

Keeping Up
With Texas

Curtis Mahan, 18, Kilgore Junior college freshman, was killed and four other youths injured, none seriously, when their automobile overturned at Kilgore Saturday night.

Ernest O. Thompson, state railroad commissioner, last Friday announced he would be a candidate for congress to succeed Representative Marvin Jones, who resigned to become a member of the United States court of claims.

Billy Fisher, 9-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Fisher, was crushed to death late Friday at Odessa when he attempted to swing a ride on a county road maintainer.

Neill McKillop, about 26, a Lubbock salesman, was found dead Monday morning on the platform of the Fort Worth and Denver railroad station at Clarendon, with a bullet wound in his head. According to a coroner's verdict, the wound was self-inflicted.

Governor W. Lee O'Daniel Monday appointed W. F. Moore of Paris, first assistant attorney general, to be chief justice of the Texas supreme court. Moore, who is 70, accepted the appointment, which had previously been twice declined, once by Attorney General Mann and later by Eugene P. Locke of Dallas.

Binford Arney of Amarillo was elevated to the presidency of the Texas Junior Chamber of Commerce, and El Paso was named the 1941 convention city by delegates at the closing business session in Galveston Saturday.

Ten-year-old C. W. Cox was killed Monday when he was hit by an automobile on highway 26 south of Kilgore. His father, C. W. Cox, witnessed the accident. Young Cox was leaving his father's truck to cross the highway when the automobile struck him.

Iris Klepper, 20, injured Mar. 24 in an automobile wreck 20 miles east of Abilene on the Albany highway, died Sunday in an Abilene hospital, never having regained consciousness after the accident.

Dr. Rupert N. Richardson, distinguished scholar and educator, who had been executive vice-president of Hardin-Simmons university since January, 1938, was elected president of the institution at a meeting of the board of trustees Tuesday.

By way of dedicating its new office building and other improvements amounting to \$75,000, the Abilene Reporter-News held open house the first three days of this week. Visitors had the opportunity to see the new 24-page press in operation, in addition to other work going on in the plant.

R. F. Coe, employee of the Halliburton Cementing company, was killed instantly about noon Wednesday while helping to cement a well in the Lewis pool, 12 miles east of Anson.

Trent Seniors To Present "Under Western Skies"

Trent, Apr. 18.—The senior class of Trent High school announces the production of the senior class play, "Under Western Skies," a comedy by Charles George, to be presented Thursday night, Apr. 25, at the high school auditorium.

The characters are everything anyone could want. Barry Boyd is a tenderfoot from the east; his bravery around his "girl" is extremely funny. Lewis Tiner acts this part. Dorothy Jo Strawn plays the part of Diana Taylor, the beautiful heroine. The gossip of Mrs. Pansy Farmer, who insists she attends to only her own business, will furnish many laughs. Helen McLeod makes a very competent Mrs. Farmer. The play "cut-up" is Pete Posey, a ranch hand known as "Mustache Pete." Cull Currington is the clown for this part. Dorothy Jo Rutledge plays the part of "Laughing Water," a pretty Indian girl, who forsores trouble. Lee Roy Martin plays the part of Sanderson Trent, an easterner and Barry Boyd's best friend. Sugar Foot Williams and his wife, Callie, are people of color and pack the play with laughs. Neely Tittle and Evelyn Brown play these parts. Sheriff Crunch is acted by Homer Falkner. The "Sisters Z" of radio fame are named Nella, Bella and Della, acted by Charlene James, Doris Marie Stevens and La Vera Barnes.

The admission to this play is ten and fifteen cents. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy an evening of fun.

Record of Births.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Pete Rutledge, Tuesday, April 16, 1940.

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PTA PROGRAM FEATURES FFA CHAPTER WORK

Chapter Conducting Session and Initiation of Two "Green-Hands" Prove of Educational Value to Group.

The Merkel Parent-Teacher association met Thursday night, Apr. 11, in the Grammar School auditorium with Mrs. Clesby Patterson, local president, presiding and Mr. Clark Mundy as program leader.

The program featured boys of the vocational agriculture department of Merkel High school under the direction of their instructor, Chester Collinsworth, in their Future Farmers of America chapter work—a chapter-conducting session and initiation of two members into the "green-hand" rank. The local boys won first in a recent district chapter conducting contest in Abilene and are entitled to enter the state contest. Francois Harris, president of the Merkel F. F. A., was assisted in the initiation ceremony by Billy Haynes, Jack Hester, Forrest Glen Barnett, Clyde Deavers, Jr., Jerry Warren, Burnell Merritt, Marvin DuBose, Roy Coats, Mr. Collinsworth and the two "green-hands," Stuart Kelly and Booth Higgins.

Mrs. T. T. Earthman opened the program with three piano selections, "Blaze Away," "Pocahontas," and "A Dream of Old Mexico." Miss Billie Gardner presented a group of Grammar school girls singing "The Little Red Fox." Those singing were George Ann Groene, Lola May Roland, Ima Ruth Shouse, Bobbie Brown, Betty Jo Perry, Imogene Rodgers and Nellie Fay Sandusky.

Reports of the Sixth District conference of parents and teachers held in Abilene Mar. 27, 28, 29, were given by two delegates, Mrs. Ray Wil-

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To Attend Future Home Makers' Rally at Dallas

The home-making classes of Merkel High school will be represented at the State Future Home-Makers rally in Dallas Apr. 24-27. Evelyn Sears will represent the second year classes, and Jeanette Neff was selected as the delegate from the Future Home-Makers club.

Friday the first year girls' dresses will be judged in order to determine the girl who will represent that class. At Dallas the girls will compete in contests from various units of work. Jeanette Neff will attend a club luncheon and other club meetings.

The three girls and Miss Neweta Cleveland, home ec teacher, will leave Wednesday at noon and return Saturday night.

Rev. Ray Garrett Called To Washington Church

Rarely does it happen that such recognition is given so young a man as the call which came unanimously from the Second Baptist church of Washington, D. C., to Rev. J. Ray Garrett, son of J. M. Garrett and the late Mrs. Garrett of this city.

Ray has been serving the First Baptist church at Cocoa, Fla., for the past six years, and the call to the Washington church, which he has accepted, will bring him as pastor of a congregation of 900 members. He will close his pastorate in Florida after the last Sunday in April and move at once with his family to Washington, D. C.

Ex-Residents of Bell County to Organize

An association of ex-residents of Bell county is to be launched at an organizational meeting to be held at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon, Apr. 21, at the city hall in Abilene.

While a movement of this nature has been agitated for some time, Judge James P. Stinson of Abilene actually set the ball rolling in a call issued Monday from his office in Abilene.

"Anybody from old Bell who happens to live in reaching distance of Abilene is invited to come," said Stinson.

GOLF PLAYERS READY TO START QUARTER-FINALS

Chester Collinsworth and T. G. Bragg are matched against Byron Patterson and N. D. Callaway as the contending teams in the upper bracket of the quarter-finals of the Scotch foursome being played by members of the Merkel Golf club.

The other foursome in the upper bracket will not be determined until match play is finished between Benson and Andy Shouse vs. Byers Petty and Dee Grimes.

In the lower bracket, quarter-finalists in the two foursomes are: Clesby Patterson and Verner Hester vs. Pete West and Junior Grimes. William Neill and Bobby Woodrum vs. Paul West and R. T. Gray.

Best qualifying score was turned in by Dean Higgins, who averaged 40 on six scores. Clesby Patterson was only a shade behind, with an average of 40 1-3 (by fractions) on three scores, while Norman Hodge turned in 41, based on his average on three scores.

136 Students Listed On Honor Roll of Public Schools

Names of 136 pupils—100 in Grammar school and 36 in High school—were listed on the honor roll of Merkel Public schools, released by Supt. Connor Robinson. The complete list follows:

Primer: Betty Sue Harris, Norma Jean Hodge, Doris Black, Anna Marie Hewitt, Connie Beth Harris, Barbara June Derington, Sandra Lu Sadler, Patricia Swann, Mary Tom Weston, Bobbie Nell Jinkens, Jesse Newton, Wafida Jean Tipton, William Robertson, Barton Robinson, Broxie Nell Jinkens, Bobbie June Risey.

First grade: Pat Foy, Billy Morris Campbell, Clyde Wurst, Borden Perkins.

Second grade: Barbara Sue McCoy, Leland Mundy, Gaston Walker, Gerald West, Billy George Reid, Tommy Webb, Jerome Risinger, Jimmie Floyd, Virgil Horton, Ethyl Joyce Hampton, Eula Dorris Fustell.

Third grade: Sara Genora Brown, Robert Thomas Hodge, Jimmie Forrest Black, Geneva Carr, Betty Buc-

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Bring Body Mrs. W. R. Walker Here for Burial

Funeral services for Mrs. W. R. Walker, 47, former resident of Merkel, were held from the Barrow-Sheppard funeral home at 10:30 Thursday morning. Rev. Henry Weldon, Baptist pastor of Albany, whose wife was a cousin of the deceased, conducted the rites, with burial following in Rose Hill cemetery.

Mrs. Walker died Wednesday morning at the home of her sister, Mrs. R. T. Greer, in Abernathy. The body was brought overland to Merkel Wednesday night in a Barrow-Sheppard funeral car.

A native of Tennessee, Mrs. Walker lived in Merkel about 30 years ago, when she and her husband operated the Walker cottage, a well known eating place for traveling men in those days. Mr. Walker died Dec. 18, 1932, and is buried in Rose Hill cemetery.

Surviving are one son, Jack Walker, and one grandson, of Henderson, and the sister, Mrs. Greer. Mrs. Walker was a niece of the late J. T. Howard, tax assessor of Taylor county.

Grand Jury Returns Three Bills, Recesses

A Merkel man, S. D. Gamble, was named foreman of the grand jury impaneled Monday morning in 42nd district court by Judge Milburn S. Long. E. A. Sheppard of Abilene served as secretary.

Other members of the inquisitorial body, which recessed Tuesday after returning three indictments for chicken theft, are: Paul West and Roy Hunter, Merkel; B. R. Blankenship, Abilene; Dee Jones, Bradshaw; Virgil Riddle, Ovalo; Leon Copeland, Lawn; Gordon Hicks, Tuscola; Wordie Hopkins, Caps; Lesley Beasley and J. G. Wilks, Trent.

SPEAKER GIVES FOUNDATION OF FARM PROGRAM

Monopolies, Discriminatory Freight Rates, Protective Tariff Combined to Bring Grief To American Farmer.

Monopoly on patents, discrimination in freight rates and a high protective tariff were three prime elements that brought America face to face with a nation-wide farm problem in 1933, Bryan Bradbury, state representative in the legislature from Taylor county, told members of the Lions club at their Tuesday luncheon.

To rectify the condition of the American farmer resulting from these causes, the farm program inaugurated by the government worked through three channels, he said, mentioning the soil conservation program, parity payments and reciprocal trade agreements.

Bradbury appeared under sponsorship of the Taylor County Agricultural association. He was introduced by County Agent Knox Parr. Accompanying them were J. Walter Hammond, of Tye, president of the Texas Agricultural association and also president of the Taylor county organization; A. L. Cook, secretary of the AAA in Taylor county, and Johnny Cox, president of the Taylor Electric Co-Operative, Inc.

As president of the newly organized Business and Professional Women's clubs here, Miss Margaret Turner was another guest speaker at Tuesday's luncheon. She explained the steps toward organization here and the objectives the club sought, emphasizing a civic improvement program and the milk bottle campaign for undernourished school children.

Other guests were J. D. Nutt, a new merchant in town; R. N. Sandlin, deputy state school superintendent, and four honor students from the High school: Mildred McLean, Senior, with an average of 96; Becky Gardner, Junior, 98; Ruth Bell, Sophomore, 93, and Wanda McCoy, Freshman, 94.

Merkel Farm Co-Op Names Old Directors

Annual meeting of the Farmers Co-operative Society No. 1 of Merkel, held in the gin office at 1:30 Saturday afternoon, was well attended, and the three directors whose terms expired were re-elected.

They are B. B. Reynolds, Gene Reece and Lee Tipton. Other directors are Comer Haynes, J. A. Horton, Holland Teaff, A. V. Teaff, Dr. M. Armstrong and R. N. Campbell.

Election of officers and manager was deferred to a later date.

Knox Parr, county agent, explained the co-operative movement for frozen food lockers and also a co-operative educational campaign among farmers.

Record Cold Spell So Late In April

Coldest weather for so late in April was experienced here Friday morning of last week when the mercury dropped to 28 degrees. Considerable damage resulted to the fruit crop, but, according to reports, only slight damage was caused to other crops.

According to weather bureau records in Abilene, all-time low for April is 25 degrees on Apr. 5, 1886. On Apr. 9, 1914, 26 degrees was recorded, while the previous low temperature after Apr. 9 was 30 degrees recorded in 1921.

Seven Local Masons Hear Grand Master Speak at Colorado

Masons representing 38 West Texas lodges gathered in Colorado City last Friday night for a fellowship meeting, at which Leo Hart of Gilmer, grand master, was the principal speaker.

Seven Merkel Masons were present: H. G. Smith, M. S. Cummins, Gene Reece, Dick Hass, Joe Jaynes, Jim Collins and O. B. Leach.

BUYS BRAHMA STEERS; GOES BACK FOR COWS

On Friday of last week, Homer Patterson, John Shannon and Tom Jinkens returned from South Texas, where Patterson had bought 15 head of Brahma steers for use in the 1940 summer rodeos sponsored by the Merchants Trade Extension association. At Fort Worth Patterson had also bought 11 of the bucking horses featured in the rodeo of the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock show.

Returning to South Texas Monday night, accompanied by Tom Jinkens, Patterson's mission was to buy 20 white face cows and calves, which with his own stock of bulls will complete his contract for furnishing stock for the season's shows.

Ten Noodle Seniors Awarded Diplomas Wednesday Night

District Attorney Otis Miller of Anson delivered the address to the graduates of the Noodle high school in commencement exercises held in the school auditorium Wednesday evening, at which time diplomas were presented by Principal E. E. Read to ten seniors.

Joe Tarpley was valedictorian of the class, the salutatorian being Imogene Bird. Others graduating were J. D. Griffin, Marion Steele, Glen Morgan, Ruby Tarpley, Ruby Nell Love, Glendel Barbee and Dillard Williams.

The graduation program included vocal solos by Charlene James of Goodman and Ben Robert Hicks of Merkel, with Miss Christine Collins as accompanist.

The baccalaureate sermon was preached Sunday night by Rev. Cooper Waters, pastor of the First Baptist church, Merkel.

Organize Membership Drive in Communities

At a mass meeting of farmers of several communities held at the Lions hall here Tuesday night, seventeen committees were appointed to solicit memberships in the Taylor County Agricultural association's drive for 1,000 new members.

Committee chairmen are W. W. Tombs, Dewell McLean, J. W. Moore, B. M. Tipton, Buck Harris, Ford Smith, Jr., Ford Smith, Sr., Holland Teaff, D. J. Curb, D. P. Moore, H. B. Robertson, Buster Horton, J. A. Horton, Ollie Higgins, H. H. Tombs, Comer Haynes, and E. M. Dean.

Farmers were to meet Thursday night of this week at Trent to organize to carry on the campaign in that area.

MERKEL 30 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, April 15, 1910.)

At fifteen minutes past four o'clock Monday afternoon the twelfth and last juror was selected in the case of the state of Texas versus Felix R. Jones, charged with the murder of Alf B. Cogdell.

The remains of William Thomas Mathis, whose death was April 5, were laid to rest Friday afternoon. The services were conducted at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Burroughs and during the hour our business houses remained closed.

Prof. C. C. Shaver, who has been principal of the Merkel schools for two years, goes to Roscoe as superintendent of that city's schools.

Mrs. Frank Johnson returned from Abilene last Friday. She had been in Abilene to attend the wedding of Miss Jessie Morrow who is well known here.

The Civic league will meet with Mrs. W. T. Berry on Saturday, April

BADGER BAND TO GIVE FORMAL CONCERT TUESDAY

Appealing Program Planned by Director Richard Young; Includes Three Contest Numbers; Several Soloists.

On Tuesday evening, Apr. 23, the Merkel Badger band will appear in concert under the direction of Richard Young. This will mark the final appearance of the band in a formal concert and will climax the activities of the band this year. The last concert given by the High School musicians in Merkel was on Nov. 23, which proved to be one of the most popular concerts ever given by the band.

On this program will be many special features and solos by the individual members of the band. Those students appearing as soloists will be O. C. Shouse, Billy Haynes, Bonnie White, George Mack Owens, Marvin DuBose, Jack Haynes and Becky Gardner.

Among the novelties in store will be a musical oration by Billy Largent, who will tell the story of "The Three Bears" in a highly graphic way.

The band will also play their version of "Alexander's Ragtime Band" and the popular number, "There's Something About a Soldier." Also included on the program for the first time will be the three contest numbers the band will play at the regional contest in Abilene Apr. 27. These numbers are "Niobe" by De Rubertis, "Scenes from the Sierras" by Bennet and the march, "New Colonial" by Hall.

The band has now grown to the point where almost full instrumentation is possible. The present band is composed of 70 students, a gain of nearly 50 this year. There are, however, several more instruments needed in the band.

Tickets for the concert will be on sale this week and they may be bought at the door Tuesday evening. The price for adults is 25 cents, for students 15 cents. The concert will start at 8 p. m., with a short concert by the Grammar School band, followed by two numbers by Miss Heizer's Rhythm band. The Badger band will appear at 8:15.

This concert will also introduce for the first time the latest addition to the band, the bell lyre bought by the merchants of Merkel for the band and played by Becky Gardner. Lou Dale Gray and the three twirlers, Clarice Higgins, Wanda Douglas and Ann Walker, will be featured.

The program by the Badger band follows:

Band theme, selected by band.

"New Colonial March" (R. B. Hall.)

"Scenes from the Sierras" (Ben-net.)

Clarinet quartette, "Cavotte Classique," Bonnie White, O. C. Shouse.

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16, at 3:30. The president, Mrs. M. E. Mackey, asks all the ladies who feel interested in the work to be present and help "Revive Us Again."

Mrs. Browning writes from Oklahoma that she is having a delightful visit, and is getting fat. Let's all of us thin folks go there.

Earl Stallings, whom we reported in serious condition last week, is sufficiently improved to be brought to Merkel.

John Daniels was brought home from El Paso on Saturday last, badly injured and confined to his bed. John is a general favorite and Merkel people grieve over his serious accident. We hope that the loving care of his good parents will soon put him on his feet again.

Mrs. W. E. Brown, who has been an invalid for many weeks, has taken a trip to San Angelo to regain her health.

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Band Concert

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George Mack Owens, Billy Haynes. "There's Something About a Soldier" (Noel Gay). "March Yam" (Earl D. Irons.) Intermission. "Salute to Peace," march, (Kleffman.) "Bass solo, "The Salamander" (Butcher), Marvin DuBoise. "Star Dust" (Charmichael.) "Three Beans," Billy Largent. Accordion solo, waltz, Becky Gaither. "Niobe" (De Rubertis.) "Star Spangled Banner." Numbers by the Grammar School band are: "Activity March" (Bennet.) Novelty, "Pop Goes the Weasel." Officers of the band: Arnie Joe Barron, president; Forrest Glen Barnett, vice-president; Betty Reid, secretary-treasurer; Ann Blake, librarian.

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son, local vice-president, and Mrs. John Leonard, local room mothers committee chairman. An acoustic, spelling the word "conference" and emphasizing ideas brought out in the conference, was given by the ten other delegates who attended: Mesdames Norman Hodge, John Gilbert, Holt Vaughn, John Grable, Connor Robinson, H. C. Reid, Denzel Cox, I. W. Walling, Clesby Patterson and Elmo Collins (substituting for Mrs. Slyde Sears). During the business session which preceded the program, Mrs. C. B. Gardner, budget and financial chairman, exhibited the P-T. A. publicity book, compiled by Miss Vernelle Bland, which won first place in its division at the District conference. A report of the amount spent on school projects by the P-T. A. was given: \$50.00, drums for the band; \$35,000, playground equipment for Grammar school, including volleyballs, bats, softballs and nets; \$18.00, Rhythm Band instruments; \$13.37, by the health committee for shoes and socks for needy school children. The treasurer, Miss Helen Fae Reddell, reported \$55.56 in the treasury, with \$9.73 having been spent as 12 delegates' expenses to District conference. The health chairman, Mrs. Clyde Sears, and publications chairman, Mrs. Denzel Cox, reported committee work. Miss Julia Martin, program chairman, announced the May program for Thursday, May 9, at which time the home economics department will be featured.

LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS

Seven members of the recently organized Business and Professional Women's club of Merkel enjoyed a picnic at Abilene State park on Tuesday evening. They were transported to the pleasure resort in Homer Laney's truck. Hot dogs were served and a general good time had.

Norman T. Hodge, manager of the Queen theatre, left Thursday morning for the three-day meeting of the 1940 national convention of the Variety Clubs of America to be held in Dallas. A golf tournament is one of the features which will naturally interest the Merkel showman.

Miss Mary Helen Mashburn assumed duties Monday morning of this week as book-keeper for the Service Parts, Inc., Abilene, having been selected for the post out of a field of 100 applicants. Miss Mashburn has recently been employed by the R. B. George Machinery company, Abilene.

A. T. Sheppard returned Tuesday afternoon from Fort Worth where he attended the convention of the Texas Retail Furniture Dealers.

Hospital Notes

Mrs. J. H. O'Kelley of Trent was admitted to Merkel hospital Thursday, Apr. 11, for treatment. Charlie West had surgery on Sunday. Mrs. Cal Hamner of Trent was received Sunday for major surgery. W. B. Lollar of Tye was admitted Wednesday for major surgery.

Patterson Announces For Re-Election As Assessor-Collector



C. O. (PAT) PATTERSON
The Mail has been authorized to announce C. O. (Pat) Patterson as a candidate for re-election to the office of county tax assessor-collector. As a Merkel-reared boy, descendant of a pioneer family, Pat is known to practically every one in Merkel and this section and no other comment is necessary. His statement follows: In announcing for re-election to the office of tax assessor-collector I wish to express my sincere appreciation for the co-operation shown me during my time in office and to assure you I will endeavor to give you continued good service if re-elected. Your vote and influence earnestly solicited.

Tye Farmer Succumbs To Heart Attack

C. W. Rister, 67, who had been a resident of Taylor county 40 years, died of a heart attack at 10:30 Thursday morning, Apr. 11, at his home three miles south of Tye. Funeral services were held at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon from the West Side Baptist church, Tye, with Rev. Sybil Sibley, Sweetwater, pastor; officiating, assisted by Rev. R. L. Gilpin, Methodist pastor of Tye. Burial followed in the Tye cemetery. Pallbearers were Robert Barrett, Hubert McCartney, Herman Askins, Ted Bigham, Arch Teaff and Mell Briggs. Mr. Rister moved from Coryell county to Taylor in 1900. His wife died in 1915. Surviving are three sons, Jettie, Wesley and J. C., and one daughter, Mrs. Lawrence Bird, all of Tye; three grandchildren; one brother, S. H. Rister, Tye; a half-brother, Jim Rister, Goree, and a half-sister, Mrs. John Lofton.

Family Reunion in Jack Huffman Home

With a number of out-of-town relatives present, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Huffman were hosts to a family reunion and dinner last Sunday at their home here. Present were S. N. Farmer, Pecos, father of Mrs. Huffman; Mrs. Eva Hewett, Gladewater, a sister, and three brothers: Mr. and Mrs. Tom Farmer and Bill Farmer and son, Billy, Liberty, and Charlie Farmer, Sweetwater. Also as guests were Jack Huffman's brother, Tom Huffman, from Casa Grande, Ariz., and friends, Mrs. C. W. Newton and children, Evelyn and Jesse Charles.

PERSONALS

Rev. and Mrs. Cooper Waters had as their week-end guests, Mrs. Waters' parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Galoway, of Olney. Mrs. R. A. McCollum returned Tuesday to her home in Gruver after spending a few days with her father, John W. Wheeler. She came to bring her father home after a visit with her, during which he suffered an attack of the "flu." M. T. Shults, section foreman for the Texas & Pacific railway, returned Monday from Fort Worth where he had attended a meeting of the railway brotherhood. Mrs. W. E. Calley and daughter of Kent, who were guests over the week-end in the home of Mrs. M. T. Shults, left Sunday for Oklahoma. The daughter remains there, while Mrs. Calley returned to Texas Tuesday, stopping in Merkel again for a short visit with Mrs. Shults. A. C. Sears, Truett Patterson and Don Warren came home from Texas Tech, Lubbock, to spend the week-end. A. C. and Don returned Sunday, but Truett remained for medical treatment, going back to college Thursday. Mrs. Nora Newman, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Smith, the past two weeks, has returned to her home in San Antonio. Week-end guests in the Tom Jinkens home were Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Jinkens and daughter, Margaret, and Mrs. S. L. McNay, all of Fort Worth, also Mrs. Ted Bicknell and children of Lubbock. Miss Geraldine Teague returned home Tuesday from a week's visit to Robstown, Corpus Christi and Kingsville, having accompanied Mrs. Louie Herring and daughter, Janice, of Noodle. Mrs. W. T. Sadler accompanied Mrs. W. V. Ramsey of Abilene to Dallas Tuesday for the presentation of "Die Walkure" by the Metropolitan Opera company. Miss Leta Faye Barbee of Corpus Christi is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Barbee, of Noodle this week. She expects to return to Corpus Christi Sunday. Yates Brown and Don Swafford were down from Odessa to spend the week-end. Zerk Robertson, student at Hillsboro junior college, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Austin Robertson. Miss Rachel Patterson, who is attending Texas Technological college, Lubbock, spent the week-end at home. Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Sumpter visited their son, Clifton Bellamy, at Texas Tech, Lubbock, last week and attended the annual Engineers' show put on by the ROTC engineer unit. Mrs. Weldon McAninch and Miss Fanny Boaz, who drove to Mercedes last Tuesday to take Mrs. F. O. Scroggins and baby home, returned home Saturday. They were accompanied from Austin by Miss Mary King, who is a guest of Miss Boaz.

reading by David Banner; song, "South of the Border," by Joy Lansford, playing her own accompaniment, and a group of choral readings by the second and third grades, directed by Mrs. McGraw. Mrs. J. G. Wilks was program leader for the evening. The president, Mrs. Bud Winter, presided for the business meeting during which Mrs. Joe Nalley was elected program chairman for next year and Mrs. Alex Williamson was re-elected publication chairman. The organization accepted a report given by Mrs. T. B. Friend of the social committee that the P-T. A. sponsor a Junior-Senior banquet to be given Thursday evening, May 16. A report given by Mrs. Karl Bonneau, chairman of the finance committee, was accepted. The latter committee is making plans for an amateur contest to be held in the high school gym on Thursday evening, May 2.

Importance of Play Stressed in Program

Trent, Apr. 18.—"The Importance of Play and Relaxation" was the subject of the address for the Parent-Teacher program by William Dowell, director of health and physical education at Abilene Christian college. Mr. Dowell then directed six students in a tumbling act. The following program was presented by the second and third grade pupils of Mrs. Anna M. McGraw:

Circus Theme Prevails At Junior Banquet

(By O. C. Shouse, Reporter.)
Last Friday night the Juniors of Merkel High school gave their farewell banquet for the Seniors. A circus theme was used, and the gymnasium was decorated to look like a circus big top. The waitresses were dressed in clown suits. Each person on the program did something that is done by circus performers. Gay West made a little farewell speech to Mr. Pat Davis, our coach and teacher. Mr. Davis has resigned from the school faculty and will be secretary of the Quannah chamber of commerce. He mentioned in his talk that he was not leaving Merkel for good but would come back as often as he could and anyone from Merkel was welcome at his home. John Mack Grant, Junior president, gave the opening address and Betty Reid responded. Dorothy Shannon sang "Bluebirds in the Moonlight." As "Fifth Avenue Kid" Betty Gilbert gave a clever tap dance. Mr. Young played three numbers on his cornet. He has a certain swing to his "blues" numbers that had everyone keeping time or singing. Becky Gardner surprised most of the people present by ballet dancing with Charles Baker. Most of us did not know she had been taking lessons. The banquet was served by our clown waitresses. The menu consisted of ham, new potatoes, green beans, with pink lemonade as the drink and ice cream as the dessert. After the banquet balloons were let down from the top of the gymnasium, and everyone tried to either burst them or carried them home as a souvenir. High School faculty members and their wives or husbands and members of the school board and their wives were special guests.

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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mrs. Frank Allyn and Louise of Cisco were visiting friends and relatives the past week-end.

James Strawn, student at John Tarleton college, Stephenville, spent the week-end with home folks.

A large crowd saw Trent girls beat Anson girls and Trent boys beat Taystee Saturday night. Free sandwiches, furnished by Taystee, were enjoyed by the crowd.

Miss Ethel King of Merkel was a visitor in the home of Mrs. Foy Steadman the past week-end.

George Helen Lee of Abilene spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Garnet Bryant.

Hazel Dell Clinton, a student in Parsons' School of Beauty Culture, Abilene, spent the week-end in Trent. Mr. and Mrs. Will Riley and Earline were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert West last Tuesday.

Jean Scott of Abilene visited Dorothy Jo Strawn the past week-end.

Mrs. Cal Hammer is reported resting nicely in the Merkel hospital, after undergoing surgery last week.

Hazel Swinney of Anson spent the week-end here.

Mrs. Lillie McRee went to Lubbock last week.

Mrs. Hattie Boozer and girls of Sweetwater visited Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Winn over the week-end.

Miss Alice Carey spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Carey of Stith, also Miss Annie Fern Jones.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Eason of Big Spring was the scene of a gala affair and home-coming Sunday, it being the occasion of Mrs. Eason's birthday. The crowd began to arrive by 9 o'clock, bringing gifts and congratulations.

A very elaborate noon-day meal was served to the hosts and the following guests: Mrs. R. B. Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Johnson, Jr., and daughter, Jeannie, Trent; Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Eason and son, LeRoy, Merkel; Mrs. Emmet Eason, San Angelo; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Stephenson, Rotan; Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt Eason, Mrs. George Holt and son, George, and daughter, Bettie, Mrs. Oran Waters and daughter, Ann, all of Big Spring.

Old-time hymns were sung in the afternoon.

Afternoon guests were Mr. and Mrs. John Winters. A general good time was had by all and the next get-together meeting of the "sisters-in-law" club will be with Mrs. Emmett Eason of San Angelo on May 5.

Listed on Honor Roll At McMurry College

Abilene, Apr. 18.—Miss Mary Jo Russell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Russell of Merkel, was one of 42 students listed on the mid-semester honor roll at McMurry college.

Miss Russell gained this honor with a total of 58 points. The honor roll, which is issued through the registrar's office, is arranged by points with A as 12, B as 9, C as 6.

Two-thirds of the entering classes at the United States military and naval academies are composed of former Boy Scouts.

Honor Roll

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hanan, Robert Roy Davis, Douglas Baker, Paul Bow, Don Daud, Bobby Glenn Gilbert, Charlotte Harwell, Marilyn Petty, Jo Marvayn Tipton, Joy Frances West, Jacquelyn Toombs, Billie Seymour, Becky Nan Seymore, Oris Reynolds, Robert Wayne Sledge, Glenn Westenhover, Janice Patterson.

Fourth grade: Peggy Joyce Hampton, Jackie Faye Massey, Billy Morris Baze, Patricia Douglas, Petty Jean Mathews, Leon Floyd, Sanford Carr, Stanley Stanford, Ann Walker, Billy Pat Nash, Peggy Simpson, Billie Joyce Ford, Bobbie Roland, Dorothy Reynolds, Jimmy Walker.

Fifth grade: Mary Faye Johnson, George Ann Groene, Barbara Ann Brown, Bobby Joe Bland, Robert Simpson, Mary Ruth Hutcheson, Joan Brown, Willie Joe Clark, Lola Mae Roland, La Fern Stanford, Geraldine Jinkens, Rosa Alice McLean, Nellie Fae Sandusky.

Sixth grade: Betty Gilbert, Becky Gaither, Jean Curb, Reba Rae Kingsbury, Dorothy Nell Lee, Doris Dudley, James Roy Baccus, Juanita Garvin, Genevieve Robertson, John Robert Walker, Foy Westenhover.

Seventh grade: Patsy Simpson, Bonnie Jaynes, Dorothy Jinkens, Tommy Diltz, Carlene Hughes, Billy Doan, Donna Doan, Frances Walker.

Eighth grade: Wanda McCoy, Avalene Mathews, George Mack Owens, Mary Jo Hutchins, Sue Morgan, Jack Haynes, Dorothy Nell Groene, Mary Alice Hester, Jack Butman.

Ninth grade: Ruth Bell, Billy Tom Hutcheson, Cheatham McFarland, Sue Pinckley, Jack Melton, Iva Ruth McWilliams, Nina Orsborn.

Tenth grade: Becky Gardner, Mildred Smith, Dora Gaither, Madlyn Brown, Louise Cook, Nell Vonne Butman, Betty Lou Higgins, Douglas McCoy, Maida Fern Young, Mary Lou Higgins, Lyla Hobbs, Doris Clyde Miller.

Eleventh grade: Mildred McLean, Mildred Browning, Gay West, Billy Largent, Euvalda Fox, Winona Kelson, Betty Reid, Vivian Turner.

List of Petit Jurors Called for Next Week

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

- Homer Patterson, Bill Hays, Merkel; Carl F. Williamson, Ira J. Allen, H. C. Archbald, J. L. Compere, Sr., W. E. Kniffen, L. D. Williams, Geo. W. McDaniel, Jr., W. G. Christopher, G. B. Chinn, W. M. Murrell, L. W. Brooks, James E. Freeman, W. M. Dowell, E. E. Watts, Forest Ward (colored), E. O. Keeton, Dell Seabold, Roy T. Hay, G. H. Schwantes, B. L. Lacy, Gayton Argadio, C. F. Sears, W. E. Caperton, Cecil Medlin, H. B. Lancaster, C. R. Horton, Troy Briggs, J. D. Williams, O. H. Griffin, Howard Large, Morris Corley, J. F. Jones, R. M. Means, J. G. White, J. R. Osborn, Chas. Arrington, Harley Woods, Abilene; H. B. Williams, J. P. Self, O. E. Blackward, Tuscola; J. M. Nichols, Guion; D. A. Dobbins, Winters; H. S. Morgan, Tye; Q. D. Palmer, Ovalo; H. V. Riddle, Ovalo; Wayne Hunt, Bradshaw; R. T. Reid, Lawn.

Fergusons Formally Enter Campaign for Office of Governor

Austin, Apr. 18.—Mrs. Miriam A. Ferguson announced Saturday her candidacy for governor of Texas for the fifth time in her career, presenting a platform of seven points with which she hopes to defeat W. Lee O'Daniel for a second term as she did Ross Sterling in 1932.

The announcement was made by Jim Ferguson when he visited the capitol pressroom to distribute copies of his wife's platform. He was wearing a huge dogwood blossom and his face was wreathed in smiles. He seemed delighted at the prospect of once more waging a campaign, which will be his eighth in democratic primaries in Texas.

Mrs. Ferguson has a winning average of .500, as she won two and lost two of her previous campaigns for governor. Jim won two out of three races he made, but he bore the brunt of all seven political battles for a combined win of four against three losses. That is considered a remarkable record for any family or campaigner.

It was in 1924 that Mrs. Ferguson first offered for governor, and she defeated Felix Robertson for the nomination and the late Dr. George C. Butte, republican nominee, in the election. She was defeated by Dan Moody in 1926 and by Ross Sterling in 1930, but she came back in 1932 and defeated Sterling in his race for re-election.

Jim Ferguson was successful in 1914 and 1916, only to be removed by impeachment in 1917. He ran unsuccessfully in 1918 against W. P. Hobby who as lieutenant-governor had succeeded him when he was impeached.

Her platform of seven planks favors:

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GOODMAN NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Granville Truitt of Lamesa spent the week-end in the W. L. Phillips home.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Williams and son, Billie Roy, and Mrs. Cecil Taylor and Sylvia June spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Varnell Templeton and son, Forest Don, of Loraine.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Seago and Mrs. Zed Bright and son, Charles, spent Sunday at Hamlin.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Green and son of Hobbs, N. M., spent the week-end in the J. H. Grayson home.

Mrs. Phoebe Green of Lamesa has returned home after spending several weeks with her daughter, Mrs. W. E. Pomroy.

The Bell family of Merkel spent Sunday in the Finis Cade home.

Mr. and Mrs. Delmer McLeod of Merkel spent Sunday in the W. L. Phillips home.

Mr. and Mrs. Odell Pomroy of Crane are visiting friends and relatives here this week.

Robert James is able to be up after

an operation in an Abilene hospital. Mrs. Cecil Taylor and Sylvia June Williams and son.



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FLOUR Peerless 48-lb. Sack \$1 25

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QUEEN THEATRE CALENDAR

Friday-Saturday, double feature—Jones family in "Young As You Feel" and the stars of "Stagecoach." Claire Trevor and John Wayne, in "Allegheny Uprising;" also final chapter of "Dick Tracy's G-Men" and color cartoon.

Saturday owl show, Monday-Tuesday—Barbara Stanwyck in one of the finest performances of her career and Fred MacMurray in "Remember the Night;" calendar nights, Monday and Tuesday.

Wednesday-Thursday — Wayne Morris, Rosemary Lane and Humphrey Bogart in "The Return of Dr. X."

"Allegheny Uprising"

Claire Trevor and John Wayne, who recently won salvos of praise for their superb performances in "Stagecoach," again combine their talents in an historical epic, "Allegheny Uprising," showing Friday and Saturday at the Queen theatre as a double feature with the Jones Family in "Young As You Feel." The film is based on Neil Swanson's best-seller, "The First Rebel," and deals with a stirring chapter in American history.

The colorful story laid in the 1760's depicts in dramatic fashion the revolt of Pennsylvania colonists against British soldiery over protection given unscrupulous traders selling guns and ammunition to Indians. These events are said to have forecast the Battle of Lexington more than several years later when Minute Men, called from their plows, grabbed up muzzle-loaders and precipitated the revolution of 1776.

John Wayne is cast in the role of James Smith, a name all but lost to history. As the courageous leader of the frontiersmen who were driven to take up arms against the arrogant British army officials, Wayne has a most virile part.

Claire Trevor portrays Janie McDougall, impetuous daughter of a tavern keeper, whose hectic romance is constantly being thwarted by her lover going off to do battle.

The story records how James Smith, held captive by Indians for five years, escapes and returns to his home in the Valley of Conococheague, in what is now Franklin county near the Maryland border. He finds the frontier inflamed by Indian massacres. When the army and the king's officials refuse to halt the contraband trading which is responsible for the raids, James Smith is elected leader of the frontier folk. His uncanny success in outwitting the smartest officers of England's crack regiments provides thrilling action.

"Remember the Night"

Good boy meets bad girl. Result: great picture.

That's "Remember the Night," the scintillating, fast-moving romance starring Barbara Stanwyck and Fred MacMurray which opens at the Queen theatre for the Saturday preview and shows Monday and Tuesday. It's a cinch for a top spot in any "ten best" list.

Directed by Mitchell ("Midnight") Leisen from an original screenplay by Preston ("Strictly Dishonorable") Sturges, "Remember the Night" is remarkable because it is both "sophisticated" and "homespun" at times, and thoroughly entertaining throughout. It's funny, it's clever, it's tender and it's sympathetic wholesome entertainment for the whole family.

"Remember the Night" is the story of a young district attorney, played by MacMurray, who goes soft on a young and beautiful jewel thief whom he is trying to send to jail, and bails her out so that she won't have to spend Christmas in jail. But the girl has no place to go and tags along with him, to a trip back home to his mother's farm in Indiana. He falls in love with her and there follows a series of adventures and situations which reach a new high in screen entertainment.

Author of Texas Song Visitor for Round-Up

Austin, Apr. 18.—John Lang Sinclair, author of the "Eyes of Texas," was back on the University of Texas campus here recently, where he wrote out the first copy of the official University song on wrapping paper 37 years ago.

A resident of New York, Sinclair, class '04, returned here after 25 years for the eleventh annual Round-Up.

A national favorite in college melodies, the "Eyes of Texas" is virtually a state song in Texas but actually is copyrighted by the University Students' association.

Merchants Sales Books 5c, six for 25c or 25 for \$1.00, at Merkel Mail office.

WARREN NEWS

Farmers in our community are greatly enjoying the warm, pleasant weather and are taking advantage of it in planting their crops, following the cool spell of last week.

Mrs. Bill Hobbs and son, Weldon, of Munday, visited Mr. and Mrs. U. S. Reeder and family and Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hobbs and family and other relatives and friends during Saturday and Sunday.

Carl Watson, student at A. & M. college, was a week-end visitor with his mother and brothers here. Driving down to Brownwood Sunday, he was accompanied by Elmer Driskill, who for the past few months had been making his home with a brother here, U. S. Reeder.

Mrs. Bob Fowler of Merkel was honored Sunday with a birthday dinner in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hobbs.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hobbs, Joy Sue and Mrs. C. E. Thomas were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Walsh of Hodges Sunday night.

Lois Chancey and Odessa Reeder were Saturday night guests of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Chancey and son, Mitchell, of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Foster and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Homer Foster and family of Merkel Sunday.

Mrs. J. B. Foster, Miss Norah Foster and Grandpa Turner were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Patterson, the latter a daughter of Mrs. Foster.

Elaine Jones and Gwendolyn and Patsy McClain spent the week-end with Elsie Smith at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Smith, of near Anson.

Singing was well attended last Friday night and the surrounding communities were well represented. Every one is cordially invited to attend next Friday night, Apr. 19. Action begins promptly at 7:45, so come and enjoy it and bring your friends with you.

We had a large number present at Sunday School last Sunday, after which classes were dismissed due to the absence of Rev. R. L. Gilpin, our pastor for the day. Next Sunday we plan to have Minister Paul Witt, Church of Christ minister in Abilene, with us for his monthly message. You are invited to come and enjoy Sunday School at 2:30 and services will follow immediately.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

BLAIR ITEMS

Mrs. Tommie Patterson of Castle Peak, who has been under treatment at the Merkel hospital for serious burns on the legs and foot, visited the past week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Meeks, and to be with her son, little Jerry, who has been ill also in this home the past week. Both patients are convalescing nicely, according to last reports.

Mrs. Howard Brown and daughter, Johnnie Nell, left the past week for Elmdale to be with her brother, who is seriously ill.

Mrs. Reid Cox of El Paso spent the week-end with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Doan, and family, and father, Sam Provine.

Here we are with the League news. We still meet at 7:30 each Sunday evening. The program for Sunday night was as follows: Scripture reading by leader, Lena Fay Orsborn, Nina Orsborn, J. D. Sandusky, Mildred Maddera, Nell Scogin, Otis Moore, Desmond Doan; solo, by Mrs. A. M. Jackson, with Miss Eleta Foster at the piano; song leader, Miss Madlyn Brown; Gwendolene Sandusky, pianist.

Rev. and Mrs. Mrs. Chas. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Williams, Mr. Scarborough and Miss Williams of Abilene visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Anthony spent Sunday night and Monday with their aunt, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Jackson. Mr. and Mrs. Anthony have been residing in Austin, but are moving to Seagraves. Mr. and Mrs. How McRae of Big Spring were also guests Sunday in this home. Mr. McRae is a teacher in the schools there.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell visited with the latter's sister, Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Farmer, of Butman Friday night. Miss Annie Clarn Doan also visited in this home last week-end.

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Butman News

A large number enjoyed the candidate rally sponsored by the Bluebonnet club at the tabernacle here last Friday night.

The play put on by the White Church community at the tabernacle was a great success. We invite them to come back again.

Mrs. Dennis Counts spent last Tuesday in Merkel with Mr. and Mrs. Ruble Johnson.

Don't forget Brother Healer will be here Sunday. Let's have a good crowd.

We are glad to report that Frazz Demere is again at home and doing nicely.

Mrs. Leon Toombs and Leon, Jr., of Merkel spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frazz Demere.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Counts visited with Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Russell Sunday afternoon.

Herbert Green spent last Monday night with R. W. Johnson of Merkel.

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Home-Owners Must Render Places Before May 1 for Exemption

Property must be rendered for ad valorem taxes by May 1, or owners will suffer penalties, warns County Tax Assessor-Collector C. O. Patterson.

After the end of April, all property not rendered by the owners will be listed on the unrendered roll, and a penalty of 20 per cent of its value will be assessed.

Also, home-owners must render their places for homestead exemptions by May 1, or they will not be

listed as such. Homesteads, when rendered and identified as such, are not subject to the state ad valorem tax.

Homesteads must be re-rendered every year, Patterson emphasizes.

Each taxpayer was mailed a rendition blank with his tax statement last fall, and a large number filled these blanks in when paying taxes. If this was not done then, it should be attended to immediately, said Patterson.

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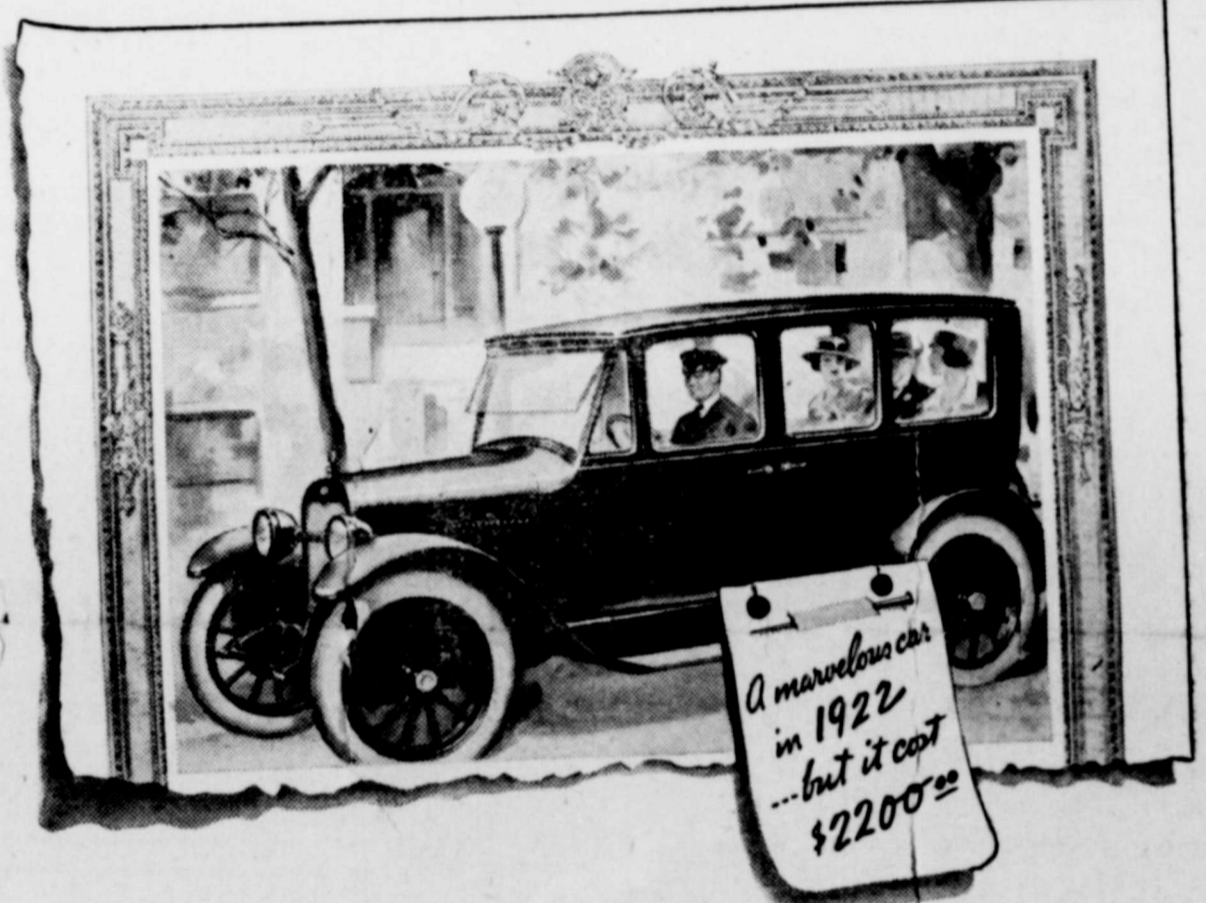
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Today millions of American families can afford beautiful, powerful cars that outsmart, outshine and outperform the best models of the Twenties in every way, yet cost less than half as much.

This progress has not been confined to the automobile. Time was when electric service provided only your light. Today you can use more lights,

a radio, refrigerator, vacuum cleaner, washing machine and other appliances, and the electricity to operate all of these costs very little more than you used to pay for light alone.

Like the automobile, your electric service improves steadily year after year. At the same time, its price comes down. This is possible because of the constant effort of the people of your electric company to improve service and reduce rates. It's an effort that goes on and on. Because of it, your electric service will be better and cheaper in the future than it is today. The credit belongs to a group of people who are never content to rest on their laurels, who strive to do their job just a little better today than they did it yesterday. They're the people of your electric company.



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FOR SALE—Some good milk cows. R. M. Ferguson.

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FOR SALE—Jaynes roll-run cotton seed, run one year, 75 cents per bushel; also have some milk cows and maize for sale. Paul Douglas.

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WANTED—A woman or girl to keep house on farm. Address "Widow" care Merkel Mail or inquire at Merkel Mail office.

NOTICE—We test cream every day in the week; pay cash for all produce, cream, eggs and chickens; see us before you sell. Joe Stalls, operator, in rear Campbell's grocery.

WANTED—Prospects for cars; will give \$5.00 cash for prospects where sale of over \$200 is made; 1940 license plates on all cars. O. C. Shouse at Merkel Motor Co.

LOST AND FOUND

STRAYED OR STOLEN—One small brindle dog wearing shoulder harness. Finder please notify Earl Baze family.

LOST—On Thursday, Apr. 11, small leather purse, containing one key in leather container. Return to Merkel Mail office.

LODGE CALLS

NOTICE MASONS
A stated meeting of Merkel lodge No. 710, A. F. and A. M., will be held Saturday, Apr. 20, at 7:30 p. m. All members are urged to be present. Visiting brethren cordially invited.
H. G. Smith, W. M.
W. C. Black, Secretary.

Honor 50-Year Member.
Colorado City, Apr. 18.—Masons representing 38 West Texas lodges gathered in Colorado City to hear their grand master, Leo Hart of Gilmer, and to witness his presentation of a 50-year pin to W. A. Crowder, 89, of Colorado City, who took his degrees in 1889-1890.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS
POLITICAL**

(Subject to action of the Democratic Primary in July.)
For County Commissioner, Precinct No. 2:

- H. B. (Hob) ROBERTSON.
- A. J. CANON (Re-election).
- W. R. (Bill) SUMPSTER.
- BUSTER HORTON.
- L. A. (Lem) DUDLEY.
- W. R. COX.
- D. J. (Dave) ANDERSON.
- C. R. (Rufe) TITTLE.

For Commissioner, Precinct No. 4, Jones County:

- T. A. TUCKER.

For Constable, Precinct No. 5, Taylor County:

- C. K. RUSSELL.
- P. F. WEST.
- EARL DANIEL.
- BERT MELTON.
- J. L. WINTER.

For Sheriff, Taylor County:

- W. E. (Elmer) LOWE.
- SID H. McADAMS (Re-election).
- W. T. McQUARY.

For County Judge, Jones County:

- GILBERT SMITH.

For Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 5:

- N. D. COBB (Re-election).

For County Clerk:

- R. E. (Rex) DILLARD.
- VIVIAN FRYAR (Re-election).

For District Judge, 104th Judicial District:

- OWEN THOMAS.

For District Clerk:

- ROY SKAGGS (Re-election).

For Congress (17th District):

- OTIS MILLER.

For County Attorney:

- BRYAN BRADBURY.

For Tax Assessor-Collector:

- C. O. (PAT) PATTERSON

(Re-election.)

**Doyle Nutt Purchases
Reid Variety Store**

The Ben Franklin store, formerly owned and operated by Roy Reid for the past seven years, has been purchased by Doyle Nutt of Mt. Pleasant, formerly manager of the Sessions Lumber & Supply company office in that city.

While all Ben Franklin stores are independently owned, by grouping their purchases they are able to secure price concessions not ordinarily obtained by independent merchants and thereby bring to the smaller cities typical chain store merchandise at competitive prices.

Mr. and Mrs. Nutt took active charge Monday morning of the local variety store, which is to be known hereafter as the Nutt Variety store. They have leased the Rainbolt home.

The Roy Reids will remain here until the close of school, when their daughter, Betty, will graduate from Merkel High, but Mr. Reid expects to be at Santa Anna, completing improvements to the store there, for two or three weeks. Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Reid will continue with the new owners.

**Rites Held Here for
Former Resident**

Mrs. Bertha Mae Lee, 46, a former resident of Merkel, died Saturday night at her home, 429 West Jefferson street, Dallas.

Funeral services were held at 4 p. m. Sunday at the Edgefield Christian church in Dallas, and the body was shipped here for burial at 2:30 Monday afternoon. Minister E. W. Key of the Church of Christ conducted the rites at the graveside in Rose Hill cemetery.

Surviving are her husband, William G. Lee; four sons, Robert G., T. J. and Theodore Lee, all of Dallas; William T. Lee, Corpus Christi; two daughters, Mrs. Margie Miller, Chicago; Miss Juanita Lee, Dallas; a brother, Jim Nelson, Stillwater, Okla., and a sister, Mrs. Nora Lewis, Tennessee. Her mother, Mrs. Mandy Nelson, who died here 25 years ago, is buried in Rose Hill cemetery.

**Mattress Plants to be
Established at Centers**

Mattresses for low income families will be manufactured at plants to be established at Merkel, Shep, Butterfield, Ovalo and Abilene under sponsorship of the Taylor County Home Demonstration council. The program is in co-operation with the Federal Surplus Commodities corporation and the AAA. Mrs. John Hughes will be chairman of the Merkel center.

In the list of community chairmen named to assist are Mrs. Johnny Cox, Salt Branch; Miss Mabel McRee, Mrs. Buster Horton, Mulberry, and Mrs. Will Butman, Bluebonnet. Those desiring to obtain mattresses under the plan may receive application blanks from these persons.

Applications for the mattress material will be taken at the following communities in Jones county, which are in this immediate area: Stith, at Dunagin's gin office; Noodle, at the school house.

**Former Trent Boy
Weds at Eastland**

Eastland, Apr. 18.—The marriage of V. E. Vessels and Miss Lora Faye Justice was solemnized in a beautiful twilight ceremony at the Baptist parsonage on Saturday, Apr. 6, Rev. Jones W. Weathers, pastor of the First Baptist church, officiating for the service.

The bride is the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Justice of Carbon. The groom is the son of the late J. T. Vessels and Mrs. Vessels of Trent. He is a graduate of Trent high school, later attending Hardin-Simmons university.

Following a wedding trip to Fort Worth, the couple is now at home at 910 South Bassett street, Eastland. Mr. Vessels, employed by the Jarecki Manufacturing company, is well known in oil circles.

**Two Tests In This Area
Nearing Completion**

Texas & Pacific Coal & Oil company No. 1 Reidenbach, southeast of town, was reported drilling at 2,845 feet, with expectations of reaching the Swastika sand horizon this week. A slight showing of oil and gas had been encountered at 2,635-45 feet.

The Eastland Oil company No. 2 Hunter estate, southwest of production in the Dunnigan pool, is shut down for orders. It was reported to have picked up a showing of oil and a hole full of water in the regular horizon.

Merchants Sales Books 5c, six for 25c or 25 for \$1.00, at Merkel Mail office.

**Aspermont Shows Up
Sweetwater at District**

The Aspermont Hornets amassed 32 points to win the district 5 interscholastic league championship in track events at Sweetwater last Saturday. Sweetwater Mustangs gathered 28 points for second place, with Snyder third, 27 1-2 points, and

Colorado City fourth, 13 points. Only Merkel school boy to place in the events was Douglas McCoy, who came fourth in the mile run.

The girls' volleyball team defeated Garner in the first round of play, two straights, but lost to Westbrook in the second round. Scores were 15-9, 14-16 and 15-8. The Westbrook girls triumphed in the finals over Hermleigh.

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DALLAS WOMAN BRINGS STUDY CLUB PROGRAM.

Mrs. Doss Sheppard of Dallas gave the Fortnightly Study club program on Tuesday afternoon when they met in the home of Mrs. W. T. Sadler, with Mrs. Bud Winter as hostess.

Mrs. Elma McFarland was program leader, introducing Mrs. Sheppard who gave a very interesting talk on "A Trip to Natchez." Mrs. Sheppard made a tour of this old Mississippi town last April and described it as being unique, a name that only a very few places in the United States are entitled to. She says the most interesting and unique part lies in its old colonial homes. She visited twenty of these homes and described ten of the most beautiful ones, illustrating her descriptions of each home with pictures of both the exterior and interior of the home. Mrs. Sheppard closed her talk with a poem, "What Natchez Has Done for Me."

Mrs. Johnny Cox presided for the business meeting, during which Mrs. Comer Haynes, financial chairman, announced there would be an admission charge of 10 and 25 cents for the lecture on "Shakespeare" to be given by Mrs. Hugh Fellows from McMurry speech department in the High School gymnasium on Thursday evening, Apr. 25.

Visitors present were Miss Marian Sheppard of Dallas, Mesdames Booth Warren, David Gamble, L. C. Zehnpenning and Pete West. Members answering roll call were Mesdames Elma McFarland, W. S. J. Brown, Johnny Cox, S. D. Gamble, Comer Haynes, Tom Largent, Elsie Nash, Connor Robinson, G. W. Wilhite, Owen Robertson, H. C. West, Bud Winter; Misses Mamie Ellis, Vinnie Heizer, Julia Martin, and Mildred Holt.

The next meeting will be May 7 in the home of Mrs. Tom Largent, with Mrs. Largent and the social committee as hostesses.

GIFT PARTY.

The attractive home of Mrs. O. J. Adcock was the scene of a lovely party Tuesday afternoon complimenting a popular Easter bride, Mrs. Leo Ueckert, the former Miss Annie Mae King of Goodman. Co-hostesses with Mrs. Adcock were Mrs. D. A. Lee and Mrs. Waymon Adcock.

A program of readings was given by Leon Tombs, Bobby Tom Hodge, Norma Jean Hodge, Bobbie Nell Reagan and Joy Currington, after which a sandwich plate was served with punch. House decorations were of bridal wreath. Those present were Mesdames Inez Chadwick, J. M. Cook, J. M. Bankhead, T. J. Melton, Jessie Reagan, Paul Douglas, Elmer Key, Ari Sharp, Elsie Nash, R. T. Gray, J. H. McDonald, Barney Douglas, N. E. Wood, Bill Hennessee, B. T. Sublett, H. Currington, H. Greene, George Woodrum, Joe Garland, R. J. King, Stanley King; Misses Berdella Adcock, Hollis Perry, Ethel King, Loraine Key, Mary Ellen Key, Fay Walker, Islea Walker, Zana Leonard.

T. E. L. CLASS PARTY.

Members of the T. E. L. class of the First Baptist church met on Wednesday of last week in the home of Mrs. John Mansfield, with Mrs. W. R. Sumpter and Mrs. A. D. Fulton as co-hostesses.

Mrs. Yates Brown brought the devotional, and Mrs. A. R. Booth, president of the class, presided at the business session, after which a social hour was enjoyed and cream and angel food cake served to Mesdames Largent, Booth Warren, Yates Brown, A. R. Booth, Deavers, Walker, Bird,

Ford, Miss Mae Lassiter and the hostesses, Mesdames Fulton, Sumpter and Mansfield.

KING'S DAUGHTERS CLASS. Mrs. W. W. Campbell and Mrs. Gertie Pee were hostesses to the King's Daughters class of the Methodist church in the lovely home of Mrs. Campbell on Tuesday afternoon.

After business was dispensed with, Mrs. D. M. Hill gave the devotional, which was followed with a prayer by Mrs. E. C. Richards. Mrs. L. A. Watts gave some interesting original poems.

At the refreshment hour, delicious ice cream and lovely marble cake were served to the following members: Mesdames Black, Richards, Frazier, Hale, Bragg, Watts, Crow, Williams and D. M. Hill, one visitor, Miss Mabel McRee, and the hostesses.

BUFFET SUPPER.

Miss Doris Clyde Miller was a most entertaining hostess on Wednesday evening in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Miller.

A six o'clock dinner was served buffet-style at foursome tables, centered with roses. The menu consisted of baked chicken and dainty accessories for Misses Betty Lu Higgins, Becky Gardner, Louise Patterson and Messrs. Don Wood, L. B. Gibson, Cheatham McFarland and Earl Morehead.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Mrs. E. H. Hendricks complimented her son, Ernest, Jr., with a party Tuesday afternoon celebrating his seventh birthday. After an hour of games and entertainment, the many beautiful gifts were opened and admired.

Refreshments of ice cream, cake and cookies were served to Billy June and Martha Fay Smith, Frankie and J. L. Shults, Patsy Ruth Bryant, Maxine and Betty Buchanan, Manual Hickman, Betty Sue Harris, Doyle, E. A. and Helen Conley, Hennie McKay, Billie Marie Smith, G. F. Minnie Louise and Perry Lee Woods, Y. E. Brown, John Ed Bows, Billy Gene Greenfield, Barbie Ann Bryant, Jimmie Lea Buchanan, Emme Woods and the hostess.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Woman's Missionary society of the Grace Presbyterian church met for Bible study in the church Monday afternoon, Apr. 16, with Mrs. Connor Robinson as lesson leader. The devotional stressed the eternal quest for God as found in Deut. 4:29 and Luke 19:1-10.

The society is studying the book, "The Charms of the Bible," by Jesse Bowman Young, and the leader presented the first three chapters for study. The world-wide appeal of the Bible, its structural charms and an elaborated instance—Philemon—were brought out in the lesson.

The third Monday of May is the scheduled date for the next Bible study.

SEWING CLUB.

Members of the Merkel Needle and Thimble club will meet on Wednesday afternoon, Apr. 24, in the home of Mrs. Byron Patterson.

FAREWELL PARTY.

By way of bidding farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Pat Davis, who removed to Quanah Saturday, several couples who have been meeting informally for games of "42" were joint hosts for a buffet supper last Friday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. V.

Moore. The supper menu was served in Mexican pottery.

In token of a happy friendship, the honorees were presented a beautiful picture by Messrs. and Mesdames David Gamble, N. D. Callaway, George T. Moore, J. E. Boaz, Jr., Max Swafford and L. V. Moore.

May Meeting of Union To Be Held in Merkel

At the April meeting of the Union of the Lighted Cross held at the First Methodist church in Abilene last week, Marvin Hunter, McMurry student from Merkel, was elected president, and Hazel Williams, McMurry student from Trent, was named publicity superintendent.

The efficiency banner was awarded to both First Church and Baird. Next Union meeting is to be held May 10 at the Merkel Methodist church, at which time officers are to be installed in a candle-lighting service.

Selected to Represent ETSTC at Dallas Show

A Merkel girl, Jane Ferguson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Ferguson, has been particularly honored in her selection as representative of the East Texas State Teachers college of Commerce to the State Future Home-Makers' rally to be held in Dallas Apr. 24-27. Miss Ferguson will act as one of the judges in the state high school contests.

Jane is a senior at the East Texas State Teachers college, majoring in home economics.

Nineteen Present for Junior G. A. Meeting

The Junior G. A. met Monday afternoon, Apr. 15, at the First Baptist church, with nineteen girls present. It was time for the monthly social. Exciting games were played and punch and cookies were served as refreshments. We were glad to have with us Rev. Cooper Waters, wife and baby as our guests. We were also glad to have Mattielene London and Mrs. Clyde Deavers with us.

World War Ace Killed.

Paris, Apr. 18.—Major Hector Garaud, French air ace who was credited with bringing down 23 enemy planes during the World War, was killed Apr. 5 in an airplane accident at Montpellier, where he was serving as an instructor.

We have reduced our price on all day-old chicks to \$6.25 per hundred; real bargains in started chicks also. Remember these are high grade chicks. Sharp's Hatchery, "Quality Chicks."

In The Churches

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

There were 623 present at the six reporting Sunday Schools here last Sunday, as compared with 544 the previous week. On the same Sunday a year ago the attendance was 590.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Sunday School 10 o'clock, preaching 11. Training Service 7:15, evening preaching service 8 o'clock. Prayer meeting and teachers' and officers' council begin at 7:45 Wednesday evening.

If present plans do not fail, Rev. Edward B. Jenkins of Abilene will be with us Wednesday night. He will lecture on "India" and use stereopticon slides.

Cooper Waters, Pastor. W. J. Largent, Sunday School Superintendent. Will H. Grimes, B. T. U. Director.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School will be held each Sunday at the usual hour, 10 a. m. Every one is urged to attend regularly.

W. M. Elliott, Clerk of Session.

METHODIST CHURCH.

Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. Morning worship at 11 o'clock. Young people's meeting at 7 p. m. Evening worship at 7:45. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock.

John H. Crow, Pastor.

LEAGUE PROGRAM.

The following is the League program for Sunday, Apr. 21, with Marvin Hunter as leader: call to worship, by leader; hymn, "O, Jesus, I Have Promised;" Scripture, Isa. 9:2, Rom.

District 17 W. M. U. Is Largely Attended

Attending the annual meeting of district 17, Texas Woman's Missionary union, which began Tuesday at the First Baptist church in Abilene, were the following ladies from Merkel: Mesdames Cooper Waters, T. E. Collins, A. R. Booth, J. L. Winter, Irl Walker and J. M. Williamson.

Not previously scheduled but an especially interesting feature was the appearance of a Japanese girl, Itsuko Saito of Wahiawa Oahu, Hawaii, on the Tuesday afternoon program.

Immediately after Miss Saito's talk, she left for Fort Worth to return to Southwestern seminary where she is doing graduate work.

At the concluding session Wednesday Breckenridge was chosen as the host town for 1940-41. Enrollment for the entire convention totaled 547.

10: 12-15, John 1:14, W. A. Whiteley; prayer, Louise Patterson; hymn, "God Send Us Men;" talk, "Mahatma Gandhi," Joy Brookreson; talk, "Two Younger Leaders," Marvin Hunter; talk, "Some Christian Leaders of India," Ben Robert Hicks; offering, business, president; League benediction.

We had four boys and one girl present last Sunday. We promise a good program and invite everyone to come and hear about the big plans for this summer. —Reporter.

FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Preaching Saturday night at 8 o'clock. Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Young people's Bible study 3 p. m. All young people invited to attend these studies. Preaching service 8 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.

R. U. Rister, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Sunday services: Bible classes 9:45, preaching at 10:45, young people's meeting, preaching at 8 p. m. Wednesday evening Bible study at 8 o'clock.

You are invited to attend. E. W. Key, Minister.

NAZARENE CHURCH.

Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock.

Everyone is cordially invited to these services. R. T. Smith, Pastor.

NEW LIVE OAK CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 o'clock. Preaching at 11 o'clock. Visitors always welcome.

Rev. A. C. Healer, Pastor. Mrs. Dennis Counts, Church Reporter.

WHITE CHURCH LEAGUE.

The White Church League met at 8 o'clock Sunday night, with 48 present. The subject of our lesson was "India: Three Hundred and Fifty Million People." Those on program were: "The Indian People," Elwina Doan; "Hinduism," Jewel Fay Noel; "Other Indian Religions," Doyal Barnes; "Christianity in India," Mrs. P. R. McLean. There will be a League social Friday night, Apr. 19. We cordially invite any one who wants to, to attend. We also invite you to Sunday School every Sunday morning at 10:30 and to League every Sunday night at 8 o'clock.

There will be preaching next Sunday, as it is regular preaching day by Rev. J. B. Stewart. —Reporter.

NUBIA LEAGUE.

We greatly appreciate the program that was given by Hebron

church and invite them to come back some time.

The topic of our lesson next Sunday night is "We Meet the Indian Leaders." The Scripture reading is by Syble Riney; a poem, "God Give Us Men," by Betty Jo Seymore; first talk, "Mahatma Gandhi," by Mildred Wilkins; second talk, "Jawaharlal Nehru," by Joe Seymore; third talk, "Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar," by Eva Brown. The program is in charge of the group captain, Nina Joyce Riney. League starts at 7:30. Every one is invited. Nell Butman, Reporter. Mrs. Don Riney, President.

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