

**Keeping Up With Texas**

Forty-seven persons were killed and 358 injured in Texas traffic collisions involving military personnel during the first four months of this year, Colonel Homer Garrison, state police director, announced Friday.

Selection of a site near Texarkana for an ammunition storage depot, where approximately \$9,000,000 will be expended, was announced Saturday by the war department.

W. H. McNeese, 66, an employee of a gas company at Logansport, La., was killed Saturday in an automobile accident four miles south of Carthage. B. H. McNeese, a son and driver of the car, was injured.

Contracts for 200 Defense Home Corporation houses to shelter its skyrocketing family of defense workers shot Corpus Christi back into the Texas building lead last week. That city's total for the week reached \$844,100, to raise its current 1941 total to \$8,606,985, second only to Houston.

Failure to heed an older brother's warning not to wading cost 9-year-old Richard R. Haught his life Sunday when he stepped in a deep water hole while wading in flood backwaters outside the Dallas levee system half a mile below the Corinth Street viaduct.

Two members of Company B, 120th Quartermaster Regiment at Camp Berkeley, Raymond D. Phelps, 23, and Clarence Patrick, 20, were killed when the civilian car in which they were riding crashed into a bridge abutment. Double funeral rites were held Monday afternoon in Healdton, Okla.

An intense electrical storm, accompanied by heavy rain and a high wind, struck Wichita Falls Monday causing damage estimated at more than \$100,000.

Charles Barber, 34, died Sunday of burns suffered in an explosion and fire at a distilling unit of the Taylor Refining Company at Corpus Christi Saturday night. The damage was estimated at \$50,000.

**Visitors Welcome to Housekeeping Aide Training Center**

Merkel is very proud of the housekeeping aide resident project training center which has been established in the first house south across the street from the Armstrong home.

The home under the supervision of Miss Jessie Jack Horne, assistant project supervisor, is established to provide a workshop in which to train the women in the various phases of home-making and to teach them to utilize to the best advantage the materials found in the low income home.

The training center is open to all visitors and, although it is not a finished product, the first steps have been taken in the rehabilitation of a low-income home, and applicable to "field work" that might be found in and around Merkel.

All improvements and work done so far have been made at a minimum cost. The entire house was given a soap and water bath, old wallpaper and canvas removed and the walls in all rooms refinished to give the effect of knotty-pine; cabinets were built, chairs were rebottomed and initial yard improvements have been made at very little expense. Special attention is being directed toward learning how to improve diets based on Texas Food Standard and learning to use the food stamp plan to a better advantage, as it has been agreed that every home-maker should be a first-rate manager of her food budget.

Discarded material and materials considered useless and hopeless by homemakers can be used by the center to demonstrate what can be made, and the center will be glad to get such materials from coffee tins to broken down chairs with which they can work.

Much progress has been made during the three weeks since the center has been established at the site.

**Correspondents**

As July Fourth, a national holiday, falls on Friday, The Mail will print a day earlier next week so that the paper may be delivered to subscribers on the rural routes on Thursday. News budgets and social items should reach this office Monday and your co-operation will be appreciated.

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On the "Broadway of America"

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**SERVICES HELD HERE MONDAY FOR JIM COLLINS**

**Well Known Resident of Noodle Community Passes Away at His Home Sunday; Masons in Charge of Funeral.**

Jim Collins, 67, resident of the Noodle community since coming to Jones county in 1936, died at his home there at 8 o'clock Sunday morning. He had been ill since Friday when he suffered a heart attack.

Funeral services were held at 4 o'clock Monday afternoon from the Church of Christ here, conducted by Minister James D. Willeford of Anson, assisted by Claud C. Smith, Merkel minister. Burial followed in Rose Hill cemetery, under direction of Lawrence funeral home of Anson. Services at the graveside were in charge of the Masons.

Palbearers were Ernest Spurgin, Waldo Cox, T. D. Compton, Henry Farr, H. C. Smith and Andy Shouse.

Jim Collins was born at Liberty, Ky., on Sept. 6, 1873, and moved with his parents to Bell county, Texas, in 1892, later moving to Rannels county in 1913, where he resided until moving to Jones county five years ago. He was a member of Merkel Lodge No. 710, A. F. & A. M., and was also an elder in the Noodle Church of Christ.

He was first married to Miss Lillie Butler and to this union six children were born, five of whom survive. They are: Mrs. Sarah Townsend, Brownwood; John W. Collins, La Coste; Mrs. Nolen Holt, Crane; Tom Collins, Merkel, and Mrs. Roy Duncan, Buckholts, Texas. Mrs. Collins died in 1909 and he married Mrs. Eliza Flint in 1914. One child was born to the second marriage, Pearl Collins, who survives.

Other survivors are his wife, three step-children, Mrs. E. L. Turner of Millersville, Mrs. Bob Richardson and Andrew Flint of Ballinger; one brother, Sam Collins, Coleman, and the following half-brothers: Dewey of Coleman, Spurlin of Ben Arnold, Pierce of Oklahoma, Arthur Collins of Port Lavaca, Ernest of Cameron and Charley of Big Spring; two half-sisters, Mrs. Frank Spraul of Ben Arnold and Mrs. Collis Wise of Port Lavaca, and his step-mother, Mrs. Tennie Collins of Ben Arnold.

**Texas' Death Rate Low.** Washington, June 26.—Although the death rate in Texas increased from 9.4 per 1,000 population in 1939 to 9.7 in 1940, it was still considerably below the national average of 10.8, figures from the census bureau showed Saturday.

**Former Bell Countians Plan Picnic July 6**

Attention of Ex-Bell county residents is again called to the annual picnic to be held at Buffalo Gap on Sunday, July 6, in a letter to The Mail from A. J. Smith of Anson, president of the association. "Bring your basket lunch and spend the day with your former friends and neighbors," is the invitation extended to all ex-residents of the well-known blackland county in Central Texas.

**Large Delegation Goes to Roscoe for Lions Zone Meeting**

The Merkel delegation attending the Lions zone meeting at Roscoe Tuesday night numbered more than a dozen, including President and Mrs. R. T. Gray, Supt. and Mrs. Connor Robinson, Messrs. and Mesdames W. R. Yazell, Owen Robertson, and S. O. Owens, Mrs. Basil Bates of Dallas, Becky Gaither and E. O. Carson.

A barbecued beef and chicken supper was served at the school gymnasium, with the three new clubs in the zone, Roby, Hamlin and Anson, represented, besides Abilene, Sweetwater, Merkel and the host club.

W. B. Jones, superintendent of the Roby schools, was elected chairman, Sam Morgan of Roby being named secretary. Among prominent out-of-town guests were retiring District Governor Frank Crippliver of Wichita Falls and Roy Keet, of Austin, state secretary.

As their part of the program, Merkel Lions presented Becky Gaither in several accordion numbers, which were especially well received.

**Superintendent Attends State Meeting of REA**

Supt. Johnny Cox of the Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc., was in Austin Tuesday to attend a meeting of the Texas Power Reserve Electric Cooperative, state organization of representatives of the seven REA groups in the state. Mr. Cox is director for group 4, including eleven Co-ops in this area.

At the Austin meeting, final papers were signed for the purchase of mobile generating units, which will arrive in Texas the last of this week and will be on display at the Possum Kingdom Dam celebration on July 2.

**Comings-Goings-Doings**

Floyd Hutcheson and son, Floyd, Jr., of Houston, spent Friday, Saturday and Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson.

Mrs. J. J. White returned Sunday from a visit with relatives and friends in Santo, Texas.

After a visit with her aunts, Mrs. Ada Heeter and Miss Sadie Woodrum, Mrs. R. E. Neal and daughter, Margaret Rebecca, returned Sunday night to their home at Hugo, Okla.

Miss Mamie Ellis left Friday for Dallas and from there expected to go on to Commerce to visit friends. Her father, R. A. Ellis, is spending the time in Lubbock.

Visiting Friday in the J. R. Murdock home at Noodle was A. B. Power, from Alto, Texas, a brother of Mrs. Murdock.

Rudolph Farmer of the CCC camp at Lubbock visited last week with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Farmer of White Church, Lewis Farmer of Camp Bowie, Brownwood, also visited home and was accompanied to Lubbock by Miss Linnie Fay Armstrong, where they carried Rudolph home and spent the day Sunday.

After a visit with his parents here, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Stevens, and with his wife and daughter, who are visiting her parents, in Abilene, Silas Stevens returned Tuesday to San Antonio, which is his headquarters while he is working in Rio Grande valley cities.

Sylvan Mellinger, who went to Livingston at the close of the regular session of the University of Texas to manage the store there in the absence of his uncle, returned home last Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Reid, accompanied by their daughter, Betty, of Santa Anna, spent Sunday here visiting Mrs. J. J. McNiece, who continues seriously ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Groene of Tampico, Mexico, are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Groene, for a few days.

Dr. and Mrs. L. C. Zehnpfennig were accompanied on their return Sunday night from Lawton, Okla., by Mrs. U. H. Zehnpfennig, who is visiting this week in the Zehnpfennig home and with her grandmother, Mrs. S. W. Sheppard, Dr. Urban Zehnpfennig, stationed at Fort Sill, left Sunday to go to Indianapolis, Ind., to bring a group of recruits back to Fort Sill.

Mrs. Eda Carpenter of Fort Worth, Mrs. Tina Jordan of Nacogdoches and Jack Kincaid of Fort Worth visited Sunday in the W. D. Hutcheson home. Mesdames Carpenter and Jordan are sisters of Mrs. Hutcheson.

Mrs. Joe Van Vaeter and daughter, Jo Ann, of Carter, Okla., and Mrs. Lee Davis and daughters, Patsy and Jerry Sue, of Elk City, Okla., arrived Monday for a visit with the Forest Gaithers. Mesdames Van Vaeter and Davis are sisters of Mrs. Gaither. Miss Faye Hollis of Hayward, Calif.,

**SIX OF CIRCLE MEMBERS LEAVE FOR CONVENTION**

**From Omaha, Party Plans a Sight-Seeing Trip to Pacific Coast, Expecting to Return to Merkel About July 5.**

Mesdames Alice Wallace, Karl Boneaux, Charlie Seago, Claude Perry, R. H. Mathews and Reuben Reeves, in company with Colonel P. Church, who went along to drive, left Saturday morning at 4 o'clock (via automobile) to attend the National Convention of the Supreme Forest Woodmen Circle and the celebration of the organization's golden anniversary at Omaha, Nebr. After the convention they will enjoy a sight-seeing trip to Salt Lake City, Pike's Peak, Yellowstone National Park, then across to Portland, Ore., and down the coastline highway to Philo, Calif., where Mrs. Mathews will visit a brother, Doyle Blair. They will return to Merkel Saturday, July 5.

The National Woodmen Circle Convention meets once every four years. The last convention met in San Antonio, when the Merkel drill team attended and took part in the ceremonies.

The society was founded in Denver, Colo., in 1891, and in these fifty years has grown in membership to a present total of more than 132 thousand, and insurance in force with the Woodmen Circle now totals more than 105 million dollars. Officers of the society point to the fact that nearly 44 million dollars has been paid by the society in benefits since its origin, and that assets in the Woodmen Circle now total more than 35 million dollars.

A colorful pageant dramatizing the society's growth and its services to the communities in which it is located has been planned as one of the highlights of the convention. Other spectacular events include a mile-long parade, with 1500 white-robed marching members, bands, drill corps, drum and bugle corps, and drum-major-jettie squads. Luncheons and breakfasts honoring pioneer members of the society have been planned.

**Fireboys Engage in Racing Contests**

Sixteen members of the department were out Tuesday afternoon for regular bi-monthly practice, at which time sides were chosen and "racing" contests practiced. Waymond Adcock and Claude Perry were captains of the competing teams.

A recent purchase of 400 feet of two-inch hose by the city council has arrived, adding materially to the already good equipment of the department.

The fireboys, through Chief John Mansfield, have asked The Mail to express their thanks to the merchants and other public-spirited citizens whose liberal donations enabled the department to be so well represented at the recent state convention.

**"Unloaded" Gun Gets its Victim**

Accidentally shot in the foot Tuesday evening by what he thought was an "unloaded" gun, E. L. (Preacher) McLeod, salesman for the Merkel Motor company, is convalescing in the home of a brother-in-law, Ray Wilson. The accident happened about 8 o'clock in the evening, when he was getting out of his car to enter his home at Trent and the gun, a 22-calibre rifle borrowed from Ray Wilson, discharged. The bullet, which struck him in the foot, was removed in two pieces at Sadler Clinic. No bones were broken and he is reported doing nicely.

**Scouts Open Project To Care for Children**

Girl Scout are prepared at their club house to care for the little children of mothers who wish to go to the rodeo, it is announced by Mrs. H. B. Robertson, leader. Charge of 25 cents for the afternoon, from 1:30 to 4:30, will be made, but no children under two will be taken.

Good care of the children is assured and things to entertain them will be provided.

**Fresh Lot of Bucking Broncs to Face Cowboys At Saturday's Rodeo**

**VOTERS ELECT SENATOR FROM TEXAS SATURDAY**

Texas voters will go to the polls Saturday to elect a United States senator from a field of around 25 prospects, to succeed the late Morris Sheppard. Only four, however, of this long list of candidates are counted in the running. Named in alphabetical order, they are Congressman Martin Dies, Congressman Lyndon Johnson, Attorney General Gerald C. Mann and Gov. W. Lee O'Daniel.

Sam Swann will be presiding judge for the Merkel precinct, voting place to be at the Lions club hall.

Assisting him will be Mesdames Sam Swann, A. R. Booth and V. B. Sublett, Miss Pauline Johnson, Messrs. T. L. Grimes, Cyrus Pee, Horace Boney.

**Governor Visits Merkel On Campaign Tour**

Governor W. Lee O'Daniel, who visited Merkel last year on the eve of the state primary election and was re-nominated with a majority vote, stopped here Tuesday afternoon in his West Texas tour and addressed a large crowd of listeners from his sound truck.

He was accompanied by his two sons and daughter and his familiar hillbilly band.

**Boys Urged to Attend FFA Meeting Friday**

The Merkel Future Farmers chapter will hold its regular monthly meeting Friday night at 8 o'clock at the High school. All boys that are going to take vocational agriculture next year are urged to be present.

Officers for next year will be elected and delegates to attend the state convention to be held at Marshall will also be selected. Several other items of business will be disposed of and it is necessary for all boys that possibly can be present.

Projects carried by V. A. students that have been visited by C. H. Collinsworth, V. A. instructor, during the two weeks are coming along nicely, and prospects for projects of high quality for the coming school year are very good.

**Senator Harrison Dies.**

Washington, June 26.—Pat Harrison, genial 59-year-old Mississippi democrat and president pro tempore of the senate, died Sunday in the Emergency hospital.

**Five Additional Horses from Anson to Augment Laney Brothers' Best Selection of Five in the Bronc Riding Events.**

Five of the best horses used in the Anson rodeo two weeks ago will be added to the five best bucking broncs selected from the Laney Brothers stock for the rodeo Saturday of this week, third in the series of free summer shows sponsored for 1941 by the Merchants Trade Extension association of Merkel. Starting time is 2 p. m.

Howard and Homer Laney carried five of their bucking horses over to Anson for the first show staged there. With the addition of five new horses from the Jones county lot, sent in return, Saturday's bill should present some pretty tough going for the riding cowboys.

Besides the two bronc riding events, saddle and bareback, introducing five horses each, this week's performance will present six other spectacular feature events: calf roping, wild cow milking, bull riding, steer riding, junior calf riding and team tying.

Following this week's exhibition, other dates for the season are July 19, Aug. 9 and Aug. 30.

Numbered reserved seats are now on sale at both drug stores. Price, 40 cents to everybody. Other seats, 25 cents for adults, 10 cents for children, on sale at the grounds, beginning at 1 p. m. on show day.

**Projected Food Center in Merkel Abandoned**

Owing to the fact that there was not enough work to justify a supervisor being assigned to Taylor county, Mrs. Ruth Pearce, Taylor county supervisor of W. P. A. lunch rooms, has advised Supt. Connor Robinson of the Merkel schools that the projected food preservation center at Merkel has had to be abandoned.

Tuscola will have a canning center, operated by Mrs. Ruth Clappitt of Ballinger, which is the only canning center definitely to operate.

**Half Year's Rainfall Already Over 19 inches**

While scarcely a day passes without its shower of rain, only precipitation within the past week that registered in the gauge was on Monday afternoon, when Volunteer Weather Observer J. I. Ford reported three-eighths of an inch.

In some places nearby, however, practically no rain fell at this time.

The 1941 total now stands at 19 3/16 inches, with a few more days remaining in the first half year.

**MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO**

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, July 1, 1921.)

Urban Shannon, one of the splendid R. F. D. men of the Merkel post office, returned first of the week from a vacation trip to the plains. B. P. Middleton, local substitute, ably held down the route during Mr. Shannon's leave of absence.

**ANOTHER GOOD MAN IS CALLED TO HIS REWARD.**

Mr. J. M. Dry, who was stricken with paralysis on last Saturday, passed away about six o'clock Thursday evening. Thus again Merkel has lost one of its grandest and best citizens.

Ed Teaff, B. C. Gaither, Henry Frazier, H. C. Floyd, Walter Boden, A. V. Dye and Dr. W. V. Cranford were among those of our citizens who attended the old Settlers picnic at Buffalo Gap last Saturday. They report a big time with plenty to eat.

Frank R. Johnson and wife of Wichita Falls were pleasant visitors at

the home of the former's father, Capt. G. W. Johnson, first of the week.

Mrs. Rufus Grisham of Hillsboro was here this week, the guest of her father, J. T. Howard.

Ray (Sie) Hamm made a pleasure trip to Abilene and Baird Sunday night and returned early Monday morning.

Messrs. Choc Jones, Davis Jones, Earl Baze and W. L. Diltz, Jr., left the first part of the week for the Concho.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Jones returned last week from their ranch near Sierra Blanca. Pat says the range is fine and cattle fat.

Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Huddlestone left Sunday for an extended visit to their boyhood and girlhood homes in the state of old Kentucky.

Frank Smith of Uvalde is here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Smith.



**SINGING AGAIN.**

Once more, my good friends, I am calling your special attention to our singing at Truby. So please meet us there early so we can begin program at 10:30 forenoon. If we ever did need you, it is this time for I fear lots of our singing friends will go to Dallas for the all-night singing and broadcasting Saturday night, and that may cause a shortage with us. So come, take up all the slack you can.

Tell your friends to come, as we want to have a real day singing good old and new gospel songs. Not sure, but hope to have the new Stamps books. I've invited a number of quartets, duets and trios, so hope to have a big time. Sent cards inviting our singing friends to meet us there and, of course, our old standbys will be there, as they never fail. All ministers are cordially invited to come along. Everyone come, hear Senator Robison, as he will be here all-day. He is a real booster as well as a good singer. Please do not be late. Let's start at 10:30. Bring lunch and a little bit extra for me and some visitor. Love to all.

Tom Spears.

**Assumes Duties as New Bookkeeper for Co-op**

Miss Dorothy Willburn, formerly with the Production Credit company of Tahoka, assumed her duties Saturday as bookkeeper for the Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc.

She takes the place of Mrs. S. E. Nicholson, the former Ruth Roberts, who was married in Lake Charles, La., on June 14. Mrs. Nicholson returned Wednesday and will continue her duties at the local office until the end of the month, after which she will leave to join Mr. Nicholson at Lake Charles, where he is employed by Lofland Brothers.

**Hospital Notes.**

J. W. Mayfield was admitted to Sadler Clinic on Thursday of last week for treatment. Also admitted the same day for treatment was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Tarpley.

Mrs. R. A. Walker was admitted Monday for treatment.

Kenneth Wayne and Eva Kathleen, children of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer A. Mattingly, Tye, had tonsillectomies

**Wednesday.**

Five babies were born at the hospital during the seven days—four girls and one boy. Parents of the girls are: Mr. and Mrs. Harold Farmer, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Freeman, Mr. and Mrs. Efford Brown and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Rister; of the boy, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Jeffreys, Sylvester.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Mitchell, injured in auto wreck June 15, were dismissed Thursday, June 19.

**Oil Notes.**

W. H. Peckham of Wichita Falls No. 1 Buel Perry, Taylor county wildcat discovery about five miles northeast of town, completed a railroad commission potential gauge Monday, pumping 70 barrels of oil in 23 hours.

The Wimberley area's second well, W. D. Brookover and H. W. Lee No. 1 W. C. Church, pumped 245 barrels of oil plus 132 barrels of water from pay at a corrected depth of 2,433-48 feet, total depth, when put on a railroad commission potential gauge last Friday.

The J. L. McMahon et al No. 1 Geo. L. Miller was running casing at a depth of 2,836 feet Thursday morning.

**Young People Organize Boosters Club at Stith**

What! Something new at Stith? Yes, that's just what it is. The Stith young people have organized a club which is called the Boosters club. The purpose of this club is to get the young people together that they might know each other better, learn to work together and plan entertainment for the public and themselves.

There have been three meetings of this club. The first two were business meetings, at which the following officers were elected: Frank Mundy, president; M. C. Church, vice-president; Paulene Bradley, secretary-treasurer, and Florine Varner, reporter. The two sponsors that were chosen by the group are Mrs. Bryan Dunagin and Mrs. Paul Bradley.

Last meeting of the club was enjoyed by 35 young people of the Stith community who met at the school house, where the association and games were enjoyed by every one present.

**LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS**

Mr. and Mrs. Worth Lee are the parents of a son, born June 15 at the Hendrick Memorial hospital, Abilene. He has been named Tommie Earl. Mrs. Lee and son were moved home Wednesday. The Lees are now occupying the W. W. Campbell home on Oak street since Mrs. Campbell moved to her new home.

Merkel friends will be interested to learn of the marriage of Ernest Higgins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Higgins, to Miss Margaret Reynolds, which took place on June 19 at the home of the bride in Odessa. Ernest is employed in the oil field at Odessa where they will make their home.



**FOR SALE**

FOR SALE—109 acres of land, 2 houses, good well and windmill, 85 acres in cultivation, balance pasture; 6 miles northeast of Merkel, 1 mile north of Warren school house. Mrs. U. S. Reeder, Merkel, Texas, Route 1.

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

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WANTED—50 or 75 shoats, 75 to 100 pounds; must be thrifty. J. E. Touchstone.

**LOST AND FOUND**

LOST—Sack of growing mash, on road between town and Blair. Notify W. A. Campbell, Route 4.

LOST—Red leather purse containing two \$5 bills and three \$1 bills. Reward of \$2.50 for return. J. A. Buford.

STRAYED—Red brindle calf, weighs about 400 pounds. Notify Claude Perry.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE TO THE CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF ADA FRANCIS STEVENS, DECEASED.

Notice is hereby given that original letters of administration upon the estate of Ada Francis Stevens, deceased, were granted to me, the undersigned, on the 3rd day of June, 1941, by the County Court of Taylor County, Texas. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same to me within the time prescribed by law. My residence and post office address are Merkel, county of Taylor, State of Texas.

BOOTH WARREN, Executor of Estate of Ada Francis Stevens, dec'd.



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**"OLD BILL" CONTEST**

Winners in the "old bill" contest, which closed June 15, will be announced next week. The hundreds of entries are being checked carefully to make sure the \$100 in cash prizes are rightfully awarded. If you sent in an old bill, we appreciate your patience.

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| PURE APPLE CIDER gal 39c            | Nice Fresh TOMATOES, lb. 5c     |
| QUART SIZE 10c                      | Large, Tender CABBAGE, lb. 3c   |
| Sour or Dill PICKLES, Cut, qt. 10c  | Nice and Crisp LETTUCE, head 5c |
| Liberty Bell CRACKERS, 2 lbs. 15c   | 5 lb. sack Oats 25c             |
| POST TOASTIES, package 10c          | 2 pounds GINGERSNAPS, 25c       |
| No. 2 Cans TOMATOES, 3 for 25c      | 20 lbs., Cream CORN MEAL 50c    |
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**TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS**

Messrs. Tom Williamson, Harvey Jones and Othell Jones made a business trip to Fort Worth Monday.

H. W. Beckham, Mark Williamson and Mrs. Buena Stribbling spent the week-end visiting relatives in Wichita Falls, Mrs. Stribbling remaining over for an extended visit.

Mrs. Hattie Boozer and daughter, Marie, of Sweetwater, were week-end guests in the J. B. Winn home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Bishop, accompanied by Mrs. J. T. Vessels and Mrs. Ruby Bishop, left Tuesday for a visit in Houston with Mr. and Mrs. Pinky Vessels and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Bolin. Mrs. Vessels plans to remain for a visit of several weeks, while the others will return the last of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Royce Jordan and daughter, Patsy, left Saturday for Colorado City to make their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Poor and son, Dannie, of Lawn, were attending to business and seeing friends here Saturday.

Mrs. Beatrice Reeves left Saturday to attend the 50th anniversary of the Woodmen Circle, held in Omaha, Nebr. She plans to tour several states before returning home.

On account of the serious illness of Mrs. W. L. Reneau, Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Reneau of Big Spring, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Reneau of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Reneau of Coleman and Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Butman of Merkel were called here Sunday. Her condition was reported somewhat improved Monday, but Mrs. Butman, Mrs. Floyd Reneau and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Reneau remained over.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Strawn have as their guest for the summer a niece, Mary Lynn Greaves, of Greenville.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack E. Bowers of Fort Worth were guests from Wednesday to Saturday in the J. E. Bowers home.

Miss Betty Jane Keller has returned to her home in Dallas after a visit of several days with Miss Lady Fred Crain.

Mrs. W. C. Matthews, who has been ill for the past two weeks, is able to be up.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Jones visited recently in the home of Mrs. Jones' father, J. S. Campbell, of Coleman.

Rev. and Mrs. Fred Porter, Mrs. C. T. Beckham, Mrs. A. Williamson and Misses Lady Fred Crain and Dorothy Rutledge left Monday for Lueders to attend the encampment.

Mrs. Cecil Rutherford and sons, Cecil, Jr., and Joe, and Mrs. Beattie Billings, of Abilene, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Howell. Mrs. Billings remained over for the week to visit with Betty Lu, while Mr. and Mrs. Howell will spend the week vacationing at Corpus Christi.

Mrs. M. M. Owens, accompanied by her sister, Mrs. H. L. Davenport, and son, Jimmy, of Midland, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Melton of Merkel, had a very pleasant outing at Sweetwater lake Saturday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Freeman are announcing the birth of a baby girl on June 19. The baby has been named Sandra Jo.

Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Dowdy and children, Clifford, Jr., Clarence, Donald and Wanda, of Fort Worth, were week-end guests of the W. C. Matthews family.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack LaGrange of Apache, Okla., spent last week visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Duncan. During the week, they in company with the Duncan family visited a son, who is staff sergeant at Camp Barkeley. They also visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. Kent of Sweetwater.

**With 43rd Engineers on Maneuvers in Tennessee**

Trent, June 26.—Actual experiences while on maneuvers form the basis for a very interesting letter written to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bry Burkhardt, of Trent, from Sergeant Kenneth Burkhardt, H. & S. company, 43rd Engineers, stationed at Camp Forrest, Tenn. The letter, dated June 15, reads:

"Dear Mother and Dad: You will have to overlook my not writing sooner because I have been very busy. We have moved all over this part of Tennessee this week. At the present I don't know exactly where we are, but I think that we are somewhere in the vicinity of Murfreesboro. I haven't been to bed since Friday night (this is Sunday afternoon) and I am so sleepy that I can hardly keep my eyes open. I have been on duty twenty-four hours a day since the maneuver has started. So far we haven't had a day off. They will end the 28th of this month. That leaves us thirteen more days of actual maneuvering. After that comes from one to two weeks of reconstruction before we can return to Camp Robinson. Most everyone is anxious to get back and I can't blame them as this is pretty rough going.

"We broke camp at 7 this morning, loaded all the trucks, moved thirty miles, set up our tents and re-opened our Command Post at 10:30 a. m. I believe that is pretty fast moving. The men are getting a little better trained and are getting much faster. Our present Command Post is on the side of a rocky hill and we had a terrible time getting the stakes in the ground for the tents. The place that we are now in is supposed to be permanent for the duration of maneuvers, (we hope). The only thing wrong here is that there isn't any water. It looks very probable that we might have to go for several days without a bath and possibly without a shave. Our drinking water is furnished by a portable water purification unit that is operated by the 43rd Engineers. It also has to be hauled several miles. We have a water purification unit capable of purifying water for as many as thirty thousand men; however, this one is being used by the VII Army Corps for the duration of maneuvers.

"They had a blackout in Shelbyville night before last. It was the first inland city in the United States to ever have a complete blackout for military purposes. Although our lights did not go out, we had to cover each light bulb with blue paper. This prevents observation from the air, but not from ground forces. There were several bombers roared over between 9 and 10 o'clock and, as far I know at the present, we are not spotted. I believe that we were pretty well camouflaged. They have been stressing camouflage pretty heavy during this maneuver. I believe that is all of the war news that I can think of at the present. Perhaps more later."

**List of Petit Jurors Called for Next Week**

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

J. M. Walker, I. V. Garrett, Elsie Roland, E. W. King, Merkel; D. T. Lawson, Ben R. Hallock, Dr. M. E. Campbell, R. C. Bell, E. S. Stewart, M. M. Andrews, Clay Beaver, M. G. Goldsmith, J. A. Littleton, S. M. Shelton, J. W. Clark, Chas. A. Grissom, O. L. Francis, S. T. Dowda, C. M. Adams, J. E. Davis, J. F. W. Axe, Otis Childress, F. L. Mangum, J. E. Salkeld, Earl Landers, N. E. Peak, Jr., Everett Wagner, Jinks McGee, W. B. McDonald, F. C. Doby Roberts, R. C. Trammell, William D. Beck, J. M. Virden, F. R. Block, John B. Latham, J. D. Moore, H. L. Skinner, E. C. Perry, F. W. West, M. D. Lindsey, E. M. Whitley, Leonard Smith, R. E. Herring, Andrew Stokes, I. S. Nesmith, Abilene; H. L. Wilson, Trent; J. F. Burden, R. F. England, Tye; T. A. Buford, Guion.

**BLAIR ITEMS**

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Mitchell, who have been under treatment at the hospital, are getting along as well as could be expected. Attending their bedside have been their daughter, Mrs. Junior Irwin of Corpus Christi, and mother, Mrs. Thomas of Bronte.

Miss Elwina Doan of White Church was a passing visitor of Mrs. Hugh Campbell. Miss Doan was en route to Eastland where she has accepted a position with the American National Insurance company at that place.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Reynolds and family and Reuben Horton were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Blount of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Huff and family have moved into their pretty new home since it has been completed and although we are a little late saying so, we are very proud to have these fine folks in our community and consider them quite an asset to our midst.

Little Jerry Don Moore is on the sick list at this writing.

Oscar McLean and little daughter, Vernell, of Merkel were guests of Mrs. R. B. Horton this week-end.

**President Certain "People of Texas Understood Him"**

Austin, June 26.—Wire service stories from Washington, last week, as printed in the Austin American-Statesman and other daily newspapers, said "President Roosevelt gave his endorsement to Lyndon B. Johnson for the senate seat vacated by the late Morris Sheppard."

A reporter asked at the president's press conference if the administration had any comment on the Texas senate race now that around 18 of the candidates were claiming Roosevelt support.

Referring to his press conference several weeks ago at which he followed Johnson's announcement from the White House steps with a statement that the congressman was his "old and close friend," the president smilingly said he thought he had done a good job the first time and was quite certain the people of Texas understood him.

The newsmen did not ask the president whether he had statements of Governor O'Daniel, Congressman Dies and Attorney General Mann to the effect that Johnson did not have the president's endorsement.

**Merkel Boy Elected Conference President**

Billy Campbell of Merkel was elected president of the intermediate conference held last week at the Presbyterian encampment grounds at Buffalo Gap by the Brownwood and Abilene presbyteries. It was the first intermediate conference ever held at the summer encampment. Don Dudley, another Merkel boy, was one of the group leaders named.

Going back over 50 years, W. A. Campbell, father of Billy Campbell and elder in Grace Presbyterian church here, was the first president of the Christian Endeavor organized in Merkel, about in 1888.

There were 58 intermediates and 11 leaders enrolled from West Texas towns at the conference. Rev. J. B. Ramsey, pastor of the Merkel church, served as registrar.

**Century Plants in Bloom on Oak**

Brought 12 years ago from the foothills of Guadalupe Peak, highest point in Texas, a century plant, now reaching full bloom, is attracting attention of passersby in the yard of Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Sublett on Oak street. It reaches about 15 feet in height. The history of the century plant is that it blooms only once and then dies. This plant is already beginning to die.

Another century plant is in the Byron Patterson yard, brought from the Pecos country, while the one in the yard of the Fred Guitar place, now occupied by the John Grables, has already bloomed.

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### QUEEN THEATRE CALENDAR

Friday-Saturday—Bob Wills and his Play Boys in "Take Me Back to Oklahoma," starring Tex Ritter and Terry Walker; cartoon and "White Eagle" No. 8.

Saturday preview, Sunday matinee, Monday night—Madeleine Carroll and Fred MacMurray in "One Night in Lisbon;" color cartoon, Paramount News.

Tuesday only—Arthur Kennedy, Olympe Bradna in "Knockout;" color cartoon, selected short subjects.

Wednesday-Thursday—"Affectionately Yours," starring Merle Oberon and Dennis Morgan; Freddie Martin and his orchestra, selected shorts.

#### "One Night in Lisbon"

For the fourth time in the past two years, four top Hollywood names have gotten together to turn out another important Hollywood production, "One Night in Lisbon," which is the attraction at the Queen theatre Saturday preview, Sunday matinee and Monday night.

They are the box office team, Madeleine Carroll and Fred MacMurray, producer-director Edward H. Griffith and Virginia Van Upp, famous screen writer. Their first effort was "Cafe Society." After that came "Honeymoon in Bali" and recently "Virginia." Now the foursome have turned out their most ambitious effort, "One Night in Lisbon" for Paramount, which promises to top everything they have done in the past.

Fred MacMurray plays the part of an American aviator who ferries bombers across the Atlantic to the RAF. He falls harder than a parachutist for Madeleine Carroll, glamorous volunteer chauffeur to a British foreign office official. The locale is evenly divided between air-raid shelters in London and Lisbon's glittering gay night-life. Fifth columnists stalk in and out the picture between laughs, furnishing exciting suspense and more than one reason for romance.

Dubbed into the film are real-life air-raid warnings especially recorded for the picture by Paramount's London office. Additional realistic background material includes exact replicas of current street scenes in black-out London and brightly-lit Lisbon.

Excellent performances are given by the all-star supporting cast which includes Patricia Morison, Billie Burke, John Loder, Dame May Whitty, Edmund Gwenn and Reginald Denny.

#### "Knockout"

Love, adventure and action will be on the entertainment bill of fare Tuesday only at the Queen theatre when Warner Bros.' dynamic film, "Knockout," is to be shown. It is the story of a prize-fighter who had to choose between a boxing ring and a wedding ring, but remained undecided until he was double-crossed.

The role of the fighter is played by Arthur Kennedy, who won unanimous praise as Cagney's brother in "City For Conquest." His ladyfair is played by charming Olympe Bradna who is making her first screen appearance for Warners. Anthony Quinn plays the role of a two-timing fight manager who always seems to keep one step ahead of his meal-ticket. Virginia Field is cast as a publicity-seeking blonde.

"Knockout" was written for the screen by M. Coates Webster from a story by Michael Fessier. The production was directed by Williams Clemens.

#### "Affectionately Yours"

"Affectionately Yours," a gay new romantic comedy headed by the triple

star cast of Merle Oberon, Dennis Morgan and Rita Hayworth, will be the attraction at the Queen theatre Wednesday and Thursday. Lloyd Bacon directed the film, from the script by Edward Kaufman, based on a story by Fanya Foss and Aileen Leslie.

Morgan (he was Kitty Foyle's boy friend, remember?) is seen as a philandering foreign correspondent who dashes home from Portugal to stop his wife from divorcing him to marry another man. Merle Oberon plays his wife, and Rita Hayworth is cast as a fellow correspondent who would like to be his wife. Other cast members include Ralph Bellamy, George Tobias, James Gleason, Hattie McDaniel and Butterfly McQueen.

In New York state, accidental deaths in homes totaled 3200 in 1939, as compared to 2400 highway deaths.

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#### NEWMAN NEWS

The farmers are all very busy trying to get their grain threshed.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Fowler and Edith Horky made a business trip to Abilene Saturday.

Mrs. Carl Underhill of Rotan visited in the home of her parents a few days last week.

Othell Reeves and Gaston Walker of Merkel spent Saturday night and Sunday in the Reeves home. On their return to Merkel they were accompanied by Irene Walker, who had been visiting relatives of this community for the past week.

Doris Mae Creswell is visiting her sister at El Paso.

Opal Fae Reeves of Houston and Mrs. W. O. Reeves and daughter, Oma Lee, of Port Arthur, returned to their home Saturday after a three weeks' visit here with relatives.

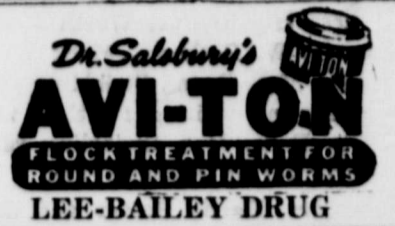
Mrs. Leon Dickerson and son returned home last week from a few days' visit with her sisters in San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. Lea Dickerson and sons, Thelbert and Arvalee, spent

A means of keeping land airplanes afloat in the event of a forced water landing has been devised and proved effective. In each wing is a pop-out door inside of which are two deflated rubberized bags. Compressed carbon dioxide gas inflates the bags and keeps the airplane afloat.

Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Thurston Williams and son of Colorado City.

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The labor unions representing engineers, firemen, conductors, brakemen and switchmen are demanding a 30 per cent increase in wages, amounting to 190 million dollars a year—although their present rates of pay are the highest in history.

Other unions representing a greater number of railway employees are demanding wage increases ranging as high as 95 per cent—averaging 47 per cent—and amounting to 580 million dollars a year—although their present rates of pay also are the highest in history.

Thus the wage increases being demanded by the labor unions amount to 770 million dollars a year, an average increase in excess of 41 per cent.

In addition, certain of these labor unions have demanded advances in their pay not included in the above figures, and more rules for the creation of unnecessary jobs.

The situation, then, is this: The total cost of complying with all the demands made would be approximately 900 million dollars a year!

The average weekly earnings of railway employees are now 15 per cent higher than in the peak year 1929, while the cost of living is 12 per cent less.

The demands of the railway labor unions are being made when the entire nation has just been asked to make a supreme effort for National Defense.

The railways cannot meet these demands without a great increase in the cost of transportation. They exceed by more than 700 million dollars the income that the railways had left after paying their annual expenses, taxes and charges in 1940.

The railways have a vitally important job before them. They need all their resources to continue adequately to serve you and contribute effectively toward the National Defense Program.

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**Comings-Goings-Doings**  
(Continued from Page One)

arrived last Thursday for a week's visit with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Reynolds, Route 4.

Miss Doris Clyde Miller visited last week with her sister and brother-in-law, Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Davidson, at Milsap, who brought her home and are now visiting with Mrs. Davidson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Miller.

Bobby Woodrum and Doyle Gray spent the week-end with Billy Woodrum in Wichita Falls.

Carl Black spent the first of the week as a visitor in the home of his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Felix Stalls, at Odessa.

Guests in the R. T. Gray home are Mrs. Basil Bates and daughter, Jo Ann, of Dallas, also her niece, Miss Frances Fitzgerald of Houston. Mrs. Bates is a cousin of Mrs. Gray.

Mr. and Mrs. U. S. Reeder of the Warren community have as their guest this week Mrs. Reeder's niece, Miss Murline Cox, of Brownwood.

Mrs. A. T. Sheppard is in Temple this week having accompanied her sister, Mrs. W. A. Riney, of Abilene, who is going through the Scott & White clinic there.

Postmaster and Mrs. Wrenn Durham and daughter returned late Tuesday from Clovis, N. M., where they had visited in the home of Mr. Durham's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Durham, his mother, who had been visiting here, having returned to Clovis with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Winston Polley of Farmersville, La., were week-end guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Polley. Leaving Monday, they visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ransburger, at Coleman before returning home.

Mrs. Carl Mathews and daughter, Carlynn, of Abilene, spent from Thursday till Sunday in the R. H. Mathews home.

Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Shults and two sons, Frankie and J. L., returned Saturday from a visit with relatives in Paris. Mrs. Shults and two sons had been there since June 2, being joined last week by Mr. Shults.

In company with a daughter, Mrs. H. C. Coit, and four children from Dallas, Mrs. J. T. Warren left Monday

day for Ruidoso, N. M., where they were met by another daughter, Mrs. Kirby Beckett, and children of El Paso.

Mrs. S. D. Gamble and her father, W. A. Sheppard, returned Wednesday from a visit with their sister and daughter, Mrs. E. M. Nix, at Kilgore.

Guests last week in the W. C. Lee home were Mr. Lee's brother, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lee, and daughter, of Mexia.

Mr. and Mrs. David Gamble have as their guests Mrs. Gamble's sister, Mrs. A. G. Black, and daughters, Anita Louise and Anna Laura, of Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Justice are now making their home at Grand Prairie, where Cecil is employed by the North American Aviation plant. They were here for a week-end visit.

Guests Sunday of Mrs. Duncan Briggs were Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hart of Austin and Miss Mary Merkel Steele of Ringold, Okla., a niece of Mrs. Briggs, also her daughter, Duncan Briggs, employed in the navy department at Washington, D. C., who had arrived for a vacation visit.

On Tuesday Mrs. Briggs and daughter left for Corpus Christi, from where Miss Briggs will return to Washington via Jacksonville, Fla.

Miss Billie Maye Cobb is in Odessa for a few days' visiting Mr. and Mrs. Corvin Leverich. Miss Marion Cobb is in Handley visiting with her maternal grandmother, Mrs. H. C. Gilbert. Both are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Billie Cobb.

Mr. and Mrs. Billie Cobb had as their guests this week, Mrs. Cobb's sister, Mrs. Doyle Gryder, and small daughter, Carol, and their friends, Mrs. V. A. Moffitt and daughter, Jean, all of Fort Worth.

Mrs. W. W. Campbell moved the first part of this week into her modern new rock home, just completed on lots on the corner west of the Methodist church.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Hendricks and young son, Wayne, of Corpus Christi, arrived here Saturday night. Mrs. Hendricks and son will visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Hogan, for a month, while Mr. Hendricks returned to Corpus Christi Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Hill and son, of Seminole, arrived Wednesday for a visit with Mrs. Hill's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hamm.

**In The Churches**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE**

There were 541 present at the six reporting Sunday Schools here last Sunday, as compared with 623 the previous week. On the same Sunday a year ago the attendance was 595.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.**

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Morning sermon at 11. Training Union at 7:15. Evening sermon at 8:15.

Prayer meeting at 8:15 Wednesday evening.

Cooper Waters, Pastor.

**BAPTIST W. M. U.**

The W. M. U. of the First Baptist church will meet Monday, June 30, at 11 o'clock for mission study and a covered dish luncheon.

Mrs. Owen Robertson will teach the book, "Prayer," by Dr. O. Hallebsy.

**B. T. U. PROGRAM.**

Our lesson for last Sunday night was on "Paths that Lead to God," which was given very well. This Sunday, June 29, we are studying "Following Christ in the Class Room." We have several members who will leave this fall for college, and we hope that they will choose our Baptist schools and follow Christ in the class room.

Doris Clyde Miller will favor us with a special song. Our topics are: Discussion No. 1, "The Rise of Denominational schools," Bill Fugat; No. 2, "The Place of Christian Education," Grovne Ford; No. 3, "The Christian Point of View," Dot Swafford; No. 4, "Our Obligation of Loyalty," Mrs. Bill Fugat.

We are glad that we can say that we have soldier boys in our B. T. U. We welcome them all and other young people who are interested in B. T. U. training. We are looking for you. Don't disappoint us.

Reporter.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.**

Sunday School 10 a. m. Junior-Intermediate Christian Endeavor 7 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

J. B. Ramsey, Pastor.

**METHODIST CHURCH.**

Sunday services: Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Morning worship service 11 a. m. Intermediate League 7:15 p. m. Young People's League hour begins at 7:15 p. m. Evening preaching service at 8 p. m.

Week-day activities: Women'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.

**METHODIST YOUNG PEOPLE.**

Topic for the program for the young people's meeting at the Methodist church Sunday evening is "The Man Who Made Better Corn." The program includes: hymn, Scripture reading, Gen. 41-45; leader, Bonnie Church; talk, "Let the Weaklings Die!" William Cypert; prayer, business, League benediction.

Let's all come out and be in League next Sunday. You are always welcomed with a smile from each and every one.

Reporter.

**FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST CHURCH.**

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

M. C. Miller, Pastor

**CHURCH OF CHRIST.**

Sunday: Bible School 9:45 a. m., preaching 10:45 a. m. and 8:30 p. m., young people's Bible class 7:30 p. m. Wednesday: Ladies' Bible class 4:00 p. m. and prayer meeting at 8:30 p. m. The public is invited to attend each of these services. Come, bring your friends.

Claud C. Smith, 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. Grow, Pastor.

**NUBIA M. E. CHURCH.**

Rev. J. B. Stewart will fill the pulpit Sunday at Nubia.

Leslie Fay Hollis, from California, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Reynolds, attended Sunday School and League Sunday. Nubia church is always glad for her children to come home, and we trust that sweet memory lingers with them while they are away.

Reporter.

**Paddle Tennis Tourney Scheduled for July 3**

The first tournament at the playground is scheduled for July 3, it is announced by Chas. S. Williams, playground director. This will be in one of the most popular games, paddle tennis.

Paddle tennis is a favorite game, and one which is played more than any other. As a special attraction, 50 cents in candy will be given to entries by Nutt's Ben Franklin store, divided into 5-cent lots and given to 10 lucky boys who enter the tournament. You may get one of these 5-cent prizes without winning a game. You can find out about these prizes and also practice for the tournament at the playground from 1 till 6 each afternoon. Five tickets donated by Manager Hodge of the Queen theatre will be given to the winners.

Everyone is invited to attend the playground, located at the Merkel High School gym.

**Bank Adds New Man to Bookkeeping Personnel**

Added to the bookkeeping personnel of the Farmers & Merchants National bank this week is James Kuykendall, son of Jim Kuykendall, who removed here from Throckmorton a few weeks ago and is in charge of the market department at West Company's Red & White store.

The new employee has had 1 1/2 years experience on posting machines with the Throckmorton bank.

The family is located in the J. F. Walker rent cottage just off of Oak street.

**All-Kid Rodeo at Double Heart Ranch**

Preparations are nearing completion for the All-Kid rodeo sponsored by the Double Heart ranch, 10 miles south of Sweetwater, the date: for which are July 3 and 4.

A big street parade is planned for downtown Sweetwater at 10 a. m., both days, with a dance immediately after the rodeos.

Cowgirls who were 18 years old and under the first day of January are eligible to compete for three valuable prizes in the cowgirl sponsor contest. Miss Ann Tipton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Tipton, is one of the latest entries in the sponsors' contest. She will be Miss Sweetwater.

**Record of Births.**

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Jeffreys, Sylvester, Thursday, June 19, 1941.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Freeman, Thursday, June 19, 1941.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Efford Brown, Monday, June 23, 1941.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Rister, Tuesday, June 24, 1941.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Farmer, Wednesday, June 25, 1941.

**Golan Plans for Annual Fourth of July Picnic**

The Golan community is rushing plans for its annual Fourth of July picnic. W. C. Hill, president, A. D. McCain, vice-president, and Mrs. L. C. Williams, secretary-treasurer, met Saturday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Williams, with part of the committeemen present, to further

plans for the coming event. The morning program will start at 10 o'clock, with lunch at 12. In the afternoon a ball game will be played on the Golan school yard by local players.

Immediately after lunch there is to be a fat man's race, egg race for the girls and a toe sack race for the boys. Dominoes, washers and horseshoe pitching will be in progress throughout the day.

Many visitors are expected and will be duly welcomed. Every one is invited by the people of the Golan community to come, bring well filled lunch baskets and enjoy the day.

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**MARCH WEDDING OF MISS RACHEL PATTERSON ANNOUNCED.**

The many friends of Miss Rachel Patterson were surprised last week to learn of her marriage to Henry Kemp Hinch, which took place in Seminole last March 31.

Rev. J. W. Crawford, Methodist minister, performed the ceremony in his study, the only attendant being Miss Aileen Hinch, sister of the groom, and roommate of the bride in Texas Technological college, Lubbock, where all three were enrolled.

The bride is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Patterson, well known farm and ranch family of this section. She was a very popular student in Merkel High school, having the unusual honor in 1938 of reigning as Carnival Queen and again as Queen of the entire High school in the annual coronation ceremonies. She has attended Texas Tech for two years. She was most attractively attired for her marriage in a tri-color suit in the stylish military mode.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Hinch of Odessa, prominent oil family. He had attended school at Lubbock also for two years, where the romance had its beginning. Mr. Hinch is associated with the Arrow Drilling company, Odessa, and it is at that place where they will make their home.

**GIFT TEA.**

The new home of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bartlett was the scene of a pretty party Saturday afternoon when Mrs. Horace Boney, Mrs. A. C. Terry, Jr., and Mrs. Earl Baze combined hostess duties with Mrs. Bartlett in entertaining for Mrs. Henry Kemp Hinch, the former Rachel Patterson.

An all-white color scheme was carried out in the party appointments and corsages for members of the house party. House decorations were Shasta daisies and gladioluses.

Mrs. Bartlett was at the door and Mrs. Bill Fugate, aunt of the bride, was next in line, to present the honoree. Others in the house party were Mesdames Horace Boney, Earl Baze, A. C. Terry, Jr., Cecil Justice of Dallas, Clyde Sears, Jr., Waymon Adcock; Misses Grovorne Ford, Snookie Mashburn, Betty Grimes and Sybil Wington.

An appropriate musical background was furnished by Mrs. Homer Patterson and Christine Collins.

Mrs. Owen Robertson laded punch and served tea confections from an all-white tea table with artistic floral center. Mrs. Jack Patterson presided at the bride's book. The honoree was the recipient of many beautiful gifts.

Calling hours for this delightful come-and-go affair were from 3 to 6 and invitations went to the following guests: Mesdames Florence Berry, Cyrus Pee, T. G. Bragg, Paul Douglas, Barney Douglas, Earl Watts, Nolan Palmer, Cooper Waters, E. O. Carson, T. L. Grimes, John Shannon, W. O. Boney, Pick Allen, A. A. McGehee, Mark Malone, Tye Sublett, Joe Cypert, Eli Case, Milton Case, Ada Heeter, John West, Ira Moore, Comer Haynes, Bill Haynes of Abilene, Byers Petty, Dean Higgins, Dee Grimes, Forrest Gaitner, Sam Mashburn, Booth Warren, Earl Teague, J. R. Walling, Duncan Briggs, J. A. Milliken, Max Mellinger, Lucy Ford, John Grable, Warren Higgins, Jim West, Herbert Patterson, Byron Patterson, Jim Patterson, Earl Beech, C. R. Tittle, of Trent, Jim Mayfield, Abilene, Marvin Mayfield, Abilene, Blue Tittle, Abilene, C. B. Gardner, George Woodrum, Stanley King, Brooks Patterson, Nell Lee, Buck Leach, R. T. Gray, S. O. Owens, Grover Gilbert, Pete West, L. C. Zehnpennig, W. T. Sadler, Lige Gamble, David Gamble, L. V. Moore, Geo. T. Moore, Henry West, H. W. Lemens, N. T. Hodge, Buster Hester, Pete White, Lucille White, Clark Mundy, W. S. J. Brown, W. J. Largent, Royce Eiland of Childress, Alonzo Peterson, Connor Robinson, H. H. Tittle of Trent, J. T. Darsey, Jr., of Abilene, Ralph Walker of Abilene, H. H. Hinch, Odessa, Hilbert Zellars, Odessa, Earl Lassiter, Alvin Wozencraft.

Misses Ailene Hinch, Odessa, Mildred Bird, Sue Bird, Comora Hughes, Mabel Murray, Robbie Walker, Mary Collins, Lucille Crick, Vivian Davis, Tommy Grimes, Dorothy Shannon, Sadie Woodrum, Helen Heeter, Gay West, Louise Patterson, Becky Gardner, Billy Gardner, Dora Gaitner, Sue Grimes, Geraldine Teague, Betty Lu Higgins, Fannie Boaz, Bess McNiece, Pearl Mathews, Thelma Mathews, Nadine Clack, Maurine White, Clara E. White, Johnnie Sears, Evelyn Sears, Bonnie White, Sis Gamble and Frances Higgins, Abilene.

**DORMA LEE SHELTON AND JOHNIE BRADSHAW TAKE VOWS IN CHURCH.**

The marriage of Miss Dorma Lee Shelton and Mr. Johnie W. Bradshaw was performed in a most beautiful and impressive setting Friday evening in the Methodist church. Rev. Marvin Boyd read the double ring ceremony at eight o'clock.

The altar was decorated with white gladioluses, palms and ferns which climaxed in an archway of the same blossoms flanked by floor candelabra in graduated heights.

Mrs. Bill Sheppard of Big Spring, sister of the bride, served as matron of honor, and Mr. Elwood Hartgraves of Sweetwater attended the groom as best man. Billy Mac Sheppard of Big Spring, nephew of the bride, was ring bearer, and candle-lighters were Miss Marjorie Dunn of Cisco, niece of the bride, and Marvin Hunter.

Miss Pearl Mathews, contralto, sang "Your Eyes Have Told Me So" and "I Love You Truly," accompanied by Billy Wood who also played Lohengrin's wedding march for the entrance of the bridal party and a medley of love songs during the reading of the ceremony.

The bride is the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. I. Shelton. She was very beautiful in her wedding dress of mousseline de soie, in all white, with elbow length veil of white illusion. She carried an arm bouquet of lilies. She has always been one of Merkel's most popular young ladies, vivacious and friendly. In 1939, when she graduated, she was elected pep leader, also football sweetheart. She attended Texas Technological college at Lubbock the past two years.

The groom is the son of Mrs. F. O. Henderson of Sweetwater. He was a graduate of Newman high school in Sweetwater in 1938. He was also a student at Texas Tech. At present he is associated with the International Harvester company, Sweetwater, where after June 20 they are at home at 513 Cedar street.

**SHOWER HONORS MR. AND MRS. FELIX STALLS.**

A bridal courtesy of wide interest to Merkel people was a colorful miscellaneous shower given by Mrs. Joe Nalley at her home Tuesday evening, honoring Mr. and Mrs. Felix Stalls, who were married in Odessa in May. The hostess was assisted by Mesdames Ellen Duncan, George Woodrum, D. A. Lee, B. T. Sublett, Andy Biers and readings by Joy Curington, R. L. Adcock and R. T. Gray and Miss Berdelle Adcock.

Greeting the guests at the door were Mrs. Stanley King and Mrs. Ellen Duncan. Miss Geneva Allen was at the guest registry, and Venita Allen ushered guests to the reception rooms, leading the bride and groom to the seat of honor. The bride was attractively attired in turquoise blue, featuring a full skirt with a tight bodice trimmed in rhinestones.

The program included musical num-

bers and readings by Joy Curington, La Fern Stanford, June and Joy Nalley, Mesdames Comer Haynes, T. T. Earthman, Ellen Duncan, Joe Nalley, Miss Christine Collins and Billy and Don Wood.

The home was beautifully adorned in a color scheme of pink and white predominating, with white daisies, pink gladioluses, pink and red rosebuds in attractive potteries. Centering the dining table, laid in Chinese lace over pink, was an exquisite centerpiece of pink gladioluses and white daisies; where silver tapers in crystal candelabra shed their soft glow over girls dressed in pastel colors serving pink and white refreshments of punch and angel food cake.

Presenting tiny rolling pins as plate favors were La June Richardson and Mary Love Tipton, Betty Jennings poured the punch, assisted by Wilma Lee and Jean Paine, while Berdelle Adcock and Evelyn Ensminger served cake; Mabel Murray, Fannie Boaz and Lucille Crick were in the gift room.

Those sending gifts were Messrs. and Mesdames T. G. Bragg, Dee Grimes, Edgar Elliott, A. C. Terry, Holt Vaughn, Jack Patterson, Mack Buzbee, O. W. Paine, O. J. Adcock, L. E. Adrian, Buster Edwards, M. Elliott, Booth Warren, S. O. Owens, Clyde Shouse, W. D. Hutcheson, R. T. Gray, Ray Jennings, Stanley Stanford, Connor Robinson, Elmer Adcock; Mesdames W. A. Whiteley, C. L. Daniel and Ce Vene, Florence Berry, Elsie Nash; Misses Mary Jo Garland, Willie Elliott, Alzada Pogue, Vera Richie, Dorothea Sue Bird, Mary Collins, Ruth Pinckley, and C. J. Glover.

Mrs. Nalley and Mrs. Duncan bade the following guests good-bye: Messrs. and Mesdames Andy Shouse, L. S. Kingsbury, E. H. Ensminger, E. S. Sandusky, Nathan Wood, Joe Stalls, D. A. Lee, George Woodrum, R. L. Adcock, H. Curington, Pinky Cypert, Claud Smith, LaRoy Hester; Mesdames Comer Haynes, F. Scroggins, Lula Smith, B. T. Sublett, Glenn Elliott, Luther Finch, W. A. Elliott, Cora Robbins, C. B. Gardner, Paul Douglas, A. A. Reagan, L. A. Henry, Ellen Duncan, Stanley King, Joe Garland, C. W. Tipton, J. R. Richardson, G. D. Richie, F. E. Church, Earl Stanford, Carroll Benson, T. T. Earthman, Harold King and Nan.

Misses Mabel Murray, Fannie Boaz, Geneva Allen, Venita Allen, Mary Elliott, Bobbie Nell Reagan, Jean Paine, Wilma Lee Paine, Christine Collins, Winnie Heizer. Mary Love Tipton, Berdelle Adcock, Joy Curington, La June Richardson, Bess Church, Bonnie Church, Betty Crick, Lucille Crick, Evelyn Ensminger, La Fern Stanford, Sue Richardson; Messrs. Carl Black, Jim Sublett, J. T. Reagan, Don Wood, Billy Wood, Norman King, Bobby Woodrum, Edgar Tipton and Dr. J. P. Howard.

**BUFFET SUPPER.**

Mr. and Mrs. John Grable extended gracious hospitality Monday evening, entertaining members of the Jolly Neighbors club with a supper party. They were assisted in host duties by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hicks, Miss Christine Collins and C. J. Glover.

Shasta daisies decorated the rooms where a delectable summer menu was served buffet-style. Games of "84" furnished diversion until a late hour

for Messrs. and Mesdames Spencer Bird, Raymond Ferguson, F. Y. Gaitner, Herbert Patterson, Johnny Cox, Andy Shouse, John Grable, Robert Hicks and Miss Christine Collins and C. J. Glover.

**SEWING CLUB.**

Wednesday afternoon proved an enjoyable afternoon for members of the Needle and Thimble club, as they met in regular meeting in the home of Mrs. John Grable.

During a brief business session it was decided to meet the rest of the summer at 4 o'clock. Following an afternoon of sewing and chatting, refreshments were served to Mesdames Owen Robertson, Hoyle Lemens, L. V. Moore, E. Y. Bailey, Earl Watts, Spencer Bird, Herbert Dunn, Connor Robinson, Nolan Palmer, Stacy Bird, Geo. T. Moore, W. R. Yazell, David Gamble and one guest, Mrs. A. G. Black, of Austin.

Pals will be revealed at the next meeting, which will be July 9 at the home of Mrs. Buck Leach.

**WOMEN'S MISSION STUDY.**

For the second lesson in their mission study of "A Christian Imperative—Our Contribution to World Order," by Roswell P. Barnes, the Woman's Missionary society of Grace Presbyterian church met at the church Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Connor Robinson gave a brief devotional from Matt. 5:44, and preceding the lesson Doris Dudley, delegate to the Presbyterian Intermediate conference of Abilene and Brownwood presbyteries at Buffalo Gap June 16-20, gave a most interesting report of the conference work during her stay on the encampment. There were five delegates from the local church: Don and Doris Dudley, DeLona Reese, Neander Wozencraft and Billy Campbell.

Chapters 3, 4 and 5 of the Mission Study book were reviewed by Mesdames Delma Compton, John West and Connor Robinson, stressing the progress of the Christian world-wide program in the world order of today. Mispah closed the meeting.

The book will be concluded in a study of the final three chapters to be reviewed next Monday, June 30, by Mesdames W. M. Elliott, S. G. Russell and J. Basil Ramsey in a 4 o'clock meeting at the council.

**MRS. W. T. JOHNSON HOSTESS FOR GIFT PARTY.**

Mrs. W. T. Johnson entertained in

her home last Wednesday with a gift party honoring Mrs. G. H. Williams, the wife of Sgt. G. H. Williams of Company A, 47th infantry, Fort Bragg, N. C. Mrs. Williams is the daughter of Mrs. Lloyd Gilmore of Merkel.

The honoree received a shower of beautiful gifts from relatives and her host of friends. As the guests arrived each was asked to register and, when the gifts were opened by the honoree, they were passed around and greatly admired.

A dainty sandwich plate and cake with ice tea were served to the honoree and Mesdames T. O. Lackey, J. W. Bryan, R. N. Campbell, Stella Gaudin, G. H. Woods, B. S. Ueckert, Robert Carter, Tom Hogan, Ennis Reidenbach, Nora Cook, L. W. Gilmore, F. W. Reidenbach, May Click, Roxy Curb, W. W. Toombs, Stanley Toombs, Willie B. Toombs, Dan Reidenbach; Misses Doris Ruth Gilmore, Marquita Cook, Leola Reidenbach, Georgia Reidenbach, Billie Ann Reidenbach, Della Marie Gilmore and several children.

Those sending gifts were Mesdames T. H. Spears, Joe Stalls, Dan Walker, Lola Provine and Leroy Scott.

**RURAL SOCIETY**

**BLUEBONNET CLUB.**

The Bluebonnet Demonstration club met in the home of Mrs. A. D. Barnes on Tuesday, June 24. Mrs. A. L. Farmer presided for the business meeting, club songs were led by Miss Hattie Tacker, county agent, and Mrs. A. R. Toombs led in prayer.

As program leader, Miss Tacker stressed vitamin B-1 and the Texas food standard. She gave some very interesting points on using our whole wheat and other products we have at home that have vitamin B-1. She urged that we have our wheat ground and have all parts to use at home instead of white flour. May we not think about it as having to eat dark whole wheat bread, (because we might have to on account of being in war,) but let's eat it because our body needs it. Miss Tacker demonstrated home-made grapenuts, in which every one was very much interested. "Buy a handmill and grind your maize and wheat for bread one time, and you'll be making it again," she said. We hope that not only club members but folks outside will do these things.

The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Walter Hunter on July 8. Those present were: Miss Alice

Bigham, Abilene; Mesdames T. J. Neill and Joe Massey, Miss Annie C. Cargill, visitors; members, Mesdames Dewell McLean, Ralph Miller, Joe Swinney, Riley Whisenhunt, Lloyd Matthews, Elmer Patterson, A. L. Farmer, Will Butman, Walter Hunter, W. C. Perkins, A. R. Toombs, Carl Keith, Ray Reynolds, Joe Seymore, Tom Russom, Raymond Thomas; Misses Hattie Tacker, Betty Jo and Becky Nan Seymore and Louene Butman and the hostess.

**GOODMAN CLUB.**

The Goodman Home Demonstration club met Friday, June 13, in the home of Mrs. Zed Bright for a program on "Canning." Each member answered roll call with "the number of containers I canned last year."

During the business session the club voted to send Mrs. E. C. Cade as a delegate to A. & M. Short Course. Mrs. C. W. Seago was chosen as alternate. A party will be held July 7 in the home of Mrs. Karl Bonneaux for the purpose of obtaining funds to send the delegate. The club also voted to have a "bonnet and apron" exhibit at the encampment to be held at Lueders July 30-31. Mrs. Zed Bright was voted program chairman.

The next meeting will be held in the home of Mrs. E. C. Cade on Friday, June 27, for a program on "Health."

Refreshments were served to Mesdames J. W. Tiner, R. J. King, Clifford Eoff, Charlie Seago, Karl Bonneaux, E. C. Cade, Irwin Ueckert, H. G. Smith, Leo Ueckert, the hostess and several children.

**CARD OF THANKS.**

We wish to express our sincere appreciation for the love and sympathy shown us by the people of Noodle community and all others during the illness and death of our beloved husband and father; also for the beautiful floral offerings. Especially do we wish to thank Dr. W. T. Sadler for his untiring efforts.

May God's richest blessings rest upon all of you.

Mrs. Jim Collins and Family.

**Actor Volunteers.**

Washington, June 26.—Robert Montgomery, the movie actor, who has had a lieutenant's commission in the naval reserve since April, volunteered Tuesday for active training duty.

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**MARGARINE, Lilly lb. 15c**

Longhorn CHEESE, lb. 25c  
Pork CHOPS, lb. 25c  
Brisket ROAST, lb. 15  
Pork STEAK, lb. 25c

Sliced BACON, lb. 24c  
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