUS

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NOTICE.

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P. R. Warren.

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Deferred and rotation grazing are! practices which will play an impor- some bottomland as well as upland. tant role in bringing the pastures of Creek and river bottoms in this this area back to their former state area are usually well suited to the of productivity. Grasses differ considerably in their adaptibility to varying sites and in the season at during the cold months. A creek or which they furnish grazing. By fencing pastures and ranges to conform to these differences, a seasonal pastures may be grazed highly dur- Bay City, \$5.00; Jim Toombs, \$3.00; deferment program can often be set ing the fall and winter months. When J. K. Blair, \$2.50; Mrs. Tommie up. By regulating the number of livestock grazed and deferring the the pasture should be deferred. Cool Mrs. Clayton Goode, \$2.00; Mrs. W pasture at the proper time, the max- season grasses which grow well on imum amount of forage may be ob- bottom or semi-bottom land sites are tained while giving ample opportuni- such grasses as Canada wildrye, ty for the production of a seed crop. Texas speargrasses, Western and In the process of bringing pastures crested wheat grass, giant panic and and ranges from poor and fair condition to good and excellent condi- pastures may be so situated as to tion it will be necessary to drastical- permit rotation grazing. Since ly reduce the number of livestock grasses do not commence growth nor carried on to provide more supple- seed production simultaneously, livementary pasture and feed.

droughts most pastures are not now vantage of these differences. growing the grasses best suited to trict.

Many farms and ranches have growing of cool-season grasses or those grasses which furnish grazing river bottom then may be fenced to form one or more pastures. These seed heads begin to form in the spring switch grass. These bottom land stock can be rotated or shifted from Because of overgrazing and of one pasture to another to take ad-

While the cool season grasses are their capabilities. If some plants of being deferred, warm season grasses the better species are present and may be grazed. Here again differwell distributed over the pasture, ences in time at which seed is formproper stocking may be all that is ing and ripening may permit ro needed to bring about pasture im- tation grazing with increased seed provement. But where no seed source production and an improving range. of the better grasses is present, arti- Sandy or sandy loam sites are well ficial reseeding must be done. An suited to little bluestem, sand blueeconomical manner in which this stem, weeping and sand lovegrass, may be done is by making small buffalo (on sandy loam) and sand plantings of these better adapted dropseed. Where no danger of its grasses in pure stands and using encroachment upon cultivated land seed from these plantings to revege- exists, Bermuda grass may prove tate the pasture or range. A con- most beneficial on certain sandy siderable number of such seed-in- sites. Shallow rocky hillsides may be crease plots are being made on scat- best suited to one or a combination of tered farms throughout the middle the following grasses: little bluestem, Clear Fork Soil Conservation dis- hairy, blue, and side-oats grama and buffalo grass, Since such sites may In developing a deferred and ro- be incapable of supporting as heavy tation grazing program for any grazing as other portions of the passpecific farm or ranch, one should tures, it may prove advisable to consider both the potentialities of the enclose such areas with a fence. Much different sites and the needs of the lof the pasture in this area are on farm for year round utilization of deep heavy or semi-heavy soils. Such soils are probably best suited to blue

grama and buffalo grass. Weeping lovegrass and little bluestem may likewise be included in the grass mixture. On the most shallow of the heavy soils, side-oats and hairy grama may be included with an increase in forage production. On low flats western wheat grass may be seeded with blue grama and buffalo

If a balance does not exist between the cool season grasses and the warm season grasses, the difference may be made up by temporary pastures of sudan, legumes or small grain depending upon the time of the year at which the shortage exists. After the principal forage grasses have made seed, the cured grass may be grazed sparingly. However, sufficient litter to prevent water run-off should be allowed to

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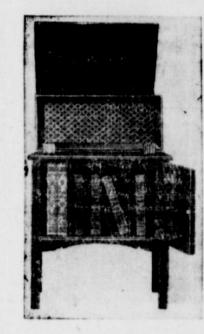
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on the 7th day of May, 1947. The By Grace Jenkins, Deputy. file number of said suit being No. | -

The names of the parties in said suit are: Mrs. Lela Dean Hyder as TO: Zebdee Leggett, GREETING: Plaintiff, and W. H. Hyder as De- You are commanded to appear and

tiff and Defendant were married on days from the date of issuance of

for about the 1st day of January, 1940, and lived together until on or about the 20th day of January, 1940. You are commanded to appear and Plaintiff and Defendant accumulatanswer the plaintiff's petition at or ed no community property during before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first their marriage, and there were no Monday after the expiration of 42 children born. Plaintiff sues for di-

this Citation, the same being Mon- Issued this the 7th day of May, day the 23rd day of June, A. D., 1947. Given under my hand and seal 1947, at or before 10 o'clock A. M., of said Court, at office in Abilene, before the Honorable 42nd District Texas, this the 7th day of May, A. D.,

(Seal) J. Neil Daniel, Clerk, Said plaintiff's petition was filed District Court, Taylor County, Texas

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answer the plaintiff's petition at or The nature of said suit being sub- before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first stantially as follows, to wit: Plain- Monday after the expiration of 42





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this Citation, the same being Monday the 16th day of June, A. D. 1947 at or before 10 o'clock A. M., before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County, at the Court House in Abilene, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 30th day of April, 1947. The file number of said suit being

The names of the parties in said suit are: Carry Mae Leggett as Plaintiff, and Zebdee Leggett as De-

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married June 21, 1945, and separated on or about August 28, 1945.

No children were born to this marriage and there is no community

Plaintiff sues for divorce on the grounds of cruel treatment. If this Citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issu-

ance, it shall be returned unserved. Issued this the 30th day of April,

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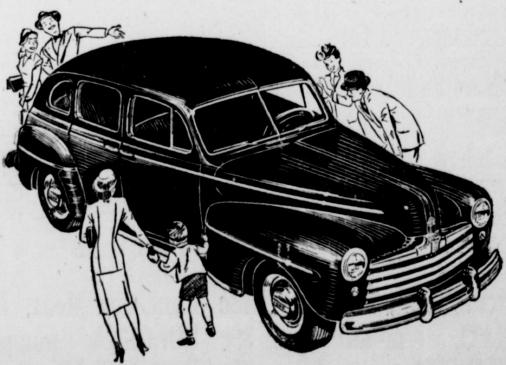
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Vaughn, matron of honor, and Nor- the meeting. Mrs. O. B. Tatur man Winter, brother of the groom, brought the devotional from the 121st

MERKEL HD CLUB.

club met Friday afternoon of last The members then exchanged pot week in the home of Mrs. Rhett Eid- plants. son, with Mrs. S. G. Russell, Jr., as Hughes conducted a parliamentary

chairman, presented Mrs. H. C. Rey. bell, T. C. Allen, G. M. Sharp, F. P. nolds and Mrs. Carl Weichmann in a Hamm, W. A. McCandless, J. J. discussion on "Living Outdoors, Mak. McNiece, J. O. Castles, H. R. Hicks ing Tables and Chairs" and "A Liv and the hostesses. ing Room Outdoors, Fences and Trellis." Mrs. Roy H. Mathews led a very interesting recreation period. Time of meeting was changed to 3 class of the First Baptist church met p. m. from 5 p. m.

visitors, Mesdames Lige Harris, Leo ter Horton as co-hostess. Mesdames W. C. Lee, J. Ben Camp- on "Be Ye Fruitful."

The next meeting will be with Miss Bob Fowler and the hostesses. Lottie Butman on May 23 at 3 p. m.

WILLING WORKERS CLASS. The Willing Workers class of followed by prayer by Mrs. R. A. meeting with prayer. Walker and a song, "Jesus Loves Even Me."

fection," by Mrs. Tucker; "The Don Riney, J. O. Castles and the Stewardship of Old Age," by Mrs. above mentioned. S. G. Russell, and "My Father and The next meeting will be by Cir. Mother," by Mrs. Walker.

A refreshment plate of jello with whipped cream and cake and punch was served to three visitors, Mrs. W. A. Harris and Mrs. Leo Harris and Sarah, and the following members: Mesdames R. A. Walker, S. T. Skillern, J. L. Tucker, S. G. Russell. Miss Jennie Keny and the hos-

ALATHEAN CLASS. Mrs. W. O. Boney and Mrs. T. E. Collins entertained the Alathean class of the First Baptist church on Tuesday afternoon of last week in the home of Mrs. Boney. The entertaining rooms were decorated in reand white, with the table in the din-

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Psalm. The first prayer was led by Mrs. J. O. Castles and after a short business session the meeting closed The Merkel Home Demonstration with prayer by Mrs. H. R. Hicks.

A refreshment plate of red and co-hostess, Mrs. Don Riney presided white salad, crackers and ice tea for the meeting, and Mrs. John S. was served to Mesdames Chas. West. H. P. Allen, Hugh Campbell, A. H rill. Zollinger, F. A. Baker, E. M. Mc Mrs. Jfl O. Castles, as program Donald, O. B. Tatum, J. Ben Camp

FIDELIS MATRONS. Members of the Fidelis Matrons Tuesday afternoon in the home or Refreshments were served to four Mrs. E. M. Weathers, with Mrs. Bus-

Harris, S. G. Russell and Gordon Mrs. Horton called the meeting t Pursley, two new members, Mrs. order, and Mrs. Ed Sandusky led th Leon Bigbee and Mrs. R. D. Big- opening prayer. Mrs. Sam Martin bee, and the following members: brought a very interesting devotiona

bell, J. O. Castles, W. J. Derstine, Following the business meeting John S. Hughes, Don Riney, Roy H. members enjoyed a social hour dur Mathews, Irl Walker, Charles Syl- ing which refreshments were served vester, Ray Holmes, Carl Weich- to Mesdames Howard Stanley, Ver mann, H. C. Reynolds, W. A. Har- non Horton, Sam Martin, Dunning ris, Miss Lottie Butman and the hos- McConnell, Dean Higgins, Leon Bigbee, Ed Sandusky, Gordon Pursley

BAPTIST CIRCLE.

The Blanche Rose Walker Circle met Monday afternoon in the home Grace Presbyterian church met on of Mrs. J. O. Castles for Bible study Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. L. L. Mrs. P. F. Harris taught a very in-Murray, with Mrs. J. L. Tucker as teresting Bible lesson. Opening prayco-hostess. The devotional was given er was led by Mrs. W. L. Johnson by Mrs. Murray from the 24th Psalm. and Mrs. Dean Higgins closed the

Those present were Mesdames 3 S. Swann, E. O. Carson, H. R. Hicks Program topics included: "A Moth- J. M. Stephens, A. R. Booth, A. D. er's Prayer Must Be Love and Af- Fulton, Earl Lassiter, Sam Swann.

I" and "The Measure of a Great cles. The Blanche Rose Walker will meet with Mrs. Sam Swann May 26.

> ROSE MARIE AUXILIARY. The Young Women's Auxiliary of the First Baptist church met May 12 in the home of their counselor. Mrs. G. D. McConnell. The meeting was opened with a prayer by Mrs. McConnell. The girls voted to name the Auxiliary the Rose Marie. After the Auxiliary manual was studied together a mission program on Japan was conducted. The devotional was brought from the sixteenth chapter of Luke of the parable of "The Unjust Steward." Miss Lucille English dismissed the meeting with prayer. Delicious refreshments of devil's food cake and lemonade were served o Gerrie Jinkens, Lucille English, Ula Denton, Mary Jo McConnell, Patty McConnell and Mrs. G. D. Mc Connell. Afterwards the girls all

> enjoyed a singsong. The next meeting is to be held May 26 in the home of Lucille English at 8:00. Every girl between the ages of 16 and 25 (unmarried) in urged to join this organization.

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preaching 10:50 a. m. and 8:00 p. m.

Young Folks class at 7:00 p. m

Wednesday prayer meeting at 8:00

Reporter.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

ing sermon at 11. Training Union at 7:00 p. m. Evening sermon at 8:00. Prayer meeting at 7:15 Wed. Mrs. Jim Wade. nesday evening

Merle Weathers, Pastor.

NAZARENE CHURCH ing at 11. NYPS at 6:30 p. m. Preaching at 7. Prayer meeting at

p. m. Wednesday Mrs. J. D. Roedler, Paster.

H. S. Earp, Pastor-

Easy Thousand

Island Dressing

Broadcast:

lay 17, 1947

Put cheese into bowl. Stir in milk

When smooth, stir in remaining in-

gredients. Chill before serving on all kinds of green, vegetable or tart fruit salads. Makes 4 servings.

You Will Need:

CREAM CHEESE 12c

CHILI SAUCE btl. 23c

VINEGAR, pt. 15c

BEANS 15 oz. can

GARDEN RUN

SWEET PEAS

No. 2 Can

BROWN BEAUTY or

RANCH STYLE-

PET MILK, sm.

Philadeiphia

3 for

3 cans for

DREFT

LARGE BOX-

1/4 cup chili sauce 1 tablespoon vinegat 1/4 teaspoon salt few grains pepper

7c

ASSEMBLY OF GOD. Sunday School at 3 p. m. Preach ng services at 4 p. m. and 8 p. m

Services every Thursday night.

Noodle seniors Sunday morning and

meet at 7 p. m. Mid-week prayer meeting at 8 p. m. Wednesday.

FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preach-Sunday Schools last Sunday was 741 ing at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Midas compared with 822 on the pre- week prayer meeting at 7:30 Wed-

A. T. Suskey, Paster.

RURAL SOCIETY

UNION RIDGE CLUB.

The Union Ridge Home Demonstration club met May 2 in the home of Mrs. Clyde Newton, when they quilted a quilt which will be sold at a later day. At noon a delectable cov ered dish luncheon was served.

The next meeting will be on May 16 in the home of Mrs. Denzel Cox. Those present were Mesdames C E. Harwell, Kenneth Pee, O. R. Douglas, Denzel Cox, Miss Mabe McRee and the hostess. In the afternoon the women were joined by

Trent News Notes

Mr. and Mrs. Hasten Cooper of Odessa were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Norman and Mrs. Margaret Cooper.

Mrs. A. Williamson has returned from Arkansas and new Mexico where she visited friends and rela-

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Winter and son, Tommy, of Abilene, and Bobby Owen of Merkel spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. E. Howell.

Mrs. W. J. Bicknell of Noodle PRESBYTERIAL CHURCH. visited over the week-end with Mr and Mrs. John Gafford and attendpastor will preach the sermon to the ed church at the Church of Christ. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith of in his absence Gordon Weir of Abi- Lubbock and Mrs. Ethel Armour of

Mrs. J. M. Smith.

Miss Helen McLeod of Lamesa the loss of our loved one. spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Stribbling.

Mrs. Johnson of Amarille spent last week with her sister, Mrs. Hig-

CARD OF THANKS. We wish to express our appreciation to those whose thoughtful deeds

will fill the pulpit, Children Plainview spent Mother's Day with and tender words of sympathy brought comfort to our hearts in

May God's richest blessings be upon you.

Mrs. W. A. Whiteley. Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy Whiteley

and Sons. Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Whiteley, Jr.,

and Children. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Patterson and Son.

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We also wish to announce at this time a recent addition to our business-the MAJESTIC RADIO. We will carry a complete line of these radios and accessories for them. The Majestic Radio needs no introduction to this territory, as it is one of the oldest and most reliable of the older concerns doing business in this area. If you need a Radio, come to see us. We are going to do our best to give the same dependable and courteous service in this line that you are accustomed to expect from us in the plumbing line. Watch for our special advertisement in this paper.

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WHOLE- Fancy-

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COFFEE Pound

Fruit Cocktail

No. 2½ can 37c 3 for 25c No. 2½ can 33c

FANCY- No. 1 Can **Tomato Puree**

BEETS No. 2 Can White-HOMINY No. 2 Can MIX- No. 2 Can-

VEGETABLES 3 for ... 25c

CRUSTENE or MRS. TUCKER

SHORTENING, 3 lb. carton 98c

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33c WAX, qt. 79c MOPS, each 59c Tissue, roll 10c

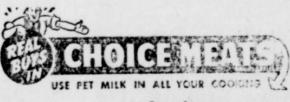
Wet- 24 oz.-

White Rose

Fresh

Potatoes lb.

Charmin-



25c

BACON, lb.48c ROAST, lb. 45c Tender LOIN

Longhorn CHEESE, lb. 39c WEINERS, lb. 42c Fresh GROUND

MEADOLAKE-OLEOMARGARINE, pound 38c

STEAK, lb. 57c MEAT, lb. 29c

CORN, 2 for

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