

Old-Timers Gather, Celebrate Noodle's 50th Anniversary

Old-timers by the hundreds from all sections of West Texas gathered Sunday at Noodle to observe the 50th anniversary of the school, and so successful was the home-coming that it was voted to make the occasion an annual one. The first Sunday in May was picked for the celebration.

W. J. Bicknell of Noodle was elected president; W. F. Ely of Snyder, vice-president, and John C. Thompson of Dallas, secretary-treasurer.

Among those present were Mrs. Nannie Causseaux, who as Nannie Gunn was the first teacher at the Willow Grove school in 1887 and the first teacher at Noodle in 1900, and Ed Criswell, Anson, who was her pupil at Willow Grove.

E. E. Read, principal of the Noodle school, was master of ceremonies and many prominent visiting speakers and old-timers were on the program. Musical numbers included the Sosebee quartet, daughters of a pioneer family, and an old-timers quartet which included W. J. Ely, Mrs. O. W. Sosebee, Lee Eason and Henry Eason. Numbers were also furnished by the Merkel Badger band.

Two pioneer awards, one given to the outstanding boy and the other to the outstanding girl of the Noodle community, went to Clinton Bird, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Bird, and Miss Iris Eoff, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Eoff.

In the coronation ceremony Miss Dorothy Barbee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Barbee, was crowned as queen, and Leon Adkins sat beside her as king of the 1941 celebration.

Two of the largest pioneer families represented were Mrs. J. M. Cook, who came to Jones county in 1887, nine of whose children were present, and the Winters family, represented by 10 of the 12 living children.

Because of the rain it was necessary to serve the barbecue lunch in the tabernacle.

Decatur Man Is Elected District Governor of Lions

Reports from the district meeting at Ranger Sunday and Monday featured this week's luncheon of the Lions club. Nolan Palmer gave an account of the golfers, Norman Hodge, Dean Higgins, Dr. L. C. Zehnpennig and himself; attending on Monday were Cotton Owens, R. T. Gray, local president, Wrenn Durham, local secretary, and Norman Hodge and Dr. Zehnpennig, who returned with the group.

A. B. Lee of Decatur was elected district-governor by one vote, winning by grace of the four votes cast by Merkel, it was reported by the delegates. Breckenridge was selected as next meeting place.

The club voted to assist in paying the expenses of the Cowboy band to the International at New Orleans, La., as the only band going from Texas.

Merkel Lions are to entertain the zone meeting on Tuesday night, May 20, and Chairman Stanley King outlined plans of entertainment and for the supper. District-Governor Frank Tripliver of Wichita Falls is to be present.

Opening songs were led by Supt. Connor Robinson, with Gay West at the piano. Invocation was given by Rev. Marvin Boyd. Tom Largent was the only guest.

Named as a nominating committee to report a slate of new officers at the first meeting in June were C. J. Glover, chairman, Dr. L. C. Zehnpennig, H. C. West and Dee Grimes.

Gauge Registers Over 2 Inches Rain Friday

The gauge of Volunteer Weather Observer J. I. Ford showed 2.16 inches of moisture from the rain that fell almost incessantly last Friday, to which was added a quarter inch Saturday night, bringing the week's figure to 2.5-16 and the total for the year to 12.9-16 inches.

The West Company gauge downtown registered 3.1-4 inches for Friday's precipitation.

Local Sales Defense Bonds Reach \$600

On opening day of the sale of national defense bonds, May 1, Hurley Toombs was the first local buyer. E. M. McDonald bought the second bond.

Up to Thursday morning Postmaster Wrenn Durham reported local sales had reached \$600.

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Summer Rodeo Season Starts May 17

SENIOR CLASS WILL HEAR DR. E. B. ATWOOD

Hardin-Simmons Professor To Deliver Baccalaureate Sermon Sunday Night; Graduation Friday Night, May 16.

Dr. E. B. Atwood, professor of Bible at Hardin-Simmons, will preach the baccalaureate sermon to graduates of Merkel High school Sunday evening at the school auditorium. The hour is 8:15.

The program follows:
Processional, "Marche Aux Flambeaux" (Scottson Clark), Dwight Swafford.

Worship in Song, Girls' Choral club—"America the Beautiful" (Bates-Ward), "Teach Me to Pray" (Graff-Jewett), "Flower Song" (Carroll-Lange), "Recessional" (Kipling-DeKoven.)

Invocation, Rev. Cooper Waters. Sermon, Dr. E. B. Atwood. Benediction, Rev. J. Basil Ramsey. Recessional, "Anvil Chorus" (Verdi), Jeanette Neff, Evelyn Sears.

COMMENCEMENT.
Instead of a commencement speaker this year, the final exercises on Friday evening, May 16, will center in student activities. Students will answer the theme, "Today's Challenge," along these lines: "To Effective Living," "To Youth," "To America's Mission" and "To Faith."

The processional will be played by the High School band. Invocation is to be given by Minister Lee Starnes of the Church of Christ. The program includes solos by Doris Clyde Miller and Dorothy Shannon and a song by the Senior girls. Students will give the class prophecy and the class will.

Presentation of diplomas by Supt. Connor Robinson will close the exercises, followed by the benediction by Rev. Marvin Boyd.

There are 54 candidates for graduation.

Mrs. Carl Black Dies Of Wreck Injuries

Mrs. Eula Elliott Black, 49, wife of Carl Black, died Wednesday morning at the Sadler Clinic of injuries suffered Apr. 16 in an automobile accident at Lampasas. She was first taken to an Austin hospital and then brought home Apr. 21. She entered the hospital on the following Saturday.

Funeral services were held from the Church of Christ at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon, with Minister Lee Starnes of the Church of Christ officiating. Burial followed in Rose Hill under direction of Barrow-Sheppard.

Mrs. Black was born Apr. 11, 1892, in Callahan county, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Elliott, who moved to the Divide community in 1905. She was married to Carl Black on Dec. 7, 1919, at Divide, and the couple had lived practically ever since in Merkel. She was a devoted member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors are her husband, parents, one daughter, Miss Jannell Black, student in Southwest Texas State Teachers college, San Marcos; four brothers, Albert and Edgar Elliott, Divide; Lloyd Elliott, Austin, and Claude Elliott, San Marcos; and three sisters, Mrs. T. L. Finch and Mrs. E. H. Ensminger, Divide, and Mrs. Cora Robbins, Bakersfield, Calif.

Commercial Production Indicated in Hodges

Commercial production has been indicated in the W. W. Fendren of Houston No. 1 C. P. Hodges, which is now underreaming casing to get past a showing of water at 2,954 feet.

At a total depth of 2,408-25 feet, the Humble No. 3 L. L. Huddleston has been estimated at 50 barrels daily natural.

The Collins test was reported running pipe at 2,575 feet Thursday morning, while the George L. Miller test is still shut down waiting for pipe.

CANDIDATE FOR SENATE GREET MERKEL FRIENDS

Congressman Lyndon Johnson, 32-year-old representative from the 10th district, following his speech in Abilene Tuesday night, drove over to Merkel to spend the night in the ranch home of Tom Largent.

An aspirant for the office of United States senator to fill the vacancy left by the death of Morris Sheppard, Lyndon Johnson, by the way, is a nephew of Mrs. C. M. Largent, Sr., and he found many friends locally when he stopped early Wednesday morning downtown for a brief period of handshaking.

In offering his experience and knowledge of national affairs, he stressed in his speech at Abilene his devotion and loyalty to the leadership of the chief executive in times of national stress and crisis, as major qualifications for his elevation to a seat in the senate.

Plans are now on foot to organize a local Lyndon Johnson club as part of the county organization, of which Wilmer Sums of Abilene is chairman.

New Officers to be Installed at Next Trent PTA Meeting

Trent, May 8.—Last meeting for the year of the Trent Parent-Teacher organization will be held Tuesday, May 13, at which time Mrs. Bud Winter, county chairman, will install the new officers.

Mrs. Maurice Faulkner will be leader for the program, "Physical Health and Vigor." Entertainment will be furnished by the first grade and Miss Magdalene Payne and Miss Hermal Glasgow will give "Summer Round-Up Benefits." "Physical Health and Vigor" is to be discussed by the health nurse.

At an executive meeting held Wednesday, the following chairmen were elected: program, Mrs. Maurice Faulkner; membership, Mrs. A. W. Woods; publication, Mrs. Bud Winter; hospitality, Mrs. Beatrice Edwards; publicity, Miss Yvonne Hodges; budget and finance, T. C. Blankenship; study group, Mrs. Alex Williams; health, Mrs. Joe Boone; goals, Supt. R. L. Fortune; room representatives, Mrs. Hale McRee; music, Miss Christine Collins.

The publicity year book has been on display at the school building since it was shown at Big Spring, where it was rated 95-A.

Rites Held Tuesday For Mack Cordill

A. M. (Mack) Cordill, 60, died at 10:45 Monday morning at the Sadler Clinic. Ill since last September, he had been under treatment since the first of the year when he returned to Taylor county from near Clyde where he had been living, and underwent major surgery on Apr. 25.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Tuesday at the graveside at White Church cemetery, with Minister Lee Starnes of the Merkel Church of Christ officiating. Barrow-Sheppard funeral home was in charge.

Mr. Cordill was the son of the late F. M. Cordill, who settled in Mulberry canyon in 1889 and who died in 1935. His mother died in 1905. Born in Hood county, he was reared in the canyon and married there. His first wife died 34 years ago, and he was married on May 5, 1914, to Mrs. E. A. White, who survives.

Other survivors are Mrs. Albert Deel, a daughter by the first marriage, four step-sons, Robert White, Snyder; Harvey White, Odessa; Clifford White, Wink, and Lloyd White, Eunice, N. M., and one step-daughter, Mrs. A. J. Cook of Snyder, five grandchildren and 14 step-grandchildren. Four brothers, Eli Cordill, Merkel, W. H. Cordill, Las Cruces, N. M., W. T. Cordill, Los Angeles, Calif., and J. E. Cordill, Duncan, Okla., and one sister, Mrs. Nannie Turner of New Mexico, also survives.

OPERETTA TO BE PRESENTED BY SEVENTH GRADE

Based on the Music of Stephen C. Foster, "In Old Kentucky" To be Staged in Full Dress Of 1850 Period.

"In Old Kentucky," an operetta, will be presented by the Merkel seventh grade pupils Monday, May 12, at 8:15 p. m. in the gymnasium.

The operetta being based on the music of Stephen C. Foster will be staged in full dress of the 1850 period. Those presenting "In Old Kentucky" have endeavored to preserve the simplicity and purity of Stephen Foster's originals, the charm of which lies as expressed in the manner of their performance in the days when they were composed. A fascinating story of the period is given in connection with the songs and dances of the 18th century.

There will be no admission charge and the public is cordially invited to attend.

The characters: Stephen C. Foster, Frank Simpson; Jeanie, Jean Curb; Colonel Staunton, Billy Gene Dye; Phillip, Wayne Richie; Joy, Reba Rae Kingsbury; Hannah, Doris Dudley; Henry Blow, Calvin Peterson; Richard, John Stapleton; Majundah, (Continued on Page Two)

Merkel Woman Serves As Board Secretary

When the Taylor County board of health, advisory board for the city-county health unit, was organized Monday night, a Merkel woman, Mrs. Johnny Cox, was elected secretary. Other officers are: Dr. L. J. Pickard, president, and Judge Carl P. Hulsey, vice-president.

Following the election of officers, Dr. George A. Gray, director of the health unit, presented a report of the activities of the unit. Endorsement was given to recommendation of the medical society for more effective examination of food handlers, and the board also voted to sponsor a publicity and health educational program to be directed by Dr. Gray. The program will be a community undertaking for information concerning health and sanitation.

Present Awards to Noodle Students

Following the presentation of the play by the juniors and seniors of Noodle high school last week, the following individual awards were made:

Track—Harlon Winter, Harold Sosebee, Leon Adkins, Waymon Cook, Wayne Mayes, George Frazier, Richard Clark, Jack Davis.

Volleyball girls—Theda Bell Williams, Pasty Froeschl, Billie Jean Sosebee, Marie Jones, Rose McCain, Juanelle McCain, Juanita Morgan, Dorothy Barbee.

Essay writing—Jodie Bicknell.

The girls and boys also received their basketball sweaters and jackets.

List of Petit Jurors Called for Next Week

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

Hollis McCoy, Robert Riney, J. J. White, J. M. Toombs, H. E. Campbell, Willie Glaze, A. V. Dye, Sr., E. M. Blackburn, J. B. Jones, Merkel; W. Hammers, Henry J. Bass, Leroy Dickey, Don Marshall, L. T. Hawsey, W. N. Foster, J. Carlton Smith, R. L. Staggs, B. A. Padgett, W. H. Taylor, V. B. Chrane, A. J. Stevenson, J. B. Wills, Jno. V. Schug, C. W. Logsdon, S. C. Walker, B. F. Person, W. B. Preston, R. L. Miller, Jack Jones, Marvin G. Imken, Wm. H. Smith, Dr. L. H. Magee, Thos. P. Reagor, Peter D. Booth, H. H. King, C. C. Shelton, Hollis Manly, C. R. Elliott, Hoyt Ford, W. B. White, Abilene; G. W. Hawkins, Udell Brown, W. H. Wills, W. E. Beard, Tuscola; Ted E. Edwards, M. A. Horton, Ovalo; L. E. Kelley, Guion; Robt. A. Spill, Winters; Walter Neeley, Bradshaw; Troy Briggs, Clyde.

MISSION HOLDS OPEN HOUSE AT 2:30 SUNDAY

The interested public is invited to the dedication of the Baptist Mexican mission Sunday afternoon beginning at 2:30 o'clock, which will take the form of open house. Rev. J. M. Sibley of Sweetwater will be the speaker.

A surprise shower for Rev. Jesus Rios, missionary Baptist pastor of Sweetwater, and family, is being planned by members of the congregation of the First Baptist church, sponsor of the mission, located on the lot formerly occupied by the negro school house. A building was bought and practically all the work of completing the mission was done by volunteer labor, with a total cost outlay of around \$300.

Group of Merkel Seniors Enjoy Trip To Carlsbad Caverns

Both thrilling and educational was the trip the High School Seniors made last week-end. Leaving the High school at 9 Friday morning, the bus filled with students traveled in rain all day, arriving in Carlsbad, N. M., at 7 to spend the night. Rising early Saturday morning, they went through the Carlsbad Caverns and returned to Pecos to spend Saturday night. The tour was completed when the Seniors drove into Merkel at 12:30 Sunday.

Those making the trip were Eva Brown, Mary Derrington, Mickey Diltz, Frances Foster, Christine Garvin, Tommye Grimes, Betty Lu Higgins, Mary Lou Higgins, Eva Martin, Ova Martin, Doris Clyde Miller, Maureen Moore, Jacquetta Palmer, Louise Patterson, Frances Peterson, Peggy Robertson, Betty Lou Russell, Dorothy Shannon, Mildred Smith, Geraldine Teague, Oleta Woolsey, Bonnie Church.

Byron Bryant, Charles Church, Leo Ellisor, David Gibson, John Mack Grant, Booth Higgins, Calvin Keith, Douglas McCoy, D. J. Richie, La Moine Sherrell, Truett, Thompson, Forrest Glen Barnett.

Mrs. Landon Hill, Carroll Benson and Superintendent Connor Robinson were sponsors on the trip and Irl Walker drove the bus.

Representative to See Veterans Here May 16

Word has been received by Stanley King from J. T. Gray, field representative of the Veterans State Service office, that he will be in Merkel Friday, May 16, to contact and assist any veteran or dependent with any claims growing out of military service. Those wishing to contact Mr. Gray may inquire at the post office or at the office of the Merkel Mail.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, May 13, 1921.)

CELEBRATES GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY.

On Wednesday evening of this week, Mr. and Mrs. F. (Uncle Frank) Sears had as their guests, for a six o'clock dinner, all their children now living, together with their families and a few close relatives, the occasion being in honor of their golden wedding anniversary, having been married 50 years on May 11, 1921. They were married near Whitewright, Fannin county, Texas, and came to this community in the spring of 1890, 31 years ago, where they have witnessed and assisted in the development of this great country from a then barren, thinly settled cattle country to its present populated and prosperous stock-farming country. In other words, Uncle Frank, as he is familiarly known by his host of friends, with his good wife have witnessed all the good and the bad, the wet and the dry, the prosperous and the lean years, and by hard work and stick-

TEAM TIEING, JUNIOR STEER RIDING ADDED

Efforts Being Made by Parade Committee to Bring Military Band and Soldier Boys Here for Big Opening Event.

Two added events, team tieing and junior steer riding, are announced by Co-Chairmen Howard and Homer Laney for the opening show of Merkel's 1941 summer season, scheduled Saturday, May 17, starting at 2 p. m. The day's card will also include calf roping, wildcow milking, steer riding, saddle and bareback bronc riding and bull riding, as in former seasons.

The Laney brothers, who have contracted to furnish 85 head of rodeo stock for this year's show—greatest number the Merchants Trade Extension association has ever engaged—will also have charge of putting the cattle through the chutes.

During the past seven years the Merkel rodeos have attracted a large list of contestants and these are being contacted by letter this week by Tom Jinkens, in charge of contestants, with the expectation that the opening show will bring out a wide list from all over this section.

In making arrangements for the parade, Chairman W. R. Yazell has extended a special invitation to contestants to take part in the street parade on opening day, which is to form at 10:30. A number of merchants will enter floats and every cowboy is expected to ride in the parade. Women riders and anybody on horseback are urged to take part.

Featured in the parade will be the Badger band in full uniform and efforts are being made to secure a military band and a company of soldiers from Camp Berkeley for the opening parade. Definite answer is awaited by the parade committee, pending permission from proper authorities.

Cowboy hat windshield stickers advertising the 1941 series of shows may be secured at the service stations in town any time after noon Friday.

Sections of numbered reserved seats will be put on sale Saturday at both drug stores. Price for numbered reserved seats is 40 cents to everybody.

Other seats will be available at the grounds, 25 cents for adults and 10 cents for children, first come, first served. Ticket window at the grounds will not open until 1 p. m. of show day.

Retains Championship.

Carlsbad, N. M., May 8.—Bob Crosby, Roswell, N. M., cowboy, defeated Carl Arnold of Buckeye, Ariz., for the world's steer roping championship here Sunday. His total time on the 12 steers was 2-3-4 seconds better than that of Arnold.

ability are prepared in their old age to live comfortably, in this, their home town, for many years. Uncle Frank will be 72 years old his next birthday while Mrs. Sears will be 70 years old her next birthday.

Max Mellinger, proprietor of the Fair Dry Goods store, arrived first of the week from Kennedy, Texas, accompanied by his family, to make Merkel their home. They have secured one of the handsome bungalow homes in the southwest part of the city recently built by Tom Largent and Jinks Winter.

J. W. Wheeler and daughter, Miss Alva, returned first of the week from attending the meeting of the Southern Baptist convention which met recently in Tennessee. They also visited the former's old home in Georgia while away and report a most delightful trip.

Voice and Piano Pupils Presented In Two Recitals

Voice and piano pupils of Christine Collins were presented in recitals at Grace Presbyterian church, junior pupils in the afternoon Thursday and seniors, at night.

The program for the junior recital follows:

- "Give a Little Whistle," Karen Sue and Creta Key Case.
- "Mutiny in the Nursery," Betty Wright.
- "Strawberry Lane," Glenna Scott.
- "Dance of the Rosebuds," Don Friend.
- "My Heart Belongs to Daddy," Norma Jean Hodge.
- "Cradle Song," Bebe Patterson.
- "Song of the Willows," Patricia Beasley.
- "Humoresque," Joy Lansford.
- "He's My Uncle," Bobby Hodge.
- "When Irish Eyes are Smiling," Wanda Lou Kegans.
- (a) "Aloha Oe," (b) "Down on the Farm," Cliffla Jean Estep.
- "Jeanie with the Light Brown Hair," Geraldine Freeman.
- "Lassy O'Mine," Gerald Renfro.
- "Thank You, America," Peggy Titsworth.
- "Daddy's Waltz," Jasper Hobbs.
- "Without a Song," Ima Ruth Shouse.
- "Don Juan" minuet, Patsy Cox.
- "A Kiss in the Dark," La Nelle Edwards.
- "I Am an American," Troy Kegans.
- "March of the Weefolk," Norma Jean Hodge.
- "God Bless America," Billy Gene Dye.
- "Ah Sweet Mystery of Life," Johnnie Wheeler.
- "Smilin' Thru," Wayne Sledge.
- "A Perfect Day," Anne Walker.
- "Heads Up, Forward March," Bobby Tom Hodge.
- "Menuet," Juanice Swainney, Donald Howell and Chorus.

SENIOR RECITAL.
Prelude, Betty Lu Higgins.
"There'll Always be An England," Myrtle Patterson.
Prayer, Rev. J. B. Ramsey.
"Memories," Virginia Chloe McRee.
"Poor Butterfly," Helen Heeter.
"Happiness Melody," Alice Carey.
(a) "Idilio," (b) "Etude," Laddie Fred Crain.
"Little Gray Home in the West," Pearl Mathews.
"Bend of the River," Mary Jo Hutchins.
"Because You're You," Evelyn Sears.
"Twilight on the Trail," J. B. Winn.
"A Memory," Charlye Smith.
"In the Luxembourg Gardens," Gwendolyn Renfro.
"Basta Manana," Louise Patterson.
"Can't You Hear Me Callin', Caroline?" Marvin Hunter.
"Ranz March," Johnnie Roberts.
"Gypsy Love Song," Bonnie Church.
"Bells of the Sea," Yvonne Hodges.
"Beautiful Dreamer," Howard Carson.
"End of a Perfect Day," Maureen Moore.
"National Emblem" March, Helen Heeter.
"The World is Mine Tonight," Thelma Mathews.
"Only a Rose," Ben Robert Hicks.
"Slumber Song," Dorothy Shannon.
(a) Novelty Pianologue, (b) "The Palms," Pearl Mathews.
"Just a Wearyin' For You," Joyce

\$50 is Offered for Oldest Utility Bill

There is a hundred dollar reward out for "Old Bill".

It's the old electric bill that is "wanted", according to R. T. Gray, local manager of the West Texas Utilities, who announced the reward.

Fifty dollars, he said, will be paid for the oldest bill sent in by any customer of the company on or before June 15, and five dollars each for the next 10 oldest. To be eligible for the reward, he explained, all entries must be dated at least 15 years ago, must be for service in the home, and must be accompanied by a 100-word-or-less letter telling something about the lights and appliances used and the cost at the time the bill was paid.

"All present customers are eligible, except employees," Mr. Gray said. "The old bill may be for service received from the West Texas Utilities or a predecessor in this community."

Purpose of the "reward," he added, is to compare present-day improved service and lower cost with the "good old days" when oil lamps were first being displaced by better light.

Business Men's Class Elect New Officers

The following new officers have been elected by the Business Men's class of the First Baptist church:

- Booth Warren, president; E. B. Barnes, first vice-president; E. R. Clack, second vice-president; W. L. Fugat, third vice-president; Clyde Bartlett, reporter; W. O. Boney, treasurer; A. A. McGehee, secretary; Holland Toaff, assistant secretary; Clark Mundy, teacher; Irl Walker, assistant teacher.

A drive for 100 per cent attendance is being made, and also plans are being worked out for a social (fish fry) in the near future.

Hospital Notes.

Bennie Butman, Route 4, had an appendectomy Saturday at the Sadler Clinic.

James Ellis of Trent entered the hospital Tuesday for first aid.

Miss Rose Elliott, daughter of Mrs. R. B. Corder of Trent, was admitted Wednesday for treatment. On the same day Mrs. W. E. Bond of Sylvester, Route A, had a tonsillectomy.

Two boys and one girl were born at the hospital during the past week. Parents of the boys are Mr. and Mrs. Waymon Adcock, and Mr. and Mrs. John Boyd, Trent; of the girl, Mr. and Mrs. Burnett Orr, Nolan.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks for the love and sympathy shown us in the illness and death of our beloved husband and father; also for the beautiful floral offerings. May God's richest blessings rest upon all of you.

Mrs. E. A. Cordill and Children.
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Deel and family.
Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Cordill.

Cox.
"Waltzing on the Clouds," Betty Lu Higgins.

(a) "I'll See You Again," (b) "Play to Me, Gypsy," Elna Tucker.
"Song of the Islands," Mrs. Norman Hodge, Christine Collins.



FOR SALE

FOR SALE—1939 4-door Mercury. S. M. Hunter.

FOR SALE—Lawn mower. See Bob Martin.

FOR SALE—House and two lots, former Fagan property, corner Oak and Austin streets. See Clyde Bartlett.

NON-FALL CANE SEED, better than Redtop. Lee D. Williams.

FOR SALE—My home place, 6 room bungalow with bath, on 230 feet east front; also two lots on north side. Mrs. Amy Sears.

FOR SALE—California Acala cottonseed, 75 cents per bushel. R. J. King, Merkel, Texas, Route 2.

FOR SALE—Second year Qualla cottonseed; well cared for at gin; \$1 per bushel. A. J. Barbee, Merkel, Texas, Route 2.

PLANTS FOR SALE—The well known Crosby tomato plants, the West Texas tomato; also pepper plants. Mrs. Joe Stalls, 3 blocks south of school gym.

MR. CREAM SELLER: to have good No. 1 cream, keep cool and well stirred; to get top price, bring to Merkel Creamery. "No charge for Testing." Plenty good fryers for sale. In rear Campbell's grocery. Joe Stalls, operator.

QUICK RID POULTRY TONIC: will absolutely rid your flock of parasites and increase the stamina of your baby chicks; try it. Sold and guaranteed by your local drug store.

BUY A CARTON of Infertile Eggs from T. A. Tucker Egg Farm: A-1 in quality and size; at Eli Case & Son.

FOR SALE—Well improved place, three lots, 5-room house, in Southeast Merkel; also have large wash kettle, Kenmore washer and a few pieces of furniture; will sell cheap. See Dollie Henslee.

FOR SALE—An 8-tube Philco console radio. Dr. L. C. Zehnpfennig.

TRACTOR TIRES for sale, new and used; two good used 9.00-40 tires, 6-ply. White and Palmer.

RODEO PROMOTERS—Have for sale 25 Brahma cows, 1 Brahma bull, 10 real bucking horses. Ollie Cox, Sweetwater, Texas.

FOR SALE—Moline 8-foot power take-off combine, in good shape. Joe K. Higgins, Merkel, Texas.

FOR SALE—My house and two lots on Oak street. Mrs. S. H. L. Swafford, 3945 S. E. Pine St., Portland, Ore.

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—6-room house on Oak street; modern and newly refinished inside. C. B. Gardner, M. D.

FOR RENT—4-room house, furnished, from May 17 to Sept. 1; \$20 per month. William H. Taylor. Call 5th block south, on Oak street.

FOR RENT — Garage apartment, newly papered and painted. Wozy's Cafe.

FOR RENT OR SALE — Building corner Elm and Edwards streets; can give possession immediately; building formerly occupied by Barrow Furniture Company. Write E. G. Neely, 4311 Hall street, Dallas. See E. M. McDonald for key.

WANTED

BEAUTY OPERATOR wanted. Bob's Barber and Beauty Shop.

LODGE CALLS

NOTICE MASONS. Called meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710, A. F. & A. M. Friday, May 9, at 8 p. m. for the purpose of examining candidates.

J. F. Walker, W. M. Carl Black, Sec'y.

NOTICE MASONS Regular stated meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710 A. F. & A. M. Saturday, May 10, at 8 p. m.; will be past masters' night. A M. M. degree will be conferred by past masters of the different lodges that have been invited. Members of

Wife of T. R. Blair Meets Tragic Death

Friends of Thomas R. Blair, Fort Worth railway mail clerk and former resident of Merkel, will regret to learn of the tragic death of his wife, whose body was found Sunday in the Trinity river, Fort Worth.

The coroner, after the body had been identified, returned a verdict of suicide.

It was stated by Mr. Blair that he last saw his wife on the night of Apr. 25, when she jumped from his car and disappeared on a road near the Crestwood addition. She had been suffering from a nervous disorder, he said.

Besides her husband and parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Thomas, of Lincoln, Ark., she is survived by two sisters.

Eight PTA Members to Receive Certificates

The Parent-Education Study group of the Merkel Parent-Teacher association met for its final meeting of the 1940-41 year Wednesday morning, Apr. 30, at the home of its chairman, Mrs. C. B. Gardner, to conclude the study on the year's theme, "This World of Ours," stressing the contrast between democracy and a totalitarian form of government.

These articles proved to be the bases of the morning's discussion: "Letter to Myself," by J. P. McEvoy, emphasizing the saving of one's self instead of democracy in general; "American Democracy—Is Its Future Safe?" by C. F. Schmidt, taken from the Texas Outlook; "For Tomorrow We Live," by Channing Pollock.

Eight members of the Parent-Teacher association will receive Parent Education certificates for twelve hours of study done this school year along the above lines. These are sent out by the State P.-T. A. headquarters at Austin. Those receiving certificates are Mrs. C. B. Gardner, Study Group chairman, Mesdames Norman Hodge, H. C. Reid, Ed Sandusky, Holt Vaughn, Grover Gilbert, Connor Robinson and Clyde Sears.

Approximately ten others were present at various meetings but did not do twelve hours of study; therefore, could not receive certificates.

All visiting Master Masons welcome. Refreshments.

J. F. Walker, W. M. W. C. Black, Secretary.



MOTHER DOESN'T WANT A "FUSS MADE OVER HER"

• The idea of a special "Mother's Day" celebration never started with mother herself. She's so busy most of the time, doing things for others, that she hasn't a minute to think of herself. Her thoughts are all concerned with her home, her boys and girls, their happiness and welfare—and this love follows them all their days. . .

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In his new post he is making arrangements for the Morris Sheppard Memorial banquet, the late senator having been once a member and patron of the society.

Recently Earl was awarded the inter-society debate medal by the university.

C. J. Glover returned Sunday night from a week-end visit with his sisters, Mrs. Eva Prendergast and Mrs. W. A. Little, in Austin, having also stopped over in Waco Saturday to see friends there.

Operetta

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Jimmie Reid; Joe Buzzard, James McBride; Elmina, Becky Gaither; William, James Griswold; Andrew, Dorman Clark; Seth, Gerald McCoy; Adaliza, Robbie Barbee; Lily, Betty Jo Amerson; Tom, John Leonard Turner; Mr. Moneyfold, Ollie Higgins, Jr.; Mr. Artichoke, James Roy Baccus.

Chorus, Seventh Grade and Gerald Renfro and June Nalley.

The singers have been under the direction of Mrs. Andy Shouse, Mrs. Ellen Duncan and Mrs. Elsie Nash. The dialogue has been directed by Mrs. Elmo Collins. The dances have been directed by Miss Mamie Ellis. Costumes have been in charge of Miss Pauline Ballew.

Following the operetta, diplomas will be presented to members graduating from the seventh grade by Gordon Green, principal.

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QUEEN THEATRE CALENDAR

Friday-Saturday—"Rollin' Home to Texas," starring Tex Ritter with his horse, White Flash; first chapter, "White Eagle," starring Buck Jones, also selected short subjects.

Saturday preview, Sunday matinee, **Monday night**—Bette Davis in "The Great Lie," with George Brent and Mary Astor; Porky Pig cartoon, Paramount News.

Tuesday only—"Mexican Spitfire Out West," starring Lupe Velez, Leon Errol; cartoon, selected short subjects.

Wednesday-Thursday—"Adam Had Four Sons," starring Warner Baxter, Ingrid Bergman; color cartoon, selected shorts.

"The Great Lie"

The new Bette Davis starring picture, "The Great Lie," will be the feature attraction at the Queen theatre Saturday preview, Sunday matinee and Monday night. George Brent is co-starred with her, and Edmund Goulding directed. This is the same trio which collaborated on such outstanding screen successes as "Dark Victory" and "The Old Maid."

"The Great Lie" is the love story of a magnificent cheat. In it, Bette Davis has what many previewers have pronounced her finest role to date. Twice winner of the Academy Award, Miss Davis seems to have a faculty for topping herself in each successive film that she makes. Critical acclaim on her most recent picture "The Letter" reached so high a peak that it was felt she could not top it. But according to all advance reports, the screen's first lady has done just that in "The Great Lie." A deeply moving story of the heights to which a woman can rise for the man she loves, the new film gives Miss Davis her first opportunity in years to portray a normal, modern American girl, completely without any of the "menace" which accompanied a character such as she played in "The Letter."

The feminine "menace" in "The Great Lie" is ably portrayed by Mary Astor, who returns to the screen to give the year's surprise performance. Brent is said to be exceptionally well cast in the leading male role, and the fine supporting cast includes Lucile

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Watson, Hattie McDaniel, Sam McDaniel, Russell Hicks, Thurston Hall and Jerome Cowan.

Lenore Coffee adapted "The Great Lie" for the screen from the novel by Polan Banks. Orry Kelly designed the lovely modern wardrobes worn by Miss Davis and Miss Astor, and the production was photographed by Academy Award winning cinematographer, Tony Gaudio.

"Mexican Spitfire Out West"

The efforts of a madcap bride to get more of her husband's attention by going to Reno's divorce mills, and the unlooked-for complications which result when Uncle Matt takes a hand in reconciliation efforts, provide romance, comedy and drama for "Mexican Spitfire Out West," to be shown at the Queen theatre Tuesday only.

Lastest in the popular RKO Radio series starring Lupe Velez and Leon Errol, the picture again presents Miss Velez as a charmingly untamed Latin and Errol as her eccentric uncle by marriage.

Determined to punish her husband for forgetting their first wedding anniversary, Lupe dashes off to Reno, hoping her mate will follow and make amends. But hubby's mind is on an important contract he is trying to land from Lord Epping just arrived from Britain, and he sends Uncle Matt to patch things up.

Instead Uncle Matt botches things

up in a way that piles up one ludicrous situation on another to a cyclonic finish. Much of the hilarity is due to Leon Errol's antics in the quadruple role of Uncle Matt, Lord Epping, Uncle Matt as Lord Epping, and a cockney manservant.

Donald Woods again plays the husband and Elizabeth Risdon, Cecil Kellaway, Linda Hayes and Lydia Bilbrook have other important roles. The film was produced by Cliff Reid for RKO Radio, directed by Leslie Goodwins and scripted by Charles E. Roberts and Jack Townley.

Eleven families co-operating in 1940 with the Extension Service of Texas A. and M. college as whole farm or ranch demonstrators reported their incomes were between \$231 and \$500. The average per family spent for food was \$116.07 and the value of food produced and used per family was \$430.20.

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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. John Strawn, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Strawn, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Williamson and Misses Dene Strawn, Helen McLeod and Helga Beasley attended the parents' day meet at Stephenville Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Bright report their daughter, Mrs. Beulah Russell, is recovering nicely in the hospital at Kermit. She recently underwent an appendix operation.

Mrs. Deverle Bishop and baby Sue have returned to their home in Lamesa after a stay of several days here with relatives.

Mrs. Clovis Harrison of Divide was guest last week of her sister, Mrs. Rubel Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Levie, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Gordon and Mrs. Shorty Duncan attended the all-day cemetery working at Newman Monday.

Mrs. A. Williamson spent from Monday to Thursday of last week with

her sister, Mrs. Buena Stribling, in the Roscoe hospital.

Mrs. Paul Johnson of Abilene visited last week in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lon Martin.

Miss Ethel King of Merkel was a guest Sunday in the Foy Steadman home.

Misses Opal and Novelene Freeman were guests Friday of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Howell of Abilene.

Mrs. J. L. Stanford of Fort Worth was the week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Howell. She was accompanied home Monday by her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. John James, who had been visiting here several weeks.

J. W. Goode of Camp Bowie visited with relatives and friends here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Winn visited over the week-end in Sonora with Mr. and Mrs. Horace Taylor.

Mrs. James Bright of Kilgore is visiting friends here.

Bernie Forrester and son, Max, of Albuquerque, N. M., are here for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Forrester.

Mrs. Tony Boone and little son, Regan, are home after visiting Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Chambless of Aspermont.

Earl Owens of Memphis was a recent guest of his brother, M. M. Owens. Also recent guests in the Owens home were Mrs. T. J. Melton of Merkel and Mrs. Earl Palmer of Noodle.

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Estep and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Scott were among those from here who fished in Sweetwater lake Thursday.

Those from here attending the county library meeting held at the Wooten hotel, Abilene, last Thursday, were Rev. and Mrs. Cecil Tune, J. E. Bowers and Mesdames C. W. Edwards, Ola Lee Winn, Fred Porter and Joe Boone.

Attending the all-day county school board meeting held Saturday at Fair Park auditorium were Supt. R. L. Fortune, Principal T. B. Friend and Mrs. Friend, Miss Yvonne Hodges, Malcolm Beasley, J. E. Bowers and Bert James.

Mrs. Ola Lee Winn and children and La Nelle Edwards visited Mrs. Ella Pennell of Sweetwater Sunday.

Miss Lola Burnett spent last week-end visiting her parents at Boyd.

Rev. Fred Porter, Mrs. Porter, Miss Alice Carey, Mrs. Carl Edwards and Mrs. J. E. Bowers attended the dedication service of the Camp Barkeley mission Sunday afternoon.

Rev. Cecil Tune, Mrs. Tune, Mesdames Tom Williamson, E. L. Mangum, E. C. Estep, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Keyes and Oakley Keyes attended the pastors' and laymen's conference at the M. E. church at Merkel Tuesday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Orand had as their guests Sunday a sister of Mr. Orand, Mr. and Mrs. Trout of Brownwood.

Miss Lois Orand, in company with First-Lieut. Edmond Cheek and Mrs. Opal Orand of Abilene, spent Sunday visiting at Camp Bowie.

Parent-Teacher association, with 100 invited guests. Rev. Fred Porter was the principal speaker.

On Thursday evening at the high school auditorium, the Hardin-Simmons university players, with a cast of 25, are to present "Our Town," with Miss Katharine Boyd as director and Karl Bonneaux as stage manager.

Friday evening at the auditorium at 8 o'clock, Senior play No. 2, "Aunt Tillie Goes to Town," is to be presented.

Sunday evening at 8:30 Rev. Cecil Tune will preach the baccalaureate sermon.

Supt. R. L. Fortune, Mrs. Fortune, Mrs. Ola Lee Winn and Mrs. John Windland accompanied the junior class to Abilene State park Thursday evening for an outing.

at San Antonio. Dorothy is the youngest daughter of Mrs. Banner and has a host of friends here who wish the couple much happiness.

BLAIR ITEMS

Misses Louise Addison and Maxine Phillips, who were dismissed from the Sadler Clinic of Merkel and returned home this week-end, are doing nicely. The girls say they will not attend any more maneuvers nor will they talk to any soldiers.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Mitchell left

this week-end for Sweetwater where Mr. Mitchell will work for the Planters Gin company for an indefinite time.

M. H. Farmer of White Church was a guest of Miss Maxine Phillips Sunday. Other guests in this home were Mr. Brown of White Church and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Reidenbach and family of Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Orsborn and two daughters visited Mr. and Mrs. Paul Orsborn of Nubia Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bartie Reynolds of Nubia were guests of Mr. and Mrs.

Hugh Campbell Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Vivian Terrell of Imadale, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Abbott of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Scogin of Trent were guests of Miss Louise Addison Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Price Melton and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Claud Doan of Clyde recently.

The Agricultural Adjustment Administration has announced that a farmer can increase his acreage of tomatoes for canning this year without taking a loss in his Triple-A payments.

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GIFT PARTY.

Mrs. Carter Dyer was complimented with a gift party Saturday afternoon in the J. P. Roberts home, with Mesdames R. L. Fortune, J. B. Winn and Carl Edwards as co-hostesses. The rooms were decorated with vases of roses.

Miss Christine Collins was at the piano for Miss Johnnie Roberts to sing a lullaby, "Little Sleepy Head." Miss Edith Harris gave two appropriate readings. In the contests that followed Mrs. Roy Banner won first prize with the honoree, Mrs. Dyer, winning second.

Refreshments of angel food cake, topped with pink and blue icing, and fruit punch were served to Mesdames Artemus Howell, G. C. Johnson, A. C. Terry, Roy Banner, R. L. Fortune, Fred Porter, C. W. Edwards, J. P. Roberts, C. Dyer; Misses Christine Collins, Edith Harris, Johnnie Roberts.

Those sending gifts were Mesdames A. Williamson, C. R. Tittle, Louie McRee, J. E. Bowers, Earl Strawn, Gus Brewer, Cecil McRee, C. W. Edwards, S. Berger, Stanley Toombs of Merkel, John Windland, J. Cal Hamner, Dorothy Stevens, Clifford Estep, Jack Frost and Bob Howell, Abilene; Misses Yvonne Hodges Hermal Glasgow.

MARRIAGE ANNOUNCED.

Mrs. Roy Banner is announcing the marriage of her daughter, Miss Dorothy Banner, to Chas. Hawk on May 2 at Riverside Baptist church, San Antonio. They will make their home

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Large Crowd Hears Senior Class Play

The Senior Class play, "The Hero Returns," was well-received last Thursday night by a large crowd of interested "playgoers." Proceeds will be used in purchasing a gift for High school.

The play centered around Robert Goodyear, a timid young man who finds himself in the role of a hero who has saved a young French girl from drowning. The escapades that follow are the result of his trying to learn to swim before he is to be featured by his mother and friends in the swimming tournament.

Douglas McCoy played the role of the son; Peggy Robertson, Luella, the little sister; Doris Clyde Miller, the elder sister, Grace; Louise Patterson, the mother; Eva Martin, Virginia Ferguson, in love with Robert; Tommie Grimes, Annette Coverdale; Eva Brown, Adelaide Young, her chum; Dora Gaither, Mrs. Baxter Warner of the Hero's club; John Mack Grant,

her husband; David Gibson, "Bunny" Wheeler, engaged to Grace; Maureen Moore, a newspaper woman, Victoria Esmond; Betty Higgins, the French girl, Claudette Bordoni; La Moine Sherrill, a champion swimmer, "Spike" Ryder; Mildred Smith, the brave Jane Allen; Dorothy Shannon, the newly-found songbird, Louise Thompson.

Within the play, Mrs. Warner directed an impromptu play, for the purpose of finding new talent for her club. These characters were: Booth Higgins, the farmer; Mary Lu Higgins, his wife; Geraldine Teague, their daughter; Glen Barbee, their son; Charles Church, the hero; James Cox, the villain; Becky Gardner, the Moon; Lyla Hobbs and Dessie Baker, the Spirits; Nell Butman, Maudie Turner, Louise Cooke, the Clouds; Marvin DuBose, Death.

Becky Gardner played piano selections, and Doris Clyde Miller and Bonnie Church sang favorite melodies.

Couple Wed at Cisco By Bride's Father

Marriage of Virgil C. Henderson, of Denver, Colo., and Miss Flora Dee Murdock was solemnized Monday night at the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Henderson at Cisco, with the father of the bride, Rev. Bill Murdock, performing the ceremony. Both are graduates of the Noodle school.

The groom is in the United States army, stationed at Denver, Colo., and his bride will remain here temporarily with her parents.

Record of Births.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wilburn, Comper, Saturday, May 3, 1941.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Smith, Saturday, May 3, 1941.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Waymon Adcock, Monday, May 5, 1941.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Burnett Orr, Nolan, Tuesday, May 6, 1941.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. John Boyd, Trent, Wednesday, May 7, 1941.

LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS

Clark Mundy resumed his duties Monday at the post office after an absence since Mar. 28, when he underwent an appendicitis operation.

Miss Leola Reidenbach, a recent graduate from Parsons Beauty school, Abilene, who received her state license Monday, is employed now at the Orchid Beauty Shoppe.

Norman King, recently returned from Randolph field, San Antonio, where he received a medical discharge, is now in charge of radio service at the Merkel Motor company.

As chairman of the Cemetery Clean-up campaign, Mrs. Elma McFarland is in receipt of a check from W. E. Lowe for \$2.50 to apply on the clean-up fund.

Sometime during the hours between 7:30 and 10:30 Monday morning, the sum of \$38 in currency and a check for \$2.21 were taken from the safe

of the Magnolia station, White & Palmer, proprietors. The money and check which had been placed in the drawer in the safe, was discovered missing, although the owners and employees had been in and out of the station on regular duties during those hours. No clue has been found.

Mrs. Lucy Ford was the surprised honoree of a birthday dinner Sunday when she returned from church, arranged by her daughter, Miss Grovone Ford. It was also the birthday of a son-in-law, Alvin Wozencraft, who was jointly honored. Others present were Mrs. Alvin Wozencraft and Mrs. J. M. Williamson.

Barkeley Work Ordered.

Washington, May 8.—Buildings necessary to convert Camp Barkeley into a permanent tent camp will cost an estimated \$2,469,525, according to announcement Monday from the war department. Plans call for construction of 373 buildings, to begin probably early in June.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

Visit Indian Grave On Butman Ranch

Mrs. James Sloan of Big Spring, daughter of Sam Butman, Sr., was the guest of the Butman ranch the past week. A trip to the Indian Grave, one mile south of B. T. ranch, brought back pleasant memories for her.

Joe Swinney took his pick-up with as many as could go, then made a campfire, cooked meat, potatoes, eggs and coffee.

After having lunch and an hour of fun, they all climbed the mountain to the grave, where they found 50 blue and white Indian heads.

Those who enjoyed the picnic were Mrs. Sloan, Mrs. Tom Russon, Mrs. Sam Butman, Mrs. A. D. Scott and two boys, Mrs. Will Butman, and daughter, Louine, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Swinney and two little boys.

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HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB.

The Home Demonstration club met Friday, May 2, in the home of Mrs. L. A. Dudley with Mrs. Don Riney as co-hostess. They were assisted in the preparations by Miss Dot Swafford. The president called the meeting to order, roll was called, the minutes read and reports given.

Mrs. Dudley reported that the Girl Scouts are to have a house; it will be an 18 by 22 foot building with a five inch rock wall. The scouts do not have adequate funds at present to complete the structure, but it is hoped that the city will lend a helping hand when they see the reality of a scout club house and the advantage it will be to the community. When the house is completed the scouts will hold open house.

Mrs. Dudley read a clever poem. The yards were drawn and completed yards made up in aprons, pillow cases, etc., were shown.

Those not present at this meeting are to bring their yards to the next meeting, which will be in the home of Miss Lottie Butman, May 16. Members are asked to bring donations to the Cemetery Clean-up fund.

Due to the heavy rain most of the club members could not come to the meeting, but a tasty refreshment plate was served to Mesdames Grover Gilbert, John Hughes, Stanley King, L. A. Dudley, W. R. Sumpter, Bob McDonald, Don Riney, Holt Vaughn, Harry Barnett, and Miss Dot Swafford, a visitor.

JUNIOR STUDY CLUB.

"Early Communication in Texas" was the program theme when the Junior Study club met last Thursday afternoon in the home of Miss Mildred Hamm, with Miss Imogene Schulze as co-hostess.

Miss Hettie Logan Clay discussed "The Pony Express," and Miss Ruth West's subject was "Stage Coaches, Old Roads and Trails."

The following were present: Mesdames Landon Hill, David Gamble, Andy Shouse, Carroll Benson, J. E. Boaz, Jr., Elmo Collins, Norman Hodge, Raymond Ferguson, George T. Moore, Wrenn Durham, Pete West; Misses La Verne Dunbar, Mary Collins, Hettie Logan Clay, Pauline Ballew, Imogene Schulze, Mildred Hamm, Ruth West.

L. L. L. CLASS.

The L. L. L. Sunday School class of the First Baptist church met with Grovener Ford Monday evening. Pearl Mathews brought the devotional, and Sue Bird presided over the business session. Mrs. Allen Wilson and Grovener Ford were named group captains.

Mrs. Owen Robertson gave several clever readings and games of "42" furnished diversion for the evening. A dainty salad plate was served to Mesdames Owen Robertson, Allen Wilson, J. M. Williamson, Lucy Ford; Misses Sue and Mildred Bird, Pearl Mathews and Grovener Ford.

T. E. L. CLASS.

The T. E. L. class of the First Baptist church met in the home of Mrs. E. W. King Wednesday for a pleasant all-day meeting. The house was profusely decorated with lovely spring flowers. Mrs. Owen Robertson entertained with readings, "A Parable

on Mother," by Temple Bailey and "Deceitful Man."

At the noon hour a delectable covered dish luncheon was served to Mesdames E. R. Clark, W. L. Fugate, Earl Lassiter, W. A. Ford, Geo. Bullock, R. J. Miller, John Mansfield, Marvin Smith, Alonzo Peterson, Clyde Bartlett, W. J. Largent, Owen Robertson, John Walker, A. R. Booth, Walter Teaff, E. W. King and Miss Mae Lassiter.

The class will meet with Mrs. George Bullock in Sweetwater June 11 for a covered dish luncheon.

SWEETWATER CITY PARK OUTING.

Eight members of the Needle and Thimble club spent Tuesday, May 6, at the Sweetwater City park in an all-day outing. Tennis was the morning diversion followed by a delicious picnic lunch and skating. Those enjoying the trip were Mesdames Nolan Palmer, L. V. Moore, J. E. Boaz, Jr., Hoyle Lemens, Geo. T. Moore, E. Y. Bailey, David Gamble and Connor Robinson.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Woman's Missionary society of Grace Presbyterian church met Monday afternoon at the church with Mrs. W. M. Elliott leader of a program on Latin America and Spanish-Speaking Americans.

Following the devotional from John 11:1-30, given by the leader, the program was as follows: prayer, Mrs. G. F. West; "The Spanish-Speaking Field," Mrs. Connor Robinson; "School Work in These Fields," Mrs. Delma Compton; "Allison-James School and Latin America," Mrs. J. Basil Ramsey; "Visions at Work," Mrs. John West; "Wonders in Changed Lives," Mrs. Henry West. The mishap closed the meeting.

WOODMEN CIRCLE.

Woodmen Circle Grove No. 563 met in regular session Thursday, May 1. Mrs. Katie Kidwell, district manager, gave a report of her district meeting held recently at Lamesa.

After moving to Abilene Mrs. Norris Barnett resigned as reporter. Further plans for the trip to Omaha, Nebr., were discussed.

Those present were: Mrs. Harry Barnett, guardian; Mrs. Pearl Hollingsworth, secretary; Mrs. Norris Barnett, reporter; Miss Maurine White, banker, and Mrs. Katie Kidwell, district manager.

The next meeting will be May 15 and the time has been changed from 2 to 3 o'clock.

LAS AMIGAS CLASS.

Members of the Las Amigas Sunday School class of the First Baptist church met Monday evening in the home of Mrs. Cooper Waters.

Miss Thelma Mathews presided in the absence of the president. New officers were elected, after which delicious refreshments were served to the following: Misses Vivian Davis, Clara White, Thelma Mathews, Nadine Clack, Lucille Crick, Maurine White and Mesdames Cooper Waters and Don Riney.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Ned Watts was honored on his third birthday with a party given by

his mother. After games were played, balloons were distributed and lovely gifts were opened. The group gathered around the dining table and sang "Happy Birthday" while Ned was blowing his candles out. Dixie cups of ice cream and cake were served to the following: E. L. Dunn, Anna Lake Waters, Linda Bowman, Patricia Ann Falmer, Goldie Ann Leverich, Carol Ann Bailey, Suzy Beth Bird, Creta Key, Karen Sue and Jan Case, Jerry Douglas, Jerry Don Higgins, Ralph Bartlett, Patsy Beech, Barbara Wilson, Jan Lemens, James Spencer Bird and Jackie and Jimmy McAninch. Mrs. W. W. Campbell and Mrs. Alvin Wozencraft sent gifts.

RURAL SOCIETY SALT BRANCH CLUB.

The Salt Branch Home Demonstration club met with Mrs. Hob Robertson on May 1. Talks were given by Mrs. Vernon Hudson, Mrs. Johnny Cox and Mrs. Carl Baccus.

Those present were Mesdames Roy Harrell, J. C. Allen, W. J. Higgins, W. U. Beene, Carl Baccus, J. E. Smith, M. H. Barker, J. S. Pinckley, Bill Hays, Vernon Hudson, Ida Higgins, Johnny Cox, Misses Lena Faye Harrell and Ruth Pinckley.

Visitors were Mesdames Jarrett Pinckley, Paxton Hays and Patton. Mrs. T. C. Allen was elected secretary-treasurer as Mrs. Ida Higgins' resignation was accepted.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. Ida Higgins on May 15.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Hester Brewer and children spent last week with Mrs. Brewer's sister, Mrs. Bill Caldwell, at Anson. They were joined there by Mrs. John Rife and family and sister, Louise Joplin, of Graham, and the entire group came Sunday to Noodle for the homecoming in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the school.

Mrs. J. T. Johnson has returned from a week's visit with relatives and friends in Beckville, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Perry spent Sunday visiting relatives in Odessa.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Lassiter and son, Cecil, Richard of Big Spring, drove down Sunday to attend the Noodle home-coming. They were accompanied home by Misses Clarice Faye Blair and Jewel Chaney, who will return the latter part of the week.

Mrs. J. Ben Campbell slipped and fell and broke her arm Saturday morning as she started to milk the cows, but is reported doing nicely.

Mrs. O. D. Allamon of Randolph Field, Texas, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Harris. After her visit here, she will join Staff Sgt. Allamon and they will go to their new home in Sacramento, Calif., where he will be stationed.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Conley, De Verle Conley and J. C. Rigan visited the bedside of Mrs. Conley's sister, Mrs. Raymond Russom, of Big Spring, Sunday and Monday.

Mrs. C. V. Shelton and children left Monday to join Mr. Shelton at Midland, where he is employed by the Banner Creamery. E. E. Read, new principal of the High school, has moved into the Shelton home.

Pvt. John W. Cook from Camp Bowie, Brownwood, spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Artist Cook. Rev. and Mrs. A. C. Healer of Sweetwater were also Sunday guests in the Cook home.

Mrs. J. B. Ramsey and daughter, Celia Anita, left Thursday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Sollock, at Rule.

Pvts. Robert L. Smith, Guy W. Brown and Lemuel V. Perkins, Sgt. Harland L. Hanks and Corp. Allen Hargrove, all of Camp Bowie, Brownwood, were week-end visitors with their parents.

Sgt. J. B. Bunch of Camp Bowie Brownwood, and Mrs. Bunch were week-end visitors of Mrs. Bunch's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Harris.

Miss Dorothy Smith was a Sunday guest in the home of J. E. Combs at Sweetwater.

Mrs. A. T. Sheppard, who was taken ill with the "flu" Saturday, was able to resume her duties at Barrow-Sheppard Wednesday.

W. I. Wozencraft, now employed at Pecos, is here on a visit with his mother, Mrs. W. A. Wozencraft, and other relatives.

Student Ranks "Highly Superior" at Rally

At the Future Homemakers rally in San Antonio on Apr. 30-May 3, "highly superior" was the rank given to Jeanette Neff, Merkel High School student, on her afternoon dress. Her dress, made in class, is a rose and white polka dot rayon crepe with a navy jacket. Her other accessories are navy and white.

Jeanette, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Neff, has been an outstanding homemaking student for three years. Last year she attended the rally as club representative. She is treasurer-elect of the Future Homemakers of Texas in Area 3.

Merkel competed in group A for the first time this year. About 450 schools entered the contests at the rally. The largest schools are in group A and "highly superior" is the highest ranking given in any contest. It means a grade of 96 to 100.

Other students attending the rally from Merkel were Wanda McCoy, Bonnie McAninch and Bobby Teaff. Miss Frances Cleveland, homemaking teacher, sponsored the group.

Picnic for Texans Held in California

Mrs. W. S. Slayden, in enclosing a clipping from a Los Angeles, Calif., paper about the Texas picnic on Apr. 21, wrote that Taylor county was well represented and in the assembly of nearly 25,000 natives of Texas at Sycamore Grove park she "had felt more at home than at any time since we left Merkel."

Following customary state society methods, the big park was marked off in areas designated as counties of Texas to facilitate reunions among former residents of the counties. During the program everybody joined in the chorus of "Beautiful Texas," and Mrs. Slayden writes, "maybe you think that wouldn't make you homesick for good old Texas."



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GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School 10 a. m. Morning worship, 11 a. m. Sermon subject, "A Mother's Reward." Text, Exodus 2:9, "Take this child away and nurse him for me and I will give thee wages." Communion. No evening service because of the baccalaureate sermon. Mid-week prayer meeting Wednesday 7:45 p. m. J. B. Ramsey, Pastor.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

There were 544 present at the six reporting Sunday Schools here last Sunday, as compared with 265 the previous week. On the same Sunday a year ago the attendance was 577.

METHODIST CHURCH.

Sunday services: Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Morning worship service 11 a. m. Intermediate League 6:45 p. m. Young People's League hour begins at 6:45 p. m. No service Sunday evening on account of baccalaureate sermon. Week-day activities: Woman's Society of Christian Service meets Monday at 3 p. m. Mid-week service every Wednesday night. There's always a welcome with the Methodists. Marvin Boyd, Pastor.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Morning sermon at 11. Training Union 6:45. No service Sunday evening on account of the baccalaureate sermon. Teachers' and officers' meeting and prayer meeting 7:45 Wednesday evening. Cooper Waters, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Our regular schedule of services is as follows: Sunday: Bible School 9:45 a. m., preaching 10:45 a. m. and 8 p. m., young people's Bible class 7 p. m. Wednesday: Ladies' Bible class 2:30 p. m. and prayer meeting at 8 p. m. The public is invited to attend each of these services. Come bring your friends. Lee Starnes, Minister.

NAZARENE CHURCH.

Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. NYPS at 7:30 Sunday evening. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. Everyone is cordially invited to these services. G. O. Crow, Pastor.

FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Preaching Saturday night at 7:30 o'clock. Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30. M. C. Miller, Pastor.

NUBIA M. E. CHURCH.

Sunday is Mothers Day! Let's make her happy! And what would be a better way to do so than to attend church with her. Sunday School at 10:30 a. m., followed by church services conducted by Rev. J. B. Stewart. Church services and League Sunday night. The Leaguers wish to dedicate the program Sunday night to all

Mothers and extend to them a most cordial invitation.

Reporter. STITH M. E. CHURCH. There will be a special Mother's Day service at the Stith Methodist church Sunday, May 11. The pastor, Rev. R. L. Gilpin, will preach on the subject, "Our Debt to Motherhood." There will be appropriate music and flowers. The oldest mother in the service will be the honor guest and will be given a gift in token of love. The public is urged to attend.

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