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On the "Broadway of America"

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E. H. ANDERSON SUCCUMBS TO HEART STROKE

Had Been Printer-Pressman in Merkel Mail Office 8 Years; Served in Infantry in Spanish-American War.

E. H. Anderson, 59, of Abilene, who had been employed as printer-pressman in the composing room of The Mail for the past eight years, died from a heart attack at 6 o'clock Sunday morning.

According to his custom he had left home early that morning for Merkel and was stricken at a filling station on South First street in Abilene. Members of his family were summoned and he was removed to his home, 458 Grape street, where he died shortly after lying down. He had worked a full day Saturday in The Mail shop and had been in his usual good health.

Funeral services were held from the Laughter Funeral home, Abilene, at 5 o'clock Monday afternoon, with Dr. T. S. Knox, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, and Dr. E. B. Surface, pastor of Central Presbyterian church, officiating. Interment was in an Abilene cemetery, with services at the graveside in charge of the Typographical Union.

Active pallbearers were E. H. Baker, M. M. Jones, M. T. Scott, O. R. Coleman, D. D. Broyles and Pearson Morgan.

Honorary pallbearers were Cress Watson, Tom Spencer, Luther Clark, B. F. Cook, L. O. Cooper, N. O. Noble, Abilene, and C. J. Glover and George E. Caple, Merkel.

Mr. Anderson was born Feb. 24, 1877, at Weatherford and was married there in 1904 to Miss Ellen Sexton. The couple moved to Abilene from Ardmore, Okla., in 1927. Previously they had lived in Cisco.

For 24 years, he had been a member of the Typographical Union and during the Spanish-American war he served in the Philippines with Company C, 39th regiment, U. S. Volunteer infantry. He was a member of the Methodist church.

Survivors are his wife, a son, Edward Anderson, novelist and newspaper man, Denver, Colo.; three daughters, Louise Anderson, Ardmore, Okla.; Imogene and Dorothy Anderson, Abilene; a brother, Charles Anderson, Abilene; a sister, Mrs. Ollie Crawford, Weatherford; two grandchildren and a nephew, Harry Curtis, Abilene.

To those of us who were closely associated with him during these years, he proved a most trustworthy companion and fellow-worker—a competent craftsman, loyal and industrious, with a fine spirit of helpfulness and co-operation and with ideals of life that bespoke the loftiness of the humble character we knew. When the bugle sounded "taps" at the sunset hour, it was a fitting and simple ending for the soldier, printer and friend, for whom "30" came so quickly and almost painlessly.

John H. Woodrum

John H. Woodrum, 59, who formerly lived here and who is well known by most of the old residents, died shortly after midnight Wednesday at his home, 1417 S. First street, Abilene, after a lingering illness of several months. He had not been strong for several years, but had been able to be up and around the house up to the past few months.

Funeral services were to be held at 4:30 Thursday afternoon from Laughter Funeral home, Abilene, conducted by Rev. W. C. Ashford, pastor of the South Side Baptist church, and Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of Grace Presbyterian church. The body was to be brought to Merkel for interment in Rose Hill cemetery.

Born in Pine Bluff, Mo., Jan. 5, 1877, he was married to Miss Ella Hunt Dec. 3, 1902, at Tipton, Mo., and came to Abilene in 1903.

Besides his wife, he is survived by three children, O. B. Woodrum, Winter Dean Woodrum and Genell Woodrum, all of Abilene; three brothers, Frank, Harry and George Woodrum, Merkel; four sisters, Miss Sadie Woodrum, Mrs. Adah Heeter and Mrs. Arnold Dye, Merkel, and Mrs. W. R. Russell, Imperial Valley, Calif., and two uncles, J. A. Boyce, Abilene, and George Boyce, Merkel.

Mr. Woodrum was first employed

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KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Irion county voters by a narrow margin of nine votes over the two-thirds required, 453 to 232, decided to move the county seat to Mertzon from Sherwood. A bond issue of \$50,000 has been voted for the erection of a new court house, to be augmented by a \$41,000 federal grant.

A youth identified as Jack Dorman, about 17, of Parsons, Kans., was decapitated Thursday afternoon when he fell between moving cars of a Texas and Pacific freight train near a crossing in Abilene.

The coroner returned a verdict of suicide by hanging in the death of E. P. Henke, 54, Rockdale merchant who was found dead at his place of business.

Ten churches in Sweetwater Sunday simultaneously opened revivals to take part in a city-wide "Centennial Revival," which is to continue for two weeks.

Houston was selected as the 1937 meeting place of the Texas Dental society and Dr. Ralph C. Cooley of Houston was named next president at the annual meeting in Dallas last week.

Seven Texans lost their lives in automobile over the week-end and Labor day, reports from all sections of the state showed.

The Centennial All-Stars, a hustling band of 1935 college football heroes, smashed the professional jinx held over collegiate elvens by blasting the Chicago Bears, 7-6, in the Cotton Bowl of the Centennial exposition Monday night.

Samuel H. Clopton, 49-year-old Houston salesman, who had been in poor health, killed himself by inhaling gas while his wife was shopping downtown.

Dr. W. E. Fowler, 71, who went to Huntsville as the Texas penitentiary physician in 1898, died Tuesday after a short illness.

Seventeen freight cars were derailed on the Texas and Pacific main line three miles east of Cisco Saturday, tying up all rail traffic for nearly 24 hours. No one was hurt.

First casualty of the bird season in the Stamford section was John Estes, about 60, former assistant police chief at Stamford, who was found dead on the dam of College lake, lying on his face on his shotgun, the full charge having struck him in the chest.

Work on the first of a series of twelve earthen dams in Coleman county's water conservation program began Tuesday at Gouldbusk.

The Texas prison board elected B. T. Lillie, vocational teacher at Sinton, as educational director for the prison system in promoting a plan to train convicts in crafts and trades.

Volunteer Fireboys Hest to Lions Team

In keeping with the terms of matched play in a softball series, the baseball club of the Volunteer Fireboys as losers entertained the baseball club of the Lions Tuesday evening with a chicken dinner at Shannon's pool.

Those present to enjoy the feed were: Louis Carson, William Neill, Ward Berryman, Thaxton Neill, Bob Fowler, A. P. Petree, Dean Higgins, Parker Sharp, Grisham Dowell, Joe P. Self, Stanley King, Byron Patterson, Byers Petty, R. T. Gray, Milton Case, C. H. Collinsworth, Norman Hodges, Yates Brown, Joe Cypert, Carlton Vick, Bill Haynes, Herbert Patterson, Sylvan Mellinger, Dock Vaughn and Charlie Jones.

Managers of the respective teams are: Lions, Dr. L. C. Zehnpfennig; Fireboys, Joe P. Self.

The Lions softball team held the Abilene Lions to a 7-7 tie, called on account of darkness Wednesday afternoon, played at Fair Park, Abilene, after which the Capital City members entertained the Merkel Lions with a barbecue supper at the park. Merkel players were: Wrenn Durham, Byron Patterson, Byers Petty, Dr. L. C. Zehnpfennig, Norman Hodges, Booth Warren, Stanley King, C. H. Collinsworth, Milton Case, Yates Brown, R. T. Gray and Carlton Vick.

Gold Star Mothers' Day

Washington, Sept. 10.—President Roosevelt Monday issued a proclamation designating Sunday, Sept. 27, as Gold Star Mothers' day, in honor of the mothers who lost sons and daughters in the World War.

TEXAS DEMOS PLEDGE RECORD PARTY VOTE

Important Platform Plank Calls On Legislature to Ratify Child Labor Amendment; Party Opposed to General Sales Tax.

Fort Worth, Sept. 10.—Texas democrats adjourned their state convention Tuesday midnight after an uproarious session in which the national administration was endorsed without dissent but delegates wrangled for hours over the child labor amendment to the federal constitution and censorship of the University of Texas student newspaper.

They pledged themselves with cheers to get out "the biggest vote in Texas history" for President Roosevelt and Vice-President Garner, then called on the legislature to ratify the child labor amendment and refused to ask the university regents to lift the censorship.

The party platform included a plank calling for a "substantial" increase in the tax on natural resources.

The party reiterated its opposition to the general sales tax.

Continued opposition to federal control of oil and gas was pledged. The party asked for renewal of the interstate oil compact for two years.

Large Crowds Here First Trades Day

Unusually large crowds were present last Saturday for the first of the series of General Trades Days to be sponsored each Saturday during the fall by the merchants of Merkel.

Motorcade to Divide Scheduled Friday Night

With Stanley King as chairman of the committee, Merkel merchants and citizens in general will form a motorcade to the Divide Community fair Friday night of this week, forming at the city hall at 7:30.

Others on the committee to assist in enlisting a large delegation from Merkel are: R. T. Gray, Yates Brown and Dr. L. C. Zehnpfennig.

Asks Public to Fight Against Drunk Driving

A new grand jury impaneled by Judge Milburn S. Long in 42nd district court Monday morning was presented with petitions signed by approximately 1,000 residents of Abilene asking their citizenship to "shoulder arms in a fight against drunken drivers of automobiles."

O. S. Burkett of Abilene is foreman of the body; other members are: Homer Patterson, Sam Butman, Jr., Merkel; Charlie Stockton, Buffalo Gap; Walter Gladden, Ovalo; Grady Clark, Tuscola; Jim Richards, Tye; J. H. Christian, Jr., Wingate; F. A. Ledbetter, Bradshaw; Lon Lockley, Potosi; J. T. Vessels, Trent, and D. H. Jefferies, Abilene.

List of Petit Jurors Called Next Week

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

C. D. Hutchins, Gordon Crawford, L. S. Tipton, A. W. Cook, J. J. Barron, H. A. Freeman, O. W. Paine, W. M. Warner, Merkel; R. S. Minor, A. J. Baggett, R. L. McFall, Floyd Lowe, Dr. Joe A. Kennedy, W. I. Thornton, W. L. Bailey, Roy Quattlebaum, C. F. Huskins, R. L. Sides, A. O. Dremon, W. D. Roberts, E. M. Overshiner, John R. Spaulding, J. T. Ragsdale, F. F. Currie, E. T. Hall, W. C. Barksdale, Dr. A. Lightfoot, Dr. Raymond Wray, W. A. Wildy, R. N. Hardison, J. S. Knott, O. L. Reed, W. E. Kniffan, F. M. Myers, Abilene; B. M. Davis, R. E. Landers, H. M. Landers, Barney Gonzales, Ovalo; C. O. Green, J. E. Knight, Lawn; T. Kieer, A. B. Sheppard, W. I. Dunn, Wingate; J. V. Riley, W. P. Ballard, J. E. Lail, Guion, S. L. Stanoland, Jr., Arthur Burleson, Tuscola; R. L. Reeves, Trent; J. B. Baker, Tye.

Rabbi Supports Demos

New York, Sept. 10.—Rabbi Stephen Wise, famous Jewish leader, will go to Portland, Me., Sept. 12, to speak in support of President Roosevelt and the democratic ticket.

COTTON CROP ESTIMATE CUT DRASTICALLY

Government Places Production At 11,121,000 Bales; Reduction of 704,000 Bales Shown in Texas Yield Alone.

Washington, Sept. 10.—Drouth damage to this year's cotton crop, reflected in an official government estimate of an 11,121,000-bale production, Tuesday sent prices for the South's staple soaring.

Arid weather in the western end of the Cotton Belt caused the Federal Crop Reporting board to reduce its forecast of this season's yield 1,360,000 running bales below its Aug. 1 estimate of 12,481,000 bales.

The 11,121,000-bale estimate for 1936 was still above the short crops of the last two years—10,638,000 bales in 1935 and 9,636,000 bales in 1934—but well below the five-year average of 14,667,000 bales in 1928-32.

Drouth damage to the crop was said to have been most serious in Oklahoma and Northwest Texas "where many fields are almost a complete failure." The hot, dry weather "caused excessive shedding of squares and young bolls and also prevented the full development of the bolls remaining on the plants," the board reported.

From a yield of 3,850,000 bales estimated on the Aug. 1 report, the Texas crop is reduced to only 3,046,000 bales in the September report.

Week's Ginnings in Area Over 1,700 Bales

The week's ginnings up to Wednesday night at the six plants here and those at Noodle, Stith and Blair brought a figure of 1,720 bales to produce a total for the season at these nine plants of 4,201 bales.

According to most estimates this is probably more than half of the year's production in the area covered by these gins.

The 1934 yield in the same area was only 7,920, while last year the figure reached 13,363.

Special Programs to Be Given in Afternoons

Due to a change in plans, the entertainment program planned each Saturday during the Community Fair and country store sponsored by the Methodist ladies, the dates of which are Sept. 12 and 19, will be given at 4 p. m., instead of at night.

No entrance charge is made for the Community Fair, which will include exhibits of quilts and bedspreads, canned goods and fruits, rummage and bake sale and country store, but a charge will be made of 10 cents for the programs.

On the first Saturday the feature will be a "Tom Thumb Wedding"; on the second Saturday, a presentation entitled "Queen of Hearts" will be given.

Badger Line Gains Pair of Stalwarts

Added strength to the Badger line and added encouragement to Badger fans will result when Kermit Pangle, 182-pound tackle and letter man of former days, and Leroy Eason, 190-pound recruit from Noodle, join the Badger squad.

Pangle, who has been working in the Kansas harvest fields, has written that he will report with the opening of school, while Eason begins his Senior year at Merkel High. He has played basketball and is a track star, but this will be his first year at football.

Several players from Blair and the communities south of town are expected to start working out with the squad Monday, Coach Myers reports.

Open date of Oct. 9 has been filled with the Rochester team to be played here, leaving only one open date, Nov. 6, on the Badger schedule.

Record of Births

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Cick, Sunday, Sept. 6, 1936.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Vestal Justice, Stith, Sunday, Sept. 6, 1936.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Trice Floyd, Monday, Sept. 7, 1936.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Vincent, Comper, Monday, Sept. 7, 1936.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Cockrell, Wednesday, Sept. 9, 1936.

MONDAY, 9 A. M., MARKS OPENING 36-37 SESSION MERKEL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

STUDENT GROUP OFF TO COLLEGE

Eleven of 1936 Seniors Seeking Higher Education; Many Others Also Leave.

At least eleven, and probably others, of the 1936 graduating class of Merkel High school expect to attend college this year, with four of them selecting John Tarleton college. These are: Willie B. Toombs, Victor Joyner, Missie Spurgin and Mary Helen Mashburn.

Zerk Robertson and Horace Boney go to Hardin-Simmons; Juanita Huskey, McMurry; Clifton Bellamy, Texas Tech; Robert Higgins, Teachers' college, Canyon; Hugh Leonard, University of Texas; John Leonard, Oklahoma university.

Among others from Merkel who plan to attend college this year are: Billie Gardner and David Gamble, University of Texas; Randall McNiece, A. & M. college; Bessie Boaz, John Tarleton; Cal McAninch, Canyon; William Hughes and Hardy Moore, Texas Tech; Aline McAninch, State College for Women, Denton; Mildred West, Clara Frances Largent, Evelyn Robertson and Willie Evelyn Boaz, Hardin-Simmons, the latter to take her degree this year; Milton Shannon and Jack Patterson, Rice; Anna Lou Church, Bessylea Church, Truett Patterson and A. C. Sears, McMurry; Fay Pinckley, Teachers college, Denton; Waldeline Huskey, Draughton's Business college.

Teachers Leave for Various Assignments

Besides the teachers in nearby schools, Merkel supplies some fifteen or more teachers to various schools throughout Central and West Texas, and included in the group, which is probably incomplete, are the following who have already gone or will go this week-end to their assignments:

Miss Evelyn Curb, Cameron; Miss Marie Pinckley, Irene; Miss Berdelle Adcock, Menard; Miss Mary Kate Campbell, Amarillo; Miss Hazel Lee Rainbolt, Los Lunas, N. M.; Miss Irene Swann, Roswell, N. M.; Miss Nell Swann, Tyler; Miss Minnie Lee Coats, Coleman; Miss Maurine Tipton, Ballinger; Miss Maimie Ellis, Fort Stockton; Miss Jess Sutphen, Wichita Falls; Miss Martha Bird, Graham, and Miss Gertrude Stanley, Amherst.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, September 15, 1916.)

Misses Martha Jane and Elizabeth Swafford left Tuesday morning for Dallas where the former will resume her work in the city schools.

Dolf Clark started extensive improvements of his home Wednesday morning. A new and modern bungalow roof and other changes will be made.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Adcock are the proud parents of a baby girl, born this Thursday morning.

R. H. Dean and two daughters, Lillie and Madge, leave this Thursday night for Siloam Springs, Ark., where the Misses Dean will enter school.

John R. Daniel, a former resident of Merkel, was a visitor here this week.

Miss Mattie Paylor of Lamesa is visiting Mrs. Robt. Hicks, and Mr. and Mrs. Tobe Paylor of Big Spring were visitors in Merkel Wednesday of this week.

RISTER-SHAFFER.

The first early autumn wedding among Merkel's young people was solemnized Tuesday at 9:30 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Rister, where their daughter, Lena Carole, was married to Dr. O. J. Shaffer. As Rev. H. E. Bullock took his place in

Grammar Grades to Report to Rooms on Opening Day; Opening Program for High School In Gymnasium.

The 1936-37 session of the Merkel schools will open Monday morning, Sept. 14, at 9 o'clock. Buses will make their first run that morning. On both Monday and Tuesday buses will leave at 12 noon.

All pupils in grades 1 to 7 will report to their respective rooms at Grammar school at 9 o'clock. Students in high school will report to the Gym at 9 o'clock for a short opening exercise, after which they will return to the High school for getting books and completion of enrollment. Students in all grades are expected to bring their book cards. Books can not be issued unless student presents book card showing his last year's book record is clear.

Monday morning will be consumed in issuing books and completing enrollment. Tuesday morning will be used to have a short session, all classes meeting but with shortened periods, so that rolls may be taken and lessons assigned. Wednesday's session will be regular.

NEW EQUIPMENT INSTALLED.

The home economics laboratory and the room for vocational agriculture are both about complete, and the public is urged to visit and see both of these and the new addition to the High school. Typewriters, sewing machines and some school desks bought under PWA will probably be late in arriving. The Cox Typewriter Exchange of Abilene has kindly offered to loan second-hand typewriters until the new ones arrive, so these second-hand typewriters will probably be in place Monday morning.

FOOTBALL FIELD.

Among other improvements that the public is urged to see is the newly sodded football field. Merkel believes it has the prettiest green field in this football district. Patrons are urged to see it, and to come to the games that will be played up on this fall.

EARLY ENROLLMENT URGED.

Again this year the superintendent urges that all students who plan to enter the Merkel schools do so on the opening date. They should do this, get the schedule they want, get books, and, if possible, attend Tuesday morning and get the assignments. Even if it is necessary to stop out and pick cotton for a few weeks, these two half-days would be profitably spent. As the buses will leave at noon on both

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the corner of the parlor decorated with pot plants and flowers where the bridal party would stand, Mrs. L. B. Howard began singing "With the Breath of Roses"; to Mendelssohn's wedding march, the groom with Mr. Ennis Grimes and the bride with Miss Mary Reed of Hillsboro met in front of the waiting minister.

Honoring Miss Carole Rister, Misses Maude Martin, Faye Allen, Mary Reed and Mrs. Robt. Hicks entertained in the latter's home Monday afternoon. Six tables were arranged for "42" in this cozy little cottage which was opened socially for the first time by its young mistress, herself one of the season's brides.

Toasts given to "The Bride," "The Groom" and the "Girls Left Behind" were responded to by Mrs. W. Parten, Miss Faye Allen and Miss Evelyn Williams.

Those present were Mrs. G. A. Rister, Miss Mamie Rister, Mrs. Jas. H. West, Mesdames H. C. and G. H. West, H. C. Burroughs, Jr., Ernest Rogers, Vol Martin, Clayton Brown, T. L. Grimes, W. Parten, Lytton Goward, W. E. Britain, L. W. Woodroof, H. C. Burroughs, Sr., E. A. Walters, Misses Genevieve Rust, Maggie Wheeler, Bess Touchstone, Mary Garvin, Almada Harris, Jess Sutphen, Evelyn Williams, Winnie Warren, Mabel Collins and the hostess.

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NECROLOGY

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In Abilene in the J. A. Boyce grocery, after which he opened the first Magnolia Filling station in Abilene and he was employed by that company for sixteen years.

His patience and fortitude during his last illness stamped him as a man of true Christian principles and strong and enduring character and he leaves many friends to share with his family the deep loss they have sustained.

W. I. Hudson

Funeral services for W. I. Hudson, 78, retired farmer, who died at his home in Stith Sunday evening, were held from the Stith Methodist church at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon, with Rev. J. B. Baker of Goree, former pastor of the Stith church, officiating. Interment followed in Stith cemetery. He had been ill for about a month.

A native of Mississippi, he had lived in Texas 61 years, having moved to this section 13 years ago from Mansfield. His wife died at Dublin in 1912.

He is survived by nine children: Mrs. N. C. Berry, Hobbs, N. M.; Mrs. R. R. Middleton, Roscoe; Mrs. Clark Mundy, Merkel; Miss Louise Hudson, Stith; J. M., J. E., Hollis and Bob Hudson, Stith; and Rex Hudson, Levelland; two brothers, C. A. Hudson, Merkel, and E. S. Hudson, Westbrook; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Another brother, M. H. Hudson, 70, who resided at Hermleigh, followed him in death at 3 p. m. Wednesday. The latter, a retired Methodist minister, is survived by his wife and three children. One daughter, Mrs. Emmett Ayers, lives here.

James Blair

James Blair, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Blair of Trent, succumbed Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 3, after an illness of some time. His illness was originally caused by sunstroke, which brought on complications and resulted fatally after having been in a critical condition ten days.

Besides his parents, he is survived by five brothers and three sisters. The brothers are: Lester, Ted, R. L., Preston and J. D. Blair; the sisters, Vera Fay, Bonnie and Emma Jean Blair, all of Trent.

Burial was made at the Dudley cemetery near Clyde beside the graves of two other children of Mr. and Mrs. Blair. Local ministers officiated.

J. A. Ferguson

Friends here have learned of the death in Waco Friday of last week of J. A. Ferguson, age 66, who had often been a visitor here in the home of the late S. F. Haynes, his son. Ruby, having married Gladys Haynes, and his daughter, Hattie Rae, having married Hollis Haynes.

Mr. Ferguson had been active in conducting his farming interests until he retired the first of the year. He also dealt quite extensively in real estate.

Besides his wife and the two children mentioned, he is survived by four brothers, one sister and three grandchildren.

Pastor of Snyder Church Moderator

At the two-day session of the fall assembly of Abilene presbytery, which convened at Cross Plains Wednesday, Rev. James Spivey, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Snyder, was elected moderator, succeeding Rev. William Rogan of Stamford, who delivered the presbytery sermon.

Approximately fifty men are in attendance at the sessions, with Grace Presbyterian church here being represented by the pastor, Rev. E. A. Walker.

Election of delegates to synod and selection of the next meeting place were scheduled for Thursday.

The merchants who advertise in this paper will give you the best values for your money.

Read Merkel Mail Want Ads.

Comings, Goings, Doings

Mrs. Ruby Adkins and three children, Winona, Jo Ann and Billie Guy, of Goree, were week-end guests of her sister, Miss Billye Derr. While here the latter two had tonsillectomies.

Little Sandra Sadler, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Sadler, spent a day and night at the Hendrick Memorial sanitarium, Abilene, for examination, and is reported doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Young of San Angelo were week-end guests of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Stanford.

Miss Lorena Dry, home demonstration agent of Bell county, arrived Wednesday for a visit with her mother, Mrs. J. M. Dry.

Mrs. J. S. Swann had as her guests Friday her nephew and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dean, of St. Louis, who were returning home from a trip to California.

Mrs. H. I. Smith of El Paso was expected Thursday as an overnight visitor with her sister, Mrs. Sam Swann.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold D. Moss and two sons of Houston are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Booth Warren, Mrs. Moss is a cousin of Mrs. Warren.

Mr. and Mrs. Booth Warren spent the week-end in Dallas and witnessed the All-Star football game Monday night before returning home.

Louis Gary of Dallas was dinner guest Wednesday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Douglas of Union Ridge.

Returning from Stephenville, Mrs. J. E. Boaz, Sr., and daughters, Misses Fannie Belle and Willie Evelyn, stopped for a visit with the J. T. King family at Rising Star and Miss Mary King accompanied them home for a visit here.

Rev. John H. Crow and Mrs. Crow are at home again after an absence of two weeks, during which time the Rev. Mr. Crow conducted a revival at Paducah and Mrs. Crow was at the bedside of her sister at Wheeler City.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Braswell and Mr. and Mrs. H. Smith of Dallas, who were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Fugat, have returned home. Mrs. Braswell is a sister of Mr. Fugat.

Felix Stalls, local agent for the Abilene Reporter-News, was one of a group of 26 carriers and news agents who were guests of the circulation department of their paper for a trip to Carlsbad Caverns last week-end.

Mrs. Raymond Neal and little daughter, Margaret Rebecca, arrived Sunday from Hugo, Okla., for a visit with her aunts, Mrs. Adah Heeter and Miss Sadie Woodrum.

Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. McFarland of Friona and Misses Mildred Humphrey and Jannell Black visited the Centennials last week-end. Mr. and Mrs. McFarland, who were guests last week of their mother, Mrs. W. W. Campbell, have since returned home.

Postmaster Wrenn Durham and his brother, Neil Durham from Eunice, N. M., joined by Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Pearson and their sister, Miss Laura Pearson, of Colorado, returned Tuesday from a visit to the Centennials at Dallas and Fort Worth. Neil Durham departed Wednesday for Eunice.

Mrs. Tom Durham accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Sie Hamm and family on their return to Baird Sunday for a short visit.

W. S. J. Brown and Miss Johnnie Sears were among those from Merkel who attended the Big Spring rodeo.

Mrs. Ray King of Monahans is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Dye.

Mrs. Arthur Lawson has been visiting since Sunday with her mother, Mrs. A. H. Stevenson, at Stamford.

Emmett L. Hunter, captain of the border patrol stationed at Presidio, and his wife and family have returned to their home after a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hunter, Mrs. Lonie L. Mabry of Beaumont, who had been visiting her sister, Mrs. G. W. Boyce, and family, returned home Monday.

Mrs. J. W. Mitchell and daughter, Miss Seawillow Mitchell, of Houston, who were guests last week of her sister, Mrs. G. W. Boyce, and family, returned home Monday.

Week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Estes were his niece, Mrs. Ed Davis, and her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Jones, of Cleburne.

Week-end guests in the J. T. Darsey home were Mr. and Mrs. Guy Darsey and family of Austin, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Darsey and family of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Darsey, Jr., of Abilene, and two sisters of Mr. Darsey's, Miss Willie Darsey and Mrs. Mattie Fields, of McGregor.

Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Russell returned Friday from a visit with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bayard Shive, at Clovis, N. M.

Taking advantage of the Labor Day

holiday, Weston West, accompanied by Dick West and Robert Junior Grimes, spent the week-end at the Texas Centennial exposition and Frontier Centennial, also enjoying the All-Star football game Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Self, and daughter, JoySue, joined by Mr. and Mrs. Joe P. Self, Jr., of Abilene, spent the weekend and holiday at the Self cottage at Lueders.

Messrs. William Sheppard, Warren C. Smith, Nolan Palmer and George West drove down to Dallas for the football game Monday night, and also witnessed the last game of a Texas league double-header at Fort Worth.

Texas Woman Named As Vice-President of Fraternal Congress

Attention is called by the reporter of Merkel Grove No. 563, Woodmen Circle, that a Texas woman, Mrs. Dora Alexander, Omaha, Nebr., formerly of Garland, Texas, national president of the Woodmen Circle, was chosen vice-president of the National Fraternal congress at sessions of the congress in New York City last week. Mrs. Talley formerly headed the president's section of the congress.

The Fraternal congress is made up of representatives of some 85 fraternal life insurance associations throughout the country.

Guardian Katie Church and her officers met in regular session Thursday, Sept. 3. It was voted to have a joint W. O. W. and Woodmen Circle picnic soon as a farewell party for Mrs. Jannie B. Garner, retiring district manager, who is now located in Northwest Texas. Mrs. Bess Utterbach of San Angelo, new district manager, is expected to meet with the Grove at an early date.

Captain Mae Seago urges all team members to be present at the next meeting date, Sept. 17, at which time something special has been planned for members.

The reporter has a letter from Mrs. Tressie Goldsticker, formerly district manager and state attendant of Texas, now state manager of Arkansas, stating she was pleased not only with her work but the lovely people of Little Rock and the beautiful state of Arkansas.

Condition of Tires as Important as of Brakes

The nation's safest drivers are tire conscious.

This fact was brought out when the safest drivers of each state were brought together recently to formulate safe driving rules. S. M. Hunter, local Goodyear dealer, stated Thursday.

"These drivers, each with a record of hundreds of thousands of miles of accident-free driving, were selected by elimination contests in various states in which their records were compared with those of thousands of other entrants seeking the title of 'champion safe driver,'" he said. "These picked drivers of each state met to compare experiences and to evolve driving rules which might serve as a guide to other motorists."

"In every case, the record of the individual selected showed that he carefully observed every rule of safe driving while actually on the road, and in addition, before he even moved his car from the garage he was certain that its safety equipment was up to par and could be depended upon if an emergency arose."

"To a safety-minded motorist, that means two things—brakes and tires. Good brakes to stop the wheels when need arises—good tires, with plenty of center traction to stop the wheels when the brakes are applied."

Rescues Small Son Adrift.

Boston, Mass., Sept. 10.—Mrs. Eleanor Anderson, 24, swam half a mile fully dressed to rescue her son, 4, and the young son of a neighbor, adrift in a rowboat in the sea of Quincy. She pushed and towed the oarless craft ashore, reaching safety in a state of collapse.

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Special Showing of "Green Pastures" for Ministers, Teachers

Ministers and school teachers of the city and surrounding communities were invited to a special showing of "The Green Pastures" on Thursday afternoon of last week in advance of the two-day engagement at the Queen theatre here on Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 21 and 22.

In picturizing Marc Connelly's famous Pulitzer prize play, which ran for five years on the stage and enthralled millions, Warner Bros. have given the drama a lavishness of production that far outstrips the stage play. The transfer of the play to the screen cost it nothing of its quaint humor and inspirational characterizations, but added much in the magnitude of spectacular backgrounds and settings.

The remarkable characterizations by the cast make "The Green Pastures" one of the most human dramas ever presented. The players have carried out their roles with a simplicity and naturalness that is unsurpassed. Their quaint dialogue and picturesque phraseology add much both to the humor and unique charm of the production.

The beauty of the production is greatly enhanced by twenty-five melodious spirituals sung by the famous Hall Johnson choir of sixty voices. Some of these spirituals are in full voice with the singers on the set, and others are faint and haunting melodies acting as background music.

School Opening

(Continued from Page One) Monday and Tuesday, the student would thus lose only the mornings of these two days, and would get his books and get started and know what it was all about.

Any new student who did not during the previous week come in and enroll should report on Monday afternoon and enroll. These should bring book card and record of all work thus far done in high school. Seniors, Juniors and Sophomores who were scheduled to register on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week and who did not report on those days will have to register Monday afternoon. Freshmen who were in the Merkel schools last year will register on Monday morning immediately after the opening exercises.

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Rose Milk, 4 large 28c

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White Church News

Everyone was proud of the nice shower we got Monday afternoon. We only wish it had rained more. Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Dolan and son and Miss Lucile Shelton of Kentucky visited Mrs. Doan's uncle, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Farmer, Sr., last week. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Potts and family of Longview have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Berry. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Reeves of Floydada and Mrs. Minnie Reeves of Abilene spent Friday with Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Farmer. Misses Bernice and Mary Lewis of Butman spent Sunday with their cousins, Misses Maudine and Vivian Turner. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cox and family of Lubbock spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hunter. Ted Windham made a business trip to Sweetwater Saturday. Etsel Farmer of Butman spent the week-end with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Farmer, Sr. Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Windham and daughter spent Monday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Windham, of Blair. Hurley Boden of Shep spent the week-end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Weston and children, Mary Tom and Stanley Joe, of Sterling City, were home for the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Demere and other relatives of the White Church community.

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BLAIR ITEMS

There has been an occasional threat of rain and the cool weather has caused a little revival in some of the cotton stalks. The early cotton that was opened by the hot weather is being picked and the gin is running day and night. Miss Joy Doan is convalescing nicely after undergoing a tonsil operation the past week. Mrs. Vera Solomon of Kentucky was the house guest of her aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Malone, the past week. Mr. and Mrs. John Biggs of Snyder spent the week-end with their uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moore, and other relatives here. Rev. J. W. Moore, missionary from China, and Mrs. Moore and family, were interesting guests the past week of their brother, Mr. and Mrs. Z. V. Moore. Rev. Mr. Moore delivered two eloquent discourses at the Baptist church Sunday. Prof. W. E. Sheffield has returned home after an extended visit in South Texas. Mrs. Eula Provine and daughter, Miss Nola, dined with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Campbell Sunday, the occasion being Mr. Campbell's fiftieth birthday. Mrs. Ella Rice of Dallas visited Wednesday with her niece, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Doan, and family. Marshall Provine of Abilene visited his brother, Sam Provine, one day recently. Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Peterson and sons visited relatives at Stith Sunday. Miss Lucy Moore left Monday to attend Abilene Christian college for the 1936-37 term.

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DORA DOINGS

Showers each afternoon stop cotton picking in some part of our community; maybe after a while we will get a rain generally over our country. A good many pickers have come in and all have found work and places to camp. Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Rogers announced the arrival of Emma Joan Friday night. Mother and baby are both doing nicely. The Hamlin Oilers came over to our diamond Sunday and gave us another good beating, score 7 to 1 in favor of the Oilers. The game was exciting and lots of fun, even if we did lose. H. A. Tyrone made a business trip to Waco this week buying merchandise for the stores. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Elliott were shopping in Merkel Saturday. Mrs. Nora Rape Sauze and daughters of Abilene were week-end visit-

ors here with her mother, Mrs. Hubert Rape.

We are looking forward to our Fair Friday and Saturday of this week and we are expecting to meet you people from Merkel there for a good time and visit. Come over and bring an entry and carry off a nice prize donated by the merchants of Merkel, Sweetwater, Roscoe, Blair and Nubia. And we think the merchants' exhibits will be nice, too.

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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Henry Cooper, who is employed at Breckenridge, spent the week-end here with home folks.

Misses Maxine and LaVerne Abernathy spent the week-end in Merkel as guests of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Abernathy.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff English are here for an extended visit with Mr. and Mrs. A. J. English.

Mrs. Grace Estep of Houston is visiting a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hale.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gafford had as their guests last week-end their daughters, Mrs. Alma Hardison and son, Tommie, of Vernon, Mrs. Bess Keltz and Miss Clancy Keltz, Dallas, also Mrs. Gafford's sister, Mrs. Carl Atwell, of Vernon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Faulkner and children are vacationing with her mother, Mrs. Rosa Edwards, and other relatives.

Mrs. Roy Darby and two children are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bright, Mrs. Darby was formerly Miss Zula Bright.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Boyd of Hamilton were passing guests of friends and relatives here Sunday. They returned by way of Sweetwater where their daughter, Florence, is employed as a teacher in the public schools.

Mrs. J. G. Bowles, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Freeman and Miss Sallie Freeman were week-end guests of Miss Opal Freeman in Wichita Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Steadman and children of Ft. Worth spent the week-end with Mrs. Asha Steadman and family. Mr. Steadman filled the pulpit for the morning service at the Church of Christ.

Announcement has been made that Elmer Adcock, Merkel minister, will preach at the 11 o'clock hour Sunday, Sept. 13, at the Church of Christ.

Pat Patterson, mechanic, formerly of Blair, has located his family here and will be glad to see his friends at Kegans Service station.

Mrs. R. B. McRee, Sr., Mrs. Bob Dennis, Mrs. Fannie Norman and Mrs. Priscilla Williamson departed Wednesday morning for Fort Worth and Dallas to see the Centennials and to visit relatives.

Miss Elsie Bishop is entertaining here, Miss Betty Jane Brown of Abilene and Miss Aretha Dunn of San Antonio. Miss Dunn is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dunn, former residents of Trent.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Burks spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Estep at Sweetwater.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Hamner and Mr. and Mrs. C. C. McRee spent Sunday and the holiday visiting the Frontier Centennial.

Miss Virgie Strawn arrived for a week-end visit with her brothers, John and Earl Strawn, and their families, before resuming her school duties at Sylvester Monday.

Mrs. Joe Alexander and son, Winston, returned to their home in Hobbs, N. M., Thursday of last week after a month's visit with Mrs. Annie Boone and other relatives.

Bob Howell of McCamey spent a few days with home folks last week, returning Thursday.

Dave Howell, Bud Howell, Mitchell Cooper, Charlie Hutcheson, Jr., and Woodrow Cooper have returned home from Breckenridge where they had been employed.

Misses Gene and Doreen Scott were week-end guests of friends here, returning to their home in Abilene Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Boyce Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Waddow Peterson of Hermleigh spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Rogers. Mr. and Mrs. Peterson returned home Sunday, Mrs. Jones remaining for a few more days.

Mrs. Earl Norwood and sons, Wayland and Bobby, left Tuesday noon for Gorman to attend the bedside of her mother, who had received surgery in a Gorman hospital Sunday. Mrs. Norwood was accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Bill Sledge, and son of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rosson and children of Big Spring were passing guests of relatives Saturday on their way to the Frontier Centennial. They returned by here Tuesday noon and were accompanied home by Mrs. Mattie Rosson who will visit with them indefinitely.

Mr. and Mrs. John Strawn made a trip to the Plains Saturday and Sunday. After visiting in Lubbock they attended to business in Muleshoe, returning home Sunday.

Edgar Lee Mangum, graduate of the 1936 class of the Trent Public Schools, enrolled Tuesday in McMurry for the ensuing year.

Mrs. W. E. Shouse spent a few days of last week in Merkel with Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Shouse.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Shouse were

guests Sunday of Mrs. Shouse's aunt, Mrs. H. E. Rawlinson, and family in Abilene and were attendants in the wedding at 6 o'clock of her cousin, Miss Helen Rawlinson, to Mr. William Corder. They also attended the reception extended friends held in the future home of the newlyweds.

Miss Virginia House and Mrs. Raymond O'Neal of Abilene were guests Tuesday of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Estep. Mr. and Mrs. Robert O'Rear entertained a group of young people Saturday evening. Outdoor and indoor games were played and enjoyed by approximately fifty guests.

McLEOD REUNION.

Mr. and Mrs. N. L. McLeod served a bountiful dinner Sunday to a number of guests honoring Mr. McLeod's sisters, Mrs. Mattie Rosson and Mrs. Maggie Walker. Several of their children also enjoyed the affair with them including Mr. and Mrs. Bud Winter and children, Buddy and Bernice, of Goodman, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Mayfield and son of Blair and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Springer of Trent.

CHURCH NOTES.

Local committees were busy the first of the week renovating the Methodist parsonage in preparation for the new pastor, who will assume his duties here Sunday. Supt. H. R. Poor is supervising the work which will complete the repairs of three rooms, consisting of papering and painting, and new furniture will be installed in a few days.

BAPTIST PASTOR RESIGNS.

Members and officials of the Baptist church of Trent accepted the resignation of Rev. W. H. Howell, pastor, last Sunday. The congregation expressed regret at his removal and expect to make arrangements for future services at an early date.

TRADES DAY.

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Keep Poultry Houses, Runs Clean by Properly Applying Disinfectants

With the admonition to "keep poultry houses and runs clean by proper application of disinfectants," C. H. Collinsworth, vocational agriculture director in the Merkel Public schools, has furnished the following suggestions:

"Good disinfectants destroy germs of contagious diseases, and in some cases external parasites such as lice and mites. Since the killing power of disinfecting solutions is rapidly lost by contact with organic matter, it is always important to give special attention to the cleaning of the premises, including the removal of all litter, contaminated soil and manure before applying the disinfecting solution.

"The disinfectants should be thoroughly applied to the inside of the houses, worked into all cracks and crevices, spread over the floor, the roosts, dropping boards, nest boxes and feeding and drinking vessels. Merely sprinkling with the germicide here and there is of little value. A spray gun or brush is used effectively in applying germicide to the ceiling and walls.

"In the case of an actual outbreak of a germ-causing disease it is advisable to use for disinfecting purposes a whitewash made by dissolving one pound of commercial lye (containing 94 per cent sodium hydroxide) and 2 1-2 pounds of water-slacked lime in 5 1-2 gallons of water. This solution is cheap, odorless and destructive to almost all kinds of disease germs and is relatively harmless to the metallic fixtures ordinarily found about chicken houses.

"The above mentioned disinfectant solution has been found to be ineffective against the germs of tuberculosis. For fighting that infection the chicken houses, enclosed runs and all eating and drinking utensils should be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected with a strong solution of cresol. Car-

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bolic acid may be used in 5 per cent solution and cresol in a 3 per cent compound solution.

"Kerosene emulsion is frequently used to destroy mites. To make the emulsion, shave one-half pound of hard laundry soap into one-half gallon of soft water and boil the mixture until all the soap is dissolved; then remove it to a safe distance from the fire and stir into it at once, while still hot, two gallons of kerosene. This makes a thick, creamy emulsion. When it is to be used for killing mites in the houses, one quart of this emulsion is mixed with 10 quarts of water.

"When the runs are badly infected and contaminated with disease germs, or infected with the eggs of poultry parasites, it is worth while to scale off the surface of the run to a depth of about 4 inches, or it is considered good practice to lime the soil and spade or plow it under.

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If you heat only one or two rooms . . . if you "huddle" in these warm rooms while the rest of the house remains cold, sudden indoor temperature changes are unavoidable. It's good health insurance as well as good advice to provide adequate heat and a proper circulation of pure warm air in every room of your home during the coming winter months.

LONE STAR GAS SYSTEM



Soon the cold germ will marshal his forces for his health wrecking winter attack.



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RURAL SOCIETY

COMPERE CLUB.

The Compere Home Demonstration club met Tuesday, Sept. 1, at Newman store and work was done on the club quilt. Ice cream was served to members.

The club will meet Sept. 15 with Mrs. I. B. Ray.

UNION RIDGE CLUB.

The Union Ridge Home Demonstration club met in the Clarence Shouse home with Mrs. W. A. Harris as co-hostess.

Mrs. O. E. Harwell, food demonstrator, gave instruction on "How to Serve a Meal" family style.

Plans were made for a social at which time candy will be sold and a beautiful bedspread given away. The time has been set for Friday night, Sept. 25, at Union Ridge school house. A varied program will be given free.

Cake and punch were served to the following members: Mesdames M. F. Carey, M. L. Douglas, O. R. Douglas, Lee Tipton, S. O. Patton, Denzel Cox, Kenneth Pee, J. L. McRee, W. A. Harris, S. G. Russell, Jr., O. E. Harwell, W. C. Lee, Misses Norma Patton, Mabel McRee, Faye and Marybell Douglas, LaVerne Harwell, Alice Russell, Mrs. Shouse, and Mrs. R. O. Bailey and Mrs. Andy Shouse, both of Trent, visitors.

The next meeting is on Sept. 18 in the W. A. Harris home.

Harley Sadler in Person With Circus Coming Here Sept. 19

Did you ever see a mother weighing 8,000 pounds and a baby weighing 250 pounds? Residents of Merkel and vicinity will have the opportunity of witnessing this unusual sight on Saturday, Sept. 19, when "Big Vera" and "Mary," mother and baby elephants, come to town with the Harley Sadler Circus.

Harley Sadler this season has forsaken the dramatic tent theatre and is with his all new circus. He has assembled this season a circus of stand-



Giant Man Ape with Harley Sadler Circus, Merkel, Saturday, Sept. 19.

ard attractions, featuring performers from many, many countries. All equipment is new, and many new and novel ideas are being carried into effect. The show is presented "Jumbo" style, as given at the Ft. Worth Centennial and every act is a feature act. There are many strange specimens of the animal world carried by the circus, equine and canine stars.

The quality of a Harley Sadler show is well known throughout Texas, and Harley Sadler has devoted the same care in the selection of his circus acts and programs as he did in his dramatic show. He brings it to Merkel on Saturday, Sept. 19, at popular prices, and a large crowd is expected to turn out to see this new type of circus. As a special feature, he is making it possible for all children to see the matinee performance at greatly reduced prices.

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Colquitt Speaks as Creator of Texas Flag is Honored

Knoxville, Ga., Sept. 10.—Texas and Georgia joined in paying tribute to Joanna Troutman, the 18-year-old Georgia girl who created the Texas Lone Star flag here 100 years ago.

O. B. Colquitt, native Georgian and former governor of Texas, delivered the principal address at the unveiling of a bronze marker and granite boulder, erected here in Miss Troutman's memory.

She created the flag and presented it to a battalion of Georgia soldiers who fought in the war for Texas independence. The emblem was adopted as the state flag.

During Colquitt's administration as governor of Texas in 1913, her body was removed from Elmwood, Crawford county, Georgia, and reinterred in the state cemetery at Austin, Texas. A bronze statue and granite pedestal were placed at the grave through Colquitt's efforts.

CARD OF THANKS.

We sincerely thank every one who in any way assisted us during the illness and death of our brother, father and grandfather, W. I. Hudson. May God bless you.

His Children, Grandchildren and Brothers.

FARM TERRACING.

Selma and C. K. Russell have employed W. C. Calvert to survey terraces on their farms near Merkel. It is said this method of conserving the rainfall results in an increased yield of from 10 to 40 per cent. Mr. Calvert has been doing this kind of work for about 25 years. Any one interested should write him at Sweetwater, Texas, Nolan Star Route.

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Sat. Sept. 19th

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Special prices for this day and date only:

Afternoon performance, special Matinee prices for children, 10c Adults, 25c

Night performance, 25c to everybody.

Circus grounds:

Bail Park on Sweetwater Highway Auspices Fire Dept.

HEBRON NEWS

Regular preaching services were held at the Hebron Baptist church Saturday night and Sunday. At the annual conference held Saturday night, Rev. Houston Scott was called for pastor. Rev. J. D. Brannon preached at the morning hour.

Rev. Arvil Richardson and Rev. J. D. Brannon were Saturday night guests in the W. M. Carey home, and Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Burleson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Jones and son, Charles Freddie, of Anson were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Houston Clark and family. Mrs. Jones and little son remained for an extended visit with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Coats and Mr. and Mrs. Charles West of Merkel were Sunday guests in this home.

Audy Moore of Rising Star is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Lee Ponder and family.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Bristow and baby of Noodle and Lloyd Bristow and Jake Townsend of Rule attended church here Sunday morning.

O. R. Carey visited with Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Williams of Post Thursday and Friday.

V. L. Merritt spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. J. F. Merritt, of Cempere.

Mr. and Mrs. Lige Harris and family had as their guests last week Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Harris and children of Ackerly.

Woodrow Cooper of Breckenridge has been visiting his parents here. Miss Idell Cooper, who is working in

Merkel, was home for the week-end. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Carey and little daughter, LaNelle, of White Flat spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Carey and family.

Goodman Gossip

We still have no rain and cotton picking will soon be over. Everybody is real busy now.

Our sick folks are all improved. Karl Bonneaux returned last week from New Orleans, La., after an extended visit with friends.

Miss Verlin Cook of Winters visited here last week. She is one of our teachers and says she is very anxious for school to begin.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Tiner spent Sunday at Putnam with their daughter, Mrs. Buchanan.

Brother Brannon, our district missionary, preached for us Sunday night. We were very happy to have him.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Taylor and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Pomroy and family spent Sunday in the Golan community.

Those spending the day at Golan with Mr. and Mrs. Cox were Pratt Cox and family and Mr. and Mrs. Lindsey Cox.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert James and family, Mildred Swinney, Libby Brown, Mrs. Hoyt Barnes and son, Wilman Dale, enjoyed an outing at Sweetwater lake Sunday afternoon.

Friday night of this week our new gymnasium will be formally opened. A nice program is being planned, also

several ball games scheduled. It's all free. Everybody is invited.

Auto Rolls Into Lake.

Linn Creek, Mo., Sept. 10.—A woman said to be Mrs. Dixie Vandever, of Tulsa, was carried to the bottom of the Lake of the Ozarks when the automobile in which she was sitting rolled into the lake.

Lists "Everything For Sale."

Tarrytown, N. Y., Sept. 10.—Elsie Janis, famed stage actress, listed "everything for sale" as she looked forward to the charity auction of her properties that will launch her new career of "living to make others happy."

Read the advertisements in this paper. There's a message in every one of them that may enable you to save money. At least you will know where to find what you want without doing a lot of hunting and asking questions, and you also know the merchants appreciate your patronage because they solicit your business and make special offering of their goods.

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Catsup, 14 oz. bottle	15c
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Pickles, sour or dill, qt.	17c
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Oil, pint	25c

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Coffee, pound	17c
Red and White	
Meal, 5 pounds	23c
Mart	
Coffee, pound	20c
Dyanshine	
Shoe Polish, bottle	19c
Pure Cane	
Sugar, 10 lbs.	53c
Supreme	
Peanut Butter, 24 oz. jar	25c
Goblin	
Hominy, No. 2 1-2 can	10c
Oval	
Sardines, mustard or tomato	10c
Red and White	
Flav-R-Jell, pkg.	5c

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Note Book Paper, 3 pkgs.	10c
School Tablets, 3 for	10c
Pencils, 2 for	5c
Red and White	
Soap, 5 bars	19c
Blue and White	
Matches, 6 box carton	19c
Red and White	
Cleanser, 2 cans	2c
Bologna, 2 pounds	25c
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Sliced Bacon, pound	25c
Pure Pork Sausage, lb.	19c

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BIRD FRY.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Myers, as athletic coach for the Merkel High School Badgers, were complimented with a bird fry at the Sears lodge on Thursday evening of last week. Men, who furnished their cars last year to carry football boys home following practice each afternoon, made up the guest list and Messrs. Yates Brown, Booth Warren, Warren Smith and L. C. Zehnpfennig were the hosts.

A bird menu was served and entertainment was informal for Messrs. and Mesdames Myers, Fred Hughes, W. T. Sadler, Tom Largent, W. S. J. Brown, Milton Case, Yates Brown, Booth Warren, Warren Smith and Dr. and Mrs. L. C. Zehnpfennig.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.

Little Miss Ray Ann Hamm of Baird celebrated her birthday in the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Thos. Durham on last Saturday afternoon with Mrs. Sie Hamm and Mrs. Durham co-hostesses in entertaining for her. This charming little honoree was the happy recipient of many birthday remembrances.

An "Amateur Hour" on which all guests participated was an enjoyable feature and other games made up the afternoon play. At the refreshment hour the beautiful pink and white birthday cake was cut and served with punch and ice cream. Party favors for the little misses were colonial dolls while the young gentlemen received bright colored balloons.

Ray Ann's guests were Marjorie and John Robert Walker, Billy Morris Baze, Marilyn Petty, Joy Frances West, Glen and Foy Westenhover, Cheatham McFarland, Dorothy Nell Lee, Lora Pearl and Wayne Hughes, Freddie Lee and Harold Hughes, Becky Gaither, Mary Fae Golladay, Jackie Boaz Smith, Gwendolyn Vaughn, Barbara Ann Brown, Jane Darsey of Austin, Allan Hamm and Mrs. Frank Hamm and the hostesses and honoree.

H. C. WEST HOME OPENED TO STUDY CLUB IN SOCIAL MEETING.

Mrs. Henry West entertained Tuesday afternoon with a pretty party for members of the Fortnightly Study club as guests. The entertaining rooms were decorated with lovely summer blossoms. Members answered roll call with memoirs from their vacations and Mrs. W. S. J. Brown read a paper on "Collecting Memories." Mrs. West then gave "The President's Message." Mrs. George Wilhite was elected to membership, filling the vacancy occurring with the resignation of Miss Evelyn Curb.

Mrs. W. T. Sadler gave a book review of the 1935 Pulitzer Prize Novel and Miss Christine Collins sang two numbers accompanied at the piano by Miss Johnnie Sears.

The hostess was assisted by Mrs. F. C. McFarland and Mrs. Lige Gamble in serving a dainty refreshment plate of ices, sandwiches and sweets to Mesdames Johnnie Cox, Bill Haynes, Byers Petty, A. R. Booth, Sam Swann, H. C. West, Clyde E. Smith, Joe P. Self, Tom Largent, W. S. J. Brown, Asa Sheppard, Tom Warren, Frank McFarland, W. T. Sadler, Fred Hughes, Lige Gamble, R. A. Burgess and Misses Christine Collins, Dora Garoutte, Johnnie Sears and Julia Martin.

LAWN PARTY.

The husbands of members of the Mary Martha Missionary society were complimented on Friday evening with a most enjoyable affair at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Grable.

Tables were arranged on the lawn where a delectable summer menu was served buffet-style, after which progressive "84" furnished happy diversion during a game hour for Messrs. and Mesdames Fred Hughes, Johnnie Cox, Tom Allday, Raymond Ferguson, Milton Case, John Grable, William Sheppard, Tracy Campbell and E. B. Wallace.

ALATHEAN CLASS.

The Alathean class of the First Baptist Sunday School met in the home of Mrs. E. M. McDonald on Wednesday, Sept. 2. The meeting was opened with prayer by the class president, Mrs. Charles West, with a devotional reading by Mrs. Mathews. After the minutes were read and approved, Mrs. J. S. Swann led the prayer and the class teacher, Mrs. E.

N. Brown, presented to the class the names of the new officers.

The class elected for their president Mrs. Charles West; vice-presidents are Mesdames H. P. Allen, W. A. McCandless, E. M. McDonald, J. S. Swann, T. J. R. Swafford; Sunday School class secretary and treasurer, Mrs. G. M. Sharp; class social secretary, Mrs. W. L. Johnson; class reporter, Mrs. W. V. Harris; teachers, Mrs. E. N. Brown and assistant, Mrs. J. M. Meeks.

When the hostess took charge, a reading was given by Billie Haynes, a song by Jackie Haynes and a reading by Mrs. Comer Haynes. Several contests were enjoyed.

A salad plate with refreshing drink was passed to Mesdames E. N. Brown, J. M. Meeks, F. A. Baker, R. H. Mathews, J. S. Swann, J. T. Warren, R. P. Fields, F. P. Hamm, J. D. Porter, G. M. Sharp, Charles West, H. P. Allen, W. F. Patterson, C. M. Largent, W. O. Boney, W. V. Harris, W. L. Johnson and the hostess, Mrs. McDonald.

VOTA VITA CLASS.

Mrs. W. T. Sadler very graciously opened her cottage on Lake Sweetwater Tuesday afternoon, Sept. 1, to the Vota Vita class. Those enjoying the outing, watching the kiddies wade, and the basket supper, were Mesdames Lum Gilbreath, Irl Walker, Bill Fugate, Earl Baze, Sam Swann, Buck Leach, Byers Petty, Warren Smith, Arthur Lawson, J. L. Wilson, Walter Teaff, Leonard Jinkens, Lula Sadler, Miss Selena Teaff, the hostess, and the following small guests: Sandra Sadler, Sue Mayfield, Patsy Swann, Mary Faye Golladay, Marilyn Petty, Royce Gilbreath and Jackie Smith.

THREE "F" CLUB.

The suburban home of Miss Jane Ferguson was the meeting place for members of the "Three 'F' Club" on Monday afternoon. After "an hour of gossip" a dainty refreshment plate of sandwiches, cookies and drink was passed, the members all going in to watch the football boys practice.

Those present were Misses Bettye Grimes, Sis Gamble, Verne Moore, Fannelle Gray, Phyllis Smith, Hollis Perry, Frances Higgins, DeLa Verne Teague and the hostess.

WILLING WORKERS CLASS.

The Willing Workers class of Grace Presbyterian church met with Mrs. R. A. Walker Tuesday afternoon. An interesting program was carried out and refreshments were served to Mesdames J. R. Walling, J. J. Russell, W. M. Elliott, S. A. Derstine, W. D. Butler, S. G. Russell, L. L. Murray, J. E. Tucker, J. W. McConnell and Miss Mary Keny.

First Rainfall Here In Nearly Two Months

While only local, rainfall of a half inch was gauged by Volunteer Weather Observer Grover Hale on Thursday afternoon of last week, first precipitation here since July 10.

The year's total rainfall for Merkel is only 14 1/4 inches, including the above half inch.

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CHURCH SERVICES

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

There were 605 present at the six reporting Sunday Schools here last Sunday as compared with 644 on the previous Sunday. On the same Sunday a year ago the attendance was 601.

METHODIST CHURCH.

Sunday School 10 a. m. Herbert Patterson, general superintendent. Morning worship 11 a. m. Sermon by the pastor. Young people's meeting 7:15 p. m. Preaching service 8 p. m. Prayer meeting each Wednesday at 7:45.

You will always find a welcome at the Methodist church.

John H. Crow, Pastor.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. WMU at 4 o'clock Monday afternoon. Prayer meeting at 7:45 Wednesday evening.

All are cordially invited to attend these services.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School 10 a. m. As this is the pastor's day at Baird, there will be no preaching service, morning nor evening.

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

You are cordially invited to these services. Strangers welcome.

R. A. Walker, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Brother A. J. Rollins will return this week and will take up regular work with us for the fall and winter. You are invited to hear him any and all times.

Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. each Sunday. Bible study 10 a. m. Sunday. Young people's program 7 p. m. on Sunday.

A service of song, prayer and preaching for each Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

The Elders.

NAZARENE CHURCH.

Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Young

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Will Rogers and Janet Gaynor in

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people's meeting at 7:15 p. m. Prayer meeting at 8:15 p. m. Wednesday.

R. T. Smith, Pastor.

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Preaching service every Saturday evening at 8 o'clock, Sunday 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday at 8 p. m. Teachers meeting Friday 8 p. m. You are welcome to all of these services.

Subjects for next Sunday: morning, "Ambition, Growth and Christian Education;" evening, "How Souls Are Lost."

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Wednesday-Thursday Melvyn Douglas, Mary Astor in

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R. & R. RITZ

Friday-Saturday Hoot Gibson in "Lucky Terror"

Baptist Association In Two-Day Session

A number of members of the First Baptist church were in attendance Thursday at the opening session of the 52nd annual program of the Sweetwater Baptist association, which convened at the South Side Baptist church and which will continue over Thursday.

Two Merkel women took part in the opening program of the 32nd annual convention of the woman's auxiliary Wednesday morning prior to the associational sessions. Mrs. J. L. Winter was named with Mrs. W. C. Ashford, wife of the pastor host, to extend greetings to the visitors, and Mrs. Finis Williams of Merkel gave the response.

Typewriting and carbon paper at Mail office.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

Numbers of Merkel folk have availed themselves of the pleasure of a Sunday ride on Lake Sweetwater in Ross Ferrier's spacious motorboat. Rates for rides are 25c for adults, 15c

for children, with special rates for families.

Mrs. Marvin Wilson assumed the management of Woozy's Cafe No. 2 the first of the week and will be assisted by her sister, Miss Lena Weathers, with Ocie Burns as cook.

Nolan Palmer, formerly of San Angelo, is now in the employ of George West, operator of the Gulf Service station, and he and his wife have returned to make Merkel their home. Mrs. Palmer, the former Miss Annie Lee Dubose, is employed at Woozy's Cafe No. 1.

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Gelatina Desert All flavors Pkg. 5c

Brooms 5 string Each 19c

Corn Flakes Miller's Pkg. 10c

Tomatoes Tall cans 3 for 25c

Corn Full No. 2 can Can 10c

Mackerel 16 oz. cans 3 for 25c

Syrup Pure Ribbon Cane Gal. 59c

Salt 26 oz. boxes 3 for 10c

Chili, 1 pound bricks 25c

Bologna Sausage, per pound 15c

Oats, Gold Medal 25c

Flour Flour Light Crust \$2.00 Amaryllis \$1.90 Pillsbury \$2.00 Gold Medal \$2.00 Hill Billy \$2.00 Gladiola \$2.00 Western Scout \$1.65 Rising Star \$1.40

Salad Dressing, qt 25

Mustard, 24 oz. 10c

Peanut Butter, qt. 29

Crackers, A-1, 2 lb 19

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