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HUNDREDS COME FOR OPEN HOUSE AT NEW CLINIC

Commodious and Modernly Equipped Sadler Clinic-Hospital Visited Sunday by Large Number of Interested Friends

Hundreds called during open house hours from 4 to 8 p. m. Sunday to inspect the new \$65,000 Sadler Clinic-Hospital, just completed by Dr. W. T. Sadler, owner and founder.

Greeting visitors were Dr. and Mrs. Sadler, and members of the hospital staff, assisted by Misses Sandra Sadler and Sue Mayfield, Mrs. Paul W. West and Mrs. Alvin Wozencraft, who showed them through the commodious and modernly equipped clinic and hospital. Members of the hospital staff are:

Miss Vivian Davis, in charge of X-ray and clinical laboratories and superintendent of the hospital; Mrs. Avalene James, receptionist; D. H. Vaughn, accountant; Mrs. Ruby Clifford, R. N., night nurse; Mrs. Lou Reynolds, R. N., day nurse; Mrs. Ruth Pangle and Mrs. Opal Cooper, other members of the nursing staff, and P. B. Cooper, care-taker. Also present for open house were Dr. Tom P. West, of Abilene, who is coming to Merkel July 14 as successor to Dr. L. C. Zee and will have his office in the same location as Dr. Zee formerly occupied in the Sadler building, uptown, his office assistant, Helen Mayfield, and Dr. E. E. West, of Abilene, father of Dr. Tom West.

Beautiful cut flowers in baskets and vases, presented for the occasion by scores of friends, decorated the reception room, halls, and various rooms of the clinic and hospital, air-conditioned throughout.

The buildings are of frame construction, with stucco finish and plastered walls outside. Venetian blinds, have been installed in every room. Floor coverings in the halls and 8 rooms have rubber floor covering, while the rest are covered with asphalt tile. There is an inter-communication system of 10 stations.

At the time of the open house, furniture for only five of the 18 rooms, which are to be furnished by business firms, civic organizations, churches and individuals, had arrived, the balance to be delivered at a later date.

Just received Monday was the shipment of steel line equipment for the treatment rooms. Also arriving Monday for the physio-therapy department were a new diathermy and ultra violet and infra-red lights.

Fowler and Stanley were general contractors, while the following other firms were engaged in their respective building operations:

Wiring, West Electric, Sweetwater. Plumbing, Frank White, Sweetwater, and Bill Merritt, Merkel. Painting, Bill Harr, Sweetwater. Flastering, George Carter. Heating and cooling, Curtis Wilcox, Abilene.

Floor coverings, Wilson Brothers, Merkel. Gifts received, in addition to those mentioned in last week's issue of The Mail, include:

Electric clock, Merkel Chapter No. 212, Eastern Star. Magazine rack, Shiloh Baptist church. Inter-communication system, Curtis Wilcox.

Thirty-six pieces monogrammed linen, Merkel Sewing club. Artificial palms were furnished through courtesy of Missie's Floral shop.

Two urns, with the flowers planted in them, were the gift of the Merkel Garden club, (reported by error in The Mail last week as an individual gift.)

Trent Cub Scouts to Sponsor Ball Games

Tuesday night, July 15, the Trent Cub Scouts will sponsor two softball games at the Trent softball field. The first game, beginning at 8 p. m., is between the Cubs themselves, Den No. 1 versus Den No. 2. The second game immediately following will be between the parents of the Cubs. All proceeds will go to benefit the Cub Scouts.

H. O. Boney Winner of First Flight

H. O. Boney proved winner of the first flight in the Merkel Golf club's annual tournament, play in which is now being concluded, by defeating Frank Breaux, 2 up. Consolation matches in the championship and first flights have not yet been played.

SPEAKERS NAMED FOR REUNION OF OLD SETTLERS

Abilene, July 10.—Justice Milburn Long of the Court of Civil Appeals at Eastland and Don Morris, president of Abilene Christian college, will be principal speakers at the annual Taylor County Old Settlers Reunion and Homecoming July 18 at Buffalo Gap, Tom Bledsoe, president, said Monday.

An all-day program has been planned with barbecue to be served at noon.

Fiddlers of West Texas have been invited. The Abilene High school band also will furnish music.

Gardners Return from Interesting Auto Tour

Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Gardner and daughter, Becky, in their recent automobile trip through the Southern states and on to New England, made a tour of the Southern battle grounds and visited the court house at Appomattox, Va., where General Lee surrendered to General Grant.

Further historical interest included visits to Bunker Hill and the home of Paul Revere as part of their Boston, Mass., stay.

En route to the Northeast, they visited Mrs. Duncan Briggs, at Silver Springs, Md., and their daughter, Miss Billy Gardner, at New Brunswick, N. J. Their tour took in Niagara Falls and crossing into Canada, and after visiting relatives in Indianapolis, Ind., they stopped at Chicago, Ill., to visit Mrs. Gardner's sister, Mrs. Seth D. Sims.

Attend Funeral of Cousin in Kilgore

Mrs. Myrtle Wozencraft and Mrs. Belle Kimbrough returned Monday from Kilgore, where they had gone to attend the funeral of their cousin, Mrs. Walter Smith, who passed away at 10 a. m. Saturday.

Funeral services were held at 3:30 p. m. Sunday from the chapel of the Rader Funeral home, and burial was in a Kilgore cemetery.

Mrs. Smith, whose maiden name was Bessie Westenover, was only five years old when her mother died and was reared in the home here of her aunt, Mrs. J. H. McDonald. After graduating from Merkel High school, she finished the Masonic Training school for nurses at El Paso and had followed the nursing profession. She was doing duty as special nurse at the time she became ill about a week before she died.

Survivors include her husband, Walter Smith, and one daughter, Marilyn Sue, age 8, and her father, Will Westenover, of Hot Springs, Ark.

Dr. Zee Leaves Merkel To Enter New Field

Dr. L. C. Zee, who came to Merkel as a young dentist 18 years ago and has built an enviable practice in Merkel and the surrounding territory, is now entering the specialized field of exodontia and oral surgery, which made it necessary for him to move to a larger city, and he has recently located in Midland, where he bought a home and where he and his wife and son, Mike, have been residing now for several weeks.

In Merkel he is being succeeded by Dr. Tom P. West of Abilene and Dr. J. C. Carter, of Longview.

Upon coming to Merkel, Dr. Zee, who was then known as Dr. Leo C. Zehnpennig, (having recently had his name changed to Zee), immediately entered into all the activities of this enterprising town and with his genial nature and recognized ability was always among the leaders served as president of the Lions club, a director of the Merchants Trade Extension association and at one time chairman of its rodeo committee and as an active member and official of the Golf club. Professionally and in every sphere of the city's life, "Dr. Zee" will be greatly missed.

New Dentists to Open Offices Here Monday

Dr. Tom P. West, of Abilene, and Dr. J. C. Carter, of Longview, as successors to Dr. L. C. Zee, will open dental offices Monday, July 14, in the same location formerly occupied by Dr. Zee, upstairs in the Sadler building.

Helen Mayfield, former dental assistant for Dr. Zee, who will continue in the same duties with the new dentists, will be in the office Friday and Saturday of this week to make appointments.

Personal News Notes

Little Miss Melva Ann Jones has returned to her home in Abilene after spending two weeks in the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Clark.

Visitors in the W. T. McAninch home over the Fourth were their daughter, Bonnie, of Fort Worth, and a friend, Ed Clappett, also of Fort Worth. They returned Sunday.

Mrs. G. F. L. Nash, of Houston, is visiting her sisters, Mrs. Fred A. Baker and Mrs. E. L. Berry.

Mrs. H. R. Hicks returned home July 1 after visiting two weeks with her two daughters, Mrs. A. E. Brown and Mrs. A. H. Hutchins, also a granddaughter and family of Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. James Shaver of Fort Worth were week-end visitors with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Shannon.

Mrs. J. H. Arnwine and children of San Angelo are visiting her mother, Mrs. S. R. Dwiggins, and sister, Mrs. Earle Watts.

Mrs. W. L. Johnson left Tuesday for a month's visit with her son, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Johnson, of Detroit, Mich. En route she planned to stop in Fort Worth to visit a daughter, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Dunn, for several days.

Mrs. J. Ben Campbell has as her visitors, her brother and sister, Henry Atkins and Mrs. V. T. Witcher, both of Ivanhoe.

Spending the week-end with Mrs. G. M. Sharp were her sister-in-law, Mrs. J. R. Kirkland, of Arizona; a sister, Mrs. J. B. Leslie, from Shep, also Mrs. A. C. Wash and daughter, Miss Dollie Wash, of Dallas.

Miss Thelma Nelson of Van Court and Buck Nelson of Odessa were recent guests in the John Oliver and James Nelson homes.

Those visiting in the Artist Cook home the past week-end were all of their children: Sgt. and Mrs. John W. Cook and daughter, Linda, of Biloxi, Miss., Miss Pauline Cook, of Ranger, and Miss Betty Cook and Rev. and Mrs. F. E. Healer and sons of Merkel. Mrs. Artist Cook returned with her son and family to Biloxi to visit with them, and also with relatives in Louisiana, until they return on their furlough July 18.

Lt. and Mrs. Woodrow W. Clemmer, while en route from West Palm Beach, Fla., to California visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Winter of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Clemmer of Merkel.

Mrs. O. R. Douglas, recently returned home from a two-weeks' vacation trip to California, visiting with her sister in Los Angeles, whom she had not seen in seven years. Mrs. Douglas accompanied Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Carey of Beeville, who had a son, L. B. Carey, that married on June 29, at San Diego, Calif. They also visited relatives at San Monica.

Woodrow Clark returned Saturday night to Marshall, Mo., after spending the July Fourth holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Clark.

Spending the July Fourth week-end holiday with his sister, Miss Mabel McRee, were Dr. J. T. McRee, wife and son, Jud, Jr., of Longview.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Seago and family returned Thursday to Crane after visiting since the Fourth with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Seago.

Home to spend the summer with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. McAninch, is Miss Minta McAninch, who teaches in the Raton, N. M., schools.

Visitors in the home of Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Butler Sunday night were a brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Florence, and their daughter, Bettye Jane, of Lampasas. Visitors in the afternoon Sunday were: Joe Oakes, of Odessa, and Mrs. Oleta Russell of Abilene.

Mrs. C. V. Hall visited overnight last week in Trent with her sister, Mrs. Ed Sherman, who has just returned from California.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack D. McCartney and little daughter, Cheryl, of Salt Lake City, Utah, are visitors here. Mr. McCartney will return Monday to resume his duties as dispatcher for the Yellow Cab company but Mrs. McCartney and Cheryl will remain for a longer visit with her mother, Mrs. Mary Chick, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Curington and daughter, Joy, have returned from a visit with Mr. Curington's sisters in Lindsey and Oklahoma City, Okla.

Miss Mary Ann Coit, who accompanied her grandmother, Mrs. J. T. Warrent, to Merkel following a visit in the Coit home at Dallas, returned home Thursday of last week.

Visitors the past week in the Tom Largent home were her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Howerton, of Alamo. Mr. Howerton has returned home but Mrs. Howerton remained for a longer visit.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Elliott spent last Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Nannie Elliott, in Stamford, where they met two of his sisters, Mrs. Leroy Weaver of Los Angeles, Calif., and Mrs. Bertie Simms, of Mineral Wells. Next Sunday will be his mother's 87th birthday, and the children are visiting her as they can.

Visiting in the homes of L. C. and John Patton last week were their brother, Allen Patton and wife and grandson, of Dublin.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wade Ensminger were Mrs. J. T. Yeargan and daughter, Mrs. O. T. Waddle, and Mrs. John Walker of Fort Worth. Mrs. Yeargan's husband is vice-president of the Riverside State bank of Fort Worth. Mrs. Waddle and Mr. Ensminger were graduates of the class of 1917 of Merkel High school.

Mr. and Mrs. I. R. Blanton, of Lobe Hills, N. M., visited last week with her mother, Mrs. Kate Masters, and accompanied Mrs. Masters to Leavenworth, Kans., to visit her son.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Collins, of Lubbock, visited over the week-end with their parents, Mrs. J. M. Collins and Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Pinckley. Miss Sue Pinckley of Perryton was also a week-end guest in the Pinckley home, and Mr. and Mrs. Jarrett Pinckley drove to Perryton to take her back.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Church left Tuesday for El Paso, to visit their son-in-law and daughter, Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Willingham, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Baker, Jr., of Brownsville, visited the past week with his parents here, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Baker, Sr., and with her parents in Abilene.

Visitors in the W. A. McCandless home are Mrs. A. W. Mays, of Fort Worth, a sister of Mr. McCandless, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe B. Mays and son, Bobby, of Longview. Mrs. Mays will remain here at her brother's home while the others go on to Carlsbad and the western part of the state. Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Boswell and daughter, Annie Laurie, and son, Billie Mack, of Abilene, visited Tuesday in the McCandless home.

1st Lt. and Mrs. Bowman O. Barlow and daughter, Becky, from Camp Hood, accompanied by his mother, Mrs. H. S. Stith, and brother, Seymour Stith, of Jeffersonton, Ky., visited from July 4th until Sunday with Mrs. Barlow's mother, Mrs. Adah Heeter, Mrs. John Woodrum, who was a guest in the Woodrum home since Thursday, returned to her home in Abilene Tuesday.

Sam Clinton, of Abilene, accompanied by his son, Brittain Clinton, wife and baby, also of Abilene, and a daughter, Mrs. Boyd Claiborn, and her husband and two children of Trent, visited last week with his sister, Mrs. J. L. Tucker. On Saturday, Vance Clinton, a nephew, and wife and little daughter, visited Mrs. Tucker, en route to Oklahoma City, Okla., where he has been transferred from San Bernardino, Calif.

Postmaster Wrenn Durham spent the Fourth and the following week-end in Brownwood, where his wife and two daughters are visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Clements.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Tarpley and two children, Davis and Rachel, accompanied by his brother, Joe Tarpley, returned Tuesday from an automobile trip to Florence, S. C., to visit Mrs. Tarpley's father. Raley said the Mississippi, after staging its worst flood in recent history, was still nearly lapping the bridge when they crossed at Vicksburg, Monday night.

Mrs. Margaret Higgins and son, James Allen, are visiting her daughter, Mrs. Robert Bennett, Jr., and Mr. Bennett and daughter, Vicki, of Columbus, Ohio, enjoying visits to Cleveland, Ohio, and Chicago, Ill., and seeing the Roy Rogers circus.

Miss Lillie Dean of Dallas is visiting her brother, Elbert Dean, and family.

Mrs. Ernest Joyce and son, Larry, visited last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Hendrix, and her husband's brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Joyce, all of Houston, and Mr. Joyce drove down the Fourth to join her. They returned Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Mashburn, of Colton, Calif., are visiting his mother, Mrs. W. P. Mashburn. Visitors last week with Mrs. Mashburn were her nephews, Robert and Dewey Holbrook and families, of Gainesville, Ga.

LONG-AWAITED ANNUALS OF '46 CLASS RECEIVED

Shipment of the long-awaited 1946 Badger, published by the student body of Merkel High school, was received last week and distribution was made to purchasers as rapidly as it was possible. Supt. R. A. McCollum of the Merkel Public schools said.

The thirteen months' delay in delivery to the Seniors of the 1946 class was due to an error of the publisher, to whom the books were returned for correction when they were first received.

Very appropriately—and just as timely as the year for which it was intended—the volume is dedicated to Dr. W. T. Sadler, loyal supporter of all school activities, especially sports. Words used in the tribute are:

"To Dr. W. T. Sadler, who has done so much for the entire student body, this Badger of 1946 is dedicated. His friendly and efficient service, given with a hearty smile and a warm heart, have been appreciated more than words can convey. May this dedication help express the gratitude that the students have in their hearts."

The staff included: Jimmie Nell Horton, Gerald McCoy, co-editors; Buddy McKeever, Eslie Taylor, literary editors; Mary Jo McConnell, Billy Joe Knight, art editors; Billy Pat Nash, Ann Groene, snapshot editors; James Linder, Jimmy Walker, sports editors; Jimmy McKeever, Billie Joyce Ford, activities editors; Glenn Teaff, typist; faculty sponsor, C. L. Lackey.

Games Tuesday, Friday, In Softball League

In the VFW-sponsored softball league, games are scheduled each Tuesday and Friday night, to be played on the Vets field in Southwest Merkel, starting at 8:15 o'clock.

On Friday night of this week, July 11, two games are on the docket. VFW plays Trent in the first game; the second game is between Butman and Trent—postponed from last Friday night.

Stith was winner Tuesday night, 7-4, over REA and in the second game, Stouts defeated Butman, 11-7.

"Appreciation Day" Here Each Wednesday

The firms of Palmer Tire and Appliance company, Ben Franklin store and Carson grocery and market, represented, respectively, by J. Parker Sharp, J. W. Hammond and Herman Carson, were in charge of the "Appreciation Day" program Wednesday. "Appreciation Day," which is sponsored by a group of 45 Merkel merchants, is held each Wednesday, with the big event scheduled at 4 p. m.

128 Cars of Wheat Billed Out to Date

As of Thursday morning, 128 cars of wheat, 2 of oats and one of barley had been billed out so far this season from Merkel, according to A. J. Gresham, local agent of the Texas and Pacific railway.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO (From Files of The Merkel Mail, July 15, 1927.)

We are pleased to acknowledge receipt of the renewal of the subscription to The Mail of Ben T. Merritt, cashier of the First National bank at Handley, Texas. Mr. Merritt, who was reared in Merkel, getting his first banking experience in this city, has been cashier in the Handley bank for many years and through his capable management the institution has grown and prospered wonderfully. He is the eldest son of Mr. H. T. Merritt, formerly with The Merkel Mail for many years, now editor and owner of the Hale Center American.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Sheppard and son, Sterling, and Mrs. A. R. Booth made a flying automobile trip last Sunday to Evant, Texas, where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Comer Clay. Mrs. Clay being quite sick for a time. The trip to and from that city back home, a distance of about 400 miles, was made overland in the Chrysler sedan of Mr. and Mrs. Sheppard.

Mr. J. C. Mason left Monday for Scott and White sanitarium, Temple, for consultation and treatment.

GAS FRANCHISE IS EXTENDED FOR 25 YEARS

City Council Passes Ordinance On First Reading at This Week's Meeting; A. D. Fulton Named City Marshal.

An ordinance, granting the Lone Star Gas company a 25-year extension of their franchise in Merkel, passed its first reading at Monday night's meeting of the city council, at which Mayor A. J. Canon presided and the following aldermen were present: Robert Hicks, O. B. Leach, Earl Hughes and Joe Cypert.

In submitting the proposed franchise, J. D. Holbrook, of Sweetwater, district manager for the company, stated that the present franchise would not have expired until June 27, 1952, but the new franchise was submitted to become effective upon final passage of the ordinance and to run for 25 years from that date, with the added proviso that the company would pay the 2 per cent gross receipts tax covered in a recent ordinance passed by the city council. Mr. Holbrook was accompanied by Frank Breaux, local manager for the company.

At the request of Fire Chief John Mansfield, the city council voted to pay \$50.00 toward the expenses of a member of the Volunteer Fire department in attending the annual training school, to be held at College Station, June 21-25.

A. D. Fulton, serving temporarily as city marshal, was appointed permanently to that post on motion of Joe Cypert.

On motion of O. B. Leach the practice of asking merchants to subscribe monthly for the salary of the night-watchman was discontinued and the salary is to be paid out of city funds. Payment from merchants for service rendered on July 1st statements will, however, be expected.

Jaycees to Meet Roscoe Here Sunday

Baseball fans in Merkel and the surrounding communities will get to see the Jaycees in action again Sunday on the home field when they meet Roscoe. The game will be called at 3 p. m.

In the Cotton Belt League game, played here last Sunday, Merkel lost to Loraine by score of 9-4. Dennis Walker and R. V. Clark, Merkel twirlers, were in good form but errors on the part of their teammates cost the game.

Well Child Clinic July 18, 2-4 P. M.

The July Well Child conference, sponsored by the Merkel Parent-Teacher association, will be held at the office of Mrs. Elma McFarland from 2 to 4 p. m. on July 18. The clinic is open between these hours for infants and pre-school children.

Those who have already started shots are asked to come from 1 to 2 p. m. on the same day.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Hughes, who have lately moved to our city, had as guests in their home over Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Lee and daughter of Grafado, Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Lee are parents of Mrs. Hughes.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Haynes returned from a very pleasant outing and visit to points in West Texas and New Mexico. They were accompanied on the trip by Mr. and Mrs. Joyner, parents of Mrs. Haynes who reside at Tye.

Miss Valerie Dye and mother, Mrs. J. R. Dye, accompanied by Mrs. Duncan Briggs and daughter and Miss Cora Lee Hulsey, returned Wednesday from their trip to Austin, San Antonio and other South Texas points.

Percy Jones and Mr. W. B. Farmer returned recently from an extended trip and visit with relatives in Arizona. Their trip included many points of interest, among which was a visit to Grand Canyon in Northern Arizona. Mr. Jones reports the entire trip very pleasant.

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LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS

The new concrete tile garage erected by Clyde Wurst on the site of his former garage on Highway 80, just east of town, has been completed and is now open for business. The structure is 10x40 in dimensions, ceiled with insulation board. The front is finished in white stucco. Clyde states that new equipment has been added and he will also carry a stock of new and used parts.

A. D. Doan, an ex-serviceman, son Mr. and Mrs. Carl Doan, announces the opening of a radio service shop in the rear of the Farm and Home Supply. He has recently graduated from the Hardin College of radio and electronics at Wichita Falls.

After an enjoyable three weeks spent visiting their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Burns returned home July Fourth. They had left here on June 11, accompanying their son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Minor Burns, to their home in Kilgore. From there they went to visit their daughter, Mrs. Letha Comers, and family, and then on to Port Arthur, where their youngest son, R. L. Burns, and family reside.

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Four room house, unfurnished; modern, south side. See R. N. Mosier at Merkel Courts.

APARTMENT for rent; bills paid. Mrs. Lela McEver.

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In The Churches

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.
Attendance at the seven reporting Sunday Schools last Sunday was 671 as compared with 637 on the previous Sunday and 682 on the same Sunday a year ago.

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.

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 p. m. Prayer meeting at 8:00 Wednesday evening.
Merle Weathers, Pastor.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
Sunday School 10 a. m. Morning sermon at 11. Children meet at 7 p. m. Mid-week prayer meeting at 8 p. m. Wednesday.
D. S. Neel, Pastor.

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. Roedier, 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.

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Family Reunion at A. L. Farmer Home

July Fourth was the occasion of a happy family reunion in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Farmer of the Butman community. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Farmer and children, Travis, Blanche and Fredlyn, Mr. and Mrs. Etsel Farmer of El Paso, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Farmer of San Antonio, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell, Mrs. Suzie Dean and Sonja Sue Horton, Merkel.

Derrell Lee Farmer, of the U. S. Marine Corps, stationed at Ocean-side, Calif., was the only child not able to be present.

Hospital Notes

Harold Dean Sloan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Troy Sloan, who underwent an appendectomy Sunday at the former Sadler Clinic, was removed to the new Sadler hospital on Monday. Also moved to the new hospital was Mrs. Clyde Irvin, patient for treatment.

Patients received in the new hospital during the week for treatment were: E. A. Black, July 8; Mrs. D. A. Compton, July 8; Mrs. Irwin Robertson, July 9, and Mrs. Willie B. Tombs, July 10. Receiving tonsillectomies were Otilla Doan and Joy Walker.

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Abilene, July 3.—Abilene Christian college has enrolled nearly 800 students in all departments of the school, the greatest enrollment for a summer session in the history of the college.

Approximately 650 are enrolled in college courses and more than 100 others are enrolled for high school classes. A complete offering of college subjects is made available during the summer session, which is divided into two six-week terms. The second six-week term begins on July 21 and the forty-second long session of Abilene Christian college will begin on Sept. 16.

Enrolled from Merkel are James W. Jennings, Mrs. J. W. Jennings and June Nalley.

Additional Donations For Cemetery Fund

The Mail is in receipt of a check for \$5.00 from Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Merritt, San Francisco, Calif., for the 1947 Cemetery Maintenance fund, of which T. L. Grimes is chairman.

Also received by The Mail during the past week was remittance of \$3.00 from Mrs. E. E. Patterson, of Vancouver, Wash., which was sent through Mrs. E. J. Patterson.

New Texas Almanac Now Off the Press

A record of wartime and postwar economic, political and social development in Texas is portrayed in the half million or more facts presented in the 1947-1948 edition of the Texas Almanac which has just been published by the Dallas Morning News.

Features of the new Texas Almanac include complete text of the State Constitution with historical notations on all present and past amendments. The book presents an interesting account of Texas' activities in World War II, revised population estimates for late 1946 for all counties, cities, towns and villages. There is a complete summary of the new agricultural census and extensive information on the cattle industry, which now brings greater cash income than Texas crops, including a history of the development of ranching.

Big increase in average farm acreage and high degree of farm mechanization are recorded.

There are extensive reviews of postwar oil, gas and other mineral production, manufacturing, communication and transportation, including rail, highway, aviation and shipping. An extensive chapter on State Government gives a catalogue of all officials, detail of state finances, including statistics of educational support, eleemosynary institutions and public welfare, including old-age and other pensions.

The 608-page book, containing approximately 750,000 words and statistical word-equivalents, covers several thousand separate subjects, including such diversity as rainfall data, a forestry survey of East Texas, flora and fauna, religious bodies, recreational resources and state national parks and forests, libraries, penitentiary system and complete political calendar for 1948.

Efficiency of City Secretary is Cited In Auditor's Report

In submitting his annual report of the audit of the City of Merkel for the fiscal year ending Apr. 30, 1947, O. S. Burkett, accountant auditor of Abilene, included the following certificate, addressed to the mayor and city aldermen and a copy of which was forwarded to the bonding company, testifying to the efficient manner in which the books of the city have been handled by City Secretary W. M. Elliott.

"This is to certify that the books and accounts of Mr. W. M. Elliott, Secretary-Treasurer, were examined for the fiscal year ended April 30, 1947, and found correct, all monies or property in his control or custody being satisfactorily accounted for, with proper securities and funds on hand to balance his accounts.

"He has performed his duties in an acceptable manner, and all disbursements were made under proper warrant or authority. We further certify that there are no exceptions to the above."

When a dial telephone is cut into a manual exchange, the operator often hears the number sounded by the playing of a recorded pattern of numbers through her headset.

QUEEN THEATRE CALENDAR

Friday-Saturday — Roy Rogers, Dale Evans, Sons of the Pioneers in "Apache Rose" and Jane Withers, Robert Lowery in "Danger Street." Popeye cartoon and serial.

Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., Maureen O'Hara in "Sinbad the Sailor;" color cartoon and latest News events.

Wednesday - Thursday — Barry Fitzgerald, Dana Lynn, Sonny Tufts in "Easy Come, Easy Go;" special technicolor short, "A Boy and His Dog."

"SINBAD THE SAILOR" Swashbuckling adventures on land and sea, along with absorbing romance, are enacted in RKO Radio's

lavish technicolor extravaganza, "Sinbad the Sailor," starring Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., Maureen O'Hara and Walter Slezak.

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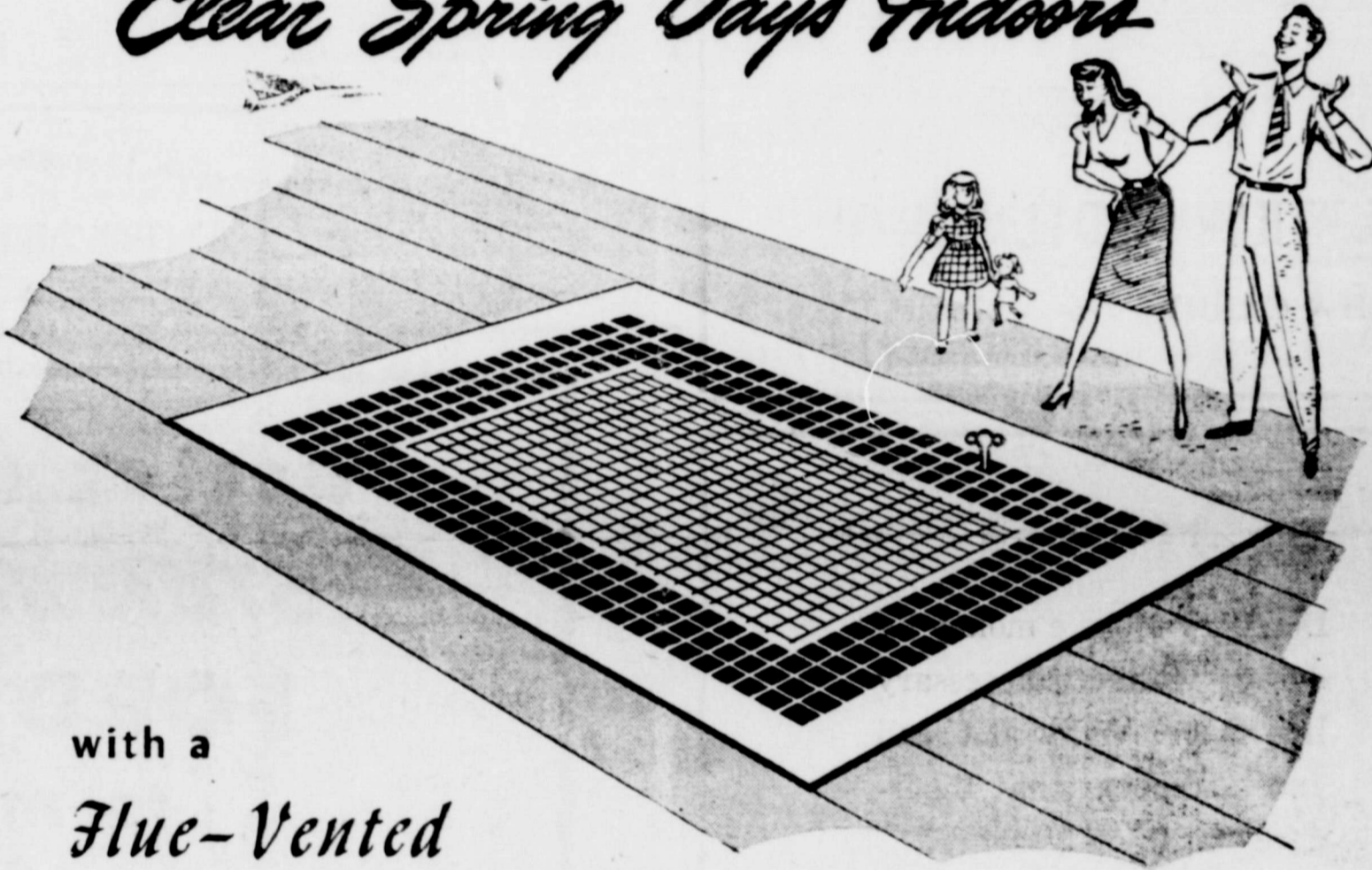
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Entertain Hodges MYF With a Tacky Party

Entertaining the Hodges Junior MYF league, Mrs. Jess B. Hay gave a tacky party at her home on July 3. The following were present: Wanda Cooley, Dan Mashburn, Deverl Harp, Peggy Cooley, Mildred Akens, Mildred Vaughn, Peggy Harp, Bill Wheeler, Jimmie Montgomery, Louie Vaughn, Jerry Moore, Jimmie Moore, Charlie Waker, Bobby Waker, David Waker, Kenneth Newman, Frances Ann Hay, Bill Howell.

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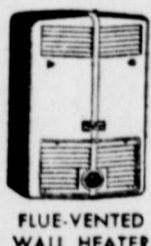
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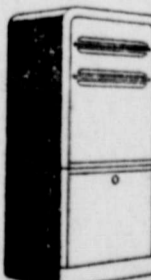
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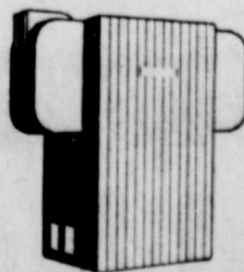
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New Officers Installed At Jaycees Meeting

New officers for the ensuing year were installed at the regular luncheon of the Merkel junior chamber of commerce, held at the Youth Center building on Thursday, June 26. They are: Powell Miller, president; Nolan Palmer, first vice-president; Horace Boney, second vice-president; Clarence Collins, secretary-treasurer; and Ben Hicks, state director.

In order to allow a vacation for the Young Project committee of women, who have been serving the luncheons, it was decided no meetings will be held during July and August.

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Bridges Reunion Held June 29 at Buffalo Gap

On Sunday, June 29, the annual Bridges reunion was held at Buffalo Gap, the occasion also celebrating the 76th birthday of H. S. Bridges of Rotan, who is the oldest brother. Following a picnic lunch, swimming and kodaking were afternoon features of the day.

Present were: Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Bridges and Billy, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bridges and Frances Holt, Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Bridges, Roy Bridges, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Bridges and Don, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Bridges and Anna Sue, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Walker, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Bridges and daughter, Lavern, Mr. and Mrs. Dano Day, Jr., and daughter, J. C. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Jones, Ola Jane Lundberg and Patricia, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Smith, Nancy and Kathy, Mrs. S. W. Dwigins, Mrs. Ida Campbell, Mrs. Fay Lyles, Mrs. Lucy Ford, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Wozencraft, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ford and Jimmy, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Dwigins and Linda Ann, Capt. R. T. Blair and Judy, Mr. and Mrs. Earle Watts, Ned and Nan, Mrs. Cleo Graham, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Baker.

Six Students Enrolled From Merkel at HSU Summer Session

Abilene, July 10.—Six students from Merkel are enrolled in summer school at Hardin-Simmons university, according to Mrs. J. A. Beard, university registrar. They will finish their first six weeks term on Friday, July 11, and registration for the second six weeks starts on the following day.

Merkel students attending Hardin-Simmons are: Frances Castles, Jack S. Haynes, Mrs. Oleene L. Humphreys, Mrs. Ruth Weathered Perkins, Mrs. T. B. Ray and Leon R. Walker. They are six of the 1,095 persons registered, a record enrollment for Hardin-Simmons summer school. This figure is exceeded only by the fall and winter semesters of the 1946-47 school year.

Legal Notice

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS.

TO: Annie Wortham, a Widow.

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 18th day of August, A. D., 1947, at or before 10 o'clock A. M., before Three Special Commissioners of the Honorable County Court of Taylor County, at the Court House in Abilene, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 3rd day of July, 1947. The file number of said suit being No. 9948.

The names of the parties in said suit are: Taylor County and State of Texas as Plaintiff, and Annie Wortham, a widow as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows: To condemn and take for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating a public road on the following described property:

All that certain tract or parcel of land, situate in the County of Taylor, State of Texas, and being a part of Lot 6, Block 65, City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, and being described as follows:

Being a strip of land 10 ft. wide and 50 ft. long off the east side of Lot 6, the west line of said strip being 50 ft. wide and parallel to the center line of a proposed highway, said strip of land containing 500 square feet (0.011 acre) more or less.

Issued this 3rd day of July, 1947. Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this 3rd day of July, A. D., 1947.

(Seal) Mrs. Chester Hutcheson,
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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—40 model Plymouth 2-door sedan; good condition. L. A. Coats. Phone 131.

FOR SALE—5-room and bath, 1 1/2 lots, on north Lamar street, with all utilities. W. L. Burns.

FOR SALE—Good pair of bedsprings and bed, dresser and table. W. L. Burns.

STILL HAVE a few pigs for sale. Comer Haynes.

FOR SALE—58-acre farm, 2 1-2 mi. SW of town, good improvements. S. O. Patton, Rt. 4, Merkel.

FOR SALE—1941 Ford truck, '46 motor; 9x12 tires, grain bed, two speed axle, perfect condition. See Bob Dye.

FRIGIDAIRE for sale, 4 1/2'x2', \$65. Geo. L. Anderson, Rt. 4, Merkel.

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FOR SALE—Used siding, windows and doors. See Howard Stanley or Bob Fowler.

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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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FOR SALE—A few tractor umbrellas and sunshades. West Farm Machinery Co.

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REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK

of Merkel, in the State of Texas, at the close of business on June 30, 1947, published in response to call made by the Comptroller of the Currency, under section 5211, U. S. Revised Statutes.

ASSETS

1. Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection	\$2,436,831.75
2. United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	189,000.00
3. Obligations of States and political subdivisions	10,340.59
5. Corporate stocks (including \$3,000.00 stock of Federal Reserve Bank)	3,000.00
6. Loans and discounts (including \$1,218.81 overdrafts)	439,693.98
7. Furniture and fixtures \$5,000.00	5,000.00
12. TOTAL ASSETS	\$3,083,866.32

LIABILITIES

13. Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	\$2,908,994.99
15. Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)	3,460.95
16. Deposits of States and political subdivisions	38,852.00
18. Other deposits (certified and cashier's checks, etc.)	12,468.10
19. TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$2,963,756.02

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

24. TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$2,963,756.02
25. Capital Stock:	
(c). Common stock, total par \$50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
26. Surplus	50,000.00
27. Undivided profits	20,110.30
29. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	\$ 120,110.30

MEMORANDUM

31. Assets pledged or assigned to secure liabilities and for other purposes \$ 154,000.00

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Taylor, ss:
I, Geo. T. Moore, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

GEO. T. MOORE, Cashier.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8th day of July, 1947

(Seal)

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CALIFORNIA— CELERY, lb. 17c	TEXAS— GREEN BEANS, lb. 14c

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JOAN OF ARC— Asparagus, No. 2 can 33c	VAN CAMP— Catsup, 14 oz. 24c
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KREMEL— Dessert, package 7c	CURTIS— Tomatoes, No. 1 can 9c
Red and White—VANILLA— Extract, 1 1/2 oz. 25c	OUR VALUE— Peanut Butter, qt. 49c
LIQUID— Fruto, 8 ounce 5c	RED and White— Black Pepper, 1 1/2 oz. 12c
RED and White— Luncheon Meat, 12 oz. 39c	RED and White— Apple Vinegar, qt. 23c; gal 67
SWAYNE— Apple Butter, 28 oz. 29c	SUPER SUDS, box 29c

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MARY SUE COLE, ELVIS RODGERS MARRY.

Mary Sue Cole, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Cole of Anson, exchanged marriage vows with Elvis Wayne Rodgers, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Rodgers of Anson, June 28, at the home of the bride's parents in Anson.

The bride wore a navy blue dress with black and white accessories and white gardenia corsage. For something old she wore a cameo pin worn by her mother at her wedding.

Attending the bride was her sister, Doris Cole, who wore a pale blue dress with white accessories and gardenia corsage.

Sisters of the bride served as members of the house party at the reception. Doris Cole cut the wedding cake. Patsy Cole laded punch, Janice Cole directed guests to a room where wedding gifts were displayed and Martha Cole presided at the registry.

Mrs. Rodgers is a 1946 graduate of Anson high school and attended Draughton's Business college, Abilene. At the time of her marriage she was employed as head bookkeeper for the Market Poultry and Egg Co., at Anson.

Mr. Rodgers was graduated from Merkel High School and served with the Navy 30 months in the Pacific. He is now farming.

After a wedding trip the couple is at home near Anson.

POWELL-BUTMAN.

Miss Edith Butman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butman, Jr., pioneer residents, became the bride of Everett Powell in a ceremony read by Rev. F. E. Healer in his home on July 5. Her parents and Mrs. Healer were her only attendants.

The bride was attractively attired in aqua blue with black and white accessories. She is a 1939 graduate of Merkel High school and later attained a degree from John Tarleton Junior college and Texas State Teachers college, Denton. She has been teaching since that time and has been with the Grandfalls school board the past three years.

Mr. Powell, who is the son of Mrs. Tenny Powell of Ardmore, Okla., served in the Air Force for some time, seeing overseas duty. He is now employed in Grandfalls.

After a wedding trip, the couple will be at home in Grandfalls.

ALATHEAN CLASS.

Mrs. F. A. Baker entertained the Alathean class of the First Baptist church on Tuesday afternoon when Mrs. Lige Harris, president, presided. Mrs. E. O. Carson read the devotional from Mark 1:1-7. Names for birthday pals were exchanged.

Refreshments were served by the hostess, assisted by her daughter, Mrs. O. B. Leach, to the following members: Mesdames T. E. Collins, J. O. Castles, E. M. McDonald, Lige Harris, Hugh Campbell, G. M. Sharp, H. R. Hicks, J. Ben Campbell, W. O. Boney and H. P. Allen. Visitors were Mrs. G. F. L. Nash of Houston and Mrs. V. T. Witcher, of Ivanhoe.

BAPTIST W. M. U.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the First Baptist church met on Monday at the church for an all day meeting. Following the opening song, "Have Thine Own Way," Mrs. J. O. Castles led the opening prayer. Mrs. Nim J. Teaff gave a book review, "America Must Be Christian."

In the afternoon Mrs. Earl Lassiter presided over the business session. Present were Mesdames J. O. Castles, Earl Lassiter, T. E. Collins, H. R. Hicks, E. O. Carson, Don Riney, A. R. Booth, W. A. McCandless, Hugh Campbell, Nim J. Teaff, P. F. Harris and W. L. Johnson.

The next meeting will be Monday, July 14, at 4 o'clock, the place to be announced later.

RURAL SOCIETY

UNION RIDGE CLUB SPONSORS FAMILY FUN NIGHT.

On Friday evening, July 4, the Union Ridge Home Demonstration club sponsored a community get-together on the lawn of the suburban home of Mr. and Mrs. Denzel Cox. Every one talked and visited out on the cool spacious lawn until gallons of delicious home-made ice cream and cakes were served, which every one enjoyed no ending.

Then the club women gathered for a short business session at which time Mrs. J. H. Clark gave the council report, then they discussed what to do about exhibits at the West Texas Fair in Abilene, in September, but no decision was reached. Two new members were added: Mrs. Leo Harris and Mrs. Lee Ponder.

The club will meet Aug. 1 in the home of Mrs. Cramer Reynolds.

Mrs. J. W. Newton of Merkel was awarded the quilt, from the sale of which club members took in a total of \$29.40. Members presented to Mrs. George Crow a nice luncheon cloth as a gift for the best sales.

Those attending this very enjoyable evening were Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Clark and Patsy, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Douglas, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Ponder and little nephew, Alfred Moore, Mr. and Mrs. John Rister, Carolyn and Raymond, Mr. and Mrs. Lige Harris, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Jaynes, Gary and Mike, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Harris, Robert and Sara, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Lee, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Pee, Mrs. S. G. Russell, Mrs. S. A. Derstine and Miss Mary Derstine, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Newton, Clinton, Ann, Louise, Mary Frances Teaff, Emma Jean Ely, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Jaynes, Mr. and Mrs. Cramer Reynolds, Jerry and Jackie, Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Harwell, Charlotte and Frances, Elbert Carey, Jess Jonlin, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Baccus, Mrs. S. G. Russell, Jr., Jimmy, Jerry and Jackie, Mrs. John Ferguson and Deborah and the hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Denzel Cox.

MRS. RAY MASHBURN IS HONORED

Mrs. Ray Mashburn, the former Delores Young, of Merkel, was honored with a bridal shower June 29 at the home of Mrs. T. F. Moore of Hodges. Mr. and Mrs. Mashburn were married June 7 at Hawley.

Co-hostesses for the occasion were Mesdames John Wheeler, Barnett Moore, Fred Moore, Jess Hay and Bud Moore. Refreshments of cake and ice cream were served and plate favors were bags of rice.

Methodist Pastor at Southwestern Lectures

Rev. R. L. Butler, pastor of the local Methodist church, is spending a few days this week at Southwestern university, Georgetown, in attendance upon special lectures which are being given at Pastors' School there.

Rev. Mr. Butler expects to return during the latter part of the week and be in his pulpit here both morning and evening next Sunday.

Accepts Position With Taylor REA

R. L. "Nig" Elliott, Jr., former manager of Baird utilities, assumed duties July 1 as foreman of construction for the Taylor Electric Co-operative, Inc.

An employee of the city of Baird for 11 years, he was for a time city marshal, tax assessor-collector, later city secretary, and since Sept. 20, 1940, he had been manager of the municipal electric light plant, water and sewer systems.

He plans for his wife and two children to join him here.

Special Meeting for Cub Scouts July 11

A special meeting of the local Cub Scouts has been called for Friday night at 8 o'clock in the Grammar School auditorium. All boys of Cub age, 9 to 12, and their parents are invited and urged to be present.

The bride's book was presented and the gifts were opened and presented to her by Mrs. Jimmy Cooley, Billie Hubbard and Mrs. Bryan Young. Invitations were extended to approximately 125 guests.

PERSONALS

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Adcock the past holiday were their son, Elmer and family from Menard, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Bowen, Abilene, Mrs. Arnett Speight and two sons, W. T. and Lawrence, and daughter, Eva Jean, also Mrs. Lloyd Norfleet and daughter, Joy, all of Clarksville, Tenn. Mrs. Speight and Mrs. Norfleet are sisters of Mrs. Bowen and Mrs. Elmer Adcock. All named above and Waymon Adcock and family spent the 4th at Abilene State park.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wilson and two sons, Dick and Tommy, of Ada, Okla., and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hale, of Dallas, were July Fourth and weekend visitors with their mother, Mrs. E. L. Wilson.

Trains of electric motor cars are usually operated with every other car having power and alternate cars being "trailers."

Record of Births

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Ross, Saturday, July 5, 1947.

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HUNT'S—Heavy Syrup PEACHES No. 2 1/2 can 29c

DEL MONTE COFFEE Drip or Regular, lb. 32c

WHITE SWAN GRAPEFRUIT JUICE 46 ounce can 19c

Church's PURE GRAPE JUICE Pint 28c

Vel Veeta CHEESE 2 lb. box 83c

Meadolake OLEO Pound 39c

Mary Lee Taylor's Barbecued Beef Patties

Broadcast: July 12, 1947

1 lb. ground beef, 1 cup rolled oats, 2 teaspoons grated onion, 1 teaspoon salt, 1/2 cup boiling water, 1/2 cup bottled barbecue sauce. Turn on oven; set at moderately slow (350° F.). Mix together beef, oats, milk, onion, salt and pepper. Shape into 8 patties. Cover and boil carrot slices 10 min. in boiling water. Arrange meat patties on 4 skewers with carrot slices. Put into shallow pan. Bake 1/2 hour; cover with barbecue sauce. Bake 1/2 hour longer. Makes 4 servings. *Veal, lamb or lean pork can also be used. **1/2 cup cooked rice can replace the oats.

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