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Marguerite Bradley, 24, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Bradley of McKinney, died Saturday at Brownwood from injuries received in an automobile accident.

Col. William E. Easterwood, 56, wealthy Dallas business man and aviation enthusiast, long known as Texas' ambassador of good will, died early Sunday in Santa Monica, Calif., where he went two years ago for his health.

Thomas Stone Clyce, president emeritus of Austin college, Sherman, for the past ten years, has retired at his own request as an active salaried member of the Austin college faculty.

Darting in front of an automobile, Shirley Ann Hix, 3, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Hix, of Sherman, was fatally injured Saturday. It was Sherman's first fatal traffic accident in a year.

Lee Sullivan, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Sullivan, of Hillsboro, who enlisted in the British Royal Air force recently in Ottawa, Canada, has arrived safely "somewhere in England," his parents have been advised.

Dan Tankersley, 52, was killed, and Oscar Fisher, 28, seriously injured near Eastland Monday when a truck driven by Joe R. Hays, 18, of Graham, was in collision with a wagon in which Tankersley and Fisher were riding.

G. T. Stagner, 61, former sheriff of Van Zandt county, died suddenly of a heart attack Sunday while attending a baseball game at Edom, where he lived.

At commencement exercises held at the University of Texas Monday night, 750 summer students were graduated. Degrees were conferred by President Homer P. Rainey.

Miss Nan Tillman, 26, was killed, and W. O. Queen, 32, was injured Tuesday when the automobile they occupied overturned near Tahoka. Both were from Big Spring.

An automobile collision near Austin early Sunday took the life of Joan McMillan, 4, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. McMillan of Austin. The child was injured fatally when the McMillan automobile, en route to San Antonio, collided with another driven by William S. Johnson, San Antonio, who was coming to Austin.

Two Dallas residents were fatally injured and a third critically injured in a head-on automobile collision Monday a mile west of Thurber, in Palo Pinto county, Averill De Loache, 23, died shortly after the accident, and Wilson M. Armour, 52, succumbed in a hospital Monday night at Strawn. Mrs. Betty Morrison, 23, the third sustaining serious injuries, was taken to Dallas in an airplane ambulance.

REA Loans Available To Finance Wiring, Plumbing in Homes

Loans ranging from \$10 to \$500 are available to finance wiring and plumbing in REA homes, it is announced by Johnny Cox, superintendent of the Taylor Electric Co-Operative, Inc.

Loans may be made to cover 80 per cent of the total cost of the undertaking, and will bear six per cent interest on the unpaid balance. They will be repayable over periods of from three to five years. Payments may be made monthly with the electric bills, or quarterly or semi-annually.

With the borrowed money, REA customers may purchase light fixtures, complete plumbing equipment, IES table and floor lamps, electric brooders, automatic water pressure pumps, and other items.

Four community meetings at which plans for wiring houses were discussed were held the past two days, one of which was at Merkel Tuesday night.

Mr. Cox, who received his appointment Monday as superintendent from Harry Slattery, REA administrator in Washington, said Thursday that house-wiring is expected to begin within the next week.

To Observe Labor Day

In observance of Labor day, the windows at the post office will be closed Monday, Sept. 2, and there will be no delivery on rural routes, it is announced by Postmaster Wrenn Durham.

The Farmers & Merchants National bank will also observe the day as holiday.

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CASH AWARDS TO FIVE CHAMPIONS RODEO SEASON

J. L. Cook, Leo Huff, Gerald Derrick, Johnny Downs and Jack Moberly, Quintet of Winners in 1940 Series of Shows.

Concluding show Saturday afternoon of the six double rodeos sponsored by the Merchants Trade Extension association of Merkel brought the presentation of the seasonal cash awards of \$100 to the champion cowboys in five events.

With average time of 26.63 seconds in all 12 shows, J. L. Cook of Dora won the prize of \$25 in calf roping. Runners-up were Ralph Russell, time 33 seconds in 10 shows, and Birch Wilfong, 35.38 seconds in 9 shows.

Leo Huff, a Merkel roper, won \$20 in the wild cow milking event, averaging 29.02 seconds in 10 shows. Next was Sig Faircloth, 32.60 seconds in 11 shows, and Vester Parrish, 49.42 in 12 shows.

Gerald Derrick and Johnny Downs won \$20.00 each in the bareback bronc and saddle bronc season contests. Derrick had been in 10 shows and Downs in 11 performances.

Jack Moberly proved the champion steer rider and was awarded \$15, having taken part in seven shows.

For the final performances Friday night and Saturday afternoon, the program of events was varied with the addition of two special features.

Grover Hale to Be Buried at Old Home

Grover Hale, 54, widely known cotton buyer of this section, died at his home here at 11:35 Wednesday morning. He had suffered from a heart trouble the past three years and for the last five weeks had been seriously ill.

Funeral services were held from the Methodist church at 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon, with Rev. John H. Crow, the pastor, officiating, and the body will be taken overland Friday in a Barrow-Sheppard funeral car to Lipan, his former home, in Hood county, where a brief service will be held at the graveside at 3 p. m. Friday.

Jarrett Grover Hale was born at Lipan on Apr. 10, 1886. He was married on May 1, 1923, to Minnie Houghton, the marriage taking place at Eastland. He had lived in Merkel 29 years and was actively engaged in buying cotton in season during that long period.

Surviving are his wife, three brothers and four sisters. The brothers are: W. H. and Harry Hale, Lipan, and Guy Hale, Mineral Wells; the sisters, Mrs. R. L. Milhollin, Stephenville; Mrs. A. P. Campbell, Mrs. Josie McCuan, Lipan, and Mrs. W. H. Roach, Mineral Wells. A large number of nieces and nephews also survive.

Heart Trouble Causes Death of J. D. Cook

J. D. Cook, 56, of Odessa, died at 2:45 Thursday morning at the Sadler Clinic, which he had entered Tuesday for treatment. Death was due to heart trouble. With his wife, he had come to Trent last week to be at the bedside of Mrs. Cook's mother, Mrs. E. M. Sherman, and he was taken seriously ill while there.

The body was carried overland Thursday afternoon in a Barrow-Sheppard funeral car to Lipan, where burial will take place, funeral services to be held at the graveside at 4 p. m. Friday.

Surviving are his wife, the former Mrs. Clara Weiser, to whom he was married Dec. 27, 1937, and his former wife, Mrs. M. Cook, of Beaumont, from whom he was divorced. Three children by the first marriage also survive: Mrs. Lena Vieno and Mrs. Sybil Thames, both of Beaumont, and Dennis Cook, of Leesville, La., and five grandchildren.

Mr. Cook will be remembered here as having been employed at Bob McDonald's Barber shop a few years ago.

MELON FEAST STAGED HERE BY LEGIONNAIRES

Parramore post of the American Legion, Abilene, was host to a watermelon feed at the Lions hall here Monday night for ex-service men of the county and their families, with more than 100 guests present. Stanley B. King, a vice-commander of the post, was in charge of local arrangements.

Thomas E. Brownlee, post commander, presided at an informal session. The program opened with a prayer by Fred Rucker, post chaplain. Jimmie Etta Mayfield, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Mayfield, Abilene, and Mrs. Earl Calhoun, also of Abilene, gave selections on the accordion and mandolin. A singsong was led by M. Shaw, Abilene, and a male quartet sang two sacred numbers.

An address on Americanism was given by T. N. Carswell, commander-elect of Parramore post, and Judge Owen Thomas, Anson, 104th district judge-nominate, also spoke.

25th Bale Already Entered for Cotton Premium Awards

The 25th bale of cotton was registered Thursday before noon, completing the quota from which the winning three bales will be selected, according to grade and staple, for awarding the premiums offered by the merchants of Merkel.

E. O. Carson, chairman of the committee from Lions club to raise the premiums, has announced that \$40 in cash and about \$80 in merchandise are included in the premium list, already signed up, making a total of around \$120 to be distributed to the best three bales.

Aliens Must Register And Be Fingerprinted

In compliance with the provisions of the Alien Registration act of 1940, aliens will be registered and fingerprinted at the Merkel post office from Aug. 27 to Dec. 26, 1940. Any alien, that is, any person not a citizen of the United States, who remains in the United States for thirty days or longer and who is fourteen years of age or older, according to the provisions of the Alien Registration act, 1940, must apply for registration and be fingerprinted on or before Dec. 26, 1940.

Postmaster Wrenn Durham states that he now has on hand application blanks which may be obtained at any time. The application blanks may be filled out and returned to the post office in person at any time between Aug. 27 and Dec. 26, 1940.

Every parent or legal guardian of a child under fourteen years of age, who is an alien, must apply for the registration of such alien child between these dates. Any one wishing further information about this matter may call at the post office.

VA Boys to Select Lambs for Feeding

Vocational agriculture boys of Merkel High school that plan on selecting Hampshire lambs will meet at the J. T. Warren place Saturday morning by 7 a. m. These lambs will be placed on feed immediately to be used as feeding projects by students this school year.

Boys are asked to bring their trailers and be prepared to take the lambs with them at time of selection.

Gilbert Smith Leads In Jones County Race

County attorney, won the nomination for county judge of Jones county in Saturday's run-off. With about 35 votes unaccounted for, Smith had polled 2,382 to 2,019 for Walter S. Pope, Jr.

In the race for commissioner of precinct 4, R. P. Blackley received the nomination with 557 votes to 451 for A. C. (Ab) Sosebee.

SID McADAMS LEADS OPPONENT BY 315 VOTES

Nominated for Third Term in Saturday's Run-Off; Commissioner Canon Defeated; Russell Named Constable.

By a majority of 315 votes, Sid McAdams was elected to a third term as sheriff of Taylor county in Saturday's run-off. McAdams received 4,236 votes, compared with 3,921 for W. T. McQuary, present constable in precinct 1.

In the Merkel precinct Jack Canon was defeated in his race for re-election as county commissioner by a margin of 82 votes. L. A. Dudley, the winner, received 618 votes, as compared with 536 for Canon.

Another member of the county board, Luther J. Webb, was unseated by R. L. Young in precinct 1. Only 52 votes separated the two—Young, 2,646, to 2,592 for Webb.

John Cunningham and Luther McMillon, commissioner from precincts 3 and 4, respectively, were re-nominated.

Elected constable in the Merkel precinct was C. K. Russell, who received 645 votes to 361 for J. L. Winter, his opponent.

The complete vote by boxes in the sheriff's, commissioner's and constable's races is printed on page 3 of this issue.

Stephenville Judge Defeats Clyde Garrett

Complete returns from all 12 counties in the 17th congressional district in Saturday's run-off show that Congressman Clyde L. Garrett of Eastland, seeking re-election for a third term, was defeated by District Judge Sam Russell, of Stephenville. Russell polled 27,584 votes to attain a majority of 3,089 over Garrett's total of 24,495.

Garrett, who ousted Thomas L. Blanton, Abilene, from his congressional seat four years ago, was the only Texas member of congress seeking re-election to fall by the wayside in the 1940 democratic primaries.

Complete returns by counties show the Garrett and Russell vote: Callahan 1,330, 1,698; Comanche 1,908, 2,875; Eastland 4,193, 2,379; Erath 1,562, 3,939; Fisher 1,152, 1,717; Hamilton 816, 1,916; Jones 2,370, 1,978; Nolan 2,066, 1,894; Palo Pinto 1,974, 2,608; Shackelford 584, 1,515; Stephens 1,719, 1,872; Taylor 4,821, 3,193. Total: Garrett 24,495, Russell 27,584.

John Lee Smith Gets Nomination to Senate

John Lee Smith of Throckmorton won nomination over Burleson as the 24th district senator. In Saturday's run-off Smith received 23,175 votes, as compared with Burleson's 21,193, in almost complete returns.

With Eastland, Haskell and Jones counties incomplete but only about 100 votes lacking, the vote by counties showed the Burleson vote and the Smith vote: Callahan, 1,298, 1,609; Eastland 2,363, 4,020; Fisher, 1,540, 1,215; Haskell 1,223, 2,602; Jones 3,556, 810; Mitchell 1,403, 1,470; Nolan 2,095, 1,732; Scurry 833, 1,547; Shackelford 539, 1,506; Stephens 1,018, 2,480; Taylor 4,819, 3,031; Throckmorton 503, 1,154.

Culberson, Alexander Win in State Races

Dallas, Aug. 29.—Texans chose Olin E. Culberson of Edna as a member of the railroad commission and James P. Alexander of Waco as chief justice of the supreme court in Saturday's democratic run-off.

Culberson, with 458,061 votes, had a majority of 47,405 over Pierce Brooks. Alexander's majority over H. S. Lattimore was 39,843. The vote in this race was Alexander 438,893, Lattimore 399,050.

These figures were given out in the Sunday night report of the Texas Election bureau, tabulating returns from 253 of the 254 counties, including 202 complete and accounting for 868,707 votes.

FIRE DAMAGES WALKER HOME ON OAK STREET

The Oak street home of J. F. Walker, gauger for the Humble Pipeline company, was badly damaged by a fire about 3:30 Monday afternoon, but practically all of the furniture was saved.

On account of the fireproof shingles which covered the roof, the blaze did not break out until after the rafters had burned. It is thought the fire originated from defective wiring, probably in the basement, and went up through the walls to the roof.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker and little daughter were away at the time of the fire and did not return from Abilene until about 5 o'clock. They are temporarily located at the Grace hotel in Abilene, pending plans to rebuild.

Insurance in the amount of \$2,300 was carried on the house and \$1,500 on the furniture and contents.

Shaughnessy Play At Least by Monday, Probably Saturday

The official playing schedule of the Merkel softball league was completed last Thursday night, Trent taking the final game from Moutray by a 15-8 score, but five postponed games have yet to be settled before the Shaughnessy can start.

Acting Chairman Harry Barnett said Thursday morning that Trent and Noodle will play off two games between them on Thursday night of this week, with Trent and Noodle meeting Friday night in two games. It is hoped to start the Shaughnessy Saturday night, but the series may not begin until Monday night.

Hodges is in undisputed possession of first place, according to official (Continued on Page Two)

Blair School Will Open Next Monday

The Blair school will open Monday, Sept. 2, for a nine-months' term. Jack Chapman of Tye, Route 1, is to be principal, with his sister, Miss Ruth Chapman, as teacher.

Trustees of the school are Jim Campbell, Price Melton and Charlie Peterson.

Call for Players to Join Badger Squad

First call for players who intend to come out for the Badger squad is announced for Friday afternoon at 4:30 at the High School gym by Carroll Benson, football mentor, who returned last Friday from the annual Texas A. & M. college free coaching school at College Station.

MONDAY MARKS OPENING OF NEW SCHOOL SESSION

Public Invited to Program at 9 O'clock Monday Morning in Gym; Band Numbers and Reading By Betty Grimes.

The 1940-41 session of the Merkel Public schools will open Monday, Sept. 2, with a short program at 9 o'clock in the gymnasium to which the public is invited, it is announced by Supt. Connor Robinson.

The program is not yet complete but will include band numbers and a reading by Miss Betty Grimes, graduate of Merkel High and a senior at Texas State College for Women, Denton, this year.

Improvements made in the school plant during the vacation include repairs to the gymnasium, and the addition of a combination living and dining room to the economics department.

The faculty, completed last week with the election of Miss La Verne Dunbar to succeed Mrs. Carroll Benson, follows:

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.
Primer—Mrs. Ellen Duncan, Mrs. Elsie Nash.

First grade—Miss Ruth West, Miss Inogene Schulze.

Second grade—Miss Alzada Pogue.

Third grade—Miss Vennie Heizer, Miss Mildred Holt.

Fourth grade—Miss La Verne Dunbar, Miss Hettie Logan Clay.

Fifth grade—Miss Billy Gardner, Jack Patterson.

Sixth grade—Miss Mamie Ellis, William Taylor.

Seventh grade—Mrs. Elmo Collins; Gordon Green, principal.

HIGH SCHOOL.
Rex Myers, principal, mathematics, Charles Clark, science.

Mrs. Len Sublett, history.

Miss Winnie Bell Virden, English.

Mrs. Lucy Haynes, English, speech.

Miss Frances Cleveland, homemaking.

Chester Collinsworth, vocational agriculture.

Miss Mary Lou Ashburn, commercial.

Carroll Benson, coach, history.

Richard Young, band director.

Connor Robinson, superintendent.

Jack Sublett Soon to Be Licensed Pilot

Jack Sublett, who will not be 20 until next January and who will be a senior at Texas Tech, Lubbock, the coming session, completed his flying test last Saturday and upon receipt of papers from Washington will be a licensed pilot.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Sublett of this city, and his achievement in the flying field is the source of much pride not only to his parents but to all his friends here.

MERKEL 30 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, August 28, 1910.)

HORN-ROGERS.

One of the swellest home weddings that has ever taken place in the Merkel country was at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Rogers about three miles from Merkel Sunday morning at half past nine o'clock. In the presence of a large concourse of neighbors and friends, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Rogers was married to Mr. Ollie Horn of Abilene. Miss Ollie Rogers is well known and much beloved by all who know her and Mr. Horn is one of Abilene's most respected young business men. These young people are both prominent as members of the Baptist church. The young lady has been organist for the little church of Hebron and will be greatly missed among its members but with her in her home she takes their love and prayers for a happy wedded life.

Miss Inez Moon played the wedding march and Brother Saffel of Merkel performed the ceremony. A splendid dinner was prepared and the day was spent most happily with

friends and relatives. The bride was very charming in her champagne silk with gold net yoke and bands of champagne and gold silk trimmings. The young couple received many handsome and useful presents. They spent Sunday and Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Rogers, Monday with Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Dennis and left Tuesday for their home in Abilene. With them they take the congratulations and best wishes from the entire community and particularly from the Merkel Mail.

Some of the guests present were Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Dennis and family, relatives of the bride, and Misses Inez and Roxie Moon of Merkel, Misses Alma Scallon and Sadie Horn, cousin and sister of the groom, and Mr. Lee Kirk, also a cousin of the groom, all of Abilene. Among the neighbors and friends were Mr. Grizzard and family, Mr. Compton and family, Mr. Dyess and family, Dr. Dodges and family from Hodges and a number of young people in the neighborhood.

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Champions

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junior steer riding and team tying, both numbers meeting with popular approval. In the junior event, some fifteen boys under 100 pound weight put up ambitious rides, with an occasional youth making the extra quarter for sticking on.

The Badger band, under the direction of Richard Young, staged a parade downtown Friday afternoon, with Supt. Connor Robinson in charge of the microphone for advertising purposes. The band also gave a pre-rodeo concert Friday night.

After the final whistle Saturday afternoon, Vester Parrish, popular Wingate contestant, called City Marshal Doc Vaughn aside and handed him a five-dollar bill, his contribution to the Merchants Trade Extension association, sponsors of the shows. Parrish was in all 12 rodeos this year and has been a loyal and hard-fighting contestant in the Merkel arena ever since the shows were started seven years ago.

Winning cowboys in the various events of the last two performances were:

FRIDAY NIGHT WINNERS.

Bareback bronc riding: First, Bobby Williams, Albany; second, Gerald Derrick, Merkel; third, Frank Griffin, Coleman.

Calf roping: First, Mag Swenson, Lueders, 17 seconds; second, Birch Wilfong, Haskell, 20.2; third, Leo Huff, Merkel, 22.2; fourth, Vester Parrish, Wingate, 24.

Bull riding: First, Johnny Stovall, Snyder; second, J. B. Hunter, Sweetwater.

Saddle bronc riding: First, Johnny Downs, Abilene; second, Ace Elmore, Archer City; third, Bill Chick, Coleman.

Cow milking: First, Parrish, 17.8; second, tie between Jim Reynolds, Albany, and S. G. Russell, Merkel, 22.2; fourth, Weldon Young, Albany.

Team tying: First, Parrish, 33.8; second, Homer Laney, Merkel, 40.4; third, Wilfong, 46.

Steer riding: First, Stovall; sec-

ond, Hobert Flowers, Duncan, Okla.; third, Hunter; fourth, Derrick.

SATURDAY WINNERS.

Bareback bronc riding: First, Jake Williams, Baird; second, Frank Griffin, Coleman; third, Bobby Williams, Baird.

Calf roping: First, Leonard Huff, Merkel, 17.8; second, J. L. Cook, Dora, 19.8; third, Earl Stevens, Trent, 25.4; fourth, Reynolds, 26.2.

Bull riding: First, Hunter; second, Derrick.

Saddle bronc riding: First, Elmore; second, Griffin; third, tie between Downs and Chick.

Wild cow milking: First, Parrish, 18 seconds; second, Leonard Huff, 21.6; third, Leo Huff, 23.8; fourth, Young, 24.4.

Team tying: First, S. G. Russell, 19; second, Parrish, 26.6; third, Stevens, 28.8.

Steer riding: First, Stovall; tie for second and third, Flowers and Jack Moberly, Albany; fourth, Don Dandy.

Softball

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league standing, as certified by Weston West, score-keeper, and printed below, but ranking of the clubs will depend on the outcome of the postponed games.

The line scores:

White C. Girls	100	000	—1
Stith Girls	213	11x	—8
A. Frazier and Frazier; Woolsey and Finch.			
Moutray	400	012	1 8 9 9
Trent	424	500	x 15 7 8
Deverl Higgins and Barnett; Bishop and Strawn.			

LEAGUE STANDING.

Team—	W	L	Pct.
Hodges	12	3	.800
Trent	7	4	.636
F. & M.	7	8	.467
Noodle	5	7	.418
Moutray	5	10	.333
Stith	4	8	.333

GIRLS' LEAGUE.

Team—	W	L	Pct.
Stith	6	2	.750
Merkel	3	2	.606
Trent	3	3	.500
White Church	0	6	.000

Frank Breaux Returns With Big Fish Story

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Breaux and son, Earl, spent their vacation with Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Thompson and family of Abilene down on Buchanan lake.

"The big fish were plentiful," Frank reports, "and in case any one doesn't believe this fish story, there are pictures to prove it. Not only fish, but plenty of wild turkeys and deer, and it surely makes a person want to go back later on."

Office supplies—Mail office.

Judge-Nominate of Jones County Thanks Voters for Confidence

To the Citizens of Jones County:

I am indeed grateful for the confidence you have shown in me and take this method of expressing my appreciation. I wish it were possible to thank each of you personally, and especially those of you who took an active part in my behalf, for without this personal work my nomination would not have been possible.

I assure you the judicial affairs of the county judge's office will be conducted in an honest, fair and impartial manner and with the aid of the able men whom you have chosen as commissioners, we pledge you an economical business administration.

Thank you,
Gilbert Smith.

Unable to Reach Here in Time for Brother's Funeral

Unable to reach Merkel in time for the funeral of his brother, Carl Mathews, last Wednesday, Sgt. Frank Mathews and his wife arrived Thursday from San Antonio, remaining over until Sunday.

Sgt. Mathews is in the army signal corps and was participating in maneuvers at Camp Beauregard in Louisiana when he received word of his brother's death. He flew from Louisiana and it was 4:15 Thursday afternoon when he reached San Antonio. He and Mrs. Mathews then drove up here the following day.

EXTENDS THANKS.

We wish to thank the fireboys and other friends who so nobly assisted in saving our household furniture in the fire that badly damaged our home Monday afternoon. We also appreciate very much the good work the fireboys did in fighting the flames.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Walker.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail

Recreation Circus to Be Staged in Abilene

Thursday night, Sept. 5, is Recreation Circus night in Abilene, the circus to be held at the Hardin-Simmons football field. All Taylor county playgrounds will take part in presenting the circus.

There will be trick riding and roping, clowns, animals, an exhibit of all arts and crafts and many more interesting events.

The circus parade will take place in Abilene on Wednesday, Sept. 4, at 4 p. m.

Iva Ruth McWilliams has been elected queen of the Merkel playground. She will be an assistant to the circus queen.

Jack Melton won first in county-wide tennis tournament, held at Fair park courts, Abilene, last Saturday, winning first in both singles and doubles.

Prizes for winners in county-wide events will be given at the Recreation Circus.

Lem Dudley Grateful For Splendid Vote

I take this method of thanking the voters of precinct 2 for the splendid vote given me in last Saturday's election.

I am deeply grateful to you and shall ever strive to merit your trust and confidence.

Sincerely,
L. A. Dudley.

Hospital Notes.

Mrs. Louie Herring, Route 2, was admitted to the Sadler Clinic on Thursday of last week for treatment.

Allen Kegans of Trent received minor surgery Monday.

Three patients for tonsillectomies during the past week were: Louise Lewis, Route 4; Jimmy Leverich, Fenwell, and Wilda Bowles, Trent.

A girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. N. O. Bright at the hospital on Tuesday, Aug. 27.



LOOKING AHEAD

School now—but soon a wider sphere
Will prove by woe or prove by joy
The worth of what you once held dear,
The code you followed when a boy.

Lay this to heart among your rules—
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Make pennies, dimes and nickels tools
That fashion fortune in the end.

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WARD-MARSHALL.
On Wednesday afternoon in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee, Buddy Ward and Miss Lola Marshall were united in marriage by Rev. Mr. Rawlins, of Athens, Ala.

Mrs. Ward is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Marshall. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Ward of this city. Both of the contracting parties have a host of friends who wish them much happiness and a long wedded life.

Accompanying the couple were the groom's sister, Mrs. Dub Doug-

las, and Misses Betty Lou Russell and Mildred Madderra.

Following a short visit in Abilene after the ceremony they are now at home in Merkel.

Ten Deaths from Burning.
Austin, Aug. 29.—July accident reports now being compiled by the Texas safety department show 10 deaths during July from burning in traffic accidents. The record is double that of any previous month. Contributing were four deaths in one accident near Amarillo and three in an accident at Signal Hill.

PURE LARD	Comanche Chief No. 2 can
4 lbs. 29c	Blackberries 10c
8 lbs. 59c	Primrose
Flour 48 lbs. \$1.04	Corn No. 2 can 12c
FLOUR 24 lbs. 58c	3 Large Cans Phillip's
Made by Burrus Mills	Pork & Beans 25c
Chuck Wagon	No. 2 Can
Coffee 1-lb. 15c	Asparagus Tips 10c
Peanut Butter Qt. 25c	Sunkist
Chuck Wagon	Lemons Doz. 25c
Beans 2 cans 15c	Oranges Doz. 25c
Big 4 Laundry	New Crop
Soap 7 bars 25c	Apples Doz. 20c
For Finer Fabrics	Bananas 2 doz. 25c
Does Not Hurt Hands	WE HAVE PLENTY OF
Vel 25c	DUCK COTTON SACKS
Rex	We Have Anything You Want
Jelly 5-lb. bucket 40c	In SCHOOL SUPPLIES
2 1/2-lb. bucket 23c	— Market Bargains —
Sour	Sliced Bacon Lb. 16c
Pickles Qt. 10c	U. S. Stamped
Heinz, Fresh	Jowls Lb. 7c
Cucumber Pickles 20c	80 Per Cent Cooked
Corn 3 No. 2 cans 25c	Picnics Lb. 25c
Yams Lb. 4c	Extra Fancy
Cabbage Lb. 3c	Boiled Ham Lb. 39c
Pineapple 3 cans 25c	Chuck Roast Lb. 17c
	Nice
	Steak Lb. 20c
	Several Styles
	Lunch Meats Lb. 25c

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 County Commissioner, Precinct No. 2—Canon, 347; Dudley, 401.
 Constable, Precinct No. 5—Russell, 442; Winter, 297.

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 Chief Justice Supreme Court—Alexander, 3,388; Lattimore, 4,151.
 Congress—Russell, 3,193; Garrett, 4,821.
 State Senator—Smith, 3,031; Burleson, 4,819.
 Sheriff—McQuary, 3,921; McAdams, 4,236.
 County Commissioner, Precinct 2—Canon, 536; Dudley, 618.
 Constable, Precinct 5—Russell, 645; Winter, 361.

Sheriff's Race

	McQuary	McAdams
Courthouse	223	256
Butternut	500	542
Fair Park	375	503
Shelton-Webb	334	303
Cedar St.	445	301
Orange St.	347	171
North Park	225	114
Hamby	13	22
Vet Clubhouse	77	101
McMurry	144	165
Caps-Abilene	36	12
Tye-Abilene	28	18
Buffalo Gap	68	133
Jim Ned	20	50
Moro	21	30
Nubia	43	66
Merkel	355	385
Guion	37	68
Shep	43	83
Potosi	35	58
Trent	74	53
Caps-Merkel	18	11
View	27	72
Tuscola	132	172
Ovalo	76	121
Iberis	19	28
Tye-Merkel	40	26
Lawn	71	205
Blair	40	34
Bradshaw	54	120
Lisman	1	13
Totals	3,921	4,236

For Commissioner

	Canon	Dudley
Merkel	347	401
Trent	45	82
Blair	27	48
Nubia	54	55
Caps-Merkel	25	4
Tye-Merkel	38	28
Totals	536	618

For Constable

	Russell	Winter
Merkel	442	297
Blair	48	24
Nubia	84	24
Caps-Merkel	25	4
Tye-Merkel	46	12
Totals	645	361

Farm Debt Session Scheduled Sept. 6
 Farmers handicapped in their farming operations by debts beyond their ability to pay have been asked by FSA Supervisor Clarence Symes to attend a conference of the Taylor county farm debt adjustment committee on Sept. 6.
 Members of the county committee are J. O. Shelton, J. E. Burnam and J. E. Casey.

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QUEEN THEATRE CALENDAR

Friday-Saturday—"Lucky Cisco Kid," with Cesar Romero, Mary Beth Hughes, Chris-Pin Martin; added, Charley Chase comedy, Pop-eye cartoon and serial. (Calendar night Friday only.)
 Saturday preview, Sunday matinee, Monday night—George Raft, Ann Sheridan, Humphrey Bogart in "They Drive By Night;" also color cartoon and late News.
 Tuesday only—Lynn Bari, Lloyd Nolan in "Pier 13;" special added attraction, "Unusual Occupation," featuring in a song Gene Autry at his North Hollywood ranch, also Bob Hope and Akim Tamiroff in television preview.
 Wednesday-Thursday—"Sing, Dance, Plenty Hot," with Johnny Downs, Ruth Terry; added, "Teddy the Rough Rider" in technicolor.

"Lucky Cisco Kid"
 Deeper in danger and luckier in love, O. Henry's romantic rogue of the Rio Grande, the Cisco Kid, is at his "fightin'est" in his latest adventure "Lucky Cisco Kid." The romantic, exciting and action-packed 20th Century-Fox film which pre-viewers have acclaimed is far the best of the series to date, comes to the Queen theatre Friday and Saturday nights. (Friday night only is calendar night.)
 "Lucky Cisco Kid," loaded with action, is set in an Arizona town which is terrorized by raiders. The fireworks begin when Cisco and his partner Gordito (Chris-Pin-Martin) enter the town. A killer beats Cisco to the draw. A bandit steals his name. A jealous senorita has him at her mercy. But how the Cisco Kid lives to laugh at them all makes for thrilling entertainment. Moving fast with interest sustained throughout, the picture smashes its way to a surprising climax.
 An excellent cast of featured players has been assembled. Beautiful and blonde Mary Beth Hughes, one of the 20th Century-Fox studio's most promising young players, heads the list. Before appearing in "Lucky Cisco Kid" she played in "Star Dust" and then in "Four Sons" in which she took a long step forward with a beautiful performance. She is very well cast in "Lucky Cisco Kid" as an Arizona dance hall siren-songstress in love with the gay caballero.
 Other players featured prominently in "Lucky Cisco Kid" are: Dana Andrews, who is heralded as a very capable newcomer; Evelyn Venable, more beautiful and charming than ever, and Chris-Pin Martin as the Cisco Kid's popular lieutenant Gordito, rotund maker of laughs.

"They Drive by Night"
 George Raft, who wanted nothing

so much—not even a \$4,500 a week salary—as to have the public regard him a "right guy" seems to have vindicated himself handsomely.

On the basis of his latest screen portrayal in Warner Bros.' "They Drive By Night," which shows at the Queen Saturday preview, Sunday matinee and Monday night, Raft must not only be reckoned a "right guy" but a smart one.
 On the first of those two points there never was any doubt in the minds of persons who knew Raft. On the second, there was plenty. When the "swarthy star walked out on his lucrative contract at a major studio, announcing he'd play no more low-down gangster roles, the majority of his friends thought he was acting quixotic to an extreme, if not slightly barmy. Forty-five hundred dollars a week decidedly was not hay, and should be able to assuage a good many wounds of the spirit.

When Raft stepped directly into a gangster role in "Each Dawn I Die," as his first picture under a new contract with Warner Bros., the murmurs of slightly pitying amazement changed to a chorus of "I told you so's." George had made his bluff, had seen the light and was being a wise lad.

Raft, however, stuck staunchly to his guns and claimed he had never said he was through for all time with gangster characterizations. What he did say, he maintained, was that he'd play no more unsympathetic characters. Thugs, heels, and unregenerate killers were out, but tough guys—even gangsters—with sufficient redeeming qualities to claim audience sympathy were okay. The gangster Raft played in "Each Dawn I Die" gave his life to save a pal (Jimmy Cagney), so George thought highly of him. His character was improving!

He also thought well enough of the ex-convict—another self sacrificing customer—he played in "Invisible Stripes" to accept the role without protest. Secretly, however, the urge to make his reformation complete by cutting all ties with the underworld was strong within him. He felt he could still be tough as an upright citizen without a jail background.

In "They Drive By Night," which he did with Ann Sheridan, Ida Lupino, Humphrey Bogart and a host of other capable performers, he got his chance—and made the most of it. He's as tough as they come, packs a wicked wallop in both fists, but has right—and audience sympathy on his side every time he socks a meanie on the chin. Furthermore, he makes himself a staunch champion of decency and loyalty by refusing to succumb to the enticements of a beautiful woman who chances to be his friend's wife.

Although people speak of seeing X-rays, no one ever has seen one, for they are invisible.

BLAIR ITEMS
 Mr. and Mrs. L. L. McDermott and family of Natalia were guests last Thursday of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Grant and family.

Mrs. Mae Graham and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Horton of Wichita Falls spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Pat Addison and Mrs. Susie Doan.

Mrs. Monta J. Moore of Woodboro and Miss Lucy Moore of Lubbock were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Z. V. Moore the past several days.

Roy Doan and son, Ozie, of Post, visited relatives here Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Price Melton and family and Mrs. Susie Doan motored over to Clyde and spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Claud Doan.

V. L. Doan, Hugh Campbell, D. C. Doan and J. A. Bryan made a business trip to Abilene Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Pruitt and family returned Sunday from an extended tour to New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado, Old Mexico and Oklahoma. W. E. Sheffield of Merkel was seen in our midst Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Spears visited their son, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Spears, and family of Comanche the past week. They were accompanied

home by their granddaughter, Verna Mae, for an indefinite time.

Riley James of Malakoff is visiting friends here.

Mrs. Guinn Williams spent the past week with her mother, Mrs. J. Peoples, of Ovalo.

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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Burks had as their Sunday guests Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Burks and family, also Mr. and Mrs. Wilborn Burks and family, all of Big Spring, and Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Estep of this city.

Mrs. Dr. Watkins of Lubbock visited here for a few days this week and was accompanied home by Mrs. A. W. Woods, who will stay for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Hughie Cooley of Hamlin visited relatives here last week. Mrs. Cooley is the former Ida V. Estep of Trent.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cook and children of Odessa are here to be at the bedside of her mother, Mrs. Ed Sherman, who is very ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe English and children visited relatives here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Roberts spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Frost of Abilene.

Rev. W. T. Hamner and daughter, Helen, of Winters, were here Monday. Mrs. Hamner, who has been visiting here, returned home with them.

Mrs. Pinky Vessels and children of Houston are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Bishop.

Mr. and Mrs. "Boots" Brown and Wendell of Goose Creek were here last week. Mr. and Mrs. A. J. English returned home with them to stay a week or two.

Supt. and Mrs. R. L. Fortune and Bobbie spent last week in Brownwood and Hamilton.

Miss Ann Blake of Merkel was a guest in the J. P. Roberts home last Friday, and a fishing trip on Lake Sweetwater was enjoyed by the Roberts family and their guest.

Garnetta Bailey of Slaton is visiting Betty Lou Howell.

Roy Mauldin of California was a visitor in the W. P. Hood home one day last week.

Jennings Winter and family of Lamesa visited relatives here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Winn are on a

vacation trip, which will include a few days' visit with Mr. and Mrs. Horace Taylor and Jo of Sonora.

Virgie Strawn of Greenville was a visitor here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. N. O. Bright are announcing the birth of a daughter Tuesday morning at the Merkel hospital.

MRS. McREE HONORED.

Mesdames Joe Nalley, Bud Winter, Leslie Beasley and A. W. Woods were joint hostesses last Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Woods, honoring Mrs. Lillie McRee, who is leaving next week.

Guests were received in an old-fashioned garden scene on the attractive back lawn of the Woods home. Zinnias and goldenrods added to the setting in which a program was presented by the following: songs by Dorothy Jo Strawn, Jean Scott of Abilene, Christine and Gloria McLeod; readings by Mrs. Earl Strawn, Carl Bonneaux and Mrs. Alex Williamson. As Joy Nalley and La Nell Edwards sang "An Apple for the Teacher," a downy silk comfort in the shape of an apple was presented the honoree.

Punch was dipped from an old-fashioned board well with gourd dippers. Those present were: Aunt Janie Amour, Mesdames Curley Edwards, Joe Boone, Helen Williams, Ed Burks, H. R. Poor, J. R. Gafford, Ola Lee Winn, M. Beasley, H. H. McRee, Earl Strawn, John Strawn, A. C. Terry, Bob Dennis, Gene Chiles, C. C. McRee, J. E. Bowers, A. Williamson, L. N. McRee, Powell, Annie Boone, Carl Bonneaux, Carl Edwards, O. A. Smith and Misses Dorothy Jo Strawn, Virginia Chloe McRee, Christine McLeod, Gloria McLeod, Vergie Strawn, Jean Scott, Patricia Ann Beasley, Beatrice Winter, Theresia Beasley, Carolyn McRee, Joy and June Nalley and La Nell Edwards.

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White Church News

Rev. J. B. Stewart, the pastor at this place, closed a revival meeting here Sunday night. Brother Stewart did the preaching and delivered some very spiritual messages. Several additions to the church resulted.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Watkins of Rule and Will Harris of Oklahoma City were guests of Mr. and Mrs. P. R. McLean Sunday for dinner and attended church here.

Dolph Clark spent the past week in the home of his grandson, Mr. and Mrs. Beryl Brown.

Louie Martin of Wolf City and Vernon Martin of Dallas visited their cousin, A. D. Barnes, the past week. Mr. and Mrs. Barnes accompanied the Martin brothers to Rotan where they visited Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Martin and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Butman and children were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Noel Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Tye and son, Homer, Jr., of Merkel, and Leonard Tye, of Fort Worth, visited Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Harris Sunday and attended church services.

Mr. and Mrs. Houston Martin and daughter, Doris, visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brown.

Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barnes and Mrs. A.

C. Windham and baby daughter, Bobby, were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Weston.

Howard Demere of Wichita Falls is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Demere.

Mr. and Mrs. Hardin Reed of Post visited the past week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Reed. They

were accompanied home by Miss Olive Mae Reed for a few days visit.

Miss Maurine Hardin returned Saturday to her home in Big Spring after spending two weeks' vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hardin.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen D. King and son, Allen, Jr., and Mrs. John

Coomer have returned home after a week's fishing and vacation on the coast around Corpus Christi.

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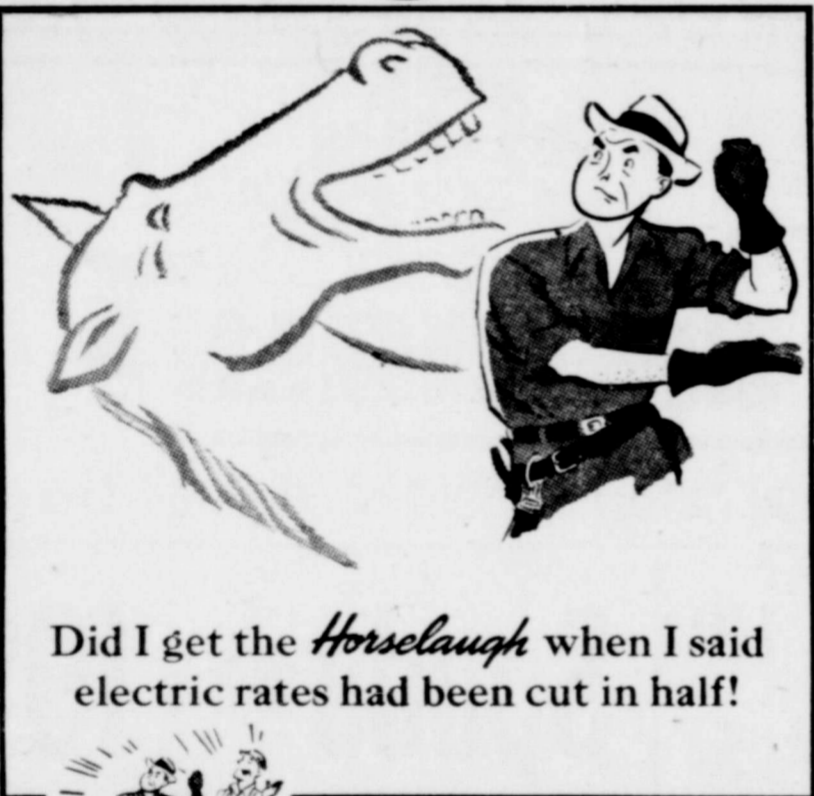
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"Sure," says one of the fellows, "I suppose that's why my electric bill is higher than it ever was."

"Hold on," I said. "I know what's bothering you. Your bill is as big as it ever was. Maybe bigger. So is mine. But you forget we're using more juice. We didn't always have radios, refrigerators, clocks, and percolators, and irons, and maybe a dozen other things."

"That's not all," I said. "You not only get twice as much juice for your money. You get better service than you ever got. And what does it cost?" I ask. "For most of our customers it's less than a dime a day. Light, music, refrigeration, cool breezes, good coffee, hot toast, cool ironing, and it costs about a dime a day. It's the biggest bargain there is, and it's getting bigger all the time."

When we were saying goodbye on the porch I gave them one more shot.

"You not only get twice as much electricity for your money," I said, "but you cut your own rate every time you use more. The way modern electric rates are now, the more you use, the lower the price." So I say good night and what a good time I had.

P.S. It sure was a swell party! They asked me to come again.

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PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Jones and daughters, Annie Fern and Alva Grace, returned Friday night from an eight-days' trip in New Mexico and Colorado.

After the close of the summer term of the East Texas State Teachers college at Commerce, Miss Jessie Margaret Berry arrived home Friday to visit her mother, Mrs. Florence Berry, until the fall term opens.

Mesdames G. R. Holloway, R. T. Gray and S. O. Owens left Tuesday for a visit of several days in Corsicana and Mexia. At Corsicana Mrs. Holloway will visit her brother, Abe Talley, who is seriously ill.

Gordon Murray, who is employed at Penwell, spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. L. L. Murray, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Tye and son, Homer, Jr., have returned from a visit with his parents at Fort Worth, having also enjoyed a trip to South Texas points including San Antonio, Corpus Christi and Galveston with Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Long of Fort Worth and Homer's mother, Mrs. J. V. Tye, of Burleson.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Harrell and family, accompanied by Lou Jane Land, left Friday for Dallas and returned early this week. Mr. Harrell went to Dallas for a minor nose operation, also visiting his brother, Fred Harrell, and family.

Mrs. Cora King of Harrold was a visitor several days last week with her sister, Mrs. D. H. Vaughn.

Guests last week of Mr. and Mrs. Holt Vaughn were Mrs. Vaughn's mother, Mrs. J. E. King, of Anson, and her brother, Thomas Farris, stationed with a CCC camp at Albany.

N. D. (Blackie) Callaway arrived home Saturday after spending three weeks engaged in army maneuvers with the 112th cavalry in Louisiana.

Mrs. Morris Ashmore of Enid, Miss., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Douglas. Also visiting here from Enid are J. W. Newman and son, S. R. Newman and son, Elmer Clyde, and Davis Newton, who are guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Newman and Mr. and Mrs. Odie Jones. J. W. Newman, who is a brother of R. L. Newman, is 75 years old and this is his first trip to Texas. The party came by Memphis across the state of Arkansas and will return through Louisiana, crossing the Mississippi at Vicksburg.

Mrs. Seth Hamilton and Mrs. L. G. Shafer, who left last Friday to visit their daughter and sister, Mrs. Paul Collins, and family, at Vinson, Okla., returned Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Nick Tresp and Mr. and Mrs. John Hart of Dallas were weekend guests of Mrs. Hart's sister, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Chancey, of Noodle. Mrs. Chancey accompanied the Harts home for a visit.

Mrs. O. E. Harwell and children have returned from a week's visit with Mrs. Harwell's mother, Mrs. Dora Wharton, at Wichita Falls.

F. H. Dennis of San Antonio is guest of his brother, J. T. Dennis, and Mrs. Dennis, since Monday.

Miss Jess Sutphen left Sunday to spend several days in Dallas.

Miss Jannell Black, who is a student at the Southwest Texas State Teachers college at San Marcos, returned home after the close of summer session. She accompanied Dr. and Mrs. Claude Elliott of San Marcos, who are here for the Elliott family reunion.

Misses Johnnie Sears and Maurine Tipton spent several days last week in Dallas.

Mrs. S. T. Johnson, accompanied by her son, S. T., Jr., nephew, S. H. Smith, and father, A. Petty, of Big Spring, were guests Wednesday morning of Mrs. J. T. Johnson and sister, Miss Delia Kuykendall.

Miss Mary Anna Mayfield is spending her vacation with relatives in Midland.

Leaving Tuesday, Mrs. W. W. Campbell joined her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. McFarland of Friona, to spend several days at Buchanan dam.

A. J. Bobby and Jimmy Barnes, from the Methodist home at Waco, are visiting their aunts, Mrs. T. G. Bragg and Mrs. E. M. McDonald.

Mary Jo Bicknell visited the past week in Dallas and on her way back visited her uncle, Alton Bicknell, in Fort Worth.

Bobbie Nell Bicknell has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. Jim White, in Ovalo.

Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Scroggins and daughter, Sylvia, left Monday to return to Mercedes, where Mr. Scroggins is athletic coach in the high school. They had spent the summer with Mrs. Scroggins' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Boaz, Jr., while Mr. Scroggins attended summer school at Hardin-Simmons.

Mr. and Mrs. Corvin Leverich and son, Jimmy, of Penwell, are visiting

her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Stanford.

Mrs. W. R. Clack, who had been visiting her son, E. R. Clack, and family here and also with relatives in Abilene, returned Thursday to her home in Durant, Okla. Mrs. E. R. Clack accompanied her home where she will visit relatives and attend the 59th wedding anniversary of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Lambert, in Calera, Okla. Eight of the nine children are expected to be present for the occasion.

Mrs. J. P. Sutphen has as her guest, her sister, Mrs. C. M. Smith, of Nacogdoches. Arriving Friday will be Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Sutphen and their daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Moyer, of Donna.

Down for the week-end, O. R. Dye of Fort Stockton took in the rodeo Friday night, while Mrs. Dye visited her sister in Abilene. When they returned home Sunday, they were accompanied by their son, Ralph Dye, who had been visiting with friends here.

Mrs. Len Sublett, who has been elected to the High School faculty this year, and her father, T. H. Christopher, moved back home Tuesday from Lamesa.

Mr. and Mrs. Dub Harkrider, who are now owners of a ranch at Hyman in Mitchell county, spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. W. L. Harkrider.

Mrs. H. T. Merritt of Fort Worth, a former resident of Merkel, is visiting her brother, F. A. Sanders, and Mrs. Sanders, and her niece, Mrs. Pete White, and family.

Leaving Wednesday, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Wilhite removed to Hermligh, where Mr. Wilhite has been elected principal of the high school. Merkel regrets to lose these fine people but they carry the best wishes of The Mail and many friends to their new home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Johnson have returned home from a three-weeks' vacation at Hot Springs, N. M., where they went for Mr. Johnson's health. He returns very much improved.

Mrs. C. E. Bayless and her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Taylor, and Miss Vada Hendricks from Bonham were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McCandless for a few days last week.

Mrs. Raymon P. Vessels and daughters, Janis Gail and Wanda Ann, of Houston, are here on a vacation visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Bishop, and her husband's mother, Mrs. J. T. Vessels.

Mrs. J. T. Vessels has returned from Eastland where she visited her son, Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Vessels, and daughter, Billy.

Mr. and Mrs. Melton Sherman and children, Robert, Harold, Lena Fae and Mary Jo, of Preston, are at the bedside of his mother, Mrs. Ed Sherman, at Trent.

In the W. L. Barnett home for the week-end were their daughter and little granddaughter, Judy. Passing visitors Sunday from Lubbock were Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Kinard, Tom Kinard and Mrs. C. C. Carpenter.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Burns left

Wednesday for Woodville in Tyler county. They will spend the next nine months taking care of the farm of their daughter, Mrs. William A. Conners, who is to spend the winter in Port Arthur for her children to go to school.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Baker from Blue Ridge, Collin county, were visitors last week in the W. L. Barnett home. Mrs. Barnett's aunt, Mrs. R. L. Ray, from McKinney, and her daughter, Mrs. Clayton Harris and her three children, George Ray, Charisie Mai and Bennie Joe, from Plano, and two cousins, Miss Ruby Fowler and Mrs. Gladys Stephens, from Seagoville, were also recent visitors in the Barnett home.

LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS

The local depot of the Texas & Pacific railway now remains closed on Sundays, according to recent orders received by A. J. Graham, agent.

Condition of Ed Turner, who has been critically ill since Saturday, remains unchanged, according to reports Thursday morning from his bedside. The cafe, of which he is proprietor, has been closed since Saturday afternoon.

Clifton Bellamy was among the 213 students receiving degrees from Texas Tech, Lubbock, last Friday night, but he was away engaged in army maneuvers in Louisiana as a second-lieutenant in the engineers' reserve corps. After a brief visit home with his parents, he left Wednesday for Lubbock and will begin work with the state highway department on Sept. 2.

A. G. Herron, member of the 131st field artillery, returned with the troops Thursday of last week to Abilene, coming on to Merkel Saturday to resume his place as cook at Woody's cafe.

A new enterprise, the Simpson mattress factory, will open for business probably Saturday, or at latest the first of next week, in the Cain building on Front street, next door to Lee-Bailey. Z. L. Simpson, who will operate the business, has moved here from San Angelo and has done considerable work repainting and overhauling the building. He and his wife and three children are already residents of Merkel, residing in the northeast part of town.

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FOR SALE—One two-wheel trailer with 16 inch wheels and tires; one four wheel trailer; '38 Freshman Masterpiece auto radio; excellent condition. See Irl Walker, West Side Wrecking Yard.

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FOR RENT — Nicely furnished southeast room; convenient to bath. Phone 38.

ROOM AND BOARD. Mrs. Dove Stevens.

ROOMS FOR RENT, furnished or unfurnished. Mrs. I. I. Vancil.

WANTED

WANTED TO BUY—Telephone box; must be in good working order and priced right; also would consider buying good telephone wire. Sam Butman, Jr.

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—Gray Shaeffer Junior fountain pen, at Walker fire Monday. Notify Buster Hester.

Anson Park is Scene Of Bayless Reunion

Fifty-one were present Sunday at a reunion held at Anson park of the descendants of the late J. H. Bayless, residing in this section, some of the relatives in attendance being from Bonham.

Following a sumptuous dinner, kodak pictures were made and the afternoon was spent in happy reminiscences.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McCandless, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Derrington, Geneva, Ona, Irene, Frances and Betty, Merkel; Mrs. C. E. Bayless, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Taylor, Miss Vada Hendricks, Bonham; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Roberts and daughter, Joyce; Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Boswell and daughter, Annie Laurie, Abilene; Mrs. D. A. Alston

and daughters, Beatrice and Dorothy, Mrs. Hubert Carroll and daughter, Lucille, Mrs. Grady Solomon and children, Grady D. and Oris June, Crowell; Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bayless and son, R. V., Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bayless and Mary Sue, Mr. and Mrs. I. F. Westmoreland and son, Callaway, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Fall and two sons, Bobby and Eulan Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Jones and children, Buddie, John Wesley and Jackie Lee, Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Warnell and children, Susie, Ray and Roy, all of Anson; Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Warnell and daughter, Mary Sue, Hamlin.

The Milky Way is formed by the combined light of many stars which are too far away to be seen individually.

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- AUGUST 30th and 31st -

ARKANSAS
APPLES Doz. 25c
TOKAY
GRAPES Lb. 10c
NICE FIRM
LETTUCE Hd. 5c

SUNKIST
LEMONS Doz. 23c
CALIFORNIA
ORANGES Doz. 27c
COLORADO No. 1
SPUDS 10 lbs. 19c

Salad Wafer
Crackers 1-lb. box 17c
NOTE BOOK or
Typewriter Paper ... 3 pkg. 10c

Red & White
Catsup 14-oz. bottle 15c

Red & White
Coffee 1-lb. can 25c

PENCILS 5 for 10c

RED & WHITE 6-lb. bag 29c
12-lb. bag 49c
FLOUR 24-lb. bag 83c
48-lb. bag \$1.45

Blue & White
Cocoa 1-lb. can 13c

Red & White, Crushed or Sliced
Pineapple, No. 1 can 3 for 25c

Swan Down or Red & White
Cake Flour Pkg. 25c

Crystal
Spinach No. 2 can 9c

3-Minute
Oats Small pkg. 9c

Pure Cane
Sugar 10-lb. cloth bag 49c

Sun Spun
Salad Dressing ... Qt. jar 21c

Red & White
Milk 2 large or 4 small cans 15c

Red & White
Corn 2 No. 2 cans 25c

CRISCO 3 lb. can 49c

Red & White
Soap 7 bars 25c

MARKET SPECIALS

SLICED
BACON Lb. 19c

LUNCH
MEATS Lb. 25c

SUGAR CURED SQUARES
BACON Lb. 12½c

WISCONSIN
CHEESE Lb. 25c

OLEO BLUE & WHITE Lb. 15c

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BOYS' POLO SHIRT
49c

Long sleeves and slide fastener front closing. A big value!

Girls' and Boys' ANKLETS

Regular 15c Value **13c**

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GIRLS' WASH DRESSES

Smart for school and fine for play! Fast color 80-square prints in sizes 4 to 14. Dainty, yet practical styles.

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An inexpensive, bias cut slip for growing girls, sizes 10 to 16. Dainty lace trim.

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Special Propyl-lac-tic tooth powder (reg. 10c size) and a FREE tooth brush! **10c**

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Young fellows in school (and girls too) should learn to keep hair neat and shining. **10c**

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FORMER MERKEL BASKETBALL COACH WEDS.

Miss Betty Johnson of Stamford and Will H. Grimes of Avoca were married Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock at the Baptist Church in Avoca.

Mrs. Grimes is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Johnson of Stamford. Mr. Grimes is the son of Rev. and Mrs. J. V. Grimes of Avoca.

Mrs. J. C. Williams, assisted by Mesdames Eck Gillespie, Roy Hines, Henry Gaines, W. I. Knowles and Henry Hanson, honored Mr. and Mrs. Grimes with a wedding shower Friday evening at the home of Mrs. Williams.

Mrs. Henry Gaines presented the gifts. Fruit punch and cookies were served throughout the evening.

The young couple will make their home at Sierra Blanca, where Mr. Grimes will teach school.

WOMEN'S MISSION STUDY.

The Woman's Missionary society of the Grace Presbyterian church met in the home of Mrs. Connor Robinson Monday afternoon for their study of the national missions problem for the year: "Uprooted Americans."

After the devotional from Matt. 26:6-13, given by Mr. Robinson, the following members gave brief reviews and summaries of these pamphlets: "The Genesis of the Exodus" (Lan-dis), by Mrs. John West; "Youth on the Highways" (Brandon) and "The Family Pulls Up Stakes" (Overton), by Mrs. Connor Robinson; "The Church Serving the Migrants" (Miller), by Mrs. Delma Compton; "Ministering to Shifting Populations" (Dawber), by Mrs. W. M. Elliott.

Refreshments were served to five members: Mesdames John West, W. M. Elliott, Ralph Walker, Delma Compton and Connor Robinson, and one guest, Miss Mamie Ellis.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Monday afternoon little Miss Ruby Nell Henslee was named honoree for a party in celebration of her eleventh birthday. Calling hours were from 3 to 5, during which time a delightful hour of outdoor games was enjoyed.

nett, Eula Doris Fussell, Jennie Smith, Charles, Bobby and Frank Simpson, Tootsie and Maxine London, Wayne Sledge, Betty Sue Harris, Dorothy Nell Walker, Ruby Lee Horton, Leon Sedberry, Lloyd Dickerson, Archie McDonald, Helen Conley, Buddy and Marvin Mashburn, Billy June and Martha Fay Smith, Dixie Henslee, Lu Dean Henslee; Mesdames Ruby Barnett, Bill Sledge, Dickerson and Dollie Henslee.

SEWING CLUB.

Mrs. Herbert Dunn was hostess Wednesday to the Sewing club and entertained the following members and guests: Mesdames L. C. Zehnpennig, Max Swafford, Ray Wilson, Earl Beech, Worth Lee, Geo. T. Moore, Earl Watts, John Grable, Nolan Palmer, Buck Leach, Connor Robinson, N. D. Calloway, David Gamble, L. V. Moore, J. E. Boaz, Jr., Erwin Bailey and Milton Case.

COMRADES CLASS.

The lawn of the Methodist church was the scene Tuesday night of last week for a well planned party for the Comrade class. Hosts for this occasion were Mr. and Mrs. Weldon McAninch and Mrs. Clark Mundy.

After games were played, ice cold watermelon was served to Messrs and Mesdames Raymond Ferguson, Homer Newby, John Grable, Elmo Collins, Vernon Hudson, Pinky Cyfert, Mrs. Herbert Dunn and the hosts.

CLASS PARTY.

Members of the Banner class of the Methodist church were entertained Friday evening with an auto party at the home of Mrs. Jack Kemper, with Benny and Alice Kemper as host and hostess.

After many enjoyable games, delicious doughnuts and lemonade were served to Frances Harwell, Joy Brookres, Patsy Cox, Lata Mae Clark, Charles Harwell, Frank Simpson, Ben Speck, Mrs. Jack Kemper, Jean, Alice, Benny and Orval Kemper and Mrs. Herbert Dunn, the class teacher.

FRIENDSHIP CLASS.

On Wednesday evening of last week the Friendship class of the Methodist church enjoyed a weiner roast. Meeting at the church at 6 o'clock, they went to the Gaither pasture where games were played and weiners roasted around a campfire.

Dorma Lee Shelton, sponsor of class, and Mrs. Forrest Gaither were grown-ups present. Others enjoying the weiner roast were Becky Gaither, Mary Ruth Hutcheson, Ethel Joyce Hampton, Dorothy Nell Lee, Marjorie Dunn, Beth Ann Myers, Mary Kathryn Hampton, Nedra Swafford, Gwendolyn Vaughn and Mary Fay Johnson.

BIRTHDAY DINNER.

Mrs. Jarrett Pinckley, Jr., gave a dinner Wednesday at noon in honor of her husband's birthday. Her mother, Mrs. J. J. Jowers, assisted Mrs. Pinckley in serving a sumptuous dinner. The table was centered by a beautiful white cake, topped

with candles. After dinner kodak pictures were taken of the group.

The following relatives were present: Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Pinckley, Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Collins, Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. Nim Teaff and daughter, Gloria, Mrs. J. J. Jowers, Misses Fay, Marie, Sue and Ruth Pinckley, the honoree and the hostess.

W. M. U. CIRCLES.

The Elkin Lockett Circle of the First Baptist church met Monday afternoon with Mrs. Oda Clark. Mrs. J. M. Williamson was in charge of the program; Mrs. J. M. Meeks led in prayer and Mrs. J. L. Winter taught an interesting lesson to Mesdames F. A. Polley, A. H. Zollinger, O. B. Tatum, E. C. Douglas, J. M. Meeks, Oda Clark, L. D. Chapman, W. F. Patterson, Lum Gilbreath, T. E. Collins, J. M. Williamson, and three visitors, Mesdames Huddleston and Spurgin and Miss Mae Clark.

Next meeting of the Circle will be with Mrs. W. F. Patterson.

The Blanche Rose Walker Circle met Monday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Cooper Waters. Mrs. R. O. Collins led the opening prayer and Mrs. J. O. Castles brought an interesting Bible lesson. Mrs. H. T. Merritt dismissed the meeting with prayer.

Those present were Mesdames J. O. Castles, Cooper Waters, J. S. Swann, R. O. Collins, W. L. Johnson and one visitor, Mrs. H. T. Merritt, from Fort Worth.

Death Claims Former Merkel School Teacher

Mrs. F. A. Cox, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Smith of Merkel, died at her home in Gladewater late Thursday afternoon, Aug. 22.

Funeral services were held Saturday morning at the graveside in Midway cemetery, where her parents are buried. Rev. J. H. Hamblen, pastor of the First Methodist church, Abilene, officiated.

The former Annie Laurie Smith, she taught school for a number of years here and later at Wichita Falls.

She is survived by her husband, two brothers, Frank Smith of Abilene and George Smith of Junction, and a sister, Mrs. Josephine Underwood of Plainview.

Among those going from Mer for the funeral were Mesdames Pick Allen, Clint Allen, J. M. Dry, June Brewer, Tom Largent, H. F. Groene, Hob Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. D. I. Shelton, Misses Jess Sutphen, Mosey Sears, Mary Eula Sears and Mamie Ellis.

Homemakers' Class Of Divide Completes Summer Project Work

Marking the completion of summer project work, girls of the home-making department of the Divide consolidated school district held "achievement day" on Monday, when 18 different homes were visited. The bedroom of Winona Elliott was chosen as the best project.

Girls who visited the different homes on an inspection tour were: Betty Jennings, Nell Alexander, Thelma Roan, Betty Jean Cleek, Lorene Clayton, Bertha Nell Daniels, Billie Elliott, Winona Elliott, Dorma Jean Buchanan, Jean Pool, Imogene Cooper and Wanda Lee McKenzie, a visitor from Dallas.

Teacher of the homemakers' class is Miss Olga Ann Elliott. Mrs. Doris McKee assisted in furnishing transportation for the girls on their tour.

G. L. Bakers Enjoy 58th Wedding Anniversary

The 58th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Baker last Friday was the occasion for a noon meal get-together of the family. All children were present: Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Baker, Sr., Mrs. Jewel McLaughlin of McAdoo, Mrs. R. F. Mashburn and Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Baker.

Several of the grandchildren and some of the great-grandchildren were present also: Mr. and Mrs. Claude McLaughlin, Patsy and Ralph, McAdoo, Mrs. O. B. Leach, Mrs. Fred Baker, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Earl Beech and Patsy and Elaine Jones.

Meets at Butman.

A meeting of the members of the Coleman Production Credit corporation will be held at Butman on Saturday, Sept. 7.

Record of Births

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. N. O. Bright, of Trent, Tuesday, August 27, 1940. Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hassey, Tuesday, August 27, 1940.

RURAL SOCIETY

RUSHING-JONES.

The marriage of Annie Fern Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Jones of Stith, and Clyde Rushing, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Rushing of Hawley, took place Saturday evening at the home of Rev. W. L. Daniel of Anson, with Rev. Mr. Daniel reading the service.

The bride wore a soldier blue dress with black accessories. The bride's only sister, Alva Grace Jones, served as her attendant. Olin Potts of Anson was best man.

Those present for the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. Buster Early, Herbert Haskins, Bill Gause and Gerlene Rushing.

Mr. and Mrs. Rushing are making their home at Hawley.

BRIDAL SHOWERS.

Mrs. L. R. Cade and Mrs. Albert Cade were hostesses on Tuesday, Aug. 20, complimenting Mrs. Clinton C. Woodlock, of Abilene, the former Mozelle Sosebee, with a prettily planned bridal shower.

Mrs. Albert Cade very cleverly gave "A Toast to the Bride," which was followed by readings by Shirley Cecil Hawk. Others on the program were Mrs. Wayne Satterwhite, whose contribution was "The Blushing Bride," Miss Evelyn Horne, "Conclusion," and Miss Leona Sosebee, "Men."

Gifts were presented by the little Criswell twins, Laura and Linda, dressed as bride and groom pulling a wagon decorated with crepe paper and "just married" signs.

At the refreshment hour, a dainty menu of chicken salad, potato chips, crackers, olives, cake and iced tea was served the honoree, Mrs. Woodlock, and the following: Mesdames O. W. Sosebee, W. J. Bicknell, O. L. Justice, Elmer Criswell, J. M. Cook, J. M. Sloan, Odelle Vick, A. J. Barbee, Henry Martin, Wayne Satterwhite, Jim Spurgin, Mother Moore, Norman Sloan, Hollis Irvin, Weldon Causey, Hiram Satterwhite, W. Roundtree, Ernest Dixon, Inez Chadwick, E. M. Tarpley, E. V. Satterwhite, Troy Sloan, L. R. Cade, Albert Cade, all of Noodle; Stanley B. King, Merkel; Effie Carman, Marvin Sosebee, Otto Sosebee, Frank Stegner, Cecil Hawk, all of Anson; Margie Lilius, Gene Sosebee, Clifford Rhoden, Abilene; Arlie Brothers, Paducah; Misses Leta Faye and Dorothy Barbee, Geraldine Sloan, Noodle; Leona Sosebee and Shirley Cecile Hawk, Anson; Evelyn Horne, Sweetwater.

Those who sent gifts were Mesdames L. M. Howard, A. C. Sosebee, J. D. Sosebee, Odell Eoff, Charlie Morgan, Claud Smith, Louie Her-ring, V. R. Justice; Misses Billie Jean, Joyce and Jo Ann Sosebee, Fannie Boaz, Noodle; Mesdames Joe C. Ward, Oma Sprabery, Dan L. Littlefield, Rex Reddell, Misses Irene Williamson, Lucille Gentry, Elva Mae Hendrick, Opal Moore, Anson; Mrs. Waymon Adcock, Merkel; Mrs. Ferman Scroggins, Merkel; Mrs. Oscar McGinnis, Paducah; Mrs. J. W. Pool, Mrs. Truit Trice, Abilene; Mrs. Hugh Kelly, Eunice, N. M.; Mrs. Monta Moore, Woodsboro; Miss Francis Lilius, Yellowstone National Park.

The home of Mrs. O. W. Sosebee was the scene recently of a lovely bridal shower honoring Mrs. Hugh Kelly, of Eunice, N. M., the former Lucille Justice, with Mildred Sosebee and Leta Faye Barbee co-hostesses.

A "rice and old shoes" theme was carried out in colors of red, white and blue, and the program appropriately included "A Note from the Groom's Mother," by Dorothy Barbee, and "A Mistake," by Billie Jean Sosebee, with song numbers, "My Dear," and "Sail Along, Silvery Moon," by Billie Jean Sosebee and Dorothy Barbee.

Punch and cake were served to the honoree, Mrs. Kelly, and the following: Mrs. Clifford Rhoden, Abilene; Mrs. Cecil Hawk and Miss Leona Sosebee, Anson; Mrs. Ray Spurgin, Dallas; Mesdames Odelle Vick, J. M. Sloan, O. W. Johnson, O. L. Justice, L. R. Cade, A. J. Barbee, Henry Martin, O. W. Sosebee, Wayne Satterwhite, Joe B. Sosebee, Inez Chadwick, Waymon Adcock, Norman Sloan, Cecil Justice, Claud Jenkins, E. V. Satterwhite, Odell Eoff, W. J. Bicknell, Ernest Spurgin, Jim Boaz, V. R. Justice and Albert Cade; Misses Geraldine Sloan, Leta Faye and Dorothy Barbee, Billie Jean, Joyce and Jo Ann Sosebee, Fannie Boaz and Clara Deutschman.

ENJOYABLE SOCIAL.

Misses Mary Derington and Fannie Lou Jackson were hostesses to a most enjoyable social held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Camp-

In The Churches

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

There were 573 present at the six reporting Sunday Schools here last Sunday, as compared with 544 the previous week. On the same Sunday a year ago the attendance was 589.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Morning sermon at 11. Training Union 7:00. Evening sermon at 8:00.

Teachers' and officers' meeting and prayer meeting 8:00 Wednesday evening.

Cooper Waters, Pastor.

BAPTIST W. M. U.

The W. M. U. of the First Baptist church will meet Monday, Sept. 2, at 4 o'clock in the church for a business meeting. It is time for election of officers and all members are urged to be present.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Offering for Reynolds home. Every one is urged to be present and keep up regular Sunday School attendance, even though there is no other service at this church.

W. M. Elliott,

METHODIST CHURCH.

Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. Morning sermon at 11 a. m. Young people's meeting at 7:30 p. m. Evening worship at 8:00. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8.

John H. Crow, Pastor.

NAZARENE CHURCH.

Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 8:15 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8:15 o'clock.

Everyone is cordially invited to these services.

R. T. Smith, Pastor.

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.

W. L. Massey, Supt.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Sunday services: Bible classes 9:45, preaching at 10:45, young people's meeting at 7:00. Preaching at 8:00 p. m.

Wednesday evening Bible study at 8:00 o'clock.

You are invited to attend.

E. W. Key, Minister.

Canon Appreciative Of Past Assistance

Voters of Precinct 2: I am grateful for the vote you gave me Saturday and extend my sincere thanks to my friends over the precinct for the assistance you have given me in the past. No one can and does appreciate his friends more than I.

Sincerely,

A. J. Canon.

Russell Thanks Voters For Loyal Support

Dear Friends of Precinct 5: For the loyal way you supported me in the election last Saturday, I am deeply grateful and I shall do my best to conduct myself and my duties in a way that will merit the confidence you placed in me.

Respectfully,

C. K. Russell.

Smoking Banned.

Waco, Aug. 29.—Beginning Sept. 1, smoking on the part of pupils or any attaché of the Waco city school system on school premises is prohibited, by order of the school board. The board renewed its ban against hazing by students, members of any school band or any other unit of the schools.

Vacation Bible School Commencement Friday

At an interesting program Friday evening at 8 o'clock at the First Baptist church about a hundred boys and girls will receive diplomas for their work done during the past two weeks at the school. The hand work will be on exhibit at that time for the parents and friends to view. A look at the hand work will give an idea of what has been accomplished.

During the program a short part will be carried out by each department from the beginner age through the intermediate age. Also a demonstration of the opening period that is gone over each morning will be given. In this period scriptures are quoted in unison and hymns are sung from memory. The salute and pledge of allegiance is given to the American flag, the Christian flag, and the Bible.

The public is invited to attend this program. Inasmuch as boys and girls from all churches in town are enrolled, members of other churches are especially invited and will be extended a cordial welcome.

Named Brenda Carlynn.

Brenda Carlynn is the name of the little daughter born to Mrs. Carl Mathews at 11 o'clock Tuesday night at the Hendrick Memorial hospital, Abilene. She weighed seven pounds. Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Mathews of Merkel are the paternal grandparents.

Just say you saw it in The Mail.

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Cabbage Lb. 2 1/2c
Lettuce ... Head 5c
Colorado No. 1 White Spuds .. 10 lbs. 19c
Bananas 2 doz. 25c
Green or Yellow Beans, Fresh Corn, Cucumbers and Bell Peppers

- 14-OZ. PKG. Vanilla Wafers 10c
Kimball's Best, Guaranteed Flour .. 48 lbs. \$1.35
Pure Cane—Kraft Bags Sugar 10 lbs. 46c
Pure Lard 4 lb. 31c
Corn .. No. 1 can 5c
Post Toasties .. 10c

- Mrs. Dalton's Plain or Mixed S. Dressing Qt. 25c
Milk 7 cans 25c
Choice Pinto Beans lb 4 1/2c
Sugar Cured Sliced Bacon Lb 17c
No. 1 Grade Salt Pork .. Lb. 10c
Oleo Lb. 10c
Seven Steak Lb. 20c
Chuck Roast Lb. 19c

- Sliced Bologna Lb. 10c
Skinless Weiners ... Lb. 15c
-- Hot Bar-B-Q --

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