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PERSONAL NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Virgil Patterson left Sunday for Mt. Sequoyah, Fayetteville, Ark., to attend a ten-day school of missions. Theme of the school is "The World Set in Your Heart."

Mrs. Viola Larsen from Blythe, Calif., has been visiting in the home of her sister, Mrs. J. L. Tucker. They visited in Fort Worth two days last week with Mrs. Tucker's children, Mrs. Mary Tankersley and Ted Tucker. They also visited Wednesday with their sister-in-law and family, Mrs. W. O. Clinton, in Stanton, as Mrs. Larsen was returning home. Visitor Sunday with Mrs. Tucker were her son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Tucker, of Plainview, and her sister-in-law, Mrs. Miriam Clinton and children, of Abilene.

Ronald Collins from Grand Prairie spent the week-end with his grandmother, Mrs. W. A. Wozencraft. Another visitor in the Wozencraft home is her son Monroe Wozencraft who arrived this week-end.

Joe King of Gainesville, who formerly lived here, visited Monday with a cousin, Stanley King, and the latter's mother, Mrs. T. J. King, coming over from Buffalo Gap, where he was visiting a sister, Mrs. R. A. McClain.

Miss Betty Jo Seymore has returned from Dallas where she attended a three-week's session of the Stamp school.

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Mashburn and Mrs. Effie Rider drove to Fort Worth over the week-end, to take home their grandchildren, Anita and Terry Mashburn, who had visited last week with them.

After a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Palmer, Pfc. R. G. Palmer, on delay en route from Keesler Field, Miss., where he graduated from the air training command's basic B-29 specialized training course, left the latter part of last week for Camp Castle, Merced, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Murray and children, of Midland, were week-end visitors with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Murray.

Mrs. R. E. Neal, of Hugo, Okla., arrived last Thursday for a visit with her aunts, Mrs. Adah Heeter and Miss Sadie Woodrum. Her daughter, Margaret Rebecca, is visiting with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Neal, in Temple.

Marking their first meeting in 55 years, Eliga Koger, retired farmer of Monticello, Ky., is visiting his sister, Mrs. Nellie Sandusky.

Mrs. J. B. Sloan, of Big Spring, spent the past week with her father, Sam Butman, Sr., and other relatives on the Butman ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Evans of Dallas were passing visitors in Merkel Wednesday, en route home from Big Spring. Mr. Evans, who was employed in the printing department of The Merkel Mail about 30 years ago, paid a visit to The Mail office. He is owner of the Evans Printing and Poster company in Dallas.

Rev. and Mrs. D. S. Neel and children left Monday for a 10-days' vacation trip to Houston and Galveston and then to their old home at Timpson.

Mrs. Earl Teague has returned from a visit with her daughter, Mrs. John Sheffield, and family, of Waco.

Anna Loyce Ray, of Coleman, returned home Thursday of last week when she learned by telephone that her father, Euel Ray, had had an emergency appendix operation. She was accompanied by her grandfather, Sam Butman, Sr., and aunt, Miss Lottie Butman, with whom she had been visiting the past three weeks. They returned home Friday morning thinking Mr. Ray was doing as well as could be expected, but he has since been in very critical condition, Becky Ann Ray, who had come with her sister for a visit with the Butmans, had returned home a week earlier, when her mother, Mrs. Euel Ray, visited in the Canyon.

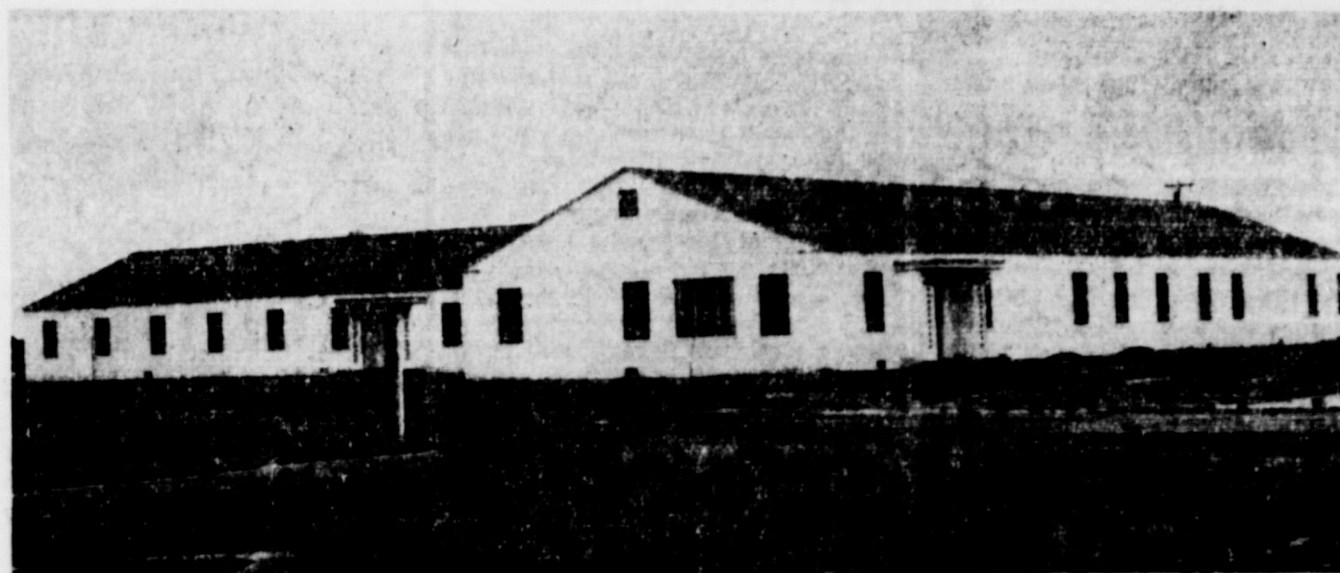
Mrs. A. D. Martinez, of Vallejo, Calif., and Mr. and Mrs. Keller Roberts and family, of Longview, who have been guests of their sister, Mrs. Owen Robertson, departed Thursday for their homes.

Miss Mattie Bicknell of Seagraves spent Wednesday night with her cousin, Gerrie Jinkens.

118 Carloads Wheat Billed Out to Date

Wheat shipments from Merkel have passed the 100 car mark. Up to Thursday morning, 118 carloads had been billed out, according to A. J. Graham, local agent of the Texas and Pacific railway.

New \$65,000 Sadler Clinic-Hospital Ready



The Sadler Clinic-Hospital, which has just been completed at South Ninth and Locust streets, representing a cost of \$50,000 in construction, plus \$15,000 in furnishings and equipment, is an in-

stitution that would be a credit to a city many times the size of Merkel. Built in T-shape, the clinic fronts 112 feet on Locust street, with depth of 36 feet, while the 17-room hospital ex-

tends west from the center of the clinic, 106 feet in length and 36 feet wide. Fowler and Stanley were the general building contractors. (Photo by Jarrett and Mayes, Merkel.)

OPEN HOUSE AT NEW SADLER CLINIC - HOSPITAL, SUNDAY JULY 6, FROM 4 TO 8 P. M.

VOLUNTEERS TO FURNISH ROOMS NEW HOSPITAL

In recognition of the value as a community asset to Merkel and the large area contiguous to this city, of the Sadler Clinic-Hospital, and in token of their friendship for the owner and founder, Dr. W. T. Sadler, the following 18 business firms, churches, civic organizations and individuals have each volunteered to furnish hospital rooms:

- Mr. and Mrs. W. S. J. Brown.
- Mrs. George F. West.
- Merkel High School Athletic Association.
- First Baptist Church of Merkel.
- Dr. M. Armstrong Family.
- Merkel Lions Club.
- Mr. and Mrs. David Tarpley.
- Mr. and Mrs. Max Mellinger.
- Mr. and Mrs. Tom Largent.
- Mr. and Mrs. N. T. Hodge.
- Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Canon.
- Merkel Drug Company.
- Mr. and Mrs. Homer Patterson.
- Mr. and Mrs. John Shannon.
- Burton-Lingo Company and Fowler and Stanley.
- Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg and Mr. and Mrs. Dee Grimes.
- J. T. Warren Family.
- The Methodist Church of Merkel.

Appropriate bronze plates will be placed above the doors of the several rooms furnished, carrying the names of the donors. So far furniture has arrived for only five of the rooms, the balance to be delivered at a later date.

Venetian blinds complete throughout the clinic and hospital were donated by the Barrow-Sheppard company. Other gifts received were:

- Shaeffer pen desk set, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Miller.
- Room ash trays, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mathews.
- Two magazine racks and ash trays, Home Demonstration club.
- Ten pictures for rooms, Woodmen Circle Grove 563.
- Work on lawn, L. W. Cox.
- Flower pots, Mrs. John Shannon.
- Picture, Mrs. Holt Vaughn.
- Drinking fountain, Merkel Post VFW, No. 5683.

"Appreciation Day" Gets Big Response

Representing Campbell's grocery and market, Scogin grocery and market and the West company, respectively, Joe Cypert, S. L. Scogin and Henry C. West were in charge of the "Appreciation Day" program held Wednesday, when another large crowd came to town to shop.

"Appreciation Day" is held each Wednesday, with the big event scheduled at 4 p. m.

Record of Births

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Logan, Sunday, June 29, 1947.
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hammond, Thursday, July 3, 1947.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From Files of The Merkel Mail, July 8, 1927.)

W. T. Stramer and wife of Austin Texas, spent the fourth and fifth with Misses Garoutte, their aunts. Mr. Stramer was reared in Merkel but finds many changes in the city during his 17 years absence. He said the only things he found unchanged were old friends.

Dr. W. V. Cranford returned last week from a two-weeks visit with friends and relatives amid the scenes of his old home in the state of Louisiana.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Johnson, Jr., accompanied by his sister, Miss Mary Alice Johnson, spent the fourth with friends in Stanton and while there attended the big Fourth of July celebration at Midland.

Mr. J. S. Thomas, of the Barrow Furniture company, accompanied by his daughter, Mrs. J. A. Milliken of the Mellinger Dry Goods store, and her daughter, Miss Gladys, and Miss Edith Baker, returned first of the week from a vacation trip to the Plains and New Mexico. They report a very enjoyable trip.

Interested Public Invited to Call and Inspect This Beautiful New Structure, Corner South 9th and Locust Streets.

Marking the completion of the new \$65,000 Sadler Clinic-Hospital, corner South 9th and Locust streets, open house will be held Sunday, July 6, from 4 to 8 p. m., and the interested public is invited to call and inspect this beautiful new structure in South Merkel during these hours.

Ground was broken the first week in February for the new home of Sadler Clinic, when Dr. W. T. Sadler, the owner, bought two Camp Berkeley buildings, formerly used as recreation buildings, and had them moved here as the nucleus for the big T-shaped building, erected by Fowler and Stanley, general building contractors, to house the clinic and hospital units.

The clinic fronts 112 feet on Locust street, with a depth of 36 feet. Emerging from the center of the clinic, the hospital extends to the west 106 feet, with the same width of 36 feet as the clinic.

The former includes the reception room, business office, doctors' offices, 9 treatment rooms, 2 consultation rooms, X-ray room, laboratory, operating rooms, sterilizing room, labor and delivery rooms, also the heating and cooling plant. There are 17 rooms in the hospital besides the nursery, kitchen and utility room.

The buildings are of frame construction, with stucco finish and plastered walls inside.

Out of block J of the Edman's subdivision of Sheppard's addition to the city of Merkel Dr. Sadler bought three-fourths of the east half—450 feet fronting on Locust and extending a depth of 170 feet, and also 150 feet, fronting west on Yucca, at the southwest corner of the same block, giving the property the full depth of 340 feet running east and west for the south 150 feet of the block.

Dr. Sadler came to Merkel in 1926 and was for four years associated with the late Dr. R. I. Grimes. He later formed a partnership with Drs. Ramsey, Hedrick and Cooper, of Abilene, but continued to make his home in Merkel and took care of the practice here. The present Sadler Clinic was established by Dr. Sadler about 10 years ago in a two-story brick building located on Edwards street, which he later purchased.

Baptist Revival to Begin at Compere

The Comper Baptist revival will begin Sunday, July 6, with night services only, beginning at 8:30.

Rev. B. L. Higdon, pastor of the Trent Baptist church, will do the preaching. Rev. Marcellus Cotten, church pastor, will have charge of the song service.

Every one is invited to attend.

FOUR COTTAGES BELONGING TO ESTATE SOLD

R. O. Anderson, as Agent for Purchaser of Williamson Estate Property in Town, Contracts for the Sales.

As representative of his son-in-law, M. C. Alston of Sweetwater, who bought the J. M. Williamson estate, R. O. Anderson has contracted to sell four of the residences in Merkel belonging to the estate, pending completion of final transfer papers. The buyers are:

W. A. McCandless, who comes into possession of the stucco cottage, facing east on Locust and just south of the corner house at South Second. He and his wife are already occupying their home, where Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Vaughn formerly lived, the latter having taken the apartment with Mrs. J. S. Swann, vacated by the McCandlesses.

C. E. Rust, who has taken possession of the stucco cottage, fronting north on North Second street and just west of Locust, formerly occupied by the Don Rineys, who have moved to the Joe Riney home.

Mrs. Chas. West becomes the owner of the home place of the late Mrs. J. M. Williamson on Kent street, having sold her home place to Mrs. Ida Sharp.

The cottage on Kent street, just south of the home place, formerly occupied by the C. E. Rusts, becomes the property of Ernest Douglas.

Postmaster Wrenn Durham, who has resided in the stucco cottage, corner Locust and South Second, has leased the south apartment in the Carson duplex, corner South Fifth and Yucca, but the house he vacated has not yet been sold.

Ed's Cafe to Re-Open Saturday, with Mrs. Turner in Charge

With new booths installed and the interior re-decorated, Ed's cafe will re-open Saturday, July 5, it is announced by Mrs. Ed Turner, the proprietor. A new awning is also an added improvement.

For the past year, expiring June 27, the cafe was under lease to Messrs. J. L. Fisher and G. R. Smith, and now Mrs. Turner, after a 12-months' rest, returns to the operation of this cafe, which her late husband established some 40 years ago.

First Flight Winner Yet to be Determined

Determination of first flight winners in the Merkel Golf club tournament awaits result of the match between H. O. Boney and Frank Breaux. Boney defeated George T. Moore in the semi-finals to reach the last match.

Consolation matches in the championship and first flights have not yet been played.

Merkel Jaycees Play Loraine Here Sunday

The Jaycees, Merkel's entry in the Cotton Belt league, will play Loraine on the Vets field here Sunday at 3 p. m.

They lost last Sunday's game, played at Trent, 13-5, some costly errors being responsible for the wide difference in score.

MERKEL STORES TO CLOSE FOR JULY FOURTH

While no special program or celebration is planned, the business firms of Merkel, except drug stores, cafes and service stations, will as usual observe July Fourth as a holiday.

The Farmers and Merchants National bank and post office will be closed all day, and there will be no rural route delivery, it is announced by Postmaster Wrenn Durham; only outgoing and incoming mail will be handled, with the usual service to box-holders.

Some firms have decided to take a double holiday, among them the dry cleaners, beauty shops and Jarrett and Mayes Commercial studio, which will close both Friday and Saturday.

Earl Witcher Resigns As City Marshal

Police Commissioner Robert Hicks announced Thursday morning that A. D. Fulton had been appointed temporarily as city marshal, to take the place of Earl Witcher, who had served in that capacity the past two months and who tendered his resignation to accept a place on the police force at Kermit.

At the city council meeting, scheduled next Monday night, permanent appointment will be made, Commissioner Hicks said.

Helped Make Test on P-80-R Speed Record

Truett Patterson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Patterson, who is with the Allison division of General Motors corporation, Indianapolis, Ind., was one of the engineers who helped to make final test on the Allison-powered P-80-R before it was shipped out to California.

The Army jet plane has regained the world speed record for the United States at 623.8 miles per hour.

Col. Albert Boyd, of Ashville, N. C., guided Lockheed-built fighter on four runs over 1.86-mile (3-kilometer) course.

The P-80-R was powered by a new Allison 400 turbo-jet engine, which develops 7,500 horsepower at 600 miles per hour.

New Dentist to Open Office Here July 14

Dr. Tom P. West of Abilene, successor to Dr. L. C. Zee, will open his dental office on Monday, July 14, in the same location (upstairs in the Sadler building). Helen Mayfield will continue as his dental assistant.

Both Dr. West and Helen Malfield will be on hand Sunday at the open house of the new Sadler Clinic-Hospital.

Merkel Party Visits 94 Year-old Grandfather

T. H. Russom, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Odell Anderson, Mrs. Virgil Turner and Tom Russom, visited the bedside of Mrs. Everett Bradshaw in Mineola hospital. Mrs. Bradshaw, who will be remembered as Inez Russom, is the proud mother of a ten-pound baby girl named Bonita Faye.

The Russom party also visited many other relatives while in East Texas, among them being T. O. Russom, their grandfather, who is 94 years of age.

RIG ACCIDENT CAUSES DEATH OF TWO MEN

Driller at Doscher Well Killed Instantly Friday Night When Derrick Pulls In; Another Crew Worker Fatally Injured.

In the worst tragedy in West Central Texas oil operations during the past year, two oil field workers lost their lives when the rig on the S. B. Roberts et al No. 1 Doscher, two miles west of Merkel, pulled in during a fishing operation below 5,100 feet about 7:30 last Friday night.

Jeff Davis, 39, of Stamford, tool pusher for the rig who was handling the controls, was killed instantly when a 7,000 pound crown block and hook fell and pinned his body to the rig floor. Thurston Havens, 26, of Hamlin, member of the drilling crew, was fatally injured and died at 9:45 a. m. Saturday at Sadler Clinic, to which he was brought.

Welders used electric torches over an hour Friday night cutting the heavy steel framework and rigging to get to Davis' body.

Two other members of the crew, Dick Grant and Jack Gwinn, both of Abilene, who were in the tool house, escaped injury.

The body of the first victim was taken to Stamford in a Barrow-Sheppard funeral coach, where funeral services were held Sunday. He is survived by his wife, one daughter, four sons, his parents, five brothers and two sisters.

The body of the other worker was taken to Hamlin for burial Sunday, under direction of the Barrow funeral home of that city. Survivors include his parents and five sisters.

Deposits Up \$56,551.70 Over June 30, Year Ago

Deposits in the Farmers and Merchants National bank, at the close of business June 30, were \$56,551.70 higher than at the same date a year ago, it is shown in the bank's statement in response for the call from the comptroller of the currency for the condition of national banks of that date.

Total deposits were \$2,961,256.02 as compared with \$2,904,704.32 a year ago and \$3,050,212.06 on Dec. 31, 1946.

On June 30, this year, loans totaled \$438,344.80, as compared with \$324,316.12 a year ago and \$320,923.21 on Dec. 31, 1946.

Total resources on June 30, this year, were \$5,083,866.32. A year ago they were \$3,925,787.39, and on Dec. 31, 1946, \$3,170,863.59.

Extensive Additions Made at Po-Po Cafe

Open house to celebrate extensive improvements at the Po-Po cafe, of which C. E. Giles is owner and proprietor, was held on Wednesday of last week, at which time coffee and doughnuts were served to callers.

In the enlarged dining room, made possible by moving the kitchen to a new 12x12 wing to the west of its former location in the back of the cafe, three more booths have been added and extra counter space provided. Other improvements include air conditioning, new floor covering, complete interior re-decorating and several major pieces of new equipment.

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Revival in Progress At Nazarene Church

The public is invited to attend the revival now in progress at the Church of the Nazarene. Rev. and Mrs. J. W. South of Centralia, Ill., the special workers, are doing good work, preaching, singing and playing. "The revival continues throughout next week," the pastor, Mrs. J. D. Roedler reports in extending an invitation to "come worship with us."

Hospital Notes

Patients received during the week for treatment at Sadler Clinic were: Mrs. Gene Childs, June 27; Mrs. Jack Adams, June 30, and the Finis Cade boy, July 2. Two babies, a girl and a boy, were born at the hospital during the week. Parents of the boy, born Thursday morning, are Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hammond; of the girl, born June 29, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Logan.

In The Churches

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Attendance at the seven reporting Sunday Schools last Sunday was 657 as compared with 747 on the previous Sunday and 681 on the same Sunday a year ago.

NAZARENE CHURCH
Sunday School 10:00 a. m. Preaching at 11. NYPS at 7:45 p. m. Preaching at 8:15. Prayer meeting at 8:15 p. m. Wednesday.
Mrs. J. D. Roedler, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Sunday: Bible School at 9:45 a. m.; preaching 10:50 a. m. and 8:00 p. m. Young Folks class and personal work at 3 p. m. Wednesday prayer meeting at 8:00 p. m.
Troy M. Cummings, Minister.

PREBYTERIAN CHURCH.
As the pastor is away on vacation, no morning preaching service will be held, but Sunday School will be held at the regular hour, 10 a. m. Offering for Reynolds home. Children meet at 7 p. m. Mid-week prayer meeting at 8 p. m. Wednesday.
D. S. Neel, Pastor.

METHODIST CHURCH
Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. MYF and juniors meet at 7 p. m.
R. L. Butler, Pastor.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD.
Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Services every Thursday night.
H. S. Earp, Pastor.

FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8:00 p. m. Mid-week prayer meeting at 8:00 Wednesday evening.
A. T. Suskey, Pastor.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School at 10 a. m. Morning sermon at 11. Training Union at 7:00 p. m. Evening sermon at 8:00. Prayer meeting at 8:00 Wednesday evening.
Merle Weathers, Pastor.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF M. F. SHOFFNER, DECEASED:
Notice is hereby given that original letters of administration upon the estate of M. F. Shoffner, deceased, were granted to me, the undersigned, on the 4th day of June 1947, by the County Court of Taylor County, Texas. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same to me within the time prescribed by law. My residence and post office address are 1109 Meander Street, in Abilene, Taylor County, Texas. Robert White, Executor of the estate of M. F. Shoffner, deceased.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION.
THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Bristol Barnett, Greeting:
You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 28th day of July, A. D., 1947, at or before 10 o'clock A. M., before the Honorable 104th District Court of Taylor County, at the Court House in Abilene, Texas. Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 7th day of May, 1947. The file number of said suit being No. 5552-B. The names of the parties in said suit are: Bertha Lee Barrett as Plaintiff, and Bristol Barnett as Defendant. The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married on or about April 23, 1947, and separated about April 25, 1947. Plaintiff and Defendant own no community property and no children were born of said marriage. Plaintiff sues for divorce on the grounds of cruel treatment. If this Citation is not delivered within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. Issued this the 9th day of June, A. D., 1947.

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PERSONALS

Robert Lee, student at the University of Houston, at Houston, is home on a vacation visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Crimm. Cheatham McFarland, student in the Baylor Dental school, Dallas, is home on a vacation visit until July 15 with his mother, Mrs. Elma McFarland. Mrs. T. A. Pence of Monahans has been visiting her mother, Mrs. J. D. Porter, the past few days. Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Windham last Sunday were Mrs. Margie Deen and daughters, Myrtle Daye, Bonnie Wayne and Norma Ruth, from Texarkana, and Bob Deen and son, Bobby, from Merkel. Connie and Alzada Pogue returned Monday from Odessa where they had been visiting their sister, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Burks. Patsy Pogue from Snyder also made the trip, and a tour of the Carlsbad Cavern was made Sunday.

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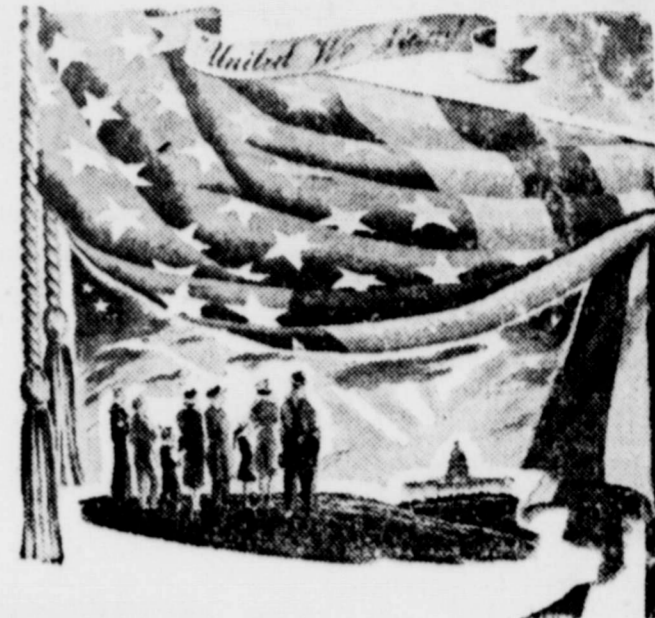
Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 9th day of June, A. D., 1947. (Seal) J. Neil Daniel, Clerk, District Court, Taylor County, Texas By Thelma Graham, Deputy.

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QUEEN THEATRE CALENDAR

Friday-Saturday—Double feature program: Charles Starrett, Smiley Burnette in "The Lone Hand Texan" and Penny Singleton, Arthur Lake, Larry Sims in "Blondie's Holiday;" chapter one "Son of the Guardsman" and cartoon.

Sunday, Monday and Tuesday — Spencer Tracy, Katharine Hepburn, Robert Walker in "The Sea of Grass;" Bugs Bunny cartoon and latest News reel.

Wednesday - Thursday — Robert Montgomery, Audrey Totter, Lloyd Nolan in "Lady in the Lake;" Popular Science and Musical.

"THE SEA OF GRASS"

"The Sea of Grass," Conrad Richter's adventurous story of the great land rush into the territory of New Mexico at the turn of the century, has been brought to the Queen screen by M-G-M. With its dynamic characters portrayed by such outstanding stars as Spencer Tracy, Katharine Hepburn, Robert Walker and Melvyn Douglas, to say nothing of a host of well known supporting players, this action-filled photoplay emerges as one of the finest productions to come from Hollywood in a long time.

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New Technique in Psycho-Surgery Being Advanced

A feature article in a recent issue of the Stockton, Calif., Record, tells of a new technique in psycho-surgery, which holds hope for state hospital insane, and in the course of the rather complete discussion recites that the surgery is being performed by Dr. Harry Elder of St. Francis hospital, San Francisco, Calif., who is the son-in-law of Mrs. Dora M. Hill, formerly of Merkel but now of Sweetwater. He is the husband of the former Eldora Hill.

Possibilities of this new development in psycho-surgery are revealed in the newspaper story, which is reprinted herewith:

Hope for the hitherto hopelessly insane glimmers faintly from a new technique of psycho-surgery being used at the Stockton State hospital, Dr. R. B. Toller, superintendent of the hospital, reported today.

Since early March, Dr. Toller announced, 15 "very disturbed" patients have been subjected to the operation—medically termed "prefrontal lobotomy"—with what psychiatric science regards as "unusually successful" results.

One woman, the superintendent reported, who has been a patient at the hospital for 21 years and was so violent constant restraint was necessary, was transformed by the operation into a quiet, pleasant person with no trace of her previous violence.

Similarly hopeful results have been obtained in the other 15 cases submitted to surgery, although one patient died from post-operative pneumonia, Dr. Toller said.

Warning that the operation is far from the complete answer in all cases, the superintendent related:

"So far we've only attempted the operation on hopeless cases where every other treatment has failed. None of the patients has been improved sufficiently to warrant their release, but we have hopes that some of them probably will be able to leave the hospital in the future.

"For the present our primary hope is to make the patient more comfortable, although results of the operations indicate we may be able to help some who otherwise would be chronic hospital cases."

Doctors, he said, feel justified in continuing with the operations. About

2000 have been performed in the United States and a similar number in England.

The surgery here is being performed by Dr. Harry Elder of St. Francis hospital, San Francisco. Doctors in the hospital here are studying Dr. Elder's technique and may continue with the operations after the planned series of 25 is completed.

However, only 200 of the hospital's 4251 cases so far have been adjudged as possible candidates for the operation.

While the risk of the operation, in which fibers between the thalamus and the cortex in the frontal lobes of the brain are severed, is very slight when a surgeon trained in the technique is in charge, Dr. Toller emphasized:

"We are not doing it in any case unless we explain the operation to relatives, until after we have tried all other methods of psychiatric treatment and until relatives give their permission."

CARD OF THANKS.

To our many friends who were so kind, considerate and sympathetic with us in our time of bereavement, we wish to thank you for the beautiful floral offering and also for the food. We especially wish to thank those who took care of things until we got here.

May God's blessings rest upon all of you.

- Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Lackey and Children.
- Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Pollard and Children.
- Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Lackey and Children.

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The average starting wage of all 143 was \$13.40 a week. Thus every one of these managers, it can be truthfully stated, worked up from the bottom rung of the business ladder.

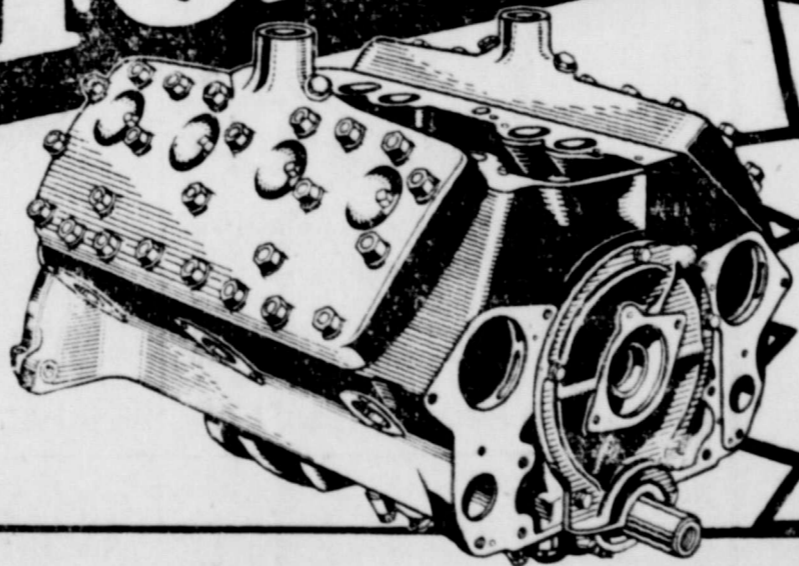
When you think of the head of a big business, think of a young man who once drew an envelope at the end of the week with \$13.40 in it.

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Visits Grave of Brother Buried in Cemetery in France

Mrs. W. E. Fitzgerald has written her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Addison, Route 4, of a visit which she and her husband, Captain Fitzgerald, and daughter, Sandra, made to the grave of her brother, 1st Lt. H. E. Addison, who was killed in action Aug. 1, 1944, in France and who is buried in the United States Military cemetery at Blossville, near Carenton, France, Captain Fitzgerald, with Headquarters Command, USAFE,

Birth Announced.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy H. Yandell, formerly of Trent, now residing at 4531 Speedway, Austin, are announcing the arrival of a 6½ pound son, Larry Wayne, born June 27, 1947, at the Brackettbridge hospital. They have one other child, Linda Darlene, who is three years old. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Yandell of Trent and Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Howell of 4413 Barrow avenue, Austin, formerly of Trent.

CARD OF THANKS.

To my friends who visited me while I was in the hospital and were so thoughtful in every way in rendering assistance while I was in the hospital, I wish to take this method of expressing my thanks and to assure you that your every act of kindness and friendliness was sincerely appreciated.

E. G. Williams.

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makes his residence at Hofheim, Germany.

"It was a day's ride from Paris to it, or that is, Carenton," she wrote. "Blossville is only the cemetery. We got to Carenton right at night and were very lucky to get to stay at the army base—the only one we have left in France now.

"The first thing next morning, which was Sunday, we went to Carenton to get some flowers. We got some but not so many as we wanted, but it was a small town any way, and all of them were not open on Sunday. We got some pretty white ones that look like white lilacs and a basket of red roses and fern; the roses are in dirt, so if you don't get him home right away, they will bloom again. I wanted to get enough to cover it all over but I did the best I could.

"You all should see them any way; they are beautiful. It is sad as can be but I would give anything if you could see it, Mama. They keep the places spotless; there is green grass everywhere; every grave is covered and all the grounds surrounding it. There are big green trees along the sides. The crosses are all in white and they have two little houses, spic-less white, and the walks are all graveled that lead up to them and between the sections. Their names are written on one side of the cross and their dog tags on the other. Don't you worry about him and all of them being in peace, Mama, because, if they could be anywhere, they are there. I know you want him home when you can, but until then you can rest assured that he will be taken care of.

"The graves of the boys from the last war look as good as the new ones do. The French seem proud to take care of them and the other other countries we have them in, too. It is our own boys that have charge of it now. It was a staff sergeant that was in charge where H. E. is, and he was so nice. He said he counted it a privilege to look after the cemetery and the boys. It was sad for me to go but I came away feeling better than when I went.

"We came back by the Ensminger boy's grave on our way home. It is

Luxemburg, just 2 miles out of Luxemburg city at Hamm. It is the only one in the Grande Duchy of Luxemburg. We were at the Hamm cemetery on Memorial Day and they did have them looking pretty. They had a French and an American flag by every one of them, and lots of them had wreaths on them. General Patton is buried there, and his was covered, and they had them lying all along the entrance — great big wreaths, three or four times as big as we usually have them. I didn't get to get any flowers for Wade's grave; I hated it so bad but we got into town too late to get any flowers, but I took some pictures for them. I knew they would appreciate us just going by and seeing it.

"There are 5,022 boys where H. E. is, and 6,412 where Wade is. They are row upon row almost as far as you can see.

"France is beautiful and it is such a pity that it had to be torn up like it was. We saw the battlefields; after two years have passed, it still looks terrible. The French have built a monument to the first American engineers that came in and are leaving all the boats and things that were sunk there as a monument to all of them. The guns, pillboxes, fox-holes and everything is just like it was, I am glad I got to see it, but it makes you hate the bloomin' Germans all over again. I got some shells from there for all of us and some sand to send to Mrs. Homer Tye. She asked me to send her some dirt from every place I went."

The letter, which was dated May 31, stated that they had just come back to Hofheim, Germany, from their trip, which they took in a rented jeep. Leaving their headquarters May 20, they spent the first night in Verdun, France, then got to Paris the next day. In the French capital they spent two days, saw the famous Eiffel tower, and other interesting things, such as the Eiffel tower. After visiting the cemetery at Blossville, they went to Rouen, where Captain Fitzgerald was during the war when he was forced down in the plane, he and three others.

From Dieppe they got on a boat and crossed the channel to New Haven, England, thence to London. "We just had time to stay two days there," Mrs. Fitzgerald wrote, "but we saw most of the interesting things—the house of Parliament, Buckingham Palace, Picadilly—and walked and rode the busses and subways all over town. I felt sick on the way over but coming back I felt good. We sat on the deck in chairs and got a suntan. We had awful food in London and you can't get water to drink hardly anywhere. The food in France was good; they are good cooks; in Luxembourg, too, they are good cooks. They are more like Americans than any other people we

have seen over here. More of them talk English like us, too, and you can never see so many new American cars as they have.

"When we got back to France we got our jeep which we had left in

a garage while we went to London, and started for Luxemburg. On the way we came through Reims, where the German surrender took place. We took pictures of the room where it was signed, the tables and chairs and

everything. I will send you some postcards of it, too. The little red school house they were talking about is really a college—a small one—and it is red brick. From there, we came on to Luxemburg and then home."



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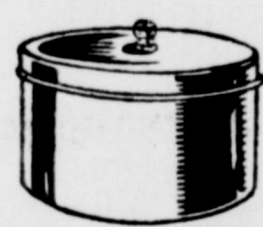
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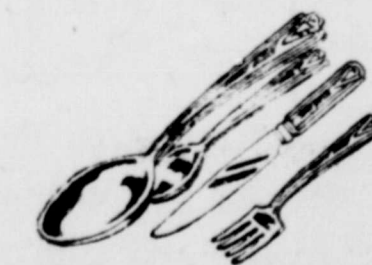
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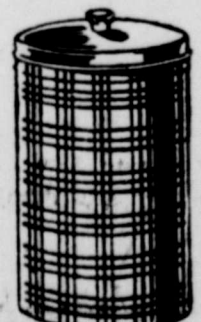
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FOR SALE—My home, corner South 9th and Oak; 5 rooms and bath, garage. Roy H. Mathews.

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ELBERTA PEACHES, on or about July 15; please list your order with me. A. J. Wright, north end of El Paso street.

FOR SALE—Battery radio, excellent condition, \$20.00. See Roy Roberts at South 6th and Walnut.

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RED and WHITE— Vienna Sausage, 4 oz.	16c	SUN RAY— Hot Dog Sauce, 8 oz.	15c
GEBHARDT— Sandwich Spread, can	14c	FRENCH'S— Mustard, 6 ounce	9c
CROWN— Sardines, 4 oz.	28c	WHITNEY'S Creamed Honey, 14 oz.	57c
SMOKED— Salmon, 1/2's	33c	STAR— Plum Jam, 16 oz.	29c
RED and WHITE— Potted Meat, can	7c	RED LABEL— Karo, No. 1 1/2	19c
MORTON'S— Chicken a la King 9 1/2 oz.	29c	DROMEDARY— Ginger Bread Mix, 14 oz.	23c
THRIFT— Tamales, No. 1 1/2 can	25c	SKINNER— Raisin Bran, 10 oz.	14c
DOODLE DANDY— Bits of Dills, 24 oz.	19c	DEER BRAND— Spinach, No. 2 can	9c
RED and WHITE— Plain Olives, No. 5 1/2 can	23c	GOBLIN— Mustard Greens No. 2 can	9c
RED and WHITE— Stuffed Olives, No. 5 1/2	33c	Brown Beauty—MEXICAN STYLE Beans, 16 ounce can	15c
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FRIENDS CALL ON MRS. W. W. WHEELER, OBSERVING 87TH BIRTHDAY.

Mrs. W. W. Wheeler, one of Merkel's most highly esteemed pioneer women, observed her 87th birthday last Sunday and the occasion was made especially happy when many of her old friends—and a number of younger ones—called to extend felicitations.

Among the birthday callers were Mesdames Pick Allen, Selma Russell, J. T. Warren, A. R. Booth, W. H. Lane, J. O. Castles, Twyman Collins, Hugh Campbell, J. S. Swann, Chas. West, W. N. Watson, G. M. Sharp, Susie Dean, Florence Berry, Earl Teague, Lee Cox, A. H. Thornton, Ralph Russell, P. F. Harris, Messrs. and Mesdames A. B. Harris, W. A. McCandless, W. M. Elliott, Rev. and Mrs. E. M. Weathers and Nelda; Sam Butman, Sr., and Miss Lottie Butman, Miss Frances Castles, Miss Gloria West.

A refreshment plate of cake and iced lemonade was served.

MARRIAGE DATE FOR GWEN PHILLIPS, DON HUTCHESON ANNOUNCED.

(Abilene Reporter-News)
Mr. and Mrs. Hart Phillips, who live on a ranch near Big Spring, are announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Gwen, to Don Hutcheson, son of Mrs. Chester Hutcheson, 1329 South 11th.

The marriage of the couple is to take place on July 13, in the Abilene home of the bride-to-be's aunt, Mrs. Floyd Smith, and Mr. Smith, 934 Poplar, with the Rev. Marvin Boyd, First Methodist church pastor, reading the service.

Miss Phillips was graduated from Garden City high school in 1945 and was a student in McMurry college, in 1945-46.

Mr. Hutcheson, who attended Texas Tech, Lubbock, following his graduation from Merkel High school in 1943, was an aviation student in the Army Air Forces. Mr. Hutcheson is news photographer for the Reporter-News.

OLETA WOOLSEY AND ABILENE MAN WED IN EUNICE.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Woolsey, of Eunice, N. M., formerly of Stith, are announcing the marriage of their daughter, Oleta, to Bill Bailey of Abilene. The wedding rites were read June 21 in the home of the bride's parents, which was decorated with pink gladioluses.

The bride wore a powder blue dress with white accessories. Her attendant was her cousin, Gloria Gene Woolsey.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Bailey of Caps. Paul Gray served as the best man.

Following a reception in the Woolsey home, the couple left for a wedding trip to Carlsbad and upon their return are at home in Eunice.

INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL HAS MEETING WITH METHODIST LADIES.

Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson, the president, was in charge of the Inter-Church Council of Women meeting, which was held Monday afternoon at the Methodist church.

After the opening song, "Faith of Our Fathers," Mrs. R. L. Butler led the devotional and Scripture reading on "Racial Problems." Prayer was

led by Mrs. Nim Teaff. Mrs. Earl Lassiter presented the program speakers. In discussing "The Race Problem of the Negro and Foreign Countries," Mrs. Comer Haynes said, "We cannot solve this problem without patience and understanding, which should be taught first in our homes and then in the community."

"Christian Cooperation" was the topic of Mrs. Henry C. West's talk in which she brought out the thought that "Christianity has not failed but we as Christians have failed." Rev. R. L. Butler pronounced the benediction.

The Methodist ladies served a refreshment plate of cookies and punch to 24 women.

MERKEL HD CLUB.

The Merkel Home Demonstration club met Friday, of last week in the home of Mrs. Roy H. Mathews, with Mrs. Don Riney presiding.

Mrs. Carl Weichmann gave the council report and Miss Lottie Butman led a discussion on "Feeding the Sick" and "Attractive Trays." Mrs. Ollie Fox's topic was "Symptoms of Infantile Paralysis and How Contracted."

Plans were made to sell ice cream on "Appreciation Day" of this week, July 2. Mrs. Ollie Fox led the recreation period.

Refreshments were served to one new member, Mrs. W. A. Henager, and Mesdames Irl Walker, W. J. Derstine, Don Riney, S. G. Russell, Jr., W. C. Lee, Ollie Fox, Mack Tucker, J. W. Bryan, J. O. Castles, Carl Weichmann, Rhett Eldson, Jr., Leon Bigbee, J. Ben Campbell, W. A. Harris, Misses Lottie Butman, Ima Ruth Shouse, Jean Mathews and the hostess.

SEWING CLUB.

The Sewing club met Wednesday, June 25, in the home of Mrs. Earle Watts. An enjoyable afternoon was spent in completing the dresser and table scarfs which the club donated to the new Sadler Clinic.

Refreshments were served to the following members: Mesdames Horace Boney, Mason Gamble, David Gamble, Carroll Benson, Doyle Seifried, Bill Harris, Pete West, Griff Barnett, Hoyle Lemens, George T. Moore, Bill Skiles, Nolan Palmer, Lester Dorton, Norman King and one visitor, Mrs. A. D. Martinez, of Vallejo, Calif., and the hostess.

The next club meeting will be on July 9, in the home of Mrs. Griff Barnett, at which time the club pals will be revealed. Each member is urged to be present.

RURAL SOCIETY

BLUEBONNET CLUB.

The Bluebonnet Home Demonstration club met Tuesday, July 1, at the club house.

The committee appointed for the bread show includes Mesdames Dewel McLean, Bill Wallace, Tom Ransom and Ford Butman.

Those appointed to sell ads for the calendar are Mesdames Adrian Farn-

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Bible School Classes Give Closing Program

The Church of Christ is happy to report a successful work in their Vacation Bible school. There was an average daily attendance of 85, the largest attendance being 91 and the smallest, 74. Immediately following the classes on the last day, ice cream cones were served to the 90 students present and other visitors. Four hundred cones and 8 1-2 gallons of ice cream were consumed.

Then at 8 o'clock that evening, of July 2, certificates were presented to all who had not missed more than one day during the school. Seventy-one students received certificates. Also the different classes gave a demonstration of some of the things they had learned during the course.

At the close of the service, announcement was made that the members of the church had brought gifts to surprise and welcome the new preacher, Minister Cummings, and his family, and to express their appreciation for his work during the school.

Moving Picture Shows Missionary Work

"The Gospel to the Millions," a moving picture of missionary work to Jews in New York City and 500 other cities and showing the distribution of Scriptures by 400 foreign missionaries to foreign peoples, will be shown in the Methodist church on Sunday morning, July 6, at 8 o'clock, with Rev. Arthur Neetz, missionary for the World-wide Evangelical association of New York City.

All are invited.

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Second in Graduating Class from Hendrick

With an average of 92 per cent, Miss Bonnie Jaynes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Jaynes, Route 2, Merkel, ranked second in the class of young women graduating at the 22nd annual commencement of Hendrick Memorial Hospital School for Nursing, held last Sunday evening in the First Baptist church, Abilene. Honor graduate was M. E. Kidd Waddell, whose average was 94 per cent.

Diplomas were presented by Dr. L. F. Johnson, chairman of the hospital's medical staff.

Miss Jaynes entered the school of nursing at Hendrick following her graduation from Merkel High school in 1944.

Trent Social Notes.

MRS. JAMES EARL STEVENS, JR., COMPLIMENTED IN TRENT.

The lovely home of Mrs. Mark Williamson in Trent was the scene of a pretty party Tuesday afternoon when Mesdames Othel O'Kelly, Milton Patton and Harold Brown were co-hostesses with Mrs. Williamson in complimenting Mrs. James Earl Stevens, Jr., with a stork shower.

Blue and pink and white were stressed in all party appointments. Mrs. Evelyn Dunaway presided at the register and also opened a seated program with the following piano selections: "The Cradle Song," "I Will Sing a Lullaby" and "Goodnight, My Love." Miss Willie Pearl Matthews played "Danny Boy" and "Hush-a-by My Baby" and accompanied Sue McRee to sing "Mandy Is Two" and "Little Curly Hair in a High Chair."

Mrs. Milton Patton read "American Lullaby" and accompanied Miss Willie Pearl Matthews, who sang "My Blue Heaven." Judy Standman sang "Playmates," and Sarah McRee sang "I'm a Big Girl Now."

Mrs. Harold Brown conducted appropriate contests, prizes for which were presented to Mrs. Stevens along with a shower of lovely baby gifts.

Refreshments of sandwiches, angel food squares, candy and iced punch stressed the pastel theme for the party. Invitations went to 100 guests.

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TENDER— SIRLOIN STEAK, lb. 59c		SNAPEE—Sliced— DILL PICKLES, 24 ounce jar 29c
FRESH GROUND— VEAL LOAF MEAT, lb. 29c		OLIVES, per jar 25c
FRESH CUT— CHUCK ROAST, lb. 45c		MIRACLE WHIP— SALAD DRESSING, 1/2 pint 22c
FRESH DRESSED— FRYERS, pound 67c		HORMEL— PURE LARD, 4 pound carton 78c
VEL VEETA— CHEESE, 2 pounds 90c		PRODUCE
		FANCY PINK— TOMATOES, pound 15c
		LARGE FIRM HEAD— LETTUCE, each 10c
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