

Keeping Up With Texas

Carl Wicker, 32, was killed Friday three miles east of Electra on the Wichita Falls highway when struck by a hit-run motorist.

Roy Sykes, 45, head of the Sykes Furniture Co., and Trenton Cole, of Corpus Christi, died in the flaming wreckage of an airplane that crashed from a low altitude at the Alice airport Friday.

C. H. Phipps, 28, Houston service station operator who was burned Thursday while saving his pet dog from his flaming home, died Friday.

Charles Augustus Wilson, 74, retired physician, plunged to his death from the fourteenth floor of the Medical Arts building, Houston, Thursday.

Enoch Ayres, 11, was killed accidentally at Odessa Friday by a playmate who thought Enoch's snail rifle was not loaded.

Wallace Hillyer, 28, Muskogee, Okla., instructor at the Dallas aviation school, died Friday from injuries suffered when an airplane crashed near Addison.

An automobile-bicycle collision, Austin, proved fatal to O. B. Saunders, 14, the cyclist, Friday. The accident happened last Wednesday.

Tom S. Gillis, Jr., of Fort Worth, will lead A. & M.'s 1941-42 cadet corps. Officials have announced his advancement to cadet colonel.

Stephen A. Milner, 21, of Canyon, was killed instantly and two other persons seriously injured in a truck-auto collision 12 miles from Waco Friday night.

I. W. Gray became Dallas' seventeenth auto victim when he died Sunday night in Parkland hospital, Dallas, from injuries received Thursday when he was struck as he left an open-air revival meeting.

James Marion West, Houston capitalist and oil man and Dallas and Austin newspaper publisher, died unexpectedly Sunday in a Kansas City hospital.

Sammie Ray Langford, Jr., 3, who was injured in a car crash four miles east of Weatherford Thursday morning, died Sunday in a Weatherford hospital. O. D. Mercer, grandfather of the child, was severely injured in the accident and is in a critical condition. Mother of the child was also seriously injured, but is expected to recover.

The third death from injuries in as many highway accidents near Crockett, during the past week, was that of Will F. Cooper, 58, life-long Houston County farmer, who died Saturday. A truck driver blinded by headlights of an approaching automobile rammed into the wagon in which Cooper and six members of his family were riding. Besides Cooper, four others were injured.

A former Houston high school football player, Joseph McQuillan, Jr., was killed and nine other persons were injured Monday when lightning struck a derrick under construction on a farm a mile west of Alvin.

Dallas Johnson, 33, Cattle Commission company employee, was burned to death early Sunday in his garage apartment at Fort Worth.

Claude E. Young, 22, was dead Monday of injuries received in a freak accident on a dirt road east of Lubbock Sunday night. The farm youth, who lived near Ropesville, received a crushed head when the car he was driving was struck by another from behind and overturned.

John S. Graham, 53, of Alvarado, was killed Saturday afternoon when a wheel came off the automobile in which he was driving and the car overturned. The accident happened south of Burleson.

The body of John B. Pitts, Jr., 15, lost from his home in Burnett county since Aug. 14, was found Monday north of Spicewood, with a bullet hole through his head.

Feno Jones, 32, was killed Sunday when his car collided with a car occupied by six negroes five miles south of McGregor.

Thirty-Three Quilts Shipped from Here For Aid-to-Britain

Thirty-three quilts have been finished and shipped from the Merkel unit for British War relief, it is announced by Mrs. W. S. J. Brown and Mrs. Lucille White, co-chairmen. Besides quilts from the Merkel work room, six have been made by the Union Ridge Home Demonstration club, five by Salt Branch, four by the Merkel HD club, one by the Girl Scouts and one by the Woodmen Circle.

Local merchants who have donated material, are: Bragg Dry Goods, Max Mellinger and White & Palmer. If anyone else wishes to donate linings or cotton, it will certainly be appreciated by the chairmen.

Old papers and magazines are also being collected, the revenue from the sale of which reverts directly for the use of the quilting unit to secure other materials. Old papers may be left Thursdays and Fridays at the downtown quarters.

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Special Acts to Feature Last Show

DEATH CLAIMS W. H. PENCE, NATIVE TEXAN

Services Held Tuesday Afternoon For 80-Year-Old Merkleite; Survived by Wife and Seven Children.

W. H. Pence, age 80 and a native Texan, died at his home here at 2:10 a. m. Tuesday, after an illness which had confined him to his bed since Nov. 10. His condition had been critical for the past seven weeks. His first illness followed a stroke about two years ago, and he was then confined to his bed several weeks.

Funeral services were held at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon from the Barrow-Sheppard Funeral home, with Rev. Cooper Waters, pastor of the First Baptist church, officiating. Burial followed in Rose Hill cemetery.

Pallbearers were Carl Black, Harry Woodrum, Claude Perry, Eli Case, Curtis Conley and Lloyd Harris.

Serving as flower girls were Mesdames Claude Perry, Bose Williams, Kenneth Sharp and George Smith.

William Henry Pence was born in Hunt county on Apr. 16, 1861. He was married to Irene Ophelia Wright on Oct. 4, 1891, at San Augustine. The couple would have celebrated their golden wedding anniversary this October.

He had lived in Merkel for the past 17 years; coming here from Sweetwater, where he had been engaged in farming he purchased the old Hellum wagon yard on his removal to Merkel. Long a landmark here, the sheds, stables and pens were destroyed by fire several years ago.

Surviving are his wife and seven children all of whom were at the bedside when death occurred. Sons are S. A., Florey, Texas; George Dewey, Corpus Christi; Will, Anson; T. A., Monahan, and Luther, Sweetwater; daughters, Mrs. H. K. Farr and Mrs. Fred Jinks, both of Merkel. A sister, Mrs. Emma Center, of Yantis, Texas, 19 grandchildren and one great-grandchild also survive.

Blackie Callaway to Train at Police School

N. D. (Blackie) Callaway, former cashier at the local office of the West Texas Utilities company, was among the 100 approved for appointment as students in the state police training school Monday, according to Homer Garrison, Jr., state police director. He was a member of the Hardin-Simmons graduating class of '37, a star in both football and basketball.

The men are to enter a seven-week training school at Camp Mabry near Austin Sept. 1, Garrison announced. Sixty will be trained as drivers' license examiners and 40 as highway patrolmen.

Annual Hereford Tour Schedule Announced

The itinerary for the West Texas Hereford tour September 1-2 has been completed. After leaving the Taylor county agricultural building Monday morning the first stop will be at the Largent & Stovens farm north of Merkel. After an hour, the tour will move on to the Noodle-Hereford ranch, then to the Bitter Creek Stock farm of D. H. Jefferies, 20 miles northwest of Abilene. Lunch will be served at the Hardy Grissom ranch.

First stop on the second day, Sept. 2, of the annual tour will be at the Cedar Ledge Stock farm of Mrs. Rupert Harkrider and next stop will be at Ernest Grissom's Bear Cove ranch. From there the tour will swing to the farm of A. E. Fogel & Sons, then to the John Smallwood ranch. From there the group will go to the ranch of Dorothea Griffin, then to the J. C. Dibrill ranch at Echo, where they will hear a discussion on the control of cattle insects and parasites. They will have lunch the second day at the Dibrill ranch.

FIREMEN NOTICE!

Please don't forget practice drill this coming Tuesday evening. The hour of meeting (at the fire station) is 7:50 o'clock. The siren-call will sound at 7, giving us 30-minute reminder. Let's all be there—23 strong, on time and ready—Chief and all!

Herbert Dunn, President.

STEPS TAKEN TO ASK FOR CHARTER CHEESE PLANT

At a meeting of representatives from several of the neighboring communities and the local committee working on the cheese plant project, to be held this Thursday night, it is planned to make application for a charter under the provisions of the co-operative marketing act. Seven directors are required in making the application.

Following this meeting, a sign-up campaign will be started among the farmers for the sale of preferred stock, based on a ratio of \$2.00 per cow.

Working with the central committee, which is composed of Dr. W. T. Sadler, chairman, Johnny Cox, Chester Collinsworth and Ray Wilson, are R. T. Gray, president of the Merchants Trade Extension association, Dr. L. C. Zehnpenning, S. D. Gamble and others.

Methodist Revival Continues Through Sunday Evening

Good attendance and encouraging response have characterized the services thus far in the revival meeting being conducted at the Merkel Methodist church this week.

The people of Merkel who have heard Rev. Tim W. Guthrie are unanimous in their appreciation of his messages. He arrived last Sunday afternoon, and has been preaching twice daily since then.

Mrs. Veola W. Short of Abilene is directing the music at all the services and singing solos at the morning and night services.

The daily schedule includes a children's service each morning at 9:30; the morning preaching service at 10; Young People's and Intermediate groups at 7:30 each night, and the evening preaching service at 8. Adult prayer groups are meeting as arranged and announced by various individuals.

The revival will continue through Sunday night. The Methodist people are urging their friends to attend the remaining services.

Blair School Will Open September 1

The Blair school will open Monday, Sept. 1, teaching seven grades. Jack Chapman is principal of the school, assisted by his wife as the other teacher.

Trustees of the Blair school district are A. M. Jackson, Price Melton and Charlie Peterson.

Double Header to Close Season Friday Night

No games were played Friday or Monday nights on the softball lot, due to rains, and a twin bill Friday night of this week between the F. & M. Bank softballers and Camp Barkeley will close the season. It is announced by O. B. Leach, chairman of the softball committee.

Football Boys Leave For Training Camp

About 30 boys will be in the group leaving Sunday afternoon with Coach Carroll Benson and Assistant Coach Billy Stewart for a week's training camp at Lueders.

Ten lettermen, six of them in last year's squad, are included in the bunch of Badger prospects.

Supt. Robinson Receives M. A. Degree From HSU

A total of 46 candidates for degrees completed graduation requirements with the close of the summer session at Hardin-Simmons university, among them being Supt. Connor Robinson, who received his master of arts degree, majoring in education.

Others from Merkel receiving degrees were Karl Bonneaux, bachelor of arts, Avis Deavers and Jess Sutphen, bachelor of science.

Record of Births.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. L. N. McRee, Trent, Sunday, August 24, 1941.
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Irvin, Wednesday, August 27, 1941.

MONDAY MARKS OPENING OF NEW SCHOOL SESSION

Faculty Complete Except One Teacher in Grade School; Billy Stewart, Daniel Baker, Assistant Coach.

The 1941-42 session of the Merkel Public Schools will open Monday, Sept. 1, with a faculty meeting set for 10 a. m. Saturday, it is announced by Supt. Connor Robinson.

Billy Stewart, of Coleman, former assistant football coach and head basketball coach of Daniel Baker college, Brownwood, was elected assistant athletic coach of Merkel High at Tuesday night's meeting of the school board.

At the same meeting Ray Olivadoti, of Abilene, former director of the McMurry college band and assistant last year to R. T. Bynum in the Abilene schools, was selected as band director.

Had it not been for the resignation of Herschel Dunn as history teacher in the 5th, 6th and 7th grades, who is to enter the service of the state department of public safety, the faculty would have been completed with the election of an assistant coach and band director. As it stands now, a man teacher is wanted for the history place.

Complying with regulations of the state department of education, Merkel will this year become a 12-grade school by numbering the grades from 1 to 12, whereas, in fact, the system has had the plan in effect the past

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Women Golfers Take Spotlight in Local Driving Contest

As losers in the match play between two teams chosen from the membership of the Merkel Golf club, T. G. Bragg and his group were hosts to an enjoyable watermelon feast at the golf course Tuesday afternoon, including the ladies as special guests. More than fifty were present.

George Woodrum was captain of the winning aggregation.

Prior to the feast, more than 20 women took part in a driving contest, with Mrs. Connor Robinson winning first prize of six golf balls for placing a 175-yard drive. Next longest ball in the fairway was hit by Mrs. Edwin Read for a distance of 167 yards. She won four balls. Mrs. A. A. McGehee was awarded two balls for shortest distance.

Runners-up were Mrs. Dean Higgins, for longest ball, and Mrs. W. O. Boney and Mrs. Cotton Owens, for shortest ball.

Committee members, sponsoring the contest were Mesdames Joe Cypert, E. E. Read and Connor Robinson.

Guests, including members of both winning and losing teams, their wives and other friends, were: Messrs. and Mesdames George Woodrum, Dean Higgins, Connor Robinson, Booth Warren, Chester Collinsworth, A. A. McGehee, Warren Durham, Clyde Bartlett, Horace Boney, W. O. Boney, S. O. Owens, E. E. Read, Joe Cypert, Gordon Green, Norman Hodge, S. D. Gamble, Nolan Palmer, Owen Robertson, Paul Douglas, R. T. Gray, E. Y. Bailey, Carroll Benson, Frank Breaux, Dee Grimes, Norman King, Stanley King; Dr. and Mrs. L. C. Zehnpenning; Misses Mary Jo Bicknell, Wanda Clements, Clarence Perry; Messrs. T. G. Bragg, G. M. Owens, Don Warren, Meyer Mellinger, Bobby Woodrum, Jack Melton, D. H. Vaughn, C. J. Glover, Luther Land, and a number of children.

Twenty Girls Register At First Pep Meeting

Members of the Pep Squad for this year met at the gymnasium Tuesday afternoon with about 20 interested girls reporting. Leader, Joyce Cox, and assistants, Peggy Curb and Bobbie Bryant, have ordered their uniforms, and girls are urged to have measurements taken for uniforms this week, because leaders have been notified by Langford and Sons that measurements could not be taken after this week. The main leader will have an all-gold uniform and assistants will wear all purple.

Another meeting is scheduled for Monday, the time will be announced on the bulletin board.

CHAMPIONSHIP IN GOLF WON BY NORMAN HODGE

The city championship title was won by Norman Hodge who met Connor Robinson in the top flight final. Robinson had eliminated Booth Warren. Hodge took his match one up.

Jack Patterson was runner-up in the first flight, first honors being won by Paul Douglas.

Consolation match in the top flight was copped by Dr. L. C. Zehnpenning, who bested Chester Collinsworth, 3-2; in the first flight, Bobby Woodrum defeated Andy Shouse for the consolation prize.

Bowery Worker to Be Baptist Speaker On Sunday Morning

In the absence of the pastor, Rev. Cooper Waters, the pulpit of the First Baptist Church will be filled Sunday morning by Rev. Harold Diggs, associate director of the Bowery Mission of New York City. Rev. Mr. Diggs is at the present time vacationing in Texas, his native state. It was only because of a personal friendship between the mission worker and the local pastor that this outstanding speaker was secured for this occasion. In his coming, Rev. Mr. Diggs is filling a standing invitation which he has had for sometime to speak here.

A cordial invitation is extended to all who do not worship regularly at some other church in town to hear this man who spends his time putting fallen men on their feet in the world's largest slum area.

The schedule of services for Sunday is as follows: Sunday School at 10 a. m., morning preaching hour at 11, Training Union at 7:15 p. m. There will be no evening sermon in order that the congregation may attend the revival services at the Methodist church.

Trent School Opening Delayed by Vacancies

Trent, Aug. 28.—Due to a two-teacher vacancy, opening of the Trent schools was postponed from Sept. 1, the announced date, to one week later, Sept. 8, it was announced Wednesday by Supt. R. L. Fortune.

A coach to teach mathematics and a second grade teacher are the positions yet to be filled.

Added to the faculty as teacher of vocational agriculture, introduced in the school for the first year, is V. O. Coffee of Goldthwaite. Plans are also being considered to add a commercial course.

F. & M. Bank Accepts Resignation of Cashier

The following statement was furnished The Mail Tuesday for publication:

"The board of directors of the Farmers & Merchants National bank of Merkel has accepted the resignation of F. Y. Gaither, effective Aug. 15, 1941."



LARGENT WITH THE T. C. U. FOOT BALL.

Fort Worth, Texas, Sept. 7.—Occasionally it happens, but not often, that a freshman makes good on the varsity football team at Texas Christian university. Such seems to be the case of Roy Largent, a Merkel High School product. Largent reported for training at Texas Christian university this week and after several work outs looks mighty good. He is fast, handles the ball well, seems to have a good ball head, and on the whole promises to give the old men a hard tussle for a place on the team.

LOCAL OFFICERS TO ENFORCE AUTO LAW

We take this method to notify all automobile owners and drivers of cars that you must have all numbers on your cars and in the proper place on same according to the law. You are expected to have all three lights in proper condition and keep your

YOUNGEST RODEO PERFORMER IN WORLD BOOKED

Roman Team and Trick Mule Complete Three-Way Entertainment Card Scheduled for Concluding Show.

Bringing the 1941 series of free rodeos to a spectacular climax, three special acts will intersperse the program of Saturday's performance, concluding show of the summer season.

A roman team, featuring two 18-year-old boys, a trick mule and Little Brown Jug Reynolds, only three years old, the world's smallest cowboy and rodeo performer, with a Shetland pony of about the same dimensions, constitute the three feature numbers to be introduced in this week's rodeo for the entertainment of Merkel's friends and neighbors, who have been continuous visitors not only during the current series of shows but during the eight years since the inauguration of the summer entertainment program by the Merchants Trade Extension association of Merkel.

Contract for the three special acts was announced Thursday morning by Howard and Homer Laney, co-chairmen of the 1941 rodeo committee, and Tom Jinks, in charge of contestants. Fess Reynolds, father of the boy, is sponsoring the special acts.

Concluding the present season, Saturday's performance will start promptly at 2 p. m., just as all the other shows have started. The special acts will be presented during the program of the various events.

Included in the day's regular card will be calf roping, wild cow milking, steer riding, bull riding, team tying, junior calf riding and saddle and bareback bronc riding.

RESERVED SEATS. Numbered reserved seats are on sale at both drug stores. Price, 40 cents to everybody. Other seats will be on sale at the rodeo grounds at 1 p. m. show day. Price, 25 cents for adults and 10 cents for children under 12.

Mother Dies at Home Of Daughter in Trent

Trent, Aug. 28.—Mrs. Della Rathjen, 65, resident of the Gouldbusk community, Coleman county, 33 years, was found dead in her bed Tuesday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. T. E. Horton, at Trent, with whom she had made her home the past year.

Funeral services were held at 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the Gouldbusk Church of Christ, and burial followed in the Gouldbusk cemetery.

Mrs. Rathjen was a native of Caldwell county. She had been a member of the Church of Christ for 28 years.

Survivors are three sons and three daughters, Fred Rathjen of Houston, Alfred of Eutaw, Ala., and Elbert of Concordia, Kans.; Mrs. Bertha Reame of Gouldbusk, Mrs. Horton of Trent and Mrs. Velma Bly of Big Spring. Nine grandchildren also survive, as do a sister, Mrs. Tom Carter, and a brother, Sim Copeland of Hawley.

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MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

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mufflers on as well. The county attorney has ordered these laws obeyed and we will expect one and all to comply accordingly and without delay. Those who do not comply must not expect any leniency from us. We must do our duty. Jinks Winter, City Marshal; Ed Blackburn, Deputy Sheriff.

Judge W. T. Potter, formerly a citizen of Merkel, but for the past few years a citizen of Austin, where he has been a member of the state board of water engineers, died at his home in that city on last Sunday. He is survived by his wife, three children, Mrs. J. D. Sheppard of Dallas, Miss Dorothy Lee Potter and Eugene Potter, and one granddaughter, Marian Sheppard.

Virgil Touchstone, wife and little daughter, who have been visiting relatives here some time, returned to their home at Chillicothe this week.

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PERSONALS

After completing the summer term at Southwest Texas State Teachers college, San Marcos, Miss Mary Jo Garland returned home Friday for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Garland. She accompanied Edgar Elliott and Miss Elizabeth Elliott, of Divide.

Miss Frances McGuire, of Sterling City, spent the week-end with Miss Mary Jo Garland. Misses McGuire and Garland were roommates while attending Abilene Christian College.

Miss Avalene Mathews returned Sunday from a two weeks' visit with Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Hammonds at Divide.

Leaving Saturday, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Yazell are vacationing in California.

Mrs. E. N. Brown has returned from an extended summer absence during which she visited a daughter in San Angelo, another daughter in Chicago, Ill., then back to Cleburne to visit relatives and on to Fort Worth to spend some time with a son.

When Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hobbs and family, who had been visiting his sister, Mrs. U. S. Reeder, returned to their home at Dallas Tuesday, they were accompanied by a niece, Miss Odessa Reeder, who will visit with them. Another visitor in the Reeder home was Mrs. J. H. Ivy, an aunt of Mrs. Reeder, also of Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wilburn and children, accompanied by Mrs. E. B. Wilburn, spent the week-end in Fort Worth, visiting Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bright. They also attended the Tarrvin reunion at McKinney.

Leaving Tuesday, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Church, accompanied by their daughter, Mrs. Clara Dwiggins, and her daughter, Clara Frances, will visit another daughter and her husband, Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Cunningham, at Clayton, N. M.

Misses Anna Belle and Margaret Earl Graves of Lubbock, who had been guests of their aunt, Mrs. O. J. Adcock, returned home Tuesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Neal Monroe and baby, of Menard, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Patton.

Mrs. H. L. Wilson and three daughters left Friday for Paris, called there by the illness of a brother.

On 20 days leave, Woodrow Barnes arrived Monday of last week for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barnes. He is stationed at San Diego, Calif., with the coast guards, having enlisted 14 months ago in the service.

Mr. and Mrs. Ennis Grimes of Quanah were week-end guests in the Dee Grimes home.

Postmaster and Mrs. Wrenn Durham and little daughter, Dana, spent their vacation in Brownwood with Mrs. Durham's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Clements, also going to San Antonio for a few days. On their return they were accompanied by Wanda Clements, sister of Mrs. Durham, who is their guest now.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Gamble have as their guest Mr. Gamble's mother, Mrs. S. A. Chenault, of Houston. Spending Sunday in the Gamble home were Mr. Gamble's niece and her husband, Dr. and Mrs. Frank Robinson and son, Bobby, of Crane.

Billy Wood, student in summer school at the North Texas State Teachers college, Denton, returned home the latter part of the week. He and his brother, Don, will attend NTSTC the coming session.

Mrs. Florence Berry, accompanied by her daughter, Miss Jessie Margaret, returned Sunday from East Texas where Mrs. Berry had gone for the graduation of her daughter from East Texas State Teachers college at Commerce. Jessie Margaret is to teach at Bogata the coming year. Mrs. Berry was accompanied to East Texas by Mrs. Cecil Guthrie and son, Allan, also Patsy Cox, who remained to visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Tipton and children, Wanda and Wayne, have returned home after a week's visit with relatives in Hobbs, Jal and Roswell, N. M. They spent the week-end in Ruidoso.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Fowler and children of Oglesby were visitors this week in the John Shannon home. Mrs. Fowler is a cousin of Mrs. Shannon.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hamm and daughter, Miss Mildred, have returned from a visit with another daughter, Mrs. Guy Darsey, of Austin. While there, they were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Darsey and little daughter, Jane, for a trip to the coast at Corpus Christi. Jane returned home with them.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. McLeod and little niece, Goldie Ann Leverich, accompanied by Miss Stella Wilson, returned Saturday from a vacation trip to San Antonio, Corpus Christi, Galveston, Port Arthur and Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Lieb have as their guest, Mr. Lieb's mother, Mrs. C. R. Lieb, of Albany.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Butman and Jack and Louene and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Newby returned Tuesday from a 2,000-mile automobile trip to interesting points in New Mexico, including a visit to Carlsbad Caverns.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mansfield, accompanied by their granddaughter, Jo Ann Moore, visited the early part of the week with relatives in Hubbard City and Waco. Returning here Tuesday they were joined by their daughter, Mrs. L. V. Moore, and went on to Slaton to visit a brother of Mr. Mansfield.

Mrs. A. A. Abbott of Cisco is visiting in the home of her brother, J. S. Pinckley, for a few days.

Mrs. D. D. Blevins, Mrs. Artie Keener and Miss Ethel Short of Dallas visited in the home of R. D. Ideon and Vera Ely and other relatives the past week-end. Miss Ideon accompanied them home for a short vacation.

Miss Vera Ely, Mrs. M. H. Ely and children made a trip to Lamesa last week to visit Mrs. Ely's sister who has been ill, but is recovering.

Mrs. Minnie Johnson, from New Orleans, La., is visiting in the home of Mrs. T. C. Allen, and other relatives this week.

Patriot Quotes

Sweet land of Liberty of thee I sing
1837 1917



YOU may fire when you are ready, Gridley.
George Dewey
When Dewey, America's famous admiral, gave this command to his flag-captain on the cruiser Olympia at Manila Bay in 1898, he marked the doom of Spanish supremacy in the Philippines. Before noon the Spanish fleet was destroyed, and not an American life had been lost.

Draft Wins by 1 Vote



By a margin of one vote, 203 to 202, the house passed the draft extension bill. Photo shows Rep. Andrew May (Ky.) who led fight for passage, and Rep. Dewey Short (Mo.) who lost fight by one vote.

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Mashburn visited over the week-end with their son, Mr. and Mrs. Terrell Mashburn, and granddaughter, Anita, Corpus Christi. Anita accompanied them home for a visit and she will also visit her maternal grandmother, Mrs. Effie Rider.

Mrs. Doyle Nutt and daughter, Angela, returned Sunday from several months' vacation. While visiting with her husband, Lt. Doyle Nutt, at Leesville and Lake Charles, La., they made a trip together to Port Arthur. On their return, Mrs. Nutt visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rube Sessions, at Wells and with Mr. Nutt's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Nutt, at Corsicana.

Returning from the Brewster reunion at Caps, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Brewster and family of Sudan and Mrs. T. M. Brewster of Caps, spent Tuesday night with Mrs. J. A. Milliken. Mrs. T. M. Brewster was accompanying her son and family to their home for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Kemp Hinch are here from Okemah, Okla., visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Patterson, and her grandmother, Mrs. M. E. Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Swafford of Monument, N. M., are here for a vacation visit with his mother, Mrs. T. J. R. Swafford.

Guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley King are her brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Callaway, and family from Corpus Christi. While Mr. and Mrs. Callaway went on to El Paso, the children, Jackie, Catherine and Nancy Callaway, remained here with Mr. and Mrs. King.

On a six day vacation trip, Mr. and Mrs. Pinky Cypert and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stanford covered 3,000 miles sight-seeing in West Texas and New Mexico. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Neill, of Hobbs, N. M., accompanied them through Carlsbad caverns.

O. N. Buford will leave for Belton Sunday where he will attend the McKee reunion. This is an annual event enjoyed by members of the family.

Leaving Sunday on the Sunshine Special, Miss Ruby Blair returned to her home in Fort Worth after visiting several weeks with her grandmother, Mrs. J. S. Blair.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Neill and son, of Hobbs, N. M., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jack Swafford.

Mayor and Mrs. Henry C. West and their son, Dick, left Saturday night to spend the week in Corpus Christi, where another son, George West, is employed at the naval base.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Simpson and sons spent last week-end in Alpine and the Davis mountains. While in Alpine they were the guests of Mr. Simpson's brother, Douglas Simpson and family.

Mrs. D. I. Shelton and daughter, Mrs. J. M. Dunn, of Cisco, left Sunday for a visit with her father, T. B. Strickland, and sister, Mrs. Dock Hooper, at Winniewood, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. Ophela Carpenter, of Miami, Fla., who are visiting his sister, Mrs. Charlie Deutschman, of Abilene, were accompanied by Mrs. Deutschman, when they visited with Mrs. W. M. Elliott Wednesday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter are old acquaintances of Mrs. Elliott, having formerly lived here.

Miss Frances Castles arrived in Merkel last Monday to spend a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Castles, before going to her school in Casa Grande, Ariz. Miss Castles spent the summer in Seattle, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. John West spent part of their vacation week fishing at Buchanan dam. Returning Sunday, they stopped at Santa Anna and picked up their daughter, Gay West, and Miss Helen Heeter, who had been visiting Miss Betty Reid.

Mrs. J. Basil Ramsey and daughter, Celia Anita, returned Wednesday from a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Sollock, at Rule.

Passing guests last week with Mrs. George F. West were her brother, and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wiggins, of Tulia, who were on their way to the Concho for a week's fishing.

Mr. and Mrs. Byers Petty and two children returned Wednesday from a vacation visit in Lamesa and Seminole. At Lamesa they visited Mr. and Mrs. Owen Taylor and, at Seminole, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Hill.

Mrs. Curtis Wilcox, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. G. R. Hollaway, and other relatives, left Wednesday for her home in St. Louis, Mo., accompanied by her sister, Mrs. S. O. Owens.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Eysen and son, Timmie, of Houston, are visiting this week with Mrs. Eysen's mother, Mrs. Amy Sears. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Eysen, Jr., were over from Hamilton as Sunday guests in the Sears home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Massey and children of Denton visited over the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Twyman Collins and were accompanied on their return home Monday by their daughter, Ernestine, who had been visiting her several weeks.

Miss Aline McAninch, who did summer work at the University of Colorado at Boulder, Colo., has returned home. After spending a few days she will leave for Shamrock, where she teaches.

LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS

Miss Vivian Davis, of the hospital staff of Sadler Clinic, is now a registered X-ray technician. She took examination in July and Saturday received her license from the American Registry of X-Ray technicians.

S. B. Miller of Brownwood is here substituting for J. F. Walker, gauger for the Humble Oil & Refining company, who is confined to his bed as the result of injuries sustained Saturday night.

Joe Earl Kimbrough, who is attending the Hardin-Simmons school of music camp, has been rated second clarinet in the A band. Other local boys attending the school are Sammie McGehee and Jerry Warren.

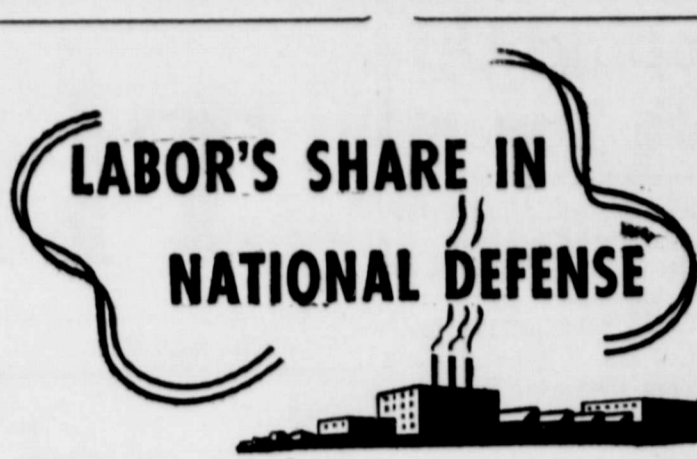
Friends will be glad to learn that C. A. Higgins, who suffered a fainting spell downtown Sunday, is now able to sit up at his home.

Word has been received here that Lieut. Urban Zehnpennig has been promoted to captain, 183rd General Hospital, Fort Sill, Okla. Dr. Zehnpennig was called to the service on Nov. 25.

Monday noted the removal of Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Poe into their modern new home. They will have with them this winter, Miss Ruth West and Mrs. Ellen Duncan, two of the school teachers.

Dowell's Auto Top and Glass shop is being remodelled. Asbestos brick siding is being put up across the front of the building and a new awning has been constructed. The interior of the building is also to be remodelled.

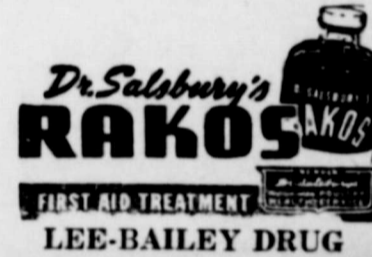
H. W. Lemens, of the Moutray station, in the western part of the city, is erecting a double-unit wash and grease house, adjoining the station. It is built of hollow tile, to be plastered outside. Work is in charge of Bob Fowler, building contractor.



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A Harvard student was declared champion ice cream eater by eating 19 platefuls at one sitting.
The badly mangled body of a man identified as Richard W. Sharpe was found on the Cotton Belt Railway right-of-way at Malakoff Saturday.
Walter Jerome Franklin, Jr., 7, was fatally injured Monday when he got his head caught in a row binder being operated by his father on a farm near Levelland.
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Trent News-Personals

Miss Mae Melton of Sweetwater was a Sunday afternoon guest of her sister, Mrs. M. M. Owens.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith returned to their home at Lamesa Monday after visiting over the week-end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Williamson and O. L. Bishop.

Mrs. R. B. Johnson visited the latter part of last week with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Randal of Quanah.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Burroughs and daughter were week-end guests of relatives at Crowell. They were accompanied home by Mrs. Burroughs' sister, Jane Roark.

Leo Reynolds and J. H. Harris, who are now at Breckenridge CCC camp, were home for the week-end to visit with relatives.

Ernest Massey of Denton visited with friends here a while Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Derk Halstien of Houston visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Hale, last week. Leaving Sunday they will attend to business at Alpine and Marfa before returning home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Boone and son, Jackie Ben, of Memphis, were week-end guests of his mother, Mrs. Ann Boone. Mrs. Boone had as other guests on Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Boone and children, Mrs. Alton Boone and son, Reggan, and Mrs. Ola Lee Winn and her children, Edwin Earl, Martha Ann and Jimmie.

Miss Helen Martin, who is attending Scoggins School of Beauty in Abilene, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Martin.

Mrs. A. Williamson was a recent visitor in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tittle of Wichita Falls. Returning home last Thursday, she was accompanied by Mrs. C. C. Stribling and daughter, Miss Helen McLeod, who remained here a few days and have gone to Lamesa for a visit in the W. J. Beckham home.

Rev. and Mrs. Fred Porter, accompanied by Miss Alice Carey, visited over the week-end with relatives in Fort Worth.

Miss Virgie Strawn came last Tuesday on the Sunshine Special from her home in Greenville, spending the night here in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Strawn. She was en route to Plains to begin her duties as teacher there.

Earl Billington has accepted a job in the Red and White grocery, taking the place of Joe Boone, who is now with the Red and White store

at Baird. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert West, accompanied by their daughter, Valerie, and son, Booth, and Miss Doris Marie Stevens, made a visit to Coleman. They were accompanied home by Miss Herbertdeen West who had been visiting there after a visit in Dallas.

County Judge W. B. Kitts of Hopkins county and his wife and grandson were guests in the home of his aunt, Mrs. J. R. Gafford, Tuesday of last week. They were en route to Mexico City on a vacation. It had been 23 years since they had seen each other.

Mrs. Thelma Coleman, who underwent surgery at the Merkel hospital last week, is able to be at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Z. Tisworth.

Cotton Stewart has joined the CCC camp and is stationed at Ft. Griffin.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Drake and son, Charles, of Longview, and Mrs. J. W. Welch of Sweetwater were guests Saturday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Boone.

Messrs. Dow Williamson, Mark Williamson and Lewis Tiner left last Friday by car. Dow is to visit a classmate, Red Boast, of Las Vegas, N. M., for a week while the other young men go by train from El Paso to Los Angeles, Calif., where they will take a course in aircraft.

Mrs. Minnie Hale and Mrs. Minnie Jones left Wednesday for a visit with relatives at Roxton. They plan to be away for some two or three weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Russell and J. F. Huey of Anson were recent guests of the L. M. Murrys.

Rev. Cecil Tune is in a protracted meeting at McCaulley this week.

R. E. Dowdy of Odessa was a Sunday visitor with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Thomason have gone to Odessa for a visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Murdock.

Mr. and Mrs. Murry Rogers and two sons of Colorado City visited over the week-end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Jones. Kathaline Jones, who had been visiting there, returned to her home here and Mrs. M. L. Jones accompanied them home to spend the week.

Mrs. Elery Smith and daughter, Louise, of Roscoe, and Mrs. Bessie Rutherford and daughter of Kermit were visiting Monday with friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. John Strawn and daughters, Misses Dorothy Jo and Willa Dean, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Strawn attended a family reunion of the Alexanders held at Weatherford last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Woodard are announcing the birth of a baby girl, named Nina Demare, last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. N. McRee are announcing the birth of a daughter last Saturday at Sadler Clinic in Merkel. Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Smith of Odessa came over Saturday evening and spent the night in the O. A. Smith home.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Terry of Lubbock spent Sunday night with relatives here, returning home Monday.

No Bottleneck Here—but There Will Be



Cork—the stuff you find in bottlenecks—1,000 tons of it—is shown piled up on the deck of the Portuguese ship S. S. Pero De Alenques as she arrived in New York harbor. In addition to the cork, the ship brought 14 passengers. Cargo, exclusive of passengers, is for use in the national defense program.

YANDELL-HOWELL.

Tuesday evening, August 19, at nine o'clock, at the home of Dr. J. H. Hamblen of Abilene, Miss Betty Lu Howell and Roy Yandell were married. They were attended by Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Bishop.

Mrs. Yandell is the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Howell. She wore a nevy triple sheer. The groom is the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Yandell. Both were in the 1941 graduating class of the Trent High school, Roy being valedictorian. They are a very popular and deserving young couple and will continue to make their home here. They have the best wishes of a host of friends for a happy married life.

ALL-DAY PICNIC.

The descendants of W. D. Smith, deceased, held a family reunion at the city park at Sweetwater last Sunday.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Smith, Trent; Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Smith, Stanton; Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Smith, Odessa; Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Smith, Abilene, and a sister, Mrs. Ed Eiland, of Midland; Mr. and Mrs. Lesley Beasley and two daughters, Trent; Mr. and Mrs. Allen Terry and daughter, Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. John Cox and family, Snyder; Mr. and Mrs. Arlo Forrest and family, Colorado City; Mr. and Mrs. Floy Smith and daughter, Stanton; Mr. and Mrs. Troy Eiland and family, Miss Kathleen Eiland, Midland.

OUTING AT SWEETWATER LAKE.

On last Tuesday evening a group of young people, sponsored by Rev. and Mrs. Fred Porter and Rev. and Mrs. Cecil Tune, had a very enjoyable outing together at Lake Sweetwater, roasting weiners and playing games. About twenty young people attended.

FAMILY REUNION OF THE CLIFTON SMITHS.

A family reunion was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Millard Smith in Sweetwater last Sunday and Sunday night.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Clifford L. Smith and son, Jr., of Eastland; Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Freeman and three children of Trent; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith of Maryneal; Mr. and Mrs. Royce Smith of Roby, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Hale of Longworth—all children of the Smiths.

Other relatives attending were Mrs. Etta Coleman, Mrs. Thomas Smith and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Riley Davis and two children, all of Houston. Afternoon callers were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Alston and two children of Sweetwater and Mr. and Mrs. Odell Freeman and son of Trent.

Clyde Wells is Named Assistant County Agent

Clyde H. Wells of Stephenville, Texas A. & M. graduate who for three years has been employed at Granbury by J. R. Black of the Black and Largent interests, will take up duties Sept. 1 as assistant Taylor county agent.

He was employed Monday by the Taylor county commissioners' court to succeed L. R. Higginbotham, who tendered his resignation to return to teaching in Eastland county.

The new assistant is a native of Stephenville, where his father, W. M. Wells, is manager of the college farm. In A. & M., he specialized in dairy husbandry and was a member of the college dairy judging team in his senior year, 1938.

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Progressive Farmer.....	2 yrs.	
This Newspaper.....	1 yr.	

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Flower Grower	1.50
Flying Aces	1.25
Household Magazine	1.50
Hunting and Fishing	1.50
Liberty (weekly)	1.50
Magazine Digest	1.50
Modern Romances	1.25
Nature Magazine	1.50
National Sportsman	1.50
Open Road (Boys)	1.50
Parents' Magazine	1.50
Popular Mechanics	1.50
Prize Photography	1.50
Redbook Magazine	1.50
Science Illustrated	1.50
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True Romances	1.50
True Story	1.50
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True Romances	1 yr.		
Pathfinder (weekly)	1 yr.		
Silver Screen	1 yr.		
American Boy	6 mos.		
American Girl	1 yr.		
Parents' Magazine	1 yr.		
Motion Picture	1 yr.		
Pathfinder (weekly)	1 yr.		
Modern Romances	1 yr.		
Silver Screen	1 yr.		
Sports Afield	1 yr.		
Open Road (Boys)	6 mos.		
True Experiences	1 yr.		
Christian Herald	1 yr.		
True Confessions	1 yr.		
GROUP B—Select 2 Magazines		1 year	
Household Magazine	1 yr.	ALL SIX FOR ONLY \$2.15	
Home Arts-Medicraft	26 issues		
Pathfinder	1 yr.		
Hunting and Fishing	1 yr.		
Successful Farming	1 yr.		
Progressive Farmer	1 yr.		
American Fruit Grower	1 yr.		
Copper's Farmer	1 yr.		
National Live Stock Producer	2 yrs.		
National Sportsman	1 yr.		
Progressive Farmer	2 yrs.		
Southern Agriculturist	1 yr.		
GROUP C—Select 1 Magazine			1 year
Comfort	1 yr.		ALL SIX FOR ONLY \$2.15
Farm Journal-Farmer's Wife	1 yr.		
Mother's Home Life	1 yr.		
Southern Agriculturist	1 yr.		
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QUEEN THEATRE CALENDAR

Friday-Saturday—"Underground," a guaranteed road show, starring Jeffrey Lynn and Kaaren Verne; "Spider Returns" No. 2, selected shorts, also "Hands of Destiny," most talked of short of recent times.

Saturday preview, Sunday matinee, Monday night—Don Ameche, Betty Grable in "Moon Over Miami;" cartoon, Paramount News.

Tuesday only—"West Point Widow," starring Ann Shirley, Richard Carlson; cartoon, selected shorts.

Wednesday-Thursday—"They Met in Argentina," starring Maureen O'Hara, James Ellison; Screen Snapshots, color cartoon.

"Underground"

The pioneering Warner Bros. are at it again with their powerful new drama of war-time Europe. It is called "Underground," and is scheduled to be shown as a guaranteed road show at the Queen theatre Friday and Saturday.

It is the studio's feeling that the daring and highly dramatic nature of the story well-interlaced with a tender love story and described as "more of the nature of 'Foreign Correspondent' and 'Night Train' than our own 'Confessions of a Nazi Spy,'" demanded extreme realism in casting.

Hence, fine artists from abroad rather than Hollywood "name" sup-

New Economic Defense Council



Members of the President's cabinet, and their representatives, hold an organization meeting in the office of Vice President Henry Wallace, forming an economic defense council. Seated, left to right, Henry Morgenthau Jr., Frank Knox, Henry Wallace, Henry Stimson. Standing: left to right, Francis Biddle, Jesse Jones, Dean G. Acheson and Claude R. Wickard.

porting actors were selected to back up the work of principals Jeffrey Lynn, Kaaren Verne, Mona Maris and Philip Dorn.

The story itself represents pioneering. It is remarkable in that it is said to represent the German people in a very fine and human light, not disparagingly, and to show without propaganda effort what is probably the most dangerous game in the world today: revolutionary movements under dictatorship.

It is fictional and highly dramatic, rather than documentary. The time is from shortly after Dunkirk, until today.

Vincent Sherman was assigned to direct "Underground" in recognition of his work on "Flight From Destiny," the recent dramatic hit.

"Moon Over Miami"

Miami, the glamour city of the South, with its swaying palms, gleaming-white beaches and incredibly blue lagoons, provides the background for the music, laughter and romance of the year's most elaborate technicolor musical. Appropriately titled "Moon Over Miami," the 20th Century-Fox hit teams Don Ameche and Betty Grable for the second time. The romantic duo of "Down Argentine Way" shares top-featured billing with Robert Cummings.

Booked at the Queen theatre Saturday preview, Sunday matinee and Monday night, "Moon Over Miami" is

the gay, fun-filled tale of two sisters, Betty Grable and Carole Landis, and their aunt, Charlotte Greenwood, who invest their \$5,000 inheritance in the hope of realizing big dividends. It's an original sort of investment—a holiday fling complete with expensive clothes and a luxurious suite at a swanky Miami Beach hotel. The expected dividends—a millionaire husband for Betty.

Betty poses as an heiress, Carole as her secretary, and Charlotte as her personal maid. The threesome is more than successful when Betty hooks not one, but two millionaires, Don Ameche and Robert Cummings—so she thinks. Don, the one she falls for, turns out to be a playboy fortune hunter bent on the same mission.

She then kids herself into believing that she loves Bob, a bona-fide millionaire. But before they can marry, Don turns up—and the stage is set for a finale which is refreshingly different.

Other featured players are Jack Haley, Carole Landis and Cobina Wright, Jr.

"West Point Widow"

The story of a girl who almost let her head lead her into an error of the heart will be on view when the new Paramount comedy, "West Point Widow," comes to the Queen theatre Tuesday only.

Anne Shirley, who stars in the new rollicking comedy, is the girl in the romantic dilemma, who finds out that a girl can be mistaken about which man she's in love with. Richard Denning is the West Point football hero Anne fancies herself in love with, and Richard Carlson is the young, handsome interne, who comes along and convinces her she's in love with him. How he sets her heart to rights forms the hilarious, heartwarming story.

Directed by Robert Siodmak, "West Point Widow" features in its imposing cast, besides Carlson and Denning, Frances Gifford, Maude Eburne, Janet Beecher and Cecil Kellaway.

NEWMAN NEWS

There was a family reunion held in the home of Mrs. Fannie Reeves on Sunday, Aug. 24. Although the rain did come Saturday and Sunday, every one enjoyed the day Sunday by taking pictures, and visiting with one another.

At the noon hour a sumptuous meal was served to Mrs. E. F. Davis, of Rosebud, mother of Mrs. Reeves; Ruby Jean Reeves of Port Arthur; Opal Reeves, Mrs. Ed Aldridge and Barbara Anna of Houston; Mrs. John L. Jones, and Helen of Freeport, Mr. and Mrs. John Cross of Rotan, Mr. and Mrs. Ir] Walker, Irlene, Jimmie and Gaston, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Reeves, Robert and Betty, Othell Reeves, of Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Leon Dickerson and Elton Lenoir, Mr. and Mrs. Lea Dickerson, Thelbert and Arvalet, Alice Boen, Douglas and Bobbie Gene, Buster Reeves and Mrs. Fannie Reeves.

The revival was rained out last week-end. The last service was held Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Downsey Self of Newman and Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Self of Shep visited in Fort Worth last week-end.

Condie Gordon and Gwendoline of Erath county returned home last week after a two weeks' visit here.

Aliene Hollis of Sweetwater was guest of Edith Creswell from Friday to Sunday.

Mrs. A. B. Creswell and children are visiting the Creswells here.

Mrs. Creswell and Dorris are visiting her son on the plains.

Ruby Jean Reeves of Port Arthur returned home Tuesday after a three weeks' visit here.

New York City's unified transit system, for the year ending June 30, 1941, had revenues \$28,000,000 in excess of expenditures.

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BLAIR ITEMS

The Methodist revival began Friday, Aug. 22, with Rev. Cecil Tune, of Trent, delivering interesting discourses on Friday and Saturday nights from II Kings: 13-18, on the text, "Thoroughness." Rev. J. B. Stewart preached a strong message at the eleven o'clock hour Sunday morning from I Kings: 14-17, subject, "It Is Necessary for You to Go Down to Jerusalem." These messages were sound, instructional and inspiring. Rev. R. L. Gilpin of Tye is conducting the meeting throughout the remaining series of services and the people of Blair are indeed fortunate to hear these evangelistic services of this able speaker who presents his sermons in a very enlightening manner. Friday night will be family night. A gift will be given to the youngest child of the largest family in the service. Every one is invited to attend these services. Loyalty to the church is the mark of a Christian character.

Mr. and Mrs. Monta J. Moore of Woodsboro have been visiting in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Z. V. Moore, for several days.

Mrs. Jessie Wilson and two children, Jesse Earl and Johnnie Lee, Mrs. Clyde Moore and two children, Kenneth and Donald Ray, of Red Springs, are visiting this week with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Moore and other relatives.

Mrs. Ford Butman of Butman was a visitor of Mrs. Hugh Campbell on Thursday. Maxine Doan of Merkel and Desmond Dean of Odessa spent the week-end in this home.

Renda Campbell of Merkel was a recent visitor of Mrs. W. A. Campbell.

James Earl Stephens of Trent was a week-end guest of his cousin, J. D. Sandusky.

Mrs. Clarence Melton and four children returned the past week from an extended visit with relatives in Los Angeles, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. McLean are the proud parents of a fine baby girl who has been with them since Aug. 20. The little miss weighed 8 pounds.

Miss Louise Addison has returned home after several weeks visit with her sister, Mrs. J. C. Horton. Mrs. Horton accompanied her sister home for a visit here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Addison.

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Barnes spent the past week-end with relatives on the plains.

Prof. and Mrs. Jack Chapman of View have moved into our midst and we are very proud to have this distinguished couple with us. Prof. and Mrs. Chapman will teach at the Blair school for the term of 1941-42.

Major W. S. Van Dyke II, of the United States Marines, directed the motion picture "Rage of Heaven" while on leave.

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LODGE CALLS

NOTICE MASONS
A stated meeting of Merkel lodge No. 710, A. F. and A. M., will be held Saturday, August 30, at 8 p. m. All members are urged to be present. Visiting brethren cordially invited.
W. C. Black, Secretary.

Butman Tabernacle Place for Fifth Sunday Singing

Good morning, dear friends, once more we are calling you to the Fifth Sunday singing to be next Sunday at Butman tabernacle. This will be the third singing to be at Butman in a number of years, so come and bring all the friends and singers you can. Send a postal card to those you think would like to come. Bring your dinner and some to spare so we will be plenty able to take care of our visiting singers and friends.

We are planning one of the greatest days and occasions ever to be at Butman. We are looking for singers and quartets from Abilene, Wingate, Hawley, Stalon, Hamlin, Roscoe, Snyder, Sweetwater, Anson and probably other places. Yes, we are looking for the Campbell quartet from Levelland—way out on the plains.
Be sure to be on time. Remember we want to start at 10:30 and we need you for the opening song. All ministers are especially requested to be present and listen to the good gospel songs, as we all sing in the same language. Everybody come and bring your dinner and song books. We will have the latest books. Thanking you in advance for your presence,
Yours,
Tom Spears.

School Children...



REMEMBER—The opening of school is only a few days away! Have your shoes repaired by a master shoe-repair man. We will fix them while you wait...

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Divide Girls Complete Summer Group Project

Homemakers of tomorrow at work today! As the conclusion of the summer project work at the Divide Consolidated school of Nolan, the home-making students have completed their group project, that of improving the homemaking department.

The combination foods and clothing laboratory and the living-dining room walls were kalsomined light cream, changing the color of the rooms from green to cream. This made the rooms lighter and cleaner. The old domestic curtains were dyed mulberry, creating a very pleasing contrast against the cream walls. Dark green machine covers were made to harmonize with the green upholstered furniture in the living room. A new coat of varnish stain was applied to the bookcase and a number of cans and boxes were painted to be used in the rooms for pot plants. Plans are being made to refinish the living-dining room floor at a later date.

A splendid job has been done by all girls—nothing professional, but very fine for high school girls. The following students put in two full days work on this improvement project:

Nell Alexander, Dorma Jean Buchanan, Betty Jean Cleek, Mona Lee Davidson, Mary Jo Day, Joyce Dudley, Ruth Dunlap, Billie and Winona Elliott, Dorcas Hanks, Billie Holland, Jackie and Loneta Lewis, Jean Pool, Vaudy Rotan, Jane Swann, Geraldine and Feraldine Vanlandingham and Joy Seward. Other students taking projects who were unable to attend group meetings are: Mae Bradberry, Earlene Brown, Oleta Clayton Launa Day, Justine Jones, Dorothy Ann Lucas, Wanda Mae McKee and Geraldine Sproul. These meetings were under the supervision of the home-making teacher, Olga Ann Elliott.

Achievement Day, to visit the project in a group, is scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 28, at which time a small prize will be awarded the girl with the nicest project. All beginning students in homemaking are invited to attend the Achievement Day activities.

Happy Crowd Honors Visitors from Alabama

A very happy gathering of friends and relatives was held Sunday, Aug. 17, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bicknell, in honor of his sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Eller and son, Lester, of Birmingham, Ala., who have been visiting in the homes of friends and relatives here.

A bountiful lunch was served buffet-style to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Eller and son, Lester, Birmingham, Ala.; Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Eller, Abilene; Major and Mrs. L. T. Goode and daughter, Gillette, Wyo.; Mrs. Ray Spurgin, Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Otto Bicknell and daughters, Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bicknell, Mr. and Mrs. N. O. Bicknell, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Eoff and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Roundtree, Noodle.

The afternoon was spent in singing and kodaking. Ice cream and watermelon were served during the afternoon. Those visiting in the afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Tarpley and sons, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Justice and son, Woody, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Spurgin, Mr. and Mrs. V. R. Justice and family, Noodle, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nalley and daughters, Merkel.

Late Sunday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Eller and son, Lester, accompanied by W. J. Bicknell and daughters, Mrs. Ray Spurgin and Mrs. Odell Eoff, went to Lubbock to visit Mr. Bicknell's son and daughter, Ted Bicknell and Mrs. D. L. Nicholson and families. They returned to Merkel Monday and ate lunch with Mr. and Mrs. Otto Bicknell, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Eller returned home Tuesday and Mrs. Ray Spurgin returned to her home in Dallas with them.

CARD OF THANKS.

In deepest appreciation and love for those who in any manner expressed their true friendship for W. H. Pence in his illness, and their deep sympathy for us, in the loss of one so dear to us, we wish by this means to thank each and every one.
May God's richest blessings be upon each one of you.
Mrs. W. H. Pence and Children.

Hospital Notes.

Two babies, a boy and a girl, were born at Sadler Clinic during the week, the girl to Mr. and Mrs. L. N. McRee, Trent, Aug. 24, and the boy to Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Irvin, Aug. 27.
Six persons received tonsillectomies: Jim Sublett, Aug. 24; Jackie and Jimmie McAninch, Aug. 25; David Tarpley's child, Aug. 26; Irene Linsay, Aug. 26, and Wayne McLean, Aug. 27.

As many as 700 birds crashed against the Statue of Liberty in a single month when the torch was kept lighted.

Despite home defense requirements, England is still able to send recruits to the Hongkong police, a group having arrived recently in the Crown Colony.

The WPA will soon sponsor in-service training institutes for volunteer or sponsor-paid workers of school lunch rooms.

Welcome to Iceland



The U. S. marines were greeted heartily by the British garrison in Iceland. Among the first official U. S. navy photographs from Iceland is this one showing Private R. C. Fowler of Venice, Calif., being welcomed by Gunner Harold Ricardo of Somerset, England.

DEFENSE BOND QUIZ

Q. Can my children buy Defense Savings stamps?

A. Yes. Hundreds of thousands of American children are buying stamps regularly as their share in the national savings program.

Q. Why should children be encouraged to buy Savings Stamps?

A. Because by buying stamps they write their names on a roll of honor of Americans who are doing their part to show the dictators that united America will never flinch to preserve her sacred liberty.

Q. After my child has collected enough stamps to exchange for a bond, can the bond be registered in the child's name?

A. Yes. A minor may own a Defense Savings bond. Many parents are registering bonds in their children's name to prepare for future educational needs.

NOTE—To buy Defense bonds and stamps, go to the nearest post office, bank or savings and loan association; or write to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C., for a mail-order form.

Rains Over Week-end Total 3 1/2 Inches

August, traditionally a dry month in this section, produced over 3 1-2 inches of moisture over the last week-end, according to report of Volunteer Weather Observer J. I. Ford.
Rainfall early Friday measured 1 1-16 inches; Saturday's precipitation amounted to 1 1-4 inches, with the same amount gauged Sunday, yielding a total of 3 9-16 inches and bringing the year's figure to 25 13-16 inches.

Return From Extended Trip to Home State

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Spears have returned from an extended trip to interesting points in Alabama. Both of them were reared at Blountsville, Ala., and they were married there.

At Brooksville, Ala., they attended a reunion of the Aldredge family, numbered among the earliest settlers, and they also were present at a reunion of Mrs. Spears' family, the Littletons, at Blountsville.

To Observe Labor Day.

The F. & M. National bank and the post office will close Monday in observance of Labor day. It will also be a holiday for the rural route carriers, it is announced by Postmaster Wrenn Durham.

Seven Additions Result.

As result of the ten-days' revival meeting at Zion's chapel, in the Comper community, seven additions were made to the church. The revival, which was conducted by Rev. J. Basil Ramsey, pastor of Grace Presbyterian church, closed Sunday night.

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Butman Women Form "Sew For British" Club

Twelve ladies attended the "Sew for British" club Tuesday of this week at the Baptist church at Butman. A great deal of interest was shown in learning to knit, bringing quilt blocks and quilt linings, and seven bathrobes were given out to be made. In reporting the work, Mrs. Tom Russom made the following appeal to the ladies of the Butman community:

"Every lady is urged to help in this work. We should feel fortunate enough that our boys haven't had to cross the waters. If it were not for the kind of help our country is sending Great Britain our boys probably would have gone already. The very least we can do is to put a few stitches on some garment to send Great Britain, and the very most we can do is to send our boys over there. Which are we going to do?"

"In her radio address to the U. S. A., Queen Elizabeth of England said: 'I want to thank personally the women of America when you didn't pass by on the other side.' You have been a good neighbor for more than 2,000 years. Our common speech and ideas hold us more closely together and your generosity will help us to go hand in hand to build a better world for our children. The wonderful women in England are very courageous, working in the bomb-torn cities while the men are fighting for their country. We want you to continue to be a civilized country, please God, after the struggle we are having."

"And in our U. S. president's own words—a time of grave crisis in the affairs of the nation and of the world. All that we hold dearest in our national heritage is challenged. Let us unite in labor and prayer."

"So let's continue to bring 6 inch quilt blocks, wool yarn, good used

White Church News

Rev. Mr. Kitchens, Methodist pastor of Elbert, closed a series of revival services here Thursday night. Rev. J. B. Stewart, the pastor, went from here to Blair where a revival began at that place.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Harris and sons, Elmer Harrell and Alfred Carl of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Fowler of Santa Anna, Juanita Carrell and Frankie Jo Thomas of Aledo and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Thomas and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Willie Thomas and sons of Mount Pleasant were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Harris and daughters, Lois and Mrs. J. B. Bunch.

Sergeant Woodrow Barnes and Miss wool or cotton materials or cotton for quilts.

"Please regard this work as an opportunity to help win the war. Let's show our real American blood. Bring or send donation to Mrs. Riley Whisenunt Sept. 2. Plans will be made that day for further work."

Judy Carson of San Diego, Calif., are visiting in the A. D. Barnes home. They came to be at the bedside of Woodrow's grandmother, Mrs. E. H. Patterson, who is seriously ill in the Hendricks Memorial hospital at Abilene.

Mrs. Kenneth Bailey and Mrs. Odell McLean and son were visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. R. McLean last week.

C. C. Barnes of Greenville visited Tuesday with his brother, A. D. Barnes and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Weston and children and Mrs. A. C. Windham and children visited relatives at Putnam Sunday and carried Mrs. Weston home after she had visited a week in the home of her son and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Reeves and daughter of Texas City visited last week in the home of Mr. Reeves' sister, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Farmer and family; also Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Egger of Divide were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Farmer.

Mr. and Mrs. Houston Martin and children, Doris and G. M., were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Artist Cook Sunday.

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RED & WHITE BRAND FOODS

White SPUDS	10 lbs.	19c
Bird Brand	4 lb. carton	63c

GRAPES, Seedless, 2 lbs	15c	GREEN BEANS, lb.	10c
LEMONS, dozen	25c	ORANGES, dozen	23c
CELERY, bunch	15c	LETTUCE, head	5c

RED & WHITE Corn Flakes, lg. pkg.	9c	RED & WHITE Peas, No. 2 can, 2 for	35c
RED & WHITE Pineapple Juice	2 cans 19c	RED & WHITE Fancy Corn, 2, No. 2 cans	27c

PURE CANE—Cloth Bag	10 lbs.	59c
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TURKIP Greens, No. 2 can, 3 for	25c	MEXICAN STYLE Beans, 3 cans	25c
MUSTARD Greens, No. 2 can, 3 for	25c	MOIST Cocoanut, 4 oz. can	10c

SINCLAIR LIMA BEANS,	No. 2 Cans, 2 for	25c
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RED & WHITE FLOUR PRICES

6 pound bag	37c	24 pound bag	98c
12 pound bag	63c	48 pound bag	\$1.83

FARMER BOY, In Print bag --- 24 pound bag 89c

MEAT MARKET DEPARTMENT

SLICED BACON pound	25c	CHUCK ROAST, lb.	23c
BACON, White Label, lb.	33c	CHEESE, Wisconsin, lb.	32c
PORK CHOPS, lb.	25c		

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KING-BERTRAM.

A wedding of social interest was solemnized in Abilene Monday evening when Miss Nelle Bertram became the bride of Norman King.

Simplicity marked all details of the wedding which was read in the home of Rev. H. W. Morton, Hardin-Simmons ministerial student, at 8 o'clock. Only attendants for the couple were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ford of Abilene.

The bride is the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bertram, Route 4. She was graduated from Eula High school in Callahan county and moved here the first of the year, where her father is employed at Camp Berkeley. For her wedding a corsage of asters graced an ensemble of soldier blue with accessories in brown.

The groom is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley King. He was a popular student in Merkel High school, also in John Tarleton college, Stephenville, and A. M. college. He enlisted at Randolph Field where he served nine months as radio technician and was given a medical discharge about April 15. He is now employed with the Merkel Motor company.

The couple are occupying their own home—the remodeled and newly furnished cottage just south of the Stanley Kings.

POPULAR BRIDE WELCOMED WITH GIFT-TEA FOR 125 GUESTS.

Mrs. Norman King, nee Miss Nelle Bertram, was a most charming honoree Thursday afternoon when complimented with a gift-tea in the home of Mrs. R. T. Gray. Co-hostesses for this lovely party were Mrs. V. B. Sublett, Mrs. B. T. Sublett and Mrs. George Woodrum with Mrs. Gray.

A pastel color theme of pink and white was given emphasis in all party appointments and in cut flowers artistically arranged throughout the entertaining suite.

Receiving with Mrs. Gray were Mrs. J. A. Bertram, Mrs. Stanley King, Mrs. Norman King and Miss Leta Fay Barbee. Miss Helen Heeter presided at the bride's book and Mrs. Holt Vaughn poured punch; a dainty tea plate was served by Mrs. Clyde Sears and Miss Dorothy Barbee.

Appropriate musical selections were rendered during calling hours by Misses Venita and Geneva Allen. Miss Billie Jean Sosebee invited guests to view a display of beautiful and useful gifts. Adieus and "Thank You" was said by Evelyn Sears.

Invitations went to:
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Charles F. Williams, Jess Warron, Dorothy Thompson, W. E. Lowe, Frank Rittenberry, E. R. Rittenberry, Jeff Leggett, Abilene; Mesdames Wayne Satterwhite, Dock Callaway and Cecil Hawk and Miss Leona Sosebee, Abilene; Mrs. W. E. Bertram and Mrs. Bill Shield, Sweetwater; Mrs. M. O. Farrar and Mrs. William Smith, Clyde; Mrs. Claude Rittenberry, Tuscola.

Mesdames S. O. Owens, Nell Groene, Grover Gilbert, J. S. Pinckley, Paul Douglas, Bob McDonald, Harry Barnett, W. T. Scidler, Dee Grimes, Cyrus Fee, Owen Robertson, Stacy Bird, Ray Wilson, Andy Shouse, W. O. Boney, A. A. McGehee, Pete West, Frank Golladay, Byers Petty, J. T. Dennis, Max Mellinger, Bishop Hunter, Bill Moore, O. D. Pruitt, J. A. Milliken, Delma Compton, W. H. Laney, Johnnie Cox, Buck Leach, Dean Higgins, Elma McFarland, Pinky Cypert, J. M. Williamson, Mark L. Malone, Tom King, Fred Groene, Elsie Nash, Kemp Hinch, Ada Heeter, Odell Crow, Joe Garland.

Mesdames L. C. Zehnpfennig, Horace Boney, Nathan Wood, Jim McDonald, J. C. White, George White, J. J. White, Nolan Palmer, Harry Bullock, Myrtle Hennessee, Norman Hodge, T. G. Bragg, Herbert Patterson, D. H. Vaughn, Wren Durham, Elmo Collins, A. T. Sheppard, Duncan Briggs, W. W. Campbell, Lige Gamble, David Gamble, Henry West, John Shannon, T. T. Earthman, Connor Robinson, Andrew Barbee, Ode Sosebee, Charley Seago, Karl Bonneau, Joe Jackson, A. J. Barbee, Jr., Clem Watts, Chester Schneider, Jim Gibson, Joe Cypert, J. S. Stalls, Joe Nalley, D. A. Lee, O. J. Adcock, Rufus L. Adcock, Waymon Adcock, C. W. Tipton, H. Currington, Sam Allen, S. A. Derstine, Pierce Horton.

Misses Robbie Walker, Christine Collins, Vera Richie, Bess McNice, Mamie Ellis, Sadie Woodrum, Helen Heeter, Ruth Pinckley, Stella Wilson, Vivian Davis, Luna White, Venita Allen, Geneva Allen, Mary Love Tipton, Mary Jo Garland, Mary Derstine, Berdelle Adcock.

NEW STUDIO OPENED—CLASS MAKES RECORDS.

The pupils of Christine Collins were entertained in two groups this week, climaxing the summer's work with studio recitals.

The senior group was entertained in her home on Monday evening and a unique feature of this party was that each number was recorded as sung by each pupil. The records will be used for future criticism. Mr. and Mrs. Orville Johnson of Abilene with their Victor-recording machine were guest artists for this group. Refreshments were served at a late hour to seventeen pupils and Mr. and Mrs. Johnson.

On Wednesday afternoon a late afternoon party was given in the new Girl Scout cabin where Miss Collins will have a studio this year. A musical contest was conducted by Miss Collins, assisted by Miss Pearl Mathews, at the piano, following a program of solos and duets given by the children.

Refreshments were served to nineteen pupils at this party. Members of the summer class are Misses Betty Lu Higgins, Bobbie Bryant, Maureen Moore, Jonnie Roberts, Gwendolyn Renfro, Mary Jo Hutchins, Patsy Cox, Joyce Cox, Thelma Mathews, Pearl Mathews, Helen Heeter, Imogene Hayes, Elna Tucker, Alice Carey, Hazel Wanda Williamson, Virginia Chloe McRee, June Nalley, Joy Nalley.

ley, Anne Walker, Wanda Lu Kegans, Cliffla Jean Estep, Glenn Scott, Joy Lansford, Carolyn Teaff, Marylin Teaff, Ina Ruth Shouse, Norma Jean Hodge, Patricia Beasley, Peggy Titsworth; Messrs. Marvin Hunter, Howard Carson, J. D. Fox, Gerald Renfro, Robert Thomas Hodge, Robert Wayne Sledge and Troy Kegans.

PROGRAM IN CELEBRATION OF FOUNDER'S BIRTHDAY.

A most enjoyable evening was spent Saturday, Aug. 23, in the Masonic hall when a group of members of the Order of the Eastern Star gathered to celebrate the birthday of its founder, Robert Morris.

The program began with the opening ode, "Help Somebody Today." Mrs. J. M. Williamson gave a biography of Robert Morris and Mrs. O. B. Leach sang, "One Fine Morning." A review of a play on the founding of the O. E. S. was given by Mrs. M. S. Cummings. The Masonic record of Robert Morris was given by H. G. Smith. The closing ode, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," ended the program.

Cake and homemade ice cream were served to the following: Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Cummings of Big Spring; Messrs. and Mesdames H. G. Smith, Maurice Falkner, Grady Neill, Andy Shouse; Mesdames Aura Johnson, Nannie Causeaux, Fannie Norman, J. M. Williamson, Opal Reece, R. O. Bailey, O. B. Leach and daughter, Linda; Dick Hass and Bobby Dean.

The regular stated meeting of the O. E. S. was held Tuesday, Aug. 26. After the business was taken care of a continuation of the course of study begun the previous meeting was held.

CELEBRATES FIRST BIRTHDAY.

Celebrating her first birthday, little Miss Brenda Carlynn Mathews was the honoree at a party in the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Hollingshead, Abilene, on Tuesday afternoon. The many attractive gifts charmed the little honoree.

A beautifully decorated birthday cake, topped with one candle, was cut and served with ice cream to Carlynn Mathews, Mrs. Carl Mathews, Mrs. R. H. Mathews, Sr., Thelma Mathews, Mrs. R. H. Mathews, Jr., and children, Avalene, Jean and Roy Kent, Mrs. Truett Hollingshead and Tom, Tommy Truett, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Hollingshead and Ethel Hollingshead.

Y. W. A. SLUMBER PARTY.

Members of the Y. W. A. met Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Clyde Bartlett at 7:30 to follow a full schedule of entertainment. Going to the Queen theatre, the group saw the show, "The Case of the Black Parrot," and afterwards proceeded to the country home of Mrs. Bill Fugat.

A delectable picnic supper was served, after which Clara White presented a program with Thelma Mathews, Marie Morgan, Nadine Clack and Syble Riney as speakers. The rest of the night was spent in slumbering and trying to slumber. Everyone arose at 5:30 and enjoyed a sunrise breakfast. A birthday gift was presented Mrs. Fugat from the Y. W. A.

Those present were Mrs. Clyde Bartlett, Mrs. Bill Fugat, Himalya and Dot Swafford, Nadine Clack, Vivian Davis, Maurine and Clara White, Lucille Crick, Graven Ford, Mildred Bird, Cleo Reece, Janet Teaff, Thelma Mathews, Marie Morgan, Syble Riney, Jessie Margaret Berry. Mary Nell Morgan went to the show with the girls but did not go to the slumber party.

FIDELIS MATRONS AT LAKE CABIN.

On Thursday of last week Mrs. W. T. Sadler opened her Sweetwater Lake cabin for an all-day meeting of the Fidelis Matrons Sunday School class. Following a sumptuous picnic meal at noon, the business meeting was called to order by the vice-president, Mrs. Nim Teaff.

After the business meeting the hostess served ice cream and cake to the following: Mesdames Bob Fowler, E. B. Wallace, O. B. Leach, Cooper Waters, Jarrett Pinckley, Nim Teaff, Joe Higgins, L. B. Whitaker, Leon Bigbee, David Gamble, E. Y. Bailey, Ed Sandusky, Mrs. Ralph Thompson of Phoenix, Arizona; Misses Johnny Sears and Himalya Swafford.

WOODMEN CIRCLE MEETS.

The members of the Woodmen Circle of Grove 563 met last Thursday in the home of Mrs. Harry Barnett and pieced a quilt and tacked it for the benefit of British War Relief.

Those present were Mesdames Jim Tucker, F. A. Polley, R. H. Mathews, Jr., Will Patterson and Harry Barnett and Miss Elna Tucker.

W. M. U. CIRCLES.
The Elkin Lockett Circle of the Baptist W. M. U. met Monday in

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RURAL SOCIETY

GRAY-REEDER.

Mr. and Mrs. U. S. Reeder of the Warren community are announcing the marriage of their daughter, Beatrice, to Doyle Gray, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Gray, of Anson. The marriage took place Sunday at the home of Rev. W. L. Daniel, Baptist pastor, in Anson.

The bride was a graduate of the Merkel High school in 1940. The groom is employed on a poultry farm in California, where the couple will make their home.

BRIDAL SHOWER.

Mrs. Raymond Shore, the former Ruth Lowery, was complimented in the A. D. Scott home on Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. O. D. Pruitt and Mrs. Jimmie Primrose were co-hostesses for the bridal shower in her honor.

Mrs. Shore is the daughter of Mrs. O. D. Pruitt of Blair. She and her husband are now at home in Abilene.

Every one enjoyed an hour of visiting and games, after which gifts were opened.

Refreshments were served to Mesdames Raymond Shore, C. E. Derington, Sam Butman, Jr., Joe Hampton, Nora Pruitt, Jimmie Primrose, C. E. Huff, Hugh Campbell, A. D. Scott, Floyd Perkins, W. R. Loper, A. M. Jackson, J. W. Moore, S. L. Scogin, Will Campbell, Price Melton, Cynthia Hall, J. W. Mayfield, T. J. Neill; Misses Mary Derington, Dorothy Derington, Lila Mae Lowery, Edith Butman, Billie Jean Melton, Patsy Ann Melton, Delwee Melton, Dorothy Perkins, Mary Lucile Perkins, Fannie Lou Jackson, Annie Clara Doan; boys, Payton and Barry Scott, Johnnie Perkins, Joe Allen Neill and the Melton baby.

Those sending gifts were: Mesdames Dent Gibson, Tom Estall, R. B. Horton, Grandma Doan, Mesdames M. P. Latimer, J. D. Sandusky, J. D. Hardin, Oscar McLean; Misses Johnnie Hardin, Faye Hampton and Marie Pomby, Sweetwater.

the home of Mrs. Chas. West. In the absence of the leaders, Mrs. West took charge. Opening prayer was led by Mrs. J. M. Meeks. Mrs. J. M. Williamson brought the lesson. Next meeting will be with Mrs. W. F. Patterson on Monday, Sept. 8, at 3 p. m. Closing prayer was led by Mrs. West.

The Blanche Rose Walker Circle met in the home of Mrs. J. S. Swann Monday afternoon at 4. Mrs. Earl Lassiter led the opening prayer. Mrs. J. O. Castles directed the Bible lesson beginning with the 6th chapter of Zechariah and finishing with the book of Malachi. Mrs. A. R. Booth closed the meeting with prayer.

Those present were Mesdames J. O. Castles, Earl Lassiter, Cooper Waters, W. W. Wheeler, E. O. Carson, W. O. Boney, A. R. Booth, R. O. Collins, J. S. Swann, W. L. Johnson and a new member, Mrs. J. A. Kuykendall. The next meeting will be with Mrs. W. O. Boney.

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In The Churches

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Sunday morning's heavy and continuous downpour of rain reduced attendance at the six reporting Sunday Schools by around 50 per cent, the total present being 286, as compared with 527 on the previous Sunday. On the same Sunday a year ago, the attendance was 573.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Sermon by the pastor at 11 a. m. Fifth meeting of young people at Snyder Sunday afternoon, and it is expected several will go from here. No Sunday evening service. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.
J. Basil Ramsey, Pastor.

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.
A. V. Henderson, 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.
Claude 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. Crow, Pastor.

NUBIA M. E. CHURCH.

A number of young folks enjoyed another watermelon feast Friday night of last week.
There was no Sunday School on account of rain, but League met with an interesting program, Mildred McLean being in charge. Mrs. Joe Seymour will have charge of the program for Sunday night.
Supt. Tom Russom wishes to announce Sunday School at 10 Sunday morning, and then we will join the singers at Butman tabernacle at 11 a. m.
Reporter.

News Learned of Death Of Mrs. R. C. Kimball

Friends here have received news of the death of Mrs. R. C. Kimball, sister of the late J. C. Mason, who passed away at Deport Saturday, Aug. 16. She was buried the following day. Survivors are two sons, Carl, of Deport, and Austin, of Tucson, and one sister, Miss Ophelia Mason, of Deport.

Faculty

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two years, beginning with the primer and going through the eleventh grade. The faculty personnel, with the one vacancy mentioned, follows:

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.
First grade—Miss Maurine Tipton, Mrs. Elsie Nash.
Second grade—Miss Ruth West, Miss Imogene Schulze.
Third grade—Miss Vinnie Heizer, Miss Alzada Pogue.
Fourth grade—Miss Mildred Holt.
Fifth grade—Miss Hettie Logan Clay, Miss Juanita Shahan.
Sixth grade—Miss Pauline Ballew, Jack Patterson.

Seventh grade—Miss Mamie Ellis, (one teacher to be elected.)
Eighth grade—Miss Mary Elna King, teacher of public school music, Mrs. Elmo Collins.
Principal, Gordon Green.

HIGH SCHOOL.
Edwin E. Read, principal, mathematics.
Billy Stewart, assistant coach, Freshman mathematics and science.
Carroll Benson, coach, history, government.

Miss Willie Bell Virden, Freshman and Sophomore English.
Mrs. Comer Haynes, Junior and Senior English.
Chester Collinsworth, vocational agriculture.
Miss Mary Lou Ashburn, commercial.

Miss Frances Cleveland, homemaking.
Mrs. Ellen Duncan, history.
Ray Olivadioti, band director.
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