

Keeping Up With Texas

Jeraldine Marie Weaver, 9, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Weaver, Brookeland, was killed, and Lillian Fultz, 5, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Fultz, Bronson, was seriously injured in an automobile accident near Jasper early Saturday.

Col. Augustine W. Robins, commanding officer of the air corps training center, Randolph field, San Antonio, died suddenly of a heart attack at his quarters Sunday morning. The 57-year-old colonel, who has directed the expanded air corps training program through its first year, had apparently been in good health until a few minutes before his death.

A jury in district court at Carthage returned a verdict assessing the death penalty against Luther Hill, 32, charged with murder in connection with the torch slaying of his wife, Nellie Mae Hill, a former school teacher.

Mrs. Cassie Pierson, about 45, of Lubbock, was instantly killed and four other persons were injured early Sunday morning in an automobile accident on highway 6 in Ellis county south of Reagan. The car which Mrs. Pierson was driving is reported to have been in collision with a truck.

Frank Allen, about 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. Seaborn Allen, of Waco, was instantly killed in an automobile accident at San Saba Sunday evening. It was reported to officers that he was standing on the side of an automobile driven by a San Saba youth and was crushed when the vehicle side-swiped a parked automobile.

The 4-year-old son of Audley Jeters died at Cooper Monday from injuries received Sunday when he was struck by a car on highway 24 near Cooper. E. A. Regan, of Cooper, driver of the car, was absolved of blame by officers.

Jessy Parker, 25, of Lubbock, was charged with drunk driving in Brownfield Monday as result of the accident in which James B. Jones, 45, World War veteran and insurance salesman, was killed Sunday morning.

Representative Albert Derden of Marlin Monday withdrew his candidacy for the governorship in favor of Harry Hines and announced he would continue his campaign in Hines' behalf.

August Hansman, 65, for many years a resident of Bexar county, was killed by lightning Tuesday while working on his farm, five miles west of San Antonio.

Eugene Clubb, 29, was stung to death Tuesday by wasps while fishing on the Leona river near Uvalde. His companion, J. L. Carrell, escaped by jumping into the river. Clubb died 30 minutes later after numerous stings on the face and body.

Chief of Police T. A. Hackney of Abilene was named president of the City Marshals' and Chiefs of Police union of Texas at a meeting in Austin Wednesday. Houston was chosen as the 1941 convention city.

The body of Mrs. Wallace E. Pratt, about 52, divorced wife of a member of the executive committee of the Standard Oil company of New Jersey, was found in the Gulf of Mexico Tuesday. A highway officer said she apparently had drowned while in bathing alone.

Ralph Estep, 36, driver of a city emergency ambulance at Dallas, left Monday night for New York City to join the American Volunteer Ambulance Service, Inc.

James Carroll Whitehead, 15, died at Van Alstyne Sunday night from wounds received when a .22 rifle was accidentally discharged in a car in which he was riding.

Population of El Paso county declined 702 persons in the 1930-40 decade in census figures released for 1940 showing a total of 130,895. The city of El Paso lost 5,744 during the decade, dropping to 96,677.

Newton George, 55, master mechanic for a silver and lead mining company, was fatally injured Monday at the company's mine, 67 miles southwest of Presidio, when he was struck by the safety plug of an exploding compressor.

Dr. Albert S. Grant, 73, of Austin, oldest member of the Texas Dental society in active practice and its past president, died Monday at a Dallas hospital. He had maintained dental offices continuously in Austin since 1888.

E. C. Mangum, 41, railroad employee at Bremond, died in a Marlin hospital Wednesday of injuries received Sunday when the automobile in which he was riding was in collision with a truck.

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166 NAMES ON VOTERS' BALLOT FIRST PRIMARY

Candidates Draw for Place On Ticket; One Race Has 19 Listed In Competition; Only Very Few Unopposed.

Ballot for the first democratic primary to be held on July 27 will list 166 names, including races with as many as 19 candidates. Only 10 candidates for district, county and precinct races are unopposed.

At a meeting Monday morning of the members of the Taylor county executive committee, of which Judge James P. Stinson is chairman, the official ballot was arranged, with the names of each candidate in the order they were drawn from a box.

A sub-committee, consisting of W. O. Boney, chairman, Z. D. Hailey, R. V. Moore, Wiley L. Caffey, J. E. Casey and A. W. Woods, reported assessment of \$3,735 on the candidates to cover cost of the primaries, and candidates have until midnight Saturday to pay their assessments and be certified for position on the ballot. Second primary will be held Aug. 23.

All candidates for district offices were levied a \$1 statutory fee, not including voluntary contributions.

Vacancy as chairman of the Nubia precinct was filled by the appointment of Dewel McLean.

With omission of the precinct races not in this part of the county, names of the candidates for all offices from United States senator to constable will be arranged on the ballot in this order:

United States senator—Guy B. Fisher, San Augustine county; Tom Connally, Falls county; A. P. Belcher, Erath county.

Congress, 17th district—Joe H. Sheppard, Eastland county; Otis Miller, Jones county; Sam Russell, Erath county; Clyde Garrett, Eastland county; Thomas L. Blanton, Shackelford county.

Governor—Harry Hines, Wichita county; R. P. Condon, Cameron county; Albert L. Derden, Falls county; Ernest O. Thompson, Potter county; Miriam A. Ferguson, Travis county; Jerry Sadler, Gregg county; Arlon B. "Cyclone" Davis, Dallas county; W. Lee O'Daniel, Tarrant county.

Lieutenant governor—Alton M. Mead, Tom Green; Coke R. Stevenson, Kimble; Charles Laverigne Somerville, Dallas.

Comptroller of public accounts—Clifford E. Butler, Harris; George H. Sheppard, Nolan.

State treasurer—Charley Lockhart, Travis; Harry McKee, Travis.

Commissioner of the general land office—Bascom Giles, Travis.

Attorney general—Gerald C. Mann, Dallas.

Superintendent of public instruction—S. R. LeMay, Henderson; L. A. Woods, McLennan.

Commissioner of agriculture—W. W. King, Sabine; J. E. McDonald, Ellis; William N. Carry, Tarrant.

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Only Minor Injuries From Traffic Accident

Although the car of Mrs. Chester Hutcheson was considerably damaged as the result of a traffic accident Wednesday afternoon as she was returning to her home here from Abilene, the three occupants of the car escaped with only slight injuries.

Mrs. Hutcheson, who was driving, was treated for bruises; Miss Dorothea Sue Bird received a cut on her chin, which required several stitches, and Miss Elna Tucker, riding on the back seat, had only a sprained finger.

The accident occurred when the driver of a car going east, attempted to pass a combine on the highway. When he saw that he could not make it, he dropped back but did not clear the highway on the side of the oncoming car, driven by Mrs. Hutcheson, resulting in collision of the two cars.

Record of Births.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Melton Marshall, Tuesday, June 18, 1940.

55 YEARS AGO FRENCH BROUGHT GODDESS HERE

New York, June 20.—Fifty-five years ago Wednesday the Statue of Liberty, a gift of the people of France to the United States, arrived in New York harbor.

The goddess, beacon of American democracy, came in 214 packing cases aboard a bark-rigged French man-of-war.

The \$700,000 which financed construction of the statue was contributed by 180 French cities, 40 general councils and thousands of individual French citizens; \$300,000 to build a pedestal on Bedloe's Island was raised in this country by popular subscription.

Candidates Speak Here On July 20; Other Dates Listed

Official schedule of speaking dates for candidates for public office in Taylor county, released Wednesday, provides for a candidates' rally in Merkel on the night of Saturday, July 20, which will be the date of Merkel's fourth Saturday rodeo of the 1940 season.

Other dates in Western Taylor county are:

Tye—Thursday night, June 27.
Trent—Thursday night, July 11.
Butman—Thursday night, July 25.
Final speaking date is Friday night, July 26, on the eve of the first primary, the place to be the federal lawn in Abilene.

Another scheduled date of wide prominence will be Friday, July 19, at the Taylor County Old Settlers reunion, Buffalo Gap.

On Monday morning after the candidates had met to draw for places on the ballot in the first primary, they held a meeting and appointed a committee composed of Sid H. McAdams, Joe Humphrey, Ernest W. Wilson, Pat Patterson and Wendell Bedichek to confer with citizens of the various communities and arrange dates satisfactory to each community, re-vamping a previous schedule, of which some candidates had had no advance knowledge prior to its publication in the Abilene Reporter-News. Bedichek, managing editor of the Abilene daily paper, only member of the committee not a candidate, is chairman of the group re-arranging speaking dates.

First Sunday Picture Show To Be June 30

At a meeting of the city council last Friday night, when matters in connection with the street graveling project were given consideration, the city dads canvassed the result of the special election held on June 11 on the question of Sunday movies in Merkel, at which time the issue carried by 209 for to 167 against, and, in conformity with the expression of the voters, repealed the city ordinance prohibiting Sunday picture shows.

"My Favorite Wife," with Irene Dunne, Cary Grant and Randolph Scott, will be the attraction which Manager Norman T. Hodge has announced for the first Sunday feature at the Queen, on June 30.

Local Donations To Red Cross Pass \$50

Total of Merkel's donations to the Red Cross war relief fund was raised to \$53 by the receipt of a check from Paul West for \$10, reported by Mrs. Elma McFarland, member of the executive committee of the Taylor County Red Cross chapter.

Subscriptions previously reported had amounted to \$43.

Donations may be left with either Mrs. McFarland or C. P. Church, also a committeeman, or at the Merkel Mail office and they will be acknowledged in the columns of this paper.

Rice for Needy Bought.

Washington, June 20.—The federal surplus commodities corporation announced Tuesday that it had purchased 48,300,000 pounds of rice for distribution among needy families.

SHILOH CHURCH HOME-COMING BRINGS OUT 300

Five Charter Members Present For Memorable Occasion; History of Church Reviewed By Pastor Melvin Byrd.

Five charter members were present at the home-coming held at Shiloh Baptist church last Sunday and more than 300 signed the register in charge of C. W. Seago. Visitors were present from as far as Corpus Christi, Hobbs, N. M., Post and Lamesa.

The five charter members in attendance were Mrs. J. H. Grayson, Grandma Phillips, Mrs. Joe Winter, W. L. Phillips and Mrs. Minnie McGregor. Badges were pinned on all charter members, former members and members of 30 years or more standing.

Opening song service in the morning was in charge of John Crain of Trent, a former member of Shiloh church, with Mrs. C. W. Seago as pianist. Mrs. V. L. Merritt and Gene Reece of Shiloh dedicated their vocal duet to Mrs. J. H. Grayson, Lovell Rutledge rendered a solo, "Stand By Me," and the sermon was preached by Rev. W. K. Horn, of Post, a former pastor.

After a sumptuous dinner, served in the church yard, the song service opening the afternoon program also was led by John Crain of Trent, with Mrs. Orvin Robinson of Trent at the piano. A trio, Lovell Rutledge, Joy and Dorothy Rutledge, sang numbers before and after the sermon. History of the church was told by Rev. Melvin Byrd, the pastor, and a testimonial service followed, during which former members and visitors told of experiences of olden times. A duet by Mrs. W. R. Grayson and Mrs. C. W. Seago was dedicated to all former members. In the absence of Rev. Houston Scott of Abilene, who was unable to attend, the afternoon sermon was preached by Rev. W. K. Horn.

Lions Will Install New Officers At July 2 Luncheon

Officers for the year beginning July 1, as recommended by a nominating committee, of which Dr. L. C. Zehnpennig was chairman, were formally elected at Tuesday's luncheon of the Merkel Lions club. They will be installed the first meeting in July, which will be July 2.

Personnel of the new slate of officers is: R. T. Gray, president; Byers Petty, first vice-president; Connor Robinson, second vice-president; Chester Collinsworth, third vice-president; Wrenn Durham, re-elected as secretary-treasurer; N. T. Hodge, tail twister; Nolan Palmer, Lion tamer, and Milton Case and Nathan Wood, new directors. Holdover directors are E. O. Carson and John Grable.

The largest attendance of members of several months was revealed after roll call, there being only seven absentees. Four guests were present: Wallace Bragg of Chillicothe, a past president of the club there; C. O. (Pat) Patterson, of Abilene, a former Merkel boy, and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Young.

In the absence of the club sweetheart, Gay West, Mrs. Young played accompaniment for the opening song led by Supt. Connor Robinson, and the invocation was given by Rev. John H. Crow.

Always a welcome guest-entertainer, Richard Young, popular director of the Merkel Badger band, won unstinted applause with two cornet solos, "I'll Take You Home Again, Kathleen" and "St. Louis Blues," accompanied by his wife.

One of the guests, Wallace Bragg, took occasion to remark that he had recently heard a very fine talk by Pat Davis, former coach of the Merkel football squad, who is now secretary of the chamber of commerce at Quanah and who was addressing the Boy Scouts, which Davis has re-

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DOUBLE SHOW BRINGS COMPLETE PROGRAM OF RIDING, ROPING EVENTS

TRENT DEFEATS LEAGUE LEADERS

Hodges Club Drops First Game Of Season; Trent Sluggers Hit Two Homers.

The Hodges club, league leaders in Merkel's softball circuit with five straight wins, dropped their first game of the season on Monday night, when Trent sluggers piled up 13 hits, two of them homers, to earn a 13-4 victory.

In the second inning Hutcheson drove in one ahead of him with a circuit clout and Henry Lee Tittle duplicated with a homer in the sixth, also scoring a runner ahead of him. Northam of the Hodges club also scored a man ahead of him with a homer in the first.

During the week Trent also defeated Moutray by a lopsided score of 24-4, moving into a tie for second place with Noodle, who bested Stith, 12-1.

In the opener last Thursday night, the Merkel girls overcame a lead of six runs in the first inning by their opponents from Trent to ease out a 11-10 win.

On Thursday night of this week, Trent girls play Stith, with a league game between F. & M. Bank and Moutray coming up.

Monday's schedule calls for: Noodle vs. Hodges and Trent vs. F. & M. bank, while on Thursday of next week, Merkel and White Church girls

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Stamford Boosters to Visit Merkel June 27

A personal invitation to attend the eleventh annual Texas Cowboy Reunion on July 2, 3, and 4, will be extended Merkel citizens by a group from Stamford, who will visit this city on Thursday, June 27, arriving at 10:30 a. m. This trip is sponsored by the Stamford Exchange club.

A large number of Stamford citizens will make the trip and during the visit here a few minutes of entertainment and fun will be furnished as the invitation is extended to visit the Cowboy Reunion.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, June 18, 1920.)

A BIRTHDAY PARTY.

"We are going to have a little party on June 14, at 5 o'clock; can you come?" In response to this hearty invitation many of the little friends and playmates of Elizabeth Duncan Briggs gathered at her home at the appointed hour to enjoy with her this rare occasion—for what is so rare as a day in June with the added charm of happy little children, radiant with anticipation of an hour like this.

This popular little honoree assisted by her mother, Mrs. Duncan Briggs, greeted each little guest at the door and delightful were the exclamations as each guest in turn presented her with some token of their love for her in recognition of this, her fourth birthday anniversary.

After all the guests had assembled group pictures were taken on the lawn, thus preserving, in a measure, the occasion for the future enjoyment of the honoree.

An interesting beanbag contest was enjoyed with the little tots seated on the lawn, after which a bowl of candy was presented to the winning side. But in this case the unfortunate became fortunate, the winners generously dividing their reward.

In a peanut contest, which required each one to carry a given number of peanuts on a knife, a given distance, little Miss Helen Williams was the winner and was presented

Rodeo Committee Reports All In Readiness for Third In Series of Week-End Arena Performances; Band to Play.

Flags flying and two huge welcome streamers across the highway at both the east and west approach to the business section acquaint cross-country tourists and all visitors to the city as well as remind the home folks that Merkel's third double show of the 1940 series of free summer rodeos is the big event on this week-end's calendar in West Texas.

A full program of calf roping, wild cow milking, bareback and saddle bronc riding, bull and steer riding is scheduled for both the Friday night show, starting at 8 p. m., and the Saturday afternoon performance.

RESERVED SEATS.

For the night show, numbered reserved seats are on sale at both drug stores, price 40 cents. Sale will be transferred to the rodeo grounds at 6:30 on the night of the show.

For the afternoon show, no numbered seats will be sold. Prices are 25 cents for adults and 10 cents for children under 12. Seats will be on sale at the rodeo grounds at 12:30 p. m. on show day.

starting at 2 p. m., it is announced by Dr. L. C. Zehnpennig, chairman of the rodeo committee, and other fast-moving, thrill-producing events.

The Badger band will hand to furnish music during each show.

Unfavorable weather has proved a considerable factor in the attendance at the last two series of shows, but the management carried out the full schedule without any variation or curtailment and those who witnessed the two last shows are emphatic in saying that the cattle were never fiercer than in those two exhibitions; furthermore, it is a fact that time merely adds to the wildness and uncontrolled fighting spirit of the calves as the season progresses.

Rodeo fans are also put on notice that after this week-end the schedule of summer shows skips four weeks to July 19-20, in order to avoid conflict with the many attractions carded during the week of July Fourth in this area.

with a "peanut doll" attractively attired. Charah Louise Miller won a close second and was presented with a cunning little "peanut duck." Burneal Scott being unable to reach the goal with his trophy was given bubble, a sneaky little "peanut mouse." These favors were the skillful work of Miss Veta Vett Steel.

The children were then invited into the house where they were blindfolded and instructed to pin the tail on a paper cat on the wall. Ethel Hamilton was the fortunate winner in this and was awarded a pretty bright yellow beanbag.

Excitement reached its end when the dining room was opened and there, surrounded by pretty flowers, stood the lovely birthday cake with its four candles burning significantly. The little honoree was the first to blow out a candle, sharing also this pleasure with others. The cake was cut and served with bowls heaping full of delicious pink ice cream.

Thus came the end of a perfect day for: Mary Elizabeth Grimes, Sarah Sheppard, Helen Williams of Fort Worth, Eleanor Mae and Ethel Hamilton, Isabel Propst, Billie Bernice Gambill, Clarah Miller, Louise Rose, Nell Durham, Benjamin Sheppard, Sterling Sheppard, Ben Frazier, Jr., Burneal Scott, Thomas Rose, Sue Bett Steel, B. Sears, Mrs. W. E. Gambill, Mrs. Burt Scott, Mrs. W. E. Browning, grandmother of the honoree, and her mother.

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Coccidiosis Causes Intestinal Injury

(Ninth of a series of Poultry Pointers to be published weekly.)
Coccidiosis is caused by a small animal parasite which burrows into the cells lining the walls of the intestine, causing them to burst and bleed.

The damage done during this period may be extensive and even permanent if nothing is done to relieve the condition. The injured cells slough off in their place and scar tissue does not have the ability to digest and absorb food as the original cells did.

It is easy to see that if a great number of cells were replaced in this manner, the digestive efficiency of the intestine would be reduced to an extent where the chicken never would be able to make good use of its food or produce in accordance with its inheritance and breeding.

Bloody droppings are not always seen in outbreaks of coccidiosis, and that is why poultrymen should become thoroughly familiar with other symptoms of the disease. The chicks may become rough in feather, pale in face, listless, droopy, and watery droppings will completely saturate the litter. Coccidia cannot be seen without the aid of a microscope, but an enlarged ceca filled with either blood or water at the initial stages and a hard cheesy core later on is almost conclusive evidence of the disease.

There are seven species of coccidia, and some do not infect the ceca. Bloody areas may be found in the large intestine near the gizzard. Sometimes this area, as well as the entire length of the small intestine, is inflamed and filled with a frothy brownish mucus. One species of coccidia is disclosed by the presence of white patches or streaks visible through the unopened wall of the intestine.

Unless coccidiosis is noticed in the early stages, the infection is certain to spread rapidly. One infected chick will pass thousands of oocysts, which will become infective if allowed to sporulate in the litter from 24 to 48 hours. Keep the litter dry and change it every other day. Feed a good growing mash containing no more than the usual quantity of milk, for the value of a milk flush has been questioned by some scientists as a remedy for coccidiosis. However, giving corrective medicines to relieve the injury and inflammation of the intestines is helpful.

Explosive Power of Gasoline Is Cited

Austin, June 20.—Home fires could be reduced to a minimum if Texas housewives would refrain from the use of gasoline, especially for cleaning purposes, Marvin Hall, state fire insurance commissioner, has warned.

The commissioner reported that the explosive power of gasoline has been ascertained at 83 times that of dynamite, and that the flash point of gasoline may be as low as zero.

"Static and friction should be avoided in handling gasoline," he said, "and people whose jobs involve its use should be thoroughly conversant with its dangers. Of course, its use is a commonplace as well as a necessity, but there's no need to ignore its power."

Merkel Girl On Honor Roll At Tarleton

Stephenville, June 20.—Of the 216 students who earned honor rating at John Tarleton college during the spring semester, one was from Merkel, it was announced from the registrar's office.

Edith Butman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butman, Jr., was named an honor student in recognition of earning at least thirty grade points during the semester.

Miss Butman has enrolled in summer school at Tarleton.

If you have lost or found anything, want to buy or sell anything, let the folks know it through The Mail want ad column. They read it.

Texas Editors Back President's Defense Program



Pledge of full support of the President's program of preparedness was voted as first order of business in the 1940 convention of the Texas Press Association at Mineral Wells. Some convention photographs show: (1) Walter Murray, host publisher of *The Index*; (2) Charles K. Devall (with Mrs. Devall), *Kilgore Herald*, new president; (3) Secretary Sam P. Harben registers 88-year-old El T. Merriman (4) of *Corpus Christi*; (5) Retiring President Walter Buckner, *San Marcos Record*; (6) Editor-Legislator James E. Taylor, *Kerrville Tribune*; (7) Franz Zeiske, *Belle Plaine Times*, who reported Austin County's predominantly German population is 100 per cent ready to shoulder arms for Uncle Sam; (8) Sam Fore, *Floresville Chronicle-Journal*, who responded to welcome to Mineral Wells, sounded preparedness keynote of convention.

Charles K. Devall Is New Texas Press Head

Mineral Wells, June 20.—Charles K. Devall of Kilgore and Mount Vernon was elected president of the Texas Press association at the closing session of its three-day convention Saturday. Dave Warren of Panhandle was named vice-president and Sam P. Harben of Richardson was re-elected for the thirty-third time as secretary.

This year Harben also will serve as treasurer, the two offices having been combined by amendment of the constitution.

The executive committee was instructed to confer with Mrs. Laura Robinson of Waco on a plan for a memorial fund to be offered to the United States for use in any suitable project toward promoting and safeguarding the principles of a free government. Mrs. Robinson proposes to

start the fund in the name of her late husband, Fred B. Robinson, a former president of the association.

Noodle Singing Class Closes Sunday Night

The Noodle Singing class will convene for a regular meeting Sunday night, June 23, which will be the last session until next fall, it is announced by W. J. Bicknell, president.

Expectations that the concluding summer meeting would be a successful one were expressed, when invitations to appear on the program were accepted by several visiting singers. Noodle will also be host to the regular Fifth Sunday singing.

Bereavement acknowledgement engraved cards, with envelopes to match, 50 cents per dozen at Merkel Mail office.

\$100,000 for Red Cross.

Washington, June 20.—The Red Cross Monday announced it had received a \$100,000 contribution from Countess Barbara Haugwitz-Reventlow, heiress to the Woolworth 10-cent store millions.

Congress Reaffirms Monroe Doctrine

Washington, June 20.—Congress served virtual notice on the world Tuesday that the United States would fight to uphold the Monroe Doctrine.

By a vote of 382 to 8, the house passed a resolution, already approved by the senate, declaring this country would not "acquiesce" in the transfer of territory in the western hemisphere from one non-American nation to another.

Although no countries were mentioned, Germany was in the minds of congressmen. They said that the resolution left no doubt of its meaning: that the United States would use force, if necessary, to defend the famous doctrine which, as, interpreted

ed here, would bar such changes as the transfer of: French or British possessions in this hemisphere to other powers.

The resolution, before going to President Roosevelt for his signature, must return to the senate for action on minor amendments.

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She had to raise her boy to be a soldier

In many lands today, mothers are forced to give up their children—even the youngest. Dictators demand them—and dictators are all-powerful. In peace as in war, they control business and industry, capital and labor, life itself. Men and women are told what work they must do. There is no prize for ambition, no hope for the man who would like to choose his own career.

How different it is in the United States! Here, governed by men responsible to the people, we choose our life-work for ourselves. This system of free enterprise makes the United States the world's greatest nation. Because men are free to dream and work as they see fit, scores of industries have grown great in America: the automobile, radio, telephone and electrical industries are just a few.

As typical Americans, the employees of your electric company are devoted to the American principle of working together, producing more of the good things of life and making them available to more people. Through their efforts electric service steadily improves; at the same time, its price steadily comes down.

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Little Town of Perrin Faces Aftermath of Lost Rail Connection

Perrin, June 20.—The people of this once thriving West Texas community are in mourning.

The occasion for their mourning is not the demise of some leading citizen or other beloved person, but the loss some months ago of their railroad. Now that it is gone many in Perrin are frank to admit its loss can be largely attributed to their own lack of appreciation of its value to the town.

Along with the railroad went school district, municipal and other taxes and a payroll highly important to a town of this size, even though it might not have been considered much of a factor to a large city. Throughout Perrin's time this payroll had meant much to local business firms, professional men and others.

All of these losses combine to transform Perrin from a bustling, bustling plains country business center, which it was while the Gulf, Texas & Western railroad was operating, into a slowly dwindling community, now threatened with being added to the growing list of Texas "ghost cities," a fate against which local citizens are striving valiantly. What has happened to Perrin was not contemplated when the Texas railroad commission authorized discontinuance of service by the G. T. & W. railroad. However, when officials of the line presented indisputable proof that the business actually taken in by the railroad failed by a wide margin to pay its operating expenses there was nothing left to do.

Perrin need not have been in its present dilemma. Time was when the railroad operated two freight and two passenger trains between Mineral Wells and Jacksboro and Perrin. There were a local railroad agent, two section foremen and ten section laborers whose wages boosted Perrin's payroll by \$12,000 annually.

But with the fine paved highways came the buses and the trucks and some Perrin citizens began to refer to the G. T. & W. as "two streaks of rust." Others more thoughtful called the attention of their neighbors to the fact that more than a dozen families earned their livelihood by working for the railroad and that the taxes it paid were a factor in local business. The latter, who felt pride that Perrin had a railroad connection with the outside world, urged their friends to ship more of their products and receive more of their goods by rail.

But the lure of the new type of public transport was too great, with the result that, as the business of the highway carriers increased, that of the railroad dwindled, finally being reduced to the point where the line's continued operation was impossible. The last train was operated from Perrin last Dec. 26, after which crews began the work of dismantling the "two streaks of rust." The railroad agent and section laborers, who had spent their pay checks twice monthly with Perrin business houses, soon went into competition with other citizens for odd jobs in and around town.

The taxes paid by the railroad were not large, but of the amount \$382 went toward the schools. This was an important item in meeting the expense of education in Independent District No. 2 comprising Jack, Palo Pinto and Parker counties.

"The loss to Perrin of its railroad means more than the loss of taxes," asserted John Sharp, local superintendent of schools. "When the railroad stopped, business stopped. Our experience should be a lesson to more fortunate communities that still have time to save their railroads."

Lacking a railroad to serve their community Perrin merchants have thus far managed to stay in business through the operation of an improvised truck service, a setup which has proved rather bothersome, local shippers and receivers of freight freely assert. Highway transport fills the gap on the lighter goods, but when the heavier shipments are to move it can't take the place of the old G. T. & W., nor is the service so dependable, local citizens say.

Now that there isn't any railroad service Perrin citizens must pay 45 cents to go to Mineral Wells, where formerly they made the trip for 27 cents.

"I tried to get my business friends to patronize the railroad more freely, but they wouldn't listen to me and now the inevitable has happened," J. S. Boydston, for 14 years a section foreman on the G. T. & W., declared. "Something in the way of a miracle will now have to happen to keep our little community from becoming a 'ghost town.'"

If you have any visitors, Phone 29 or 61.

Connally-Smith Bill Aimed Against Aliens Sped Toward Passage

Washington, June 20.—The Connally-Smith anti-alien bill, which rapidly sped toward passage by the senate and house, is meeting with acclaim throughout the United States as a measure expected to aid materially in the control of "fifth column" activities in America.

Offered by Senator Tom Connally of Texas on behalf of the senate judiciary committee, the measure requires deportation of certain classes of aliens and the finger-printing of aliens seeking to enter the United States.

"In addition," states Senator Connally, "the bill forbids tampering with military or naval forces of the country, or advocating overthrowing or destroying the government by force or violence.

"Aliens subject to deportation include those aiding any other alien to enter the United States in violation of law, any carrying a gun designed to shoot more than one shot without reloading, and those violating the alien registration act," Senator Connally explained.

"No visas are allowed any alien entering the United States who has not been registered and finger-printed and all those without visa, re-entry permit or registration card shall be excluded, Senator Connally continued, adding:

"Every alien in the United States over 14 years of age must be finger-printed and registered. Applications for registration are to be made at designated post offices and aliens are required to give notification of change of residence within five days."

Zella Mae Massey, James Brown Wed

On Saturday evening, June 15, Miss Zella Mae Massey and James Brown, both of Merkel, were united in marriage at the Fundamental Baptist church, with Rev. J. L. Burleson officiating.

Mrs. Brown is the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Massey; the groom is the son of Mrs. J. E. Brown, and they will make their home in Merkel.

At a wedding dinner served Sunday at the home of W. L. Massey, the following guests were present: Mr. and Mrs. Jack Massey and family, Mrs. Addilee Martin and two children of Fort Worth, Mrs. Perry Gouge of Weatherford, Rev. and Mrs. R. U. Rister and family, Mr. and Mrs. George Reynolds and baby, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Gregory, Mrs. Bob Popham and son, R. T., Miss Allene Davis and W. G. Richardson.

Hamilton Baptist Head.
Baltimore, June 20.—Rev. Dr. William Wistar Hamilton, president of the Baptist Bible institute in New Orleans since 1928, was elected president of the Southern Baptist convention, succeeding Dr. L. R. Scarborough of Fort Worth. A Baltimore layman, Francis A. Davis, was named vice-president.

Boston's Tremont hotel inaugurated the custom of giving soap to guests in 1829.



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Ranking Contestants In Each Event Listed

The ten highest ranking contestants for the seasonal prizes in calf roping and cow-milking, offered by the Merchants Trade Extension association of Merkel, and the five ranking contestants in three riding divisions are printed below.

Cash prizes totaling \$100 are to be awarded to the contestants making the best averages in each of the five divisions during the series of shows.

In the standing of contestants listed below, averages in calf roping and cow milking are in seconds and decimal fractions thereof, while in the riding events averages are based on percentages. (Figure in parenthesis indicates number of shows participated in.)

CALF ROPING.	
Ted Power (2)	17.30
Orien Tittle (2)	17.90
Punk Snider (2)	20.30
Zelmer Herrington (4)	20.45
Bud Spillsbury (2)	20.70
Bill Breen (2)	21.10
Vester Parrish (4)	22.80
Bus Enoch (2)	22.80
Sam Sessions (2)	23.50
Ralph Russell (4)	24.45
COW MILKING.	
Leo Huff (2)	17.10
Bud Spillsbury (1)	17.80
Leonard Huff (1)	21.40
O. L. Harris (2)	22.40
Bus Enoch (1)	23.00
Sig Faircloth (3)	24.80
Ira Drum (2)	25.30
Jimbo Reynolds (2)	27.70
Ted Powers (1)	28.40
George Brown (4)	32.95
SADDLE BRONC RIDING.	
Ed Colwell (1)	82.50
Jasbo Hester (3)	82.00
Bill Barton (3)	80.67
A. C. Wike (1)	79.00
Frank Griffin (1)	78.50
BAREBACK BRONC RIDING.	
Ralph Collier (1)	90.50
Ernie Barnett (1)	85.50
Gerald Derrick (2)	85.25
Goldie Corbin (1)	84.00
Bill Barton (3)	78.67
STEER RIDING.	
Goldie Corbin (1)	88.00
Smitty Coburn (2)	84.00
Charles Colbert (2)	82.75
S. A. York (2)	82.25
Gerald Derrick (2)	81.25

Reports Made On TCAA Membership Drive

Attendance at the conference of the Taylor County Agricultural association held June 12 at the Fair Park live stock pavilion, Abilene, was considerably curtailed by the need of urgent work on the farms, brought about by the recent general rains.

Reports on the two-months' membership campaign and an outline of plans for the future were chief topics for discussion. B. H. Pritchard,

chairman of the membership committee, and J. Walter Hammond, president of the Texas Agricultural association, were in charge of the meeting, with D. J. Curb of Merkel as secretary.

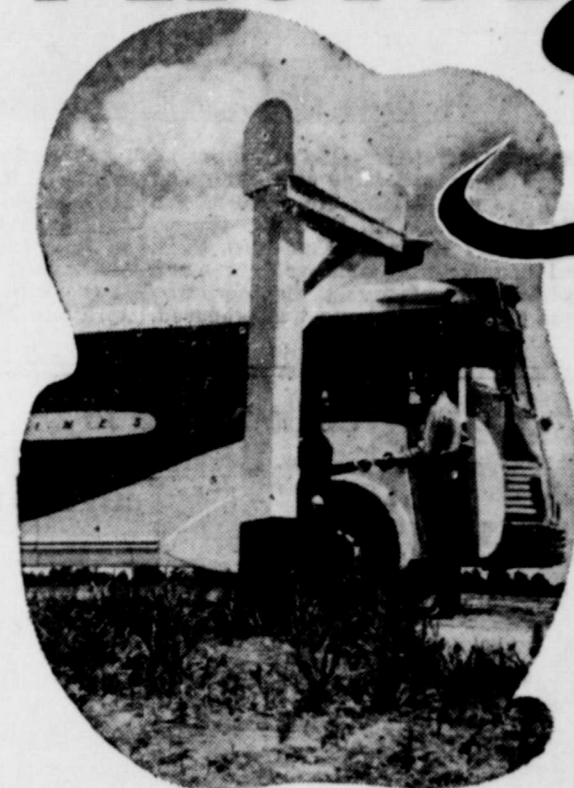
The value of co-operation and organization was stressed in a talk by Bryan Bradbury and in a paper prepared by Frank Grimes, editor of the Reporter-News, and delivered by T. N. Carswell, who assisted in the membership campaign.

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Defense Bill Signed.
Washington, June 20.—President Roosevelt signed into law Monday two bills authorizing a naval air force of 10,000 planes and 16,000 pilots and increasing the fleet by 21 new warships.

Department Stores Up.
Washington, June 20.—The federal reserve board estimated Saturday that department store sales in the week ended June 8 were 14 per cent higher than in the corresponding week last year.

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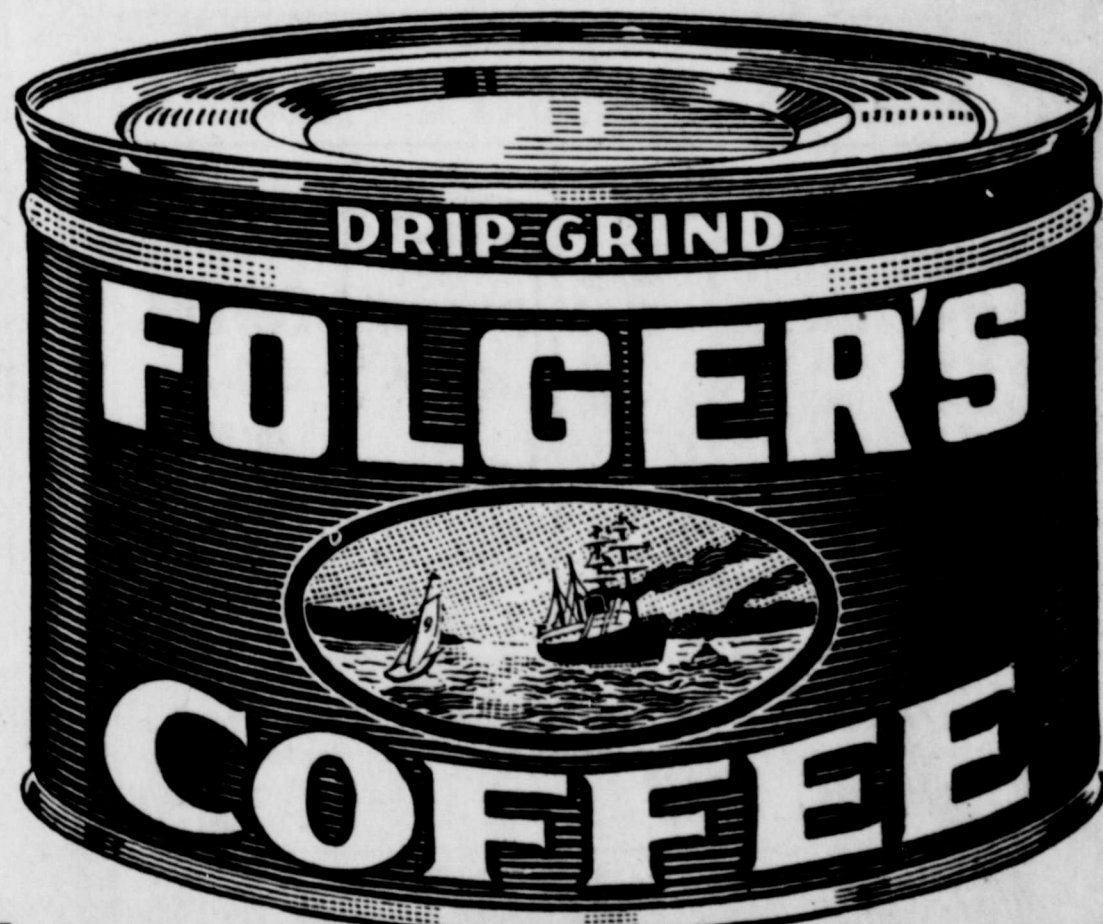
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PERSONALS

Mrs. Robert Hicks is visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Walters, in Wills Point.

Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Vessels and daughter, Billy Mae, of Eastland are on a vacation trip and visiting his mother, Mrs. J. T. Vessels.

Marjorie Jo Fulton is visiting this week with Dorothy Nell and Lora Pearl Haynes of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Eller from Kilgore are visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Roundtree at Noodle.

Don Swafford, who is employed at Odessa, is spending his vacation with his mother, Mrs. T. J. R. Swafford.

Mrs. Ruby Johnson is making a vacation visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Golladay, and daughter, Mary Faye.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Walker of Paris spent last week-end with his mother, Mrs. R. A. Walker, leaving their daughter, Mary Evelyn Walker, here for a summer visit with her grandmother, and cousin, Marjorie Anne Walker.

Mrs. Rosalie Royalty returned home June 10 by Greyhound from Stanford, Ky., via Chattanooga, Tenn., Birmingham, Ala., New Orleans, La., Houston and Fort Worth. Mrs. Royalty is much improved in health and has recuperated from a thyroid operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Compton and son, Pete, of Blythe, Calif., are spending the week here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Compton.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bragg and son, Granville, who visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg, over the week-end, returned Tuesday to their home at Chillicothe. Miss Iva Bragg was over from Abilene to spend Sunday.

Mrs. George West, Jr., and two children, Joy Frances and Barbara, left Tuesday for Corpus Christi where they will join their husband and father, George West, Jr., who recently moved there.

Miss Jimmie Lewis of Graham visited Miss Sue Killebrew last week.

Misses Helen Hester and Gay West returned Wednesday from Santa Anna where they were house guests of Miss Betty Reid. They accompanied Miss Reid and her mother home last Friday after they had visited friends in the city.

T. R. Blair of Fort Worth is visiting his mother, Mrs. J. S. Blair, and other relatives.

Miss Patty Hayes of Abilene is the guest of Miss Betty Lu Higgins.

June Graham and his sister, Louise, left Wednesday to visit their grandmother, Mrs. S. N. Keith, at Belen, N. M. Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Graham and family visited in Colorado City Sunday.

Louis Butman entered Hendrick Memorial hospital, Abilene, Wednesday, where he was to undergo surgery Thursday.

Messrs. H. L. and Cecil Turner went to Roscoe Wednesday, where their mother, Mrs. N. J. Turner, underwent an operation at Young's hospital. They report her getting along satisfactorily.

R. L. Griffin went to Valley Mills Friday of last week to attend the funeral of his sister-in-law, Mrs. L. S. Griffin.

Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Adcock visited last week with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Adcock, at Snyder, and also with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Betterton, at Odessa. Returning Friday, they were accompanied by three grandchildren from Odessa.

Mr. and Mrs. Cathy Biggs and daughter, Nancy Lee, of La Feria, and Miss Nina Louise Simpson of Harlingen arrived Thursday evening for several days' visit with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Simpson. Mrs. Biggs and Miss Simpson are sisters of Mr. Simpson.

Pete White returned Sunday from a visit of two weeks in California, leaving his wife and children for a longer stay with his sister, Mrs. V. L. Hassey, at Sacramento. Mr. White made the return trip with Mrs. Clovis Maddox of Sacramento, who was coming Texas to visit her mother, Mrs. H. T. Merritt, at Handley. Mrs. George White who accompanied the Pete Whites to California went on to Portland, Ore., to visit an aunt.

Miss Jane Ferguson, student at the

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Chevrolet Builds Its 900,000th 1940 Car



Here is the 900,000th car of Chevrolet's 1940 model production, as it left the assembly line at Flint, Mich., June 12, less than one month after No. 800,000 was completed. Beside the car are M. E. Coyle, general manager of the Chevrolet Motor Division (left), C. E. Wetherald, general manufacturing manager (right), and Arnold Lenz, assistant manufacturing manager, who were present in the plant when the car was produced.

"Chevrolet has built 300,000 cars in less than three months," Mr. Coyle pointed out. "The 600,000th of these models was built on March 21, the 700,000th on April 16, the 800,000th on May 13, and the 900,000th on June 12. This production rate closely parallels the consistently heavy sales volume since the introduction of the 1940 models last October, sales during March, April and May alone totalling 307,345."

East Texas State Teachers' college, Commerce, who remained for the summer school session, spent the week-end at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Ferguson, returning to school Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Barnett had as their guests last week-end, Mr. and Mrs. Chester C. Harris and daughter, Judy, of Lubbock, and Mr. and Mrs. Fay Bewley of Canyon. Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Terry, Jr., of Lubbock, came with them to spend the week-end in the home of Mrs. Terry's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Moore of Merkel. Mrs. Harris is the daughter of the Barnetts and Mrs. Bewley is Mrs. Barnett's only sister. They all returned to Lubbock Sunday night.

Guests Monday in the Andy Shouse home were Mr. Shouse's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Shouse of Trent, and his sister, Mrs. John Payne and four children of Plainview, who are visiting her parents at Trent.

Miss Ruby Jenkins, who has been employed at Maurine's Beauty shop, has accepted a position with a Lubbock beauty shop.

Mrs. DuBose and Mrs. Pearl Sheaffer of Corpus Christi and Mrs. Ruby Clemmer and little daughter, Marie, of Comper, spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Howard. On Sunday the children and grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Howard paid them a visit on Father's Day and enjoyed a family dinner.

Just say you saw it in The Mail.

Cotton Case Is Dismissed By Judge Atwell

Dallas, June 20.—Federal Judge William H. Atwell, rendering an opinion for three judges, who recently sat in an attack on the constitutionality of the cotton allotment act, ruled Tuesday that remedies against alleged injustices of the law might be found in politics rather than in a United States court and the case was dismissed.

R. C. Hawthorne, R. A. Hawthorne and Raymond Hawthorne, Seagoville farmers, filed the suit seeking to restrain V. T. Fisher, R. J. Cox and R. V. Poyner, members of the county agricultural commission from setting acreage quotas on their farm on the grounds the act was unconstitutional. In addition to Judge Atwell, Judge Joseph C. Hutcheson, of the New Orleans Circuit Court of Appeals, and Judge Randolph Bryant of the Eastern District of Texas, heard the case late in May.

"The two grounds on which the act is attacked," Judge Atwell said, "are: (a) that the defendants are not officers of the United States and have no right to act in capacities they assume; (b) that after the secretary of agriculture shall have determined the facts and announces quotas and allotments, there may be a referendum and if a third is opposed they shall not become effective."

He said the secretary acted through

an act of congress and hence was not an unconstitutional exercise of power. The pure democracy method is not observed in the system he also ruled, taking up the second premise, because a minority can strike down, although the minority is being protected in such a method.

"If the congress had a right to pass the act," he continued, "the people alone have the right to strike it down. The remedy is political. Education in the abandonment of foolish legislation is itself a training in liberty. To fight out the wise use of legislative authority in the forum of public opinion and before legislative assemblies, rather than to transfer such contest to the judicial arena, serves to vindicate the self-confidence of a free people."

Enrollment for CCC.

Washington, June 20.—The civilian conservation corps has announced it would begin enrolling 100,000 men July 1. They will replace men who have left to accept jobs.

New Officers Named By Masonic Lodge

J. F. Walker was elected worshipful master of the Merkel Lodge, No. 710, A. F. & A. M., last Saturday night, June 15, in a regular meeting held in the Masonic hall, at which time all officers for the coming year were determined.

Other new officers selected by ballot are: E. B. Reece, senior warden, and Willie L. Moore, junior warden. Bob Fowler, Carl Black and G. F. Woods were all re-elected to the posts of treasurer, secretary and tiler, respectively.

The newly appointed officers are: V. B. Sublett, senior deacon; James Hass, junior deacon; Joe B. Jackson, senior steward; H. K. Farr, junior steward; Jim Collins, chaplain; Andy Shouse, marshal.

The new slate of officers will officially assume their duties next Monday night, June 24, following the installation ceremonies.

Forests of pine, oak, cork and chestnut cover 19 per cent of the land in Portugal.

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Lions

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cently organized there. As chairman of the committee on new enterprises, S. D. Gamble was asked to arrange, if possible, for a group of at least four business men of Merkel to attend the state REA meeting in Fort Worth Friday, when plans for new lines, other than those already approved, and the 1940-41 program are to be discussed. Those attending will meet at a luncheon at the Texas hotel at 1 p. m.

On motion of Mayor Henry C. West, it was recommended that the secretary send a telegram of condolence in behalf of the Lions club to Carroll Benson, coach of High School athletics, whose father, W. E. Benson of Hamlin, died Monday at the Hendrick Memorial hospital, Abilene.

To Double Border Patrols.

Washington, June 20.—The house passed and sent to the senate Tuesday a measure appropriating \$1,600,000 to double Canadian and Mexican border patrols and tighten enforcement of laws regulating alien seamen.

Pathfinder Polls of Public Opinion



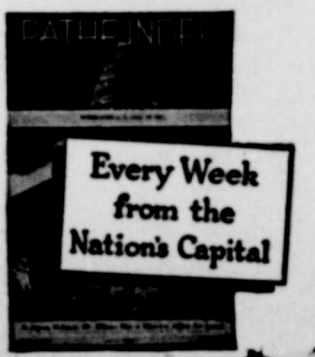
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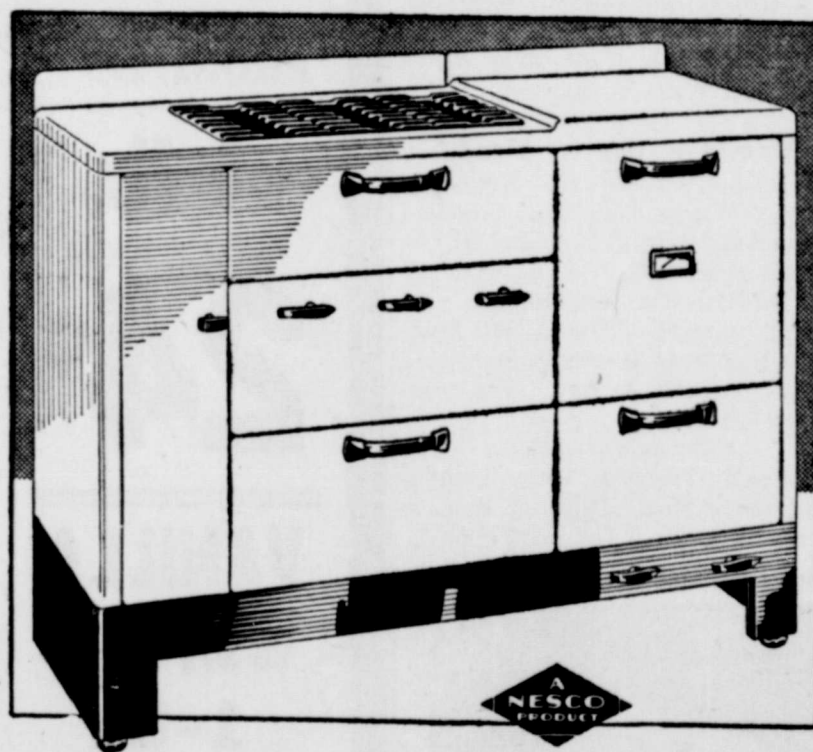
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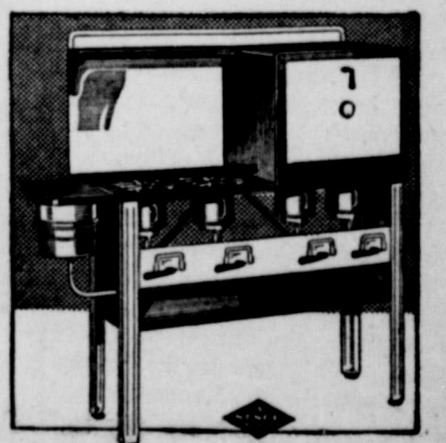
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FOR RENT—Three-room house, also three-room south apartment. City Furniture, Joe Garland.

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HEMSTITCHING, 5 cents per yard, at T. & P. section house. Mrs. M. T. Shults.

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—Small black horse, with white spot in forehead; strayed from my place on June 12 when fences were all washed down; he is gentle, broke to ride. Mrs. Josie Averitt, Merkel, Texas, Route 3.

LEGAL NOTICE

CITATION BY PUBLICATION. THE STATE OF TEXAS To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon E. F. Carper by making publication of this citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, to appear at the next regular term of the 42nd district court of Taylor county, to be holden at the court house thereof, in Abilene, Texas, on the 1st Monday in September, A. D. 1940, the same being the 2nd day of September, A. D. 1940, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 5th day of June, A. D. 1940, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said court No. 12,143-A, wherein Violet Carper is plaintiff, and E. F. Carper is defendant, and a brief statement of plaintiff's cause of action, being as follows: Suit for divorce on the ground that the defendant was guilty of cruel treatment and outrages toward the plaintiff of such a nature as to produce mental distress to such an extent as to impair the health of the plaintiff and all of such nature as to render their living together insupportable; and plaintiff requests that her maiden name be restored.

Herein fail not but have before said court, at its next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal of said court, at office in Abilene, Texas, on this 7th day of June, A. D. 1940.

•ROY SKAGGS, Clerk District Court, Taylor County, Texas. By Birdie Wilson, Deputy.

Grand Jury Returns 19 Bills, Adjourns

Nineteen indictments against 12 men were returned Wednesday morning by the 104th district court grand jury, which was adjourned for the duration of the six-weeks' term by Judge W. R. Chapman.

One man was named in eight indictments involving forgery charges; six were indicted for driving while intoxicated. Robert L. Wright was billed on a charge of assault with intent to murder.

John J. Tombs, of Abilene, a former Merkel man, was named foreman of the inquisitorial body when it was empaneled Monday morning. Included in the group were three Merkel men, Roy Baccus, Lee Cox and Nolan Palmer. Other members of the grand jury panel are: E. E. Presswood, R. D. Favor, Dan Gallagher and Lloyd Bynum, Abilene; A. W. Woods, Trent; H. O. Abbott, Bradshaw; T. J. Lyles and Ray Burton, Lawn.

**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) SUMPTER.
- 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 PRYAR (Re-election.)
- C. L. DARDEN.

For District Judge, 104th Judicial District:

- OWEN THOMAS.
- For District Clerk:
- ROY SKAGGS (Re-election.)
- For Congress (17th District):
- OTIS MILLER.
- THOMAS L. BLANTON.
- SAM RUSSELL.
- C. L. (Clyde) GARRETT.

(Re-Election) For County Attorney:

- BRYAN BRADBURY.
- THEO ASH.
- For Tax Assessor-Collector:
- C. O. (PAT) PATTERSON
- (Re-election.)
- R. S. (Bob) WALKER.

For State Legislature: JOE HUMPHREY.

For County Judge: CARL P. HULSEY (Re-election.)

LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS

For the recreation radio program, which was given as part of the day's features in Abilene Saturday, June 8, Peggy Robertson, Becky Gaither and Mahdene Williams furnished local talent. The program was arranged by Miss Sue Killebrew.

Taking the place of Robert Grimes at the Merkel Drug, after Robert enlisted in the United States navy, is O. C. Shouse, Jr. Robert is awaiting order to report for the July quota assignment.

G. W. Wilhite left Sunday for Mt. Pleasant upon receipt of word of the illness of his mother, Mrs. C. E. Wilhite. Reports Thursday were that she continued gravely ill.

Effective Monday of this week, Robert Bickley assumed duties as book-keeper for the Grable Motor company, succeeding G. R. Bowers, who has gone to the Rio Grande valley. Robert graduated from McMurry college in June with a degree in business administration.

Robert Grimes Seago, Elwood Glenn Cox and Walter Etsel Hunter are Merkel boys who have been accepted for enlistment in the United States navy and are awaiting assignment orders. James T. Murdock, son of J. R. Murdock, Route 2, who enlisted in the army June 14, has been assigned to the field artillery at Fort Sill, Okla.

Judge W. R. Chapman Withdraws from Race

In a statement issued Tuesday night Judge W. R. Chapman announced his withdrawal from the race for election to another term of four years as judge of the 104th judicial district of Texas, in which post he has served since that district was created in 1927. The statement, which is self-explanatory, follows: "To the people of the 104th judicial district:

"Because my physicians have advised me that a campaign for office that might extend to the second primary is more than I should undertake, I am withdrawing my campaign for district judge. I do not want my friends to be uneasy about me for the physicians have also advised me that I can continue work in my profession in moderation.

"I sincerely thank you, and I am deeply grateful for everything you have done for me.

"Respectfully,
"W. R. CHAPMAN."

Clyde Garrett Gives Views of U. S. Plans

Washington, June 20.—Answering many questions which have been asked him during the past few weeks, particularly with reference to the president's proposal to rush aid to the allies, Congressman Clyde L. Garrett of the 17th congressional district from Texas, has issued the following statement:

"Let me say to my constituents that we are making every effort to speedily assist the allies, by furnishing them with supplies and materials. "Real national defense, in my judgment, contemplates defense from within as well as from without. We have already appropriated \$5,000,000,000 for our army, navy and air corps. More will be necessary, but our army and navy will be helpless in an emergency if enemy aliens and un-American activities are not curbed. I feel that we are taking such action in congress as will completely destroy this so called 'fifth column.'

"It is my deep conviction that congress should remain in session during these crucial times. This feeling is shared by the overwhelming majority of the members of congress. "The matter of maintaining our own national integrity, the peace, dignity and security of our nation is far more important to me and to my constituents than my political fortunes. Therefore, it is not my intention to return to the district to make a campaign while congress remains in session, unless I should return for a very brief time, and I shall not return at all if there is any likelihood of matters of grave importance being considered by congress, but I shall leave the matter of my re-election with the intelligent voters of my district, who are thoroughly capable of determining whether I can serve them better, under present conditions, than could a new man in congress.

"I appreciate the consideration which my splendid opponents have shown me in my absence. It is most gratifying to know that they have placed their campaign on a high plane. Some of them have gone so far as to issue statements that they will not begin to campaign until congress adjourns, until I have had time to return to the district, etc. Certainly, in this time of great national emergency, all candidates should run on their own merits. Truly, during these troublesome times, no personalities or 'mud-slinging' should be indulged in.

"The fine people of our district are entitled to such consideration in selecting one to serve them in the United States congress at a time when the destiny of our nation is at stake."

Attend Funeral of Mrs. G. R. French

Misses Luna and Clara B. White were among those from Merkel attending the funeral services of Mrs. George R. French, which were held Thursday afternoon of last week at Corinth Baptist church, Abilene.

Mrs. French, who was the wife of a nephew of J. J. White of this city, died in a Winters hospital early Wednesday night, from injuries sustained in a head-on collision of two cars near Bradshaw. Her daughter, Jo Catherine French, driver of one of the cars involved in the collision, remains in the Hendrick Memorial hospital, Abilene, in serious condition.

Mrs. Nathan Rosenberg of Snyder, one of the occupants of the other car, died Friday morning at 1:45, six and a half hours after the crash.

Softball

(Continued from Page One) will play first and Moutray and Stith will meet in the nightcap.

The score by innings:
Trent Girls—300 121 10 9 7
Merkel Girls—033 203 11 7 10
King and Stevens; Watts and Mathews.

Trent—703 13-01 24 17 3
Moutray—120 010 4 5 7

N. Tittle and Hutcheson; D. Higgins, Hickman, J. Clark and C. Patterson.

Noodle—212 610 0 12 9 2
Stith—000 010 0 1 3 8
Presley and Payne; Woolsey and Berry.

Trent—020 155 0 13 13 0
Hodges—200 200 1 5 4 8

N. Tittle and Hutcheson; Ernest Hartline, Earl Hartline, Les Garner and Roberts.

LEAGUE STANDING.

Team	W	L	Pct.
Hodges	5	1	.833
Noodle	3	1	.750
Trent	3	1	.750
Moutray	2	3	.400
F. & M.	1	4	.200
Stith	0	4	.000

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

Best Celebration of Nineteenth Since '37

The following report of the negroes' celebration of June nineteenth in Merkel has been furnished The Mail by E. W. Wiley and Amos McLeroy:

"We, as the colored citizens of Merkel, gave a 19th celebration. We thank our good white friends for their kindness and donations on our celebration. The celebration was conducted by our oldest citizen in Merkel, E. W. Wiley, and Amos McLeroy.

"Dinner was served on the ground at 2:30 o'clock. From the dinner ground we all went to the church and there we had service conducted by E. W. Wiley, sermon by A. W. Washington of Sylvester. This was the best celebration we have had since 1937 in our little town of Merkel."

Rites Held Saturday For Genis McGregor

Funeral services were held Saturday morning at 11 o'clock at Anderson's chapel, five miles west of Anson, for Genis McGregor, 58, who died Friday morning at the home of a sister, Mrs. E. L. Mangum, in Trent, where he had been making his home for some time.

Rev. W. G. Anderson, pastor of the Methodist church at Trent, officiated. Barrow-Sheppard Funeral home was in charge.

Surviving are two brothers, Virgil and George McGregor, Coahoma, and three sisters, Mrs. Mangum, Mrs. E. C. Richards of Merkel and Mrs. G. W. Dolman, of Azle, Tarrant county.

Road Employee Is Fired for Refusing To Salute Flag

Austin, June 20.—Acting State Highway Engineer T. H. Webb Monday announced discharge of an employee of the state highway department at Fort Worth after he testified in a Fort Worth court he would not salute the flag of Texas nor the flag of the United States, and that he would not bear arms in defense of the country.

"There is no place in the department for an individual who has so little regard for the things that this government stands for that he refuses to salute its flag and to bear arms in its defense," Webb said.

Delegates Return from Firemen's Convention

John Mansfield, Parker Sharp and Bob Fowler, members of the Merkel Volunteer Fire department, returned Friday from Houston where they attended the annual convention of the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' association, June 11-13, as delegates of the local department.

Reports from the convention were given by the delegates Monday night at the regular meeting of the department.

Wichita Falls was named host to the 1941 convention, it was announced, and among the officers of the association elected for the coming year are John J. Blackstone of Burkburnett, president, and Olin Culbertson, of Edna, secretary-treasurer, who was re-elected to that office for the 22nd year.

Week's Rainfall Almost Negligible

Intermittent showers during the past week have yielded scarcely no moisture locally, as the gauge of Volunteer Weather Observer Grover Hale shows one-eighth of an inch since Sunday, June 8. This rain fell during Friday night and Saturday of last week-end.

Previous rainfall here this year was 8 1-4 inches, the week's showers adding another eighth of an inch to bring the total to 8 3-8 inches.

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MARKET SPECIALS

PORK CHOPS Lb. 19c | **SLICED BACON** Lb. 19c

CHUCK ROAST Lb. 20c | **WEINERS** Lb. 18c

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QUEEN THEATRE CALENDAR

Friday-Saturday, double feature—**Three Mesquiteers** in "Pioneers of the West;" a Saturday Evening Post story of **Two Kids and their Dog**; "The Biscuit Eater;" added cartoon and serial.

Saturday preview, Monday-Tuesday—Dorothy Lamour, Robert Preston in "Typhoon," filmed in technicolor; News and fly casting sport reel.

Wednesday-Thursday—Ann Sheridan, Jeffrey Lynn, Humphrey Bogart in "It All Came True," also selected subjects.

Sunday, June 30—"My Favorite Wife," with Irene Dunne, Cary Grant and Randolph Scott.

"The Biscuit Eater"

A moving, down-to-earth story about life in the Georgia sporting country—with a grand boy and an equally grand dog as its central characters—is told in "The Biscuit Eater." Paramount's new screen drama, which is scheduled for its local opening Friday and Saturday at the Queen on the same program with "Sons of the Pioneers."

Translated directly to the screen from James Street's popular Saturday Evening Post story, which millions read and loved, "The Biscuit Eater" tells of a boy who lavishes his affection on an outcast puppy, performs the amazing feat of turning him into a blue ribbon champion and faces a terrible dilemma when he realizes that the success of his dog will spell disaster for his own family. Billy Lee, Paramount's talented ten-year-old actor, plays Street's lovable boy character, Lonnie McNeil, supported by Cordell Hickman, Helene Millard, Richard Lane and Lester Matthews.

Behind the production of "The Biscuit Eater" stands one of the year's most novel and ambitious location trips. To insure the authenticity of his Georgia locale and to secure local types for his supporting cast, Director Stuart Heisler and his crew made a three thousand mile film before and shot the entire production "on the spot" in Albany, Georgia.

"It All Came True"

The attraction at the Queen theatre Wednesday and Thursday will be "It All Came True," based on the Louis Bromfield novel and starring Ann Sheridan, the red-headed Texan dynamo who has become Hollywood's most outstanding feminine personality, combining, as she does, that "omph" with dramatic fire.

Playing one of the most delightful characters ever created by Louis "Rains Came" Bromfield, Ann is at once bold and beautiful, hot-tempered and honest. She is sentimental but is the last person in the world to admit it. She sings, does the rumba, and "hangs one" on the jaw of a would-be talent scout, all with equal proficiency.

With the quaintness, charm and dramatic suspense of the Bromfield novel, "It All Came True" tells the story of a group of people who live in a New York boarding house run by two sentimental old women, using it as a refuge where they can fight off the reality of the present and dwell in the fond memories of the past. The complacent atmosphere of the house is shattered when first Ann, daughter of one of the landladies, comes home to roost and again when the housekeeper's son, Jeffrey Lynn, returns home after an absence of five years, with a gangster who intends to use the house as a hideout. The gangster, played by Humphrey Bogart, is so won over by the motherly ministrations he receives that he offers to straighten out the financial difficulties of the boarding house by converting it into a "Gay Nineties" background. From there the story works up to a surprise climax.

"B" Project Taylor REA Is Approved

Johnny Cox, coordinator of the Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc., was notified last week that the "B" project embracing parts of Jones, Taylor, Fisher and Nolan counties, had been approved.

Included in this area is Lake Sweetwater, where many cabins will get electricity. The approval came from Ewel Stone of Oklahoma City, in charge of the Texas-Oklahoma REA.

Contract for construction of the 155 miles of line in the "B" project and for the "A" project, already approved, will be let at the same time and by July 1, Cox said. There are 214 miles of line in project "A."

Complete line of office supplies at Mail office.

Manages Kinsman's Campaign in West



HARLEY SADLER

West Texas veteran showman, is managing the campaign for Jerry Sadler, his kinsman, throughout this section of the state. The West Texas campaign headquarters are in Sweetwater. Sadler is running for governor on an "anti-Sales Tax" platform and he proposes to pay old age pensions by additional taxes on oil, gas and sulphur.

List of Petit Jurors Called for Next Week

The petit jury for next week in 104th district court includes the following names:

E. O. Carson, J. H. Leonard, H. E. Farmer, G. W. Moore, Jno. R. West, Jay Casseau, Merkel; M. M. Jones, J. T. Ray, R. W. Hunter, Harry Car-wile, Bennett Young, C. H. Carr, M. A. Williams, T. T. Harris, Seth Sayles, J. H. Day, H. M. Lackey, Jack Fulwiler, Joe Millsap, C. E. Bradley, W. D. Long, J. L. Easterling, J. B. Morris, J. H. Revell, Roy Johnson, J. G. McKeowan, A. W. Meaders, Jno. Crowley, M. Holloway, W. L. Roach, J. H. Dean, Dr. W. J. Matthews, G. C. McDonald, Pat Patterson, Jas P. Shelton, R. S. Marshall, Abilene; E. McIntyre, G. L. Clark, A. Rann Reddell, S. L. Etonaland, Jr., Tuscola; S. A. Vernon, Ovalo; W. S. Womack, Wingate; M. C. Wolfe, Lawn; Marshall Jackson, Guion; J. M. Strawn, J. S. Armour, Trent.

Thompson Assails O'Daniel Tax Plan

San Antonio, June 20.—The big corporations are stealing the very soul of Texas while W. Lee O'Daniel fiddles and croons, Ernest O. Thompson, candidate for governor, charged in a radio address here Monday night.

Thompson denounced O'Daniel as a "political Baron Munchausen" who promised to pay the old folks pensions of \$30 when "he knew he could not do it."

Thompson termed O'Daniel's transactions tax the most drastic, the most oppressive tax measure in history, adding, "It lays its heavy hand upon the playthings and toys of little children. It proposes to diminish the income and earnings of those who toil, it threatens the impoverishment of the store of human happiness."

More Cotton Consumed.
Washington, June 20.—The census bureau reports that cotton consumed during May totaled 636,467 bales of lint and 92,052 bales of linters, compared with 623,893 and 90,839 in April this year, and 606,090 and 74,668 in May last year.

Baptists To Make Extensive Repairs On Church Building

Immediately upon the close of the revival meeting now in progress at the First Baptist church work will be begun on a job that will completely renovate the house of worship. Included in the job will be a new roof over the entire building and a complete rearrangement of the auditorium as well as some painting and minor repairs in some of the Sunday School rooms and departments in the building.

The auditorium will be furnished with a new choir loft located in the center of the platform with a panelled fence around it. There will also be a new baptistry placed about six feet above the present one so as to allow the congregation to witness the baptismal scenes with ease over the heads of those sitting in the choir. The new baptistry is to be equipped with a glass front coming to about two inches below the waterline which will allow the congregation to see the candidate immersed under the water.

The pews will be sanded and varnished, the floor in the auditorium will be refinished as well as the wood-work. All the walls in the auditorium will be decorated with an interior plaster which has only recently been placed on the market.

The job is to cost about \$750 complete. The congregation has already secured the money for the complete job and the work will be done on a cash basis. U. S. Hamilton of Abilene is the architect who furnished plans and specifications for the work. It is expected that the building will be ready to occupy by about July 15.

Supports Provided For All Rural Mail Boxes Precinct No. 2

Some time ago several members of Taylor County Rural Mail carriers' association met with the Taylor county commissioners in regard to providing supports for rural mail boxes in the county, and as a result all of the box-holders in precinct No. 2 have been supplied or will be supplied with bases and supports for their boxes.

The territory served is all of precinct No. 2, including box-holders served from Merkel and Trent, numbering over 500.

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OBITUARY

IN MEMORY OF MRS. D. C. HERRING.

Mrs. D. C. Herring was called home to rest on Monday, May 13; she stayed till next day after Mother's Day, and Jesus saw best to take her home. A true Christian mother and friend has gone to rest. How much she suffered we just can't tell, but God knows best, she bore her suffering all so well.

Jesus says "Tis enough, thy task is ended; come up higher, faithful one, all thy labors now are done; enter thou in the presence of thy Lord. Thou art free from earthly sorrows and the pains that bore thee down so long; henceforth, thou art robbed immortal, with thy garments white of the blest."

Other hands must take thy burdens; thou hast entered into rest, but her undying spirit shall live on to bless all she left. Look up, sorrowing ones, be faithful, humble and true, till each one shall make the landing in that home she has gone to.

Though she, being dead, yet speaketh, be not weary in the way, even now you seem to hear her say, "dear ones, live your best each passing day." As she calls from heaven softly, "meet me, loved ones, some sweet day, on that golden shore where there is no pain, suffering or sorrow."

A truer friend I never had; she had planned what we would do this summer, if she got well, she would tell me when by her bedside. We always have had such good times together, most every day we would talk of our children and how we loved them we tried to tell.

She would often say, "my six boys and three girls, how I love them, I would not take a thousand dollars for either one of them, would you?" I said, "No, no, not two thousand," and we laughed. She would say, "when I get up, I am going to cook you an angel food cake for you when your children come home."

At last one night she called me to her bedside, she hugged and kissed me and said, "Goodbye forever, till we meet on that golden shore; it won't be long." She never got up to cook the cake, but she has gone to be the angel. Today our hearts are so

sad. God knows best and his ways and thoughts are so much higher than ours that we must say, "Thy will be done, oh Lord, not ours." She has paid the debt we all will have to pay. We hope and pray all will be ready to meet her on that happy, peaceful shore.

God bless Mr. Herring in his sad and lonely hours, also the entire family. Just look to Jesus and pray, he will take care of you and take you through it all to that home beyond the skies.

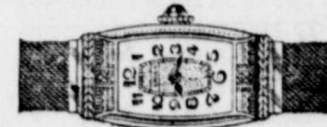
By a neighbor, friend and sister in Christ,

Mrs. L. M. Howard.

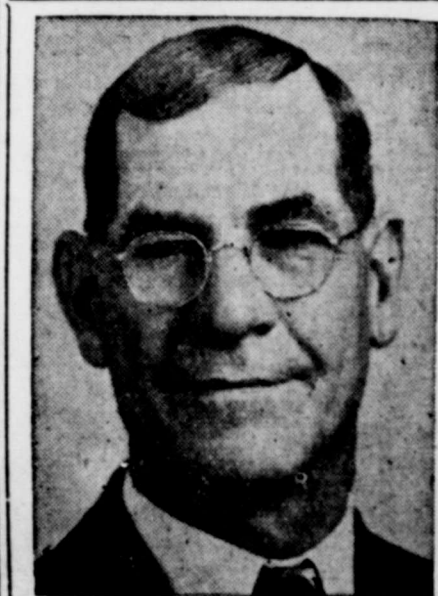
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Texas oil men have drilled 75 oil tests below 10,000 feet, of which 42 were drilled last year.

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Emphasizes Meaning And Importance of REA Membership

As president of the Taylor Electric Co-Operative, Inc., Sam Butman, Jr., emphasizes the meaning and importance of membership in the organization in the following statement submitted to The Mail for publication:

"Our Co-Operative is more than an electric-service organization; it stands as a basic symbol of our right, privilege and duty to help determine the course of economic and social progress in our various communities, as well as the course of our personal prosperity on our farms and in our homes.

"Membership determines not only which citizens of our rural communities may receive electric service (for only members may be served by our Co-Operative), but membership expresses and reflects the member's interest in the advancement of farm living standards in his community.

"There is, therefore, a double importance to membership. There is, first, its importance to the individual farm family, and, second, its importance to the electric-service co-operative as a community enterprise.

"To the farm family, membership means the right to enjoy, and the duty to use electric power provided by the Co-Operative. As membership increases, more families benefit from electric service, standards of farm life and farm work rise and individual members in turn enjoy the advantages of living in a more prosperous and more efficient community.

"Membership constitutes the basic business asset of the Co-Operative. As membership increases, the assets and the ability of the Co-Operative to achieve early self-sufficiency increase. The sooner our Co-Operative achieves self-sufficiency, the earlier we can expect a reduction of service rates. Thus increased membership is of vital importance to the individual member.

"Maximum membership, therefore, must be the goal of every electric-service co-operative. Maximum membership will help us achieve our dual objective, which is: service to every farm and permanent self-sufficiency for our Co-Operative."

TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Heath and Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Roach of Arizona, formerly of Trent, are here to spend a two-weeks' vacation.

Mrs. Casey Wash of Odessa has returned home after having spent several weeks here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Burks had as their guests last Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Burks and family of Big Spring and Mr. and Mrs. Willie Tisdell and family of Petersburg.

Mrs. Lena Hodges and John Humphrey of Tuscola visited with Mrs. Bruce Howell Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ideal Howell and daughter of Fort Worth have been visiting here for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Taylor and Jo spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Winn.

Mrs. A. Williamson, Mrs. C. C. Stribbling, Mark Williamson and Helen McLeod went to Stephenville Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Brewer have returned home after a visit in Louisiana.

Bryon Boozer of Sweetwater is visiting the J. B. Winns.

Bob Reid, Fannie Booth and little Miss Patsy Prince of Coolegde were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Armour.

Condition of Wilson Bright, who has been ill for some time, is greatly improved.

Mrs. Jim Smith, Mrs. Henry Ogletree, Mrs. Stanley Armour and Mrs. Leonard Quattlebaum have been called to Lubbock on account of the illness of Mrs. Sam Rosson.

Mrs. Bob Dennis of Houston is visiting the McRees for a few days.

Members of the Trent Missionary Baptist church met at the parsonage last Tuesday to paper and paint the inside of the parsonage. A covered dish luncheon was served.


Mrs. John Payne and children of Plainview were recent visitors here.

Payments To Taylor Farmers \$467,812

Taylor county farmers received \$467,812.92 from Uncle Sam for participating in the 1939 farm program, according to records at the AAA office in Abilene.

Soil conservation payments, totaling \$297,381.17, accounted for the largest part of this. Cotton parity payments added \$140,278.72, wheat parity payments \$15,240.53, and range improvement payments \$14,912.50.

TEXANS OF TODAY IN THE AGRICULTURAL, AMUSEMENT, EDUCATIONAL, FINANCIAL, INDUSTRIAL, POLITICAL, PROFESSIONAL AND RELIGIOUS FIELDS.



TOM CONNALLY
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BORN AUGUST 19, 1877, McLENNAN COUNTY FARM. HIS FAMILY MOVED TO FALLS COUNTY WHERE HE GREW TO MANHOOD - ATTENDING SCHOOL AND PERFORMING ALL THE TASKS OF FARM LIFE. ENTERED BAYLOR AT 14.

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RECEIVED A.B. DEGREE AT BAYLOR UNIVERSITY AND HONORARY LL.D. LL. B. AT UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS. ENLISTED 2nd REGIMENT TEXAS VOLUNTEER INFANTRY, SPANISH AMERICAN WAR; CAPTAIN AND ADJUTANT 22nd INFANTRY BRIGADE, 11th DIVISION, IN WORLD WAR I.

MR. CONNALLY SERVED AS GRAND CHANCELLOR, TEXAS KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS 1918-19; IS A 32nd DEGREE MASON, WOODMEN OF THE WORLD, SONS OF AMERICAN REVOLUTION AND PMI DELTA THETA FRATERNITY HIS FAVORITE SPORTS ARE HUNTING AND FISHING.

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Body of Abilene Youth Brought Here for Burial

Funeral services for Leonard Jones, 15, of Abilene, were held Saturday afternoon, June 15, from the First Baptist church of Abilene, with Rev. E. B. Surface, pastor of Central Presbyterian church, officiating, and burial followed in Rose Hill cemetery here, with Laughter Funeral home, Abilene, in charge.

Leonard died Friday afternoon, June 14, in Hendricks Memorial hospital, Abilene's fourth traffic victim

of 1940, as a result of injuries received Wednesday afternoon when the bicycle he was riding was struck by an automobile. His father, Ed Jones, was killed in a traffic accident in Abilene about ten years ago.

Survivors include his mother, Mrs. Edith Jones of Abilene; a brother, Buddy, 11; his maternal grandfather, W. R. Hudspeth, Trent; and his paternal grandmother, Mrs. W. T. Jones, Sylvester.

Adding machine rolls 15c or two for 25c; regular retail price everywhere. For sale at the Merkel Mail.

U. S. Past 131,000,000.
Washington, June 20.—The current count of the inhabitants of the United States already has passed 131,000,000, with returns by no means complete, the census bureau reports. Total of the last census in 1930 was 122,700,000.

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Marriage of Mrs. Bo Robinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Henington, and W. C. Harris, better known as Bill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lige Harris, was solemnized at 9 o'clock Wednesday evening at the Methodist parsonage, with the pastor, Rev. John H. Crow, performing the ceremony in the presence of a number of friends.

Attending the couple were the bride's sister, Miss Mebs Henington, and Jack Lowe and Junior Grimes. The bride was becomingly attired in black alpaca trimmed in white, with black hat. She carried a white traveling bag. Her corsage was of lilies.

Preceding the wedding, a group of friends were assembled for dinner in the home of the bride's parents. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Harris of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. Pete West, Mr. and Mrs. David Gamble, Mrs. Ural Kingsbury and Miss Mebs Henington, sisters of the bride, Miss Mary Helen Mashburn, and Messrs. Jack Dawson West, Hilbert Zellers, Jack Lowe, Junior Grimes and Murray Toombs, and Mrs. Henington.

The bridal couple were honorees also at a post-nuptial party in Sweetwater Wednesday evening, participated in by members of the wedding party.

They will make their home in Borger, where the groom is employed as an oil field worker.

GLEANER CLASS PARTY.

The home of Mrs. Ross Ferrier was opened Wednesday of last week to the members of the Gleaner Sunday School class, with Mrs. W. S. J. Brown as co-hostess. Cut flowers of Shasta daisies and carnations decorated the rooms.

Miss Lottie Butman gave the devotional on "Friendship," prayer followed by Mrs. S. M. Hunter. Mrs. Fred Latham, class president, gave the prayer. The Methodist home at Waco. Games of "42" and Chinese checkers progressed until refreshment time.

A dainty plate of chicken salad sandwiches, olives, lime sherbet, coconut macaroons and limeade was served to the following members: Mrs. James S. M. Hunter, Eli Case, Lee Tipton, F. Y. Gaither, Homer Patterson, Tom Largent, Fred Latham, John Shannon, Ross Ferrier, W. S. J. Brown; Misses Mabel McRee, Ona Johnson, Lottie Butman and Pauline Johnson.

BACK YARD PARTY.

The lovely back yard of Mrs. W. Campbell's home was the setting for a farewell party on Tuesday evening for Miss Neweta Cleveland and members of her home ec class doing home projects this summer.

Outdoor games were played and a picnic supper served with iced drinks to Misses Cleveland, Minnie Faye Armstrong, Jeanette Teaff, Jeanette Neff, Dorothy Nell Greene, Wanda Douglas, Wanda Dingle, Mary Jo Hutchins, Doris Ruth Gilmore, Peggy Joyce Toombs, Johnnie McDonald, Lou Jane Land, Gwendolyn Sandusky and Willie Sue Morgan.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Wednesday afternoon, June twelfth, was a happy occasion for little Miss

Karen Sue Case when her mother helped her celebrate her third birthday with a lawn party. A profusion of balloons decorated the lawn where Misses Nedra Swafford and Lu Dean Hensley directed outdoor games for the children, after which the honoree opened her birthday presents and cut the lovely birthday cake which was served with ice cream. Balloons were given each little guest as a party favor.

Those present were Paula Patterson, Joan Moore, John Bob Grable, Max Swafford, Ned Watts, Ralph Bartlett, Creta Key, Karen Sue and La Jan Case.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY BIBLE SOCIETY.

The Woman's Missionary society of the Grace Presbyterian church met at the church Monday afternoon, June 17, for its monthly Bible study class.

The members are studying the book, "The Charms of the Bible," by Jesse Bowman Young, and the Bible. The book study is a series of four lessons, this being the third lesson.

The lesson, as led by Mrs. Connor Robinson, leader of the entire study, emphasizes the Biblical attractions; "The Grip on the Conscience;" "The Promises;" "Home Life in the Bible," and "Biblical Ideals of God and Man," as definite charms of the Bible and its study. The devotional was from Prov. 31:10-31.

Present were Mesdames John West, R. A. Walker, Henry West, W. M. Elliott and Connor Robinson.

WILLING WORKERS CLASS.

The Willing Workers class of Grace Presbyterian church met Tuesday afternoon of last week in the home of their teacher, Mrs. G. F. West.

The meeting opened with a song, "God Will Take Care of You;" Mrs. J. W. McConnell read a Scripture lesson from Genesis on "God the Father of All;" prayer was led by Mrs. West, and Mrs. W. M. Elliott read a paper on "Looking Unto Jesus." Scripture verses were given by the members. The program closed with the song, "Blest Be the Tie that Binds," and the Lord's prayer in unison.

The next meeting of the class will be in September.

A refreshment plate of ice cream and cake was served to Mesdames S. G. Russell, S. A. Derstine, J. E. Tucker, J. W. McConnell, W. M. Elliott, G. F. West and Miss Mary Keny.

SEWING CLUB.

Members of the Sewing club met Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. E. Y. Bailey, with Mrs. Byron Dingle the only guest outside of the club membership.

After a short business meeting, refreshments were served to the following: Mesdames Earl Beech, Stacy Bird, Spencer Bird, Milton Case, Herbert Dunn, David Gamble, Buck Leach, W. L. Lee, L. V. Moore, George T. Moore, Nolan Palmer, Byron Patterson, Owen Robertson, Connor Robinson, Max Swafford, Leo Zehnpenning, Urban Zehnpenning and N. D. Callaway.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. Earl Beech on July 3.

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Now that "summer is icumen in" watch out for the sun, warns the June Good Housekeeping. Wear sun glasses to avoid squint lines, and to protect your lashes and eyebrows. While tanning, preserve your hair with a turban wound round your head. And naturally a sunburn preventive to keep lovely and fresh your skin.

RURAL SOCIETY

COMPERE CLUB.

The Comper Home Demonstration club met in the home of Mrs. A. J. Newman at 2:30 Thursday afternoon, June 13. Eight members answered roll call and minutes of the previous meeting were read. Several visitors were present.

The club will meet with Mrs. Ben Adkins on June 27 when Miss Gladys Martin, Jones county home demonstration agent, will be present. Visitors welcome.

UNION RIDGE CLUB.

Mrs. Lee Tipton was hostess to the Union Ridge Home Demonstration club Friday when a program on dresser scarfs was featured. After a short business session Mrs. W. C. Lee talked of materials and finishes for scarfs. She showed how to do "Italian hemstitching" along with other interesting finishes.

Refreshments were passed to Mesdames Burly Bond, W. C. Lee, J. H. Clark, Kenneth Pee, Earl Watts, Calvin Irwin, Chester Bond, J. M. Williamson, J. E. Jaynes, M. L. Douglas, Denzel Cox, L. A. Watts, O. E. Harwell, Weldon McAninch, and Misses La Verne Harwell, Frances Harwell, Mabel McRee, La Verne Douglas and the hostess.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. Chester Bond on June 28 at 3 o'clock.

GRADUATE HONORED.

Friends of Miss Emily Newman of Comper surprised her Thursday evening, June 13, at her home with a shower of lovely gifts, following her graduation from Hardin-Simmons university on June 3. Miss Newman graduated from Merkel High school in May, 1934, and entered Hardin-Simmons later. While at the university, she was a member of the Julius Olsen chapter of Alpha Chi, national honor scholarship society, in which only 20 students of the university are admitted.

After every one had viewed the gifts, refreshments of punch, hot cocoa and cake were served to Mesdames Dewey Ramsey, T. A. Tucker, E. C. Tarvin, Sr., Ben Adkins and daughter, Ida Beth Adkins, A. H. Langford, T. K. Marshall, W. J. Spurgin and children, Alice Nell and Clinton, Jeff Chancey and babies, Betty Raye and Cayron Kaye, I. B. Ray and Martha Ann Ray, R. C. Hayes, A. J. Newman and the honoree.

Those sending gifts were Mesdames Clyde Chancey, Ralph Wilburn, E. B. Wilburn, Ed Spurgin, Abilene, and Jack Lanier, McKinney.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Carroll Hays was honored on his third birthday when his Grandmother Hays entertained a group of his little friends. After games were played, guests were seated at a large table where the hostess presented the birthday gifts. The table was decorated with a large birthday cake, with different colored suckers and bottled drinks, and balloons were hanging from the ceiling.

Special guests were Billie Horton, Odell Carter, Alfred Barker, Dwain Higgins, Don Hewitt, Sammy Hammock, Gloria Teaff, Annie Marie Hewitt, Jimmie Hammock, Glenda Sue Petty, June and Jane Teaff, Eloise Barker and Carroll Hays. Other guests were Mesdames J. W. Teaff, Nim Teaff, Pete Petty, Mason

Barker, Cleo Carter, Paxton Hays, Jarrett Pineckly, Henry Hester, Roy Hewitt, Sam Hammock, Buster Horton, Ollie Higgins, Francis and Mary Alice Hester, Mrs. W. M. Hays, W. M. Hays and the hostess.

MISCELLANEOUS SHOWER.

On Tuesday afternoon, June 11, Mrs. M. S. Cummins of Goodman was hostess for a miscellaneous shower for Mrs. Jimmie Wright. Following several games, the honoree was presented a lovely basket of gifts.

After the gifts had been viewed and admired, punch and cookies were served to the honoree and Mesdames Murdock, Love, Land, Caldwell, Greene, Cooper, Tiner, Grayson, Leverich, James Rutledge, Wright, Nolan, Bonneaux, Smith, Seago, Smith, Simon, Hudson; Misses Ruby Nell Love, Pearl Collins, Dorothy Howard, Wanda Wright, Mervil Love, and the hostess.

Those sending gifts were Mesdames Collins, M. L. Payne, R. O. Payne, Tarpley, Nolan, Bright, Jones, Carter, Barbee, Taylor and Miss Edith Carter.

Reunion of Compton Family Held Sunday

The visit of a son, Jesse Compton and family, from Blythe, Calif., was the occasion Sunday for a family reunion in the home of T. D. Compton, north of town.

Others present besides Mr. and Mrs. Compton and the visitors from California, were Mr. and Mrs. Barney Turner and son, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Compton and family, Borger; Mr. and Mrs. Delma Compton, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Diltz and children, Mickey and Billy, Mrs. S. G. Russell, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Redwine and daughter, Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Warlick, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Harris and Ralph Russell.

During the afternoon hours an enjoyable musical program was given, including vocal solos by Delma Compton, piano numbers by Sam Redwine, Mickey Diltz with her guitar and varied selections on guitar, banjo and piano by T. D. Compton, Jr.

WARREN NEWS

(Omitted Last Week.)

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hobbs and son, Robert Dean, of Big Spring, visited Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hobbs and Joy Sue, Mr. and Mrs. John Hobbs and Mr. and Mrs. U. S. Reeder and families the first part of last week.

Miss Norah Foster left last week for Denton where she will attend school at North Texas State Teachers college.

Erma Jo Ely spent last week with Grandmother Ely at Tye.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hines had as their guests last week-end Rev. Mr. Hines of Vernon, father of Mr. Hines, and other relatives from Dallas.

Miss Eloise Buntin had as her guest last week-end, Miss Leona Buntin of Trent.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. McClain were in our midst last week visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Brown of Anson visited the latter's sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Kelso Sunday. We invite you to visit our Sunday School classes each Sunday afternoon at 2:30.

In The Churches

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.
There were 588 present at the six reporting Sunday Schools here last Sunday, as compared with 546 the previous week. On the same Sunday a year ago the attendance was also 588.

METHODIST CHURCH.

Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. Morning sermon at 11 a. m. Young people's meeting at 7:15 p. m. On Sunday evening and also instead of Wednesday evening prayer service we will join with the Baptists in their revival.

John H. Crow, Pastor.

LEAGUE PROGRAM.

"Discovering My Vocation" is the topic for the young people's meeting at the Methodist church Sunday evening at 7:15. The program follows:

Hymn, "Lead Us, O Father, In the Paths of Peace;" Scripture reading, I Cor. 12:4-11, Ben Ferguson; prayer; talk, "What Am I Cut Out For?" L. S. Tipton; talk, "Vocational Interests and Financial Rewards," W. A. Whiteley, Jr.; business meeting, benediction.

The League has missed you and you have missed many inspiring programs. We would like to extend a special invitation to every young person to attend our meetings. Since our program for June 23 is "Discovering My Vocation" I would like to let you have the privilege of reading the following quotation:

I cannot invent
New things,
Like the airships
Which sail
On silver wings;
But today
A wonderful thought
In the dawn was given,
And the stripes on my robe,
Shining for wear,
Were suddenly fair,
Bright with light
Falling from heaven—
Gold, and silver, and bronze
Lights from the window of heaven.

And the thought
Was this:
That a secret plan
Is hid in my hand;
That my hand is big,
Big,
Because of this plan,
That God
Who dwells in my hand,
Knows this secret plan
Of the things He will do for the
world
Using my hand.
J. V. Patterson, Reporter.

BAPTIST W. M. U.

The W. M. U. of the First Baptist church will meet in Circles next Monday, June 24, as follows: Blanche Rose Walker Circle in the home of Mrs. Cooper Waters, Maybelle Taylor Circle with Mrs. John Walker and Elkin Lockett Circle in the home of Mrs. L. D. Chapman.

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.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Sunday services: Bible classes 9:45, preaching at 10:45, young people's meeting at 7:15. Preaching at 8:15 p. m.

Wednesday evening Bible study at 8:15 o'clock.
You are invited to attend.
E. W. Key, Minister.

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.

NAZARENE CHURCH.

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

R. T. Smith, Pastor.

NUBIA LEAGUE.

We had a very interesting program last Sunday with Annie C. Cargill as leader. We are glad to report that we had a very nice crowd and would like to have a larger one next Sunday.

Since college is out, we have Bonnie Lois Campbell, Mattie Reynolds and Edith Butman back with us and we are indeed glad.
Remember League is 8 p. m. Come and be with us.
—Assistant Reporter.

Good Interest Shown In Baptist Revival

Large congregations have been attending the revival meeting now in progress at the First Baptist church, and the interest is increasing with every service. The morning services are attended by nearly a hundred persons, and for the evening services the auditorium has been well filled. If the congregations continue to increase as is usually the case in a revival, the building will not accommodate the people.

John Matthews, who won the hearts of the people here last winter with his singing, is even more popular now. He renders a solo at each service. The song services are especially attractive. Rev. S. F. Martin of Memphis has been preaching some soul stirring sermons. His preaching is not offensive to any one, yet is challenging to all. Merkel is fortunate to have this much sought-after team of revival helpers.

Services are held each week day morning at ten a. m. and in the evening at 8:15 p. m. The public is cordially invited to attend these services which will continue through next week, closing on Sunday, June 30.

Jane Ferguson to Teach Home Ec at Cross Plains

Since the return of Miss Jane Ferguson to Commerce to continue work in summer school at East Texas State Teachers college leading to her degree in August, word has been received from her by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Ferguson, that she has been notified of her election as teacher of vocational home economics in the Cross Plains school.

Hospital Notes.

Elmo Collins received a tonsillectomy at the Sadler Clinic on Friday, June 14.

Mrs. Paul W. Newman, Route 2, was admitted Wednesday for treatment.

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