

Keeping Up With Texas

Tarrant county's 1940 traffic toll climbed Sunday to 52 with the death of Mrs. Ada Hills, 50. Mrs. Hills died in a hospital of skull and left arm fractures received Oct. 6 when she was struck by a car on a Fort Worth street.

With \$748,808 in building permits, Waco took the lead of Texas cities last week. Included was \$625,000 for a federal housing project. Houston remained in second place, while Lubbock took third.

Richard Gilmore, 31, was fatally injured and W. D. Bozek suffered serious head injuries Sunday in the collision of Bozek's automobile and one driven by a negro who did not stop. The Bozek car overturned three times near Bardwell. The two men were farmers in the Bardwell area near Ennis.

Earl D. Hopson, 26, of Murchison, was killed and four other persons injured, none seriously, in an automobile collision near Corsicana Sunday. Highway patrolmen said Hopson was thrown from his car.

Joe Burger, 69, postmaster at Wharton for fourteen years, died of a heart attack on a Wharton street Friday.

Mrs. S. G. Forney of Borger was killed early Monday afternoon when a car she was driving collided with a Santa Fe local freight train inside the camp yards of the Gulf Production company.

Mrs. Eunice Ransom, 30, of Wharton, was killed at noon Monday when the automobile in which she was riding collided head-on with another car on the Glenflora road.

Melvin Updike, 32, former army sergeant, pleaded guilty at San Antonio Monday to the murder of his wife Mar. 12 and was sentenced to 25 years in the penitentiary.

Herbert August Willman, 32, and his wife, Evelyn, 27, both of Converse, were fatally injured shortly after midnight Sunday when, as spectators of a previous accident on the Austin highway, they were struck by a passing car.

Charles Bell McDonald, Childress cattle buyer and trucker, died in a hospital at Childress Sunday night of injuries received a few hours earlier on highway 83, 12 miles north of Childress, when his car sideswiped an approaching automobile occupied by five negro cotton pickers from Lubbock and then plunged over an embankment. None of the negroes was hurt.

Mrs. Maggie Landers, 54, driving a light truck alone, was instantly killed at a railway crossing near her home at Wilins Switch, four miles west of Gladewater, when struck by a T. & P. passenger train Monday afternoon.

Already past 135 deathless days, which gave it a national safety record, the city of Dallas set its sights Tuesday on a goal of 200 days without a traffic death.

The war department at Washington Tuesday informed aides of Congressman Mansfield that it was leasing 1,254 acres 12 miles west of Fort Crockett, Galveston, as a replacement center for 7,600 troops.

Joe Sneed, 64, prominent cattleman and chairman of the directorate for Texas Tech at Lubbock, died suddenly Tuesday morning at his home at Amarillo. He had been ill but a few hours.

Mrs. Nannie L. Whitehurst, 81, was found dead in bed Wednesday morning at the home of her son in the Tuxedo community near Stamford.

Knights of Pythias from 17 lodges of West Texas gathered Tuesday night at Abilene to honor John Lee Smith, Throckmorton, recently elected grand vice chancellor of the grand lodge of the United States.

Fire which destroyed a two-story rooming house at Waco resulted in the death of two persons, Mrs. Catherine O'Reilly, 58, and J. B. Farrell, 74. Two others were severely injured.

Ginnings Again Exceed 1,250 Bales for Week

Ginnings for the week ending Wednesday night, as reported from the six plants in Merkel and those at Noodle, Stith and Blair were 1,251 bales, second week in succession when the tabulation by The Mail had exceeded 1,250.

The season's total at these same plants is 6,735 bales, practically equalling the 1939 final 6,800-bale total.

The crop in the area is variously estimated at from 60 to 70 per cent complete, indicating that the yield will probably exceed 10,000 bales, although not reaching as high a figure as was anticipated in mid-August.

BADGERS SUFFER FIRST DEFEAT OF '40 SEASON

Colorado City Wolves Have What It Takes, But Alert Badger Defense Strongly Evidenced at Every Turn.

Before one of the largest crowds ever to attend a football game at Merkel, the Badgers suffered their first defeat of the 1940 season last Friday night at the hands of Colorado's rampaging Wolves.

Although Colorado played the better brand of ball, an alert Merkel defense kept the home team in the ball game until the last 30 seconds of play.

Colorado scored first after recovering a fumble in mid-field. Short passes from Grubbs to Wade mixed with short gains through the line gave Colorado a first down on the Merkel 12. From this point Grubbs again passed to Webb for a touchdown. The half ended with the score 7-0 in favor of Colorado.

Merkel came back strong the last half and several times drove deep into enemy territory, but because of bad breaks was unable to score. One drive carried to the Colorado 6 yard line, but a penalty ruined all chances of scoring. Minutes later the Badgers were in possession of the ball on the Wolves' 10 yard line, but a fumble stopped the attempt.

Colorado's last counter came in the fading minutes of the last quarter after a pass interception had given them the ball near mid-field. A long gallop by Grubbs gave them a first on the Merkel 5 and two plays later the same Grubbs went off right tackle for the score.

Outstanding punting by Melton kept Colorado on their end of the field through much of the game. "Buster" kicked 8 times for an average of 40 yards even.

Merkel completed 5 of 9 passes (Continued on Page Two)

Youngs Entertain Lions at Luncheon

A special guest at Tuesday's luncheon of the Lions club was Sam Swann, who as presiding judge of the Merkel voting box served as precinct registrar on R-Day and who was secretary of the first Lions club in Merkel.

Entertaining program numbers were brought by Richard Young with his trumpet, accompanied by his wife at the piano. He gave "Sugar Blues" and "The Shiek of Araby." The entertainers were presented by Nathan Wood, chairman of the program committee.

Reports on Boy Scout activities and the cemetery clean-up were heard and Supt. Connor Robinson of the Merkel Public schools took occasion to thank members of the club and the public at large for their very loyal and generous support of the football team this year.

Opening singsong was led by Nathan Wood, with Gay West at the piano. Invocation was given by W. M. Elliott.

Animals from Noodle Hereford Ranch Rank Near Top in Auction

In the West Texas Hereford sale at Abilene Monday, Shilah 2nd, reserve champion of the West Texas Fair, consigned by the Noodle Hereford ranch, was bought by W. J. Largent and Son for \$525, second top heifer in the auction.

Only bull sold at the auction, Noodle Prince Domino 16th, reserve champion of the Fair, was consigned by W. S. J. Brown, owner of the Noodle Hereford ranch, and purchased by Grissom Bros. and Smallwood, Abilene, for \$400.

Thirty-eight Herefords sold for an average of \$212 in the association sale.

Buys Elliott's Herd.

Bonham, Oct. 17.—J. D. Johnson of Fort Worth has bought the herd of registered Hereford cattle formerly owned by Elliott Roosevelt. The cattle are now in Erwin Smith's pasture north of Bonham.

MEET ROTAN IN NEXT CONFERENCE BATTLE FRIDAY

The Merkel Badgers, who have so far tied one and lost one conference game, will meet the Rotan Yellowhammers Friday night of this week at Rotan. Last week Rotan blanked the Roscoe Plowboys, who held Merkel to a tie, but it is reported the Yellowhammers go into Friday night's game with two regulars missing because of broken arms.

The Badger band and Pep Squad, also a lot of rooters will accompany the squad to Rotan. Probable starting line-up is:

Cox and Hickam, ends; Davis and Reynolds, tackles; Gibson and Rutledge, guards; McCoy, center; Melton, quarter; Smith and Bryant, halves; Warren, full.

Dr. Sadler Appointed As Member of Bank Board of Directors

At the regular monthly meeting of the board of directors of the Farmers & Merchants National bank of Merkel, held Tuesday night, Dr. W. T. Sadler was appointed as director to fill the vacancy on the board caused by the death of J. T. Warren, but it was decided to defer the election of a president as successor to Mr. Warren until after the annual stockholders' meeting in January.

"An improved financial condition of the community is reflected in the steadily mounting deposits of the bank, which have now reached a total of over \$650,000.00," it was stated by Booth Warren, cashier of the bank, following the directors' meeting. Continuing he said:

"Another indication of the healthy condition of the community is the fact that so many people of the community are either raising cattle or have live stock on feed for the market. The bank is helping and co-operating with the people in this comparatively new enterprise, which has proven very profitable.

"A further indication of the improved financial condition is the rapidity with which crop production loans are being liquidated. A large portion of these loans has already been paid, while the cotton crop is possibly not more than 60 or 70 per cent picked, and but very few of the government benefit checks have been received."

The bank qualified early as a lending agency for government loan cotton and now has more than \$200,000 in the commodity paper.

Champ Steer Owned By Merkel Breeders; Brings \$1.25 Pound

Champion steer of the National Hereford show at the 1940 State Fair of Texas, a Hereford bred, fed and shown by W. J. Largent and Son, sold Saturday in the auction ring for \$1.25 a pound to the Baker hotel.

The Largents also put an extra bull calf, in the ring, Publican Domino 78th, that sold for \$2,500.

In the female classes of the show, W. J. Largent and Son were the only Texas Hereford breeders able to win a first place. This entry, Bluebonnet Domino 41st, placed first in the big class of the day—that for heifers calved between Sept. 1, 1939, and Dec. 31, 1939, including 48 choice animals.

Fireboys to Sponsor Party Tuesday Night

The general public is invited to a party sponsored by the Merkel Volunteer Fire department at the Lions hall next Tuesday night, Oct. 22, beginning at 7:30.

There will be no charge, but games of "bingo" and other diversion will be provided for those who wish to take part.

Parker Sharp is general chairman, with all members of the department assisting in arrangements, the special objective being to raise money for the treasury.

HSU PROFESSOR CHIEF SPEAKER FOR MERKEL PTA

"Parental Responsibilities" Discussed; Rhythm Band in Costume of Maroon and White Featured.

Featuring the playing of the Rhythm band and an address by Dr. R. A. Collins, professor of education in Hardin-Simmons university, the Merkel Parent-Teacher association met in the Grammar School auditorium Tuesday night, Oct. 15, with the vice-president, Mrs. Grover Gilbert, presiding.

Dressed in costumes of maroon and white, forty members of the Rhythm band, under the direction of Miss Vinnie Heizer and accompanied by Miss Mildred Holt, gave a twenty-minute program of music. This band is composed of third grade children and features the playing of triangles, bells, tambourines, sticks, castanets, a drum and xylophone in rhythm time.

Mrs. Clesby Patterson, program leader for the evening, presented Mrs. Ray Wilson, program chairman, who paid word tribute to the founders of the Texas Congress of Parents and Teachers organized Oct. 19, 1909.

Dr. Collins spoke briefly but most effectively on "Parental Responsibilities—What I Owe As a Parent to the School," stressing that every parent should give the school a healthy child a child trained morally in the rules of living, a child trained intellectually as well as he can be, and a child with some definite religious training. "A parent's reward for such child training will be (1) the respect of his child, (2) an obedient child, (3) a well-thought-of child, (4) an adaptable child, and (5) a successful child," said Dr. Collins.

During the business session, which preceded the program, the association voted to send Mrs. H. C. Reid, treasurer. (Continued on Page Two)

Study Group to Meet Wednesday, Oct. 23

Members of the Merkel Parent-Teacher association are invited to meet for study at the home of the Study Group chairman, Mrs. C. B. Gardner, on Oak street, Wednesday morning, Oct. 23, at 9:30.

This meeting is separate from the regular association and is held monthly for more definite study than can be had at P.-T. A. program meetings. The subject for the year's study is "This World of Ours," based on the question, "I Want to Know." At the September meeting the relation of the school to the democracy was discussed. Any one interested in child welfare is earnestly urged to attend the one hour session. Certificates are awarded at the district convention in the spring, to those who have completed the required attendance.

The group meets the Wednesday morning following the regular association program, at Mrs. Gardner's home.

Truck Brings Mail From Fort Worth

With the discontinuance of the two day trains on the Texas & Pacific railway after Sunday, mail service has been furnished Merkel by a truck arriving from Fort Worth at 2:30 each afternoon and by the two fast trains, which now stop here at 9:59 a. m. and 6:41 p. m.

Mail from Merkel is also dispatched on these two trains and for Fort Worth and beyond also on a truck leaving here at 2 p. m.

Cemetery Clean-Up Fund Still Short

With a goal of \$75.00, estimated cost of cleaning up Rose Hill cemetery, Mrs. Elma McFarland, chairman of the committee from the Fort-nightly Study club, sponsors of the project, stated Thursday morning that subscriptions to date amounted to \$66.75.

Any one wishing to assist in this worthy purpose is asked to leave their donation with Mrs. McFarland or at the office of the Merkel Mail.

R-DAY PRESENTS A POSSIBLE 393 FOR DRAFT LIST

On National R-Day, 393 cards were registered in the Merkel voting precinct, presided over by Sam Swann, with the assistance of the following sixteen volunteer workers: Mesdames Lucille White, V. B. Sublett, V. L. Merritt, Chester Hutcheson, A. R. Booth, Sam Swann, W. T. Sadler, Lem Dudley; Misses Pauline Johnson and Nadine Clack; Messrs. F. M. Simpson, Stanley King, Joe Nalley, Herbert Patterson, John West and V. B. Simpson.

With six small boxes not reporting, Taylor county's total as tabulated Wednesday night was 5,166, with final count estimated at 5,300.

Taylor county registrants' cards will be shuffled and numbered, and the numbers sent to Washington, D. C., preliminary to the national lottery to determine the order in which registrants will be called.

Abilenian Talks; Birthday of Texas' Congress Observed

Trent, Oct. 17.—Mrs. Robert T. Bridge of Abilene spoke on "Well Founded Attitudes" and Mrs. Karl Bonneaux gave a talk on "Texas Congress' Birthday" at the meeting Tuesday evening of the Trent Parent-Teacher association, held in the school gymnasium. Mrs. Joe Nalley was leader for the program, which opened with two songs, "Texas, Our Texas" and "The Eyes of Texas," led by Mrs. Homer Patterson of Merkel, accompanied by Miss Christine Collins. Laddie Fred Crane gave a piano solo. Mrs. Patterson sang "Have You Ever Been to Texas in the Spring?" The devotional was led by Rev. Fred Porter, pastor of the Baptist church.

During the business session, year books were distributed and reports of committee chairmen given. Mesdames C. W. Edwards, Bud Winter and Alex Williamson had attended the Taylor County council meeting the previous week, an interesting report of the meeting being given by Mrs. Williamson. Mrs. Winter, the president, read a letter from the district president, Mrs. L. G. Byerley, who had visited in the Winter home last week. Plans were discussed for the Halloween carnival, which the Trent unit is sponsoring.

It was announced that the study group would meet Oct. 23 with Mrs. Alex Williamson.

Room mothers and membership committees are soliciting members for the organization. A prize is to be given to the room which secures the greatest number of members.

MERKEL 30 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, Oct. 14, 1910.)

POPE RISTER AT ABILENE.

S. P. Rister is at Abilene with the firm of J. W. Bogar & Company and writes that they are "even making some special prices" during their big sale and he invites the calls of his Merkel and Merkel country friends.

Henry West was chopping wood on Sunday and a piece flew up in his face doing much damage. He says he is going to let his wife cut the wood from now on. That's right and we bet Henry votes for good roads and more stove wood already cut up.

CIVIC WORK.

The committee appointed to award the prizes in the civic department have finished a most excellent report of the general condition of Merkel. Notwithstanding the long dry summer the galleries are covered with beautiful vines, all artistically arranged. Not only have the efforts of our citizens added to the beauty of Merkel but its health has been vastly improved. There has been less slow fever than ever before and we

GOLDEN WEDDING DATE OBSERVED IN SPEARS HOME

Nearly a Hundred Friends and Neighbors Gather to Honor Respected Couple; All Their Nine Children Present.

Last Sunday was a doubly eventful day in the household of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Spears, for not only were they celebrating their golden anniversary but the occasion marked the first time that all of their nine children were together since the World War.

At that time the family gathered to celebrate the return of the second son, W. E., from France. Variance in the ages of the youngest and the oldest of the children, Mr. Spears explained, had prevented them from all living at home at once, as H. H. of Albuquerque, N. M., the eldest is 49 and Mrs. S. E. Curb, Merkel, the youngest is 24.

Sunday was open house at the Spears home, with ninety-eight names signed on the register presided over by Mrs. Ira Patterson, a granddaughter, of Lubbock. At the noon hour a sumptuous repast was served from a long table in the yard, the families having all brought covered dishes for the dinner. Invocation was offered by D. W. Ashby.

A beautiful wedding anniversary cake had been baked by the oldest daughter, Mrs. Stanley, appropriately decorated and inscribed to "Father and Mother."

In the afternoon an informal program found Mrs. Burl Wheeler of Abilene extending welcome to the guests and presiding for the presentation of gifts, to which Mr. Spears feelingly responded. Special numbers were a trio, "This Life is Hard to Understand," by a son, H. E. Spears of Comanche and two grandchildren, Donald and Verna Mae Spears. Later a quartet, all of them sons, sang "Memories of Childhood," written by one of the sons and dedicated to their (Continued on Page Two)

Those Wishing to Join Home Guard Should See Stanley King

Pending authorization for the formation of a unit of home defense guards here, Stanley King, in charge of recruiting for the local unit, reports that at least 45 men have already signified their intention to join and he would be glad to receive other applications, as each company will comprise 74 men.

Any United States citizen, ages 18 to 64, is eligible for enlistment in the defense unit for a period of three years. They will be under training an hour and a half each week, but will serve without pay and without uniform.

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feel sure it's due to the cleanliness of the town. So much for Civic Improvement! Let us keep the good work going. Prizes awarded as follows:

- Best kept premises—Mr. John Tucker.
- Most artistic windmill and tank—Mrs. W. T. Berry.
- Most artistically arranged vines on veranda—Edith Mackey.
- Cleanest alley—Ed Scott.
- Best kept shade trees—Q. Rust.
- Prettiest rose bed or border—Mrs. J. W. Jennings.
- Prettiest vine covered fence—Mrs. W. A. Scott.
- Best kept and prettiest grass plot—Jackie Jennings.

The Twentieth Century club met with Mrs. W. H. Dickson on last Saturday. It was a very interesting meeting and several new names were enrolled. The object of the afternoon was "A Midsummer Night's Dream," with Mrs. Davenport Gaither, leader. This is the oldest club in Merkel and has ever been known for its high order of literary work.

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Announce Wedding of Merkel Couple in June

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Blackaby are announcing the marriage of their daughter, Pauline, to Louis S. Butman, which took place on the afternoon of June 16. The ceremony was performed by James F. Cox, former president of Abilene Christian college.

The bride was attractive in a sheer alpaca rose dress with accessories of light navy.

Mrs. Butman is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Blackaby, who reside north of Merkel. Coming here from Harrodsburg, Ky., in 1935, the bride graduated from Merkel High school in 1938.

The groom, who is a son of Sam Butman, Sr., pioneer rancher, is employed by the Dorfman Construction company at Yuma, a hot desert town of Arizona, where the couple are making their home.

Ralph Cook Given Lead in HSU Play

Abilene, Oct. 17.—Following try-outs for "Stage Door," major fall production at Hardin-Simmons university, Ralph Cook, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Cook of Merkel, was given a leading role.

The sophomore will play the role of Keith Burgess, a radical left-wing playwright in the play, to be given Nov. 18 and 19, under the direction of Katharine Boyd.

Cook is a member of Players club and the Oratorical and Debating council.

To Eliminate Women Working in France

Vichy, France, Oct. 17.—The government adopted a series of decrees Friday declaring the number of women working in private industry must gradually be reduced until entirely eliminated.

Women were entirely eliminated from public employment and a maximum percentage of women who will be allowed to work in private industry was fixed.

Baptist Association Holds 56th Session

The Sweetwater Baptist association, which held its 56th annual session at Tuscola on Thursday and Friday of last week, will meet next year at the First Baptist church, Sweetwater, on Oct. 9 and 10.

Rev. Cooper Waters, Merkel pastor, will preach the association sermon next year.

At the opening meeting of the Tuscola session, Rev. J. M. Sibley, pastor of the First Baptist church of Sweetwater, was named new moderator, succeeding Rev. C. D. Owen of Abilene, who died there last week.

Re-elected as vice-moderator was Rev. T. J. Sparkman, pastor of the Lamar Street Baptist church, Sweetwater; Paul Counts, Abilene, treasurer, and Miss Ina D. Petty, Abilene, clerk.

Climaxing the 56th annual session was a program Friday night at Hardin-Simmons university, initiating a series of events celebrating semi-centennial festivities at HSU. Authority to establish what is now Hardin-Simmons university was given by the Sweetwater Baptist association 50 years ago this month.

One of the speakers on Friday night's program was Rev. Cooper Waters, pastor of the First Baptist church of Merkel. Others attending Friday were Mesdames A. R. Booth, W. L. Johnson, Lum Glibreath, W. A. McCandless, T. E. Collins, J. L. Winter, Cooper Waters, Lucy Ford and E. O. Carson and Anna Lake Waters.

Anson Couple Celebrate Fortieth Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. King of Anson celebrated their fortieth wedding anniversary Sunday, Oct. 13, in the home of their daughter, Mrs. Gordon Green, and Mr. Green here.

Those sharing the occasion with Mr. and Mrs. King were: Mr. and Mrs. Earl Brown and son of Hamlin, Mr. and Mrs. Ramon Elkins and daughter and Mrs. Cloda Hubbard and daughter of Piasterco, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Moore and children of Sweetwater, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Robinson and children of Snyder, Rev. and Mrs. F. O. Garner and children of Tuscola, Mrs. D. N. Garner of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Walling and Mrs. W. E. Green of Coleman, and Mrs. R. O. Bailey and Mrs. Andy Shouse of Merkel.

War Veteran to Register.

Portsmouth, Ohio, Oct. 17.—As a kid of 13, Adum Oppenheimer claimed he was 18 to enlist in the United States Marines for service in World War No. 1. He won't be 36 years old until Nov. 24, and therefore must register under the selective service program.

Just say you saw it in The Mail.

Coed Dances in Flarechute Dress



Military influence is not exclusive with Paris coutouriers this season. Norva Gene Cate, Texas State College for Women senior from Austin, is wearing an evening gown that she made from a flarechute. A Kelly Field cadet, whose nightly work includes letting loose a flarechute, smaller than a parachute and designed to show him whether he's going to miss the city water works or hit the landing field, sent one to Miss Cate. Upon receipt of the aerial souvenir, she made this dress which might well put professional stylists to blush, and unless you're in on the secret, you'd never guess that the modish creation was first turned out at Picatinny Arsenal, September, 1939.

Badgers

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tried for 102 yards or 20 yards a try. "Smitty" Smith was throwing most of those to Byron Bryant.
Roy Coats played bang-up football until he suffered a broken hand. On the line Captain Davis and the two Hickam boys were particularly outstanding.

Merkel will go to Rotan for their second conference game, Friday night, Oct. 18. Game is called at 7:30.

The starting line-ups:
Merkel — Hickam and Cox, ends; Davis and Reynolds, tackles; Gibson and Rutledge, guards; Coats, center; Melton, quarter; Bryant and Warren, halfbacks; Smith, fullback.

Colorado—Wade and Wood, ends; Webber and Caffey, tackles; Feaster and Cooper, guards; Cooper, center; McCorele, Smith, Grubbs, Allen, backs.

Statistics—First downs, Merkel 6, Colorado 12. Yards running, Merkel 136, Colorado 208. Yards passing, Merkel 102, Colorado 216. Passes attempted, Merkel 9, Colorado 16. Passes completed, Merkel 5, Colorado 10. Punts, Merkel 8 for 320, Colorado 2 for 102. Penalties, Merkel, 3 for 30, Colorado, 6 for 60.

Tribute Paid to Late President by Directors

At the regular meeting of the board of directors of the Farmers & Merchants National bank, held Sept. 17, 1940, the following resolution was unanimously passed:

"Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God, in His wisdom, to call from our midst, Mr. John Thomas Warren, who has served continuously as president of this bank since its organization in 1904, and

"Whereas, we have known and did deeply appreciate him for his character, ability and kindly disposition; "Therefore, be it resolved: That the bank has lost its most valuable officer and director, whose never failing attention to business and his abiding loyalty to the institution has been the guiding influence in its development and an important factor in its success, that his time and talent have been freely given with unselfish devotion to duty, that he set the moral and ethical standards high and strived daily to maintain that standard.

"That the community has lost a friend and citizen whose wise counsel, generosity and devotion was such as few communities are privileged to enjoy, whose desire to do well was never exceeded by his desire to do right, whose business dealings were always tempered with kindly and sympathetic understanding of his fellowman.

"The directors and stockholders of this bank have been cognizant of his unusual character and ability throughout his many years of service to the bank and we desire and hereby direct that a page in the minutes of this bank be set apart to his honor and memory and that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon that page."

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urer, and Mrs. Holt Vaughn, historian, as delegates to the state convention meeting in Dallas Nov. 6-8. The treasurer reported a balance of \$49.02 with membership dues to be in by Oct. 25. The membership chairman, Mrs. Clyde Sears, reported a paid membership to date of 165 members, twenty-five cents being the required dues sent to the state office. The association also voted to use \$15 to buy kitchen equipment and utensils for the lunch room which will be opened next week in its newly painted building immediately west of the Grammar school and under WPA government supervision.

The hospitality enairman, Mrs. Owen Robertson, called a meeting for Friday, Oct. 18, at 3:45 p. m. of all room mothers, teachers, officers, committee chairmen and committee members at the Grammar School auditorium to make plans for the annual Halloween Carnival. At this time booths for each grade will be selected and carnival procedure perfected.

An executive meeting preceded the general association meeting.

Golden Wedding

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parents. Mr. Spears himself led community singing, with each of the sons taking turn in leading, and a daughter, Mrs. Cumb, playing the accompaniment. During the program a prayer was led by C. R. Rodgers. In the late afternoon a watermelon feast was enjoyed in the yard.

Mr. Spears, a Tennessee native, is 71, while his wife, 68, was born in Alabama. They were married Oct. 12, 1890, at Bluntsville, Ala. They came to Taylor county Dec. 6, 1894, and settled on the farm where they have since lived.

All of their nine children are living and were present for the golden wedding celebration, also 13 of the 17 grandchildren and the only great-grandchild, Harlan Hodges, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvis Hodges.

The children, in order of their ages, are: H. H. Mrs. Ira Stanley, Merkel; W. E., Wellington; Mrs. Arlie Hodges, Merkel; Mrs. C. E. Patterson, Lubbock; H. E. Spears, Comanche; Myron Spears, Roswell, N. M.; J. P. Spears, Slaton, and Mrs. Curb.

Mr. Hodge went down Saturday for the Oklahoma-University of Texas game with Carroll Benson, Howard Carson, Chester Collinsworth and Charlie Clark. Later he was joined by Mrs. Hodge, who went by Stamford and picked up Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Hodge.

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New Church Member Wife of Pastor

Dallas, Oct. 17.—Dr. Wallace Bassett, pastor of the Cliff Temple Baptist church, second largest in Dallas, put one over on his congregation.

When he asked those desiring to join the church Sunday to step forward, a young woman approached. Dr. Bassett took her by the hand, turned to the congregation and said: "Our newest member, Mrs. Wallace Bassett."

The couple was married at McComb, La., Tuesday. Mrs. Bassett is the former Miss Hassie Mayfield of McComb.

Hospital Fugitive Arrested.
Minneapolis, Minn., Oct. 17.—Howard Merit Pierson, 26, who fled the Austin (Texas) State hospital to which he was committed after slaying his parents, was arrested Friday by a detective who recognized him from a rogue's gallery photo.

Hospital Notes.
Ray Drummond of Rockdale, who was admitted to Sadler Clinic for a fracture last Friday, was dismissed the following day.

Dale Shugart, son of A. L. Shugart, received a tonsillectomy Tuesday.

Cecil Stevens underwent an appendectomy on Wednesday.

Patients received for treatment during the week were Mrs. Annie Scott, Route 2, and Lon Martin, Trent.

Vacation for Linda.
Hollywood, Calif., Oct. 17.—That vacation Linda Darnell's been pining for has arrived. The Dallas miss, winding up her sixth picture in fourteen months, has been given an indefinite rest.

Turner Bros. Cash Grocery & Market

EGG MASH 100-lb. print bag \$1.90

Fresh Vegetables

Lettuce head
Tomatoes Lb.
Carrots Bunch
Turnips & Tops Bch

5c

Green Pepper Lb. 6c
No. 1 Spuds 10 lbs. 19c
YAMS Pk. 25c
Nice Red Apples Pk. 35c
Tokay Grapes Lb. 5c
Bananas Doz. 12c
Oranges Doz. 15c
Lemons Doz. 19c

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24 lbs. 79c
10c Puffed Wheat Free

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Average Ad Valorem Tax on Jones County Oil Well Over \$90

(Fifth and last in a series of five articles on the oil industry prepared by the West-Central Oil & Gas association.)

"Every county in the West-Central Texas district assesses a value on oil production and oil properties, for both county and state ad valorem properties. Every school district in which oil production is located also assesses an ad valorem value on these same properties.

"This assessment is worked out on the basis of so much per barrel being assessed against each well for each barrel of oil produced on an average day during the year. In addition to this per barrel levy, a valuation is also placed on all pipe, pumping equipment and other physical properties used in producing oil. On top of this, the landowners who receive royalty payments also have their royalty interests assessed a value, and the total of the county and state ad valorem tax rates is applied to this total valuation.

"For instance—in Jones county, oil production is assessed on an average valuation of \$250.00 per barrel per year. The average well in Jones county has an average daily production of approximately 13 barrels per day. This gives an ad valorem valuation for state and county tax purposes on the production of the average well of \$3,250.00.

"To this is added a valuation of \$1,250.00 per well for equipment. This makes a total of \$4,500.00 ad valorem valuation for the average well in Jones county. To this total is applied the total of county and state tax rate, which for 1939 was \$1.37. This figures out a total of \$61.65 state and county ad valorem tax for the average producing oil well in Jones county.

"In addition, the average producing well in Jones county pays a total of \$35.00 per year school tax to the school district in which the well is located. This runs the total direct ad valorem tax to over \$90 per year per well. Approximately the same formula is used in setting up ad valorem values, in not only all of the other counties of the West-Central district, but also in practically every other oil producing county in the state.

"We have not yet found an instance where any person, who was contending that the tax on oil production in Texas should be raised, admitted that there was any such thing as the oil producers and the oil production in this state paying any ad valorem tax. The records of every producing county in Texas will show that this is being done.

"Some people, who admit that the 'stripper' wells can not pay any further taxes, contend that there should be a sliding scale on the gross production tax on oil production. In other words, they offer the idea that the small wells could pay a small amount per barrel and that, as the production of the wells increases, the tax should be increased.

"This idea is unsound for two very practical reasons. The first is that such an arrangement would not be 'equal and uniform taxation.' The second is that the added expense that would be necessary to keep daily records on the production of every individual well in the state would be so great that any differential in the per barrel tax would be more than absorbed by the added expense of this detail and routine.

"All the people of West-Central Texas, and of the rest of the state, have the fond hope that they, as individuals, will get more direct benefit from oil production. Every person who owns as much as an acre of land dreams that some day, someone will drill an oil well on his property. Every business and professional man in every town in the entire state looks forward to the time when he can enjoy the benefits of increased business

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Chevrolet Builds 16,000,000th Unit



With a million-car model year just behind and a goal of 1,100,000 for the new selling year, Chevrolet announced production of its 16,000,000th unit, built in less than ten working months after No. 15,000,000. Announcement of this latest "milestone car" spotlights attention on Chevrolet's unique record in the automobile industry of having built and sold an average of a million units per year during the past seven years. Shown above (left) is M. E. Coyle, Chevrolet general manager, with W. E. Holler, general sales manager, beside the 16,000,000th car.

brought about by oil development.

"The West-Central Texas territory is now enjoying widespread and marked benefits from petroleum operations. This activity now accounts for the largest single contribution to the economic welfare of the 19 counties of the West-Central district of any one source of revenue.

"In spite of contracted markets and increased costs of operations, the industry will continue to be of proportionate benefit to all of the people of this district, unless a majority of the people are taken in by the demagoguery of uninformed and misinformed agitators."

Two Merkel Students Elected as Aggettes

Stephenville, Oct. 17.—Edith Butman and Mildred McLean, of Merkel, have been elected to membership in the Aggette club at John Tarleton college.

The Aggette club is one of the most unusual clubs at Tarleton in that it includes athletic, social and social service activities. It is sponsored by Miss Laura Fellman, associate professor of physical education for women.

Included in the club's plan for this year are basket ball games, golf tournaments, a banquet, a dance and the donation of baskets to the poor at Christmas.

Just say you saw it in The Mail.

Better Times Foreseen In West Texas Due to Many Advantages Here

Better times for West Texas are foreseen by the West Texas Utilities, which this month is changing its advertising slogan from "Invite a friend to West Texas" to "Invite a new business to West Texas—the Land of Opportunity."

The company, according to R. T. Gray, local manager, anticipates a shifting of industry and business and believes that the Southwest will capture a good-sized portion of the flow from eastern commercial centers.

"We in West Texas have many advantages to offer most types of industry," he declared, "and it is up to all of us to help publicize the fact and secure new concerns which will bring new money to our community as well as consume more of our own agricultural products."

He mentioned West Texas' mild climate, "good, clean air and plenty of space," cheap, ample supply of fuel and power and superior living conditions as being among assets which would prove attractive to business once "we build up the reputation of welcoming private initiative and enterprise."

The tendency toward widespread distribution of industry, he added, gives West Texas an unusual opportunity to secure self-supporting and

community-building business institutions.

The utilities company maintains an industrial department, headed by T. J. McCarty and R. M. Fielder, that devotes full time to work with business concerns either already here or seeking desirable locations. The department has just completed a detailed survey of the region's mineral resources and now has available much valuable information on the location

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of numerous minerals, for which there is a wartime demand, such as magnesium and iron ore.

Information also includes data on the quality of the minerals, the possibilities for processing, cheap fuel and power sources, ample water, labor, housing and transportation facilities.

Local groups were invited to call upon them "if they can be any help."

The slogan, "Invite a new business to West Texas—the Land of Opportunity," will be carried in the com-

pany's institutional advertisements in over 80 newspapers this fall and winter.

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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Clay Beckham of Kelso, Washington, visited Mrs. C. T. Beckham and other relatives here the past week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Roberts and Jonnie spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Frost of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Mays of Fort Worth spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Woods. Mrs. Mays and Mrs. Woods are sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Jones had as their guests over the week-end Mrs. Jones' mother and brother of Lamesa.

Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Owens had as their guests for Sunday dinner Mrs. Owens' parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Melton of Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Melton of Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Melton and family of Blair, a sister, Mrs. Owen Patterson and children of Blair and Mae Melton of Sweetwater.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bowers of Fort Worth spent the week-end here with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bowers. Also here was Billy Jo Bowers of John Tarleton college.

Mildred Swinney spent the week-end with Norma Mae Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Billington recently had as their guests, her brother, Slim Messenger and family. The Messengers were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Hough Sellier, friends of Colorado City. Mrs. Messenger and little daughter remained here for a week or ten days.

Attending the Baptist association at Tuscola last Thursday and Friday were Rev. and Mrs. Fred Porter, Mr. and Mrs. Mathews, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Carey, Alice Carey, Mrs. C. C. Stribbling, Mrs. A. Williamson, Mrs. A. J. English, Mrs. J. B. Winn and Cull Currington, all of Trent.

The Trent Fire department was called out early last Thursday morning to extinguish a fire in the roof of the Helpy-Selfy laundry here. Due to the fact that the fire was extinguished quickly, very little damage was done.

J. B. Winn, Jr., returned Saturday from the State Fair of Texas at Dallas, where he entered his 4-H club calf. His calf took 21st place there.

TRENT BLANKS EULA.

Last Friday afternoon Trent defeated Eula 39-0 in their second conference game of the season.

John Barnes was responsible for three of the touchdowns and also one conversion. Bill Jones scored two touchdowns, taking a long pass in the end zone for one of them. H. Jones made the other touchdown.

First downs made were: Trent 11 and Eula 5.

Trent meets Ovalo here this Friday night, Oct. 18, on their own lighted field.

SENIOR NEWS.

The Senior class of Trent High school met last week and chose red, white and blue as their class colors. The white carnation was chosen as the class flower.

The class motto is "Sailing not Drifting."

Betty Howell was elected as reporter in the place of "Tip" Carter, who resigned.

NEWMAN NEWS

There was a large crowd at Sunday School Sunday.

There will be a singing at the Methodist church Sunday, Oct. 20. Dinner will be served at the church. Every one is invited to come and help us sing.

Miss Vera Boyd was hostess for a bridal shower Saturday night, given for Mr. and Mrs. Carl Underhill of Rotan. Mrs. Underhill was Ruby Helen Creswell until her marriage Sunday, Sept. 29.

Othell W. Reeves of Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Reeves and son, Robert Wayne, of Colorado spent the week-end in the home of Mrs. Fannie Reeves.

Brother and Mrs. A. D. Williams of Sylvester visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lea Dickerson Saturday night.

Alice Boen entertained the primary and intermediate Sunday School classes at her home Sunday. Sandwiches, cake, punch and ice cream were served to: Orval, Richard and Jerry Lee Crockett, Theibert and Arvalee Dickerson, Douglas and Bobbie Gene Boen, Doris Mae Creswell, Duane Watson. Visitors were: Mr. and Mrs. Lea Dickerson, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Dickerson and son, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Reeves and son, Mr. and Mrs. Crockett, Othell Reeves, Mrs. Reeves and Buster, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Watson and the hostess.

School opened again Monday morning after having been closed for the past five weeks for cotton picking.

BLAIR ITEMS

Mrs. A. M. Jackson, who entered the Lubbock hospital for treatment some ten days ago, has returned home and is convalescing nicely.

Mrs. J. W. Mayfield, who has been under treatment of an Abilene physician for several weeks, has returned home and is getting along reasonably well at this writing.

Leonard Moore of Washington, D. C., who is spending the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Z. V. Moore, is employed by the American Airlines, Inc., and made the trip by plane. Jack Moore of Bowie, Texas, and Miss Lucy Moore of Texas Tech at Lubbock were also week-end guests of their parents.

Miss Sophia Howard of Abilene spent the past week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Will Campbell and family. Miss Lou Jane Land and Miss Cox of Merkel were guests the past week-end of Miss Gwendolyn Sandusky.

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Williams and son, Charles, and granddaughter, Shirley Ann Sharp, were Saturday night's guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Doan.

Mrs. Eula Provine of Merkel is the house guest of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Spratlin, for an indefinite time.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Maddox and daughter of Merkel were seen in our midst Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Reynolds and family of Nubia and Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Griffin of Merkel were visitors Sunday afternoon in the Hugh Campbell home. Others also visiting in this home were Mr. and Mrs. John L. Jones and daughter and Mrs. Irl Walker and three children of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Abbott of Abilene were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Addison.

Mr. and Mrs. George Mayberry and Mrs. Elgin Mayberry and children of Tye were dinner guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Z. V. Moore, Sunday.

Mrs. Jim Williams attended the family reunion held Monday in the home of her mother, Mrs. M. E. Peoples, at Lawn. She was accompanied home by Mrs. Peoples for a week's visit.

The actual cash income of cotton growers from their staple crop alone advanced from \$464,300,000 in 1932 to \$815,000,000 in 1939, including AAA payments.

White Church News

Almost every one here is beginning to finish picking cotton; some have already finished.

Raymond Demeere, Dewey Rodgers and Lloyd West each lost a horse the past week from sleeping, sickness and several more in the community are sick.

Several from our community attended the Fair in Abilene last week. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ellison were in Abilene Monday; also Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Riggan and children were shopping in Abilene Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Artist Cook and Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barnes attended the Baptist association in Tuscola last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd West visited relatives at Blackwell over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Brown are at home for a few days, but will return shortly to Rochester where Mr. Brown is at work.

M. H. Farmer, Jr., has returned home after a six months' stay in Wyoming. He says Texas looks mighty good to him.

Mr. and Mrs. P. R. McLean and children, Rosie Alice and Don, visited Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Bob McLean of Nubia.

We had a real good crowd out for League and Sunday School Sunday. Next Sunday will be preaching day, so every one come in time for Sunday School.

Mr. and Mrs. Beryl Brown and daughter, Joan, were in Abilene Saturday and attended the Fair.

J. V. Edington of Abilene visited in the A. D. Barnes home Monday.

Maurice Pressley happened to a very painful accident the past week, when his hand became caught in the the power lift on his tractor, breaking some of his fingers and crushing his hand rather badly. We hope it will soon be well again.

Raymond Demeere had the misfortune of losing his house, on the ranch he has leased near Putnam, and all his feed stuff by fire last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cook and son of Frankston, Texas, are visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Artist Cook this week.

F. E. Healer, J. C. Lockhart, Neoma Healer and Ina Faye Ealem, all from Sweetwater, were visiting with Miss Louise Cook Sunday afternoon. Robert and Carl Cook and wives

and Lloyd Warrington, all of Frankston, Texas, have been visiting with their brother and his family, Mr. and Mrs. Artist Cook and children.

Man Who Assisted Louis Pasteur Dies

Denver, Oct. 17.—Funeral arrangements were made Monday for Dr. Carl Johann Meyer, 88, a former assistant of Louis Pasteur, who came here 52 years ago to spend what physicians had told him would be the last three months of his life. He died Sunday shortly after he had suffered a paralytic stroke.

Dr. Meyer was working with the famous bacteriologist at the Sorbonne in Paris in 1887 when he contracted tuberculosis.

He recovered and practiced medicine until his retirement 10 years ago. His principal work with Pasteur had been in experiments with lockjaw.

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

Home Guard Units OK'd for Texas

Austin, Oct. 17.—Subject to congressional authorization, the adjutant general's department said Monday, permission has been granted to organize sixty home guard units in Texas.

Procedure in organization of the units, it was explained, requires

communities to file applications with the governor. Five endorsements, including that of the mayor, are necessary, while civic and patriotic clubs were suggested as agencies from which endorsements should be obtained. Another suggestion was that the officer personnel consist of men who have had military experience.

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1 I work for the utilities and the other night I had supper over at Jim and Edith's house. It was a swell supper and I told Edith so. "Cooking," she said, "is easy. We have nearly everything electric." "There is a point," I says, excited-like. "And you're using about twice as much electricity today as you did 10 years ago for the same money." "Maybe you mean the bill is twice as high nowadays," Jim chimed in. "It may be just as high, Jim," I said. "Mine is, too. But there's a good reason for it. Look here..."



2 Then I took them around the house, pointing out their refrigerator, electric washer, the percolator, radio, toaster, iron, and all the other electric appliances, not to mention the better-light—better-sight lamps. I said: "Now, honestly, aren't you using a whale of a lot more electricity than you did just a few years ago?" They said that was right.



3 Then I tossed a couple nickels on the table, real dramatic-like, and said: "The average person pays only about a dime a day for electric service! Some pay less, some a little more. And the more you use, the lower the rate!"

4 "Is this a bargain or isn't it?" I asked Edith. "Never thought of it like that," she said. "I certainly do get my money's worth!"



Today, America depends on the Telephone

"One, if by land, and two, if by sea."

Waiting on the outskirts of Charlestown, Massachusetts, Paul Revere fixed his eyes on the moonlit tower of the Old North Church. Suddenly the light of a lantern pierced the darkness... then another. The white road echoed the pound of galloping hoofs as the midnight rider called the sleeping countryside to arms.

One hundred years later, in an attic only a few miles from the starting point of history's most famous ride, Alexander Graham Bell gave the nation a faster, better method of communication — the telephone.

Today America needs no midnight rides like Paul Revere's. For this country now is protected by a vast telephone system owned by more than 600,000 American people, employing nearly 300,000 skilled men and women, and used by Americans from coast to coast.

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FOR SALE—One 1935 model Ford coupe, in good condition; price \$200.00. See Booth Warren, F. & M. Nat'l bank, Merkel, Texas.

FOR SALE—Several fresh milk cows. Pierce Horton.

FOR SALE—2 excellent saddle mares, 1 filly colt, 1 mule colt. See Booth Warren at F. & M. Nat'l bank.

FORTY FARMS for sale—In Lamb, Hockley and Bailey counties, from 65 to 500 acre tracts, \$16 to \$60. A. A. Alexander, Anton, Texas.

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Two-room apartment, newly papered. Mrs. Irl Walker.

FOR RENT—Building, corner Elm and Edwards street; can give possession Jan. 1, 1941; building now occupied by Barrow Furniture company. Write E. G. Neely, 4311 Hall St., Dallas, Texas.

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WANTED—Field pasturage for 100 head of cattle. Sam Butman, Merkel, Texas.

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Before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared C. J. Glover, who having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is the editor of the Merkel Mail, and that the following is, to the best of his knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership, management, etc., of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption, required by the Act of August 24, 1912, as amended by the act of March 3, 1933, embodied in section 537, Postal Laws and Regulations:

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(Signature of Editor)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 12th day of October, 1940.

(Seal) N. D. Cobb.
Notary Public, Taylor County, Texas.

Moving Month for Families Near School

This month has been a busy one for a number of families living near the school.

D. B. Dubose, janitor of the school, bought the Costephens house formerly occupied by Mrs. J. L. Speck. Irl Walker, bus driver, bought the Perry house where Mr. Dubose had lived the past eleven years. Johnnie Warlick, another bus driver, bought the Costephens home occupied by Berr Hendricks. John S. Horn of Pecos bought the Compton house occupied by L. P. Lyle. Each family has moved to the house they bought.

Mrs. Speck moved where Johnnie Warlick lived in the Boney house. Mr. Lyle moved to the Marvin Smith place formerly occupied by Irl Walker. Berr Hendricks moved north of the Nazarene church in the Fields apartment.

Auxiliary Sets All-Day Stewardship Meeting

The 36th annual session of the Woman's Missionary auxiliary of the Sweetwater Baptist association was held Thursday of last week at the Tuscola Baptist church. In the executive session, an all-day stewardship meeting was set for Oct. 24 to be held at the First Baptist church in Abilene.

Reports of the (Merkel auxiliary were made by Mrs. A. R. Booth, Mrs. J. L. Winter and Mrs. T. E. Collins. Others attending from Merkel were Mesdames L. D. Chapman, J. M. Williamson, Lum Gilbreath and W. L. Johnson.

The auxiliary will meet next year at the First Baptist church in Sweetwater.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Bishop and son, Billy, of Matador, were visitors Sunday in the Clyde Bartlett home.

Mrs. Dora Kell of Abilene visited last week with Mrs. C. S. Curb.

W. T. Selby of Russell Springs, Ky., an old friend of the Leach family back in Kentucky, was a passing guest last week with Mr. and Mrs. Buck Leach.

Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Walling and Mrs. Walling's mother, Mrs. Allie Green, of Coleman, visited over the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Green. Mr. Walling, who was principal of the Grammar school last year, is principal of a ward school in Coleman.

Alton Bicknell was out from Fort Worth to spend the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bicknell.

Dick West, student at Trinity university, Waxahachie, spent the week-end at home with his parents, Mayor and Mrs. Henry West. He witnessed the Merkel-Colorado City game Friday night and also attended the Trinity-Abilene Christian college game at Abilene Saturday.

Mrs. Olin Lusby of Big Lake is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Dennis.

Mrs. Robert Stone of Abilene was a week-end guest of Mrs. Carroll Benson.

Judge and Mrs. N. D. Cobb left Thursday to spend several days in Fort Worth in the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George Coker. They will look after their grandson, Billy George Coker, who is a senior in school, while his parents are away on a vacation to Corpus Christi and South Texas.

Mrs. D. L. Holland and her sister-in-law, Mrs. Jerome Hutcheson, arrived last week from Shreveport, La., to be with their father, W. D. Hutcheson, for an indefinite time. Mr. Hutcheson had a very good night Tuesday and is reported getting along as well as could be expected.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Thompson and family of Tahoka were here for a week-end visit with the former's sister, Mrs. O. F. Fox, and family.

Miss Edith Butman, student at John Tarleton college, Stephenville, visited over the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butman, Jr.

Messrs. M. P. Latimer and Clyde Latimer spent Monday and part of Tuesday in Silverton and Plainview. They report a frost Tuesday morning at Silverton.

On a business trip to West Texas, Homer Easterwood was accompanied by Mrs. Easterwood and they visited Sunday and Monday in the Twyman and John Collins homes, returning to Taft Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Pannell spent Wednesday night with their parents,

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Pannell. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Obe Melton and little daughter, Patsy, who were en route to Corpus Christi, where the Meltons will live. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Pannell are moving to Waco.

Mrs. Tom Largent, who had been visiting the past two weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Chester Imes, and Mr. Imes, at Tulsa, Okla., was joined by her husband the first of the week. They returned home Wednesday.

Miss Frances Scott Key and Mackie Key, of Colorado City, niece and nephew of Mrs. M. T. Shults, were visitors in the Shults home last week. Another niece, Miss Ruth Beckham of Abilene, came over Saturday and accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Shults to Colorado City to spend Sunday.

LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS

Sam Butman, Jr., president of the Taylor Electric Co-Operative, Inc., and Supt. Johnny Cox, left Tuesday for Fort Worth to attend a state meeting of REA representatives, to discuss rates and operations. Heads of various departments at Washington, D. C., were expected at the meeting.

After an absence from the store of two and a half months, Paul West was again back on the job Monday at the Red & White store of the West company. He underwent major surgery some six weeks ago at the Sadler Clinic.

F. M. Simpson and Joe Nalley attended a meeting of rural carriers at Lubbock Saturday night, being accompanied from Hamlin by W. L. Fletcher, Jr., who is national treasurer of the organization.

S. M. Hunter, who underwent major surgery on Sept. 7 at Sadler Clinic and was able to go to his home after two weeks, returned to his business duties the latter part of last week.

An Abilene man, L. W. Hilgenberg, has purchased the building owned by the Mrs. W. F. Jones estate, next door west of Ed's cafe, which he has already improved with a new roof. He plans also to plaster and re-finish the inside.

Birth Announced.

Mr. and Mrs. Royce Mashburn of Colton, Calif., are announcing the birth of a son, Royce Benjamin Mashburn, Jr., on Sept. 30. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Shaw, Sr., of Merkel, and the paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mashburn, reside in Colton, Calif.

Typewriting and carbon paper at Mail office.

QUEEN THEATRE CALENDAR

Friday-Saturday — Charles Starrett and Sons of the Pioneers in "Bullets for Rustlers;" also two-reel comedy, serial and short subjects.

Saturday preview, Sunday matinee, Monday night—Loretta Young, Melvyn Douglas in "He Stayed for Breakfast;" added, color cartoon and late News.

Tuesday only — "Yesterday's Heroes," with Jean Rogers, Robert Sterling, Ted North.

Wednesday-Thursday — Jane Withers, Kent Taylor in "The Girl from Avenue A;" also color cartoon and selected shorts.

"He Stayed for Breakfast"

Two of the screen's grandest stars are due at the Queen theatre Saturday preview, Sunday matinee and Monday night, in what has been hailed by leading critics as one of the most irresponsible, irresistible comedy romances of the year, Columbia's "He Stayed for Breakfast." The stars are Loretta Young, who reached the very forefront of Hollywood comedienne ranks with her performance in "The Doctor Takes a Wife," and Melvyn Douglas, whose abilities as a sophisticated comedian are too well known to expand upon.

"He Stayed for Breakfast" was directed by Alexander Hall, successful maker of such hit films as "The Doctor Takes a Wife," "The Amazing Mr. Williams," "Little Miss Marker" and "There's Always a Woman." The new film is based upon a Sidney

Howard Broadway production, "Ode to Liberty," which was, in turn, based upon Michel Duran's saucy French comedy, "Liberte Provisoire."

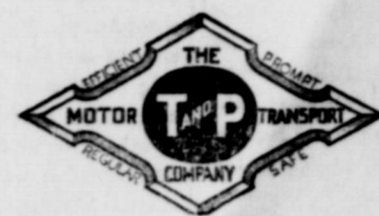
Douglas is seen in the new film as a politically-conscious waiter, who detests a prominent financier, and finally takes a potshot at him. A fugitive, he hides in the apartment of the banker's estranged wife, Miss Young, and she contrives to conceal him not only from police but from her former husband, eventually falling in love with him herself and eventually, too, taking a potshot at the banker herself! Eugene Pallette is the unfortunate target; Alan Marshal and Una O'Connor are other important members of the cast.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Effective Monday, October 14

Trains Nos. 3 and 4 will be discontinued between Fort Worth and Sweetwater.

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PATTERSON-WHITELEY.
Creating wide social interest was the marriage of Miss Lois Whiteley and Jack Patterson, which was solemnized in a lovely home wedding on Friday evening, October 11.

Rev. John H. Crow read the ring ceremony at 7:15 before an improvised altar of white chrysanthemums flanked by tall white tapers in floor candleabra. Attendants for the couple were Miss Mary Collins and L. V. Moore.

Miss Billie Gardner played the accompaniment for Mrs. Homer Patterson to sing "I Love You Truly" (Bond), after which she used the "Bridal March" from "Lohengrin" (Wagner) for the entrance of the party. During the ceremony she played "At An Old Trysting Place" (MacDowell).

The bride is the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Whiteley. Following a very popular girlhood in Merkel High school, where this romance had its beginning, she attended Draughon's Business college. She is employed in the Universal Motors company in Abilene. For her wedding she was beautifully dressed in a winter blue crepe frock, enhanced by a corsage of gardenias. Her going away suit was of soldier blue with accessories in black.

Jack Patterson is the very famous son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Patterson. Following graduation here he attended Rice Institute at Houston where he gained world recognition as an athlete. A member of the A. A. U. track team, he twice toured Europe and in 1938 gained the world championship title in the 406 meter hurdle. He is a teacher in the Merkel Grammar school and has just completed a new home on Bettis heights to which he and his bride returned following an automobile trip to Dallas. Guests for the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Whiteley, Homer Patterson, Mrs. L. V. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. John Shannon, Mrs. F. E. Church, Mrs. J. M. Collins, Paul Arnold Whiteley and Mr. and Mrs. Heath of Abilene.

ZELLARS-HENNINGTON.

The Methodist parsonage was chosen for the marriage Saturday evening of Miss Mebs Henington, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Henington, and Hilbert Zellars of Midland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Zellars of Rising Star. Rev. John H. Crow, pastor of the Methodist church, read the ceremony at 8:30 o'clock in the presence of members of the immediate families and a few close friends. The bride was attractively attired in navy alpaca, with corsage of gardenias. She had as her attendants, her sister, Mrs. Bill Harris, and Miss Frances Roberts, of Rising Star. Jack Grey of Rising Star served as best man. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Scott of Cisco and Lane Wells and Calvin Foster of Rising Star were others from out-of-town present for the wedding. Following the ceremony Miss Elma Mae Gamble had the wedding party as guests for coffee and cake at her home, and later the group repaired to Sweetwater for a wedding supper. Mrs. Zellars was graduated from the Rising Star high school and later

attended Draughon's Business college of Abilene. Since removal to Merkel, she has been very popular with the younger set. The groom is employed at an Humble Service station at Midland and it is in that city that the young couple will make their home.

H.S.U. STRING QUARTET PRESENTS PROGRAM FOR FORT-NIGHTLY STUDY CLUB.

Miss Johnnie Sears was hostess to the Fortnightly Study club in her home Tuesday afternoon. The Hardin-Simmons string quartet presented a program of chamber music. Miss Christine Collins was program leader, introducing the quartet, which consists of Soretta Morrow, first violin; Betty McIntosh, second violin; Alma Jane Page, viola, and Mrs. Richard Young, cello, in the following program, for which Mrs. Young was commentator:

"Sarabande," (Jean Leclair), quartet; "Londonderry Air," arranged by Miss Morrow and Mrs. Young, violin solo by Soretta Morrow, accompanied by Mrs. Young; "Entr'acte de Mignon," (Thomas), quartet; "Valse Romantique," (Debussy), and "The Hurdy Gurdy Man," (Gossens), piano solos by Mrs. Young; "Allegro" from Quartet I. (Beethoven), string quartet, and "Intermezzo Sinfonico," (Mascagni), string quartet.

Mrs. Johnny Cox presided for the business meeting. Members answered roll call with famous musicians or famous music. Mrs. Elma McFarland reported that \$65.75 had already been contributed to the cemetery clean-up fund.

Guests were Mesdames C. B. Gardner, J. E. Boaz, Jr., Pete West, Andy Shouse, Wrenn Durham, Elmo Collins, Urban Zehnpfennig, George T. Moore, L. C. Zehnpfennig; Misses Hettie Logan Clay, Imogene Schulze, Ruth West and Billie Gardner.

Members present: Misses Mamie Ellis, Vinnie Heizer, Christine Collins, Mildred Holt, Johnnie Sears; Mesdames W. S. J. Brown, Johnny Cox, S. D. Gamble, Comer Haynes, Stanley King, Elma McFarland, Elsie Nash, W. B. Petty, Owen Robertson, Connor Robinson, W. T. Sadler, John Leonard, Len Sublett and Bud Winter.

HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB.

"Man's Fight Against Disease" was the subject matter of the program Friday when the Merkel Home Demonstration club met in the home of Mrs. Clark Mundy with Mrs. A. P. Peterson as co-hostess. Eight diseases and their causes, care and prevention were discussed.

Refreshments were served to Mesdames Lem Dudley, C. B. Knight, Buck Leach, Rosalie Royalty, John Hughes, L. D. Chapman, Walter Teaff, Doyle Nutt, Harry Barnett, Clark Mundy, W. R. Sumpter, Fred A. Baker, Sr., Stanley King, Fred Baker, Jr., Bob McDonald, J. W. Bryan, Holt Vaughn, Noris Barnett, R. L. Sumpter, Dora Hill, W. F. Patterson, E. B. Wallace, G. C. Gilbert, A. P. Peterson, and Miss Irene Warren. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Stanley King on Oct. 25.

T. E. L. CLASS.

The T. E. L. Class of the First Baptist church met on Wednesday of last week in the home of Mrs. R. J. Miller with Mrs. A. D. Fulton as co-hostess. During the business meeting the class elected officers for the coming year. Becky Gardner and Cheatham McFarland gave readings. Doris Clyde Miller and Bonnie Church sang a duet, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Comer Haynes.

A dainty plate, consisting of sandwiches, cake, potato chips, pickles and iced tea, was served to one visitor, Mrs. George Bullock of Sweetwater, and the following members: Mesdames Walker, Bird, Booth, Shults, Mansfield, Miller, Fulton, Fugat, Clack, Melton, Bartlett, Baze, Fugat and Miss Mae Lassiter.

WILLING WORKERS CLASS.

The Willing Workers class of the Presbyterian church met Tuesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. S. A. Derstine. The meeting was opened with a song, "Higher Ground." The devotional was given from the 11th chapter of Luke by Mrs. L. L. Murray.

The subject was "Prayer," with readings by members of the class on this subject. The program closed with the class song, "Blest be the Tie that Binds."

The class will meet Nov. 12 in the home of Miss Mary Keny for their Thanksgiving program.

Mrs. Derstine, assisted by her daughter, Miss Mary Derstine, served a refreshment plate consisting of jello, cream, cake and punch, to the following: Mesdames J. R. Walling, J. E. Tucker, S. G. Russell, J. W. McConnell, W. M. Elliott, L. L. Murray and Miss Mary Keny.

SEWING CLUB.

On Wednesday of last week, the following members of the Sewing club were entertained by Mrs. David Gamble: Mesdames Herbert Dunn, Spencer Bird, Buck Leach, Byron Patterson, Earl Beech, Urban Zehnpfennig, Stacy Bird, Max Swafford, Connor Robinson, L. V. Moore, J. E. Boaz, Jr., John Grable, Geo. T. Moore, Worth Lee, Nolan Palmer, Erwin Bailey, N. D. Calloway, Milton Case. One visitor, Mrs. Landon Hill, was also present.

The next meeting will be Oct. 23, with Mrs. John Grable.

WOODMEN CIRCLE.

At the last meeting of Merkel Grove No. 563 of the Supreme forest Woodmen Circle, a letter of appreciation from the Turner family was read by the guardian, Mrs. Lillie Barnett.

The Grove regretted very much to hear of the illness of Mrs. C. P. Church and Mrs. S. O. Patton and voted that "get-well" cards be sent them.

Mrs. Lillie Barnett drew the "gift-basket" and after gifts were admired the following members, Mesdames Norma Molder of Sweetwater, Nancy Polley, Ruby Barnett and Lillie Barnett and Maurine White, enjoyed refreshing drinks at Ed's cafe.

W. M. U. CIRCLES.

The Maybelle Taylor Circle of the First Baptist church met Monday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Hoyle Lemens. Mrs. Lum Gilbreath led the opening prayer. Mrs. Clyde Bartlett, Circle leader, presided for the business meeting. Mrs. A. R. Booth taught the lesson and closed with prayer.

Those present were Mesdames Clyde Bartlett, A. E. Booth, Lum Gilbreath, J. D. Northcutt, H. W. Lemens and Owen Robertson.

The next meeting of the Circle will be on Oct. 28 with Mrs. Owen Robertson.

The Elkin Lockett Circle met in the home of Mrs. Frank Campbell on Monday afternoon. The meeting was opened with prayer by Mrs. J. J. McNiece. Mrs. Lucy Ford, the new leader, was in charge.

The following officers were appointed: assistant leader, Mrs. W. F. Patterson; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. J. M. Williams; Bible teacher, Mrs. J. L. Winter; mission, Mrs. T. E. Collins; publicity, Mrs. G. M. Sharp; benevolence, Mrs. J. J. McNiece; stewardship, Mrs. J. M. Meeks; Christian education, Mrs. Bill Fugat; mission study, Mrs. Frank Campbell; personal service, Mrs. A. H. Zollinger; social, Mrs. Ruby Northcutt. The Bible teacher asked the questions on the lesson and the meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. Campbell.

Next meeting of the Circle will be with Mrs. Patterson on Oct. 28.

The Blanche Rose Walker Circle met Monday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Sam Swann. Mrs. E. O. Carson opened the meeting with prayer. Mrs. J. S. Swann directed the Bible Study and closed with prayer. Those present were Mesdames A.

RURAL SOCIETY

MOORE-DOAN.

Miss Joy Doan and Mr. Otis Moore were married on Saturday, Oct. 12, at 8 p. m., the nuptials taking place in the home of the bride's parents at Blair, in the presence of members of the two families and a few close friends.

The bride's attendant was her close friend, Miss Dorothy Derington; the groom's best man was his brother, Jack Moore.

The impressive ring ceremony was read by Rev. J. B. Stewart, Methodist pastor of Abilene. The bride, who was given in marriage by the groom's brother, wore a blue chiffon velvet dress with black fur jacket and other black accessories. She carried a black handbag which was used at her great-grandmother's wedding.

Out-of-town relatives present at the wedding were: Leonard Moore of Washington, D. C., who came over by plane; Jack Moore of Bowie, Texas; Miss Lucy Moore of Texas Tech, Lubbock, and Mr. and Mrs. George Mayberry of San Antonio.

At the reception immediately following the ceremony, Mrs. Herman Doan, mother of the bride, presided at the bride's table.

The bride, born and reared at Blair, was graduated from Merkel High school in 1938. She is very popular in religious and social activities, a young lady of fine traits and well equipped to manage the pretty home over which she will preside, and has a host of friends to wish her happiness.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Z. V. Moore, a well-to-do pioneer family. He was born and reared near Blair. A graduate of Merkel High school, he later attended commercial college at Tyler, from which he graduated as a radio operator. He is a young man of sterling character and good business ability. He is collaborating with his father in extensive farming and it seems a natural conclusion that he and his bride will enjoy much success and happiness.

BROWNING-HARRIS.

At nine o'clock Sunday morning, Oct. 6, Miss Mildred Browning, lovely and talented daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Browning of Stith, became the bride of J. B. Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Harris of Stith. The ceremony was read at Fredrick, Oklahoma.

The bride was attired in black with black and white accessories. She is a graduate of Merkel High school, graduating with the '40 class. While in school she was popular in many social activities. The groom attended Clyde High school.

For a short time the couple will make their home at Stith, where the groom is engaged in farming.

COMPERE CLUB.

The Comper Home Demonstration club met Sept. 26 with Mrs. Dewey Ramsey. Mrs. T. K. Marshall gave "Five Minutes of Fashion." Miss Gladys Martin, county agent, talked of plans for Achievement day and displayed articles that might be made. The hostess served iced watermelon.

On Oct. 10 the club met with Mrs. T. A. Tucker, when the following officers were elected for 1941: Mrs. T. K. Marshall, chairman; Mrs. T. A. Tucker, vice-chairman; Mrs. Dewey Ramsey, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. A. J. Newman, council delegate. Sandwiches, potato chips, cookies and iced punch were served to the guests.

The club will meet with Mrs. Ben Adkins on Oct. 24.

Betty Grimes to be Interviewed on Air

Miss Betty Grimes, senior at the Texas State College for Women at Denton, who is majoring in speech, will be interviewed by Gail Northe, fashion commentator, over the Texas Quality network at 1:15 Friday afternoon.

The many friends of this talented Merkel girl will be glad of the opportunity to listen in at this hour.

Baptist Women Plan Box for Buckner's

The women of the First Baptist church will meet at the church to sew and quilt and pack a box for Buckner's Orphans home on Thursday, Oct. 24. The coop for hens will be at Turner's Grocery.

It is hoped that every woman will have a part in this worthy object.

Sixty years ago three out of every four farmers owned the land they cultivated. Today nearly half are tenants or sharecroppers.

D. Fulton, J. O. Castles, E. O. Carson, J. S. Swann and W. L. Johnson.

In The Churches

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

There were 542 present at the six reporting Sunday Schools here last Sunday, as compared with 567 the previous week. On the same Sunday a year ago the attendance was 643.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Morning sermon at 11. Training Union 6:45. Evening sermon at 7:30.

Teachers' and officers' meeting and prayer meeting 7:30 Wednesday evening.

Cooper Waters, Pastor.

BAPTIST CIRCLES.

The W. M. U. Circles of the First Baptist church will meet Monday, Oct. 21, at the church for their Royal Service program. The Blanche Rose Walker Circle will have charge of the program. The time is 3 p. m.

The program follows: Bible study; "What Your Money Represents," Mrs. E. O. Carson; "Unchanging Stewardship," Mrs. Sam Swann; "The Motive of the Tithe," Mrs. J. O. Castles; "The Measure of the Tithe," Mrs. W. B. Stevens; "The Method of the Tithe," Mrs. A. D. Fulton; "The Larger Stewardship," Mrs. E. R. Clack; "A Debtless Denomination," Mrs. W. L. Johnson and Mrs. J. O. Castles.

METHODIST CHURCH.

Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. Morning sermon at 11 a. m. Young people's meeting at 6:45 p. m. Evening worship at 7:30. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30.

John H. Crow, Pastor.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. is the only service at our church. Everyone 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 7:00. Preaching at 8:00 p. m. Wednesday evening Bible study at 8:00 o'clock.

You are invited to attend. The Elders.

FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Preaching Saturday night at 7:30 o'clock. Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Preaching service 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30.

W. L. Massey, Supt.

NAZARENE CHURCH.

Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Everyone is cordially invited to these services.

R. T. Smith, Pastor.

NEW LIVE OAK CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Morning sermon at 11. Evening services at 7:30. Prayer meeting at 7:30 Wednesday evening.

Everyone is urged to attend these meetings and also go to Shep Sunday afternoon to the Sunday School meeting at 3 o'clock.

A. C. Healer, Pastor.

Mrs. Ben Butman, Reporter.

Homemakers Hostesses For Patriotic Reception

The third year homemaking class of Merkel High school will be hostesses for a reception Thursday evening from 7 until 10 in the homemaking department.

A patriotic theme will be carried out in all appointments. Table decorations will feature an arrangement of flags, red, white and blue mums, and candles. Miniature flags will be plate favors.

Hostesses for the affair will be: Linnie Fay Armstrong, Nell Butman, Annie C. Cargill, La Verne Douglas, Frances Foster, Dora Gaiter, Tommie Grimes, Lorena Higgins, Eva and Ova Martin, Jeanette Neff, Louise Patterson, Mary Evalene Roland, Betty Russell, Evelyn Sears, Dorothy Mae Smith, Mildred Smith, Betty Jo Speck and Janet Teaff.

The guest list will include the mothers of the hostesses, the members of the Merkel Chapter of the Future Homemakers of Texas and their mothers, women members of the faculty and the following: Mesdames Connor Robinson, Rex Myers, Chester Collinsworth, Carroll Benson, Richard Young, Gordon Green, William Taylor, Jack Patterson, Leonard Jenkins, and Miss Vernell Bland; Mesdames George Woodrum, John Grable, Nathan Wood, N. T. Hodge, Will Toombs, R. T. Gray, A. A. McGehee. The reception will be under the

direction of Miss Frances Cleveland, home economics teacher in High school.

Merkel Homemakers Attend Area Rally

Twenty-five members of the Merkel Chapter of Future Homemakers of Texas attended the Area III rally in Sweetwater Saturday.

Featured were entertainment by homemaking classes of Newman high and Reagan junior high schools of Sweetwater, and the showing of a technicolor movie of the state rally held in Dallas last year.

Supt. R. S. Covey of Sweetwater welcomed visitors, and the creed was read. The Newman high school band played several numbers and Billy Waters spoke on "The Place of Youth in a Democracy." Two skits were presented by students of the speech department.

A tea at the Macie hotel followed the afternoon business meeting, during which new officers were named and the rally song was selected.

Of special interest to the local chapter was the election of Jeanette Neff as treasurer of Area III.

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- Milk 7 cans 25c
- Cup and Saucer or Plate Mother's Oats.. 25c
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- Shortening 4 lbs. 35c 8 lbs. 69c
- Pure Cane — Kraft Bag Sugar 10 lbs. 46c

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